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Hondo Valley group asks for injunction to stop U.S. 70 work

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Hondo Valley group opposed to the widening of U.S. 70 is asking a federal district court to issue an injunction against the start of construction on a 37.5 mile stretch running east of Ruidoso Downs.

The Valley Community Preservation Commission and three land owners in the area filed the lawsuit Wednesday against the Federal Highway Administration, contending it illegally proceeded with the four-laning of the highway.

According to Heather Green, an attorney for the New Mexico Environmental Law Center, which represents the VCPC, residents of the valley east of Ruidoso are concerned that the highway administration did not properly study the impacts of the expansion on the community, homes and businesses, the environment and more than a dozen historical properties, including 13 historic buildings, a cemetery and a historic acequia system.

The state Highway Commission earlier this month awarded a \$130 million contract to Sierra Blanca Contractors partnership to widen the scenic highway, considered one of the deadliest two-lane routes in the state.

New Mexico Transportation Secretary Peter K. Rahn said construction should begin in about four months and completion is scheduled for 28 months. In preliminary plans, work was designated to start on the east end of the project near Riverside and head west.

Sierra Blanca will maintain a local office, state officials said. The partnership consists of Granite Construction from California, Sundt from Arizona, URS Corp. from Albuquerque and Hamilton Construction from Silver City.

Attempts Wednesday and Thursday to reach Reuben Thomas, New Mexico division administrator for the Federal Highway administration were unsuccessful. A

spokesman for the Washington, D.C. headquarters of the FHWA said the agency's policy is not to comment on litigation.

Luis Jimenez, a well-known sculptor and president of the VCPC, said Thursday his group thought it had no other option than to file the lawsuit and chose the federal court in Washington, D.C. in an attempt to negate the "political clout" in New Mexico cultivated by the groups that favor the project.

"The federal Highway Administration is willfully ignoring the damage that it will do to our environment, historical properties and

our communities by forcing this design-build expansion through," he said. "This isn't just about a road, it's about our acequia, our river, our livelihoods and our culture. Our community treasures are supposed to be protected, but instead the Highway Administration has cut corners and run roughshod over these protections.

"For instance, they are waiting to do a historical resources impact assessment until after they begin construction. Yet, they've pulled out their crystal ball and said that there will be no impacts to cultural sites. We are trying to stop them because they're not playing by the rules."

Jimenez said he's also worried that with the pressure to open the borders with Mexico that trucks not meeting United States' safety standards, will end up driving toxic waste through Ruidoso and the valley on their way to designated dumps.

Under the design-build strategy, the design of the road can be changed during construction without public input, Green said. That could include the development of specific "mitigation plans" during the project design/construction by the contractor to cover impacts associated with construction affecting the visual aspects of the area, threatened and endangered species, wildlife, wetlands, water quality, cultural resources and archaeological sites, she said.

"Basically what the design-build concept

"We are trying to stop them because they are not playing by the rules."

Luis Jimenez
commission president



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Kelly Hall with the broom she used to sweep away dried mud after shoveling the mass that slid down the gully behind her house in White Mountain Meadows and into her driveway during a hard rain Tuesday.

Messy mudslide

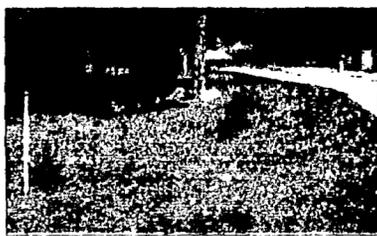
Downpour leaves 18-inch layer on resident's driveway

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When the rain thundered down on the mountain above her home, Kelly Hall knew water runoff would follow, but she didn't realize it would bury her driveway under 18 inches of mud.

Starting about 3:30 p.m.,



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The path left by mud as it swept across Kelly Hall's lawn at several points still is visible.

Tuesday more than one inch of rain and literally tons of hail fell on the north side of Ruidoso within about 45 minutes, also impacting the unincorporated areas around the village.

The main part of town stayed relatively dry.

"The water was running so fast down through the culverts, we couldn't do anything,"

Lincoln County Road Superintendent Albert Hernandez said of the Gavilan Canyon area.

Hail plugged up culverts and water jumped the bar ditches, he said.

"There still was hail there this morning when I drove by at 6:45 a.m. to check," he said Wednesday. He dispatched county

bulldozers to the sites to clean debris out of the ditches.

J. R. Baumann, head of the Ruidoso Street Department, said he responded to calls about water overflowing ditches at Sunny Slope and White Mountain Drive, and at Alpine Village Drive and Olympia Road.

"The cause there was some one stacked logs for their fireplace in drainway," Baumann said of the Alpine Village location. "They plugged the culvert and the water jumped the road and washed out driveways. None of them received damage close to houses. I talked to all of them. We had crews out (Wednesday) fixing that up."

When he checked Sunny Slope, about a half-hour after being contacted by the village police department at 5:30 p.m.,

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Bear facts: Study suggests animals not encroaching, humans are

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

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After spending eight years studying black bears in New Mexico, a researcher says the question that



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This big guy doesn't want anyone touching his lunch.

emerged from the data is whether humans, not bears, are outgrowing their habitat.

Cecily M. Costello, project leader of the New Mexico Black Bear Study and with the Hornocker Wildlife Institute in Bozeman, Mont., reported earlier this month in Ruidoso on the results of the study.

"The problem (resulting from more bear-human interaction) is not because there are too many bears, although they are blamed," she said. "The maximum annual population growth of the black bear over the study period was 2 percent compared to human intrusion in traditional bear habitat, which was 50 percent in the Sandia Mountains, 49 percent

in the Sacramento Mountains around Ruidoso and 28 percent in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

"More than 100,000 people live in bear habitat in New Mexico," Costello said.

Researchers placed the state's black bear population in 2001 at 5,947. The largest distribution was in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains with 2,299, followed by the San Juan Mountains with 1,651, the Gila Wilderness with 1,047, the Sacramento Mountains with 506, Zuni area with 147 and the Sandias with 123. The remaining four study areas together totaled 174 bears.

"There was a record number of bear killed last year, so this probably is no longer accurate," Costello said.

Researchers found that in years when food supply failures occur,

hunters are more successful and kill more females. One of the recommendations from the study was to use the approach of regional management, especially in setting hunting seasons, she said.

"What's good for one area may not be good for another. There are different habitats and different vulnerabilities," Costello said. "Last year with all of the complaints in northern New Mexico, bear hunts were liberalized statewide. But I'm not sure that was justified in the Gila and some other areas."

One of the first thrusts to reduce interaction between bears and humans would be to bear-proof dumpsters across the state, she said.

She also urged public participation in decisions.

"The public needs to take part in

bear management," Costello said. "They need to go to (state) Game Commission meetings and be heard. They need to take personal responsibility for the way they live and recreate in bear habitat."

Don Jones of the New Mexico Game and Fish Department in the northeast region, said if bears become nuisances in the northern section of the state, they eventually have to be trapped and moved. But that's not a good approach because they usually find their way home and after three strikes would be killed, "because we have no place to put them," he said.

Communities like Eagle Nest have responded by installing bear-resistant lids on disposal units and the number of problem bears has dropped by 70 per-

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Hubbard fined, gives up gaming license in Indiana

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino chairman R.D. Hubbard was fined \$740,000 as per a decision by the Indiana Gaming Commission Monday for violations incurred by Pinnacle Entertainment.

The incidents occurred in June 2001, when Hubbard was Chairman of the Board for Pinnacle and the company hosted the Hubbard Golf Classic at its Belterra Casino and Resort in Switzerland County, Ind.

According to the settlement agreement between the Gaming Commission and Hubbard — under a heading titled "undisputed facts" — the golf outing was conducted June 26-29, 2001, for specific individuals invited by Pinnacle.

According to numerous witnesses, several women were brought to the Belterra for the entertainment of the guests and were referred to as "hookers."

Hubbard directed Belterra casino employees to provide money to the invitees for gambling and to pay other fees without necessary paperwork, according to the settlement.

In addition, two concerts given by Howie Mandel and Waylon Jennings were repeatedly interrupted over two nights because of a loud party held in the Celebrity Room for the women and invitees to the golf course. This party later retired to a room on the 15th floor of the hotel, the report said.

Nowhere in the agreement

does it mention that Hubbard had any actual knowledge of the women's presence at the casino or their reference as "hookers," only associating him to the events as Pinnacle's Chairman of the Board.



Hubbard

Shortly after the Gaming Commission began its investigation, Hubbard resigned his position as chairman in April and began selling off his holdings in the company.

Hubbard also voluntarily relinquished his Indiana Gaming License, will pay an additional \$10,000 in investigative costs, and agreed not to apply for any gaming licenses in Indiana "at any time in the future."

Belterra Casino was ordered

by the commission to pay a \$2.26 million fine and will have its gaming operations suspended for 2 1/2 days in October.

In addition to being chairman for Ruidoso Downs, Hubbard is currently applying for a license from the New Mexico Racing Commission to operate a track near Hobbs.

He is competing with a group led by Shawn Scott, former owner of Delta Downs in Louisiana.

According to racing commission director Julian Luna, a third application has been made by Ken Newton, former owner of Santa Fe Downs. That application has yet to be reviewed and a public hearing must be held.

The commission will make its decision on whether a new

track will be opened in Hobbs on Aug. 27, two days before drawings for post positions in the All American Futurity. Luna wouldn't comment on any affects the Indiana settlement could have on Hubbard's application for the Hobbs track.

As for Hubbard himself, Ruidoso Downs president Bruce Rimbo released the following statement regarding the situation:

"We are pleased that the issues involving our Chairman, R.D. Hubbard, have been resolved in Indiana. Although

he was not the CEO and involved in day to day operations as Chairman of the Board of Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. in 2001 when an unfortunate incident occurred involving Pinnacle's Belterra Riverboat, Mr. Hubbard stepped up and accepted full responsibility.

"With the settlement agreement successfully resolving the issues surrounding the Indiana riverboat, Mr. Hubbard can focus his attention on horse racing in New Mexico in the same fine tradition he has for the past 15 years."

U.S. 70: Injunction pending in federal court

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does is to negate the public process and the cultural and environmental protections that are mandated by federal law," she said. "Already, the public process has been flawed in this case. Now design-build will give the Highway Administration and its contractors additional free reign to harm or even destroy the resources that are important to the communities in this rural valley.

"The truth is that nobody knows right now exactly where the road will end up and how it will impact the environment and cultural sites. This injunction will give everyone the chance to better identify and protect these resources before the bulldozers start ripping them up."

The complaint filed by the

commission and plaintiffs Gerald Ford, Royce Griggs and Troy Omnes in federal court in Washington, D.C. argues that the highway administration is acting illegally on four counts and that its issuance of a Record of Decision in March 2002 is "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion and otherwise not in accordance with law," Green said.

Specifically, the complaints contend:

- The FHWA failed to properly assess the historical properties in the valley

- The FHWA failed to work with other agencies as mandated by law to mitigate probable impacts to historical properties

- The FHWA failed to consider the impacts to the valley that will occur outside of the highway right of way such as increased noise and threats to the Rio Hondo and acequia sys-

tem

- The consulting company that prepared the Environmental Impact Statement for the project has a conflict of interest as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act because it was granted the design/construction contract

- Because crucial decisions about the project will be deferred until construction begins, the FHWA was unable to properly evaluate environmental and cultural impacts or include public participation in the design phase as mandated by law.

The complaints asked the court to require the FHWA to stop planning, financing, acquiring of rights of way, and construction of the project until the agency fully complies with the historical and environmental laws pertaining to the pro-

ject.

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Registration for 11th-grade students will be from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on the same day.

Registration for 10th-grade students will be from 9-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, and for ninth grade students, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. the same day.

On Friday, Aug. 9, seventh- and eighth-grade students can pick up their schedules between 9 and 11:30 a.m.

Students need to report to the cafeteria at the new facility at their assigned times to register and/or pick up class schedules.

ENMU choir audition

Vocal auditions for the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Chamber Chorale will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5 at First Christian Church on Hull Road.

Auditioners will sing a short-16-32 bar piece of music of their choice, and will be asked to sight read a simple, musical line and be vocalized for musical range.

Conductor Danny Flores seeks eight sopranos, eight altos, five tenors and five baritone/basses for the group.

Participation in the Chamber Chorale group is by audition only. For more information, contact Flores at 258-3253 or 258-4943.

Health council meet

The Health & Wellness Planning Council will have its

regularly scheduled meeting at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Lincoln County Medical Center Board Room. The public is invited. Agendas are available from Terrie Elliott at 1204 Mechem No. 1. For information about this council, visit the Web site at <http://lincolnhealth.netfirms.com>.

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BEARS: State study done

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cent, he said.
 "Before that, we used to get complaints of bears in homes and every night at campgrounds," he said. "To me that says a lot about putting bear-resistant lids on. Eventually, they leave and go back into the wild."

One of the main thrusts of the study was to document the reproductive and survival rates of the black bear, something that data from bear kills couldn't provide, Costello said. Other focuses included determining the food habitat and to determine which foods were the most important, quantifying the annual fruit production, validating the examination of teeth as a technique to establish age, documenting the den ecology, movements and home ranges of black bears, as well as density, and to identify suitable habitat, she said.

Study areas were selected in northern New Mexico and in the west central mountains of the state within two units with the highest game kills by hunters.

Elevations of study areas differed, as did proximity to human populations. The team conducted 390 dens visits, installing radio collars and tracking the animals over eight years, Costello said. Age, sex, coat color and condition, weight and mating activity were monitored. Ear tags and upper lip tattoos also were used for identification.

Other information from the report included:
 • The bear population in 1925 was estimated at 660, but a public outcry that came too late for the state's grizzly bears reduced the bag limit to one animal per season in 1927. By 1967, black bears were recovering with an estimated 3,000 population. In 1971, the taking of cubs 1 year or younger was banned, in 1978, mandatory tagging of hides was instituted and in 1985, hunters had to show proof of the sex of the bagged animals and collect their premolar teeth for an age estimate.

• Five plant species were rated on each study area - oak species, juniper, piñon, choke cherry and gooseberries. In the northern area, a juniper failure occurred every year, but the oak crop was good except for 1993. In the southern study area, four oak failures occurred in eight years, but juniper production was phenomenal, especially in 1998.

• Cubs are about 6 ounces at birth, the smallest of any placenta mammals and second only to marsupials. Cubs weigh from 7 pounds to 10 pounds when they emerge from the den. "All the growth comes from the fat reserves that the mother has before she enters the den," Costello said.

• Females will mate in spring or early summer, but gestation is delayed until late fall and, if food is scarce, the embryo can be absorbed.

• Cubs stay with their mothers the first season and often den with her over the second winter, taking off on their own the following spring.

Game officials: Use 'restraint' in bear hunt

The New Mexico Game Commission is urging hunters to exercise "restraint" during bear season this year.

Commissioners want hunters to consider the overall impacts of a significant harvest to the state's core bear population. Bear hunting regulations allow a two-bear harvest in some units. But the combination of an early August season, the impacts of the drought, the 2001 total harvest and relatively lenient regulations in 2002 could cause serious population declines, commission members warn.

Bears don't reproduce in drought conditions and last year's yearlings appear to be in "terrible" shape, according to New Mexico Wildlife, a publication of the state Game and Fish Department.

"The potential exists in some areas to lose three generations of bear," said Bill Dunn, bear biologist for the department.

Last year, the combined hunter harvest, depredation and road kill losses took 706 bears, or about 14 percent of the estimated statewide population.

Extensive harvest this year could result in drastically restricting regulations in the future, according to the publication.

Females may set ranges close to their mothers, but males will disperse.

• Females mature for mating from age four to six.

• In the wild, black bears live an average 22 to 25 years, although some have been documented as older.

• Not all black bears are black, about 75 percent studied were some color of brown. The color at birth stays with the bear, although brown coats may bleach out lighter in the summer and go darker in the den.

• Male bears continue to grow throughout their lives and hit a mean weight of about 250 pounds while females even out at 155 pounds. The largest male recorded was 350 pounds and some females in the northern study area reached 250 pounds.

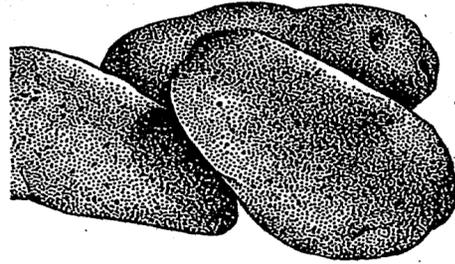
• The bears fed largely on vegetation, mostly grass, but in August through October, they sought acorns, juniper berries, choke and gooseberries.

The study, which employed nine people in the field, was a cooperative effort among the institute, the state game department, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Wildlife Restoration program.

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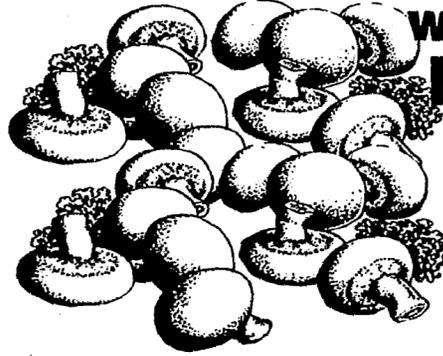
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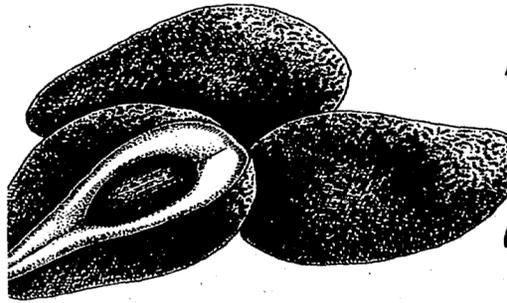
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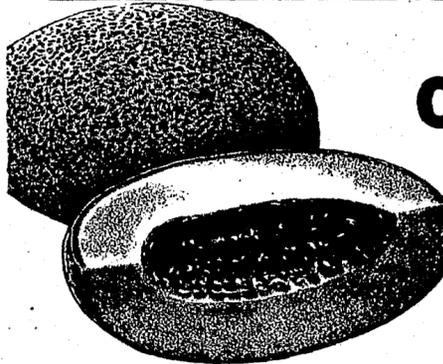
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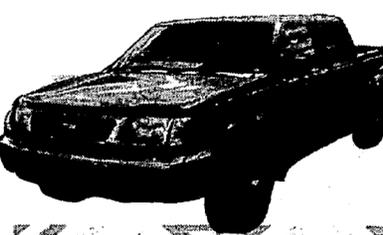
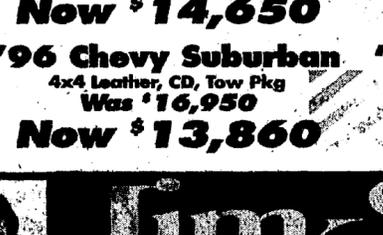
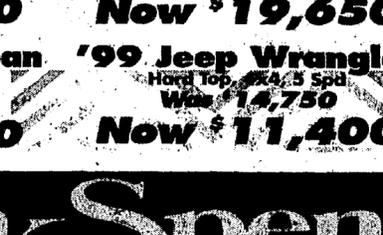
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OUR OPINION

Is the time right for a county master plan?

Commissioners reveal a change in attitude

Lincoln County's elected commissioners for years have exhibited a marked "private property rights first" attitude.

That effectively has put the quietus on efforts by Ruidoso to control inappropriate development in areas such as the Ruidoso-Capitan and Sierra Blanca Airport Road corridors.

But a planned huge rural development off U. S. 54 near Ancho finally seems to have gotten the commission's attention.

Last week, by a 4-1 margin, commissioners approved the development, but the majority let it be known that big changes are going to come.

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson, for years the staunchest advocate for *laissez faire* in the rural areas of the county, this

time led the charge in questioning plans for the 19,000-acre subdivision of the old Straley Ranch — which is in his commission district. And, in the final analysis, Wilson cast the only "no" vote on the project.

The other commissioners did approve, but only after substantial concessions by Southwest Properties of New Mexico, the developer.

Commissioner Leo Martinez supported it as acceptable under the present vestigial county land-use rules, but said, "we failed in not having a master plan."

We agree. The county for years has fought a rear-guard action against regulating private property use for the general good.

It's time for a change.

Summer's thoughtful moments

Random thoughts on a summer afternoon, as thunder grumbles somewhere north of the village and somebody aware of the fickleness of the power supply reminds all the office computer users to "save early and often":



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

I was astounded on reading last Friday's newspaper to see the obituary of Carrizozo's Dorothy Guck, because in this

column in the same edition, I'd quoted extensively from a story she wrote for the newspaper 50 years earlier — but without any reference to her demise.

Depending on your viewpoint, my obtuseness resulted in a happy circumstance or an oafish oversight. My only excuse is that Mrs. Guck died on Monday in Albuquerque and the funeral was Thursday in Carrizozo, and I wrote the column before the obituary arrived at the office.

At any rate, I trust the positive memories so many have of this long-time contributor to Lincoln County life won't be disturbed by the awkward coincidence in timing.

As a regular reader of New Mexico's largest-circulation newspaper, the *Albuquerque Journal*, I've made it something of a hobby to try to discern biases (or at least patterns) in the paper's news coverage.

Lately, the pattern seems to be to prominently display any story quoting Bill Richardson, the Democrat running for governor. This Tuesday, for example, a large headline on the "state" page advised that Richardson would fight any effort to close New Mexico's four military bases.

He told Albuquerque Rotarians that he would spend \$250,000 a year on a staff member, plus related support and travel, to fight that battle, right up until 2005, the paper reported.

And I always thought New Mexico's elected congressmen and senators had that job; didn't

know the governor had to have a hand in it... Then again, he may be worried that our elected Republicans in Washington might not march as smartly to any drum he might beat in the Roundhouse.

But I'm not saying the big-city paper is favoring Richardson; maybe it simply spotlighted this story to please those Duke City Rotarians — or, per chance, to simply inform the readers. You never, ever, can second-guess an editor's rationale, anywhere.

Then, driving to work, I tuned in to the daily radio "face off" between two U. S. senators, Ted Kennedy and John McCain, on a program called *America in the Morning*.

McCain was horrified by the bureaucrats of the Federal Election Commission and their "gutting" of recently passed campaign finance reform.

Kennedy was horrified, too; upset by the way unselected commissioners could rip up what the elected officials had created. He promised to fight changes; so did McCain.

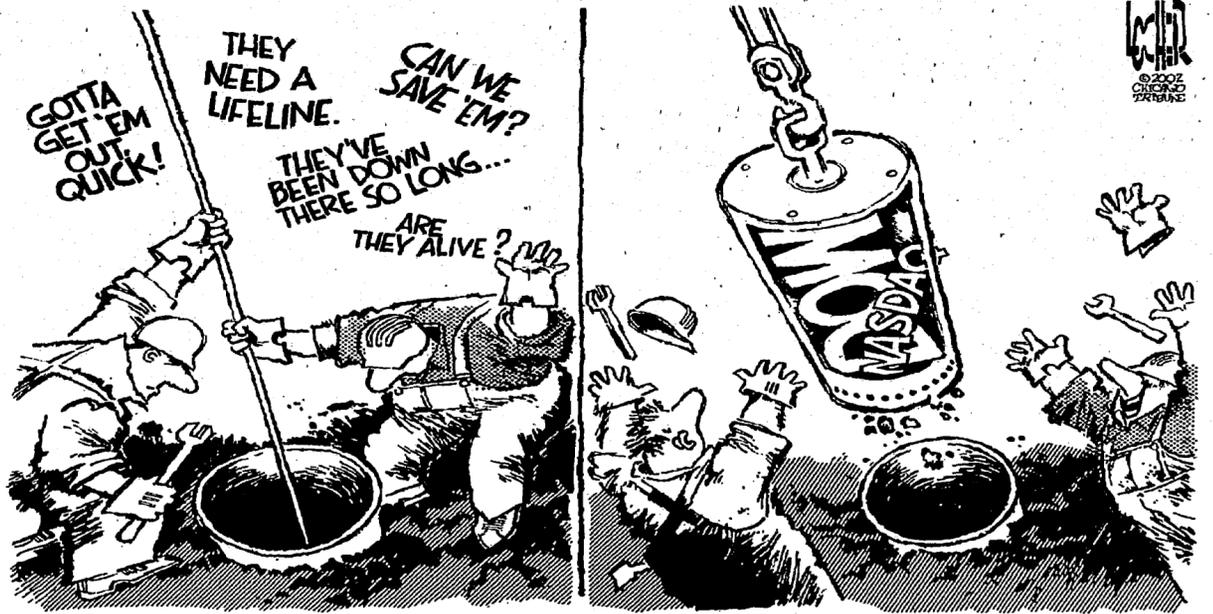
And I have to assume, somehow, that Kennedy remains a Democrat and McCain remains a Republican.

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YOUR OPINION

Facts of public life

To the editor:

Incidents like the recent police brutality case have a way of happening in even the finest departments and towns, when some officer snaps and does something stupid. That's a fact of life, and largely unpreventable. But folks are upset about it happening here in Harmony Valley, with many calling for police chief (Lanny) Maddox's head. And they should be angry, but at the culpable parties involved, and for the right reasons.

Chief Maddox apparently reported the incident as he should have to his superiors — the mayor and village manager. It hasn't been made public just when those individuals informed the village attorney, but it is quite clear that former mayor (Robert) Donaldson, village manager (Alan) Briley and village attorney (John) Underwood totally disregarded their collective responsibility to inform the village council — at least not all the members of the council — as required when any action might result in a lawsuit. In fact, withholding such information from the elected council members, who sit as their constituents' representatives and also as the village finance board, is nothing short of a conspiracy to conceal a felony crime, in my opinion. FBI-trained Chief Maddox also shares the blame for his failure to recognize a flagrant and felonious civil rights violation and properly charge the officer involved for the crime, regardless of the possible dictates of any elected or appointed official to hide the problem.

When a new mayor and council take office, it is customary and required that they be fully informed of any possible and/or pending litigation against the village. Why was it necessary for newly elected mayor (Leon) Eggleston to have to ask the village attorney for the information after he learned of the incident?

Hardly an oversight! And after Mayor Eggleston saw the tape of the incident and attempted to dismiss Chief Maddox (for) "having no confidence in him," five of the councilors who had tacitly agreed beforehand to support his action, backed down and did not, while facing a crowd (most or all of whom were also ignorant of the circumstances) that had been mustered to support Chief Maddox. Mayor Eggleston should have immediately — at the meeting — gone public with the tape and his reasons for dismissing Maddox, instead of permitting the councilors to make him appear vindictive and out to get Maddox...

Councilor (L. Ray) Nunley was quoted by the News as reporting that there is a "possibility of a citizen's review board being formed to ensure that policies and procedures, once adopted, are followed." I agree that such a board is needed, not just to keep an eye on the police department, but rather on the village council and administration as a whole. And that board should be empowered to report any problems, inaccuracies and misdealings discovered to the public at large.

There is a brown, stinking mess right in the middle of town that has been covered up and festering for years. Stir it up and it stinks even more. Only a lot of openness and sunlight will sanitize it. Yes, oversight and more citizen involvement in our government are needed!

Jim Alston
Ruidoso

Appalling adjectives

To the editor:

In a letter to the editor dated July 26, Angel C. Shaw, campaign manager for Leon Eggleston in this past election, used the following adjectives to address an issue settled by the (village) council: they were appalled, disturbed, disgust-

ed, sickened and embarrassed.

Now, I am appalled at the attack by the mayor on the police chief, the (village) manager, the legal counsel and other staff members. I am disturbed that the mayor is spending time attacking past and present council members.

I am disgusted to hear the mayor tell councilors that he was elected by the people. By the way, mayor, so were the councilors.

I am sickened to think I have to live where vendettas are more important than our water problems, our fire problems and many other issues that need the council's full-time attention.

I am embarrassed to live in this great little mountain town where one person is determined to divide the people and stir up old issues. Hopefully our ... council will see this as a divisive issue and will get on with the problems at hand. There are good people on the current council, and there were good ones on the previous council. Their job is not an easy one, so let's give them the support they need to take care of our ... government and its current and future needs. I appreciate very much the comments by councilors (L. Ray) Nunley and (Ron) Anderson regarding the just-settled issue.

Don E. Herron
Ruidoso

No pageant role for cops

To the editor:

I strongly believe that all law-enforcement officers must set proper examples and should participate in activities which promote law and order. On the other hand, they must never set improper examples by taking part, as players, in "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid" pageant, which glorifies outlawry and a former cop-killer.

We tout the Kid as an outlaw and nothing more; therefore, the pageant glorifies outlawry. If a police officer participates as a player in the pageant, he or she can be considered neither as a symbol for law and order nor as a proper role model for our youth.

I support our peace officers as a whole, because without them there would be no peace. The vast majority of our law-enforcement officers set proper examples and without seeking the spotlight they do a superb job.

Unfortunately, our police officers, at times, work under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions. In addition, they often have to deal with the leeches and dregs of our society. Fortunately, our law enforcement officers remain on the beat!

Franklin L. Boren
Tinnie

STREET TALK

QUESTION: Two major events occurred in Ruidoso last weekend — the Ruidoso Art Festival and the StreetPlayer's Festival. Did you attend? If not, why not? If so, what did you like?



"No, I didn't. I was aware of the art show but I wasn't aware of the other."

Linda Parks
Ruidoso



"I went to the StreetPlayers Festival. I liked the atmosphere. It was neat to see stuff like that."

Diana Davis
Ruidoso



"No, I didn't because I was working. My wife likes going to those things."

Billy Manske
Ruidoso Downs

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OUR RIGHT TO KNOW The First Amendment

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Downs raises water, sewer rates by 33 percent

BY MELANIE SATTLER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

At a special meeting Monday, Ruidoso Downs councilors passed an ordinance implementing a 33-percent rate hike for water and sewer services. It included the new rate structure in its final budget — due to the state Wednesday — and passed the budget as well.

Residents will see part of the increase reflected in their August bills.

The sewer rates will go up 33.27 percent in 2003, and three percent annually thereafter. An average household paying \$12.00 per month can expect to pay \$15.99 under the new plan. The minimum residential charge will be \$14.63 per month for up to 1,000 gallons, with a commodity rate charged thereafter, starting at 25 cents for

1,000 to 4,999 gallons.

A jump in gross receipts tax, along with an increase in fees, is slated to fund the water rate increase. The average user who pays \$18.75 per month this year will pay \$23.95 in 2003, an increase of 27.71 percent; from there, the rates go up three percent annually. The minimum residential charge will be \$21.95 for up to 1,000 gallons of water, with a commodity rate charged thereafter, starting at 50 cents for 1,000 to 5,999 gallons.

To realize the new rate plan, the council will seek a special election this winter to increase the gross receipts tax by one-sixteenth or one-eighth.

The ordinance doubles sewer rates for users outside the city limits and reaffirms that water users outside city limits must pay double as well, with the exception of Agua Fria, with

which Ruidoso Downs has a separate contract.

The council also directed staff to identify unauthorized users of the city's sewer system.

The ordinance raises the tap fee, charged for hooking onto the water system, from \$400 residential and \$700 commercial to \$800 residential and \$1,100 commercial with a three-quarter to one-inch meter. The fee goes up according to the size of line requested; a one-and-a-half inch meter is \$1,200 for residential and up to a two-and-a-half inch meter is \$1,500 for commercial.

"We had to make sure we were getting paid for what we were doing," said John Waters, city administrator, noting that historically the fees imposed did not always cover the cost of labor and equipment.

The city had not increased its water or sewer fees since 1994, and its gross receipts tax has remained the same for 10 years.

"In that same period we doubled the population," Waters

said.

The new plan is aimed at making the water and sewer enterprise fund self-sufficient, while keeping the service affordable and providing some money for capital improvement

reserves, which would be spent on maintaining and fixing the system and possibly adding new wells or storage in the long term.

ASCG Inc., an engineering firm hired by the city, had presented different rate structure options to the council in a workshop last Friday, factoring in the city's 64-percent low-to-middle-income population.

Councilor Sue Garrett pointed out that including an increase in gross receipts tax in the new water plan rate structure will "spread around" the burden of paying for the increase, so visitors and residents are sharing the cost.

Some municipalities raise their water and sewer rates annually according to the consumer price index.

Had increases been implemented like that in the past, this jump in rates would not have been necessary, Councilor Judy Miller said.

"It's not like we're really gouging the people," councilor Margie Morales said.

The rates are in line with fees charged by other municipalities in the state, though Ruidoso Downs' gross receipts tax, if increased by one-eighth to 6.3125 percent, will remain lower than that of Ruidoso.

The plan also calls for the city staff to audit the system for unauthorized connections and diversions, replace faulty or old meters, fix water system leaks, and accurately bill and collect from all system users. In the past, the city was able to collect just 70 percent on outstanding balances.

At Friday's workshop, Garrett suggested exploring a change in the timing of invoicing, noting that users often receive their bills at the same time they are due.

One capital improvement Ruidoso Downs faces is a mandated improvement to the waste water treatment plant it shares with Ruidoso. The state and the

Environmental Protection Agency are requiring the two municipalities to complete an initial upgrade to the plant by January 2004 at a total cost of \$9 million. Ruidoso Downs would pay for 15 percent and Ruidoso for 85 percent.

"We need funds today. That puts us up against a wall," Waters said. While the water and sewer rate increase will not provide enough capital to fund the project, it may provide enough to use as leverage in applying for grants, he said.

Making the enterprise fund self-sufficient will also help the city's chances in receiving grants, and the gross receipts tax is "absolutely critical" to implementing the new rates, Waters said.

At their next regular meeting, councilors will request a special election, possibly for December, for residents to vote on the proposed increase in gross receipts tax. If approved then, the new tax rate would go into effect in January 2003.

Having filed its final budget with the state on time this week, Ruidoso Downs' cleared up one of the findings in its audited financial statement.

FLOOD: Eagle Creek flows again

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the water no longer was jumping the ditch, Baumann said.

The Halls likely had the most direct impact — a combination of runoff from a subdivision at a higher elevation and the incomplete state of retention ponds being constructed for a new phase of the White Mountain Meadows development.

Kelly Hall said when the mud started moving down the gully toward her home on Charles McClellan Road and White Mountain Meadows Drive, the family shut the garage door and thanked fate because earlier this year, they installed a drain across their driveway.

"With the door shut and the drain, the mud just seeped inside," she said. "If it hadn't have been for that, we would have a foot in the house. The mud washed through our yard. You can see the path. We had seen runoff go behind the house before and knew how hard it came down after a rain, but it never came in front before."

Bill McCarty, developer of the new 31-lot section of White Mountain Meadows, said the crew working on retention ponds weren't able to divert the water coming down from North Heights Park, an older subdivision north of and higher than

White Mountain.

The heavy equipment was back at work Wednesday, trying to prepare for future downpours, he said.

"When we get the retention ponds fixed, the drainage work will cure that," he said.

One of the positive impacts of the recent storms was reported Tuesday to the Ruidoso Village Council by Village Manager Alan Briley.

"Eagle Creek started to flow again last week," he told councilors. "We took water from the creek to treat and let our wells (at North Fork) rest. We started them again today (Tuesday)."

If the village's well at Hollywood had not experienced mechanical problems, he would have recommended moving Ruidoso back to the lowest phase of water conservation, Briley said. But he delayed that recommendation until Hollywood is functioning again. Automatic watering systems still are restricted to before 10 a.m. and after 3 p.m. Tuesday.

"We're lucky we don't need it because of the rains," he said of the well.

Water consumption is about 91 percent of demand last year, he said. The village is producing about 2 million gallons a day compared to between 2.1 million to 2.2 million, of previous years, he said.

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BUSINESS

BUSINESS BRIEFS

New furniture outlet opens on Mechem

Casa Decor opens today at 1214 Mechem Drive, selling Santa Fe, rustic, western and Mexican-style furniture displayed in 7,500 square feet of floor space and supplied by a 30,000-square-foot, off-site warehouse. The inventory includes bookshelves, tables, sofas, mattresses, lamps, shades, outdoor pottery, iron fences and trellises.

Dennis and Pamela Stephens purchased the \$425,000 property as an investment, believing the location will work for their business because the town is growing in that direction and the site provides ample parking.

He completed cosmetic renovations, replacing the ceiling and painting the exterior, and insured the building at a replacement value of \$900,000.

Including this store, Stephens operates five outlets in four states. He manages the manufacturing and distribution of the furniture he sells, supplying 20 other stores nationwide.

John Rudolph, manager, will sell specialty jewelry boxes that he crafts himself of exotic woods.

Stephens opened his first furniture store, Rio Mercado, in Ruidoso in 1989. He formerly owned High Country Outlet.

Upon selling the business to Lissa Kinder and her father, Bob Pace, in August 1999, the parties entered a non-compete contract which expired at the end of July 2002.

Greenhouse Cave expands in Capitan

After seven weeks in business in Capitan, Tom and Gail Histen are expanding the menu at the Greenhouse Cafe.

The restaurant at 103 South Lincoln Ave. is located in the same building as the former Hotel Chango, an eatery opened by Jerrold Flores. Chef Tom Histen said that he serves the same style and quality of cuisine as Flores and works under Flores' guidance.

Flores helped develop their first menu. Histen expects to introduce the expanded version in the beginning of this month.

Gail Histen works "the front of the house," managing and serving customers.

The couple also operates Greenhouse Gardens at a separate location; they grow hydroponic lettuce, which they serve in the restaurant.

Dining hours are Wednesday through Saturday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Histens recommend calling for reservations: (505) 354-0373.

Area home sales up 7 percent in 2002

Comments from local Realtors reveal a delayed start for the year, but summer business is taking up the slack.

BY MELANIE SATTLER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

While forest closure and fire scares might have delayed the start of the busy season for local real estate agents, transactions are now picking up, and the overall outlook is positive.

"The future looks rosy," said Ron Wright, Ruidoso Board of Realtors vice president, citing numbers which show an upswing in the local real estate market.

Sheri Bailey, the board's executive officer, noted that 375 houses sold for the first half of 2001, totaling \$39.5 million.

But January through June of this year saw 420 transactions at \$42.1 million, a 7 percent increase.

Wright says the volume of sales in Lincoln County has been rising steadily for more than 10 years.

Looking at annual sales figures shows that fire regulations and forest closures have little impact on sales, because real estate investment is a long-term process, he said.

Numbers at Century 21 Aspen Real Estate are running about the same as last

year, said owner James Paxton. His office experienced sales increases in the prior two years of 10 to 12 percent.

Publicity of fires in the Southwest forested this year's season by about one month, but activity increased in July, Paxton said.

Coldwell Banker's office also became very busy earlier this month, said Walter Dollahon, managing broker.

He attributes the change to the holiday, the beginning of horse races and the cooler temperatures.

"People keep listing and people keep buying," Dollahon said.

With many people purchasing houses for retirement - rather than vacation - homes, the real estate market is holding because it is not dependent on individuals' discretionary income, Wright said.

While people may delay visiting



MELANIE SATTLER/STAFF

Prudential Lela Easter Realtors broker Frank Bubser, and real estate agent Linda Long, discuss the recent sale of two of their listings in the White Mountain Meadows subdivision.

Ruidoso, they will still buy houses here because of the year-round temperate climate, Paxton said. He expects sales to increase July through September.

Gary Lynch, co-owner with his wife Cindy of Gary Lynch Realty, is looking forward to the busy season, too.

"I think we're going to have a decent summer and a good fall. One thing that we've got is a gorgeous place to live," he said.

The national real estate scene

Existing-home sales off in June, but 2002 record likely

WASHINGTON - Sales of existing single-family homes fell from near-record levels in June while home prices continued to rise, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Existing-home sales dropped 11.7 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.07 million units from a level of 5.74 million units in May. Last month's sales activity was 4.3 percent below the 5.30-million unit pace in June 2001. The four highest months on record were all in 2002: January, February, April and May.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said a general cooling of the red-hot housing market was expected. "After experiencing record highs during the first part of the year, existing-

home sales eventually were bound to decline to more sustainable levels," he said.

"It's now clear that unusually mild weather in January and February contributed to exceptional home sales, in effect borrowing from sales that normally would have occurred in late spring. Even so, we still expect to set a new annual record this year."

"I would describe June existing-home sales as below the sustainable level, and wouldn't be surprised to see them bounce back a little over the summer," Lereah said. "It takes several months to establish a trend."

NAR President Martin Edwards Jr. said the housing market remains healthy. "Keep in mind that any sales activity over the five-million mark is

historically strong. We're also seeing good increases in home prices, which are rising faster than historic norms in many areas due to localized shortages of homes available for sale," he said.

Edwards is a partner in Colliers Wilkinson & Snowden Inc., Memphis, Tenn.

The national median existing-home price was \$163,500 in June, up 7.4 percent from June 2001 when the median price was \$152,200. The median is the midpoint, which is a typical market price where half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less.

Housing inventory levels at the end of June rose 1.9 percent from May to a total of 2.20 million existing homes available for sale, which represents

a 5.2-month supply at the current sales pace. "This is good news because it brings the market into closer balance between buyers and sellers, meaning there may be less pressure on home prices later this year," Lereah said.

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year conventional, fixed-rate mortgage was 6.65 percent in June, down from 6.81 percent in May; it was 7.16 percent in June 2001.

"Mortgage rates in July dropped below 6.5 percent and will likely be the lowest monthly interest rates since Freddie Mac started keeping records in 1971. This will help to sustain the housing market going forward," Lereah said.

Where New Mexico stands:

Not small-business friendly

New Mexico ranks 47th on the Small Business Survival Index, fifth worst for small business and entrepreneurship.

WASHINGTON - The Small Business Survival Committee (SBSC) Tuesday released its annual rankings of the states according to their respective policy climates for small business and entrepreneurship in the "Small Business Survival Index 2002." New Mexico ranked 47th in the nation.

According to SBSC chief economist Raymond J. Keating, author of the study, "The Small Business Survival Index 2002" compares how government in the states treat small businesses and entrepreneurs.

"Since small business is the true driving force behind economic growth, every state and local lawmaker should be concerned with the well being of small business. Unfortunately, while politicians across the philosophical spectrum regularly praise small business, actual policies too often fail to line up with such rhetoric."

SBSC President Darrell McKigney added: "Even in good times, half of all small businesses fail within four years, yet these are the very businesses we look to create, on average, three-quarters of all new jobs. We hope lawmakers and citizens will use this information to evaluate whether their state is friendly or unfriendly to small businesses and job creation."

The Small Business Survival Index 2002 ties together 20 major government-imposed or government-related costs impacting small businesses and entrepreneurs across a broad spectrum of industries and types of businesses: personal income taxes; capital gains taxes; corporate income taxes; individual alternative minimum taxes; corporate alternative minimum taxes; indexing of tax rates;

property taxes; sales, gross receipts and excise taxes; death taxes; unemployment taxes; health care costs; electricity costs; workers' compensation costs; crime rates; right to work status; number of bureaucrats; tax limitation status; Internet taxes; gas taxes; and state minimum wages.

These measures are combined into one index number - the Small Business Survival Index.

Keating notes: "The Small Business Survival Index manages to capture much of the governmental burdens impacting critical economic decisions - particularly affecting investment and entrepreneurship - state by state."

New Mexico benefits from not imposing any added death taxes. It also ranks well in terms of property taxes, health care costs, and the gas tax. However, the state ranks poorly in terms of personal income taxes, capital gains taxes, sales, gross receipts and excise taxes, the unemployment tax, the crime rate and the number of government bureaucrats.

Keating concludes: "The best policy environment for entrepreneurship consists of low taxes, restrained government spending and regulation, and government fulfilling its duty of protecting life, limb and property. This governing philosophy benefits all types of businesses and industries. When it gets its policy mix right, a state is well positioned to compete both nationally and globally, with policies geared to help economic growth accelerate, incomes increase, and job creation improve."

For a copy of the 2002 index, visit SBSC's website at www.sbsc.org. SBSC is a non-profit small business advocacy group with more than 70,000 members across the nation.

VACATION BREAK

Dr. Sung Won Sohn's "The Economy and the Markets" column was not available this week. It will return on Aug. 9.

Focus on Agriculture

Farm Bill under continuing attack

BY AMY BAKKER
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Although the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act was signed into law in May, the bill continues to garner criticism. An array of farm mongers and doomsayers have been able to perpetuate a series of myths about our new farm policy.

These urban legends seem to have taken on a life of their own in some cases and, unfortunately, not many media outlets have offered the other side of the story.

However, the House Agriculture Committee recently compiled a thorough review of some of the more popular myths connected with the new farm bill (found at www.agriculture.house.gov) in an attempt to provide the "real" truth.

One of the most widespread myths is that U.S. farm policy bilks taxpayers and busts the federal budget. What consumers need to know, however, is that U.S. farm policy actually only costs each American less than 14 cents

per day and accounts for little more than one-half of 1 percent of the U.S. budget. Is that too much to pay for the abundant, safe and affordable food supply provided to us every day by our farmers and ranchers?

Another myth tries to make the case that our farm policy does not help farm families. In fact, all American farm families are helped because all are hurt by a world market that is not free or fair.

Which leads to another myth: our new farm policy will mess with free markets and free trade. What most critics conveniently neglect to say is that our new policy is, in fact, fully compliant with global trade agreements. And, with foreign tariffs on agricultural goods more than five times higher than U.S. tariffs, U.S. farm policy actually helps level the playing field so our farmers can compete in a world market that is neither free nor fair. But for those naysayers who remain, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick says the U.S. is more than "willing to negotiate.

We'll come to the table" with other countries.

However, the United States also has made it clear we will not and should not sacrifice our interests without an equal return from our foreign competitors. To do so would just be poor negotiating!

Inside our borders, some claim that U.S. farm policy is nothing but corporate welfare benefiting only those receiving direct help. The statistics prove otherwise, since they show that the food and fiber industry in America creates nearly 25 million jobs, produces \$3.5 trillion in output and accounts for 15 percent of U.S. Gross Domestic Product. This shows how our farm policy is important to our national security and vital to building a strong rural and urban economy.

How else does the farm bill benefit the general public? One example is conservation. While some critics say the bill doesn't focus enough on conservation, the numbers again speak for themselves. The 2002 farm bill provides over \$39 billion for conservation,

the highest level of funding in history for programs that prevent soil erosion, preserve and restore wetlands, clean the air and water, and enhance wildlife.

These are only a few of the myths being perpetuated about the new farm bill. The real truth is that our farmers and ranchers have endured more than four years of depressed farm prices and soaring production costs. Farm programs have helped many of our nation's farm and ranch families survive and, unfortunately, are still needed.

As Congress begins the agriculture appropriations process, it is important that the general public see through the myths and ask our members of Congress to maintain adequate funding for the programs and policies established in the new farm bill. It's an investment worth making.

Amy Bakker is the assistant director of news services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

CARRIZOZO POLICE

Aggravated battery

Ruidoso Downs police arrested Frank Randolph, 26, of Ruidoso Downs, after an incident in Carrizozo July 5, for which he was charged with aggravated battery and assault on a household member.

Contempt of court

Carrizozo Police arrested Julie A. Samora, 21, of Carrizozo, July 15, on a bench warrant for contempt of court, failure to pay fines and failure to comply with conditions of community service.

Felony DWI

Humberto S. Baeza, 38, of Carrizozo, was arrested July

16 and charged with felony DWI (fourth or subsequent), driving on a suspended driver's license, careless driving and no insurance.

Household battery

Ferney J. Patterson, 29, of Carrizozo, was arrested and charged with battery on a household member on July 17.

Repeat offender

Johnny Morales, 38, of Carrizozo, was arrested for resisting or obstructing an officer while being cited during a traffic stop July 15. Police arrested Morales again on July 27, charging him with aggravated assault, no driver's license, no insurance and leav-

ing the scene of an accident. Police Chief Angelo Vega said Morales allegedly intentionally sideswiped another vehicle.

Aggravated burglary

Police arrested Rito Samora Jr., 46, of Carrizozo, July 29 charging him with aggravated burglary after he allegedly went to the house where his wife was a visitor, and beat up the resident of the home.

Vehicle damaged

Police arrested Judy Davis, 48, Gerry Chittum, 36, and Charles Forkner, 50, all of Carrizozo, charging them with injury or tampering with a vehicle after they punctured all four tires of a vehicle July 29.

Baby a winner at Corona fest

BY JULIE CARTER FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Grand Marshall Juanita Owen sat proudly atop a horse drawn wagon owned and driven by Rick Virden as the Corona Summer Festival parade traveled down main street on Saturday.

Local residents and visitors were treated to an Air Force Color Guard, a group of bagpipe musicians, and several equestrian groups including the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse and several other horse-drawn vehicles.

First place in the adult division went to Virden's wagon and team and the youth division was won by Lee Sultemier and her grandchildren portraying "Little Bo Peep and her sheep."

The Presbyterian Church of Corona raffled off an afghan won by Nellie McKown. Nellie, only 9 days old, is the granddaughter of Bill and Irma Bryan. Both the parents and grandparents purchased tickets for baby Nellie's chances, and it paid off in the award of a beautiful ecru popcorn

stitched blanket as well as a baby afghan in shades of blue. The afghans were made and donated by Mary Lee of Duran.

Sixteen ranch teams competed at the FFA Ranch Rodeo. Good weather blessed the day and the rain fell only after the competition was over, the prizes disbursed and the trailers were leaving the parking lot. The overall champion of this year's event was the Turkey Track Ranch of Artesia. Team members were Wayland Newberry, Mike Wilson, Phil Ozborn, Jimmy Herring, and Lincoln County's own Eddie Davis. Second place team was the C Spear Ranch of Winston. Team members competing were Chip Welty, Jimbo Hall, Henry Hopkins and Travis Sullivan. A local team, Maxwell Ranch of Carrizozo, with members John Maxwell, Greg Arnold, Ignacio Najera and Gray Gallacher, took third place honors.

A committee is already at work planning next year's festival, which will celebrate Corona's centennial celebration.

Museum closer to \$1 million grant

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

One more step was accomplished last week toward the expansion of the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, a Republican from New Mexico, said he won approval from the Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee for \$1 million to help in the expansion. The full Senate Appropriations Committee recommended the bill July 25.

Plans call for the museum to be broadened as a learning center for preserving the multicultural past of southern New Mexico, which means new job opportunities will be available in the community, the senator said. The museum, which is affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution, also will be able to offer improved and expanded exhibitions and programs for the public, he said.

Funding for the project will come out of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative grant program.

The entire project, estimated at about \$6 million, could create 25 short-term construction jobs and 15 full-time museum jobs in Lincoln County, Domenici said.

The full time positions would include adding American Indian and Hispanic personnel to serve as curators for exhibits and programs focused on the history of ethnic groups in the region. That also should draw more visitors and add to the overall economy as other jobs are created to provide services for more tourists, he said.

The Hubbard Museum, drawing more than 130,000 visitors annually, started in 1992 as the Museum of the

Horse, featuring a range of artwork and artifacts. The expansion would enlarge the exhibition area to 52,000 square feet with visitors services space.

The museum staff also operates the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byways visitor center next to the Hubbard complex, and a museum and related sites in the National Landmark Historic District of Lincoln on U.S. 380.

Another project of interest to New Mexico included in the Fiscal Year 2003 Veterans Administration- HUD Appropriations Bill is the Alamogordo Regional Desalination Project.

Domenici secured \$1 million through the Special Needs program for test wells and related work on the project. A non-federal match of up to 45 percent is required.

Advertisement for 'GOT REAL' featuring a car and the slogan 'KEEP RUIDOSO BEAUTIFUL, DON'T FLICK YOUR BUTTS...IT'S A \$500 FINE.' Includes logos for 'HARDCORE NEW MEXICO' and 'SAFE & HEALTH'.

Program encourages kids to raise, sell quality animals

BY JULIE CARTER FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A six-year-old Lincoln County agriculture program is giving children a chance to be the "cream of the crop."

Sponsored by the three Lincoln County CowBelle groups, the Cream of the Crop program began in 1996. Designed to reward and encourage county kids that show homegrown livestock at the fair, the program is funded solely by donations.

The CowBelle groups seek funds from grass root producers as well as an interested persons or organizations. All monies collected are apportioned to the qualified

exhibitors to help defray the expenses of raising, feeding and preparing their animals for showing.

To qualify for the program, the youth must personally own not only the animal he or she shows at the fair, but also the breeding mother of that animal. The animal and its mother must reside in the Lincoln county fair district. All livestock projects are included in this program, from the small exhibitor animals like chickens and rabbits to the larger sheep, pigs, goats and cattle. Entrants fill out an application for acceptance to the program that must be signed by the entrant, his parent, and the 4-H agent or

leader, or FFA advisor.

The program has not only grown in number of participants who are proudly showing their home-raised livestock, but the quality of the livestock has improved over the past six years. Last year, eight participants of the program placed high enough in their divisions to qualify for the Junior Livestock Sale. Thirty-seven qualifiers to the Cream of the Crop program shared the 2001 money.

Canyon, Crown and Corriente CowBelles welcome donations to this worthy cause in any amount. Donations can be sent to Cream of the Crop, c/o Lisa Shivers, P.O. Box 331, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Large advertisement for 'A Decade of Denim and Dreams' at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Includes a list of donors and sponsors, a photo of a cowboy on a horse, and the museum's logo.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The Town of Carrizozo New Mexico, hereby wishes to inform all interested parties of the Town of Carrizozo intent to file an application with USDA, Rural Utilities Service. The purpose of the application is to request financial assistance to improve the Carrizozo Waste Water Treatment Facility System for the Town of Carrizozo.

A Public Hearing will be conducted on Monday August 12, 2002, at 5:30 PM, at Town Hall, located at 100 5th Street, Carrizozo, NM.

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Downs council dogs humane society on pet numbers

■ The county animal shelter says it needs more funds from the city.

BY MELANIE SATTLER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

At its regular meeting last week, Ruidoso Downs' city council denied a request by the Humane Society of Lincoln County for additional funds, opting instead to revisit the issue six months from now.

"I doubt that will be acceptable to our board," said Jule Sterchi, humane society treasurer.

In May, after the council had crafted its budget, the group requested \$11,000 from the city, \$2,100 more than budgeted, citing as justification an increased number of animals coming into the shelter from the Downs.

At a prior meeting, the council asked the society to check its figures to make sure that some of those animals were not from Ruidoso or Lincoln County. Ruidoso Downs provides cooperative services to the village and county.

Humane society records show 521 animals brought to the shelter from Ruidoso Downs in the last calendar year, including relinquish-

ments by citizens and impounds by animal control. In 2000, the society recorded 258 animals from the Downs.

"This is a big jump from one year to the next," said councilor Judy Miller. "It's hard for me to believe we have almost the same amount as Ruidoso."

In 2000, Ruidoso animals accounted for 773 relinquishments and impounds; in 2001, it was 579.

Ruidoso Downs records show 311 animals brought to the shelter in the last fiscal year.

"We have no reason to misrepresent those numbers," Sterchi said. She attributed the disparity in the figures to animal relinquishments by citizens.

Sandra Ford, the society's executive director, noted that Ruidoso Downs' numbers have increased as Ruidoso's decreased, in part because Ruidoso did not have an animal control officer for long periods of time.

After Miller affirmed with Sterchi that the animals dropped off at the shelter came from physical addresses within the city, Councilman Margie Morales moved to put off a decision, allowing time for the council to "get the justification we need that these are our animals."

Ford promised to supply supporting documentation for the request. The humane society raises money to make up for a lack of funding from municipalities, Ford said.

In other business, at the recommendation of Tom Armstrong, volunteer fire chief, the council rescinded fire restrictions, which had limited outdoor smoking and prohibited use of outdoor charcoal grills and campfires.

Recent precipitation reduced fire danger in the city, Armstrong said, but he urged the public to continue using fire cautiously and safely.

Councilors chose to stay under phase one water rationing in the city, at the

advice of staff. City Administrator John Waters reported that spring output is averaging 295 gallons per minute. Normal range for Griffith Spring, which provides more than 99 percent of the city's water, is between 350 and 450 gallons per minute. The current stage of the water conservation plan requires residents, businesses and vacationers using the city water system to abide by odd/even watering and a prohibition on watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Under the consent agenda, councilors awarded a \$10,176 bid for firefighters' bunker gear to Artesia Fire Equipment and approved advertisement of a bid for construction of the \$245,000 East Circle sewer line extension project, which will hook up 41 homes to sewer in the Heights area. It also approved the hiring of Arthur G. Herrera in a temporary, part-time parks maintenance position and the transfer of obsolete computer equipment to the Capitán Police Department.

The council tabled consideration of a contract for ambulance service because a representative of Presbyterian Medical Services was unavailable to speak; it will look at the agreement at a subsequent meeting.

FACT

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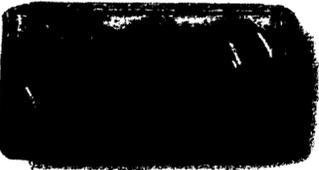
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Dangerous driving and dancing in Caribbean

The Ruidoso News is happy to once again offer readers the popular weekly travel column "On the Go With Hank and Ellen" written by locally-based freelance travel writers/photographers Hank and Ellen Barone.

Tightening our grips as our new friend punched the pedal, life flashing before us, it was as though we were reliving a moment of misspent youth. But we weren't with some teenage cohort, only John, a crazy New Yorker who had never in his 50-plus years been behind the wheel of any vehicle. We were careering around the corners and over the speed bumps like juvies on a joyride, flying over roads, never slowing until running aground on large rocks along the edge of the resort's cart path.



On the Go with Hank & Ellen
BY HANK AND ELLEN BARONE
TRAVEL WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

Casa de Campo, a luxurious getaway in the Dominican Republic, and one of the Caribbean's finest destinations, is so expansive the guests are provided a golf cart for their convenience.

Returning from the beach, we'd hitched a ride with John, unconcerned about driving experience, or lack thereof. It was as if he had taken a cue from the island's thousands of motorbike drivers — mobile mavericks who recklessly weave about in city traffic. On an earlier trip to town we'd seen a couple riding sidesaddle on a motorbike while holding a small baby, as well as a man riding down the street, lying at a right angle across the seat of his motoconcho (motorbike), no hands, no feet. Those stunts, combined with the Dominican Republic's lack of stop signs and traffic signals, only added to the normal chaos caused by cars, buses and trucks.

Perhaps there's a certain syncopation to the confusion — something like the island's merengue, a unique, sensual, Afro-Caribbean dance music that's possibly the fastest music in the Caribbean.

The Malecon, a palm-lined three-mile thoroughfare that borders the waterfront of Santo Domingo, the oldest European city in the New World, could easily qualify as the largest open-air disco in the world. Dominicans seem to find any excuse to dance merengue. It's everywhere. Unlike U.S. dance fads that come and go, merengue remains a fiery and lasting declaration of their love of life.

Merengue is sexy, rippling hips and pelvis. Everybody, from young children to people in their 80s, dances merengue. People everywhere have their radios blaring the lively music. Women in the morning, sweeping the sidewalks, break out into merengue. Carlos, our guide on a sight seeing tour of Santo Domingo, danced merengue in the aisle of

the bus. Everyone, it seems, feels the music.

Traditionally, merengue is played by a three-man combo performing on a tambora (double drum), a guira (metal scraper), an accordion, and sometimes either a tres or cuatro (both similar to a guitar).

There are hundreds of clubs in which to dance merengue, or you can dance it anywhere you happen to be. One of the most interesting places to dance is the Guacara Taina Merengue Club, a large, high-ceilinged cave in Santo Domingo. It's one of the city's hottest nightspots, with two dance floors, three bars and lots of nooks and crannies. The trip down its many steps wasn't so bad, but climbing back up after dancing all night was another story.

Merengue spreads throughout even the tourist-heavy eastern end of the island. From Boca Chica to La Romana, through Bayahibe and around the cape to Punta Cana and Bavaro, there are many luxurious all-inclusive resorts. Each features nightclubs or discos, as well as beach entertainment under palapas (thatched structures). There are excellent shows at both Casa de Campo (La Romana) and Punta Cana Resort and Club, but the hottest performers on the southeast end of the island wind up at Barcelo Bavaro Palace Beach Resort.

Casa de Campo is an all-inclusive resort that repeatedly has been ranked in the top Caribbean and Atlantic beach resorts by such respected magazines as Travel & Leisure and Conde Nast Traveler. At Casa de Campo, we enjoyed a candle-light dinner on the beach, complete with bonfire, and afterward, a dance show featuring merengue on a small stage. The costumes were flamboyant and colorful, the dancing increasingly wild and sensual, as the show heated up from hot to steaming. Afterward, the merengue addicted crowd headed for the disco to dance till dawn.

From their home in Alto, the Barones own and operate the successful travel media agency, International Media Group (www.intlmediagroup.com), which provides travel content to a wide variety of regional, national and international publications.

Traveling nearly every month of the year, their adventures include: a camel trek across the Moroccan Sahara; a bicycle trip in Sicily; a railroad journey aboard the venerable Orient Express from Singapore to Bangkok; tall-ship sailing in the Caribbean; and white water rafting on the Colorado River.



A merengue band plays at an amphitheater at the Casa de Campo on the southeast coast of the Dominican Republic.

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County of Lincoln
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 Telephone Number: 505/648.2385

NOTICE

Date of Publication: August 2, 2002

Application/Grant Number: 02-C-RS-I-3-G-28

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:
 On or about August 30, 2002 the County of Lincoln will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:

PROJECT TITLE OR NAME: New Public Health Clinic
PURPOSE OR NATURE OF PROJECT: Construct a new Public Health Clinic
LOCATION OF PROJECT: 107 Kansas City Road Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$ 780,000.00
PROJECT SUMMARY: Due to inherent design flaws of the current structure which prohibit efficient expansion, a completely separate structure of approximately 4,096 square feet of heated space is desired by the clinic staff immediately adjacent to the existing structure. The new structure, as currently envisioned will expand available facilities to include a lobby, a modern reception area capable of gathering and protecting personal client information, three bathrooms, a children's play room, a conference room, three offices, a lab and pharmacy area, a file room, an open office area, and four exam rooms. The more efficient design will increase privacy and will permit a doubling of the number of the clients served. Additionally, the vacated old sub-station will provide space, in part, for a Center for Independent Living.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
 An environmental review of the project has been made by the Grantee and is available for public examination and copying at the office noted above. Based on this review, the Grantee has determined that a request for release of project funds will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and hence, an environmental impact statement will not be undertaken under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-910).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare an environmental impact statement are as follows:
 Project is routine commercial construction of about 4,000 square feet.

Public Comment on Funding
 All interested agencies, groups or persons disagreeing with these decisions are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Grantee by August 30, 2002. All comments must clearly specify which decision they object to - The Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for Release of Funds. ALL comments so received will be considered by the Grantee prior to its taking any administrative action or requesting release of funds on the date listed immediately above.

RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS
 The Grantee will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The grantee is certifying to HUD that the County of Lincoln and Rex-Wilson in his official capacity, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review, decision-making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Grantee may use the Block Grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities listed in 24 CFR Part 59. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:
 (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer or other officer of the Grantee (b) that the environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision funding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process, or (c) another federal agency has submitted written comments pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act or Section 102(c) of NEPA. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 59), and may be addressed to HUD or LGD/DFA, Room 201, Bataan Memorial Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD or LGD/DFA. No objection received after 15 days from the date of request for funds listed above will be considered by HUD or LGD/DFA.

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Demarest will be the qualifying broker and has 26 years of experience, along with accounting and management skills.

The former owner of Re/Max, Wayland Burk, will be a broker associate on the sales staff of Re/Max. He had owned the agency for almost 10 years.

Re/Max is welcoming Gaylon Herrera as the newest member of the team. Herrera previously worked with Ruidoso Mortgage. They are also welcoming back Marcia Guynes. She brings many years of experience in Ruidoso real estate. She is Re/Max's "Capitan Connection."

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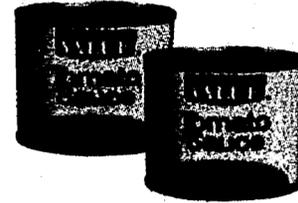
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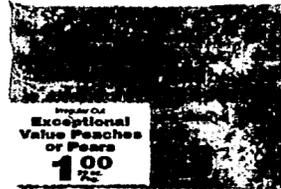
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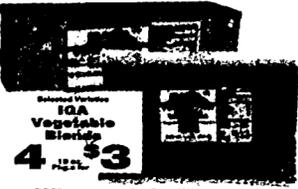
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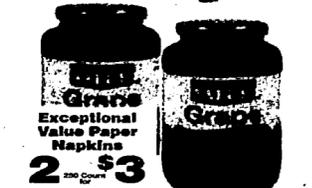
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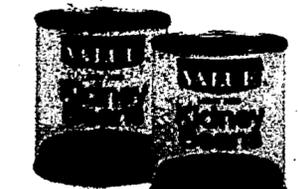
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Flamingos take state Class D title

ALBUQUERQUE — The Flamingos softball club finally accomplished a goal they had set out to do in the early 1980s, prevailing at the USSSA Women's State Class D Tournament with a state title July 27-28.

With the title, the Flamingos become only the second Lincoln County team since the mid-80's to win first at the state softball tournament.

In the Flamingos' opening game, Francine LaMay and Simona Ramos provided key hits and scoring, while defense helped defeat Thunder of Anthony 7-2.

Later that night, the Flamingos played the Clovis Eagles and beat them by the mercy rule in six innings, 19-3. The mother and daughter team of Celeste and Dusti Franklin and Paula Tracy led the team in hitting.

With one game left until the championship final, the Flamingos faced perennial power Los Alamos National Bank in the bracket's semifinal. The locals began strong with six runs in the top of the first inning, then held Los Alamos to just one run.

A see-saw affair then ensued through the next six innings, as each team answered the



The 2002 USSSA Women's Class D state champion Flamingos. Back row, left to right: coach Kenny Espinosa, Dusti Franklin (on the phone with mom Celeste), Francine LaMay, Kayla Scarafioti, Simona Ramos, head coach Tim Eckerdt, Dianne Davis, coach Rudy Lugo. Front row, left to right, bat girl Kimbra Espinosa, Jenelle Clawson, Vicki Eckerdt, Pauline Fernandez, Erika Lugo, Teresa Larranaga and Paula Tracy.

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other with tidal waves of runs. With time approaching 90 minutes and the Flamingos up 27-25, the locals scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning to take a commanding lead and hope their defense could prevail.

Los Alamos answered with two runs in the bottom of the

seventh, but it wasn't enough as the Flamingos advanced to the title game.

Every Flamingo hit well in the game, led by Timea Eckerdt (6-for-7), Francine LaMay (5-for-6), Vicki Eckerdt (4-for-6), Diane Davis (5-for-6) and Celeste Franklin (3-for-6). The last time the Flamingos

had made it this far was in 1987, when they took the second of back-to-back second-place titles.

The Flamingos again faced Los Alamos National Bank, which advanced through the losers bracket of the double elimination tournament. This time the locals fell behind 9-3

in the early innings, and Los Alamos eventually took a deciding 24-11 victory to force a second game.

"We tried to stay with them, but after they out hit Clovis (Eagles) in the previous

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side line

Sports on Tap

Friday, Aug. 2
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 3
Horse Racing
550 Championship at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 4
Horse Racing
American Airlines Juvenile Challenge, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6
Softball
Ruidoso Mens' Tournament at Eagle Creek Softball Complex, 6:30 p.m.

On Deck

The British are Coming!
For the fourth consecutive year, British Soccer will be holding a week-long soccer clinic for children ages 4-12 Aug. 5-9. Two sessions will be offered. For best pricing, your child must be registered prior to July 22. For more information, contact Katy Yeager at 258-2778. Bowling Leagues Forming
Anyone wishing to join a bowling league this fall at the Ruidoso Bowling Center can call 258-3557 to enter. The Center will feature mixed, men's women's and senior leagues starting Aug. 19.

County seniors headed to Las Cruces for state Olympics

A large contingent of Lincoln County seniors ages 51-80 are headed to Las Cruces for the 24th annual New Mexico Senior Olympics.

More than half of the 31 athletes will compete Aug. 7-11 in bowling events. Local seniors are also entered in eight other sports.

Ramon Prudencio of Hondo and Lincoln County coordinator Bart Young of Ruidoso will each compete in 10 events. Mary Young will enter five of the women's events. In 2001, Lincoln County seniors earned 67 medals and ribbons.

The participants and friends got together July 17 for an awards dinner at the Ruidoso Senior Center.

McDougal combines for doubles championship

EL PASO — Ruidoso High School tennis player Heather McDougal teamed with Las Cruces' Nicole La Ferriere to capture the doubles championship in the Girls 14 division at the New



McDougal

Mexico/El Paso County Junior Championship tennis tournament July 26-29.

McDougal also took home the 4th-place trophy in Girls 14 singles out of 21 entrants.

The team of McDougal and LaFerriere defeated the top-seeded team in a hard-fought pro set, 9-8. Down 4-0 in the set, McDougal and LaFerriere rallied to even the match at 8-all, then won

the tie-breaker 8-5, giving them the game, match and championship.

Next up for McDougal is the USA Team Tennis Youth Sectional Championships, to be held Saturday at the El Paso Youth Tennis Center. McDougal competes as a member of the El Paso Blazers, a team of three girls and three boys chosen from the El Paso area.

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Biting the hand that feeds them: What's wrong with baseball

It seems that about every seven or eight years, the powers that be in Major League Baseball feel they have to resort to some sort of work stoppage to get their way. The players feel they need to go on strike, the owners think they need to lock the players out, lest their salary demands bankrupt the game.

In reality, neither party really suffers the type of financial hardship they think they will, and eventually the dispute is resolved — albeit temporarily — and play begins again.

One thing they never seem to realize is that there are not two sides to this unusu-

al labor struggle, there are three.

There are, of course, the owners, representing big business and big corporations. Then there are the players, laboring under the yoke of those owners for what used to be a pittance, but now can be considered wealthy by any standards.

But the third side to this debate is the group of people upon whom the entire system depends — the fans.

It seems they're the only ones that ever lose in these situations — not the players, not the owners. They both still have lucrative jobs to return to after the ugliness has subsided.

But they refuse to realize just how dependent they are on the fans for their income. I'm not just talking about ticket and concession sales at the parks, that's actually a tiny fraction of the total millions that hang in the balance at the negotiating table.

I'm talking about television revenue, broadcasting rights, product endorsements, etc., etc. All of which are driven by fan interest.

Think about it, would ESPN or Fox be willing to shell out millions of dollars to broadcast Major League Baseball games if they thought no one would be watching? If the ratings for those games are too low, they can't sell advertising, and lose a lot of money in the process.

Why are so many corporations — selling everything from shoes to sodas to Viagra — willing to pay big name athletes big time dollars to endorse their products? Because they have fans that will more likely buy those products as a result.

Baseball has labored for many years under an anti-trust exemption, and I personally don't have a problem with that.

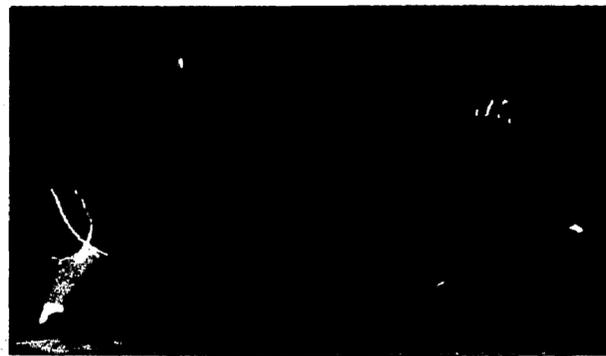
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ON THE DDOT



BY TODD FUQUA
SPORTS EDITOR

PLAY AT THIRD



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

A Camp Sierra Blanca player arrives at third base while the Two Tones third-baseman awaits the throw July 25 at Eagle Creek Complex. Play in the men's league tournament was suspended Tuesday due to rain, and was scheduled to continue Thursday night.

Don't be fooled by what you think may be the favorite

Handicapper's Corner

Dale Wood
"The Ole Radio Man"

If you are going to bet the exacta, you should think about these basics.

The favorite figures in 50 percent of the exactas and the first and second favorite in 75 percent of the exactas. That means that leaving the favorite out lessens your chances of winning.

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- #### Vulnerable Favorite

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- Negative jockey change.
- Chronic beaten favorite, makes good exacta selection as a place horse.

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BASEBALL: Stupid, stupid owners and players!

FROM PAGE 1B

They've worked hard to become the pinnacle of the sport, and true competition from a competing league would only hurt the entire industry.

But because they do have that exemption, they also have a special obligation to their customers, the fans. That obligation is to continue play, at all times. The fans are paying for it, so they'd better produce.

Why this special obligation? Why can't the players, many of whom are deserving of the high salaries they command, go on strike if they feel their rights are being denied by the owners? Why can't the owners make their demands only to the players, and not have to answer in any way to the fans?

Because they don't have that competition. If an airline can't work out its disputes at the negotiation table, and the pilots, baggage personnel and flight attendants go on strike, there are still several other airlines to choose from.

More than likely, you got your tickets courtesy of an on-line agency, one of several that have popped up in recent years.

Customers of those services have a choice. If one business goes down for any reason — labor strife, bankruptcy, whatever — they can always find the product elsewhere. It may not be specifically what they wanted, but they can still get

that service.

If players represented by the Major League Baseball Players Association go on strike, where will the fans turn? The only answer is the minor leagues, not beholden in any way to the players' union.

But that's not really the same, is it? You can't follow the same players you've cheered on for several years. You're stuck with a brand of baseball that's inferior, simply because the athletes haven't proved themselves good enough — yet — to be at the Major League Level.

True, there are those like me who love the game, regardless of what level it's played at. So they shouldn't be too disappointed. But that should be a source of alarm for the majors as well.

If enough people, like myself, get so disgusted with the labor situation that they decide maybe the minors or college-level ball is all they'll watch, that's a major source of revenue that's taken away from the majors.

And if they think they can bring a lot of disgusted fans back with another heroic home run display or Cinderella-like World Series, they're deluding themselves.

I'm an Atlanta Braves fan, and have been one for a long time. I remember cheering them on when Dale Murphy was the only player worth mentioning on

the team, although there were guys like Andres Thomas, Glen Hubbard, Paul Assanmacher, Gene Garber, Bob Horner and Zane Smith that come to mind as well.

Those teams were awful, but I still loved them. When they finally put together a winning season in 1991, my heart broke when they lost the World Series, and then lost it again, and then didn't even win the pennant.

Following the 1994 debacle of a strike and no World Series, I refused to watch Major League Baseball. In 1995, the Braves finally won a World Series title, and I didn't give a damn.

As baseball continues this disastrous cycle of work stoppage, more and more fans will likely react the same way I do, complete disgust.

So what's the solution? A fan representative present at all labor negotiations? How about a class-action lawsuit by season-ticket holders whose several hundred-dollar investment is now worthless? Or maybe a suit brought about by ticket takers and concession workers out of a job due to a strike?

I don't know the answer. But I do know that if the players and owners don't open their eyes to who truly pays their meal tickets, they'll find they won't have as many millions to bandy about any more.

FLAMINGOS: A state title at last!

FROM PAGE 1B

game and continued their rally on us, we decided not to change our strategy and let them knock themselves out," said Flamingos coach Tim Eckerdt.

In the final game, the teams were tied 3-3 after two innings, but the Flamingos scored 11 runs in the top of the third and held off numerous Los Alamos rallies.

Entering the bottom of the

seventh with a 25-17 lead, Flamingos Timea Eckerdt, Diane Davis and Dusti Franklin made three crucial putouts to end the game and give them the title.

All-State team tournament awards went to Celeste Franklin, Pauline Fernandez, Timea Eckerdt and Francine LaMay. Vicki Eckerdt was named state MVP for both offense and defense, walking only three batters in five games as pitcher.

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Sanchez's campaign donors include Alto's Morgan

BY STEVE JAHRLING
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Whatever the 2002 New Mexico governor's race holds in terms of issues and character revelations remain unclear this early in the campaign, but one thing is already obvious: New records in political spending are being set.

Just after the June 4 primary, former congressman, U.N. ambassador and Energy Secretary Bill Richardson has already raised more than \$4 million in cash and in-kind contributions, with \$1.7 million cash at his disposal.

That amount may not raise an eyebrow in Texas, or in California, where Democratic incumbent Gov. Gray Davis has already spent \$18 million in the primary alone, with \$31.6 million in his war chest by the end of June, and where his GOP opponent Bill Simon is expected to spend \$40 million, plus or minus \$10 million.

But Richardson's Democrat cache is a lot of money for New Mexico, where Gov. Gary Johnson spent \$2.8 million for his 1998 primary and general election campaign combined, a spending record at the time.

While it is early in the campaign, which tends to grab the public's attention only after Labor Day, Richardson has more than five times the cash on hand than his Republican opponent John Sanchez, a state representative and roofing contractor from Albuquerque.

But according to Patrick Killen, Sanchez's political director, it's still too early to call that an issue.

"There's no concern at all about money — at this point four years ago, Martin Chavez had only \$30,000, and he raised \$2.5 million," he said. "John will continue to work very hard at fund raising and he will get lots of support from the president."

Killen said that Sanchez expects a fund-raising visit in the coming weeks from President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, but added that no date has yet been confirmed.

No spending limits

Sanchez has raised about \$1.2 million by July 1, with \$338,607 in cash on-hand.

He has loaned his campaign \$270,000, received \$31,495 in in-kind donations from his company, Right Way Roofing, and \$18,500 in an in-kind survey donation from his John Sanchez for State Representative fund.

Federal donor limits do not apply to state governor elections, and there are no spending limits on hard or soft money in the New Mexico's governor's race, said Denise Lamb, director of the Bureau of Elections.

The Federal Election Campaign Act places limits on hard money given to federal candidates from individuals, party committees and political action committees. Individuals, for example, are limited to \$1,000 per candidate, \$20,000 per national political committee and \$5,000 for any other political committee per calendar year.

But through a loophole in a 1978 FEC ruling, multicandidate or other political committees have no limits placed upon them. Soft money means funds that skirt these federal limits, including large individual or PAC contributions and direct corporate or union donations. These are not given directly to a particular federal candidate but are ostensibly directed toward "party-building" purposes, which directly or indirectly benefit members of Congress, as well as federal judicial and presidential candidates.

Sanchez received \$150,000 in such combined funds from the GOP's Governor's National Election Committee and National States Election Committee, and \$37,500 in in-kind money for polling research from the Republican National

Major donors for John Sanchez:

- Republican National State Elections Committee — \$100,000
- Republican Governors National Elections Committee — \$50,000
- Bob J. Perry, Houston, Texas — \$82,000
- Select Milk Producers — \$75,000
- Jackie Morgan, Alto businesswoman — \$20,000
- Ken Zangara, Albuquerque businessman — \$10,000
- Tai Van Kha, Albuquerque businessman — \$10,000
- Josephine Herrera, Albuquerque businesswoman — \$10,000
- The American Dream PAC — San Antonio, Texas — \$8,000
- Mark Murphy, Roswell oil & gas executive — \$7,500
- Tom Growney, Albuquerque businessman — \$5,100
- Robert Bolton, Albuquerque businessman — \$5,000
- Thomas Reed Jr., Albuquerque businessman — \$5,000
- Dick Wickens, Albuquerque businessman — \$5,000
- Steve Maestas, Albuquerque businessman — \$5,000
- Devon Energy Production, Oklahoma City — \$5,000
- Lumber, Inc., Albuquerque — \$5,000
- Zia Natural Gas Co., Worland, Wyo. — \$5,000
- J.R. Hale Contracting, Albuquerque — \$5,000
- Ray L. Kysar, Farmington businessman — \$4,000
- Allen Web, Albuquerque businessman — \$4,000

Committee. In-kind donations can range from consulting services, poll work, billboards or catering a meet-and-greet event.

Select Milk Producers, a group of large dairy producers in New Mexico and West Texas, has given \$75,000. New Mexico has an estimated 145 dairy farms with 250,000 cows, 4,000 employees and contributes more than \$1.8 billion to the state's economy. Select Milk executive and spokesman Rance Miles was traveling as this story went to press.

Major expenses for Sanchez include more than \$288,000 paid to National Media, Inc., a public affairs advertising agency in Alexandria, Va., for TV and radio spots, and the overall ad campaign of the Sanchez campaign. National Media was founded by Alex Castellanos, a man who the Richardson campaign has described as "the father of the attack ad." One of Castellanos' better-known ads was directed against former Vice President Al Gore in the 2000 presidential election, where the word "DEMOCRATS" morphed into "RATS."

Other expenses include \$25,000 to Targeted Creative Communications, the mailing firm for National Media, \$14,000 to political consultants The Maddox Group and \$10,000 to pollsters Public Opinion Strategy. The reports for each candidate also detail a myriad of office expenses, staff payroll and travel expenses.

Reaching out to Hispanics

Houston's Bob Perry, CEO of Perry Homes, one of the largest builders in Texas, is Sanchez's largest individual contributor at \$82,000.

He and his wife, Doyleene, have become in the past five years major donors to the GOP's Republican National Committee, the Republican Issues Committee and in their home state.

Perry gave \$912,500 during the 2000 election cycle to a polit-

ical action committee called Texans for Lawsuit Reform, a group that advocates tort reform, a movement that seeks to limit jury awards to injured workers and force claimants to pay court costs of the companies they sue.

According to Texans for Lawsuit Reform's Web site, www.tortreform.com, the PAC seeks to "eliminate abuses in our civil justice system while protecting the individual's right to bring legitimate lawsuits forward."

Perry said that although he doesn't do any business in New Mexico, he believes it is vital for the GOP to reach out to Hispanics.

"I will work to make the Republican Party a more diverse party," he said in a recent telephone interview. "But not just Latinos — we need to attract black and Asian candidates as well."

He said he was impressed by Sanchez's candidacy early in the primary, although he has yet to meet him in person.

"People that I listen to in Washington told me John was a very high-quality, honorable and talented young man," he said.

Perry said he tends to be practical with his donations but at times "inconsistent."

"I supported the mayor of Houston because I believe he's doing a good job," he said. Mayor Lee Brown, a black Democrat, narrowly won re-election to his third term in December 2001.

He said the GOP needs to get behind its minority candidates and put them into office, citing the failure of Texas Republicans to re-elect incumbent Texas Supreme Court Justice Xavier Rodriguez in the March 12 primary.

"He lost to an unknown white guy, and that sends the wrong signal to Latinos," Perry said.

Other heavy hitters

Some of Sanchez's other major contributors include Alto businesswoman Jackie Morgan at \$20,000, businessman Tai Van Kha of Albuquerque at

\$10,000, auto dealer Ken Zangara at \$10,000, oil executive Mark Murphy of Roswell at \$7,500, and \$10,000 from his mother, Josephine Herrera.

The American Dream PAC, which donates to Republican minority candidates and is headed by Texas congressman Henry Bonilla, donated \$8,000. Zia Natural Gas Co., with gas production and offices in Wyoming and New Mexico, gave \$5,000.

Despite the Democratic Party's historic strength in the state, and the uphill climb in running against a nationally known candidate in Bill Richardson, Republican donors contacted expressed confidence in Sanchez's chances in the fall.

Zangara, the GOP chairman for Bernalillo County, said he thinks Sanchez is an underdog who will cut into Richardson's lead.

"He's a real New Mexican who knows our issues and our problems, as opposed to Bill

Richardson," he said.

Zangara also likes Sanchez's vow to never raise taxes if elected.

"He'll be good for Albuquerque, which is what's good for the state," he said. "He surrounds himself with good people — if I'm successful, I know it's not because of me, but because of the people I have — John knows that, too."

Bruce Hale, president of J.H. Hale Contracting of Albuquerque, which donated \$5,000, said that he'd like to see both candidates sit down and talk about their solutions to New Mexico's problems.

"Show us the plan and cut out the negative campaigning," he said. "There's gridlock in the Legislature, our education and health system is a mess, but how will they show us the issues?"

Hale said that he trusts Sanchez as a good contractor with sound ideas.

"He's my neighbor, my repre-

sentative and he's a good guy," he said. "I've been able to talk to John — he's a personable guy, a people person, unlike Gary Johnson, who didn't have time to listen because he's always between, ultramarathons somewhere."

Hale, a road builder, said he is concerned about the state's moratorium on new highway construction bonds for the next 10 years.

A liver transplant recipient, Hale is also concerned that the University of New Mexico Medical Center has lost its transplant program.

"We need to expand the state's health care capabilities and also make sure that more of our kids stay in school," he said. "It's a struggle to raise a family in New Mexico."

Steve Jahrling is a reporter for the Farmington Daily Times, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

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105 HOUSES FOR RENT
CREE, UNFURNISHED, 3Bd/2Ba. All appliances, FP, carport. \$700/mo. + utilities, deposit, lease. No pets. 257-9526
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Now's your opportunity to look into this 3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home located in nice neighborhood with easy access. Great price for this 1425 +/- sq. ft. home. Would make a great starter home or a comfortable 2nd home. Lowest price in the subdivision at this time! Only \$79,700.

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BEAUTIFUL 55+ ACRE LOT goes to Cedar Creek, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 baths, sun room, new metal roof & many other improvements! 2480 sq. ft., one level, large covered front porch & back deck, double carport. \$229,500! #96272

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SIERRA BLANCA VIEW from level, Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club social membership lot with trees. Little creek runs through rear of property. \$24,500. #96805

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Of Sierra Blanca from this trelop deck as well as savoring the vista from the living area & kit. This 2 bd. chalet has been remodeled to be a great place to getaway. \$115,900. #97735

CUTE CABIN
3 bedroom, 1 1/2 ba, near to the Rio Ruidoso River. Nice detached game room. A must see! \$119,500. #97433

COMPLETELY FURNISHED CABIN
In the woods, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, single garage, immaculate! Private fireplace & great deck. Nice lot. Courtesy call. \$158,500. #96880

CHARMING CABIN
Near to the Rio Ruidoso River! Nicely landscaped, carport, partially fenced, deck, 3 bd., 1 & 3/4 bath, w/ workshop. \$165,000. #97432

BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF GOLF COURSE
From this remodeled 3/2 townhouse. New tile, carpet, roof, covered deck & fully furnished. Attached garage & landscaping complete this package. \$179,000. #97773

NEW CONSTRUCTION!
Beautiful cedar one level, 3 bd., 2 1/2 bath, FP in living area & master. 78 acre corner lot, secluded area, oversized double garage plus porches. \$239,900. #97634

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This two level 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home has a fenced back yard, covered deck, 2 car garage, 2 built-in fireplaces. Excellent location w/ great view of Sierra Blanca Mtns. \$188,900. Call Melissa for more details. #97641

RUSTIC RUIDOSO LOG HOME
Has dual channel 6 1/2 x 8 logs, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, knotty pine interior, fireplace, dry bar, red oak kitchen cabinets. Secluded Little Creek Estates location. \$249,000. Call John for more info. 420-4286. #97437

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MAJESTIC HOME on 6 acres Orchard w/ Pines. Fully centrally located in Hwy 48, furnished 4 BR/2 1/2 Ba w/ large dining room, kitchen and living area. Sleeps at least 12. Prefer short term Family reunions, getaways) \$1700.00 weekly rate available long term negotiable. Call 354-3357

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122 VISION 2 BAY COMMERCIAL GARAGE WITH PARKING. \$300 MO. \$275 DEPOSIT OWNER/AGENT 420-1397

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CHAMPION RUN - 3/3 condo, fully furnished, 3 levels, carpet, access to pool and hot tub. Water and cable included. \$1200 plus electric & phone.
SPRINGS CONDO - Story book pretty! 3/2, 3/4 bath on 2 levels, 1700 sq. ft. easy access, redwood deck, carpet, tile and carpet. \$1100 + utilities.
Good Credit and References Required.
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106 CONDOS FOR RENT
CHAMPION'S RUN Spacious 3 Bd/3Ba, 2 FP, partially furnished. Not available for lease. 430-1335 or 682-2304
FOR RENT: 1 Townhouse (2 level), 1 condo (1 level), 2/2, long term. Unfurnished - \$775, furnished \$825 plus deposit and utilities. Great locations. Call Doris at REMAX, 258-5833
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107 APARTMENTS FOR RENT
1 BD Furnished apt, all utilities paid except gas. No pets allowed. Available August. Lease required. 378-9188
2BDRM UNFURNISHED Apt., appliances included, quiet neighborhood, no pets, water paid 378-4106.

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2BD/1BA CLEAN, NEW refrigerator, porch and awning, on acreage. No pets. 2 miles from Capitán. \$350/mo + utilities + \$400 deposit. References required. 505-623-1739
IN CAPITAN, 2/2 on 1 acre private lot, storage building, very clean, \$495/mo., 354-4036
NEW 3BR/2BA, Private, secluded property in Ruidoso. "No Pets," 6 month lease. \$585/mo + \$300 dep. Water included 585-2935 after 5:30 pm.
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107 APARTMENTS FOR RENT
1 BDRM. Downstairs, unfurnished in Pinecreek. Bill paid. None smoking. \$400/mo. + \$200 deposit, 6 month lease + 378-8522 or 430-8522 Lv Mng.

APT FOR RENT 1 BD in Capitán. \$330/mo. No pets. 354-2090 or 354-2711
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SHARE CLASSY Pad. Fireplace, view, two master bedrooms. \$400.00/mo. + part utilities. Non-smoking. References. 257-0098 or 910-0624

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112 LOTS FOR SALE
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Job Fair and Invitation for Qualified Laborers, Craftspeople and Skilled Workers
Rehabilitation and Stabilization of Historic Resources in Lincoln New Mexico
Zook and Zinn Architects in cooperation with the Historic Lincoln Museum is pleased to announce that rehabilitation projects will be accomplished on selected historic structures in Lincoln. The work will be accomplished through a grant from the National Park Service, Save America's Treasures Fund and the Hubbard Museum of the American West.
It is the sincere desire of the Architects and the Museum to find persons, especially those who live in the vicinity of Lincoln, who can contribute their skills and abilities to the rehabilitation work. Projects will be accomplished through several construction approaches, including employment of individual skilled workers in carpentry, plastering, and painting; and employment through pre-qualified general and subcontractors-who will bid on the projects.
A job fair is being planned to provide an opportunity for local workers and craftspeople to visit with the Architects and Museum staff, learn more about the proposed projects and to identify special skills, including just plain hard work, that can be utilized by the Museum Administration or by the contractors. Construction companies are to be selected from firms based on their record of outstanding work on Historic Buildings.
The job fair will be held on two days starting on Wednesday the 14th of August from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Another opportunity will be on Saturday the 17th of August from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Both sessions will be held at the Luna House, directly in front of the Historic Lincoln Visitors Center and Museum.
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GARAGE SALE, Saturday, August 3, 123 Apache Hills, 8 to 4

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YARD SALE. Saturday, 9 to 5. Furniture, tools, clothing, and games. 103 Whitney Dr. behind Swiss Chalet

YARD SALE: Little girls clothes & toys, books, misc. 133 Spruce, Saturday 8:30 - 7 and Sunday, 10 - 2.

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P/W, 98K. Clean, good
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tires, runs good. \$4100.
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Roadster, black converti-
ble w/ removal hard-top.
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ton 4x4 Diesel w/flatbed.
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'94 FORD Ranger XLT
Super Cab, 4x4, One own-
er, immaculate 77K mi.
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\$10,500. 354-9222. Capitan

'96 SUBARU Legacy Out-
back. Very good condition.
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deck. One owner. All serv-
icing records. Tires & Bat-
tery in Warranty. 125K.
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FORD F250XLT 4x4. V-
10, 5 speed, 27K miles.
Dark blue over silver with
grey ext. CD, power win-
dows, locks, mirror, LEER
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Excellent condition. Below
book @ \$18,000. 630-9900

1977 GMC 3/4 ton, one
owner, well loved. \$2500
firm. 1991 Chevy van.
Needs motor \$1,000. 258-
9424 Ruidoso.

1989 BUCKET Truck
GMC Diesel 65 ft. working
height w/hydraulic winch
material handler. 43,000
mile. \$18,000. 336-7847

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Make offer. 430-4642

20 FT Gooseneck dump
trailer w/4ft sidewalls. Tandem
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'96 YAMAHA Timberwolf
250, \$1700/ 86 Suzuki
Quadrunner 185, \$950/ 02
Custom Dual ATV trailer,
4.5' x 13', \$800. 378-4326

1982 CHIEF Winnebago,
\$2500. 378-4834

1983 32' Travel Trailer,
air, queen-size bed, all ap-
pliances work well, good
condition, 105 Shadow in.,
\$3600. 257-6338

1995 34' Dolphin, Ford
460 Engine, Low mileage,
mint condition, \$39,500.
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slide-in, pop-up camper.
Fits long or short bed.
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THE PLANNING AND
ZONING COMMISSION
OF THE VILLAGE OF
RUIDOSO will hold a regu-
lar meeting on August 20,
2002 at Village Hall, 313
Cree Meadows Drive. The
meeting will begin at 2:00
P.M. The purpose of the
meeting will be to consider
Case # PV02-019 a Var-
iance request for the fol-
lowing described property:
Lot 24A, Palmer Gateway
Ruidoso, Lincoln County,
New Mexico.

By order of the Governing
Body:
/s/Kathryn Griffin
Village Clerk

5 lots on 2400 Cornell in Alamogordo
Contact: Dottie Dunn Everette
at 505-336-2143 or 512-755-1114
BEFORE September 1

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For more information, contact
Dr. Jim Miller or Ms. Judi Morris
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the Ruidoso Center of ENMU
709 Mechem Drive

Eastern New Mexico University
Ruidoso Instruction Center
Ruidoso, New Mexico
The Ruidoso Center is seeking a temporary, part-time instructors for the 2002 - 2003 Academic Year
Resource Faculty Pool (all subjects)
A Master's degree in the teaching field is required. Knowledge base and experience in developmental writing, composition and literature is expected. Other required skills include the ability to work with nontraditional and minority students; computer and Internet literacy; ability to also work outside of Ruidoso in the Lincoln/Otero County area. Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) preferred but not required. Salary is \$630 per credit hour.
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Interested applicants should send a Letter of Application, a current Resume and transcripts to:
Dr. James Miller, Center Director
jim.miller@enmu.edu
Ruidoso Center of ENMU
709 Mechem Drive
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(505) 257-2120 (voice) (505) 257-9409 (fax)
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Ruidoso Instruction Center
Ruidoso, New Mexico
The Ruidoso Instruction Center, located in the beautiful mountain resort country of southern New Mexico, is seeking Temporary part-time Instructors for
Adult Basic Education (GED/ESL)
The position of Instructor requires a Bachelor's degree in any academic field. Additional professional experience including teaching/training experience and/or online teaching experience will also be considered.
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Interested applicants should send a Letter of Application, a current Resume and transcripts to:
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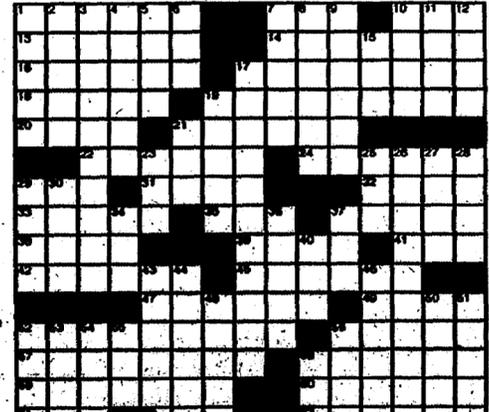
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NOTICE OF VACANCY
DATE POSTED: August 1, 2002
POSITION: Business Manager
QUALIFICATIONS: Must have school business and accounting experience. Other school experience helpful
SALARY: As per salary schedule based on experience.
APPLICATION PROCEDURES:
1. Application and letter of interest
2. Resume
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation (One of these from immediate supervisor).
SEND APPLICATION PACKETS TO: Sergio Castanon, Superintendent Carrizozo Municipal Schools P.O. Box 99 Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 (505) 648-2348
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No. 0510
ACROSS
1 Is a gamster
7 Band aid?
10 Neckline shape
13 Final words
14 Putting weight on?
16 Buy bonds, e.g.
17 Tongue-lash
18 One of the Canterbury pilgrims
19 Care
20 Be bold
21 Knuckle under
22 Smitten
24 A bit of chiding
29 Cutting remarks?
31 Matter for the gray matter
32 Box office
33 They might provide general delivery
36 Circular: Abbr.
37 Schindler of "Schindler's List"
38 Voice range
39 Poker variety
41 Blow it
42 "Yes! Yes!"
45 Singing or dancing
47 Air, to a jet engine
49 "... that's your game!"
52 Accidentally
58 Bonnie Blue's father
57 Catch up with
58 Show scum to
59 Flipped
60 Burning the midnight oil
61 What Leary tripped on
62 Elmore of the N.B.A.
63 High hat
DOWN
1 Macabre
2 Reason to see a hypnotologist
3 Engender
4 One after another?
5 Didn't sit still?
6 Cpl.'s superior
7 Still in the game
8 "Get going now!"
9 Songs of praise
10 Life of Cicero
11 "... act's
12 Designer von Fursenberg
15 Carried out
16 Good-natured exchange
18 Unearthly sort
21 Word on all U.S. coins
23 Fear-de-
25 Metric wine
26 Assume blame
27 Destiny
28 Cynthia's cozier in name
The King and I
29 Golden Hind captain
44 Like sports highlights
46 Unavailing
48 Occupied
50 Say
51 Virginia's river
52 Big sports event
53 Part of Y.S.L.
54 Make whole
56 N.Y.C. subway line
58 Tow job
59 Spook (out)
Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-450-8868 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-CROSSWORD.



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
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GIBBY DOWN LORAX
SHOPPING MALLS
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SKIN CARIS EWAN
SELEN ABC DINE
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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALDEN FARRIS HUGHES III, deceased

NO P-02-16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice of claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at PO Box 904, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355, or to the attorney for the personal representative, Charles E. Hawthorne at 900 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County.

DATED: May 1, 2002
/s/ Jessica Hughes Personal Representative of the Estate of Alden Farris Hughes, Deceased
PO Box 904 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Charles E. Hawthorne
900 Sudderth Drive
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88344
(505) 257-1323
Fax 257-1327

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CASE NO CV-02-95

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GENERAL MOTORS ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF

V. RON DOOR AND RICHARD R. HARRIS, DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

To: Richard R. Harris:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the above-captioned court and cause by the above-named Plaintiff and that the Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you by publication. The general subject of the action is for recovery of Collateral and a money debt. The Collateral is a 2000 Chevy S10 Truck, VIN 1GCCS1946YK100543. It is alleged in the Complaint that a retail installment sale contract and security agreement was executed and delivered to secure a loan to purchase the Collateral. The Complaint seeks, in addition to other relief, possession of the Collateral and issuance of a Writ of Replevin to that effect. No personal judgment is sought against you at this time, because neither personal service on you, nor an acceptable substitute, has been accomplished.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within the time required, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered against you by default.

The name and post office address of the attorneys for the Plaintiff are as follows: Amanda H. Hartmann, Sutin, Thayer & Browne A Professional Corporation, P.O. Box 1945, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

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WITNESS the Honorable Jerry H. Ritter, Jr., District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, and the SEAL of the District Court of Lincoln County this 5th day of July, 2002.

Jan Perry District Court Clerk

/s/ Elizabeth Ysasi Deputy Clerk 630545

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LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive proposals to provide transportation for Ruidoso Municipal School District students to varsity sports events throughout the state beginning August 2002 through May 2003. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505) 257-4051.

Proposals must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2002. **PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "PROPOSAL FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES."** Proposals will be opened and read aloud at a regular school board meeting Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, board Room.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive all technicalities.

/s/Mike Gladden Superintendent Ruidoso Municipal Schools

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LEGAL NOTICE

12th Judicial District Court County of Lincoln State of New Mexico

IN RE: The Petition for Name Change of Matt Hodiah

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TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Section 40-8-1 through 40-8-3, N.M.S.A. 1978, Matt Hodiah will apply to the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS, District Judge of the 12th Judicial District, at the 12th Judicial District courthouse at Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 8:15 o'clock AM, on the 15th day of August, 2002, during a regular term of the Court, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard for an Order for a change of name from Matt Hodiah to William Matthew Carlson.

/s/Jan Perry District Court Clerk

By/s/ Mickie L. Vega Deputy Court Clerk

Submitted: Matt Hodiah Petitioner, pro se

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Capitan will hold a Public Hearing on August 13, 6:30 pm, at the Village Hall Meeting Room. The purpose of this hearing will be to discuss the new Valor Franchise Agreement with the Village of Capitan. This item will be considered for adoption at the Regular Council Meeting held on August 13, 2002, 7:00 pm. The Public is invited to attend this Public Hearing. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at Village Hall between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

/s/Kathryn R. Griffin Village Clerk Village of Capitan

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Capitan, Lincoln county, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids for

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an Annual Contract on gas/diesel for the year 2002-2003.

Sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk, at 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, New Mexico until August 9, 2002, 2:30 pm, then publicly opened and read aloud at the Village hall, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, New Mexico. Any bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened.

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

By order of the Governing Body:

/s/ Kathryn Griffin Village Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning and Zoning Board for the City of Ruidoso Downs will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2002, at 6:30 PM in the Council Room, in the City of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

Discussion and consider the zoning of Mobile/Trailer Home Parks in the City of Ruidoso Downs.

Clean-up Mobile Home Parks, RV's and possibly add new designation for Mobile Home parks.

All citizens will have opportunity to make written/verbal comment.

/s/ Emma Herrera Code enforcement/Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Inc.

Case No. CV

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02-51
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

- (1) Wade Thomas a/k/a Jimmie Wade Thomas
- (2) Rebecca Thomas a/k/a Rebecca U. Thomas
- (3) GMAC Mortgage Corp DBA ditach Corp
- (4) Unknowns: All Unknown Occupants And/Or Tenants Of The Subject Real Estate
- (5) Unknowns: All Unknown Spouses Of Any Party Hereto And All Other Persons. Living Or Dead Whose Names Are Unknown, Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Real Estate

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER, THE SPECIAL MASTER INDICATED BELOW WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER IN LAWFUL MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED BELOW.

THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF SAID SALE IS:

Date: September 18, 2002
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Place: Front door of the Lincoln County Courthouse 300 Centra Ave Carrizozo, NM

Common Description:
311 Spring Rd. Ruidoso New Mexico

Legal Description:
LOT 6, BLOCK 4 OF FIRST PLAT OF WING-FIELD HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1958

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The date of the Court Order is July 1, 2002, pursuant to which an Order of Sale was issued on July 1, 2002. The referenced Court Order entered judgment for Plaintiff for \$111,542.47 plus interest, costs of this action, including costs of the sale and costs to preserve the Real Estate, including ad valorem property taxes. Additional interest of \$27.00 per day shall accrue to the date of said sale.

Special Master:

Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
2222 Parkwest Dr., NW Albuquerque, NM 87120-3660
505 228-8484

KLEINSMITH & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff

by /s/ Philip M. Klein Smith 6035 Erin Park Dr., #203 Colorado Springs, CO 80918
1-88-842-8417

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LEGAL NOTICE

THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO will hold a regular meeting on August 20, 2002 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case # PV02-020 a Variance request for the following described property:

Lot 32, Block 2, White Mountain Estates, Unit 4 Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

/s/Tim Vega Planning Department

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Ruidoso Downs at City Hall, P.O. Box 348, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs,

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New Mexico 88346 for the Project listed below no later than 2:00 pm, Monday, August 12, 2002, at which time the public opening and reading of bids received will begin in the City Council Chambers. The tabulation of bids will be considered by the City of Ruidoso Downs at its next regular meeting following the opening of bids, or at a later meeting, as the interest of the City of Ruidoso Downs requires. For complete copies of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents to be used in connection with the submission of bids, the prospective bidders are invited to contact the ENGINEER at Smith Engineering Company 6400 Uptown Blvd. NE Ste 500E, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Attn: Dan Boivin, PE, LS

A \$50.00 deposit will be required for each set of plans, contract documents, specifications, and bidding forms. Bidders attention is directed to the fact that "Subcontractors Fair Practices Act" will be in effect for this project.

NAME OF PROJECT: Las Lomas/Heights Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Extension
GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PROJECT: The project will extend sanitary sewer service to part of an existing residential subdivision, and will include sewer, sanitary services, low-pressure sewer, and lift stations.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTING AGENCY: City of Ruidoso Downs 122 Downs Drive P.O. Box 348 Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346 (505) 378.4422, Attn: John P. Waters, City Administrator

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Contracting Agency
(OWNER) Instructions to
Bidders

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF RUIDOSO
DOWNS
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE 2002-07

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-
EN that the Governing
Body of the City of Ruidoso
Downs conducted a
public hearing on Monday,
July 29, 2002 at 5:30 p.m.
during a Special Meeting
and adopted the following
Ordinance.

CITY OF RUIDOSO
DOWNS
ORDINANCE 2002-07

AN ORDINANCE AMEND-
ING SECTION 4-3-8(b) TI-
TLES "WATER RATES"
AND SECTION 4-4-9 TI-
TLED "SEWER SERVICE
CHARGE OF THE CITY
OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
CODE OF ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED THAT
THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE CITY OF RUIDO-
SO DOWNS that:

Section 1: Article
4-3-8 (b) Water Rates of
the City of Ruidoso Downs
Code of Ordinances, are
hereby amended, and
shall read as follows:

4-3-8 (b) Water Rates:

A. Minimum Monthly Water
Charge:

Residential: \$21.85
Commercial: \$26.60
Out-side City Limits Resi-
dential: \$43.90
Out-side City Limits Com-
mercial: \$53.20

Thereafter, a commodity
rate shall be charge for
each additional 1,000 gal-
lons of water for residential
users as follows:

Under 1,000	\$0.00
1,000 to 5,999	\$0.50
6,000 to 14,999	\$2.80
15,000 to 19,999	\$3.50
20,000 or more	\$3.78

Thereafter, a commodity
rate of \$3.79 shall be
charged for each addition-
al 1,000 gallons for all
commercial accounts.

Thereafter, the Residen-
tial, Commercial and Avail-
ability Base Rates shall be
increased by 3% per year
for the next five (5) years
beginning in July 2003.

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Section 2: Article
4-4-9 Sewer Service
charge of the City of Ruidoso
Downs Code of Ordina-
nces, are hereby
amended, and shall read
as follows:

4-4-9 The City shall, by or-
dinance, charge and col-
lect from all users of sewer
lines and sewage system,
for the use thereof, a
monthly service charge.
No free service shall be
provided for any user, pub-
lic or private. The base
rates for sewer service are
as follows:

A. Minimum Monthly Sewer
Charge:
Residential \$14.63
Commercial \$32.59
Outside City Limits: Resi-
dents: \$29.25
Outside City Limits: Com-
mercial \$65.18
Institutional / Industri-
al \$42.56
Availability Charge
\$10.64

Thereafter, a commodity
rate shall be charge for
each additional 1,000 gal-
lons for residential users
as follows:

Under 1,000	\$0.00
1,000 to 4,999	\$0.25
5,000 to 14,999	\$1.70
15,000 or more	\$1.85

Thereafter, a commodity
rate of \$1.85 shall be
charged for each addition-
al 1,000 gallons for all
commercial accounts.

Thereafter, the Residen-
tial, Commercial, Institu-
tional/Industrial, and Avail-
ability Base Rates shall be
increased by 3% per year
for the next five (5) years
beginning in July 2003.

B. Water Connec-
tion Fees: New
Service

Residential "1" Tap
\$800.00
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\$1,200.00
Commercial "1" to "1" Tap
\$1,100.00
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\$1,500.00
Commercial "3" and up Tap
\$1,000.00 plus cost of meter

The Tap Fee shall apply to
providing metered service
to the customer's nearest
property boundary to the
service main.

C. Ruidoso Downs Race
Track minimum Monthly
Charge: To be repealed
as is covered under 4-4-9-
a above.

D. Sports Theater Mini-
mum Monthly Charge: To
be repealed as is covered

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under 4-4-9-a above.

E. Sewer Connections
Serving Multiple Units:
Sewer Connections serv-
ing more than one unit
shall be charged the mini-
mum monthly charge for
sewer service multiplied by
the number of units being
served by the sewer con-
nection. In addition, each
sewer connection serv-
ing more than one unit
shall be charged the com-
modity charge for that
amount of liquid waste dis-
charged which is in excess
of the number of units being
served by the sewer con-
nection multiplied by
1,000. For purposes of
this provision, "unit" is
defined as part of the prop-
erty, intended for residential,
commercial, industrial or
any type of independent
use, including one or more
rooms or enclosed spaces
interconnecting, located on
one or more floors in a
building, and with a direct
exit to a public street or
highway, or to a common
area or mall leading to a
public street or highway.

F. Tank Truck Discharge:
Companies or individuals
engaged in the commer-
cial enterprise of septic
tank maintenance who
convey liquid waste and
discharge from such con-
veyance in to the City of
Ruidoso Downs system
shall be required to obtain
a permit from the City of
Ruidoso Downs. There
shall be no fee for the per-
mit and it shall be valid for
one year from the date of
issuance. Upon receipt of
a permit, companies or in-
dividuals may discharge at
designated manholes only
subject to a charge of
\$7.00 per 1,000-gallon
truckload or part thereof.
Any person negligently or
willfully violating the de-
partment requirements for
liquid waste discharge at
designated manholes shall be
in violation of this ordinance
may have his/her permit
revoked, in addition to other
remedies provide by
law. The City reserves the
right to prohibit discharge
of liquid wastes of such
strength characteristics,
which do not allow effec-
tive treatment by the City's
Waste Water Treatment
Plant. Fees under this
provision are to be paid
monthly.

Ordinance 2002-07 shall
take effect five days after
publication.

PASSED, APPROVED
AND ADOPTED in special
session of the City Council
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The past in the present

Annual Old Lincoln Days draws hundreds of actors, spectators to historic town

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Director Diane Shrecengost has her hands full — directing the 100 or so amateur actors that perform in the historical Old Lincoln Days Pageant, “The Last Escape of Billy the Kid.”

Shrecengost, who has directed the play for at least 15 years — she’s not sure — said she’s from Corona and “married into the pageant. I’ve played all the leading female roles, Juanita Mills, a young girl that went to Fort Stanton and asked Col. Dudley to help because the town was getting shot up (in the Lincoln County War), Mrs. McSween, who was married to the lawyer, and Mrs. Shields, a relative of Mrs. McSween.”

Her family married into the show, too: Her sister and brother and their families are still in the show, and her mother was in it for a few years.

“My middle son, John, is Billy now — this is his ninth year,” she said. “Thomas, my oldest son, played Billy the Kid five years. Uncle Bert Shrecengost played Billy for a couple years. Their dad, Bill Shrecengost, played Billy, left, and came back for 10 or 12 years. Bill’s dad, Bill, played the voice of Billy the Kid. Betty Shrecengost, Bill’s mother, played in the pageant since the very beginning. She and Dan Storm were the only two people that played in it every year. Betty’s dad and uncle, Bert, and Pino Pflingston, played in the pageant several years.”

Her daughter, Shawna, 20, has been in the pageant since she was a baby — and asked if she could play Billy the Kid since everyone else in the family has.

“There’ve been stories that Billy the kid might have been a girl,” Shrecengost said dryly.

You get the idea. This is a folk drama with a long history of family ties, and since the 1940s, descendants of area pioneers have been re-enacting the vio-



Billy the Kid, played by John Shrecengost, takes aim outside the McSween House.

SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

lent history of Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War.

One thing that make the director’s job easier in this dramatic production is that many of the actors return year after year and know their own and

help out.

The pageant lasts about 1 1/2 hours, performances are at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday, and admission is \$4 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12; children 5 and under are free.

But this is only part of what the historic town has to offer this weekend for Old Lincoln Days: Shops and museums will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday through Sunday, living history demonstrations, arts and crafts and food concessions will set up throughout town, and a Lincoln slide presentation will be shown at the Historical Center. The U.S. 4th Cavalry from Lubbock, Texas, will be there, as will Mountain Men.

The Betty Shrecengost Memorial Fiddler’s Contest is in the park in the middle of town, next to the annex by the Dr. Wood’s House, with about 20 fiddlers competing.

A Catholic Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Saturday at the historic San Juan Church, with an Episcopal service at 8:30 a.m., Sunday.

The big Old Lincoln Days Parade will be at 11 a.m. Sunday on Main Street, led by the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Posse delivering the Pony Express mail.

“It’s a bigger parade than Capitan’s Fourth of July Parade,” Shrecengost said. “It last an hour to an hour and a half. I’m the grand marshal this year, I’ll ride in front of the parade and wave at all the people.”

everyone else’s parts by heart. The crew started practicing for this weekend’s performances in mid-July, and usually schedules six practices, mostly for the 10 or 15 newcomers to learn their roles.

One of the problems Shrecengost has to deal with is boys who decide they’ve outgrown their “child” role and want to be outlaws by the time they’re 12.

“I let them play some of the scenes behind the walls,” she said. “Every year it’s very trying because you have to deal with the hormonal change: I don’t want to be a kid anymore; what’re you going to let me do? I have quite a bit of that this year, and little girls wanting to be can-can girls.”

What if some of the actors become sick or are called away before the weekend? No problem, says Shrecengost: There are enough people around that have been in it and would be only too glad to

“Every year it’s very trying because you have to deal with the hormonal change: I don’t want to be a kid any more. ...”

Diane Shrecengost
pageant director



Shrecengost



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Three of the Regulators plot their part in the famous Lincoln County War, above, but the rest of the pageant has more shootin’ and gallopin’.



COURTESY SPENCER THEATER

Joe Bologna and Renee Taylor will be at the Spencer Theater Saturday.

Bologna, Taylor bring marriage comedy to town

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A week before their 37th wedding anniversary, showbiz couple Renee Taylor and Joe Bologna will open up their marriage — and their acting and writing careers — to audiences at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday.

Their comedy, “If You Ever Leave Me, I’m Going With You,” is a theatrical collage of events in their married lives and excerpts from some of the Broadway comedies they co-wrote — and often co-directed.

“You’re going to see scenes we’ve written, we’re going to talk about what was going on in our life when we were writing it —” Taylor began.

“— You’re going to see a marriage, how we fight,” interrupted Bologna. “We dissect our marriage: This is our relationship, this is the way ours has worked.”

Some may remember the couple’s very public wedding reception on The Merv Griffin Show in 1965 — and if you don’t, no matter: The clip will be shown during the performances Saturday, as well as other filmed exchanges of vows between the two (they get married again every 10 years).

Taylor was a regular on the show, dating Bologna, and was concerned about the expenses of a wedding when Griffin suggested she give the reception on the stage of the theater and then he’d show it on his television show — which he did.

“I thought it was great,” Taylor said. “Joe didn’t want to do it, but did anyway. What was good about it, when we got married it was a big deal for an Italian and a Jew to get married. People weren’t coming to our wedding because of that, and when they heard it was going to be on television, everyone came.”

Both Taylor and Bologna are

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Taking stock of Wall Street’s, accountants’ crack job

Wall Street is in trouble. This is your fault.

Yes, I am talking to YOU, Mr. or Ms. Small Investor. Wall Street is getting sick and tired of your namby-pamby “wait and see” attitude toward the stock market. Wall Street wants you to show some courage and resume handing your money over to Wall Street, the way you did back in the excellent 1990s, when we had a New Economy, and leading Wall Street analysts were touting all these amazing new companies that were in the exciting new business of ... OK, nobody really knew what exact business they were in, but it was NEW!

Back then, the message from Wall Street, as expressed in TV commercials for brokerage firms, was that if you gave them your money, in three or four weeks you would reap gigantic profits, then retire to a lifestyle in which the hardest work you had to do was think of names for your polo ponies.

Unfortunately, things did

not work out that way. It turned out that we did not have a New Economy, and that leading Wall Street stock analysts were, to put it charitably, smoking crack. It turned out that you would have been better off, from an investment standpoint, if you had fed your retirement nest egg, a quarter at a time, into a Skee-Ball machine.

So, OK, Wall Street made a mistake. We all make mistakes! But now Wall Street is graciously willing to let bygones be bygones, and would very much like to win back your investor confidence in the form of money. Your major brokerage firms, in an effort to show they have “turned over a new leaf,” have taken the extreme step of running a new type of commercial, wherein Wall Street professionals show sincere concern for small investors by actually talking directly to them, answering their questions, stroking their hair, etc. The message of these commercials is: “You can trust us now,

because we are no longer flagrantly lying to you!”

Nevertheless, you small investors remain skittish. One reason is these darned accounting scandals. I don’t know about you, but I always thought of accountants as being serious, suit-wearing people whose idea of a wild and crazy night was to crack open a bottle of Snapple and recalculate their tax returns. And here it turns out that accounting is a WILD AND CRAZY profession. It is the Limp Bizkit of professions.

They are NUTS, those accountants! First, they declared that Enron was a legitimate corporation, when in fact it had basically the same business plan as a guy sticking up a 7-11. And then they gave us WorldCom. Here is the first sentence of the Washington Post story on the day the scandal broke:

“WorldCom Inc. said last night it had improperly accounted for \$3.8 billion in expenses and would restate its financial results for the last

five quarters.”

Yes! Nearly FOUR BILLION DOLLARS! This is an incredible feat of improper accounting, on a par with some of the finest work of the federal government. The WorldCom accounting department must have slaved day and night to improperly account for that much money in such a short time. I’ve been filing expense reports to The Miami Herald for 20 years, and I bet I haven’t improperly accounted for HALF that amount.

Of course, the accountants responsible for these scandals are now in serious trouble; some may go to jail. As caring and forgiving people, we can only hope that, some day, they will be rehabilitated and find work as cashiers for Burger King (“OK, your total is \$3.67, so your change is... let’s see... \$23 million”).

But my point is that these accounting scandals made you small investors even more nervous. And THEN there was this unfortunate situation with

Martha Stewart, who is in hot water (mineral, with a slice of lemon) because she allegedly may have benefited from insider trading. This a great tragedy, and although many of us may have poked fun at Martha in the past, now, seeing her in this mess, we are lying face-down on the floor in a puddle of drool five feet in diameter.

But the point is, Wall Street is in trouble, and things are not going to get better until you, the small investor, stop selfishly thinking about yourself all the time. It’s time for you to show some guts and gather together whatever money you have been able to acquire since the last time you got nailed by Wall Street, and send it to Wall Street. Just do it! Wall Street needs your money NOW! That crack stuff is not cheap.

Dave Barry is a columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132.



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Art outdoors...



At left, wool spinner Jenny Powell of Ruidoso demonstrated her craft for onlookers. At right, dancers, musicians and strangely-garbed giant creatures filled Midtown Saturday for the second annual StreetPlayers Festival, coordinated by the Ruidoso Arts Commission.



... and indoors, too

About 8,000 people came through the gate at the Ruidoso Art Festival last weekend, between 300 and 500 more than last year, said Patric Pearson, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Gate receipts and funds raised from the Silent Auction were up, too, with an estimated total of \$59,900 before expenses.



This has become the major fundraiser for the chamber of commerce, and staff member Karen McGeoghegan, festival co-chair Phyllis Barnett and chair Denise Dean worked on it all year, Pearson said.

"It's paid off that we focus on this year round and make it our primary fundraiser because it does so well," he said. "The biggest return for us is hearing from people that were there and from artists how they loved the show."

Expenses included feeding the artists for the awards banquet Friday night, advertising, renting the Ruidoso Convention Center, supplies and labor and a donation to the Sheriff's Posse to provide security, amounting to between \$11,000 and

\$12,000. The proceeds constitute about 30 percent of the chamber's operating budget.

Besides the three locals shown here, the other top-ten awards went to John A. Yaeger, acrylics/oils; Amado Pena, watercolor; Russell and Kathryn Spiering, jewelry; John Bingham, pottery/porcelain/glass; Gary W. Johnson, sculpture; Glenn R. Hinz, metalwork; Mark Bailey Bennett, photography; Alexa Walker and Greg Quadlander, fabric/weaving/leather; Glenn R. Hinz, Best Booth; and Daryl Howard, Best of Show.

In all, 17 local artists exhibited in the festival.



Ruidoso wood and marble sculptor Jim Mauritsen, above right, won the award at the Ruidoso Art Festival for woodwork this year. Michele Malpica's sculptures, above left, won her the mixed media award. Nogal artist Virgil C. Stephens, above middle, won the top award for pastels/pencil/pen-and-ink.



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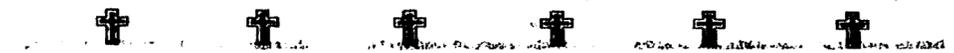


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A complicated life and death: John Ringo, part 1

Johnny Ringo annoys me. This is actually a pretty good trick when you consider the fact that he has been dead just over 120 years. Nevertheless, whenever I get into a discussion about Ringo with one of my Old West cronies, I invariably get irritated. Not by the person with whom I am speaking, but by Ringo himself. If he had just had the decency to be shot down in the street (like so many others of his ilk) so that there was no question as to the manner of his death, I wouldn't find him so aggravating.



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But nooooooo..... not Ringo. He had to go and have his body found in dubious circumstances in the middle of southeastern Arizona's Chiricahua Mountains, which is to say the middle of nowhere. I will get into the details by and by, but suffice to say that while Ringo's death was ruled a suicide at the time, the accuracy of that ruling is still being debated today. This may possibly be because half the people in the Arizona Territory at the time who were capable of pulling a trigger tried to take credit - if that is the right word - for Ringo's death.

But first things first. Let's go back to the beginning and see just what brought Our Hero to this sad state of affairs.

Beginnings

John Peters Ringo (his real name) was born in 1850 in Indiana. His father, Martin, had contracted tuberculosis, or consumption, as it was known at the time, and elected to move his family west to California in 1864. During that trip, in July, tragedy struck the Ringo family. Martin Ringo, so concerned over his health, reached into their wagon and, grabbing a shotgun by the barrel, began pulling it out toward himself. This is a classic example of poor firearms safety, and Martin Ringo paid for the mistake with his life. According to another member of the wagon train: "... his shotgun went off accidentally in his own hands, the load entering at his right eye and coming out the top of his head. At the report of his gun, I saw his hat blown up twenty feet in the air and his brains were scattered [in] all directions..."

We can only guess at the trauma in the 14-year-old Ringo's heart at such a gruesome sight. It may well have had something to do with later medical diagnoses that described John as "suicidal." Whatever the case, the youthful Ringo left his childhood behind that day, becoming, on the spot, the family provider. At this, at least, he was proficient. According to those who

knew him on the trip west, he was a skilled hunter and a dead shot.

Mary Peters Ringo, John's mother, elected to seek out her sister, Augusta Younger. Augusta had married Coleman Younger, uncle of the infamous Younger brothers, which relates John to them only by marriage. Some historians have incorrectly stated that Ringo and the Younger boys were "cousins," but there

was no actual blood relation. Nevertheless, Younger did everything he could to assist the distressed family. John stayed with them for a time, belying the assertions that have been made that he "abandoned" his family to "poverty." From Coleman Younger, John learned how to be a stockman, the only real trade he would ever have.

It was about 1870 that John took leave of his family, and for several years after he dwelled in the shadowlands of history, a part of his life that will remain a mystery until some diligent researcher can track his whereabouts during this period. However, the obvious assumption is that with John's background being in cattle, there was only one place really, that would have drawn him about this time: Texas.

Texas

The San Saba County, Texas, census records for the year 1872 reveal a "John Ringer" who may well have been Our Hero, and it was also around this time that Ringo began the trip down the road that would eventually lead him to that lonely place in the Chiricahuas.

One researcher has written that the people that Ringo "...fell in with were fighters. He was loyal to his friends." This was a trait that Ringo would also exhibit later, in a place called Tombstone.

Among the "friends" that Ringo made in Texas were Scott Cooley and Joe Olney, both of whom would figure prominently in John's future. On Christmas Day of 1874, in Burnet, Texas, John had his first brush with the law. Having a bit too much fun, he discharged his firearm across the town square. The following April (why the delay?) he was charged with disturbing the peace. This was a relatively innocent charge, considering the time and place, but within the year, Ringo would again be known for discharging his firearm, but this time, it would not be across a town square.

The Hoodoo War

The Mason County War, aka the Hoodoo War, swept

across Mason County like a tornado in 1875. It would require more than the confines of this column to even attempt to explain the Hoodoo War, but suffice to say that it was a conflict that grew out of racial hatreds (there were many German immigrants in that part of Texas), the Civil War and Reconstruction. It was during this period that Scott Cooley rose to prominence. In the words of Ringo biographer David Johnson, "If ever a man was born to the feud, it was Scott Cooley. Seemingly from nowhere, Cooley suddenly loomed so large on the Mason County scene that other figures shrink in comparison. He was the man of blood, the cold-eyed, ruthless feudist who killed with apparent impunity and turned Mason County into a charnel house. His name became synonymous with terror."

Get the picture?

He didn't really come from "nowhere." A native of Arkansas, William Scott Cooley was about five years Ringo's junior, but was every bit the leader that Ringo would eventually become, even if only in legend. A former Texas Ranger, Cooley it was noted, had, in one encounter with Comanches, "not only cut a wounded Indian's throat, but stripped a large piece of skin from his back, saying that he would make a quilt out of it."

It seems to have been the killing of a man named Moses Baird that brought Ringo into the fray. Baird, an associate of Cooley, "the relentless avenger," seems to have been quite popular and his murder brought a lot of hard-eyed gunmen into the war.

First notch

The first notch on Ringo's gun (I'm speaking figuratively here - no one in the Old West notched their guns) was put there on Sept. 25, 1875. On that day, Ringo, in the company of a man named Williams, split off from Cooley's main group and headed for the home of a man named Cheyney, fingered as one of the triggermen in the death of Mose Baird.

Cheyney, oblivious to the danger he was in, invited the two men to dismount and have breakfast with him. Both Ringo and Williams washed up and as Cheyney went to do the same, they waited until he had

the towel to his face, and then they shot him.

On Dec. 27, 1875, Cooley and Ringo, whose name was being recognized more and more, were arrested. The pair was incarcerated in various places until the night of May 4, 1876, when a group of "13 or 15" of their friends simply walked into the jail, thrust numerous weapons into the lawmen's faces and freed both Ringo and Cooley.

Cooley lived little more than a month, and his death is still shrouded in mystery. All that is known is that he stopped to eat in Fredericksburg, Texas, and before departing he purchased a bottle of whiskey. Twelve miles out, of Fredericksburg, Cooley rode up to the home of a man named Moore and, slipping from the saddle, announced that he was "an awful sick man." He was dead within minutes. It has long been assumed that he was poisoned by persons unknown.

This left Ringo as the most recognized feudist in Mason County.

However, his luck was about to run out, also - just not as dramatically as Cooley's. On Oct. 31, 1876, Ringo and his pal George Gladden were captured by Texas Rangers in Llano County and transferred to Austin for safe-keeping.

Things were looking rather bleak for Ringo at this point in time. In the custody of the authorities, he was facing a murder charge in Mason County and was charged in Burnet County with threatening the lives of two other men.

Throughout the year 1877, Ringo would languish in vari-



John Ringo

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with whom the "honorable" Hardin had been associating with in jail. Among them was the name John Ringo.

Nevertheless, even with Ringo "on the dodge," his case was dismissed. Now he was legally free. Amazingly, in November of 1878, Ringo ran for, of all things, constable in Mason County and was elected by a two-thirds majority! However, and no one has ever figured out a good reason

for this, Ringo chucked it all and vanished from Texas about the end of 1878. With his pal Joe Olney, (now calling himself Joe Hill, as he was wanted in Lincoln County by Governor Lew Wallace for being naughty, as so many were during that time period) Ringo meandered over to southeastern Arizona, where a new town was just about to boom. It was there that the first signs of what we would now call "post traumatic stress syndrome" began to manifest themselves. Probably thanks to the fact that he had witnessed his own father's gruesome death, Ringo began drinking to excess regularly, was moody, depressed and in the opinion of many, "suicidal." The town he and Hill had relocated to was called "Tombstone."

Next week: Fun in Arizona.

Sources: John Ringo by David Johnson; The Real Wyatt Earp by Steve Gatto; A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War by Frederick Nolan.

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While driving, adjust your car seat so you sit firmly against the seat without leaning forward or stretching. Move the headrest so it supports the center of the back of your head. For travel by train or plane, invest in a wheeled suitcase with a sturdy handle. Do not carry too much. Even wheeled suitcases can cause problems to your neck, shoulders and lower back.

At the office, take breaks and alternate tasks that use different muscle groups. Arrange your desk so everything you need is within reach to minimize awkward stretching. Align your chin with the middle of your computer monitor to allow for good neck posture. Adjust your chair to fit your body.

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veterans of stage, television and film. Most recently, Taylor's portrayal of the mom in "The Nanny" earned her an Emmy nomination. Bologna is best known for the movies "Big Daddy," with Adam Sandler, "Blame It On Rio," and "My Favorite Year." His professional acting debut was in the Broadway play, "Lovers and Other Strangers," which they co-wrote, and their screen version earned them their first Oscar nomination in 1965. The couple received an Emmy Award for co-writing the television special "Acts of Love and Other Comedies," and a Writers Guild Award for the HBO special "Bedrooms."

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"We talk about how we fight and make up," Taylor said.

"The parts where we act out scenes from plays, we then discuss which parts were true, who the characters were based on, how we use events from our own lives, and from our friends,



Joe Bologna and Renee Taylor star in "If You Ever Leave Me ... I'm Going with You." COURTESY PHOTO

fictionalizing it and made it into a career," Bologna added.

Taylor said it is healing for her to write about their lives, and reminds her why she married Bologna. He said it's impossible to work together if you don't like each other.

"When we write together, we write comedies because that's the way we view life."

Joe Bologna actor and writer

"We're together all the time, we better like each other; and if we're angry, we better figure out how to fix it," he said. "There's nothing like making each other laugh or making each other cry to make us closer, and writing about personal things."

Their complementary talents make collaborating in writing possible, sometimes one writing and the other rewriting and vice versa.

"I think ultimately we each

have stronger talents," Bologna said. "Mine in structuring, over view, Renée's in details. I'm like the telescope and she the microscope ... When we write together, we write comedies because that's the way we view life: problem solving to get to a happy ending, when you find a solution to something and express the feelings you want to express."

Writing and performing are very different activities, and the satisfaction they get from writing comes, for Taylor, in having written, and for Bologna in doing "something adult."

"Writing is a very adult activity, like dieting or working out," he said. "I start out and I say I don't want to do it. Acting is immediate gratification; you get the cookie right away, you get the applause. With writing you have to take your time and let things happen."

"If You Ever Leave Me, I'm Going With You" appeals to all generations and all kinds of

relationships, and people often come back to see the show again and again with their children and parents, the couple said.

"It turns out there are uni-

versal things, whether you're an accountant or a plumber, you face the same needs ... If you stay married 37 years, you're experiencing what everyone experiences: births, deaths,

pain, joys, fights, ups and downs."

Tickets are still available for \$30 and \$33. Go online to www.spencertheater.com or call (505) 336-4800.

Weighing a famous outlaw against our favorite bear

Having been raised all my life in Lincoln County, my brothers, sisters and I are familiar with "Old Lincoln Days," as they are called now. Every year Mom and Dad would prepare the best ever

12 grandchildren get to spend "bonding" time with grandma and grandpa. Like when my brothers and sisters spent time with our *abuelitos* in Tularosa and northern New Mexico.

In mid-August I asked the grandsons from southern Texas, "Would you guys like to visit the town where Billy the Kid once lived?" "Who is that?" they wanted to know.

Unsuccessfully I attempted to answer their question: "Billy the Kid is...well, he was...he used to.. uh..." Unable to complete my sentence I quickly added, "How would you guys like to take to go to Capitan where Smokey Bear comes from?"

Then off we headed to

Capitan to learn of a bear that survived a fire in the Capitan Mountains and became the world's most famous symbol of forest fire prevention. We visited Smokey Bear Historical Park, where we took a self-guided tour of exhibits depicting the history of forest fire management including news articles and photos of the Capitan Gap fire where Smokey Bear was found. We watched a documentary film on in the park's theater. The Park grounds are landscaped to represent the six vegetation zones of the area. Smokey's grave is located here.

Next to the Park is a small log cabin, a tribute paid to Smokey Bear by the citizens of Capitan. It is operated as a museum and gift shop. I visited with clerk, Gloria Aldaz, while the grandsons shopped for Smokey Bear toys for themselves and souvenir post cards to send to their other grandparents in Texas.



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Sanchez's Latin jazz beats a path to Spencer

The musician and his band will play at the theater Aug. 10.

Conga drumming sensation Poncho Sanchez and his seven-man band of trumpet, trombone, saxophone, timbales, bass guitar and keyboards transforms the tranquility of the Spencer's "moonlight garden" amphitheater into a steamy Afro-Cuban-Caribbean paradise Saturday, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m.

The 1999 Grammy Award-winning artist is considered a virtual icon in the Latin Jazz music world, noted for the pulsing sensations of his beats, his bluesy jazz vocals and multi-textured, Santana-like compositions.

The hottest performing artist of the Spencer's 2002 Summer Series, Poncho comes to the mountain theater right on the heels of the Houston Jazz Festival, and just a night before his performance at the Long Beach Jazz Festival in

California. At the Spencer concert, Poncho introduces patrons to the incendiary music that has made him a musical superstar, and likely will drive patrons to groove (one of his favorite words) on the outdoor dance floor. Dancing Salsa, Cha Cha, Mambo and other Cuban styles, patrons will have the benefit of free professional dance lessons the night before the concert on the Spencer stage. The instruction is provided by El Paso's Ballroom

Dance Academy, featuring instructors who specialize in all types of Salsa dance styles. The lessons begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 9 and are open to beginners as well as accomplished dancers. Interested ticket holders should RSVP for the dance class by calling the Spencer Box Office at 336-4800 or toll free at (888) 818-7872.

Poncho is the master of congas, slapping the drums with pulsing sensations that rapidly bring forth beautiful, rich, earthy bass thuds in authentic Afro-Caribbean rhythms. Howard Reich, arts critic for the Chicago Tribune, hails, "Sanchez is to Latin jazz what Count Basie was to blues-based swing: a musician who knows how to find precisely the right pace, tone and attitude for each composition." But it takes more than fast

hands to create his brand of old school Latin Jazz — it also takes plenty of soul, which Poncho has plenty of. All 21 of his CD recordings feature steamy arrangements with party-like atmosphere and sentimental feeling. His 20th album, Latin Soul (1999), won the 1999 Grammy for Best Latin Jazz and his 21st, "Latin Spirits" (2001) was the Billboard Latin Music Award winner.

A student of vibraphonist Cal Tjader, a musical master with whom he performed for years before making a name for himself as a musical leader, Poncho's textural variety engages listeners of all musical tastes: His three horn players interlock the hand-drumming music, firing off short and combusive riffs as the pianist reiterates romantic rhythms and three percussionists construct

intricate, overlapping meters. Critics hail Poncho Sanchez's Latin Jazz Band as one of those rare ensembles in which the composite of arrangements and compositions, and the actual playing, is equally disciplined, with spontaneity and beautifully structured solos.

All are linked through the power of the drum; Poncho's hard-grooving cha-cha and upbeat mambo rhythms are an infectious mix that permeates the soul. His live concert performances always justify his reputation and status as a Latin icon.

Tickets are available for \$32 or \$35 day of concert, and are the pass to free professional Salsa dance lessons the night before on the Spencer stage. For more information, visit the theater's secure Web site at www.spencertheater.com.

On the art walk...



PHOTOS BY SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Art After Hours — First Friday Gallery Walks, sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission, opens the doors of two venerable art galleries in Ruidoso and a

new one, from 5-7 p.m. today, Aug. 2. Refreshments are served.

The galleries this month include Le Couture Fine Art, below, and McMahon Fine

Art, above right, both in Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem Drive; and Studio W Gallery, above left, and Frame, 1311 Mechem Drive, down just a ways from the Swiss Chalet.



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Art in Public Places receptions set at Ruidoso library, senior center

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Mark your calendars for August's reception for the artists displaying their work in public buildings, from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 — the Second Friday Art in Public Places gala that brings together art, artists and art lovers — and refreshments.

At the Ruidoso Public Library, local guitarist Kiko Lopez, accompanied by key-

boardist Gus Garcia, will entertain with music a la Bob Dylan to Spanish ballads.

The functional and creative pottery of Wild Child Pottery by J.D. and Janice Kaye Berry will be on display at the library, as will Charles G. Cecil's "Portraits of Life," photographs from a visit to San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico.

At the Ruidoso Senior Center, Hondo artist and art teacher Paula White displays

her "Show in Black and White," and at Ruidoso Village Hall, all the artists who submitted designs for The Great Bear Hunt — hoped to rival the recent "Painted Pony" show all over New Mexico — will display their visual ideas, matted, for all to see. Hopefully, potential sponsors of The Great Bear Hunt will get some ideas here.

The exhibits will be up for the month of August.

Studio W opens Saturday

Studio W will open its doors officially at 10 a.m. Saturday, but will also be part of the First Friday Art After Hours Gallery Walk from 5-8 p.m. today.

In conjunction with the Gallery Walk, Studio W invited six artists from its stable of artists from the prior location in El Paso, Texas, who will remain overnight to attend another reception on opening day from 1 to 4 p.m.

"The Valley Girls," so named due to their

proximity to the Rio Grande Valley, include Earline Barnes, Cheryl Derrick, Annetta Hoover, Julie Oliver, Chrystyna Robbins and Corinne Abeyta-Spinnler.

Refreshments will be served during both receptions. The gallery is the newly constructed "cluster building" on North Mechem Drive, about 1/4 mile north of Alpine Village Road and 1/2 mile south of Swiss Chalet, at 1311 Mechem Drive. For more information, call 258-1117.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Signs

Thriller
Rated PG-13 for some frightening moments
Writer/Director M. Night Shyamalan follows up *The Sixth Sense* and *Unbreakable* with his new feature film, *Signs*, a thriller set in Bucks County, Pennsylvania focusing on the mysterious appearance of a 500-foot design of circles and lines carved into a family's crops. Mel Gibson stars as Graham Hess, the family patriarch, who is tested in his journey to find the truth behind the unfolding mystery. Joaquin Phoenix is Merrill Hess, brother to Graham and a former minor league baseball star.
Starring: Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix, Cherry Jones, Rory Culkin, Abigail Breslin
Directed by: M. Night Shyamalan
Produced by: M. Night Shyamalan, Frank Marshall, Sam Mercer
Written by: M. Night Shyamalan
Showtimes: 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Austin Powers in Goldmember

Comedy, 1 hr. 33 min.
Rated PG-13 for sexual innuendo, crude humor and language.
It's been three years since Austin Powers, that swinging international man of mystery, has had to face his arch enemy, Dr. Evil. But after Dr. Evil and his accomplice, Mini-Me, escape from a maximum-security prison, Austin is called to action once more in this third installment of the Austin Powers movie franchise. Teaming up with the mysterious yet peculiar Goldmember, Dr. Evil hatches a time-traveling scheme to take over the world, one that involves the kidnapping of Nigel Powers, Austin's beloved father and England's most renowned spy. As he chases the villains through time, Austin visits 1975 and joins forces with his old flame, Foxy Cleopatra, a streetwise but stylish detective. Together Austin and Foxy must find a way to save Nigel and stop Dr. Evil and Goldmember from their mischievous mayhem.
Starring: Mike Myers, Beyonce Knowles, Michael Caine, Michael York, Seth Green
Directed by: Jay Roach
Produced by: John Lyons, Eric McLeod, Demi Moore, Eric McLeod, Mike Myers, Jennifer Todd, Suzanne Todd, Jay Roach
Written by: Mike Myers, Michael McCullers, Robert Wagner, Mike McCullers
Showtimes: 12:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m.

K-19: The Widowmaker

Thriller, Drama and Action/Adventure, 2 hrs. 20 min.
Rated PG-13 for disturbing images.
Inspired by a true story, the film follows Captain Alex Vostrikov (Harrison Ford) who, at the height of the Cold War, is ordered to take over command of the nuclear missile submarine K-19, pride of the Soviet Navy. His assignment: prepare the K-19 for sea and take her out on patrol — no matter what the cost. But problems

with the K-19 arise that may lead to a core meltdown and explosion that will certainly kill all aboard, and possibly trigger a nuclear war. Vostrikov must choose between his orders from the Kremlin and the lives of his men.
Starring: Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Joss Ackland, J.J. Field, Lex Shrapnel
Directed by: Kathryn Bigelow
Produced by: Joni Sighvatsson, Christine Whitaker, Kathryn Bigelow, Edward S. Feldman
Written by: Christopher Kyle, Louis Nowra, William Broyles, Jr., Chris Kyle
Showtimes: 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Stuart Little 2

Kids/Family and Comedy, 1 hr. 15 min.
Rated PG for brief mild language.
Flucky, pint-sized hero Stuart Little (voiced by Michael J. Fox) returns in *Stuart Little 2*, delighting audiences with even more action-packed adventure. This time, there are two brand new additions to the Little family — a nine-month old sister named Martha and a spirited bird named Margalo (voiced by Melanie Griffith), who wins Stuart's heart.
Starring: Michael J. Fox, Geena Davis, Hugh Laurie, Jonathan Lipnicki, Steve Zahn
Directed by: Rob Minkoff
Produced by: Douglas Wick, Lucy Fisher
Written by: Bruce Joel Rubin
Showtimes: Noon, 1:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m.



Rory Culkin, Joaquin Phoenix and Abigail Breslin in Touchstone's *Signs* - 2002

Capitan Library art

Eleven Western pencil drawings by Nogal artist Virgil Stephens are on display at Capitan Public Library through the end of August. The library, 101 E. Second Street, is open Tuesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Always Patsy Cline

Amarillo Little Theatre's Touring Project, "Always ... Patsy Cline" returns for a repeat performance of this successful show at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, 8 p.m. today and Saturday. Tickets are \$35 for nonmembers and \$20 for members. A cash bar opens at 7 p.m. For more information, call 378-4142.

First Friday Lecture

Larry Miller, Ph.D., superintendent of Capitan Municipal Schools, will share information about the educational structure and opportu-

nities for students in Capitan schools today at 7 p.m. The library is at 101 E. Second Street.

Lincoln County Fair

Monday through Saturday next week is the annual Lincoln County Fair, with 4H and FFA livestock shows, dances and lots more. Entries will be available for viewing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Call 849-1418 or 354-3305 or 354-3217 for more information.

Randy Travis in town

8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9, brings Randy Travis in Concert to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, as the Summer Concert Series continues. Ticket prices range from \$15-50. For more information, call 378-4431.

It's a Big Gamble

Santa Fe crime fiction author Michael McGarrity will be in Ruidoso from 7 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 10, at Books Etc. to sign his latest Kevin Kerney novel, *The Big Gamble*. McGarrity has visited Lincoln County many times over the years to set this seventh novel in the Kevin Kerney series in our area: The bodies of a man and woman are found in an abandoned fruit stand on Highway 380 between Carrizozo and Capitan after a fire burns the building.

Book and yard sale

Capitan Public Library, 101 E. Second Street, Capitan, will have a benefit book and yard sale from 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10. Donations are welcome (although no clothing). For information, call 354-3035.

Black Like Me

Ida Denny will review *Black Like Me* by John Howard Griffin at the next meeting of the Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group, 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7, at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road. Everyone is invited to attend.

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In 1828
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The VALLEY GIRLS Are Coming to the Mountain!!

As the new kid in town, *Studio W* is bringing the "Valley Girls" to a reception as its part of the "First Friday" gallery walk.

These six laid-back interpreters of life will attend in person, to discuss their original paintings, give demonstrations of painting, vigorous conversation and wine drinking, and, generally, be themselves.

Earline "Hang Ten" Barnes, Cheryl "Go Girl" Derrick, Annetta "Face-Off" Hoover, Julie "The Brit" Oliver, Krystyna "Beach Girl" Robbins and Corinne "Carmen-the-Dreaded" Abeyta-Spinnler - have all made bond, and insist that the vividness of the colors they use has nothing to do with visions they have in their altered states.

To help tone down the rowdiness, the sweet sounds of the semi-classical guitar of Frank "Romer-Oh" Silberman, will help to sooth any ruffled feathers which may occur.

All this will occur 5:00 - 8:00 PM, Friday, August 2nd and continue 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Saturday, August 3rd at *Studio W* Our address is 1311 Mechem Drive (the new building).

Admission is free, but refreshments will be served anyway. If you have any questions, please call 258-1117.

Studio W will open for business Saturday, August 3rd, at 10:00 AM

It's Fair time

For the Burchett family of Lincoln, and many other residents of the agricultural valleys around Ruidoso, it's the most exciting time of the year, with a chance to win ribbons and accolades from friends and neighbors.

BY EMILY BOURBON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Go outside, smell the air. That's right, it's fair time! The animals are getting their final grooming, the cans are getting their final washing, and the quilts are getting their final threading, all to look their best with the hope of winning that highly sought-after Best in Show prize.

Marilyn Burchett, of Lincoln, knows exactly what fair time means. She and her family have participated in numerous ways with many fairs of the past. Currently, they are hard at work preparing their livestock, jewelry and canned food for this year's fair to be held in Capitan, beginning Tuesday and continuing through Saturday.

Burchett was born in Texas, but moved to New Mexico as a young child with her family. She lived in Carlsbad for a number years before her family relocated to Cloudcroft. That is where she graduated from high school.

She is married to Jerry Burchett, a retired agriculture teacher from Hondo. They have three children, Doretta Barlow, of Rangely, Colo., Joe Burchett, a recent graduate of New Mexico Tech, and Robbie Burchett, a junior at Capitan High School. They also have three



Marilyn Burchett places her peaches just right in the jar, with the hope of winning the Best in Show prize at the Lincoln County Fair next week.

EMILY BOURBON/STAFF

grandchildren, all of Rangely.

Burchett holds a bachelor's degree in education from New Mexico State University. Now retired from the Hondo Valley public schools, she has spent some of her free time teaching the Hondo Valley 4H sewing and photography.

She is also active in the Lincoln County Historical Society, where she serves as a board member, the Roswell Genealogical Society and the La Junta Extension Club. She works part-time as a post master replacement for several Hondo Valley post offices.

If that were not enough, Burchett finds the time to can fruit, take pictures, sew clothing, make dried jewelry, paint and quilt. "I don't understand people who are bored," she said.

Burchett will display many of her items in this year's fair. She hopes to bring home Best in Show ribbons for her canning and jewelry.

All the hard work and preparation that goes in both processes are sure to shine on fair day, she hopes.

No matter how much this selfless, at home, country woman wants to take home a prize, she wants her son to bring one home even more.

Like all her children, the youngest, Robbie Burchett, has participated in 4-H since he was 9. Future Farmers of America since he started high school and has been raised around agriculture his entire life.

At the Lincoln County Fair, Robbie

will be showing his dairy heifers, pigs, goats and chickens. He also plans to make the trip to Albuquerque in September for the New Mexico State Fair.

The Burchett family is no stranger to fair ribbons. Burchett has brought home a Best of Show at the Lincoln County Fair for canning, a Best of Show at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair for her photography and a Best of Show for her oil paintings in Alamoso, Colo. Her children also are the recipients of several ribbons of past fairs.

Burchett has been canning since she was young. "Growing up a girl meant you learned how to garden, can and sew," she said.

This year she hopes to bring her peaches, asparagus and tomatoes to the fair. She is also considering her dried apples, but currently is unsure if they will be ready by fair time.

Showing their hand-made goods and livestock is not the only way this active family participates when fair time rolls around. Jerry Burchett was a member of the fair board until last year, but continues to offer his assistance to the children of the Hondo Valley with their show animals.

For the last two years, Burchett was responsible for checking in participants of the Lincoln County Fair. Because of the dry weather earlier this season, Burchett said she was yet unsure about the this year's participants.

At last year's New Mexico State Fair, Jerry was one of the people in charge of a youth hall. This is a service provided to the youth who participate in the fair at a fraction of the cost of a hotel.

The Lincoln County Fair's junior livestock sale will be on Aug. 10, at 1 p.m. Many of the youth use the money made from the sale to benefit their college education. The youth also learn entrepreneurship, independence and leadership when they participate in the livestock sale.



EMILY BOURBON/STAFF

Three of Robbie Burchett's show goats seem eager for their big day at this year's county fair.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

AUG. 3, 1962

A Wild West act

B. T. Coker, operator of a shootin' gallery in downtown Ruidoso, Saturday evening received a .22 bullet in his foot when a customer staged a wild west act as convincing as anything you'd see on a western TV program.

James B. Stanley of Alamogordo faces charges of assault with a deadly weapon, and was in jail early this week in lieu of posting \$2,500 bond, after his arrest following a shooting at Coker's place. He fired a couple of .22 rifles 25 times, it was alleged, using some of the ammunition to make Coker do a few dance steps...

AUG. 4, 1972

The Silver Lining

BY DANIEL A. STORM

Right now I am reading another good book that I bought at Ira Mae Smith's antique shop in Ruidoso Downs. And the book is all the more enjoyable because it just happens to fit in this week when we are turning the clock back to the pioneer days of our own Lincoln County.

The title of the book is "The Last of the Great Scouts." And it is the story of Buffalo Bill written by his sister, Helen Cody Wetmore, with a chapter added by Zane Grey...

When I get through the book, I will give you a little sketch of this great story.

AUG. 5, 1982

Pageant problems resolved

Problems with the state concerning remuneration for use of the pageant grounds in Lincoln have been resolved, according to Betty Shrecengost, president of the board of the Lincoln Pageant and Festival Corporation, pageant organizers.

The state has apparently decided to revert ownership of the pageant property to the private corporation, and will work out details of the arrangement following Old Lincoln Days festivities this weekend.

AUG. 6, 1992

Headgear is 'out'

It will be hats off to students in the Ruidoso district this coming school year.

Under dress code guidelines approved recently by the Ruidoso School Board, all hats, caps, headgear, bandannas and hairnets must be removed before entering any school building.

The guidelines are part of the board's effort to combat gang behavior.

"We're trying to not let it get out of hand," Superintendent Mike Gladden said Thursday. "We decided to get on it first thing."

A lighted cross once again shines down on Lincoln



LINCOLN TRAILS
ROSALIE DUNLAP

Isn't it great seeing the lighted cross on top of the hill? Thanks to whoever is responsible. A lot of people have wondered what had happened to the lighted cross.

The Vance family held their family reunion at Bonito Park recently. There were 69 registered. Peg and Leota Pflingsten and Sam and Beverly Hammond were among those who

attended.

Among the winners at the National High School Rodeo were Shalya Smith, first in the cutting horse competition and her brother Doug, who came in second.

The two high school students are the children of Wes and Cindy Smith of Nogal. They attend school in Capitan. Congratulations.

Congratulations also to Mandy Arrowsmith on her recent honors at the Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

She was the recipient of the W. L. Wright, President Emeritus, Scholarship, by the Lansing School of Lansing, Ill. Mandy is the daughter of Judy and Murray Arrowsmith of Lincoln.

By the time you read this, "Old

Lincoln Days" will be in full swing. Some of the businesses have been busy putting up shaded areas and awnings in front of their stores.

Lois Coleman, Portland, Texas, and her son Scott, Dallas, Texas, are visiting Lois's parents, Ralph and Rosalie Dunlap.

Scott has been helping his grandparents catch up on yard work.