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Fire restrictions tightened

■ Village, city officials try to keep the fire season at bay with heightened alert.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Despite a few scattered rain showers recently, officials in the neighboring communities of

Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs Monday tightened fire restrictions because of overall dry weather conditions.

The two municipalities banned the use of charcoal briquettes. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas with available water sources and barren ground.

Gas grills approved by ULFM are allowed, including propane and Coleman cooking stoves.

Ruidoso Downs will stay under Phase II fire restrictions until conditions change. Ruidoso is under Level I restrictions, which also include that no campfires are allowed. Fireworks

always are prohibited.

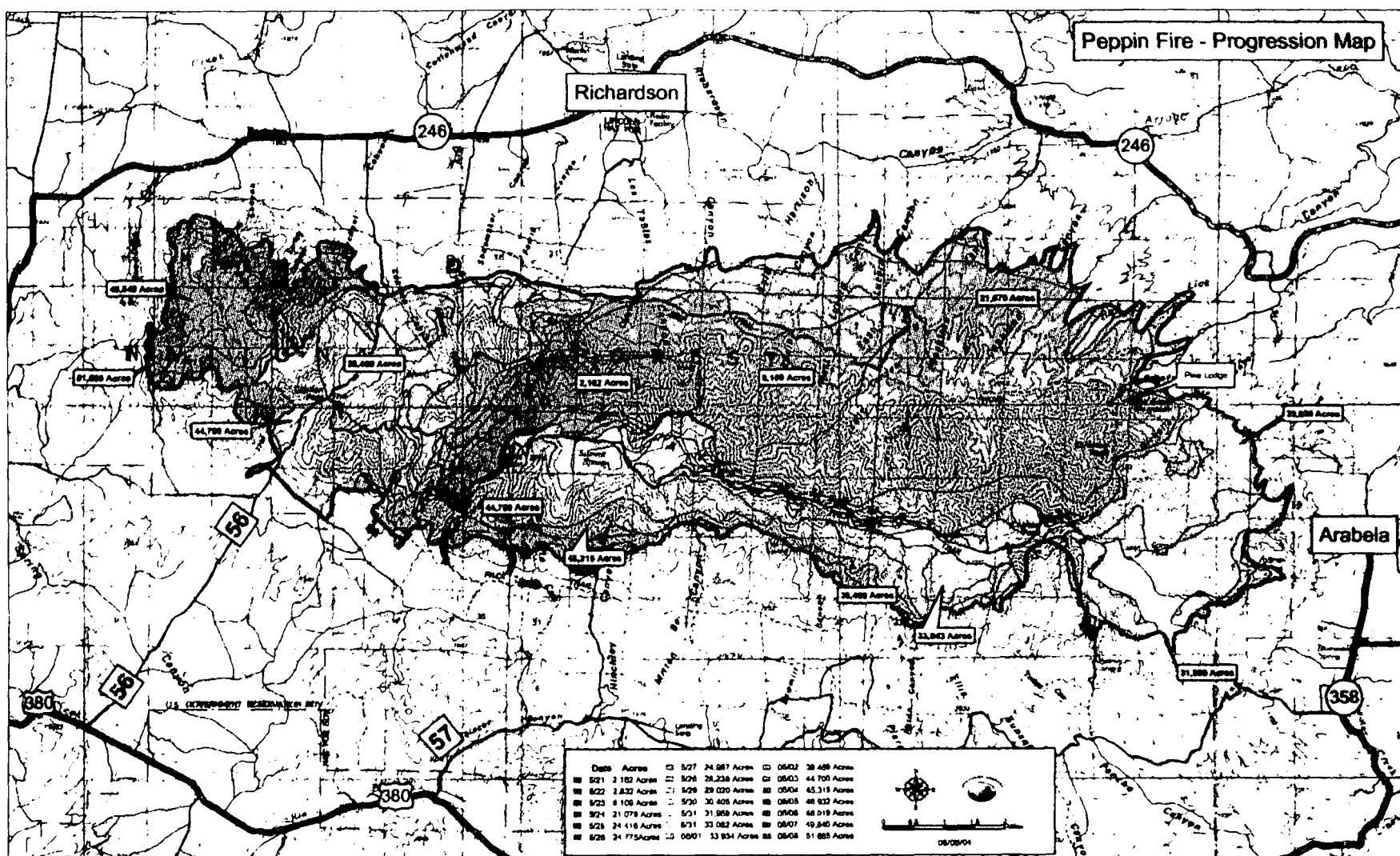
In Ruidoso, citations to municipal court will be issued and no warnings will be given.

Fire restrictions already are in place in the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest around Ruidoso and the Sacramento District in the area near

Cloudcroft. They prohibit campfires in all but developed camp and picnic grounds where grills are provided. Smoking is allowed only in vehicles, enclosed buildings or in developed campgrounds. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting specifications are allowed.

Containment in the Capitans

After a week of fireworks, the Peppin Fire is now 80 percent contained



This progression map, updated Monday, shows the spread of the fire since May 15. The green areas were burned in the first week and the red burned most recently. Map courtesy of the Northern Arizona Type II Incident Management Team

Weird science: How Peppin jumped the Gap

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The huge column of smoke at the Peppin Fire that people from miles around could see on June 1 was in technical terms a "plume-dominated" or plume-dominated fire.

"When (the plume) gets cooled, it starts to fall like a thunderstorm."

Larry Humphrey
Section chief

Technically the conditions that allow for a plume-dominated fire are heavy fuels and no steering winds. Those requirements were met on that day on the Capitan east mountain.

The column reached 35,000 feet or so and then ultimately collapsed to the west, sending burning cow patties, limbs and other flammables to the west mountain and started it on fire.



COURTESY PHOTO

The smoke column on June 1, photographed from Airport Road by Capitan resident Willa Stone

Larry Humphrey, one of two operations section chiefs on the Peppin Fire, explained it this way:

"The fire burned into extremely heavy fuels and so there was a tremendous number of BTUs (British Thermal Units) of heat released. That day we got a little southeast wind, but no real steering wind. The column of heat and smoke goes straight up with all that heat until it gets up to 30,000 feet or so, then it gets cooled. When

Mop up: Fire backs down at 50,000 acres

BY NIKI PRICE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

At 51,685 acres, the Peppin Fire in the Capitan Mountains has been 80 percent contained, U.S. Forest Service officials declared this week.

There are still small pockets of fire, and lots of smoke, and a condition which may continue until the monsoon season begins, said fire information officer Jacqueline C. Denk.

"We're mopping up, looking out for hot

"(It's still finding) islands of unburnt fuel .."

Jacqueline Denk
Fire information officer

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EMS situation confuses many

■ County commission attacks a 'Byzantine' set of medical care contracts.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County commissioner Earl Hobbs recently admitted that, for the past two years, he hid his confusion over the management and money arrange-

ment for county ambulance service.

Even after Emergency Medical Services administrator Jim Stover laid out the history and answered his questions, Hobbs called the situation "Byzantine" and said he's still not sure he has it down pat. He suggested terminating all contracts and starting from scratch with something easier to under-

stand.

But Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said different doesn't necessarily mean better.

Before the discussion ended at the May commission meeting, the emphasis shifted to the crisis of providing ambulances in rural areas and the possibility of instituting on-call incentive pay.

Breaking down the EMS bud-

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Memo questions tech access to village computers

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A chill went down Detective Jim Biggs' spine.

The news that a village employee, even one assigned to keeping computer systems functioning properly, could enter his programs, e-mails and folders

"I'm not the only person concerned."

Detective Jim Biggs
Ruidoso Police

unnerved him. He fired off a three-page memorandum to

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every day

Alcoholics Anonymous; 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily at the Gateway Center, 439.

Wednesday, June 9

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth); Noon every Wednesday at K-Bob's Steakhouse. New members always welcome. 257-5938 or 258-9218.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club; Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club; 1:30 p.m. in the Woman's Club Building, 116 Evergreen Road, Ruidoso. 257-7936.

The Party Bridge Group; 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 336-4808.

Thursday, June 10

B.P.O. Does; Noon, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

Daughters of the American Revolution; Second Thursday of the month, Sept.-May; time and place TBA. Information: 378-4799.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group meets every Thursday at various locations. For further information, please contact Sharon (585-8535) or Doris (258-3799) or e-mail us. The Lincoln County Adult Singles Group welcomes all adult singles. For newsletter visit <http://www.nogal.com/lcasg>.

Narcotics Anonymous; Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 7:15 p.m. Saturday at Best Western Ruidoso Inn, 97 Camelot Dr. Call Josie at 378-5621, HCR 46, Box 447, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County; 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the Texas/New Mexico Power Company on North Mechem. 258-4003.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club; 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Saturday and Thursday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays, all at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Thursday Bridge; 11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows.

Sierra Blanca Swingers; 8 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing. 336-4808.

Friday, June 11

Art After Hours Gallery Walk; Sudderth Drive.

Midtown Ruidoso. 5 to 8 p.m. Self-guided tour featuring Earth & Stone, Many Moons, Mitchell's Silver, Mountain Arts Gallery and G.D. Garrett Gallery. Maps available at Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce visitors center, 720 Sudderth.

The Party Bridge Group; 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 336-4808.

Saturday, June 12

Mescalero Fitness Series; 5K/10K run, 2-mile walk. 6:30 a.m. registration, 7:30 a.m. start at hospital. Points accumulate at events throughout the summer. Call 464-4441 for details.

Second annual Casino Apache Motorcycle Poker Run. Casino Apache Travel Center, west of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration \$20 per hand, cash and prizes for winners. Benefits Mescalero Boys and Girls Club and the Mescalero Elderly Center.

Al-Anon; every Saturday, 10:30 a.m., at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-7124.

Lincoln County Democratic Party; 9:30 a.m. Information: 354-2673.

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Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club; 9 a.m. every Saturday. Usually meets at El Paraiso in Sierra Mall or check location on 146.920 MHz after 8 a.m.

Monday, June 14

Trail Snails Hiking Club; Mondays, 8:30 a.m. May - November. Hike Lincoln County's scenic trails. Information, Carol at 630-8614 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Angus Wood Carvers; 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Highway 48 and Highway 37. 336-9161.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59; 6 p.m., second and fourth Monday of the month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. 378-4880.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club; 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 257-7411 or 257-6188.

VFW Post 7072 and

Auxiliary, Jerome Don Klein Post and its women's auxiliary at 6 p.m. in the winter and at 7 p.m. in the summer, the second Monday of every month at American Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs. 257-5796.

Alcoholics Anonymous women's open meeting; 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth. 378-8391.

Tuesday, June 15

Al-Anon; every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-7124.

Alto Women's Association; 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting, first Tuesday of every month.

Kiwanis; Tuesdays at noon at K-Bobs. Info: Rutalee Waters, 257-2626.

Narcotics Anonymous; Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday at Best Western Ruidoso Inn, 97 Camelot Dr. Call Josie at 378-5621, HCR 46, Box 447, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346.

Prepared Childbirth Classes; 7 p.m. Tuesdays, at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors. 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club; Arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Cree Meadows Country Club, except on the first Tuesday of the month during the school year; those meetings are 11:45 at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Call Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club; 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Ruidoso Evening Lions; Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook; Bill Speegle, 378-4151.

Ruidoso Garden Club; 9:45 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month at various locations. Joyce, 258-4663.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club; Meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. 257-2776.

Wednesday, June 16

American Legion Robert J. Hagee Post 79; 6 p.m., American Legion Building, U.S. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs. 336-7758.

La Junta F.C.E.; 10:45 a.m. at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. (505) 653-4718.

DOG DAY, AFTERNOON



Size didn't seem to matter as dogs of all types mixed at the 2nd Annual Pet Faire sponsored by the Humane Society of Lincoln County at School House Park Saturday. At right, Wilma Webb hugs her unnamed pug puppy.



PHOTOS BY DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Friday & Saturday, June 18 and 19

Relay for Life; Ruidoso High School track, 5 p.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday. Food booths and entertainment at this charity all-nighter. Call 257-1201 for details.

Ruidoso Carving Contest; Grizzly's Bears, 2804 Sudderth., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. More than 30 carvings will be raffled off, with proceeds to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Mexico. For information, call 257-3542.

Saturday, June 19

Spring Fling Rod Run Car Show; Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Early registration Friday, June 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the park. Cars \$25. Free to the public. Live music, auto-related vendors and cookout. For details, call Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

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As rehabilitation begins, fire's refugees flee

■ Disoriented animals may show up on your driveway, or in your yard.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

More wild animals are edging their way into settlements around the Capitan Mountains as a direct effect of a three-week-old Peppin Fire that has burned 48,000 acres.

County Emergency Services coordinator Bill Martin issued a warning for people to avoid contact with the animals looking for forage and new habitat.

"This loss of habitat may result in the migration of wild animals out of the forest into populated areas," he said. That can result in undesirable encounters with humans while the animals fleeing the fire are in a stressed, hungry, disoriented, frightened or injured condition.

He offers a few recommendations and precautions for the next few months. They include:

- Be especially cautious at night along rural roads and highways because of possible increased activity as wild animals move through the area in search of food or new habitat.
- Cover residential trash receptacles and don't leave domestic animal feed outside.
- Bring small animals in at night. They may be at risk from hungry predators such as bear, cougar and coyote.
- Be cautious when hiking or walking in wild or rural areas, especially in early morning or evening.
- Leave any baby animals encountered alone. The mother may be nearby and will defend her offspring.
- If a wild animal is encountered, try to avoid contact. If it is aggressive, destructive or appears injured, contact local

law enforcement or the New Mexico Game and Fish Department.

"This is a temporary situation as the fire will eventually yield new habitat resulting in improved conditions as the forest environment recovers," Martin said.

Helping that environment recover is a Burned Area Emergency Response Team, which is assessing areas where rehabilitation treatment will be beneficial, according to members of the Northern Arizona Incident Management Team, which headed fire fighting efforts starting May 25 and until being reassigned Tuesday.

The fire was 70 percent contained by Monday and rehabilitation efforts already had started on the earth and trees scorched during the fire's run in the Capitan Wilderness.

Mop-up and rehabilitation techniques are aimed at

putting out flames, decreasing hazardous conditions and decreasing the potential for erosion, team members said.

Mop up covers finding and extinguishing hot spots, bringing down burned snag trees along roads and trails, then chipping them, and thinning or removing trees and brush that might pose a future threat to established containment lines.

Grass seed will be spread on bull dozer lines, hand lines, safety zones, staging areas, drop-off points, helispots, spike camps, fueling site and steep slopes where suppression occurred.

Slash within and along the perimeter of safety zones will be chipped and spread over the entire area after seed is applied.

Even with those efforts, soil in heavily burned areas can become water repellent. Rain will run off more quickly and in

greater volume, possibly causing damage.

To slow the flow, diversions in the form of water bars are being installed at about a 45-degree angle on sloped areas to allow water and debris to naturally empty out of them.

Recreation trails used for fire lines will be reconstructed and structures such as fence lines, water, systems, outbuildings and pipelines damaged by suppression will be repaired, team members said.

Dozer berms will be leveled and vegetation scattered to prevent erosion.

Trees and slash also will be scattered on the dozer lines and safety zones to prevent off-road

travel. Invasive weeds in the Capitan Mountains aren't a concern, but as a precaution, all vehicles are thoroughly washed before demobilizing from the incident.

"Overall, our goal is to leave the area in a condition that is as good if not better than it was when we arrived," said public information officer Jacqueline C. Denk.

"When containment of the fire is achieved and the suppression effort is over, further rehabilitation measures often continue under a team focused on structures or other values at risk that are threatened by increased water flow and erosion."

EMS: 'It's a mess' says Commissioner Hobbs

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get request for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, county manager Tom Stewart said general funding sits at \$155,000, with \$24,000 for professional service fees, \$76,000 targeted for county EMS operations, \$30,000 to cover communities, such as Alto and Glencoe, surrounding Ruidoso, and money for an intercept vehicle being purchased from the village of Ruidoso and two cardiac monitors that will be installed in county ambulances.

In response to Hobbs' questions, Stover explained that Ruidoso owns the EMS building at the Lincoln County Medical Center, although it sits on county land. The village funds its own ambulance service, managed by Stover, and covers any deficits above fees collected.

Originally, the county contracted for \$30,000 a year for the village service to cover Alto and Glencoe and areas immediately outside the village. Then in 1997, Stover took over management of all county ambulances in Capitan, Corona and Carrizozo, charging a \$24,000 management fee. That fee doesn't go to the hospital, which is county owned but managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, he said. It covers part of Stover's salary and the costs of Ruidoso EMS's training of county personnel and other services, he said.

Under its annual budget, the county EMS owns its own

ambulances, picks up the annual deficit above fees collected, and buys new equipment when needed, he explained.

The hospital provides personnel services, drug screening and risk management at no cost, he said.

"But the hospital oversees Ruidoso EMS," Commissioner Leo Martinez clarified.

That's true, but the management fee goes to Ruidoso EMS because handling the county takes resources from the village and those costs shouldn't come out of the village tax base, Stover said. The county owns the EMS buildings and equipment in its rural outlying communities, he said.

"It's a mess," Hobbs said. "I agree it's complicated," Stover responded. "It's like having the road department and police department run by one person."

Stover said he was hired in 1983 to manage Ruidoso EMS when the village and hospital first worked out their arrangement.

"It's the same as the contract with you," he said. "The hospital is the company that signs the contract along with PHS and the county. I am hired to manage, I and my staff are paid out of whichever - the village or county - they are working for."

Stover said the latest agreement with the county is the result of his response to a request for proposals issued by the county a year ago.

"But because we hooked two contracts together years ago,

Ruidoso is providing some services in the county," he said.

Wilson interjected that under the current arrangement, no delay results in the dispatch of ambulances wherever needed.

That possibility was raised a few years ago, but never materialized, Stover told the commissioner. Commissioner Maury St. John said the arrangement appears to work very well for the municipalities and the county.

Stover said because of the way Medicare now reimburses ambulance services - without recognizing the difference in distance traveled, gasoline costs, time and maintenance expenses between urban and rural services - a crisis is occurring in New Mexico. Two or three ambulance services have closed their doors, he said. Others are trying new arrangements and contracting with cities to cover on weekends.

The county will at some point have to decide how much it is willing to spend to provide ambulance services, he said.

Another problem is finding enough people willing to train

and dedicate the time. Rural volunteers are paid only when they are responding to calls. During the week, not all employers are willing to allow them time to answer emergency calls, he said.

St. John suggested instituting an on-call incentive pay, which would assure a response at all times. Stover said the last estimate for that approach was \$100,000 a year.

"That's something we need to consider in the future," St. John said, adding,

"I don't think we could come up with \$100,000 but maybe half of that."

POOP SCOOP

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

If you've been thinking about adopting a cat, this is the month, say officials with the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The organization celebrates June as Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month to educate Americans about the wonderful cats and kittens available for adoption at shelter nationwide.

Cats breed during spring months, which means that shelters are filled with kittens and adventuresome adolescents in the summer.

"It takes considerable confidence to love a cat," says ASPCA president Edwin J. Sayres. "A good place to begin is to understand that no one truly owns a cat. They know they are family members, rather than possessions."

Owning a cat or a dog is a long-term commitment and deserves serious consideration, he said.

New and potential cat owners can log on to www.aspc.org to download information on cat

care, behavior and adoption advice.

"Make Pet Adoption Your First Option" is a message that the ASPCA encourages throughout the year to promote the group's ultimate goal, an end to the euthanasia of all adoptable animals.

In choosing a cat, personality should be paramount, although attraction always plays a role.

ASPCA officials advise prospective owners to stroll past a few cat cages at the shelter. Some cats will meow for special attention, while others lie in back and gaze at you with an air of superiority.

"There are as many different dispositions of cats as there are cats in the shelter," he said. "You must decide which disposition is best for you."

However, some guidelines apply. Look for a cat who is playful, active, alert and comfortable with being held and stroked. Ask the shelter staff for some advice to spend some time with individual cats. Keep

in mind they are in an unfamiliar setting and may be quite social normally, but appear frightened or passive at the shelter.

A few other hints:

- Young children usually aren't mature enough to handle kittens responsibly, so choose a cat at least four months old if there are children in the house.
- Long-hair cats will require more grooming help than short-haired cats. Properly handled, a daily brushing can become an enjoyable ritual between owner and cat.
- Keep your cat inside from the beginning. If your new friend never spent time outside, he won't miss it. A good window seat and play time with toys will satisfy his urge to track.
- Take proper medical care. See a veterinarian regularly for protective immunizations.
- If introducing a new cat, allow a private place and time for adjustment.

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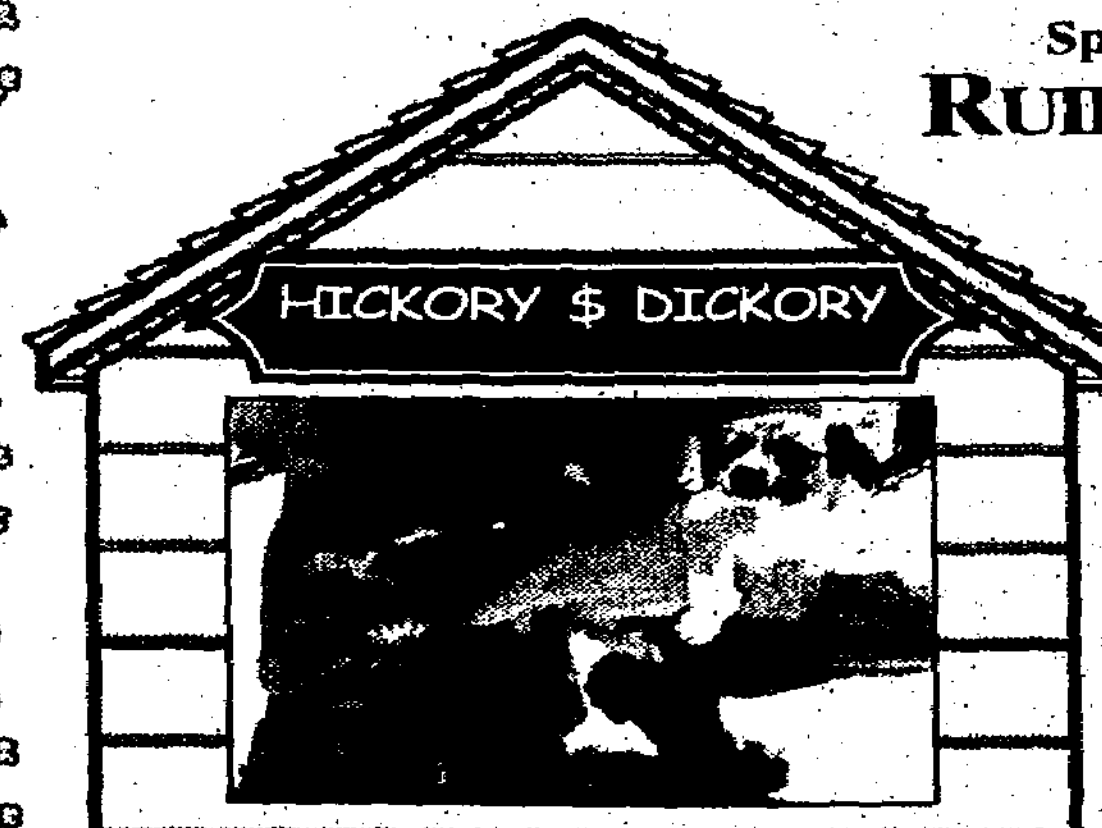
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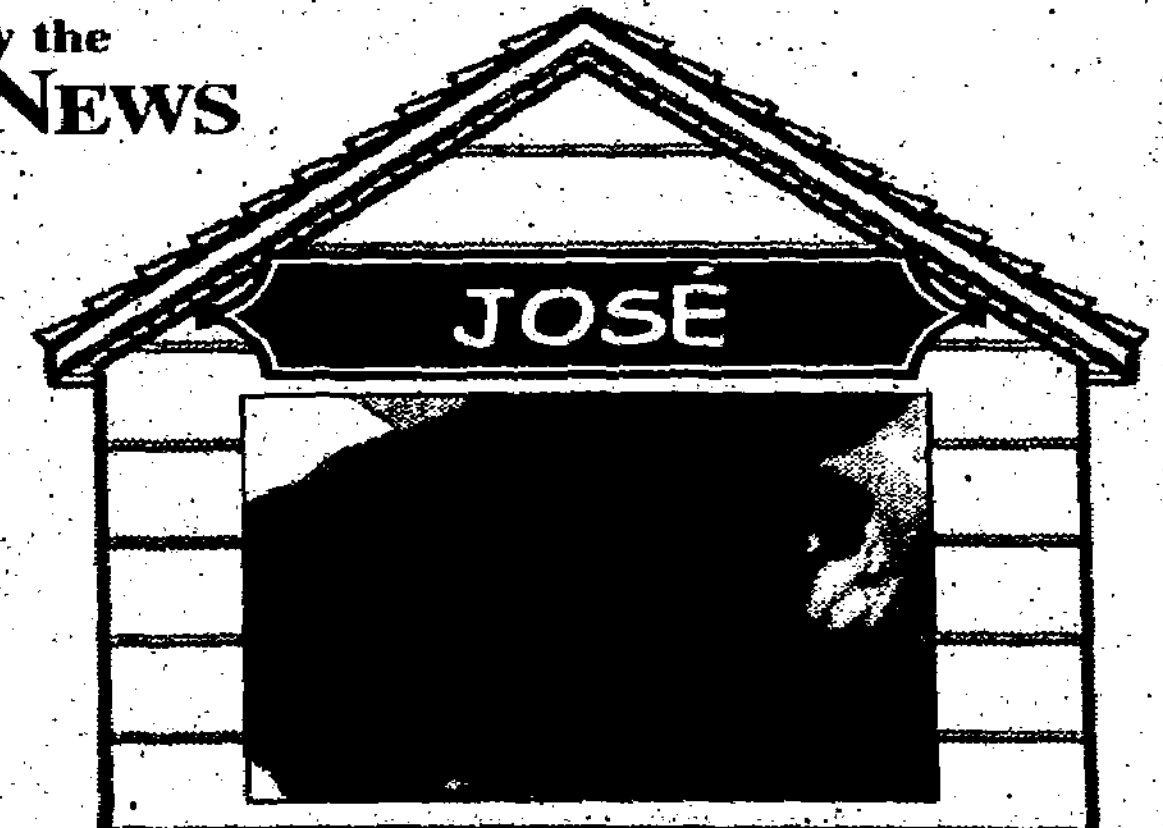
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OUR OPINION

Three faces of trouble right here at home

The good news: We're working to make things better

Six methamphetamine labs were discovered and dismantled in 2003 in Lincoln County, with fewer than 20,000 people — twice the per-capita rate for the same year in Albuquerque.

Criminal offenses committed by women in the county have increased by 30 percent since 2001, and the offenses are becoming more severe.

Forty-seven percent of babies born in Lincoln County Medical Center were to single mothers.

These troubling statistics were turned up by the county's juvenile probation officer, Sergio Castro, as he gathered

information to be used in a grant application aimed at a prevention and treatment program for troubled juveniles.

Castro reported those numbers to the Ruidoso Village Council late in May, seeking matching money for a three-year grant to attack these problems in the very earliest stages, among the young. He was speaking for the Lincoln County Community Collaborative.

Changing ingrained societal attitudes at the grassroots, some would say, is like legislating morality — very nearly impossible.

But that doesn't mean we shouldn't try.

Serving the guv in the land of supposition

Were Gov. Bill Richardson to hand pick me for his press staff he and I would sit down and have a long talk.

Just suppose the governor did that.

He won't, of course, because he has already depleted the staffs at the *Albuquerque Journal* and the *Duke City* TV outlets, plus he's got Billy Sparks. But just suppose.

So here we are, the guv and I (he has already suggested I call him "guv") sitting on the veranda of the mansion on a warm summer morning, being served designer coffee and biscocitos.

We are on the veranda because I do not believe, as a top adviser to the governor of New Mexico, I should have to hang out in some stuffy conference room. That is something the governor needs to understand before he puts me on his press staff. Just suppose.

The thing is, I tell the guv, we've got a problem with this vice president deal. You've gone around blabbing that you wanted to be governor of New Mexico, you are governor of New Mexico, and you will honor that commitment to her citizens. Blah, blah, blah.

The governor gazes at me across the table, his face puzzled.

Deal is, I tell the guv, that all made sense when you thought the Dems didn't have a chance in hell. Who ever remembers the vice presidential candidate who lost? But now that it looks like John Kerry could win this thing and he might actually pick you, it's a whole different political shuffle.

The governor gazes at me across the table, brows knitted, his head shaking slowly back and forth.

I got it figured out, I tell him. We say, look, the people of America have called. They need me. Who am I, your humble servant, Bill Richardson, to turn them down?

The governor gazes at me across the table with growing

bewilderment.

Get a refill there, guv, I'm not done. Billy Sparks and the boys have been giving you a wrong steer on this title stuff. I mean, here's the thing. Everyone in the world is trying to make you out to be an arrogant bully. Crazy John Dendahl harps on the dictator theme.

So, what do you do when you announce plans to hire someone to crack down on drunk driving? You call him a "DWI czar." Guv, come on, DWI coordinator, good; czar, bad. You need to stay away from titles such as strongman, tyrant, despot, godfather.

See, guv, this czar business is a problem. Lot of us know you as a warm fuzzy, a big cuddly teddy bear, but you are getting an image of being this mean old guy running some kind of thugocracy.

Like, remember what happened when that guy down in Hobbs blabbed to the press that your administration didn't know diddly about economic development? Poof. He's gone. So can this czar stuff.

That's it for today, guv, We'll take this up in the again in the morning. I am not used to long hours. The guv, clearly alarmed, gazes at me across the table. "Who ARE you?" he screams as security guards gather. Just suppose.

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YOUR OPINION

Forest Service policy makers 'betrayed us'

To the editor:

Our 70-year-old family cabin at Pine Lodge recently burned to the ground in the Capitan Wilderness Area of Lincoln National Forest. I am one of many cabin owners who are outraged by the gross mismanagement of the U.S. Forest Service in handling the Peppin Canyon fire. The Forest Service failed to aggressively respond to a small, 12-acre lightning fire, allowing it to burn for several days. Initially they said it was only "undergrowth burn" and was contained.

The Forest Service during this 15-day period reassured property owners they were protecting property. The fire quickly got out of control. The Forest Service did absolutely nothing to protect endangered property. After the fire, one firefighter said we should sue the Forest Service for their lack of any effort to protect property. The Forest Service claims it was too dangerous to protect the Pine Lodge cabin area. If we had known they were going to let the fire burn, we would've started our own defensive measures.

Cabin owners were in the area days leading up to the fire and no one came from the Forest Service to prepare the property area for fire. After the fire, cabin owners viewed the area and were upset because the fire was not a raging inferno, but a fire that burned some areas and left others completely untouched. We believe the destruction of property was entirely preventable. It almost appears the Forest Service didn't care if property was burned.

Many of the cabin owners have owned their cabins for generations. Our family has seen numerous fires over the years, including the Sunset Ridge-Capitan Peak area fire that was in extremely inaccessible rough terrain in drought conditions, yet the Forest Service was able to immediately fight the fire. I've hiked the areas where fire personnel fought fires and was amazed at the scope and amount of fire fighting work done in the most rugged areas of the forest.

My grandfather, who bought our cabin in the 1930s, fought the Smokey Bear fire with my uncles. They hiked over mountains with picks and shovels and bravely fought fires. They would be ashamed, as we are, at the incompetence, ineptitude, and misrepresentations of Forest Service personnel in Lincoln National Forest. Before the Peppin Canyon fire got out of control, our local newspaper in San Antonio wrote an article on fire danger in the Lincoln National Forest, quoting Fire Management Officer Jay Esperance. The article stated that sometimes the policy is to "do nothing," and Esperance was quoted saying "the Forest Service must consider endangered species' habitat, the area's watershed, and other environmental concerns when it fights fires." The fire management policy was outlined, which is to "monitor" fires in isolated woods from Forest Service watch towers, then spring into action if flames move toward civilization.

That policy was too little, too late, both for our property and the recently incinerated forest. Now there is talk of environmental damage assessment and reseeding. If the same Forest Service policy continues, you will see substantial loss of property in Lincoln National Forest.

For years, we have felt it our duty to preserve and protect our beautiful area of Lincoln National Forest and we were proud of our relationship with the Forest Service. For the firefighters who continue to bravely fight the ongoing fires, we offer our sincere appreciation. For the policy makers who created this situation, we feel betrayed.

Steve Wallace
San Antonio, Texas

Greed and mismanagement

To the editor:

The article in the June 2 *Ruidoso News* on the Peppin (Capitan) burnout emphasizes the real problems we have with water conservation in New Mexico and Lincoln County.

Mayor (Steve) Sederwall of Capitan is very excited that they are "blowing through some water," 695,000 gallons to date and counting, and what an economic boom this is for Capitan. It is hard to understand how wasting 695,000-plus gallons of precious water, losing over 30,000-plus acres of animal habitat, taxpayer cost of \$3-million-plus, is such a wonderful thing.

The wells of Capitan tap into our aquifer and it is our depletion; \$3 million-plus could help build a new school in Lincoln County or elsewhere. It will be decades before real wildlife population can return to the once-beautiful Capitan.

Folks, this is all about greed and mismanagement, pure and simple. As long as this thinking prevails, we will have major water problems.

All of the Deforestation Service spin and local rationale will not change that.

Don and Sue Ludwig
Alto

Self-serving seniors

To the editor:

Considering the plight of today's youth, why should children respect their elders?

I've heard numerous senior citizens say, "Things were much better when I was a child." Excluding technology and equal rights for minorities and women, I feel that the above statement is generally true. One of our favorite sayings is, "This country is going to hell in a hand basket."

We seniors must ask ourselves, "Why did we overall screw up things for the generations that have followed us?"

We seniors make up the largest, self-serving, voting bloc in the U.S.

In 2002, senior advocates spent more money than any other group on political

campaigns. Across our country, we seniors are voting down local mill levies bonds, etc., that would pay for the same youth programs, etc., that we benefited from when we were children.

My fellow seniors, we must stop being so self-serving and we must start speaking out for that which is right and stop silently condoning that which is wrong. Our nation's young dependents deserve a much better life than we seniors and their parents are giving them.

"A society must be judged by the way that it cares for its weakest members. Pathetically, New Mexico has just gone from the fifth worst to the third worst state in which to raise children. Tomorrow's society will be determined by the way that today's society raises its young."

Franklin L. Boren
Tinnit

Courtesy left at state line?

To the editor:

The May 28 edition of the *Ruidoso News* had a letter written by Wayne Williams about the courtesy and manners of Texas drivers. As part of my previous job, I had the privilege of driving throughout central and west Texas for 2 years. I agree, most of the drivers were courteous and considerate.

I have been here in the Ruidoso area for about four years now. I have been cut off, flipped off and recently forced off the road by people driving vehicles with Texas license plates. It appears to me that many Texas drivers leave their manners and common sense at the state line.

There is a road sign as you enter Castroville, Texas, that says, "We live in paradise — please don't drive like he through it." Wonder if we couldn't spend some of the lodgers tax money to place similar signs on the highways entering the village?

Sam Blatch
Alto

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POLICE BRIEFS

Accident and arrest

Police arrested Angela A. Angleria, 28, of Alto, June 5, charging her with concealing her identification and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police had been dispatched to Highway 70 and Camelot Drive about 6:20 p.m. about a minor crash. The vehicle Angleria was in had fled by the time officers arrived, but they found them, minus the male driver, at the Camelot Apartments, 210 Camelot Drive. That vehicle had no insurance and had not been registered since 2002.

The driver of the other vehicle reported injuries to hip and lower stomach and requested an ambulance. She was treated and released from Lincoln County Medical Center. The driver of the other vehicle was not positively identified, according to the police report, and the investigation continues on the hit and run pending leads.

Battery charge

Police arrested Jean Pierre Schafroth, 68, owner of Innsbruck Lodge, 601 Sudderth Drive, on June 3, charging him with two counts of battery on a peace officer and one count of disorderly conduct. One officer had made a traffic stop in the parking lot, and two other police units drove into the parking lot, the report states. After the traffic stop, Schafroth attempted to block the three police units from leaving, and allegedly grabbed onto the passenger side mirror and punched the window of one unit.

The report states that when officers tried to find out why he hit the unit he "became verbally abusive toward the officers." When told he was being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct, he started to walk away and told them he was going home. One officer took hold of his wrists to handcuff him, and Schafroth allegedly kicked him several times on both shins and kicked another officer, "causing a red mark to appear soon after the kick."

Disorderly conduct

Police arrested Ronnie W. Lara, 45, of Roswell, about 7:22 a.m. June 2 at Travel Lodge, 159 Highway 70, charging him with possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct. Lara was heard by guests yelling loudly in the parking

lot, the report states. He told police he was praying. He was also held for detoxification.

Juveniles arrested

Police arrested two 17-year-old males, one from Alto and the other from Ruidoso, charging them with public affray in the 1400 block of Sudderth Drive Monday. The Juvenile Probation Office was notified and the juveniles were released to family members.

Naked truth

Police cited Tiffany M. Nasrallah, 19, of Ruidoso, with trespassing in the private and locked swimming pool of Sherwood Cabins, 711 Main Road, about 11:22 p.m. Monday.

The owner called police to report that at least two people were swimming in the pool after hours. An officer saw two males and one female in the pool, shined a flashlight inside and saw all three jump out of the pool "sans clothing." The officer yelled through the glass windows for them to put their clothes on. The female put on a swimsuit and one male put on shorts, but the other "elected not to dress," the police report states. By the time the owner unlocked the door for the officer to enter, the two males had escaped through the window, leaving the female behind. Additional officers were called to chase after the two males that had fled on foot to the south, but did not find the suspects. The clothes of the nude male were collected for evidence: blue jeans, tennis shoes and a T-shirt.

Public display

Police cited Blane J. Wright, 21, of Big Spring, Texas, at 1:45 a.m. Sunday for disorderly conduct after observing him urinating on the street and wall behind Coyote Cantina while walking down the street.

Cell phone stolen

The Ruidoso emergency manager reported to police that a \$389 Motorola cell phone and \$35 case belonging to the village were stolen out of his unsecured vehicle between noon and 1:30 p.m. June 3. He told police he parked, left the vehicle unsecured and noticed in the evening that the cell phone was

missing.

Another caution

A Verizon cell phone valued at \$150 and \$60 in cash were taken from an unlocked home between 2 p.m. Sunday and 7:13 p.m. Monday in the 400 block of Second Street, according to police reports.

Breaking in

An employee of Mountain Alarm reported an alarm going off at a residence in the 300 block of Hull Road about 10:28 p.m. June 4. He responded and found that someone had tried to break into the home through a back window. The police report stated that it appeared the suspects were not able to enter the residence.

Free juice

Ruidoso police took a yellow, 50-foot extension cord as evidence from an apparently vacant residence in the 800 block of Main Road June 4. The cord had been connected to a neighbor's house, apparently falsely using the electricity to charge a battery of a front-end loader parked in the driveway next door.

Same Bat-time

A break-in between May 30 and June 2 in the 100 block of South Evergreen Road resulted in \$150 of damage to a window and the glass section of a screen door, and the theft of "Spiderman" and "Batman" video cassettes valued at \$60.

Highway robbery

A department manager of the State of New Mexico Highway Department reported that a Sony digital camera valued at \$800 was stolen from the office at 100 Cree Meadow Drive between May 3 and June 3. The camera was used to document construction activities and all employees had access to it, the report states.

Vandalism

An attempted break-in of a residence in the 100 block of Wilson Street between May 29 and June 3 resulted in \$400 in damage to two house windows, two RV windows, three screens and a screen door.

Tagging

Gang graffiti was found on the wall at 200 Cree Meadow Drive and on five trash dumpsters along Royal Drive about 2 a.m. Tuesday.

MOP UP: New managers take over

FROM PAGE 1A

spots and putting them out, and doing a lot of rehabilitation," Denk said.

"The West Mountain is still burning on top, but there's no way to directly suppress a fire like that," she said. "But as it moves down slopes and reaches the piñon-juniper, it burns itself out."

The east side of the fire has cooled significantly in the past few days, although the blaze is still finding "islands of unburnt fuel."

It will continue to move back into those, so the smoke

will continue," Denk said.

"We're still watching our lines on the lower part of the mountain, but we're really not concerned about it getting out of those boundaries," she added.

The Northern Arizona Type II Incident Management team, a 50-person crew, was moving out of the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Tuesday. Starting Wednesday, the fire suppression and rehabilitation effort will be managed from a command post at Capitan High School.

As of Wednesday morning, the Peppin Fire will be hosting

four Hot Shot crews, five engine crews, one Type III hand crew and two helicopters. The overall personnel count will be around 225, said Margo Whitt, fire information officer for the new Type III management crew.

The Forest Service incident command system assigns management teams based on the fire severity: Type II is larger and more experienced than Type III.

The team now in charge is made up mostly of Lincoln National Forest personnel. Whitt said.

COMPUTER: Detective says security could be improved

FROM PAGE 1A

village manager Lorri McKnight.

The manager described the missive Tuesday as "terse."

"The issue has come up before," she said. "I can tell you that in the past when it came up, we pointed out that for the system coordinator to get access to the type of material, such as the NCIC (National Crime Information Center) that police use, she would have to have a password and security clearance. She does not. Only the police-authorized users have that."

But Biggs said that's not the main issue. He could import information from the NCIC into a computer folder as part of an investigation and then it would be accessible to the systems coordinator.

"I got to thinking about some of the characterization I might use or investigations that could be mentioned," Biggs said. "It could be the Pope (accessing the system) and it would make no difference because anyone can make an inadvertent statement."

"I don't think we have a problem with someone using them for a private business, but we just recently adopted a computer policy based on some general guidelines used by other municipalities."

Lorri McKnight
Ruidoso village manager

The memorandum was read and approved by Police Chief Lanny Maddox and Capt. Wolfgang Born before it was sent, Biggs said.

"I'm not the only person concerned," he said. One dispatcher and Cpl. Corky Condon also wrote letters. Condon uses a special terrorist task force computer.

"The vast majority here are worried," Biggs said. "It's not that we want to hide anything, but security is involved."

Officers investigating crimes or speaking to confidential informants may type in notes on interviews or interrogations.

he wrote the manager. The notes may include allegations about crimes or references to sexual predators.

McKnight said the coordinator's job is to work on problems that crop up in hardware, to install new software and to check for other malfunctioning equipment. She said she hasn't had time to speak to Maddox about the memo from Biggs, but that she's confident security measures can be established to block access to sensitive files.

"However, I'm not the expert," she said.

A meeting is planned at 9 a.m. Friday with police representatives, village administration officials and the systems coordinator to come up with some solutions.

In a related matter, the village has issued new policies about department computers and prohibiting any private business use of them.

"I don't think we have a problem with someone using them for a private business, but we just recently adopted a computer policy based on some general guidelines used by other municipalities," McKnight said.

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EDUCATION

RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS IN ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGEOVER

A new business manager and a new superintendent

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The new business manager for the Ruidoso Schools calls induction by fire a "learning process," and takes it in stride.

Yvonne Perez jumped into the budget process for the Ruidoso Schools on April 13, finding her new desk completely covered with papers — and had until May 18 to learn the whole process and come up with a budget by May 18.

"I had to research revenues and have an understanding of that and had to get it done in four weeks," Perez said. "It was a learning experience."

Perez came to Ruidoso from the Las Cruces Public Schools, where she was comptroller for five years. She was at district court for eight years before that. She received her degree from New Mexico State University in business, after majoring in English for two years.

"I like to learn," she said. "After five years in Las Cruces schools, I was starting to get bored. This was a challenge. It gave me an opportunity to learn about complete school operations, and I got right into it having to do the school budget."

Just because the budget has been approved by the Department of Education and the Ruidoso School Board doesn't mean Perez will have a restful summer ahead of her.

"Summer's the busiest time for a government financial office," she said. "We have to finish up the fiscal year and start up a new fiscal year. There are lots of reports to submit and we start preparing for the audit, which is due by November."

She does expect a little breathing time from December through February, though, when she starts scrutinizing the budget again.

But by then the new superintendent, Charles Harrison, will be on the scene. He will step into his new position on July 1.

"It has definitely been a challenge," she said. "People here are wonderful; they all know their jobs very well. I don't have to worry whether bills are being paid ... Everybody is very friendly and nice. The (man) that cleans is always giving me tips on houses for sale. From custodial staff to (acting superintendent) Paul Wirth, everybody's been really helpful."

Perez said Ruidoso is not as formal as in Las Cruces, that it's "a little more laid back here."

Currently, she's living in Tularosa with her four children, ages 7 to 19, but hopes to move to Ruidoso by December. Her oldest child attends New Mexico State University, she has a daughter who will be a senior in high school, a son who will be a sophomore and a daughter who will be in second grade. The three youngest will attend school in Ruidoso, Perez said.

"I had heard it was a good school," she said, adding that she was concerned about her 15-year-old son, who is a baseball player and plays in a large, competitive program in Las Cruces. He is staying in Las Cruces for the summer program and agreed to try out Ruidoso High School for a semester to see if he likes it and can settle in.

If he's anything like his mother, that won't be a problem.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

YVONNE PEREZ, the new business manager for the Ruidoso Municipal School District, built the school budget since coming on board April 13. She still commutes from Tularosa and is shown here with her daughter Sarah, 7.

...but a new school district budget can't wait for anybody

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Compared to last year, the budget for 2004-2005 for the Ruidoso Municipal School District hasn't changed much in any area.

The operational budget projected for next year is \$16,010,595, compared to \$15,986,400 for the 2003-2004 school year, said Yvonne Perez, new business manager for the school district. An increase of membership of 40 students is expected for next year, she said, but both revenues and expenditures are expected to be fairly comparable for the two school years.

Most of the money comes from the state through State Equalization, comprising 90 percent of the revenues going to the school district. Local sources account for only about 0.64 percent, through the general fund and 0.5-mill taxes. Federal sources comprise 4.69 percent of the revenues for the general fund.

Money estimated for instruction for the upcoming school year amount to \$9,863,505, or about 61.3 percent of

the total budget (see chart at right/left/above/below).

The total budget, which includes revenues from federal grants and capital outlay and capital improvements funds, as well as pupil transportation and instructional materials, is \$23,158,980, with expenditures estimated at \$23,147,219.

The figures for expenditures for the 2003-2004 (current) school year are estimates, Perez said. She expects to have a better picture of what the actual revenues will have been by the end of June.

The budget includes a 2 percent raise for teachers and other staff, and a 5.56 percent increase for incoming superintendent Charles Harrison, the result of negotiations with him, according to a budget analysis prepared by the Public Education Department School Budget and Finance Analysis Unit. The superintendent's salary for 2003-2004 was \$90,000, while the proposed salary for 2004-2005 is \$95,000.

Teachers' salaries in New Mexico

are based on a training-and-experience index. Ruidoso's teachers rank fifth in the state.

Benefits costs are expected to increase by 11.13 percent, and account for 20.28 percent of the operation budget, according to the same source, and a 5 percent increase is estimated for utilities.

One area that Perez said makes next year's budget a tight one is a decrease in the emergency reserve from \$149,001 in 2003-2004 to \$100,000 in 2004-2005, in order to give a 2 percent increase to staff and to keep some of the programs. She said some school districts don't budget anything for an emergency reserve.

The recommendations for the new budget maintain current staff positions and programs and add dance and music services funded through the Elementary Fine Arts Grant.

Patty White, director of instructional services, implemented tutoring this past school year, which will be expanded, and new counseling programs will be funded through an increase in Title

I funds, Perez said.

A coach's increment schedule will be phased in in two years.

"We did a study in New Mexico on the pay of coaches and found we were paying them much less and decided on a two-year phase-in to raise the coaches' increments so they're more in line with what other coaches are paid," Perez said. This includes all activities, not just athletics.

Some of the facilities priorities for 2004-2005 are funded 100 percent through the state's Public School Facilities Authority, and other through residential taxes. Perez said the goal is to complete all of the projects by the end of 2005.

These include projects at various school sites involving roofing, drainage, sewer, boilers, water damage in buildings, sidewalks, outside lighting and carpet/tile replacement. Nob Hill Early Childhood Center will have a new portable building by the end of the summer, and some of the other projects are expected to be complete by the time school starts.

Budget breakdown

Percent of money going to functions of the Ruidoso Municipal School District in the 2004-05 budget:

61.3%	Direct instruction
17.18%	Instructional support
1.32%	Administration
2.59%	Business and support
12.3%	Maintenance of plant
0.63%	Food services
2.14%	Athletics
1.34%	Student support
1.01%	Emergency reserve

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

MYWAY coming

The Journey to Wellness Mescalero Youth Wellness Activities Year Round (M.Y.W.A.Y.) Coalition will have the annual Health Fair, called the MYWAY Carnival, at the Mescalero Hospital ground June 18.

More than 30 booths by community organizations will provide visitors with games, prizes and patient information that promote healthy living. Visitors will be encouraged to visit every booth and have their entry tickets signed for a raffle at the end of the carnival.

This community-wide event will promote awareness and prevention of disease and/or risky behaviors. Nurses from the Mescalero Hospital and from the Mescalero Schools will screen each visitor for high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity.

Capitan summer

Capitan Public Library's Summer Reading Program will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon every

Thursday through July 29. In addition to storytime and projects, there will be three storytellers, a puppet show, a falcon show and the Mescalero Dancers.

The theme is Re-discover New Mexico, so projects and stories will be geared to related topics. The program is open to youth in the area up to 18 years of age. The first 30 participants to submit their reading lists will receive a book bag.

Hondo Fiesta's future

The Hondo Valley Public Schools Board of Education and the Fiesta Committee will hold a community-input meeting at 7 p.m. June 21 in the Multipurpose Room to discuss the future of the Fiesta Program at the school.

Those interested in providing input about the school and community program are asked to attend.

College program

College of the Southwest will offer its Teacher Preparation Program at Mescalero Apache

High School beginning Aug. 23. Applications for admission are due by June 11. For information, contact Elizabeth Posey at (800) 530-4400, ext. 1085 or 1050.

Teacher development

An Advanced Project WILD - Natural History Workshop on Trout, Mountains and Forests will be at Fenton Lake State Park June 17-20.

Traditional and non-traditional educators are the focus, but other interested adults are welcome. This is a camping weekend and State Park camping fees apply.

Professional development credit is available from the University of New Mexico. Pre-registration is required. Contact Colleen Welch, assistant coordinator, Project WILD, at (505) 476-8119 or cewelch@state.nm.us.

Teachers selected

Molly Long, teacher at White Mountain Elementary School, and Lisa Wenner, a substitute

teacher in Ruidoso, were chosen to attend the 2004 Summer Institute of the High Plains Writing Project.

They are among 20 people selected each year to participate in this institute held at Eastern New Mexico University-Portales June 8-July 2.

The High Plains Writing Project, founded in 1992, is a site of and affiliated with the National Writing Project.

Zia NG scholarships

Zia Natural Gas Company has announced High School Scholarship recipients for 2004. Awarding of each scholarship is based on academic achievement, participation in school activities, a sense of community involvement, and demonstrated need.

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 per semester for a four-year total of \$4,000, have been awarded to the following Zia service area high school students: Gwynne Ryan from Ruidoso; and Falon Sparks from Capitan; and Matt Haines, Zia employee/child. In addition to high school schol-

arships, Zia Natural Gas provides college awarded scholarships at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, College of the Southwest, New Mexico Junior College, and New Mexico Highland University.

Chamber scholarships

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce awarded four Ruidoso High School graduates with a \$1,000 scholarship each at its monthly board meeting May 26.

They are Tristan Bates, Lauren Lahey, Bradie Powell and Troy Saenz. The scholarship committee selected from a total of 35 applications. The scholarship fund is generated from silent auction revenues at the annual Fine Art Festival in July every year.

Crane scholarships

The committee for the Glen Crane Memorial Scholarship awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to Ashley Lewis from Capitan High School and Erica

Elizabeth Lugo from Ruidoso High School.

Glen Crane was involved in the Lincoln County community and had been a school administrator for the Hondo and Capitan schools, and a school board member of Capitan Municipal Schools.

He owned Prudential Lela Easter Real Estate and was involved in helping the youth of the community. The memorial scholarship fund was set up in his name to help students attend college.

Realtor scholarships

The Ruidoso Board of Realtors selected six local recipients for \$500 scholarships. Ruidoso High School recipients include Rebekah LeBlanc, Colby Gibson and Matthew Hart. David Miranda, a graduate of Hondo High School, and Capitan High School graduates Robbie Burchett and Catherine Wood also received scholarships.

An additional \$500 donation was made to the Glen Crane Scholarship Fund.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Doris M. Pounds

A memorial service for Doris M. Pounds, 80, of Capitan will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at Fort Lone Tree Bible Ranch near Capitan.

Ms. Pounds died Sunday, June 6, 2004, in Ruidoso.

She was born Jan. 11, 1924, at Salida, Colo.

She moved to Lincoln County in 1962 from Buena Vista, Colo.

She was a member of the Handmaidens Quilting Group in Capitan, was very active in the community of Capitan, was retired from the Health Department for the State of New Mexico, and a member of Capitan United Methodist Church.

Survivors include sons Grover Dobbins of Capitan and Wes Pounds of Lovington; daughters Cindy LaMay of Needville, Texas, and Patti Rogers of Roswell; sisters Bonnie Vick of Santa Rosa and Virginia Kleckner of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; grandchildren Shane LaMay, Desiree Rogers, Matthew Rogers, Everett Dobbins, Mitzi Dobbins, Sterling Pounds and Noble Pounds.

The family suggests memorials to the Lone Tree Bible Ranch, P.O. Box 523, Capitan,

88316.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, 257-7303.

William A. Crow

Memorial Services for William A. "Bill" Crow, 84, a former resident of Ruidoso, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, 11612 Memorial, Houston, Texas. Friends are invited to join together Wednesday, June 9, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 13001 Katy Freeway.

Mr. Crow died Thursday, June 3, 2004.

Born in Minneapolis, Minn., he met and married Sibyl Mathis in 1943 while serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. They moved to Houston in 1944. Members of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church since 1961, they served nine years as elders.

He served as president of Pine Forest Country Club in 1977. He excelled as an insurance agent, was a CLU and past president of the Houston Chapter, life member of "Million Dollar Round Table," and charter member of "Top of the Table."

He was a brilliant speaker,

making presentations at many conventions.

His wife died in 1984 and he later met Liz Robinson and moved to Ruidoso in 1996 and was a member of Cree Meadows Country Club and the Lions Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Melissa Guthrie, and her husband, Kevin; grandchildren Julia, Beth, Gwen and Philip; a daughter, Pandora Crow, and her partner, Robin Neely; a son, Dr. Jeff Crow, and his wife, Sharon; a grandson, Chas Nichols; a brother, Bob Crow, and his wife, Helen, and sons; a niece, Kathy Rydell, and her family; a cousin, Lorraine Leavell; a partner, Liz Robinson, and her family.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Dorothy Halley Estill

Graveside services for Dorothy Halley "Myke" Estill, 98, were Tuesday at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Mrs. Estill died at her Midland, Texas, residence on Saturday, June 5, 2004, after a short illness.

Mrs. Estill was born to Hunter Halley and Jess Westmoreland Halley on her

father's ranch near Monahans, Texas, in 1906.

During her early childhood, her father purchased another ranch near Kermit, Texas, and Mrs. Estill moved there with her sisters and parents. Later, the family moved into the city of Kermit and she lived there for many years, until her move to Midland in the 1980s.

As a young adult, she attended Texas Women's University before working at the Winkler County Abstract Company, often until nightfall when she would drive to Monahans to post an abstract on the train.

She met her husband, Frederick Ward "Fritz" Estill, while he was working as a surveyor on her father's Rafter "L" Ranch in Kermit. They were married at the ranch in 1927.

As a member of a pioneer ranching and oil family in West Texas, Mrs. Estill maintained close ties with her many friends and relatives who were also pioneer ranchers in Texas.



Dorothy Estill

She enjoyed attending the Ft. Worth Stock Show and was a lifetime member of the Ft. Worth Club, in Ft. Worth, Texas, where she and her husband enjoyed spending most of their time. She was also a devoted member of First United Methodist Church in Midland.

Later in life "Myke" spent many summers in Ruidoso, when her daughter, Jess Ann Thomason, and sister, Pauline Slater, were in residence.

Survivors include a granddaughter, Carrie Lyn Ford, and her husband, Aaron, of Midland; a grandson, Lee Mackey Jr., and his wife, Pamela, of Huntsville, Texas; three great-grandsons; a great-granddaughter; a nephew, Sam Vest, and his wife Jerry; a daughter, Samann, and her husband, Ty Watkins; a son, Vance Vest;

and nieces Jane Pope and Louise Davis, of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Estill was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Jess Ann Estill Thomason; her parents; and sisters Pauline Halley Slater and Faye Halley Vest.

The family suggests memorials to the Jess Ann Thomason Memorial Fund, c/o Permian Area Foundation, 550 W. Texas, Suite 1260, Midland, TX 79701, in support of the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, the Haley Memorial Library and History Center or scholarships for diabetic children at Camp Sweeney as designated.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy. Midland, Texas (432)683-5555.

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NEWS BRIEFS

PRC meets here Monday

New Mexico's Public Regulation Commission will meet at Ruidoso's Cree Meadows Country Club Monday in a session meant to increase legislative, business, and public awareness about the significance of the PRC.

A two-hour workshop, beginning at 10 a.m., and lunch following is open to the public and is free of charge.

On the workshop agenda is a PRC agency overview - "how can we help you?" - as well as overviews of the insurance and utilities divisions, transportation and "call-before-you-dig" issues.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP Judy Kelso at (505) 660-3122.

Blood drive Friday

Blood donors often are hard to find in the summer because of vacations, out-of-town visitors and busy activity schedules, says Rebecca Gutierrez, donor recruitment representative of United Blood Services in Roswell and Albuquerque.

"The demand for blood is constant, even in summer months," she said.

"It's important that people remember to take some time

out of their busy schedules to donate during June, July or August to help maintain a safe and plentiful supply of blood for our community."

The next local drive is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the Billy the Kid casino. Appointments are encouraged and can be scheduled by calling 378-7311.

"To ensure patients have blood when they need it, we encourage donors to give at least three times a year," Gutierrez said.

"We invite anyone who hasn't given in a while, as well as brand new donors, to join them."

Check eligibility to donate blood by calling 888-676-5433.

Vacation Bible school

Gateway Church of Christ will offer a vacation Bible School from June 21-24.

The classes for all ages - Cradle Roll, Teen and Ladies - will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the church at 415 Sudderth Drive.

An open house is planned for 6:30 p.m., June 23, with Curtis Fuller with the Green Bay Packers as guest speaker for teens.

For more information, call 257-4381.

Furr Ball

Information and invitations for one of the Humane Society of Lincoln County's major fundraisers is available through two local sources.

The 2nd Annual Furr Ball is set for July 9, at the Alto Country Club in recognition of the local society's 25 years of caring. The fun frolic includes dinner, a fashion show and animal runway antics.

For information about ticket prices or sponsorship packages, contact Dawn Swearingin at Wells Fargo Bank, 257-4611, or Bob Sterchi at 258-4418 or at e-mail address rsterchi@charter.net.

Parks open Friday

National Park Service Director Fran Mainella announced today all 388 national park units will remain open on Friday, June 11.

"As the entire country mourns the loss of President Ronald W. Reagan, the nation's 40th President, who passed away on June 5, the national parks will remain open to the public for those who would like to experience these national treasures that are often sought out as places of solitude, peace and reflection," said Director Mainella.

At White Sands National

Monument, only the administrative offices will be closed on June 11.

All visitor facilities and services will be available. The park Visitor Center and Gift Shop will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Dunes Drive may be entered from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and closes at 10 p.m.

Daily ranger-guided programs will be held, including the 7 p.m. Sunset Stroll Nature Walk and the 8:30 p.m. Evening Program and Star Talk.



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Living in the Peppin's path

Fire's neighbors praise Forest Service

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

It was 2:15 in the morning on Monday, May 24. Jay and Crystal Eldridge woke to hear someone knocking on their door. They knew it wasn't good news. They had gone to bed by the light of the Peppin Fire glowing in the sky west of them.

The early morning visitors were Lincoln County deputies Robert Shepherd and Ken Jones, along with State Police officer Sam Huston. With much compassion, the officers explained to the Eldridges that they had 20 minutes to evacuate. The fire was moving their direction at an incredible pace.

The Eldridge home is 29 miles from Capitan on Highway 246. The ranch and forest land run from Peach Tree Canyon to Lone Tree.

"All I could think about in those first minutes," said Crystal, "was the cattle we had out there in our forest lease and the kids' 4-H animals."

The two Eldridge daughters, Dusti Rae, 10, and Georgia Lynn, 7, had gone to their grandmother's to spend Sunday night. Son J.T., 13, was home with Crystal and Jay and worked right along with the adults to load valuables and animals.

With a couple phone calls there were family and neighbors there with pickups and trailers and within an hour and a half all that could be loaded was in trailers, including six goats, five pigs, six horses and a 4-H dairy show heifer.

The Eldridges stayed three days in Capitan with their belongings scattered. "My makeup ended up in Roswell with pigs and goats," laughed Crystal. "There are so many to thank for all their help ... I do want to thank Barbara Luna for all she did for us."

"I couldn't have done it without her," Crystal continued. "The Forest Service worked with us to watch over things and let Jay get the cattle called down out of the fire area, including help to find two horses we didn't get that night. We appreciate all they did."

When the Peppin Fire initially took off in its out-of-control siege of the mountain on May 22, it was moving away from Lone Tree Bible Ranch.

The prevailing west-southwest winds drove the fire down the east side of the Capitan Mountains toward other homes and structures in its path. Lone Tree wasn't in danger until last Tuesday,

when the winds changed directions and brought the fire back in its direction.

At the time, there were three groups in the camp. The Florida and Lubbock camps were scheduled to leave on the morning of June 2 and did so. The Austin group was scheduled to leave on Thursday and chose to leave a day early.

The fire was not a hazard to them at that point and the fire crews never formally evacuated the ranch, but the smoke was a health concern to the staff of 25. On Wednesday the camp staff left. They returned just a day later.

"The fire crew and staff were wonderful to work with—wonderful, caring people," said Steve Dirks, camp director. "When the Forest Service came in and did such a good job of communicating information, there really weren't any surprises. I was amazed at how well they kept us informed. Every day they would e-mail or leave a message on the phone, and someone came by twice a day."

When the Dirks decided to leave their home at the ranch, they grabbed photos, family quilts and those things that couldn't be replaced. "I thought I'd have trouble deciding what to take, but at the moment we left it wasn't hard," said Dirks.

The Forest Service advised the ranch staff of some things they could do to help protect the property if the fire should get into the area. They issued protective gear to the staff so they could actively participate in the some of the brush clearing and helped prep the property for the back-burn, which would take place Friday.

Four miles west of Lone Tree Ranch is another facility, Fort Lone Tree. The two are separate facilities but under the same ownership, Lone Tree Inc. Director Ed Kaczmarek said his biggest problem has been battling the perceptions of parents.

"I'll have parents call me and tell me their child is coming on July 22 and want to know if it will be safe," he said.



Lone Tree Ranch director Steve Dirks and his wife Lisa look over the fire map provided by the ICS crews. At lower left, Jay Eldridge, center, evacuated his family in the early days of the fire as it raged to the east end of the mountain. He is pictured here with Natural Resource Conservation Service reps Tom Roybal, left, and Bob Moorhead, right, discussing some flood control issues as part of the after-fire rehabilitation of the area.

He has to convey to the parents that there is nothing unsafe about the camp and that safety comes first in every way.

"We were concerned when we saw the big flames and flumes of smoke on the west side of the mountain, but we've always been convinced we haven't been in harm's way. The flames have been at least 5 miles away. Our greater concerns were, one, if the flames would continue this way and, two, smoke."

Fort Lone Tree started summer camp last week and had a group of a 100 children, plus a staff of 30. The group left of their own accord on Wednesday when the fires on the West Mountain were the biggest because parents back home in Midland were concerned by press reports. The staff remained in camp.

When the Midland group left, the rumor of evacuation spread like wildfire. "We were never evacuated," said Kaczmarek.

"The Forest Service only visited once since we were never in harm's way. But they did come to inform us they were going to back-burn on West Mountain. They e-mail me regularly and are very open with information and free with their time for what I might need to know," said Kaczmarek.

Willa Stone was 6 months old 60 years ago, when the Smokey Bear fire came within a few miles of her ranch headquarters home. Last week when the fire jumped the Capitan Gap, Preston and Willa Stone watched the flames again approach that same headquarters, including the original 1890s

log home. The Stone headquarters sits on the north side of West Mountain just a little west of the Gap.

"I started loading up my valuables," said Willa.

"I didn't think the fire would cross the fire break we built behind the house here over the last 10 years. But I'm not a risk-taker. Now Preston, he loaded not a thing, but that is the way he lives."

"When that thing blew and we watched the fire comes up over that saddle toward us, and you could hear the roar. The Forest Service has been so good," Willa continued.

"They were here every time there was a need and were very professional and very reassuring." Stone's son, Troy, was a Smokey Bear Hot Shot for a time, so they knew what to expect.

Since Friday, the West Mountain on the Stone's side has burned well across the mountain behind them. On Sunday, Willa said she could hear the popping and crackling of the fire. She again packed things up and moved them out to the open flats to wait out any possible danger.

Both mountains are still burning and smoldering as containment increases and rehabilitation efforts move into high gear. The families that live around the fire lines are already finding some sense of normalcy. Reports of several springs that have long been dry already showing signs of recovery bring hope of the good that will come from the cleansing of the forest.

It has been an interesting week. The Carrizozo Masons held their annual picnic under the hot sun Saturday at the new park behind the Courthouse.

A large tent and some smaller ones were set up to protect the Masons and guests from other parts of the state. After enjoying catching up with news from old and new friends and a delicious barbecue, Drew Gomer gave a brief talk on the history of Lincoln.

Of course Sunday had to be a nice day.

Saturday morning I received a call from Billy Cox (a.k.a. Billy the Kid). He is still in Florida and working on a book on his life with the emphasis on his time in Lincoln,

impersonating Billy. He had a friend, Jose, who drives an 18-wheeler, who visited Lincoln about four months ago. He spent the entire day and described one person he talked to — sounded like Jack Rigney.

The church had an unexpected treat Sunday. Annalise Haussler and her friend Larry Rivera sang a special number during the services.

The nation and the world are mourning the loss of a great president, Ronald Reagan. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, fairness and most of all telling Gorbachev to take the Berlin Wall down.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JUNE 11, 1954

Water shortage critical

Mayor Dan Swearingin this week called upon Ruidosoans to use water only for necessities, as a water shortage is in the making here due to the extreme drought and the delay in starting improvements on the water system.

"We can hardly keep enough water in storage in our tanks to serve our normal usage," he declared.

JUNE 12, 1964

Disappearing act

There was an additional mystery at the Mystery Spot last Tuesday afternoon when two female spider monkeys disappeared from their cage.

Mrs. Dorothy Schauer, owner, this week added three monkeys to the attractions at the Mystery Spot, a male and two females. They were all in the same cage, with a latch but no lock. Early in the afternoon, the monkeys were happily playing. Later, the two females were gone from the latched cage.

The mystery was, did the male monkey throw out the females and relatch the cage, or what...?

JUNE 14, 1974

Western Union out

After this Saturday, June 15, the Western Union office in the Chamber of Commerce building will close. The chamber had decided that Western Union service places too much of a burden on all the staff.

Any business interested in establishing a Western Union office in the area may call the chamber.

JUNE 15, 1984

Lodgers' budget OKd

Ed Jungbluth's plea of "sore knees" appeared to turn the tide Tuesday, as the village council approved the Lodgers' Tax Committee budget request in the fourth vote on the matter.

"My knees get awful sore ... coming to beg for funds to promote this town," said Jungbluth, chamber executive director.

JUNE 16, 1994

Tax-free pockets targeted

Claiming some property owners within the village are enjoying a free tax ride, Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw Tuesday urged the council to move speedily toward annexing those properties.

She said some were receiving services without taxes...



LINCOLN TRAILS
ROSALIE DUNLAP

The fire in the Capitans has an impact on Lincoln residents

Several residents of Lincoln County are suffering pneumonia/bronchitis. The smoke from the fire isn't helping any. Until Sunday night, when we had lots of smoke, Lincoln had been fortunate enough not to have much smoke. It was because the fire was a low-density fire and not a high, hot fire.

We drove to the Smokey Bear Lookout east of Capitan and stayed there for quite awhile. The sunset was beautiful.

While we were there we visited with Kenneth Jones of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and forester Larry Cordova of Ruidoso.

Larry was checking out his "mountain." Jones was warning us to be careful as the

smoke could cause health problems. Ralph was ready to spend the night in Carrizozo due to my asthma, but I did okay.

Don't forget the celebration at the San Patricio Post Office, June 18.

Phyllis Chavez will be installed as the new postmaster, and those attending also will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the post office.

We send our sympathy to Sue Graham of Roswell and a former resident of Lincoln. Her son Curtis was killed during a hang-glider incident near the Space Museum in Alamogordo. He was doing what he loved to do.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2004

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PAGE 1B

SPORTS

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

RUIDOSO — Despite all the talk — on both sides — about this year's North-South six-man all-star game being a much closer affair, the South team was determined to make it a repeat of last year's blowout.

For one quarter on Saturday, it looked as though they might make good on that effort, scoring 20 unanswered points in the first quarter and taking a 20-8 lead.

But the North squad was up to the challenge, shutting down the South's offense while scoring 36 points of its own.

The South made things interesting in the last two minutes with a touchdown run by

Tatum's Art Castro, but they eventually ran out of time and the North earned the 36-28 victory at W.D. Horton Stadium.

"I thought we'd come out with a win, but we knew it was going to be close," said South coach Jarrod Sowder. "We were glad to be able to climb back in at the end and make it exciting."

The North won the game thanks to the pass-and-catch tandem of quarterback Chance Chenault and receiver Harvey Park.

The duo combined for 165 yards on just five completions, and scored four of the North's five touchdowns in the game. It's little wonder that Park, hailing from Melrose, was named the offensive player of the game for the North team.

The defensive title for the North went to Broc Burton, who scored the fifth touchdown on a 14-yard fumble recovery, and was instrumental in frustrating Castro — the South's quarterback — and keeping the South team from executing its usually potent offense.

"The kids got on a roll, and they played great defense," said North coach Dickie Roybal. "That was the difference in the game."

That the South had any trouble offensively after the first quarter was surprising, given that six players on the South's 10-man roster were from Tatum, as was coach Sowder.

"The thing we had to overcome, is that we had kids in there that had never played together," Roybal said. "They had six kids from Tatum that knew the offense, knew the defense, knew what the coach was going to call."

The South may have been Tatum-heavy — Coyote assistant Jay Nelson was also on the sideline for the game — but Sowder insisted all that familiarity may have actually been a hindrance.

"That was part of the problem, with two large groups out of Animas and Tatum, and the two teams didn't really mesh," Sowder said. "We had our unit, and they had their unit. We just had too many players and not enough team."



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Hondo's Eddi Valenzuela, left, goes up for a pass while being defended by North all star Harvey Park of Melrose during the North/South six-man all star game played Saturday at W.D. Horton Stadium.

"That's not the kids' fault, sometimes it just doesn't come together, and that can happen during the regular season."

In other words, it was a case of too many cooks spoiling the broth. There was plenty of talent on the South squad, but it just didn't seem to mesh properly after the first quarter.

That first quarter was certainly enjoyable for South fans. After the North drew first blood on a Park-Chenault 23-yard pass play, Castro struck with a 65-yard kickoff return.

After getting the ball back on

See **ALL-STARs**, page 4B

North 36, South 28		Game Statistics	
South	20 0 0 8 — 28	First Downs	South 10 North 9
North	8 14 16 0 — 36	Rushes-yards	22-99 21-101
Scoring Summary		Passing yards	182 222
First Quarter		Comp-Att-Int	15-30-0 8-21-2
N — Harvey Park 23 pass from Chance Chenault (Broc Sanders kick) 8:04		Total Offense	281 323
S — Art Castro 65 kickoff return (Gary Herrera kick) 7:52		Punts-avg	1-34 3-38.5
S — Jacob Eubank 31 pass from Castro (kick fail) 5:22		Penalties-yards	1-6 3-22
S — Castro 30 run (kick fail) 5:10		Fumbles-lost	2-1 4-0
Second Quarter		Individual Statistics	
N — Park 61 pass from Chenault (Sanders kick) 7:41		Rushing	South: Art Castro 14-48, Randy Rainer 5-40, Gary Herrera 1-5, Aaron Freeman 1-5, Rene Cruz 1-1, North: Broc Burton 5-44, Chance Chenault 8-24, Harvey Park 2-36, Kirk Burns 3-5, Jordan Jennings 1-0, Eric Irvin 2 (minus-8)
N — Park 45 pass from Chenault (kick fail) 7:24		Passing	South: Castro 14-27-0, 169, Aaron Shoemaker 1-1-0, 13, Rene Cruz 0-1-1, 0, North: Chenault 9-21-2, 222
N — Park 12 pass from Chenault (Sanders kick) 7:03		Receiving	South: Herrera 7-50, Shoemaker 4-56, Jacob Eubank 3-49, Freeman 1-17, North: Park 5-165, Burns 1-29, Ryan Kropf 2-16, Burton 1-12
N — Castro 16 run (Castro kick) 1:41			



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Hot Shot second baseman Lorisha Lun, left, takes the throw as Lady Warrior Asher Shaw slides in safely Sunday during the Ruidoso Youth Tournament at Eagle Creek Complex. The Lady Warriors won the 14U title, and Shaw was named the team's most valuable player.

Lady Warriors win 14U title

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

With only three local teams in this year's Ruidoso Youth Softball Invitational, the chances of a local team in a championship game looked slim.

But the Ruidoso area has a lot of talent on the softball field, and a pair of local teams came through with appearances in two divisional championship games Sunday at Eagle Creek Complex.

The 10U Diamond Pride team faced Too Kool in the championship game, falling 19-4 for a second-place finish.

But the best finish came in the 14U bracket, where the Ruidoso Lady Warriors bested Girl Power of Clovis in a decisive 22-5 win.

Girl Power had previously eliminated the 14U Diamond Pride team in the loser's bracket, then turned around and defeated Alamogordo's Hot Shots in a 13-12 thriller to reach the title game.

Hot Shots, Diamond Pride and the Lady Warriors all play in the same youth league in Alamogordo, and Hot Shots had entered this tournament undefeated and top-ranked in the state.

But the Lady Warriors put an end to that win streak with a 13-2 win Sunday morning in the tournament's semi-final. Prior to that, Ruidoso

won 14-11 over the P-ville Pride of Portales, then earned an 18-8 victory against the Hobbs Braves.

Diamond Pride opened with a 9-6 win against Girl Power in their opening game, then fell to Hot Shots to drop to the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament. After defeating Portales 13-9, they fell to Girl Power, as Clovis got its revenge in a 14-8 decision.

Girl Power's next game against the Hot Shots was an exciting one, with Clovis needing two runs in the bottom of the final inning, getting both of those runs with two outs.

There was no such drama in the title game, as the Lady Warriors batted around and 11 Ruidoso players crossed the plate in the first inning.

Clovis was unable to respond in the bottom of the first, and the Lady Warriors were able to entice Girl Power first baseman Lorena Garza — a girl who had terrorized earlier teams with her prowess at the plate — into a pop-up to the catcher.

The second inning was more of the same, with the Lady Warriors pushing seven more runs across on six hits. Girl Power finally scored with four runs in the bottom half of the inning, and it looked like Ruidoso might be in trouble offensively in the next frame.

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Summer is all about practice for RHS cagers

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

ARTESIA — During the summer basketball season, success isn't measured in wins and losses, it's measured by how much the team learns.

That's how Ruidoso High girls coach Greg Marez sees it. After his team's showing at the Artesia camp this past weekend, he said the jury's still out about the Lady Warriors' progress.

"We only won two games, but right now I'm not too concerned about winning, just practicing the things we do in our program," Marez said. "This process is coming

along well, but we won't have all our girls this summer." The absences are due to various reasons — other sports and activities, or just the fact that it's summer vacation — and those absences were felt in Artesia. After playing Friday's four games with just nine players, the Lady Warriors found themselves down to six on Saturday.

That made for some long games for those that did play, but it also meant a lot of learning and practice. That will come in handy when the real season starts in November.

"This is all a gelling



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso's Elisa Vigil, right, drives against an Elida player during the Artesia team camp at Artesia High School on Friday.

process," Marez said. "If we can get our girls to play as much together and get reacquainted, we'll know how successful we really were this summer."

Another challenge Marez faces involves depth. It's not that he doesn't have enough players, he almost has too many. He's looking at several seniors — such as Beth Robinson, Christine Brown, Jessica Gibson and Elisa Vigil — as well as strong younger players such as Allison Rigby.

Add to that a transfer from Alamogordo named Kristen

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side line

Sports on Tap

Wednesday, June 9

Golf

Sun Country Junior tournament at Inn of the Mountain Gods, 9 a.m.

Thursday, June 10

Horse Racing

Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Soccer

Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Men's all-star game at Eagle Creek Complex, 6:30 p.m.

Rodeo

NMHRSA state finals at Gallup, TBA

Friday, June 11

Horse Racing

Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Rodeo

NMHRSA state finals at Gallup, TBA

Saturday, June 12

Horse Racing

Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Rodeo

NMHRSA state finals at Gallup, TBA

Sunday, June 13

Horse Racing

Ruidoso Futurity/Derby finals at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Rodeo

NMHRSA state finals at Gallup, TBA

On Deck

Buick Scramble at IOMG

The Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course will host a local qualifier for the Buick Scramble, billed as the world's largest amateur golf tournament. Sunday's scramble championship is set to begin at 10 a.m., and local amateurs interested in signing up can do so until Friday by calling the pro shop at 464-7444 or online at www.buickscramble.com.

Wilderness camp

Wilderness camp for children ages 7-12 has begun. Activities include fishing, canoeing, hiking, sports and fun field trips from now until Aug. 6. For more information, contact the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department at 257-5030.

Adult/Youth bowling

Ruidoso Bowling Center will offer a "generation gap" adult/youth league for the summer. The teams will consist of two adults and two young people (8 to 17 years old) and will begin Thursday, June 10 and end Thursday, Aug. 26. The cost will be \$10.00 per bowler each week. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the league. For more information please call Ruidoso Bowling Center at 258-3557.

Team roping in Capitan

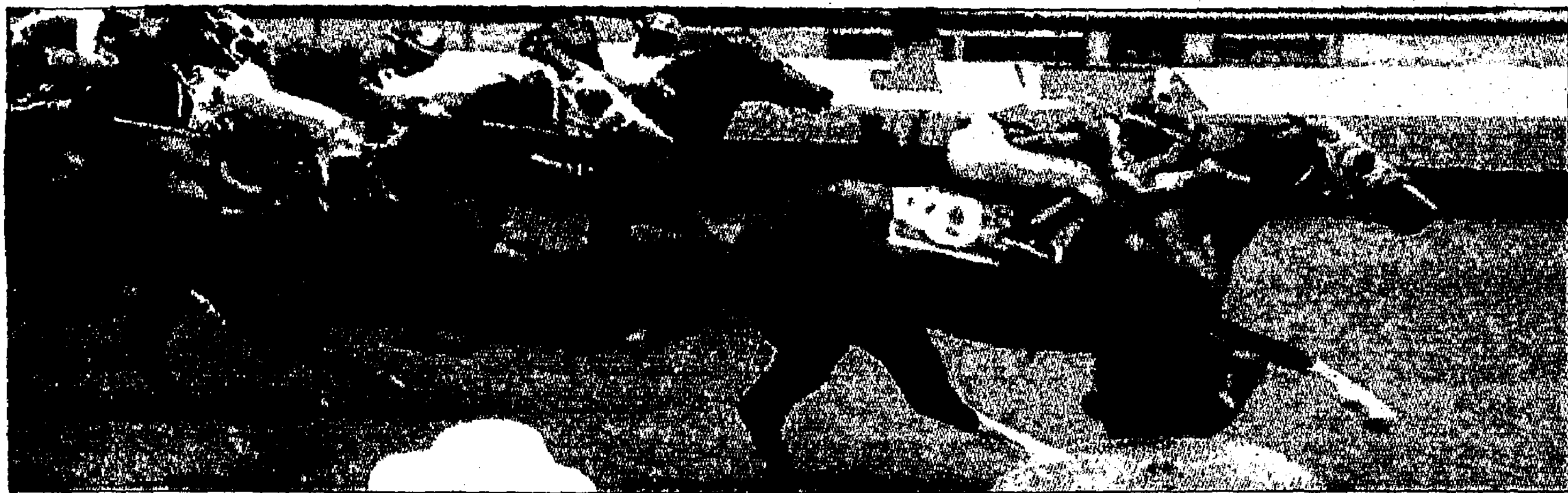
The Corriente CowBelles of Capitan will sponsor a team roping competition June 26 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. Ropers will enter at 9 a.m. and begin roping at 9:30 a.m. Randy Matheny will furnish the cattle.

The high money winner of the day will receive \$1,000, with jackets awarded to the top header and healer of each roping. USTRC numbers will be used. Ropers may enter six times per roping. For further information, contact Pat Schear at 623-0162 or 354-2476.

NMSU volleyball camp

The New Mexico State volleyball program will be offering a series of camps this summer to males and females ages 11 and up. The setter's camp will run July 24-25, with the cost set at \$100. The All skill camp will be July 26-29 and cost \$175 for commuters, \$300 for overnight campers. There will also be a team camp July 30-Aug. 1. All campers will be grouped by level of athleticism, experience and age into elite, intermediate or beginner levels. For more information, call Ashley Hardee at (505)-646-2368, or visit the New Mexico State volleyball web site for printable brochures. Visit nmstatesports.collegesports.com, and click on the Aggie Sports, women's volleyball link.

Finalists for New Mexico 2004 Bayer Legend Derby set



Jockey Joe Badilla, aboard Royal Medallion, finishes first in the initial trial for the Bayer Legend Derby Friday at Ruidoso Downs. Royal Medallion was the fastest of 10 qualifiers for the June 20 race. The winner of that final will travel to Sam Houston Race Park in Houston for the national finals on Nov. 6.

With the skies threatening thunderstorms and lightning just east of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Royal Medallion established the fastest time of 19.615 in the 400 yard Bayer Legend Derby time trials Friday.

Royal Medallion, breaking from the outside post with Joe Badilla aboard, broke hard in his traditional manner and led all the way to win the first of two time trials by almost a half length.

"Royal Medallion isn't a real bona fide 400-yard horse, but he breaks hard and fast and they usually can't catch him. That's how he won his last out. He did just did what he's supposed to do today," said trainer John Bassett. "He was an average horse that's matured into a really good horse over the last few months. The way he ran at Los Alamitos seemed to give him a lot of confidence that he didn't have last season."

"I like the thought of running in the final with a horse who knows he's getting better."

Long-shot Deschutes, with Chris Zamora aboard, ran the distance in 19.811 while winning the second heat. Deschutes paid \$77 for the \$2 win ticket while being listed at 8-to-1 on the morning line.

"Deschutes is a hard trying horse that needed some racing luck," said trainer Clay Sparks. "He just can't stay away from trouble but today he put it behind him. I just can't believe they let him go off at such high odds. The final should be fun and it would be a thrill for the owners to go to the Challenge Championships if we are fortunate enough to win the final."

With only two time trials, seven of the finalists came out of the faster heat won by Royal Medallion. The 10 finalists will race back in the final June 20 at Ruidoso Downs.

'ROUNDING THE TURN



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Lance Merritt makes a turn during the May 8 Lincoln County Rodeo Club's event at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan. The full results from that rodeo are:

- May 8 LCRC results**
at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Capitan
- Little Britches Boys**
Barrels: 1, Taylor Varbel; 2, Levi Beaty
Flags: 1, Brayson Smallwood; 2, Levi Beaty; 3, Taylor Varbel
Poles: 1, Taylor Varbel; 2, Levi Beaty; 3, Brayson Smallwood
Goats: 1, Levi Beaty; 2, Taylor Varbel; 3, Brayson Smallwood
- Little Britches Girls**
Barrels: 1, Molly Griffin; 2, Bryanna Parker; 3, Loryn Danley
Flags: 1, Molly Griffin; 2, Bryanna Parker; 3, Loryn Danley
Poles: 1, Molly Griffin; 2, Bryanna Parker; 3, Torri Trapp
Goats: 1, Bryanna Parker; 2, Torri Trapp; 3, Molly Griffin
- 6-8 years Boys**
Calf Riding: 1, Dillon Trapp; (tie), Ross Griffin
Barrels: 1, Ross Griffin; 2, Dillon Trapp; 3, Tanner Pelfrey
Flags: 1, Dillon Trapp; 2, Tanner Pelfrey; 3, Ross Griffin
Poles: 1, Ross Griffin; 2, Dillon Trapp; 3, Tracker Bowen
Goats: 1, Ross Griffin; 2, Tracker Bowen; 3, Dillon Trapp
- 6-8 years Girls**
Breakaway: 1, Danica Fifer
Barrels: 1, Danica Fifer; 2, Kaylee Gilliland; 3, Shania Tidwell
Flags: 1, Shania Tidwell; 2, Kaylee Gilliland; 3, Kaitlyn Silva
Poles: 1, Shania Tidwell; 2, Kaylee Gilliland; 3, Danica Fifer
Goats: 1, Kaylee Gilliland; 2, Karlee Alvord
- 9-12 years Boys**
Breakaway: 1, Lyle Danley; 2, Lance Merritt
Steer Stopping: 1, Matthew Silver
Step Down Roping: 1, Lance Merritt
Steer Riding: 1, Conner Hall
Barrels: 1, Lance Merritt; 2, Lyle Danley; 3, Gabriel Martinez
Flags: 1, Lance Merritt; 2, Gabriel Martinez; 3, Conner Hall
Poles: 1, Lance Merritt; 2, Conner Hall; 3, Tyler Henson
Goats: 1, Conner Hall; 2, Lyle Danley; 3, Paul Sanchez
- 9-12 years Girls**
Breakaway: 1, Callie Evans; 2, Ashley Pruett

- Steer Stopping:** 1, Taylor Coburn
Step Down Roping: 1, Kayla King; 2, Ashley Pruett
Barrels: 1, Kayla King; 2, Callie Evans; 3, Ashley Pruett
Flags: 1, Kayla King; 2, Taylor Thomas; 3, Mattie Cosby
Poles: 1, Brittany Perrett; 2, Sarah Gilliland; 3, Ashley Dubose
Goats: 1, Callie Evans; 2, Ashley Dubose; 3, Sarah Gilliland
- 13-15 years Boys**
Breakaway: 1, Cutter Whipple; 2, James Sanchez
Ribbon Roping: 1, Tanner Jones; 2, Travis Virden
Calf roping: 1, Ben Sanchez; 2, Cutter Whipple; 3, Tanner Daniel
Heading: 1, Ben Sanchez; 2, James Sanchez; 3, Spur Lovelace
Heeling: 1, James Sanchez
Barrels: 1, Tanner Jones; 2, David Ordorica; 3, James Sanchez
Flags: 1, David Ordorica; 2, Ben Sanchez; 3, Kevin Parker
Poles: 1, Tanner Jones; 2, Zac Reynolds; 3, Tanner Daniel
Goats: 1, Travis Virden; 2, Tanner Jones; 3, Tanner Daniel
- 13-15 years Girls**
Calf roping: 1, Staci Stanbrough
Barrels: 1, Morgan Gibbs; 2, Staci Stanbrough; 3, Teresa Woodard
Flags: 1, Morgan Gibbs; 2, Macie Thomas; 3, Staci Stanbrough
Poles: 1, Morgan Gibbs; 2, Brittany Caughrons; 3, Teresa Woodard
Goats: 1, Staci Stanbrough; 2, Morgan Gibbs; 3, Brittany Caughrons
- 16-18 years Boys**
Breakaway: 1, Brandon Jones
Ribbon Roping: 1, Brandon Jones
Barrels: 1, Brandon Jones
Flags: 1, Brandon Jones
Poles: 1, Brandon Jones
Goats: 1, Brandon Jones
- 16-18 years Girls**
Ribbon Roping: 1, Raylynn Stanbrough
Barrels: 1, Caitlyn Hubbard; 2, Amanda Purcella; 3, Dee Hubbard
Flags: 1, Caitlyn Hubbard; 2, Dee Hubbard

+ State's Thoroughbreds compete for Sale Futurity final

New Mexico's Thoroughbred breeders showed their stuff during the trials for the five-furlong, Ruidoso Thoroughbred Sale Futurity trials Friday at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Finishing first in the first heat, Sandias Peppermint broke second and continued to put pressure on the field until capturing the lead as he came into the stretch, finishing ahead of the field by five lengths in the time of 58.20.

In the second heat, Bay View

Sue drove down the stretch to take the win by half a head in the time of 59.40.

Sandias Peppermint's trainer Jackie Riddle was thrilled with her colt's performance today.

"He's my pet, I bought him at the sale for \$1,700 and he ran third in the Copper Top Futurity and ran back and won this one," Riddle said. "I know he will do well in the finals."

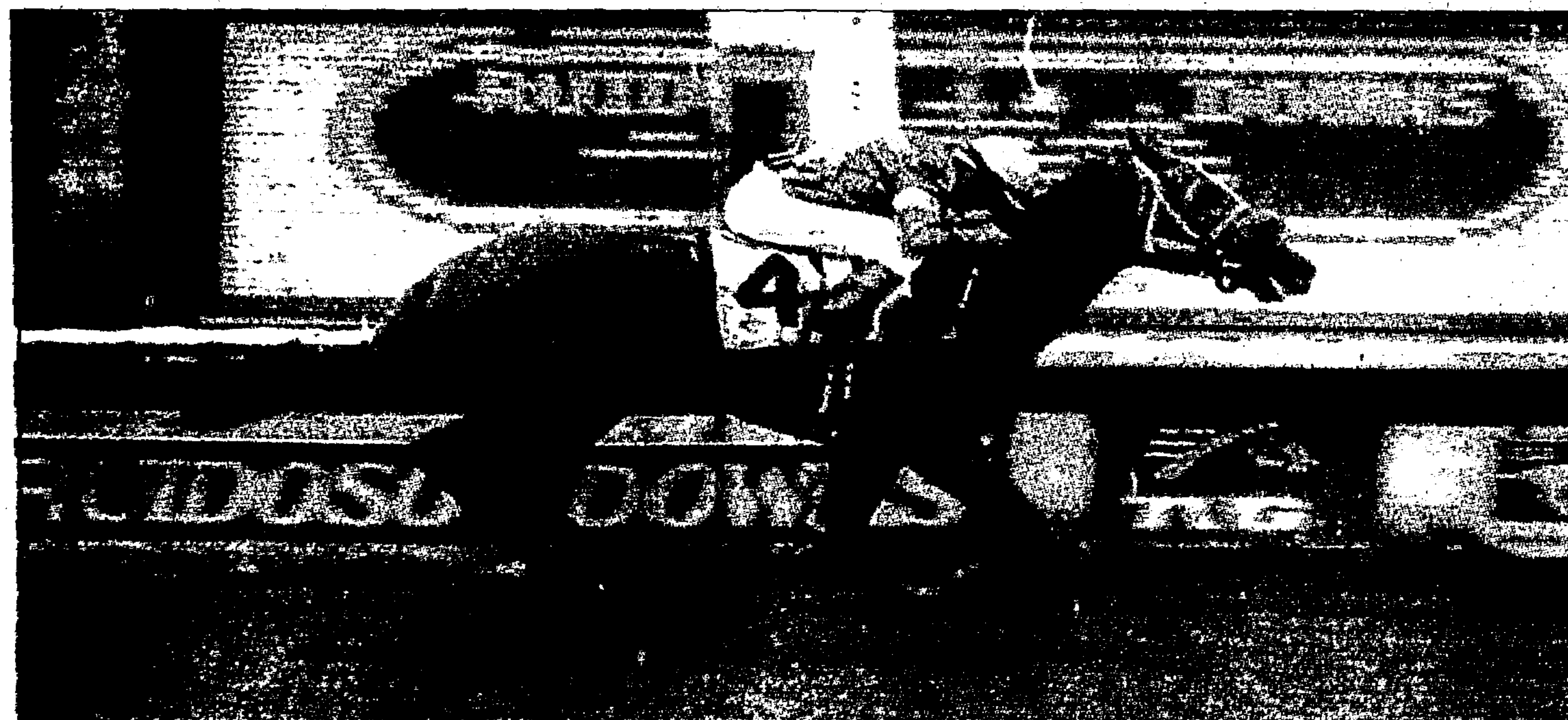
Mike Weatherly, owner and breeder of Bay View Sue, was

thrilled with his win as well.

"I've tried to sell this colt several times and seemed no one saw his potential except me," Weatherly said. "So I decided to keep him and here we are today. He's going to be a good one."

The following is a list of the finalists for the Ruidoso Thoroughbred Futurity finals which will be run June 19:

Sandias Peppermint, Smartdevil, Tricky Tactics, C. G.'s Dollar, He Aint No Bull, Bay View Sue, Ask Nicely, Summer Claim, Shamrock's Bay, Full Charm.



COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS

Sandias Peppermint crosses the finish line as the fastest qualifier for the Ruidoso Thoroughbred Sale Futurity final Friday at Ruidoso Downs.

AREA SCORES

Ruidoso Youth Softball Invitational
at Eagle Creek Softball Complex

8U Division Championship
Artesia Slug Bus 25, Lil Astros 14

10U Division Saturday, June 5
Lil Diablos 11, Diamond Pride 10
Too Kool 17, Diamond Pride 8
Too Kool 12, Lil Diablos 3

Sunday, June 6
Diamond Pride 15, Lil Diablos 10
Championship
Too Kool 19, Diamond Pride 4

12U Division Championship
Alamogordo Diablos 16, Hobbs Vipers 14

14U Division Saturday, June 5

Lady Warriors 14, Portales P-Ville Pride 11
Diamond Pride 9, Clovis Girl Power 6
Lady Warriors 18, Hobbs Braves 8
Alamogordo Hot Shots 17, Diamond Pride 14
Girl Power d. Braves
Diamond Pride 19, P-Ville Pride 3
Lady Warriors 13, Hot Shots 2
Girl Power 14, Diamond Pride 8
Girl Power 13, Hot Shots 12
Championship
Lady Warriors 22, Girl Power 5

Ruidoso Little League playoffs

Farm Division at North Park Saturday, June 5
Cubs 14, Rockies 4
Astros 17, Diamondbacks 12
Monday, June 7
Braves 29, Cubs 10

Wednesday, June 9 Championship
Astros vs. Braves, 5:30 p.m.

Minor Division at Gavilan Canyon Park Saturday, June 5

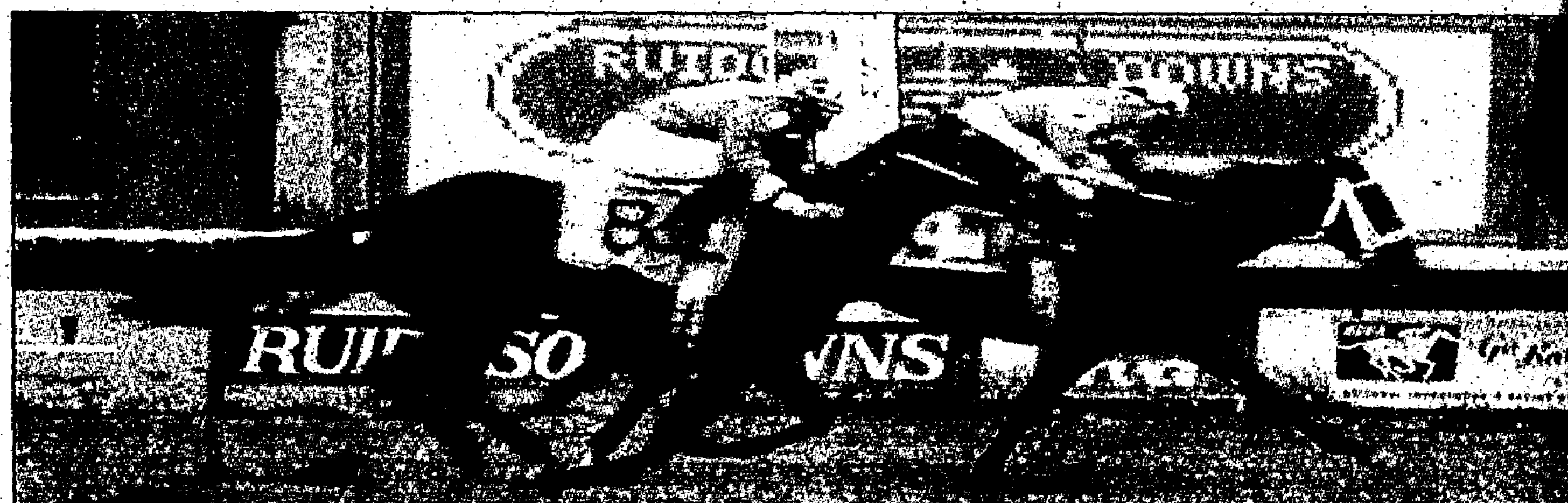
Yankees 14, Braves 4
Marlins 7, A's 3

Monday, June 7
Braves 20, A's 1
Pirates 11, Yankees 10

Wednesday, June 9
Braves vs. Yankees, 5:30 p.m.
Marlins vs. Pirates, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 12
Braves/Yankees winner vs. Marlins/Pirates loser, 2 p.m.

Monday, June 14
Championship game, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 15
Championship game, 5:30 p.m. (if needed)



COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS

Bay View Sue, right, just passes Ask Nicely in the second trial for the Ruidoso Thoroughbred Sale Futurity Friday at Ruidoso Downs.

Little League baseball playoffs underway

Ruidoso Little League kicked off its tournaments this weekend with the start of the Minor and Farm division games on Saturday. Games continue through Tuesday, June 15, when the championship games in the Minor and Major divisions will be played.

Things got started Saturday, as the Cubs beat the Rockies, 14-4 in the Farm Division playoffs at North Park. The Astros followed with a 17-12 win over the Diamondbacks. The Cubs later lost to the Braves, 29-10 on Monday.

The Astros and the Braves play each other today at 5:30 p.m. at North Park for the championship.

In the Minor Division at Gavilan Canyon, the Yankees beat the Braves 14-4 on Saturday, while the Marlins beat the A's 7-3. In continued play on Monday, the Braves eliminated the A's with a 20-1 win, while the Pirates beat the Yankees, 11-10.

The Minor division continues today at 5:30 p.m., when the Yankees take on the



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ryan Yausisa, left, rounds third for the Yankees as Pirate third baseman Zachary Dawson covers during the teams' playoff game Tuesday at Gavilan Canyon Park.

Braves in the loser's bracket, while the Marlins face the Pirates at 7:30 p.m.

The Minor tournament continues through Monday, with a final game scheduled for

next Tuesday, if needed.

The Major division playoffs started this Tuesday. Full results, and a full schedule, will be published in a future edition of the *Ruidoso News*.

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Anglers of all ages hit Grindstone last weekend. At lower left, 21-month-old Hope Misquez of Ruidoso seems more fascinated with her shadow than a visit by Smokey Bear or the feats of young anglers at the annual Fishing Day at Grindstone Lake Reservoir Saturday. The event was put together by several federal and state agencies including the U.S.

Forest Service. At right, Ashton Nunez, 5, clutches her prize while watching the action. Above left, Daria Serrato, 9, sports a big smile as she fishes during Saturday's big event. Serrato was visiting the area with her family from Santa Teresa.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

ALL-STARS: North undaunted by first-half deficit

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an interception by Animas' Randy Rainer, Castro connected with Tatum teammate Jacob Eubank for a 31-yard bomb to make it 14-8 in favor of the South.

Sowder then pulled an onside-kick play out of his hat, and Hondo's Eddi Valenzuela came up with the ball at the North 35. Castro then threw another pass — this time to Tatum's Gary Herrera — who pitched it back to Castro, who then ran 30 yards for another score.

In short, the South scored all 20 of its first-half points within four minutes of the first quarter.

But that was all they got until Castro's final touchdown run in the fourth. In the meantime, Chenault found Park repeatedly for scores to turn what had been a 20-8 deficit into a 36-20 advantage.

Actually, the North lead might have been greater, but for some capital defensive stands by the South in the red zone.

Three times, the North had a first-and-goal situation within the South's 3-yard line, but was unable to score each time. They gave the ball up on downs one time, and had the ball intercepted the other two occasions.

"I told them at halftime, 'We should be way ahead of these guys,'" Roybal said. "We just couldn't hold onto the ball, and we were lucky to pull it out."

"That's one of the things about these kids, all year long," Sowder said of his Coyote players. "Inside the red zone, they're just so tough."

"I don't know why there's a difference between here and back there," Sowder added, referring to midfield and the endzone. "But when their backs are against the wall, they'll step up and go hard."



Members of the South team gather for a conference late in the 6-man North-South all-star game Saturday at Horton Stadium.

The North may have had Castro's number after the first quarter, but he still had the kind of game that earned him the offensive player of the game for the South, according to the six-man coaches who were in attendance.

The South's defensive honor went to Herrera.

But for all the Tatum honors, Sowder was quick to mention what the other teammates had contributed.

"Animas fell into some spots and played hard and tough," Sowder said. "And little Eddi came in and did a good job for us. But it just didn't mesh as a whole team."

"I had Randy Rainer of Animas pretty high up there, and Aaron Shoemaker also did a good job for us on offense," he added. "We had a lot of good kids up here, and it was hard to put them together as a good team."

SUMMER: Practice is the goal

FROM PAGE 1B

Miller, and it's easy to appreciate Marez's situation.

"We have so many players back from last year, all of whom played," Marez said. "It's hard to say what spots will be available. All this competition is very good for our program."

Vega also getting time

Ruidoso players aren't the only ones getting some summer experience. Carrizozo's Kaitlyn Vega has joined the Lady Warriors for the summer to put in some practice time of her own.

Also, the girls aren't the only ones taking part in this grueling summer schedule.

The Ruidoso boys start their season this weekend with a camp in Alamogordo. From there, they travel to Eastern New Mexico University in Portales for a four-day team camp starting on Monday.

The Lady Warriors will be in Hobbs this weekend, then head to Portales next Wednesday for their own camp at ENMU.



Diamond Pride catcher Christine Breecher, right, prepares to tag out Girl Power's Sara Zarate Sunday during the Ruidoso Youth Softball Invitational at Eagle Creek Complex.

YOUTH: Ruidoso teams successful

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An infield fly and weak grounder gave the Lady Warriors two outs, but then Briana Wall got a hit to start things off again. Ruidoso scored their last four runs of the game in that inning.

From then on, the game was a defensive struggle, with neither team able to score in the next two half-innings. The top of the third was particularly exciting for Lady Warrior third baseman Asher Shaw, who came up with a pair of big plays for outs.

In the end, Ruidoso merely had to hold Clovis to seven runs or less to end the game after four innings on the mercy rule. They allowed one Girl Power run in the bottom of the fourth, but that was all as the Lady Warriors claimed the title.

In the 10U division, Diamond Pride and Too Kool were joined by Lil Diablos as the only three teams in that division, thus the three played in a round-robin format.

Lil Diablos defeated Diamond Pride in the opening game, 11-10, then the Ruidoso squad dropped a 17-8 decision to Too Kool.

Too Kool later defeated Lil Diablos, 12-3, thus earning a bye in the two-game tournament which followed.

Diamond Pride was able to defeat Lil Diablos, 15-10, in the first round before dropping their championship game to Too Kool.

In other brackets, The Slug Bugs of Artesia took a 25-14 decision over the Loving Lil Astros in the 8U division, while the Diablos of Alamogordo won the 12U bracket with a 16-14 win over the Hobbs Vipers.

SAND BLAST



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso's Daniel Lucero hits his way out of the sand at the Links at Sierra Blanca Tuesday during the PGA Sun Country Junior Tour. Lucero was one of four local youths in the tournament. The tour continues today at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

PGA Sun Country Junior Tour at the Links at Sierra Blanca Tuesday, June 8

Girls 7-9	
Shanae Ammons	59
Boys 10-12	
Dylan Healey	40
Ryan Romero	42
Austin Ammons	45
Danny Lyle	48
Jacob Jameson	50
Boys 13-15	
Alex Estrada	71
Stephen Puntch	75
Johnathan Duncan	79
Brian Price	80
Brian Poyner	80

Girls 13-15	
Amy Caldwell	84
Erin Miller	86
Cree Hughes	93
Cassie Cooper	97
Jessica Berve	106
Boys 16-18	
Jason Wuerz	73
Matthew Bacon	76
Joseph Schreck	77
Jack Duncan	78
Conrad Miller	82
Girls 16-18	
Erika Willis	80
Bekah Berve	81
Kelly Rigby	89
Breanna Short	91
Kayla Gonzales	95

RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Results for racing at Ruidoso Downs for June 3-6:

Thursday, June 3
First — 350 yards. Win Mir 7.00 4.00 3.00, Major Creole 4.40 3.20, Here Comes Major 5.20, Quinella — 10.20, Exacta — 15.20, Trifecta — 93.70, T — 17.28, Scratched — Double Down Baby.
Second — 350 yards. Calina Bug 29.80 4.60 3.20, Ill Getcha Good 2.80 3.20, Tew E Tew 7.20, Quinella — 9.80, Exacta — 42.40, Trifecta — 151.80, Daily Double — 151.60, T — 17.32.
Third — 350 yards. Shes An Easy Miracle 30.80 15.00 4.40, Dashin Allie 8.20 4.00, Famous Kelly 2.20, Quinella — 170.80, Exacta — 332.00, Trifecta — 283.50, T — 17.72, Scratched — Dead Shot Dean, Fame Of Fortune.
Fourth — 350 yards. Call Me First Fast 3.00 2.60 2.40, Dash Ta Te 6.20 2.80, Farnes Rockette 3.80, Quinella — 14.60, Exacta — 12.80, Trifecta — 11.20, T — 17.48.
Fifth — 350 yards. La Travezia 11.40 6.40 6.60, Sir Patrick Blurr 6.20 6.60, Run Away Rusty 1.20, Quinella — 38.00, Exacta — 61.00, Trifecta — 207.50, T — 17.74.
Sixth — 350 yards. Farnes Li Dasher 3.60 2.80 3.00, DPI Money Girl 6.40 5.20, Duke Of Houston 4.00, Quinella — 15.80, Exacta — 23.60, Trifecta — 44.30, T — 17.62, Scratched — Chicks N Front.
Seventh — 350 yards. Girl On A High 3.20 3.60 2.40, Speed Button Miracle 7.80 2.60, Call It A Vett 2.40, Quinella — 14.40, Exacta — 12.60, Trifecta — 15.00, T — 17.49.
Eighth — 350 yards. Calla 7.80 3.60 2.20, Talk Back Champ 9.00 2.60, Famous Copy 2.10, Quinella — 51.00, Exacta — 136.80, Trifecta — 202.60, T — 17.69.
Ninth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Cattlemen Prospect 4.20 2.80 2.20, Little Town 3.40 2.40, Bombafalooker 2.20, Quinella — 10.20, Exacta — 18.20, Trifecta — 15.40, Pick 3 — 46.40, T — 1:04.60, Scratched — Rhythmic Story, R Bull.
Friday, June 4
First — 300 yards. Miss Pattys Pick 3.60 3.80 3.20, Hold Me Now 13.00 6.00, On The Map 4.80, Quinella — 64.00, Exacta — 85.00, Trifecta — 162.70, T — 15.54, Scratched — Cute N Peekin, Sheza Perfect Miss.
Second — 4 1/2 furlongs. Lobo Joe 8.60 5.60 5.20, Tixie's Call 3.40 2.80, Mour Run 3.40, Quinella — 10.60, Exacta — 20.00, Trifecta — 32.20, Daily Double — 15.00, T — 53.00.
Third — 400 yards. Royal Medallion 4.20 2.40 2.20, Can Straw Fly 3.40 3.00, Taken On The Coup 4.40, Quinella — 6.40, Exacta — 10.00, Trifecta — 52.00, T — 19.61, Scratched — Maddies Special Turf.
Fourth — 400 yards. Deschutes 77.00 26.00 12.60, Jessica Ravin 7.40 4.60, Royal Silver Classic 3.60, Quinella — 185.80, Exacta — 270.60, Trifecta — 728.30, T — 19.81.
Fifth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Piedra Peak Lad 4.80 3.00 2.20, Joe Two Lips 4.40 2.40, Won For Chopper 2.60, Quinella — 15.20, Exacta — 28.80, Trifecta — 35.00, T — 1:33.80, Scratched — Stranger.
Saturday, June 5
First — 350 yards. Magnificent Linda 29.60 6.80 3.60, Silver Champus 3.40 2.40, Real And Free 2.80, Quinella — 42.40, Exacta — 131.40, Trifecta — 231.00, T — 17.75, Scratched — Peerless Fame.
Second — 5 furlongs. Sandias Peppermint 5.00 2.80 2.40, Smartlildevi 3.00 2.20, Tricky Tactics 2.40, Quinella — 5.60, Exacta — 8.00, Trifecta — 15.60, T — 58.20.
Third — 6 furlongs. Geiger Tiger 16.80 7.00 4.60, Formidibull 3.00 2.80, Dear Bull 5.20, Quinella — 20.80, Exacta — 50.20, Trifecta — 143.10, T — 1:11.20.
Fourth — 5 furlongs. Bay View Sue 19.40 5.80 4.20, Ask Nicely 4.20 3.00, Summer Claim 3.20, Quinella — 27.40, Exacta — 59.00, Trifecta — 143.10, Pick 3 — 48.60, T — 59.40.
Sunday, June 6
First — 7 1/2 furlongs. Marked Private 25.60 8.60 4.00, Really No Saint 9.00 3.80, Redd N Hot 2.80, Quinella — 146.20, Exacta — 767.40, Trifecta — 533.10, T — 1:33.60.
Second — 870 yards. Eye Got Go 23.80 11.00 7.80, Hooked On Snow 6.80 4.20, Storm Kas 4.20, Quinella — 50.60, Exacta — 172.40, Trifecta — 234.90, Daily Double — 176.60, T — 46.09.
Third — 870 yards. Especial Dooley 28.20 10.20 5.60, Magnificent Tyger 4.20 3.00, Sirocco 3.60, Quinella — 42.40, Exacta — 113.20, Trifecta — 212.70, T — 45.84.
Fourth — 300 yards. Corona Ease 34.40 17.20 6.20, First Place Jetaroid 6.40 5.20, Mr Dashing Valentine 7.80, Quinella — 57.80, Exacta — 100.20, Trifecta — 72.80, T — 15.40.
Fifth — 6 furlongs. Purcat 5.00 3.20 2.60, Jenna's Promise 5.00 3.00, Gifted Athlete 3.40, Quinella — 9.60, Exacta — 20.60, Trifecta — 22.80, T — 1:10.60, Scratched — Danny's Alibi.
Sixth — 400 yards. Bully For Moolah 11.20 4.20 3.40, A Flash Of Snow 3.00 3.20, Dash For Fortune 5.80, Quinella — 16.00, Exacta — 68.20, Trifecta — 185.60, T — 20.24, Scratched — Blazen M Straw.
Seventh — 870 yards. JJs Double Dash 6.60 3.60 3.20, Ice On The Rocks 5.20 4.20, Jon Dances Aot 4.00, Quinella — 19.00, Exacta — 34.20, Trifecta — 103.90, T — 45.73.
Eighth — 6 furlongs. Rusty Prospector 4.60 3.20 2.20, Silver Influence 3.80 2.60, Corvyn Bay Keys 2.20, Quinella — 10.60, Exacta — 26.40, Trifecta — 17.90, T — 1:10.20, Scratched — Poison Man Jack, Gold Rush Jones.
Ninth — 6 furlongs. Mr. Zach Man 5.80 4.00 3.20, Easy Too Easy 10.20 4.40, Fortune's Fancy 4.40, Quinella — 84.20, Exacta — 115.80, Trifecta — 563.50, T — 1:10.30.
Tenth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Senor Arugas 9.60 3.80 2.80, Coin Toss 3.40 2.60, Gentleman's Affair 3.00, Quinella — 9.60, Exacta — 31.60, Trifecta — 22.00, Pick 3 — 35.20, T — 1:04.60, Scratched — Texas Dream.
Sunday, June 6
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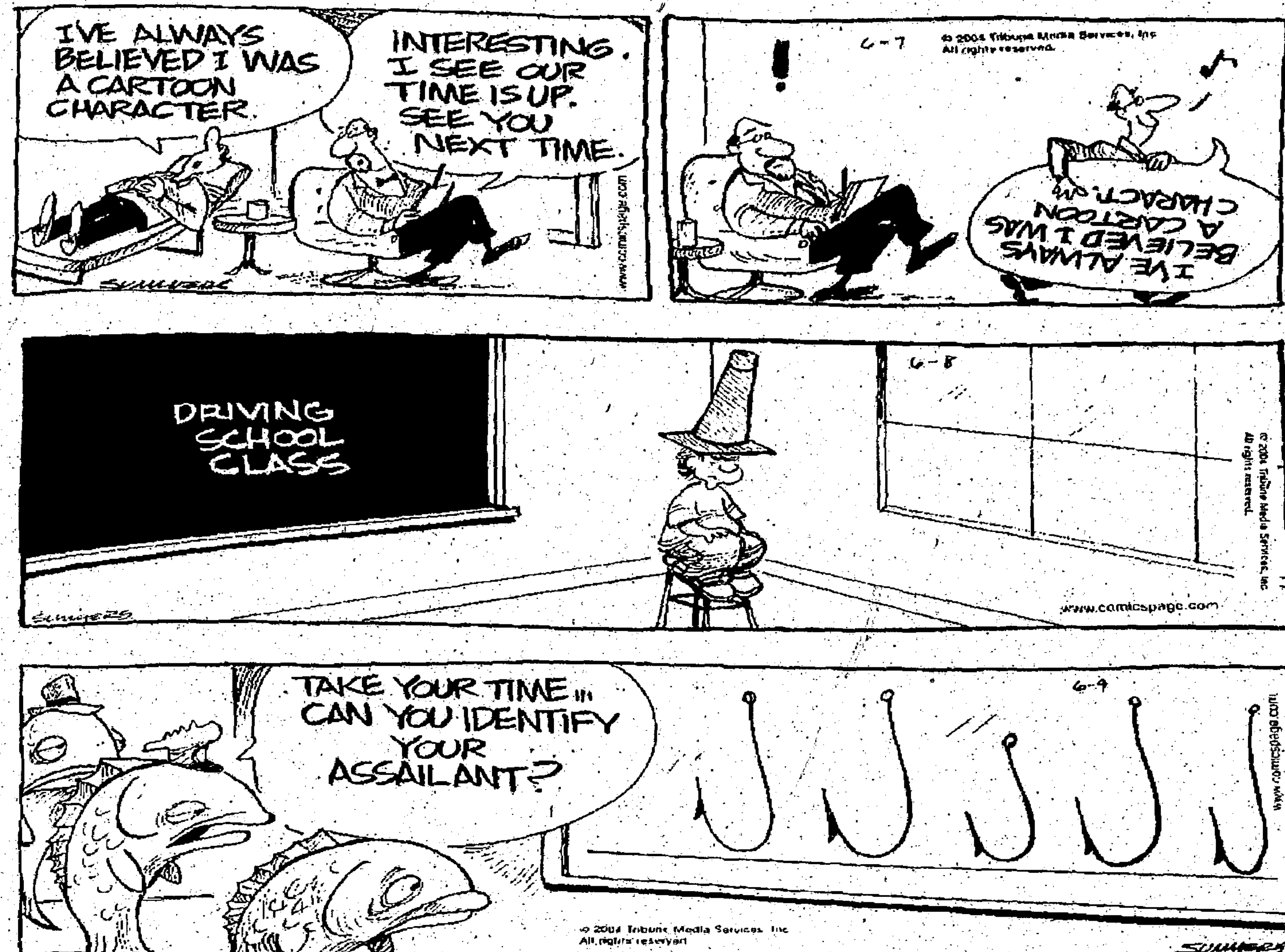
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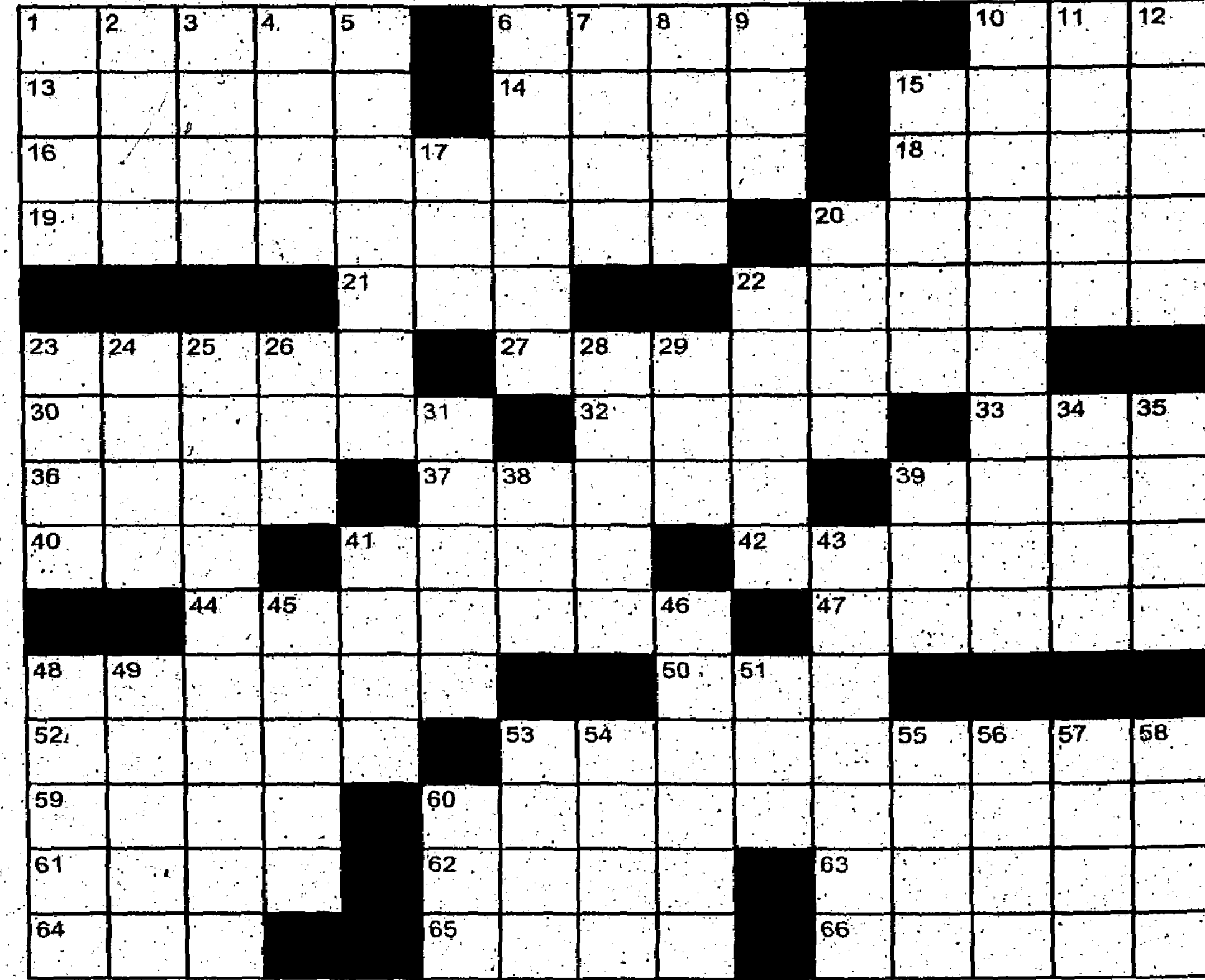
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1. Gondola propeller
6. Willy Wonka's creator
10. Garment bottom
13. Early rocket stage
14. Nobelist Wiesel
15. Valley, Calif.
16. Do some successful sleuthing
18. Electric co., e.g.
19. Nervous state
20. Lord or Lady
21. Rock's Steely
22. Choice word
23. Low men at the Met
27. Board member, perhaps
30. Go to
32. Not fooled by
33. Steal from
36. Cause to yawn, maybe
37. Eat away at
39. Othello was one
40. "... what a good boy ...!"
41. Flip through
42. Sordid stuff
44. Massaged
47. Wound up
48. Nodding off, maybe
50. Clean air org.
52. Washington's Sound
53. Ketchup spills
59. Texas shortstop, familiarly
60. Get acquitted
61. Be dependent
62. Fitzgerald of jazz
63. Tickle pink

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64. Late-night announcer Hall
65. Drinks on tap
66. Stitch anew

DOWN

1. Kellogg-Briand
2. Beastly sort
3. Low in fat
4. SASEs, e.g.
5. Gathered, as wealth
6. Clothed, informally
7. Word of regret
8. Snake's sound
9. Spike or Ang
10. Take off
11. Griffith of the ring
12. Four-times-around-the track runner
15. Honeymooners' accommodations
17. Santa Valley, Calif.
20. Former Yugoslav leader
22. Adlai's 1956 running mate
23. Rummy cake
24. Tiny particle
25. Get lucky while prospecting
26. "Told you so!"
28. TV exec Arledge
29. Stumm Drang
31. Tooth problem
34. Slimy stuff
35. Raised, as dogs
38. Cool, in the '90s
39. Chess pieces
41. Labor Day mo.
43. Biker's wear
45. Poverty-stricken
46. River-mouth formations
48. Bowler's pickup
49. Drew in
51. Touch gently
53. Auction off
54. Lacking color
55. Prefix with photo
56. Notable times
57. Do a critic's job
58. Gush forth
60. Arthur of "The Golden Girls"

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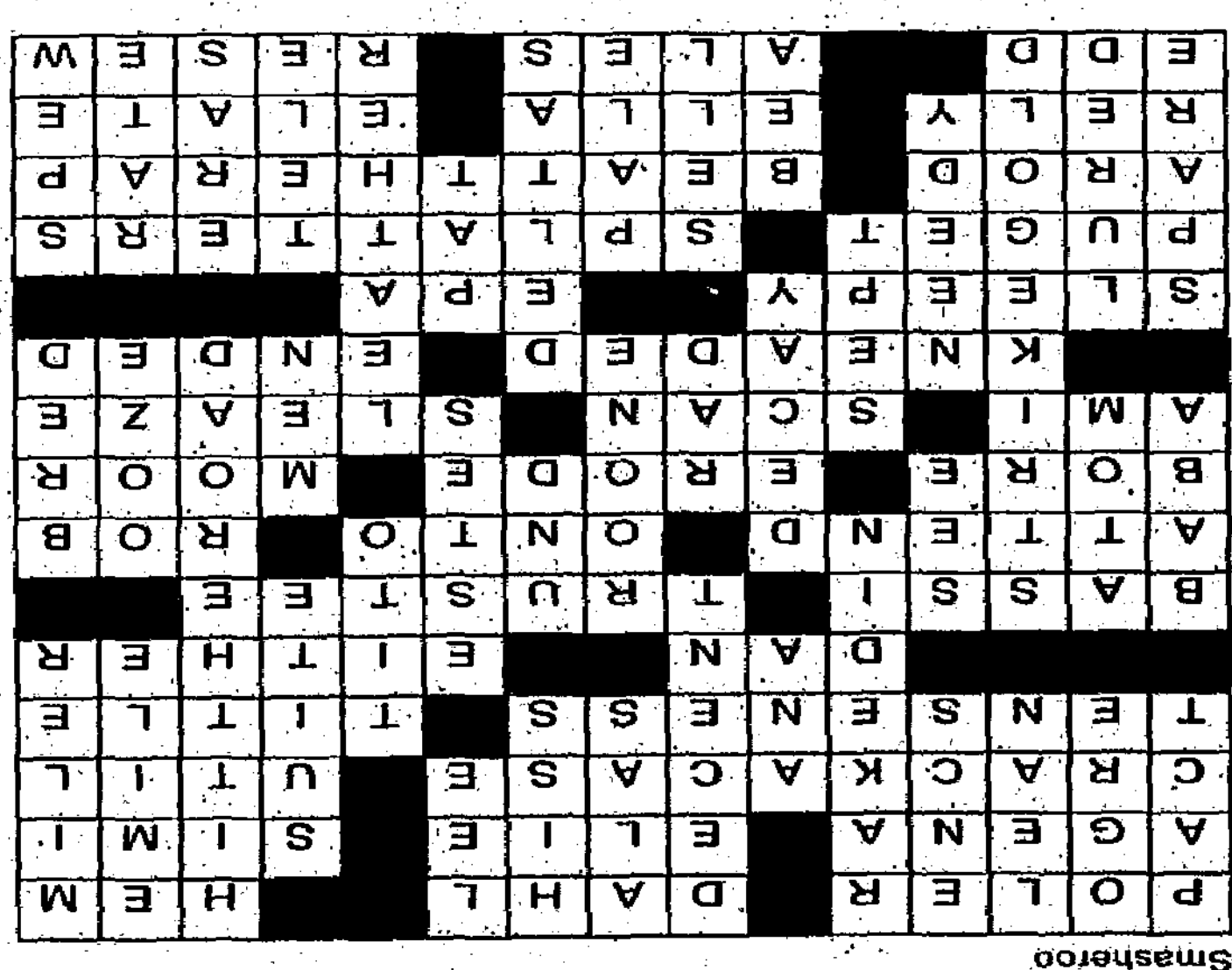
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Camp Sierra Blanca youth pitching in at fire

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Camp Sierra Blanca way is to look beyond the classroom to help the CSB youth develop tools to succeed in life.

Giving each child a challenging experience by utilizing the best of each community is demonstrated again and again as the camp's dedicated staff members accompany the boys as they attend a variety of community service events.

The camp sent a color guard to the recent Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast; their drill team has participated in many local parades and in cleanup before county events. They have also taken part in the county's Trek-for-Trash cleanups.

The most recent service has been in Capitan at the Incident Command Base for the Peppin Fire.

Camp instructors Brady Parks and Victor Montes, and six youth from the camp, are front-and-center early each morning, Monday through Friday, to help do work at the fairgrounds.

The boys began on Memorial Day and, according to Parks and Montes, will continue offering their services until all fire agencies are gone from the area.

The teens have been recycling for the camp by sorting



Brady Parks, far left, watches ICS Receiving Distribution Manager Mike McCrea instruct Camp Sierra Blanca teens how to use the fire hose rolling machine.

plastic and paper as well as hours spent collapsing the thousands of cardboard boxes that are then stacked in a dumpster. They have also been on hand daily to roll fire hoses for the supply area of the camp and pick up litter.

Camp Sierra Blanca rotates the boys that go each day, as some have school requirements to meet. The young men all

delight in the chance to work at the fire base and have begun to see future employment opportunities in the process.

Each day before the youth head back to Camp Sierra Blanca, they take a short educational side trip to learn more about the ICS (Incident Command System).

Several of the youth were amazed and impressed with the

mapping that goes on during the fire. ICS officials explained the mapping process to them and showed them first hand how it was done.

Others were very interested in the possibilities of being Hot Shots (Type 1 Firefighters), having spent some time visiting with them and seeing their equipment and setup on the fire lines.

Tracy Gravelle, base camp manager, was quite impressed with the CSB boys. "They are all very nice, very polite and more than willing to do anything we asked. In fact, they came back wanting more work and I never heard a complaint."

The boys made a sport out of picking up trash. Competing to get to use the trash picking-up tool and who could hit the dumpster from the farthest away, made light work of a job ICS personnel have little time to do.

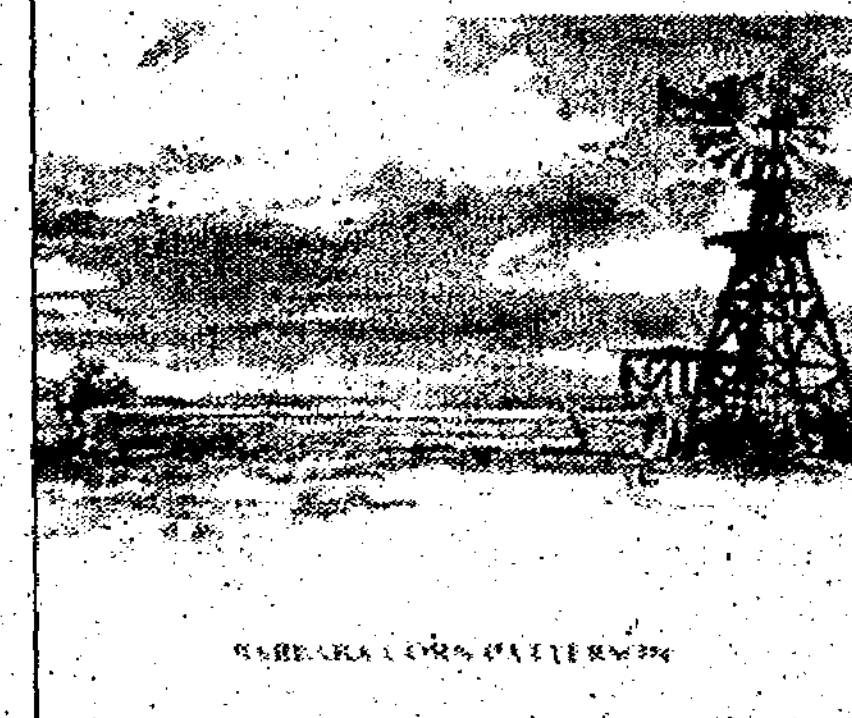
Mike McCrea, a 30-year fire veteran, thought the boys were great fun and easy to get along with. "They are eager to learn and I was very impressed with their enthusiasm. They weren't lazy and they got right in there and did what they were asked to do."

"My experience is it is faster to let them learn hands on," he said as he showed them how to operate the fire hose rolling machine," McCrea said. "About 10 percent of those we work with end up in the fire fighting business."

But the very favorite part of the day for the boys unanimously was the food. The large-portion meals supplied by Houston Trail's End Catering not only fueled the high-calorie-burning fire fighters, but endeared a group of teen boys to their community jobs at the fire base camp.

The Rock House Ranch

My Lazy-A-Bar Days



Author to sign books at 'Zozo Heritage Museum

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

This Saturday, June 12, Barbara Corn Patterson will be at the Carrizozo Heritage Museum to personally autograph copies of her book, "The Rock House Ranch - My Lazy-A-Bar Days."

Patterson will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to share with visitors her experiences as a child growing up on a ranch in southeastern New Mexico.

Barbara Corn Patterson is the fourth-generation descendant of a prominent New Mexico ranching family. She has experienced the West as very few Americans have, and began her book as a way of sharing her life with her grandchildren.

Patterson raised four children on a farm in the Pecos Valley, and recently retired from nursing to pursue her life's dream of seeing the world and writing about her experiences. She still lives in Roswell and maintains the Lazy A Bar brand.

In her book, Barbara tells about growing up on a ranch northwest of Roswell in the 1930s and 1940s -- like it was. There is no gloss, no attempt to candy-coat the realities of growing up on a ranch where the nearest neighbor might be 20 miles distant, where rattlesnakes were part of everyday life, where daily activities were dictated by weather, season, or broken fences.

From that environment emerged men and women who had (and have) strong family values, integrity, and insights into the world that will never be imparted to those who grow up in urban environments and generations removed from the frontier.

Most people who read about the frontier west do not appreciate the integral parts women played in rural life.

Patterson's book details that in every way in an intimate, vivid story.

County FFA kids win scholarships

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

New Mexico FFA members collected more than \$18,850 in state and national scholarships at the awards ceremony June 2 during the annual State FFA Convention at New Mexico State University.

New Mexico has 6,000 agricultural education students, more than 4,000 of whom belong to FFA. Members participate in community service projects, competitions and leadership events that prepare them for more than 300 careers related to agriculture.

State and national and FFA scholarships given to Lincoln County Students are: **Corona:** William Keith Shafer received a \$500 NMSU scholarship sponsored by Pittsburg/Midway coal mining.

Corona: Rachel Lueras received a \$1,500 Monsanto Company and National Association of Farm Broadcasters Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship.

Carrizozo: Brent Dixon received a \$1,000 Ford Trucks Scholarship.

FFA members from 42 chapters statewide collected career development awards and state and national FFA degrees during the FFA convention. More than 850 members and guests participated in state convention activities, including elections and a career fair. About 4,000 of New Mexico's 6,000 agricultural education students participate in FFA, which prepares members for more than 300 careers related to agriculture.

"Convention is the highlight of any FFA member's year," said Mark Runyan, assistant state supervisor of agricultural education. "All participants might not win an award but, they can pride themselves on the fact that they tried."

The leadership sweep-



Brent Dixon

stakes award was presented to the Artesia chapter, which earned the most points in 10 career development events during the week. Chapter advisers are Monte Avery and Justin Lamb.

Seven chapters earned superior awards for participating in 15 required committee areas, which range from chapter projects to community service. The winning high schools are Animas, Artesia, Clovis, Gadsden (Anthony), Hagerman, Harding County, House, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Los Lunas, Mesa Vista (El Rito) and Moriarty.

A total of 141 members earned state FFA degrees by completing two years of agricultural education classes and earning or investing at least \$1,000 in an agribusiness enterprise.

Twelve members earned American FFA degrees, the organization's top honor. Requirements include four years of agricultural education classes. Recipients must be high school graduates who have earned or invested \$7,500 in a supervised agricultural experience program. High-point individuals, degree recipients and first-place teams awards for Lincoln County are:

Capitan. Two state FFA degree recipients: Robbie Burchett and Veronica Reeves.

Corona. Chapter scrapbook winners. Two state FFA degree recipients: Opal Greer and Taos Muncy.

Create a marinade, and tasty grilling is in the bag

A dip in a marinade can transform average grilled foods into fabulous meals. Marinades serve two purposes: they add flavor, and promote crisp, brown exteriors. Because nothing has to be precisely measured, these virtually foolproof concoctions are more forgiving than many recipes. Most can be made in advance and refrigerated in an airtight jar for up to a week.

All you need to create delicious marinades are three basic ingredients: flavorings (such as herbs, spices, and sweeteners); oils to help keep foods pliable and give them crispy crusts; and acids (such as citrus juices, wines, vinegars, or yogurt) to balance the sweetness. Although acids don't actually break down muscle and tenderize meats, they do penetrate the outer 1/2 inch of the surface and soften the flesh, so use them sparingly with delicate fish and poultry.

Marinades need to coat the meats as evenly as possible so to make cleanup easy, put the meat and marinade in a self-sealing plastic bag. Set the bag in a non-metal bowl or shallow dish, and turn the bag occasionally. Marinate in the refrigerator, never at room temperature. Plan on marinating for at least 4 hours to tenderize; to add flavor, 30 minutes is enough. The texture of some meats, poultry, and fish may change if they're marinated too long. If a recipe suggests a



Hints for the Home
BY MARSHA PALMER
LINCOLN COUNTY
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Chipotle/Honey Marinade & Sauce

Meats will get a blast of flavors, all neatly blended, with this make-ahead double-duty mixture. Prep time is 20 minutes.

- 1 pound plum tomatoes, halved and seeds removed
- 1/4 cup canned chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, undrained
- 2 tablespoons snipped fresh oregano
- 1 tablespoon bottled minced roasted garlic
- 3/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt
- cooking oil

Place tomato halves, cut sides down, on a lightly oiled broiler pan. Broil 3 to 4 inches from the heat for 4 to 5 minutes or until skins are charred. Cool until easy to handle. Peel and discard skins.

Place chipotle peppers in adobo sauce in a food processor bowl or blender container. Cover and process or blend until smooth. Add the tomatoes, oregano, and garlic. Cover and process or blend until smooth. Transfer to a mixing bowl. Stir in the honey, molasses, vinegar, sesame oil, cumin, and salt. May be refrigerated, covered, for up to 3 days. Use as a marinade and/or table sauce. Makes about 1 1/2 cups, enough for 2 pounds of meat.

time limit, be sure to follow it.

The Lincoln County Extension office can mail or email you an excellent grilling chart.

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4-H goat, horse clinics rescheduled

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The 4-H Goat Clinic scheduled for June 11 has been postponed until July 10. The All-Goat Clinic, instructed by Cindy Foglesong, is set for 10 a.m. July 10 in the blue barn at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan.

All 4-Hers are welcome and there is no charge.

That same day, in the main arena at the fairgrounds, a

horse clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The clinic will be instructed by Jenny Reed, who for five years was 4-H horse club leader in Iowa. Reed will cover areas such as clipping, grooming, show ring etiquette, and showing at halter and under a saddle.

The horse clinic is free and open to all 4-H-aged youth. Bring your horse and bring your lunch.

For more information or

questions on either clinic, contact the Lincoln County Extension office at 648-2311.

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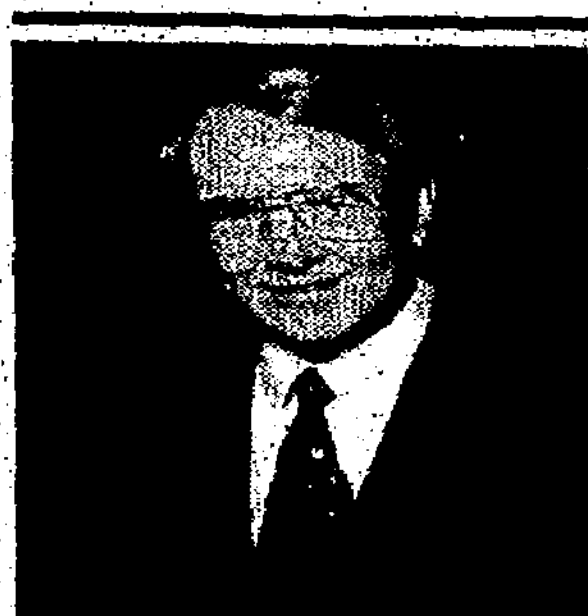
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Childhood trauma can inspire greatness

QUESTION: Do childhood traumas inevitably twist and warp a person in the adult years?

DR. DOBSON:

No. It is well known that difficult childhoods leave some people wounded and disadvantaged, but for others, they fuel great achievement and success. The difference appears to be a function of individual temperaments and resourcefulness.



Dr. James Dobson
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In a classic study called "Cradles of Eminence," Victor and Mildred Goertzel investigated the home backgrounds of 400 highly successful people. The researchers sought to identify the early experiences that may have contributed to remarkable achievement. All of the subjects were well-known for their accomplishments; they included Einstein, Freud, Churchill, and many others.

The backgrounds of these people proved very interesting. Three-fourths of them came from troubled childhoods, enduring poverty, broken homes or parental abuse. One-fourth had physical handicaps. Most of those who became writers and playwrights had watched their own parents embroiled in psychological dramas of one sort or another. The researchers concluded that the need to compensate for disadvantages was a major factor in the drive toward personal achievement.

One of the best illustrations of this phenomenon is seen in the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, the former first lady. Being orphaned at 10, she underwent a childhood of utter anguish. She was very homely and never felt she really belonged to any-

body. According to Victor Wilson of the Newhouse News Service, "She was a rather humorless introvert, a young woman unbelievably shy, unable to overcome her personal insecurity and with a conviction of her own inadequacy." The world knows, however, that Mrs. Roosevelt rose above her emotional shackles. As Wilson said, "From some inner well-spring, Mrs. Roosevelt summoned a tough, unyielding courage, tempered by remarkable self-control and self-discipline." That "inner well-spring" has another appropriate name: compensation!

Obviously, one's attitude toward a handicap determines its impact on his life. It has become popular to blame adverse circumstances for irresponsible behavior; i.e., poverty causes crime, broken homes produce juvenile delinquents, a sick society imposes drug addiction on its youth. There is some truth in this assumption, since people in those difficult circumstances are more likely to behave in destructive ways. But they are not forced to do so. To say that adverse conditions "cause" irresponsible behavior is to remove all responsibility from the shoulders of the individual. The excuse is hollow. We must each decide what we will do with inner doubt or outer hardship.

The application to an individual family should be obvious.

If a child has gone through a traumatic experience or is physically disadvantaged, his or her parents need not give up hope. They should identify his or her strengths and natural

abilities so that the child can use them to overcome the hurdle. The problem that seems so formidable today may become the inspiration for greatness tomorrow.

QUESTION: You have described two extremes which are both harmful to kids, being too permissive and being too harsh. Which is the most common error in Western cultures today?

DR. DOBSON: Permissiveness is more common and has been since the 1950s. But harshness and severity still occur frequently as well. These dual dangers are equally harmful to children and were described by Marguerite and Willard Beecher in their book "Parents on the Run." This is how they saw the two extremes:

"The adult-centered home of yesteryear made parents the masters and children their slaves.

"The child-centered home of today has made parents the slaves and children the masters. There is no true cooperation in any master-slave relationship, and therefore no democracy.

"Neither the restrictive-authoritative technique of rearing children nor the newer 'anything goes' technique develop the genius within the individual, because neither trains him to be self-reliant. The way to raise healthy children is to find the safety of the middle ground between disciplinary extremes."

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Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers.

'Honoring thy father' gets tough when he is behind bars

Q: I know the Bible says we ought to honor our parents, but how can I honor my father when he's disgraced our family by stealing from his company and has now ended up in jail? And he was only a couple of years away from retirement. — Mrs. V.M.

A: I'm sorry your father disgraced your family this way — and disgraced himself as well. Almost everyone who does something like this thinks they won't be caught — but they are wrong. Even if they get by with it now, God knows what they did, for "Everything is uncov-



Billy Graham
MY ANSWER
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ered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account" (Hebrews 4:13).

No, you can't honor him for what he did (at least in this instance) — but you can still honor him for what he is: your father. Nothing can change that, and as time passes I hope you'll be able to remember the good things he did for you over the years, and not just this one bad thing. The Bible's words are still true: "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:16).

Let me add two further comments. First, do what you can to encourage your mother. This is a very hard time for her, and she needs your support. Second, pray for your father. He knows he has failed and he needs your love. More than that, he needs Christ's forgiveness.

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Remembering Ronald Reagan

With the death of Ronald Wilson Reagan, our fortieth president, an era has ended. President Reagan was an answer to the liberalization of government that began with Franklin Roosevelt.

Both men were necessary for our nation... FDR to bring us out of the depths of the depression and RWR to restore optimism and conservatism in the face of rampant liberal rebellion against our culture and its institutions.

As a son of the south, I voted Democrat as my father and grandfather had done before me. But I found myself voting Democrat in the state elections and Republican in the national elections. As I matured, I realized that the two parties, no matter what they were called, had switched philosophies and



Claryfication
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

positions. As a states' rights Democrat, I realized that I was electing candidates to serve in congress who would not cooperate with the man I supported for president.

So, when Ronald Reagan ran for president, I changed political parties. My former party had changed and I had to change parties to stay in step with my personal philosophies and beliefs. So, as I voted for Ronald Reagan, I also voted for the conservative candidates of the Republican Party who would support his presidency.

While there will be millions and millions of words written in the next few weeks about former President Reagan, none will be more expressive of his impact upon our nation than that he engendered hope and

confidence in the American people and their political process. Was he a perfect leader? No, but he was one who was able to rally the people with optimism about America and what our nation stands for.

I thank God for President Reagan and his legacy. America would be a socialist nation had it not been for his deep commitment to democracy and its republic form of government. He gave us help when we needed it and hope when we needed it.

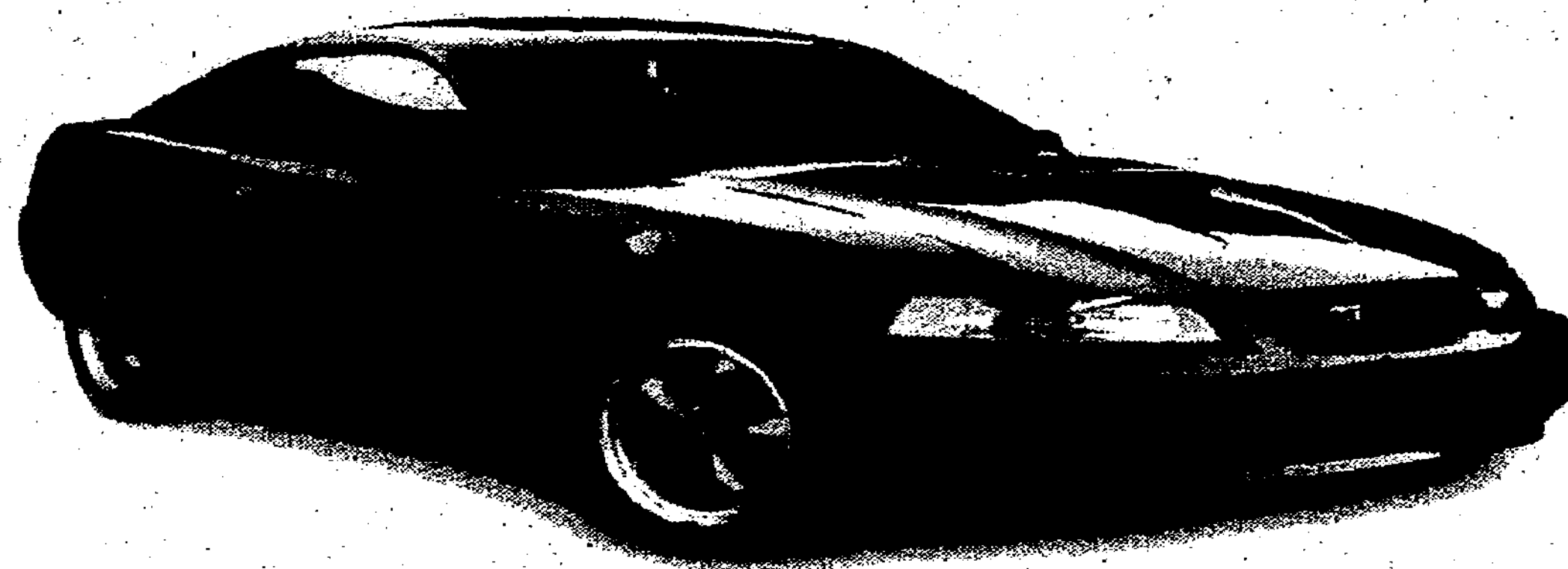
And remember, Jesus is our help for today and our hope for tomorrow.

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WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS

**Dutchover/
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Vanessa Dutchover and Cody Thetford will wed this Saturday, June 12, at the Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso.

The bride to be is the daughter of Joe Dutchover of Capitan and Vanette Carter of Kerrville, Texas. She is studying nursing at Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso.

The groom is the son of Joe Thetford of San Angelo, Texas, and Sherry Thetford of Capitan. He works as a firefighter and EMT for the Ruidoso Fire Department.

Jimmy Sportsman will officiate the ceremony, which will be followed by a reception at the church. Jennifer Dutchover of Capitan will serve as maid of honor. Casey LaGrone and Elizabeth Barraza, both of Comfort, Texas, will complete the bride's party.

Robert Page of Ruidoso has been chosen as the best man. Patrick Hansel of Carrizozo and Cam Thetford of San Angelo, Texas, will also stand by Cody's side.

The couple plans to reside in Ruidoso Downs.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 17, 2004, a daughter, Kalla Rose-Ann Keaton, to Kyra Thompson and Timothy Keaton, 7 lb, 3.6 oz, 19 inches.

May 18, 2004, a daughter, Ayrian Annika Rojas, to LaJaun and Arthur Rojas, Jr., 7 lb, 7 oz, 20 inches.

May 19, 2004, a daughter, Cadence Jaena Beer, to Megan Bomer, 5 lb, 8.4 oz, 18 1/4 inches.

May 19, 2004, a son, Rodney Phillip Pena Jr., to Justina Aragon and Rodney Pena, 7 lb,

20 inches.

May 19, 2004, a daughter, Aireonna Thaliyah Raenae Duffy, to Roberta Starr and Berwyn Duffy Jr., 7 lb, 9.1 oz, 20 inches.

May 20, 2004, a son, Ethan Nathaniel Wooddell, to Peggy and Ryan Wooddell, 6 lb, 6.1 oz, 20 inches.

May 22, 2004, a son, Ryan Angel Segura-Holguin, to Terry and Adolfo Segura, 8 lb, 5.1 oz, 20 1/2 inches.

May 24, 2004, a daughter,

Flora Mae Zaccane, to Corinna Zaccane, 3 lb, 12.9 oz, 17 inches.

May 26, 2004, a daughter, Stormie Brooke Carter, to Jennifer Jiron and Vincent Carter, 8 lb, 6.7 oz, 20 1/2 inches.

May 27, 2004, a son, Brogan Wayne Ray Pacheco, to Natasha Morris and Nicholas Pacheco, 6 lb, 2.9 oz, 18 inches.

May 28, 2004, a daughter, Jordyn Rain Chee, to Jennevilyn Chee, 6 lb, 8.8 oz, 19 inches.

Farmers market opens for season

The Tularosa Farmers Market opened Saturday for Memorial Day Weekend at the Community Center Park (Tularosa Veterans Memorial Park) at the corner of Central Avenue and Bookout Road in Tularosa, the center of the agricultural district in the Tularosa Basin.

Each Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m., more than 12 vendors will offer locally grown fresh eggs and lamb, fruits and vegetables, crafts, transplants, pistachios, pecans, chile, garlic and tomatoes in season.

This year, a drawing of raffle tickets will be held at 10:30 a.m. each Saturday for a grocery bag full of fresh foods and vendor specialties. The food

went quickly last year.

Last year, there were more than 38 farmers' markets across New Mexico, almost twice the number 10 years ago. More than 800 small farmers participated in markets in New Mexico.

Many of the fruits, such as apples, apricots and pears in the Tularosa Basin are Spanish heirloom varieties from the longtime farming community and irrigation system crafted by families when they arrived from Old Mesilla on the Rio Grande.

These varieties "are well-adapted to the local environment with disease resistance and excellent cooking and processing qualities," according to

Ron Walser, an NMSU horticulturist working to reproduce old varieties.

Studies show that fresh produce loses nutrients quickly. Produce flown or trucked in from California, Florida, Chile or Holland is, quite understandably, much older.

Several studies have shown that the average distance food travels from farm to plate is 1,500 miles.

In a week-long delay from harvest to dinner table, sugars turn to starches, plant cells shrink and produce loses its vitality.

Vendors who would like to join the Market should call Joan Price for more information at 585-4983.

NEWS BRIEFS

**Council subcommittee
sets meeting**

The Village of Ruidoso Council's subcommittee to review the Lodgers Tax Task Force will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at the Village of Ruidoso council chambers at village hall.

The subcommittee, which includes council members L. Ray Nunley, Deborah Marcum-Byers and Angel Shaw, is charged with evaluating recent recommendations regarding advertising services and related expenses proposed by the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Task Force.

**Veterans peace vigil
planned for county**

A 24-hour peace vigil is being planned for Lincoln County. The event will be held June 12 and 13 at School House

Park in Ruidoso.

Organized by the Veterans for Peace, the vigil will honor military personnel killed in Iraq through a 150-foot banner presentation. Twenty-five panels will be on display with photographs and specific biographical information about those who have died.

The banners will be displayed starting at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday of that weekend.

The banners have been displayed in Santa Fe and Taos in earlier vigils.

The VFP event is also intended to organize local veterans, and will include a veteran's information table, catered food and a voter registration site.

Individuals and organizations wishing to participate in the vigil should call 258-2430 for more information.

White Sands sets calendar

During July, the White Sands visitor center will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Dunes Drive may be entered from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. All visitors must exit the park by 10 p.m. Entrance fees: \$3 per adult (17 and over), free for children.

Daily ranger-guided activities include Sunset Stroll Nature Walks, daily at 7 p.m. Experience sunset over the white sands and observe the plants and animals of the dune field.

Evening programs held daily at 8:30 p.m. Relax on a white sand dune and enjoy a one-hour slide program or video on some aspect of the natural history or history of the area.

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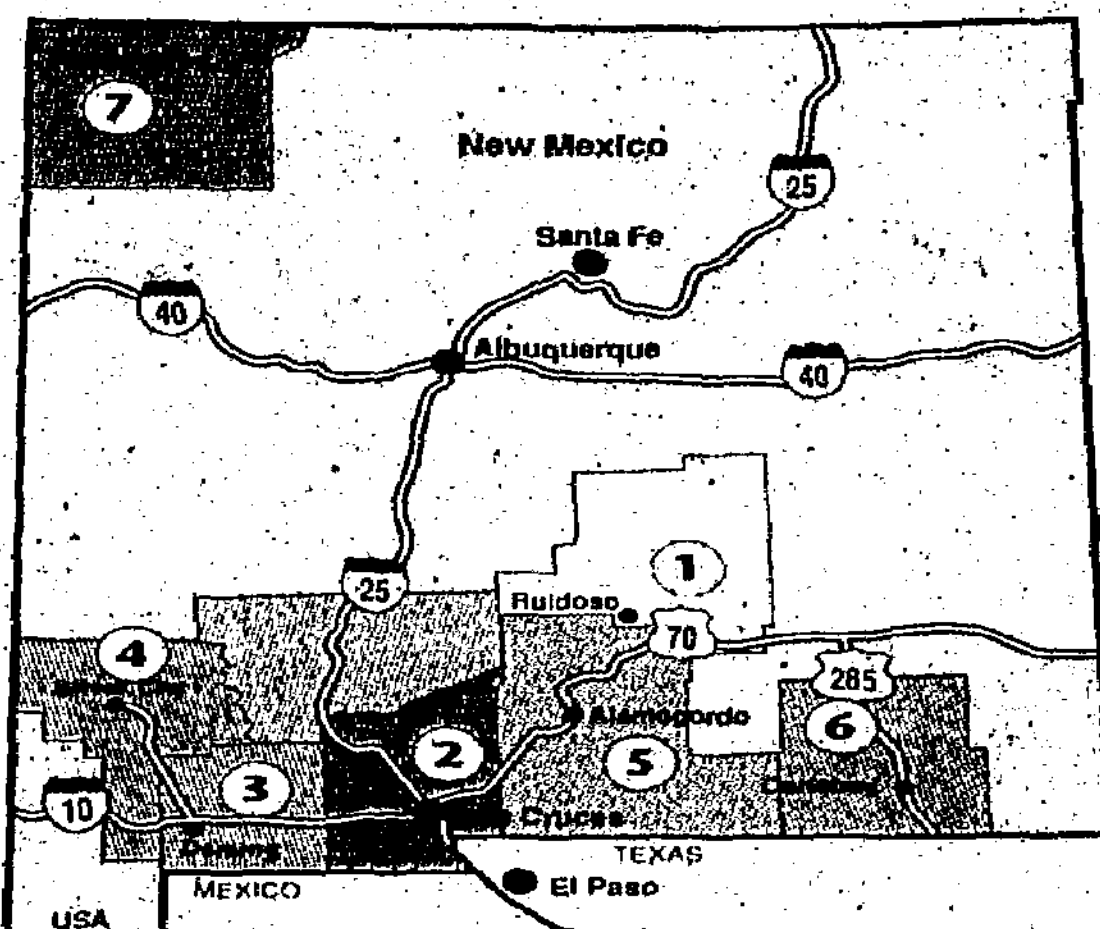
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LOST - CALIFORNIA disabled parking placard. In bright yellow letters it says "Expires June 30th 2005". Lost between Pinon Cafe & George's Thriftshop. If found please call 257-3492.

274 LOST & FOUND

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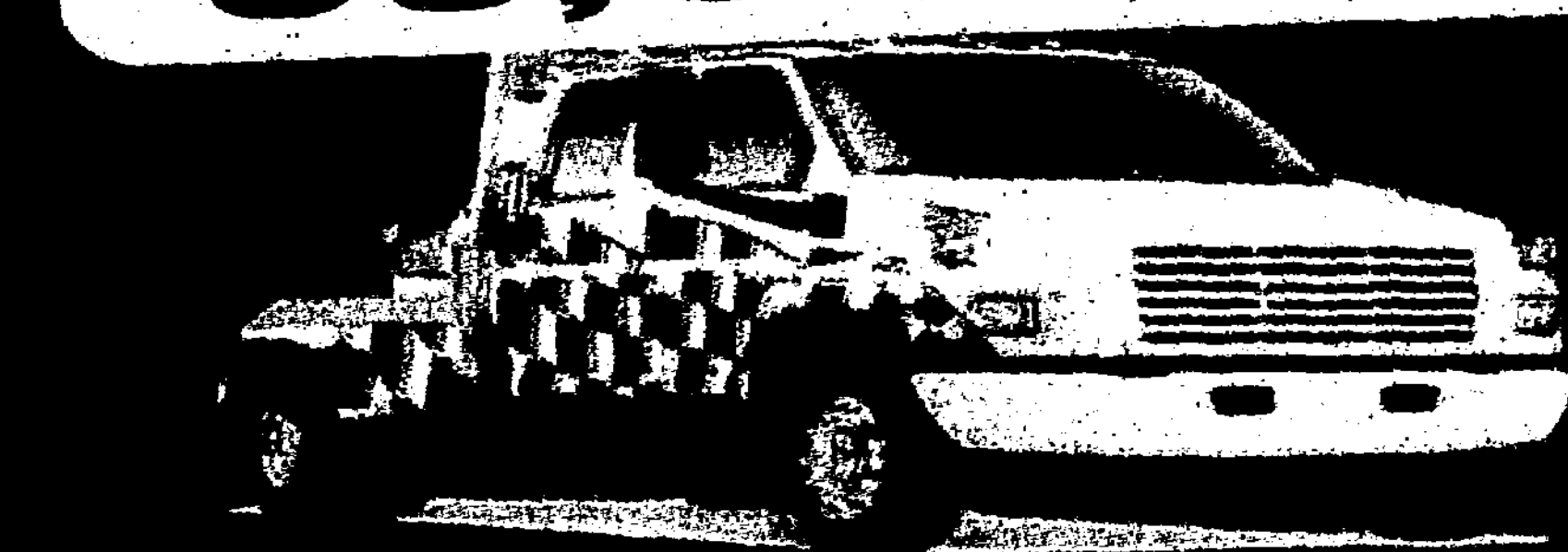
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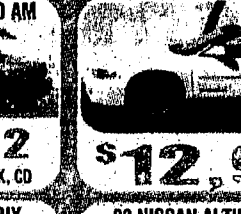

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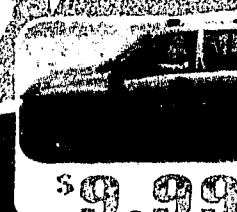
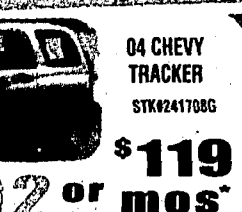
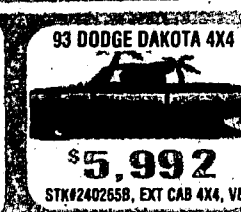
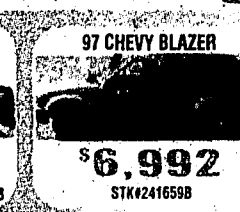
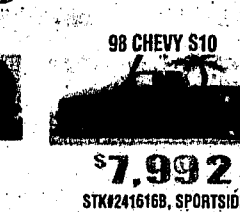

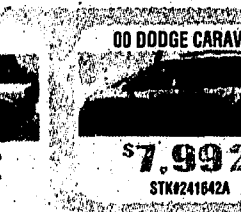

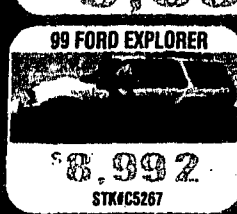
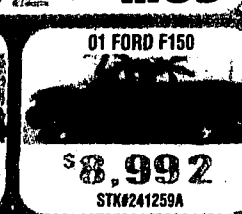
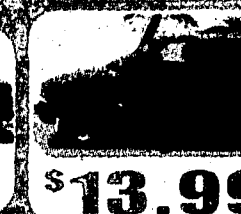
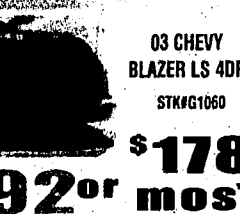
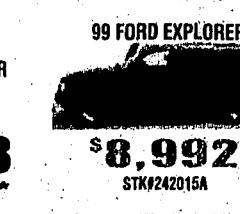
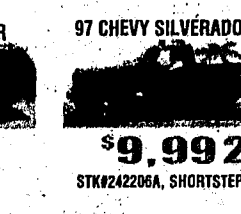
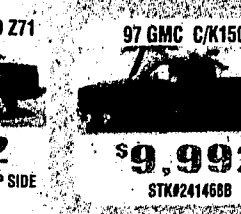




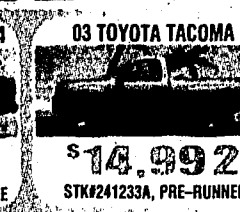

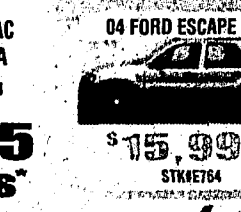
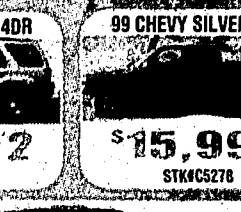
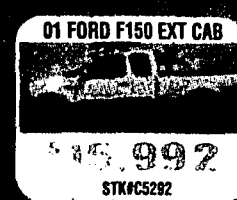
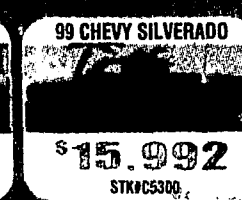
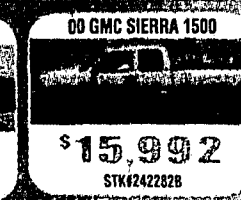

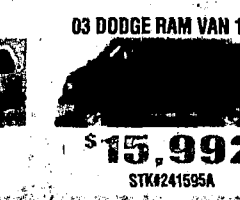
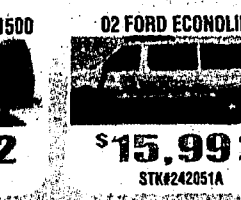
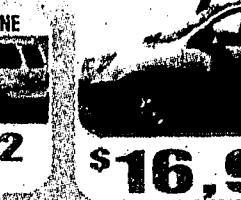
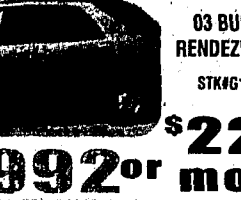
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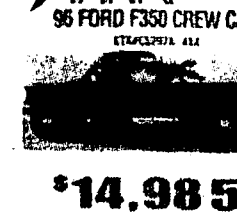
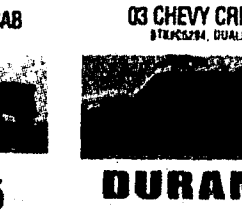
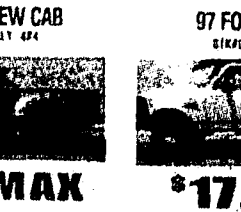
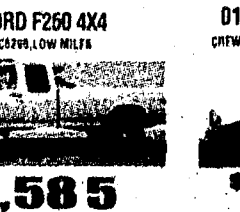

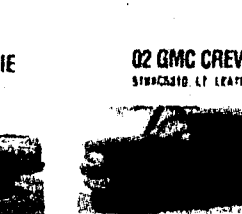
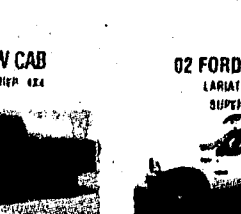

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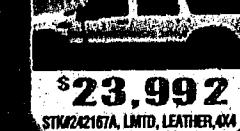
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