

**Appendix D Newspaper Scoping Notices
(Initial)**



Lovely lady...
Esperanza Lucero (right), the Matriarch of Fiestas at St. Bartholomew, surprised and delighted all Fiesta-goers when she went up on stage and began singing with Norma Chavez. (Diana Polanco photo)



Young ladies and gentlemen...
Pictured are the 2009 Fiesta de la Primavera Queen Candidates and their escorts. In no particular order are: Alyssa Cuellar and Christian Dietz; Brianna Galarza and Julian Rodriguez; Elizabeth LaPrada and Donaldo Rodriguez; Gabriela Gastelum and Lawrence Polanco; Ivanna Ortega and Adrian Torres; Martha Estrada and Dario Estrada; and Meagan Garica and Micheal Sanchez. (Diana Polanco photo)

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Super speller...
Mountain Vista held its 10th annual Primary Spelling Bee on May 12. The contest started off with 35 students from grades one, two and three. At the end there was one little first grader that managed to out spell all the others. First grader Mikayla Martin earned the first place trophy for this year. Nicollette Gomez, second grader took second place and third grader Demi Nicholson came in third. Helen Nack, school counselor and Kathy Brown, SEI teacher, were the judges for the event. The Primary Spelling Bee is organized by Janie Sanchez. Pictured from left to right are Demi Nicholson, third place, Nicollette Gomez, second place and Mikayla Martin, first place. (Submitted photo)

Raffle winners listed

Winners in the St. Bartholomew's Fiesta Raffles are:

- Veva Lopez of San Manuel won the Apache Gold dinner for two;
- Victor Borboa of Mammoth won \$100;
- Frances Clark of Mammoth won dinner for two;
- Dario Estrada of San Manuel won an afghan;
- Modesto Lopez of San Manuel won a water slide;
- Robert (no last name given) won Cookie Lee jewelry;
- Cecy Florez of San Manuel won a water sprinkler;
- Kayla (no last name given) of Mammoth won Cookie Lee jewelry;
- Veva Lopez of San Manuel won a DVD player;
- Eeles William won a Me Casa Plaque;
- Clara Juarez won Mary Kay products;
- Gerardo Chavez of Mammoth won a religious plaque;
- Alyssa Cuellar of San Manuel won a golden candle.

Other prizes were raffled off, but these winners were the only ones submitted to the Miner for publication. Congratulations to all the winners.

Mammoth-San Manuel School District Summer Food Program Menu

Thursday, Jun 4 to Wednesday, Jun 10
Thursday: Breakfast - Cheese crisp, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch** - Green chile burro, pinto beans, fruit, milk.
Friday: No Menu
Monday: Breakfast - Cereal, toast w/ peanut butter, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch** - Corn dog, cowboy beans, diced peaches, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Cheese crisp, applesauce, juice & milk. **Lunch** - Chicken quesadilla, refried beans, salsa, grapes, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Hot sausage and cheese, peaches, juice & milk. **Lunch** - Spaghetti, green beans, roll, fruit cocktail, milk.

Watch your kids around water!

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Rio Grande featured in photo exhibit

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Alexis Rykken is foremost an educator. She has her degree in education. She heads the Rio Watershed Education Project for the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge and developed a curriculum that's adopted in the schools.

As part of her work she inevitably takes pictures — along with a mural created by grade students at San Antonio Elementary — are currently on display at the Socorro Chamber of Commerce Office during the month of June.

When I first started, I didn't think of taking photos or doing a DVD," said Rykken, who has produced a DVD that tells the story of her mapping project of the Rio Grande. "It all just evolved," Rykken said she's always had a love for rivers. Growing up near the banks of the Red River in Dakota, spent 20 years in Colorado before moving to New Mexico, six years ago, and settling in Socorro.

"I fell in love with it over here," she said. "I love all this space and no traffic. It felt good to be in an environment with a lot more open land and space is so beautiful."

Rykkén acknowledged her expertise in photography is limited. But she couldn't help but capture beauty that is found in nature along the river's banks.

"The river is more a passion of the river than being a photographer," she said. "It comes out of my love for the river."

The exhibit includes dozens of color photos of various portions of the Rio Grande, starting at the mountains near Stoney Pass, Colo., to Bosque Del Apache Wildlife Refuge. As a work in progress, the photos are to go all the way to the Gulf of Mexico.

"I plan," she said. "I want my students to learn a lot from the photos."

"It's a great teaching tool," she said. "They can find different the river looks in different spots along the river. They notice how it meanders."



T.S. Last/El Defensor Chieftain

Alexis Rykken hangs one of the photographs she took of the Rio Grande as part of her river mapping project. The photos are being exhibited at the Socorro County Chamber of Commerce offices through the month of June.

They see that there's different vegetation and ecosystems."

The photos depict the great river near its origin as a crystal clear mountain stream. They show how it cut a deep gorge through the rock near Taos. It is seen as a broad, swollen river as it passes through Escondido.

Some of the photos show wildlife that is found along the river's route. The Sandhill Cranes that so famously make their winter home at Bosque Del Apache are seen amid snowy Colorado landscapes as they make their way north again. A deer pauses by rocky banks for a drink.

Rykkén said the main purpose of the project is to increase awareness of the river and its part in our world.

"People don't think about the river. This helps to bring the river into their consciousness," she said. "The river is the catalyst for the whole study, but it

brings in the environment. It's not about us. It's about going out and opening our minds to a larger world that supports us. We have to bring it into our consciousness that all life is interwoven."

Some of the photos have text taken from students' journals overlaid on the images. It's clear that the students are getting the message.

"I feel like I'm in a different place. I feel like I'm a different person. I feel like I'm part of the wildlife," wrote one student.

"Later on I realized what my message to the river was," wrote Matilde, a Cottonwood Valley Charter School student. "It was that we needed each other."

The photos and students' artwork can be viewed by the public at the Chamber of Commerce offices located on the east end of the Plaza in Socorro. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Gerald Garner Jr./El Defensor Chieftain

Socorro Public Library's Jeanne Griffith and Gary Stendel, of Socorro Masonic Lodge No. 9, hope a trio of donated bikes will help crank up interest in the Summer Reading Program.

Masons donate prizes for reading program

By Gerald Garner Jr.
El Defensor Chieftain Editor
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Some say education is a lifelong journey. To that end, members of Socorro's Masonic Lodge No. 9 have provided a vehicle — actually three vehicles — to help young local readers along the way.

On Monday, June 1, lodge secretary Gary Stendel presented the Socorro Public Library with a trio of bicycles to be given to the top readers in the library's Summer Reading Program.

According to Stendel — who previously served as Past Master of the local lodge — New Mexico's Grand Lodge started a "Bikes for Books" program some eight years ago.

"It worked out really well and it didn't take long for it to catch on," he said with a smile.

That program eventually found its way to Socorro and the public library.

Over the course of the next several weeks, participants in the reading program will receive stamps for completing a reading block (five books), Griffith said.

Broken into three age categories — 6 and under, 7-11, and 12 and up — the top stamp-getter in each division will pedal away on a new bike. Smaller prizes can be claimed with stamps throughout the course of the two-month endeavor as well.

Grand prize winners will be announced at a big end-of-summer celebration, tentatively planned for July 28.

Heritage center to host annual Spring Fiesta

El Camino Real Int'l Heritage Center

The Camino Real International Center will host its fourth Spring Fiesta on Saturday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. with a presentation by Jack Loeffler, author of "Like a Watershed."

An informative lecture will discuss the importance of watersheds as complete ecosystems which our own species is but one part of. He addresses the effects of damming wild rivers, the effects of geo-political boundaries, and the error of perceiving water as a commodity to be turned into a profit.

Loeffler will illustrate diverse views from interviews he conducted within the Columbia, Rio Grande watersheds. He cites the revered Russian naturalist, Pyotr Kropotkin, who argued that evolution of species culture owes far more to cooperation than to mutual competition. The lecture will be presented in the courtesy of the New Humanities Council.

Loeffler is a writer, aural historian, producer and sound collage artist who has hunted and gathered throughout the American West, and beyond for more than 30 years. He has written a number of books including "La Musica de los Hispanos Folk Music of the Grande del Norte", and "Res with Ed: A Portrait of Ed". He is proprietor of the Arts Sound Archive in and his extensive collection of recordings is currently being digitized, to be donated to the University of New Mexico. Loeffler is the recipient of a 2008 Governor's Excellence in the Arts and the audio vignettes for the Real International Heritage Center.

Mexico State Parks, will also be making two presentations. At 12:30 p.m., Hansen will talk on rattlesnakes. His second presentation, at 3 p.m., will be on mountain lions. New Mexico State Parks will have an information booth during the event with hands-on activities for adults and children.

At 1 p.m., there will be a special ballet folklorico dance performance by students from Alamogordo. Directed by Lina Guzman, the dance group is composed of students of various ages who are devoted to learning and preserving the tradition of Mexican folk dance and music.

At 2 p.m., Steve Harris will lecture on "An Environmental History of the Rio Grande." Beginning with the transformation of ancient watersheds

into the present-day river, this one-hour talk will trace the history of settlement, agriculture and water development in New Mexico, Colorado and the borderlands.

The lecture will include discussion on the rise of such institutions as land grants, state water codes, the Rio Grande Compact and international treaties including underlying and present environmental conditions. The lecture will be presented by courtesy of the New Mexico Humanities Council. Harris has over two decades of experience as a wilderness guide. He is founder and president of Far-Flung Adventures and executive director of Rio Grande Restoration.

El Camino Real International Heritage Center, 300 East County

Road 1598, San Antonio, NM 87832. Located on I-25 between Socorro and T or C, Exit 115.

Educational programs and activities are made possible by El Camino Real International Heritage Center Foundation and Museums of New Mexico Foundation.

All events are included in the cost of monument admission: \$5 adults, children 16 and under are free.

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LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that on April 30, 2009, Owen and Susan Jones, PO BOX 1925, Las Cruces, NM 88004 filed Application Numbered LRG-13364-POD1 with the STATE ENGINEER for Permit to Drill Supplemental Well to supplement groundwater within the Lower Rio Grande Under-ground Water Basin in Sierra County by using existing well LRG-13364-POD1, located within the NW1/4 of Section 18, Township 16 South, Range 8 West NMPM at approximately X=1,192,452 Y=700,456 feet (N.M.S.P. Central Zone, NAD83), supplemental to well LRG-14667-POD1, located on land owned by the applicant, within the NW1/4 of said Section 18 at approximately X=1,192,488 Y=700,348 feet for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes within Lots 1 through 8 and a tract adjacent to these Lots in Block B-Town-site of Kingston-Sierra County, NM within said Section 18, Wells LRG-13364-POD1 and LRG-14667-POD1 are located approximately 1500 ft. west of the intersection of Main St. and NM Highway 152 in Kingston, NM.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) If impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978. Pub: The Herald Req: Owen & Susan Jones May 27, 2009 June 3, 10, 2009

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING Sierra Vista Hospital Governing Board A Special meeting for Sierra Vista Hospital Governing Board will be held on June 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom. Location: Sierra Vista Hospital, 800 East Ninth Ave., T or C The Meeting Agenda will be available in the Administration Office at Sierra Vista Hospital. Contact Melanie Shade at 894-2111 Ext. 202 for copies or information. AGENDA TOPICS 1. Call To Order 2. Roll Call 3. Executive Session - In Accordance with Section 10-15-1 (H), NMSA 1978 the Governing Board will vote to close the meeting to discuss the following items: a. Personnel b. Strategic Planning 1. New Hospital Planning 4. Roll Call to Re-Open Meeting 5. Statement for the Minutes: As required by Section 10-15-1(J), NMSA 1978 matters discussed in executive session were limited only to those specified in the motion to close the meeting. 6. Personnel - Action 7. Strategic Planning a. New Hospital Planning - Action 8. Adjournment Posted: May 28, 2009 Copies to: Governing Board Members County of Sierra Village of Williamsburg City of Truth or Consequences City of Elephant Butte Pub: The Herald Req: Sierra Vista Hospital June 3, 2009

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE On Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 9:30 A.M., in a meeting at the Sierra County Commission Chambers, 100 N Date Street, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901, the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of discussing the County of Sierra Labor Management Relations Ordinance, Number 09-003. The Board of Commissioners may vote on the Ordinance during the meeting directly fol-

City Subcontracts Veterans Park Maintenance

By Kathleen Sloan HERALD Reporter Cindy Yarmal was hired about four months ago, according to City Manager Jaime Aguilera in his statements to Truth or Consequences City Commissioners on Tuesday, May 26, at their regular meeting. "She has been doing an excellent job. The Veterans Board has complimented her to me on several occasions. She has her own company as a landscaper, and would like to go under contract with the city under her company name, which I can't understand because it is for less money than she is making now and saves the city money," said Aguilera. Yarmal, said Aguilera, probably wants to set her own hours. Yarmal was in the audience and offered no rebuttal. Asked by Commissioner Evelyn Renfro if she would be doing the work at the city's Veterans Memorial Park, Yarmal responded, "I will be doing the work. I may have another person with me." The new contract states Yarmal may be called upon to check on the restrooms if she is on site. Once Yarmal

was clear that she is not on-call and a city maintenance person would be called in if she were not there, she was agreeable to the clause. Commissioner Steve Green asked Aguilera to change the contract wording to be gender neutral, and grant writing was also removed from the job



HERALD photo/KATHLEEN SLOAN

LESS MONEY, LOOSER SCHEDULE Cindy Yarmal was a city employee exclusively assigned to Veterans Memorial Park. She's a subcontractor now, which will allow her to schedule her own hours, helping her to grow her landscaping business.

Preliminary Budget Approved Old Budget Audit Results Returned to City

By Kathleen Sloan HERALD Reporter Truth or Consequences City Commissioners approved the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2009-'10 and now await state feedback. Overall, each department reduced their spending by two percent. City Manager Jaime Aguilera, before their approval at the Tuesday, May 26 meeting, said the state audit for fiscal year 2007-'08 has been returned. In a separate interview, Financial Officer Helen Belis said the audit results were due back Dec. 31. They are nearly half a year late. Aguilera said, "There were some findings, some of them were unclear." He therefore set up a meeting with the state finance authority auditor



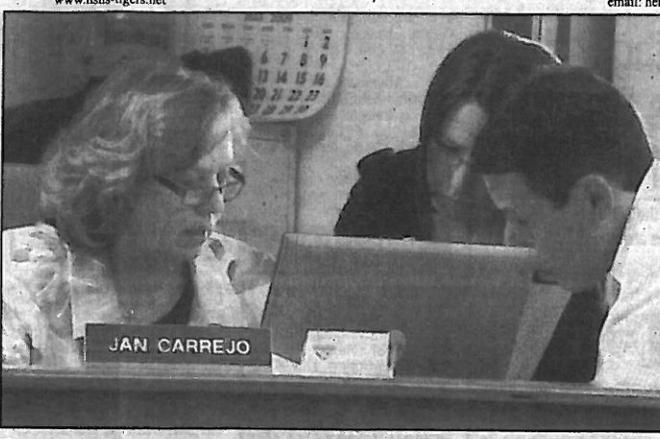
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IT'S LATE AND FUZZY - TorC Finance Officer Helen Belis said the 2007-'08 audit results from the state were due by the end of last year. City Manager Jaime Aguilera said there were a few findings that were "unclear."

Lodgers Tax Board Short of Members

By Kathleen Sloan HERALD Reporter For the last two monthly meetings, the Truth or Consequences Lodgers Tax Board has been unable to attend to business for lack of members. Down to the wire, the board was still unable to vote on which and how much local organizations should get of the \$76,000 in lodgers' tax collected this year. The money is to be used to "put more heads on beds," or draw tourists to the area. Three members, a quorum, showed up Thursday, May 28, but since Richard Epstein and Josh Frankel "sit on similar boards," said Epstein, revealing their conflict of interests to each other and still voting on disbursements would not be ethical. Their two votes could sway a decision more properly made by a group of five. The board should have its recommendations in by the city commission's June 23 meeting in order to make the fiscal budget deadline of July 1. That means two new members must be voted on the board by the city commission in their June 9 meeting. At Thursday's meeting, the board approved Julie Durham as a new member, leaving one more member to be found by June 9. The city commission could approve Durham and a second member without the board's recommendation. The city will advertise for applicants for this board in particular. Two months of ads for all advisory boards in general have resulted in no applicants. If the board cannot fill the positions in time, "We won't be making recommendations to the commission this year," warned Chair Josh Frankel, a task which is the reason for being of the board. New member Celeste Rich suggested recommendations with possible accusations of conflict of interest attached might be better than nothing. The board agreed to reconvene June 18 at 4 p.m., at City Chambers, hopefully with two new members to voters tax.

before "offering a response" to the findings. A second meeting, an "exit interview," will be set up for the following week, said Aguilera. ***



THE HUDDLE - Sierra County Manager Jan Carrejo, Administrative Assistant Kristin Armijo and County Attorney David Palo do a last minute check on the preliminary budget. It passed without a hitch.

County Commission Puts Preliminary Budget to Bed

By Kathleen Sloan HERALD Reporter Sierra County commissioners passed a budget barely scathed by the hard economic times. County Manager Jan Carrejo could not give a cumulative report on Gross Receipt Tax increases, but comparing March 2008 to 2009, she said taxes collected were up about nine percent that month. Regardless, "conservative" was still the byword for the budget. Carrejo gave highlights and Commissioners Walter Armijo, Alvin Campbell and James Coslin asked few questions, making the preliminary budget approval anticlimactic from intense prep-work by county staff. A special meeting Thursday, May 28 was held for that purpose. SALARIES Carrejo admitted she was exhausted from budget preparations, a last minute light-bulb going off about midnight the night before "when I realized we could give them a raise at two, not three percent." The only county employees who did not receive the raise were the Emergency Management Officer and Flood Commission Assistant, wrote Carrejo. There were some other additions and subtractions to staff.

The Project Manager Position was made part-time, the Assessor's Office got another full-time position, administration got two part-time positions in finance and grant writing, one deputy position was added to the Sheriff's Department and the holding facilities' administrator salary was increased to \$50,000. CAPITAL OUTLAY A few improvements are planned. The new county administrative digs will be at the metal building on the corner of Austin and Broadway since it has been vacated by District Court, which was housed there during their renovation. In about a month, the county commission will meet there and a new sound system is needed for that room. A car for commissioners will be bought, for a combined expense of \$45,000. Carrejo said communications, "with Internet within all the departments," were a priority. Equipment purchases proposed reflect this: the assessor, treasurer, clerk and administrator offices will receive phone, printer, computer and furniture systems at a combined cost of about \$53,000. Vehicles for law enforcement, road department and

clerk were the largest capital expenditure, totaling about \$145,000. ENTITY The county's contributions to 25 entities, such as South Central Council of Governments and New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, total about \$427,000. Entities whose requests were cut by a total of \$16,500 include One Source Addressing Office, Sierra County Economic Development Organization and the TorC Public Library. Carrejo alluded to the cuts by way of explaining that a recent letter from state Budget & Finance Bureau Chief of Local Governments' John Gallegos advised that private, not-for-profit entities not be funded. Carrejo gave the youth center as an example of a private non-profit. Gallegos' letter also said, "not to fill vacated positions," and was in general full of "doom and gloom," said Carrejo. The total county budget for fiscal year 2009-'10 is about \$20 million. *** County Gives P&Z Board Broader Powers By Kathleen Sloan HERALD Reporter The Sierra County seven-person Planning & Zoning Commission has been operating under the state statute, NMSA 1978 4-57 and Ordinance No. 99-008 (1999), giving it basically "subdivi-

sion" powers, according to County Manager Jan Carrejo. At a special meeting held Thursday, May 28, county commissioners passed Sierra County Planning Ordinance No. 09-002 on the coattails of the preliminary budget - the main purpose of the meeting. All of the powers, emphasized Carrejo, will flow top-down from the board of county commissioners. The planning commission will now take on long-range planning as part of their duties. The two-year terms are staggered. Appointments by the county commission will be made for three or four of the positions in even or odd years. They may be reappointed without limit. They may be removed by a majority vote of commissioners "for cause stated in writing, following a public hearing," states the ordinance. Appointments may only come from non-county employees and county residents. The current composition of the Planning & Zoning Commission will not change. Those members are Gretchen Campbell, Earl Lowe, John Van Gundy, Rod Hill, Cindy Torres, Richard Sainz and Terry Taylor. ***

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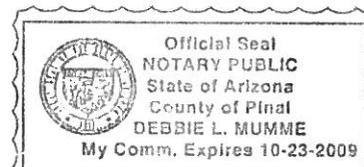
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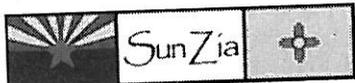
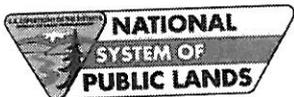
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TUESDAYS
Capitan Public Library preschool story hour 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
Corona Public Library story hour 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS
Ambler's Anonymous open meeting 7:15 p.m. at Mescale reformed Church, 336, Wardlaw Drive in Mescalero. Contact Mike at 575-682-6200 for more information.

FIRST and THIRD THURSDAYS
Representative from State Engineer's office is at Ruidoso High School from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

THIRD SATURDAY of each MONTH
American Legion Post #11 Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo.

EACH FRIDAY
Anon family group for families and friends of alcoholism at Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Bring lunch.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6
First Friday adult lecture series, Free, 7:00 p.m. Capitan Public Library.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 and SATURDAY, JUNE 6
Free melodrama presentation by Cloudcroft Light Opera Company 7:30 p.m. at Zenith Park Pavilion in Cloudcroft.

MONDAY, JUNE 8
Capitan Chamber of Commerce 6:30 p.m. at Visitor Center, Smokey Bear Blvd.

Republican Party of Lincoln County monthly meeting at Meadows Country Club, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 6:30. Guest speaker will be Pat Lyons, New Mexico State Land Commissioner. RSVP to 973-5380 or 937-7645.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9
Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 12 noon at Four Winds Restaurant.
Ruidoso Village Council 4:30 p.m.
Corona Village Council 5:30 p.m.
Carrizozo Town Council 6:00 p.m.
Capitan Village Council 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
Capitan School board 6:30 p.m.
Carrizozo Woman's Club 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 - SUNDAY, JUNE 14
Carrizozo Cowboy Days. Events begin Friday with kid's show and Free Street Dance at 7:00 p.m. between McDonald's and Otero County Electric. Events Saturday include cattle roping, western authors, parade, stage show, wild west shoot and ranch rodeo. Cowboy Church on Sunday.

Sealing of Gavilan Canyon Next Tuesday, June 9

Lincoln County and the Village of Ruidoso will cooperate in the "fog sealing" with fresh oil of the entire length of Gavilan Canyon Road on June 9 from about 9 a.m. to about noon.

Fog sealing will seal the cracks in the road and add life to four years to the life of the road. Restripping of the road occurs shortly after the fog seal. The fog seal coat dries in about an hour.

Motorists should expect delays due to flagmen closing lanes periodically throughout the operation which is expected to last from about 9 a.m. to 12 noon on June 9.

Obituary

JACK ROBINSON

Church service for Robinson age 90, former resident of Lincoln County, June 2 in Morton, Texas. Rev. Clay Coursey officiating. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Jack died May 31 in bock. He was born August 1918 in Lovington, NM, married Ethel Williams 12, 1944 in Dublin, Tx was preceded in death by June 2, 1986. He married Fort November 30, 2000. He was also preceded in death by his parents, sister Kathy, sister Valda and brother Jim.

Jack ranched in Capitan from 1928 to 1976, and worked in the oil fields from 1976-1982 as a consultant engineer, and was a part time employee of South West Gin Co. of Morton in 1994-2000. He served in the Army Air Corp. in World War II. Jack was a member of First Baptist Church of Morton, and a graduate of Capitan High School in 1937, and a 1942 graduate of Texas Tech. in Civil Engineering.

Survivors include wife Doris; son Jack W. and wife Leslie of Morton; daughter Ann and husband Pat Cox of Silver City, daughter Virginia Robinson of Silver City; sister Zelma Hawthorne of Safford, Arizona, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Developer Seeks Ruling

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two new parcels rather than the proposed five tracts of just under two acres each.

"They don't want to spend a bunch of money developing a summary subdivision and then find out that you're going to upgrade it and the money they spend for that subdivision would then be lost," Morel said. "It's really just a clarification as to what your position's going to be for upgrading or not. If you're going to treat it separately, they'll probably proceed. If you choose to combine them, I would think that they probably wouldn't proceed," Morel said.

Van Haslin said that it is his intention to drill just one well to serve all of the additional five tracts, and added that most residents in the original subdivision are part time residents who use less water than full time residents. According to Haslin, four wells are being used to provide water to 20 lots in the existing subdivision.

County commissioner Don Williams questioned whether or not the county commissioners, in allowing the additional nine acres to be developed as a separate subdivision, would be setting a precedent that could be used by developers in the future to skirt some subdivision regulations.

Morel said that it has not been uncommon in Lincoln County for property owners to develop a portion of their land and then come back to later develop additional parcels not included in the original development.

"A summary subdivision allows us to do up to five lots," Collins said. "That's what the economy is giving us right now. A lot of the large lots within the county aren't selling and we're just trying to find different avenues to bring up your tax base and such," he said.

According to Collins, the five new lots to be created will utilize individual domestic wells and septic tanks for each lot, although shared wells will also be considered.

Temple said that, if the county commissioners chose to include the nine acre parcel in the original subdivision, that subdivision would become a Type 3 subdivision and would then require the construction of community water and sewage disposal systems.

"Your subdivision ordinance, as it states now, says that if you do six or more lots they all have to be five acres or more unless you own water rights and can put in a community water system," Collins said. "So you're basically stuck with doing five lots or less."

Morel said that the developer was not seeking approval for the division of the nine acres, but was seeking

a determination on how the board of county commissioners would classify the additional development.

"At each one of those instances, we've brought it before the commission and asked the commission how they wanted it to be treated,

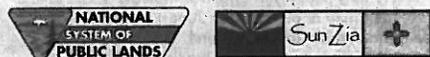
did they want to treat it as separate or did they want to combine them for classification purposes," Morel said. "In the past the commission has elected to treat them separately."

The board of county commissioners, in a three-to-

two vote, decided to classify the proposed development of the nine-acre tract as a separate subdivision and not part of the Alto Mesa Estates subdivision. County commissioners Jackie Powell and Eileen Sedillo voted against the separation.



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Barrera wins big



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Laura Barrera, second from left, was the big winner of a 32-inch flat screen LCD TV raffled by the Western New Mexico University Social Work Club. The drawing took place April 23, and the money raised will benefit the club's educational activities. From left are: Trini Lopez, Barrera, Mariam Guzman, Monica Camuñez, Iris Nevarez, Brenda Reta, Lettie Garcia and Oscar Chavez. The club extends its thanks to the public for supporting the group and its educational programs.

Leadership: Tight budget means closer scrutiny

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Leadership and various management positions in county government need to be looked into and investigated, according to Sutherland. Retirement-matching benefits have already been suspended by the Board of Commissioners and Sutherland said additional steps will be taken in regard to looking into salaries and benefits, in light of a tightened budget. "We're very tight, I'm not going to say crisis by any means," he said. "Tight to a place where it would

be prudent for the county to continue to look at what wages, what benefits and how many people we are employing. The taxpayers are supporting this organization, we need to be prudent. The taxpayers expect us to be prudent."

He said the following question needs to be asked while reviewing positions: "Are those positions really necessary at this time?"

Management positions at the Luna County Detention Center will also be scrutinized.

"Those positions at the

detention center, leadership positions really need to be looked at," Sutherland said. "Those positions, boy, there's been some confusion. How people got some of those positions, that's going to merit a real hard look."

He is currently at the 73rd annual conference of the New Mexico Association of Counties, which runs through Friday in Lea County.

Matt Robinson can be reached at mrobinson@demingheadlight.com

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sheriff's Office

The following information was obtained from the Luna County Sheriff's Office.

Warrant — Avelardo Gallosa, 21, of Deming, was arrested on a district court warrant for failure to appear.

Warrant — Denise Adame, 27, of Deming, was arrested on a magistrate court warrant for aggravated battery.

Police Department

The following information was obtained from the Deming Police Department.

Warrant — Alfred Ventura, 46, of Deming, was arrested on a magistrate court warrant for failure to pay fines.

Warrant — Arlen

Suspected Starmax vandal nabbed

By KEVIN BUEY
HEADLIGHT STAFF

A 16-year-old Deming boy has been arrested on charges associated with last week's criminal damage at Starmax Entertainment Complex.

Deming Police said Wednesday a charge of criminal damage totaling more than \$1,000 was filed Tuesday against John Maynes, of the 2300 block of South Nickel Street.

Maynes, police allege, is responsible for damage to a sink countertop and restroom stalls in a men's room at Starmax, in the 300 block of North Coun-

try Club Road.

The damage occurred May 26, four days after Starmax opened.

Police said the damage estimate is \$2,700, with the cost of replacing a countertop listed at \$2,000, repair of a urinal screen at \$275 and two urinal partitions at \$425.

Police said Maynes used a switchblade to leave his nickname and other markings.

Maynes remained in custody Wednesday morning.

Kevin Buey can be reached at kbuey@demingheadlight.com.

parked in the 1000 block of Santa Barbara Street. The left side and vehicle interior were damaged.

Warrant — Daniel Amparan, 31, of Deming, was arrested on a municipal court warrant for failure to pay fines.

State Police

The following information was obtained from the New Mexico State Police.

DWI — Jason Baxter, 33, of Silver City, was arrested for driving under the influence, expired registration and a Grant County warrant for failure to appear.

If you have information on any crime, call Crime Stoppers, at (575) 546-7800. Callers remain anonymous.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Masonic breakfast

There will be a Masonic breakfast fund-raiser from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Deming Masonic Lodge, 1600 Eighth St. The buffet is offered for \$6 per person. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds help fund Masonic operations and charities.

Democrats

The Luna County Democratic Party will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at La Fonda Restaurant. The upcoming local Party activities and events will be discussed. Join them early at 5 p.m. for dinner at the same location.

LCROA

The Luna County Ranchette Owners' Association will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the clubhouse, located on LCROA Road, off Rockhound Road. There will be an installation of the new officers. All members are asked to attend.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (575) 546-4539.

DAV

The Disabled American Veterans Tony Viramontes Chapter 2 meets at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the DAV Hall, at the corner of South Diamond Avenue and East Maple Street. Members are encouraged to attend and have a voice in the DAV activities.

St. Ann's

St. Ann's Catholic Parish will host a family concert, "Celebrating the Truth," with Kurt and Julie Carrick at 7 p.m. on Friday. The Carrick's travel extensively, sharing music and personal testimony. The concert is free, but a collection is planned.

The St. Ann's Apostolate will host breakfast from 8

a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Parish, 400 S. Ruby St. The cost is \$5.

VFW

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1477 will host an eight-ball pool tournament from 1 to 4 p.m. today at the Post home, 4045 Overhill Drive NW. Food will be available. All members and

their guests are welcome. Jim Carrons will provide music for listening and dancing from 6 to 10 p.m.

The nine-ball pool tournament starts at 1 p.m. on Sunday, with free pool afterward.

The Men's Auxiliary will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

All members and their guests are welcome.

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Mrs. Socorro Excited About Statewide Pageant

By Mike Sievers

SOCORRO – Ronnita Montoya will represent Socorro on June 20 in a statewide beauty pageant that recognizes married women, the Mrs. New Mexico Pageant, which is the official state preliminary to Mrs. America. The event's executive state director, Sheree Channel, announced in a press release that Montoya was selected as Mrs. Socorro. The 33rd annual state pageant will be at the Albuquerque Journal Theatre. Montoya is a 2004 graduate of Socorro High School. In addition to her job as GIS technician for the Socorro Electric Cooperative, she

attends New Mexico Tech, where she is a junior majoring in business management. She said she also is considering an education degree and a minor in media arts. Photography is one of her hobbies. Montoya is married to Gerad Montoya and has a stepson, 8-year-old Royce. She said the application process was relatively simple. When she saw a news brief in the Mountain Mail about the opportunity to become Mrs. Socorro, Montoya decided to go for it. She said she listed on the application her hobbies, interests, job and ways in which she is involved in the community, and sent it in with a picture. She soon learned she had

been selected. "I'm kind of nervous, but it's exciting," Montoya said. "It's a chance to dress up and have some fun." Montoya is actively involved in the Socorro community. She said she does face painting at many different events and is involved in parades. She also participates as an actress in plays by the Socorro Community Theater. She said sponsors from the local community have paid for her entry fee and other costs associated with the statewide pageant, like buying clothes – participants in the beauty pageant wear an evening gown during one portion and a swimsuit in another. Montoya's sponsors as of Wednesday, June 3, were the Socorro Electric Cooperative, New Mexico Tech, the city of Socorro, CBR Services, Leseberg's Auto, Dr. Ginger Bratzel, who agreed to perform teeth whitening as a sponsorship, and an anonymous donor. Montoya said the anonymous donor wanted to sponsor Mrs. Socorro no matter who the woman turned out to be. The pageant also includes an interview. Montoya said she expects the interview to be based on the application she filled out, mainly questions about her hobbies and interests. The theme of the pageant is "Imagine." The winner of the state pageant will receive a prize package valued at more than \$8,000 and will advance to the national pageant, the press release stated.



Mrs. Socorro, Ronnita Montoya, poses with her sash in front of the Mountain Mail office. Montoya will compete to be named Mrs. New Mexico during an upcoming pageant in Albuquerque. Photo by Mike Sievers

engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Ritter of Lemitar announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Bethany Jeanne Ritter, to Mr. Cecil Martin Rosales, also of Lemitar. A Nov. 7 wedding in Las Cruces is planned. Miss Ritter is a 2002 graduate of New Mexico State University and is natural resource specialist with the Socorro District of the Bureau of Land Management. Mr. Rosales was born and raised in Lemitar and is a 1998 graduate of Socorro High School and a local farm owner. Courtesy photo

Budget: Jail, Senior Centers The Biggest Worries

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that she would like to see the commissioners put it on their Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan, or ICIP, for state funding. The Socorro County Detention Center remains the biggest headache for the county. The jail has put the county \$750,000 over budget already this fiscal year. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year includes \$1.1 million for the jail, up from \$840,000 this year. The new budget includes money to certify detention center officers, which hasn't been done before in the county. Walsh said the detention center is costly for a number of reasons, one being there are maintenance tasks that simply must be performed, like replacing windows and non-working kitchen equipment, and repairing damage caused by inmates. Transportation also runs up high tabs for the jail. Inmates are taken to other facilities in the state for various reasons, as well as to local facilities like Socorro Mental Health. Walsh said the Detention Center Advisory Committee, created by the commission at its last meeting, is charged with coming up with ways to make transportation more efficient, among other responsibilities related to improving the jail and cutting costs. Smith said the state owes Socorro County about \$150,000 for inmates who are actually state prisoners because the county enforces state law, not county puni-

tive ordinances. She said the county received \$100,000 two months ago from the state for that purpose. "The PILT money saved us," Walsh said. Socorro County is receiving about \$400,000 per year through the federal Payment In Lieu of Taxes, or PILT, program, and much of that funding has gone to the jail. The program compensates local jurisdictions, mainly counties, for revenue lost because of non-taxable federal lands contained within those jurisdictions. New Mexico receives the largest amount of PILT funding of any state, Walsh said, because it has a lot of federal lands. Congress approved full funding for the PILT program only through 2012 as part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. Walsh said the funding has come as a relief, and the county will need to prepare for 2012 by finding efficiencies and upping tax-collection rates. Walsh said besides the detention center, the biggest shortfall in this year's budget was in the county's senior centers, mainly because of paperwork issues and not qualifying for reimbursements for the meals. She said Senior Centers Director Lewis Auerbach, with the help of Patricia Moya, has done an impressive job cleaning up paperwork and fixing equipment, specifically the transport vans. The budget for the Socorro County Senior Centers is

\$430,000. Smith said Socorro County supplies \$130,000, while other funds come from the city of Socorro and the state's Area Agency on Aging. Smith said the homebound-meals program is the biggest expense for the senior centers. The county submitted the budget to DFA on Monday, June 1. The department is expected to return it for possible revisions later in the month; the final letter of approval from DFA will arrive in August. "We may have to make some changes," Walsh said. She said if DFA doesn't approve of the county's projections and trend information, it could send the budget back for more cuts. She said if that happens, the county commission will hold another set of budget hearings, like the ones that were held May 7. Walsh said credit for getting the budget finished quickly goes to Smith. "Really, it was all Roberta," she said. Smith, formerly of First State Bank, started her job at the end of January. She said she started working on the budget in February. "The biggest chunk of it was in May," said Smith, who worked through weekends during May to ensure the budget process was moving quickly.

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disciplined are you in your life?

(CRAFT) truth of the matter is always know the right do. The hard part is I agree with these wisdom by General H.

So with very broad boundaries every one of us gets up each morning and ventures out into the world. What we accomplish each day depends on each of us individually. What we accomplish every day will be directly tied to our ability to live a life of discipline. Will power cannot be furnished by anyone but you. Walter Kiechel III wrote in Fortune magazine, "The best discipline, maybe the only discipline that really works, is self-discipline."



Rick Kraft

Life is an exercise in discipline. Without discipline a person is unable to be a functioning member of society. It takes discipline to get out of bed each morning and to be at work on time. It takes discipline to keep spending within one's income. It takes discipline to take care of one's body. It takes discipline to maintain a close spiritual walk. It takes discipline to continue to grow mentally. It takes discipline to make time for one's spouse or children.

A lack of discipline can cause sexually transmitted diseases, unwanted pregnancies, deaths, automobile accidents, heart attacks, juvenile delinquents, divorces, lawsuits, busy hospitals, and broken family relationships. I like the saying, "Discipline yourself so others won't have to." If we each disciplined ourselves there would be no need for our criminal

court system. Unfortunately every day we read and hear about individuals who have lacked discipline in past choices and now are facing discipline from outside themselves.

Discipline is a learned behavior. A newborn has no discipline system on her own. The discipline system for children is set up by their parents. A child learns discipline (or should learn) as she grows and matures. This is learned from family, teachers, friends, and others a child associates with. If a child is not taught discipline, she will have a difficult life ahead. When a child leaves home to live on her own, she suddenly lives by her own discipline system. That is why the transition from the home nest to independence is so critical.

If an individual has no discipline, he is headed for a train wreck. The failure to have discipline within your own life will cause you to not meet your potential. It may keep you from obtaining a job, maintaining a job, maintaining a marriage, or buying your dream home. It may cause you to become sickly or catch a disease, go on welfare, file bankruptcy, or even spend time in prison.

It is possible to be disciplined in some areas of your life and not in others, yet a strong discipline in one area is a likely indicator of an individual having a strong discipline in other areas.

A person's discipline impacts how a person sees himself. Abraham Joshua Heschel said, "Self-respect is the fruit of discipline; the sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself." W.K. Hope said, "Self-discipline is when your conscience tells you to do something and you don't talk back." And George Bernard Shaw tells us, "Self-control is the quality that distinguishes the fittest to survive."

It basically comes back to the choices that we make. In most every circumstance we know the right thing to do. It is discipline that determines whether or not we do it. A short term lack of discipline can result in long term consequences. We choose our destiny one choice at a time. If we can visualize our desired destination, it will be disciplined choices that line the path and allow us to reach it.

My challenge to you is to live a life of discipline. It will make you a better person. It will allow you to accomplish greater things in the life you live. It will make the world a better place for your family, your coworkers, and your community. Roy L. Smith stated, "Discipline is the refining fire by which talent becomes ability."

Discipline should be an action word in the life you live. It will define you as a person. You live a life of discipline one choice at a time. Live the most disciplined life of anyone you know. Start today. You can do it!

Just a thought...
Rick Kraft is a motivational speaker, a published author, and an attorney. To submit comments, contributions, or ideas, e-mail rkraft@kraftandhunter.com or thekraftlawfirm@aol.com or write to P.O. Box 850, Roswell, New Mexico, 88202-0850.

discipline a person is unable to be a functioning member of society. It takes discipline to get out of bed each morning and to be at work on time. It takes discipline to keep spending within one's income. It takes discipline to take care of one's body. It takes discipline to maintain a close spiritual walk. It takes discipline to continue to grow mentally. It takes discipline to make time for one's spouse or children.

A lack of discipline can cause sexually transmitted diseases, unwanted pregnancies, deaths, automobile accidents, heart attacks, juvenile delinquents, divorces, lawsuits, busy hospitals, and broken family relationships. I like the saying, "Discipline yourself so others won't have to." If we each disciplined ourselves there would be no need for our criminal

A Picture From The Past

Submitted by EDMUND SAUCEDO/Lordsburg



Vera Craddock and Pete Chase at the Eagle Drug Co. on Railroad Boulevard (Motel Drive), circa 1955. The "drug store" was a popular place to meet friends and have a Coke or a milk shake. Eagle Drug served as Lordsburg's pharmacy for several decades. Lordsburg no longer has a pharmacy.

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MINE---

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Otherwise, the waste rock will be removed to a nearby repository. All of the disturbed areas will be re-vegetated.

Consolidation at individual mine sites waste would be done at six of the twelve sites. The remaining six sites will be excavated and hauled to one of three repositories. All of the repositories are within one mile of the individual mine sites within the mining district. The repositories will have a soil cover system placed over the surface of the waste rock. The excavated mine sites will be backfilled at slopes that are resistant to erosion and planted with native species.

More than 900 feet of perennial and ephemeral stream channel on Middle Percha Creek, North Percha Creek, Carbonate Creek, and several unnamed drainages will be restored to pre-mining conditions by removing waste rock from the channel and reconstructing the stream banks.

The waste rock contains arsenic and lead in excess of background levels and exceeds Region 6 Environmental Protection Agency for Industrial Outdoor Worker soil screening levels. Arsenic and lead exceed three times the

average background soil and sediment levels, which constitutes a hazardous substance release. These heavy metals (arsenic and lead) are hazardous substances as defined by CERCLA 101 (14) and listed in 40 CFR 302.4, Table 302.4. The majority of the waste rock is only partially vegetated resulting in a direct pathway of concern for ingestion and inhalation. In addition, transport of the waste rock into the drainage sediments at the Site was observed. Elevated lead readings of more than twenty times the acceptable levels were encountered at the mines.

WORK BEGINS

The contractor started construction in May 2008. The contractor constructed repository #1 by clearing the trees and salvaging the topsoil for use in restoration. The repository was dug into the hillside and the excavated material was stockpiled adjacent to the repository to be used in constructing the soil cap.

The contractor removed the contaminated waste rock from Unknown Mine #1 and placed it in Repository #1. Unknown Mine #3 has also had all of the contaminated waste rock removed and placed in Repository #1. Unknown Mine #5 was cleaned up and material disposed of in its own

on-site repository. Repository #2 was then constructed with the location shifted slightly to the south to avoid shallow rock. The contaminated waste rock from Unknown Mine #6 was hauled and placed in Repository #2. The contractor removed contaminated waste rock from Unknown Mine #7 and placed it in Repository #2. A portion of this material was leachable and the waste rock was mixed with triple super phosphate at the repository to bind the arsenic. Actual quantities of contaminated waste rock at this mine were more than double the original estimate.

The contractor then began work on the Middle Percha mine sites. Work began on Repository #4 and the contractor was soon hauling the waste rock from Middle Percha Mine #2. The land boundaries were checked at Middle Percha Mine #9. It was determined that the mineshaft and dump were on private land and this mine was dropped from the contract. Cleanup of the mine waste proceeded smoothly on the remaining Middle Percha Mines, although additional quantities of contaminated material were found at Middle Percha Mine #2 and #7. Due to a temporary shortage of funds and problems with road access the remaining three mines at Unknown #10, #11, and #13 were deferred to 2009.

Lab test results confirmed that clean up targets had been achieved and work finished up with re-vegetation. Native species were used along with weed-free certified straw. Diversion ditches were constructed around the repositories to ensure they would remain dry. Work was completed the last week of June although some equipment remained on site though the first week of July. The record storm events in this area that came the week after the contractor began washed out area roads but left the repositories intact and unharmed. Some of the diversion ditches were eroded and need to be repaired and re-vegetated. Also some of the former mine waste dumps had some erosion damage that needs to be repaired.

Roadrunners 'Score' At Picacho Hill



(Courtesy Photo/Patricia I)

By Patricia Bauman

Five Lady Roadrunners attended the annual member-guest golf tournament Tuesday, June 2 at Picacho Hills Country Club in Las Cruces. Congratulations to all of the RWGA participants who came home successful in the two-person best-ball format.

The Picacho ladies did a great job entertaining with a June wedding theme, complete with

bells, frills and a wedding cake. They even a few "Brides and Grooms."

Pictured standing (l-r) is Lynn Z (PHCC), Vivian Bonner (RWGA), Bev I (RWGA), Jackie Shipp (PHCC), Cindy (PHCC), Patricia Bauman (RWGA) and Coelho (PHCC). Kneeling (l-r) is Karen (RWGA), Dee Dillon (PHCC) and Lois (RWGA).

DANGEROUS SITE

Additional sampling and testing was conducted at Unknown Mines #10, #11, and #13 on May 14, 2009. Unknown Mine #13 had levels of lead up to 13,200 ppm. This is substantially higher than reported in the EEICA, and higher than the NMED soil screening level of 750 ppm. The R6 EPA soil screening levels for industrial outdoor workers for lead is 800 ppm. This mine is located within a hundred feet of the Boy Scout property and a stream. There is also a dangerous open adit at this site. Unknown Mine #11 had levels of arsenic of approximately 38 ppm. The R6 EPA soil screening level is 1.8 ppm for arsenic. The NMED soil screening level is 17.7 ppm for arsenic. Background checks indicated surrounding area has levels of arsenic less than 24 ppm.

The mine adit is open, and discarded batteries and a well-used 'footpath' indicate that people are exploring inside. Unknown Mine #10 had levels of lead up to 18,500 ppm. This is more than twenty times the acceptable level. The contamination at this site was more extensive than previously described and extended to what appears to be the remains of a milling facility with heavy concrete foundations. There were piles of waste rock that had been moved around by heavy equipment showing elevated levels of lead. The mine waste is within 50 feet of the stream and has been mixed into the road surface. The mine adit is open. Current plans are to resume work on these sites this summer.

Winston Fiesta Saturday

Sentinel Staff Report

The Winston, Chloride, Chiz and Dusty (WCC&D) Community Association will host its 26th annual Fiesta on Saturday, June 6.

This year's fiesta will feature favorite events as well as some new ones. It has been said that our parade rivals those of larger communities- and the BBQ dinner is not to

be missed! Long time Cow Chip Poker will be by the relatively new Raffle with wonderful!

This year's Fiesta will have almost two different groups of pr themes.

There will be fun and for kids of all ages and Fair/Flea Market. Fo enjoyment there will live music on the patio the day and again at 8] the western dance.

The WCC&D Com Center grounds open at Admission to the gro free; admission to the c \$5 per person.

Everyone is invited in for a fun-filled Winston is located 3½ west of Truth or Conser via Highway 52.

For general info contact 575-743-0190, 743-2586.

VFW Post 1389, Aux. Activities

By Barbara Bellhouse

The monthly pool tournament, held Friday, June 5 between Elephant Butte's Post 1389 and Post 3317 in Williamsburg, will be at Post 1389. Be there and cheer on your players! Besides the rivalry, there is lots of fun and food.

The menu on June 11 will be a German dinner starting at 5 p.m. The Ladies Auxiliary will meet that evening at 7 p.m.

Monday's nine ball winners were first, Rockwell; second, Jim P.; and third, Hokeye.

The dart team winners were Dottie, John, Bud, Tom, Ben and Birdie. Birdie had the high score.

Thursday's eight ball winners were first, NY Bob; second, Merc; and third, Buddy.

Please remember to keep all veterans and travelers in your prayers.

Spaceport Comm Council Gather

By Zelma Iorio

You are cordially invited to attend the SCEDO-Sp Sierra County Sp Community Council r on June 10 from 9 a.m. noon, at the Civic Center West 4th Street, T-or-C.

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IBWC Meeting June 22

By Sally Spener

The Rio Grande Citizens' Forum of the US Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission will have a public meeting on June 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the NM State University

Senate Chamber, on Level 3 of the Corbett Center in Las Cruces, NM.

An overview of Commission projects in the region, Rio Grande levee construction, and public access to the river will be discussed.

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Former sheriff writes new book on state rights

BY JON JOHNSON
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Former Graham County Sheriff Richard Mack continues to tackle what he considers to be the tyrannical rule of the federal government with the release of his new book, "The County Sheriff — America's Last Hope."

Mack gained national exposure when, as sheriff of Graham County in 1994, he challenged a federal gun control regulation known as The Brady Bill. The bill was named after Secretary of State James Brady, who was shot by John Hinckley Jr. in an assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan in 1981. The bill was signed into law by President Bill Clinton on Nov. 30, 1993, and became law Feb. 28, 1994.

Mack said a provision in the law literally forced each county sheriff to become a pawn of the federal government and do its bidding to promote gun control without being provided funds to do so.

He filed a lawsuit to stop the Brady Bill, and the lawsuit went all the way to the Supreme Court. After more than 3-1/2 years and about \$350,000 in costs, the Supreme Court ruled on June 27, 1997 that the provision in the Brady Bill that mandated local enforcement carry out background checks was unconstitutional. Since

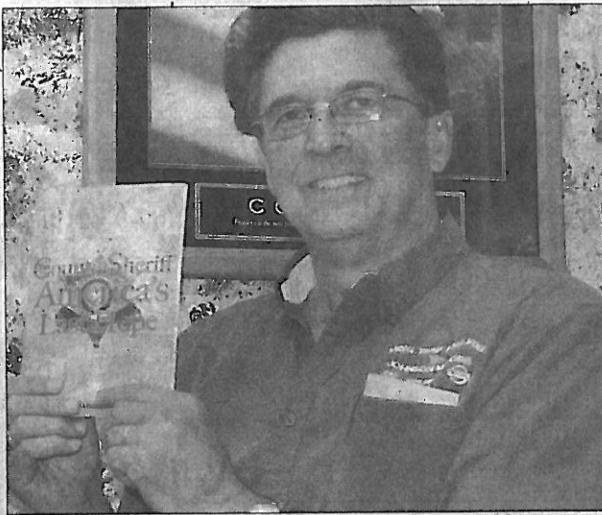


PHOTO BY JON JOHNSON

Former Sheriff Richie Mack has published a new book on the importance of county sheriffs in protecting constitutional rights. His books can be found at Johnson Motors, The Firling Pin and B&M Guns.

that victory, Mack has become a champion of the Constitution of the United States and for individual and states' rights.

Currently, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (a database managed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation) checks on criminal records before a gun dealer can legally sell a customer a handgun.

Mack performs numerous speaking engagements throughout the nation and is so

popular that he had to turn down three requests to speak on July 4 due to already accepting a previous request. He most recently gave a lecture on constitutional issues relating to gun control, law enforcement, states' rights, border smuggling, illegal immigration and the oath of office at a speaking engagement in Rodeo, N.M.

Mack told the Courier his new book is essential reading for all county sheriffs and all law

enforcement who take their oath of office seriously. He said if an officer truly believes in his oath, he or she will uphold the law and protect constitutional rights above everything else. One Minnesota woman agreed with Mack so much she purchased and distributed a copy to all 87 sheriffs in her state.

A foreword by Maricopa Sheriff Joe Arpaio accompanies the book's back cover, and he states every citizen should read the book. The book points out multiple occasions where local sheriffs could have avoided disaster if they had taken control of their own jurisdictions instead of giving way to federal authorities — an opinion shared by Arpaio.

Mack wrote that the founding fathers foresaw the need for local authorities to remain in

charge of local jurisdictions and that the Constitution, especially the 10th Amendment, deals with this by creating a system of checks and balances. He quotes the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, as saying, "We can safely rely on the disposition of the state legislatures to erect barriers against the encroachments of the national authority."

Mack also wrote about Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia quoting Madison in his opinion on the Brady Bill lawsuit. Justice Scalia wrote, "The local or municipal authorities from a district and independent portions of the supremacy, no more subject, within their respective spheres, to the general authority than the general

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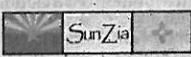
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Supervisors in final stage of reviewing budget

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BISBEE — For the past year, the county supervisors have been taking an assortment of cost-cutting measures due to declining revenues from state government and cutbacks in consumer spending.

As the 2009-2010 fiscal year \$195 million budget enters final negotiations, it appears the county will make it through the next year without a substantial loss of services for the citizens.

Currently, the supervisors, department heads and staff have managed to make ends meet even with an 11.5 percent overall cut to their budgets and personnel as instructed by County Administrator Mike Ortega.

In two work sessions earlier this week, Supervisors Pat Call, An English and Richard Searle reviewed several department budgets including flood control, planning, water conservation, elections and the supervisors office.

Following are summaries of the departments' budgets.

Flood Control - \$5.5 million

Flood Control is funded primarily through secondary property taxes that are anticipated to bring in \$2.239 million in 2009-2010. With a \$3.2 million in cash carry forward, the cost of work in some of the county's major flood-prone areas have been expanded.

Benny Young, director of Highway and Flood Plain, said that some of the projects that will begin in earnest are drainage studies for the Richland area, Moson Road, Pirtleville and Benson airport area. He also wants an assessment of the county's flood plains through aerial photography.

As the drainage improvements are completed, the changes have to be mapped for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Easements and right-of-way acquisitions will be negotiated for Fronter Road, Moson Road and

other unnamed muscoulon locations. Young is also recommending the county start a fund to purchase property that consistently floods, since the land purchases would be less than the cost of trying to engineer and construct drainage ways in some instances.

Palomitas will see \$1.1 million in improvements for an east drainage channel and the installations of box culverts to divert water from the school area and direct the overflow down to the San Pedro River.

Other drainage construction projects include a box culvert at the intersection of Ramsey Road and Campbell Road, the Fry area and the Eldorado dike and channel maintenance.

When all the projects are added up, the figure hits \$4.1 million which leaves \$225,000 in contingency funds.

Water conservation - \$127,579

The supervisors want to continue their leadership role in county water issues and have set aside

\$127,579 to cover Water Wise programs and administrative expenses involving the Upper San Pedro Partnership.

Elections/Special Districts - \$176,541

Election Director Tom Schelling plans to look into the fees other counties are charging municipalities to handle city elections.

Ortega told the supervisors he suspects the county is being overbilled by the municipality elections across the county.

"I'm not sure we're getting fully reimbursed," said Ortega.

The elections office may move out of the old high school in Old Bisbee to a building at the county complex on Melody Lane. Call said office space had been found for the office in the old solid waste office or near the procurement office.

The move is necessary due to a leaking roof that could damage the office machines and also the difficulty of getting all the equipment up two floors to the office. So a

move to the county complex would make it easier on candidates and election workers.

Ortega said he would get back to the supervisors with cost for moving the office and decide where the appropriate space for the department would be.

Supervisors - \$1,177 million

With four vacant positions in the department due to the hiring freeze, Call was concerned that staff was overburdened.

The office is down three administrative positions and the public information officer (PIO). He is for hiring a PIO, but Searle and English see no reason to do that when the current staff seems to be handling the extra duty without problems.

"The way we're trying to lean by example, but the work mandated by this department is putting a strain on our employees," Call added.

The department may lose one more position as the Finance Department is losing a few positions to retirements later this

summer, Ortega said. Finance Director Lois Klein confirmed that her staff is now putting in 60 to 70 hours a week, and someone is needed to help run the work load when the retirees take effect.

Planning Department - \$1,182 million

With Susan Buchan, former director of the planning and zoning department, moving to a position that will oversee federal stimulus funds for county projects, a new director will have to be hired.

Buchan explained that an administrative position and a chief building official were also required for the department.

This department has revenues set at \$616,300 for services, fines and forfeitures with \$120,000 for hazard abatement coming from other funds.

Ortega said he would be presenting the final draft of the budget on June 15 in a work session.

Herald/Review reporter Shar Porier can be reached at 519-4692.

Two more rabid skunks identified in St. David

On Thursday, June 4, Cochise County Animal Control Officers received information back from the State Lab confirming two more skunks tested from St. David have returned positive for the rabies virus. This brings the total for St. David to 15 this year, 21 total for St. David, Benson, and Casabel.

One skunk was killed by homeowners inside of their yard while the second skunk was found dead inside of another residential yard where two dogs were kept making it necessary to quarantine the animals

for forty five days. Cochise County Health Department officials along with the Cochise County Sheriff's Office Animal Control division is urging all pet owners to have their animals vaccinated against the rabies virus. Remember that the initial vaccination is only good for one year, while each subsequent vaccination is good for three years.

Residents are reminded that rabid animals may show no fear, so do not approach any wild animal in attempts to feed or capture it. And do not transport any trapped skunk

to a secondary location as that may spread rabies to other areas. Call your local Animal Control officer for assistance.

For more information about rabies please contact the Cochise County Health Department at 520-432-8400, Cochise County Animal Control at 520-432-8500, the Benson Animal Shelter at 586-3660, or the Arizona Department of Health Services at 602-364-4562. Additional information is also available at www.azdhs.gov. Rabies vaccinations are required by state law and must be given by a veter-

narian licensed in the United States. By vaccinating your pets against rabies, you help protect yourself and the public from exposure to this fatal disease.

A vaccination clinic is scheduled at All Creatures Veterinary Clinic, 655 East 4th Street in Benson on Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. through noon with a cost of \$20 per animal for rabies shots. All dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers without exception. For more information call All Creatures Clinic at 520-586-3000.

Kartchner tours reduced

BENSON — Until Sept. 4, the number of summer cave tours at Kartchner Caverns State Park will be reduced to 11 per day from Thursday through Monday and tours will start at 9 a.m., according to Parks Operations Chief Janet Hawkes.

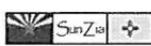
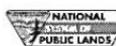
On Tuesday and Wednesday there will be only six tours per day starting at 10 a.m. The Discovery Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Most of the week but won't open until 9 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and will close at 4 p.m.

These changes will help the park consolidate

tours and staff during the summer when there is less demand and it is more difficult to get volunteers, Hawkes said. Tickets for the tours from now until Sept. 4 are reduced. An adult cave tour ticket will be \$12, while tickets for children aged 7-13 for hazard abatement are \$6 and younger are always free. Ticket buyers will save \$6.95 and \$4.95, respectively, per ticket. This promotion cannot be combined with other discounts or coupons.

Reservations can be made by calling 586-2283. The \$5 entrance fee is waived for vehicles attending tours with up to two adults. However, there is a \$2 per additional adult passenger. The reservation ticket office is open seven days a week for cave reservations. There are no online reservations, so call in advance. Walk-up tickets are by availability only, so may not be as accessible as there are fewer tours per day.

For more information, call (520) 542-174 or (800) 285-3703 or visit AZStateParks.com.



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July 7, 2009

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Fidel Center Atrium
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Socorro, New Mexico

July 9, 2009

Elephant Butte Inn - Banquet Room
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Elephant Butte, New Mexico

June 23, 2009

Oracle Community Center
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June 29, 2009

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2009 SUMMER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Following are the scheduled WASA Summer Activities. Warm for weekly updates and/or changes in the Arizona Hangar News. Parents will be notified by mail if the WASA activities are cancelled. Some programs may charge an additional fee for child supplies or registration. (A, swimming). Grayed out programs are grade enhancing in the area.

NOTE: There will be a one-time \$5.00 activity fee assessed when you register for WASA programs to help defray costs. Participants will be provided a card to show at the WASA offices or the school where you are enrolled for a reduced fee.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT & CARE: June 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, 31, 2009. WMS Room 209 Behind Ahwond. **COED BASKETBALL CAMP:** June 15-18, incoming 3rd-6th grade 8:30-10:00am, 7/1-2/12/grade 10-10am, 12-3pm. WMS Gym. Directed by Tommy Hall. **CLASSIC COOKING:** June 15-18, 6-22, 26, 30, 31, 2009. 9:30-11:30 am, 12-17 yrs. Place TBA. Directed by Debra Ahwond. **YOUTH SOCCER CAMP:** June 15-19, 4-6pm, 6-9 yrs. Held at Kallier Park across from Fido-Jeff Stoddard. **SOCCER TRAINING CAMP:** June 22-26, 10-11:30pm, 7-14 yrs. WMS Gym & Wrestling Room-Cindy Coffey. **SOFTBALL CAMP:** June 29-July 3, 9-10am, 9-10 yrs. WMS Field. Directed by Vicki Hardy. **PAGE TO DRAG DANCES:** June 29-July 3, 12-2pm, 8-12 yrs. WMS Auditorium. Directed by Summer Allred. **SPORTS PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT:** July 4-5, 9-11 am, 7/1-12/12 grade. WMS High School & Gym. Directed by Gailin Carter. **BARBISITING CAMP:** July 6-10, 1-3pm (note the time change) 10-12 yrs. WMS Auditorium. Directed by Vicki Hardy. **BASKETBALL CAMP:** July 10-12, 4-6pm, ages 6-14 yrs. WMS Varsity Basketball Field. Directed by Coach King. **GYMNASTICS:** July 13-17, 9-10:30am, 5-9 years, 10-10am, 9-10am, Encore Dance Academy-Denise Monahan. **JUNIOR SOCCER CAMP:** July 13-17, 4-6pm, ages 5th - 8th grade. At Middle School Football field-Jeff Stoddard. **DANCE CAMP:** July 20-24, 9:30-10:45 am, 10-11pm, 8-10 yrs. Encore Dance Academy, lyrical and jazz styles and routines. Directed by Katie Tupper and Andrea. **CHEER & TUMBLING CAMP:** July 27-31, 9-10:30am, ages 5-14 yrs. WMS Gym & Wrestling Room-Cindy Coffey. **TEEN SOCCER CAMP:** July 27-31, 4-6pm, 9th - 12th grade. At Middle School Football field - Jeff Stoddard. **FOOTBALL CAMP:** July 27-31, 9-11pm, WMS Football field. Directed by Sean Chaffey. **WRESTLING HISTORY WEEK:** July 27-31, 8-9pm, ages 8-12 grade in Christchurch Regional Middle-Marilyn Prince.

ONCE A WEEK PROGRAMS

SERVE A SMILE PROGRAM: Jan-12, 10am WASA staff for Painting and City Improvement Free lunch & 1pm-2pm refreshment.

FISHING FRIDAY: July 1, 7am-10am; Ages 10- Directed by James Allred.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 5th-8th grade, June 1 - July 11, Mondays & Thursdays 9:30-10am, 10-11pm. WMS Football field. Directed by Tom Hagley.

COOL CRAFTS FOR TEENS: Mondays June 1-7 July 27-31-2pm-ages 10-14 yrs. WMS art room. Limited-25 participants-Jennifer Dunham.

ROBBERMAN: Tuesdays, June 2-7 July 28, 12-2pm, ages 10-14 yrs. WMS Gym. Directed by Jonathan Truschie.

POSTCARDZ: Tuesdays, June 2-3, 12-2pm, ages 10-14 (equal classes) WMS Gym 12-2pm. 12-15-25 - Tom King.

ART THROUGHOUT THE YEAR: FULL

ROBBERMAN SOCCER: Thursdays June 4-25, 12-2pm. Middle School campus. WMS Football field-Jeff Stoddard.

ROCKETS: Fridays, June 5-26, 12-2pm 8 yrs & up. Place TBA. June 26th will be launch day. James Allred.

WALL SPORTS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES: Mon-Thurs, June 1-25, 12-2pm. K-3rd grade. Held at WMS. WASA Staff.

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Kirkpatrick supports saving WW II Memorial

June 6 is 65th anniversary of D-Day

Just before the 65th anniversary of the June 6, 1944, Allied invasion of Normandy on D-Day, U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, D-Ariz., announced she will co-sponsor a bill aimed at protecting the National D-Day Memorial.

The bill authorizes the Interior Department to study whether the memorial meets the necessary criteria for becoming a national park, the first step in the process of bringing it under the National Parks Service.

The legislation comes in response to reports that the memorial does not have enough money to keep operating. As the daughter of a WWII Veteran, the congresswoman said she is determined to ensure that we honor the memory of those who sacrificed so much to

protect our nation and fight back against tyranny.

"The National D-Day Memorial ensures that future generations will remember and learn more about this generation of heroes," Kirkpatrick said.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Tom Perriello, D-Va., who represents the Bedford, Va., community where the memorial is located. Sen. Mark Warner intends to introduce a Senate companion bill in the coming days. It was written with the support of the National D-Day Memorial Foundation, whose spokesman commented that the legislation is long overdue.

Kirkpatrick said, "We are working to better keep our promises to our veterans, and I have been proud to be a part of it. But there is still more to do to make

sure they have the opportunities and the respect they deserve, and saving the National D-Day Memorial is a valuable part of that effort."

Kirkpatrick serves on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and has repeatedly shown her commitment to paying our eternal debt of gratitude to veterans. Her efforts have included leading the fight against the White House's proposal to charge veterans personal insurance for care of service-related injury or disability.

The congresswoman said that in the coming weeks, she will work to help increase employment and educational opportunities for fighting men and women and make it easier for veterans in rural areas to have access to basic health care and information about critical services.

Kirkpatrick pushing for vets' education oversight

Bill reauthorizes Veterans Advisory Committee

As part of her efforts to improve future prospects for U.S. armed forces service members, U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, D-Ariz., has introduced a bill to ensure that the Veterans Advisory Committee on Education can continue providing oversight and input for veterans' education programs.

The announcement of the bill came as the congresswoman headed to Washington, D.C., after honoring the sacrifices of American fighting men and women on her "Keeping Our Promises" districtwide tour.

The committee advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of education and training programs for veterans and their families. Its charter is currently set to expire on Dec. 31. The congresswoman's bill reauthorizes the committee until the end of 2015, allowing it to fulfill its vital role as the VA starts to implement the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act.

Kirkpatrick said, "We should make sure that our education programs are effective and prepare our service members to excel in new jobs once their military service is complete. This committee's expertise and insight help improve the educational opportunities our fighting men and women have earned."

She said the committee is now more important than ever, with veterans starting to apply for expanded education benefits under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. That act gives those who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan a better opportunity to further their education and find greater success after they finish their military duty, and offers the largest expansion of educational benefits for veterans since the original G.I. Bill in 1944.

"We are doing great work to better keep our promises to our veterans, and I have been proud to be a part of it. But there is still more to do to make sure they have the opportunities they deserve, and reauthorizing this committee is a useful step in that effort," Kirkpatrick said.

Elder Abuse Prevention Workshop is June 12 in Safford

An elder Abuse Prevention Workshop is Friday, June 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in the General Services building in Safford. Topics include: How to Recognize When a Loved One is Being Abused — the subtleties of financial exploitation; Fraud and Identity Theft Against Seniors — how to

protect yourself and your loved ones; Planning for Your Long-term Care — what plans you can put in place now; and Trusts and Powers of Attorney.

To register call SEACUS at 428-3229.

EAC presents 'Finding Hidden Treasure in Your Financial Statements' seminar

The Eastern Arizona College Small Business Development Center is holding a seminar on 'Finding Hidden Treasure in Your Financial Statements' on Thursday, June 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Bonita Room of the Gerald L. Hoopes Jr. Activities Center.

Seminar topics include:

- Enhancing your understanding of where your money is coming from and going to.

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COCHISE COUNTY

County P&Z commission says no to airpark

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WICK COMMUNICATIONS

BISBEE — A request for a special-use permit to construct a private air park in McNeal on Davis Road was denied by the county Planning and Zoning Commission last Wednesday, June 10.

The unanimous decision was based on the overwhelming opposition by 38 neighboring property owners and on the basis that the 40-acre parcel was not large enough to support two runways and four homes as proposed by the applicant, Alaskan James O'Neill.

A big concern of many area residents was that the runways would attract drug smugglers or illegal immigrants. A few neighbors emphasized

that illegal activity has been occurring in the abandoned building on the property. The commissioners agreed that there were a number of other airports in the vicinity.

As pointed out by county planner Keith Dennis, the county's Bisbee-Douglas International Airport, Tribal Air, Douglas Airport and Tombstone at the opposite end of Davis Road are convenient to the property.

Dennis told the commissioners that the impacts of aircraft cannot be controlled and the air park would contribute to noise and more air traffic which can have an effect on livestock.

O'Neill, who called in from Fairbanks, Alaska, said in his experience wildlife doesn't pay much

attention to air traffic that is 500 feet above them.

McNeal resident Helene Jackson did not believe the county had the manpower to monitor any private airports to see if livestock or people were being "buzzed" or that pilots were storing fuel on the premises.

"They only way the county will know what's going on is if the neighbors complain," Jackson said.

Jackson also quoted back to them comments the commissioners made at another meeting when another air strip, this one in Double Adobe, was shot down.

McNeal resident Randy Bell also opposed the air park. As a draft horse breeder, he says aircraft do "spook" them. He also

voiced concern to drugs being dropped at the site that is just a matter of minutes from the Mexican border.

The special-use permit requested by Delores and Parker Gayden to bring their hay sales operation into compliance was approved. The Gaydens have been selling hay and alfalfa for many years to commercial feed stores and to select customers. They also store the hay onsite for customers who do not have storage room.

The Gaydens also plan to start a horse hotel and work with 4-11 groups on the 16.23 acres on Highway 92 in Palominas.

Planner Michael Turisk presented a draft of new site development standards for solar energy

systems, both residential and commercial. The county needs to have such standards in place as the Arizona Corporation Commission set a renewable energy goal that will produce 15 percent of Arizona's power production by 2025. Though that date is a long way off, the county needs to be prepared for the possibility that a solar plant could be constructed long before then.

One of the best areas in the county is in the Sulphur Springs Valley according to studies of the intensity of the sun and the grade level. Turisk pointed out

Unfortunately, that area also coincides with White-water Draw and the Willcox Playa where thou-

sands of birds winter every year, particularly the Sand Hill Cranes. It also is the location of some of the county's best agricultural land.

The draft states that residential solar systems could take place in all zoning districts and on all zones of parcels with few, if any, constraints.

Commissioner Jim Martzke asked about the problem with trees shading solar elements on residential rooftops or systems that are mounted on the ground.

Turisk and staff determined that such matters would be between the property owners and that the county would not be involved in such disputes. Besides, the county has few tall trees and is rural in Sierra Vista or other municipalities there could be more of a problem, but he doesn't see that for the county.

Commercial solar plants would be allowed in Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial zonings or in rural areas that are very flat with no degree or less in slope. Such plants do require lots of land.

The draft is a work in progress and the commissioners will take another look at it later this summer.

Herald/Review reporter Shar Porier can be reached at 515-4692 or shar.porier@bis-

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Correction

The quote erroneously attributed to Henry David Thoreau should be attributed to the American Library Association. It ran in the story, "Rediscover your library" in the June 3 edition of the Arizona Range News.

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Happenings

Community Calendar

GOP meets first Monday

The Greenlee County Republican Party meets the first Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., in Duncan at the Senior Center at 409 High Street. Call (928) 956-1610 for information.

Blood drive in Morenci today

The Clifton Elks Lodge #1174 is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive today, July 22, beginning at noon at the Morenci Club. The Elks remind the public that donating blood means saving lives, and there is always a dire shortage of blood. For information contact Elk Jim Denton at 687-1306.

MHS football hosting youth camp

The first annual Morenci High School Youth Football Day Camp is Saturday, Aug. 8, with registration at 7 a.m. Youths will watch high school practice until 9 a.m. The camp starts at 9:30 with MHS players coaching youths.

The camp fee is \$30 and includes a camp cap. Elementary and junior high students are encouraged to attend.

Greenlee, Graham Demos meet Aug. 1

The Greenlee and Graham Democratic parties are sponsoring a training session to be given by state party staff, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1, in Safford. Rides will be provided and lunch can be purchased. Participants will learn how they can help change the State Legislature in 2010. For information call (928) 215-0071.

MHS slates grid golf tourney

Morenci High School is hosting its first Football Team Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Greenlee Country Club in York Valley. The public is encouraged to join in the fun. Registration is at 7 a.m., with a shotgun start around 8:30 a.m. It will be a four-man best ball format with an entry fee of \$60 per player.

Awards for first through third places will be given along with a hamburger meal after the tournament. All proceeds go to support the MHS football program.

Clifton Veterans Day being planned

A November Veterans Day event in Clifton is being planned by the Mares Bluff Veterans Memorial Committee. Anyone wishing to participate in a parade or other events is welcomed.

For more information call Steve Guzzo at (928) 865-5551 at Maud's Drive-In, weekdays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Clifton Social Club meets

The Clifton Social Club holds meetings the first and third Wednesday of each month. The club is located on historic Chase Creek.

Elks Lodge meets twice monthly

The Clifton Elks Lodge 1174 meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the lodge on North Coronado Boulevard.

Prospective members or those who would like to learn more about Elks activities are invited to attend or call 687-1306.

See Community Calendar on Page 14A

Jail log

The following is a listing of arrests and bookings at the Greenlee County Jail for Thursday, July 10, to Tuesday July 14, 2009.

The listing includes name, reason for arrest, the agency making the arrest, bond amount and other action.

Abbreviations are: CPD-Clifton Police Department; GCSO- Greenlee County Sheriff's Office; DPS- Department of Public Safety; GCP- Greenlee County Probation; DOC- Department of Corrections; GRSO- Graham County Sheriff's Office; and OR- Own Recognizance.

Editor's note: Neither places of residence nor ages of those arrested were made available by the Jail Division of the Sheriff's Office.

Thursday, July 9
Desiree R. Ochoa, CPD, Safford JP1 - warrant, released on \$338 bond.

Friday, July 10
Jeff D. King, 24-hour commitment order from Tempe.

Saturday, July 11
Quinton B. Vandam, CPD, disorderly conduct/domestic violence, assault/domestic violence, released on \$5,000 bond.

Michelle L. McGraw, GCSO, DUI.

Monday, July 13
Anthony E. Sanchez,

GCSO, theft, burglary, shoplifting.

Tuesday, July 14
Stephanie A. Abbott, GCSO, disorderly conduct/domestic violence, reporting false information to police, resisting arrest.

Nicole T. Robertson, GCSO, disorderly conduct/domestic violence.

Donald D. Trammell, GCSO, driving on suspended license.

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BLM Extends Scoping Comment Period on Proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Project

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has extended the public scoping comment period for the proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Comments will be accepted through August 28, 2009.

Comments can be made to the BLM via the BLM Project Website at http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/more/lands_realty.html, via the project email address at NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov, or in writing to the Bureau of Land Management, SunZia Transmission Line Project, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115. Deliveries will be accepted via courier/hand delivery to the Bureau of Land Management, SunZia Transmission Line Project, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

To review in full the BLM news release announcing the comment period extension and/or be added to the mailing list, please visit the project website.

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Bingaman meets with Judge Sonia Sotomayor

U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman met with Judge Sonia Sotomayor on June 16, President Obama's nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. The two met for about 15 minutes in the U.S. Capitol. "I was very impressed with Judge Sotomayor," Bingaman said. "She is clearly well qualified and I think she'd be a great addition to the Supreme Court." Bingaman noted that Sotomayor was nominated by President George H.W. Bush to a federal district court, and was later elevated to the U.S. court of appeals by President Bill Clinton. Hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee for Sotomayor begin in mid-July. Bingaman is not a member of that committee.

Courtesy photo

Producers urged to learn about new USDA ACRE Program

Submitted by **USDA/Lordsburg**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack this week urged producers to learn about the new Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program before the August sign-up deadline.

Congress created ACRE in the 2008 Farm Bill to give producers an additional option to help manage the risks associated with farming. Farm Service Agency Administrator Doug Caruso will launch an educational campaign on the ACRE program this week in North Dakota during a series of meetings with farmers, including an event today with the North Dakota Farmer's Union.

"The ACRE Program is an innovative risk management

tool and I encourage producers to seriously consider whether to adopt this option," said Vilsack.

The ACRE program is a new option for farmers who may have previously participated in FSA's Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). The ACRE program is an alternative to the counter-cyclical program. ACRE payments are based on what the producer actually plants, with payments calculated using recent market prices. ACRE payments are triggered when the farm revenue and state revenue - price multiplied by yield - fall below a calculated guarantee for a crop.

The deadline for producers to sign up is Aug. 14, 2009. In

the coming weeks, producers should talk with their FSA county office or experts at local Land Grant Universities to learn more about the program. More information, including a program payment calculator, is at www.fsa.usda.gov

Commodities eligible for ACRE payments are wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, peanuts, soybeans, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, safflower, mustard seed, rapeseed, sesame seed, crumbe, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas and large chickpeas. Producers may elect to participate in ACRE even if they have already accepted advanced payments under DCP.

USDA accepting applications for renewable energy, energy efficient loans and grants

Submitted by **USDA RD/Santa Fe**

USDA Rural Development's Acting State Director, Eric Vigil, announced Monday that applications are now being accepted for USDA Rural Development's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

"As we all know the demand for energy is rising every year and our renewable energy funding program will help agriculture producers and rural small businesses acquire the necessary money to help them take advantage of renewable energy opportunities in wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and other energy sources," said Vigil. He added, "As the program is geared toward not only renewable energy, but also energy efficiency, we expect to find interest from applicants who want to initiate a variety of different projects such as installing wind turbines and solar panels, establishing anaerobic digesters, and creating more energy efficient businesses/agricultural production by upgrading different elements including windows, insulation, boilers, and lighting."

The funding is offered by USDA Rural Development's Rural Business and Cooperative Service to purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. Especially important this year, is a new section that funds feasibility studies, which can include funding for Meteorological Towers. "Met towers" help locate the strongest wind area so that wind turbines can be most advantageously located. Energy efficiency and renewable energy applications require a completed energy assessment or energy audit by the time of application. This year the cost of this audit/assessment prior to the application can be included in the application and paid for should the applicant be successful.

Funding will be available in the form of grants and loan guarantees. Applicants may apply for a combination loan

and grant (combination package). This year loan limits are increased. The maximum grant for renewable energy systems is 25 percent of eligible project costs, not to exceed \$500,000. Energy efficiency improvement projects are eligible for up to 25 percent of eligible project costs, not to exceed \$250,000. The maximum loan guarantee for either energy efficiency or renewable energy is 85 percent of eligible project costs. The maximum guaranteed loan is \$25 million. The feasibility study grant section of the program provides a portion of up to \$50,000 or 25 percent of the eligible project cost of the study, whichever is less.

Information on this program can be found at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farmbill/index.html>. The deadline for receiving applications in the State Office is July 31, 2009, 4:30 pm local time (this is not a postmark date). Those wishing additional information or application packets should contact 505.761.4953 or Rural Energy Coordinator Jesse Monfort Bopp, New Mexico State Office-USDA Rural Development, 6200 Jefferson, NE, Room 255, Albuquerque, NM 87109, 505.761.4952, jesse.bopp@am.usda.gov. Potential applicants are urged to call for information as soon as possible.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to in-

crease economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Further information on rural programs available at a local USDA office or by visiting the US Rural Development website <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>



Rev. Dr. Isaac Nsereko

Rev. Nsereko to visit Lordsburg June 28-29

Rev. Dr. Isaac Nsereko, representing the Republic of Uganda Ministry of Education and Sports will be in Lordsburg on Sunday June 28, and Monday June 29.

Rev. Nsereko is visiting southern New Mexico sharing information about Nserester Complex, the school in Mosi Uganda; that gives orphan children and education while preparing them for lifetime work.

Rev. Nsereko will be at First Baptist Church of Lordsburg on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. On Monday, June 29, he will visit the Mitchell Senior Center at 11 a.m. and will then be at the Chamber of Commerce at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Rev. Nsereko is grandson of Lordsburg resident, Sam Goodman.

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DRIVER CITED - The driver of this 2004 Dodge truck was cited for following too close after he reportedly rear-ended another truck.

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Arrey Man Cited in Crash

By Carlos Padilla
HERALD Editor
A two-vehicle collision on the southbound lanes of Interstate 25 resulted in a one-vehicle rollover Thursday afternoon, June 25 near the Las Palomas Exit.

truck when he reportedly rear-ended a small yellow truck driven by 59-year-old Christopher Taylor of Warrensburg, Mo. Mr. Taylor reportedly refused to be transported to Sierra Vista Hospital despite complaining of unspecified injuries, according to Sgt. Green.

New Mexico State Police Sgt. Jason Green told The Herald on Sunday that 18-year-old Michael Perez of Arrey was cited for following too close to the other vehicle. Perez was operating a blue 2004 Dodge pickup

State Police Patrolman Freddie De La O is the investigating officer of the collision, and was assisted by Sierra County Sheriff's Deputy Marino.



I-25 ROLLOVER - The occupants of this minivan were reportedly spared injury Sunday afternoon, June 28. Officials with the Sierra County Sheriff's Department, New Mexico State Police, Lakeshore and Elephant Butte fire departments, Williamsburg Extrication and Sierra Vista Hospital Ambulance responded to the single-vehicle rollover located along Interstate 25 approximately five miles north of Monticello, Canyon. The wreck seemingly was caused by tread separation on rear-tire. Officials noted on scene that the vehicles tires did not match, which likely contributed to the crash.

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WNMU Professor Presents Paper on Gila River In Canada

Western New Mexico University English professor Bill Toth recently presented

a paper focusing on the Gila ecosystem and Silver City author M.H. "Dutch" Salmon at the eighth biennial meeting of the Association for the Study of Literature & the Environment (ASLE), hosted by the University of Victoria, BC, Canada.

An interdisciplinary organization comprised of scholars in a variety of fields, ASLE is dedicated to the study of literature and its relationship with nature and the environment. Attending this year's conference were representatives from major universities in the U.S. and Canada as well as most western European countries and places as distant as Australia, Japan and China.

"This year's conference theme was islands, and since the only island I'm familiar with is that tiny one in Lake Roberts, I decided to talk about a figurative or metaphorical island instead," said Toth. "So my paper focused on the Gila ecosystem as a sky island surrounded by desert and grasslands, and it gave me an opportunity



WNMU PROFESSOR
BILL TOTH

to celebrate a local figure as well."

Toth's presentation titled "Isla de Gila: M.H. Salmon & the Preservation of the Gila River" focused on the island characteristics of the Gila watershed with its abundant biodiversity and Silver City author and conservationist Salmon.

"I can think of no one who knows more about the Gila than Dutch or who has done more to preserve it as one of the very few free-flowing rivers in the entire American West," said Toth.

Toth's paper argued that the Gila River as well as its surrounding ecosystems is indeed an island and, loosely drawing an analogy to Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, that its Prospero is Salmon himself.

"Dutch is really central to the Gila narrative, and he has three great Gila books, *Gila Descending* and *Gila Libre!*, both interpretive studies, and his novel *Home is the River*, set in and around Silver City," added Toth.

"Readers interested in nature writing or writing about the West should put these books on their must-read list. They belong up there with two other excellent but earlier Gila books, *River of the Sun*, by Ross Calvin, who lived in Silver City throughout the '30s and early '40s, and *The Gila: River of the Southwest*,



TOXIC FIRE - A landowner south of Arrey has reportedly received four citations stemming from two recent fires on his property. Air Quality Control representative Ed Horst reportedly cited landowner Saul Aguirre for violating clean air acts, improper burning of hazardous and toxic materials including tires, appliances, motor vehicle fluids and a host of other items, and failure to notify. Officials reportedly are keeping a close watch on such illegal burns in this part of the county due to repeat occurrences of hazardous and illegal burns.

HERALD photo./CARLOS PADILLA

Deceased Man Discovered In Home

By Carlos Padilla
HERALD Editor

Responding to a request for a welfare check by a family member, Sierra County Sheriff's Sgt. Jody Druce on Friday, June 26 went to a home located along State Highway 187 south of Williamsburg.

According to Sheriff's Lt. Glenn Hamilton, a nephew in Arizona was concerned for the well being of his uncle, 56-year-old Ricky L. Johnson, whose family had not been able to contact for quite some time.

Sgt. Druce confirmed that Mr. Johnson was not hospitalized. After locating the

man's residence, Sgt. Druce reportedly was unable to get an answer at the door. The nephew reportedly requested Sgt. Druce to make entry into the residence.

Sgt. Druce did gain entry into the home through a front screen door, and immediately detected decomposition, according to Lt. Hamilton.

Sgt. Druce reportedly also saw that Mr. Johnson was seated in his chair with his head resting on a nearby end table.

A deputy investigator declared Mr. Johnson deceased at 10:20 p.m., Friday, according to Lt. Hamilton, who added he did not know how long the man had been deceased inside the home.

An autopsy is being conducted to determine cause of death and approximate date of death. Officials believe Mr. Johnson died due to natural medical causes.

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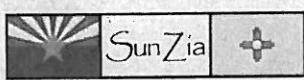
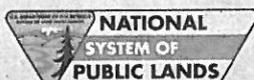
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Fire Marshal urges vigilance with fireworks

Submitted to El Defensor Chieftain
By Paul R. Carbajal
N.M. Public Regulation Commission

The Fourth of July holiday is about fun, backyard barbecues, and a time for friends and family to get together. Unfortunately, it can be a dangerous time, especially for children.

The New Mexico State Fire Marshal's Office, a division of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission urges everyone to make fire safety a high priority this Fourth of July holiday and throughout the summer.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fireworks injure approximately 10,000 Americans annually and charcoal, wood-burning and propane grill fires injure almost 5,000. In 2007, 64 percent of fireworks injuries occurred between June 22 and July 22.

Summertime should be a time for fun and making lasting memories with friends and family. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following simple label (fireworks) instructions will help everyone have a safe and unforgettable summer.

So if you plan to ignite your own fireworks, pay close attention to these recommended safety tips to help reduce the chances of a destructive fire or injury and the general safety of your surroundings.

- Make sure that the fireworks you buy are legal where you intend to use them.
- Read and follow the directions on fireworks packages.
- Make sure adults supervise all use of fireworks. Young children should not play with fireworks. Even sparklers can cause a serious burn injury.
- Do not point or throw fireworks at people.
- Use fireworks in an open area, away from dry grass and other flammable materials.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies.
- Light fireworks one at a time. Do not try to re-ignite

fireworks. Soak with water fireworks that do not ignite. Do not attempt to repair broken fireworks.

- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
 - Store fireworks in a cool, dry place. Keep fireworks out of your pockets.
 - When shooting fireworks, keep all unused fireworks away from the shooting area.
 - Never experiment with makeshift or homemade fireworks.
- The State Fire Marshal also urges New Mexico residents to leave pets at home because the loud noises from exploding fireworks can hurt their ears. When attending public displays also leave at home any of your own store-bought fireworks. What is legal for private use is never safe in a large gathering of people.

The bottom line, leave fireworks to the professionals! If your plans are to get out of town and enjoy much of New Mexico's natural beauty, please remember: according to the U.S. Forest Service, more than 60 percent of forest fires last year in the five-state Rocky Mountain Region were caused by people. It is illegal to possess fireworks in a national forest, and campers need to make sure campfires are thoroughly extinguished. Also remember when driving or parking in our state's natural areas that overheated car engines can spark a wild fire.

State Fire Marshal inspectors will be out in force in the coming weeks inspecting those businesses selling fireworks for fire code violations. Inspectors also want to ensure that the fireworks on vendors' shelves are legal, and that vendors aren't selling them to anyone under the age of 16.

For more on fireworks displays or fire safety, call the State Fire Marshal's Office at 505-827-3550 or the NMPRC Public Information Office at 505-827-4446, by cell phone at 505-699-7991 or by e-mail to Paul.Carbajal@state.nm.us.

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U.S. Last/El Defensor Chieftain
Sheryl Mackey puts a fresh coat of paint on a sign frame of the former Big Value Pharmacy on California Street in Socorro. Workers are preparing the building for a new tenant, a Western Mercantile store.

BLM plans to raise fees for mining

By Tom Gorey
Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management has announced an increase in fees for the location (or "staking") and maintenance of unpatented mining claims, mill sites and tunnel sites.

The location fee will increase from \$30 to \$34 and the maintenance fee will rise from \$125 to \$140 for such unpatented claims in which no Federal land has been transferred to the individual or company staking the claim.

The adjusted fees are due on or before Sept. 1. Mining claimants must pay the new location fee for any mining claim or site located after the effective date of this final rule—June 29—which has been published in the Federal Register.

Those who have already submitted maintenance fees for the 2010 maintenance year will be given an opportunity to pay the additional amount without penalty upon notice from the BLM.

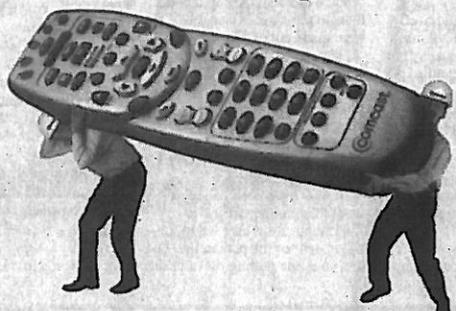
For the past 15 years, mining claimants staking new claims or sites have been required to pay a one-time location fee. Claimants must also pay an annual "maintenance" fee in lieu of performing annual assessment work and making annual filings.

In accordance with the Mining Law of 1872, as amended, and in light of recent related regulatory actions, the BLM is announcing a new final rule that establishes a regular schedule for adjusting mining-related location and annual maintenance fees.

Specifically, the new rule authorizes adjustments to these fees to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index every five years after Aug. 10, 1993, or more frequently if the Secretary of the Interior determines an adjustment to be reasonable.

The link to the final rule in the Federal Register is: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-15248.pdf>.

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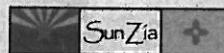
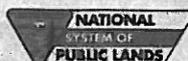
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Alto Resident Says

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The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department would like to invite the public to its **Annual Fireworks Display** to be held at the Valle Del Sol Subdivision in Carrizozo on **Saturday, July 4**. We ask that there be no bottle rockets, no trespassing on the Carrizozo Golf Course, personal fireworks are allowed in designated areas, children must have parental supervision to light fireworks.

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residents' disapproval of the design of the facility.

"The question is, where do we go from here," Adamy told the county commissioners. "One of the things the district board had mandated in a meeting with the (LCSWA) was that the facility was open initially on an honor system. There was discussion about taking proof of residency but we wanted no delays," he said.

Adamy said that when the facility opened, an attendant at the dump site would write down the name of the resident and the type of trash being disposed of.

"These people were so mad, and felt that it was an intrusion. They're outraged," Adamy said.

Adamy said that the waste disposal facility should have multiple lanes for traffic to access the compactors. He recommended three or four lanes with room not only for vehicles hauling trash but also with room for another vehicle to drive around those that are stopped while trash is being loaded into the compactor. He said that the Alto Lakes customers also want a place to unload large items like air conditioners and small appliances, for which an extra fee would be charged. There is currently no place to dispose of those larger items in the Alto Lakes district, he said.

Adamy said that the cost of having an attendant at the facility added about five dollars per month to the bills paid by the 1,200 home owners for solid waste disposal, and added that operation of the site probably saves the LCSWA money because it doesn't have to provide individual polycart service to each household of Alto Lakes.

"We have long thought, and been aware that, we are subsidizing the remainder of the county," Adamy said. "We had an extra

cost of about \$500 per month for staffing. That burden has been put on the Alto Lakes owners when we are already creating efficiency by bringing all of the waste to this central facility," he said.

Ted Elkins, a full-time resident of Alto Lakes, told the county commissioners that there is another side to the story, and that the LCSWA operational supervisor, Debra Ingle, should be afforded an opportunity to tell her side.

"It's not on the agenda, so she didn't show up. She didn't have to," Elkins said. "If you heard Debra's story, it'd be a 180 degrees difference."

Elkins reiterated Adamy's statement about the very large attendance at a recent meeting of residents of the Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District.

"They are not unhappy with Lincoln County Solid Waste," Elkins said. "They are unhappy with the water district."

Elkins said that Ingle had looked at keeping the disposal site open all day every day, but the Alto Lakes board insisted on having the site "closed" and monitored by an attendant.

"It was planned to be a closed facility, only open from 9:00 to 5:00, six days a week," Elkins said. "I oppose that. It needs to be open. The people line up because it is closed until 9:00 in the morning and the people have to go to work. People have left their trash at the gate sometimes," he said.

Elkins said that the facility has an emergency receptacle that allows residents to leave one bag of trash when the site is closed.

"Is that one bag a day, one bag an hour, one bag at a time?" Elkins asked. "Debra put a three-bag limit on it, but someone took that sign off," he added. "What's the deal there? I'm telling you, if you had Debra here, you'd hear a different story."

Elkins suggested that the issue be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the county commissioners so that the county officials could hear what the residents have to say.

"There's nobody that I know that's unhappy with Lincoln County Solid Waste, other than the people on the board of the sanitation district," Elkins said. "That's the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. It's a boondoggle and it's out of control, but it's not because of Lincoln County Solid Waste."

Elkins said that only a few of the residents use the valet service for trash disposal. Most prefer to just place their trash in the compactor, he said.

"I haven't heard anybody complain about the \$50 per quarter that they pay for the service," Elkins said.

County attorney Alan Morel said that because he and county manager Tom Stewart are residents of Alto Lakes, they have personal interests in seeing that the waste disposal issues are resolved.

"We could try to get together with representatives of both Alto and the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority. I think there's a resolution that could be worked out," Morel said.

As it stands, the attorney and county manager will attempt to find some terms upon which all parties can agree, to improve the services available to Alto Lakes residents in regards to solid waste disposal.

Obituary

ARTHUR ERNEST TALBOT

Arthur Ernest Talbot, 76, died June 29. He was born June 19, 1933 in Albuquerque, raised in Estancia Valley.

He was Korean War Navy Veteran.

He is survived by wife Peggy Ann Talbot; son David and wife Ann Talbot of Riverside; son Wa Son Arlin and wife Teri Talbot of Tinnie; daughter Laurie and husband Jimmy Samora of Carrizozo; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Evelyn Livesay Talbot, two sisters, Doris Blair and Effie Talbot, one brother, Robert C. Talbot.

He has been cremated and a *Celebration of Life Memorial* is being planned.

"Looking Back"

Through Old 'NEWS' Files

As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 104th year of being in existence (1905-2009), we will again be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following articles appeared in the "Lincoln County News".

May 10, 1962

The Long and Short of it is . . .

by Kit Carson / Albuquerque

Lincoln County Before Statehood

A certain old volume of the New Mexico Territory exists. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Helena Coe LaMay of Roswell, this Columnist had the privilege to pore through its yellowing pages. Mrs. LaMay is the daughter of the late Frank Cow, early-day pioneer of Lincoln County.

The aged book is the 1909-1910 edition of "The New Mexico Business Directory," published before the Territory became a state in 1912.

Limits of today's Lincoln County as it was set down in the "Business Directory".

CARRIZOZO -- A prosperous and growing town in Lincoln county. The railroad division point on the El Paso and Southwestern Railway at junction with the Capitan branch. The railroad roundhouse and shops, which employ a large number of men, are located there. A large stock raising country and productive valley contributes to the prosperity of this place, which is the shipping point. In the center of the fruit growing region of western Lincoln County. The town is growing rapidly, has good churches, \$10,000 school house. Good openings for all classes of business. Distributing point for several large mining camps. Population 1,000. Altitude 5,440.

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CAPITAN -- A prosperous town in Linccc County, 21 miles southeast of Carrizozo, at tern nus of the Capitan branch of the El Paso & Sout western Railway. Important coal mines locat here. Surrounded by a beautiful country with most healthy climate. Population 350. Altitu 6,350 feet. Fine fruit country and summer resort.

Carriker J.L., physician. Covert R.C., carpe ter and builder. Galloway R. C., Justice pea Haight L.B., postmaster. Newbury E., blacksmi Pratt Bros., lumber. Sanders Telephone Co., A. Haight manager. Spears T.K., taxidermist. Capit Livery Stable, S.T. Gray, Prop., Livery, Feed z Sale Stable. Capitan, Special attention to commi cal men and tourists.

LINCOLN -- County seat of Lincoln coun 12 miles southeast from Capitan, the nearest ra road point. Pleasantly located in the valley of t Bonito river and surrounded by a good agricul tural and fruit growing country. Stock raising also a considerable industry. There is plenty water for irrigation purposes. Population 50 Altitude 5,600 feet.

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Celebrate Your Country, New Neighbors, Rodeo Time

Celebrate your country

"Freedom isn't free" expresses gratitude for the service of members of the military. It means the freedoms enjoyed by many citizens in Western democracies are only possible through voluntary risks and sacrifices made by the military.

In a letter from John Adams to Abigail Adams dated the July 3, 1776, he wrote: "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shews, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

"You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these states. Yet through all the gloom I can see



Luna News

Kaye Mindar

the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means. And that posterity will triumph in that day's transaction, even although we should rue it, which I trust in God we shall not."

Lots of celebrations

- There will be a pot luck and social at the Luna fire station grounds Saturday, July 4. There will be prizes for kids and a pot-luck dinner, Luna style. People should bring their favorite dish. There also will be live music and a silent auction to help the parks committee. Fireworks will top off the evening.

- The Luna Community Center monthly market place sale will be Friday and Saturday.

- Watch for raffle tickets to go

on sale for this year's Lunatic Stitches quilt.

- Alpine, Ariz. is celebrating its 130-year anniversary July 4 with a parade at 10 a.m. followed by celebration at the town's rodeo grounds. From 7 a.m. to noon, there will be an Alpine Estates Homeowner's Association yard sale, and at 7 p.m. the Alpine Community Theatre will perform a play; other dates are posted on the bulletin board at the post office.

- Reserve will begin its celebration with an Independence Day parade. The Luna Volunteer Fire Department will be represented with its quick-attack fire vehicle.

New neighbors

Welcome to Sam and Kathy Harris' son Daniel and his wife, Raeann, to Luna. We hope to help you settle in and feel welcome. We hope to say "hello" every chance we get.

Many thanks

The family of Ed Nail and Mary Mortensen wish all who helped so much with the memorial services held last week and all of the love and support that has been shown from neighbors and friends.

Rodeo time

There is also a lot of work going

into the Luna Rodeo grounds for the parade, rodeo, dance and other events July 25. Each year work goes in to the rodeo grounds and this year, the concession stand must be closed in on three sides to meet codes. Many volunteers are hard at work making that happen.

All rodeo contestant applications have been mailed, counting almost 300. A special "thank you" goes to all who are working tirelessly and also those behind the scenes who make the growing yearly event run smoothly. This year's rodeo will be dedicated to Ed Nail and all the time and sacrifices with which he graced our community.

Enchilada dinner

The annual Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Young Men/Young Women enchilada dinner and silent auction was a great success. Thanks goes to Joyce Laney's mother, who travels from Las Cruces each year and tirelessly cooks a wonderful meal for such a large crowd, and all others who donated and bought items for the silent auction.

Preparedness Corner

A Web site that needs to be visited often is www.fsis.usda.gov, the USDA food safety site, which cov-

ers recalls and safe food handling. You can also sign up for their e-mail lists and ask questions.

Genealogy Corner

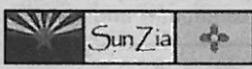
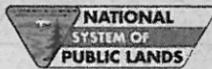
At your next family reunion, mix up your families. I don't mean confuse them, but do your best to get family members to mingle. Social activities and games that get folks moving around work best.

I also like the idea of having a member from each branch of the family stand up and share that family's struggles, achievements and milestones. Letter writing seems to be a lost art, so a reunion is an opportunity to move past presumptions about other family members and get to know them and their experiences, share your burdens and acknowledge each other's accomplishments.

Quote of the Week

"You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism."

~ Erma Bombeck



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McCord: Brazilians Make Their Dreams Reality

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made everyone happy. At night after dinner, Vicente would go to his room and do homework and study for his classes to become a doctor. Some nights he would even take a two-hour boat ride to the city to take an exam for his class and come back afterward. Eventually he plans to return to his village in the

mountains as a doctor.

I was impressed how these men had taken their dreams, and through nothing more than hard work and self-motivation, made them reality. It was a true-life example of how you can do anything you want as long as you set your mind to it and don't let anyone stop you along the way.

Climate: Tri-State Undecided About Bill's Impact

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residents about their individual concerns. Teague said he didn't like the original climate bill, so he went to the House leadership and expressed his concern with the problems it would create for co-ops and small refineries.

Teague said the original bill was unfair to small refineries and co-ops because large, investor-driven refineries in California and on the East Coast would have an advantage.

"After they gave us those concessions, we think it made it a good bill for New Mexico," Teague said.

There are 16 electric co-ops in New Mexico, with 13 of them having members who vote in Teague's district. There are 170,000 members of rural electric co-ops in Teague's district. Four small refineries operate in New Mexico, in addition to one in El Paso that

serves the Las Cruces area.

Teague said it is important to create new jobs through wind, solar and other alternative-energy sources, while at the same time maintaining the jobs New Mexico has in the gas and oil industries.

"We want to create jobs; we don't just want to trade jobs," Teague said.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated the climate bill would cost the average household \$175 by 2020, according to the June 28 article in the *Wall Street Journal*. The article said some Republicans believe the cost to families would actually be higher.

Among the groups that oppose the legislation are the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, while the business community is divided, according to the *Wall Street Journal* article.

Jim Van Someren, communica-

tions manager for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc., which supplies power to the Socorro Electric Cooperative, wrote in an e-mail to the *Mountain Mail* that the potential impact of the bill depends on what happens next, in the Senate.

"In its present form, the specific impact of the proposed Waxman-Markey legislation ... on Tri-State's rates to Socorro Electric Cooperative and the other 43 electric co-ops to which we provide wholesale power is not fully known at this time," Van Someren wrote. "Depending on if and/or how the bill gets revised in the Senate, it could potentially have a significant effect on our operations and financial future - and drive rates up accordingly."

Van Someren said there is much more work to be done before the bill will have a chance of passing the Senate.

"We will be working hard with our legislators to make significant improvements to the bill that make it more workable, affordable and fair to the electric co-ops and, in turn, the end-use consumers," he wrote.

"As a consumer-owned utility, Tri-State is committed to working with policymakers to develop climate change and energy legislation that achieves our country's energy goals and environmental objectives in the most reasonable manner possible, while preserving affordable and reliable power for our consumers at the end of the line," Van Someren said.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who supported me in my bid for New Mexico High School Rodeo Queen. Your love and support means more to me than you can imagine. Thank you to the following businesses and individuals and to anyone who offered their support in any way, shape or form.

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SVH---

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ments.

Board secretary and Elephant Butte Mayor Eunice Kent agreed with Allen, as did several other members. Ann Filosa and chairman Dr. Greg D'Amour, acknowledged the positive intent of Allen and Kent's suggestion, but maintained the election of officers and committee appointments need not await the new members from Elephant Butte. The board discussed both points of view and ultimately decided it would be best to forego both the elections and committee appointments. A motion was heard and members voted unanimously to follow this course.

**REVENUES
OUTPACE DEBTS**

During his report SVH Interim Chief Financial Officer (ICFO) Brett Goebel led the board through a detailed explanation of the hospital's present financial situation. He began by noting SVH's cash assets for the month of May had increased by \$25,105 over the amount seen for the month of April.

While this was obviously positive news, Goebel quickly quelled any excitement by reporting the hospital had simultaneously incurred a significant increase in bad debt and "self-pay" charges. He explained the bad debt primarily resulted from patients with no insurance. Although the number of patients receiving treatment rose sharply during the month of May, the ICFO said many of these were categorized as self-pay accounts.

Exactly as the term implies, self-pay charges rely upon the individual patients to meet their debts to the hospital. Goebel cited May's self-pay charges at \$409,000 and noted this was well above the \$224,000 average SVH recorded over the previous six months.

SVH Chief Executive Officer (CEO) D. Rush emphasized a pragmatic, if not somewhat less than optimistic view of such charges. "The philosophy within the health-care industry is private pay is no pay," said Rush. While



(SENTINEL Photo/Chuck Wentworth)

ANNUAL GATHERING - Although they meet on a monthly basis, Sierra Vista Hospital's (SVH) Governing Board July 1 session marked the beginning of a new fiscal year and included a long list of items to be addressed. As the board listened attentively as SVH Chief Executive Officer D. Rush (above, left) delivered a portion of her official report, explaining how the facility is working to achieve a full transition to electronic records by the end of this year.

many of the individuals in the self-pay category will ensure SVH receives prompt payment, many others may not and Goebel indicated accounting for this possibility offset what could have been a very good month for the hospital.

With large numbers of visitors expected over the Independence Day holiday, the ICFO said SVH could anticipate a similar situation with July's books. Nonetheless, Goebel emphasized May's total patient revenues exceeded year-to-date averages by \$49,900. Overall the ICFO left board members with the conclusion that SVH is making steady progress toward a positive financial status.

Final tallies for the fiscal year ending May 31, showed SVH's total assets amounted to approximately \$5.6 million. This bested the previous year's asset total by more than \$1.5 million. Likewise in the liabilities column, SVH showed much improvement. This year's liabilities totaled more than \$2.7 million, which is significantly less than last year's total, which exceeded \$3.3 million.

After reviewing the monthly breakdowns and year-end totals, board members then addressed the proposed budget

for the 2009/2010 fiscal year and approved adoption by a unanimous vote.

NEW PLANS REVEALED

Prior to the governing board's session, members were given a brief tour of the site selected for the new hospital facility. The rectangular section of property is situated along Smith Street, east of the Lakeside True Value store. The land set aside measures approximately 14 acres and is bordered by some significant arroyos. However the majority of the property is of relatively level grade and appears to be ample for both the initial facility and potential future growth.

During the governing board's meeting CEO Rush unveiled a detailed layout of the facility she and her staff would like to see developed. Included in the layout was a primary hospital building, an administrative complex, emergency medical complex and additional facilities to house behavioral health and rural health care services.

All told, Rush said the entire facility would occupy approximately 85,000 square feet of space. She acknowledged the layout was a preliminary draft of what may actually be developed. However, SVH's CEO indicated the plan being

offered amounted to the best first step, both in terms of what would actually be needed in the new facility, as well as how it might be situated to optimize hospital functions.

Rush also responded to questions about possibilities of utilizing SVH's present facility to house some of the new hospital's services. She told the board if as little as 25 percent of the hospital's services were located in the present facility, the new hospital would lose its Critical Access status. As such a loss would significantly effect future funding and operations, Rush said the best course would be to push ahead for an entirely new facility incorporating all services.

On hand to deliver a summary of SVH Steering Committee's most recent session, chairman Gary Whitehead indicated he was pleased with the layout. He told board members the CEO's plan closely matched the Steering Committee's original estimates, specifically concerning the size of facility required.

The plan offered by CEO Rush and the appointment of a project manager were the two primary requests put forth by the Steering Committee during its most recent session. Rush told the board that a job description for the project manager (coordinator) was being finalized and stated the job would be posted within the coming week.

Whitehead said the layout and pending selection of a project manager would now allow the Steering Committee to move ahead with the new hospital's planning. He told the board a more detailed draft of the plan would likely be ready for review sometime in August. He then estimated a further revised plan would be in place for the Joint Powers Commission to consider during their September session.

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

Governing board vice-chair Nadyne Gardner-Daves reviewed a number of "Kudos" the hospital had received in recent weeks. These included positive feedback from patient surveys and personal notes of praise from individuals. In order to maintain an air of openness with the community, Bobby Allen suggested it would be a good idea to publish both the positive and negative feedback received by the hospital. Members agreed and instructed CEO Rush to assess the publishing and/or advertising costs such an effort might require.

The board addressed a potential conflict of interest involving executive development director Ann Filosa's

position as a paid employee of SVH and member of the hospital's Finance Committee. Members were divided as to whether or not a true conflict of interest existed, but ultimately agreed it most likely be best for Filosa to forego participation with the Finance Committee. They acknowledged committee appointments would be considered at the July 22 governing board session and indicated this issue could be resolved at that time.

Chairman D'Amour took a moment to acknowledge the Board's appreciation for the efforts of CEO Rush and ICFO Goebles. He presented each with a plaque formally thanking both officials for their expert guidance and direction, which have helped SVH realize a substantial financial turnaround in recent months.

Accountant Belinda Clotf outlined recent progress being

made toward the transition of all hospital department electronic record keeping noted the SVH Lab Radiology departments currently in line for conversion and said training program staff members were on-going. CEO Rush told the board the training rooms had been established to both help with electronic records effort as well as to improve the computer competency of members.

Rush further noted if present goals were met, SVH would be compliant with electronic records before the end of present calendar year.

During the board's elective session, members approved a two-year appointment consulting staff pathologist Irani, M.D. and also re-named the appointment of consultant podiatrist D. Vande DPM for another two-year

**Butte Beauts
Host Luncheon**

By Mary Wagner

The regular Butte Beauts Red Hat Society meeting was held at The Club Restaurant at the Sierra del Rio Golf Course in Elephant Butte on June 24.

We welcomed 16 Red Hat ladies, Marguerite Turner, Sue Randolph, Linda Timon and Rene Duneman were first time ladies at this chapter and we hope to have them full time. We were joined by the Queen Mom of the CadAbouts, Chris Valdez. Visitors and Sisters are always welcome.

The Roadrunner train trip from Belen to Santa Fe was an outstanding success, with 30 Red Hatters all decked out in their best finery walking around Santa Fe. We were quite the popular group, with people wanting to have their pictures taken with us and asking questions about the Red Hat Society. Bobbi Woolford, the Queen Mother of the Sassy Red Hats, and her group sponsored the trip. Thanks to the Sassy Red Hatters chapter for inviting the Butte Beauts to join in such a wonderful outing.

Another luncheon at the wonderful Pelham House was planned for and a date will be discussed at the next meeting. The October funny wig month was changed to September because of the October 28 swim party with lunch at the

Casa Taco. Remember to on your activity calendar.

A December exchange is being planned. Look for those cookie recipes that you think the ladies enjoy.

We had three birthdays celebrate this month: Bonnie Kohler, Katy Scheer and Lacey Ladies, remember is not important.

The Red Hat Funventic February 2010, which we held in Las Cruces, was cussed and everyone encouraged to put it on calendars as a fun week. This year the theme is "At the World." More details be made available as the gets closer.

The 50-50 drawing was by Bonnie Kohler. Door prizes were won by Katy Se Marguerite Turner, Duneman, Sue Randolph, Kitty Holm, Linda Tin Bonnie Kohler, Ma Kirchner, Dolly Lorimor Chris Valdez.

The meeting next will be held at The Restaurant at the Sierra del Rio Golf Course in Elephant Butte on July 22, at 11:30 a.m. in Rio Bravo Room. All from under 50 to 150 are come to attend the luncheon there are any questions Mary Wagner, Queen Mum 894-2782.

**Women of the Moos
Community Service Fundraiser**



Rib Dinner
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Moose Lodge 2050
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All net proceeds and donations go to Brandi Anton. Brandi, a single mother raising an 11 year old daughter, has lost one kidney due to an aggressive form of cancer and is currently undergoing treatment.

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Two suggestions include a lot on the corner of Rex Allen Drive and Arizona Avenue, or on Austin Boulevard, south of the new Public Safety building, "where the city owns some property," he said.

"We will build it for nothing," Robinson told the audience.

"How could you afford to do that?" asked Elaine Holcomb of Wilcox.

"It's part of the community development," he responded.

At a May 4 meeting on the senior center, Robinson had said he was aware that the Foundation for Senior Living (FSL) had built several senior centers in Southern Arizona.

Robinson felt there was a strong possibility they would be willing to construct a senior center on donated land.

Using the \$35,000 grant, they would provide the match of up to \$23,750 for up to 4,500 square feet, including an office, meeting rooms, kitchen, temporary care, and also providing operating funds for the first two years, said Robinson, adding that the city would be asked to waive any fees.

At the July 6 town hall meeting, McCourt said it has also been suggested the city purchase "a building in downtown to help revitalize the old downtown area."

Mayor Sam Lindsey talked about the old Border Patrol Station building on Downen Street. "I've been talking to Gifford's office and the Border Patrol about the old Border Patrol building," he said.

"I think if we pursued it we

could get it donated to us," Food Bank Director Rey Martinez said that the Food Bank has the space and commercial kitchen available for other space now that could be used.

While it could take as long as 18 months for new construction, the Food Bank could be a senior center up and running "within 60 days," he added.

Ray Beck of Wilcox said, "I know beggars can't be choosers, but the Food Bank would be a better decision. There's plenty of parking and they already have a kitchen and a game room."

In response to a question about ownership of the Food Bank building, Martinez said that it is a non-profit corporation.

McCourt explained that while a portion of the building was up for sale, the existing offices and kitchen was not.

"The Food Bank would be excellent, but what if it was sold," asked Beck.

McCourt replied that there would have to be some "very strong legal assurances" the city did not own the building.

He said that Martinez had indicated that the Food Bank board would be willing to make the commitment.

"The board is ready to make the commitment," Martinez reiterated.

"We don't want a room," replied Mary Jean Maxwell of Wilcox.

"We want a building - a beautiful building," Maxwell read aloud a letter she had written in response to McCourt.

After Maxwell's recent letter to the editor regarding the senior center, McCourt had invited

her to the town hall, and sent her copies of the minutes on the status of the project.

A senior center that could be successful "by creating a stimulating program that meets the physical and psychological needs of the elderly," she said.

Maxwell added that the senior center should be located in the center of Wilcox and be open Monday through Friday.

"I respectfully urge the City Council to take into consideration the elderly in Wilcox and the surrounding areas are not looking for charity or a form of welfare that can have a negative affect on their self-concept," said Maxwell, addressing three of the options.

Martinez "is to be commended for his effort to locate the senior center at the Food Bank, which provides food to the socio-economically deprived citizens of Wilcox," Maxwell said.

"However, the location unfortunately has a 'stigma' attached to it that may turn some middle class seniors off," she said.

"Consequently, the City Council should consider this bid but never-the-less true statement when making a location decision."

Maxwell approved of the option of adding onto the public library.

"In my opinion, seniors would look more favorably on being associated with the library environment, which represents education, stimulation of the mind through reading, challenging literature and keeping abreast of current events and other positive aspects of living," she said.



Mary Jean Maxwell

Maxwell addressed the third option of a location on the hospital campus.

"This option is interesting, however, a closer look reveals that there is an indisputable relationship between failing health and aging," said Maxwell. "Granted, hospitals represent healing and the pursuit of a good life. Yet, at the same time, hospitals also represent death and dying. Critics of the hospital campus analysis for a senior center would say, 'Why not build the senior center next to hospice?'"

"Ideally, the center should be located in a free standing building that has a cheerful environment, where age is respected and where the elderly can be free from age discrimination and the ravages of age related myths and stereotypes," she said.

"For a senior center to be successful, seniors must make an effort to participate in senior center activities, share their knowledge and goodwill with their peers and pursue organized activities with their fellow travelers through the elderly years of life that can too often be lonely and depressing," Maxwell added.

To develop and institute a successful senior center, "a committee should be appointed to contact a representative from the SunZia and Safford Senior Centers to discuss the successful components of a sen-

ior citizen center," she said.

"In other words, what works and what does not work," said Maxwell, adding that in her opinion, "the success of a senior center must have a paid coordinator."

"Historically, it has been established that the volunteer coordinator is not successful," she said. "It fails in its goals and objectives," she said.

Maxwell recommended that a paid coordinator could be considered the "local match."

"That SunZia Senior Center is very successful," said Rae Weiler of Wilcox.

"Maybe we should go there and see what does work," she said.

"That senior center in SunZia everyone is raving about, the seniors did themselves," said Delcie Schatz of Wilcox.

"They went out and helped raise their own money."

"I'm a pragmatic person," McCourt explained. "I want to find out what works for us (grant) to the best use for our community."

After a discussion on the possibility of the city obtaining grant money for the senior center, Maxwell offered husband Terry's expertise in grant writing and gerontology to assist the city.

"He has garnered \$2 million in grants for his programs," she added.

"You need people who understand gerontology and who understand how to write grants," Terry Maxwell said.

"A group of five people like that is more effective than a group meeting," he added.

In the end, McCourt said that he "wants one more public meeting at least," then "settle down to one option" to present to City Council.

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Sunderland added, "It's the right thing to move them back."

The move is contingent upon approval by the state School Facilities Board. But Wilcox Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Rundhaug said he is confident the board will approve the move at its Aug. 5 meeting, as there is no anticipation of growth that would require construction of additional facilities due to the move.

Rundhaug said the schools have the move under control, but if anyone would like to volunteer to help move classrooms, call the middle school at 384-4218 or the elementary school at 384-4216, or maintenance supervisor Tom Curran at 384-4854.

Also discussed at the July 14 meeting was changing high school hours for the 2009-10 school year. Arizona Department of Education regulations require 60-minute periods (or a combination of period and

time between classes) for Joint Technology Education District (JTED) classes (vocational/CTE classes), such as 53 minutes, with a seven-minute passing period (between classes).

"Snowflake (school district) had substantial funds withdrawn from the district because they were not following that regulation," Rundhaug warned.

But most schools do not have seven periods like Wilcox does. We want seven periods so that we won't jeopardize classes such as FFA, which is the best FFA program in the state, and students would have to choose between electing preparatory classes and FFA (or other electives). We also feel that with 24 credits required for graduation, and six periods for four years equating those 24 credits, the students would have to pass all 24 to graduate (with no leeway)," he said.

"We've weighed our options and feel we've found the best possible plan. We are looking at 53-minute periods with five-minute passing periods. I think we have a

strong argument for that."

Last year and in the past, periods have been 50 minutes.

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"Some voted the opinion that they'd like to see a closed campus for lunch (students could not leave campus during lunch time), and I'd like to be as safety-minded as possible. We'll look at this in greater detail this year, probably in the spring, as we are talking about a four-day school week in the fall."

The school day at the high school will begin with a warning bell at 7:45, with classes beginning at 7:50 a.m. School will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m. Last year, high school classes started at 7:55 and were dismissed at 3:05 p.m.

"We tried to do this with as little change as possible," said WHS Principal Linda LaFontana. "Class will begin five minutes earlier, and will be dismissed one minute later."

Two changes in the dis-

trict's policy handbook are related to athletics issues.

First, new head coaches will be hired by a committee, which will include one community member. Previously, they were hired only by the athletic director.

Second, the coaches will meet with parents not only prior to the season, but mid-season as well, to address concerns.

"These changes were 'community-driven' from 75 surveys handed out to parents of athletes in May," Rundhaug said, adding, "We will routinely pass our surveys that are season-specific, but not necessarily sport-specific (in the coming year), and we can revise the handbook as a result of the survey responses."

"Some parents, if they didn't have an avenue to express concerns and this is a way to let parents have their voices heard," he added.

Currently the school is still looking for high school boys' basketball, volleyball, golf and baseball head coaches for the 2009-10 year. If anyone is interested, please contact the school at 384-4214.

Also at the July 14 meeting, Rundhaug's contract was extended two years, from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. He did not receive a raise from his \$95,000 base salary (which includes health insurance) but a specific amount was put on his life insurance policy benefit, which previously was not number specific. Including the \$2,000 life insurance policy, Rundhaug makes an all-inclusive total of \$97,000 annually.

Finally, the 2009-10 district budget was approved. A nearly \$7.8 million budget includes \$7,175,960 in the maintenance and operations budget, \$276,193 in the unrestricted capital budget, and \$336,901 in the soft capital budget, which Rundhaug said the Legislature had based on a 1 percent sales tax, and is therefore still in question.

"I feel good about the process we went through this year regarding the budget. A lot of districts put people through a lot of heartache unnecessarily. We know we'd take a bit due to loss of enrollment and what the Legislature might do. But we

trusted in some good sources to help us not overreact," Rundhaug said. "My personal relationships with the Arizona School Administrators Association and Legislators got us through this better."

Rundhaug said that although they did not retire 10 positions that were lost through attrition, they have maintained a student-teacher ratio that is still lower than the state average.

The district used \$30,000 to \$60,000 of federal stimulus money issued to the school district to supplement salaries, and the rest of the \$325,000 sum will be used for needs in the school, such as technology purchases and staff development expenses, he said.

Rundhaug added, "We have no plans for major spending for the next two years in anticipation of what will happen when the stimulus money is no longer available. We have had no layoffs, we are frugal with our funds and we still offer a better education than an average state-wide."

- NOTICE -

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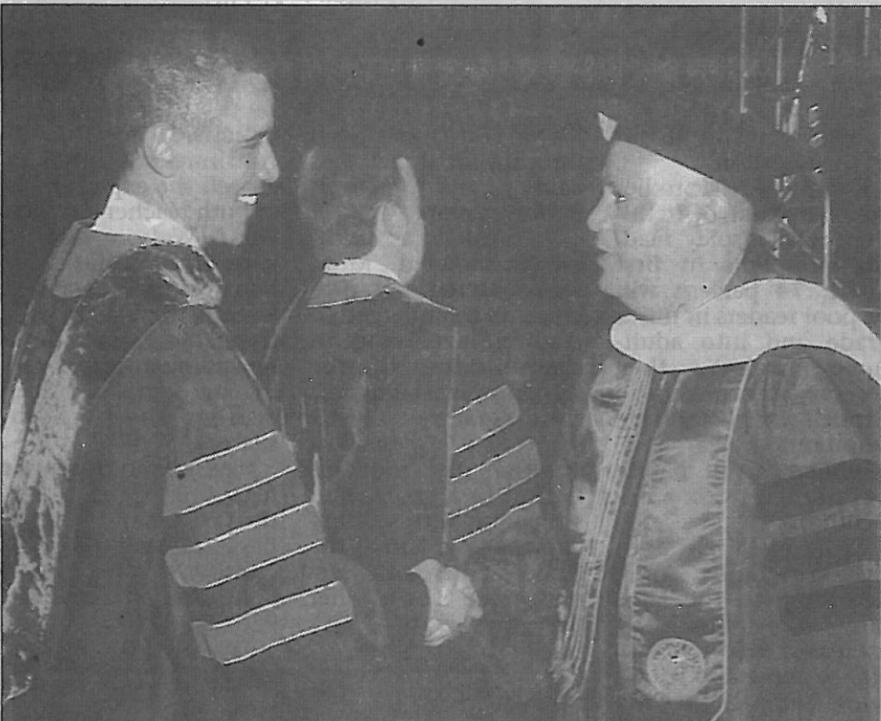
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BLM Extends Scoping Comment Period on Proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Project

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Alfonso Alva, right, shakes hands with President Obama as he receives his diploma from Arizona State University.

Alva obtains doctorate

Alfonso F. Alva obtained his doctoral degree in leadership in policy and administration studies this past May from Arizona State University. The graduation was honored by having President Barack Obama as its keynote speaker. Doctoral graduates got to shake his hand as they received

their diplomas. Alva is a 1986 graduate of Thatcher High School and is grateful to all of his teachers for their efforts in providing him the foundation for his accomplishment. He also thanks his father, John Alva, and kids Mandi, Cassi and Koby Alva.

Gila Prep registering

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Missions



Wayne Allen Stephenson
Wayne Allen Stephenson has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Concepcion Chile Mission. He reports to the Provo Mission Training Center on Aug. 5, 2009.

He will speak in the Safford Third Ward at the Stake Center on July 26 at 9 a.m.

Wayne is the son of Darrell and Lori Stephenson and the grandson of Seth and Nancy Allen and Stark Edward and Pauline Stephenson.



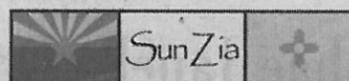
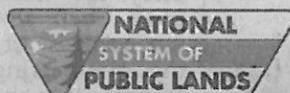
Calvin Richardson
Calvin Anthony Richardson has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the New Zealand Wellington Mission.

He will speak July 26, 9 a.m., at the Mount Graham Chapel and reports to the Mission Training Center on July 29. Family and friends are invited.

Calvin attended Safford High School. He is the son of Clay C. and Shelley A. Richardson.



Trent Christensen
Trent Christensen has been called to serve a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Chile Osorno Mission. He will speak in the Thatcher Seventh Ward on July 26 at the Thatcher Stake Center at 12:30 p.m. He is the son of Chad and Brenda Christensen and the grandson of Tommy and Kathy Mullenau and Tony and Mary Christensen.



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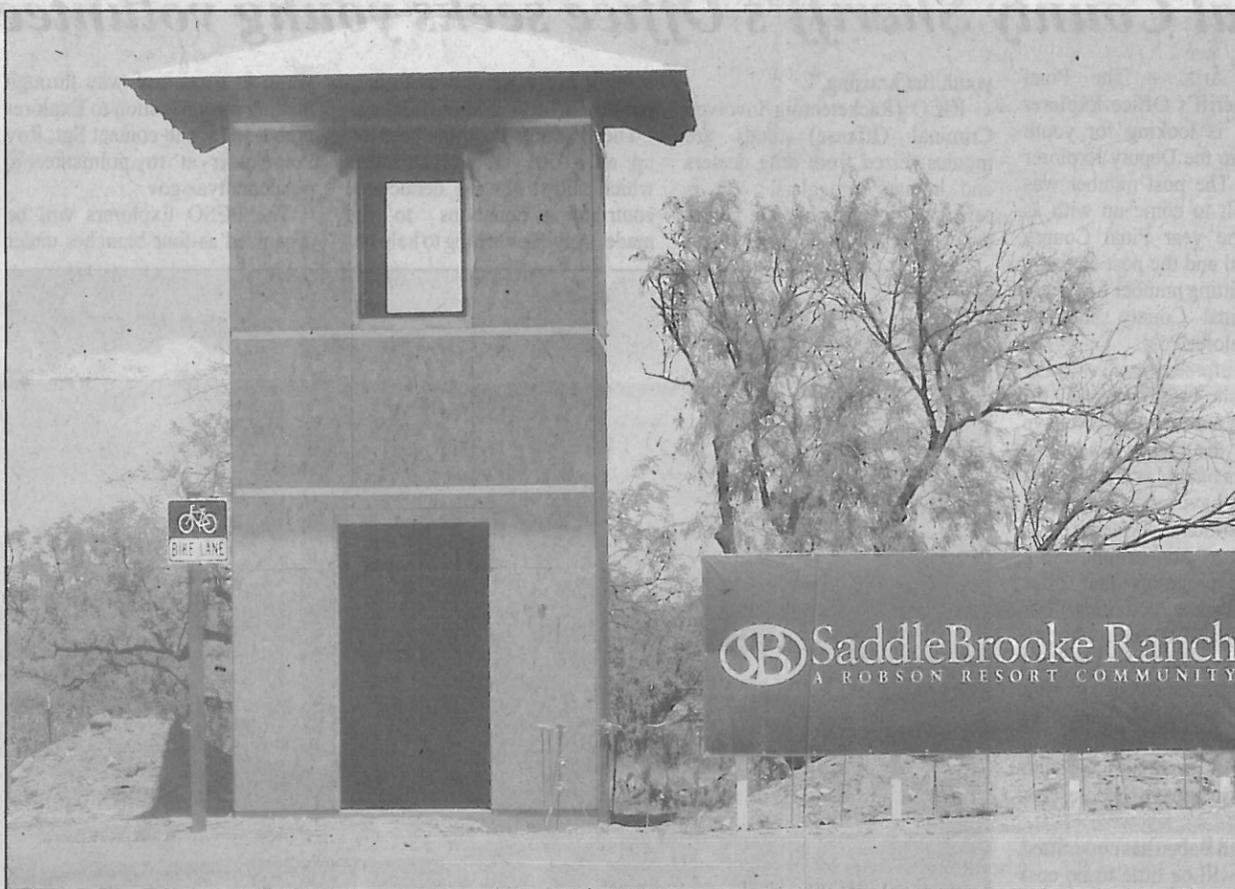
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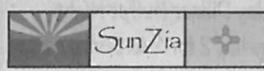
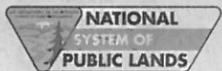
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Union reports lack of progress in talks with Grupo Mexico affiliate

PITTSBURGH – The United Steelworkers (USW) today met with local representatives to report on the lack of progress in labor negotiations between the union and Asarco, Inc., an affiliate of Mexico City based conglomerate Grupo Mexico and corporate parent of ASARCO. The meetings took place in Hayden and Kearny, Arizona with the presidents of the local unions representing over 1,200 employees at ASARCO's Arizona facilities.

Asarco, Inc. is attempting to regain control of ASARCO when it emerges from an almost four-year long bankruptcy, which began in August 2005.

The USW has already reached a labor agreement with Sterlite

USA in connection with a plan of reorganization supported by ASARCO, which provides for the long-term security of both the business and the employees and retirees of the company. Under the current labor agreement with ASARCO a new labor agreement with the USW is a necessary precondition to a plan of reorganization.

In the meetings, the USW and local leadership agreed to begin preparing for the possibility of a labor dispute if the parent company somehow regains control of ASARCO without having bargained a satisfactory new collective bargaining agreement with the USW.

"To this point, Asarco Inc. has failed to address our union's concerns about the long term viability of the business and the security of the jobs and benefits of ASARCO employees and retirees," said District 12 Director Robert LaVenture, who chairs the union's negotiations with Asarco, Inc.

The USW had a contentious relationship with Grupo Mexico from 1999 through 2005, when Grupo Mexico dominated ASARCO's

management. The company unilaterally modified retiree benefits during this period and, in July 2005, provoked an unfair labor practice strike which was only resolved after four months and the involvement of the bankruptcy court and the company's creditors.

In addition, a U.S. District Court has assessed billions of dollars in damages against a Grupo Mexico affiliate in finding that the affiliate engaged in a fraudulent transfer of stock of the Southern Peru Copper Corporation from ASARCO to the Grupo Mexico affiliate in 2003, aided and abetted ASARCO's directors in a breach of their fiduciary duty to ASARCO and ASARCO's creditors while controlling ASARCO during a period that ASARCO survived hand to mouth.

Since early in the bankruptcy case, ASARCO has been led by a new management appointed by an independent board of directors. In early 2007, the USW and ASARCO negotiated a groundbreaking new labor agreement that improved employee wages and benefits, secured retiree insurance programs and allowed

ASARCO the flexibility to operate competitively. Inc. has unsuccessfully obtained approval of that agreement by the courts.

Further negotiations between the Union and Asarco, Inc. are later this week, and the union to continue to pursue its goals of protecting the business in the context of Mexico's history.

In addition to its own negotiations, the USW negotiates on behalf of other unions that represent workers at ASARCO, including the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the Boilermakers, the International Union of Operating Engineers, Millwrights, Plumbers and Pipefitters, and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades.

The USW represents over 1 million active and retired employees in the United States and a wide variety of industries from mining, paper, steel, rubber and other manufacturing environments to the public service and health care industry.

Zambia, Part 24: If UNO Cards Could Fly

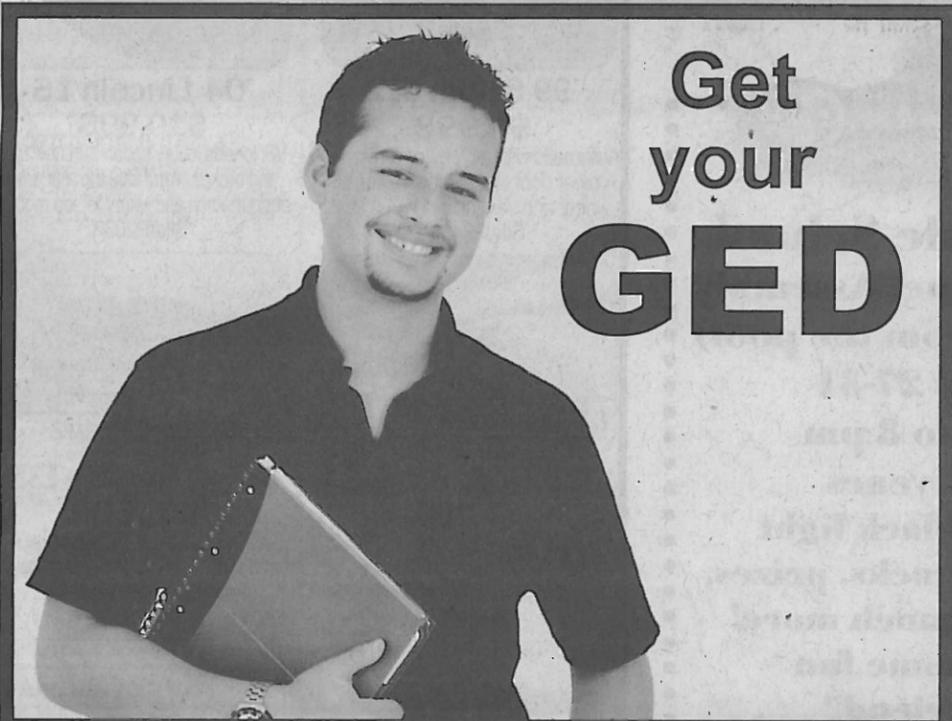
A travelogue from Chantel Sloan
Dear Family and Friends,

The children at the House of Martha were full of excitement today as they proudly wore "I Love Jesus" necklaces and bounced "Walking with Jesus" beach balls from one end of the yard to another. The moment I approached the house with just a few goodies, I was SWARMED by children, eager to see what I had with me, little hands reaching for a little taste of what I had to

offer. I flung coloring books, crayons, bubbles, necklaces, beach balls, and more into the excited masses, fearing a sudden revolt as little bodies pressed closer to me. When the nail polish made an appearance, you better believe that nails were painted and the boys became as giddy as the girls to have nails of red and sparkly pink . . . colored nails, what a novelty, even if you were of the male species.

I withdrew the UNO cards last, a favorite on previous trips. UNO

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INJURY ROLLOVER - A 15-year-old boy was flown to Thomason Medical Center in El Paso due to injuries he suffered in a rollover crash Wednesday afternoon, July 15. Cody Howes, 16, of TorC was eastbound on East Seventh Avenue and reportedly failed to stop at the intersection, striking a vehicle driven by 27-year-old Marlon Sanchez, who was northbound on Silver Street. Howes' passenger, Darien Moore, was ejected and struck the pavement. Moore, a dog, speakers and several other items were lying across the roadway. Moore was taken to Sierra Vista Hospital via ambulance and flown to an El Paso hospital due to severe swelling to his head and face. Howes, who had just received his driver's license earlier that day, will be cited for reckless driving.

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TRUCK VS. COW - Monticello resident Steve Pimentel received quite a shock when a large cow walked in front of his northbound vehicle along State Highway 142 Tuesday evening, July 14. Pimentel, Monticello Fire Chief, reportedly was stuck inside the vehicle for a few moments, but was freed by a responding Elephant Butte firefighter.

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 "Neither the law nor the rule provides a "free pass" on unexcused absences for students," said Education Secretary Veronica C. Garcia. "Nor does it change any of the punitive actions in the Compulsory School Attendance Law directed at truant students or parents of truants. Rather the amendments strengthen the requirement for schools to identify students with unexcused absences from school and requires schools to provide intervention strategies with both the students and the parents to help ensure the student is back in school."

School districts and charter schools will be required to review, update, or revise their attendance policies. These policies must be approved by the Public Education Department (PED). A copy of the rule may be accessed at: <http://ped.state.nm.us/Jeress2009/20090629-NMAC6.10.8proDosed.pdf>

From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 31, public input will be held for new Rule Number 6.29.4 English Language Arts <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/Jpress/2009/20090629-nmac6.29.4.pdf>

The 9-12 Language Arts content standards were revised in a two-year process that involved stakeholders from public schools, higher education, and the PED, including teachers, administrators and university professors. This new version has 47 total content standards in the following areas: Reading, Language, Communication, Writing, Research, Logic, Informational Text, Media and Literature. This is a New Mexico Public Education Department Making Schools Work reduction from the previous 59 content standards. The content standards have been reviewed by the American Diploma Project Benchmarks for College and Workplace Readiness to ensure that the standards prepare high school students for success in quality, high-growth jobs and college coursework. These new English Language Arts standards were found to be in alignment with the American Diploma Project.

"Rigor, coherence, focus, specificity, clarity and measurability are the criteria used by the American Diploma Project to judge our new standards," said Secretary Garcia. "I am confident that these standards will provide the guidance to our educators that will result in increased student achievement!"

The purpose of these public hearings will be to obtain input on the rules. Interested individuals may testify either at the public hearing or submit written comments regarding the proposed rulemaking to Kristine M. Meurer, Ph.D., Bureau Chief, School and Family Support Bureau, Public Education Department, 5600 Eagle Rock Ave, NE Room 201, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 (Kristine.Meurer@state.nm.us), fax (505) 222-4759. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2009.

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed on the Department's Website (<http://ped.state.nm.us>) or obtained from Kristine M. Meurer, Ph.D. Bureau Chief, School and Family Support Bureau, Public Education Department, 5600 Eagle Rock Ave, NE Room 201, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 (Kristine.Meurer@state.nm.us), phone (505) 222-4748 or fax (505) 222-4759. The proposed rules will be made available at least thirty days prior to the hearings.

Individuals with disabilities who require this information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in this meeting are asked to contact Kristine M. Meurer, Ph.D., as soon as possible. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.

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FENDER BENDER - Christine Sims was traveling west on Cook Street Thursday, July 16 when her automobile struck a pickup, driven by Cattle Inspector Horacio Armijo. Armijo was traveling south on Hyde and the two vehicles collided in the intersection. There was extensive damage to the Sims Chevrolet, but only slight damage to the Inspector's pickup. Sgt. Mike Apodaca was the investigating officer.

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TREAD SEPARATION - An unidentified female passenger was injured when she and the male operator on a motorcycle traveling southbound on I-25 were involved in a crash. The rear tire on the motorcycle experienced tread separation near Milepost 58. The woman was transported to Sierra Vista Hospital.

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ROLLOVER - Sierra Vista Hospital Ambulance personnel and emergency first responders from Caballo and Arrey fire departments, and Williamsburg Extrinsic assisted a family of five injured when their northbound SUV had a blowout and rolled near Milepost 62.

COURTESY photos/JEREMIA KENT

Public Hearings Scheduled for Changes in the Rule on Compulsory School Attendance and a New Rule on English Language Arts

Santa Fe - The Public Education Department will conduct public hearings on rule changes for Compulsory school attendance and a new

rule on English language arts in the State Capital Building, Room 317, 490 Old Santa Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, on Friday, July 31,

2009. Public input on Rule Number 6.10.8 Compulsory School Attendance will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). The amendments to the Compulsory School Attendance Rule aligns the Rule with changes that occurred to the Compulsory School Attendance Law during the 2009 Legislative Session. The amendments clarify the definition of unexcused absences, define what must be included in a charter school or school district's written attendance policy as well as requires these policies to be approved by the Public Education Department require schools to document unexcused absences including all attempts to notify parents and the strategies utilized for intervention.

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Reynolds Named WNMU Employee Of The Year

By Abe Villarreal
 SILVER CITY, N.M. Barbara Reynolds, administrative secretary and dispatcher for the Campus Police Office at Western New Mexico University, was named employee of the year.

Employed at WNMU since 1995, Reynolds has worked for both the Campus Police Office and the Business Affairs Office. "The best part of working at WNMU is interacting with the students," said Reynolds. Originally from Tularosa, New Mexico, Reynolds has lived in Silver City for 20 years. She is married to Silver City Chief of Police Ed Reynolds and has two children.

Director of Maintenance. Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public co-educational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.

The Campus Police office is made up of four full-time certified police officers. "WNMU is a very safe campus," said Reynolds. The office releases a monthly crime report of activity on the Silver City campus. No violent crimes have been reported in the 2009 calendar year.

"We really consider the safety and security of the students, faculty, and staff on campus," said Reynolds. Campus Police office also issues identification cards and parking permits to students and employees. Escort services are provided upon request. The Staff Senate Standing Committee on Rewards and



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C'zozo Considers Alarm Ordinance

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false alarms in one year, the result is a fine of \$250. The county's ordinance places the responsibility of determining the nature of the alarm on the alarm company before a sheriff's department officer is dispatched to the scene, Santos explained.

"In the ordinance, there's a very important clause," Santos said. "It says a monitoring company shall verify every alarm signal except a duress or hold-up alarm actuation before requesting a response from law enforcement."

Santos said that, prior to implementing the county's alarm ordinance, the sheriff's department responded to about 40 alarm calls per month, 99 percent of which were false alarms. The number of alarm calls has been reduced to about seven per month since adoption of the ordinance. The Village of Ruidoso has adopted a similar ordinance.

Town trustee Dennis Dunning remarked that the

county's alarm ordinance has caused the alarm companies to get better at what they do.

Santos said that certain types of alarms, like distress calls or panic button alarms always receive a response from law enforcement.

Weiser pointed out that her department is not required to respond to security alarms, although it has never failed to do so.

Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill suggested that, because the alarm companies provide a for profit service, they should be required to carry some of the responsibility for the systems.

"I believe we're going to see more and more false alarms if we don't do something," Hemphill said. He suggested scheduling a public hearing in August to consider the adoption of a municipal alarm ordinance.

People wanting to review the county's alarm ordinance can find it on the county's web site at www.lincolncountynm.net.



As the **LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS** enters its 104th year of being in existence (1905-2009), we will again be reprinting articles from old **NEWS**. The following article appeared in the *Lincoln County News*.

Thursday, July 26, 1968

The Long and Short of it is . . .

by Kit Carson / Albuquerque

CATS! CATS! CATS!

IT WAS ABOUT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING -- as usually in the such circumstances occur. The dawn YOWL ever heard, it seemed, broke the night atmosphere. It eerily originated from a bedroom window -- the most weird, curdling sound one can ever dream, of hearing. I had awakened with a start one can at such an ungodly hour of the so gruesome a squall. I remarked to "They're at it again, those hellacious

The cat family is enchanting, as behind them -- even since the time of Ark -- and also that which is ahead of. The species is not faithful to its master might term the canine, the dog -- long man's best friend." That's probably true cats and dogs fight. Cats never reach of being decidedly tame.

Certain encyclopedias describe the cat as a "small domestic carnivorous mammal like the lion, tiger, leopard, jaguar, and panther with retractile claws and acute senses, good in dim light."

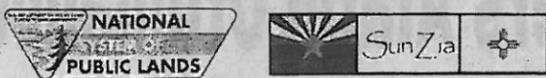
The species is, unquestionable, a domesticated animal, and Mr. Hyde sort of breed; and Robert Stevenson could have been inspired by the shiftlessness and due-features of those creatures. They are the house cat, just about straddle of the line as domestication is concerned.

They are strange, bizarre, freakish in comparison to other domestic animals, and mysterious in their everyday, and even movements. People say they have nine lives that they can't be tossed down upon the ground. And that it's bad luck to cross the trail of a black cat that is colored black. And when sacks of grain are carried many miles from their habitat, the cats usually find their way back. Most every way or the other, has trouble with the Noah during the Flood!

People, also, sometimes like to imitate the humorous side of the creatures, and tie their tails together -- and a few toss them over a clothesline, to see them fly. And it does not take an imaginative person to realize what a performance that could be put on by the fur that would fly!

They offer both creepy and haunting tales and actions to human beings, before and after. During my early manhood, I remember "sitting up" with a very sick neighbor on the brink of eternity. It was thought he would pass into the Great Beyond. It was a cold, clear, crisp night when a frost had covered the countryside -- at three o'clock in the morning. The neighbor had traveled far and wide.

We three sat silently during the night, and could sense the end for the patient was near. He died. He very close relatives retreated to their own quarters, and I stayed in the open hallway of the simple old farmhouse.



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County Hazard Plan

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Apache Tribal Emergency Management and Hazard Mitigation teams.

Atwell told the county commissioners that the HMP revisions are necessary if the county expects to ever need federal emergency or disaster assistance in the future.

"In the event we have another flood, if we do not have a Hazard Mitigation Plan already adopted by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), it affects your money," Atwell said. "FEMA's cutting down hard on it and that's why we're pushing. If you do not have a plan in place, they limit what they actually reimburse you for."

After the county's new HMP is approved and adopted by the county commissioners, it must then be approved by the New Mexico Hazard Mitigation Officer and FEMA to become effective, Atwell explained.

"Once we have this in place we can start getting some more funding and start dealing with the issues and hazards that we do have," Atwell said. "We're moving forward."

County commissioner Tom Battin reminisced about the emergency response after flooding in 2008. He commended Atwell, the Lincoln County Road Department and the Village of Ruidoso for their efforts during that event.

Forest Service Identifies Grant Proposal Projects

The Forest Service has identified 13 projects eligible to receive up to \$3.9 million in federal grant money through New Mexico's Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP). The grants are authorized under the 'Community Forest Restoration Act' (P.L. 106-393) signed into law in 2000.

The projects selected promote healthy watersheds, reduce the threat of wildfires, and improve the functioning of forest ecosystems by reducing the number and density of small diameter trees on public forest lands in New Mexico.

The Claunch Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District is to receive \$213,268 for Ojo Peak-wildfire remediation and monitoring project.

The 13 funded 2009 CFRP projects are the best of 39 projects submitted to an

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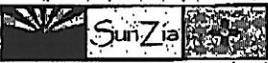
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Rising unemployment fueling more real estate foreclosures

BY ALAN ZIBEL AND TAMMY WEBBER
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON - Relentlessly rising unemployment is triggering more home foreclosures, threatening the Obama administration's efforts to end the housing crisis and dimming hopes the economy will rebound with vigor.

In past recessions, the housing industry helped get the economy back on track. Homebuilders ramped up production, expecting buyers to take advantage of lower prices and jump into the market. But not this time.

These days, homeowners who got fixed-rate prime mortgages because they had good credit can't make their payments because they're out of work. That means even more foreclosures and further declines in home values.

The initial surge in foreclosures in 2007 and 2008 was tied to subprime mortgages issued during the housing boom to people with shaky credit. That crisis has ebbed, but it has been replaced by more traditional



In this photo taken April 23, 2009, Robin Lewis sits in her kitchen surrounded by jugs of water in Rockford, Ill. Lewis, whose water and heat have been shut off, is trying desperately to save her home from foreclosure.

AP photo/M. Spencer Green

foreclosures tied to the recession. Unemployment stood at 9.5

percent in June and is expected to rise past 10 percent and well into next year. The last time the

U.S. economy was mired in a recession with such high unemployment was 1981 and 1982.

But the home foreclosure rate then was less than one-fourth what it is today.

Housing wasn't a drag on the economy, and when the recession ended, the boom was explosive.

No one is expecting a repeat. The real estate market is still saturated with unsold homes and homes that sell below market value because they are in or close to foreclosure. "It just doesn't have the makings of a recovery like we saw in the early 1980s," says Wells Fargo Securities senior economist Mark Vitner, who predicts mortgage delinquencies and foreclosures won't return to normal levels for three more years.

Almost 4 percent of homeowners with a mortgage are in foreclosure, and 8 percent on top of that are at least a month behind on payments - the highest levels since the Great Depression.

Because home values have declined so dramatically, many people can't refinance. To combat the foreclosure crisis and help stabilize home prices,

President Barack Obama launched an effort in March to help.

9 million people avoid foreclosure by helping them refinance or modifying their loans to lower their payments.

But that's of no help to people who can't even afford the lower payments because they're making much less money or have lost their jobs altogether.

As of early July, about 160,000 borrowers were enrolled in three-month trials of loan modifications under the plan, according to preliminary figures from the Treasury Department.

Meanwhile, 1.5 million American households were threatened with losing their homes in the first six months of this year, foreclosure listing service RealtyTrac Inc. said Thursday.

While high-level pressure on the mortgage industry could help, "There's nothing there that's going to help people who don't have jobs," said Jay Brinkmann, chief economist with the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Tucson couple happy about move to Red Rock

BY SHELLEY SHELTON
Arizona Daily Star

RED ROCK - Yep, it's a heck of a drive to Red Rock from Tucson. That fact comes up repeatedly in conversation with people who have moved to the area in the past couple of years. But they also say it's worth it.

And despite the distance, construction in Red Rock Village - the Pulte Homes master-planned community in Red Rock - has moved along steadily even as other builders closer to town have gone into bankruptcy and new neighborhood development has screeched to a halt elsewhere.

Red Rock is just over the Pima-Pinal county line from Marana, easily a good 20- to 30-minute drive up Interstate 10 from the Arizona Pavilions business district toward the southern end of Marana.

Many Red Rock residents consider Arizona Pavilions to be the nearest shopping to where they live. They can go there or get off I-10 at West Tangerine Road and head east to the Dove Mountain area, which has sprouted some new grocery stores. It's about the same distance either way.

Until March, Shawn Ryden, her husband, Pat, and their children lived near East Broadway and Houghton Road. They had been trying since last year to sell their home so they could move to Red Rock Village.

Ryden goes to Phoenix regularly, she said, and the move lopped an hour off her drive time.

And she works near East 22nd Street and South Columbus Boulevard, but she has found little change in her time commitment to get to work in the morning because now she takes the freeway instead of driving on surface streets as before, she said.

"When I go into town, I just do everything when I go in," she said. And she's gotten to know her neighbors better in Red Rock than at anywhere else she's lived because they depend on each other for small errands sometimes. They'll check to see whether anyone needs anything before heading out to the store, she said.

It puts a new spin on the notion of borrowing a cup of sugar.

The separation from more populated areas has fostered an entrepreneurial spirit for some.

Susan Arriens and her husband, Darrin, moved to Red Rock Village with their two children about two years ago.

They were the ninth family to move in, she said. Pulte has closed on about 400 homes since then.

When Susan Arriens was laid off not long after moving, she began baby-sitting a few children in her home for friends in

the neighborhood.

By the end of this month, she plans to open the Red Rock Child Care and Pre-K Center in the building that housed Red Rock Elementary until recently.

"The demand has just gone out of control out here for child care and for preschool," she said.

With a staff of seven and an initial capacity for 75 children, Arriens is leasing two classrooms - one for child care and one for preschool. She's waiting for Pinal County to do the final inspections and give her the go-ahead, which she expects will be within the next couple of weeks.

Her husband - who worked for 96.1 KLPX radio in Tucson - also was laid off and has since found work in Colorado, but Arriens is staying put with their two children, ages 6 and 9, with hopes that Darrin will be able to return home soon.

"I'm planting roots with this business. I'm done. I love this neighborhood. I have some of the best friends in this neighborhood that I've ever had," she said.

Sales manager Lori Galbrecht said that in 20 years of working for Pulte, she hasn't seen a group of neighbors become so close so quickly.

She was surprised to see Sunday block parties pop up, she said.

And consumers have gotten good at the "value equation," said Shawn Chlarson, Tucson division president for Pulte.

In other words, they calculate the extra cost for gas for their commutes and compare that with other savings - for example, having a lower house payment than people who live closer to or in the city.

The distance situation is a matter of perception, he said. Once people visit, they realize it's manageable, and they often decide to buy.

The continued growth is evident in the school district. Red Rock Elementary District - which has one K-8 school, with plans for another down the road - moved to a new, bigger school building for the last school year.

Superintendent Myke Hitchcock said enrollment will have roughly tripled in the last three years by the time school opens this year.

When school starts again, there will be about 300 students and 14 teachers.

New residents have blended well with the people who lived in Red Rock before Red Rock Village opened, Hitchcock said.

"It's growing gradually. Not as fast as Pulte expected it, and not as fast as we expected it, but it does continue to grow," he said. "We've really come together as a community."

U.S. homebuilding numbers jump in June

BY ALAN ZIBEL
AP Real Estate Writer

WASHINGTON - Construction of new U.S. homes rose in June to the highest level in seven months as builders rushed to pour foundations for homes that must be completed by the end of November for first-time buyers to take advantage of a special tax break.

The Commerce Department said Friday that construction of new homes and apartments jumped 3.6 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 582,000 units, from an upwardly revised rate of 562,000 in May.

It was better than the 530,000-unit pace economists expected, and was the second straight monthly increase after April's record low of 479,000 units.

"This was the most positive housing report in ages," wrote Patrick Newport, an economist with IHS Global Insight.

Homebuyers are being attracted by lower prices, and first-time buyers also can take advantage of a tax credit worth 10 percent of the purchase price, with a cap of \$8,000, which was included in the federal stimulus package.

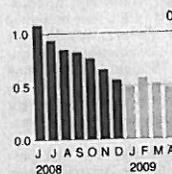
"The largest spark ... has been the looming deadline," said David Crowe, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders. His trade group

Housing starts

New privately owned housing units started:

Seasonally adjusted annual rate

1.5 million units



SOURCE: Department of Commerce AP

said Thursday that the confidence level of builders has risen to the highest level in nearly a year.

Shares of major homebuilders rose on the news.

Over the past three years, the collapse in the housing market led to soaring loan losses, a severe banking system crisis and the longest recession since World War II. Even with the better-than-expected figures, the pace was still 46 percent below last year, and analysts don't expect a quick rebound. That's because companies are still shedding jobs and home prices are falling.

"There's still a long way to

go before one wants to declare anything that begins to look like a strong recovery or success," said Rebecca Blank, undersecretary of commerce for economic affairs.

The Federal Reserve this week projected that the national unemployment rate, currently at a 26-year high of 9.5 percent, will pass 10 percent by the end of the year. Unemployment has already passed that mark in 15 states and the District of Columbia last month, according to federal data released Friday.

The rate in Michigan surpassed 15 percent, the first time any state has hit that level since 1984.

Most Fed policymakers said

it could take five or six years for the economy and the labor market to get back on a path of long-term health. To get there, consumers must return to a regular spending groove and housing prices need to start rising again.

The jump in housing starts last month reflected a more than 14 percent rise in construction of single-family homes, the largest monthly increase since December 2004. Construction of multifamily units - a particularly volatile part of the market - fell nearly 26 percent from a month earlier.

Meanwhile, applications for building permits, seen as a good indicator of future activity, rose almost 9 percent in June.

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fall concert which is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Pence Center.

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Rentals

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Arson

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obliterated in both fires, which Poindexter said is not typical and is another indication that something like gasoline may have been used to initiate the blazes.

According to Poindexter, both

port the theory that an accelerant was used in both instances. If evidence supports that both were arson, the case will roll over to the Eloy Police Department for evidence collection and further investigation.

Just A Thought

Everyone needs a big hairy audacious goal

by RICK KRAFT
The sign on my desk says dream big." It is a reminder to avoid the "thinking small syndrome." If we set goals that are small enough, then each of us can accomplish 100% of the goals we set. Big deal.



Rick Kraft

What if a young child looked into your eyes and innocently asked you "Mr. or Mrs. [Name] and such, do you have a dream?" How do you respond? Do you freeze? Do you go sideways or backwards with your answer?

Best-selling author Jim Collins writes that everyone needs "A Big Hairy Audacious Goal" or a "BHAG" for short. Do you have a BHAG?

Do you have a dream that will take much effort and dedication over an extended period of time to reach? One that you can barely see the edge of, but that, one step at a time, you can get to the edge and then take one step further? Do you have a dream that is way outside your comfort zone? A dream that is bigger than you? One so big that you may even fail in your efforts to accomplish it, but one that is worth the risk?

I have had the opportunity of running 19 marathons. Each is 26.2 mile run. It is estimated that it takes 37,000 steps to complete a marathon. That means to complete a marathon a person needs to take a first step, a second step, a third step, and so on... But it happens one step at a time. You can't get to the finish line without taking the twelve thousandth (2,000) step and the twenty-six thousandth (26,000) step. It just won't happen. Running a marathon, like any other significant accomplishment, is not something you wake up one morning and impulsively decide to do. It takes planning and then four to six months of executing the plan. All of this to be able to take the final step across the finish line.

In preparing for my first marathon, doubts of whether or not I could finish were prevalent. If your dream is big enough there

will be doubts at times of whether or not you can truly accomplish your dream. In running a marathon, the term "hitting the wall" is associated with what occurs around the twenty mile mark. A person's body begins to shut down and the mental drive has got to overcome the fatigue of these most difficult miles. Some can't conquer it and drop out of the race. They miss the experience of the final step.

The trick in setting a BHAG is to seek to accomplish something attainable by you individually. Hopefully one that takes into account your gifts and talents. A man who is six feet tall may have a dream of being a jockey, but it is not a realistic dream considering his individual attributes.

In running a marathon of any size there are always people ahead of you and people behind you. Good for them! But they aren't your benchmarks. To accomplish your goal, you need to focus on the steps you need to take independent of the person who just passed you or the one ahead of you who just pulled off the course. You are chasing your dream, not theirs.

It is always advantageous to have others who will encourage you along the way. A sure way to fail is to surround yourself with negative people. Enough of these will dash your motivation and derail you from your dream. Interact with people who believe in you and believe you can accomplish your BHAG.

There will be a cost to your journey. It will take you sacrificing. You must give up something to get something. The question is, how bad do you want your dream?

What are you willing to give up to get it? You likely live full days already. And there are only 24 hours in a day. In order to move forward towards your dream, you have to give up something. Some would say "consider the sacrifice." A top tier golfer doesn't just pick up a club one day and go out and shoot a five under par. He

does so because of countless hours of practicing year after year. Commitment is always critical. If you don't commit to your goal, you have no wheels to advance with. I could argue that failure to commit is the biggest reason that dreams don't ever get off the drawing board.

In every instance you must be intentional. Your BHAG is not going to find you. If you want milk, it is not a good strategy to sit in the middle of a field with a bucket and hope that a cow eventually finds you.

As is the case in running a marathon, pacing may be a key element to accomplishing your goal. A quick sprint gives you short term progress, but it may cause you to pay the price at the tail end.

No BHAG is ever easy. If it is, it is not much of a goal.

My challenge to you today is to identify with specificity a BHAG that is bigger than you. If you haven't done so already, begin the journey towards your dream. As it is with running a marathon, it happens one step at a time. Stay focused. Stay committed. Be intentional. Pace yourself. Give it your best.

Each of my 19 times crossing the marathon finish line has had the same impact on me. A fulfilled sense of accomplishment and tears. May you accomplish your BHAG. May you take that final step over the finish line and be able to raise your arms high up in the air and celebrate your latest accomplishment and may you be able to wipe tears from your eyes.

Just a thought... Rick Kraft is a motivational speaker, a published author, and an attorney. To submit comments, contributions, or ideas, e-mail to rkraft@kraftandhunter.com or write to P.O. Box 850, Roswell, New Mexico, 88202 - 0850.

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A Picture From The Past

Submitted by EDMUND SAUCEDO/Lordsburg
Photos courtesy TERESA CORRAL BRAVO/Lordsburg



In Memoriam

Joe Alexander "Alex" Salazar

(1937 - 2009)

1956 Lordsburg High School graduate. Alex was the son of the late Opal Gutierrez Salazar and Clemente Salazar.

Meaning of the Flag-Draped Coffin

Courtesy submission
Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, "In God We Trust."

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!



The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to, the symbol of Liberty and Freedom.

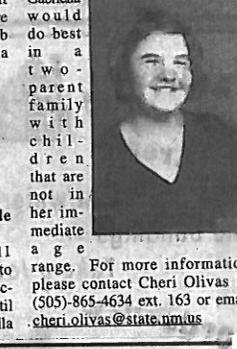
Foster, adoptive parents needed in New Mexico

Submitted by CYFD
Becoming a foster or adoptive parent can make a huge difference in the life of a child. Join us for an information meeting to be held this month of February in your area. Please call Ronny Diaz, CYFD Foster & Adoptive Parent Recruiter at (575) 434-5950 ext. 121 for more information or visit us on the web at www.cyfd.org. Se Habla Espanol

loves to dance and in her spare time can also be found playing computer games. She likes being around animals, especially dogs. When Gabriella is hungry, she enjoys Mexican food... preferably homemade beans and chili.

Foster or Adopt a New Mexico Youth

Name is Gabriella C. Age: 11 years old. Grade: 5th. Favorite Food(s): Homemade beans and chili. Charming Gabriella is an 11 year old 5th grader who loves to learn new things. She is a perfectionist who works on tasks until they are done correctly. Gabriella



CLASS OF 1959 REUNION

Lordsburg High School
Lordsburg, New Mexico

It's been fifty years since we've seen each other. NOW is the time to get together and catch up on all the news. Join us in this event while we can still remember who we are!

Registration will be at Triple J Café on October 16 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., followed by the Friday night LHS football game. On October 17, a reception will be held at Triple J Café from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. A picnic will be held on October 18 at the Special Events Center, located behind LHS. The cost for these events will be \$50 for couples and \$25 for singles.

Please complete the registration form below and return it with your registration fee by August 31, 2009. After this date, the late registration fee will be \$60 a couple and \$30 for singles. Make check payable to the "59 Class Reunion" Mail to Sandra Shoon, PO Box 394, Lordsburg, NM 88045.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Dinner Preference: _____ American _____ Mexican

NATIONAL SYSTEM OF PUBLIC LANDS SunZia

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THANK YOU!

- On behalf of the Rodeo Community Association here in Rodeo, NM we would like to thank the following people/business for their wonderful donations towards our annual 4th of July parade:
 - *Columbus Electric: \$200
 - *Lightbuckets.com \$100
 - *Valley Telephone: \$100
 - *Smith Ford(Lordsburg): \$100
 - *Moddux and Sons: \$100
 - *Rodeo Realty(Karen): \$100
 - *Paula Jenkins/Casa Adobe B&B: \$100
 - *Desert Museum: 15 hats, 5-\$20.00 gift certificates, Calendars/books and 4-free t-shirt certificates
 - *William's Trucking(Rodeo): 75.00 and 2-tshirts
 - *Santa Fe Ingredients: \$50.
 - *Western Bank: 1- \$50 savings bond
 - *Rodeo Natural Market: \$50 gift certificate
 - *Danielle's Therapeutic Massage: 1 free massage
 - *Maid Rita Feeds: 2-\$25 gift certificates
 - *Qualway Cottage(Parola): \$50
 - *Lynn and Amy Chenoweth: \$50
 - *Rodeo Tavern gift certificate
 - *Rodeo Grocery: 3- free dinners with drinks for 2- gift Certificates
 - *Rodeo RV Park: 3- free large 2-topping pizza gift certificates
 - *Rodeo Tavern: 1- free large supreme pizza certificate and a t-shirt
 - *Hidalgo County Herald: 2- free subscriptions for a year certificates
 - *Ebrock Water: \$35
 - *Portal Peak Lodge: 1 night stay at the lodge with breakfast, lunch and dinner for 2
 - *Ropa(Lordsburg): \$25.00 gift certificate
 - *Roger McKisson: 1-painting and 1-coffee mug
 - *McDonald's(Safford/Wilcox): 26- free sandwich certificates
 - *Mountain Valley Lodge(Rodeo): 2 night stay in a RV space certificate
 - *Larry Rivers: 6 balls of hay
 - *Rusty's RV Ranch: free 2-night stay
 - *Desert West Motel(Road Forts): 1-free room and 1-free meal certificates
 - *Casa de Oroclon(Danny): 4 gift baskets
 - *Words Tite(Animas): Free-oil change up to 6 quarts) certificates
 - *AM/FM Treasures(Rodeo): 2 hats, 1-hair bonnetie and 1-necktie
 - *Southwest Research Station: 2-kids books, 1-toy bag and 2-tshirts
 - *Captive Bird Wildlife Foundation(Jeff & Kim Gee): 4-monkeys, 4 key chains and 2-tshirts
 - *Stevie and Greg Wayman: Bird-opoly board game and blossom lights
 - *Safeway(Douglas): \$20.00 gift card
 - *Jennie Williams: \$10.00
 - *Rodeo Chicahua Gallery: 1- gallery t-shirt
 - *Harriet's Shirts: Jans of Rodeo honey
 - *Cori Patty: Neon clock, mini clock and an angel figurine
 - *Jr. Gomez: The Other Rodeo" book
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LOOKING BACK

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



**MARVIN
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Out of the Past

75
years ago
1934

- L.E. Freudenthal left for Berkeley, Calif., to attend a meeting of the Institute of Agriculture Irrigation, an affiliate of the American Farm Bureau Federation
- County deputy treasurer A.L. Williams was named district cotton adjuster for the Bank Act Program.

50
years ago
1959

- The Health Department reported the county's sixth poliomyelitis case, and 755 Salk inoculations were given at Lucero Elementary School in a program sponsored by the Junior Women's Club.
- The Summer Recreation Water Carnival, which featured 80 youths in 16 acts, drew 800 people at the Municipal Pool.

- Graham's, Inc., which ran a mortuary, was granted an ambulance service permit.

25
years ago
1984

- Fire Chief Juan G. Apodaca retired after 49 years of service, 26 years as chief. When he took over as chief, the department had four vehicles, five paid firemen and 20 volunteers. When he retired, it had 13 vehicles and 60 paid firemen. He started as a volunteer while he was working with the Warren Lumber Co. and had received permission to respond to fire alarms. The worst fire he responded to was on Feb 27, 1946, when fire broke out on a gasoline tank yard southwest of the railway depot. The regular firemen and more than 20 volunteers did not have fire retardant foam, and the flames destroyed tanks, warehouses and a cotton seed cleaning plant.



New Mexico State University Library, Archives and Special Collections

The former Federal Court House on Church Street that recently served as a Magistrate Court. It contained a courtroom and offices on the second floor and a post office on the ground floor.

- The League of United Latin American Citizens Council No. 53 won the National LULAC Youth Council trophy during an El Paso convention. Local members also won awards: Lupe Hernandez, La Mesa, Young Man of-the-Year; Efren Saaveda, San Miguel, Youth Supervisor of-the-Year; and Nanci Vasquez, Las Cruces, was elected second vice president of the LULAC Youth Council.

- Ring judges awarded a 10-round lightweight boxing decision to Charlie Brown over Las Cruces' Louie Burke in a nationally televised match before 7,000 fans at Pan American Center.

- Loma Heights Elementary School teacher Ima Lee Wells was elected vice president of the National Educational Association for New Mexico.

- Some irrigation deliveries were late as the Elephant Butte Irrigation District was delivering 16,400 acre-feet a day, a limit for the district's canals; to fill orders brought on by high temperatures, manager

William J. Saad reported.

- The Blue Jays won the Mickey Mantle League City title after beating the Bulldogs 3-2.

- The Third Judicial Court reported 35 books were missing from its library. Judge James Martin believed some attorneys were borrowing books and forgetting to return them.

10
years ago
1999

- The city approved revenue bond issues totaling \$19 million for street repairs and flood control projects.
- The American Legion Post 10 baseball team won a doubleheader over Rio Rancho Post 118 with scores of 6-7 and 6-4.

(Sources: New Mexico State University Library's Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections)

Mesilla Valley Hospice

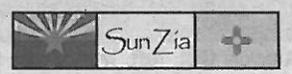
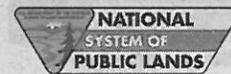
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Citizens Prepares For New T-or-C Home SCEDO Talks

Spaceport Center



(SENTINEL Photo/Chuck Wentworth)

RE IN HAND - Citizens Bank President and CEO Justin Harper (right) and T-or-C Branch manager Jerry Stagner offer an architectural concept of the new offices, which will soon be built on the corner of Date Street and New School Road in T-or-C. The new bank will be situated facing Jackson Mountain, with ample parking and easy access. Construction is expected to begin in August and bank officials anticipate the new offices will be open to the public by next summer.

By Chuck Wentworth
SENTINEL
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The T-or-C offices of Citizens Bank are quite modern and the firm have had property and will be constructing an attractive home in the heart of the community.

Located in a temporary building at 1702 North Date Street, the city's newest financial institution plans to begin construction of a permanent building at 1920 North Date Street in early 2010. The site, occupied by Dairy Queen and a Car Wash, is at the hub of the city's main street. With Date Street being its primary artery, nearby shopping and the new Sierra County's new building to be built just across the street, the property promises to be one of the area's most convenient locations well into the future.

"Citizens [Bank] is the hometown bank of Las Cruces," said President and CEO Justin Harper, also noting the institution has been in operation there for 40 years. "The move to establish this branch in T-or-C represents our first venture outside of Las Cruces and emphasizes the close relationship we feel exists between the two communities," added Harper.

President Jerry Stagner, who served in a similar capacity with T-or-C's State National Bank for approximately 13 years, heads the local branch of Citizens Bank. Well known throughout the community, Stagner brings an immediate air of credibility to the new endeavor.

In addition to his familiarity with Sierra County and its residents, Stagner said he feels Citizens Bank will appeal to the community by offering quality customer service and

other opportunities not available through the city's other lending institutions. "Citizens specializes in customer service," said Stagner. "We also have a service-seven security license, which gives us the ability to provide unique investment services that no other bank in Sierra County can offer."

Stagner emphasized he has already been very pleased with the community's response to Citizens T-or-C branch. He noted, "When we started, I felt we might be operating in the red for the first two or three years, but we were in the black after only 8 months."

Obviously, the community has room for another financial institution and Citizens Bank appears ready and willing to set a firm foundation in T-or-C. Architectural drawings of the new facility are being finalized and CEO Harper said he would expect to see preparations

begin at the site sometime this fall.

The construction of Citizens Bank's T-or-C offices will mark the beginning of a new chapter in the community's history, but at the same time it will mark the end of Dairy Queen's presence on the familiar corner. Harper said signed agreements stipulate the owner of Dairy Queen, Steve Glines, would have until at least the end of August before he would have to bring operations there to a close.

Numerous calls have been placed to Mr. Glines, in order to inquire about the future of Dairy Queen and his plans for the coming months, but as of press time, no response has been received.

BLM Oil, Gas Lease Sale Nets Over \$7.8 Million

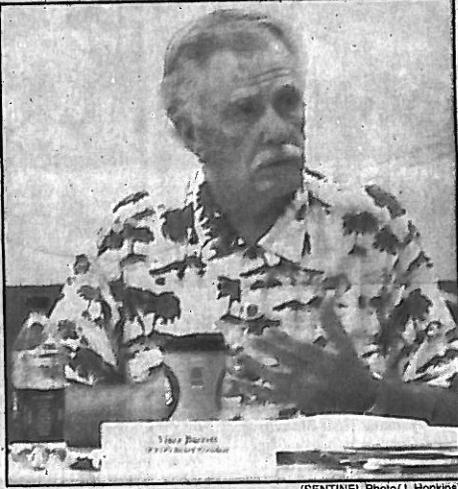
By Donna Hummel

A quarterly oil and gas lease sale administered by the Bureau of Land Management netted \$7,894,551 in revenues today from the sale of 74 federal leases in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas. The total includes bonus bids, administrative fees and first-year rentals. The oral auction took place at the BLM's State Office Building in Santa Fe; a total of 53 bidders registered for the auction.

In New Mexico, bids for 37 parcels brought in over \$2.3 million; in Oklahoma, bids for four parcels brought in over \$81,000; in Texas, bids for 14 parcels brought in just over \$5.4 million and in Kansas seven parcels brought in \$8,074. No bids were received for 12 parcels: five parcels in New Mexico, four in Texas, two in Oklahoma and one parcel failed to sell in Kansas.

The highest bid per acre for a parcel in the sale was \$5,100 for 80 acres in Eddy County, NM, by Marbob Energy Corporation of Artesia, NM (\$408,000 total). The highest overall total per parcel was \$3,824,820 for 786 acres (\$4,860 per acre) in Shelby County, TX by J. Bar Cane, Inc. of Stanley, NM.

The next BLM federal oil and gas lease sale is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 at the Courtyard by Marriott, 3347 Cerrillos Road in Santa Fe, NM. Public review and comment on the parcels nominated for this sale are due July 27. A complete list of nominated parcels can be found at www.blm.gov/nm.



(SENTINEL Photo/J. Hopkins)

ON THE JOB - Mr. Vince Barrett chaired his first SCEDO session July 23. He was elected to head the county's economic development organization in June.

By J. Hopkins
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The board of the Sierra County Economic Development Organization (SCEDO) learned July 23 that the agency did not receive the fourth quarter budget allocation from the City of T-or-C.

The snafu was the result of a change in the way the city allots funds to outside agencies. A change was made in the dates for cash requests; any requests that came in after June 15 were not paid for the fiscal year that ended June 30.

The result was that the SCEDO budget showed a temporary balance in the red, to the tune of about \$1,000. The funds will be forthcoming during the current fiscal year.

New SCEDO Board President Vince Barrett said that he has been in conversations with the city about the spaceport welcome center. Spaceport America is seeking to have SCEDO help staff their T-or-C Visitor Center at the former firehouse at the base of Date Street. Barrett reported that he asked spaceport employees to put together what they want to happen with volunteer staffing of the visitor center, so that negotiations can begin.

Barrett said that the spaceport administration has asked SCEDO to come up with an estimate for renovating the former firehouse, which is over 5,800 square feet.

"My thinking on it is that you could get it re-roofed and all the rest of the repairs for

about \$70 per square foot," he said. That would come to over \$400,000.

"If they put \$400,000 into that building the city would have a very nice building and adequate parking ten years down the line, he said. The spaceport authority has half a million dollars to put into a Sierra County visitor center, and a similar amount to spend in Doña Ana County.

Barrett said that SCEDO needs to have its own independent office, and could help staff the spaceport visitor center with volunteers. "This isn't going to happen overnight," Barrett said.

City commissioner Jerry Stagner confirmed that the city and the spaceport have reached agreement on the lease for the building.

The city has another space—the former municipal court building—as a possible future home for SCEDO, Barrett added.

Barrett said that he is planning to have monthly economic development seminars, prior to the monthly SCEDO meetings, to provide information to the public on what economic development is and what SCEDO does.

He also recommended that SCEDO begin to prepare a document reflecting the changes in the county's economy due to the spaceport and the businesses it attracts.

SCEDO executive director Steve Spaw reported that SCEDO will be submitting an application to become a host agency for the senior citizen employment program.

T-or-C city commissioner Jerry Stagner reported that Citizens Bank will be taking possession of the Dairy Queen property at the corner of Date Street and New School road at the end of August. The bank plans to demolish both the restaurant and the car wash to build a permanent bank branch there. The bank has been operating out of temporary quarters in a mobile home structure for several months.

Roadrunner Border Golfers Travel To Silver City



(Courtesy Photo/Sandi Adams)

By Sandi Adams

Roadrunner Women's Border Golf Club traveled to Silver City for the July 15-16 competition.

In the back row (l-r) are, Beverly, Linda Nenko, Mary Ann Weaver, Giles, Patricia Bauman, Teddy Dorland, Hogan, and Hazel Cain. In the front row

(l-r) are Rita Andree, Sandi Adams, Debra Webb, and Dorothy Peterson. Winning points for the team were Patricia Bauman, who posted a first low net in her flight and Debra Webb, who posted a second low net for her flight.

The next Border competition will be held August 24 at Cree Meadows Golf and Country Club in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Road Construction, Update

By Bridget Spedalieri

The following is an update of the Traffic Report from the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for Sierra County and surrounding areas for week of July 26:

White Sands Missile Range Notification: For information regarding closures you may WSMR at 678-1178 or 678-2222 for updates. Alerts will be present on the digital message board off US-70 east bound within the Las Cruces area.

I-10 Deming, NM: The NMDOT will be working with James Hamilton Construction Co. on I-10 in the Deming, NM area as milling operations are commencing. The contractor will begin their working days at 7 a.m. and travelers will be impacted for a two-mile work zone, with traffic reduced to one lane and the speed limit posted at 55 mph. There will be ramp closures for two hours while working in that area.

I-25 E. Frontage Road - Lemitar, NM (Socorro County): The NMDOT would like to inform motorists of a construction project that will create interference with traffic. The project will be located on the east side of I-25 directly on the Frontage Road. Detours will be placed routing traffic around the work zone on to Povedadera Road. Please modify your schedule in order to avoid any delays in your daily commute.

NM-26 Hatch, NM: The NMDOT and James Hamilton

working on the roadway from milepost 24-44. Please use caution, as traffic may be reduced to one lane and the speed limit posted at 55 mph.

A-013 Sierra County Spaceport: The New Mexico Department of Transportation and Reiman Corporation are working on the roadway surfacing on A-013 in Sierra County. There is traffic control set up alerting motorists of the work site; please continue to use caution. 7-24-09

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in brief

Car-Seat Safety Class Is Wednesday

Healthy Family Initiative offers a child safety seat class the last Wednesday of each month, the next one being 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 29. HFI is located at 107 Faulkner St.

Participants who need a car seat are required to bring \$15 in either cash or money order made to Safer New Mexico Now. For more information, call Betty Cline at 835-8709.

Federation Hosts Dinner, Auction

People can help support wild turkey and wildlife conservation, the Socorro County 4-H Club and other community-based causes by attending the upcoming Hunting Heritage Super Fund auction and dinner.

The San Agustin Long-beards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host the event at Rancher's Steakhouse on Saturday, Aug. 8. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., so people can enjoy a gobbling hour before sitting down for a meal at about 7 p.m.

All ticket holders will be eligible to win valuable prizes exclusive to NWTf events. Highest bidders could go home with sporting art, guns, hunting or fishing trip, knives, calls, outdoor equipment and more.

Tickets to the San Agustin Long-beards Chapter's annual Hunting Heritage Super Fund banquet is \$40 for singles (membership), \$50 per couple (one membership) or \$20 for a guest ticket (non-member).

Membership will help the NWTf support wildlife manage-

ment on public, private and corporate lands, community-based events, scholarships, support for youth organizations and to preserve hunting as a traditional North American support.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call Kevin Carson at 505-550-2675, Mike Jasper at 575-420-9480, Bob Ireland at 835-0160 or Carlos Madril at 418-8765.

Nursing Excellence Nominations Wanted

An awards program for the nursing profession in the state is accepting nominations for the

2009 New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards. The program is hosted by the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence, and this year features two new awards categories – Excellence in Rural Practice and a Community Service Award.

The program will honor outstanding nurses in 20 different categories, divided among Excellence in Practice, Awards of Distinction, Leadership and Student Nurse. Nominations will be accepted through Aug. 5. Winners will be honored at a dinner Oct. 24.

People interested in nominating a nurse may download the nomination form online at www.nmnursingexcellence.org or call 505-889-4518.



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The wedding gown that made history



Lilly Friedman and her parachute dress on display in the Bergen Belsen Museum

Lilly Friedman doesn't remember the last name of the woman who designed and sewed the wedding gown she wore when she walked down the aisle more than 60 years ago. The grandmother of seven does recall that when she first told her fiancé, Ludwig, that she had always dreamed of being married in a white gown, he realized he had his work cut out for him.

For the tall, lanky 21-year-old who had survived hunger, disease and torture this was a different kind of challenge. How was he ever going to find such a dress in the Bergen Belsen displaced person's camp where they felt grateful for the clothes on their backs?

Fate would intervene in the guise of a former German pilot who walked into the food-distribution center where Ludwig worked. He was eager to make a trade for his worthless parachute. In exchange for two pounds of coffee beans and a couple of packs of cigarettes, Lilly would have her wedding gown.

For two weeks, Miriam, the seamstress, worked under the curious eyes of her fellow displaced persons. She carefully fashioning the six parachute panels into a simple, long-sleeved gown with a rolled collar and a fitted waist that tied in the back with a bow. When the dress was completed she sewed the leftover material into a matching shirt for the groom.

A white wedding gown may have seemed like a frivolous request in the surreal environment of the camps but, for Lilly, the dress symbolized the innocent, normal life she and her family had once led before the world descended into madness. Lilly and her siblings were raised in a Torah-observant home in the small town of Zarica, Czechoslovakia, where her father was a melamed, respected and well liked by the young yeshiva students he taught in nearby Irsheva.

He and his two sons were marked for extermination immediately upon arriving at Auschwitz. For Lilly and her sisters it was only their first stop on their long journey of persecution, which included Plashof, Neustadt, Gross Rosen and finally Bergen Belsen.

Four hundred people marched 15 miles in the snow to the town of Celle on Jan. 27, 1946, to attend Lilly and Ludwig's wedding. The town synagogue, damaged and desecrated, had been lovingly renovated by the displaced persons with the meager materials available to them. When a Sefer Torah arrived from England, they converted an old kitchen cabinet into a makeshift Aron Kodesh.

"My sisters and I lost everything; our parents, our two brothers, our homes. The most important thing was to build a new home."

Six months later, Lilly's sister Ilona wore

the dress when she married Max Traeger. After that came Cousin Rosie. How many brides wore Lilly's dress? She stopped counting after 17. With the camps experiencing the highest marriage rate in the world, Lilly's gown was in great demand.

In 1948, President Harry Truman finally permitted the 100,000 Jews, who had been languishing in the camps since the end of the war, to emigrate. The gown accompanied Lilly across the ocean to America. Unable to part with her dress, it lay at the bottom of her bedroom closet for the next 50 years. She said it was "not even good enough for a garage sale. I was happy when it found such a good home."

Home was the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C.

When Lilly's niece, a volunteer, told museum officials about her aunt's dress, they immediately recognized its historical significance and displayed the gown in a specially designed showcase, guaranteed to preserve it for 500 years.

Lilly Friedman's dress had one more journey to make. Bergen Belsen, the museum, opened its doors on Oct. 28, 2007. The German government invited Lilly and her sisters to be their guests for the grand opening. They initially declined, but finally traveled to Hannover the following year with their children, their grandchildren and extended families to view the extraordinary exhibit created for the wedding dress made from a parachute.

Lilly's family, who were all familiar with the stories about the wedding in Celle, were eager to visit the synagogue. They found the building had been completely renovated and modernized. When they pulled aside the handsome curtain they were astounded to find that the Aron Kodesh, made from a kitchen cabinet, had remained untouched as a testament to the profound faith of the survivors.

As Lilly stood on the bimah once again, she beckoned to her granddaughter, Jackie, to stand beside her where she was once a kallah. "It was an emotional trip. We cried a lot."

Two weeks later, the woman who had once stood trembling before the selective eyes of the infamous Dr. Josef Mengele returned home and witnessed the marriage of her granddaughter.

The three Lax sisters, Lilly, Ilona and Eva, survived Auschwitz, a forced labor camp, a death march and Bergen Belsen. They have remained close and today live within walking distance of each other in Brooklyn.

As mere teenagers, they managed to outwit and outlive a monstrous killing machine, then went on to marry, have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and were ultimately honored by the country that had earmarked them for extinction.

As young brides, they had stood underneath the chuppah and recited the blessings that their ancestors had been saying for thousands of years. In doing so, they chose to honor the legacy of those who had perished by choosing life.

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sonably informed, it bodes ill for everyone, including the agencies. It is in the best interest of everyone to have an informed public about the activities their dollars support.

Mistake me not. I have had to prepare budgets. In public agencies, the imposed rules and procedures make it a dreadful job.

All I am saying is that interacting with the paying public is essential to sound government. When budgets are published, explanations are needed.

W. Wood, Oracle

Where are the antelope?

If you look north, from just about anywhere in Oracle, you will notice a lone, volcano-shaped mountain. This mountain is named Antelope Peak. I have seen old 19th century maps that refer to the entire area, north of Oracle to the Black Mountains, as the Antelope Plains.

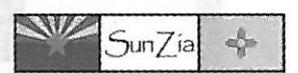
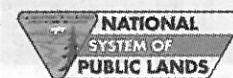
The writings of Elizabeth Lambert Woods mention herds of antelope around Oracle. I have also talked to old-timers in the area who have told me that there used to be antelope around Oracle until up around the time of World War II. Apparently, the antelope were hunted by poachers during that period.

Why hasn't the Arizona Game and Fish Department attempted to reintroduce antelope onto the state lands in this area?

If the Arizona Game and Fish Department's response is that cattle and antelope cannot coexist, I would counter with the fact that I have been to many places in Arizona where cattle and antelope share the range. Why not around Oracle?

If it is simply a matter of not having the necessary funds for reintroduction, why not allow private individuals and organizations provide the needed funds?

Dwayne Sapling, Oracle



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SPORTS

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Assistant Pro golf tourney

New Mexico Tech Golf Course Assistant Golf Pro Sabino Grijalva finished tied for 17th in the Sun Country PGA Assistant Pro Championships, held in Las Cruces, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 4-5. Grijalva shot a 74-80-78--232 to finish 16 over par.

Tournament host Scott Lieberworth won the event, played on his home course at New Mexico State University. Lieberworth shot a 65-68-72--205 to finish 11 under par, 10 strokes ahead of the nearest contender, Chris Thomas of El Paso, Texas.

The tournament was also a qualifier for the PGA Assistant Professional National Championships, to be held in St. Lucie, Fla., later this fall. Lieberworth, the NMSU Men's Golf Coach, will represent the Sun Country Section at the event.

SGH Bed Pan Golf Tournament

The Socorro General Hospital Auxiliary will host its second annual Bed Pan Open Golf Tournament on Sunday, Aug. 16, at the New Mexico Tech Golf Course. This year's event is a two-person scramble event with categories for men, women, and couples.

The cost to participate in the scramble is \$60 per person or \$120 per team and includes practice balls, green fees, golf cart, and luncheon. Mulligans will be available for \$5 per person.

For more information or to register call the Tech Pro Shop at 575-835-5335 or Socorro General Hospital Administration at 575-835-8703.

Golfer hits hole-in-one

Thomas Guengerich, of Socorro, aced the No. 9 hole at the New Mexico Tech Golf Course on Monday, Aug. 3. He used a 7-iron from the white tees (157 yards). The feat was witnessed by Jessie Rameshwaram.

Chieftain seeks sports items

El Defensor Chieftain is always looking for sports news or ideas from the community. News, photos or ideas can be brought to our office at 200 Winkler St., called in to 575-835-0520, or by e-mail to sports@dchieftain.com.

SADDLING UP FOR AWARENESS



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Contestants, all decked out in pink Western shirts in support of breast cancer awareness, await their turn to arena during the pole-bending competition at the Mountainair Gymkhana Rodeo on Sunday, Aug. 2. Shown here (left): Socorro's Gigi Alvarez, who says she will be a freshman at the Albuquerque Institute for Math and Science; Leslie Ramzel, a rising Zimmerly Elementary fifth-grader; Leslie Ramzel, a Magdalena High senior-to-be; and Kacey Gonzalez, a rising Zimmerman Elementary fifth-grader. The rodeo raised more than \$600 for the fight against breast cancer. "Tough Enough To Wear Pink Day."

Mixed: Secondary fights among city's council

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Despite Pargas' and Olguin's support, the mayor and several other council members were concerned with safety issues surrounding the event.

"The bottom line is that (events in past) have ended up with rival gangs fighting each other in the street and in schools," Bhasker said.

Councilor and Mayor Pro-tem Donald Monette said the council's reluctance to host such events stems from "past liabilities."

Partridge said he had taken measures to ensure that rival gangs from the area did not participate. Among those measures is a mandate that says Socorro fighters will only be allowed to compete against other martial artists from outside the area.

Partridge also stated that he preferred the

stadium-like set up of Finely Gym because of the ample space for spectators. Despite Partridge's attempt to assuage the city, council members and the mayor were still concerned.

Gordy Hicks suggested that Partridge use another city building.

"We're getting ready to build the rodeo arena, maybe you can do it there or maybe the future convention center," said Hicks.

Hicks also agreed with Monette's previous statement that fighting events had been turned down in the past because of liability issues with the city.

Bhasker put forward a motion for the council to explore the possibility of allowing Partridge to host the event at the gym. The motion was approved by a 7-1 vote, with Monette casting the lone "no" vote.

Bhasker assured Partridge that the council would have an answer for him during

the next council meeting.

Following this week's council meeting, Partridge said he is in the process of putting together a packet of information to be presented to the city council. Each packet will contain information about the event and spectator information. Partridge said he will send a letter from the New Mexico State University Commission stating that the commission will be present at the event and will be included in the packet. The packet will also be two referees present with on-site physicians. Partridge said that each participant will have a competitor at the same time and record.

"This sport is not human cockfight anymore. It may win, lose or draw, but it's not with it," said Partridge.



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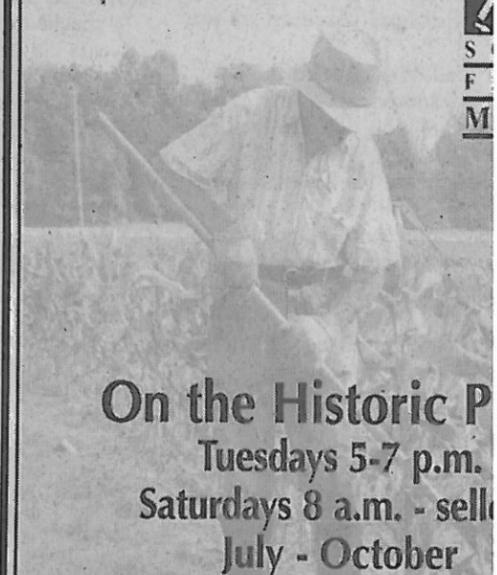
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