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INSIDE

Peppin Fire 95 percent contained

■ The north and east sides are quiet, while tactical burnouts secure the southeast perimeter.

BY NIKI PRICE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

After a month of suppression and 100 square miles of burn, the Peppin Fire is 95 percent contained, officials said Tuesday. More than 13,500 acres, a combination of wildfire and tactical burnout operations, have been added to

the total in the last week.

In all, the perimeter of the fire has grown to 79.96 miles, 14 miles of that still active behind containment lines. The interagency team managing the effort has secured more than 23 miles of line since it took over June 8, said Smokey Bear Hot Shot superintendent Rich Dolphin.

"That fire edge has burned into sparse fuels. The control lines are there, but more than likely they won't be needed -- there's very little activity left," Dolphin said.

Dolphin, who has served as "burn boss" for the current team, oversaw the last burnout operation today, igniting four miles of line on the southeast edge, near Pancho Canyon.

"From here on out, unless activity picks up again, those active areas will be controlled by use of water, retardant or hand crews," Dolphin said.

There has been no activity on the north and east sides of the fire, except for one small spot near Arabela which was quickly extinguished, he said.

To date, government agencies have

spent an estimated \$6,742,247 to suppress the Peppin, which has burned 64,448 acres.

Margo Whitt, fire information officer, said the burn is severe in some places, but healthy in others.

"People may think that it's just black sticks up there, but that's not true," she said. "In the northeast quadrant, where the cabins were lost, it burned very hot in a day of tremendous winds.

"The rest has burned in a mosaic pattern, which is typical of any fire," Whitt said.

Man asks county to move fireworks

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Last year Ed Cillessen loaded all of his livestock into trailers and hauled them a few miles away from his land because he feared how they would react to a 4th of July fireworks display at the county fairgrounds.

Tuesday, Cillessen asked Lincoln County commissioners to either ban fireworks at the annual Smokey Bear Stampede rodeo or to change the ignition point.

His hay barn is about 150 feet from the launch area at the arena in Capitan and his horse barn sits about 400 feet, he said.

"I don't think it's the proper place for it," he said. "It's a big display. Last year, six bottle rockets landed on my property."

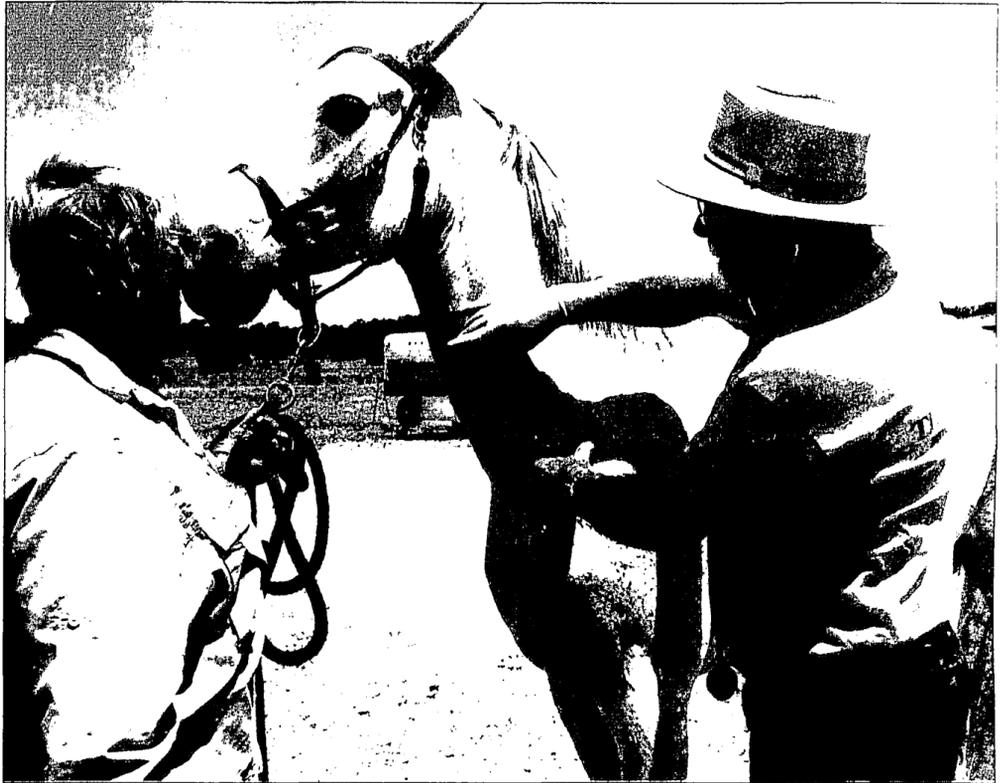
His wife operates a dog kennel and has to sedate the animals there, he said.

"I moved all my livestock off last year so my roping horses wouldn't go bonkers from the banging," Cillessen said. "It's a liability issue. The fireworks are within 50 feet of the grandstand and if they hit under the roof of the building, a lot of people could be injured."

Commissioner Leo Martinez said that if the wind kicked up, a major blaze could start.

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These horses are in it for the LONG HAUL



Veterinarian Barney Fleming from Deming checks out Stoli, an Arabian from Florida while owner Joann Baker watches at the Fort Stanton endurance ride. Roger Taylor (below) is ride manager at the Fort Stanton Multi-Day Endurance Ride and Southwest director of the American Endurance Ride Conference.

■ Hardy horses from around the nation are going the distance in the American Endurance Ride at Fort Stanton.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With her Arabian, Stoli, leading the herd on the short endurance challenge, Joann Baker watched as veterinarian Barney Fleming checked out the horse's readings during some off-time Monday.

She brought him to the annual endurance ride at Fort Stanton from Sanford, Fla., which is a significant change in elevation. But the Fleabitten gray turned in a top performance and was being judged for best of condition in the 35-mile run.

Roger Taylor, Southwest director of the American Endurance Ride Conference and ride manager on the Lincoln County event, said the six-day activity, at the Fort Stanton trail head

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DUTIFUL DAUGHTERS



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Members of the Sierra Blanca Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated Flag Day in School House Park Monday with a flag retirement ceremony. Shown here cutting the flag, to be burned stripe by stripe by the Ruidoso Fire Department, are, from left, Louise Morton, Evelyn Jenkins, Nena Straton, Bobbie Milburn, Susanne O'Malley (half hidden) and Sherry Witt.

Lookout rehab continues

■ Reward offered for information on the source of May 21 ignition.

BY NIKI PRICE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

It's been two weeks since the Cibola National Forest declared victory over the wildland fire near Corona, but investigators are still on the lookout for those who ignited it.

The Lookout Fire, which burned 5,254 acres and destroyed one ranch house, is believed to have sparked from an abandoned warming fire south of the Gallinas Lookout, about 30 miles southeast of Mountainair and eight miles west of Corona.

"The fire was discovered

Friday, May 21, but we don't know an exact ignition time," said Arlene Perea, fire information officer for the Mountainair Ranger District. "There was an attempt to put it out, but it was not completely extinguished."

The Cibola Forest supervisor's office is handling the investigation. Anyone with information about the origin of the Lookout Fire is asked to call Forest Service criminal investigator Terry McGaha at 281-3304.

By the time the Lookout Fire was controlled June 1, it had burned 259 acres of private ranch land, 4,995 public acres, one outbuilding, two electronic tower sites and the Sanchez ranch. Suppression costs are estimated at \$1.5

million.

The hardest hit areas, Perea said, were stands of ponderosa pine, although some damage occurred in piñon-juniper regions. This week, a team of eight forest workers is working on rehabilitation on 3,000 of the most badly burned patches.

"Erosion control is a top priority now," Perea said. "The team will be looking at different ways to do that, including laying straw to create water diversions, to keep the water from channeling so much."

The crew is spreading mulch, removing hazard trees, treating roads and trails, and replacing culverts

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Announcements

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County; 1096 Mechem, Suite 201, Lincoln Tower. Information: 258-4185.

BSA Cub Pack 95; Meetings monthly; time and place TBA. Call 378-5623 for information.

Lincoln County Chess Club; Looking for members to start meeting. New players, all levels welcome. 354-8036

Every day

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

Wednesday, June 16

Weed Warriors, 8 a.m. Meet across from Pioneer Bank. Bring gloves.

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

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

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.

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

Wilderness Camp Swim Day; Parks and Recreation participating children need to bring sunscreen, swimsuit, a change of clothes and extra money. Drop off at the Ruidoso Public Swimming Pool.

Thursday, June 17

Shuffleboard tournament; Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, 1 to 4 p.m. 378-4659.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086; 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70. 257-2607.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 7:15 p.m. Saturday in Room 146 (by the gym) at First Baptist Church,

270 Country Club Drive. Call Dawn at 937-0844, Dean at 937-5546, or Josie at 378-5621. Or, write to HCR 46, Box 447, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346.

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.

Zia Girl Scout Council; 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Leaders encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in Girl Scouts may attend. (505) 437-2921

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 18

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

Line Dancing; Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Friday & Saturday, June 18 & 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. 505-257-1201, mmoorhead@state-nationalbank.com.

Friday-Sunday, June 18-20

Western Roundup. Cloudcroft. Parade, Old West and cowboy activities. Barbecue, pie auction and campfire on Friday, parade and dance on Saturday. 505-682-2733.

Saturday, June 19

Spring Fling Rod Run Car Show. Ruidoso, Schoolhouse Park, 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. Det. Doug Babcock, 505-257-7365.

Jackie Spencer Legacy Benefit Dinner. Spencer Theater, Alto, 6 p.m. Presented for Spencer Theater contributors and guests, featuring the James Dapogny Chicago Jazz Band and a five-course dinner. 888-818-7872 or www.spencertheater.com.

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

VIEW FROM THE TOP



Jerry and Felicia Gustaitis, along with their son, Dustin, were in Ruidoso Saturday enjoying a weekend away from their El Paso home. The family stopped at the scenic overlook on Ski Run road and watched the Peppin Fire burning in the distance. Felicia Gustaitis is pictured above.

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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.

Spinning Bee; Meets from 9 a.m. to noon, third Saturday mornings at La Placita in Lincoln. 354 7040.

Saturday & Sunday, June 19 & 20

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. 505-257-3542.

Mountain Park Cherry Festival. High Rolls Community Center (3/4 mile off Hwy. 82), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Arts, crafts, cherry cider, pies and more. Betty, 505-682-1151.

25-27 Bluegrass Festival. Camp Chimney Spring, near Cloudcroft. Marsha, 505-687-3520.

Monday, June 21

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.

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

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

White Mountain Search & Rescue; 7 p.m. third Monday of the month in the conference room at Ruidoso Police Station on Mechem Drive. 378-5237 or 257-2339

Line Dancing; Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 22

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.

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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.)

Republican Women of Lincoln County; Noon the fourth Tuesday of each month. Board meeting at 11 a.m. 336-7038

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 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 23

Weed Warriors, 8 a.m. Meet at Mechem, just south of Farley's. Bring gloves. The Weed Warriors meet every Wednesday at spots throughout town to kill invasive weeds. Information, 258-1347 or e-mail carfelder@zianet.com.

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. For locations, call 257-7365.

Ruidoso Shrine Club; 6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month at Cree Meadows restaurant. Info, 258-5860.

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Indigent rehab up for discussion

Commissioners disagree with funding for chemical dependency treatments.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two commissioners balked Tuesday at the thought of paying for the rehabilitation treatment of chemically addicted indigent residents.

"Philosophically, I have a problem that the people of this county have to pay for it," Commissioner Earl Hobbs told John Cooper with the New Mexico Rehabilitation Center in Roswell. "It's not their fault (addicts) are in trouble."

Cooper was asking that his agency be placed on the list of medical treatment entities eligible to file for reimbursement from the county's indigent fund. Cooper said typically those receiving rehabilitation for head injuries, multiple trauma and hip replacements are covered by insurance or

Medicare, but chemical dependency patients usually aren't working, are uninsured and indigent.

Hobbs wasn't alone in his opposition, although he ended up casting the only vote against the motion to include the agency.

Tony Seno, who heads the county's Libertarian Party, said, "It's not fair to coerce money out of me to pay for someone else's addictions."

He contended Alcoholics Anonymous and similar organizations for drug dependency do a better job for much less money that the government.

Commissioner Rick Simpson agreed with Seno.

"These people are out partying while I'm out working and I'm paying for their rehabilitation," he said. However, that's the system until something comes along that makes more sense, he said.

That better system should require that, once rehabilitated

"... I have a problem that the people of this county have to pay for it. It's not their fault (addicts) are in trouble."

Earl Hobbs
Lincoln County Commissioner

and working again, people who were treated for addictions be required to pay back the money, Simpson said.

Cooper said the program costs about \$6 million a year and he receives \$4 million in reimbursements and \$2 million from the state. He can survive in 2005 with the last of the state money and still provide services.

But in 2006, without help from counties receiving benefits from the program and the loss

of state money, he will have to cut services, Cooper said.

This year to date, 11 Lincoln County residents were admitted to the 21-day residential treatment program, he said. Of the 60 percent of former clients the agency is able to track after they leave, 95 percent are "clean and sober" after 30 days, he said.

The charge for treatment per day runs up to \$350, he said. For 21 days, that would total \$7,350.

Rhonda Burrows, county medical indigent care administrator, said the county caps its reimbursement per client at \$1,000 and \$35,000 per provider. Each person treated will have to be screened and qualified as indigent for a bill to be considered, she said.

"I still think New Mexico, with a population of 1.6 million, can better handle this than the 19,000 residents in Lincoln County," Hobbs said.

Highway paving today

Crews will begin to pave the east side of the N.M. Hwy. 48 roadway today, according to Alan Briley of WW Construction Inc., the project contractor.

At 7 a.m., crews will begin paving the finished roadway from the top of Angus Hill, south to the beginning of the project just north of Ski Run Road.

During this paving, driveways and major road intersections will be closed for period of about 20 to 30 minutes. Flagmen accompanying the paving crews will stop traffic from driving over the newly paved roadway.

The contractor will roll and cool down the asphalt so that traffic can travel on it within 20 to 30 minutes.

Briley is asking for a little patience while the paving is going on, noting that it will only be a short time before they can drive on the new road.

The paving crews will be working until about 8 p.m. every day until this paving portion is done. This includes paving construction on Saturday and Sunday of this weekend if necessary.

For major road intersections such as Airport Road and the Alto/Kokopelli entrance, he asked drivers to consider alternate routes if they can't wait.

For instance, if the construction is at Airport Road, traffic can go back to Old Fort Stanton Road and exit at the Alto intersection of Highway 48 and vice versa if the construction is at Alto intersection. The two intersections will not be constructed at the same time, so one or the other will be open.

This phase of the construction calls for lifts. Once crews pass a given intersection or driveway, they will repeat the process in another day or two.

Once the five inches of pavement is in, traffic will be allowed on the newly constructed pavement, and work will start on the west side of the roadway.

FIREWORKS: Move to wetlands?

FROM PAGE 1A

"With what's going on now, we should look at all fireworks — here and at the Spencer (Theater for the Performing Arts)," he said. "I think they're both wrong."

But Chairman Rex Wilson said he's reluctant to just say no.

Instead, county manager Tom Stewart will contact the president of the fair board about possibly moving the igni-

tion site to the sewage treatment wetlands northeast of the fairgrounds. That could be better viewing for people in the grandstand, anyway, Cillessen said.

"I like Ed's suggestion to take it farther out," Stewart said. He also will consider weather conditions before issuing permits at either the Spencer or the fairgrounds, Stewart said.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs said he loves fireworks. "But in the present circumstances in this area, I'm for banning all fireworks, including commercial displays."

Individual fireworks already are banned. However, the county seat of Carrizozo, which lies in the less-forested flatlands, does allow a fireworks display each year by the local fire department within the municip-

pal limits.

Capitan resident Doris Cherry said fireworks have been part of the stampede for just a few years and are not a tradition.

"If the county was wet and green, it would be different," Hobbs said. But all anyone has to do is drive out and watch the Peppin Fire burning in the Capitan Mountains to realize it's not worth the risk, he said.

LOOKOUT: Fire restrictions tightened

FROM PAGE 1A

in tributaries. Grass and tree seeds are being spread through aerial application, Perea said.

Fire restrictions on the Cibola were tightened this week, as resources shifted to a new blaze. The Sedgwick Fire, 17 miles west of Grants, grew to 2,500 acres Monday.

In the Mountainair District, nearest to Lincoln County, as

well as the Sandia, Magdalena and Mt. Taylor districts, the following rules are in effect.

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal broiler, coal or wood stove are prohibited. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed anywhere on the national forest.
- Smoking is prohibited,

except within an enclosed vehicle or building.

- Personal-use firewood cutting will not be allowed until further notice. Extensions will be granted to individuals with existing personal-use permits.
- Fireworks are prohibited on all national forest lands.

For more information concerning the Cibola National Forest, contact Mark Chavez or Karen Carter at (505) 346-

3900. Additional fire information can be obtained at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire> or call the fire hotline toll free at (877) 864-6985.

Correction

Friday's Ruidoso News published a letter from Anne Wilson Twite that was incorrectly edited.

The original text stated that KEDU offers Spanish programming on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, and children's programming on Saturday mornings.

KEDU's complete programming schedule may be found on the Web site: www.kedu.us

ENDURANCE: Annual Ft. Stanton event

FROM PAGE 1A

off State Highway 220, drew more than 100 horses and riders from all over the United States — including Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Tennessee, California and Arizona — as well as Canada.

"They can ride the 65-mile or 35-mile competition," he said. "If they do all six days, they will go 330 miles. Yesterday, 62 horses competed and there are 52 today. They do three days and then take off Wednesday and come back for the last three days."

Some switch horses, others stay on the same mount for the entire competition, sanctioned by the AERC. Veterinarians check the horses along the

way. Members of the AERC and officials with the federal Bureau of Land Management, which is responsible for the Fort Stanton Reservation, joined together to develop the area, Taylor said.

"Now we have more than 200 miles of permanent trails," he said. "The volunteers found

and surveyed them and the environmentalist checked them out. We also have a potable water system, with water from Capitan."

The parking lot Monday spilled over with trailers and recreational vehicles, interspersed with corrals full of horses. The event is an annual draw to Fort Stanton.

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OUR OPINION

Will village council heat result in light?

Councilors, mayor, attorney in multiple clashes

It's been said that democracy is the least efficient form of government. One might say also, as a corollary, that it's the messiest.

Take a look at recent Ruidoso Village Council meetings, with clashes between council members, between mayor and council member, between council member and hired village attorney. Split votes requiring tie-breaking by the mayor...

Messy stuff, not a bit efficient. Undoubtedly disturbing, if you have any special interest about the issues — community radio or auditing of contractual services.

All substantially different from recent administrations, when generally the mayor was an orchestra conductor, keeping every player in tune.

Michele Rebstock wanted a special audit of a contract for legal services.

Deborah Marcum-Byars wanted to know how a private entity got a copy of the village's 40-year water plan before the council had a chance to see it.

Both arguments involved contracted village attorney John Underwood, who himself has been the center of a storm since he said he would be seeking higher fees during the last year of his contract.

Don Williams sought support for the community radio station, KEDU.

Those council members ran squarely into defeat via a mayoral tie-breaker, and some heated comment. But that heat brought forth a bit of light to the observant.

The good thing about it is that it was done in public session, not behind closed doors...and proving the rest of that thing about democracy: Not efficient, but no better form of government anywhere.

Gather 'round, kids; here's the scoop on the Happy Days

And the Judds sing... "Grandpa, tell me 'bout the good old days, sometimes it feels like this world's gone crazy."

Gather 'round, young ones.

Here's the thing: We weren't all that different, way back there in the Happy Days '50s. Boys liked girls. Girls liked boys. The girl-girl, boy-boy stuff was probably going on, but you never heard about it.



LOOKING ASKANCE NED CANTWELL

Crazy us, back then we thought it helpful to wait until after the wedding ceremony before moving in together. We didn't think the bride and groom should help make the bed the morning of the wedding.

Just like you, we liked to dress cool. But young girls didn't wear shorts falling off their butts, and if they did, you wouldn't see tattoos on their backsides. About the only time we saw a tattoo was when some guy's older brother came home after six years in the Navy, or maybe when we went to see the fat guy at the circus sideshow.

All the stuff you like, we liked, too. Except maybe drugs. We didn't do a lot of drugs back in the '50s. When we told our parents, "we're going out for some Coke," we meant a soda pop.

Drag racing? Look, there was a front-page story in the *Albuquerque Journal* last week about how kids in that town cruise Montgomery between Eubank and Wyoming looking for action. Drivers exchange cocky glances, girlfriends cuddle close and gaze adoringly, engines rev, the race is on.

One 16-year-old girl told the reporter she was drag racing her dad's pickup and "he had no idea she was racing it." Like dad will

read that and somehow not connect the dots; OK, maybe we were a little smarter back in the fifties.

We cruised Sierra Way above Highland in San Bernardino. Same deal. Engines roar, tires squeal. Here's the difference in our generations. It is in how society reacts to any given event. Albuquerque confronted its street drag racing by establishing a "Barely Legal Drag Night" at the city's dragway.

The modern attitude is, this is not good for the kids, poor darlings, or the public, so let's give them an alternative.

Back then, the attitude was, this is not good for the kids, poor darlings, or the public, so let's arrest them. And they did. Including me. (*Grandpa!*) Extra heaping of humiliation: I lost the race.

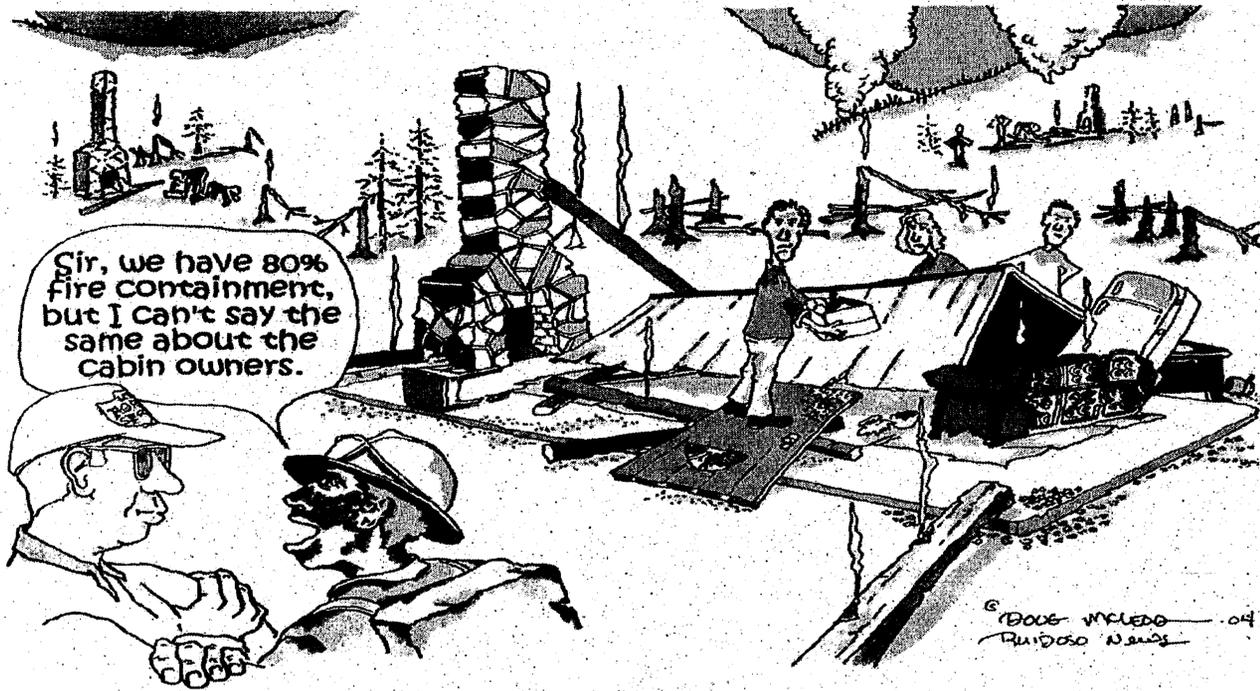
Since confession is good for the soul, and since the statute of limitations is long expired, I will admit this teenager was frequently cited for loud mufflers. The drill was, get the problem fixed, take the car to a police station, rev the pipes, and have the cop give you an "atta boy" pat.

The cops never figured out, and I never told Brother Bill whose quiet Ford was the same model as mine, that I would simply switch license plates and drive his car to one of the numerous stations located in the vicinity of Redlands. It would not have been pretty had the cops figured me out and issued unsuspecting Bill an arrest warrant for "conspiracy to dupe law enforcement."

And the Judds sing: "And Grandpa, take me back to yesterday, when the line between right and wrong didn't seem so hazy."

A little hazy, maybe.

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YOUR OPINION

Fire 'briefing' presented an ugly view of Capitan

To the editor:

I am writing ... in response to the recent "briefing" held in Capitan by Mayor (Steve) Sederwall, USFS and the State Forestry Division. The briefing was meant to inform residents of the status of the fire and give us more information about what made this fire such a big one. If you were present at that meeting you know we were short changed on the information, not by the USFS or the State Forestry Division, but by our own citizens. There were some in the audience that were so hell bent on their own opinions and maybe the possibility of being on TV that they interrupted what was a very informative and professional presentation.

The rude, obnoxious comments made were not only uncalled for but they were made out of ignorance. I had written this letter originally addressing some of those comments directly. After venting on paper, I made the decision that those comments were not worth responding to. If you were not at this meeting, be glad of it. Those of us who were present and willing to be educated about this important situation left feeling degraded, embarrassed and angry ... not at the USFS or State Forestry but because some of our citizens made it seem that our community was ungracious and unwilling to be educated and work together.

My goal ... is to openly applaud the USFS, the State Forestry, and all of the support staff that have left their families and homes many miles away to come and take care of "our mountain." After all, they are the professionals and they are out there putting it on the line. If you don't understand what is going on up there and you are willing to listen and open your mind a bit, just ask. It is amazing what goes into an operation of this magnitude. Of course, as is in all dangerous situations, decisions must be made or changed at any given moment and the priority of those decisions is always to preserve human life. Thank you for being the men and women you are and stepping up and taking responsibility. No lives have been lost, that is the number one priority, right?

Lets talk a little about "our mountain" and responsibility. First of all, God gave us this mountain, and it's unique as they come. Some of you may not realize that it is the only mountain range in the United States that runs east and west. And most everybody knows it is "Smokey Bear's Mountain." Capitan has reaped the benefits of Smokey Bear's Mountain for many years. How long did we think we could continue to take from the mountain without giving back? If we truly believe that mountain is "a part of our soul," we would have known what kind of shape it was in. For years the ranchers have fought to have things taken care of up there. For years, the government has allowed it to continue. There is no food or water up there for the

animals; not to mention (that) the streams that run down below have been dry for years. Just what does Smokey Bear represent if not the well being of the forest? We as citizens of Capitan have been fortunate to reap the rewards of the mountain because of Smokey. The truth be known he has been rolling over in his grave at the condition his home was in. Now once again the mountain will be beautiful and productive, thanks to the efforts of the USFS the State Forestry and their support crews. Yes, it may take time to see a dramatic improvement, but it will come.

We have had quite a show to watch for the past few weeks. The smoke and the glowing night shows have been dramatic to say the least, but the mountain is not a complete loss. Rehabilitation has already begun to take place in some areas and some areas have been left unburned completely. There will be other situations come up ... because of the fire and we will have to deal with them as they do. If we have the willingness to be educated, the information is there for us. Just ask. All of the people in this operation from the operations managers to the hot shots and firefighters have been nothing less than professional and helpful in every way.

I challenge Capitan and the surrounding community to come forward and make it known that we do appreciate the work being done and help make these people feel at home here in our town. What a great way to be remembered.

Mozell Sparks
Capitan

The tie-breaker

To the editor:

I wish to express my great disappointment with (Mayor) Leon Eggleston's tie-breaking "nay" votes on both the request for radio services and the request for audit of legal and water consultant services.

On the other hand, (his) vote is just a further confirmation for me of (his) unsuitability to serve as the mayor of this village.

It is refreshing to see those village council members who are now challenging the long-term status quo of the big-money boys and the good-ole-boy network that has for too long dominated Ruidoso's economy and politics. I can only hope that in the future we see more such thinkers elected to the council.

J.L. Schuller
Ruidoso

Outrageous story

To the editor:

The article by Dianne Stallings on Wednesday, May 26, concerning Tom Battin politics and the LCMC Auxiliary outrages me. That there is a story here at all is evidence of the political bias of

this reporter and the newspaper that allows her to continue reporting in this manner, even though Dianne and Leo Martinez were told by Alan Morel that there was no merit to the situation. Dianne received a fax from the current Auxiliary president, Nellie Ruth Jones, prior to the article being written, outlining the entire event, proving that Ms. DeLaDuranty was incorrect in her recollection, and she still chose to print her untrue article.

I was at the meeting, along with 30 other Auxiliaries, when Tom Battin attended our pre-meeting coffee time. I was with Tom and heard his conversations as he spoke to individual Auxiliaries. He never spoke of politics or running for county commission. He did not address the group, and he was not introduced by Jim Gibson or anyone else.

The distortion of this article saddens me. Clearly the truth is not important to this reporter as she chooses to write her version even when given the truth. If she was interested and focused on the truth, she would be writing about the sudden shift in Leo Martinez's stand on selling the hospital for his re-election campaign after being against the hospital for five years. Or perhaps she would write about how insulting he was to the Auxiliary attending the last commission meeting when he began his condescending lecture to them regarding their knowledge of what a "mill" stands for. Even an article on Leo's suggestion that the Auxiliaries be frisked before entering the commission chambers (maybe he is afraid of senior voters) would be an accurate account of his actions.

It is this reporter's failure to report the truth and Leo's half truths, distortions, innuendos, and disruptive behavior that "anger" the Auxiliary.

Cecil Ellis
Ruidoso

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Local contractor raises question of unplugged wells

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An unplugged abandoned well in Lincoln County constitutes a pipeline directly into the county's underground water supply.

It's an open invitation to pollution, a hazard to animals and small children, even an access point for possible terrorists, says Frank Henry.

He's worried about wells acquired by the state Transportation Department as part of several properties needed to widen U.S. 70 through Hondo Valley.

None of them have been plugged, he insists.

"Every home they bought has a water well," Henry said. "They're just left open. They need to be plugged."

The licensed well driller says he knows what he's talking about after plugging more than 1,500 wells during his career.

"I'm just trying to prevent something," he said. Money available through Homeland Security could be used to plug them, he contended.

"If they bulldoze over them, you've got to go digging to find them and plug them later," he said.

Mary Ann Wootton, public relations liaison with Sierra Blanca Constructors, said the company and state will follow all legal requirements. Safety is the key, she said.

"I don't think the wells are in the proposal," she said. "We will have to ask the state what to do. I know one land owner wants access to a well."

The company also may use some of the wells to provide water while the widening project progresses, she said.

She disputes that as many as 10 wells may be open.

"We didn't relocate that many people, only a half dozen or fewer," she said.

Gary Shubert, district engineer with the transportation department, said wells not

actively used will be capped with a welded top. And Ralph Meeks, construction coordinator on the project, added that he offered to walk the property with Henry to identify the wells. But to date, Henry hasn't taken him up on the offer.

While state regulations only require the plugging of abandoned artesian wells, Paul Saavedra, assistant director of water rights with the State Engineer's Office, said he would encourage the state to seal all abandoned wells under its control along the right of way. The issue is liability.

"It is the responsibility of the owner," he said "If something happens, they are liable."

The problem with trying to regulate well plugging is that unless someone applies for a change of location, his office has no way of knowing when a well is abandoned, Saavedra said.

Artesian wells must be plugged with cement, but shallow wells usually are handled by filling them in with dirt or removing the casing and welding a cap, he said.

Water rules and regulations are being revised and updated, the assistant director said. They will require plugging of wells to a higher specification, but the problem of tracking still will exist, he said.

Shubert said most of the casings on wells along the easement are six inches or less in diameter and shouldn't be a risk for humans.

"We're trying to get all the property issues resolved," he said.

Part of the problem was that U.S. 70 through Hondo is a design-build project, he said. State officials knew additional right of way would be needed, but they weren't sure how much because the design was not finished. What is determined not essential may be sold back to the previous owners or others. That's one reason the state is not moving ahead with cap welding immediately,

charged with evaluating recent recommendations regarding advertising services and relat-

ed expenses proposed by the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Task Force.

Recommendations for well safety

Worries over possible contamination of ground water from abandoned wells isn't new.

In 1977, a study containing well plugging recommendations was compiled by three researchers with the National Water Well Association in Worthington, Ohio, in cooperation with the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The study contained 12 recommendations that included:

• Well abandonment procedures should be written for different hydrogeological environments and types of wells because one single method will not be suitable.

• States should make provisions for plugging of all existing abandoned wells.

• All material used in handling those wells should be disinfected to protect aquifers from bacteriological contamination.

• More restrictive requirements for documentation of well drilling and production logs would allow better enforcement of procedures required to plug a well when it is abandoned.

• Authority should be provided for state agencies to ensure access to inspect workmanship during or after an abandoned well is plugged.

• The owner, under the threat of penalty, should be required to notify the appropriate state agency if a well is to be abandoned temporarily or permanently.

• If an abandoned well is detected, the state should have the right to seal it and assess the owner for the cost. If ownership can't be determined, a state fund should be set aside to cover the expense.

By Dianne Stallings

Theater group seeks board's consideration

■ Sisson, McDougal say students, not adults, should play leading roles.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Adults performing lead roles in "The Music Man" recently at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center sparked off a sometimes heated discussion at the school board meeting last week.

School Board President Frank Sayner had invited Bill Brogan, a board member of Lincoln County Community Theatre, to talk to the school board about ways it could mentor drama students and offer support to the dramatic and performing arts in the community.

Brogan said he'd reviewed the guidelines for use of the school's performing arts center but had a problem with the fees — close to \$3,000 for three weeks of rehearsals and performances.

"This group doesn't have that kind of money," he said. "The purpose was to support the drama students."

He suggested the LCCT be a part of the drama curriculum at the school, or act as a booster club.

April 30-May 2, the LCCT produced "The Music Man" in collaboration with the Ruidoso High School Drama Department in lieu of a spring Drama Department production, with 17 students and 11 adults on stage and six students and six adults behind the scenes — but all the lead roles played by adults.

School Board Secretary Danny Sisson said he opted not to attend the performance when he found out adults were in the play.

"There should have been 100 percent kids on stage," Sisson said. "If you want to use it for rehearsal, it costs us money."

Sayner disagreed, saying that the philosophy behind the performing arts center was to make it available for community involvement, and that the Ruidoso Concert Association uses the center four times a year, and there are no young people in that.

Board member "Mac" McDougal agreed with Sisson, but Susan Lutterman said she thinks the school district needs to work with a group that is trying to help the students.

"Our community was so good to us to allow us to build this facility," she said.

Brogan said students will get preference for the roles of planned productions "Juno and the Paycock" for summer, "A Christmas Carol" for December, a toned-down version of "Grease" for next spring, and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a Biblical musical.

Sisson and Ron Wall, activities director, pointed out that members of booster clubs do not participate in the sports they support financially and otherwise.

Sisson urged Brogan to work with Wall and Paul Wirth, high school principal and acting superintendent of schools.

The three, as well as Julia Brogan, also a board member of the LCCT, were to meet Tuesday to work out the logistics, Wirth said Thursday.

"I do appreciate their willingness to focus on helping our students. We just need to make sure there's a proper balance and that we ensure student participation," he said.

Sayner said a large part of the fee cited is for overtime of the auditorium manager.

"There's a way we can figure all that out to benefit both parties," he said.

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Lodgers' tax group will meet June 30

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

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Lions add to awards

The Ruidoso Evening Lions increased its scholarship awards to \$750 after a successful 11th annual Scholarship Rose Day Sale May 7.

The following Ruidoso High School graduates received scholarships: Lauren Lahey, Jesse Saenz, David Miranda and Arron Romero.

Degree granted

Miranda Diaz, a Ruidoso High School graduate and daughter of Rose and Henry Diaz of Ruidoso Downs, received a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry from Reed College in Portland, Ore.

Nurse's degree earned

Sara L. Rockey-Proctor graduated with honors from the Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell nursing program, where she served as class president.



Rockey-Proctor

She was the recipient of several

local scholarships, including LCMC Auxiliary, Altrusa, the Ruidoso First Christian Church and the Ruidoso Elks Lodge.

She joined the staff of health care professionals at LCMC on May 25, where she works in the ICU. She has been a resident of Lincoln County for more than 20 years and is a third-generation nurse. She plans to continue her education this fall, when she will begin working toward her master's degree in nursing.

BBA degree granted

Justin Joseph Bubser of Ruidoso received a bachelor of business administration degree in business management from Western New Mexico University in Silver City May 14.

Earning a master of arts degree in counseling was

Adrienne L. Ames from Ruidoso.

Stephens honors

Heather Jackson of Ruidoso was named to the second semester honors deans' list at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., for the 2003-2004 academic year, having finished at least 12 hours and achieved a grade point average of at least 3.6.

Jackson, a Ruidoso High School graduate, is the daughter of Gary Jackson and Vickie Williams.

ENMU-Portales honors

Eight Ruidoso area students were named to the 2004 spring semester dean's honor roll at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. They are, from Ruidoso, Jessica L. Cook, elementary education; Norma Leticia Espinosa, business administration; and Jaime C. Flores, general studies. From Capitan, Julieanne Codi Montes, agricultural education; Thomas Chase Montes, agricultural education; Shawna Marie Shreengost, agricultural education; Jessica Tricia Tully-Mitchell, physical education. From Carrizozo, Judith R. Nash, general studies.

At Girls' State

Katherine Dunstan, 16, represented Ruidoso High School as a delegate to New Mexico Girls' State at Highlands University in Las Vegas.



Katherine Dunstan

The American Legion Auxiliary's Girls' State Program is set up as

democracy in action and opportunities to run for city, county or state offices begin immediately after arriving on campus. Dunstan was elected to serve as a city councilman, where she voted on city ordinances and personnel for her city.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

RHS Student Council President Skye Steed shows off new plantings for a three-phase landscaping and beautification project at Ruidoso High School.

Student Council, KNMB Inc., plant society team up to beautify the campus

XERISCAPING RUIDOSO HIGH

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Day lilies, rabbit-bush, daisies and junipers fill two new mounds at the entrance to Ruidoso High School — a project of the student council, Keep New Mexico Beautiful Inc., the Native Plant Society (of Lincoln County), and other school and community members.

The three-phase project was conceived last August at the Ruidoso School Board retreat after high school principal Paul Wirth and the student council discussed it, Wirth said. Student council sponsor Yelena Temple, teacher Cody Patterson, who was an administrative intern last year, and student council members got together and wrote the grant request to Keep New Mexico Beautiful Inc. soon after, Wirth said.

The grant, through New Mexico Clean and Beautiful of the New Mexico Department of Tourism, came through with \$500, and community members made many in-kind donations, including

those by Rod Shaw of the Hubbard Museum of the American West, by Paul Wetzel of Sierra Contracting, who provided river rock to cover the bottom of the bases of the mounds.

The Native Plant Society contributed 19 1-gallon containers of perennials and advised on the best types of plants and grasses for this climate and altitude and the areas to be planted.

With in-kind donations and the grant, the total investment in the high school landscaping and beautification project was \$5,130. This includes fill material, topsoil, steel edging, weed-block material, seven Autumn Purple Maples and 43 miscellaneous shrubs and perennials.

According to the grant application, other school volunteer groups will be working on the project, including the high school ecology and vocational classes. This area, landscaped with wildflowers and native plants, will serve also as a "permanent educational tool for the many Ruidoso High School students enrolled in life science courses, such as biology, ecology and forestry," the application states.

Minimal watering will be necessary and a schedule for maintenance and watering will be established and implemented by the student council and community volunteers.

"The student council wanted to add planting that reflected New Mexico and plants we have around here," said student body president and incoming senior Skye Steed.

Wirth said this is Phase I of a three-phase project. Phase II will include the area between the Fine Arts Building parking lot and Warrior Drive, which will be executed next year.

"Every week we check Warrior Memorial Park and clean up trash," Steed said. "It won't take too much, because it's low maintenance."

In addition, the student council has an annual park cleanup in the spring, she said.

The student council is looking for contributions of large landscape rocks for the project, Wirth said.

School violence, vandalism shows four-year drop

SANTA FE — The 2001-2002 Safe Schools Report issued in May by the Public Education Department shows that the number of reported incidents of violence and vandalism is at its lowest point in four years.

To access the report, visit www.ped.state.nm.us/resources/downloads/safe.schools.report.01.02.pdf.

The PED interviewed school principals and district staff about school safety, asking them to identify the greatest safety issues facing schools today. Several identified bullying as the most common safety problem. They also identified outside influences that can impact student safety and well being, including being vigilant about outsiders coming into the school without valid reasons, the presence of drugs and alcohol in the community or homes, and a lack of parental supervision at home. Open communication was identified as an important ingredient for safe schools.

"Students need to be comfortable reporting safety concerns to teachers," said Secretary of Education Veronica C. Garcia. "Parents need to be informed and involved, and the community needs to be included in planning for contingencies in the event of emergencies."

The report will be used by the School Safety Advisory Task Force, formed as a result of House and Senate memorials to develop recommendations to address safety awareness and implement strategies for new safety features in the state's schools.

Results from the 2001-2002 Safe Schools Report include:

- 7,146 violent incidents in the schools were reported during 2001-2002, nearly 12 percent fewer than in 2000-2001. Vandalism accounted for 18 percent of all incidents of violence and vandalism. Since

1998-99, incidents of violence and vandalism have decreased by 19 percent, from a high of 17,616 in 1998-99 to 14,253 in 2001-2002.

- Drug violations, which had risen in the previous four years, dropped 17 percent in 2001-2002.

- The largest change during the past four years (since 1998-99) has been in the number of incidents of violent crime committed by individuals from outside the school, dropping from a high of 186 in 1998-99 to 10 in 2001-2002.

- Vandalism incidents cost the public schools, staff, students and parents more than \$1 million for the 2001-2002 school year; half the cost from 2000-2001. But the cost per incident increased, due to increases in labor costs.

- Incidents of arson, only 2.5 percent of all vandalism incidents, were 10 percent higher.

- Firearm possession remained rare. The number reported grew from 20 incidents in 2000-2001 to 30 incidents in 2001-2002, or 4.2 percent of all weapons incidents.

- Of the 7,166 incidents of violence in 2001-2002

where the victim was reported, 90.65 percent were students, 5.01 percent were teachers, 2.4 percent were individuals from outside the school, 1.23 percent were other school employees, and less than 1 percent were administrators.

- Gang activity and alcohol violations have declined from 1997-98 to 2001-2002. Gang activity decreased by 85 percent from 625 to 94 incidents, and alcohol violations decreased by 30 percent, from 700 to 491 incidents.

- Suspensions constituted the largest number of disciplinary actions — nearly 57 percent. New Mexico schools district have reported incidents of violence and vandalism since 1989, and in 1997-98, New Mexico became the first state in the nation to require all schools to develop and implement comprehensive safe school plans that include prevention, policies and procedures and emergency response. The PED is now in the process of developing guidance for safe schools plans to include "postvention" or how to respond after an incident has occurred.

IN THE PAINT



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Carlos Negrete shows the newly painted, blue and gold lockers at Ruidoso High School. The Warrior colors replace a 20-year-old coat of "baby blue, off-red and yellow," said Skye Steed, Student Council president.

Water phase changes start to trickle in

Outdoor ornamental fountains, car washing will receive a hearing July 13.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Barely out of the village printer, new water conservation rules may be changed in three areas:

A public hearing is scheduled for the Ruidoso Village Council's July 13 meeting to consider whether the ban on outdoor ornamental fountains should remain in Phases 4 and 5 conservation restrictions. The hearing also will cover whether individuals should be allowed to wash their cars at home one day a week during the severe phases and will propose to correct what councilors said was a misprint regarding outdoor hand watering of tree wells and flower beds.

Under Phases 3 and 4, the wording should have been to allow hand watering any day of the week, not one day of the week, they said during a council meeting Tuesday.

The fountain issue generated the most discussion, with Councilor L. Ray Nunley pointing out that using gray water or bottled water shouldn't fall under the regulations, which cover only metered village water.

But Councilor Ron Hardeman said that would render the restriction unenforceable, because code officials would have to verify the water source if they spotted a working fountain.

"So even though I'm not

using village water, I can't use my fountain?" Nunley asked.

Village attorney H. John Underwood said the intent of the ordinance in addition to general conservation was to encourage the use of alternate sources than treated village water, "but the question is how do you know," he added.

Councilor Don Williams said some sort of compromise should be possible. He suggested regulating the size of fountains that can be used in severe restriction phases.

Nunley contended the restriction is not warranted in the village at this point. In fact, the village shouldn't even be in Phase 4, he contended. Phase 3 is more appropriate under current conditions, he said.

"I was told fountains lose 50 percent of their water per day and that's not true," he said. "I have one (fed by gray water) and I put water in it once a week, about 20 gallons. It holds 300 gallons. The evaporation is determined by the amount of the fall and splash of water."

Hardeman, who worked with the water task force to put together the five-phase water conservation proposal adopted by the council, said members thought that by Phase 4, residents need to be conscious of all water use.

"If we lived in a more humid climate, fountains would not be an issue," he said. "There is a sizable loss to evaporation."

Large commercial fountains especially need to be regulated, he said.

"Up to Phase 4 it is not an

issue," he pointed out.

Nunley said several businesses use working fountains to advertise products they sell. He noted that pools and spa use much more water, but Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars said they have more value than ornamental fountains, for exercise, therapy and family recreation.

Nunley said his bottom line is that he doesn't want to penalize citizens for a service the village should be providing whether or not a drought exists.

Under the car-washing issue, councilors agreed that washing at home probably would use less water than a commercial car wash and that the activity should be allowed one to two days a week.

No action was taken on a complaint received by Councilor Michele Rebstock that church goers find it difficult to water outdoors when their allotted days fall on Wednesday and Sunday. They are at church those evenings during the hours that watering is allowed, she said they told her.

Mayor Leon Eggleston said trying to make exceptions for church would become an enforcement "nightmare."

Rebstock also passed along a way of controlling mosquito larvae in containers that catch rainwater. She suggested pouring some mineral oil into the water, which creates a seal on the top that does not allow the exchange of oxygen needed by the larvae.

COUNCIL CEREMONY



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Sitting in the audience at a recent Ruidoso Village Council meeting, Councilors Deborah Marcum-Byars, left, Michele Rebstock and Don Williams show proof of their graduation from a Local Government Leadership Program in Santa Fe. Subjects covered included land and energy issues facing New Mexico, an environmental history of the state, as well as how to build leadership skills.

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BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

First, a reminder of one of the Humane Society of Lincoln County's major fund-raisers, the 2nd Annual Furr Ball set for July 9 at the Alto Country Club.

Recognizing the local society's 25 years of caring, the fun frolic includes dinner, a fashion show and animal runway antics

To receive an invitation and 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.

On a more serious side of animal issues, Rebecca Simmons writes on the Web site of the Humane Society of the United

States about the fate of greyhounds who are bred and die for racing.

I remember as a child visiting a breeding facility for the racing industry and deciding then that it was a horrible way to make a living and a hideous abuse and misuse of precious animal life.

Simmons starts her piece by recalling that in the Tenth Century, King Howel of Wales declared death the penalty for killing a greyhound - the same as killing a person.

The Egyptian pharaohs valued their grace and temperament, she noted.

"But in the 21st Century, greyhounds in the racing world are prized only for one thing - speed. In 2003 alone, an estimat-

ed 7,500 to 20,000 greyhounds were euthanized simply because they couldn't run fast enough," she wrote.

She points out that the industry exists only for the entertainment of humans at the cost of animal lives.

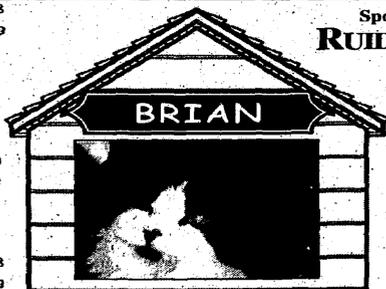
A move to outlaw greyhound racing is being championed by a partnership of GREY2K USA, a national anti-greyhound racing group based in Massachusetts, the HSUS and the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to. They formed the National Greyhound Legislative Coalition.

More next week about this national disgrace and how you can help protect these beautiful animals.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Rex Anderson

Funeral services for Rex Anderson, 66, will be at 1 p.m. today at First Baptist Church of White Settlement in Fort Worth, Texas, with burial at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Mr. Anderson was born Feb. 11, 1938, in Fort Worth. He graduated from Texas Christian University in 1960 and was a member of the TCU Booster Club. He was the executive vice president of new store development for Sav-On



Rex Anderson

Office Supplies. He was also on the board of directors of The Whispering Bluffs Condominiums in Ruidoso.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Anderson; a son, Britt Rex Anderson, and his wife, Pam Anderson; and a granddaughter, Whitney; extended family Angie and Richard Puckett and Becky Campbell; grandchildren T.J. Puckett, Molly Basham and her husband, Will, Cassidi Campbell and Kati Campbell.

The family suggests donations to The TCU Frog Club, Attn: Davis Babb, c/o TCU Athletic Department, TCU Box 297620, Fort Worth, Texas 76129.

Arrangements are under the direction of Greenwood Funeral Home, 3100 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth, TX 76107, (817) 336-0584.

Mary Louise Joiner

Visitation for Mary Louise Joiner, 95, of Hondo was Monday at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso with funeral services Tuesday at the Tinnie



Mary Louise Joiner

Baptist Church and the Rev. Bill Jones officiating. Burial followed at the Tinnie Cemetery.

Mr. Joiner, well known former teacher and retired postmaster, died at her home in Hondo on Friday, June 11, 2004.

As the first daughter of Linas Parker and Ida Della Hall (nee Hanna), she was born in San Angelo, Texas, Thursday, May 13, 1909. In 1917 the Hall Family moved to Ancho, where they homesteaded a section of land. After two years of education at Texas Tech in Lubbock she returned to New Mexico where she began her teaching career in Ancho.

Upon receiving her New Mexico teaching certificate she taught at Hondo until she filled

the postmaster position for 42 years, succeeding her husband, Leo Aubrey Joiner.

Mary Louise was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso. She had ministered as pianist and Sunday school teacher at various community churches including the Tinnie Baptist Church throughout the years.

At the age of 92 she received her associate's degree along side the 2001 graduating class of Eastern New Mexico University.

Survivors include her children Della and her husband, David Bonnell of Glencoe, Pat and his wife Betty Joiner of Hondo, Ruth and her husband Ed Lawrence of Roswell; Edie Lawrence of Lacona, Iowa; brothers Wallace and his wife, Glenna Hall and Donald and his wife, Joan Hall of Trotters, N.D.; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and her faithful caregivers.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Fletcher, buried in McLean, Texas; her parents Ida Della Hall, Linas Parker Hall and Lorena Vashti Hall (Mount); her husband of 54 years, Leo Joiner; sisters Edith Lynn Imoe and Martha Lou Hall; brothers Leonard Wright Hall and Linas Virgil; and grandsons Glen David Bonnell and Terence Dan Racher.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Arthur Dunstan

Services for Arthur Ernest Dunstan, 57, of Ruidoso, will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Mission.

Mr. Dunstan died Sunday, June 13, 2004.

He was born March 14, 1947, in Ely, Minn.

He was an avid golfer and tennis player. He was president of the study body at Ely High School and attended Brown University in Providence, R.I., on an ice hockey scholarship. He received his M.B.A. from University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich.

For 26 years he was controller for Ford Motor Company.

He moved to Ruidoso in 2000 and was a math tutor at Mescalero Apache School.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn Dunstan of Ruidoso; a daughter, Katherine Dunstan of Ruidoso; brothers James Dunstan and Richard Dunstan from Minnesota; sisters Mary Beth Withrow and Bonnie Jean Swanson from Minnesota.

Helen Marie Craig

Graveside services for Helen Marie Craig, 81, of Alto will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso,

with the Rev. Randy Widener officiating.

Mrs. Craig died Monday, June 14, 2004, in Ruidoso.

She was born Aug. 20, 1922, in Kilbourne, Ill.

She moved to Lincoln County in 1965 from El Paso. She was a member of National Association of Retired Federal Employees, life member of the National Rifle Association, Ruidoso Elks Lodge and the Sun Valley Association. She worked at Holloman Air Force Base in AeroMed with Colonel Stapp, worked 22 years at Mescalero BIA and was dorm mother with 8 Canyon Job Corps and was on the committee to preserve Social Security and Medicare.

She married Jesse "Slim" Craig on Aug. 20, 1965, and he preceded her in death on April 17, 2004. Survivors include sons Terry Wayne Hughes and his wife, Laura, of LaLuz, Dennis Michael Hughes and his wife, Dee, of Streetman, Texas; a stepson, Anthony Lynn Craig, and his wife, Renee, of Ruidoso Downs; a brother, Ronald Williamson, of Missouri; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lelan and Issac Williamson; and brothers Harold, Lyle, Denzil, Delbert and Dewite.

The family suggests memorials to Forestry Conservation of a conservation group of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, 257-7303.

Phyllis Gearon

Phyllis Gearon, a former resident of Ruidoso, died due to complications from a stroke while staying at the Mescalero Care Center on Thursday, June 20, 2004.

She was born in Passaic County, N.J., where she resided until June 1966.

She moved to central Florida where she worked as a waitress and food preparer until retiring in the early 1980s.

Survivors include children Patrick Gearon of Ruidoso, Ken Gearon of Deltona, Fla., and Dale Dykes of Debary, Fla.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In November 2003 she relocated to Ruidoso.

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Auxiliary president argues for keeping old tax rate

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The vote was over. The Lincoln County Commission decided to reduce the amount of special tax levy for the Lincoln County Medical Center, moving the starting date for renovation and expansion of the hospital's rehabilitative center and medical records storage back two years.

But Nellie Ruth Jones, president of the county-owned hospital's auxiliary, decided to give it one more shot.

Speaking as a longtime taxpayer and supporter of the hospital since it was called the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital in the late 1940s, Jones said commissioners aren't paying attention to what voters told them in multiple elections on the special tax levy.

"Through all the elections on the mill levy, voters have said we want this mill levy," she said. "The last election was for 3 mills (down from 4.25 the previous eight years). You cut it last year ... you have no faith in what the people of this county said they wanted."

The commission approved levying 1.1 mills for the hospital in Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and .9 of a mill for the operation of two rural health clinics. All three are managed for the county by Presbyterian Healthcare Services. One mill equates to \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value. New Mexico taxes on one-third of market value. In FY 2004-2005, one mill is expected to generate more than \$600,000.

"I don't understand why it continues to be debated," Jones told commissioners. "I know it's

very popular in an election year to cut taxes."

Commissioners Earl Hobbs and Maury St. John, who voted for the reduction with Commissioner Leo Martinez, said the board has one more chance to reconsider if it sees more specifics about the project. They hesitated voting without knowing exactly what is planned and without a realistic estimate of the cost, they said.

County manager Tom Stewart said the cut will move the starting date for the project from 2006 to 2008, the time required to accumulate about \$3 million in the hospital mill levy fund to cover the cost.

Hobs said he believes the commission is in sync with the wishes of voters.

"All we're doing is restraining the growth of the budget," he said. "We're funding exactly the same amount of money."

As property values in the county go up each year, the amount of money raised by one mill also jumps. Martinez said when he was first elected, one mill equated to about \$200,000 and now it's about \$680,000.

"We left it the same as it was last year," Wilson said.

"The taxpayers authorized that we should allocate the money when necessary and our opinion is now, that it is not," Hobbs continued.

But Jones contended commissioners are balking at a phase that residents will use the most. Previous phases covered a new entrance, new emergency room, ambulatory surgery and radiology.

Martinez, who said he voted for the hospital tax mill last

year, said most voters are "for" the hospital, but also need to know the exact monetary impact on their tax bills.

"They need to be educated about what it costs to run that facility," he said. In addition to the mill levy for special projects, the hospital also receives four federal dollars for every one dollar paid into the Medicaid fund and sole community provider program.

"That's a lot of money," he said. If the hospital makes a profit, the mill levy may not be necessary, he said.

James Gibson, hospital administrator, said an independent audit is performed every year for commission review. He referred to Martinez's remarks that a separate audit is needed for a true picture as a "malicious comment."

He explained that all profits over operation costs are put in account called "Due from PHS" and the cash reserve is \$5 million. Anything above the amount needed to cover 100 days of operating cash is a reserve for the hospital community board to use, and includes money for possible disasters, and Medicare cost report adjustments, which may not come until as long as five years after the original report. The amount open for the board now is about \$1 million, he said.

As the discussion wound down, Hobbs thanked auxiliary members for the \$300,000 they donated to the Phase II expansion project and the hours worked at hospital. But the commission has a different perspective from the vantage point of running the county than auxiliary members, he said.

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Council foregoes 'Best Communities' bid

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Uncertainty over the real intention and thrust of a community promotion program prompted Ruidoso village councilors June 8 to pass on a Champions of Industry 300 proposal.

Village manager Lorri McKnight said she was contacted by Jean Lewis, who identified herself as the associate producer of the program, which is a Pat Summerall production recognizing excellence in business practices.

McKnight said Lewis told her she was interviewing officials of communities with fewer than 10,000 residents to see if the towns were eligible to be considered for a list of the "Best Small Communities to Live In."

If selected, the village would receive a two-minute profile broadcast on CNN Headline News, a listing in Forbes Magazine in 2005 and a five-minute video produced for the

"I was worried that this would generate further demand and we might not be prepared."

Deborah Marcum-Byars
Ruidoso Village Council

community's use, the manager was told. At that point, the village would have to pay \$28,000 toward production costs.

McKnight and Mayor Leon Eggleston said they viewed videos of two other communities posted on the champions Web site and they were good. To move forward, village officials must fill out an evaluation form with more information and participate in a follow up telephone interview, McKnight said.

"She asked me a bunch of questions," McKnight said, continuing that she told Lewis about the hospital, library, new commercial development, police and other services. Lewis also talked to the mayor.

"We thought this was some-

thing that we needed to bring to the council," Eggleston said.

Councilor L. Ray Nunley said a mention on CNN is worth \$28,000. If the village is not selected, it pays nothing, he pointed out.

Councilor Angel Shaw suggested because the aim is to bring people to the community, the money might be taken from the lodgers tax promotional fund.

Councilor Ron Hardeman wasn't sure the village wants to attract new residents, which this promotion might do.

"I know from other communities that something like this can generate a lot of sudden interest and growth," he said. Village officials must be cautious because a huge retire-

ment influx might be more than the village can handle, he said.

Councilor Don Williams asked if village officials would have any editorial review of the video's contents and McKnight said someone from the village would be assigned as a point person to stay with the crew while they were filming, "so we should have some input."

Williams wondered if the village could proceed with the application and then if selected, decide whether to participate and spend the money.

Nunley didn't think that would work.

"I think we have to make a commitment one way or the other," he said, offering a motion to proceed. It died for lack of a second.

Contacted Wednesday about why he didn't offer a second, Williams said, "The only thing that bothered me about it was I couldn't tell if you had to commit to the \$28,000 when you

apply. That was unclear. That's why I suggested if we could have them evaluate us and if selected, go back and revisit whether we want to commit \$28,000. I suspect they have a lot of communities when the name is Champions of Industry 300.

"I was shooting for having the manager contact them and see if we had to commit to the money right then. We had just turned down \$28,000 in radio services and a weather station."

Councilor Deborah Marcum Byars said when McKnight first told her about the proposal before the meeting, she thought it sounded like a great idea.

"But I started thinking that we have so many challenges - water, budget and infrastructure demands - and we are undergoing so much growth. I was worried that this would generate further demand and we might not be prepared."

She would have liked to hear what growth factor occurred for

other communities after they were cited, Byars said.

Councilor Angel Shaw said she found it hard to justify the expense "after we could not justify going for a (request for proposals) for radio services and a weather station. It was kind of like saying this is way more important than you are."

Councilor Michele Rebstock said she was unfamiliar with the program and wasn't sure if it was just another advertising gimmick promotion versus an authentic production. "But I was open to verification of that," she said.

"When it was brought up (by Hardeman) that the listing might bring more people here with our water problem, I didn't feel good about that," she said.

Hardeman said Wednesday that, "The rate of growth here is adequate as far as our infrastructure and ability to serve (residents) without going out and looking for a way to accelerate it."

POLICE BRIEFS

Phone harassment

Harvey Twite, general manager of KEDU Radio, reported to police that he received two threatening telephone calls from a male between 1:20 and 1:40 p.m. June 10. The first call stated, "Your station will cease to exist." The second call stated, "Enjoy it while it lasts, ***hole." Twite told police he had been covering Ruidoso Village Council meetings and some had been "heated and controversial." He said, "The media will not be intimidated by such acts," according to police reports.

Graffiti

Black spray-painted graffiti was found on vehicles and a cement fence on Innsbrook Drive and Gavilan Canyon Road between June 9 and 14. A Juvenile Probation Office referral was made on a 14-year-old Ruidoso Downs male.

On June 9, the victim was a Lincoln County Sheriff's Office deputy who had parked at Gavilan Mobile Home Park, 200 Gavilan Canyon Road, between 11 and 11:27 p.m. to investigate a case. He saw two male juveniles walking past his location and later found the words "I smell bacon" painted in black on the vehicle. One of the juveniles was located and identified by a witness. The juvenile said he threw the paint can in the Rio Ruidoso, but it was not found, the report states.

Some time between June 9 and 10, someone spray-painted graffiti on several vehicles and dumpsters in the area of 200 Gavilan Canyon Road, causing damage in excess of \$1,000. A suspect was contacted and the case was to be turned over to the Criminal Investigation Division of the Ruidoso Police Department and the Gang Task Force.

On Monday, the property manager of Innsbrook Village, 146 Innsbrook Drive, reported to police that someone had spray-painted gang-related graffiti on the cement fence on the west side of the property.

Juvenile arrest

Ruidoso police arrested a 16-

year-old Ruidoso male about midnight June 11, charging him with burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary and minor in possession of alcohol. He allegedly stole a bottle of whiskey and one of tequila, valued at \$34, from a residence in the 200 block of Metz Drive. The owner heard noises outside and saw two males running toward the Texas Club, 211 Metz Drive. About that time, police were dispatched about a possible burglary in progress in the 200 block of Buckner Drive, where a witness saw two juveniles running toward the Texas Club. Taken from the residence on Buckner Drive were a Palm Pilot valued at \$200 and change and a change pouch valued at \$8.42. Taken from a residence next door was a Wayfinder digital compass valued at \$150.

Shoplifting

Police arrested two male Ruidoso juveniles, ages 11 and 15, June 11, charging them with shoplifting at Visions Clothing Store, 2881 Sudderth Drive, and resisting or evading a police officer. The officer saw juveniles fitting the description of two of the three shoplifters hiding behind trees in back of Quarters Bar; they then went to Sudderth Drive where the officer told them to stop. They continued at a fast pace, the report states, and the officer finally stopped them and brought the store clerks to identify them. A watch, valued at \$65 was stolen from the store. Juvenile Probation Office referrals were made on both boys.

Swerving car

Police arrested Sydney Kristen Baca, 26, of Mescalero, June 10, charging her with aggravated DWI, first-offense, and abandonment or abuse of a child. Bureau of Indian Affairs officers had observed her vehicle go into the ditch on Carrizo Canyon Road, return to the road, then swerve across the yellow line into the oncoming traffic lane. They stopped the vehicle within the village limits and called the Ruidoso Police Department for assistance. A small child was in the vehicle and there was no child safety seat.

Forgery

Police arrested Sandra Sanchez, 36, of Carrizozo, after Long's Drug Store reported a forged prescription slip on June 10. Sanchez was charged with fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance - "Soma," which can be used for pain - a fourth-degree felony.

Break-in

Someone broke into the office of Dr. Arlene Brown at 1401 Sudderth Drive between 8 p.m. June 9 and 6:25 a.m. June 10, rummaging through papers and desk items and throwing them about and taking \$400 in cash as well as personal checks from a safe, which was damaged by the intruders.

Robbery

Police report that a money bag containing \$67.70 was stolen from the Lincoln County Medical Center gift shop, 211 Sudderth Drive, between 8 a.m. June 3 and 9:30 a.m. June 9.

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A resident in the 100 block of Piñon Drive reported hearing a

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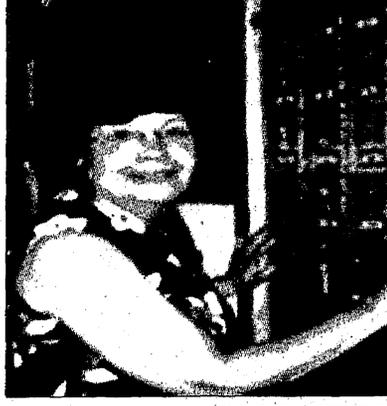
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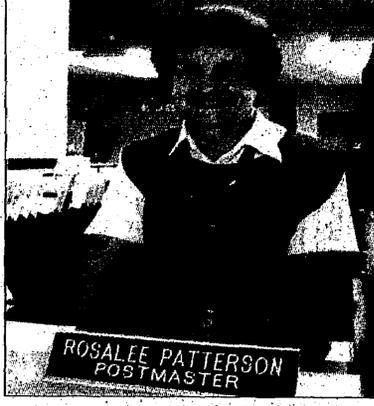





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Gambling charges filed

Gambling charges were filed against eight men arrested at 10:20 p.m. Sunday, June 13, by City Marshal Dewey Gann, Deputy Marshal L. B. Morgan, City Officer Coleman Joyce and State Policeman R. W. Driggers, the latter of Green Tree.

The four officers arrested the men in a raid on a poker game in a local rent house, Gann reported. Those arrested were from Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

Each pleaded not guilty in Judge C. D. Weems' court and were released on \$100 cash bond each.

JUNE 19, 1964

To install new minister

The Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe will be installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso Sunday evening, June 21, at 7:30.

The Rev. Mr. Sharpe has recently moved to Ruidoso from a pastorate in the Highland Park Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, Texas.

JUNE 21, 1974

Race purses hiked

Al Rosa, general manager of Ruidoso Downs race track, announces a hike of \$28,700 in the purses paid to horsemen, covering the eight-day period ending June 30.

The purse boosts are coming on the heels of a spiraling business trend that Rosa called "truly magnificent."

JUNE 21, 1984

Mitchell on commission

Ruidoso attorney Gary C. Mitchell Wednesday was named to the State Racing Commission by Gov. Toney Anaya. Democrat Mitchell, 33, takes the place of former chairman Willard Krueger, who died in June...

JUNE 23, 1994

Mayor blames county

The Lincoln County Commission's disenchantment with the New Mexico Association of Counties may have cost Ruidoso a lucrative conference.

Mayor Jerry Shaw told the Ruidoso News she was upset with the apparent lack of support from the commission for the village's efforts to attract such meetings.... The county withdrew from the association several years ago.

Multiple changes of faces in the Hondo Valley, and San Patricio's post office marks a century of service

FOUR NEW POSTMASTERS

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

To talk with someone who really "knows" the Hondo Valley, try the local post office.

Rosalee Patterson served 13 years as postmaster in Picacho and 13 years in Tinnie, and Thursday she will take the oath as postmaster in Hondo.

"I'd like to be here 13 years, but I don't know if I'll make it," she said, a grin lighting her face.

Like the other three postmasters who will be sworn into office Thursday and Friday in valley communities, Patterson said what keeps her interested is the daily delight of talking to residents and helping them with their postal problems.

Patterson's ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Hondo Post Office.

Donna Gonzales will receive her oath as postmaster of Tinnie in a ceremony from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the same day.

"I enjoy the job and the service to the community."

Priscilla Chavez
San Patricio postmaster

Sarah Crouch becomes official postmaster at Picacho on Friday, in a ceremony from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at that post office.

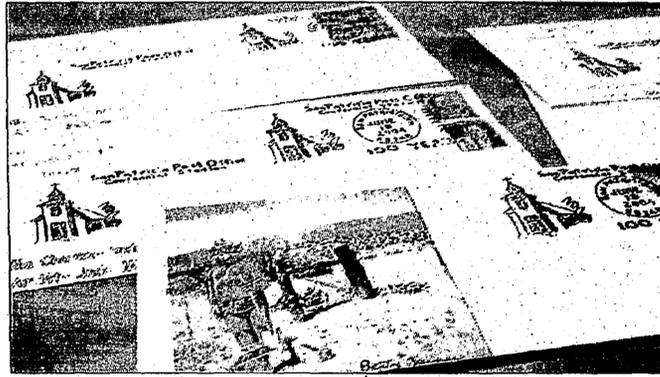
Priscilla Chavez takes her oath in San Patricio from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Chavez asked for the one-day delay to Friday so that the oath could be administered on the centennial of the San Patricio Post Office, something that will be marked for the following 30 days with a special cancellation stamp designed by artist Linda Miller featuring the old San Patricio Church.

Visitors also can tour a Centennial Room set up by the former postmaster's son, who owns the building. He installed the old post office boxes, window, a faded Greyhound bus stop sign and other memorabilia, including photographs of the first postmaster, Ignacio Olguin, appointed June 18, 1904.

Chavez said during the 30-day period, people can mail a letter to her at the post office (ZIP code 88348) containing another stamped envelope to be canceled and sent back to them.

A life-long resident of the valley, Chavez



A special cancellation designed by artist Linda Miller will be available for the next 30 days at the century-old San Patricio Post Office.

is the daughter of the late Joe Gutierrez and his wife, Lola, who operated a huge apple orchard. She graduated from Hondo High School. Chavez and her husband, Melvin, have four grown children.

She began her postal career 26 years ago as a relief person for former postmaster Amelia Candelaria, who retired last May after serving since 1978.

"I enjoy the job and the service to the community," Chavez said. "I like being around people."

In contrast to Chavez and Patterson, Sarah Crouch is a relative newcomer, moving with her family to the Arabela area three years ago where they help run the six-year-old Lavender Spring Ranch. When Crouch isn't at the post office, which is open four hours a day, she's whipping up lunches at the ranch for visitors.

Born in Texas, she's spent 20 years in Santa Fe before coming to Lincoln County. When the postmaster in Tinnie, then Rosalee Patterson, needed a relief person in March 2003, she hired Crouch, something that will forever endear her to Crouch.

Just after her one-year anniversary, Crouch was transferred to Picacho, which led to the chance to become postmaster when Lupe Kelly retired.

Crouch said she looks forward each day to seeing her customers and the treat of hearing some of their reminiscences about the valley. She officially took over as postmaster May 29.

"I've met some wonderful people here," she said. "They were great about the transition. I like everything about the job. My two children, Pauly and Skyler, attend Hondo Valley Public Schools and have made some wonderful friends there. We really enjoy the transition from city life to country life."

Her husband, Clifford, works with his father at the ranch, growing raspberries and lavender.

Donna Gonzales was born and raised in Alamogordo, but now has spent 20 years in the valley, where her father, Billy Joe Brady, lives.

"I like the tranquility of it," she said. "I had lived in bigger cities and I liked it here."

She started with the U.S. Postal Service three years ago, first as the relief person for the postmaster in Hondo.

"I like socializing with the people," she said. "I like my customers."

She and husband Larry L. Gonzales have five children, four at home and one in Albuquerque.

Patterson, and her husband of 40 years, Johnny, have two children and one grandchild.

She was appointed postmaster of Picacho in October 1977, while she lived on the Block Dot Ranch, 20 miles south of the settlement. She drove the school bus to the post office, where students transferred to a larger bus, and then she would open the office.

"I started my career when Postmaster Josefina Kimbrell was robbed and beaten and left for dead," she said. Kimbrell later died of her injuries.

Picacho is a four-hour post office. In December 1991, Patterson was promoted to a six-hour office in Tinnie. In 1996, a new modular building was moved into place.

Last April, she was appointed to the 8-hour Hondo office, which also is a new modular structure with all the amenities.

"The Postal Service has been part of my life for the last 27 years," she said. "It has allowed me to grow as an individual and gave me the opportunity to advance on my accomplishments, and to enjoy my job. I take pride in serving my community. I've finally reached my goal in obtaining the position at Hondo, but I feel part of all three communities."

Lincoln to celebrate completion of restoration project June 23



LINCOLN TRAILS
ROSALIE DUNLAP

There will be a celebration of the completion of the "Save America's Treasures" restoration project in Lincoln Wednesday, June 23, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The buildings will be open for viewing.

It has been a week of mourning and a week of celebrations. The whole world was watching the funeral of President Ronald Wilson Reagan. There were so many kinds words and praise for the President.

The viewers of the casket and the adoration of Nancy. The crowds that gathered all the way along the highways, clapping when Nancy's limousine passed, and the unbelievable quietness

There are four memories that stand out

for me — when Nancy laid her head on the casket, waving from the Air Force One before she entered the plane, turning around during the transfer of the casket from the hearse to the caisson so the crowd could take photos, and at Simi when the children gathered around to comfort their mother with the beautiful sunset in the background.

Lincoln County has lost some of its own — Thelma Chipman and Louise Joiner, both very active FCE (extension) Club members until ill health cut down on their activities.

They both were such good friends and neighbors. Louise was the Hondo

Postmaster for many years.

Karen Walker lost her battle with cancer. She was such a delightful person and a marvelous photographer. In spite of her illness, she still took so many wonderful photos and an inspiration to the rest of us interested in photography.

Thursday we went to Las Cruces to attend the emeritus picnic for agriculture and home economics personnel.

Friends and family from far and near attended the wedding of Callie Gnatkowski and John Gibson at the St. Rita's Catholic Church in Carrizozo. The bride wore a beautiful pearl-studded wed-

ding gown. Following the wedding ceremony a reception and dinner was held at the Carrizozo County Club.

The Canyon Cowbelles held a covered dish dinner for the founders of the Canyon Cowbelles 40 years ago. At that time there were members from Capitan and Corona which now have their own chapters.

It was also their annual Father's Day affair.

They awarded Mike Gaines the Man of the Year award for all the help he has given the children in Vo-Ag at the school. Among his remarks he was wondering if he might be teaching some of the grand children of his first students.

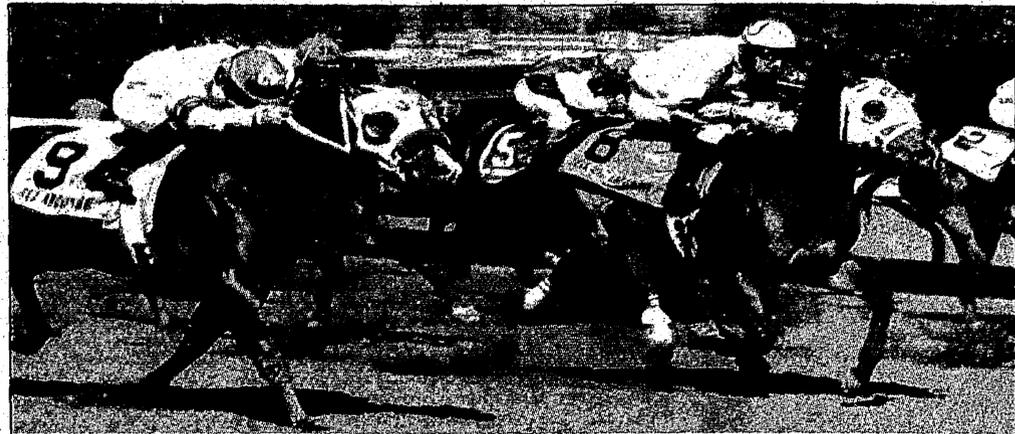
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A NOT-SO-EASY WIN



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

All About Ease, left, out-duels Tell Em Im Gone at the wire Sunday in the Ruidoso Futurity at Ruidoso Downs.

Team of Joiner, Carter proves to be a potent one

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Almost every bettor present at Ruidoso Downs for Sunday's running of the Ruidoso Futurity believed that A Stone Runaway would, well, run away with the title in the first jewel of the Quarter Horse Triple Crown.

The colt entered Sunday's final undefeated in four starts, including a trial race two weeks before in which he recovered from a bad start at the gate to turn in the fastest time of the 10 horses that qualified.

But this was a race featuring some very good 2-year-old horses, and one of those horses, trained by a man who is on a roll of his own, handed A Stone Runaway his first defeat.

That horse was All About

Ease, and the trainer is Michael Joiner.

In fact, Sunday was an exceptionally good day for the man who was named Trainer of the Meet at Sunland Park earlier this year. Joiner's charge Jess Rapid also won the Ruidoso Derby held that same day.

All About Ease was also ridden by jockey G.R. Carter, who has shared in Joiner's fortunes so far this year. He's been a regular jockey for Joiner, and won Jockey of the Meet honors at Sunland.

But in the end, it all comes down to the horse itself, and Carter was full of praise for the young filly — indeed, for all the horses he and Joiner have had the good fortune to lead to the starting gates this year.

"Joiner has a really strong barn this year," Carter said after the win. "I'm happy to do all this for him."

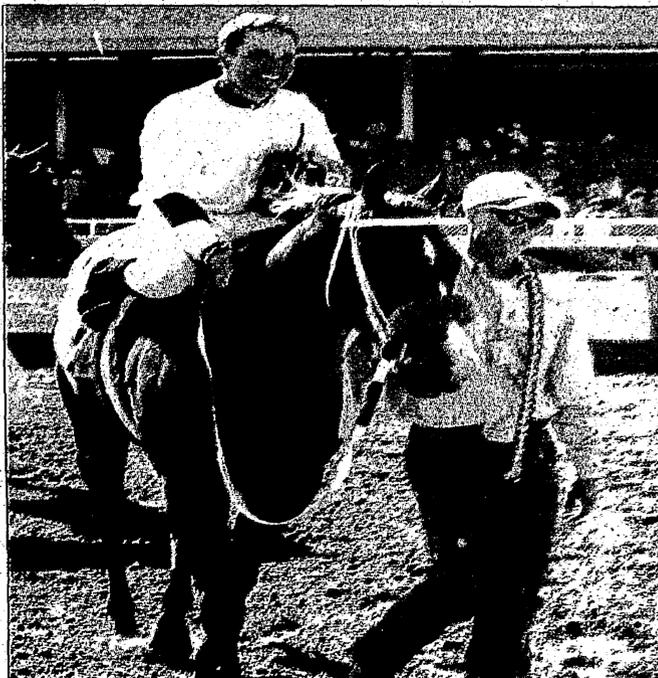
All About Ease needed a last burst of speed to just get past Tell Em Im Gone, a gelding ridden by Sam Thompson and trained by Russell Harris.

"Russell's horse took off in front, and it was a good target for my filly to run for," Carter said. "She's got a really big heart, and loves that kind of a challenge."

Tell Em Im Gone went off at even higher odds than All About Ease, although any horse would have turned in a pretty high rate of return for bettors, given how favored A Stone Runaway was.

In the end All About Ease paid \$27.40 to win, while Tell

What was supposed to be a coronation for A Stone Runaway turned into a close win for All About Ease in Sunday's running of the Ruidoso Futurity.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

G.R. Carter can't hide how happy he is at winning the Ruidoso Futurity aboard All About Ease Sunday at Ruidoso Downs.

Em Im Gone turned in a \$18.20 payoff to show — two of the highest payoffs in the Ruidoso Futurity in a long time.

The biggest question now is how All About Ease will do in the upcoming Rainbow

Futurity trials July 8. As the only horse in the running for the Triple Crown bonus of \$4 million, the pressure will be on.

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LORENZO ALBA/THE LORDSBURG LIBERAL

Capitan's Sheldon Moor punts during the North-South all-star game Saturday in Silver City. Moor and fellow Tigers Weston Richardson, Stephen Silva and Andrew Armendariz didn't see a lot of playing time, but the South won easily, 23-0.

South makes short work of North counterparts

BY MATT MILLER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

SILVER CITY — It was a low-scoring game for most of the first half, but North turnovers cost them the game as the South team took the 1A/2A North-South All-Star game 23-0.

South coach Michael Prokop said it was a privilege to coach this squad. He said that the entire time spent in Silver City

was enjoyable.

"It's a great time," Prokop said. "You bring a whole bunch of kids together and try to get something accomplished and you're going to look rusty. The kids kept plugging away and the South, the North did a great job but moving the ball and did some things we couldn't do at practice but the kids just did a

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The stable gate security blues

If you were to overhear what happens when the telephone rings at the Stable Gate at Ruidoso Downs, you wouldn't hear what follows, at least not all in one lump. But you might hear any part of it at any time...

"Ruidoso Downs, Stable Gate Security... Yes, ma'am. Can you hold, please? I'm alone here and someone's at the gate. I have to go... No, there's no one here but me right now and... ma'am, I have to tend the gate.

"All right, ma'am, I'm back... Yes, ma'am. Could you maybe call back later? I'm kind of busy... Well, I have to raise the gate to let people in and check their license... Yes, ma'am, license, a racing license, which means they are authorized to be on the backside... Where the stables are, ma'am.

"No, ma'am, that's not all. And, yes, they pay me for what I do. I have to keep a log of who

comes in, take messages, page people on the public address system for the backside... Where the stables are, ma'am... check horses in and out, spray trailers, answer radio communications, give weather reports, sign for packages from Airborne, FedEx, UPS and others, catch loose horses, hunt lost children, hand out overnights and results sheets, sign visitors in and out, listen to complaints and gossip, write citations, give advice, give directions, fill out work orders, check equipment in and out, stop speeders, take theft reports (maybe investigate some), break up fights, try to get horsemen to move their trailers out of the front parking lot, and a couple of other things that I can't think of right now.

"On top of that, now that I'm getting warmed up, we're short-handed and working double

shifts... there's three trailer loads of horses in the parking lot with no health certificates... the vets are all off track and I can't reach them... there's two horses with colic... and the police were just

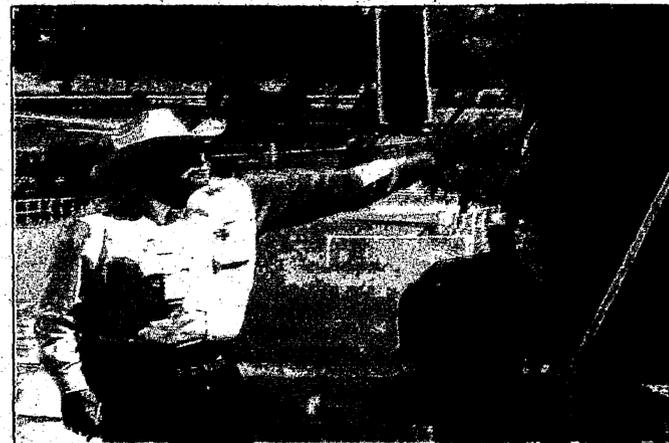
here asking if I've seen a brown Ford pickup with damage to the right front fender. Besides that, the alarm at the bank in the grandstand just went off and there're two skunks standing in the doorway to the guard shack. There's a grease fire in the track kitchen... two groomers are skinny dipping in the pond and scaring the ducks... some kid is cutting doughnuts with his dad's Humvee in the infield grass... someone is seining trout from the river... and I just heard gunshots coming from the backside... Where the stables are, ma'am.

BOBTALES



BY BOB LARUE
RUIDOSO DOWNES

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Stable gate security guard Walt Birdsong, seen here assisting a driver for Alderman-Cave feed on a delivery to one of the many barns at Ruidoso Downs, never has boring days on the backside.

side line

Sports on Tap

Thursday, June 17
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Friday, June 18
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Softball
Cool Pines Classic at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA

Saturday, June 19
Horse Racing
First Lady Handicap, Ruidoso Thoroughbred Sale Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Softball
Cool Pines Classic at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA

Sunday, June 20
Horse Racing
Ruidoso Sale Futurity, Bayer Legend Derby at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Softball
Cool Pines Classic at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA

On Deck

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 Matheney will furnish the cattle.

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

RHS volleyball camp
The Ruidoso High School volleyball team will host a summer camp July 6-9 at the RHS gym. Each day will be split into two sessions, with 5th-6th grades running from 9-11:30 a.m., and 7th-12th grades running from 1-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 to pre-register or \$45 at the door. For more information, contact RHS coach Bridget Herrera at 258-4910 or 336-7433.

Golf academy at the Links
A golf academy for players of all ages and levels will be held July 5-21 at the Links at Sierra Blanca golf course. The academy will be split up into three different 3-day sessions, July 5-7, July 12-14 and July 19-21. Each session starts with an 8 a.m. registration on the first day, and classes include concentration on the short game and power swing and feature computer-assisted training. The academy, supervised by PGA life member Al Forrester and LPGA club professional Betty Jean Dobbins, is limited to 12 students per session. Cost for the three-day school is \$795. To sign up, contact the Links at Sierra Blanca at 258-5330.

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 is offering 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), ending Thursday, Aug. 26. The cost is \$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.

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.

Muncy Siblings win New Mexico High School All Around titles

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Brother and sister, Taos and Jordan Muncy, have always been tough competitors. Last weekend the pair proved it by claiming the boys and girls All Around titles at the New Mexico High School Rodeo finals.

Taos, just two weeks short of his 17th birthday, won the bareback and saddle bronc average, place third in a round of calf roping. He was most happy about the bareback riding and the one ride he scored 80 points. He made the short round in all his events.

And for Muncy, it made it even more "cool" because Monty "Hawkeye" Henson was one of the judges.

Henson thrilled rodeo audiences around the world for more than 25 years with his flying dismounts and trademark feather in his hat. The three-time world champion saddle bronc rider and PRCA Hall of Fame member qualified 14 years in a row for the NFR and won the NFR saddle bronc riding average four times.

Muncy qualified for the High School National Finals in the saddle bronc riding and the team roping, with partner Kory Bramwell.

Sister Jordan, 13, was the wild card that surprised everyone except maybe herself. Jordan's year has been a frustrating one, as she has worked hard to pick up points against older, more seasoned, competitors. She came into her own at the finals. Muncy won the average in the barrels and the cutting, place third in a round of goat tying and fourth in the short round in poles.

Besides winning the finals girls All Around title, Muncy also qualified for the national finals in cutting and won the Rookie of the Year award.

Full high school rodeo state final results will be printed when tabulations are in from the high school rodeo office. Early reports have several Lincoln County competitors making their marks at the state finals and headed to the national finals.

The National High School Rodeo finals are July 19-25 at the Cam-Plex in Gillette, Wyo.



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Taos and Jordan Muncy, shown here at the Mescalero High School rodeo earlier this summer, recently pulled off a pair of All-Around titles at this year's New Mexico High School Rodeo Association finals in Gallup.

Jess another win for a Joiner horse at the track

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Due to luck, ability, providence, whatever. Michael Joiner has all of those qualities in spades.

The trainer has already won Trainer of the Meet accolades at Sunland Park, and earned a trip to the winner's circle Sunday in the Ruidoso Futurity when All About Ease won.

Before that race, however, Joiner also earned a win in the Ruidoso Derby, thanks to the hard-running of Jess Rapid. The sorrel gelding beat out such favorites as Planet Holland and A New Hero for his fourth win in nine starts.

In those nine starts, Jess Rapid has finished in the top three every single time.

"I never was ultimately confident that we would win it, but this horse is a professional," Joiner said. "He's going to load up in there and go hard until the end. He'll give it all he's got."

"That's all we can ask for, and see how it turns out."

With jockey Joe Badilla on board, Jess Rapid just got past 2003 Rainbow Futurity winner Planet Holland in fairly good fashion. It wasn't a blowout, but it wasn't close, either, particularly given the caliber of this field.

"Any time you get all those good horses that are pretty evenly matched, it depends on who's day it is," Joiner said. "Joe told me he broke clear and I felt pretty confident all throughout the race. He felt more confident than I did watching it."



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Jockey Joe Badilla talks with trainer Michael Joiner, right, as he rides Jess Rapid into the winner's circle at Ruidoso Downs after the running of the Ruidoso Derby Sunday.

DOWNNS: BS My Favorite wins in Juvenile

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Ruidoso Juvenile

Jockey Martin Bourdieu has already set forth his challenge to be the top jockey at Ruidoso Downs this summer, both Thoroughbred and quarter horse.

He got off to a good start on the quarter horse side Sunday with a win in the Ruidoso Futurity Juvenile aboard BS My Favorite Sport.

Bourdieu is second in the Thoroughbred standings thus far in this young season, and hasn't cracked the top 10 in quarter horse standings, but he's the first to point out how much more racing is left this summer.

"I'm just happy with the win and they way I'm doing right now," Bourdieu said.

As for Sunday's race, Bourdieu knew BS My Favorite Sport could do better than he did in the trials for the Ruidoso

Futurity, in which he only turned in the 15th-fastest time over all.

Following that trial, trainer John Stinebaugh decided some changes were needed.

"He broke in the five hole, and he was acting really bad," Bourdieu said. "So Mr. Stinebaugh made some changes in the equipment, and today he broke real good. He ran stupendous."

The race was slow to get started, as Devons Signature acted up in the gate and had to be scratched by order of the track stewards. But even that delay didn't affect BS My Favorite Sport.

"It didn't bother him at all, he has way too much class," Bourdieu said. "He's a nice baby. They've only started developing him, but he's going to be a great horse in the future."

Pirates, Diamondbacks win baseball titles

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso Little League Major and Minor division tournaments came to a conclusion Monday with the championship matches in both brackets.

The evening began with the Minor League game, which saw the Pirates take a commanding 11-2 lead in the third inning, only to see the Marlins come back with five runs in the fourth.

Pirate pitcher Utah Morin was responsible for all five runs, either walking them in or hitting batters with the bases loaded.

But he got his control back, and was able to shut down the Marlins in the last inning to help secure his team the championship with an 11-7 victory.

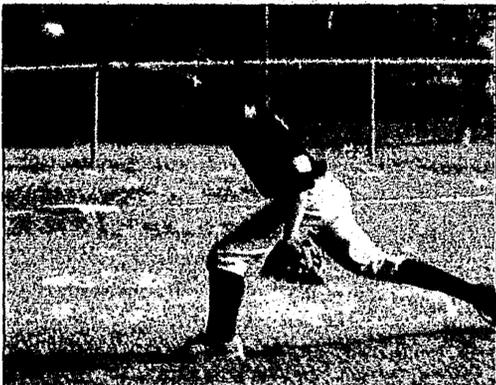
In the Major League game, it was a hitting show for both the Diamondbacks and the Blue Jays.

A total of three home runs were hit by each squad — Cole Davis and Stovel Powel for the Diamondbacks and Mitchell Harper for the Blue Jays.

But in the end it was dominating pitching by Jarred Davis that gave the Diamondbacks the 15-5 win.

While his team was racking up the runs — including an 8-run fourth inning — Davis was racking up the strikeouts. 12 Blue Jays came to the plate, and 12 sat back down again.

Full team rosters, as well as rosters for the Major and Minor league all-star teams, will run in the Friday edition of the Ruidoso News.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Pirate pitcher Utah Morin lets loose during his team's game against the Marlins in the Minor League championship Monday at Gavilan Canyon Field.

ALL-STARS: South continues its dominance in small-school football

FROM PAGE 1B

great job. They've prepared, they stayed tough, they remained focus and they just got after it. That's what it's all about."

The South struck on its first possession, a 13-play drive spanning 62 yards. As with most of the game, Jonathan Fuentes from Loving High School took control, rushing for 23 of his 130 yards on the drive. The possession culminated with a field goal from Cloudercroft's T.J. Blette to put the South up 3-0 with less than a minute in the first quarter.

The North fought back late in the second quarter, driving the ball from their own 35 to the South 15 with 6.6 seconds left in the half. The North attempted a field goal but Tucumcari's A.J. Molinas' attempt was blocked, leading to an 80-yard return from Loving's Jonathan Fuentes to pad the South's lead.

North coach Frank Ortiz said it was turnovers that led to the loss. He said that although his team played well, the South was just the better team.

"The kids were playing real hard and it was close," Ortiz said. "Then they blocked our field goal and got some points out of it. We threw an interception and they got some points out of it. Other than that, our defense played real well. Offensively, we made some mistakes but the kids did a great job trying to run the offense in the short amount of time that we tried to practice."

Both teams were held scoreless in the third quarter but that changed early in the fourth.

The South was driving deep into the North's territory with a second-and-6 on its opponent's 12. The South's Isaiah Perez of Lordsburg threw an interception to the North's Matthew Tafoya of Springer in the endzone to finish the drive.

Unfortunately for the North, Tafoya threw an interception the very next play to Loving's Gavino Gutierrez, taking it in for six points.

The South's final touchdown came from another North turnover with Estancia's Joey Autry recovering a fumble. Two plays later, Fuentes pushed the ball into the endzone from 12 yards out on a sweep to the right.

All touchdowns for the South came from Loving High School players — Jonathan Fuentes with a fumble recovery for a touchdown and a rushing touchdown, Gavino Gutierrez with an interception returned for touchdown.

Prokop said he hopes the relationships



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Capitan Tiger Stephen Silva, far right, leads the way for the South's leading rusher from Loving, Jonathan Fuentes.

created through this game will continue long after the final second ticked off the board. He said that all the memories he built on that field will last a lifetime and that's what football's all about.

"A lot of good memories and hopefully some good friendships with these kids," Prokop said. "I hope they stay in contact with me. That's what this is all about, trying to build things. Competitiveness, yes, but there's nothing better than high school football."

Matt Miller is a writer for the Silver City Sun-News, a sister paper to the Ruidoso News.

Warrior cagers getting a workout on the court

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

ALAMOGORDO — For two weeks, the Ruidoso girls basketball team has been hitting the court hard in summer practice. Now, it's the guys' turn.

The Ruidoso Warriors took to the court over the weekend, in the beginning of what is in actuality a mini-basketball season. They started with an appearance at the Alamogordo camp, and continue their arduous schedule today, where they're wrapping up their last day at the three-day Portales camp at Eastern New Mexico University.

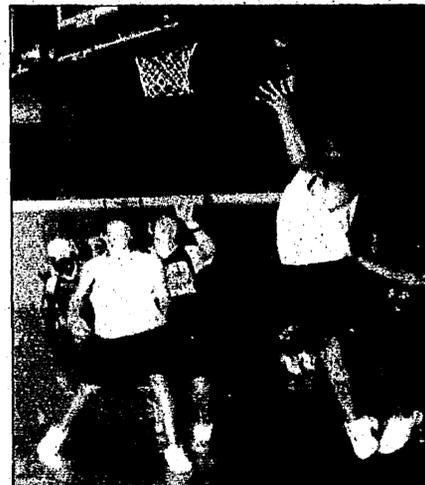
Along the way, the Warriors — playing on four different teams from freshman to varsity level — have played approximately 20 games against teams that come in all variety of size and ability.

"You've to have an attitude, and get some confidence, which comes from summer play," Page said. "Hopefully, you learn how to win the close games."

Page and the Warriors were quite hampered by the fact that several players from the massive Ruidoso High basketball program weren't in Alamogordo — it is the summer, after all.

But those that did make it played hard, including a wild 34-33 overtime victory over Socorro that only ended when Sergio Castañon hit a free throw in sudden-death overtime.

"With those types of situations, you start learning how to play as a team," Page said.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso center Dustin Prelo, right scores as teammate Ted LaCoe looks on during the Warriors' game against the Alamogordo junior varsity Friday at the Alamogordo team camp.

"They're learning what each other can do, and that's real important to our program."

After they finish in Portales, the Warriors head to Denver June 23-26 to close out their summer season.

Lady Warriors

While the boys are finishing in Portales today, the girls are just getting started, playing in their final summer tournament which runs through Saturday.

The Lady Warriors were in Hobbs this past weekend, and they faced much the same situation as the boys — too few players against too many teams.

Still, coach Greg Marez wasn't too disappointed.

"We were missing three or four girls, but we won three games that first day," Marez said. "We won one the next day, but only lost to Portales by five."

Sertoma offers thrills and spills for racing fans over the weekend

BY KAREN BOEHLER

SERTOMA RACE TRACK

TULAROSA — After a perfect set of heat races Friday, in which the drivers raced rather than crashed, the mains at Sertoma Speedway were another matter. Only the Super Stock main was yellow free, while the other races had more than their share of accidents and slow-downs.

The Super Stock racers gave the fans some exciting racing rather than cautions, as three drivers battled for the win. Alamogordo's Will Sewell took an early lead, with Ruidoso's Grant Dean and Alamo's Mac McCutcheon right behind. Sewell and Dean soon moved out in front and on the eighth lap, Dean took a lead he would never again relinquish.

Capitan's Andy Willingham then spun out but got back on track so no yellows were called. Dean continued to lead, but said he never felt like he had the race sewn up. "You're never confident in the front," he said. "You're always worried, I've got to go faster. I've got to go faster. They're going to come around me any minute. You just keep pushing and pushing."

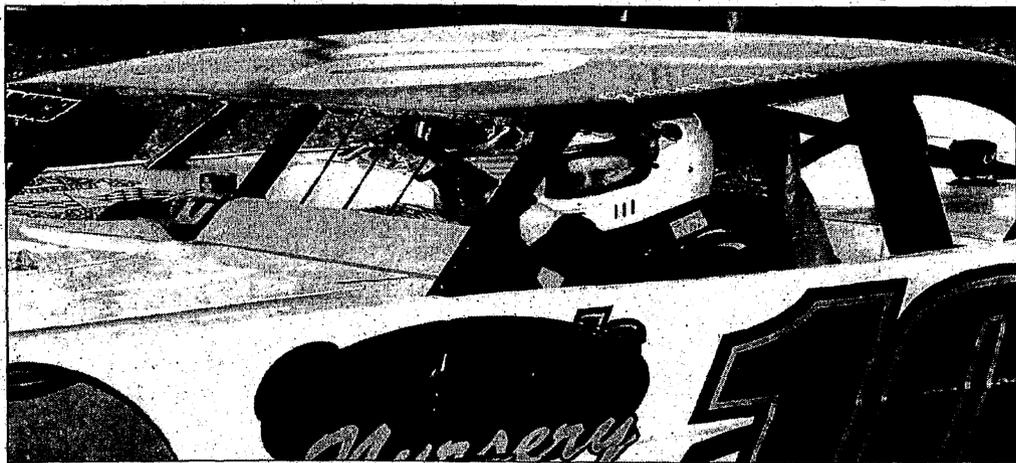
And that's what McCutcheon did, as he closed in on Sewell, passing him on Lap 17 to hold on to second place. Dean said after the earlier races, he knew the track would be slick, and just had to drive accordingly.

"I knew it was going to turn out to be a real dry, slick track," he said. "So you try to set your car up accordingly and feather-foot it. Drive it like there's an egg under the throttle. That's what it took to win. But it was fun. Boy, it was fun."

The win was the second this season for Dean, who's a rookie in Super Stock. "That's not bad. I'm happy," he said. "Especially after throwing two motors the first three races of the year. So it's getting better. It was fun."

Problems in the other classes started in the newly inaugurated Bomber Class, a pre-Hobby Stock class designed to give beginning racers a chance to see what it's like to be out on the track. Evolved from the enduros of the past, the Bombers feature a mixed array of cars, but the top two for most of the race were no surprise: they were last week's No. 1 and 2 finishers.

Alamogordo's Amber Ryan, driving a



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso driver Grant Dean prepares to enter the track at Sertoma Speedway Friday in Tularosa. Dean took a win in the Super Stock class of cars on the night.

blue, Big Jax Pinto station wagon, and German Uwe Glasner, in a Chevy Celebrity, were the only cars in contention for most of the race, Bill Finley led briefly, but Ryan moved into the front quickly, with Glasner on her bumper the whole way.

Thirteen laps into the 30-lap main event (which was run without heats immediately before the intermission), Glasner tried to pass but was caught up in traffic and held back. Then came the first caution lap of the night when car 111, driven by a trio of nurses from White Sands Family Practice, hit the wall hard at Turn 2, bringing out the volunteer firefighters and ambulance crews. The group escaped unscathed, but their car was done for the night, as were several others.

When the race resumed, only six of the original 11 Bombers were still racing. There was no change in front, however. Glasner was right back on Ryan's bumper and on Lap 20, it looked like he'd finally succeeded in taking the lead. "I got hung up behind that 8-1/2 car, and I couldn't get around (Glasner) and he came right up on me," Ryan said.

But mere seconds after getting that lead, a tire went flying off the white Chevy.

"I almost hit his tire," Ryan said. "It came flying past me. I had to stomp on

my brakes."

She managed to miss the tire, and with Glasner out of the race, the checkered flag was all hers. Although it seems like a Pinto might not make the best of race cars, Ryan said it has advantages.

"It's real lightweight and it handles the corners really well," she said. "Some of the cars with the bigger engines can beat me on the straights but they can't beat me on the corners and that's where it's all at."

The yellows flags were out in force during the Hobby Class, after a soaking-down following intermission made the track seem more like a skating rink. The start of the Hobby main was delayed while the cars tried to pack in the track, but it didn't appear to help. On the first lap, Joe Ruiz spun out in Turn 2 and after a yellow, the cars were told to do a few more preparation laps.

Then, on the restart, with the cars still slipping and sliding, a yellow was called for debris in Turn 1, then again when points-leader Steve Winsor hit the wall during the yellow, breaking his suspension. On the third try, Kevin George and Reese Howard jumped out to a wide lead, lapping several cars, but then, with only seven laps complete, Roy Moore hit Howard and another yellow was called.

By the time order was restored, so much time had gone by that the race was out to 15 laps. George and Howard remained one and two when the race again started, but Levi Roberts was slowly moving up in the pack. With four laps remaining, the 18-year-old had taken second, and heading into turn four of the final lap, was breathing George's fumes. But then Howard hit the wall in Turn 2, raising a cloud of dust and this time

got tangled up on the backstretch, with another caution the result. This time, Boles and Dennis McMaster left with flat tires, and at the next restart, only nine of the original 12 cars were still in the field. Then, Ray Gutierrez, who led during the earlier aborted starts, was hit by Ruidoso's Tim Collins, and yet another yellow was called. With no one seriously injured and this race also shortened to 15 laps, the attrition was good news for Lucas Moore, who took the lead when the race finally did get started and never looked back.

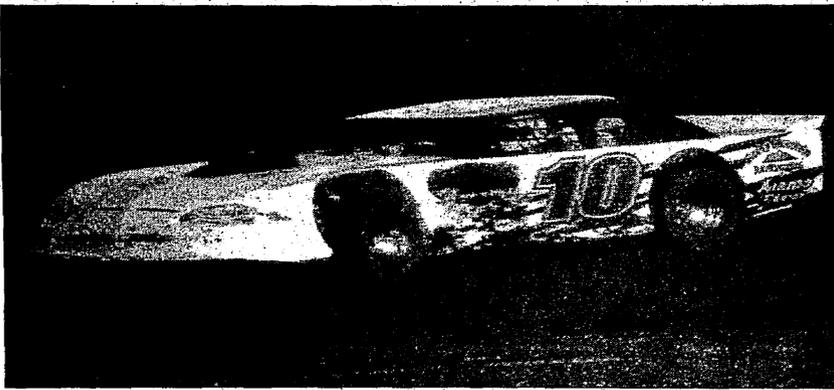
Next week, the Hobby, Street and Super Stock classes will be joined by both the Renegade Sprint Cars and the Legends.

June 11 results listed by place, car number and driver

- Hobby Stock**
1, 72, Kevin George; 2, 25, Levi Roberts; 3, 00, Reese Howard; 4, 71, Ryan Dubois; 5, 38Y, Scott Young; 6, 40X, Len Zaffino; 7, 0J, Joe Ruiz; 8, 17, Steve Winsor; 9, 21, Roy Moore; 10, 14, Sharon Loveland; 11, 88, Lee Gilpin.
- Street Stock**
1, 25L, Lucas Moore; 2, 25, Crystal Sampson; 3, 6, Walton Kyle Sr.; 4, 36, Larry Dubois; 5, 23, Brandon Atkins; 6, 77, Tim Collins; 7, 05, Fred Staley; 8, 1, Ray Gutierrez; 9, L4, Dave Loveland; 10, 16, Dennis McMaster; 11, 7X, Jake Boles; 12, 8, Jeff Reynolds.
- Super Stock**
1, 10, Grant Dean; 2, 01, Mac McCutcheon; 3, 3W, Will Sewell; 4, G3, Cory Gorby; 5, 99A, Andy Willingham; 6, 81, Danny Elfr; 7, 20, Danny Hoffer; 8, 14, Jim Cleveland; 9, 2H, Josh Hammond.
- Bombers**
1, 6, Amber Ryan; 2, 24K, Kevin George; 3, 24, Bill Finley; 4, 7, Teddy McCutcheon; 5, 8 1/2, Amy Nelson; 6, 0001, Uwe Glasner; 7, 111, Nicole Mirabal; 8, 37, Jimmy Norris; 9, 81, Randy Arone; 10, 17, John McDaniel; 11, 5, Jeremy Roberts.

bringing out a red flag. Again, the firefighters and ambulance crews rushed to the scene, but after a tense few moments, Howard was reported OK. That was the end of the race, however, as officials ended it with George declared the winner and Roberts in second.

Things didn't get any easier during the Street Stock main. On the first lap, points leader Jake Boles spun into the infield, causing a yellow and restart. On the next try, at least half-a-dozen cars



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Ruidoso's Grant Dean screams around a turn during a preliminary race in the Super Stock class of racing Friday at Sertoma Speedway in Tularosa.

BLUES: Just another day at the stable gate

FROM PAGE 1B

"A drunk just walked up to my door and asked if this was Santa Anita... A racetrack in California, ma'am... some dogs are chasing a horse on a hot walker... a water main broke and is flooding two stables... a busload of tourists just drove through the gate stick and, on the way, nearly air-mailed the

drunk to Santa Anita. My coffee pot's boiling over... there's a nasty wet wad of chewing tobacco in my doorway... I stepped in some horse droppings while trying to dodge a brown Ford pickup that came roaring out of here... the seat of my pants split... I have a toothache... and there's a note on my desk from a local lady who claims that someone at the track took indecent

liberties with her goat.

"So you see, ma'am, I... Huh?...Your goat?"
"Well, let's start with a description of the goat...."

(Many thanks to Walt Birdson, cowboy, soldier, lawman and a veteran of 14 years as a security guard at Ruidoso Downs, whose sense of humor has never failed him.)

LCRC keeps rolling along in Capitan

LCRC results from May 22 Lincoln County Fairgrounds

Little Britches Barrels
Boys: 1, Taylor Varbel
Girls: 1, Bryanna Parker; 2, Molly Griffin; 3, Loryn Danley

Poles
Boys: 1, Levi Beaty; 2, Brayson Smallwood; 3, Taylor Varbel
Girls: 1, Molly Griffin; 2, Bryanna Parker; 3, Torri Trapp

Goats
Boys: 1, Taylor Varbel; 2, Levi Beaty; 3, Brayson Smallwood
Girls: 1, Molly Griffin; 2, Torri Trapp; 3, Loryn Danley



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Brayson Smallwood, left, goes for the legs of a goat in the Little Britches event during the Lincoln County Rodeo Club event held May 22 at the county fairgrounds in Capitan. Smallwood picked up a third place in the goat tying and was also second in poles and flags.

9-12 years Breakaway Roping
Boys: 1, Connor Hall; 2, Paul Sanchez; 3, Lance Merritt

Steer Stopping
Boys: 1, Paul Sanchez

Step Down Roping
Boys: 1, Paul Sanchez; 2, Corey Esquero; 3, Mathew Silva
Girls: 1, Callie Evans

Barrels
Boys: 1, Lance Merritt; 2, Connor Hall; 3, Lyle Danley
Girls: 1, Kayla King; 2, Sarah Gilliland; 3, Carly Reynolds

Flags
Boys: 1, Lance Merritt; 2, Lyle Danley; 3, Tyler Henson
Girls: 1, Brittany Perteet; 2, Ashley Prueitt; 3, Taylor Thomas

Poles
Boys: 1, Tyler Henson; 2, Lyle Danley; 3, Isaac Sanchez

13-15 years Breakaway Roping
Boys: 1, Tanner Daniel; 2, Ben Sanchez; 3, Tanner Jones

Ribbon Roping
Boys: 1, Ben Sanchez; 2, Travis L. Virden; 3, Spur Lovelace

Call Roping
Boys: 1, Tanner Daniel; 2, Ben Sanchez

Heading
Boys: 1, Tanner Daniel; 2, James Sanchez

Heeling
Boys: 1, Ben Sanchez; 2, James Sanchez

Barrels
Boys: 1, David Ordonica; 2, Kevin Parker; 3, James Sanchez

16-19 years Barrels, flags, poles and goats
Boys: 1, Brandon Jones
Girls: 1, Bridgette Fuson

RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Results for racing at Ruidoso Downs for June 10-13:

Thursday, June 10

First — 7 1/2 furlongs. Destinedtoheastar 4.40 2.40 2.60, Verybrightshinney 2.60 2.40, Faye Kinitt 2.60. Quinella — 7.00. Exacta — 11.00. Trifecta — 17.70. T — 1:33.40. Scratched — Imperial Image.

Second — 550 yards. Spittin' and Spittin 5.80 2.60 2.40, Spectacular Lead 2.60 2.20, Screen Trick 2.60. Quinella — 6.40. Exacta — 9.80. Trifecta — 26.40. Daily Double — 15.00. T — 27.72.

Third — 400 yards. TE Look At Doc 33.20 7.20 3.80, A Rare Leader 2.60 2.80, ZZ Special 5.80. Quinella — 24.80. Exacta — 133.60. Trifecta — 247.50. T — 20.28.

Fourth — 350 yards. Win The Medal 17.00 10.60 6.80, Mr Peddle Pusher 35.20 23.60, Another Lying Woman 10.20. Quinella — 185.20. Exacta — 231.40. Trifecta — 184.90. T — 18.40.

Fifth — 350 yards. Sheza A Mag 59.00 25.80 9.00, Janies Sunshine 6.40 4.60, Angelas Runaway 4.00. Quinella — 125.40. Exacta — 219.00. Trifecta — 1,616.50. T — 17.90.

Sixth — 350 yards. Sir Chickaroid 4.20 3.40 2.40, Miami Groovin Cartel 8.20 3.80, Straw Fly Boy 3.20. Quinella — 21.00. Exacta — 39.20. Trifecta — 48.50. T — 17.58.

Seventh — 6 furlongs. Heat Expectations 8.00 4.60 5.80, Heaven Blessed 14.60 8.00, Clara Allen 7.40. Quinella — 68.60. Exacta — 221.40. Trifecta — 1,085.10. T — 1:11.80.

Eighth — 5 furlongs. Coil N Strike 7.60 5.00 2.80, Johns Hot Water 7.80 3.20, Ocean Symphony 2.60. Quinella — 49.20. Exacta — 73.20. Trifecta — 77.80. T — 57.60. Scratched — Bobby Blurr.

Ninth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Security Comet 8.00 3.80 3.00, Devons Gona Roll 13.20 6.20, Mr. Will 2.80. Quinella — 54.30. Exacta — 88.20. Trifecta — 150.70. Pick 3 — 121.00. T — 1:35.80.

Friday, June 11

First — 5 furlongs. Merger Talk 5.80 2.80 2.20, Twilight's Angie 3.20 2.40, Jinglejanglejingle 2.60. Quinella — 9.80. Exacta — 12.60. Trifecta — 24.40. T — 59.00. Scratched — Black Flash.

Second — 400 yards. Big Bug Creek 31.20 16.80 9.40, Aspecial Roon 9.20 4.80, Fitness Lady 4.80. Quinella — 67.00. Exacta — 1,347.00. Trifecta — 2,761.50. Daily Double — 541.20. T — 20.21.

Third — 5 1/2 furlongs. Mr Saly Jones 15.60 6.60 3.60, Doctor Dragon 3.00 2.80, Free N Wild 2.60. Quinella — 14.60. Exacta — 44.20. Trifecta — 106.80. T — 1:04.00.

Fourth — 350 yards. Lasting Episode 12.60 7.40 5.20, Dash Is Flying 8.60 5.20, Easy As 123 6.00. Quinella — 71.40. Exacta — 81.80. Trifecta — 186.20. T — 17.98.

Fifth — 350 yards. Bud Of Course 12.00 6.40 5.00, Relagated 7.20 5.80, Rogue Warrior 6.40. Quinella — 32.80. Exacta — 75.40. Trifecta — 434.70. Scratched — Tackys Original.

Sixth — 350 yards. Pay The Champ 47.60 23.60 11.20, Phantom Miracle 6.20 4.80, Hesa Little Setter 4.00. Quinella — 140.00. Exacta — 1,485.00. Trifecta — 3,074.20. T — 18.23.

Seventh — 6 furlongs. Cee's Assert 7.40 4.00 3.20, Southern Regal 6.00 3.60, Call Cielo 3.40. Quinella — 29.60. Exacta — 62.60. Trifecta — 126.50. T — 1:11.60.

Eighth — 870 yards. Ylax 7.40 2.40 2.60, Rocket On Sound 2.40 2.40, Honest Mac 2.80. Quinella — 8.60. Exacta — 26.80. Trifecta — 44.10. T — 45.30. Scratched — AB Bully.

Ninth — 6 furlongs. Speedball Tucker 25.20 9.00 4.80, Plain Brown Suit 3.80 3.20, Mr. Seafarer 4.00. Quinella — 24.40. Exacta — 84.40. Trifecta — 132.20. Pick 3 — 778.40. T — 1:10.40.

Saturday, June 12

First — 6 furlongs. Rubin's Girl 7.80 4.00 2.80, Cherokee Sky 5.20 2.80, Panchita Villa 3.40. Quinella — 24.00. Exacta — 38.80. Trifecta — 100.50. T — 1:10.40.

Second — 6 furlongs. Macho Miller 3.60 2.60 2.40, Q Mark 2.40 2.40, Zippersnippers 3.20. Quinella — 4.40. Exacta — 6.20. Trifecta — 17.20. Daily Double — 12.00. T — 1:12.00.

Third — 400 yards. Speeding Apollo 4.20 4.00 3.00, Smashingly Dashing 8.20 4.80, Behold Cowboy Dash 6.60. Quinella — 36.60. Exacta — 58.60. Trifecta — 20.25.

Fourth — 350 yards. La Jollaroid 8.20 5.40 4.20, Princess Scuttle Bug 4.40 3.80, The Shockwave 4.40. Quinella — 24.80. Exacta — 38.40. Trifecta — 90.30. T — 17.63.

Fifth — 6 furlongs. Jackie M 10.60 6.40 4.00, Lifted Rose 10.00 4.80, Policy Cat 3.20. Quinella — 54.20. Exacta — 89.00. Trifecta — 248.50. T — 1:13.40.

Exacta — 45.60. Trifecta — 90.50. T — 1:33.20.

Ninth — 350 yards. Down Home Letters 17.40 9.00 3.60, Rare Incarose 9.60 3.40, Bueno Misquito 2.80. Quinella — 68.00. Exacta — 281.40. Trifecta — 286.30. T — 17.68. Scratched — Coronas Plan.

Tenth — 870 yards. Merely A Splash 6.60 2.80 2.80, Talking Dinero 4.20 3.60, Takinouthatras 4.80. Quinella — 13.00. Exacta — 24.60. Trifecta — 127.10. Pick 3 — 323.00. T — 46.61.

Sunday, June 13

First — 5 furlongs. Mojo Mundo 26.20 9.40 3.20, Frisky Money 5.80 3.60, Spelling Bee Jones 2.80. Quinella — 70.20. Exacta — 265.80. Trifecta — 407.50. T — 58.40.

Second — 7 1/2 furlongs. Samurai Nanao 9.80 3.40 2.20, Go Kitty Go 2.40 2.10, No Term Limit 2.10. Quinella — 8.40. Exacta — 20.00. Trifecta — 26.90. Daily Double 95.40. T — 1:32.40.

Third — 5 furlongs. Little Lady Run 5.20 2.80 2.60, Hush's Gold 3.20 2.80, Excessive Gray 2.40. Quinella — 7.80. Exacta — 15.20. Trifecta — 14.30. T — 58.80. Scratched — Ferrara's Medina.

Fourth — 400 yards. Pimonte 11.40 7.00 4.20, Quick Zone Delivery 15.80 6.00, Definitely Real 2.60. Quinella — 278.20. Exacta — 528.20. Trifecta — 220.70. T — 20.03.

Fifth — 350 yards. BS My Favorite Sport 9.80 6.40 3.80, Kas Im Fast Man 9.60 6.40, Jess Satin 3.80. Quinella — 84.40. Exacta — 99.80. Trifecta — 362.40. T — 17.52. Scratched — You Betcha Can, Devons Signature.

Sixth — 350 yards. A Miracle Dancer 36.40 25.60 7.40, Dean Will Do 13.40 4.80, Tiz Speeding 2.60. Quinella — 211.80. Exacta — 814.40. Trifecta — 1,808.00. Tri-Super — 28,449.00. T — 18.26.

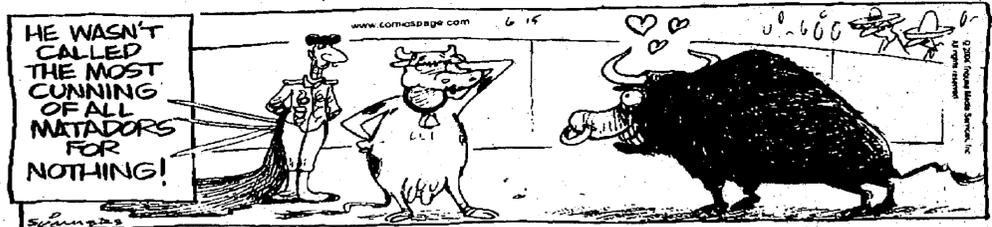
Seventh — 400 yards. Jess Rapid 16.60 5.60 4.60, Planet Holland 3.40 3.20, Special Alternative 4.40. Quinella — 14.00. Exacta — 40.00. Trifecta — 111.90. T — 19.40.

Eighth — 6 furlongs. Stranger 9.00 4.60 3.00, Lobato 8.60 4.20, Brown Chequer 3.60. Quinella — 40.00. Exacta — 58.80. Trifecta — 74.20. T — 1:10.60. Scratched — Hollie Blue.

Ninth — 350 yards. All About Ease 27.40 9.00 6.00, Tell Em Im Gone 18.20 10.00, First Down Runner 6.40. Quinella — 182.60. Exacta — 361.60. Trifecta — 1,252.40. T — 17.32.

Tenth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Prom King 9.20 5.20 2.60, Sharm 4.20 3.00, Western Runner 3.40. Quinella — 16.00. Exacta — 37.20. Trifecta — 57.00. Pick 3 — 245.20. T — 1:35.00. Scratched — Poppun.

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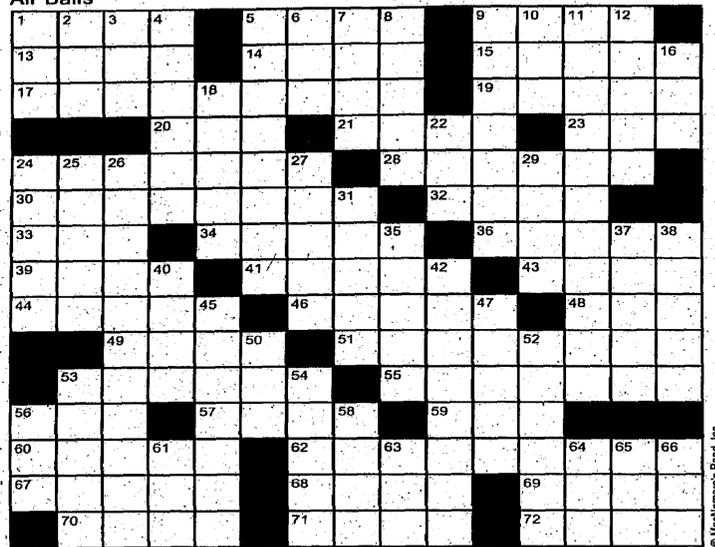
SHOE



ACROSS

- 1. Publisher — Davis
- 5. Beggar's duds
- 9. Places to enjoy pints
- 13. Love personified
- 14. Baldwin of film
- 15. China's Zhou
- 17. List of choices on a computer, maybe
- 19. Be skeptical of
- 20. Nitrogen, for instance
- 21. High: Prefix
- 23. Loop trains
- 24. Economic warfare tactic
- 28. Track down
- 30. Bald as a ball
- 32. Army chutist, briefly
- 33. —mo (replay option)
- 34. Rating units
- 36. Fedora parts
- 39. Slaughter in baseball
- 41. Inventor Howe
- 43. Pig food
- 44. Katmandu's country
- 46. A natural, at the craps table
- 48. Pharmaceutical-approving org.
- 49. Love personified
- 51. Went off the track
- 53. Rural road surface
- 55. Give a new look to
- 56. Felix or Garfield

Air Balls



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- 57. Skater's leap
- 59. "Uh-uh!"
- 60. Backup strategy
- 62. Top draw at a concert
- 67. Fend off
- 68. Intro to culture?
- 69. — Scotia lox
- 70. Campbell of "Scream"
- 71. Easy victory
- 72. Had down pat
- 6. Libation served at 9-Across
- 7. Filmdom's Rowlands
- 8. Racing shell
- 9. Human-powered taxi
- 10. Numero
- 11. Burl Ives hit
- 12. Fancy fur
- 16. Part of TGIF
- 18. Arch of Triumph site
- 22. Blouse or shirt
- 24. Buddy of "Barnaby Rudge"
- 25. Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
- 26. Collection of outtakes, perhaps
- 27. Some graduate exams
- 29. Terminal listings: Abbr.
- 31. Like prunes and raisins
- 35. Passport holder
- 37. Runway walker
- 38. Sam the Leech
- 40. — Lee cakes
- 42. "The Three Princes of Fairy"
- 45. Take a cute puppy, say
- 47. Twang, as speech
- 50. Driver's license datum
- 52. "—, therefore I am"
- 53. Ancient Greek physician
- 54. "The Merry Widow" composer
- 56. EMT specialty
- 58. Toy brick brand
- 61. Carson City's state: Abbr.
- 63. Tattoo place
- 64. "Smoking or ?"
- 65. Adam's madam
- 66. Like steak tartare

DOWN

- 1. Microwave, slangily
- 2. "Editorially speaking," in cybershort-hand
- 3. Vain fellow
- 4. Cost-conscious
- 5. Seaport of Kent, England

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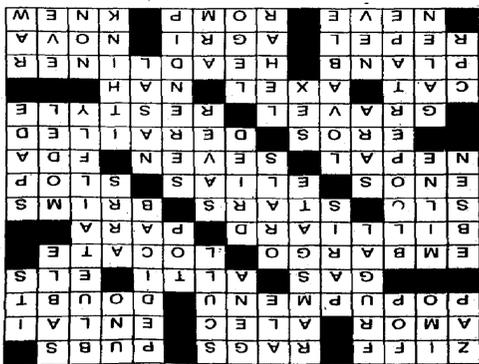
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Carrizozo chamber, fire dept. team up for July 4 events

Discounted advance tickets, just \$5, are available until July 3.

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The annual Fourth of July Barbecue and Fireworks at the Carrizozo Golf Course again will be

hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and the Carrizozo Fire Department.

The barbecue will be from 5-8 p.m. July 4. Plates will be \$6 for adults at the gate and \$3 for children 10 and under. Discounted advance adults' tickets are \$5 and will be available for purchase through July 3 only.

The advance tickets can be purchased at the following chamber-member businesses: Antique Liquidators, Donna Harkey, Carrizozo Police Department, Visitors Center Caboose, Carrizozo Hardware, Roy's Gift Gallery, Carrizozo Heritage Museum and Eileen's Hands and Hoofs.

The meal will be deep-pit cooked barbecue brisket, with Wes Lindsay as chef. Hot dogs will be available for the kids.

Beans, coleslaw and watermelon and ice tea will complete the meal. Soft drinks and water will be available for purchase. The fireworks, courtesy of the Carrizozo Fire Department, will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The annual spectacular display, fired off over the lake, will last about 45 minutes. Personal fireworks will be allowed in a designated area.

All proceeds from the event go to support scholarships and chamber events to promote Carrizozo commerce.

The Chamber gave a \$1,000 scholarship in May to graduating senior Josh Calvert.



JULIE CARTER/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Valerie Thomas will teach a two-part, 1900-era hat-making class at the Carrizozo Heritage Museum June 19 and 26.

Merry Widow? Build one at the heritage museum

Ribbon flowers and artificial fruit will adorn operetta-inspired hat.

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo Heritage Museum will present Valerie Thomas, of Ghost Rider Apparel, in a workshop to build a 1900s-style hat using traditional no-glue methods.

The two-part hat crafting workshop will be June 19 and June 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Carrizozo Heritage Museum. It is free of charge, but will be limited to 12 people so reservations are recommended.

Thomas is a self-taught creator of period clothing, with her favorite being the 1870-1880 era. Her craft came with a lifetime of sewing experience and then the ownership of an old side saddle. Her curiosity as to just how it was to ride in those days with the long skirts and cumbersome attire led her to sew such an outfit for herself.

Researching through books, photos and post cards, Thomas has perfected the patterns for both men's and women's period clothing. She tries to use fabrics that replicate what was used at that time, including silks, cot-

tons, velvets, brocades and wool.

The workshop will take participants through the steps of making a "Merry Widow" hat. The Merry Widow is named for the operetta, "Merry Widow," by Franz Lehár. It is a large hat with a wide brim, decorated with long feather plumes, flowers, and any assortment of other embellishments.

Thomas will teach how to make flowers from ribbon, and how to use feathers and artificial flowers, bows and even fruit such as artificial grape clusters, which were popular for hat adornment in that time. The original Merry Widows often featured birds and their nests, as well as skins and furs.

Each item will be hand-stitched onto the hat and then a lining designed and sewed into the inside. Hats, fabrics and an assortment of embellishments will be provided, but Thomas encourages participants to bring any personal items of jewelry, beading or fabric that they might want to incorporate into their hat.

Suggested tools are scissors, wire cutters, sewing pins and a tape measure.

For more information or to make reservations, call the Carrizozo Heritage Museum at 648-1105.

DJ Baker honored

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Proof is in the vote of the peers. MTD Broadcasting Inc. gave disc jockey Joe Baker a four-hour Saturday morning radio slot just over a year ago and it's been an award-winning partnership.

Baker was notified last week he had been voted Disc Jockey of the Year for Academy of Western Artists (Will Rogers Cowboy Awards). The awards ceremony will be held in Ft. Worth July 8-13 at the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium.

The Academy of Western Artists is based out of Gene Autry, Okla.

"I don't know of another kind of music that is as popular as what we play here."

Tim Keithley
General Manager,
MTD Broadcasting

Forty-four western music Disc Jockeys from all across the United States and Canada were nominated. The AWA rules allow anyone to nominate but only members can vote.

The first nomination list came out and

is voted on in March. That creates a top-15 list that is again voted on by AWA members, creating a top-10 list. The top five in each category are then notified by the Academy, and in some categories the winners are notified so arrangements can be made to attend the awards show.

Baker said that even though he had been nominated and made the top five in 2002 and 2003, he still was very surprised he won the award. "You don't want to get your hopes up too much. It's easier to be surprised."

In May Baker won the disc jockey of the year award given by the Cowtown Western Music Society (CWMS) Hall of Fame.

MTD's 96.7 FM "New Mexico Bear" was nominated for best radio station along with over 70 other stations and it made it to the top five cut. MTD general manager Tim Keithley was quite pleased in that the station is barely over a year old.

An employee of Hubbard since 1989 and MTD since 1999, Keithley stated, "KNMB is the perfect format for Lincoln



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MTD Broadcastings' general manager Tim Keithley, left, and award-winning DJ Joe Baker of the Back Forty Bunkhouse Show offer a handshake for the partnership that works well for the KNMB 96.7 radio.

County. Western Swing is big here and the people that come here to vacation and holiday love the music because they are from West Texas.

"And the locals love the music as well. I don't know of another kind of music that is as popular as what we play here."

Keithley acknowledged that the success of the Back Forty Bunkhouse Show and the reason for his winning awards is Baker's well-known deep love for the kind of music he plays and promotes.

Baker plays the best of Western Swing, Classic Country, Texas Honky-Tonk and Texas music, during the Back Forty Bunkhouse Show at 96.7 FM, "New Mexico's Bear" and KWMW, 105.1 FM every Saturday morning 6 to 10 a.m.

You can find Joe Baker on the internet at www.texasmusicguide.com/JoeBaker/ or give him a call at the studio on Saturday mornings at 877-396-W105 and request your favorite artist or song.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Commission meeting

Lincoln County Fair Commission will meet at 7 p.m. June 16 in the Fletcher Hall building.

Youth rodeo

LCRC will hold another youth rodeo this Saturday at the Lincoln County Fair grounds. Admission is free and the event runs from 9 a.m. until late afternoon.

Team roping

Corriente CowBelle's team roping is set for June 26 at the fairgrounds.

The 2004 Corriente Scholarships will be awarded and the raffle drawing for the hand made silver inlaid bit will be held. Roping entries open at 9 a.m. and competition begins at 9:30. High money winner for the day will receive a \$1,000 bonus. For more information contact Pat Schear at 354-2476.

Work party

A fairgrounds work day is scheduled for 2 p.m. June 27. Help is needed to build pens and get grounds ready for the Smokey Bear Stampede to begin the following week.

Stampede

July 1-4, Smokey Bear Stampede will host nightly rodeos and dances, youth timed event ropings, ranch rodeo and

tie down roping.

Volunteers needed

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce needs volunteers to help staff the visitors center Caboose. The Carrizozo Heritage Museum has also called for volunteer help from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 648-2732.

By Julie Carter

Carrizozo students hit summer books

Thirty-three middle and high schoolers will be studying math and reading through July 1.

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

At the end of this school year, teachers recommended summer school to the parents of students needing additional help, particularly in math and reading.

Carrizozo Schools' summer program began June 7

and will run through July 1.

Fourteen elementary and 19 middle school students are participating in the program, held Monday through Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Strictly voluntary, the program is offering accelerated math and reading for both elementary and middle

school. The summer program is set up as a remedial intervention for those students struggling in those subjects.

The program expanded in 2003 to include math and the middle school students after the school remodel allowed for additional classroom space and new computer labs.

Last year's program was called "successful" in the fall, when classroom teach-

ers could see the progress made by students.

Teaching the elementary reading program are Becca Ferguson, Cathy Barela and Kellie Gallacher. Middle school reading and language arts are directed by Sarah Ball and Becky Borowski.

Elementary math summer teachers are Annie Serna and Dena Odell. Middle school math is instructed by Laura Hemphill.



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Part of the Carrizozo summer school staff do some brainstorming for the curriculum. From left around circle: Becca Ferguson, Kellie Gallacher, Rima Davis, Cathy Barela, Annie Serna, Sarah Ball and Becky Borowski.

RELIGION CORNER

Child's destiny not determined by personality type

QUESTION: What can you tell us about the differences between Type I and Type II kids? I have one of each and want to understand them.

DR. DOBSON: First, you should know that these characteristics are not highly correlated with intelligence. By that, I mean there are bright children who are at the flighty end of the scale, and there are slow-learning individuals who are highly motivated. The primary difference between them is a matter of temperament and maturity,

"Kids don't fit the same mold — nor do they need to."

James Dobson
focus on the family

although there are more smart kids in the Type I category.

Second, Type II children are not intrinsically inferior to Type I. Yes, it would be wonderful if every student used the talent he or she possessed to best advantage. But each child is a unique individual. Kids don't fit the same mold — nor do they need to. Education is important today, and we want our boys and girls to go as far as they can academically. But let's keep our goals in proper perspective. It is possible

that the low achiever will outperform the academic superstar in the long run. There are many examples of that occurring in the real world (Einstein, Edison, Eleanor Roosevelt, etc.). Don't write off that disorganized, apparently lazy kid as a lifelong loser. He may surprise you.

Third, you will never turn a Type II youngster into a Type I scholar by nagging, pushing, threatening and punishing. It isn't in him. If you try to squeeze him into something he's not, you will only produce aggravation for yourself and anger from the child. These attempts can fill a house with conflict. I have con-

cluded that it is simply not worth the price it extracts.

I am certainly not recommending that children be allowed to float through life, avoiding responsibility and wasting their opportunities. My approach to the underachiever can be summarized in these suggestions:

- No. 1: He lacks the discipline to structure his life. Help him generate it. Systematize his study hours. Look over his homework to see that it is neat and complete, etc.
- No. 2: Maintain as close contact with the school as possible. The more you and your child's teacher communicate, the better. Only then can you provide the needed structure.



Dr. James Dobson
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• No. 3: Avoid anger in the relationship. It does not help. Those parents who become most frustrated and irritated often believe their child's irresponsibility is a deliberate thing. Usually it is not. Consider the problem a matter of temperament rather than defiance.

• No. 4: Seek tutorial assistance if necessary to stay on track.

• No. 5: Having done what you can to help, accept what comes in return. Go with the flow and begin looking for other areas of success for your child.

Let me say it once more: Not every individual can be squeezed into the same mold. There is room in this world for the creative "souls" who long to breathe free. I'll bet some of you parents approached life from the same direction.

QUESTION: Should a college-educated woman feel that she has wasted her training if she chooses not to use it profes-

sionally? I mean, why should I bother to go through school to be a professional if I'm going to wind up raising kids and being a full-time homemaker?

DR. DOBSON: A person doesn't go to college just to prepare for a line of work — or at least, that shouldn't be the reason for being there. The purpose for getting a college education is to broaden your world and enrich your intellectual life. Whether or not it leads to a career is not the point. Nothing invested in the cultivation of your own mind is ever really wasted. If you have the desire to learn and the opportunity to go to school, I think you should reach for it. Your career plans can be finalized later.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

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Being better souls can start with the soles

Last Sunday, in our church worship service, I washed Mark Evans' feet. They were clean and didn't need to be washed, but I asked Mark previously if he would help me with a sermon illustration. I told him what he would need to do and what I would do and he agreed. So I read the scripture passage from John 13 where Jesus washed the disciples' feet. As Jesus washed their feet, he was the living example of two great characteristics of the Christian life...humility and servant-hood.



Clarifications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

By the way, wearing sandals in those days on dusty roads meant that your feet got dirty. And the lowliest servant or slave in a household was assigned the task of washing the feet of all who came to the house. For Jesus to wash the feet of the twelve meant that he would humble himself as a servant and wash their feet. No one objected, but Peter.

Peter always seemed to be on the opposite side of the Lord's things. At one time, Jesus had to say to him, "Get behind me,

Satan." Another time, Peter wanted to stay on the Mount of Transfiguration rather than work in the valley below.

And then, he betrayed the Lord three times at the trial before the High Priest. Now, in this situation, Peter says, "No, you shall never wash my feet." Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

Then Peter said, "Not just my feet, but my hands and head as well." Peter still didn't get it. Jesus was trying to teach his disciples that humility and service to others is the way God wants us to live.

If he, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Creator of all things, would wash their feet, they should also wash one another's feet. We do not need foot-washing today, but we do need humble service to one another. Jesus said, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." Jesus' way of living gives us help for today and hope for tomorrow.

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God knows you before you're born

Q: Did God know all about us before we were born? And did He give our souls to us at some specific time? Or are they just part of our natural birth? — S.H.

A: Yes, God knew all about us even before we were born. In fact, He gave our lives to us, and we are here because He created us and allowed us to be born. The Bible says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5).

Furthermore, it's important to remember that God not only made our body and our mind (through the natural processes He created), but He also gave us our soul or spirit, which is the part of us that is able to know God. We aren't just bodies or minds; if we were, we would be like every other animal (although unique because of our abilities). We also were created in the image of God.

The Bible certainly implies that we are given our souls right from the first. When the

Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord, visited her cousin



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Elizabeth, the baby growing in Elizabeth's womb responded: "As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy" (Luke 1:44).

Why is this important? First, it tells us that all human life — including that of the unborn — is sacred

in God's eyes and must not be wantonly destroyed. Second, it tells us that God wants us to know Him! God loves us and He wants to come into our lives and begin to change us from within. Is this happening in your life? It can, by opening your heart and life to God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Send your questions to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, P.O. Box 1270, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-(877) 2-GRHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org. Sponsored locally by the J Bar J Country Church.



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Locals hear from PRC commissioner Monday

BY DAVE PRICE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission is out to put the "public" back in its name, according to District 5 Commissioner E. Shirley Baca.

Baca, along with a number of commission staffers, visited Ruidoso Monday in the fourth of a series of visits to communities throughout the state. The town hall-style meetings are designed to "inform you of who we are and what we do," Baca said.

"It's important for us to be available to you because, ultimately, that's what we're here to do — to serve the public."

The meeting drew a sizeable crowd at Cree Meadows Country Club. In the audience were state representative Dub Williams, Ruidoso Downs city council members Susan Garrett and Rene Olivo and Ruidoso village councilor Ron Harde man,

along with elected officials and utility company employees from La Luz, Alamogordo, Santa Fe, Roswell, and elsewhere. Jack Chambers, president of Texas-New Mexico Power, made the trip from Fort Worth, Texas, for the workshop.

The PRC is responsible for regulating electric, natural gas, water and wastewater utility rates and service. Commissioners are elected from districts throughout the state and can serve up to two four-year terms. Baca, serves District 5. David King, whose District 2 is centered in Alamogordo, did not attend.

Health care

Monday's workshop included a discussion on the commission's service to New Mexicans through its Managed Health Care Bureau. The bureau assists and informs consumers, providers and managed health care plans in the state.

Linda Grisham, managed health care bureau manager for the PRC, said the commission uses an investigative team that will examine a market if an insurance company generates a "pattern of complaints," and that such investigations can lead to fines and penalties.

In addition to this service oversight role, Grisham said the bureau approves health plan policies and rate increases.

"We don't like to approve rate increases," Grisham said. "We require monumental amounts of documentation to approve an increase in rates."

Kathi Padilla handles internal and provider grievances in the bureau. Padilla said the bureau requires that all health plans provide their participants

with complete grievance procedures at the inception of a policy, and that when consumers encounter difficulty when in following those procedures, the bureau can step in.

"If you need any assistance at any time, you can just call our office," Padilla said.

To reach the bureau, call (505) 827-3928.

Utilities

Following the brief presentations on the health care and insurance oversight responsibilities of the PRC, discussion turned to utilities.

"It's important for us to be available to you because, ultimately, that's what we're here to do — to serve the public."

E. Shirley Baca
public regulation
commissioner, district 5

Representatives of Texas-New Mexico Power, Valor Telecom, Tularosa Basin Telephone Co. Inc., Zia Natural Gas and others shared statistics about their firms' growth and services with the audience.

David Gottula, Eastern New Mexico Business Unit Manager for Texas-New Mexico Power Company, said the company has about 31,000

customers in the Ruidoso and Alamogordo areas.

Gottula said the company is eager to explore alternative energy options, including a proposed biomass plant in Alamogordo, which would use wood shavings and trees from the Lincoln National Forest to burn to produce energy. He also said he plans to attend an upcoming state commission meeting on concentrated solar energy, exploring the construction of a solar-energy power plant in New Mexico.

Debbie Haynes spoke on behalf of Zia Natural Gas. She said that, while the company supports economic development in the markets it serves, it's also committed to "economic gardening," or "supporting and growing the businesses we already have." Haynes credited the "gardening" term to New Mexico Secretary for Economic Development Rick Homans.

Haynes also said Zia aggressively recruits new customers, as adding new customers to an existing gas delivery infrastructure "spreads our costs across a broader population, helping keep costs down."

In 1988, Zia Natural Gas served about 2,500 customers in the Ruidoso area. Today, its customers number more than 9,000.

TNMP president Jack Chambers discussed the role the PRC plays in setting utility rates. Chambers explained that about one-half of a power bill represents the direct cost of the fuel — one reason, Chambers said, the renewable energy sources are "so attractive," as they yield "very low, or even no, costs of fuel."

Another 25 percent of power bills, Chambers continued, are directly attributable to the



PRC Commissioner E. Shirley Baca addresses a public meeting Monday morning, June 14 at Cree Meadows in Ruidoso. Behind Baca, from left, are Deana Trujillo, Linda Grisham and Molly Harris.

return on invested capital, including the costs of power plants, transmission lines and the like.

Finally, Chambers said the final quarter of a typical utility bill pays for operating and

maintenance expenses, ranging from the cost of fuel for vehicles to employee salaries and related expenses.

Following the power utilities, representatives of Valor Telecom and Tularosa Basin

Telephone addressed the workshop, discussing such things as the growing demand for DSL broadband Internet service and the relatively high cost of in-state long distance calls in New Mexico.

The 'Ditch Witch'

The final portion of Monday's workshop was a discussion led by Deana Trujillo, the self-described "Ditch Witch," who talked about the PRC's pipeline safety bureau, which enforces the state's excavation law. According to the law, anyone using mechanized equipment to dig in New Mexico faces penalties of \$5,000 to \$750,000 if they fail to call before digging so that underground utilities can be located and marked.

The statewide toll-free number to locate lines before digging is (800) 321-ALERT (2537).

Trujillo presented a slide show showing burst water, propane and natural gas lines and said she'd recently been forced to consider fining a farmer who'd been tilling his fields for 20 years before accidentally severing a gas main. He hadn't called for a line locate, Trujillo said.

"In the field," she said, "everyone calls me the Ditch Witch. I think I live up to it."

Trujillo told the crowd that she is available any time to visit with groups across the state to discuss the state's pipeline law and to provide any instruction requested. She can be reached at (505) 827-3731.

Additional information about the PRC and the pipeline safety program can be found online at www.nimprc.state.nm.us

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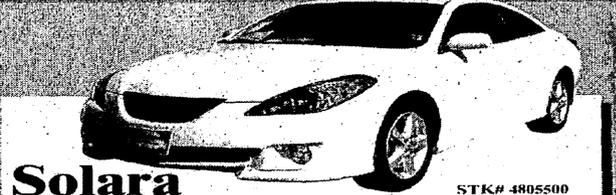


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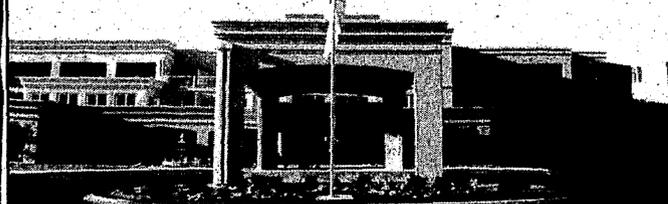
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Collaborative sets agenda for health care

BY WALTER RUBEL
SANTA FE BUREAU CHIEF

SANTA FE — The group charged with coordinating state spending and services for behavioral health met for the first time Friday and signed a Memorandum of Understanding as to how it would proceed.

Human Services Secretary Pamela Hyde, who is co-chairwoman of the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative along with Health Secretary Patricia Montoya, said the goal was to have the new system in place by the winter of 2005.

The state spends between \$300 million and \$500 million a year on mental health and substance abuse services, Hyde said. Services are provided by myriad state agencies ranging from Children, Youth and Families to Aging and Long-Term Services. The Collaborative, which was created by legislation passed in this year's session, will identify statewide needs, develop a statewide plan and find a vendor to take over contracting with providers and coordinating services.

"The goal is to create a single behavioral health-care delivery system in this state, across multiple state agencies and multiple funding sources," Hyde said.

She said that if they're successful, New Mexico could become a model for the nation.

"This is something that the nation has its eyes on," Hyde said.

"New Mexico is doing something that nobody else has ever done. There's a lot of people around the country watching this effort and thinking that we might be able to make a real positive change for people with

mental health and substance abuse needs in our state."

She said Connecticut attempted a similar collaboration, but it fell apart because the state agencies involved could not reach an agreement. There are 10 different cabinet secretaries and seven other officials involved in mental health services on the New Mexico Collaborative.

On Friday, they reached an agreement on the authority each member would have.

The original Memorandum of Understanding had a tiered voting system, where members representing agencies with the most money involved would get up to three votes on decisions involving spending. The was changed so that each member now has just one vote.

Mary Keener Beresford, executive director of the Governor's Commission on Disability, said those who serve as advocates should have the same authority as those who represent state agencies.

"The social issues are as important as the dollar component," she argued.

Hyde agreed. She said it was important that all members of the Collaborative look at all

Members of the New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative:

Pamela Hyde, secretary of Human Services
Patricia Montoya, secretary of Health
Michelle Lujan Grisham, secretary of Aging and Long-Term Services
Mary-Dale Botson, secretary of Children, Youth and Families
Joseph Williams, secretary of Corrections
James Jimenez, secretary of Finance
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Rhonda Faight, secretary of Transportation
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Veronica Garcia,

secretary of Education
Patrick Putnam, director of Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Catherine Cross Maple, assistant secretary of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Mary Keener Beresford, executive director of the Governor's Commission on Disability
Jessica Sutton, governor's health policy coordinator
Patricia Larragolte, director of Health Policy Commission
Katherine Miller, executive director of Mortgage Finance Authority
John Bigelow, public defender

aspects of mental health, and not just those aspects that impact their department.

"This is a very unique concept, because we're all used to dealing with our own dollars our own way," Hyde said. "So, I'm going to have to be interested in Corrections, and Joe (Williams, secretary of the Department of Corrections) is going to have to be interested in what we do."

Members also agreed to a change in the Memorandum of Understanding that would allow for a reconsideration of any decision that would cause a violation of existing regulations. Transportation Secretary Rhonda Faight said her department could stand to lose as much as \$300 million in federal construction funds if it does not comply with federal laws.

Hyde said that by coordinating efforts, the Collaborative

can avoid duplication, create a more seamless system for treatment and make better use of the money devoted to mental health services. She said no state employees would be laid off, but several would see their duties changed.

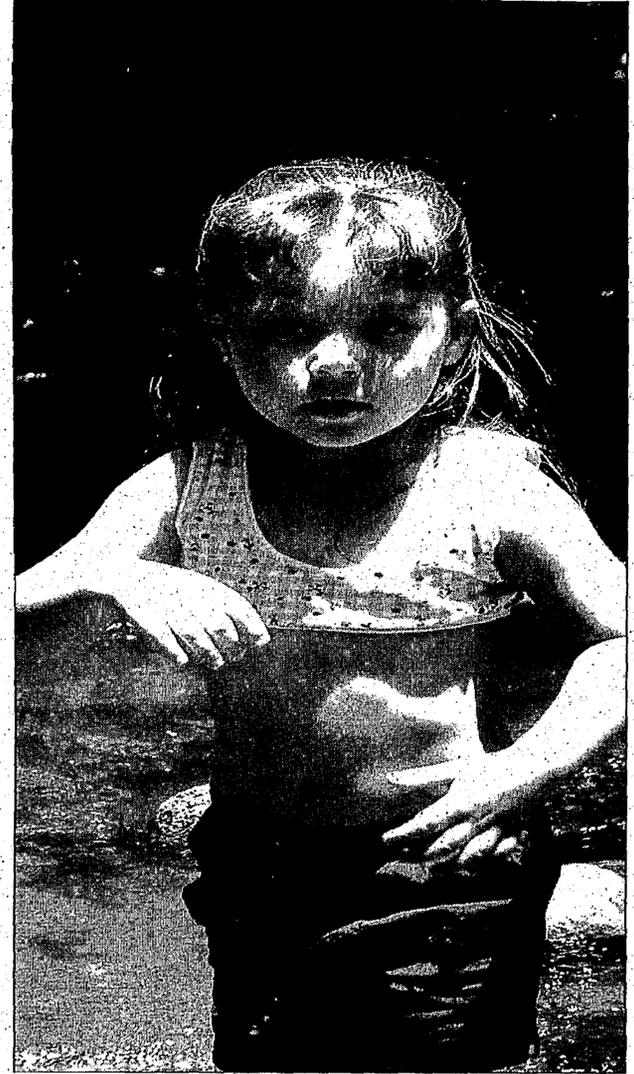
The next major step would be to prepare a request for proposals for vendors to coordinate services, Hyde said.

"That entity will be managing hundreds of millions of dollars," she said. "The structure is pretty open. Who can apply is pretty open. But the legal requirements will be pursuant to the current law, based on what we will be asking them to do."

A rough draft of the request for proposals has already been prepared, and Collaborative members are scheduled to meet in early August to review it.

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TAKING A DIP



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Lacy Marez, 5, keeps cool playing in the Ruidoso River at Two Rivers Park last week. Sunny skies have kept the popular park busy in recent weeks.

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Camp Enchantment

White Sands camp offers bright respite from cancer's worries

BY ELLIS NEEL
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In contrast to the weather last year at White Sands National Monument during the annual water balloon and super soaker party, the sun was shining brightly and the ground was hot Monday.

It was as hot as being at the beach and the nearly three-score children and 35 counselors warmed to the idea of cooling off with a big, old-fashioned water fight.

Wells Fargo Bank employees — with donations from bank customers, Sanders and Danley, Oasis Enterprises Inc., Desert Sun Motors, Denton Rock Co., Lane Plumbing, Makinson Enterprises and Anderson Refrigeration — hosted their annual Water Party and Barbecue at White Sands for 51 children from more than 30 cities across New Mexico who are attending Camp Enchantment: a camp for children between 7 and 17 years old who have been diagnosed with, are being treated for and are recovering from cancer.

Many of the counselors have come face to face with cancer themselves, either their own or a family member's.

Cancer makes the children feel isolated and different from their peers, so they tend not to socialize much. They often feel outcast and low. Camp Enchantment provides a colorful respite from a gloomy reality.

Once their children have been diagnosed with cancer, parents are often uneasy about being separated from them. Camp Enchantment affords parents a certain measure of relief from that unease and they are comfortable about letting their children attend the weeklong camp.

Most of the Camp Enchantment attendees have finished their cancer treatments.

Albuquerque native Vincent Ancona has been free from cancer for nearly four years. He is 15 years old.

When he was 9, he was diagnosed with a medulla blastoma — brain tumor — and was operated on four days later. Doctors removed 99.5 percent of the tumor and Vincent then underwent intense radiation and chemotherapy for 18 months.

The radiation killed most of his hair follicles so he will remain pretty much bald for the rest of his life, a fact he is still coming to terms with.

Sometimes it is hard, because other children will make fun of him.

"There's nothing much I can do," Vincent said. "I try to ignore it or try to come back with a comment not putting them down or putting me down. I try to end it quickly."

This is Vincent's fifth year attending Camp Enchantment and he is having a good time.

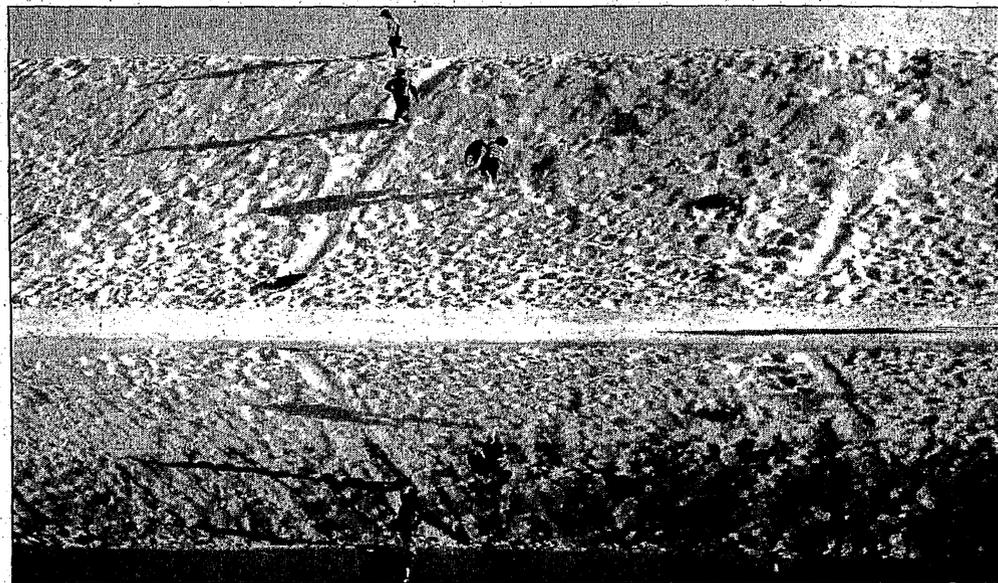
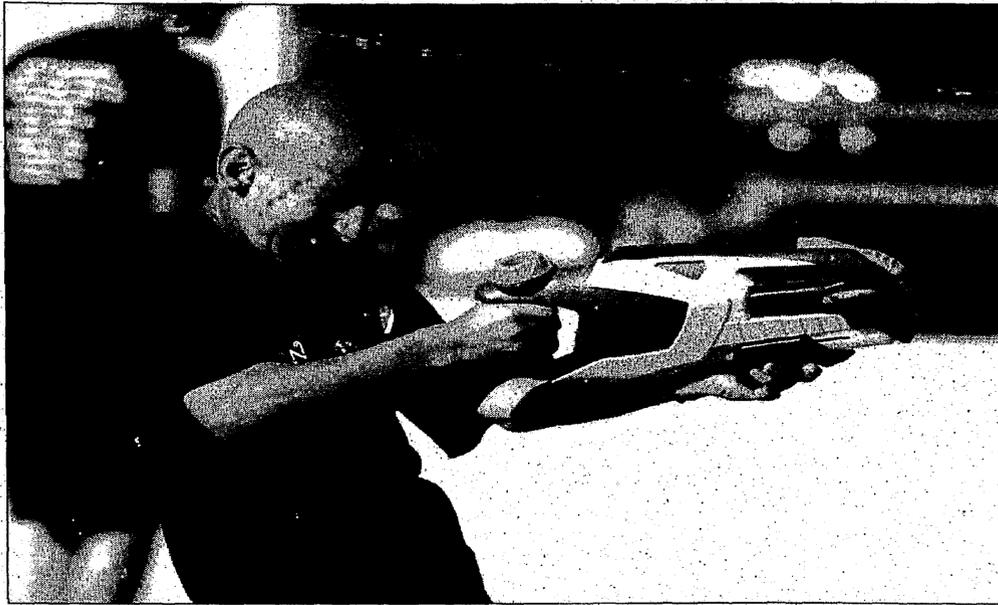
Vincent's cancer and the treatments have not affected his brainpower and he finished the eighth grade with a 4.0 grade point average and he will be a freshman at Albuquerque's St. Pius X in the fall.

"A joke that me and my mom came up with is that they put extra brains in," he said. "I do have a noticeable lack of stamina."

Vincent also mentioned he has been taking growth hormones over the last six months.

"I lost all my growth hormones" through the treatments, he said. "I have to give myself an injection every night. It's helped a lot."

The rigors of cancer and its treatment can take a toll on the youngsters and their families. Vincent speaks highly of Camp Enchantment, the counselors and the sponsors.



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Vincent Ancona, at top, takes part in a water balloon and super soaker fight during Camp Enchantment activities Monday, June 14, at White Sands National Monument. Ancona, an Albuquerque native, has spent one week during each of the last five years attending Camp Enchantment, a camp for children between the ages of 7 through 17 who have been diagnosed with, are being treated for or are recovering from cancer. The camp is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and hosted by the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped.

"It's awesome," he said. "It's a great way for kids to get away from everything. Everyone's treated here like no one has cancer. Here, we're just kids at camp, having fun."

Matt Henderson was diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia — also known as ALL — when he was 7.

"It was on my seventh birthday and we had a piñata and I was swinging at it and my wrist started to hurt and it didn't go away," Matt said. "We thought it was just kind of, whatever, pain."

Matt ended up going to the hospital and was told he would have to go to University of New Mexico hospital for more tests. Following the tests, he and his

family were informed he had the cancer and the standard treatment was a three-year regimen of oral medicines and taking shots and other medicines.

Matt suffered a relapse of the leukemia two or three years after his first treatment and he then decided to get a bone marrow transplant at the Fred

Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. It was a five-month process.

He is now nearly 20, in his third year at the University of New Mexico studying business and communications, and he has been free from cancer for several years now.

"I think it's been eight

years," Matt said.

He was a camper for 10 years, a counselor in training last year and this year he is a counselor.

Camp Enchantment is sponsored primarily by three major groups — The American Cancer Society, the University of New Mexico Pediatrics/Oncology Department and the William H. Tucker Foundation — with numerous donors in Alamogordo including Otero Federal Credit Union, Wells

Fargo Bank, the Noon Kiwanis, Wrangler and First National Bank. It is hosted by the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped.

More than 50 children are diagnosed with cancer in New Mexico each year, leukemia being the most common form of childhood cancer.

Ellis Neel is a staff writer and photographer for the Alamogordo Daily News, a sister publication of the Ruidoso News.

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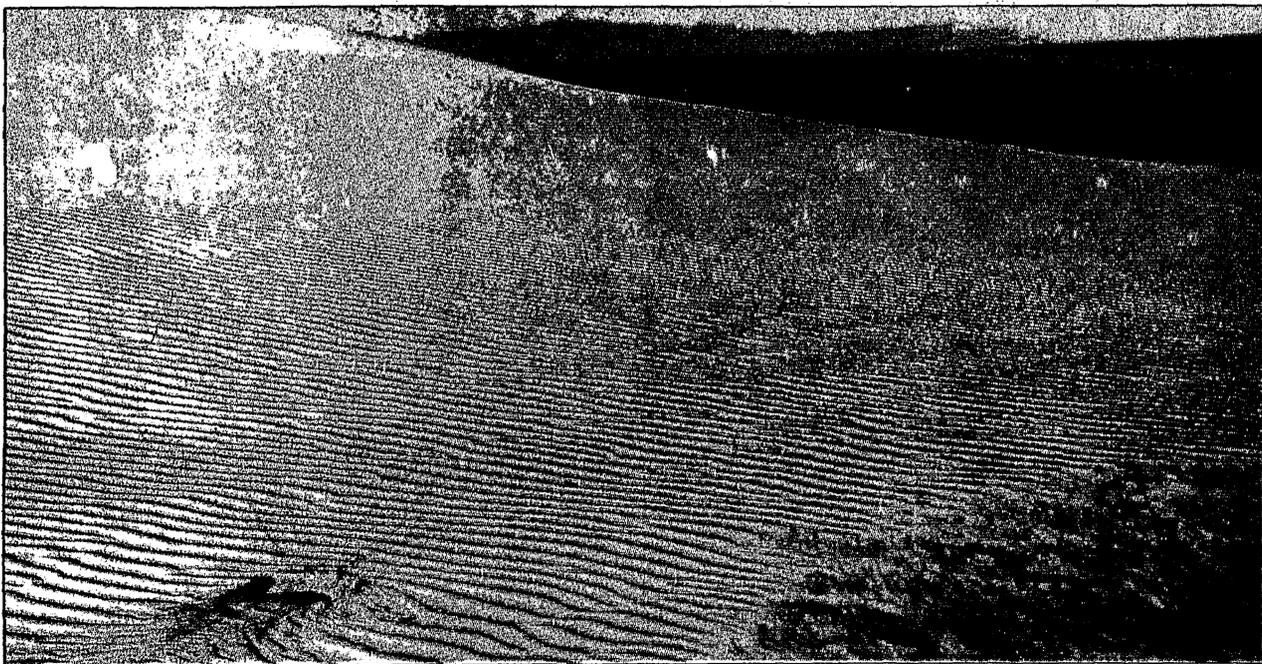
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Gypsum sand dunes advance across the northern tip of the Chihuahuan Desert in an ever-changing display of shapes Monday, June 14, at White Sands National Monument. The wave-like dunes have engulfed more than 175 square miles of the Chihuahuan desert and created the world's largest gypsum dune field.

Full Moon Nights at White Sands

White Sands National Monument continues its 2004 Full Moon Program series on Thursday, July 1, and Friday, July 2. Each evening's activities begin at 7 p.m. with a ranger-guided Sunset Stroll Nature Walk. The Sunset Stroll focuses on the plants, animals or geology of the dune field and will provide an opportunity for photographing the dunes at sunset.

Following the walk, at 8:30

p.m., a special program will be held at the amphitheater in the heart of the dunes. On Thursday, July 1, Park Ranger Kathy Denton will present "Many Hats: A Day in the Life of a National Park Ranger." The program features the many jobs involved in protecting national treasures, including fire-fighting, search-and-rescue, public education and resource management.

On Friday, July 2, Jack

Loeffler, a writer and radio producer, will present "Water in the West: Sustaining Community." The program focuses on the importance of understanding one's home watershed and the water problems occurring throughout the West. Loeffler recently produced a six-part public radio series on the Colorado River for the National Endowment for the Humanities and is presently producing a similar series

about the Rio Grande.

Visitors may enter the Dunes Drive until 10 p.m. on July 1 and 2 and must exit the park by 11 p.m.

The park entrance fee is \$3 per person (17 and over) and is valid for seven days. Children and holders of Golden Eagle, Golden Age, Golden Access, or White Sands Annual passports are admitted free.

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PRC has no hang-ups about continuing phone service fund

BY WALTER RUBEL
SANTA FE BUREAU CHIEF

SANTA FE — The Public Regulation Commission last Thursday rejected a petition by Qwest for a rehearing on its request to terminate a fund that was established 17 years ago to help provide phone service for rural residents.

Qwest argued that the PRC did not have the authority to require it to continue making contributions to the Rural Extension Fund. But Carolyn Glick of the PRC staff advised commissioners that no changes should be made without looking at the entirety of Qwest's agreement with the state — known as the Alternate Form of Regulation Plan.

Glick said the commission had already reached that decision at an earlier hearing.

"This commission reasoned that, absent definitive evidence that the REF would be excluded from the AFOR and in light of the significant revenue increase that would result to Qwest from termination of the REF, the REF cannot now be terminated," Glick said.

The fund was established in 1987 after corporate tax reform a year earlier resulted in a tax decrease for what was then U.S. West. Instead of lowering its rates, money from the windfall was put into a fund to help defray the costs of establishing service for customers who live more than 1,000 feet from the nearest telephone line, in an area where Qwest is not required to provide service.

Qwest has made annual payments of about \$2 million a year into the fund, but argues now that it has outlived its usefulness, and that money is building up in the fund.

In the petition that was

rejected Thursday Qwest made three arguments — that the REF has the effect of prohibiting other carriers from providing interstate telephone service, that it perpetuates a form of rate-return regulation and that it is "neither competitively neutral or equitable or nondiscriminatory."

All of these are in violation of either state or federal law, it contends.

"Their motion for rehearing presents no new legal arguments except for the argument that the REF prohibits the ability of other carriers to provide interstate telecommunications service," Glick said.

She said that both the state attorney general and the General Services Department opposed terminating the fund.

Commissioner E. Shirley Baca was the only member of the PRC to side with Qwest. She said that telecommunications technology is expanding at a rate faster than the regulations have been able to keep pace with, and that she would have liked to have given Qwest an opportunity to explain how it would spend the money accumulating in the fund. She said one of the proposals would have been to bring more high-speed Internet access to rural areas.

"I felt for us to deny them the opportunity to explain how they wanted to use the fund would not be visionary," Baca said.

Another hearing has been scheduled for June 23 to determine if money from the fund can be used to pay for "feeders" — the infrastructure needed to get phone service to the customer, Glick said.

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BILLY THE KID CASINO & RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK HAS AN IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR AN ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK Must have a minimum of a high school education. Computer skills in Excel and Windows required, Accounts Payable experience and 10-key operation by sight preferred. Must be able to obtain a New Mexico Racing License and a New Mexico Gaming License. Salary depends upon experience. Applications available at the receptionist desk located on the 2nd Floor of the Executive Offices at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino. Resumes welcome. EEO

601 AUTOS FOR SALE

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270 WORK WANTED

PAINTER LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO PAINT.
References Available.
Please call 257-9276 or 257-4265

400 MISCELLANEOUS

Rustic Southwest furniture. Call 336-4444
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Rounds Delivered to Alto, Not Split or Stacked. Paying \$80 cord. Call 336-1168.
WOODEN BUNK beds \$100. 20" TV with wall mount. \$40.00. Weed blower, \$30. H/P Copier scanner, \$45. 24" 18 speed bike \$25., next bike, \$20. 30 gal aquarium stand, pumps etc. \$25. 257-5392 Can leave message.

452 YARD & GARAGE SALES

BIG SALE! 340 Walnut, Thurs, Fri, & Sat. Tools, new lighting, 18ft, car hauler, 82 Goldwing, new oak furniture, lots of misc. All new stuff!
FURNITURE, TV, speakers, entertainment center, pool table, washer/dryer, baby items, clothes, home decor, 208 High Loop (off Hull Rd) Fri-Sat.
GARAGE SALE- 115 Otero, Saturday Morning. Handmade, mesquite bowls, maple twin bed sets, picnic table, vacuum, chair, misc. No clothes.
GARAGE SALE- Saturday, June 19, 105 University, 8:00am. No Early Sales.
HUGE GARAGE SALE! Parking lot of Region IX, Saturday, June 19, 8:00am. 1400 Suddearth.

501 SERVICES

ELAINE'S DAY CARE- State licensed, 354-9209
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501 AUTOS FOR SALE

1966 THUNDERBIRD, Good condition, runs, \$3,000 Firm. 378-4946 or 378-5416
1988 FORD Bronco II 4x4, Clean, runs well, good condition. Must see to appreciate! Asking \$2,100. Call 505-622-2501 after 5pm.
1989 CHEVY Van, full size, 8 cyl., new fuel pump, new tires last Oct. \$1,200. OBO 258-0044.
1992 TOYOTA Truck, Clean, Runs great, \$1,400. Call 258-3896
1999 FORD F250, V-10, super duty XLT, 67,450 miles, garaged. Babied, Extended mirrors. Total tow package, 15K, Reese slide, removable hitch. One owner, retiring, no longer needs. \$16,500. 258-2344 or 337-351-0138
2000 TOYOTA 4 Runner, 1 owner SR5, V-6, 4x4, 57,000 miles, maintenance records, synthetic oil only, sunroof, loaded. Excellent condition, NADA, \$20,750. My price \$18,500. 336-8387

501 TRUCKS FOR SALE

2001 FORD F350, 4x4, crew cab Lariat, 7.3 turbo diesel. Loaded! Loaded! Loaded! Great shape, 53K. Call for options, 1 non-smoker owner, \$35,000 OBO. 336-8399
FOR SALE - 2002 F-150 4x4. Reg. cab, tint, low miles, remaining factory warranty, illness forces sale. Call 491-6407.
1986 BMW R80, Touring Bike, excellent condition, \$2,990. Call 257-7193 or 491-2379
1997 COACHMAN Aristocrat 26-foot travel trailer, \$4,500. 378-4823.
REESE 22K Fifth wheel Hitch used for only one trip from Lubbock to Ruidoso-505-378-1531 or 806-786-2055.
1994 Toyota truck (505) 257-3007.
#6170 2T (6)16, 23 LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PB 04-18 BEATRICE JANE LAMBERT, deceased. Div. III
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 1221 Mechem, Suite 2, Ruidoso, NM 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County.
DATED: June 9, 2004.
vs/Helen Joan Chase Personal Representative

501 SERVICES

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY ASSISTANT
Salary \$8.70 hourly.
Excellent benefit package
Included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance).
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400 MISCELLANEOUS

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304 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
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400 MISCELLANEOUS
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BOAT VIP, 17.5ft, skiffish, 125HP Outboard, Many extras, \$4,000. Call 257-2136.
"KENKOPAD" BY Nikken, Inc. Magnetic mattress pad for sale. King size in excellent condition. New ones sell for \$1300. Used will take \$400. Contact Myra Taylor 257-4695. Mountain Ski Shop, 2716 Suddearth Drive.
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420 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
IBANEZ ACOUSTIC Electric Guitar with case, new condition, \$275. Call 257-5808
452 YARD & GARAGE SALES
#122 ESCALANTE, Agua Fria on Friday, June 17, 8:00-5:00pm and Saturday, June 18, 8:00-12:00am. Many miscellaneous items. Come see!
42 SONTERRA Dr. Friday, 9-4. Saturday, 8-? Books, misc., household, furniture, electric tricycle, handymen goods, welder, printer's, golf clubs, etc.
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501 SERVICES

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501 SERVICES

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LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF CAPITAN
Capitan, New Mexico

INVITATION TO SUBMIT
BIDS NO. 06-09-004

"CHIP SEAL WITH DOUBLE
PENETRATION"

DUE: Wednesday, June
23, 2004, 2:00 p.m. MDT

The Village of Capitan is requesting competitive bids to chip seal with double penetration on the Southwest side of the Village. The proposed road improvements include Long Road from 1st Street (Highway 380) through 5th Street (Highway 48) and Mount Capitan Road, which begins and ends on 5th Street (Highway 48). Bid packets are available at Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, New Mexico 88316 or by calling Anna Gail Grassie at 505-354-2247.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid number.

The sealed bids will be opened at Capitan Village Hall on Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at 2:00 pm. Final determination of bids will be made by the Capitan Trustees in a Special Meeting at 6:30 pm on June 23, 2004 at Village Hall in Capitan, New Mexico.

Village of Capitan reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of the Village of Capitan.

Anna Gail Grassie
Village Clerk

#6161 4T (6) 2,9,16,23
LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-04-98

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DELRORSE DRURY;
LENDING RESOURCES,
LLC.; TAXATION AND
REVENUE DEPARTMENT
OF THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO; and JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE,
(true names unknown),
Tenants,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUIT STATE OF NEW
MEXICO to the above-
named Defendants.

GREETINGS:
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 129 Valley View, in the City of Capitan, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, more particularly described in the Complaint for Foreclosure, To Determine Title to Property, and Other Relief in said cause.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before July 14, 2004, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509.

WITNESS the Honorable JERRY H. RITTER, JR., District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 27th day of May, 2004.
JAN PERRY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Elizabeth Ysasi
Deputy
(SEAL)

#6168 2T (6) 16,23
LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE
COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

No. 2028

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF GEORGE
JOSEPH BROOKS, DE-
CEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of

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Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: PO Box 338, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Dated: 6-09-2004

C. Josette Herrell
PO Box 4338,
Alamogordo, NM 88311
505-437-7364

#6169 1T (6) 16
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of intent to apply for 49 USC Section 3037 of the Federal Transit Act Funds (Job Access Reverse Commute/TANF)

Be it known that L-TRANS, INC., P.O. Box 2030, Alto, New Mexico 88312, intends to apply for financial assistance under 49 USC Section 3037 of the Federal Transit Act Specialized Transportation for TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) clients. If awarded, this grant will provide funding for transportation for education, training and work.

Federal law and State administrative procedures require that all other transportation providers serving in the area be given a fair and timely opportunity to provide comments and participate to the maximum extent feasible in the planning and provision of the proposed transportation service.

Comments on the proposed service will be received until June 25, 2004 and should be directed in writing to Paul Ragland, L-TRANS, INC., P.O. Box 2030, Alto, NM 88312, 505-336-1683. You have the right to request a public hearing on our proposal and may do so by sending a written request to L-TRANS, INC., P.O. Box 2030, Alto, NM 88312 prior to the end of the comment period cited above.

#6171 4T (6) 16,23,30(7)7
LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-03-12

MOREQUITY, INC., a Delaware corporation,

Plaintiff,

CARLOS R. PRECIADO and PENNY PRECIADO, husband and wife; THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NEW MEXICO; LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, True Names Unknown, Tenants, Occupiers or Possessors,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

To the Above-Named Defendants and All Others Interested:

Notice is hereby given that the Special Master, Mary Robertson will, on the 14th day of July, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the front steps of the Village of Ruidoso City Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, sell and convey all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 14 of Fort Stanton Ranchettes, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, June 4, 1968, in Tube No. 310 ("Property").

The Property is also known as L14 Fort Stanton Ranchettes, Capitan, NM 88316.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Partial Final Stipulated and Default Judgment and Decree for Foreclosure entered on June 7, 2004, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit for foreclosure of a Note and Mortgage held by the Plaintiff in this matter, wherein the Plaintiff was adjudged to have a judgment against Defendants Carlos R. Preciado and Penny Preciado, and a first, prior and paramount mortgage lien against the Property as follows: in the principal amount of (i) Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Two and 68/100 Dollars (\$78,842.68), bearing interest thereon at the rate of Ten and 00/100 percent (10.00%) per annum from August 1, 2002, which interest shall accrue until the date of the Special Master's Sale, (ii) costs in the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-One and 78/100 Dollars (\$1,191.78), (iii) reasonable attorneys' fees in this matter in the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Seven and 19/100 Dollars (\$1,587.19), (iv) all costs of sale including a Special Master's fee of \$200.00, and costs of publication, and (v) any additional attorneys' fees and costs actually expended

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from the date of this judgment until the date of the Special Master's Sale. The entire judgment amount, as described herein, is secured by the Plaintiff's Mortgage and constitutes a prior, paramount and superior lien against the Property. Other than information regarding the amount of the Judgment, information regarding (i) any and all taxes and assessments due and owing on the Property, (ii) any and all reservations, restrictions and easements pertaining to the Property, and (iii) any and all other information sought pursuant to a due diligence search must be independently obtained by a potential purchaser, at that potential purchaser's sole cost and expense. The subject property will also be sold subject to: patent reservations, restrictions, easements of record, taxes and governmental assessments, any liens, encumbrances or interests not otherwise fore-

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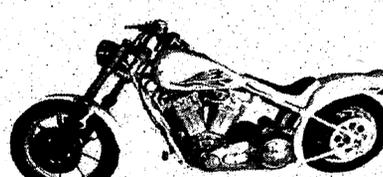
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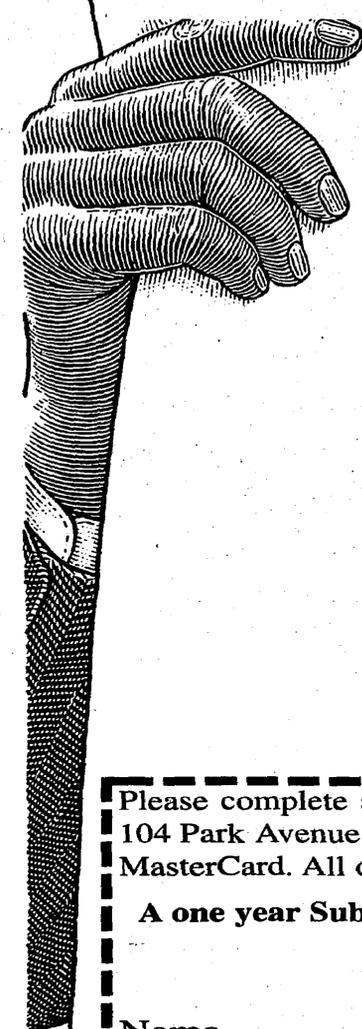
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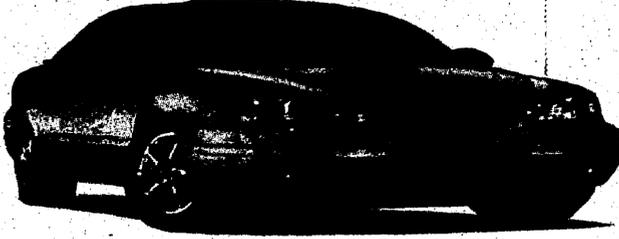
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