

Letters: Southern road cuts time to spaceport

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As a candidate for State House District 36, I have been concerned that many years have passed since our county signed on to the Spaceport America project but had seen little action on paving the road connecting the Upham exit to the Spaceport. So I was quite pleased to see the start of construction on that road several months ago.

The pace of the paving effort has really been quite astonishing. They have now completed the surfacing of 24 miles of two-lane roadway in just a few months for only \$14 million.

Driving the full loop I measured that this new road has reduced the travel distance from the I-25 Dona Ana exit from 89 miles going by way of Truth or Consequences (T-or-C) down to 37 miles. The greatest reduction was for drivers leaving Rincon heading south to the Upham exit. For them, the driving distance is reduced from 74 miles down to a mere 28 miles! Hatch residents were the shortest drive to the Spaceport through T-or-C but still faced a 68 mile drive. This distance is now down to 34 miles.

All of this is very encouraging for residents of our county who have been long anticipating the arrival of space missions leaving from the spaceport and the associated support jobs.

In driving back from the site I drove up through Engle and T-or-C. The road to T-or-C is beautiful but has a number of difficult turns in it. So for larger vehicles reaching the Spaceport by the southern route will be preferable, which bodes well if and when further expansion of the Spaceport occurs.

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Spend on schools, not animals

It is so very encouraging to read a common-sense letter in Opinions – “Comparison to Nazis is deranged,” regarding the mess on our southern border. Dennis Stone’s letter summed up the situation in a nutshell. These illegal aliens showing up with a child or two should, indeed, stay home and take care of the rest of their family. Yes, it is our country and we make the rules.

My second comment concerns “Your Turn” guest columnist Jeffrey Miron, director of economics, Cato Institute, Harvard University, “Forget wall ... open borders to all.”

This is definitely the goofiest article you will ever read in the Sun-News. He comes under the classification of educated fool.

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