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\$1 million for clean-up of big fire

Trap & Skeet Fire still could cause flood in Carrizo Canyon, Ruidoso

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

While \$1 million has been spent in an effort to mitigate potential flood damage from the scorched area of June's Trap and Skeet Fire, flooding remains a threat for the Carrizo Canyon area of Mescalero and Ruidoso.

"There is a flood potential. There is a potential for some property loss," said Tom Gavin, incident commander for the Burn Area Emergency Recovery team assembled a week after the June 2 fire near Ruidoso. The blaze burned 468 acres and came within a half mile of the Mescalero Apache's Inn of the Mountain Gods and the Camelot Subdivision in Ruidoso.

"The Lord gave us time to get this mitigation in," Gavin said Thursday before a media tour of the burned area and a show of efforts that seek to reduce flooding.

Gavin said there were "thousands of variables," especially the amount, location and length of rains, that will determine the severity of flooding.

"But there's a lot less chance for losses than there were four weeks ago because of the efforts here on (the reservation)," Gavin said.

Mescalero Tribal Council member Arthur "Butch" Blazer said he was impressed with the cooperation between Tribal President Sara Misquez and Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson.

"There were imperative decisions made quickly," Blazer said. "There was some give and take both by the Village of Ruidoso and the tribe."

For the Village of Ruidoso the give means a chance of taking some flood waters if they happen.

Of key concern to the tribe is the Inn of the Mountain Gods, in the direct path of flooding from the Trap

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AUCTION SATURDAY



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

John Binggely of Ruidoso checks out one of the pickup trucks that will be auctioned Saturday at a surplus property sale put on by Lincoln County, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. The sale is scheduled to start at 9:04 a.m. at the Glencoe Rural Events Center on U.S. 70, about 14 miles east of Ruidoso.

The state lists alleged violations by the firm operating the Ruidoso Care Center, prompting local supporters to hope for

A new operator

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Although transfers were halted and several groups have pledged to fight for the rights of patients at the Ruidoso Care Center, Vaunda King said most supporters hope a new company will take over its operation.

Representatives of Consulting, Management and Education Inc. are interested in forming a non-profit association with local people to serve on its board, King said. State officials would work with the company to obtain the proper licensing, she said.

Earlier this year, Integrated Health Services attempted to close two wings of the center on Resort Drive that included Alzheimer and skilled nursing care patients. The company's public relations firm and a letter to relatives cited structural dangers.

But relatives and patients balked at the proposed closing and appealed to delay transfer dates.

In a letter to Joe Mulloy, director of the division of Health Improvement of the state Department of Health, Agapito J. Silva, state long-term-care ombudsman, reported on the results of his group's investigation and called for the center to be placed in receivership under the health department.

In his agency's opinion, one of four conditions that can trigger such action exists, because the situation poses an imminent danger of death or significant mental or physical harm to center residents or other persons, Silva wrote.

"The facility's hasty and inappropriate decisions regarding discharge have placed residents in imminent danger," he wrote. "Two residents have already died. The

discharge and readmission of three residents has caused them significant mental and physical harm."

Silva contended that structural problems, cited by the state in 1999, were not an issue. An independent engineer looked at the building and concluded "that there was nothing to indicate significant structural problems and 'nothing that would indicate an immediate hazard to the occupants or building use,'" Silva wrote.

The ombudsman stated that due process was not followed in patient discharges because the written notice failed to list a legitimate reason for discharge, failed to list the effective date of discharge, failed to state the location to which residents would be transferred and failed to provide accurate information on the Protection and Advocacy

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Mayor acts to remove 'road block' in Midtown

Transportation Plan prevents private property development, he says; council quickly agrees

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Claiming real property titles around Ruidoso have been "clouded" by the village's Transportation Plan, Mayor Robert Donaldson urged councilors to begin a process to repeal the plan.

"In the plan, which goes all up and down Sudderth Drive and other main roads, every one causes the condemnation of property," Donaldson told the council at their Tuesday meeting. "It uses condemnation as a regulatory tool. I don't think that's a goal of this council."

The issue came to light a week earlier when village legal counsel Charles Rennick said a Midtown bypass option in the 13-year-old Transportation Plan impacted a five-acre property at Wingfield and Chase streets.

A developer is seeking Planning and Zoning Commission approval for an assisted living center development on the five acres.

The Transportation Plan was adopted in 1988 by ordinance, meaning public notice and hearings are required to amend or repeal the document.

"You should repeal it by ordinance as quickly as you can," Village Attorney John Underwood told the mayor and council. "A resolution is a step in the process. But it must also be repealed and readopted."

A resolution making two of five Midtown traffic flow options "the official plan" for Sudderth Drive, Chase, Wingfield and Rio streets, was adopted unanimously by the council.

The two options designate the Midtown area traffic flows as being in a do-nothing status or Sudderth Drive alone is enhanced, which occurred when the MainStreet project was constructed.

The council also called on the village to quickly move on repealing the Transportation Plan, modify it, and reenact the plan through a resolution.

Before the resolution was approved, business owner Jim Shoop, who is also involved with the recently formed Midtown Business Alliance, offered the village what he said the alliance feels is a better plan for traffic routing in the Midtown area.

In addition to improving streets parallel to Sudderth Drive, the proposal would limit Sudderth Drive traffic to the two outside lanes, and create parking and sitting areas from the two inside lanes.

"I think we as a village truly need to take a little more time and look at what we're going to do in the future," Shoop said.

Donaldson, who called some aspects of the idea as "nearly impossible," said the plan would create issues with rights-of-way and more condemnations.

Council member Bob Sterchi said the concept "sort of appealed" to him, but he questioned if it was possible on a state highway.

Returning to the issue of the Transportation Plan, Underwood said all

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Boys meet bear, and the downhill race is on

BY KEITH GREEN
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Three friends from Midland, Texas - Logan Maxey, 13, Avery Roberson, 13, and Luke Mansell, 12 - went for a walk above Sherwood Forest in Upper Canyon Wednesday afternoon, and met a persistent bear.

The bear was between the boys and their cabin, so they tried to walk away. The bear followed, getting closer. They tried "playing dead" by lying down. The bear came up to them, sniffing around, then took a nip at Logan's leg.

They jumped up, screamed, and started running toward the cabin.

The bear stayed close. They abruptly rolled down a steep slope and got ahead of

the bear. It kept coming and was only yards behind when they reached their cabin and got inside.

In all, said Luke's father, Mark Mansell, the adventure lasted about two and one-half hours, ending at 5:30 p.m. They arrived at the cabin scratched and disheveled, and Logan showed two puncture wounds on his right leg, about four inches apart.

A nurse and an EMT, both with the Midland group, pronounced them in good shape; they were to keep close watch on the bite wound.

A New Mexico Game and Fish officer told the elder Mansell that an effort would be made to trap the bear. There was some indication that the animal might be sick, Mansell said.



COURTESY MARK MANSELL

Lucky visitors Luke Mansell, Logan Maxey and Avery Roberson didn't mind the carved bear, but won't soon forget the live one they met.

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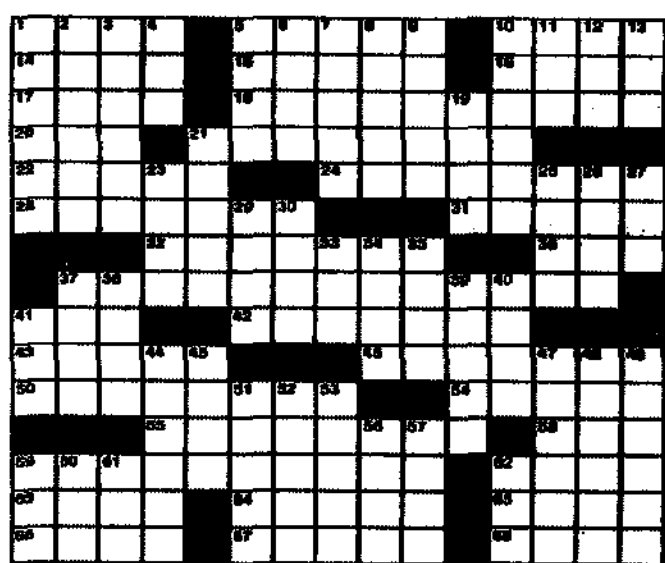
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Lincoln Pageant to meet Sunday, Tuesday

LINCOLN - The Lincoln Pageant organization will meet Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the pageant grounds to continue planning for this year's pageant.

Practice for this August's "Last Escape of Billy the Kid" will begin Tuesday at 7 p.m., at which time leading cast members will be finalized, according to Rosalie Dunlap of the pageant board.

Legality question nixes village lot sale

A request for the village of Ruidoso to finance the sale of one of its lots in the Grindstone area was rejected Tuesday.

Village Attorney John Underwood advised the council that it would violate state anti-donation rules that prohibit public money used for private benefit.

"I feel lending village credit would be a violation," he said.

"I recommend the people get financing elsewhere if the village is selling the lots."

"It's my feeling we shouldn't be in the business of financing," Councilor Bill Chance agreed.

The village is selling 27 lots declared surplus. They are appraised at from \$8,000 to \$22,000, said Councilor Leon Eggleston, who donated the use of his real estate license for the transactions at no charge.

Council resolution recognizes ENMU-R

A proclamation celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Ruidoso Instruction Center of Eastern New Mexico University was passed Tuesday by the Ruidoso Village Council.

Administrator Jim Miller said a decade earlier the university started with 320 students and one program. Today, more than 1,500 students attend and six programs, including a master's degree,

are offered.

The annual budget also grew from \$350,000 to \$2.5 million, including \$1 million in federal aid to students, he said.

"I'm proud to say the university touched so many lives," Miller said.

In the next 10 years, Miller said he sees the university role as training a work force for future industries and instilling a work ethic.

VILLAGE: Major impact

FROM PAGE 1A - The options will impact private properties.

"The resolution doesn't resolve the problem, but it starts to address it," the village attorney said.

Ruidoso Realtor Doug Siddens said he needed clarity on how to disclose to potential property buyers the problems created by the Transportation Plan.

"We want to remove these clouds," Donaldson said. "We have to move quickly. It's only fair to property owners."

CARE: State cites center's violations

FROM PAGE 1A

System and for the state long term care ombudsman program.

His agency's investigation also found that IHS failed to provide notice to the residents and that letters were sent to the families.

That violated state long-term-care regulations, he wrote.

An interview with a resident on May 15 revealed that no planning conference for relocation occurred, nor did a discus-

sion of alternative placements or development of a relocation plan.

Silva wrote that it is his agency's position that:

- All discharges would immediately cease
- All discharges since April 26 have been illegal
- Events surrounding the discharges constitute actual harm to residents.

"The LTCOP request that you initiate actions to prevent further harm to residents and

to ensure their safety and well being," Silva wrote.

"The residents at RCC are victims of an IHS corporate decision to 'down-size.' We are aware that a 'sister' facility, Casa Arena Blanca in Alamogordo, owned by IHS, has recently been renovated, and currently has 32 vacant beds."

"The LTCOP believes that residents and families of RCC are being discharged and referred to Casa Arena Blanca to bring it to capacity."

Road closure plan gets mixed review

■ No action has been taken by the Ruidoso Downs Council on the road closing plan.

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Mixed reaction was voiced Tuesday during a public hearing on a proposal to close Downs Drive in the area of Ruidoso Downs village hall.

Village Clerk Gladys Dillard said the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department has asked the village to prevent the deposit of rock and gravel from side streets onto U.S. Highway 70. She said closing Downs Drive for about 3/4 of a block up from the highway would help eliminate the problem.

"Drainage could be channeled from Reservoir Drive, Downs Drive and Second Drive to a drainage ditch on Harris Lane," Dillard said.

"This heavy flow of traffic makes it dangerous just getting out onto Downs Drive from village hall," Dillard said. "It also makes it risky for village emergency vehicles pulling onto Downs Drive."

Village emergency manager Tom Armstrong said closing off

the road would allow for a larger parking lot at village hall.

Resident Jim Burrow, who lives uphill from the proposed closure, warned a blocked Downs Drive would require fire trucks to use the highway and delay response times south of the station by several minutes.

Armstrong said any delay would be "maybe a minute," and the fire department will be moving to the corner of U.S. Highway 70 and Downs Drive anyway.

An owner of G & D RV Mobile Home Park said business has improved since an informational sign was placed by the highway department on U.S. Highway 70 pointing up Downs Drive to the park.

"I do ask the council to consider not closing it because it will really hurt my business," Diane Carpenter said. "The sign shows to come up this way."

Dowd Jameson, who said he owns property on West Drive, cautioned that West and Second drives would see increased traffic to the neighborhood to the south.

"Think about the people who live up there and the businesses up there," Jameson said. "I want to point out the

results."

Several others said Downs Drive received additional traffic because of multiple stop signs placed on other nearby roads. Another resident said other streets in the area are going to require fixing.

Village resident and engineer with the firm working on drainage problems in Ruidoso Downs, Paul van Gulick, said closing Downs Drive, to create a village hall, police department and fire department complex, makes sense from an engineering standpoint.

"Fire engines are potentially blocked by overflow parking in the street during events such as this public hearing," van Gulick wrote to the village. "It is steep (Downs Drive) and consequently treacherous when iced in the winter so that emergency vehicle access to the highway is impeded."

Van Gulick said drainage can be better controlled, ingress and egress streamlined and public safety improved. He suggested a lower fire rating for the village could result.

But Trustee Judy Miller said the closure would make Second Drive a "main road again," and return to a high accident rate.

Two pit bulls killed after attacking man

An Alto man is undergoing rabies shots, and two pit bulls who attacked him were shot dead upon response by sheriff's deputies. The July 7 incident happened about 7:30 p.m. in the Sun Valley Subdivision north of Ruidoso.

Resident David Sepkowitz was walking his dogs in the Sun Mountain Road neighborhood when three pit bulls attacked one of the pets, a Lincoln County Sheriff's Department report stat-

ed. In the process of breaking up the canine confrontation Sepkowitz said he was bitten by one of the pit bulls.

"They literally came at us and were on us," Sepkowitz said. "I'm kicking and trying to hit to keep the dogs off us."

An arriving sheriff's deputy was forced back into his vehicle when the three pit bulls allegedly charged the deputy, the sheriff's department said.

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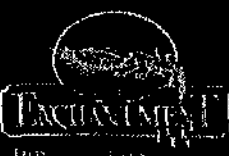
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An air tanker drops fire retardant behind a home on University Drive Thursday after smoke was detected in a wooded area of the neighborhood. Three juveniles, believed to have been playing with fireworks, were rounded up by police as fire crews limited the blaze to about two acres.

Two-acre blaze put out; boys in custody

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Three juveniles were taken into custody Thursday after a fire burned an estimated two acres in a residential area on Ruidoso's north side.

The fire was believed to have been ignited by smoke bomb fireworks, based on evidence at the location, said Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny G. Maddox.

The fire was reported about 2 p.m., a Ruidoso Fire Department spokeswoman said.

"I saw the smoke from on my

deck," said Larry Tobin, a resident of the 100 block of University Drive, who called 911. "I knew there wasn't supposed to be smoke in the middle of the woods."

Police said neighbors said they saw three children leaving the area where the fire began.

"Initially everything here was threatened," Maddox said, pointing to the homes on University Drive and other nearby streets. No structures caught fire.

In addition to the Ruidoso Fire Department, crews from the New Mexico State Forestry Division responded to the blaze in the heav-

ily wooded neighborhood.

A single-engine air tanker, stationed at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, was also called in to drop slurry on the fire.

The three boys, ages 10, 12 and 13, were to be referred to juvenile authorities on charges of negligent arson, Maddox said.

The youngsters were turned over to their parents late Thursday afternoon.

Firefighters had the blaze under control within 45 minutes of the call, officials said. Mop-up crews remained at the location into the evening

Ruidoso's police chief going to court in two cases of his own

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

■ Chief Lanny Maddox has filed a suit alleging slander, and also takes on a company he believes sold him a harmful dietary supplement.

Ruidoso's police chief may be spending some time in the courtroom, and it won't be in his official capacity.

Chief Lanny Maddox filed two lawsuits in June, one for defamation and the other claiming damages from a defective product.

In the defamation suit filed June 25, Maddox named Sam Gaune as defendant and asked for an injunction against "slandrous statements," as well as compensatory and punitive money damages.

The suit states that Gaune

previously was charged and convicted of a misdemeanor offense as a result of police work by the Ruidoso department. Shortly after his conviction, he conveyed accusations against Maddox to the village administration and the state Department of Children, Youth and Families, the suit states.

Specifically, he accused the police chief of:

- The physical and/or emotional abuse of Maddox's former wife
- Physical and/or emotional abuse of his child by his former spouse
- Corruption and/or malfeasance in former employment

- Shoddy and inappropriate police work in connection with Gaune's case
- Other misconduct or inappropriate police work and/or corruption while employed by the village.

In the suit, Maddox claims that Gaune knew the statements were false and showed a reckless disregard of the truth. The statements subjected Maddox to ridicule and the chief incurred legal expenses, the suit states.

Gaune could not be reached for comment.

In a lawsuit filed June 6, Maddox contends a dietary

supplement he used that was advertised to help control appetite caused heart fibrillations.

Named as defendants are General Nutrition Corp. and Twin Laboratories Inc.

The incident began in May 1999 when Maddox claims he bought the supplement manufactured by Twin Laboratories at a General Nutrition store under the name Metabolift.


He claimed the capsule packaging contained no sufficient warning of such side effects and accused the two entities of negligence, by failing to properly label and failing to conduct proper studies and experi-

ments. They breach their warranty expressed and implied, that the supplement was safe and effective, the suit contends.

Maddox is represented by attorney Richard E. Olson of Roswell.

General Nutrition is represented by attorney David Sullivan, who referred questions to Greg Miller with the public relations firm of Miller De Martini Group.

"We certainly take any threatened or filed litigation against the corporation seriously," he said after saying he had not seen the lawsuit. "We will treat this in an appropriate fashion."



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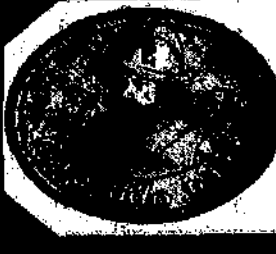
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OUR VIEW

Sometimes it's the size of the club

The NMAA backs off regional tournaments

While high school sports always will be a major part of community life, they aren't always fun.

We're not talking wins and losses here; we're talking travel. To the non-sports fan, an explanation is due:

The New Mexico Activities Association is the 800-pound gorilla that has controlled school sports in the state since time immemorial, it seems. The NMAA sets the rules, aligns the conferences, tracks the standings in the conferences, determines playoffs...

And there's the rub. Turned out that during the playoffs some teams had to travel across the state to play one game — even if the opponents were cross-town rivals.

The 2000-2001 playoffs, a NMAA board member admitted,

was a disaster. Jim Magee of Aztec said, "We didn't look closely enough at the impact of travel, but I know we're going to fix that."

Yet it's doubtful that it would have been fixed if another gorilla — a 900-pound gorilla? — hadn't stepped up and started swinging. That was, of course, the Albuquerque Public Schools, which threatened to pull out of NMAA (and got support elsewhere in the state) if changes weren't made.

With the APS superintendent a new voting member of the NMAA board, it Tuesday unanimously voted to change that hated regional tournament format and study other changes.

Moral: always back the gorilla with the biggest club.

Hillerman on TV

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Coming soon to a television set near you: A TV movie of a Tony Hillerman mystery novel, called "Skinwalkers."



MOUNTAIN ASIDES

KEITH GREEN

That's good news for the long-time fans of New Mexico's best known — but certainly not its only — mystery writer.

Hillerman, former newspaper reporter, former editor of the *Santa Fe New Mexican*,

former assistant to the president of the University of New Mexico, probably has taught more people about the Navajo way of life than anyone, anywhere.

He learned early on that exotic backgrounds help sell books, and his own knowledge of the Four Corners country and long acquaintance with the Navajo people was put to good use when he sat down to write the first of his Navajo stories — "Blessingway."

We've enjoyed Hillerman's writing ever since one of his first stories, called "The Great Taos Bank Robbery," hit print. It put a fine and funny twist on a real robbery. One mystery, still in print, draws on his reporter background. It's set at the state capital and is titled "Fly on the Wall."

But Hillerman's fame (and substantial income) has come from the Navajo mysteries featuring two disparate fictional members of the Navajo Police — Lt. Joe Leaphorn and Sgt. Jim Chee. The series of books tracks Leaphorn's career from lieutenant to retirement and Chee's struggles with native beliefs (he wants to be a medicine man) and modern society...and his love of a lady lawyer.

It's to Hillerman's credit that he tells his tales with deceptive simplicity and vast understanding of a culture foreign to most of the nation's people.

Hillerman sold film rights for his novels to actor Robert Redford many years ago, but nothing ever hit the big screen.

Now the word is that "Skinwalkers" will be shot for PBS — possibly the first of a television series — for release perhaps this winter. That isn't our favorite Hillerman mystery story, but its plot would make a good series introduction, since it follows both characters as they work on separate cases in the sprawling reservation. (We like "Coyote Waits.")

A small firestorm has developed in Santa Fe over the producer's decision to do the film in Utah. (Hillerman said he wasn't consulted about the location, but that he thinks the film script he read is pretty good.)

This being New Mexico, it's not surprising that some politicians are grumbling that Utah will be the background. That makes great headlines, but regardless of what state it's in, we'll go along with William Shakespeare — "The play's the thing."

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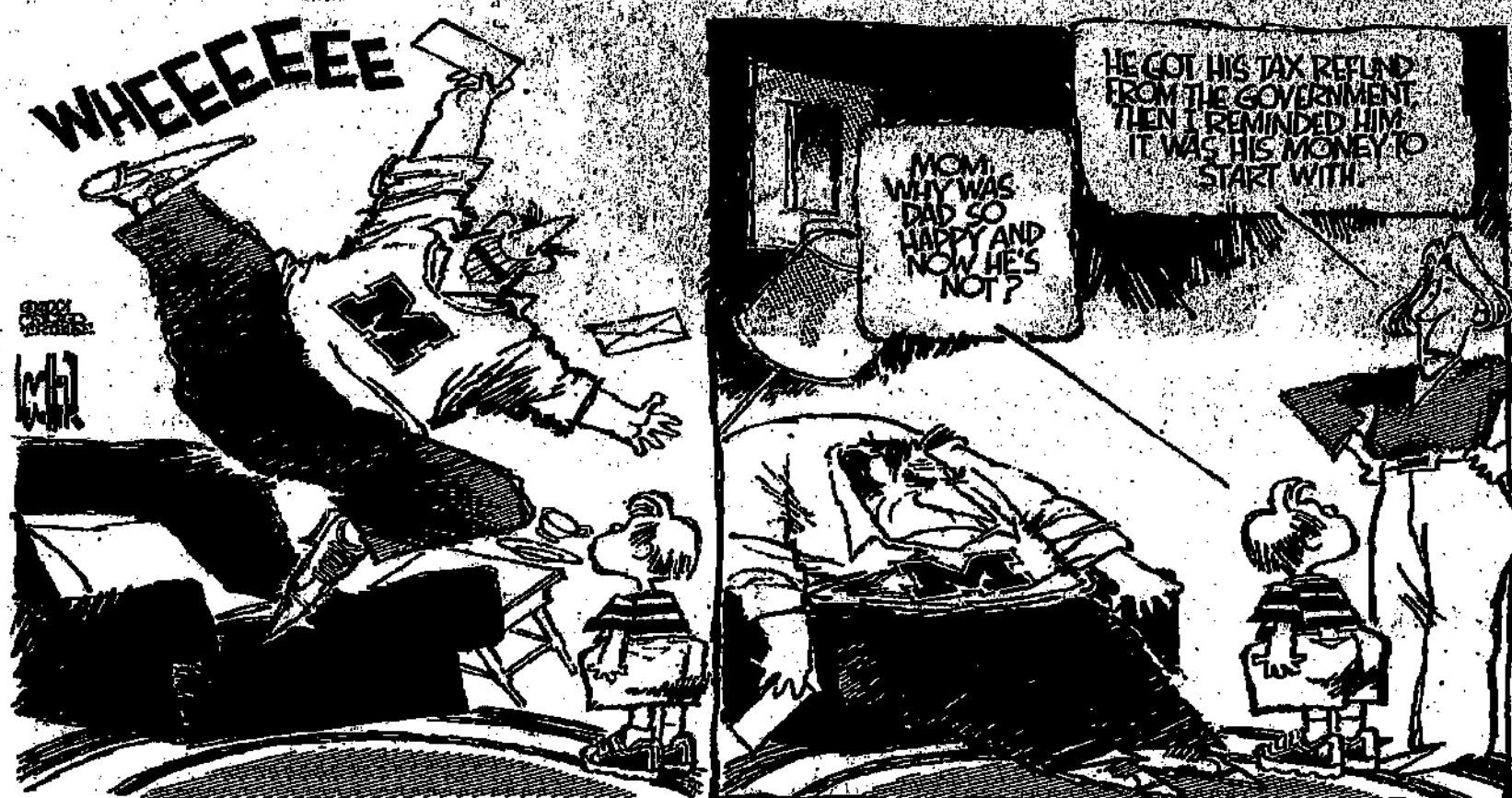
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YOUR OPINION

How do we manage our UN-free zone?

To the editor:

I keep promising my wife that I will stop writing letters to the editor, but once in awhile, I see a copy of *Ruidoso News* here in the Rio Grande Valley that forces me to take pen (or computer) in hand and write you. (A recent issue reported that a panel of the County Commission declared Lincoln County to be UN-free.

Is it my imagination or are rural western county commissions paranoid to the nth degree in their ability to see threats that 99 percent of the nation are unaware of? Now that the communists are basically gone, we seem to be left with the next greatest threats being the UN, the environmentalists and planned parenthood. I agree with whoever said that the board "might be embarrassed by parts of the document." If I were a county commissioner I would personally be embarrassed if I had to explain on CNN why we felt it necessary to have signs posted at the county line indicating that the county is a "UN free zone."

Since the United States has one of the five permanent seats on the Security Council and has the ability to veto any action of the UN, I would be most interested in seeing supporting documents as to specifically how the UN is usurping the sovereignty of the United States, also when and how it happened.

Now as to the removal of all UN personnel from Lincoln County. How do

we recognize them? Would it be the blue berets or the white Bradley fighting vehicles? Of course, they might be in their black helicopters which are hidden in the remote canyons of the Capitan Mountains and only come out at night to mutilate cattle and aid in alien abductions. Will it be the County Sheriff that removes them or the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority? What if Otero County doesn't want them? Of course, Otero County will

probably be so busy clearing the national forests, they won't have time to mess with a few miscreants being evicted from Lincoln county.

Now it is also news to me that the UN may want to "tax, levy, fee assessment or surcharge" us. Hell, they might even want to fluoridate our drinking water. Where is the John Birch Society when we need it...

Richard Shriver
Las Cruces

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Huge SWA increase

To the editor:

The sudden increase in Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority's quarterly residential rate, from \$21.26 to \$31.50 (nearly 33 percent), is just another example of government waste and inefficiency without increasing responsiveness to the public. Will the rate increase improve pickup services, cleanliness around the dumpsters, or offer special pickups at reduced rates? Since the ... authority started about 8 1/2 years ago, the residential quarterly rate has gone from \$16.54 to \$31.50. Five or six managers later, is there any real improvement in better, cleaner or more efficient service? Maybe it's time to turn over the "solid waste" to private enterprise, much like our county jail management.

E. J. Fouratt
Capitan

A major NSF study reveals success in improving education in urban schools

Texas tops national effort to improve schools

WASHINGTON — Eight years ago, the National Science Foundation undertook a bold initiative to encourage and invest in system-wide reform of K12 mathematics and science education in some of the most disadvantaged urban school systems. Students in these systems were performing poorly in mathematics and science, with wide gaps evident between minority and majority students. NSF introduced Urban Systemic Initiatives to enable cities to implement wide-ranging reforms through standards-based curricula, professional development for teachers, and accountability for achievement through data collection and assessment.

Now, an external evaluation team reports some dramatic payoffs to these investments.

Academic Excellence for All Urban Students, a summary report on urban programs making up NSF's Urban Systemic Initiatives (USI), shows that students in the majority of the 22 cities where school systems undertook reform efforts are making progress in several areas.

The report is part of a larger, ongoing NSF-funded evaluative study by Systemic Research, Inc. The study has found that in most of the USI cities, students are taking more math and science courses and increasing achievement levels, demonstrated through various assessment tools. Minority stu-

dents, meanwhile, are making even greater gains in enrollments and performance, reducing the "achievement gap" between themselves and majority students.

"These results are encouraging because they show that all students, no matter what their backgrounds or surroundings, can tackle challenging mathematics and science courses," Rita Colwell, NSF director, said. "These preliminary indicators give insights into what can happen when school systems use investments wisely to support system-wide policies for learning, to develop capabilities of teachers, and to connect with the community through partnerships. Great returns on those investments are possible when all of the pieces fit together."

The findings of the report are accompanied by approximately 800 pages of data summaries that the study's principal investigators developed into a set of "urban school key indicators of science and mathematics education." Published on a CD-ROM, the study data, which cover USI cities' participation through 1999, will be updated in August for the 2000-2001 academic year.

"This is not a complete analysis, but it is a good beginning for cities to gauge what can be done," said Judith Sunley, NSF's interim assistant director for education and human resources.

"It takes more than 12 years to educate a young person for high school graduation, so it is a long-term process to evaluate complete system-wide change. But we are noticing that the longest-running, most highly-invested-in urban systemic programs are making the greatest gains in math and science achievements."

NSF has invested heavily in Texas, for example, more than in any other state for a combination of statewide and urban system programs in math and science education. And because of the many partnership activities with universities and industry, the investment has had a major multiplier effect. According to Academic Excellence for All Urban Students, all of the urban programs in Texas have shown much improved assessment results in math and science at the eighth grade level.

And in El Paso, there has been a dramatic reduction in the achievement gap between the largest minority group studied, Hispanics, and white students.

"This is a story of school systems willing to do the work and take on the risks of change," she said. "The report indicates this is showing results."

For more information on NSF urban system reform, see <http://www.nsf.gov/EDR/ESR/uspi.asp>

Lindal Cedar Homes

WENDY WIDENER
Special to the Ruidoso News:

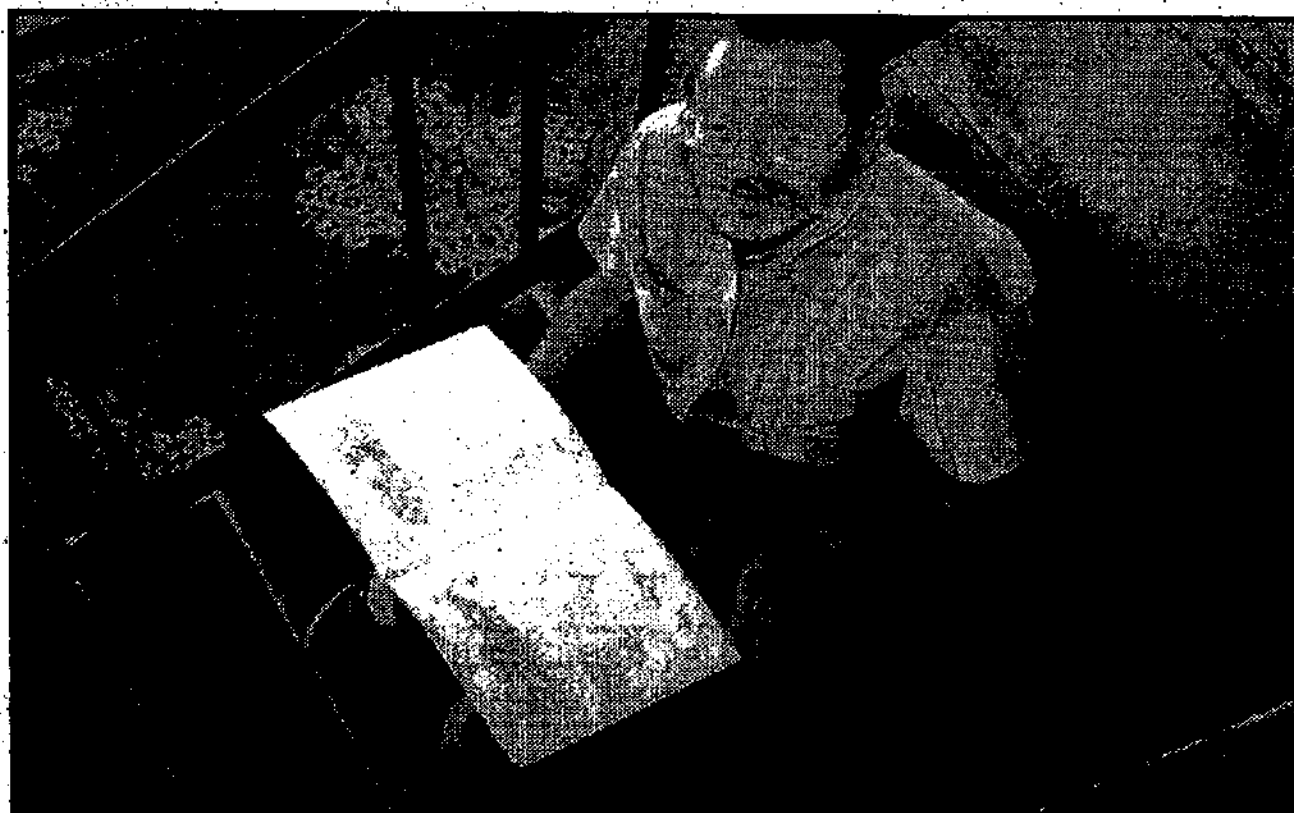
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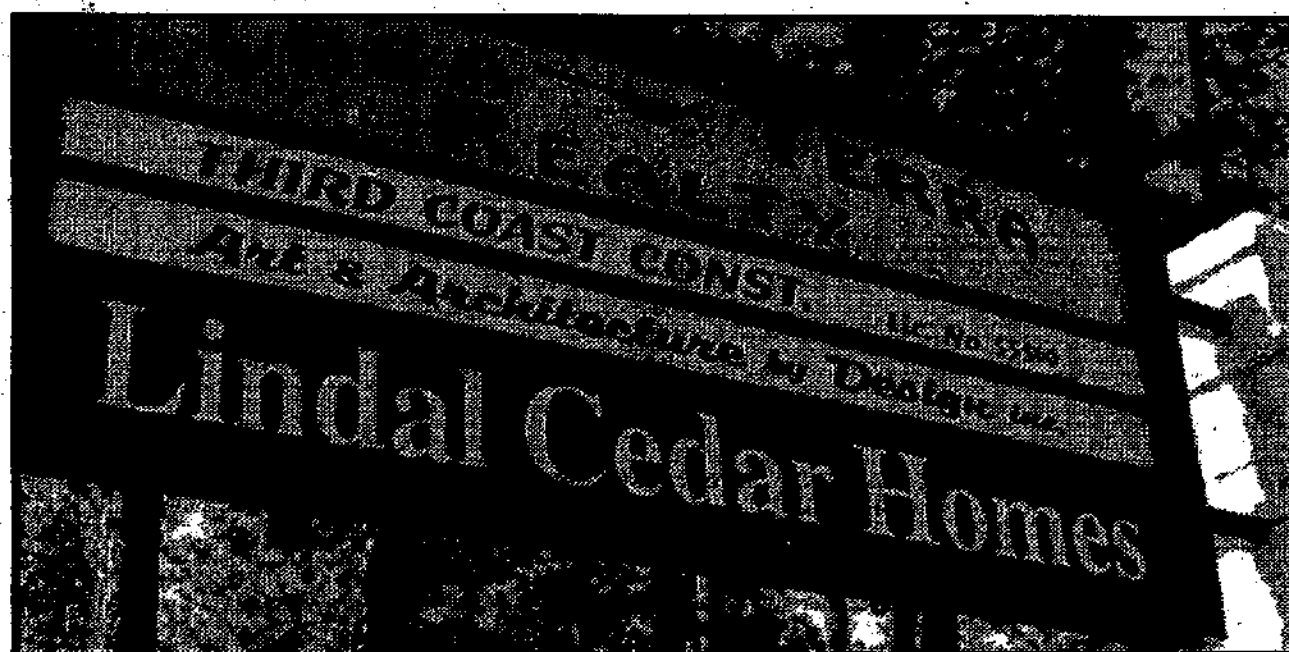
"But I've never done one straight out of the plan book," remarks Gary. "Everything has been

Lindal Cedar Home is that it comes with a lifetime structural warranty. And, Gary adds, if windows are purchased from Lindal Cedar Homes, a lifetime-warranty is also offered.

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Gary Steensgaard reviews one of the many Lindal Cedar Home plans.



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Now drunks will get a ride, not an arrest

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

People who are intoxicated and violate standards set in Ruidoso's disorderly conduct law may end up with a free ride home instead of spending four hours under guard in a holding cell.

The village council Tuesday approved an amendment to existing municipal law that will give police officers the discretion to issue a citation and return violators to their families or other guardians instead of locking them up.

Police Chief Lanny Maddox said the change should benefit both the offenders and the village. "This gives us a device besides state statutes for detoxification," he said. "If we can't find someone to take responsibility for the person, we could still go the arrest-like route."

The change also may reduce

the number of prisoners transported from the village 37 miles to the county jail in Carrizozo — a cost the village must bear.

By its action, the council added a seventh description of disorderly conduct to six previously adopted. The description covers someone in public who has consumed alcoholic beverages or illegal substances and does not have normal use of physical or mental faculties and who is loud and boisterous, disturbing the peace of others.

Under state law, although village police went through the motions of an arrest by handcuffing offenders and bringing them to holding cells for four hours, no arrest took place. With the new rule, a citation will be issued and fines could be collected as they can for violations of any village laws.

Councilor Bill Chance said some people think he's boister-

ous and wondered if a person could be cited just for being loud and enthusiastic. Maddox pointed out that the section requires being under the influence of alcohol or an illegal substance.

Councilor Ron Anderson, casting the only no vote, said he was uncomfortable with looking at the rule as a means of generating revenue for the village. He suggested a warning for first-time offenders.

"Revenue is not why we're doing this," Maddox responded. "It's the deterrent factor through a fine. The judge also could mandate counseling for 30 days."

Councilor Leon Eggleston said he sees the advantage not in revenue generated, but in money saved by not paying someone to watch an offender for four hours.

The offense is a petty misdemeanor unless driving is involved, Maddox said.

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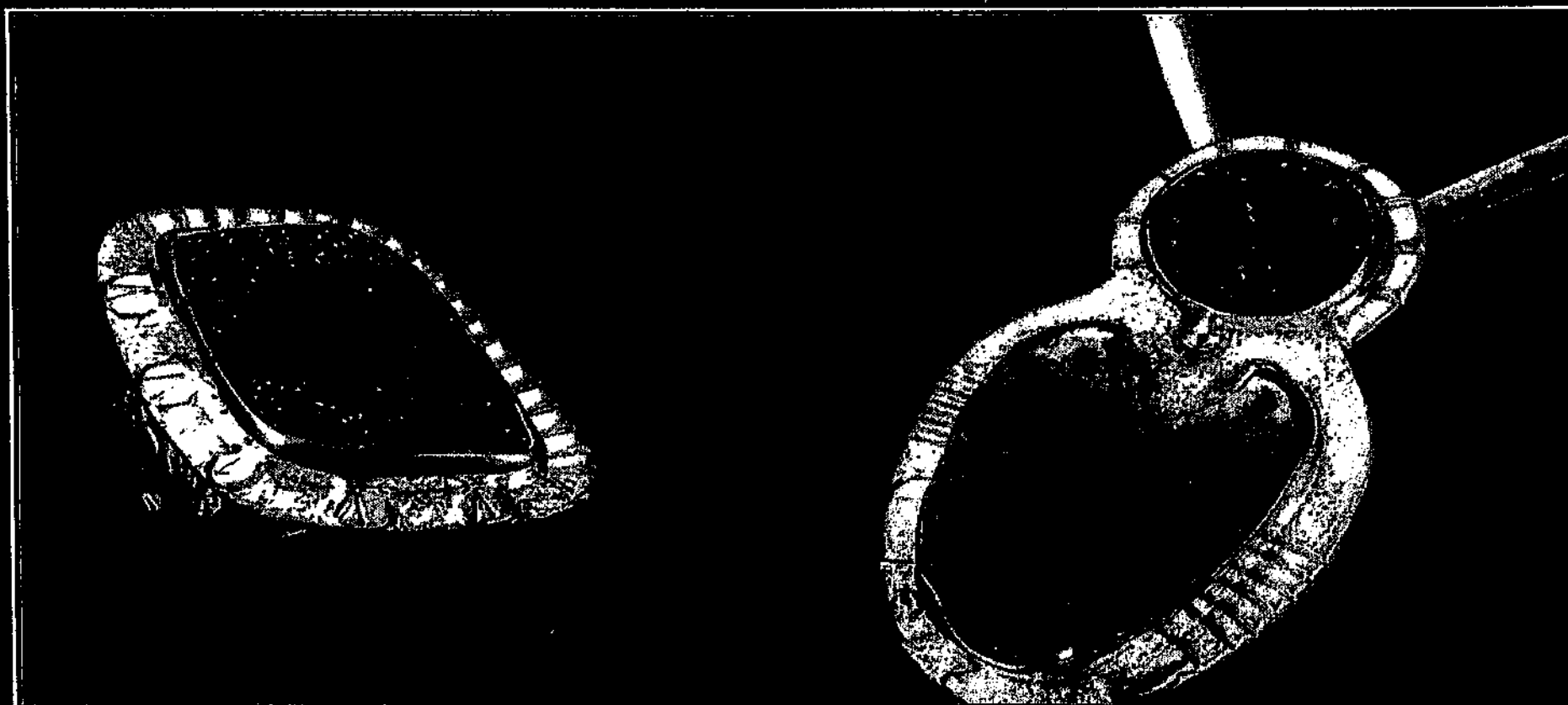
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Persistence pays; county gets its firefighting reimbursements

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After reading a second appeal letter from Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart, the state apparently reversed its decision not to reimburse the county for some of the expenses connected to fires earlier this year.

Stewart said Thursday he also was told by officials with the Department of Finance and Administration that some of their procedures will be changed based on points in his letter.

The county was notified by the New Mexico Office of Emergency Management that it would not be reimbursed for \$8,239 spent on April's 4,400-acre Pinatosa Fire in excess of emergency money set aside in the county's budget. The state also denied a \$2,373 reimbursement for the earlier and smaller Musketball Fire.

"Whenever you have a fire emergency, you're going to spend in excess of what you have programmed," Stewart said. "We try to guess at overtime, but we're responding to an emergency that's unplanned."

In his letter to the state, Stewart told emergency management officials that an additional \$6,000 will be requested for the 400-acre Trap & Skeet fire in June, which mostly impacted the Mescalero Apache Reservation that abuts the county.

"The county of Lincoln is being punished for prudent budget management," Stewart wrote. "While almost all of the other counties in the state frivolously spend money on sending delegations to the East Coast for a National Association of Counties meeting next month in Philadelphia, this county is not able

to afford or condone such unnecessary expenditures of taxpayer dollars.

"Our sheriff's department assistance at the Pinatosa was not a discretionary expense. It was directed by the incident command."

Stewart also wrote that if the state continued to deny the county's claims for reimbursement, he would meet with the governor, "since he may not be aware that his offers of assistance at the Trap & Skeet Fire may not be evident to his staff."

Although Stewart said he didn't intend for that letter to be forwarded

to Gov. Gary Johnson, state emergency officials did so.

"At the same time, DFA advised me by telephone that they had reversed themselves, would revise procedures for analyzing the ability of organizations to pay based on our comments and would fund all three of our fire expenditures," he said. "Now we'll see if that attitude continues down the government pipeline."

"If the money is set aside at the state level, that's what it's there for. When the request first was denied, I called and asked if they were broke. He said no and I appealed."

Village schedules water line replacement work by contract

"We met or exceeded all federal requirements."

Alan Briley
Village manager, on the village's clean environmental record

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After action by the Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday, work soon will begin on the fourth phase of a water line replacement project.

Councilors awarded a contract for the fifth phase of the multi-phase project to New Mexico Underground Contractors Inc. of Albuquerque.

Four bids were received. Underground, with the lowest total of \$774,029, was selected on a recommendation from the consulting firm of Wilson & Company, for a base bid of \$664,629 and an alternative at \$109,400.

A background check of the firm showed a clean record, said Village Manager Alan Briley.

Bidding higher totals were were Diamond Construction Inc. of Las Cruces, Highland Enterprises and Carl Kelly Construction, based in Lincoln County. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$969,086.

The work will replace aging 2-inch water lines with 6-inch and 8-inch lines for a mile along Grindstone and Resort drives, about

1,300 feet on Barcus Road, a mile on Pinecliff, Cliff Court and Raven Place and 1,400 feet along Skyview Drive. Several roads will require repaving.

Under water-related issues, the council extended for one year the village's contract with Progressive Environmental Systems Inc.

The company helps the village track down and acquire water rights.

Briley reported that Ruidoso was commended for no water-rule violations or exceptions last fiscal year by the state Environmental Department.

"In fact, we met or exceeded all federal requirements," he said.

Water consumption from the city's reserves on the July Fourth holiday hit about 1.8 million gallons, drawing from the North Fork and Eagle Creek wells, he said.

The day before the holiday, 1.046 million gallons were consumed.

"I think that (the relatively small increase for the holiday) may be a result of a combination of rain the previous week and our conservation measures," Briley said.

Three hospitalized after wrecks

Two Highway 48 collisions are within a mile of each other

Two separate collisions Tuesday within a mile of each other on State Highway 48 north of Ruidoso sent three people to the hospital.

The first crash, about 3:30 p.m., resulted in an ambulance transport of the driver of one vehicle and a passenger in another car.

A northbound vehicle, driven by Tyril Parkhurst, 22, of Albuquerque, turned left in front of a southbound pick-up truck on the highway in front of TR's Market, according to New Mexico State Police. The southbound pick-up truck struck the passenger side of Parkhurst's car.

The pick-up was driven by Robert Bailey, 54, of Chaparral. A passenger in the pick-up, Donna Bailey, no age available, and Parkhurst were taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center.

Parkhurst was cited for failure to yield, not having vehicle liability insurance and

for not wearing a seat belt. Robert Bailey was ticketed for failing to show proof of insurance.

The second crash, shortly after 6:30 p.m., occurred near the entrance to the Flying J Ranch.

A southbound pick-up truck, driven by Willie Ben, 51, Holbrook, Ariz., reportedly swerved to avoid a vehicle making a turn from the highway and struck head-on a vehicle moving in the opposite direction.

The driver of the pick-up struck head-on, Karen Callahan, 62, Carrizozo, was taken to the hospital in Ruidoso suffering from back and head injuries.

Ben admitted driving 60 miles per hour at the time of the collision, according to an accident report. The speed limit along the section of State Highway 48 is 45 miles an hour.

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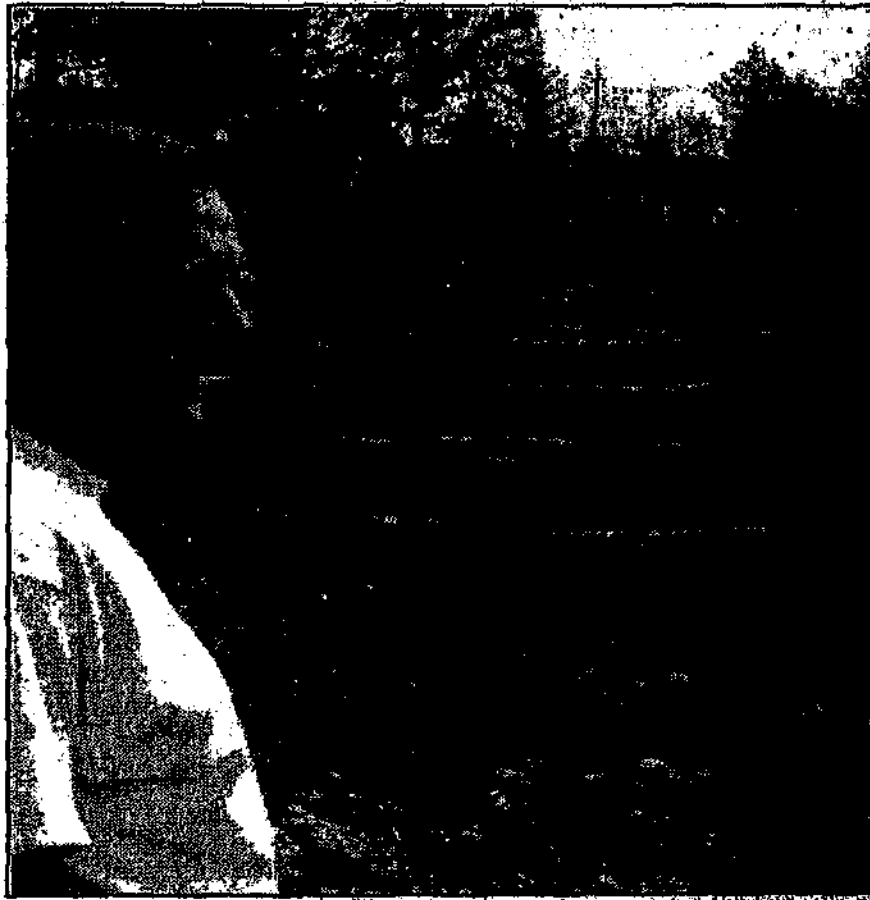
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With felled logs and straw wattles in the background, Tom Gavin, of the Burn Area Emergency Rehabilitation team, details flood mitigation efforts at a section of the Trap and Skeet Fire burn area. An estimated \$1 million has been spent with a goal of minimizing flood waters and silt at the Inn of the Mountain Gods and into Ruidoso via Carrizo Canyon.



JAMES KILPATRICK/STAFF

MITIGATION: Flood chance remains

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and Skeet Fire's watershed. Officials said the tunnel under BIA Highway 4, that provides vehicle access to the Inn of the Mountain Gods, is at the end of a canyon that carries flows from the watershed changed by the fire. A diversion mechanism, with a goal of shifting flows away from the inn, has been put in place.

"Our principal mission is to keep water in the watershed," Gavin said. "The intensity of the fire creates a waxy material on the ground that actually repels water. There could be up to 200 times more runoff after this fire."

In addition to flood waters, ash and mud from the burned area is possible.

Across areas of the charred landscape trees and snake-like straw wattles cross slopes to slow down erosion. Soil netting on steep slopes to hold soil and

ash, rock dams, debris barriers, and straw mulch are added mitigation devices. A 530-yard ditch, including a concrete raceway, is designed to divert flood waters heading to the tunnel and move it to BIA Highway 4. From there flow would be directed to Lake Mesalero.

Tribal officials said the lake, at a low level this year, would be able to hold the flows. But they admit, a serious flow from the mountainside would place flood waters into Carrizo Canyon and beyond the reservation limits.

"There is an emergency evacuation plan with Ruidoso," Gavin said of the Carrizo Canyon flooding possibility. "A substantial rainfall event is the most concern."

Gavin said 1/2 inch of rain in 1/2 hour would be a concern. An inch in one hour would be a real problem.

Rain gauges connected to radio monitoring stations have been placed at three locations in the

watershed. Gavin said the monitoring equipment is a "early warning system" that will determine if evaluations will be necessary. He said flood waters from the burn area would only take five to seven minutes to reach the downhill Carrizo Canyon.

"We're telling Ruidoso there is a potential for flooding," Gavin said. "We want to keep a high level of awareness."

While the burned area has been seeded, Gavin said the flooding could be a possibility for this next 1 1/2 to 2 years.

Gavin said the estimated \$1 million spent from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Emergency Stabilization and Restoration fund is abnormally high for a fire of less than 500 acres.

"But this is an urban interface fire," he added. "It's at the doorstep of the inn and Ruidoso. It's money well spent."

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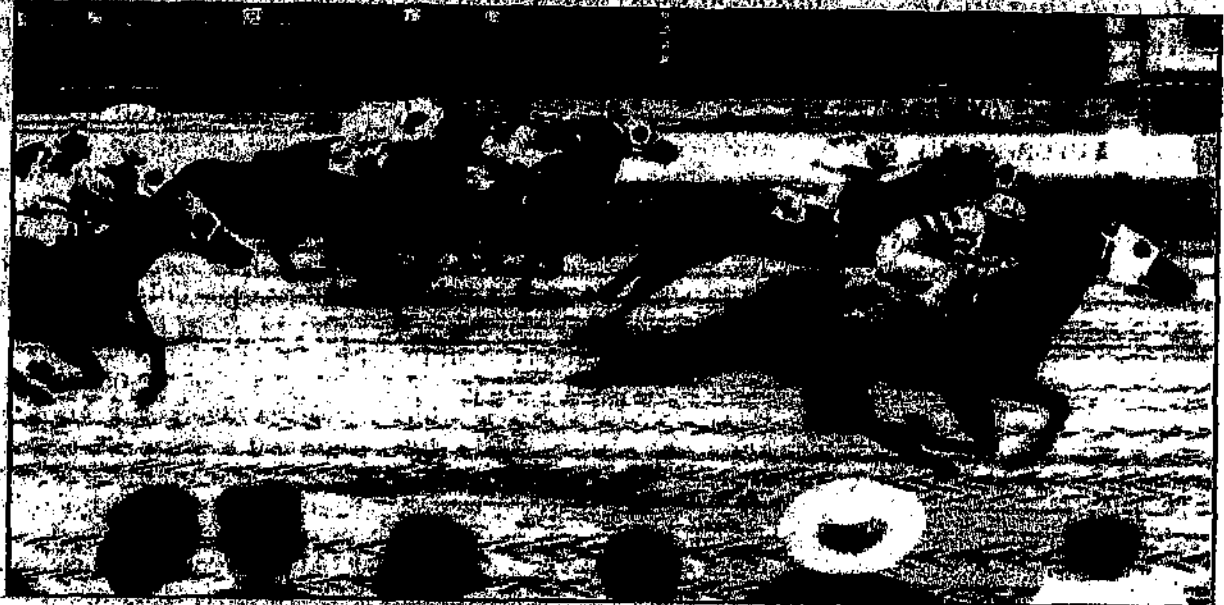
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Horses are led to the wire by WR Red Ace, the fastest qualifier for the Zia Derby. The derby will be held Sunday as part of the Zia Festival, a one-day event celebrating New Mexico products and horses. The eight races that comprise the day will total about \$500,000 in purse money.

The ZIA Festival

It should be a great day for New Mexico racing, as state products and horses are featured Sunday at the racetrack.

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

July 14 has been a date marked on the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino's calendars since Memorial Day. Now it's the track's chance to shine.

The racetrack will put on the Zia Festival, a one-day event featuring products and horses from throughout New Mexico, Sunday. The festival is being presented as a way to get New Mexico horse racing and vendors in the spotlight,



at least for a day. "About a year ago, we watched as the New Mexico-bred (horse racing) program exploded onto the scene," said Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino president Bruce Rimbo at a post-position luncheon held Thursday.

Rimbo said that organizers designed the festival after other successful in-state events, such as the California Cup and the Maryland Million. He added that Ruidoso Downs' idea was to incorporate food vendors and other New Mexico products into the fold.

"We all tried to tie it all together to make it New Mexican," he said.

The day will be highlighted by eight stakes races, totaling about \$500,000 in purse money. All horses running are New Mexico-bred.

The featured race will be the Zia Futurity, estimated at \$205,000.

In between the races, fans can peruse a dozen vendor booths, which will offer chocolate, wine, beer,

pecans, pistachios, chiles and more.

A caricature artist will also be on hand to provide light-hearted portraits of willing customers.

Racetrack officials, trainers and jockeys alike say they are excited about the Zia Festival.

"It will get a lot more people involved in the deal," trainer Blane Wood said at the start of the racing season. "We're getting better-bred New Mexico horses. It'll bring New Mexico breeders together. ... The quality of horses is going way up."

The first race of the Zia Festival is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Following is a list of the eight stakes races to be run Sunday.

- Zia Futurity
- Zia Derby
- Zia Handicap
- Zia Futurity Consolation
- Rio Grande Futurity
- Road Runner Handicap
- Land of Enchantment
- Lincoln Handicap

Starters responsible for tons of thunder

A two-year-old quarter horse is 1,200 pounds of thunder, whether its nose is in the pat bag or it is running full tilt toward the finish line. Most are fearful of anything that's strange or new and act out their fears explosively. Their muscular, athletic bodies are wired with a neuron-popping urge to run, anywhere, as fast as they can. And on occasion they are simply juvenile delinquents, four-legged rebels without a cause.

That being the case, what do you do with 10 times that thunder jammed into the narrow stalls of the Ruidoso Downs starting gate?

Downs starting gate is a futuristic, 12,000 pounds of barely controllable "babies" (as, two-year-olds are called) whose strength and youthful desire to break free make the steel-tube structure rattle and throb as though at any second horses, gate and all will take off down the track.

In charge of this impending explosion is Albert Dominguez,

head starter at Ruidoso Downs, a compact, neatly dressed man of such calm dignity as he perches on the inside rail about thirty feet in front of the pulsing gate, and you'd never know by watching him that a crisis is at hand.

"Boss! Boss! I got to back him up." One of the gate handlers is having trouble with the mount in his charge.

"No go, Boss," another handler shouts, as his horse rears, unseating the jockey.

Other handlers hum soft, calming words in their horses' ears.

"Do what you have to do. Let's get it done,"

we're a long time here," says Dominguez. He is concerned that the relatively calm babies will lose their concentration during the delay and the fractionousness will spread; the hanging and frantic movement in the gate could make the calmer horses think it's time to go.

"Horse back!" shouts the handler who has the last horse to enter the gate. That call tells

everyone at the gate that the last one is going in. The start is near.

Dominguez listens and waits for the instant when all is quiet in the gate. Between the time the horses approached the gate and the start he has checked his well-marked program to make sure each handler is with the right horse (handlers are assigned by draw in the Racing Office); noted his special cases (e.g., horses known to be hard to load or flippers, a newer handler that may need an extra second or so to be ready); and scanned the field (from the middle out to each side) several times.

"I don't look at the trainers. I don't look at the owners. I don't look at the jockeys. I only look at the numbers on my program and on the gate," says Dominguez. "That way, I'm objective."

It's quiet in the gate. Dominguez hits the button, the stall doors bang open and suddenly it's rolling thunder, pierced by the wild cries of the jockeys, as the field streaks away, 10 sets of hindquarters churning through a storm of flying clods

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Wrestlers do well at Okla. tourney

Camp provides great opportunity for RHS kids

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Warriors wrestling team got to see some of the best competition in the nation when they traveled to the Oklahoma State University Wrestling Camp July 1-7.

The OSU camp is one of the top two wrestling camps in the nation. It was a great opportunity for the Warriors to compete with some of the greatest high school wrestlers in the country.

Wrestlers from as far away as Hawaii and New Jersey converged on the OSU camp. Most came from wrestling states such as Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Alabama and Florida. More than 400 wrestlers traveled to OSU for the training and competition.

The instruction at the camp was led by OSU head wrestling coach John Smith. Smith is a two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and has also

coached the Olympic team along with Dan Gable. Three All-Americans, two National Champions and the OSU wrestling team helped out with the camp.

The Warriors received six hours of instruction each day and competed in three dual matches each night. A take-down tournament was held at the end of the camp.

It was an intense camp, as the wrestlers worked all day.

"Our Ruidoso wrestlers not only were able to compete with the best, but in many instances they dominated. It was a fantastic camp," said Warrior coach Jerrett Perry.

Royce McMillion was outstanding with a record of 8-2. Justin Huffman also had an impressive record of 8-2.

Other Warriors competing in Oklahoma were Cody Huffman (7-3), Jeremy Pritchard (7-3), Shawn Gurule (6-4), Tye Phillips (5-4), Bruce Herrera (1-5) and Luke Bates (1-5).



Warrior wrestler Justin Huffman gets up after pinning his opponent from Nebraska at the OSU Wrestling Camp, July 1-7.

On the importance of Lasix for horses

There are only a few things that you can look for when you are handicapping a race that indicate the trainer is making some change that he thinks will enhance the horse's performance. Two of the most obvious are Blinkers and Lasix. (Term for a legal medication given for the treatment of bleeders.)

Most racing jurisdictions allow the use of Lasix to help horses that are known bleeders. Lung bleeding is a serious problem in racehorses.

Most researchers believe the problem has to do with high blood capillary pressure that occurs in a horse's lungs when the horse is exercising heavily. The spleen of the horse contracts when it gets excited. Being filled with reserve blood cells, the splenic contraction forces an extra volume of blood that increases the pressure within the vessels. The heart beat increases blood pressure. Most researchers believe the increased blood pressure leads to bleeding in the lungs.

Most trainers and veterinarians believe they see a significant reduction in performance when a horse bleeds. As a result, most horses are put on Lasix in jurisdictions where it is legal, such as New Mexico. A general dose of Lasix, which is administered intravenously, acting as a diuretic, is believed to pull fluid from the blood, reducing the volume of blood

and decreasing blood pressure. Most horses do improve on their previous racing ability when given Lasix.

The loss of fluid, sometimes as much as 30 pounds, reduces the weight of the horse and as we know the amount of weight a horse carries is important.

Lasix forms a chemical reaction that helps reduce the fatigue a horse feels.

I look for a horse that has performed well at the class he is in today. His last race shows he did not run up to form and is racing on Lasix for the first time (L1) today. I prefer he has had a good work between his last race and today's race. Many times the horse will perform better the second time on Lasix, which leads me to believe it takes a work or race for the horse to be convinced that he is not going to bleed again and will extend himself to win or run well.

Join us each race day one hour before post time at the east end of the grandstand on the ground level. We will be happy to answer any of your questions. Don't miss our prediction show "The Winners Circle" at 9:18 a.m. each race day and the results at 6:18 and 8:18 p.m. on KWES FM 93.5. Predictions run again at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and results at 8 p.m. on KRUI 1490AM and 105.1FM - your racing information stations.

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How They Stand

Ruidoso Parks & Rec
Men's Adult Softball League
Standings through June 26

| Team | W | L | Pct. |
|-------------------|----|----|-------|
| Aramark Thunder | 10 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Rads | 10 | 1 | .910 |
| Vatos Locos | 10 | 2 | .833 |
| Hornbombs | 9 | 3 | .750 |
| Grizzlies | 9 | 3 | .750 |
| Mescalero Indians | 5 | 6 | .455 |
| Eagles | 5 | 7 | .417 |
| Bull Hawks | 5 | 7 | .417 |
| Gators | 4 | 8 | .333 |
| Buzzards | 4 | 8 | .333 |
| Amity | 3 | 9 | .250 |
| Latin Action | 1 | 10 | .091 |
| Lumberjacks | 0 | 11 | .000 |

*Make-up games were rescheduled for Monday.

Ruidoso Parks & Rec
Women's Adult Softball League
Standings through July 9

| Team | W | L | Pct. |
|---------------------|----|----|-------|
| Casino Apache | 12 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Jagged Edge/Razzors | 7 | 3 | .667 |
| Mountain Maniacs | 7 | 4 | .556 |
| Blue Angels | 6 | 4 | .556 |
| Flamingos | 3 | 6 | .429 |
| Ma Ma Mias | 1 | 10 | .111 |
| Mfermo | 0 | 9 | .000 |

Make-up games will be played July 11; league tournament begins July 16.

On Deck

Relay for Life
The 2001 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will take place at Ruidoso High School. The relay will give Lincoln County residents a chance to honor cancer survivors and victims by bringing teams of 12-15 people to the RHS track, where team members will take turns walking for 15 hours. The event will take place from 6 p.m. July 13 to noon July 14. If you are interested in registering a team, sponsoring the event or for more information, call 378-4786.

Softball Tournament
The New Mexico Women's State Softball tournament will be held at Eagle Creek Softball Complex July 27-29. Entry fee is to be announced, due by July 24. Women's B, C, and D divisions may participate. For more information about the USSSA-approved tournament, contact Claudia Brannum at 257-5030 or e-mail parksrec@zianet.com.

Basketball Camps
Seven 2001 Fran Fraschilla Lobo Basketball Camps will be held between June 4 and Aug. 3 this summer. Camps will be run by Lobo coaches and players and are open to kids age 7-17. All camps will be in Albuquerque, Santa Fe or Rio Rancho and cost \$125 for a half day and \$165 for a full day. Call (505) 925-8751 or (877) 321-7488 for more information.

Basketball Tournament
Hoop-it-Up, a nation-wide three-on-three basketball tournament, will be held Aug. 4-5 at the University of New Mexico Stadium's parking lot. There is a \$116 entry fee. To sign up visit www.hoopitup.com or call (505) 291-6861.

Softball League
Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department is organizing a mixed softball league for local families and businesses. The league starts Aug. 20 at Eagle Creek Sports Complex and is open to males and females age 15 and older. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights starting at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee for the USSSA-sanctioned league is \$175, plus \$12 per game for officials. For more information call Parks and Rec at 257-5030 or e-mail to parksrec@zianet.com.

Runner's Classic
The 18th Annual Runner's Classic race will be held Aug. 11 by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department. The event will include a 5K and 10K run, a 5K walk in eight age divisions, as well as a 1-mile fun run for kids age 10 and under. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, and the race begins promptly at 8 a.m. All participants will receive a T-shirt. For more information, call Parks and Rec at 257-5030 or 257-2795.

Fitness Clinic
All girls ages 5-17 are invited to participate in the two-day Girl Scouts fitness clinic put on by Girl Scouts - Zia Council. The clinic will be July 30-31 in Ruidoso for all girls, even those not registered with Girl Scouts. The event will include badminton, basketball, self-defense, cheering, aerobics and more. The cost is \$7 per girl. For more information, call Lisa Porter at 257-9509 or Maureen Schmitt at 437-2921. Registration forms are available at the Ruidoso News and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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LARUE: Gates full of action

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and an occasional racing shoe. "A little slow that time," Dominguez says as he hops down onto the track.

That's all he needs to say to this seasoned crew. The next race, things go smoothly and he tells them, "Good job." Between races there is joking and talk of horses and easy-going comradeship. The senior handlers, Johnny "Chico" Padilla, Reuben Rivera and Sinovia Sainz, blend their experience with newer crew members who have their own knowledge to add to the mix. John Gass, for example, got his considerable insight into horses through 28 years as a bronc rider. In all, the crew numbers 12, enough for each horse in the gate to have its own handler and enough to present an abundance of horse sense.

"You need that sixth sense about horses or you can't work with them like we do," says Dominguez. "We don't just start races, we're also teachers. In the mornings, we school the young ones in proper gate and starting behavior. As anyone who follows the sport knows, the start in a quarter horse race is just about everything."

Dominguez says the schooling part of the job (called "standing" since the horse has to learn to stand calmly in the gate) is the most important. He wishes more trainers would take advantage of it. "Better schooled horses mean better starts on race-day. Everyone at the track benefits from a good start," he says.

Gate training is an exercise in patiently trying to get big, skittish animals with limited attention spans to focus their attention on the task at hand. It is also dangerous. Those big, skittish animals can turn on a dime or send a message with a hoof faster than your e-mail.

"Around the gate," says Reuben Rivera, "keep your head up and don't go to sleep."

The babies need confidence,

and the gate handlers help them get it. Slowly a handler works a "first-timer" filly to the gate. First a step or two forward, then a couple back. Forward. Back. (The handlers call this routine the "two step" or "doing the cha-cha.") Each cycle the handler edges the horse closer to the gate, talking softly all the while to her. "She misses her mama," "Nobody gonna hurt you; it ain't so bad," "I'll be your mama," "Back, back," "It ain't so bad, baby, see?"—and gradually the filly begins to understand that, sure enough, it ain't so bad, and enters the stall to do a little standing time. All the while the horse is in the stall, the handler strokes her and continues to talk to her.

As Sinovia Sainz puts it, "You pet them, talk to them. Get their attention. They arrive sweating, but after you work with them they stop. When they give a big sigh, you know you've won them over."

Things at school don't always work out as planned. Chico Padilla is surprised as a horse he is walking through the gate suddenly takes off down the track. Padilla clings to the bridle for 15 yards or so, trying to regain control of the horse, but finally he has to let go as the horse tears off for daylight. Another unhappy baby tries to flip in the gate and ends up with its hindquarters down and begins banging his head on the stall. When the handlers get him under control, one of them sits with the horse for a long period while the horse calms down and begins to understand that things are all right.

Once in a while a handler will have to get the horse's attention with a little nip on the ear. "But not too hard," says Dominguez.

"The horse will let you know how hard when he gives you his attention."

And handlers' bones get broken and their cuts and scratches pile up. But they keep their patience because it's the only way to get the job done.

"I'm not sure people know what goes on down here," Dominguez says. "It's like a bull fight. It looks a lot easier from the stands."

"You pet them, talk to them. ... When they give a big sigh, you know you've won them over"

Sinovia Sainz
handler at
Ruidoso Downs

Robert Graves, the great English poet, had an appropriate thought on that: "The experts, ranked in serried rows, / Pack the enormous plaza full; / But only one is there who knows, / And he's the one who fights the bull."

Albert Dominguez is one *gran* matador. He credits his crew with making him look good, and he's both modest and correct; but without his work ethic, experience and calming presence, things wouldn't be the same. Even when he was stricken with colon cancer three years ago he continued through his chemotherapy in Ruidoso to commute to his job at Sunland Park (El Paso). Last winter at Sunland Park, he received recognition he deserved in the form of the Robert Haynesworth Award for Life-Long Contribution to Racing.

"It meant more to me than I could say. The general manager at Sunland, the horsemen and jockeys and Mr. Haynesworth (a prominent El Paso banker and horse owner) all have to agree on the recipient. It meant a lot that they all agreed on me," he says.

For a man who started in racing mucking stalls when he was 12 years old, the award is a high point in Dominguez's career. But it's not an end point. There's no such thing as an end point for a starter.

APS gets its second wish

NMAA nixes regional tourney

After putting an APS member on its board of directors, the NMAA cites too much travel for the regional tournaments.

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — The New Mexico Activities Association board unanimously voted Tuesday for a new system of high school sports tournaments, abandoning this year's maligned regional rotations.

The move scraps the year-old regional tournament system that had schools traveling hundreds of miles for one game, and illogical matchups such as two Albuquerque schools playing a baseball game in Shiprock.

The tournament format approved Tuesday "simply eliminates the diagonal travel in the full rotation," said Dan Salzweid, executive director of the NMAA. "For example, Animas to Clayton — that wouldn't happen."

The board will use a new regional format for tourna-

ments in Class 3A, 4A and 5A schools, dividing the regions along north-south lines for the coming school year and east-west lines in 2002-2003.

Small schools would alternate between north-south and east-west regions for tournaments every two years.

The board also unanimously voted to allow district champions to host games — a plan athletic directors around the state reportedly favored.

Region 8 board member Bill Coker, who introduced the motion to revise the tournament system, said some teams in his region spent two days each way traveling to games.

Last year's unpopular tournament system had been introduced to keep some schools with strong athletic teams from always winning.

The push to change the system back was led by the Albuquerque Public Schools, which had threatened to leave the NMAA if its demands weren't met.

In addition to changing the

regional tournament system, the board also voted to create two task forces: one to review the five-classification athletic system introduced in 2000-2001 and the other to look at how school districts are represented on the board.

The three issues were high on a list of demands by the Albuquerque district, which voted in June to withhold its membership dues.

The district wants to eliminate the five-classification system and return to the four classes used in previous years. It also favors proportional representation on the board.

Albuquerque Public Schools Superintendent Brad Allison, who was elected to the NMAA board July 4, thanked his fellow board members for listening to the district.

"It's just logical because there was so much anger directed toward the NMAA when we would send Rio Rancho and El Dorado all they way up to Shiprock to play each other," Allison said.

Links' golf clinic successful

BY TODD BUTTS

FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

More than 40 kids attended a junior golf clinic held at The Links at Sierra Blanca this week.

The clinic covered all



Baron Kinder, 11, swings during The Links' golf clinic.

aspects of the game. Pitching and putting contests were held on the practice green.

"I love the clinic. When I first got here I could not even hit the ball," said 14-year-old Whitney Whittaker.

"It has been a very good clinic. We are starting to get some real good results after three days," said Al Forrester, The Links' teaching pro said. "We are very encouraged by this good turnout by the juniors."

The Links at Sierra Blanca will host another junior clinic in August. For more information, contact Tanner Woods at the Links, 258-5330.

Auto club plans Sept. classic car show in Ruidoso

The Pine Top Rod and Custom Auto Club is planning a two-day, classic indoor auto show to be held in Ruidoso Sept. 21-22.

This event follows the club's recent outdoor show.

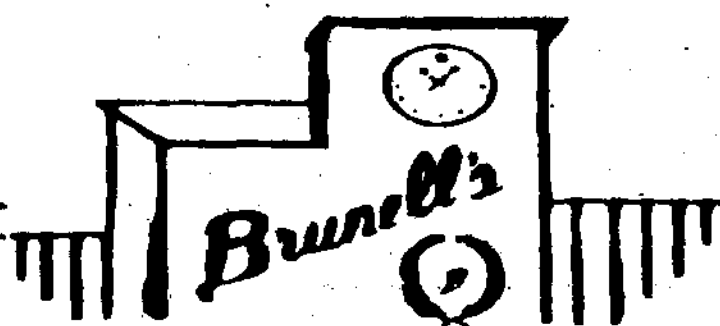
"We work hard twice a year and have fun the rest of the time," said club president Doug Babcock in a press release.

The group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Texas-NewMexico Power, Company conference room.

Those interested should call 398-8451 for more information.

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ABOUT THOSE BIRDS...



Members of the Lincoln County Bird Club donated four books to the Capitan Public Library at its new location on Second Street and Lincoln Avenue. From left are library representatives Todd Shelby, Pat Garrett and George Hinch, and birders Chuck and Jack Johnson. Donated were a Peterson's Guide to Western Birds, a National Geographic Birds of North America, Bird Watching for Dummies and a Sibley Guide to Birds.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Rural air service bill offers federal money to SE New Mexico

Domenici backs \$20 million appropriation

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM, Thursday said two key funding panels are poised to approve his \$20 million request to support rural air carrier service around New Mexico and the country.

Domenici, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, confirmed that both the Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee and the full Appropriations Committee will Thursday approve the funding as part of the FY 2002 Transportation Appropriations Bill. The bill, which funds federal transportation projects, will next be considered by the full Senate.

"This program is particularly important to our rural state, particularly to southeastern New Mexico, where I have worked for years to bring rural air service to the region," Domenici said. "This funding will help support local communities ... that have organized their efforts to help attract and subsidize improved air carrier service to airports currently

receiving inadequate service."

"Enhanced regional air service is extremely important to the economic health and potential for growth in rural New Mexico, and I want to thank my colleagues for their support of this important work," he said in a news release.

Domenici said the funding was scheduled to be approved Thursday, is a continuation of his efforts to help improve rural air service.

Last year, the communities of Roswell, Hobbs, Carlsbad, and Artesia formed a consortium in anticipation of applying for federal funds under this program.

The air carrier service grant program was created through the recently enacted Wendell H. Ford Aviation and Investment Reform Act of the 21st Century (so-called AIR-21).

Domenici served on the conference committee that finalized the bill, the major legislation that authorizes spending for air and transportation projects in the country.

Senator urges schools to pursue 'High Schools in Community Colleges' program

Funding available to enhance high schools

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM, Thursday alerted New Mexico schools to the availability of \$5 million in initial funding through his "High Schools in Community Colleges" program, and encouraged eligible state and local districts to apply for funding.

Domenici confirmed that the U.S. Department of Education, which administers his program, has issued a request for proposals (RFP) and published qualification guidelines for the competitive grants in the Federal Register.

Applicants now have until Sept. 17 to apply.

"This program is set to provide new and exciting vocational opportunities for students, and I encourage all interested applicants in New Mexico to submit their applications posthaste," Domenici was quoted as saying in a news release.

"The specific thrust of this program is simple — to bring educators and employers together to offer high school students the skills they need in both academic and vocational areas with practical, work-based learning," he said.

The program, created in 1998 by Domenici within the federal Vocational and Adult Education Tech-Prep program, will allow consortia of local schools, community colleges, and employers to utilize grant funds to locate high schools directly at community colleges where many vocational programs are already taught.

Domenici, an Appropriations Committee member, secured the initial \$5 million for the program through the FY2001 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (Labor-HHS) Appropriations Bill.

Under the "High Schools at Community Colleges" program, a consortium would have to contain a business partner to take an active role in ensuring that graduating students possess the tools and knowledge they will need to succeed.

The business partner will also act as a gateway for student and teacher internships and provide students a head start in obtaining jobs.

"I believe this is an innovative approach to opening vocational opportunities," he said.

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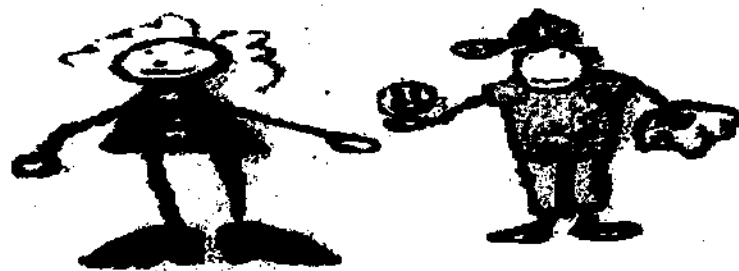
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Nogal Mesa camp meeting near 62nd start

A long-standing tradition will bring ranch families, and others, from a wide area for five days of song and preaching.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Nogal Mesa Ranchmen's Camp Meeting, a four-day encampment considered by many in Lincoln County as the major community event of the year, will draw people from all over New Mexico and surrounding states July 18-22.

In its 62nd year, the non-denominational gathering is staged in a forested area overlooking the Tularosa Basin.

Although many of the early organizers have died, their children, grandchildren and new friends continue the camp in the same tradition as when it started in 1940, said Dorothy Guck, a writer and long-time participant.

The original tent and chuckwagon were replaced by a wooden tabernacle, dining hall, kitchen and registration booth, she said Wednesday. But food still is cooked over open-pit fires and meals are served by rugged ranchmen, cafeteria style, from a menu of beans and beef, she said.

An evening meal and service will open the encampment Wednesday and the last service will be the following Sunday evening. General non-denominational religious services will be conducted four times a day in the tabernacle.

"Sometimes a thunderstorm will drown out the words of the preacher, but not the singing voices," Guck said. "The men hunker down under the limbs of a giant old juniper tree, their 'hitching' post, without preachers, talking over their troubles or problems with their neighbors, often whittling while they talk."

To attend, bring camping equipment. Electricity, water and toilets are provided. Register for camping space or just stop by for a service, she said.

"Join the choir or the nightly camp fire," Guck said. "Stand on the rim beside the tabernacle and watch the sun and clouds travel the ranges below to the far-off purple mountains."

The altitude is 7,000 feet, so plan for cool nights, she advised.

David Burk of Sterling City, Texas and Steven Deutsch of Dexter, will preach this year. The daily schedule is breakfast at 6:30 a.m., services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Services start again at 3 p.m., then a prayer service at 5 p.m., a 6 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. volunteer choir practice and 8 p.m. service, followed by camp fire entertainment, if

the weather cooperates.

"Slow down and try a new affordable adventure at this 28-acre forest encampment," Guck said. "Life at camp is simple, untainted by sales, modern lifestyles and bustle or strife. The days will give interludes aplenty for volleyball and baseball games, horseshoe pitching, visiting, hiking or activities for all ages."

The Saturday afternoon service is dedicated as a memorial, she said.

The grounds may be reached by turning off U.S. 380 at the sign 15 miles east of Carrizozo and five miles west of Capitan, or by turning at the sign on State Highway 37 on Nogal Mesa.

For more information, contact LeMayne Peters in Capitan at (505) 354-2302 or Johnson Stearns in Carrizozo at (505) 648-2878.

VILLAGE BRIEFS

Fix for walking path

Rotting wood panels from a bridge on the Ruidoso village walking track around The Links public golf course soon will be replaced.

As a temporary fix, plywood panels were nailed in place as an end-of-the-fiscal-year spending freeze played out, explained Village Manager Alan Briley. Monday the freeze ended. The parks and recreation department will handle the repair.

State grant for art

For the second year, the Ruidoso Arts Commission successfully applied for a state grant with the support from the village council.

The council approved the grant agreement for \$7,560 with New Mexico Arts, a division of the Office of Cultural Affairs.

The grant requires a match from the village of at least \$3,780. Of that amount, \$1,890 must be in cash.

The schedule submitted by the commission includes private art in public places this July and October, and June of 2002, an outdoor sculpture exhibit, street art and performances on July 28, three art walks to Ruidoso galleries and six outdoor concerts in the park.

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Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso has rescheduled the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Ruidoso Governing Body of July 31, 2001, to July 24, 2001. The regular meetings are held at the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Offices, 313 Cree Meadows drive, Ruidoso. The regular meetings begin at 8:30 p.m. Meetings of the Village of Ruidoso Governing Body are open to the public. If you have questions or need to request a copy of the agenda, please contact Tammie J. Maddox, Village Clerk, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343.

Tammie Maddox, Village Clerk
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by
Dr. Jack V.
Waters
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After almost a century of occupancy, the museum at Ancho truly is a

House of Old Things



A former train depot now is a museum.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Only two households remain in what was once the bustling brick-making and railroad town of Ancho, but Sara and L.Y. Jackson warehouse hundreds of items from that era in the old railroad depot, now a museum called "My House of Old Things."

Located about 24 miles north of Carrizozo and a short drive off Highway 54, the Ancho depot with its original colors consists of nine rooms of items collected by the Straley family, beginning with Jackie (Lucy) Straley Silvers, Sara Jackson's mother.

Ancho grew up around two brick plants and a plaster mill in 1902 (and supplied bricks to repair damages from the first San Francisco earthquake in 1906). At one time, the school had 140 children and five teachers. Older children were bused to Carrizozo High School.

Now all that's left is the old railroad depot, the Presbyterian church (in the old schoolhouse), and two homes.

"Eight families attend church, though," Jackson said, "coming in from the ranches."

In 1917, Phelps Dodge bought the brick plant and closed it three years later. Despite the job loss, Ancho's population continued to ebb and flow for many years. "At one time, we were a thriving community," Jackson said. "Then World War II broke out and miners went to cities for jobs and homesteaders sold out. Ranches got larger."

When Jackson was growing up in the 1940s, a lot of people panned for gold in the Jicarillas and homesteaders moved in, she said.

"The old post office was in the brick plant office, established in 1902 (when the depot was built)," Jackson said. "It was strictly a fourth-class post office; people had to call for their mail. My grandfather



Surrounded by many old things, Sara Jackson particularly notes the mannequin dressed in a baseball uniform worn by Ancho's 1915 team.

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

was postmaster in 1917. He had to buy his own equipment.

From 1917 until 1973, when Sara Jackson closed the post office, the Straleys served as postmasters for 56 years. Her grandfather became postmaster in 1917 and put in a grocery store and service station in conjunction with it. In 1937, her uncle became postmaster, and when he died in 1953, her mother took the position. In 1963, she closed the store, moved the old railroad depot next to her house and put the post office in there, establishing the Ancho museum.

Jackson took over both the post office and the museum when her mother died in 1972 and filled a few vacant spots with items from antique shows in the area. The post office was active until 1973, when Ancho was put on a rural delivery route out of Carrizozo.

"Through the years, people said we read their mail. Sure can't please 100 percent, though we tried," Jackson wrote in a book she and a neighbor, Janice Gnatkowski, wrote about pioneering times in Ancho, "They Called Us Nesters."

The museum grew from Jackie Straley Silver's dreams and family collections into a museum filled with thousands of artifacts.

Jackson explained how the whole thing got started.

"There was an old barn on the corner," she said. "My mother's older brother collected Indian artifacts in the barn and stuff of their grandparents. When they put the depot up for bid, Mother said she had an idea of a museum, because all the family were collectors. Once her friends saw what she was doing, they brought stuff in."

Upon entering the museum, visitors will see the original post office equipment on the right. The next room is the original railroad office (and many of the nine rooms have retained their railroad functions).

Guest books date back to June 1, 1963 when Jackson's mother opened the museum to local and long-distance visitors.

Jackson figures she gets between 2,500 and 3,000 visitors a year, "being off the beaten path."

The depot had living quarters for the station agent, and a bedroom, dining room and kitchen are set up as they were in those days, including the original stove in the kitchen.

Other items include an old juke box, a fireless cooker (heating with a "permatone") and a wind-powered evaporative cooler for food, sets of china and post office boxes from the original Carrizozo post office.

Old photographs cover many of the walls and odd collections abound: purple glass, old guns, pencils, match boxes, dolls, clothing, hats, mannequins (one wearing the 1915 baseball suit of Ancho's team that, during the 1930s competed with Mountaineer, Vaughn and Corona).

The museum, My House of Old Things could well be called "My Stuffed House of Old Things."

"Even the mice are hump-backed, it's so full," Jackson said.

One of the items Jackson pointed out is a chair her uncle got from the old courthouse where the judge supposedly sat when sentencing Billy the Kid.

"Mother did this all on her own," Jackson said. "She and my father parted ways when I was 7. I know what she did without to put it together. It wasn't easy. When she first opened, she only charged 50 cents a person."

So long as there was a post office in the depot, the museum was open year round, but when the post office closed, Jackson closed the museum for the winter months. Lately, her health has been bothering her, so her husband, who is 83, has been taking care of the museum.

"My husband and I are just caretakers," Jackson said. "It's the Lord's."

My House of Old Things is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., May through Oct. 15. Admission is \$3 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK*

JULY 12, 1901

From the Capitan Progress

In accordance with the annual Fourth of July custom, Governor Otero exercised his pardoning power and restored C. R. Chism of Lincoln County to his liberty. Chism was convicted of murder and given a 15-year sentence in the penitentiary. He has already served eight years of his term and was considered the most exemplary prisoner in the penitentiary, which fact alone recommended him for executive clemency.

A camp meeting will be held at Nogal Canyon, beginning July 25 and continuing 10 or 15 days. The meetings will be under the control of the pastor of the M.E. Church South, but all religious people are invited to attend. We want to see many sinners converted and the church edified. — W. A. Dickey, pastor.

JULY 13, 1951

Ruidoso to entertain governor

Never before in its history has Ruidoso been host to so many distinguished people as today. Gov. Edwin L. Mechem is on hand to dedicate the new municipal airport and formally open the paved road that runs between the main street of the village and airport.

In addition to the governor, Ralph Jones, chairman of the New Mexico State Highway Commission, and Burton Dwyre, chief engineer for the commission are flying in for the occasion.

JULY 14, 1961

Cash stolen from station

Village Marshal J. P. Bobo said this week a young Ruidoso man was being questioned in the robbery of Bob's Humble Station in Palmer Gateway sometime during the night Monday. Cash amounting to \$155, which had been placed in hiding, was taken. A piece of glass on an overhead door on the east side, entrance to the lubrication and wash section had been broken.

JULY 16, 1971

Artist to hold class

Mrs. Dorothy Ball Knapp of Ruidoso will hold a class in Charcoal Portraiture in the Carrizo Art and Craft Workshop in Carrizo Lodge this summer.

Knapp maintains her own studio in Ruidoso and has taught art privately to both adults and children. Her charcoal portraits are in many private collections across the country.

JULY 16, 1981

Hospital receives defibrillator

The Ruidoso Hondo Valley Hospital last week took delivery of a monitoring defibrillator for the care of cardiac patients.

The portable device may be used in the hospital, or with battery power in any of the ambulances transporting cardiac patients for hospitalization.

The unit was presented to the hospital by Arthur White, assistant director of the Eastern New Mexico Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for Region III, Clovis.

The cost of the unit, \$7,000, was shared equally by EMS and the local hospital.

JULY 11, 1991

Junge resigns as councillor

Ruidoso Village Councillor Al Junge, fiery politician for the past 15 years, turned in his resignation during Tuesday's council meeting, effective at the close of council business on July 30.

Junge said his wife once told him that if he continued in politics she would have to hire pallbearers when he died.

"I'm trying to get a 2,000-pound gorilla off my back," he said.

Mayor pro-term Barbara Duff accepted the resignation with regrets...

'Starry Night' over Lincoln proves fascinating



LINCOLN TRAILS

NOAH DUNLAP

The "Starry Night in Lincoln" program was so interesting. The program was sponsored by REDDT and was held at the BLM pasture across from the Pageant Grounds. The program was presented by NMSU astronomy graduate students Jason Peterson and Heather Osborn.

They gave a history of the telescope and the differences in the various models.

The slide show of the various stars and planets was fascinating. The fact that we can get such closeup photos of Mars, Mercury and others is so unbelievable, as well as the fact that

they can determine the atmosphere and other conditions on the planets.

After the slide show, it was time to watch the stars come out. The moon was dark so it was a good time to really enjoy the starry night in Lincoln.

Our condolences to the Ritchey family. Lucille Ritchey, mother of Reginald Ritchey, passed away in Roswell July 6; services were Sunday afternoon.

She had been in poor health for some time. One of her great pastimes was making and collecting dolls. She was a good neighbor

and friend when she and her husband lived in Lincoln.

Lincoln has been having to be careful using water. Automatic controls went out — lightning? — and drained all the water out of storage tanks. The manual controls are a lot slower and make the tanks slow to fill.

Kyle Sykes and her son Mac are living in the Gallegos house. She is cooking at the Wortley Hotel. The reports say she is a good cook.

The Wortley Hotel is also conducting night tours of Lincoln for the guests of the Hotel. Lincoln does keep growing.

Pat Ward was pleasantly surprised July 4th at the Innsbrook Inn Village Country Club. The occasion was her 75th birthday, which was hosted by her daughter Sawyer, granddaughter Seabron, and son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Scharbauer Ward and baby daughter.

Pat enjoyed the many guests and friends. There were celebrants whom she hadn't seen for more than 30 years. She and her husband Bill had rodeoed with several of them.

After the hamburger fry, the honoree opened her many gifts.

* 100 years ago is compiled by Polly Chavez from local newspapers. Other items are compiled from issues of the Ruidoso News.

JULY 13 2001

THAT'S NO BULL



A young cowboy sits back and enjoys the ride on a mechanical bull at the 46th annual Smokey Bear Stampede, held in Capitán July 4-8.

TODD BUTTS/STAFF

'Good cholesterol' proves even better

DALLAS — Scientists at UT Southwestern Medical Center have discovered that high-density lipoprotein (HDL) — the "good cholesterol" — triggers a process that keeps arteries clean and flexible.

It's a discovery, researchers believe, that could lead to new strategies to prevent or treat vascular diseases such as atherosclerosis, commonly known as hardening of the arteries.

"What we have found is that HDL is a robust stimulator of nitric oxide production in endothelial cells, which are

the thin layer of cells lining the arterial wall," said Dr. Philip W. Shaul, professor of pediatrics and senior author of the study.

Nitric oxide, he said, is a potent signaling molecule that keeps arteries clean and flexible, thereby preventing them from clogging and constricting, processes that restrict blood flow and lead to high blood pressure, strokes and heart attacks.

The study, reported in the July issue of *Nature Medicine*, describes the mechanism by which HDL

stimulates the enzyme responsible for nitric oxide production.

"Our previous understanding has been that HDL serves as a taxi, a shuttle system for cholesterol," Shaul said, "delivering it from peripheral tissues, including blood vessels, to the liver and other organs where it is starting material for steroid hormones or where it is excreted."

The current study, he said, reveals an entirely new mechanism by which HDL provides even more benefits to vascular health.

WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS

Stover-Beasley

Heather Nicole Stover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stover, of Ruidoso, became the bride of Mr. Donald Scott Beasley, son of John Beasley and the late Peggy Beasley, of Fort Worth, Texas (formerly of Clovis) Saturday, June 9 at the First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Cathy Caudle in a candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. A reception followed at the Hawthorn Suites of Ruidoso.

The bride is a graduate of Ruidoso High School and of Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She has her bachelor of business administration degree in management information systems.

The groom is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, with a bachelor of science in psychology. He is currently pursuing a master of business administration degree at Wayland Baptist University of Lubbock and working full-time in the human resources department at Carillon Senior Living Center in Lubbock.

The Beasleys will reside in Lubbock.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beasley

Jensen-Hegre

Jim and Stephanie Jensen, of Ruidoso, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kammee Dawn Jensen, to Peter William Eric Hegre IV, the son of Gary and Nancy Hegre of Wrangell, Alaska.

The ceremony will be Saturday, Aug. 4, at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso. A reception will follow at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Genta-Meyers

John and Evelyn Genta of Ruidoso announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Marie, to Scott Edward Meyers, son of James and Carola Meyers. The ceremony will be on Aug. 11 at the Community United Methodist Church with a reception following at the Swiss Chalet. The couple will reside in Abilene, Texas, where he is a systems engineer with Computer Visions and Lori an elementary education major at Abilene Christian University.



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 Capitán, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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FOUR SQUARE
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 Highway 48, Capitán, Harold W. Perry, Pastor, Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

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 Capitán, Highway 380 West, 354-2459. Ed Vinson, Pastor, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 The Word of Life Church
 Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339, 711 E. Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/ the Evangelical Assembly Church. Sunday 7:00 pm.

BAPTIST
 First Baptist Church
 Hayden Smith, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday

CATHOLIC
 Santa Rita Catholic Church
 648-2853. Father Dave Berg, Pastor, Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Perry Zumwalt, minister, Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm.

EPISCOPAL
 St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
 Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

METHODIST
 United Methodist Church Parish
 Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor, Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
 Carrizozo Community Church (ACC)
 Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor, Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday bible Study 7:30 pm.

RUIDOSO DIRECTORIES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 Apache Indian Assembly of God
 Mesclero, 671-4747. Donald Pettey, pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday services: 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God
 El Paso Road, Ruidoso. Rev. Bill Lenard, Pastor, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 10:45 a.m. (includes children's church); Sunday evening praise: 6 p.m.; Wednesday family night: 7 p.m.

BAPTIST
 First Baptist Church
 Sunday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 White Mountain Plaza on Mechem. Rev. James Crowder, 336-1979.

First Baptist Church
 420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. (505) 257-2081. Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Service times: Saturday 7 p.m. Praise & Worship; Sunday - 8:15 a.m. Praise & Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School all ages, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship, 5:30 p.m. Youth Power Hour, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Discipleship classes for all ages.

First Baptist Church
 Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener, Pastor, Sunday: Worship hour 11 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 Thrine. Bill Jones, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna
 420 Mechem Drive. (Sunshine Classroom) Ramon Robledo, Pastor. Culto de Predicacion 3 p.m.

Mesclero Baptist Mission
 Mesclero, Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso services 6:30 p.m.
 Ruidoso Baptist Church
 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway Wayne Joyce, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

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CATHOLIC
 St. Eleanor Catholic Church
 Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan, Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 5:00 p.m. or by appointment; Sat. Mass: 6 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio 8 a.m.

St. Thomas Catholic Church
 Corra. Sunday Mass 6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission
 Mesclero. Father Paul Botenhausen, Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Bent. Father Paul Botenhausen, Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN
 Crosspoint Christian Fellowship
 A Christ Centered Church
 Ruidoso Senior Center, 701 Sudderth Drive, 258-1492. Steve Kipp, Pastor. Preservice prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; Children's Church: 10 a.m. Small group meetings, including youth group, at various times and locations.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 Hull and Capitán Canyon Road.
 Rev. James M. Sirdin, Pastor, Sunday School, K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Gateway Church of Christ
 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381. Jay Willmon, Minister, Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS
 Church of Jesus Christ LDS
 Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between Ruidoso and Capitán, Joe Magill, 336-4359. Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School: Priesthood and Relief Society.
 Church of Jesus Christ LDS
 Mesclero Branch, 671-4630. Wray Schildknecht, President, 671-9506. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL
 Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount
 121 Mesclero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W. Perry, Rector, Sunday
 Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Daughters of King noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan
 Lincoln, Sunday: Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.
 St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
 Glencoe, Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

FULL GOSPEL
 Mission Fountain of Living Water
 San Felipe, Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Evening service: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-2871.
 Sunday: Public Talk 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m.; Monday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.; Thursday

ship after worship the third Sunday of every month. Mountain Ministry
 Parish Community United Presbyterian Church
 Ancho, Reverend Scott King, Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Corona Presbyterian Church
 Reverend Scott King, Sunday Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Reformed Church
 Mesclero Reformed
 Mesclero, Bob Schuch, Pastor, Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Men's junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed. high school meeting 7 p.m. Thurs. Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
 Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist
 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 336-4161.
 Pastor Earl Robertson, 505-430-0700. Adult: Pastor William Morley 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
 Sacramento Mountain Unitarian Universalist Church, meeting in members' homes. Call 258-1881. www.uuunited.com website.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
 Advanced Life Family Church
 2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor, Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m.; Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship
 Rick Smith, 682-2999. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut. Mesclero Church, Wednesday: (Sept. through May) Capitán Jr. High and Sr. High youth groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship, Banali. Rick Stover, community youth group.

Calvary Chapel
 433 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway Center, 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall, Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7 p.m.

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
 130 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso, 257-2324. Pastor Carlos Carrion, Retiacion General (Jueves) 7:00 p.m.; Domingos 10:00 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 10:00 a.m. (July)

Christ Church in the Horne
 Ruidoso Downs, 336-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors, Sunday: Children's ministries concurrent with Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.; worship 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Thursday: services 7 p.m.

Christians Church
 Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. R.A. Thurman, Pastor, Sunday services: Adult and children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study Adult and Youth, Wednesday 7 p.m.

Cowboy Church
 Noon Sunday at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Pastor: Butler Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

Grace Harvest Church
 Capitán Canyon Road, 336-4213. Sunday: morning prayer 6:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.

Living Word Church
 441 Mechem 257-9470. Pastors: Terry and Suzanne Lewis, Sunday: Renewal services Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday: Intercessory prayer noon mid-week services 7 p.m.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Chamber's survival guide now available

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce's Business Survival Guide is now available.

The brochure covers five general areas of review for those thinking of starting a business in the Ruidoso area. The guide was assembled with existing businesses offering their formulas for success.

Chamber Director Joan Zagone said earlier this year that the survival guide would seek to make entrepreneurs "bottom-line survivors" compared to the chamber's relocation guide, which she described as presenting the "glitz and glamour" of the community.

The Business Survival Guide is available at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce office on Sudderth Drive, and at banks, real estate offices and some other locations.

Junior cattle growers elect new officers

The New Mexico Junior Cattle Growers Association has elected a new slate of officers for the upcoming year.

The officers are Danny Brown, Artesia, president; Garland King, Capulin, vice president; Kate White, Albuquerque, secretary/treasurer; and Emily Moore, Wagon Mound, reporter.

State ACI schedules Ruidoso roundtable

The Association of Commerce and Industry of New Mexico, in conjunction with local chambers of commerce, will host a series of roundtable breakfast and luncheon meetings, including one in Ruidoso.

The Issues Roundtable in Ruidoso is scheduled for Sept. 28, from noon until 1 p.m. The Ruidoso location is yet to be

This is an area you need to be really smart in' State wants to hire movie investment consultant

SANTA FE (AP) — The state is beginning a search for a movie investment consultant more than a year after the Legislature authorized investment of about \$20 million in films shot in New Mexico.

State Investment Officer Phil Archibek, who heads the department that manages New Mexico's \$4.5 billion severance permanent tax fund, says managers of the state-venture-capital fund couldn't evaluate risks of the movie

business, so a consultant is needed.

"Most advisers who come through say this is an area you have to be really smart in," Archibek said. "You have to go slow and get guidelines in place."

The Legislature this year approved \$75,000 to hire the movie consultant, and the funds became available July 1. Archibek said requests for proposals from consultants should be advertised.

Domenici seeks rural digital TV expansion

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici Tuesday asked the head of the Federal Communications Commission to provide him with information on facilitating the expansion of digital television capabilities in predominantly rural areas of New Mexico.

Domenici said he's asked FCC Chairman Michael Powell to explain what plans the commission has to provide digital translator service to meet statutory mandates on conversion from analog to digital television.

"Because New Mexico is so large and sparsely populated, translators are of immense importance to almost half of all New Mexicans who rely on translators to bring television broadcasts into their homes," Domenici said.

All television stations are required by federal guidelines to expand from traditional analog transmission to a digital mode by May 2003. The conversions are expected to cost stations millions of dollars.

The state's senior senator also requested information from Powell regarding FCC licensing policies for satellite development and deployment to deliver broadband Internet service to rural areas. Domenici said such technology is important for future telecommunications-based economic development in rural areas.



Sherry Barrow reviews plans for a business that will use small diameter timber from fire-threatened forest lands in Lincoln and Otero counties. A pair of federal grants, to spur economic development and improve overgrown timber lands, will help get the new business off the ground.

Barrow's grants focus on forest

The \$330,000 effort is designed to use small trees, clear fire hazards and create jobs

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With the memory of wild-fires fresh in the minds of people from Ruidoso to Cloudcroft, one Ruidoso woman has armed herself to fend off the forest fire threat. The arming includes a \$330,000 federal grant.

Sherry Barrow, often heard on area radio, said her husband, Glen, has been concerned with water and land use all his life.

"He had scribbles and ideas on paper the last six years and looked at it more and more. We feel a responsibility to be stewards to our lands." That concern resulted in her project.

Not only do overgrown forests raise the potential of a devastating wildfire, they detract from the amount of water that would otherwise recharge aquifers, Barrow said.

"Walk in the woods and look at all the trees," Barrow said. "When it rains there is this sucking sound — the trees sucking up the water."

Barrow said appropriate thinning of trees would create a healthier forest and lower the fire worries. While there is

a market for larger diameter trees, the skinny Ponderosa pines, which are more than ample in the woods, are largely undesirable for commercial use.

After considerable research, Barrow said she's identified 12 potential products that could be made from the smaller diameter trees.

Her firm, Sherry Barrow Strategies, applied for and received grants that will help establish a business to turn trees into wood shavings for animal bedding. The money is part of some \$5 million pumped into New Mexico to be used for forest health and fire hazard reduction.

Barrow said her project will need about 25 cords of wood per day. Both public and private land may provide the trees.

"We want smaller diameter trees, and that is unusual, I think, because most businesses want commercial timber," Barrow said.

An estimated eight direct jobs and 10 other related jobs are expected to be created.

Barrow said timber harvesters are being contacted,

especially those already working on thinning projects.

"The guy (timber harvester) who's making a living for his family is very important," Barrow said. "He's not Bill Gates, but he's important. What we want to do is identify small businesses, small contractors, small mills. If they're interested in wood utilization we've got plans."

A property east of Ruidoso Downs will become the site for turning trees into shavings. While animal bedding will be the initial product from Sherry Barrow Strategies, other products will follow.

"We're making soil-to-soil products," Barrow said. "That's where what comes out of the forest goes back into the ground. Like the animal bedding. It's pretty simple when you think about it."

The first grant, under the title The Four Corners Sustainable Forests Partnership, promised \$80,000 to Barrow in April. The second infusion of taxpayer money, \$250,000, will come under the Economic Action Program and Community Fire Planning program. That grant

■ A busy Ruidoso radio personality has found another outlet for her energy, following up on an idea developed with her husband.

State jobless rate highest in nation; county also gains

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

New Mexico had the highest unemployment rate in the country for May — 5.8 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis.

The nation's jobless rate was 4.4 percent in May.

A year ago the Land of Enchantment ranked 11th from the bottom, at 4.7 percent. At the same time in 2000 the U.S.

unemployment rate was at 4.1 percent.

"The national slowdown is trickling in," Dan Hall, with the New Mexico Department of Labor, said. "It's the impact from the national slowdown."

Hall said the state has seen a slowing economy, particularly in manufacturing and mining. Service sector employment has changed little over the past year.

In Lincoln County the preliminary May unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, up from April's revised 4.5 percent. A

year earlier, Lincoln County's rate had been 3 percent.

In Otero County the rate was 6.3 percent, compared with 6.1 in April and 4.1 percent in May 2000. Chaves County's May rate of 7 percent compares with 6 percent in April and 5.1 percent in May 2000.

Hall said most counties in the state, except for the Santa Fe - Los Alamos area realized a 1 to 2 point jobless increase over the past year.

Major church building project near

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

■ Ruidoso's First Baptist Church has outgrown its space and prepares to build a new complex at Cree Meadows starting in August.

Ground-breaking for a new church complex, to replace the existing First Baptist Church building on Mechem Drive, could happen as soon as late August.

The planned facility is presently in the permit stage.

"It's because of growth," said Brenda Dixon, in charge of church finances. "We've outgrown our church. There's no more Sunday School room."

The new church, planned for 14 acres east of Cree

Meadows Country Club, will consist of four wings with a courtyard in the middle, Dixon said. A gymnasium, seven Sunday School rooms and a large auditorium fellowship hall will be included in the complex.

Construction of the new complex is expected to take 18 months.

Dalton Haines, a representative of the church's building advisory committee, said a contractor already has been brought on line. Final approval for the 40,000-square-foot building project will be sought

at an early August meeting of Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Committee.

"The contractor is ready to go," Haines said. "We voted on this a little over two years ago, to build new instead of remodeling and taking care of parking."

The First Baptist Church is presently located at 420 Mechem Drive. The new church and other amenities will be more than three times the size of the current church.

Haines said the new complex will be constructed in three phases.

CONVENTION CENTER

The following conventions or events are scheduled over the coming 30 days at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

| Date | Group | Attending |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 7/18 | Valentine Circus | 30 |
| 7/18-19 | Phillie Phanatic | 30 |
| 7/20 | NMSU Board of Regents | 30 |
| 7/21 | Mountain Hoedown | 50 |
| 7/23-24 | Farm Credit Bank | 30 |
| 7/27-28 | Art Festival | 100 |
| 7/30-31 | United Way of Lubbock | 100 |
| 8/2-3 | SNMERC | 300 |
| 8/2-4 | 43rd Annual Square & Round Dance | 100 |
| 8/4 | Southwest Steel Fabricators | 100 |
| 8/4 | NM Professional Surveyors | 75 |
| 8/6-8 | Legislative Finance Committee | 150 |
| 8/6 | DGWS Advertising | 30 |
| 8/9-10 | NM Municipal Airport Managers | 60 |
| 8/10-11 | St. Eleanor's Enchilada Dinner | 700 |
| 8/14-15 | American Quarter Horse Assoc. | 15 |
| 8/18 | Rocky Mountain Concrete | 15 |
| 8/18-19 | NM Ready Mix Concrete | 27 |
| 8/17 | Stewart Title | 100 |
| 8/19-22 | NM Emergency Managers | 300 |

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Alamogordo sawmill reopens under Mescalero Apache ownership

MESCALERO (AP) — A sawmill idled last year by scant timber supplies is buzzing under new ownership — the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

"We haven't had our official opening yet, but we have been up and running for about two weeks," said Jimmy Bridge, general manager of Mescalero Forest Products.

Eventually, facility managers expect to provide work for up to 80 people at the Alamogordo sawmill, said Bridge. Currently 28 employees from Mescalero-Alamogordo area have returned to work. Most are mill workers who lost their

jobs when it shut down last year.

"Everyone has a new attitude," returning sawmill manager Mark Hare said. "The Forest Service is realizing they need to manage the timber. I am very hopeful."

The White Sands Forest Products mill closed in August 2000 after 30 years of operation.

White Sands Forest Products once provided 150 to 180 direct or related jobs and once pumped an estimated \$7 million into the

Otero County economy, Hare said.

But the company lost access to

Lincoln National Forest timber in 1993 after the Mexican spotted owl was declared a threatened species. The forest was included in the owl's favored habitat.

The mill is equipped to produce studs and other smaller, standard-dimension lumber, while the Mescalero's own mill was best suited for larger-diameter timber, said Bridge.

The Alamogordo sawmill also affords the tribe convenient access

to a railroad line for shipping timber.

Bridge said Mescalero timber made up one-third to one-half of production at the White Sands mill before it closed.

The initial workforce will be a fraction of what it was when the mill closed. The tribe had planned to hire 30 to 50 sawmill workers over the next six to eight months and eventually more later.

Currently timber is being provided through a contract with Cloudercraft as part of the forest health project, as well as from the tribe, Bridge said.

"As long as we have the tim-

bers, we'll keep going," he said.

Timber coming out of the Sacramento Mountains had dropped to a point where the mill could no longer sustain itself.

But recent focus by federal and state governments on solving fire hazard and water supply problems has helped resuscitate the mill. A recent Collaborative Forest Restoration Act grant provided funds to the mill to help process smaller-diameter timber, shavings and bark products.

And the mill will operate new equipment to help deal with the smaller-diameter wood and leftovers, Bridge said.

PRC firm on area code decision, opponents may appeal

BY BARRY MASSEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SANTA FE (AP) — Opponents of a planned area code change for the Albuquerque and Santa Fe calling zones will wait until next week to decide whether to take their fight to the state Supreme Court.

The 505 Coalition is considering whether to appeal the Public Regulation Commission's area code decision in hopes of eventually forcing the agency to change its mind and allow the urban centers to keep the 505 area code.

On Tuesday, the commission approved a final written order in the area code dispute. The 21-page order explains the regulatory agency's 3-2 decision last month to require the Albuquerque-Santa Fe urban corridor to switch to a new 575 area code. The rest of the state, including Las Cruces, will retain 505.

No legal appeals can be filed until after the final order is released.

Mark Mathis, a spokesman for the Albuquerque-based coalition, said Monday the group would review the commission's written ruling before determining whether to appeal. No decision is likely until the coalition's lawyer returns from vacation next week, he said.

"We want to see the final order," Mathis said. "In light of what this group (commission) has done up to this point, we take nothing for granted."

Even if the area code dispute goes to the Supreme Court, the justices cannot unilaterally change which parts of the state must switch to 575. The court could order regulators to reconsider the case if the justices conclude there was not enough evidence to support the PRC's decision or the commission made a procedural mistake.

Commissioners voted 4-1 to approve the final order. Commissioner Herb Hughes of Albuquerque objected to some provisions, saying they "totally

mischaracterized" what happened in public hearings.

Hughes contends that a series of hearings across the state last year focused mainly on a telephone industry recommendation to keep 505 in the Albuquerque-Santa Fe areas and require the rest of the state to switch to a new number.

The commission's adopted approach is just the opposite of what the telephone industry had recommended. The commission's plan was the subject of a hearing in Socorro last month, which was scheduled after a public outcry in the Santa Fe and Albuquerque areas over the regulatory agency's initial decision.

Regulators agreed last month to leave some area code issues open for further study.

For instance, commissioners said the area code change would be phased in starting next March and become final in June 2003 unless the agency finds a way to delay the imple-

mentation by extending the life of the 505 area code.

The commission also left open the possibility that current cellular telephone customers in the Albuquerque-Santa Fe areas might be able to keep the 505 area code and only new customers would change.

Commissioners will decide that after determining whether the option is legal under federal regulatory mandates. Keeping 505 for current cellular users could reduce the costs and inconvenience of the area code switch because some customers otherwise must have their phones reprogrammed.

However, retaining 505 for urban area cellular phone customers would require 10-digit dialing for some calls within the 575 area code.

The state needs a second area code because it's projected to exhaust available number combinations in 505 in the fall of 2003.

STATE BRIEFS

Mother of bitten child wants two dogs killed

MORIARTY (AP) — The mother of a 4-year-old girl bitten from head to toes by two dogs near Moriarty said she wants the dogs killed.

"I feel very strongly that the dogs are dangerous and something needs to be done to they don't harm someone else's child," Barbara Clary said Monday.

Miranda Clary underwent surgery at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque, where she was listed in serious condition.

Sheriff's Sgt. Mark Satterfield said the girl had picked up the dogs' rawhide chew toy.

The dogs — a 90-pound female Rottweiler and a 125-pound Rottweiler-black Labrador mix — are being held at an animal shelter in Estancia. Shelter officials said they would be destroyed.

Miranda's 13-year-old

cousin was outside with her when the attack occurred and ran to tell adults.

'Skies' effort ends

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — John McGraw's universe has turned out to be finite, limited by the reality of funding for an ambitious astronomy dream.

The University of New Mexico professor, who had proposed building a triangulated complex of astronomy facilities dubbed LodeStar — including a museum here, a telescope near Socorro and "Enchanted Skies Park" near Grants — had won \$27.8 million in state and federal money in 1994 and 1995.

But plans for the telescope that would have been connected via the Internet to New Mexico schools have been canceled; Enchanted Skies was canceled last month after \$7.3 million was spent but nothing was built, and several teacher-training and other programs never materialized.



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Bad company: Dave Atkins in and out of the USA

Not exactly the best-known outlaw the world has ever known, Dave Atkins is a good example of the sort of undistinguished, common and dangerous men who proliferated in the West of the late 19th century.

They never rose to the fame of Butch Cassidy, or even his better known gang members, such as Ben Kilpatrick or Kid Curry. But they were there, drifting from gang to gang, job (legal or otherwise) to job and town to town. What made Dave Atkins unique among his peers in this shadowy class of men was that Dave also tended to drift from country to country.

Dave Atkins was the son of a buffalo hunter and was born on May 8, 1874, at Santa Angela (modern-day San Angelo), Texas. When Dave was a

little over three years old, his father was taken by what they called "gallop-
ing pneumonia." The Atkins family

luck could have been better — when Dave was eight and living in a small, apparently nameless community a few miles south of Santa Angela, the Concho River flooded and obliterated the entire town site. At this point, his mother purchased a home about 16 miles away from the river in the community of Knickerbocker along Dove Creek. Dave attended school until he was 15, which was a little longer than most in that time and place.

Early days

Described as something of a lady-killer, Dave grew to be about six feet, with dark hair and light eyes. In the early 1890s, he exhibited the wanderlust that would consume his life for the first time, and, while barely grown, Dave headed for New Mexico Territory. Atkins' time in New Mexico is poorly documented, but it appears that he attempted to work as a farmer. After about two years, he headed back to Knickerbocker, where he married a beautiful young girl by the name of Sabe Banner on Christmas Eve, 1894. Within a year, a baby girl

was born to the young couple and things were looking rosy for the Atkins family. Dave was regularly employed on the farms across the river, and that was where the difficulty arose. Among the Atkins' neighbors were the Ketchum brothers: Berry, Sam, and most notably, Tom, who would one day be known as "Black Jack" Ketchum.

Black Jack

Black Jack Ketchum is a name familiar to all western historians. He is well known as one of the last of the train robbers around the turn of the last century and also as a ruthless killer. Ketchum also enjoys a certain historical notoriety as the only man to be executed for train robbery in New Mexico. Black Jack's luck was bad to

the end — he couldn't even die without something going wrong. And his execution went about as wrong as an execution could go. But I'll get to that later. Berry Ketchum appears not to have chosen to follow the owlhoot trail like his brothers — and Dave Atkins.

By the time 1895 rolled around, Tom Ketchum, hereafter known as Black Jack, began getting into trouble on a regular basis. It was in that year that the Tom Green County Sheriff accused Black Jack and Dave of the murder of John N. "Jap" Powers, a man who had the misfortune to fall out with Black Jack Ketchum. The Sheriff accused the pair of waiting for Powers near his home and unceremoniously gunning him down — which was cer-

See GOMBER, page 6C

Energy tip for California drivers: save on those car chases

Incredibly, despite the fact that I have already devoted

"chase."

an entire column to it, California's

energy crisis is getting worse. It's so bad that, in some parts of the state, fireflies no longer have enough power to illuminate their own behinds. They must attract mates by shouting into the darkness: "Blink! Hey! Over here! BLINK!"

This is bad.

Because if

California can't

solve the energy

crisis, it will

spread to the rest

of the nation, and the econ-

omy will collapse, and we will

become a primitive society

where we all run around

naked with spears and refuse

to attend meetings. Wouldn't

that be GREAT?

No, it would be tragic,

which is why we must solve

California's energy problems.

The obvious first step is to:

1. DO SOMETHING

ABOUT TELEVISED CAR

CHASES. This is the root

cause of everything. Follow

my reasoning:

If you turn on a TV in the

Los Angeles area, any time,

day or night, you will see live

aerial video of police chasing

a car being driven by what

the psychiatry profession

classifies, technically, as

"some kind of idiot." Generally

this idiot has committed some

idiotic act that has caused the

police to try to pull him over.

But the idiot, refusing to stop,

So the police, not wanting to

imperil innocent, lawsuit-fil-

ing civilians, follow the idiot,

generally at low speeds. Pretty

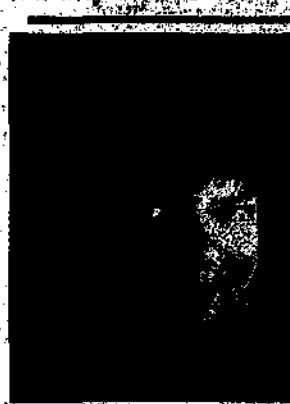
soon there are more police

cars involved, and police heli-

copters overhead, and it turns

into a full-blown O.J.-Simpson-Bronco-style

Funny Bone



BY DAVE BARRY
DAVE'S WORLD
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

No matter how many times this happens, in California it is

always considered

HUGE news. TV

news helicopters

scramble into the

air to follow the

police helicopters

following the police

cars following the

idiot. The TV sta-

tions break into

their usual pro-

gramming ("Today

on Sally: My

Husband Got A

Turtle Pregnant!")

to give you urgent

live video of the

idiot leading a

parade of police

cars at 37 mph, as TV

news people provide

insightful com-

mentary.

FIRST NEWS PERSON:

He's coming to another inter-

section. Chuck! He could turn

left.

SECOND NEWS PERSON:

Or right, Bob. No, wait ... he's

going straight!

FIRST PERSON: So he is!

And now he's coming to

ANOTHER intersection. On

live TV! This is SO exciting,

Chuck!

SECOND PERSON: Bob, I

just wet my pants.

And so it goes, sometimes

for HOURS. And people

WATCH this. I know I do,

when I'm in California. I can't

help it! I am RIVETED by the

low-speed idiot chases, and

there are tens of thousands of

viewers like me, glued to our

TV screens. Think of the wasted

energy — all the gasoline

consumed by all the police

cars and helicopters, plus all

the electricity being used by

the TV sets, plus the additional

laundry generated by the

news commentators.

The solution to this insane

energy waste is obvious, and

was in fact suggested by Al

Gore in his book "Earth in the

Balance." Equip police heli-

copters with missiles. I'm not

saying the police pilots should

shoot the idiots' cars. That

would be unconstitutional.

They should shoot the TV sta-

tions.

But even that may not be

enough. That's why it is so

important for everybody to:

2. HEED BARBRA

STREISAND. From time to

time, Miss Streisand graciously

takes time out from her

busy schedule of being a

wealthy Malibu resident to

advise the nation on what to

think and do. She puts her

views on her official Web site

— <http://barbrastreisand.com/>

— which is hands-down the

most entertaining thing on

the Internet. Recently, Miss

Streisand informed

Californians that they could

ease the energy crisis by —

prepare for an insight — con-

serving energy. Wow! It

makes so much sense, you

wonder how come nobody ever

thought of it before Miss

Streisand did!

Miss Streisand's Web site

offers some specific energy-

saving tips, including (I am

not making these up): "Turn

off appliances and lights when

they are not in use" and "Use

warm or cold water to wash

clothes."

I know I speak for all

Californians when I say:

"Thank you, Miss Streisand!

It's always helpful to be

lectured on conservation by

somebody whose personal

residence consumes the same

amount of energy as Brazil!"

In conclusion, the only way

we can beat this energy crisis

is with a solid effort from all

Californians, including ordi-

nary citizens, elected officials,

business people, whoever

does Miss Streisand's laun-

dry, and whoever turns off

Miss Streisand's lights. We

will also need a strong perfor-

mance from the police heli-

copter pilots, to whom I say:

Good luck, and aim carefully!

Also, if you have any missiles

remaining, you might take a

swing over Malibu.

(Dave Barry is a humor

columnist for the Miami

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Bill Stroud
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QUESTION: In your opinion, how much of the home-buying decision should be a family process?
ANSWER: It's desirable that home-buying be done by husband and wife wherever possible. However, in the case where a move over a considerable distance is involved, the best arrangement is for either the husband or the wife to look separately and then for both to get together to make the final decision.
It's not a good idea to involve very young children in the initial house visit. It generally works out that children are happy with a house that makes their parents happy.
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GOMBER: Dave Atkins was a travelin' man

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tainly in character, at least for Black Jack. According to the *San Angelo Standard Times*: "J.N. Powers was found dead 60 yards from his house five and one-half miles west of Knickerbocker with four bullet holes in his body. Three bullets hit him in the back and one split his skull open. He left home at 9 a.m. according to his wife to get their horses. She heard shots a few minutes later. Two men rode off over the hill." The paper then went on to comment that it looked as though Powers had been "waylaid and murdered."

Appearances can be deceiving

Well, things ain't always what they seem... It turned out that, despite the fact that the killing of Jap Powers was, quite logically, laid at the door of Black Jack Ketchum and Dave Atkins, they were innocent of the crime. In 1896, the same sheriff discovered a conspiracy involving Powers' wife and their ranch foreman.

It didn't matter, as it turned out. On March 20, 1897, Dave botched his life up — permanently — without any help from Black Jack Ketchum whatsoever. On that night, Dave was drinking with a friend named Sam Moore in the Brown Saloon in Knickerbocker. After a while, the pair went outside and apparently took a few potshots at the moon. When they came back in, the bartender turned a baleful eye on them and informed them that he didn't care to have their drunken antics give his place a bad name.

At just that moment, storekeeper Tom Hardin entered the saloon, complaining that stray bullets had almost hit him. Eyewitnesses later stated that there appeared to be bad blood between Atkins and Hardin. And what Atkins then said to Hardin tends to bear that out: "Damn you," he shouted, "you struck me over the head once with an ax handle!" Hardin then made the terminal mistake of calling the drunken Atkins a liar, and then compounded this by placing his hand on Atkins' shoulder, a move that Dave took as one of aggression, but was probably an attempt at peace-making. Dave immediately drew his revolver and shot Hardin twice in the head, killing him.

Atkins' friends thought that it might be a good idea if Dave were to, perhaps, make himself

scarce in the area of Knickerbocker, what with Hardin being known as a "first class citizen" and being the owner of a business and all. It occurred to them — and Dave — that he might well end up decorating a tree somewhere, should the citizens take it into their heads to drop by the Atkins home some time in the near future.

Escape and other naughtiness

Dave headed for Mexico, but kept running across bands of those pesky Texas Rangers and other lawmen, which unnerved him. Finally, he headed back to the Knickerbocker area where he found a place about six miles west of town. And it was there that Black Jack Ketchum found him. Atkins accompanied Ketchum to Black Jack's own, apparently more secure, hideout, about a mile south of Berry Ketchum's place. The area is now known as "Ketchum Spring." With Dave and Black Jack was another member of the Ketchum gang — as well as Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch — namely, Will Carver.

On December 8, 1897, this trio, along with several others, held up the Southern Pacific at Steins Pass, located immediately north of modern I-10 on the New Mexico/Arizona border. During a wild gun battle that took place during the robbery, one of the bandits was killed. Train robbery and the murder of Tom Hardin — Dave was now a big-time outlaw.

And, like most big time outlaws, the law caught up with him. After the Steins Pass robbery, a posse ran the gang to ground in Cochise County, Arizona and after a gun battle, Dave and two others were captured. Black Jack and Carver escaped.

Justice being what it was in those days (and occasionally still is), Dave served a very brief period of time and by May 14, 1898, a little more than five months after the Steins Pass Robbery, Dave was reunited with Black Jack and Will Carver in Texas. We know this because that is the day that they robbed the Southern Pacific near Langtry. The only known outlaw to work with the trio on this robbery was Will Carver's lady friend, Laura Bullion, the Old West's equivalent of what was once known as a "gun moll." She held the horses.

After blowing the train's two safes to smithereens, Black Jack and his gang departed the scene a whopping \$42,000 richer. They didn't do as well two months later near Midland, Texas, when they blew another safe on a train and left with a measly \$500. In the course of the robbery, the outlaws discovered a load of watermelons being delivered to Midland. In a gesture typical of Old West outlaws, they forced the train crew — at gunpoint — to sit on the tracks and eat watermelon with them.

In less than a year, there had been so many train robberies in New Mexico that the Territory passed a law giving the death penalty to anyone unlucky enough to be convicted of train robbery. And Black Jack Ketchum was the only man ever to be given this award. Always plagued by bad luck, Black Jack's luck got really bad at the end. His executioners botched the hanging so badly that Ketchum's head was torn from his body when he plunged through the trap door.

By February of 1900, Dave was languishing in a Tempe, Ariz., jail under an alias. But he was recognized by a lawman as being one of the bandits who committed a robbery in Butte, Montana, and he was immediately extradited to that place. Once he got to Butte, however, the Sheriff there recognized him as the man who was wanted in Tom Green County for killing Tom Hardin (remember him?) and Dave was then transported back to Texas. In a way, you could say he received a free tour of the west, courtesy of various law enforcement agencies.

Texas and beyond

On the way back to Knickerbocker with the Sheriff, Dave asked permission to stop and see his wife and child, only to find that she had divorced him and remarried. Amazingly, this news seemed to surprise him.

After spending months awaiting a trial, Dave was placed on house arrest, which was a mistake. He *did* try to honor it for a while, but finally departed — really departed this time. He not only left Texas, he went all the way to South Africa!

Dave Atkins went to South Africa to work as a mercenary for the British in the Boer Rebellion. Starting on May 7, 1901, Dave's outfit was engaged

in a two-day battle with Boers and ultimately emerged victorious. Dave noted that during battle, the British had the greatest respect for the American mercenaries, but afterwards, tended to look down their noses at them.

Atkins actually appears to have served with some distinction in the Boer Rebellion, involving such daring acts as having his horse shot out from under him and then stealing one from the enemy on which to escape. And that is a good thing, because when one looks back over the rest of the life of Dave Atkins, it can only be called a waste of humanity.

Sources: *Dave Atkins, an Outlaw Who Liked to Travel* by Barbara Barton; *The Shooters* by Leon Metz and *The Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters* by Bill O'Neal.

Hondo Valley artist invited to participate in exhibitions

Local Hondo Valley contemporary artist Ann Templeton will participate in several art shows over the following four months.

She will take part in the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso open house and reception for its art collection, in conjunction with the Ruidoso Arts Festival, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 27. Templeton will join top artists of this century in an opening night at the Albuquerque Art Museum when the museum presents the invitational annual "Miniatures/2001," opening Sept. 29 with an art reception and continuing through Dec. 16. To purchase tickets to the opening night gala, contact the museum at (505) 842-0111.

Ann Hughes Gallery in

Dallas sponsors an annual October exhibit of select, invited artists and Templeton will join the show. Opening night is Oct. 5, and the show runs through Oct. 9. The gallery can be reached at (214) 720-0004.

Templeton has been invited to be a participant in "American Art in Miniature," an invitational art show sponsored each year by the Gilcrease Museum of Tulsa, Okla. Opening night is Nov. 2 and the show will run until Nov. 4.

The International Art Museum in El Paso will mount an exhibit of the combined work of Templeton and Dee Wescott, also from the Hondo Valley. The show opens Oct. 28, with a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and closes Nov. 4.

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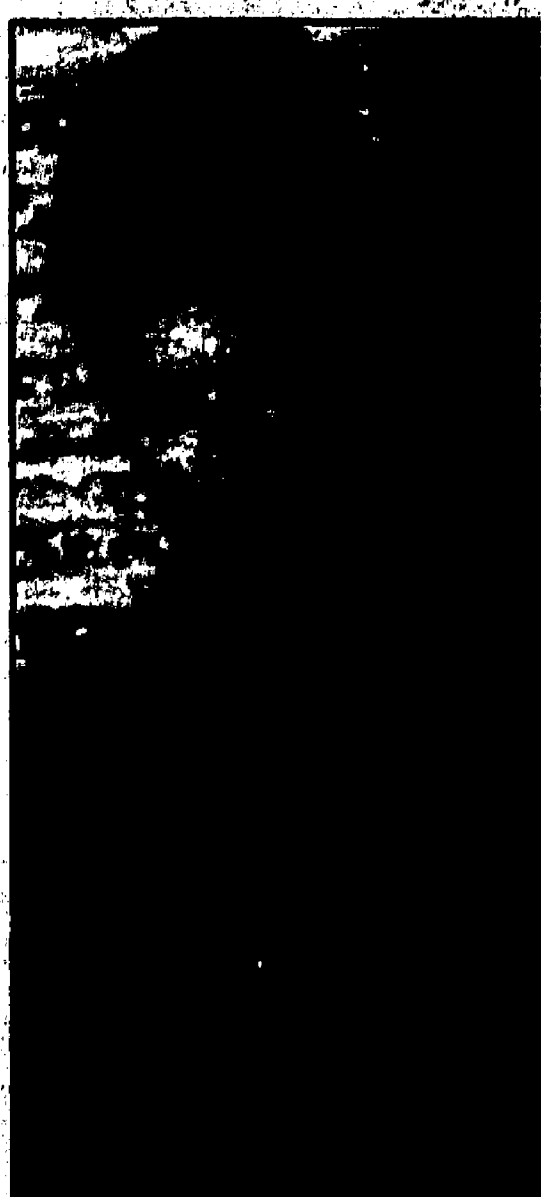
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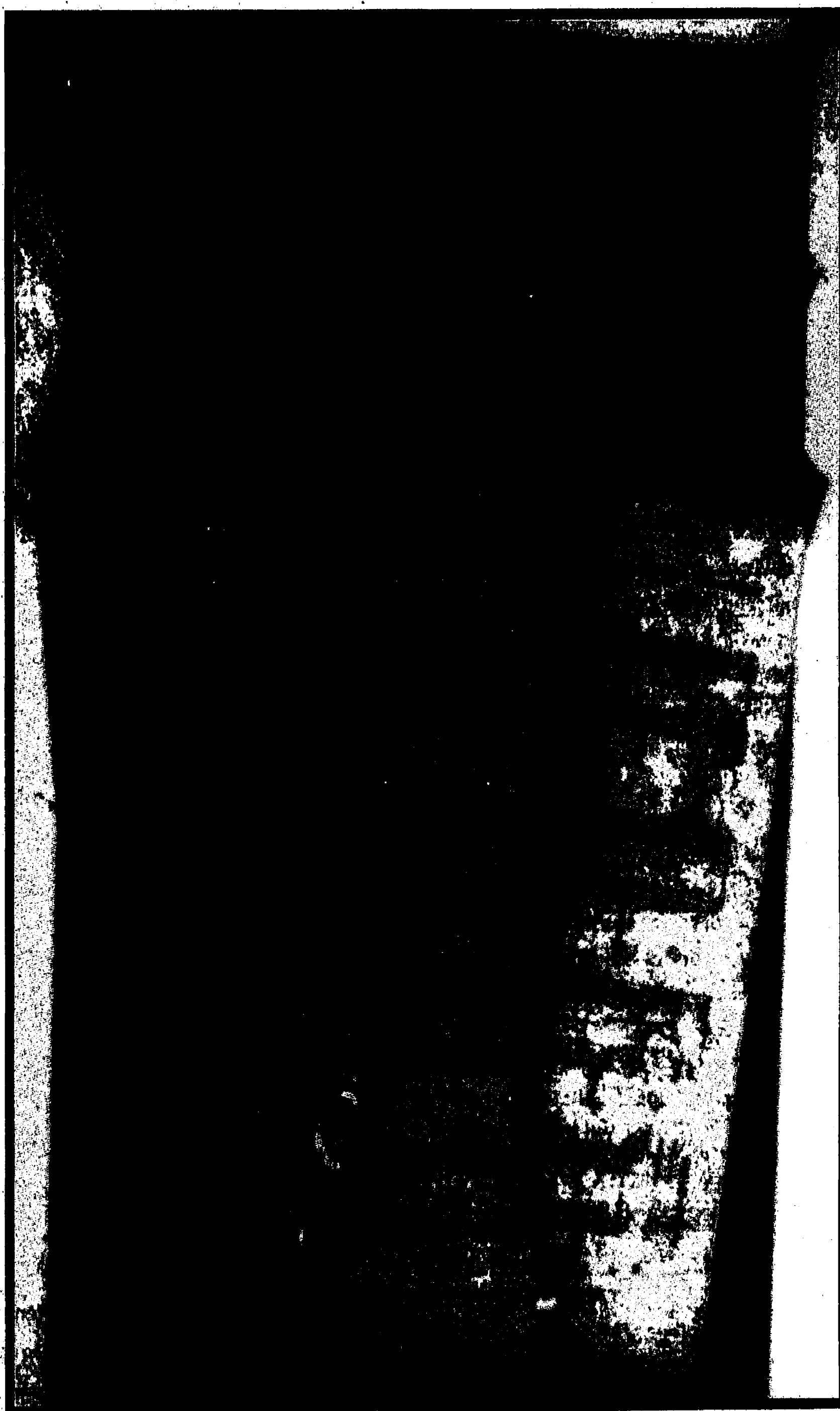
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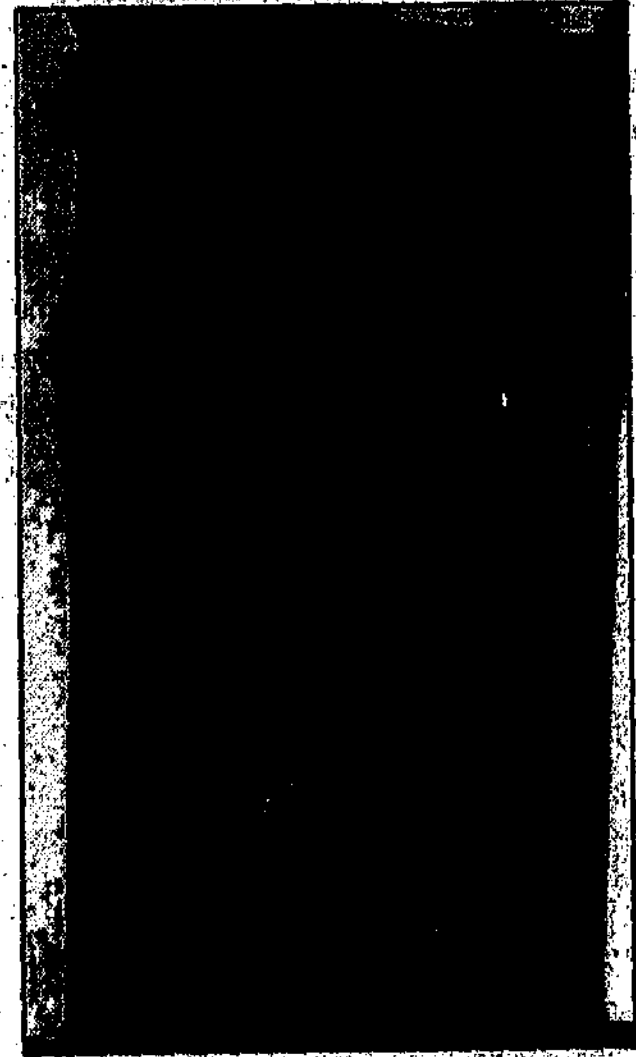
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ON THE COVER

Sandy Suggitt

"Scarf Dance," by Linda Fox, is just one of the pieces visitors on the Lincoln County Art Loop might see. The Art Loop, July 14 and 15, covers all of Lincoln County, from Fox's studio in Lincoln, to Ruidoso Downs to Nogal and elsewhere. For more information on the Art Loop, turn to page 4D.



Natalee Roe from Albuquerque, NM is bringing her puppet show to Ruidoso, NM. She will have her show at Josie's Framery, 2809 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso, NM on Monday, July 16, from 10am until 12pm.

IT'S FREE! Children are encouraged to come. Bring your friends, Mom and Dad or Auntie or Grandma & Grandpa. She will entertain us with her stories and give us tips on how to "tell stories" and make puppets. Everyone is welcome...

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Editor's Note

Funny Bone and Past Tense can be found on pages 5C and 6C this week. Look for Dave Barry and Drew Gomer in Vamonos again July 20.

¡vamonos!

¡Vamonos!, the arts and entertainment magazine of Lincoln County, is published every Friday by the *Ruidoso News*. Literary submissions are welcomed. Submit for consideration to *¡Vamonos!*, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88355, or call 505.257.4001.

Submissions for the weekly calendar must be turned in to the newspaper office by noon on Friday the week preceding publication.

Friday, July 13

Relay for Life

6 p.m. through noon on Saturday, A Celebration of Life, Relay for Life of Lincoln County will be at the Ruidoso High School. This is an American Cancer Society fund-raising event. For more information, please call 378-4786.

Melodrama in Cloudcroft

7:30 p.m., "Fiendish Firebug Strikes Again or There'll Be a Hot Time in the Ol' Town Tonight," performed by the Cloudcroft Light Opera Company in the open-air pavilion.

Alamogordo Music Theatre, Inc.

"The Secret Garden" opens at 7:30 p.m. at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo. Other show dates are July 14, 20 and 21 and July 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and available at the Flickinger Center, 110 New York Avenue and Holloman's Outdoor Rec. For information visit www.zianet.com/amt.

Saturday, July 14

Lincoln County Art Loop

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 19 artists will open their studios for visitors. For information, turn to the center pages of Vamonos and visit www.artloop.org

Lincoln County Rodeo Club Rodeo

9 a.m. roping at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan; bull riding and speed events to follow. Must be a member to participate; general admission is free. A snack bar will be set up on the grounds.

July Jamboree Art & Craft Fair

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Zenith Park in Cloudcroft, behind the Chamber of Commerce.

Alamogordo Music Theatre, Inc.

"The Secret Garden," 7:30 p.m. See July 13.

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Sunday, July 15

Lincoln County Art Loop

See July 14

Alamogordo Music Theatre, Inc.

"The Secret Garden," 2 p.m. See July 13.

American Impressionist Paintings in El Paso

El Paso Museum of Art presents "American Impressionism from the El Paso Museum of Art," more than 60 paintings illustrating the influence of French Impressionist masters Claude Monet, Edgar Degas and Pierre Auguste Renoir on American artists during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For information, call (915) 532-1707 or visit www.elpasomuseum.org.

July Jamboree Art & Craft Fair

See July 14; Old Western Street Dance on Historic Burro Avenue from 7 to 11 p.m. in Cloudcroft.

Monday, July 16

Puppet show

10 a.m. to noon at Josie's Framery, 2809 Sudderth Drive. Natalee Roe from Albuquerque will bring her puppet show. She will entertain with her stories and give tips on how to tell stories and make puppets. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Sierra Dove Productions.

Cloudcroft Art Society Watercolor Workshop

Watercolor at all levels, taught by Bill Bissell, July 16-20, \$300. For more information on instructors and classes, visit www.cloudcroft.net/artworkshops.html or call the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce at (505) 682-2733.

Wednesday, July 18

Tom Horn, 100 Years Later

Tom Horn, 100 Years Later 7 a.m. lecture by Drew Gomer at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs. See Tom Horn's gun, knife, a horsehair rope braided by him while he was incarcerated and a piece of the rope that hanged him. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Friday, July 20

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Alamogordo Music Theatre, Inc.

"The Secret Garden," 7:30 p.m. See July 13.

Capitan Monthly Flea Market

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lincoln County Fairgrounds; inside and outside spaces available. For information, call 354-4321 or 354-4270.

Ongoing

Open Studio Drawing Workshop

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• Friends of the Library Book Shoppe is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Exhibits/Receptions

Private Art in Public Places

Suane Wamsley exhibits her work July 3 through September 8 at the Ruidoso Public Library, working in colored pencil, she specializes in equine art and commissioned portraits of horses and pets.

Firearms of the American West 1803-1900 Exhibit

On display through October 20 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. lectures on the exhibition will be given by Worman and Garavaglia. For more information call 378-4142.

Chamber Exhibit of the Month

Sharon Adamy, exhibiting artist at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for the month of July, draws and paints pastel portraits, street and market scenes and quick pen-and-ink sketches, seeking to capture character, essence or spirit.

Capitan Library Exhibit of the Month

Two dimensional work, 3 dimensional photos and brochures of the 19 artists participating in the Art Loop is the Capitan Library Exhibit of the Month, 106 S. Lincoln Avenue.

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Produced by Kathleen Kennedy, Steven Spielberg and Bonnie Curtis. Showtimes: (July 13-17 only): noon, 8:45 p.m.



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Paul Walker in Universal's The Fast and The Furious.

Dr. DoKittle 2

Comedy and Kids/Family. 1 hr. 21 min. Rated PG for language and crude humor. Starring: Eddie Murphy, Jeffrey Jones, Lil' Zane, Kevin Pollak and Kyla Pratt.

Directed by Steve Carr.

Produced by Joseph M Singer.

Distributor: Twentieth Century Fox

Showtimes (July 13-17 only): 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m.

The Fast and the Furious

Action/Adventure. 1 hr. 47 min.

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Directed by Rob Cohen.

Produced by Neal H Moritz.

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The Lincoln County Art Loop, a self-guided studio tour, will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 14 and 15, featuring 19 artists. More information is available on the Internet at www.artloop.org.

All about the Art Loop

Story by *Dianna Stallings*
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER

A rare glimpse into the working environment of artists and a chance to buy some of their goods are the ingredients that draw visitors from all over the Southwest for the annual Lincoln County Art Loop.

In its sixth year, the loop, July 14-15, showcases 19 artists from Carrizozo to Nogal and Capitan, from Hondo and Lincoln to San Patricio and Ruidoso Downs.

New talent is added each year, with some names dropping off for a while, only to return later.

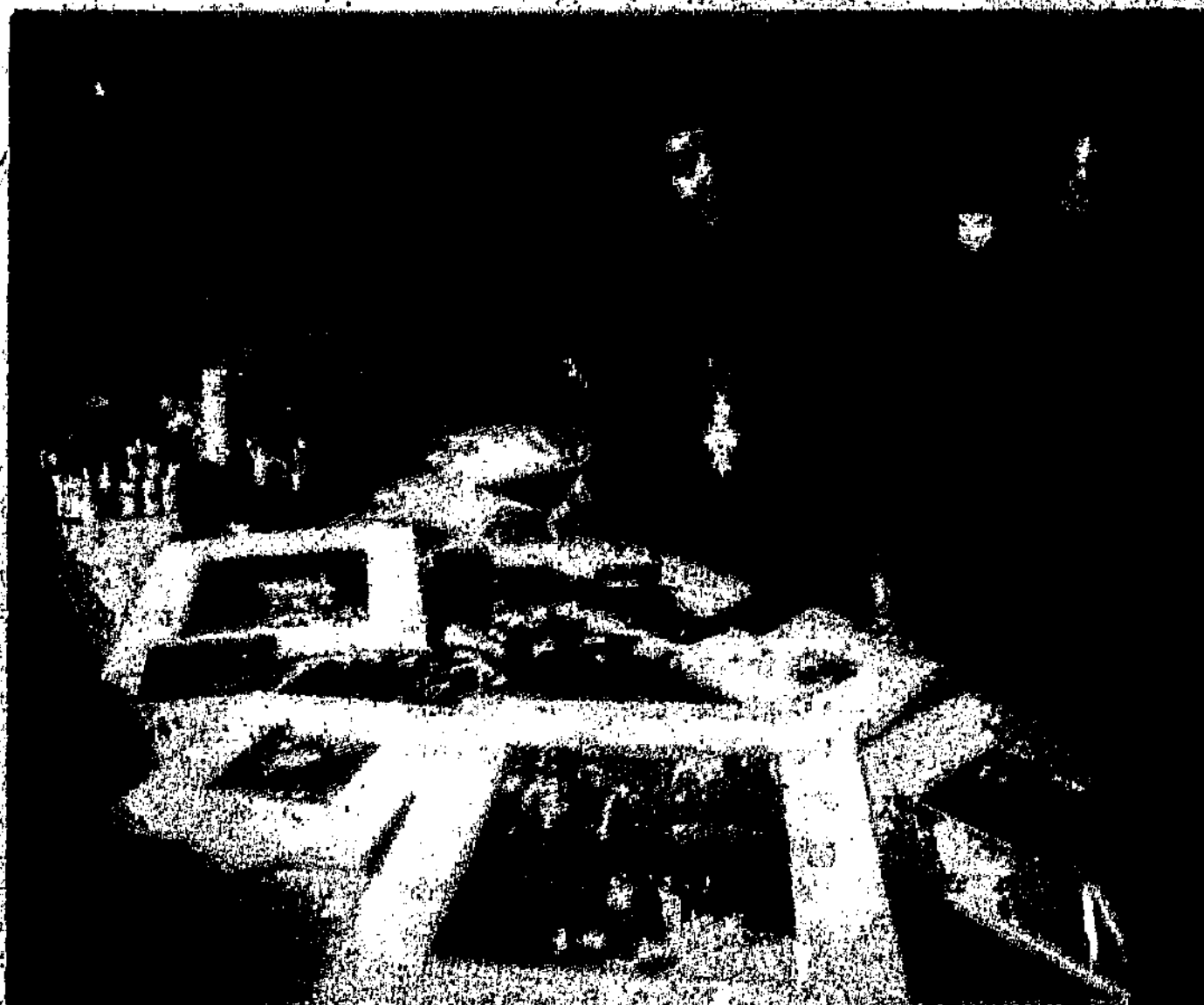
The art should keep visitors intrigued. Besides paintings and sketches, collages, hand-made books and paper, they'll see baskets and jewelry, leather work, woven garments, pottery, soaps, ceramics and stone sculpture, porcelain, exquisite woodworking pieces and the unusual skill of quilling.

"Molly Hart and I started the loop to showcase a lot of the great artists living in Lincoln County who primarily sold outside of the area through gal-

leries and fairs," said Todd Shelby of Animalia Pottery, also a participating artist. "We chose the smaller villages to get people to come out of Ruidoso and down the hill to see what other talent is out here. We wanted a studio tour so people could understand how art happens, the process, the material and the inspiration that turns a box of clay into a teapot with an animal on top."

"I think people appreciate that."

The tour allows visitors to see the art in the context of the studio where it is created, he said. In the case of ceramic artist Susan Weir-Ancker, they will quickly understand, after seeing the setting of her studio, why she was inspired to incorporate the elements of the local landscape into her work,



Dianna Stallings

Dee Wescott shows off some of her work in her Ruidoso Downs studio. More can be seen at her stop on the Lincoln County Art Loop.



Courtesy

At left is an example of the whimsical pottery made by Karen Pritchett and Todd Shelby, whose Capitan studio is part of the Lincoln County Art Tour.

At right, "Grief Transformed" is one of Susan Weir-Ancker's ceramics. Her Art Loop studio is in Lincoln.



Courtesy

Shelby said.

"It's hard not to go to the (Mike and Georgia) Lagg studio and not see how much they love wood and nature," he said. "It makes sense. The pieces stand alone, but in context, it's much more interesting."

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, they layman or the aspiring artist can watch how the work is executed, meet the artisans and ask questions about their pieces.

East of Ruidoso on U.S. 70, Dee Westcott with her paintings of nature and the human figure is the first stop, followed by basket and jewelry of Judy Benson in San Patricio and the painting of Paula White at her Red Rose Art Studio in Hondo.

Turning west of U.S. 380, Linda Fox, in the historic settlement of Lincoln, will greet guests with her bright abstract and representational paper collages.

Continuing west from Lincoln, the high-fired whimsical and serious ceramic sculpture of Susan Weir-Ancker are next on the list, followed by Fruit of the Trees Paper Products and the work of Beverly and Paula Wilson, spanning photo albums, boxes and journals. The mother and daughter duo also plan pastepaper demonstrations.

Continuing into

Capitan, Jake Wolfhart will be showing his new hand-laced braided deerskin bags, as well as belts, wallets, hair-ties, hats and knife-sheaths of cowhide and exotic leathers.

Just around the corner from Wolfhart's shop, Maggie Doyle's sumptuous hand woven garments with rich dyed natural fibers will be on display and visitors may see her working on her favorite loom.

Four more artists in Capitan waiting to dazzle visitors with their work are Judy Pekelsma at Pek-n-paw Pottery with her paintings, pottery and weavings drawn from the colors of the surrounding hills; Tom and Joyce Summers, who concocted their own soap recipe with olive, coconut, pal and canola oils; and Susan Burke with her custom designed porcelain and stoneware in functional and accent pieces.

A must stop is Animalia Pottery, a home and studio just about as colorful as the ceramics and sculpture inside. Owners Karen Pritchett and Todd Shelby continue to amaze visitors with their imaginative designs.

The State Highway 37 route through Loma Grande and Nogal will produce another crop of artists.

The turnoff will be marked with an art loop

insignia for the outdoor stone and metal sculptures of Pamela Topper, along with her mixed-media copper jewelry. Nearby, Patricia Fox will show her sculptured pottery, hand-carved and decorated with 24 carat gold and mother-of-pearl overlays.

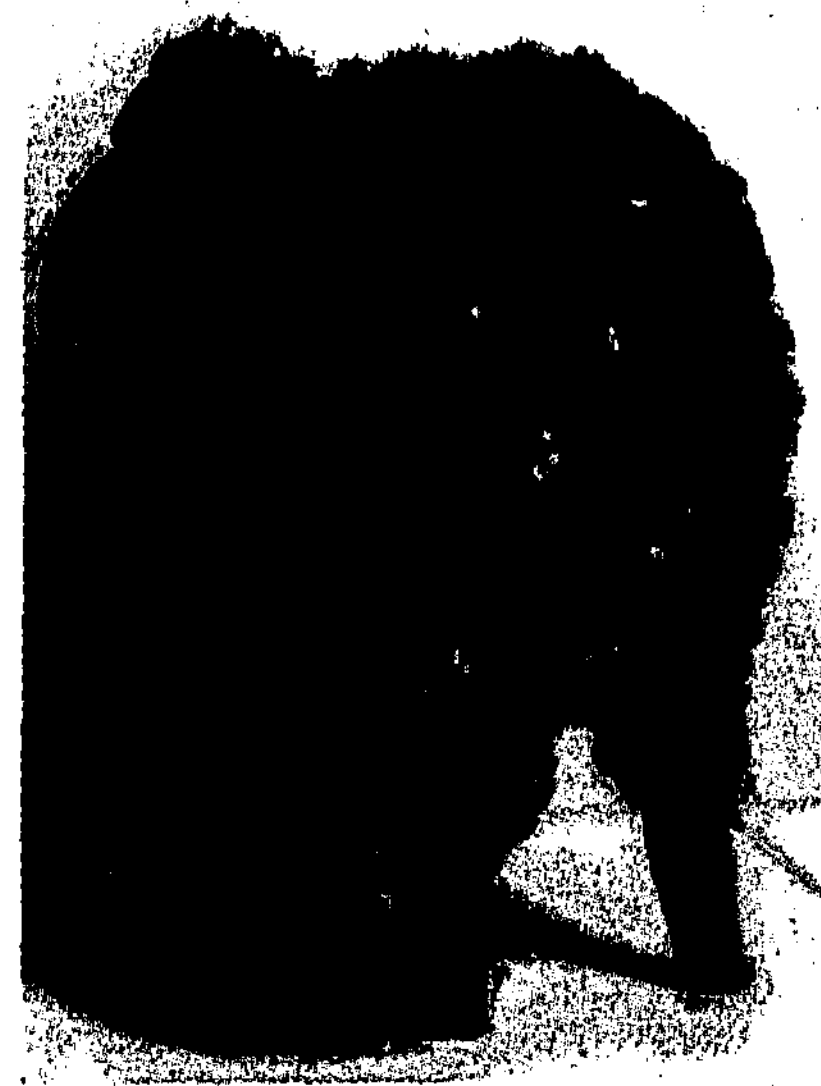
In the settlement of Nogal, the woodwork of Georgia and Mike Lagg will wow visitors from lamps and window covering to cabinets and sculpture.

Continuing west on U.S. 380, the art loop tour will enter the county seat of Carrizozo for four more studios.

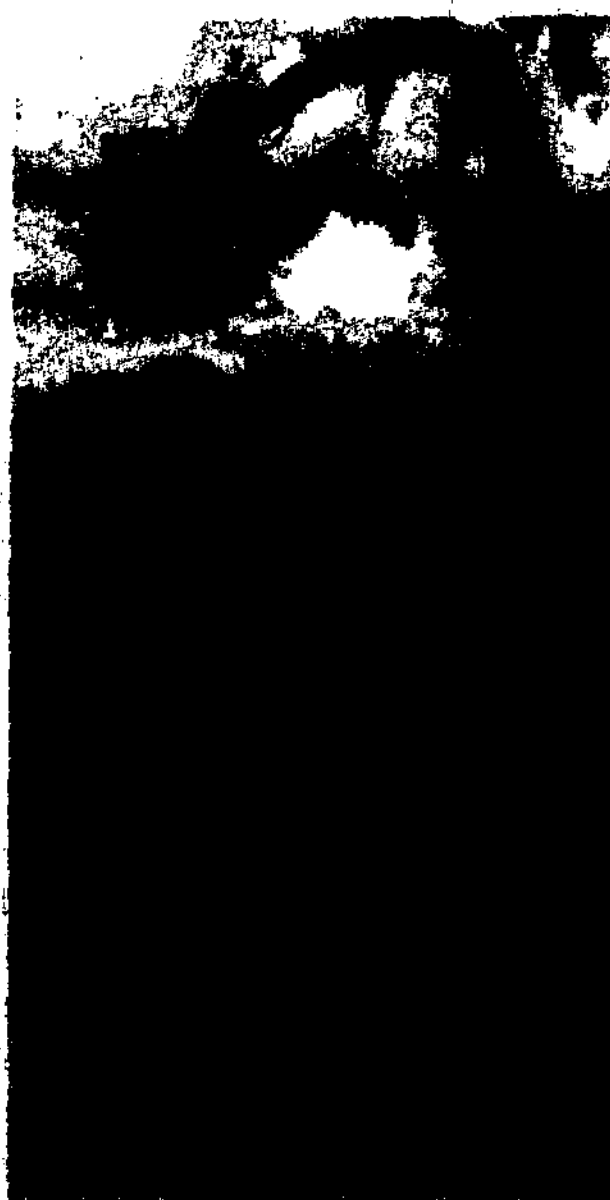
Bill Kerr shows his hand-painted porcelain floral, fruit and southwest designs on fine porcelain tableware and table tops. Tim O'Lear and Marie Watkins will dazzle viewers with their colorful fold art and batik fabric items such as totes, T-shirts and dresses and woodwork mirror frames, will decorations and small sculptures.

Gay Speirbhain's multi-dimensional painting constructed pieces will baffle and delight as they combine sign, symbol, and written work with eclectic objects.

Barbara Culler reached back to an old art and brought it forward with her quilling, paper filigree, and beading.



Sandy Suggitt



Courtesy

Susan Burke's ceramics, such as the fuzzy-looking creature above, will be on the art loop. Pay a visit to her Capitan studio to see them. If woodwork is desired, plenty of it can be found at Georgia and Michael Lagg's studio in Nogal.



B.J. Thomas to play Spencer; 'Raindrops' will fall

With such timeless hits as "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head," there's no wonder that the legendary B.J. Thomas is still one of the most recognized and respected voices of the American music scene.

His concert at the Spencer Theater on Friday, July 20, at 8 p.m., which is sponsored in part by KRUI-1490 AM, was the first to sell out this summer season. But fans seeking tickets (\$35 & \$38) to the one-night appearance are encouraged to call the Spencer Theater Box Office at (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872 to be placed on the ticket waiting list.

A concert performer since the early 1960s, B.J. has sold over 70 million albums during his career, making him one of the most sold artists in any genre of music, and, other than Garth Brooks, the most sold artist in country music. He has recorded an incredible string of successes with 15 Top 40 hits, 10 Top 40 Country hits, two Platinum, 11 Gold records and has five Grammys, two Dove Awards and a CMA Award to his credit. His country music success also led him to become the 60th member of the Grand Ole Opry.

Considered a superstar in the country music scene, many artists such as George Strait, Garth Brooks and Clint Black regard the Houston-born Thomas as a role model.

Thomas's versatile voice is velvety smooth and expressive, his material

always positive and uplifting, his stage show high-voltage and enthusiastic.

"I love singing all of it," he says of the variety of popular music his career has impacted. "I've always enjoyed singing country — my first hit was country-gospel, and old hymns mean a lot to me and I still really enjoy doing rock and roll. I really don't think it's that important what kind of song you sing as long as the attitude that comes through is good."

In fact, no matter what genre Thomas has been working in, he has always chosen to present positive, uplifting material.

"As a singer," he says, "you've got the chance to make people's spirits, and their lives, a little better."

It's an attitude people notice. Fans and concert-goers frequently approach Thomas to thank him for the impact of songs ranging from his mega hit "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" to country smashes like "New Looks From An Old Lover."

Billy Joe Thomas was born in Hugo, Oklahoma, and grew up in Houston and Rosenberg, Texas. He picked up an inter-

See Thomas, page 7D



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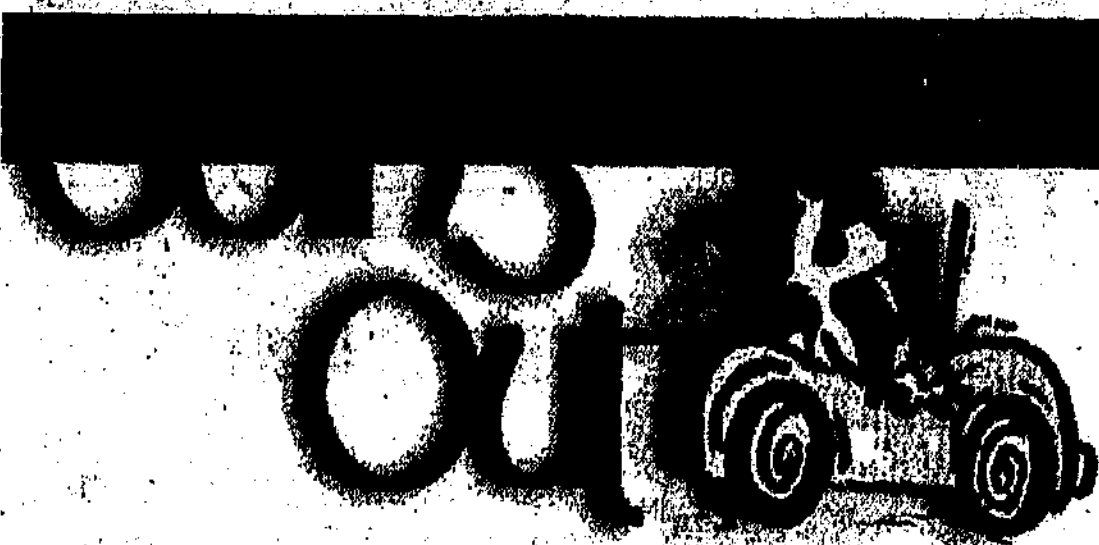
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Thomas: Crooner to play his classics at Spencer Theater July 20

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est in country music from his father and developed a passion for R&B on his own.

Thomas made his biggest local splash when he was 15, performing as lead singer for a six-piece rock and roll band called the Triumphs that started out playing dances and a Saturday morning radio show, and wound up becoming one of the biggest acts in Texas, opening at the Houston Coliseum for headliners like Roy Orbison, the Dave Clark Five and the Four Tops.

The group released a couple of well-received local singles and then, in 1965, went to record an album of vintage rock and roll. One song was needed to finish the project and Thomas, whose father had told him, "Don't come back unless you record something country," suggested Hank Williams' "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry."

Houston disc jockeys picked up on "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry," making it a regional hit. The record's producer leased the master tape of the single to New York's Scepter Records, and it went to number four on the national pop charts and sold more than a million

copies, something none of the other four or five dozen covers of the song have ever done.

Several of the other band members were married or in college, and unable to begin touring, so Thomas took off by himself, doing the grueling "Dick Clark Caravan of Stars" band tour and signing with Scepter.

By 1968, he'd had four gold records — "The Eyes of a New York Woman," "Hooked on a Feeling" and "It's Only Love" being the other three — and label-mate Dionne Warwick, who'd been working with the Burt Bacharach/Hal David songwriting team, recommended him for "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" which was written for the motion picture "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

"I was in the right place at the right time," Thomas says, "and probably got their best song ever."

"Raindrops" was Bacharach/David's first million-seller; it won an Academy Award and Thomas sang the song on the 1970 Academy Awards telecast.

Thomas would go on during

the early '70s to record hits like "I Just Can't Help Believing," "No Love At All" and "Rock and Roll Lullaby," scoring a dozen gold records. Throughout this period, he sold tens of millions of records and appeared regularly on TV programs like the "Ed Sullivan Show" and in top nightclubs and concert halls. The period was a rough one for him, though, on a personal level. An open, spirited young man whose abusive upbringing left him plagued by good measures of self-doubt, he reacted to fame and success with a self-destructive spiral of drugs and fiscal and personal problems.

"It was stressful and very tense," he says, "to come out of working a dance in the country for a bunch of kids to playing the Copacabana in New York. It's real hard to keep your roots down and your foundation steady when you get out into the fast lane. All of a sudden you've got a lot of money, and a lot of people wanting to advise you — people you admire. So, if you don't have a real strong foundation, you make decisions that are wrong for you."

In 1976, he released the first of several gospel albums,

"Home Where I Belong," which went platinum, making him the biggest contemporary Christian artist of the period. Over the next several years, he received a couple of Dove awards. Gospel fans, though, didn't like the fact Thomas continued to sing his older pop hits, so he moved to country music, where he hit the Top 40 10 times with hits like "What Ever Happened To Old Fashioned Love," "New Looks From an Old Lover" (which Gloria wrote with Red Lane) and "The Whole World's In Love When You're Lonely."

Thomas has also been active in work for various causes. In particular, his song, "Broken Toys," written by his wife Gloria and Nashville writers J.D. Martin and Gary Harrison, has been adopted by child abuse agencies throughout the country as their theme song. From the same album on which that song appeared, "Throwin' Rocks At the Moon,"

came "As Long As We Got Each Other," the theme song for the ABC sitcom "Growing Pains."

Called "one of the greats all-time singers of today," by Nashville songwriter Mark James, who wrote "Hooked On a Feeling" and Elvis Presley's "Suspicious Minds," Thomas still places more importance than ever on his marriage of over 30 years and family life.

"The real answer for me," he says, "lies in trying to be a good husband to my wife and a good father to my kids (daughters Paige, Nora and Erin) and live up to my responsibilities. That's the bottom line right there."

His most recent CD recording, "You Call That A Mountain" released in July 2000, contains Thomas at his best. Many of the songs on this recording, which are also some of his most celebrated signature tunes, will be performed at the Spencer Theater concert.

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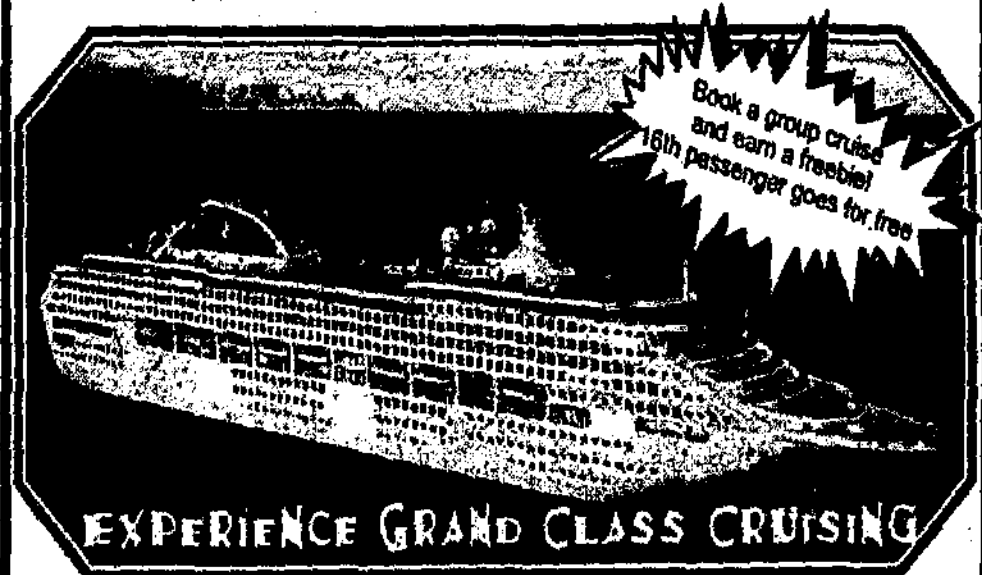
message to someone in honor or memory of them and we put them around the track," said Sharon Smith, team coordinator.

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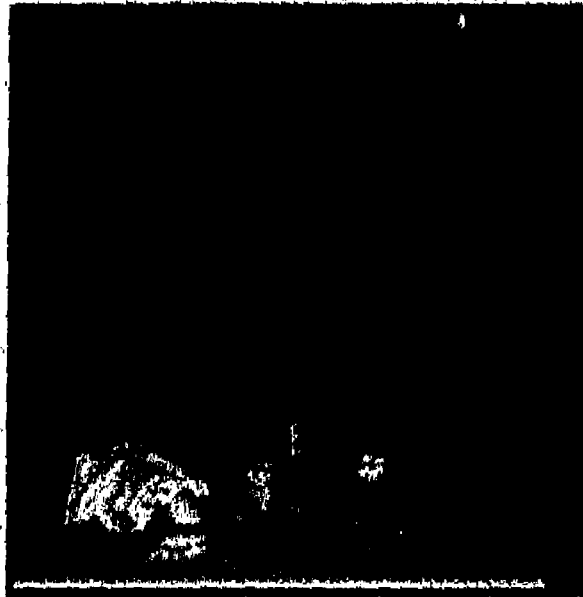


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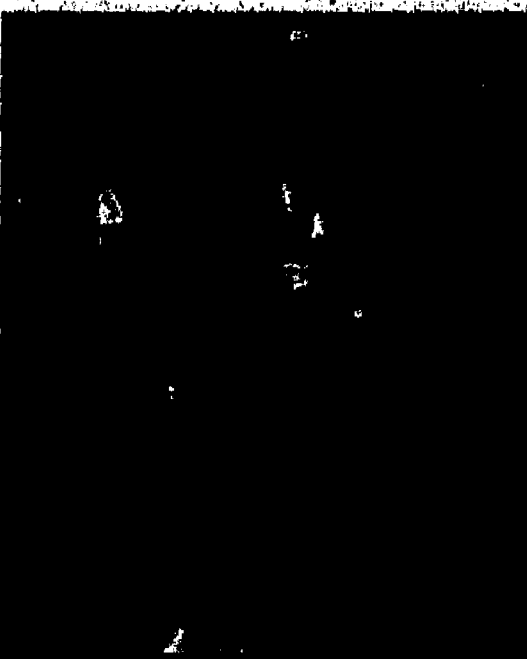
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YARD SALE 115 Mockingbird Lane, Saturday 14th, 8:00am-3:00pm. Clothes and various items.

040 HOUSES FOR SALE

300 YARD SALES

1800 FORT STATION RD. Saturday, 8:00am. Multi-family, W/D, A/G, pet house, paw benches, model plane, bike, and misc. items.

20 YEAR PURGE OF TOO much stuff! Hunter/gatherers welcome. antiques, misc. included. 8:30am-4:00pm. Saturday only. Bennett's Indian Shop parking lot, Hwy. 70 just past Motel 6. Early Birds get wormed!

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FRIDAY 13TH & Saturday 14th, 8:30am-5:00pm, 822 Main Rd. Ceiling fans, furniture, decorative items, collectibles, old west items and misc. 10:00am-7, Saturday 14th.

INSIDE YARD SALE, 129 East Circle Dr., 8:00am-7:00pm. Ruidoso Downs Heights, yellow 2 story house. Antique Windsor chairs, Windsor swivel bar stools, bookcase, old/new books, misc. items.

LARGE MOVING SALE, you name, we got it! Follow signs across street from "The Barn" on Hwy. 70 W. Saturday 14th only, 8:00am-3:00pm.

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Lighting

The project will involve installation of a new lighting system and appurtenances for the tennis courts at School House Park in the Village of Ruidoso. This project is to be completed within forty (40) calendar days.

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Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Officer at 421 Wingfield Street in Ruidoso no later than Monday, July 23, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. local time, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all informalities and technical irregularities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By Order of the Governing Body.

Morris McGowan
Purchasing Agent
Village of Ruidoso

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LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Copy Machine Maintenance for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the office of the superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

600 LEGALS

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2001. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR COPY MACHINE MAINTENANCE". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular school board meeting Tuesday, August 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room.

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/s/Mike Gladden
Superintendent
Ruidoso Municipal Schools

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County public Land Use Advisory Committee and the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee have rescheduled a joint meeting to Tuesday, July 24, 2001. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo.

AGENDA
a. United Nations Ordinance
b. Fish & Wildlife - proposed road through WSMR for oryx hunts.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

600 LEGALS

TRUDIE JORDAN aka TRUDIE CREWS and CHARLES EDWARD CREWS aka CHARLES JORDAN,

Defendants.

No. CV00-168

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and

cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 28 St. Moritz Street, in the city of Ruidoso, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, more particularly described in the Amended Complaint in said cause.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before August 24, 2001 judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School

600 LEGALS

NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87190-3509.

Witness the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 2nd day of July, 2001.

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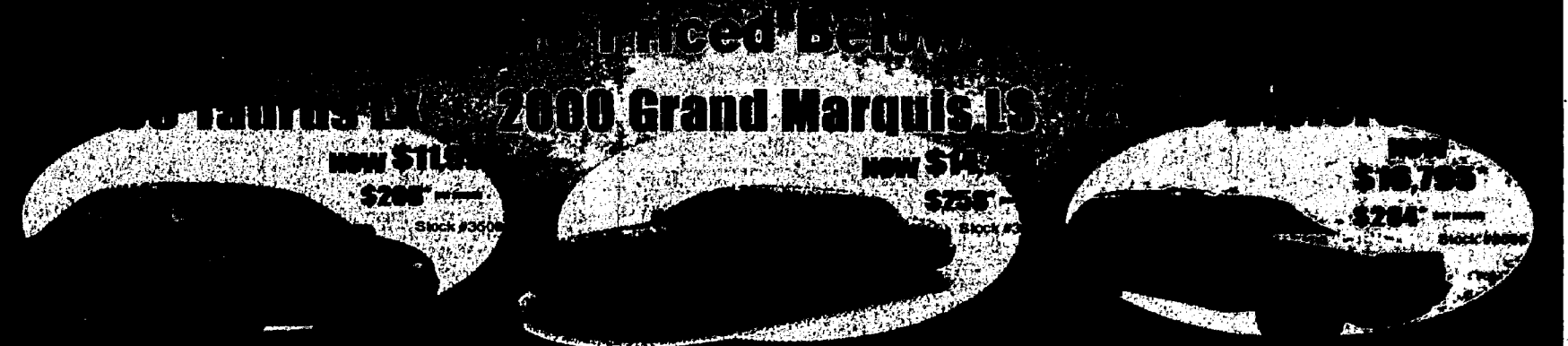
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