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Midtown La Quinta nixed again

■ Planning and Zoning board rejects bid to re-zone lot for proposed hotel.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Representatives of a company hoping to build a La Quinta Hotel in midtown stood outside

Ruidoso Village Hall Tuesday stunned by the action of the village Planning and Zoning Commission.

The board voted to reject an application to rezone a one-third of an acre lot next to the original 1.3 acre proposed hotel site to allow a less crowded parking arrangement and to

"Now we're at a loss."

Kelly Cassels
Attorney for Jayshree Inc.

meet landscaping requirements. The property currently is single-family residential, but Jayshree Inc. agent Hemal

Patel proposed to rezone the land to community commercial.

Planning board member Mike Reveley offered the motion to reject the application, saying that despite the changes, the proposed development still was too intense for the area. The motion passed unanimously. The rezoning

issue will go to the village council at its Aug. 10 meeting.

"We had been encouraged by village staff that the steps we had taken were sufficient," said Kelly Cassels, an attorney from Roswell representing Jayshree. "Now we're at a loss."

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Gov's visit to impact county

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Gov. Bill Richardson plans two stops this afternoon in Lincoln County and both could profoundly impact the area.

At 3 p.m., the governor is scheduled to sign papers officially transferring to the state Department of Cultural Affairs, The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs and its associated buildings in the historic settlement of Lincoln.

Some of the main points that were being negotiated last week involved the transfer of museum staff under state employment and full benefits, and the continued financial participation of R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard, who founded the museum.

From 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., an hour earlier than originally announced, Richardson will meet in village hall with supporters of the continued operation of Camp Sierra Blanca offender rehabilitation center, under contract to the state Department of Children, Youth and Families.

Two weeks ago, department Secretary Mary Dale Bolson notified staff of the program operated by Associates Marines Institutes of Tampa, Fla., that the camp would be closed within 30 days. In a move to switch to a community-based approach to juvenile crime, the state several months ago stopped transferring juvenile male offenders to the camp, which significantly reduced the enrollment and financially threatened its viability.

Late last month, the Ruidoso Village Council met with state officials and urged they reconsider the decision, and also sent letters to Bolson and the governor. Several members of the state's congressional delegation wrote, asking that the camp remain open and questioning the accuracy of some of the assumptions used in reaching the closure decision.

Billboard erected, denied

■ 'Zozo planners vote to deny Casino Apache sign, but it's a landmark already.

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In a scenario mirroring the adage "shutting the barn door after the horse got out", Carrizozo trustees have denied approval for a permit application presented for a billboard sign that is already in place.

The Quail Outdoor

Advertising owner, Hans Brakob, promised litigation if forced to remove signage he believes was properly permitted by the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

On Tuesday the final stages of a 672-square-foot bright yellow and orange billboard were completed advertising the Casino Apache, a Mescalero Apache enterprise two miles from Ruidoso. The billboard was erected on private property behind the 4 Winds

Restaurant, owned by Chris and Di Zamora.

A letter sent to the State Highway Department by the city of Carrizozo in April erroneously stated that Carrizozo had no ordinance governing signage within the city limits. On that premise the DOT issued a permit to the Quail Outdoor Advertising Company.

When the sign pedestal was installed last week questions

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EQUESTRIAN COLORS



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

"25 Years of Fun for Family and Friends" was the theme of this year's Mescalero Apache parade, held on Saturday, July 3. This maiden on horseback rode among bagpipe corps, marching bands, bicycles and ceremonial dancers in the community event. Capitan's parade was held on the same day; for results, turn to Page 5B.

Railroad files suit against conductor

■ UP claims conspiracy between union, conductor in Carrizozo accident.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The third lawsuit tied to a fatal February train crash in Carrizozo was filed last week by Union Pacific Railroad Company, claiming a conspiracy between a conductor and union representatives.

This time, the company is suing Phillip Larkin in U.S. District Court in Albuquerque, claiming the conductor was encouraged by members of the United Transportation Union and/or the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to lie about what he saw that day.

His truthful testimony is essential in pursuing the company's April 5 property damage lawsuit against the estate of the deceased engineer Anthony Rodella, and to defend its position in a March 8, \$2 million wrongful death lawsuit against the company filed by personal representatives of Jeffery Bohler, the conductor who died in the collision Feb. 21.

The suit compiled by attorneys John S. Thal and W.R. Logan of Albuquerque states that shortly after the collision

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Firefighting air tankers OK'd for duty

■ Five aircraft from Aero Union resume flying. Are more in store?

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Five air tankers may return to fire fighting as early as this week, according to officials with the U.S. Department of Interior and the U.S. Forest Service.

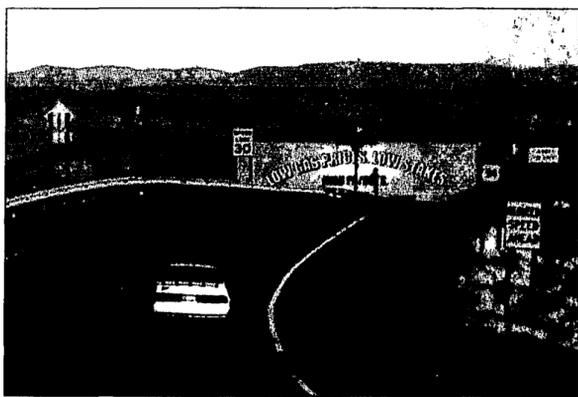
The decision came after a safety analysis performed on eight aircraft. Inspections continue on three others, all former Navy P-3 Orion aircraft owned by Aero Union Corporation in Chico, Calif.

The aircraft were grounded last May by the USFS on a recommendation from the National Transportation Safety Board just as the fire season exploded in the West. The agency terminated its contracts for 33

large air tankers used on fire fighting missions because of concerns about the airworthiness of the craft, and the safety of firefighters and the public.

The recommendation by the NTSB was issued on April 23, after an investigation into three fatal air tanker crashes related to in-flight structural failures.

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This billboard, advertising Casino Apache, rises above Hwy. 380 approaching the junction of Hwy. 54.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

First of month

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

BSA Cub Pack 95:
Meetings monthly, time and place TBA; 378-5623.

Ruidoso Care Center Family Council Sessions:
Meetings as needed. Contact RCC at 257-9071 for information.

Lincoln County Chess Club:
Looking for members to begin meeting again. New players and all levels welcome; 354-8036.

Every day

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

Wednesday, July 7

Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group:
7-9 p.m., first Wednesday of the month, Ruidoso Care Center, 200 Resort Drive; 257-9071.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program:
6 p.m.-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Drive. For children 4 years old to 6th grade; 257-2081, or contact their Website at www.fbcruaidoso.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. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group Meeting:
10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road. Everyone is welcome to attend.

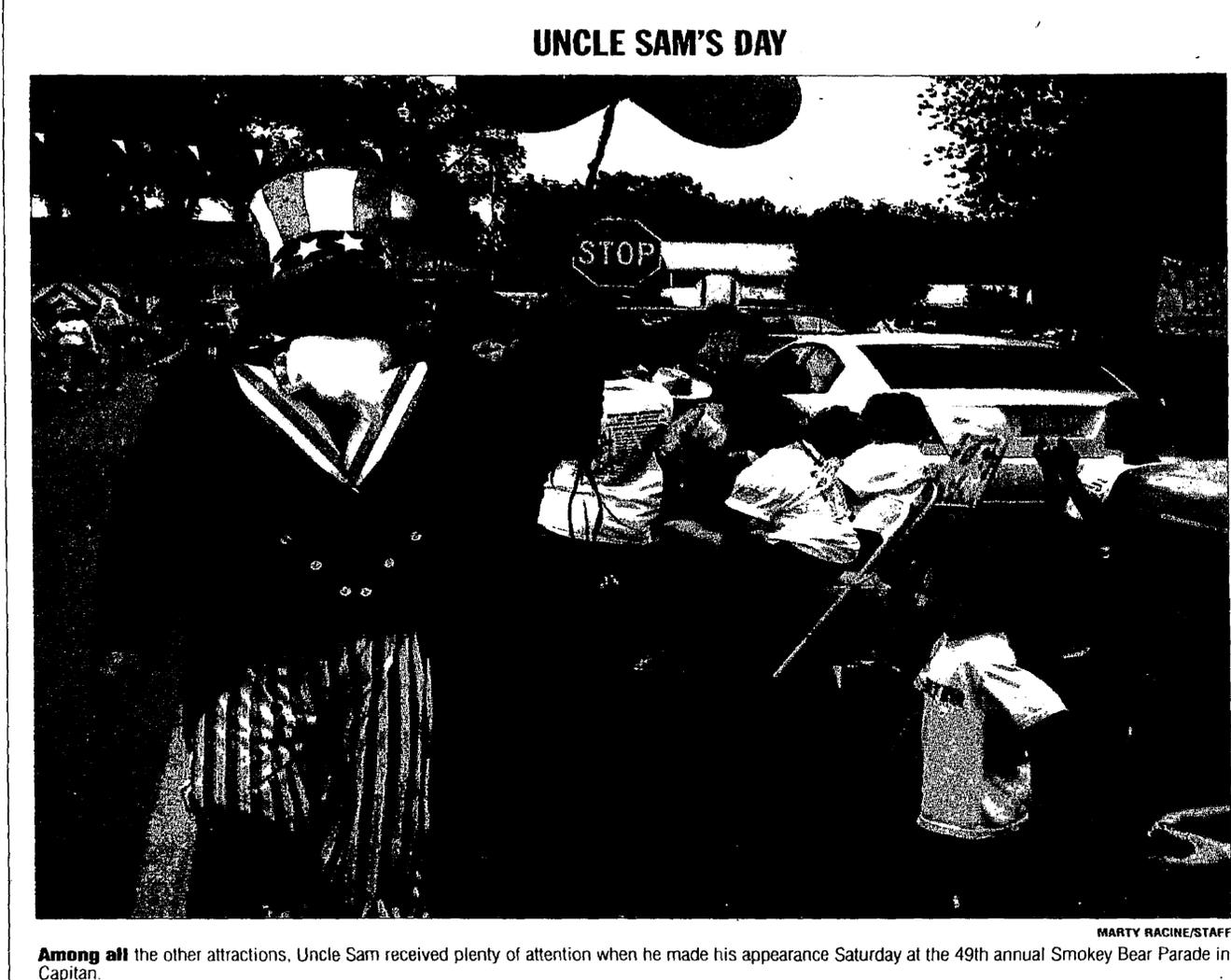
The Party Bridge Group:
1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 336-4808.

Thursday, July 8

B.P.O. Does:
Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

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

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group:
Meets every Thursday at various locations. For further information, please contact Sharon (585-8535) or Doris



Among all the other attractions, Uncle Sam received plenty of attention when he made his appearance Saturday at the 49th annual Smokey Bear Parade in Capitan.

(258-3799) or e-mail us. The Lincoln County Adult Singles Group welcomes all adult singles. For newsletter visit <http://www.nogal.com/lcasg>.

Narcotics Anonymous:
Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 7:15 p.m. Saturday 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.

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

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

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

Friday, July 9

The Party Bridge Group:
1 p.m. Wednesday and

Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 336-4808.

Senior Line Dancing:
9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center at School House Park; 378-4659.

Saturday, July 10

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

Lincoln County Democratic Party:
9:30 a.m. the second Saturday of every month; 354-2673.

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Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club:

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

Sundays

(See every day)

Monday, July 12

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

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

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

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

VFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary, Jerome Don Klein Post and its women's auxiliary:

6 p.m. in the winter and at 7 p.m. in the summer, the second Monday of every month at American Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs; 257-5796.

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

Tuesday, July 13

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

Alto Women's Association:
11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards.

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

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

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club:

Arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Cree Meadows Country Club, except on the first Tuesday of the month during the school year. Those meetings are at 11:45 a.m. 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:
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BILLBOARD: SRO crowd for P & Z meeting

FROM PAGE 1A

were raised to the legality of the sign and the ordinance governing signage was found. The Carrizozo ordinance allows for 300 square feet or less on signs.

A special Planning and Zoning meeting was held Tuesday night. A standing-room-only crowd voiced opposition to the sign and questioned the handling or lack of it by city officials.

The 60-plus merchants and residents present expounded on not only the possibility of the sign sending business away from Carrizozo but more importantly setting a precedent for more large billboards creating a skyline not attractive to Carrizozo.

David Stevens, attorney for Carrizozo, advised the audience that an application for the sign was not submitted to P&Z for conditional use until June 25. He outlined what the ordinance says and what alternatives the P&Z had to proceed with the matter.

The ordinance gives the P&Z and ultimately the city council authority to grant conditional use under the following conditions: "conditional use may be approved to provide this use as deemed by the board of adjustments to be desirable, or essen-



RICHARD T. BRYANT/CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The permit for this Carrizozo billboard, which went up in late June, has already been denied by the P & Z board.

tial to the public welfare safety health morals or convenience or to be important to the development of an undeveloped zone."

After a lengthy discussion of options and ideas, the P&Z board voted unanimously to recommend to the town council to deny approval of the permit, submitted by Chris and Di Zamora.

Then, Wednesday night, the town council met in a special meeting, again with a full house.

At this meeting, the sign company owner, Hans Brakob, declared his right to erect the sign based on the permit from the DOT.

The council made it clear to Brakob that their denial of the permit was not personally against them or against Casino Apache, but was in line with enforcing an ordinance already

in place and correcting a mistake made in the beginning of the process.

After Brakob's threat of litigation, Attorney Stevens advised the board to withhold any further comments on the situation. All council members except LeeRoy Zamora voted yes to Wes Lindsay's motion to deny approval of the permit upon P&Z's recommendation. Eileen Lovelace gave the second to the motion.

In other business, the council agreed to the suggestion from the architectural firm to phase the bids for the new city hall in order to get the bid let under current budget allowances. The first phase will be 2,000 square foot of the building, including most the offices.

There were 13 applications made for the vacancy at city

hall for the utility/MVD Clerk. Seven were interviewed by the hiring committee. Sam Chavez was awarded the position and will start on July 2.

On Tuesday, Brian Parrish, Director of Marketing for the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort said in regard to the sign controversy in Carrizozo:

"We are first interested in being good community neighbors and partners. The sign is part of a \$2 million advertising budget to bring business into this area. It was contracted through a company we hired to identify sign locations for us. At the time we were not aware of the conflict. Our intention is to stay with codes and if that means taking down the sign, that is fine. We want to do what is right."

TANKERS: Based in Arizona

FROM PAGE 1A

Tom Beddow, deputy director of fire and aviation management for the Southwest Region of the USFS, greeted the news enthusiastically, saying the region placed an order for three of the heavy air tankers, which would be based in Arizona.

"This is good news, not only for helping firefighters working on fires currently burning in the Southwest, but this also is a boost to our initial attack capability," he said.

"DynCorp Technical Services provided the expert analysis, and has worked to research the operation and maintenance records of these aircraft, and performed a thorough site visit to examine them," said Dale Bosworth, chief of the USFS.

"With better information and a precedent set for more thorough inspections by the contractors, we believe we can operate this equipment safely this fire season."

Kathleen Clarke, management director for the Interior Department, said the safety of firefighters, aviators and the communities served is the first priority.

"Being able to bring these

assets back into the fire managers' toolbox is a real benefit," she said. "The return to service of these aircraft will assist the on-the-ground fire fighters to safely stop wild fires."

On June 9, the USFS officials signed an agreement with DynCorp based in Fort Worth, Texas, to analyze the air-worthiness documentation.

The company has extensive background maintaining and repairing fire fighting aircraft and equipment.

The aircraft and pilots will be recertified, and a new contract negotiated and implemented, allowing them to fly as soon as possible.

"The potential for new wild land fire activity will guide the decisions where to assign the air tankers, which are considered an essential initial attack tool in fire fighting, according to USFS staff.

Decisions on other, still-grounded aircraft owned by five other contractors are being considered by DynCorp officials on a case-by-case basis.

Reports will be submitted to Bosworth as they are completed.

LA QUINTA: Residents objected

FROM PAGE 1A

Although no new site plan was under consideration officially, Patel submitted a sketch showing how the new property would be used in reference to the proposed hotel at the corner of Chase Street and Wingfield Street. Cassels presented a petition with what he said were the signatures of 28 Midtown business owners, who support the project.

Six residents of the neighborhood objected to the rezoning and others were represented by attorney David Stevens, who contended the proposed hotel doesn't meet the land use needs of residents in compliance with the village Comprehensive Plan.

"The current plan identifies this lot for low density development," Stevens said. "The intensity of use is too much for this property."

He also disputed that access issues were resolved.

Cynthia Joanne Patterson, who lives on Wingfield, said she bought in the neighborhood because it was quiet and the hotel would be disruptive.

"It's nothing personal," she said. "As he is protecting his interests, I feel I have to protect mine."

She said her daughter owns

a Midtown shop and hasn't met any other business owner in favor of the hotel.

"I guarantee, I could bring in a petition with as many names against it," Patterson said.

Gail Craig said Chase Street is too narrow for access to the hotel, a small historical structure sits on the tract and would be destroyed, and under the current drought, water use still is an issue.

Another resident said the area is one of the village's original subdivisions and a hotel would "change the flavor and culture of the neighborhood," as well as increase traffic.

Village planning director Charles Rennick reminded board members that Jayshree's first application for a four-story hotel was denied at the planning and zoning level and never was appealed to the council. The second site plan for a three-story hotel and fewer rooms also was denied, and that decision was upheld by the village council when Patel appealed.

The council's action then was appealed in 12th Judicial District Court and Jayshree also filed an action against the village claiming reverse condemnation by denying the intended use for the property.

"If this proposal is accept-

able, all those other appeals will be dismissed," Cassels said.

By the end of 2003, Jayshree dropped one floor of the hotel and eliminated 12 rooms, he said. Nine rooms are being added back with the addition of almost one third of an acre more property, the attorney said.

"This is an attempt to develop the property in accordance with planning and zoning," Cassels said. Patel entered into a contract to purchase the lot next to the hotel. The home there would be torn down and the land for the project would increase to 1.6 acres, he pointed out. Low-water landscaping is planned and glare screens for the signs.

"This is not spot zoning," Cassels insisted. "It's an attachment to the other lot. We submitted a site plan so there was nothing left to chance and you know how the hotel would be constructed and laid out."

Four issues raised in previous denials have been covered, he said.

Access near Wingfield was added, the additional lot would allow sufficient landscaping and reduce the intensity of use, and a sidewalk would be built for hotel pedestrians to reach Sudderth Drive.

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POOP SCOOP

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The heat is on, even in Ruidoso, with temperatures in the 80s outside.

Sit in a car in the sun with cracked windows and you soon will realize just how hot and life-threatening that scenario can be for a pet.

Continuing with information started last week about leaving pets in cars or seeing pets who are in trouble because they were left.

According to Rebecca Simmons with the the Humane Society of the United States, animal lovers should be aware of the systems of heat stroke or heat stress.

Check the animal for signs of heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, restlessness, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue and unconsciousness.

Take steps to gradually lower the animal's body temperature immediately.

Simmons offered these tips:
• Move the animal into the shade or an air-conditioned area.

• Apply ice packs or cold towels to the head, neck and chest or immerse the animal in cool - not cold - water.

• Let it drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.

• Take the animal directly to a veterinarian.
She urged pet owners to spread the word to their friends about the dangers of leaving a pet in a vehicle in the summer.

Even a pickup truck bed can become as hot as a cooking pan and burned a dog's pads, or worse.

The HSUS has posters, \$3 for 10 and \$5 for 25, that can be posted inside store windows, and flyers at \$3 for 50. "Get involved," she said. "If you see a pet in a parked car during a summer day, go to the nearest store and have the

owner paged. Enlist the help of a local police officer or security guard or call the local police department and animal control office."

For more information, write HSUS/Hot Cars, 2100 L St. NW, Washington D.C. 20037.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Susan Carter Hoffer of the Humane Society of Lincoln County is asking for volunteers at the thrift shop, as dog walkers at the shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road and to serve on committees.

"Show some commitment to your pet and your county," she said. Call 378-4946.

"Don't call the shelter staff as they are overwhelmed with their own jobs, especially with county strays that the county commission will not authorize to be picked up, nor does the county pay for the care of these animals."

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BT

BT is a sweet chow mix, who is quiet and has been in the shelter a long time. His black hair is short. He would do best in a one-dog family.

UNK

Unk is a gentleman, who appears to be housebroken and exhibits very good manners. A shepherd/Labrador mix, he is begging for a good home.

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OUR OPINION

The governor will decide camp's future

A very successful program deserves his support today

Camp Sierra Blanca's future as what properly might be called a "rejuvenation facility for troubled juveniles" will be decided today.

Gov. Bill Richardson will hear Lincoln County residents' arguments on behalf of the camp in a public meeting beginning at 4 p.m. at Village Hall, and then — unless he just doesn't listen — should tell the Children, Youth and Families Department secretary to continue operation of the facility.

Why would he bother to come if CYF's "send them back home" plan already has carried the day?

It's a rare county that argues in favor of a corrections facility, but Lincoln

County people have said loudly and clearly that Camp Sierra Blanca is a good neighbor, with good management under Associated Marine Institutes, and that its success in turning "juvies" into model citizens is exemplary.

Spokesmen for about every governmental arm in the state — legislative, judicial, congressional — have made a pitch to keep the camp going — all but CYF. And that in recent days seems to have changed; or, at least, the department has listened.

Governor Richardson today should demonstrate his interest in rescuing young offenders by supporting continued operation of the camp.

Keeping focus after the Fourth

We are all patriots on Independence Day.

Over the holiday weekend we waved Old Glory and attended parades and concerts and fireworks displays and rodeos. We prayed for our troops, fired up the grill (where permissible, of course) and reconnected with friends and loved ones. A lot of us took a day off from work.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
MARTY RACINE

It was all great fun and wonderful theater. These displays and festivities comprise an annual ritual, and we need the 4th of July — and similar holidays such as Memorial Day — to ground our nationalism and help us reflect on our self-image as a nation.

On July 5th and beyond our patriotism is truly tested. After Independence Day, when the reviewing stands and cameras are put away, when our lives segue into daily routine, patriotism is doled out in less showy ways. Now, patriotism means conducting one's affairs in a way that contribute to the evolution of a great country — the seemingly little things.

After Independence Day, patriotism is about obeying laws and ordinances in order to forge an orderly, peaceful society. Patriotism is about caring for your community. Maybe that means serving others or volunteering a little of your time. Or it might simply come down to being friendly and helpful to neighbors and strangers.

Patriotism is about cleaning up after ourselves, and after others if possible. You cannot litter and despoil and disrespect your land while calling yourself a patriot.

Patriotism is about recognizing and appreciating diverse cultures and ethnicities. It's about respecting opposing points of view and about treating others with civility and dignity.

A patriot is someone who values his or her vote and participates in the electoral process. Soldiers and civilians are deployed around

the world on July 7 on behalf of the disenfranchised who have been denied the basic human right of self-governance. A patriot is someone who thinks globally, acts locally and makes the effort to understand the issues by which the political process shapes our lives.

Writing about this is easier than the doing. We all transgress or lose focus or get sidetracked by the weight of events. These are simply ideals to aspire to and which the Founding Fathers might generally have been considering when they formally offered the loftier language of the Declaration of Independence.

In this hour of the nation's discontent over the War on Terrorism, in which intelligent, informed and reasonable individuals can disagree over foreign policy, patriotism means commitment to the values this country holds dear. For bombs will not defeat us; we can be toppled only from within, from our own indifference and lethargy.

In the end, patriotism comes down to self-respect: the will to become the best one can be in a nation that provides the opportunity — and demands the responsibility. We look for this effort in ourselves and demand it from our leaders and representatives. And in taking on that challenge in the daily parceling of good deeds we might say, at the end of the day, that we contributed, that we made a small difference; that we made the United States of America a better — and safer — place.

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YOUR OPINION

Who to thank for those ugly billboards?

To the editor:

So who do we "thank" for all the huge, gross and ugly billboards blossoming all over Lincoln County? The "earth-loving" Mescalero, the State Highway Commission, Lincoln County or the "property-rights loving" land owners? I for one am disgusted that any of these people would approve these blights on the landscapes.

The billboard on Highway 37 will be particularly offensive, along with the one in Carrizozo. I moved to this area for the natural beauty, as did most of my neighbors. I would hazard to guess that I alone have brought more money into this county than that sign ever will.

I would urge anyone who is concerned about this trend, to let the people and officials concerned know how you feel and to boycott the business involved, since it seems the almighty dollar is their only concern.

If you don't think it will happen in your neighborhood, think again!

Howard and Tona Macken
Nogal

Time to move on

To the editor:

Location, Location, Location. These are words that Realtors use when listing homes for sale. After that weekend's Mountain of Blues Festival, I am giving consideration to selling my home and moving back to a big city, where I can get a quiet neighborhood. I

was appalled at the level of noise emanating through our residential neighborhood.

Mr. Mayor and council members, this is completely inappropriate to have such an event plaza with such an event in any residential neighborhood. The noise decibels coming from this event are not permitted in neighborhoods surrounding large airports.

Additionally, a chain link fence surrounds our event plaza with signs posted saying "no parking." Yet with Ruidoso police officers there on site, cars were parked all along the fence. Was anyone towed? Do the signs mean "no parking sometimes"?

Across the street in the old police station parking lot were vehicles with people sitting in them enjoying the event while avoiding paying the \$15 advance ticket charge. Is Ruidoso allowing people to park there for all events as I witnessed with this one? No one was asking them to vacate the parking lot. Is that a liability for our village? Is the parking lot striped properly to accommodate people parking everywhere? Why was the stage for the bands on the end of the field with the speakers pointing south toward our homes? Couldn't a little courtesy have been extended and the stage put on the other end of the field with the massive speakers pointing toward the commercial Midtown part of Ruidoso?

Why again did we not move forward with the proposed Assisted Living

Center? Were there parking and noise concerns?

This event was worse than I could have imagined. Stop this outrageous assault on our homes.

Jim Marion
Ruidoso

Fantastic event

To the editor:

Congratulations on a fantastic 7th annual Mountain of Blues Festival and a first event in the village's newest park.

We live in the neighborhood and have walked past the beautiful nine-acre tract every day for seven years, wondering what would become of it. An events park is perfect.

Even though we live nearby, we couldn't hear the music at our house, so we walked down to attend the festival. After seven years, the organizers of the blues festival have got it all worked out — even down to the correct number of porta-potties.

When plans for the new park were first discussed, I heard some concerns voiced about "the old people who live nearby who won't like the noise." I generally enjoy most music, but if there's an event that I don't care for, I'll just turn off my hearing aid. (Interestingly enough, the main entertainer, Janiva Magness, is a grandmother.)

Lyn Kidder
Ruidoso

Your columnist does get feedback — some of it real

Tell us, Mr. Newspaperman, do you get feedback about your weekly columns?

You bet. Hardly a year goes by that a reader won't mention something I've written. Here are samples, most of which are actually true.

We noticed that in a recent column you accurately called the famous fire prevention symbol Smokey Bear. That was impressive. People throughout the world get it wrong, calling him Smokey THE Bear. Why do they do that?

Because they are idiots. Does anyone have a more intelligent reason for this phenomenon?

Yes. Hobbs News-Sun editor Daniel Russell points out the Smokey song incorrectly refers to Smokey The Bear. He also said a Hobbs lady was irritated the column did not mention that a Hobbs citizen, Frank Hines, flew Smokey to his zoo home in Washington.

Certainly, the above is the sum total of your feedback on the Smokey column.

Nope. Reader Tom Slaughter said my reference to a bear looking at a human

and thinking "dinner" was inappropriate. Tom said even in jest we should not depict bears as regarding humans as food. They do not attack, Tom explains, unless cornered or provoked.

They will break into homes and raid refrigerators and pantries, he said, but their most annoying habit when scared is to pee copiously.

Could be we just entered the land of information overload. Do you think maybe you have exhausted the bear subject?

No doubt about it. But it is a slow news summer.

Are there any other topics nagging you today?

Cell phone companies. How do they get away with making you take a number when you are trying to do business at their offices? Sprint in Albuquerque, Verizon in Alamogordo. Makes no difference. They just won't hire enough people to handle the demand. It is absurd and customers should not put up with it any longer.

Can you imagine what would happen if you were selling Fords and you say to the customer, take a seat, we'll try to get to you this afternoon? By then the guy is driving a Toyota.

Boy, howdy, what a mind you have,



LOOKING ASKANCE
NED CANTWELL

about as shallow as the Pecos River during a severe drought. Anything else you want to vent?

Pet inheritance. I don't think people should leave money to their cats and dogs. If they have something left over after their kids are taken care of, I think they should leave it to poor people.

You realize, don't you, that this is totally not your business and readers are going to forcefully tell you so?

Yes. Can you identify the silliest controversy in New Mexico at this time?

Sure. It is this business about Billy Kid. Some people doubt history is accurate about who killed Billy Kid and they want to dig him and his mom out of the ground and give them DNA tests. Even the Albuquerque Journal, which should know better, thinks this is a good idea. Talk about shallow minds. Let Billy Kid and his mom rest in peace.

Excuse me, don't you mean Billy THE Kid?

You can see just how challenging this column-writing gig can be.

Ned Cantwell is a retired newspaperman living in Ruidoso. He welcomes column ideas — they don't have to be good — at ncantwell@charter.net.

Detached bedrooms approved by village

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Sometimes two houses on a single lot are required to meet the needs of one family.

Last week, Ruidoso village councilors approved an amendment to the ordinance governing a single-family zoning district to accommodate owners who want to add on bedroom space, but are blocked because their land is divided by access roads.

The village planning staff told councilors that some streets in town bisect lots, rendering the buildable portions too small for ordinary housing needs.

In that type of situation, they said an owner could be allowed to construct a detached addition to the house on the other side of the right of way.

The change won't affect the village's ban on guest houses, said planning director Charles

Rennick. The additions could not contain kitchens.

He explained that the problem surfaced last year dealing with a lot on Fox Drive that was cut in two through no fault of the owner.

"This will allow him to construct an addition on the other side of the road," Rennick said. "It only applies where a road right of way prevents adding on. This is a very limited amendment. The planning and zoning commission recom-

mended the change."

Councilor L. Ray Nunley asked for confirmation that the change won't open the door for mother-in-law apartments.

"There would be no cooking, just a bedroom and bath, if that's where you want to put your mother-in-law," Rennick said.

In offering the motion for approval, Councilor Ron Hardeman said he thought the proposal "is a good compromise."

NEWS BRIEFS

Pallets available

Free wooden pallets are available to the public at the ENMU-Ruidoso office, 709 Mechem Drive.

For more information or to pick up pallets, contact Jim Miller at the college office at 257-2120, or outside of the Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs are toll free at (800) 934-3668.

Toys donated

Bunches of stuffed animals were donated to the Mescalero Apache Fire Rescue by members of the Las Damas of Sonterra, a women's organization in Alto.

The toys are to be given to children who are traumatized during house fires, emergency medical services calls and at automobile accidents.

Annually, the department on the reservation that abuts Ruidoso responds to about 500 EMS calls, including dozens of house fires. Many involved children who are comforted and calmed when a stuffed animal is placed in their arms during a traumatic episode. That effect can facilitate treatment or mitigation of trauma, a spokesman for the department said.

Several dozen stuffed animals were brought to the department by Barbara Heiser, representing the Las Damas group.

"This donation was not solicited, but rather was provided through the proactive

caring of this wonderful organization," the fire rescue department spokesman said. "It is a donation that otherwise could not be afforded, given the limited budget of the department. The entire department staff thanks Marcella Smith and the members of the Las Damas of Sonterra."

Reunion set

Alumni of the College of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande-University of Albuquerque are invited to an all-class reunion July 30, 31 and Aug. 1, in Albuquerque.

Scheduled events include a cocktail reception on Friday night, a dinner on Saturday and a Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday morning followed by a tour of the former college campus at Coors and St. Joseph Drive, NW, now the home of St. Pius X High School.

The reception and dinner will be held at the Hilton Albuquerque at 1901 University NE. Cost is \$85 per person. (Room accommodations are available at the Hilton for \$79 per night or at the Fairfield Inn, part of the Hilton complex, for \$69.)

The reunion Mass will be celebrated in the Fine Arts Center which overlooks the Rio Grande and the city of Albuquerque. The Rev. Daniel Madden, a professor at the Catholic college in the late 1960s, will preside.

A smaller-scale reunion in 2002 generated a lot of enthu-

siasm among the attendees for more such gatherings and a committee was formed to organize the next one.

A major effort has been made to locate former students who attended the school but whose current whereabouts are unknown.

About 600 alumni have already been sent information and the planning committee is hopeful that more names will surface as word of the reunion spreads.

Alumni may contact Mary Anne Dugan at (505) 892-2378 for more information.

Missoula auditions

Throughout the week of July 19 to July 23, the Spencer Theater will become a day camp for 60 children of all ages as they learn to sing and act in Missoula Children's Theatre's newest musical, "The Tales of Hans Christian Andersen."

Performance auditions will be held that Monday, July 19, at 9 a.m. at the Ruidoso Middle School gymnasium. No experience is necessary. Participation is free and open to all children ages 6 to 17. All that is needed is a commitment to rehearsals and the desire to have fun.

Parents or guardians must fill out some basic information (address, contact numbers) in order for a child to participate. The forms will be available on site just before the 9 a.m. audition.

Children should wear

sneakers during the audition. Rehearsal schedules will be handed out to all performers and/or their parents immediately following the 2- to 3-hour audition. All rehearsals will be held at the Spencer Theater, with the first set for the afternoon of the 19th. The culminating performance is at 7 p.m. Friday, July 23. (Show tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under). For more information, call the Spencer Theater at 505.336.4800.

The original Missoula musical "The Tales of Hans Christian Andersen," is an hour-long adaptation based on Denmark's greatest storyteller.

Hans journeys back to his hometown of Odense, the birthplace of his inspiration and stories. As the villagers anxiously await Hans' return, they fondly remember his childhood and some of the tales that made him famous. The stories come alive with penny-pinching misers, a conceited emperor, a duckling that doesn't fit in, a bouquet of magical flowers and a girl no taller than your thumb.

This will be the Missoula Children's Theatre's seventh year to perform at Spencer Theater. The week-long performance workshop has enhanced the lives of countless children in the Ruidoso area.

Children often imagine themselves as stars, and the Spencer has helped make that a reality for many.

RAILROAD: Issues were not resolved

FROM PAGE 1A

about 7:45 a.m., Larkin, the conductor of the westbound train from Vaughn to El Paso, Texas, told several people at the scene and two emergency responders that "as the lead locomotives of the trains neared each other prior to the tracks diverging and prior to the collision, he had looked into the cab of the eastbound locomotive and had seen Rodella and Bohler slumped over as if they were sleeping.

"Defendant Larkin also told those people that he and/or (engineer Melvin Slade) sounded their locomotive horn in an attempt to alert the other crew prior to the collision, but to no avail."

Larkin also told witnesses that he was not injured in the collision, the suit states.

But by the time Larkin spoke to investigators from the New Mexico State Police and the National Transportation Safety Board, his version of events had changed, the suit states.

In the suit, the railroad company contends that the change occurred because of conversations between Larkin and union representatives who emphasized that he should not provide information that would be detrimental to other union members, specifically the deceased Rodella or Bohler.

Larkin subsequently changed his story and denied

that he had observed Bohler and Rodella slumped over as though they were sleeping, according to the suit, which charges Larkin concealed evidence and gave a false statement.

Larkin hasn't returned to work and notified Union Pacific that he was injured after he left his locomotive to investigate the collision, "contentions that are contrary to his statements to Union Pacific on or about Feb. 21, 2004," the suit states.

Toxicology tests showed positive for marijuana in Rodella, but negative for Bohler, according to the suit.

The NTSB concluded that the crew of the eastbound train passed three signals that

informed the crew of the need to reduce speed and be prepared to stop their train prior to the last signal, but they disregarded the warnings.

The NTSB's investigation also determined that the event recorder from the westbound train showed "numerous short whistle blasts just before the collision," but the eastbound train crew "took no braking action" before impact.

The suit claims intentional misrepresentation by Larkin, contends a civil conspiracy exists and asks for punitive damages.

Representatives from the two union groups could not be reached for comment late Tuesday.

SINGING SAWYER



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Sawyer Brown vocalist Mark Miller's high energy performance wowed the audience Saturday at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. The performance is part of the track concert series. The group, formed in 1982, hit 13 gold and platinum albums and 19 Top 5 singles. Miller was backed up by bass guitarist Jim Scholten and keyboard player Gregg "Hobie" Hubbard.

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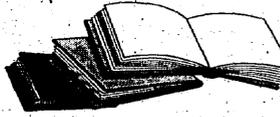
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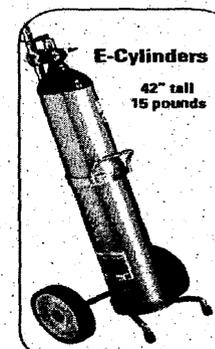
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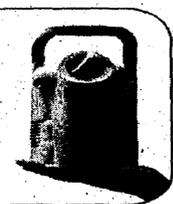
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fall registration starts for ENMU-Ruidoso

Registration for the Fall semester classes is under way at ENMU-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem Drive in the Sierra Mall. Registration can take place on line for continuing students, or in-person, by phone, fax or mail. Class schedules are available at the ENMU-Ruidoso Website www.ruidoso.enmu.edu or at the college office.

Scholarship applications for more than 100 local scholarships will be accepted until Aug. 1. State and federal financial is available for students enrolled for six or more credit hours. Academic advisement appointments are available between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Students may also use a convenient payment plan to secure a space in college classes. For more information or to teleregister, contact the college office at (505) 257-2120, or outside of the Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs area toll free at (800) 934-3668.

Classes on Nile Virus, CPR and grant writing

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso will present a Community Education class on West Nile Virus and how to prevent it from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. The fee is \$5 and the instructor is Eugene Knight, an environmental specialist. Learn what type of mosquitoes frequent our area and what they eat.

CPR: ENMU-Ruidoso will offer a Community Education CPR course from 5-9 p.m. Thursday at the college office, 709 Mechem Drive. Taught by ENMU EMS instructor Chris LaCounte, RN, CEN, NREMT-P, the course will cover Heartsaver CPR for infants, children and adults. Re-certification at any

level will be offered also during the class. Registration is limited to 12. The fee is \$30 plus \$5 lab fee.

Grant writing: A grant-proposal writing class taught by Harry Tackett will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17, at the college office.

Participants are introduced to the basic components of grant writing and the grant writing process, with emphasis placed on the research of potential funding sources to match agencies' programs and needs, with reference material available. Those who have a grant application are encouraged to bring it to class to write or one will be provided. Time and computer will be provided for writing grant. A minimum of five students is required. Tackett has more than 16 years of experience consulting with non-profit groups. There is a fee.

To register, call 257-2120 or visit www.ruidoso.enmu.edu and click on Community Ed class schedule.

Hospital scholarships

New Mexico nursing and radiology students have an opportunity to receive substantial scholarships from the University of New Mexico Hospitals. Scholarships of \$6,500 are awarded to second-degree nursing program students; \$3,500 scholarships for bachelor of science in nursing students; \$2,500 associates degree nursing scholarships; and \$3,500 scholarships for radiologic technologist students.

Students must commit to 24-month period of employment at UNM Hospital following graduation. The application deadline for scholarships is Aug. 31 and they will be awarded on or before Sept. 15. For more information, contact Tricia Richards at (505) 272-0497; or Sandy DuBrock at (505) 272-1851.

Free series at Governor's Palace

The Palace of the Governors Education Department is collaborating with Aspectos Culturales this summer to present a free family lecture and activity series. This engaging series is geared for families and those with a particular interest in the living traditions of New Mexico's cultures. New Mexico educators can also utilize the program to develop curriculum based on our rich cultural heritages, languages and history in combination with conventional learning tools.

At 1:30 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month the Palace of the Governors will present family lectures focusing on New Mexico history and culture. This program will give insight to the rich New Mexico cultural history and our many languages using conventional learning tools. Aspectos Culturales produces a multi-level Spanish language newsletter called "AMIGOS." The publication is used in various educational programs statewide. Aspectos also produces the radio program Aspectos Culturales.

Roberto Mondragón and Georgia Roybal are the speakers for the summer series. Mondragón served as Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico from 1971-1974, and 1979-1982. Mondragón is also a singer and songwriter and has recorded *Juguemos Niños, Juguemos-Otra vez, Así es Nuevo Mexico/Fair New Mexico, America* (with Consuelo Luz), *Que Cante Mondragón, Amigo*, and *El*

Milagro de Truchas. Mondragón has produced several radio programs including the weekly half-hour cultural program, Aspectos Culturales on KANW, the Albuquerque Public School Educational Radio Station. Roybal is co-owner of Aspectos Culturales, and publisher of bilingual educational materials with a monthly Spanish/English publication for four reading levels.

July 31: Children's Songs and Games: Mondragón will perform and discuss children's songs and how to use them as a teaching tool. Georgia will discuss the importance of play in cognitive development. They have taught a university course on songs and games at both UNM and Highlands.

Aug. 28: Preservation of Language and Culture: Mondragón of the Anton Chico Land Grant and Tessie Naranjo of Santa Clara Pueblo will discuss their efforts at preserving their respective cultures and languages. Both presenters have dedicated their lives to these efforts and have a lot of priceless information for others involved in cultural and language preservation.

Sept. 25: AMIGOS: Mondragón and Roybal will discuss the New Mexico culturally based periodicals they have produced for 14 years and its use in the schools. They will also inform you how you can aid in this important work.

The Palace of the Governors is part of the Museum of New Mexico and the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Children and moms relaxed while their imaginations stretched for an original story by Dr. Richard McCarty, who visits Ruidoso during the summer and misses his grandchildren.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Library provides summer treats for tots

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso Public Library's Summer Reading Program is in high gear, with about 200 area children signed up to earn reading points to spend in the library's Land of Enchantment Toy Shoppe.

A special treat is a story-teller for Preschool Storytime from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Thursdays: Dr. Richard McCarty, a summer-visiting cardiologist who misses his grandchildren and entertains with his own stories and enactments. Most entertaining is his favorite

story character, Herbert the Bear, who speaks in a wee voice with a bit of lisp.

"He's real popular," said children's librarian Lynda Bowman. "He's the liveliest person. He's just a delight. We're lucky to have him come back this summer."

Bowman said McCarty published his own book of stories he'd written for his grandchildren, and he makes up the stories he tells at Preschool Storytime.

Special programs also are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays throughout the summer. Last week, Carrizozo quiller Barbara Culler led children in rolling colorful strips of paper into butterflies, flowers, animals and other shapes.

On July 15, former Nob Hill principal Roger Sowder will entertain with stories (see if he mentions pigs); on July 22, Matt Carlson will provide a live demonstration of bear carving; and on July 29, Marsha Palmer, Lincoln County extension agent, will provide samples and recipes for New Mexican foods.

Falcons were scheduled to visit the library at

various times today and tomorrow, but Bowman said people need to call to register.

From 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Rachael Broaddus, assistant children's librarian, leads children age 7 and up in play improvisation and activities using creativity and imagination to learn acting, movement, speech and other performing arts skills. The children will put on a performance of "Coyote Steals the Blanket" on July 28.

The library seeks sponsors to "buy a chile" that will provide a book and gift certificates from local businesses for a child. Sponsors' names will go on a large red chile display at the library, and the donation is tax deductible.

For more information about the Summer Reading Program, contact Bowman at 258-3704.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Dr. Richard McCarty tells one of his own stories about Herbert the Bear, dressed up to go incognito.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Carrizozo quiller Barbara Culler taught children the art of quilling last week for the Ruidoso Public Library's Summer Reading Program.

A Ruidoso teen takes an oratorical first

Shane Hoffman, 16, a sophomore at Ruidoso High School, won the first-place boys' competition at the Optimist International Oratorical Contest at the New Mexico/West Texas District Conference at Raton this spring.

His prize was a \$1,500 scholarship and plaque. Rita Griffin, secretary, Optimist Club of Ruidoso, presented Hoffman with the plaque at K-Bob's on June 30. The scholarship will be awarded when he enters college.

Hoffman progressed by winning the local 4-to-5 minute speech, "Thinking, Working, and Expecting the Best" from the Optimist Club of Ruidoso on April 6 at the Teepee Lounge. Six boys and 10 girls competed at the local level. Sami Knox was the girl winner. Both Hoffman and Knox then competed at the zone level at the Ruidoso Schools

Performing Arts Center on April 10 against students from Roswell. Knox lost out to a more experienced orator, but again Hoffman was the winner and went about preparing himself for the District Contest.

The zone consists of Optimist clubs throughout southeastern New Mexico, plus Pecos, Texas. The district includes all clubs in New Mexico and those between Pecos and El Paso.

Diorly Stierwalt, teacher at Ruidoso Middle School, assigns her eighth graders the Optimist Oratorical subject each year. She "weeds out" the best boys and girls to give their speeches at the local level. The first-place winners (boy and girl) go on to the zone contest. Students may compete as long as they do not reach their 16th birthday before Dec. 31 of the current school year. Hoffman has compet-



COURTESY JACKIE BRANUM

Rita Griffin, secretary, Optimist Club of Ruidoso, presents Shane Hoffman a plaque for winning the Optimist International Oratorical Contest.

ed every year since eighth grade. His 16th birthday was in March. He participated in the contest in 2002 and 2003, winning first place at the local level in 2003 but came in second at the zone level.

Lincoln County celebrates

Fourth fanfare



MARTY RAGINE/STAFF

Capitan's 49th annual Smokey Bear Parade offered a wealth of sights, including the Art Loop entry (above), two children hording their candy tossed from floats (left), and, of course, plenty of horseback riders (below). A morning monsoon drenched the parade-goers, but politely waited until the last fire truck had completed the route. For a list of the parade's prize winners, turn to page 5B.

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HOME & FAMILY

At a time when most men are thinking about retiring, Joe Dan Yates has found a challenge — keeping himself healthy while teaching others — through the Korean discipline known as

TAE KWON DO

BY JANICE HOLT
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Black-clad and barefooted, Joe Dan Yates leads an attentive class of martial arts students through a series of vigorous exercises. "Hop!" he calls out in sync with his above-the-waist sidekicks and the group follows his moves. His strong, rich voice resounds within and beyond the school gym's entrance doors. This silver-haired instructor keeps a brisk pace that would challenge a man or woman less than half his age.

Joe Dan was 53 years old when he discovered Tae Kwon Do at the RAC (Ruidoso Athletic Club) 15 years ago. Finding Warren White's martial arts classes resulted from "giving up one habit and looking for another," said Joe Dan in his soft-spoken voice.

This change of lifestyle was the product of a health appointment six months earlier. He and his doctor had been discussing some of his health problems — liver malfunction and hypoglycemia — when Joe Dan realized they were a result of the alcohol abuse his body had endured for the last 40 years. "I quit drinking at the doctor's desk," he said. "A lot of people don't believe me when I tell them. The doctor said he could treat me with drugs, but I didn't want that." He added that it took him about three years to get in shape through martial arts, but the health benefits were worthwhile because the stringent exercises also eliminated his joint pains and arthritis.

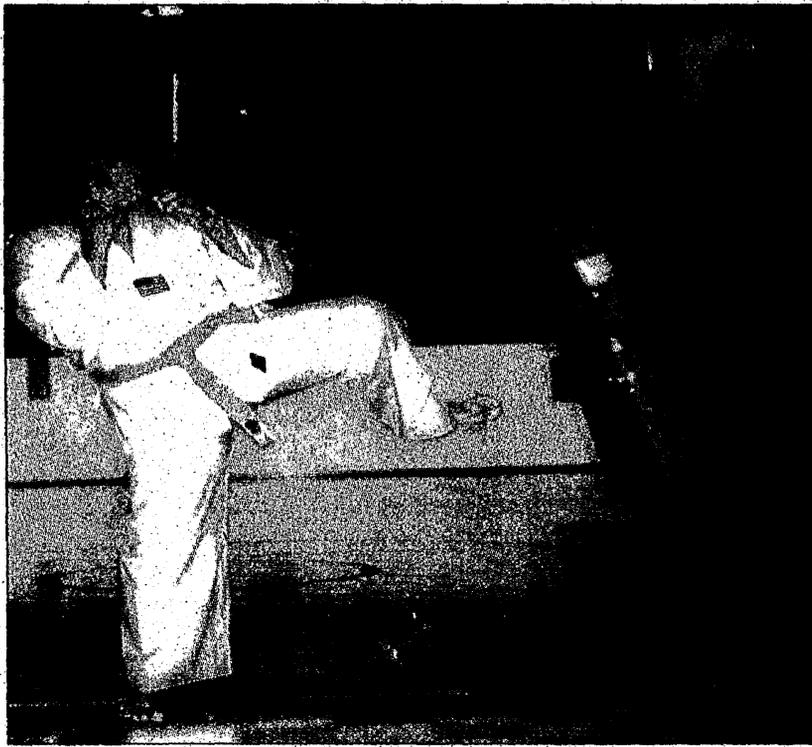
After several years, Warren White moved away, and the only man qualified to continue teaching the Tae Kwon Do classes was Brett Maul.

Joe Dan continued to study under him and earned his black belt. Also, he began helping Brett run his classes. When Brett quit teaching six years ago, Joe Dan became the leader.

"I wanted to continue doing martial arts, but I wanted to go a different route," he said. While assisting Brett, Joe Dan had determined that there weren't enough people in Ruidoso attending martial arts to make money at it year-round. "I couldn't see doing it as a business and dealing with state taxes. Also, there is a 90-percent attrition rate in martial arts attendance. So I decided to find a free place. Then I wouldn't have to charge students and I could stay in shape too."

But finding an area to meet his group's needs — a cost-free, empty space, clean enough for floor exercises, and with minimal distractions — wasn't easy. Therefore, his meeting places moved from Ruidoso Middle School's band hall to the gym, then to the primary school's cafeteria, and finally, to the primary school's gym area. "I just kept looking and asking around until I found the right place," Joe Dan said.

He has always wanted his classes to be open to everybody. "Martial arts improves health in all people," he said, after commenting on attention and coordination improvements he has seen in



Instructor Yates critiques a move by one of his students who is learning the Korean martial arts discipline known as Tae Kwon Do.

COURTESY JANICE HOLT

school-age students, as well as health improvements in adults.

When people say that he ought to be paid, his response is that his payment is his well-being. Not only does he stay in good physical shape, but he is also in better mental condition.

"Doing it by yourself is too hard," he added. "You may keep it up for a week or so, but after that it gets tiresome." So he stays motivated by holding classes three times a week. "I also think you should help as many people as you can," he said, "even if you know you're not going to get anything out of it. If you don't help people, you're depriving them of what you've learned. Also, helping others will somehow come back to you."

While his classes are about strengthening and disciplining the body through Korean martial arts, he also teaches his students about self-defense. However, people who come to class just to learn the macho moves — to learn how to hurt others — don't last very long. One reason he doesn't focus on fighting techniques is because he wants to discourage his younger students from fighting at school. But he does instruct his group on how to defend themselves against aggressors. He teaches them how to safely position their bodies, use tactics that will startle their antagonists, and make moves to end fights quickly and cleanly.

Aside from self-defense and physical fitness, "people get a lot of things out of classes," he said. "Through practicing Tae Kwon Do forms, they use both sides of their brains, which creates mental conditioning. There's also spiritual growth, fewer ego problems, and increased confidence and respect. People get what they need. A parent even came up to me recently and told me how his son had become more polite. He had begun opening doors for people." As to the courteous, deferential behavior displayed during sessions, Joe Dan said, "Respect seems to come naturally in martial arts classes. The kids and adults want to learn it."

As to what he wants for his future, he said, "to live and be productive. Thirty years more in martial arts. There's a good possibility I'll live that long, too. One of my ancestors lived to be 105 years old."

Joe Dan's dedication to maintaining his own physical and mental agility, along with his commitment to sharing his knowledge of Tae Kwon Do with his community, means this vibrant man, with a powerhouse of energy, may well see his wishes come true.



COURTESY JANICE HOLT

Variety in age and experience characterizes Joe Dan Yates' Tae Kwon Do classes, now conducted thrice weekly in the gym area at Sierra Vista Primary School. Yates, befitting his black belt, is the man in black.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JULY 9, 1954

Safe holiday weekend

"The wonderful cooperation of everyone concerned, the visiting motorists, the homefolks, and of the visiting state police, helped Ruidoso enjoy its second consecutive Fourth of July holiday weekend without a traffic accident," City Marshal Dewey Gann said this week.

"If Ruidoso goes until this Friday, it will mean we will have set a record of six full months without even a reportable accident within our city limits," Gann said.

JULY 10, 1964

County studies subdivisions

Meeting with the Lincoln County Commission on Monday afternoon were B. F. Starkey, of the Ruidoso Ranger Station, Bill Dean and Ray Province of Capitan, and John Mobley and Della Hale, Ruidoso, to work out the final plans for county subdivision regulations.

All plats submitted to the county commissioners from this date will have to conform to the regulations adopted before they may be recorded and lots sold other than those controlled by a municipality in the county.

JULY 12, 1974

Roberts named trustee

The board of trustees of the village of Ruidoso Downs heard a letter of resignation from board member Neil Smith at the regular meeting last Monday evening at the village hall.

The resignation was accepted and Mayor J.J. DiPaol appointed James H. Roberts to fill the unexpired term. Smith noted that his reason for resigning was "due to a personal obligation."

The mayor also appointed Albert Montes to serve on the village street department.

JULY 12, 1984

Miss USA coming to track

Miss USA plans to visit Ruidoso Downs Race Track Sunday. She is Mai Shanley of Alamogordo. ... Miss Shanley was named Miss New Mexico in Las Cruces on Feb. 25. On May 17, she was named Miss USA in Lakeland, Fla.

JULY 14, 1994

Cooney named manager

Lincoln County's new manager, Carolyn Cooney of Alt will be on the job Monday.

She was approved as the county commission's top choice Wednesday in a 3-0 vote with commissioners L. Ray Nunl and Bill Schwettmann absent. ... Cooney's salary was set at \$32,500.

Some Lincoln people are on the road to recovery at last



LINCOLN TRAILS
ROSALIE DUNLAP

Good news: Jinny Vigil, Jay Walley, and Rosemary LaRue are all on the road to recovery, although Jinny and Jay still have rehabilitation ahead of them.

Still more damage is being discovered from the recent hard downpour. The road to the water tanks is washed out and other erosion has been found in the area.

Neighboring Capitan has another nice restaurant, called "The Hitchin'

Post." The Ed Browns are the owners and operators.

The restaurant has lots of room and features a juke box.

Lincoln County is fortunate to have such a selection of eating places in handily located Capitan. You can have your choice of Mexican, regular meals, pizza, and gourmet meals.

Lincoln saw lots of vacationers over the weekend. The Ruckers, McArthurs and others had family members and

friends over the weekend. San Juan church welcomed the visitors and members enjoyed visiting with them.

We were surprised with a visit from Mr. and Mrs. John Lucero and daughters Hannah, Maggie and Tammy, of Carlsbad. John was taking his daughters on a walking tour of Lincoln and telling them what it was like when he was growing up.

John's sister Bobbie and husband live in Albuquerque, and sister Donna is a

nurse in Abilene, Texas.

Lincoln didn't get any weekend rain but it did rain in Capitan, although the rain did hold off for the Saturday parade.

It seems the ladies participating in the Ranc Hand Rodeo were among the favorites, in spite of all their problems.

There will be no news from me next week, as I will be in Nebraska for a family reunion.

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Minors come up short at district

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

ALAMOGORDO — The Ruidoso Minor All-Stars lost their first game, 11-6, in the District 2 tournament here on Monday, but they showed they're a team to be reckoned with in this double-elimination format.

Ruidoso spotted Artesia a 10-0 lead after 2 1/2 innings, then finally got its bats going in the bottom of the third.

Starting with walks to Zach Dawson and Strait Sedillo, Ruidoso pushed all six of its runs across in that third inning, giving the team a much-needed shot in the arm.

Singles by Chris Ramos, Denver Coronado and Tanner Chavez added to the run total for the locals, and all that scoring seemed to finally wake up the Ruidoso defense.

Coronado was the starting pitcher for the home team, and allowed no runs after the third inning. He and shortstop Kalama Davis traded places in the sixth, and Kalama was

responsible for another Artesia run in the top of that frame.

Even down by five runs, Ruidoso didn't quit, getting one runner on in the bottom of the final inning, and making Artesia sweat before finally bowing out.

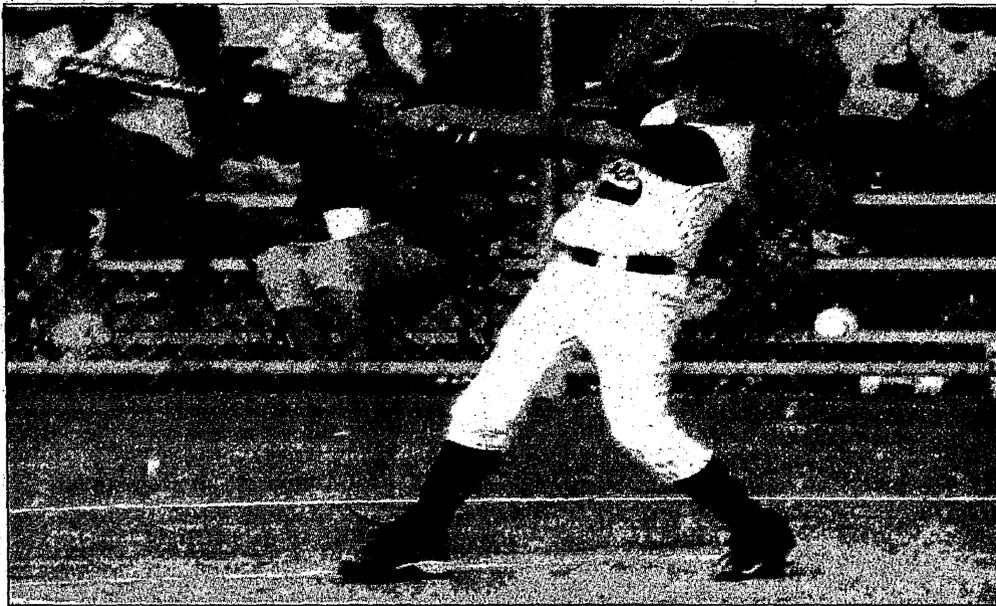
With the loss, Ruidoso dropped into the loser's bracket and faced Roswell Eastside on Tuesday. The Roswell team lost to crosstown rival Noon Optimist earlier in the day, 35-3.

If Ruidoso pulled off the win in that game, they would face the loser of the Alamogordo/Noon Optimist game Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Other tourneys to start

The Major and Junior district tournaments get underway this weekend, both in Roswell. The Major All-Stars take on Alamogordo Saturday with an early 9:30 a.m. start at the Lions Hondo fields on the southwest side of town.

The junior team plays Artesia July 12 at the Noon Optimist field at 7:30 p.m.



Ruidoso All-Star Julian Lopez connects for an infield single Monday during his team's first-round game against Artesia at the District 2 tournament in Alamogordo.

TODD FUQUA/STAFF

side line

Sport Results

Tuesday, Dec. 2
Boys Basketball
Ruidoso 72, Tularosa 47
Hagerman JV at Hondo, 7 p.m.
Capitan, Carrizozo 33
Girls Basketball
Hagerman JV at Hondo, 5 pm.
Capitan, Carrizozo
Mesalero 63, Mesilla Valley 32

Sports on Tap

Thursday, July 8
Horse Racing
Rainbow Futurity trials at Ruidoso Downs, Noon
Friday, July 9
Horse Racing
Rainbow Derby trials at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Softball
Men's 45-50 Masters State at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA
Saturday, July 10
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Baseball
Ruidoso Major All-Stars vs. Alamogordo in District 2 Tournament at Roswell, 9:30 a.m.
Softball
Men's 45-50 Masters State at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA
Sunday, July 11
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Softball
Men's 45-50 Masters State at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA
Monday, July 12
Baseball
Ruidoso Junior All-Stars vs. Artesia in District 2 Tournament at Roswell, 7:30 p.m.

Connections hope supplemental starter pays off again

BY TIM KIETHLEY
RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

According to the original script, All About Ease was headed to California to race this summer.

However, nothing has gone according to plan for the 2-year-old filly other than frequent trips to the winner's circle.

All About Ease, the long shot winner of the Ruidoso Futurity at Ruidoso Downs June 13, will attempt to qualify for the second leg of quarter horse racing's triple crown, the Rainbow Futurity, Thursday at Ruidoso Downs. The filly remains eligible for the \$4 million bonus should she qualify and win that race, plus qualify and win the All American Futurity on Labor Day.

In order to keep the triple crown dream alive, All About Ease's owner Bobby Cox had to fork over a \$25,000 supplement fee last week in order to enter this week's qualifying trials. That may be considered pocket change for a young filly that has already earned \$300,000 by winning four of five lifetime starts. She's expected to be the post-time favorite in Thursday's fourth race, wearing No. 3.

"She's earned the chance," said trainer Mike Joiner. "She's won four out of her five starts and keeps coming back ready to go again."

Joiner said coming to Ruidoso Downs was not in the initial plans for All About Ease. Cox had her paid up to enter the top 2-year-old quarter horse races at Los Alamitos this spring and summer.

"She ran third in the West Texas Futurity at Sunland



All About Ease, seen here with trainer Michael Joiner, is an unlikely supplement into Thursday's Rainbow Futurity trials, having been groomed for races in California.

COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS

Park on April 11, and was supposed to be in California for the Kindergarten Futurity at Los Alamitos on May 1," Joiner said. "We decided that was too soon to run her again and switched her schedule so that she would compete here. That's why we had to pay the supplement to run in the Ruidoso and Rainbow (Futurities)."

See SUPPLEMENT, page 2B

Competition high for Rainbow

Twenty qualifying trials are set for the 39th running of the Rainbow Futurity, the second leg of the All American Triple Crown for two-year-olds that will be run July 25. The ten fastest qualifiers among the 20 time trial heats will advance to the rich final.

Entries for the trials topped out at 198 with nine of the ten Ruidoso Futurity finalists returning to battle for a spot in the final of the \$700,000 Rainbow Futurity. All eyes are on All About Ease, who was supplemented into the Ruidoso Futurity for \$15,000 last month and came away victorious in the \$500,000 race.

No one knew for sure until entry time on Saturday morning if owner Bobby Cox and trainer Mike Joiner would gamble once more on the young filly to the tune of \$25,000 to race on Thursday. To the excitement of race fans, the young filly was supplemented and will continue her quest for the \$4 million All American Triple Crown bonus.

The only finalist from the Ruidoso Futurity that will not try the Rainbow Futurity path is second-place finisher Tell Em Im Gone, who will point toward the All American Futurity later this summer. One other horse's connections made the \$25,000 supplement when the owners of Love Ya Miss Jess anted up the late payment to make the Mr. Jess Perry filly eligible for the Rainbow Futurity time trials.

On Friday, three-year-old quarter horses will compete in six trial heats for the Rainbow Derby, with an estimated purse of more than \$300,000. Among the horses scheduled to compete are the 2003 All American Futurity winner and runner up, By JJ and Dash Of Perry, respectively.

Also scheduled to run are 2003 Texas Classic Futurity winner Mitowilard, 2003 Los Alamitos Million winner A Regal Choice and last month's Ruidoso Derby winner Jess Rapid. Other notables who will try to earn their way into the Rainbow Derby final are last year's fastest qualifier for the All American Futurity, Latest Version, and fastest qualifier for the 2004 Ruidoso Derby, A New Hero.

First post on Thursday is scheduled for 12 noon, first post on Friday is scheduled for 1 p.m.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Members of the Ballard-Ballard ranch out of Malaga, N.M., race to the time line in the horse catching event during the Old West Ranch Rodeo Saturday at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

Old West Ranch Rodeo crown split

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

After two days of grueling competition between 17 ranch teams, two teams ended up on the top of the heap.

Hatchet/Moon ranch team from Buckhorn and Hatchita split the top honors with Slash B team from Magdalena. Third place went to Mesa Feed from Clovis and Rincon and fourth place was won by Ballard-Ballard from Malaga.

All the placing teams had a qualified time in all five events. Hatchet/Moon ranch won the horse

catching. Rainbow Ranch, Deming, won the team penning. The team branding went to veteran champions Turkey Track Ranch of Artesia. The team tying was won by Ballard-Ballard and the wild cow milking by Slash B.

More Smokey Bear Stampede results on 2B

An all-girl team, the JO Ranch from Lordsburg, was a crowd-pleasing part of the 12th annual Old West Ranch Rodeo. The girls had some bad luck in a few events but held their own in the team branding and the wild cow milking.

Judges for the event were Bob Carter, Bill Bird and Waddy Hobbs.

On Deck

Golf academy at the Links
A golf academy for players of all ages and levels is in progress at the Links at Sierra Blanca golf course. There are two remaining sessions to the clinic, 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 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.

'Twas a double-dip for Williams in Fern Sawyer Handicap

Zamora guides Royals My Boy to Master Salls victory

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For any horse owner, winning a \$25,000 handicap race is a pretty big deal.

To take first and second in that race is even bigger.

To win against tough competition? For John Williams, it was the icing on the cake.

Williams was plenty happy when Rubin's Girl took first in the Fern Sawyer Handicap Sunday at Ruidoso Downs, and was literally jumping for joy when Hava Peer was announced as the placing horse in a dead heat for second.

"I want to tell you, when you can do it against

Henry Dominguez and those California horses, you need to get excited," Williams said, whose charges earned more than \$20,000 on the day. "We're excited. They (the other trainers) are good."

Rubin's Girl, was piloted by jockey Vickie Smallwood, who capped off a successful three days with the win, having won and placed twice each during the holiday weekend.

But when it comes to Rubin's Girl, Williams wouldn't have anybody else on the back of his black mare.

"Vickie won this two years ago on her," Williams said. "She really knows this horse, and that's why I really wanted her on there."

The race also marked the third straight year Hava Peer, this time ridden by Carlos Rivas, finished second in this particular stakes race.

"I was hoping this would be her year, she's get-



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Royals My Boy, with jockey Chris Zamora aboard, pulls away from the field in the Master Salls Handicap Sunday at Ruidoso Downs.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Jockey Vickie Smallwood gives Rubin's Girl an appreciative pat after the pair took first in a closely contested Fern Sawyer Handicap Sunday at Ruidoso Downs.

ting a little old," Williams said of Hava Peer. "We had a little problem, but got that straightened out. She ran a big race today, and I'm really proud of her."

"The handicappers didn't really give us much of a chance," he added, pointing out that Hava Peer went off at 10-to-1, while Rubin's Girl was a 6-to-1 pick. "But (trainer) Ralph Black, you can't really count him out."

Master Salls Handicap

As Royals My Boy around the final turn in the 870-yard Master Salls Handicap on Sunday, jockey Chris Zamora needed just a little boost to get the sorrel gelding enough speed to pull away from the field and take the win in the \$25,000 race.

For owners Sammy and Johnny Martinez, the future of their horse is uncertain, only because Zamora's future isn't that clear.

"We haven't decided yet, because our rider has

to ride trials here," said Johnny, referring to the Rainbow Trials set to run Thursday. "We're going to wait and make up our minds later. We don't want to race without him."

Sunday's win marked the fourth win in seven races for Royals My Boy. Two of those wins came in stakes races — the Fine Loom Handicap at Ruidoso Downs May 30 and the Specialhank Handicap in Albuquerque on April 24. The horse also finished third in the New Mexico Distance Challenge at Sunland Park in March.

While Royals My Boy won by a wide margin in the end, he had to fight his way to the front after a slow start at the gate, thanks to a high weight allowance (127 pounds), and a difficult draw in the six hole.

"Today he had to work a little bit more for the win," Johnny Martinez said. "When he won the Fine Loom, they were with him for about 100 yards, and that was it. He beat them by about three lengths."

Muncy and Rowland win youth timed event at Stampede

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

To say Taos Muncy's rodeo career is "hot" probably is the understatement of the year. The 17-year-old Corona cowboy nailed another win and a \$650 trophy saddle in the youth timed event rope-off on Friday night at the Smokey Bear Stampede.

This was Muncy's last year to be eligible to compete in the event, so he opted to rodeo in Capitan rather than hit the road to several of the big July 4 rodeos across New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona. The decision paid off well.

To get to the rope off, both age divisions had to have a winner from both days of the youth timed event.

On Thursday Muncy aced his spot in the rope off by have the fastest aggregate time of 50.28 seconds for the four events. George Rowland of Hobbs won the 13-15 age group with a total of 53.36 for four events.

Friday's roping left those two winners out of the mix, giving two more ropers a chance to make it to the rope off. Capitan's Ronnie Eldridge sewed up the 15-16 division while Chase Massengill of Santa Fe won the average for the 13-15.

Friday night during the Stampede rodeo, the boys each roped one calf to determine the champions in each age group.

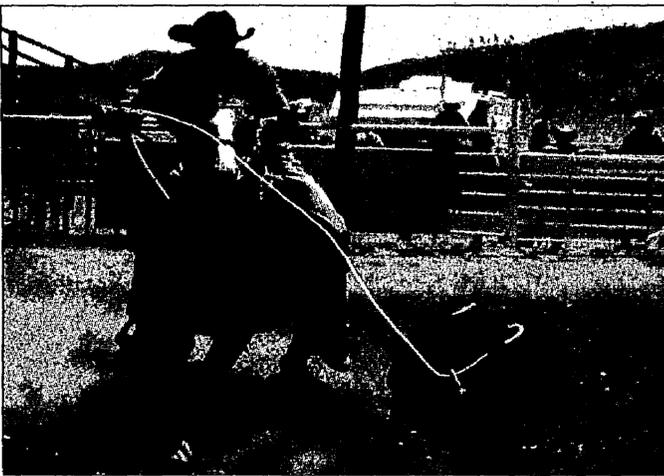


PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Creeden Coil hits his mark with a loop in the 16-17 age group ribbon roping Thursday during the Smokey Bear Stampede at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

Muncy and Rowland took home the trophy saddles while Massengill and Eldridge won trophy buckles.

Results for both days of the event are:

Thursday 13-15
Average: 1. George Rowland, 2. Chase Massengill, 3. Calvin Brevik
Heading: Josh Siggins
Heeling: Calvin Brevik
Tie Down: Chase Massengill
Ribbon Roping: Cutter Whipple

16-17
Average: 1. Taos Muncy, 2. Creeden Coil, 3. Cory Bramwell

Heading: Taos Muncy
Heeling: Creeden Coil
Tie Down: Taos Muncy
Ribbon Roping: Cory Bramwell

Friday 13-15
Average: 1. Chase Massengill, 2. Johnny Salvo, 3. Calvin Brevik
Heading: Marcus Elkins
Heeling: Calvin Brevik
Tie Down: Chase Massengill
Ribbon Roping: Calvin Brevik

16-17
Average: 1. Ronnie Eldridge, 2. Cory Bramwell, 3. Tanner Smith
Heading: Ronnie Eldridge
Heeling: Cory Bramwell
Tie Down: Tanner Smith
Ribbon Roping: Ronnie Eldridge

SUPPLEMENT: 'Easing' into the Rainbow trials

FROM PAGE 1B

Joiner is convinced that All About Ease has what it takes to challenge in the Rainbow Futurity. He said the longer distance of 400 yards shouldn't make a difference because she rarely makes any mistakes on the race track.

"She is smart about everything," Joiner said. "She's such an easy going race horse; nothing seems to bother her."

The only people that may be bothered by All About Ease's success story are those who had the chance to purchase the filly at last year's quarter horse auction Labor Day weekend at Ruidoso Downs. Buyers showed little interest, and she was re-purchased by her original breeder, Cox, for \$31,000.

"Her sire was First Down Dash and her mother,

Effortless Again, is a full sister to Elans Special who won the All American." Joiner said. "She's got great breeding lines and has shown plenty of talent."

Joiner said there is no pressure on his barn or All About Ease to win the \$4 million. He said it's entirely too soon to think about such a prize.

"We're going to take it one step at a time," Joiner said. "Right now, we're worried about getting her qualified on Thursday."

A Stone Runaway, the top qualifier and post time favorite in the Ruidoso Futurity, will compete in the 18th race as No. 4 on Thursday.

First post for the 20-race card at Ruidoso Downs will be noon. Nine of the ten horses who qualified for the finals of the Ruidoso Derby are scheduled to compete in the trials for the Rainbow Futurity with the top ten times making the final to be run on July 25.

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Fireworks above and on the track at Sertoma Raceway

TULAROSA — There were fireworks both in the air and on the track Friday at Sertoma Speedway, as an aerial display wowed the crowd during intermission and track conditions caused driver complaints both during and after a race.

“But as one driver noted, track conditions are the same for everyone, so wet or dry, each racer had to contend with the same situation.

One class that apparently didn't have any complaints was the Hobby Stock, which was led start to finish by the Ruiz.

“The Alamogordo driver won his heat, then led all the way in the 20-lap main.

“I got a good start and I finished up strong,” Ruiz said. “It was just a good day. The car was running good and we did a good job.”

Kevin George did stay close on Ruiz' tail for part of the race — and George and Ryan Dubois had a battle for second that came almost down to the wire — but the winner said he wasn't concerned.

“Just for a little while, but I couldn't see anybody behind me,” he said. “But I knew it was getting dusty late.”

But while he could see the dust

from his competitors, he said track conditions were fine.

“The first race, actually, the track was very good,” Ruiz said. “Just coming in late it started getting a little dusty.”

And after getting disqualified after his first win earlier this season, Ruiz said he felt good about getting a “legitimate” win.

“We feel good about it. We'll be back next week. We're usually here anyway. Win or lose, we'll make it out.”

There were no surprises in the Legends race, as the two Dons — Alamogordo's Don Reynolds and Ruidoso's Don St. John — finished one-two in all three races, as they have most of this year.

Reynolds didn't overlook his fellow drivers, however.

“All these guys are fast,” he said. “It got real slick tonight and was pretty tough. It wasn't an easy win.”

He said the track conditions gradually deteriorated as the night went on.

“Had good heat races but by the time the main came the track was really dried out,” he said. “It was just kind of a finesse-type track. There were times I would use only half to three-quarters of the gas all the way

down the straightaway. I mean, just because it was just getting too much wheel spin.”

Still, Reynolds said, everyone had to drive on the same track.

“It was a little dry, but that makes it equal for everybody. It's not just me, it's everybody has to be careful with it. So that's what makes it fun.”

With Reynolds and St. John dominating the wins at Sertoma, fans might not know that area drivers top the national Legends standings in several categories.

Not unexpectedly, St. John leads the Masters (over age 40) class, with Reynolds in 11th.

But Carrizo's Ryan Gaines leads the national points standings in the Young Lions (age 14-16) with El Paso's Jonathan Barcena in second.

And Gaines and his father Mike are one-two in the Semi-Pro class, for drivers with a year or less experience in Legends.

The Legends will be at Sertoma every other week for the rest of the season, giving fans a chance to check out these top-ranked drivers.

It was payback time for Alamogordo's Larry Dubois in the Street Stock class Friday.

off, and he was out of the race.

That put Jake Boles and Carl Work in first and second, with Dubois in third in a tight race.

“It got a little rough when I got passed in turn four,” Dubois said. “Used me as a wall a little bit coming out of four and I thought I was going to hit the wall but then the 911 (Work) and 7X (Boles) got together and spun out on the infield and I was able to take advantage of it and took off. I thought there was going to be a yellow, which would have put me back in third with a restart with two laps to go. So I figured, ‘Nah, it won't happen.’ But they kept the green and I was able to keep my head on straight and not spin out. Because it was really loose. I came so close to spinning out.”

It's the second win of the year for Dubois, and while he credits both wins to a lot of luck, he's happy.

“I'll take it any way I can. Absolutely.”

Will Sewell finally broke the hold Lincoln County drivers have had on the Super Stock class, but attrition and tempers marred the night's final race.

“That was a pretty nasty track we had,” the Alamogordo driver said. “I don't know. It's a win. We'll take it. We're not none of us happy about it. We did finally get old Grant Dean to slow down enough to where we could get around him. It's fun. We're trying to put on a show and it's real hard to do it when we've got track conditions like this.”

Seven cars were scheduled to start but only six did when Mac McCutcheon couldn't get his car to start, despite being pushed around the track twice.

Sewell led early, with Captain's Andy Willingham, Ruidoso's Dean and Carrizo's Josh Hammond close behind.

But Sewell spun out on Lap 4, and had to go to the back.

While the cars were lining up for the restart, points leader Danny Efirid left the track then came back, something that's not normally allowed.

He ran one lap before Willingham drew a yellow, then Efirid stopped in front of the flagman, got out and began screaming about dry track conditions.

He was ordered off the track by officials, but his complaints continued after the race in the pits.

On the track, the race went down to five cars and eventually three, after Cory Gorby was black flagged for leaking oil.

With all the stops and starts, Sewell

eventually moved back to the front, topping Dean and Hammond.

And Sewell did admit drivers are hard people to please concerning conditions.

“It's very tough. As a group, we took care of the track for two years and it's just almost impossible,” he said. “But we'd rather have a little bit of mud than the dust. The dust is just terrible. You can't see and it's just real rough on everybody. Not just us but the crowd and everybody. But, hey, we got a win, so, first one this year.”

There was one driver Friday who had no complaints, and was actually one of the most enthusiastic winners ever.

First-time driver Harry Davis, with fiancée Graciela Ochoa riding shotgun, outlasted everyone to win the Bomber Class.

“I'm overwhelmed,” he said. “I can't believe it myself. First time out. Seventeen cars. Everybody's been waiting two weeks to get the Bombers here and I decide to get into it and we walked home with it. I can't believe it.”

Davis, who had a very vocal cheering section, trailed past winner Amber Ryan and Randy Arone for most of the race.

As other cars were spinning, bumping and generally falling by the wayside, the two experienced drivers traded leads most of the way.

But, with three of the 30 laps remaining, each went into the infield separately, giving Davis the edge.

“I was worried about catching them and the next thing you know the main leader spun out in front of me and I held the lap and held it for three more laps. I almost got taken two foot at the line and I held that guy off of me and came home with it. I'm astounded. I can't even believe.”

Davis did have a near photo-finish with James Cano, but held on to take the checkered flag.

Davis was driving a 1984 Cutlass Supreme with a Buick 350 two barrel engine, with sponsors Wild Cloud, Dee's Upholstery and Ram's Auto hand painted on the body.

“That car was sitting for almost a year with flats,” Davis said. “All I did was put gas in it, start it, made it into a race car, brought it out here and won. I couldn't believe it.”

What fans can believe is that Davis is hooked, and will be back in the Bombers this year, with his eye on bigger and better things next season.

The Hobby, Street, Super Stock and Bombers will be back next week for more action.

LOOK OUT!



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Everyone knows bull riding is a dangerous event. It became quite dangerous for the photographer Friday during the Smokey Bear Stampede rodeo at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

Two weeks ago, Dubois lost a lead he'd held most of the way when he got bumped into the infield and no yellow was called.

Friday, the No. 1 and 2 cars tangled and a yellow wasn't called, giving Dubois the chance to take the late race win.

“I feel lucky and it's just unbelievable,” the Alamogordo driver said.

Tularosa's McMaster lead for more than half the race, but while lining up for a restart on Lap 12, his tire fell

RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Results for racing at Ruidoso Downs for July 1-5:

Thursday, July 1

First — 350 yards. The Sweet Pea 28.20 7.60 4.40, Chicks Sissle 3.40 3.00, She's Flyin Low 3.80. Quinella — 29.80. Exacta — 127.00. Trifecta — 491.60. T — 17.66.

Second — 400 yards. Cowboy Jackpot 10.80 5.80 5.40, Talk Back Champus 3.00 3.00, Celebrate The Magic 7.20. Quinella — 16.80. Exacta — 53.20. Trifecta — 490.10. Daily Double — 188.00. Scratched — Dead Shot Dean.

Third — 5 furlongs. Julietas Bolger 3.80 2.60 2.40, Silver Ace 6.80 4.60, Devons Gona Roll 2.60. Quinella — 27.90. Exacta — 31.00. Trifecta — 27.90. T — 57.60. Scratched — Luken Boss.

Fourth — 400 yards. Cash Maniac 47.40 20.80 6.20, Mystic Rime 3.80 3.20, Easily Authorized 0.04. Quinella — 30.00. Exacta — 100.60. Trifecta — 60.70. T — 20.64. Scratched — Sammy Jo Bug.

Fifth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Southern Twilight 7.00 3.00 2.40, Ceatart 3.80 2.20, Megan's Man 2.20. Quinella — 15.00. Exacta — 28.80. Trifecta — 44.10. T — 1.31.40.

Sixth — 4 1/2 furlongs. Hollywood N Divine 3.80 2.60 2.60, Ka Bre 3.20 3.00, Flynn Grey Devil 2.80. Quinella — 7.40. Exacta — 10.20. Trifecta — 20.40. T — 52.60. Scratched — Littlebrownbullet, Corvyn Lace.

Seventh — 870 yards. Sherrys Aura 6.00 3.40 2.60, Premier Cleat 5.80 4.80, Eye Got Go 4.00. Quinella — 29.00. Exacta — 40.40. Trifecta — 68.90. T — 45.72.

Eighth — 6 furlongs. Johns Hot Water 10.00 6.20 4.60, Mon Quimet 10.60 6.20, Hartshorne 7.60. Quinella — 48.00. Exacta — 63.40. Trifecta — 750.60. T — 1.10.60. Scratched — Jacks Romeo.

Ninth — 5 furlongs. Dayjur's Lane 6.20 4.00 3.40, Sue Etta 9.20 4.00, Ride On Snow 4.40. Quinella — 36.00. Exacta — 83.40. Trifecta — 248.60. Pick 3 — 66.60. T — 58.80.

Friday, July 2

First — 870 yards. Sparkling N Dashing 16.60 10.60 5.20, Brandys Miracle 7.80 3.60, Donnies Dasher 4.40. Quinella — 73.00. Exacta — 142.20. Trifecta — 1,030.50. T — 46.84.

Second — 870 yards. Highdarkbay 13.60 4.80 3.20, Streakin Chili 3.40 2.60, Dependable Cash 3.40. Quinella — 17.80. Exacta — 47.60. Trifecta — 73.90. Daily Double — 54.40. T — 46.33. Scratched — Fighting Falcon.

Third — 350 yards. Running Regent 4.40 3.40 2.60, Mr Bedazee 11.20 4.80, Dash Lady Love 3.40. Quinella — 43.60. Exacta — 50.20. Trifecta — 155.00. T — 17.94. Scratched — A Flash Of Snow.

Fourth — 400 yards. JJ Hunter 7.40 5.40 4.00, View This Miracle 14.60 7.60, Run MR 8.20. Quinella — 333.00. Exacta — 365.40. Trifecta — 483.20. T — 19.99. Scratched — Plnon Crest.

Fifth — 4 1/2 furlongs. Fancy Bull 6.60 4.20 3.00, Capitanmorganbay 9.60 4.60, Dancing Moves 3.40. Quinella — 44.20. Exacta — 54.00. Trifecta — 169.50. T — 53.00. Scratched — Retsina's Emblem.

Sixth — 300 yards. Double Down Baby 31.60 18.20 5.60, PK Bug 4.40 2.60, Famous First Chick 2.60. Quinella — 61.20. Exacta — 217.60. Trifecta — 245.10. T — 15.45.

Seventh — 7 1/2 furlongs. Sharm 4.80 3.20 2.80, lamatowertoo 7.00 4.40, Gentleman's Affair 3.60. Quinella — 30.80. Exacta — 49.60. Trifecta — 147.70. T — 1.33.20.

Eighth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Free N Wild 3.40 2.60 2.40, Senor Arugas 4.40 3.00, Danny's Emerald 2.60. Quinella — 11.20. Exacta — 14.60. Trifecta — 20.80. T — 1.04.40. Scratched — Fair Goer.

Ninth — 350 yards. Folly La Jolla 32.40 11.00 6.80, Jess Winning 4.20 4.20, Victory, Gets, Chicks 5.60. Quinella — 26.60. Exacta — 80.80. Trifecta — 325.00. Pick 3 — 58.80. T — 17.63.

Saturday, July 3

First — 5 1/2 furlongs. Diosa Del Sol 11.20 5.20 3.20, Chaos Theory 6.00 3.20, San Darbo 2.60. Quinella — 30.00. Exacta — 57.40. Trifecta — 56.80. T — 1.05.60.

Second — 350 yards. What Are The Odds 6.00 4.00 3.40, Fitness Lady 7.40 4.80, Masters Encore 5.60. Quinella — 41.00. Exacta — 42.40. Trifecta — 264.40. Daily Double — 47.00. T — 17.56.

Third — 870 yards. Fortune Telling Bob 20.00 6.40 4.00, Siroco 3.20 2.80, Streakin N Winkin 4.80. Quinella — 22.20. Exacta — 49.80. Trifecta — 730.30. T — 46.99.

Fourth — 350 yards. One Shot Tamale 7.40 3.80 3.20, Marie Le Beaux 6.80. Quinella — 38.80. Exacta — 77.20. Trifecta — 1,648.10. T — 17.53.

Fifth — 440 yards. Real And Free 4.20 2.80 2.40, On Star Cowboy 3.00 2.80, No Rime 4.00. Quinella — 7.00. Exacta — 106.00. Trifecta — 30.20. T — 21.51. Scratched — I Like Rumors.

Sixth — 300 yards. I Know: Too 16.00 7.20 3.40, Sherry Never Blushes 6.20 3.00, Sir Patrick Blurr 2.60. Quinella — 31.80. Exacta — 72.00. Trifecta — 83.80. T — 15.59.

Seventh — 5 furlongs. Fearless Anthony 5.40 2.80 2.60, Call Cielo 3.20 2.60, Tainted Wishes 2.80. Quinella — 8.20. Exacta — 12.40. Trifecta — 18.90. T — 58.10.

Eighth — 4 1/2 furlongs. Full Of Charm 21.00 9.60 3.80, Spelling Bee Jones 4.80 2.80, Trixie's Call 2.60. Quinella — 34.40. Exacta — 66.00. Trifecta — 71.60. T — 53.00. Scratched — Maybe Just Maybe.

Ninth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Janna's Gold 7.40 3.40 2.60, Miss Attack 4.60 3.00, Jenna's Devil 2.80. Quinella — 24.80. Exacta — 60.00. Trifecta — 27.60. T — 1.04.40.

Tenth — 350 yards. Fortune Flyer 27.80 14.00 5.00, Dashers Moon Bar 10.60 4.40, Southern Cartel 2.80, Miami Groovin Cartel 3.60. Quinella — 77.40. Exacta — 166.40. Trifecta — 161.10. Trifecta — 356.80. T — 17.41.

Eleventh — 5 1/2 furlongs. Luken Boss 13.00 4.80 3.00, Rock De Stars 3.80 2.40, Blue Warrior 2.60. Quinella — 39.00. Exacta — 70.60. Trifecta — 136.70. Pick 3 — 868.80. T — 1.04.80.

Sunday, July 4

First — 6 furlongs. Fay Kinnit 5.80 3.20 2.80, Milliesime 7.00 3.80, Silver Review 3.60. Quinella — 26.20. Exacta — 64.80. Trifecta — 101.20. T — 1.11.20.

Second — 350 yards. Janies Sunshine 9.00 4.60 3.40, Too Fortunes Legacy 8.40 5.20, A Special First 3.40. Quinella — 44.80. Exacta — 94.60. Trifecta — 133.60. Daily Double — 34.80. T — 17.91.

Third — 6 furlongs. Dixie Jig 12.20 5.00 2.40, Racing Nut 3.80 2.60, Masakado Kid 2.40. Quinella — 20.40. Exacta — 39.80. Trifecta — 42.70. T — 1.10.00. Scratched — Eldorado Gold, Rainbow Lake.

Fourth — 350 yards. Super Sixarun 20.60 9.40 6.20, Splashin' Roy 5.00 4.00, Vitrina 5.00. Quinella — 37.40. Exacta — 91.20. Trifecta — 147.00. T — 17.81.

Fifth — 870 yards. Sitters Valentine 6.40 4.20 3.40, Super Art 5.40 3.60, Do You Know Me 4.80. Quinella — 21.00. Exacta — 38.60. Trifecta — 197.00. T — 46.14.

Sixth — 350 yards. Makamadash 9.60 5.40 3.60, Heza Shakem Baby 9.60 5.20, Mr Dashing Valentine 3.20. Quinella — 78.20. Exacta — 108.00. Trifecta — 120.80. Tri-Super — 9,393.50. T — 17.90.

Seventh — 870 yards. Runtin Roscoe 16.40 7.80 4.60, TME Eyezasaint 4.60 3.20, Fast And Far 3.00. Quinella — 66.20. Exacta — 80.40. Trifecta — 191.10.

Eighth — 6 furlongs. Lifted Rose 7.60 3.20 3.00, Policy Cat 3.20 2.80, B.G.'s Trix 4.80. Quinella — 9.00. Exacta — 16.00. Trifecta — 69.30. T — 1.13.40. Scratched — Gleaming Looker.

Ninth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Loving Tribute 11.60 5.20 3.60, Southern Regal 4.00 3.40, Indians Melody 2.80. Quinella — 24.80. Exacta — 46.20. Trifecta — 49.30. T — 1.34.60.

Tenth — 870 yards. Royals My Boy 4.80 4.40 3.40, Catscape 11.60 7.20, Zylac 4.00. Quinella — 53.40. Exacta — 62.40. Trifecta — 128.80. T — 44.67.

Eleventh — 1 mile. Rubin's Girl 19.20 7.60 3.60, Hava Peer 14.60 6.00, Yet Anothernatable 3.40. Quinella — 106.20. Exacta — 261.60. Trifecta — 283.20. T — 1.38.40. Scratched — G. Starr.

Twelfth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Fin Entertainment 4.80 2.60 3.00, Flaming Bull 5.40 5.40, O Golly Gee 3.60. Quinella — 24.60. Exacta — 29.20. Trifecta — 71.30. Pick 3 — 231.80. T — 1.34.00. Scratched — Really No Saint.

Monday, July 5

First — Straw Fly Boy 8.00 3.80 3.20, Rubys JP 4.60 3.40, Twotimestherly 5.00. Quinella — 9.40. Exacta — 18.20. Trifecta — 51.70. T — 17.61. Scratched — Ima Cantu.

Second — 440 yards. Angelas Runaway 13.40 6.20 3.60, I Know The Dance 5.80 3.20, Magnificent Linda 4.20. Quinella — 40.00. Exacta — 50.00. Trifecta — 155.70. Daily Double — 35.80. T — 21.60.

Third — 7 1/2 furlongs. Army General 3.40 2.80 2.10, Lit De Deanseur 2.80 2.40, Storm Flame 2.60. Quinella — 5.80. Exacta — 7.80. Trifecta — 16.10. T — 1.32.60.

Fourth — 350 yards. Hollands First Jet 19.20 4.80 3.40, Ima Rea Dash 5.40 3.60, Fly For Toby 3.40. Quinella — 56.60. Exacta — 196.20. Trifecta — 128.50. T — 17.60.

Fifth — B.G.'s Choice 3.60 3.60 2.80, Euphrates 4.20 3.40, Bossie DJ 2.80. Quinella — 9.80. Exacta — 16.20. Trifecta — 18.50. T — 58.00. Scratched — Bysometime, Botime.

Sixth — 400 yards. Captain Marvelous 4.60 3.60 3.20, Cant Keep A Secret 12.00 7.80, Sonora Apollo 6.60. Quinella — 41.80. Exacta — 72.80. Trifecta — 146.50. T — 20.05.

Seventh — 5 1/2 furlongs. Iza Righteous Dude 3.40 3.60 2.20, Public Domain 3.20 3.60 2.40, Silver Daddy 2.40. Quinella — 8.60. Exacta — 8.20. Exacta — 6.80. Trifecta — 7.80. Trifecta — 6.10. T — 1.04.00.

Eighth — 1,000 yards. Twilight Diamond 15.20 16.20 9.00, Howdoyoulikemenow 16.00 12.60 7.40, Tough Ole Six 5.00. Quinella — 220.00. Exacta — 449.00. Exacta — 300.00. Trifecta — 459.70. Trifecta — 574.30. T — 53.05.

Ninth — 400 yards. Maddies Special Turf 5.00 3.60 3.00, Country Chicks Man 4.20 3.40, Overlook Easy 3.80. Quinella — 10.60. Exacta — 18.40. Trifecta — 34.40. Pick 3 — 200.20. T — 19.89.

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Parents fear their children's teen rebellion

QUESTION: My children are still in elementary school, but I want to avoid adolescent rebellion in the future if I can. What can you tell me to help me get ready for this scary time?

DR. DOBSON: This is a tough time to raise kids. Many youngsters sail right through that period with no unusual stresses and problems, but others get caught in a pattern of rebellion that disrupts families and scares their moms and dads to death. I've spent several decades trying to understand that phenomenon and how to prevent it. The encouraging thing is that most rebellious teens usually grow up to be responsible and stable adults who can't remember why they were so angry in earlier days.



Dr. James Dobson
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I once devoted a radio program to a panel of "formerly rebellious teens" that included three successful ministers, the Rev. Raul Ries, pastor Mike MacIntosh, and the Rev. Franklin Graham, son of Dr. Billy and Ruth Graham. Each of them had been difficult adolescents who gave their parents fits. With the exception of Raul, who had been abused at home, the other two couldn't recall what motivated their misbehavior, or why they didn't just go along and get along.

That is often the way with adolescence. It's like a tornado that drops unexpectedly out of a dark sky, tyrannizes a family,

shakes up the community and then blows on by. Then the sun comes out and spreads its warmth again. Even though the teen years can be challenging, they're also filled with excitement and growth. Rather than fearing that experience, therefore, I think you ought to anticipate it as a dynamic time when your kids transition from childhood to adulthood.

QUESTION: How can I help my child develop wholesome, respectful attitudes toward people of other racial and ethnic groups?

DR. DOBSON: There is no substitute for parental modeling of the attitudes we wish to teach. Someone wrote, "The footsteps are most likely to be the ones his parents thought they covered up." It is true. Our

children are watching us carefully, and they instinctively imitate our behavior. We can hardly expect them to be kind to the entire human family if we are prejudiced and rejecting.

Likewise, we will be unable to teach appreciativeness if we never say "please" or "thank you" at home or abroad. We will not produce honest children if we teach them to lie to the bill collector on the phone by saying, "Dad's not home." In these matters, our boys and girls instantly discern the gap between what we say and what we do. And of the two choices, they usually identify with our behavior and ignore our empty proclamations.

If you never speak derogatorily about racial minorities, and if you absolutely will not tolerate racially based jokes and slurs, your children will not fail to notice. It's the best place to begin your teaching process.

QUESTION: How do I get started in discussing sex with my children?

DR. DOBSON: Fortunately, most children will ask for information when they need it. You should be ready to grab those opportunities at the drop of a hat.

Sometimes very little warning is given. Our daughter asked for very specific details when she was only 7 years old, catching her mother off guard. My wife stalled for an hour during which she alerted me. Then the three of us sat on the bed drinking hot chocolate and talking about matters we hadn't expected to discuss for several years. You never know when such a moment will arrive and need to think them through in advance.

Although those spontaneous conversations are easiest, some children never ask the right questions. Some boys and girls have "inquiring minds that want to know," while others never give the subject of sex a second thought. If your child is one of those who seems uninterested, you're still on the hook. The task must get done. Someone else will do the job if you won't — someone who may not share your values.

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

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Freedom from ourselves

Another July Fourth has come and gone and as with so many holidays, the real reason for celebration is lost in the self-centered American culture. We are filled with food and drink, overwhelmed with fireworks and parades, and excited about a holiday where most are paid and don't have to work. Pardon me, but these are merely fruits of the freedom for which many gave their lives over the past two and a quarter centuries of our nation's existence.



Claryfications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Most of us have lost respect for the principles of freedom and democracy that motivated our founding fathers. Most of us have lost the fervent faith in God that brought this nation into existence. Most of us have retreated from the attitude of sacrifice of self for the benefit of others. I look around and see the foundations crumbling. Our guiding philosophies have changed and this nation is "going to hell in a hand basket."

Perhaps you are thinking by now, "Here is a preacher and he and his cronies are going to try to 'save' us." Well, the truth

is that only God can do that. I study the prophecies in the Bible and, while I recognize some of the nations of the world, I see no prophecies about a nation that can be interpreted as the United States of America. Put on the brakes, you "ten lost tribe" fanatics! Don't go berserk! What happens to America? Does the most powerful nation in the history of the world just disappear?

Perhaps we crumble and fall with our foundations destroyed by self-indulgence and the "elimination" of God. A better scenario would be that we take seriously the responsibility to save the world from godlessness, and give ourselves to the point of not being the military, economic, and technological leader of the world. Perhaps we become insignificant from the historical point of view. Whatever the case, we have no help for today, nor hope for tomorrow without Jesus-Christ.

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Why did God send Jesus to the cross?

Q: Recently, I saw that film on the death of Jesus, and I'm confused. Why do Christians believe that God made Jesus go to the cross? Doesn't this make God cruel, because He demanded that His own Son be put to death? I always thought God is a God of love. — Mrs. J.H.N.



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A: Yes, God is a God of love — and the greatest proof of His love is that He was willing to send His Son into the world to die for our salvation. The Bible says, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he

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Hendricks youngsters preparing a return to Lincoln County Fair

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

It's only four and a half weeks until time to check in animals at the Lincoln County Fair. Youth around the county that are in 4-H and FFA have turned their focus to putting finishing touches on their livestock and looking forward to the week of fun and competition.

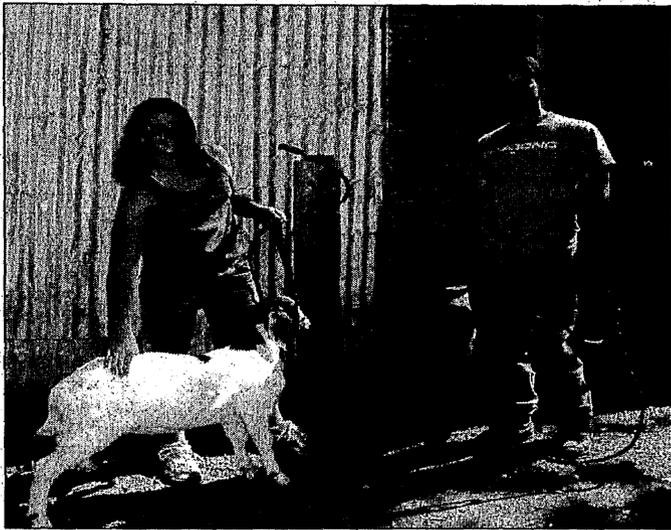
Mark and Stacy Hendricks' two kids are no different. A junior in high school this coming fall, 16-year-old K.C. has 8 years of 4-H behind him and this will be his third year in FFA. This year he is showing 2 lambs he named Ed and Eddie. In years prior he showed pig, lambs and a heifer, but swears he doesn't miss the pigs.

Last year K.C. baked the winning cake in the cake and pie baking contest and auctioned it off at the sale for several hundred dollars.

In FFA he judges in Ag Mechanics and wool and likes the going places and meeting people the judging events allow. He says science is his favorite subject and this will be his 6th year to play football.

Tessa, 12, is showing meat goats this year. Wyatt and Andy are two goats she bought at a sale in Artesia.

She showed pigs for here the first three years in 4-H and this



Carrizozo 4-H'ers Tessa and K.C. Hendricks with part of their goat/lamb projects for the 2004 Lincoln County Fair.

is her first year for goats. Tessa liked showing pigs, but her dad is just happier without them around.

"I still want to do both at next year's fair," she said.

Tessa will officially be in junior high this fall (7th grade) so intends to compete in volleyball, basketball and track. Science is her favorite subject also and she gives the credit for

that to Dr. Glenn Hawk, head of the Carrizozo schools Science Department.

Both parents, Mark and Stacy, were 4-H'ers for a few years in their youth. The Hendricks children are 4th generation ranchers on the I Bar X -Stephenson Ranch south of Carrizozo. They are the grandchildren of Bill and Veda Stephenson.



On the job at the Smokey Bear Stampede, Lee and Donna Crandall with their 11 month old granddaughter, Mackenzie Keltner.

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Keeping time at the Smokey Bear Stampede

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Lee and Donna Crandall of Capitan began a very important job at the Smokey Bear Stampede back in 1989. They are the team that runs the stop watches to time every cowboy and cowgirl in every event for the four nights of rodeo.

As the Stampede grew, so did the Crandalls' job. For the past several years it's been a start-early and leave-very-late kind of job with the area events going on all day for the four days of the Stampede.

The invention of electric eyes and more modern equipment has made the job easier, but the hours are just as long.

For example, last Friday the Crandalls were front and center before 8 a.m. for the Senior Steer Tie Down Roping that ran right into the 1 p.m. ranch rodeo. Then, with only a short break, they were back for the 7 p.m. rodeo performance and the slack (extra contestants) that ran until after 2 a.m. Saturday.

This is the kind of schedule kept by the Crandalls year after year. And, it is worth mentioning, they do it as volunteers. They don't take a cent for it. Their mission is to help the kids of Lincoln County. The Stampede proceeds are what the fair association uses to fund the County Fair.

Donna works for High Country Agency while Lee is employed by the Village of Ruidoso. He

said his job is building maintenance but that it really means he just everything that needs to be done wherever it needs done.

Work began in the early 1970s

The Crandalls began working in and around rodeo in the Alamogordo area during the early 1970s.

Rodeo announcer Skeebie Norris has worked with the Crandalls for many years and says of them, "They are the most dedicated and conscientious people I've had the pleasure to work with."

"The job of timing is so critical to those contestants who have put up their money and Lee and Donna take that seriously. They are simply the very best at what they do."

Having a sense of humor seems to be high on the list of qualifications and Norris says the Crandalls make the job fun. The team work is essential and makes this team even better at what they do.

Lee Crandall is vice president of the Lincoln County Pageant and Festival and he and Donna both have been part of the Billy the Kid Pageant for 20-plus years. Donna played Susan McSween for many years and Lee played Dick Brewer for 20 years and Bob Bell for the past 10 years.

The Crandalls plan to keep their hands on the stop watches at the stampede, as Lee put it, "Til we quit having fun."

'Zozo to honor state's first governor

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Carrizozo is celebrating Governor W.C. McDonald's birthday on July 24 and calling it Governor McDonald Old Settlers Reunion Day.

McDonald was New Mexico's first elected governor in 1912 and was a resident of Carrizozo.

There will be activity throughout the town from the park named for the Governor, McDonald Park, to the Carrizozo Heritage Museum.

Several special guests have been scheduled throughout the day.

Grand Marshall for the 10:00 a.m. parade will be Mrs. Marion Spencer, widow of the grandson of Governor McDonald, and whose family still operates the Bar-W Ranch which was owned by

McDonald. The New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities has provided Cowboy Poet Ray Owens, performing 11:30 a.m., and Chautauqua performer Ron Grimes, performing as Pat Garrett at 1 p.m.

Events scheduled throughout the day

Activities will be going on all day. One event expected to be quite popular is "Put a friend in the Fundraising Jail." You can buy a warrant for \$5 that will be served by the Lincoln County Sheriffs Posse to have one "jailed."

That person will then have to be bailed out with a "get out of jail card".

Some of the other scheduled events are: Special exhibit at the Carrizozo Heritage Museum will be

the inaugural attire of both Governor and Mrs. McDonald; horse-drawn carriage to take people between McDonald Park and the Carrizozo Heritage Museum; blacksmithing demonstration by Richard Rumpf; the Rawhide Hillbilly Band from San Antonio; cowboy poets; youth fiddlers, art and crafts booths, and vendors of all types.

There will also be a self-guided walking tour of downtown Carrizozo.

A Cowboy Pancake Breakfast will be served at the Senior Center from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$5 adults and \$3 children for all-you-can-eat pancakes.

For more information contact Korene Walker 648-3007 or Van Shamblin at 648-4565.

Livestock ID session in Socorro

Will be held July 16 at New Mexico Tech

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Area ranchers and livestock owners who have thoughts on a national identification program will have a chance to

express them on July 16 in Socorro.

Agriculture Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Bill Hawks is facilitating the program to be held at the Macey Center at New Mexico Tech from 3-5:30 p.m.

Members of the general pub-

lic, especially those involved in the livestock industry, are welcome to attend the listening session.

Those who wish to comment should register at the sign-in table. Registration begins at 2 p.m.

For directions or more information, call 835-5745.

4-H horse clinic to be held Saturday

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A 4-H horse clinic will be held on Saturday, July 10 at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

ing at halter and under a saddle. The horse clinic is free and open to all 4-H aged youth. Bring your horse and bring your lunch.

The All-Goat Clinic, instructed by Cindy Foglesong, will be held at 10 a.m. on July 10 in the blue barn at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan. All 4-H'ers are welcome and there is no charge.

Those who are showing both horses and goats can do both. They can go to the goat school when it starts and then come back to the horse school afterwards. Instructors will work with them to cover the subjects in both.

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

2004 Smokey Bear Parade results

Outstanding Entry: Angus Church of Nazarene
Judge's Award: Chaves County Sheriff's Posse
Best Dressed Cowboy: Jace Davis
Best Dressed Cowgirl: Ashley Pruet
Antique Vehicles, first place: Molly Orr/Pine Top Rod & Custom
Antique Vehicles, second place: Pat & Idell Huey
Decorated Bicycle, first place: Nicholas Paulsen
Decorated Bicycle, second place: Crystal Trujillo
Decorated Bicycle, third place: Kristi Sepkowitz
Equestrian, first place: (not available)
Equestrian, second place: Lee Burch
Equestrian, third place: Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse
Horse Drawn entry, first place: Diamond Haffingers
Horse Drawn entry, second place: Diamond Haffingers
Fire Departments, first place: Fort Stanton Fire Dept.
Fire Departments, second place: White Oaks Fire Dept.
Fire Departments, third place: Capitan Volunteer Fire Dept.
Floats, first place: Bobbi Shearer and sons
Floats, second place: Capitan 4-H
Floats, third place: American Legion Post #57
Musical Floats, first place: Sierra Blanca Swingers
Musical Floats, second place: Mark Remington
Musical Floats, third place: Marine Corps Zia Det. 850
Pedestrian, first place: Jeanie Adams
Pedestrian, second place: Camp Sierra Blanca Color Guard
Pedestrian, third place: GPA New Mexico Greyhound Conn
Tractor, first place: Roger Allen
Tractor, second place: Joe & Kelly Phillips
Honorable Mention, Go-Cart: Garret & Oliver Schultz
Honorable Mention, Race Car: Will Sewell
Honorable Mention, Equestrian/Historical: Valerie Thomas/Ghost Riders
Honorable Mention, Equestrian: Gini Reynolds, Devon Reynolds



Mark Remington placed second in the musical float category

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RUIDOSO POLICE

Disorderly conduct

Ruidoso police were dispatched to Allsup's on Hwy. 70 late July 1 on the report that an intoxicated man was harassing customers. Reports say officers found the suspect, Patrick John Ryan, 43, behind Walgreen's, drinking beer and with a small laceration above his left eye. He was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct; his cut was treated at the police station.

Suspicious scent

A traffic stop at the intersection of Sudderth and Whitlock resulted in the arrest of El Rico Cummings, 24, of Ruidoso Downs, and Sylvia Henson, 23, of Dexter, on July 1. The arresting officer saw a brown Dodge traveling without tail lamps, and pulled the car over. When the windows were opened, reports say, the officer smelled marijuana and asked if he could search the vehicle. The search of the car and its occupants found evidence of marijuana and methamphetamines; Cummings and Henson were charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Failure to communicate

On June 14, a Capitan woman had reported to police that her car had been unlawfully removed from the parking lot of the Ruidoso Holiday Inn Express. Staff at the hotel said that while they had put warning signs on the car, which was illegally parked at their business, they had not removed it. Calls to local towing companies confirmed that the vehicle had not been towed, reports said. On July 2, the car was located, having been removed by the owner's friend, who saw the warning signs, and parked at his house. The file has been closed.

Change let loose

Someone broke into a Glade Drive residence around June 30, gaining entry by prying the screen off the master bedroom window. Police reports say the only take, however, was a glass canning jar filled with coins, with an approximate value of \$50.

Battery arrest

An argument between a married couple resulted in the arrest of Lanny Zane Roberts of Midland, Texas, on June 30. After interviews with parties involved at the Immediate Care Clinic, officers charged Roberts with battery on a household member.

Restaurant burglarized

The Great Wall of China restaurant was broken into sometime on the evening of June 29, police reports say. When the manager arrived at 8:30 a.m. June 30, he found a small hole, 1 foot by 1 foot, had been made in the front west door, as well as a broken inner glass door, an open cash regis-

ter and an empty tip jar. A tire iron was also found beside the cash register, which had been emptied before closing the night before, and assorted coins in the foyer. The damage is estimated at \$500; the tip jar contained about \$25.

UPS box up and left

A resident of Canyon Road told police that a package, which had been delivered by United Parcel Service June 28, had been stolen from her back porch. Contents were not available in time for the police report.

Home burgled

Burglars broke into a home in the 600 block of Mechem Drive sometime between June 19 and 25, taking a combination VCR/DVD, stereo, color television, cordless drill motor and a drawer of flatware, reports said.

Blank checks found

Paper littered on the side of the road, noticed by a resident in the area of Carrizo Canyon and Grindstone roads on July 3, turned out to be a box full of blank checks. The checks were issued by an El Paso bank; the owner is being located by the RPD.

Probation violation

Called to a domestic affray on Timberline July 2, police found Daniel Dunn and Laura Parr in the midst of an argument. Officers reported they smelled liquor on Dunn, who has been ordered to stay away from alcohol as part of his probation for burglary, and arrested him for probation violation. Parr was also arrested on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear.

Threats lead to police visit

Ruidoso police were called to the Ruidoso Athletic Club July 2, after an off-duty officer overheard an employee's boyfriend making threats to another club worker. The boyfriend was escorted from the premises; no charges were filed.

Condo B&E

Two Pinecliff Village condominiums were recently burglarized, according to a report made by management June 25. After prying the screens off the windows, the burglar or burglars stole three VCRs and two television sets, which the manager said did not work.

Dogs foiled

Burglars slipped past two dogs to gain entry into a Paradise Canyon Drive home June 30, reports said. The owner arrived home late that day to find her closet doors open and her belongings in disarray; listed missing are three rings, with a value of \$3,480.

Dog bites girl

Reports say a dog bit an 8-year-old girl visiting from

Yukon, Okla., on July 3. Although the 6-year-old Italian greyhound was on an extended leash, the guard catch failed to work and the dog was temporarily out of control, and bit the girl on the leg. The canine was quarantined and the owner agreed to pay the girl's medical expenses for the relatively minor injury.

Guest swipes bedding

The owner of the Ruidoso Travelodge reported that a guest registered with a Chaparral address had stolen four pillows, two blankets and a bedspread when he checked out June 29. Since the man paid in cash, the hotel could not charge him after the fact; police are investigating the man's New Mexico license number.

Battery arrest

Kenneth N. Dubay was arrested after an altercation with a woman June 29. He was charged with battery on a household member and harassment.

Speeding, speed arrest

Richard Lee, 46, of Alamogordo, was pulled over

for speeding on Sudderth Drive on the afternoon of July 3. After learning Lee had no registration or insurance for the van he was driving, the detaining officer called his name into dispatch; he found that Lee had an outstanding warrant in Lincoln County. According to police reports, a search of the vehicle found a candy tin with wolves on the lid and even more inside: baggies with white powder (found later to be cocaine), a plastic vial with methampheta-

mines and a mushroom with a stem, which turned out to be psilocybin, a prohibited hallucinogen. Lee was arrested, and charged with one misdemeanor, for expired registration, and three felonies for drug possession.

Domestic disturbance

Police called to investigate a domestic altercation July 1 in Ruidoso found Tim Sartin with a superficial wound in his chest. After interviewing Sartin and a

woman at the scene, Amy Shimanek, police found that both had been injured during an argument that day; both were arrested. Sartin was charged with aggressive battery against a household member, false imprisonment, assault against a police officer and simple battery. Shimanek was charged with aggravated battery against a household member. She was treated and released on her own recognizance.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Bradley D. McKinney

Memorial services were held Tuesday for Bradley Dean McKinney, 74, of Albuquerque.

Mr. McKinney died suddenly on Thursday, July 1, 2004, at his home in Albuquerque.

He was born June 10, 1930, in Carlsbad to William P. and Hattie Watkins McKinney. He grew up and attended school in Weed, N.M., with his uncle and aunt, Erb and Syb Depepe.

After graduating from Weed High School, Mr. McKinney served with the Marine Corps in the Korean War.

Upon his return, he began a 50-year career in the race horse industry. He had served as racing secretary and steward in Arizona, Louisiana,

Colorado, Kentucky, New York and New Mexico, including at Ruidoso Downs. He was associated with Albuquerque Downs at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, uncle and aunt, as well as one sister, Violet Bailey.

Survivors include his wife, Beth; son William McKinney and his wife, Pam, of Denver; sisters Willa Mae "Billie" Dentler and Betty Pippin (and her husband, Bill), both of Ruidoso; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Ruidoso man dies in his home

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Rodney Nash, 54, was found dead in his Ruidoso home on Friday.

Ruidoso police reports say officers and emergency personnel unsuccessfully attempted to resuscitate Nash. He was pronounced dead at Lincoln County Medical Center at 8:38 p.m. July 2.

The man's father, Joseph

Nash, told police that his son had not been feeling well, and had been in bed since Friday morning. He had heard his son snoring in the next room at about 3 p.m., the elder Nash said, and didn't check on him until 7:55 p.m. When the younger man couldn't be awakened, his father said, he called 911.

Rodney Nash had under-

gone back surgery two years ago, his father said, and contracted a life-threatening infection that had required intensive antibiotic treatment. Rodney had been clear for eight months, and was set to undergo additional surgery, Joseph said.

Officers on the scene collected several bottles of medication, which were sent with the body to the funeral chapel.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE

Drug arrest

Ruidoso Downs police arrested Jeremy Hare, 27, of Hondo on June 3 at the White Mountain Mobile Home Park. Reports say that Hare was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and two court warrants from Ruidoso.

Children abandoned

Downs officers were called to Wal-Mart at 9:25 p.m. June 3 on a tip that Ebony Cummings, 22, who was wanted for failure to pay a bond on previous arrest, was inside the store. Police reports say that when officers arrived, the suspect had fled, leaving her two children behind in the store. Staff from the Department of Children, Youth and Family services arrived to take care of the children; the investigation into Cummings' whereabouts is ongoing.

Window shot

A Downs resident reported June 10 that the rear window of her vehicle had been shot by glass and marble beads. Reports say the approximate damage is \$500.

Battery suspect arrested

On June 13, a man found

severely beaten in the parking lot of Circle K identified his assailant as Anthony J. Montes, 25. Montes was later arrested at his home in Ruidoso Downs and charged with aggravated battery, reports state.

Theft reported

Police were called to a residence on Central Drive in Ruidoso Downs on June 18, on an elderly woman's report of a theft of several items. The approximate value of the items is \$275, reports say.

Theft from vehicle

A Spring Branch, Texas, woman reported June 25 that while she was attending a wedding at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, her car was burglarized in the parking lot outside.

Items listed missing were a digital camera, a pair of binoculars and a 35 mm camera with case and extra lens.

Battery reported

At 12:30 p.m. June 27, Ruidoso Downs police were called to the Old West Cantina to take a report on a battery that had occurred 12 hours earlier. The report was taken, but no arrests were made.

Criminal trespass

Kylie R. Brooks, 18, of Ruidoso was arrested and charged with criminal trespassing at the Wal-Mart Super Center June 29.

She had been previously served with a no-trespassing order after a shoplifting charge, and was seen inside the Ruidoso Downs store.

Shoplifting citation

On June 29, police issued a citation to Beau J. Allen, 20, for shoplifting at Wal-Mart. Reports say Allen attempted to leave the store without paying for an item valued at \$2.96.

Warrant arrest

A June 29 traffic stop at the Circle K in Ruidoso Downs resulted in the arrest of Richard J. Frehulfer, 21, of Lubbock, Texas. Frehulfer, a passenger in the vehicle, had an outstanding warrant with Ruidoso Municipal Court.

Warrant arrest

Police arrested Bahe Yazza, 20, of Mescalero, after a June 30 traffic stop, which took place at the entrance to Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Hwy. 70. Yazza had an outstanding warrant from Otero County.

STOCKING UP



DAVE PRICE/STAFF

On Tuesday, the Lincoln County Food Pantry found itself on the receiving end of two separate donations. The Community United Methodist Church made a cash donation, something the church does monthly, according to food bank president Jim Radcliffe. Later, Paula Allen, treasurer of the Alto Lakes Property Owners Association (pictured with Radcliffe, above), stopped in to present the pantry with a check for \$375.

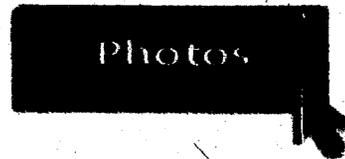
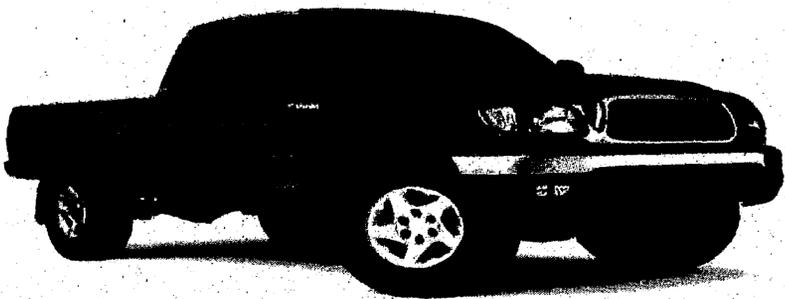
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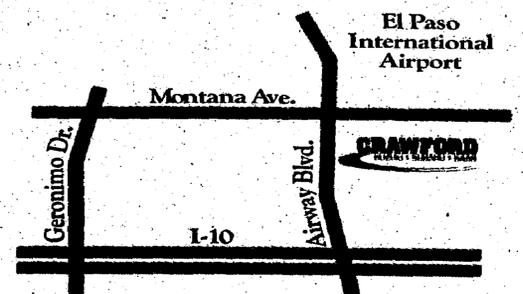
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1995 FLEETWOOD Double Wide 3Bd/2Ba, double carport, 24x12 deck, ref. air, fenced yard. Call 258-1926 After 6:00pm.

1999 OAKWOOD 16x76, 3Bd/2Ba, set blocked, skirting, Ready to live in. Nice One. \$23,500. 937-0638 & 257-5375

TRAILER FOR SALE: 1977 Jayco 24' foot, good condition, \$3,500. Call 257-2103

HOUSES FOR RENT

1BD/1.5BA, FURNISHED, newer home, \$600/month, 1-year lease, water paid. 258-3605

2BD/1BA, LOCATED on 2 acres, 2 stall pole barn. Available 7-5-04. 378-4035

3BD/2BA BY Elementary Schools: All appliances, 1500Sq.Ft., 2 car garage, \$1100 + utilities. Available July 1st, last, dep; Donna @ Casas de Ruidoso, 257-7577.

3BD/2BA HOME. Wrap-around covered deck, level entry, killer views, close-in location, \$1100/month, 1 month Sec. deposit. Call Sandy @ All American Realty, 257-8444.

4BD/3BA HOME. \$850/month. Call Don @ Main St. Realty, 505-257-9823

FOR LEASE: 2Bd/1Ba \$700/month 2Bd/1Ba \$600/month Both on Wingfield Street one block from Midtown. Immaculate! Call 257-0635 or 937-3413

CENTRAL LOCATED near cabin. 2Bd/1Bath, \$650/per month plus utilities. References required. Call Joe 808-0282.

EASY COMMUTE to Tularosa. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath; Handicap Access; View, large secluded property, no pets, non-smoking. \$850/month, \$850/deposit. 585-3420

STAND ALONE Cottage Studio, Paradise Canyon near Sudderth Dr. \$350.00 p/month plus utilities. Call 257-2748 or 888-717-1915.

HOUSES FOR RENT

INCREDIBLE VIEWS!!! 3Bd/2Bath, all appliances, modular on 1 acre, Available June 15, \$750 plus utilities, 1st, last, deposit. Donna @ Casas de Ruidoso-257-7577.

LEASE/OPTION RANCH House for lease 4Bd/3.5Bath, 4 stall barn all located on approximately 10 acres. Ranches of Sonterra with INCREDIBLE views of Sierra Blanca. \$2,600/month. Call Tracey 937-3915, 336-2725, or 257-0753.

LOMA GRANDE AREA 4Bd/2Bath, fireplace, W/D, \$850/month, first, security deposit. Horse pasture available, 354-7049.

SMALL 1BDRM/BATH Duplex, Unfurnished, by links, Walking Course, Available June 15, \$425 plus gas/electric; 1st, last, deposit. Call Donna @ Casas de Ruidoso-257-7577

SPACIOUS 4BD/2BA, 2,100 sq. ft., formal dining, bonus room, mucho closets. Double fenced yard, Redwood deck, 103 West Signal Hill Dr. \$800/month. 661-823-8083. Available now.

SUMMER RENTAL, 2Bd/1Ba home in Alto, \$800.00 per month. 505-937-4894 or 888-717-1915

UPPER CANYON Property For RENT. 3-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, fully furnished home on river with hot tub. \$1,000 per month. Contact Matt @ 817-821-5128.

CONDOS FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM Condo, swimming pool, hot tub, Day/Week/Month. Call 806-793-6736 or 800-593-0073

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

2BD/1BA, FURNISHED, includes linens, and dishes. Water, trash, telephone, cable, heated indoor pool, spa, on site laundry. \$750/month. 378-4427 ext. 1902

APARTMENT- 1BD/1BA, kitchen/living, \$450/month, \$450/deposit. Non-smoking. Call 378-8522 Cell 937-6260.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT, 1 Bedroom all bills paid. One at \$525.00, One at \$395. Call 257-8444.

Efficiency Apartment for Lease Apartments include living area, separate sleeping area, kitchenette and 1/2 bath. \$450/mo. + utilities. Call 937-0050 or 257-1313, ask for Sara.

FURNISHED AND unfurnished 1 & 2 bedroom apartments; bills paid. No pets. 258-3111

LARGE 1-2 Bedroom apartments, furnished and unfurnished. All bills paid. Phone \$650, \$850. New paint, new owners. The New Cree Manor. 257-4058.

NICEST TWO Bedroom, one bath apartment in town. Cathedral ceilings, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove included. Gas heat/hot water. "LOW UTILITIES." 915-433-9410 for details.

PINES INN on The River Motel & Apts. We have weekly & monthly Rates \$525-\$434, \$605-\$374. 5058. Short or long term lease. All bills paid, except phone, furnished or unfurnished.

RUIDOSO AFFORDABLE RENTALS Now leasing all rental types efficiencies 1Bd, 2Bd, all bills paid, cable, phone included. Starting \$450/month. Call 505-257-7958, 505-937-2198

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM, 1.5 Bath furnished mobile home. \$400/month plus \$300/Deposit. Call 378-8721

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

3Bd/2Ba, & 2Bd/2Ba, \$470/\$425. Water, garbage, sewage, furnished. Nice; River frontage, Willow Mobile Park, NORTH SIDE of RIVER, 200 Friend Blvd. 378-7099, 1-915-826-8326

MOBILE For rent in Capitan. 3bd/2ba, \$550.00/month, \$250.00 deposit. Available immediately. Please call 354-0855 or 937-3056.

RECENTLY REMODELED, 2Bd/1Bath mobile home, 435 5th Street in Capitan, \$100/deposit, \$450 per month. No pets, non-smoking. Call 354-2018

TWO 2BD/1BA, 1 mile East of Ruidoso Downs. \$400 & \$475 a month. 378-4402

CABINS FOR RENT

1BD/1BA CABIN, water paid. Available July 1st, \$350/month. 257-7667 or 354-9006

ROOMS FOR RENT

SHARE NICE 3Bd/2.5Ba home, \$325 & split utilities, non smoking, small animals OK. 937-1284 Leave message.

ACREAGE

RUIDOSO AREA- New Mexico 140 Acres only \$49,900. Adjacent to National Forest. Elk, deer, small game. Abutting Ranch Preserve for added permanent open space. Great Sportsman area. Absolutely Beautiful setting & land. Remote and private but w/year round road access and still an EZ drive to exciting Ruidoso. Best Financing Ever. 1-877-670-8015

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Home health aide or Certified Nurses Assistant needed. Part time, must have phone and reliable transportation, and be able to pass a criminal background check. GILMORE OWEN HOME CARE 257-2415

LICENSED NURSING Home Administrator, Mesacalero Care Center, in Mesacalero, NM is seeking an experienced Administrator. This new project includes a 40 bed nursing home and assisted living center, and a dialysis unit. It serves people from the Mesacalero Apache Reservation as well as non-native people from the surrounding communities. This is an excellent opportunity to be a part of the progressive Health Management Services team, to grow professionally, and to live in the beautiful Mesacalero/Ruidoso area. Send or fax letter in person in the office. Tues-Fri, 8am-3pm. Call 505-336-4231 for directions.

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Schlotsky's Deli TCBY Permanent Position with well-established locally owned business. All shifts available. Benefits available. APPLY IN PERSON Come Grow with us! 2812 Sudderth Drive

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PERSON NEEDED as Service helper @ Ruidoso Ford Lincoln Mercury. Washing vehicles, cleaning service dept are main job responsibilities. We pay a \$300 bonus. Contact Ron 378-4400

LEGAL NOTICES

#8204 4T(7) 7,9,14,16
LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage units at AA Mini Storage are past due. If payment is not received within 30 days of first publish of this notice storage items will be sold at auction.

Unit Numbers:
D-2, C-3, Dry Dock #3
Brian Jaramillo
#8206 1T(7) 7
LEGAL NOTICE

USDA-FOREST SERVICE
Lincoln National Forest
Lincoln County, New Mexico

SMOKEY BEAR RANGER DISTRICT

On June 29, 2004, Smokey Bear District Ranger Juan E. (Buck) Sanchez made a decision to allow fuel reduction, vegetation, and watershed treatments in the Turkey-Gavilan management area as outlined in Alternative 2 of the Turkey-Gavilan Environmental Assessment. The activities include pre-commercial thinning, commercial thinning, prescribed fire and watershed restoration.

The associated Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact are available upon request from the Smokey Bear Ranger District, 901 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. Please contact Clark Taylor or Buck Sanchez @ 505-257-4095.

This decision is not subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215.12(i) and may be implemented immediately after publication in the RUIDOSO NEWS.

#8171 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,
v.

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:

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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 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,

#8205 2T(7) 7, 14
LEGAL NOTICE

Call For Bids

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(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 foreclosed upon herein, and the Defendants' one (1) month equity of redemption as provided by law. Plaintiff, Morequity, Inc., may bid all or part of its judgment against the property and is hereby authorized to make its bid by regular U.S. Mail, fax to the Special Master or by telephone call to the Special Master. Said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash or decreed lien, and the time thereof may be postponed in the event the Special Master, in his judgment, deems advisable. Additional surplus money, if any, is to be distributed in accordance with a further Order of the Court in this matter. The redemption period is thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Submitted by:

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No. CV-03-256

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vs.

ANGELA T. CORDOVA; CAMERON M. WILLIAMS; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 3, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 163 Ponderosa, Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: LOT 2A, BLOCK 17, OF PONDEROSA HEIGHTS, UNIT 3, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON NOVEMBER 2, 1987, IN CABINET E, SLIDE NO. 97, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 1979 Champion, Titan, Double Wide, 24' x 40', VIN# 139016F2611XAB.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on June 4, 2004, as amended by the Order joining the Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of New Mexico as a Party Defendant and Amending Judgment Nunc Pro Tunc which was entered on June 22,

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2004, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property.

The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$48,209.32 and the same bears interest at 9.125% per annum from May 1, 2004. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,144.75. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home of the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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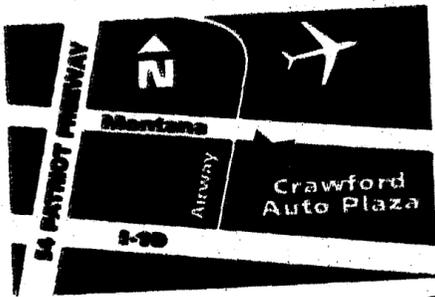
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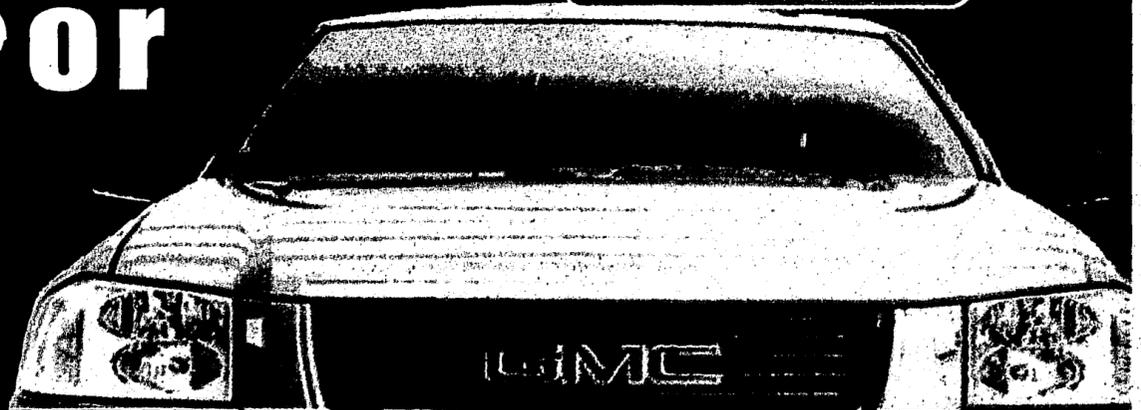
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