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BREAKING NEWS

Artist killed

Renowned sculptor Luis Jimenez was killed Tuesday in an apparent accident at his Hondo studio.

According to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Jimenez bled to death after he and two assistants were moving a large piece of statuary with a hoist when the art piece got loose and fell on Jimenez, pinning him to a steel support.

See Friday's paper for more details and a retrospective.

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State water rights notice angers county

On the State Engineer's Web site, the Lincoln National Forest posts its intention to drill supplemental wells

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Because Lincoln County owns no water rights, the county commission can't file a protest of a pending supplemental water diversion request, but Commissioner Eileen Lovelace thinks that's not fair.

"We're here for the people," she said during the commission meeting Friday. "I'd like to protest and go down in the valley and find out how they will be affected. We're here to protect the people."

County Manager Tom Stewart informed commissioners by memorandum that on May 15, a water rights notice was posted on the Web site of

the State Engineer indicating that the Lincoln National Forest will drill supplemental wells for 534 acre feet of water to be used for snowmaking, drinking and sanitary purposes.

"In light of the shortage of water in the village of Ruidoso, this permit bears close scrutiny and I have sent a copy to the village manager," Stewart wrote.

Jackie Powell, a member of the county's Water Research and Conservation Committee, told commissioners the two wells would be used to supplement a one-million gallon holding pond retained for making snow in preparation for and

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'505' to share domain

■ But county doesn't want new area code here

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Telephone officials can change the area code for part of New Mexico, just not this part of New Mexico, Lincoln County officials say.

If anyone is to be inconvenienced and forced to pay for new business cards and stationery, let it be wealthier areas in the northern part of the state, county commissioners said Friday.

They were reacting during a special meeting to a notice from

the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission that at the request of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to oversee allocation of area codes for New Mexico, two alternatives are being considered to avoid running out of numbers under the single "505" area code designation for the entire state. The numbers are projected to be exhausted by the first quarter of 2009.

New Mexico is one of 14 states that still uses but one

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RODEO DOG



JULIE CARTER

Captain ninth grader Ashley Pruett, 14, is pretty proud of her 6-month-old puppy, Petey, at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds last weekend. A Red Heeler/Jack Russell cross, Petey has been at Ashley's side since he was four weeks old. "He's a pretty smart dog," said the young cowgirl, who is the 2006 Lincoln County Rodeo Club Queen and competes in LCRC youth rodeo. Pruett plans to participate in high school rodeo next year and in the U.S. Calf Roping Association events.

Fired Downs officer sues City

Jason Kinnick claims he was denied due process during his dismissal

■ Complaint seeks \$1 million in damages

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A former Ruidoso Downs police officer fired from his job in February is suing the City for \$1 million in compensatory and punitive damages.

Jason Kinnick, in a complaint filed June 8, claims he was denied due process when City Manager John Waters recommended his termination prior to a full and complete hearing of the facts leading up to his dismissal.

In the firing, Kinnick was accused of tampering with official police documents, violating the chain of command, and violating the Department of Public Safety's code of ethics when he took concerns about an investigation he was leading to Sue Garrett a member of the City Council and a personal friend.

Kinnick said he approached Garrett when a woman involved in a domestic incident refused to file a report with him because, she claimed, Judy Miller, another member of the Ruidoso Downs City Council and the mother of the male assailant accused in the domestic incident, told her she could not trust him.

Kinnick said he provided Garrett with copies of the victims' statements to that effect as he felt that Miller had potentially obstructed justice.

"The decision to terminate Kinnick's employment was primarily motivated by a fear by the City of Ruidoso Downs employer that Kinnick's comment might or had implicated an elected official [Miller] in criminal conduct," J. Robert Beauvais, attorney for Kinnick, wrote in the complaint.

"But for the exercise of free speech by whistle-blowing about political illegal conduct,

Kinnick would not have been terminated."

Beauvais said termination charges that allege he tampered with documents were not founded as Kinnick supplied Garrett with a copy of the witnesses statements, rather than the original. He further argues that the statements were provided to a member of the governing board of the City of Ruidoso Downs, not an outsider.

"Any interest the City had in regulating the speech of its employees to promote an effective and efficient workplace was outweighed by Kinnick's legitimate concern that an elected official was interfering with a police investigation," Beauvais stated.

Kinnick was hand delivered a notice of termination Feb. 13, three days after his pre-termination hearing was held and prior to an appeals hearing which he was to have been

accorded under the City's personnel policy.

Kinnick said he advised Denny at the time of his dismissal that he wanted a post-termination hearing but later learned that that request, made verbally, was not conveyed to the City's personnel director, and thus, not scheduled. Kinnick said that in follow up, he then resubmitted his request in writing, but to date, has not been provided a hearing.

In his federal lawsuit, Kinnick said he has been "damaged by the unlawful acts of the Defendants in the case"; members of the Ruidoso Downs City Council, Waters and Denny.

When contacted by the Ruidoso News on Monday, Waters said the City had not yet received a copy of the complaint filed in U.S. District Court and added, "The City does not comment on threatened or pending litigation."

Barn fire still under review

■ Hondo investigation heads into second week

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The results of the investigation into a barn fire at JEH Stallion Station in Hondo will take at least another week, according to State Fire Marshall investigator Joe Chavez.

"We still can't release it, and it's going to be one big mess," Chavez said. "There was a lot of money tied up into this."

Last Tuesday's fire killed six breeding stallions kept at the station, including 1997's Horse of the Year Favorite Trick. Other stallions losing their lives were Fredricksburg, The Down Side, Southern Cartel, Gone Hollywood and Saratoga Six.

The cost of the fire is now estimated at as much as \$80 million.

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A COMING OF AGE IN MESCALERO

The coming of age ceremony for Ariell Cochise, pictured at right, will be celebrated June 14-17 in the Salt Well area of Mescalero.

Ariell is the daughter of Silas Jr. and Louann Cochise. Her maternal grandparents are Elaine Valdez and Pete Valdez Jr.

Her paternal grandparents are Bernita Sundayman and Silas Cochise Sr. Ariell's sponsors are Ceda Shanta, as her medicine lady and David Martin, as her medicine man.

She will have three dance groups for the evenings that include Leon Botella and Abraham Chee, both of

Mescalero, and James Kunes tsis, which is a Chiricahua group.

Ariell has two sisters, Lana Amelia and Allison Lee Cochise. She is of Chiricahua, Lipan and Mescalero bloodline. She is a descendent of Magoosh, Naiche and Geronimo.

Ariell is attending Ruidoso High School and will be a sophomore this coming year. She enjoys beading with her mother, cooking and listening to music.

The family would like to extend a special invitation to everyone to come by and help celebrate this special occasion



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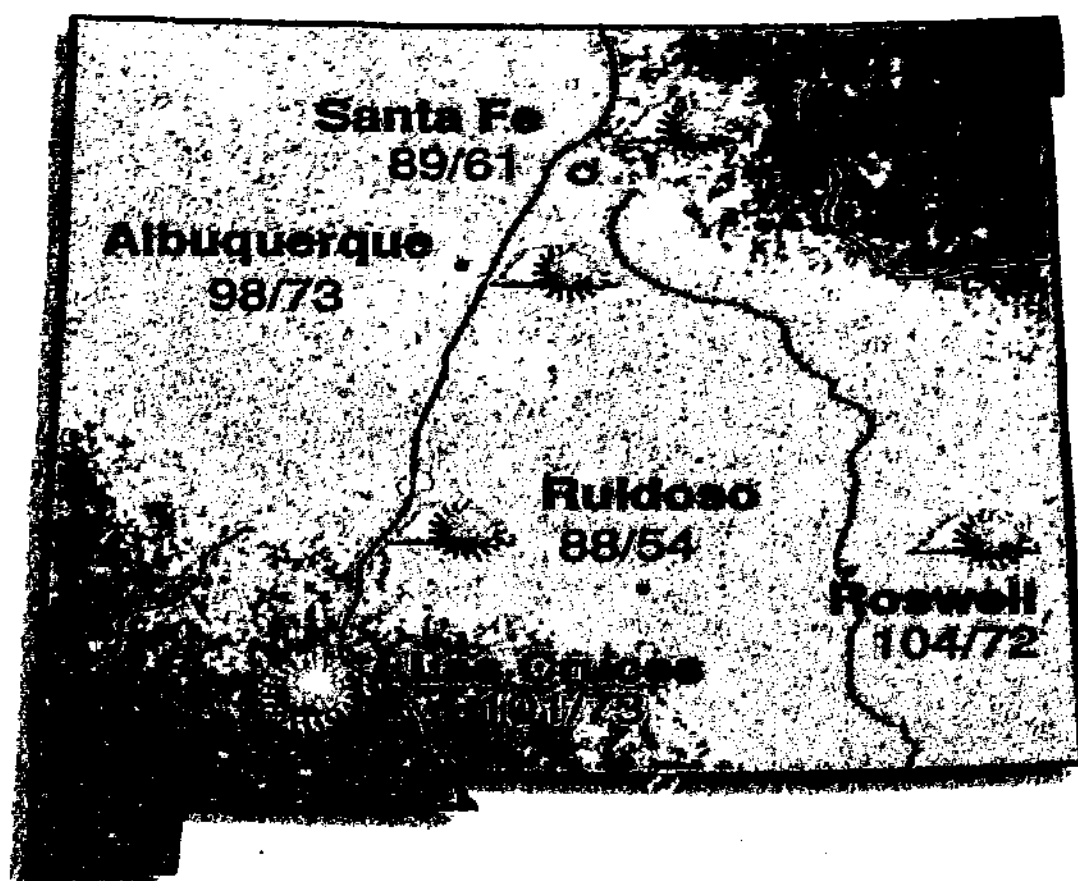
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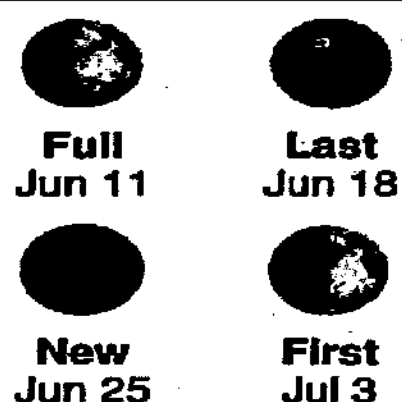
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New Mexico At A Glance



Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 6/14	Extreme
Thu 6/15	Extreme
Fri 6/16	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 = No protection needed, 11 = Extreme protection needed.

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	103	71	mst sunny
Albuquerque	98	73	mst sunny
Carlsbad	106	71	sunny
Chama	82	48	pt sunny
Clovis	101	71	sunny
Deming	103	69	sunny
El Paso, TX	102	78	sunny
Espanola	98	64	sunny
Farmington	95	57	pt sunny
Gallup	92	55	mst sunny

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Grants	94	57	mst sunny
Guymon, OK	108	74	sunny
Hobbs	105	71	sunny
Las Cruces	101	73	sunny
Las Vegas	91	59	mst sunny
Lordsburg	105	70	mst sunny
Lubbock, TX	102	73	sunny
Odessa, TX	103	74	sunny
Raton	94	61	mst sunny
Roswell	104	72	mst sunny

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Santa Fe	89	61	mst sunny
Santa Rosa	102	70	mst sunny
Silver City	96	64	sunny
Socorro	99	68	mst sunny
St. Johns, AZ	101	66	mst sunny
Taos	91	57	mst sunny
Trinidad, CO	95	66	mst sunny
Truth or Consq.	101	71	mst sunny
Tucson, AZ	108	77	sunny
Tucumcari	101	69	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	64	pt sunny
Boston	72	60	t-storm
Chicago	78	57	rain
Dallas	98	75	sunny
Denver	95	64	pt sunny

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Houston	94	72	mst sunny
Los Angeles	74	61	sunny
Miami	87	78	t-storm
Minneapolis	84	65	mst sunny
New York	77	63	t-storm

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Phoenix	112	85	sunny
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RUIDOSO DOWNS COUNCIL

Well contract awarded

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With more than \$1 million in hand Ruidoso Downs City Councilors Monday voted to award a bid to

Stewart Brothers to begin construction on a new well planned for the city.

The well, to be located in the center of town near the river and the racetrack, will be dug at a depth of 600-1,200 feet and, "if necessary, can back up or replace the existing spring," said City Manager John Waters.

"Our spring gave us a little spurt recently and we are up from a flow of 220 gallons to 224 gallons per minute but we have to plan for the future," he said. "We are still short from 1999 when the spring put out over 400 gallons per minute."

Waters said the Riverside Well will be a high capacity well and will be constructed at a cost of \$569,000.

The project is to be funded through grants from the Governor's General Fund and joint severance tax bond monies from the Governor, Senator Rod Adair and Representative Dub Williams.

"We also will use some local Water and Sewer Improvement Funds from our water infrastructure gross receipts tax as a match," Waters said.

Waters explained that the new well and its design plan is "good news for the region in general."

"Part of that project will be a main transmission line west along Highway 70 to serve our growing business district and also provide a high-capacity tap to the Village in the case of emergency."

"This will make it possible for the Downs to pay back a favor to the Village," he said, referring to a sale of two-thirds of a million gallons of emergency water to the City by the Village in July 2004.

"The other main part of that project will be a trans-

mission line from the new well to the water storage tanks. A third part of that project will be to replace leaking lines in the Wood Lane and Aqua Fria areas of the City," Waters added.



Waters

In addition, a chlorination station will be located at the well site.

In related news, Waters reported to councilors that the City's new reservoir, the second of three, million gallon systems to be built over

the next five to 10 years is on line.

"The tank passed its test effectively doubling our storage capacity from last year," he said. "Where water is concerned, we are in much better shape."

In other business, the council:

- received information from Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Robert Denny outlining a community forum and facilities tour his department will host at 7 p.m., June 21. The event will include informative talks, a question-and-answer period, tours and a last opportunity for residents to file a Community Satisfaction Survey.

- heard a report from City Manager John Waters on a Letter of Intent filed with the Transit and Rail Bureau of the New Mexico Department of Transportation to request funding for a public transit system for the City and the Village of Ruidoso, joint applicants.

- received an update from Waters on draft language being put together for new city ordinances designed to set penalties on code enforcement violators.

- determined to draft a franchise ordinance outlining the terms of an agreement between the City and Charter Communications.

- recognized Steven Dobbs as city employee of the month. Dobbs serves as a commissioned officer with the Ruidoso Downs Department of Public Safety.

City manager outlines public transportation plan

■ Regional system could be operational as soon as 2008

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If all goes well the City of Ruidoso Downs and Village of Ruidoso may have a public transportation system in place by late 2008.

Last week, Downs City Manager John Waters co-signed a letter with Village Manager Lorri McKnight to the Transit and Rail Bureau of the New Mexico Department of Transportation, notifying that agency of its intention to apply jointly for capital and start-up funding for a regional transit system.

The letter noted that southern Lincoln County is "one of the fastest growing areas in New Mexico and one of the state's premier tourist destinations" and yet, is without a

transit system to serve its residents and visitors.

In presenting a copy of the letter to members of the Ruidoso Downs City Council Monday, Waters said, "There is a lot of money out there for this type of thing. Right now we are applying for funding under three programs. One grant specifically deals with people with physical disabilities and the city has a high population of persons who are considered disabled."

Disabled would benefit

Waters noted that in the 2000 census, 24 percent of the city's population was listed as disabled and 54 percent at or below moderate to low income levels.

In addition, "Ruidoso Downs is a blue-collar town that provides much of the labor pool for casinos, restaurants, and the racetrack in the area and these people do not always have the

transportation they need," he said.

Waters said that if successful in attaining funding for a transportation system, a seasonal fixed route would be set that would cover Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso, Alto, parts of Mesalero and, possibly, Capitán. On-demand services to residents for non-emergency medical visits to the doctor or pharmacist may also be established.

Bringing in others

Waters and McKnight said the new transit system, in helping the Department of Transportation meet its goals to link the state through regional transit districts, might also be set up to work with Alamogordo's Zia-Transportation Service and the City of Roswell's public transportation system to provide transportation to Otero and Chaves counties through Lincoln County.

The idea for a regional transit system was first put before the municipalities of Ruidoso Downs and Ruidoso in March by Dr. Gary Jackson and Dr. Mike Elrod who saw a need to help patients and students get to and from appointments.

"We live in an area that is very rural and at the same time we have a growing population," Elrod said to the Downs City Council March 29. "We feel there is a growing critical mass."

Applications to follow

Waters said that in filing a Letter of Intent with the Transit and Rail Bureau the City and Village will advance into the lengthy application process.

If successful, the City of Ruidoso Downs and Village of Ruidoso could receive the funds it needs to start a regional transit system in the state's fiscal year ending 2007.

DPS announces Open House

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In an effort to strengthen communication and rehabilitate its relationship with residents, the Ruidoso Downs Department of Public Safety this week announced it will host an open house June 21.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. at City Hall and will include informational talks, a question-and-answer session, and tours of police facilities.

"We're encouraging everyone to come out and meet the officers and dispatchers of the Ruidoso Downs Police Department and to let us know how we are doing," Police Chief Robert Denny said.

The event comes in the aftermath of a controversy over the release of a police-initiated community satisfaction survey.

Denny said persons who did not participate in the survey, conducted mid-March through May, and those who feel the survey they completed did not make it into the batch collected, "can come out and fill one out that night at the meeting or leave it in a comment box."

"We really do want to address concerns," Denny said at Monday's council meeting.

Councilor Sue Garrett, who differed with Denny over the

survey's release, commended his department for the Open House and hoped it would encourage discussion about safe homes.

"It would be nice if an officer who specializes in home safety can come out and tell us what we can do," she said.

Denny said the topic would be a "good one" due to a "rash of burglaries lately."

"A lot of it is people are just not locking their doors when they leave but still there is more we can do," he said.

Additional topics will be community policing, neighborhood watch programs, and DPS procedures.

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MORE ON THE RUIDOSO SEWER PLANT

Last week I ran an article on the Joint-Use Board Each week, until the engineer or design team is picked, I will run an article on the sewer plant.

The Joint-Use Board just voted to install a permanent building and a belt press (they are currently leasing one) at the existing sewer plant. A new belt press costs \$145,000. Molzen-Corbin has convinced the J.U.B. that they need a very expensive building (\$2,000,000 plus) to house it. The problem is this building will be in the way during construction of the new plant, and in at least three of the designs that I am aware of, the building is not in the right place and will have to be torn down.

This is not the first time this has happened. As I stated last week, Molzen-Corbin designed the solid waste transfer station in Gavilan Canyon and was paid for the design. The prints were so bad that about 90% had to be changed and the design was totally unsafe. A new engineer was hired and a new contract was awarded to tear out everything except the wall and start over.

The loss to the village includes paying for engineering services twice; building the structure; demolition of the just completed structure; and making a new building fit the existing wall which was not in the best location. They still are not able to use the facility.

In this instance the village only wasted a few hundred thousand dollars, not a few million dollars as they did on the Eagle Creek-Grindstone Dam. If the Joint-Use Board picks the engineering firm or team themselves instead of using a jury of knowledgeable, unbiased professionals then the same thing is going to happen to the new sewer plant. After the new plant is built do you the taxpayer really want to spend another \$35,000,000 to get it to work?

Next week: more horror stories with Molzen-Corbin and the Village of Ruidoso, and of Ruidoso's cover-up.

Also, I have an article dated May 2006 from Aurora, Colorado on a water treatment plant that is the same size as the Joint-Use Board sewer plant (\$35,000,000.) The design-build bid came in \$14,000,000 less and it used a combination of two technologies just as we are proposing. Call 258-4343 (Village of Ruidoso) and 378-4422 (City of Ruidoso Downs) and let them know how you feel on this.

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OUR OPINION

Public transportation's time has come

Regional system would have numerous benefits

However it gets down the road, a regional public transportation system proposed jointly by the City of Ruidoso Downs and the Village of Ruidoso is a step in the right direction.

We are long past the day when municipalities can tackle concerns in isolation. Whether it be water, wastewater, fire prevention, affordable housing or affordable public transportation, regional approaches are needed to ensure optimum usage of funds, personnel and infrastructure.

The plan calls for a route connecting the Downs, Ruidoso, Alto, parts of Mescalero and possibly Capitán. After a successful implementation — the municipalities are targeting 2008 — the system might spoke out to a wider regional link with Otero and Chaves counties.

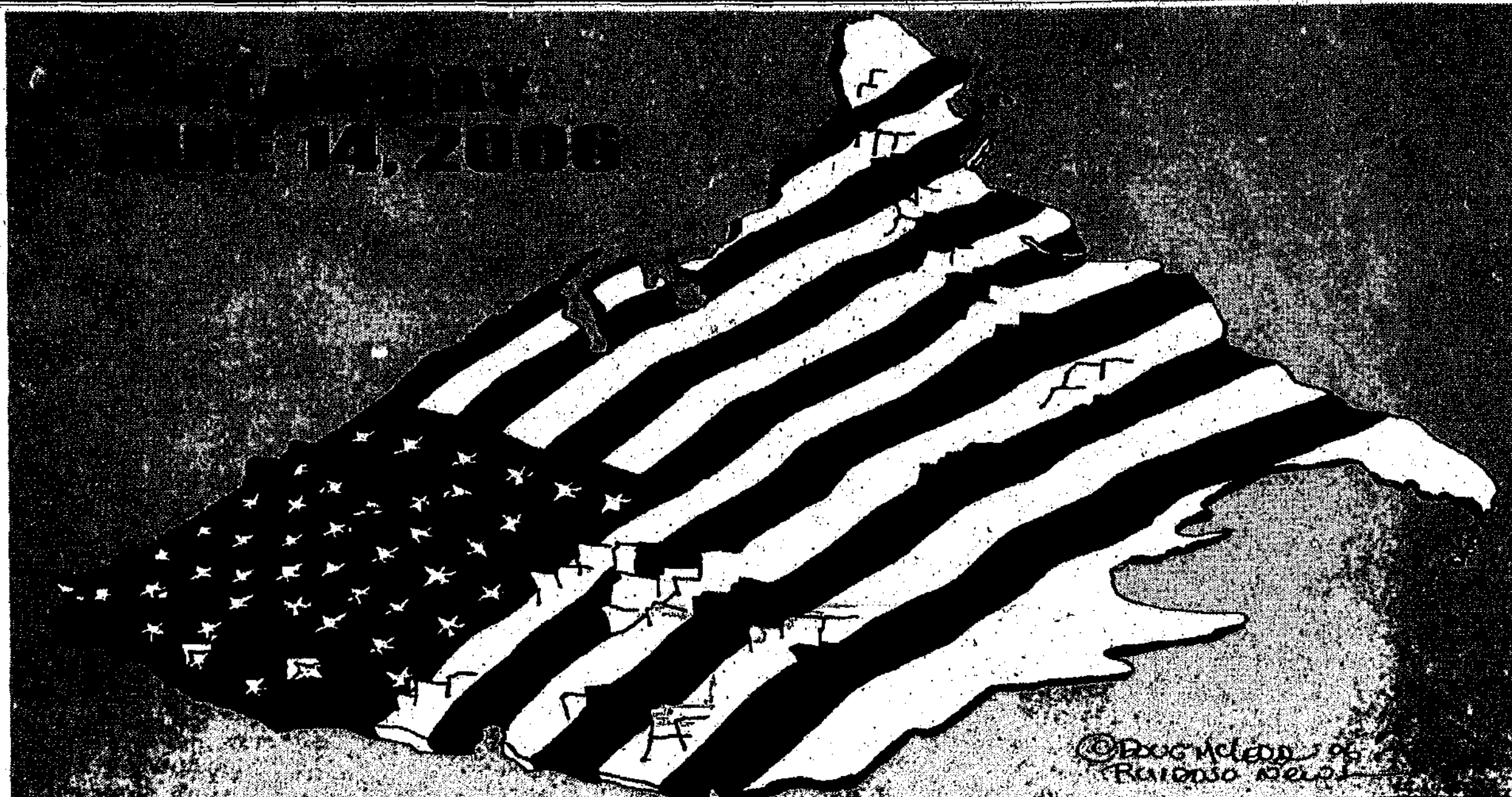
Regardless of its nature,

public transportation offers numerous benefits. It is eco-friendly. It helps reduce road congestion. It promotes a sense of community. It is a highly promotable tourism package. It allows seniors and the disabled to fulfill medical and shopping needs.

And perhaps more importantly, public transportation in Lincoln and Otero counties could provide an affordable, accessible mobility for a service industry workforce that is being squeezed out of an affordable lifestyle.

We applaud Dr. Gary Jackson and Mike Elrod, provost of ENMU-Ruidoso, for proposing the idea back in March, and we support the municipalities in their joint notification of intent to the state and their applications to secure funding.

We can begin to lay out the details as we proceed down this road.



YOUR OPINION

Residents are scapegoats for water crisis

To the editor:

I wish to draw attention to items I hope will be part of the discussion at the "water workshop" apparently planned for June 19.

Why, in the worst drought year on record, was the Cree Meadows golf club permitted to build a series of artificial ponds with a little flowing artificial creek between them? Not one pond, mind you, but a series of them. And they aren't catchment basins for rain runoff. They are being filled with pumped water. I presume someone felt the need for more "water hazards," which is a ridiculous waste of precious resources.

Where was the Planning Department when these ponds were built? Why were they even permitted? Add to that the wasted water of the aerators in the existing pond, which make a visual mockery of our so-called water shortage.

And then there is the Innsbrook Village "otherworldly" water usage. Anyone who hasn't driven by and looked closely at the interior grounds of that complex is in for a shock. Compare the lush green of the Innsbrook golf course and grounds with the surrounding neighborhood of private residences. The man-made pond at Innsbrook also has the type of aerator that makes a water-wasting fountain of spray.

At least The Links uses a type of aerator in their pond that doesn't require the water to be sprayed into the air.

I could go on forever naming wasteful water users throughout the village who flaunt their private well rights by watering daily, all hours of the day, and have lush green yards that stand out like wet sores in an otherwise parched village.

And then there are the motels and hotels with uncontrolled and uncontrollable usage, each with their own interior swimming pool and spa.

Mayor Nunley may actually be right this time. There is no shortage of water, not as long as homeowners don't mind being made the scapegoats for the water crisis the village faces.

J.L. Schuller
Ruidoso

A friendly reception

To the editor:

We recently spent a week in Ruidoso and want to compliment your town as one of the friendliest we have visited.

The people at the Chamber of Commerce, especially Stan, were very helpful and invited us to sit on their deck with the pretty view and have a cold drink, which we did. We also walked out with a sackful of ideas of places to visit.

At Pinecliff Village, where we stayed, Karen and Lynn and the other hosts made us feel as if we were coming home to old friends each day as they showed interest in our activities.

Also, on Sunday morning at Ruidoso Baptist Church, Wayne Joyce and the members of his church greeted us so warmly and wanted us to stay for their tasty Memorial Day potluck.

And after an evening program of inspirational music at the J Bar J Country Church, we chatted at length with Pastor Charles Clary. And one of their musicians invited us to the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center for their delicious Thursday lunch and delightful country music program.

A highlight of our stay in Ruidoso was definitely the friendliness of the citizens.

Susie Popejoy
Phoenix, Arizona

Thanks and congratulations

To the editor:

I wish to sincerely thank all of my supporters in the recent primary election. This election certainly demonstrated the importance of every single vote. If elected in the general election I pledge to represent each and every citizen of district four as well as all citizens of Lincoln County.

I also want to congratulate Frank Higgins. He ran a professional, honest and very straightforward campaign. We were good friends before the election and still are.

My congratulations go to all the candidates for offering their time and talents in service to the county. A special thanks to the few voters who exercised their powerful duty to cast a vote, regardless of the candidate they chose to support. We must all be aware of the tremendous responsibility placed upon all of us by the founding fathers of our great nation and the blood shed and lives lost by our armed forces over the years in defense of this sacred right.

It is incumbent on every citizen and elected official in Lincoln County to unite in the task of identifying our problems and solving them. Only a truly cooperative effort will be successful. Time is of the essence. Let's saddle up and get going.

Dave Parks
Ruidoso

WALTER RUBEL

Women continue upward trend in political offices

SANTA FE — Republican candidates for statewide office in New Mexico have to take their victories where they can find them.

And so, one can't really blame Vickie Perea's campaign manager for sending a press release after Tuesday's primary election with the headline, "Vickie Perea elected by Republican voters as their candidate for secretary of state."

Perea was unopposed in the Republican primary.

If she were to defeat Mary Herrera in the general election in November, Perea would become the first Republican to win election to the office since Jesusita A. Perrault in 1929.

Whoever wins in November, it will continue a trend of women to hold the office. The state's first two secretaries of state were men — Antonio Lucero and Manuel Martinez. But, ever since Soledad Cahcon's victory in 1923, a woman has been the state's top election official.

There were five candidates in the race this year. All were female.

Republican candidates J.R. Damron and Allen McCulloch share a similar background. And, according to the pundits, both await a similar fate in

November. But, they have taken a different approach to their campaigns.

Both men are medical doctors making their first run at public office. Damron, a radiologist in Santa Fe, announced last week that he was closing his practice to devote full time to his campaign against incumbent Gov. Bill Richardson. In the press release announcing his decision, Damron's campaign manager said he the candidate had "taken some heat" for trying to perform both roles.

Keeping the day job

McCulloch, a urologist in Farmington, said he plans to keep his practice open as he campaigns against incumbent U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman. McCulloch said he will probably scale back to two days a week in the medical office starting in July, but wants to keep the commitments he's made to his patients.

The decision of when to give up the day job can be a difficult one for candidates at all levels. Either way, voters will make their own judgments.

D. Kent Evans may have hurt his chances to win the District 5 seat on the Public Regulation Commission when he

said he would consider also retaining his position on the Doña Ana County Commission if elected.

Give credit to C. Earl Greer, who ran a strong campaign in winning the three-man Republican primary. But, voters understood the enormous demands placed on a PRC commissioner, and realized the difficulty of trying to do both jobs well.

In a year when public corruption has been a dominant theme, the only incumbent who was defeated Tuesday was PRC District 5 commissioner E. Shirley Baca.

Baca's first term on the PRC was marred by an arrest at the Albuquerque airport on marijuana possession charges as she was on her way to represent the commission at a meeting in New York. Later in her term, she was found in violation of PRC rules for using staff to help with a personal insurance claim.

The drug charges were dismissed, but District 5 voters had the final verdict.

Walter Rubel has been a newsman for 25 years and the Santa Fe bureau chief for the Ruidoso News since 2003. He can be reached at wrubel@lcsun-news.com

Humble correspondent takes hit for the 'Ruidoso News'

Miss Thistlewhistle, when you've finished popping chewing gum and making purring noises over the phone to Hank the Hunk, I need some help here. No, you won't need the IPOD, just a notepad.

Help me get a message out. Call David Stevens at the *Clovis News-Journal*. If he's not there, try Muleshoe. Sometimes they invite him back to talk to their graduate.

Tell Betta Ferrendelli at *The Observer* in Rio Rancho to listen up. Daniel Russell at the *Hobbs News-Sun* and Billy Armendariz at the *Deming Headlight* might be hard to get. They don't like to work much when it is 107 outside. Ditto for Lorenzo Alba at the *Lordsburg Liberal*.

Call Ralph Damiani at the *Los Alamos Monitor*, Troy Turner at *The Daily Times* in Farmington, Dana Bowley at the *El Defensor Chieftain* in Socorro. You won't find Bob Trapp in his office at his *Rio Grande Sun* in Española. This is the day he puts on armor and sword to do battle with his community dragons.

Contact Andrea Rich at the *Carlsbad Current-Argus*. Don't bother with Marty Racine at the *Ruidoso News*, Mike Bush at the *Roswell Daily Record*, Mike Becker, *Alamogordo Daily News*, or Harry Readell at the *Artesia Daily Press*. I'll drive over there and talk to them myself.

Here's the message: There's a new condition to our relationship. I am going to have to ask each of you to send me your editorials for prior approval.

Thing is, I'm getting blamed for what you write.

See, I had the chance to lay out 20 bucks at the local country club for the opportunity to break bread with Governor Bill Richardson.

In addition, the gov's Lincoln County guy, Don Dutton, served me a side dish of humble pie.

The day Big Bill arrived, the *Ruidoso News* pulled an arrow from its quiver and zinged the governor right between his shoulder blades. Here's the final graph: "But when you have national political aspirations,

grandstanding items such a spaceport and a commuter train, or the folly of trying to bring an NFL team to the region, resonate past local school districts all the way to a bigger stage."

Don Dutton decided to zing me. In front of 200 people he acknowledged my presence, but had harsh words for

"your newspaper." Me. Your humble correspondent. He gave me the *Ruidoso News* on the spot.

Figuring Don acted out of ignorance rather than nastiness, I let it go until after the meeting. Privately, I told attorney Dutton that for future reference, I owned not a nickel of equity in the newspaper, did not manage it, was not employed by the newspaper.

Easy target

That would have been the end of it had Dutton not admitted he understood all that. However, he said, he needed to link a face while heaping comeuppance upon the *Ruidoso* paper, and he knew I had a tough skin. Oh. Talk about grandstanding.

A few minutes later Bill Richardson told me he likes me okay "but I don't like your paper."

"It's not my paper!" It grew dead quiet. The sun disappeared. Clouds gathered. I felt remorse. I knew that if I denied the *Ruidoso News* one more time, the cock was going to crow.

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Voting rules are clarified

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Although voters registered as independents or members of minor parties are not allowed to vote in Democratic or Republican primaries in New Mexico, they can back their choices no matter what their affiliations, in the general election.

Tony Seno, an independent running for Lincoln County magistrate judge in Division II based in Ruidoso, against incumbent Republican William Butts, said while he was collecting signatures to qualify, many people told him they could not sign because they belonged to one of the two major parties.

They also doubted they could vote for him because of their party affiliation, he said.

After the primaries

A check with the State Bureau of Elections staff clarified that once the primaries are passed, registered voters in any political party or who decline to state an affiliation, are free to vote for any of the candidates who appear on the Nov. 7 general election ballot.

The same goes for qualifying petitions.

Even if the person is not a member of the same political party, a petition can be signed by any registered voter in the corresponding jurisdiction, a bureau spokesman said.

CERTIFIED



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Dave Parks, who won the Republican primary for the District 4 seat on the Lincoln County Commission, confers with County Clerk Tammie Maddox before commissioners canvassed votes Friday to certify the results of the June 6 primary. Democratic candidates for commission seats were unopposed. Maddox said she was disappointed with the meager 24 percent turnout, especially when only 500 voters used the early voting service provided five days a week at the Ruidoso Senior Center.

Tony Seno throws hat in the ring as independent for magistrate judge

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Tony Seno, who lost to incumbent William Butts in the Division 2 Magistrate's race in 2000, has announced his candidacy for Division 1 Magistrate Judge.

Seno, who will run against Republican Martha Proctor for a four-year term, will be on the ballot as an Independent. To qualify, he turned in a petition with 247 names supporting his

eligibility. He needed 184 signatures by the June 7 filing day.

No Democrat has filed for that race.

Seno recently resigned as chairman of the Lincoln County Libertarian Party. He ran as a party candidate for the District 3 County Commission seat in 2004.

In that race he received about 25 percent of the vote, a strong showing for a third-party candidate.

He also ran as a Libertarian for the Lincoln County Sheriff's race in 1998 against winner Tom Sullivan.

"I changed my registration," he said. "I'm just tired of parties."

Born in Odessa in 1954, Seno grew up in West Texas and came to Ruidoso in 1994. "The drop in temperature coming from West Texas, that's what made me stay," he said.

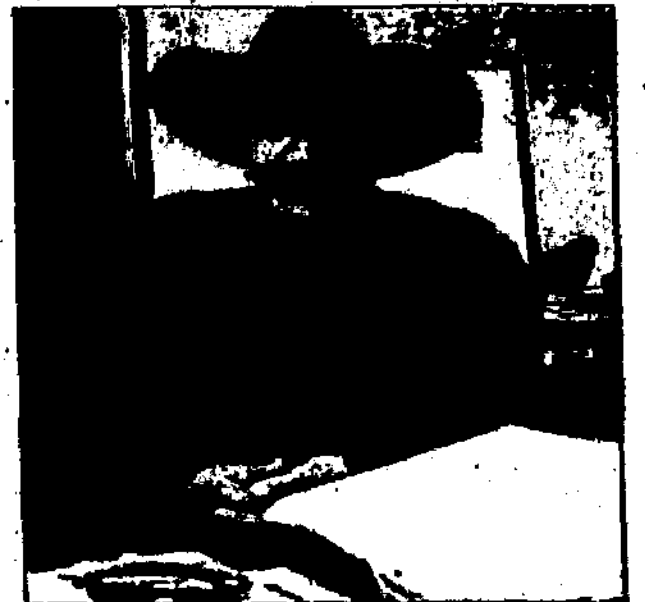
A pharmaceutical consultant with a Rhode Island firm,

Seno said he's running because "I have a passion for good government. I have a passion for the law. And I like for everyone to be treated equally."

"I've got a pretty good track record of defending and protecting civil liberties in this county for 12 years, I might as well do it with a robe on."

Tony Seno is seeking the Division 1 Magistrate Judge's seat in the November general election.

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Museum awarded grant for educational programs

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Jay Smith, director of the Hubbard Museum of the American West, can think of a lot of things to do with \$11,000. Next year, with an award and gifts in hand, he intends to expand educational programming at the museum, and perhaps, the museum's membership base.

Smith received a letter this week from the New Mexico Arts Commission notifying him that the Hubbard Museum has been awarded a \$5,159 grant for next year.

"In conjunction with other money, last month we raised over \$11,000 in unbudgeted funds for the museum," an encouraged Smith told members of the Ruidoso Downs Village Council Monday.

Smith said that in terms of paid admission the new collections represent 1,700 visitors to the museum. He said that by offering more programs and a broader array of programs the museum is able to expand its membership and visitor base.

"The more you offer the more people you get in the door," he said.

Smith, who assumed the

helm at the museum in the fall of 2005, following a transfer of ownership from founders R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard to the City, said fund-raising and grant writing are important resource opportunities he intends to pursue year around. He described initial efforts as a "great first step" and said he is looking forward to creating a world-class museum that remains a museum responsive to the needs of local residents and those of surrounding communities.

He said that educational programs help meet community needs and interests.

Educational bent

• This week, the Hubbard is conducting a series of Fine Arts programs for children with activities ranging from photography to origami to rock art to mosaics. Registration opened in early May with classes filling up quickly, Smith said.

• The Hubbard also is offering family-based educational programs each Saturday at 11 a.m. On June 24, Capitan artist George Tiffin will present a program entitled Pine Needle Baskets at the museum with hands-on experiences in the craft available to audience

members.

Saturdays at the Hubbard programs are free with a paid admission to the museum.

• This weekend, at 7 p.m., a descendant of the legendary Wyatt Earp, Wyatt Earp, together with Terry Tafaya Earp, will present Wyatt Earp: A Life on the Frontier and Mrs. Wyatt Earp. The program is one of several in the museum's Voices of the American West series developed by Coda Omness, curator of education at the Hubbard.

Smith said he and his staff believe the Earp program "will be one of the most popular pro-

grams we will host this summer. Few characters in the American West loom as large as Wyatt Earp." Known for the famous gunfight at OK Corral as well as many other exploits, Earp lived to see his experiences in the west dramatized in films.

Cost to the Mr. & Mrs. Wyatt Earp program is \$8 for museum members and \$10 for non members of the museum.

For more information about these programs, and for a schedule of upcoming programs, call 368-4142, visit www.hubbardmuseum.org, or stop by 841 Highway 70 West.

Student loan rates rising

ALBUQUERQUE — The U.S. Department of Education has announced a nearly two percent increase in the interest rate on existing variable rate federal student loans, to take effect July 1, 2006. For student-borrowers, the standard repayment rate on existing loans will rise to 7.14 percent and for parent-borrowers, 7.94 percent. Today, these loans carry interest rates of 5.3 percent and 6.1 percent.

The 1.84 percent rate hike is the second largest increase in the history of the federal student loan program. It comes on the heels of a record 1.93 percent increase enacted last July 1.

"A 1.84 percent jump in finance charges will have tremendous impact on the amount of interest students pay over the life of their loans," said Woody Farber, president of New Mexico Student Loans. "A student who today owes \$30,000 in college loans would pay an additional \$7,710 in interest over 20 years."

The increase in interest rates on variable rate loans won't be the only change on July 1. New Stafford student loans will carry a 6.8 percent fixed interest rate and PLUS loans for parents and graduate students, 8.5 percent. In addition, in-school consolidations, spousal consolidations and

reconsolidation of previously consolidated loans will be eliminated.

With interest rates on the rise, students and parents need to consider their options to ensure they're getting the most favorable terms available. Most borrowers will be able to lock in today's low rates if they consolidate their loans by the June 30 deadline. The consolidation process bundles borrowers' existing loans into a single new loan with a fixed interest rate.

Student-borrowers and their parents are encouraged to talk to their local non-profit lenders about consolidation options and other interest and fee reductions that may be available to them. New Mexico's nonprofit education lender, NMSL, returns its excess earnings to borrowers through interest, fee and principal reductions; offers loan forgiveness programs; and provides no-interest loans and 1.25 percent interest consolidation loans for teachers, doctors and nurses who work in New Mexico after graduation.

NMSL is the trade name for the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by the New Mexico Legislature in 1981 to improve educational opportunities for New Mexicans. For more information, call 1-800-279-5063.

GOLFERS GET GOLD



COURTESY

For the second year now, members of the Ruidoso Warriors women's golf team has been the recipient of the Jan McAlpin Memorial Golf Scholarship. Set up in 2005 by local coordinator Scott Roser, this \$2,500 annual award will go to a deserving senior and/or the golf team. This year's recipient, Rachel Christiansen, received \$1,500 with the remaining \$1,000 going to the team to buy much needed equipment. "Although she never played as a pro, Jan McAlpin was a standout amateur golfer her whole career. In fact, at the age of 65 she and local golfer Greg Shaver won the championship flight of the Sun Country Couples Tournament held at the Links at Sierra Blanca in the Fall of 2002. Jan never had any children of her own and I know should would approve of this money going to an outstanding scholar/athlete," Roser said.

Mescalero invited to conference

Mescalero Apache School Librarian, Ellie Keeton, has been selected by the American Library Association to present her reading program, Huultal Teen Read Week-Apache Style, at the national conference in New Orleans from June 22-26, 2006.

The presentations will include innovative ideas for promoting Apache and Native

American culture through various reading and research activities which allow participants to practice the information problem-solving process and apply effective reading skills. Mrs. Keeton was formerly a librarian for the Ruidoso schools for over 30 years and is currently beginning her 4th year as the PreK-12 librarian at Mescalero.

Enrichment programs offered

Enrollment for June non-credit Community Education classes at ENMU-Ruidoso continues. The short-duration programs are flexible and are designed for self-enrichment and lifelong learning opportunities.

Classes include scrapbooking and water-wise gardening

and landscaping. A full Kidz Kollege schedule is available in keyboarding, dance, art, nature, math, science and more.

For a complete schedule log on to: www.ruidoso.enmu.edu.

For more information or to register call 257-2120 or 1-800-934-3668.

Ruidoso High 4th quarter honor roll

12th grade

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Alisa Calderon
Jeremy Caster
Rachel Christiansen
Sara Coca
Caitlin Dennehy
Christopher Dunn
Khristyne Eckerd
George Egert
Meagan Finnell
Corrina French
Guadalupe Garcia
Brenda Gonzalez
Rebekah Hadin
Robin Heinemann
Jacob Henson
Dillon Hoffman
Shane Hoffman
Cody Hoffman
Travis Ingels
Jennifer Jacques
Juan Jimenez
Jason Kampsky
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Amberiah Klinekole
Brian Leasingham
Christi Richardson
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Jo Sanchez
Stefan Seigmann
Jonathan Slovik
William Wilson
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Lynette Woodward

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Dayne Hall
Tori Johnson
Ted LaCoe
Erica Linares
Kristen Miller
Mackenzie Mobley
Fabian Olvera
Brett Pelkey
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Rosalia Rosales
Shawn Rushing
Michael Sanchez
Zulema Soto
Kasey Thompson
Desmond Warner
Katelynn Wenner
Alyssa Williamson

Peter Zagone

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Chastidy Collins
Sean Lacey
Kendra Martin
Sierra Nelson
Marisa Olvera
Daniel Skaggs Ryan
Odessa Winter
Jesse Wolfe
Jennifer Yorston
grade

10th grade

High Honor Roll
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Rudy Castillo
Neal Clawson
Taylor Delaco
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Moriah Enjady
Caleb Evans
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Carolina DeLuca
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Keith Garrison
Lucas Lindsey
Andy Mancha
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Monica Nunez
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Laura Patterson
Erica Ramirez
Allison Rigby
Brianna Sherrell
Lauren Sportsman
Josh Valcarcel

EDUCATION BRIEFS



Hall of Fame

Alpha Delta Kappa International Organization for Women Educators recently held their 2006 State Convention in Ruidoso. Inducted into the group's hall of Fame were Sue Faulkner, pictured at left, and Darla Lathan.

These women have served their organization in many capacities, including State President. Faulkner is a member of Kappa Chapter of Farmington. Lathan is from Ruidoso and belongs to EETA Chapter of Lincoln County.

All American

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Emily M. Swanner of Capitan has been named an All-American Scholar. Swanner, who attends Capitan Middle School, was

nominated for this national award by Jennifer Barnwell and will appear in the All-American Scholar year book which is published nationally.

Swanner is the daughter of David and Tinnie Swanner of Capitan and Harold and Glenda Perry of Capitan and Carla and Dwight Swanner of Temple, Texas and Guy M. Trolinger of Seelville, Indiana.

The USAA established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. All-American Scholars

must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average and be selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsors to be accepted.

Art Scholarships

Art Loop is seeking applicants for its 2006 scholarship program. The Art Loop Scholarship Fund currently is at \$1,350.

To be eligible for funds, applicants must have graduated this year, must be a resident of Lincoln County, and must plan on studying art or per-

forming art. For more information about applying for an Art Loop Scholarship, call 653-4219.

Classmates sought

• The Ruidoso High School Class of 1976 is searching for classmates. A 30-year reunion for the RHS class of 1976 is set for Aug. 4-6.

Persons with information or addresses on missing classmates are encouraged to contact organizers at coe@valornet.net or ritter@valornet.net or 258-5552.

• A joint reunion for the Ruidoso High School classes of 1948 through 1970 is scheduled for July 21-22 at RHS. Volunteers to help with the event are being sought, as are the addresses of missing classmates.

For more information call 257-7804 or 257-9733.

• Graduates of the Ruidoso High School class of 1991 currently are being sought.

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Neighbors complain; project near the river is red-tagged

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Construction was underway when a Ruidoso code enforcement officer red-tagged the work at 148 Fern Trail because the owner did not obtain a permit.

Olan Booher and Sharlette Rierson found out last week that neighbors were upset with the project including enclosing an existing deck and previous concrete work that extended a patio to the edge of the Ruidoso River.

Booher, who said he was a state-licensed roadwork contractor, told members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission that when the red tag stopped the work, he found out he needed a variance from the side lot lines of 32 percent on the east and 60 percent on the west side. The standard side setback is 10 feet. He was requesting the variance to finish the project.

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow said the department received letters of complaint from neighbors.

Lowell J. Troedel wrote that he was adamantly opposed to another variance for the property.

"The owners have consistently built outside the zoning boundaries and without proper permits or variances," Troedel insisted. He wrote that he complained last year when the owners enclosed the deck without a permit. Booher admitted to the board he did not apply for a permit to do the work.

"They should be fined and be required to remove all of this illegal construction, as would be done in most municipalities," Troedel wrote. He contended the construction obstructs the river view of neighbors, spoils the aesthetic quality and doesn't fit the surrounding landscape.

scape.

Neighbor Ralph Lopez also objected, writing that the couple already enclosed the deck, built a room and added the concrete slab.

"Is this the manner in which we obtain permission for remodeling?" he asked. "First, we remodel and then we ask to make exceptions to the rules."

"You've created a good deal of animosity among your neighbors," said Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld.

Planning commissioners apparently listened to the neighbors and were bothered that someone with construction background ignored the need for a permit.

On a motion by Commissioner Tim Hoyt, commission members unanimously voted to deny the application. Barrow told Booher and Rierson they have 15 days to file an appeal to the Village Council. Booher said he intended to appeal the decision.

Approval would have allowed the couple to complete the work, but pay two times the permit fee.

Before the vote, Booher told commissioners that he replaced the decking and steps on the 12 of an acre lot because they "were being eaten away."

Village Planner Darrell Bremner said no permit is needed to pour a concrete slab if it is not part of the current foundation.

Hirschfeld asked if the enclosed room was finished out and Booher said he put in knotty pine and finished the interior. He handled all the construction himself.

Neighbor Jenny Dorgan asked Booher if he ever consulted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about his concrete work so close to the river.

He said he has worked with the Corps and didn't contact



The concrete deck behind this home on Fern Trail abuts the Rio Ruidoso. Village planners and neighbors objected to this and other aspects of the construction project.

officials because the concrete doesn't interfere with the river bank or river flow. But Dorgan said that may be true when the river is low, but the work could constitute an obstruction if the river was higher. Booher said he didn't change the embankment, just stopped the erosion.

Dorgan said she'd like to hear from the Corps, but

Barrow said the board has no authority in reference to Corps requirements.

Rierson said the couple has done nothing but improve the appearance of the home and she was shocked to hear what was written in the letters of opposition. No one complained to them, they only praised the project, she said.

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Agreement recognizes new ownership of subdivision

An amendment to a development agreement between the creators of Lincoln Hills subdivision and Lincoln County commissioners recognizes new owners are taking over the project near Alto.

The amendment, approved without discussion, carried a commitment by the Alto Developers Limited Partnership to provide all developer-required improvements laid out in the original agreement. It was signed by High F. Anderson, managing member, and included the same address in Dallas, Texas, as Hunters Draw.

The four-phase subdivisions previously was approved by the county commission, although some rocky moments followed over limiting heavy construction truck access to the development to a less-used entrance to keep the off the main roads.

Realtor Doug Siddens previously spoke for the development at commission meetings. Friday, he was with Mark Clark, who at one time was a principal in the River Crossing condominium/commercial pro-

ject in Ruidoso.

In a related issue, commissioners approved a \$2 million surety bond to guarantee improvements are completed in Phase I of the subdivisions and authorized the county manager and county attorney for each subsequent phase of construction to administratively handle updated bonds as costs change.

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace said she expects an update to commissioners each time that occurs.

County Attorney Alan Morel said the developers could choose from among several different types of bonds, but the essential point is that the bond cannot be withdrawn without signatures from both sides.

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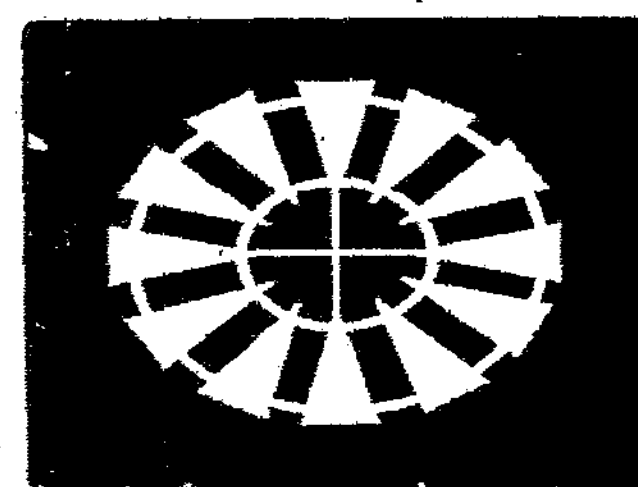
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Norma has been active in a number of organizations and been a valuable asset to her community and is looking forward to becoming an active partner in the Ruidoso market.

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during the skiing season at Ski Apache. A portion of the ski resort falls on U.S. Forest Service land and a portion on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

The water committee meeting last week "was very lively," she said, in part because of this notice in view of the water crisis for Ruidoso and 39 miles of acequias, which are ditches, many dating back to early Spanish settlement of the valley, used for irrigation and tied to old water rights. One acre-foot of water equates to 325,800 gallons of water. The application potentially could deal with as

much as 174 million gallons.

"This request is more than the average monthly flow on the (Ruidoso) river since they started keeping records, and this (water) would come from the headwaters," said Powell, who is a Republican candidate for the District 5 county commission seat.

Only a percentage of that water will be returned downstream. How much still is under debate, Powell said.

With practically no snowpack in the Sacramento Mountains last winter, only about one-inch of return was realized compared to the normal 12 inches of water, she said. "We have such a small mountain range to catch snow on anyway," Powell said.

"It's pretty depressing talk-

"This request is more than the average monthly flow on the Ruidoso River since they started keeping records."

Jackie Powell

Water Research and Conservation Committee of Lincoln County

ing to people from Ruidoso Downs to Hondo, many who have lost wells, or lost pressure."

She said no one seems to know what other wells may exist in the area on the reservation side and how much water they produce.

"Has the Forest Service studied how this may affect the stream?" she asked. If not, such a study is needed, she contended.

Commission Chairman Rick Simpson said the request is not to transfer water rights. Powell said they have adjudicated rights, the wells already exist and Forest Service officials want to appropriate the water to those wells.

Simpson said clarification may be needed and asked about a protest. County Attorney Alan Morel said the county has no legal standing to protest, because with no water rights, it cannot suffer any impact. Lovelace responded that the impact could be to county residents that the commission rep-

resents.

Simpson instructed the county manager to contact the SEO and ask that a representative attend the June 20 commission meeting to answer questions about the application. Meanwhile, the commission can send a letter detailing board concerns about the effect of adding more rights to the supplemental wells.

If the commission protested, that would stop the process and trigger a hearing, all of which could cost the applicant money. If the county was found to be without standing, it then would be liable to bear all of the expense and damages. Morel said.

Dave Parks, a Republican candidate for the District 4 commission chair, said he'd be surprised if other protests are not filed anyway, and would stop the process. At that point, the commission could become more involved.

"We want to retain our rapport with the tribe, but also protect our water," he said.

CODE

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area code.

Under the Alternative 5, a new "575" area code would be imposed on all new customers throughout the state. Those with existing "505" numbers would retain them. The projected life of the alternative is 26 years. Customers would be required to dial a 10-digit number even for local calls.

Under Alternative 9, the state would be split geographically, with one section using the "575" area code and the other "505," but NANPA officials didn't recommend where each area code should be applied.

The dividing line would separate Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Belen, Gallup and Shiprock from the rest of the state. The estimated life of the codes is 22 years for the northern area and 30 years for the southern.

Leaving people who have existing numbers with one area code and new neighbors around them with another would be confusing, said Commission Chairman Rick Simpson.

"We want the alternative where two areas have different designations," he said. Commissioner Maury St. John agreed.

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace said the change would be expensive for taxpayers, but Simpson corrected her to say only for telephone customers. County Attorney Alan Morel agreed with Lovelace that it could be a "huge expense," especially for business owners.

Commissioner Tom Battin said the pressure to pick Alternative 5 comes from business leaders who don't want their numbers changed.

"I can see where the expense would be less, although there would be some confusion," Lovelace said.

Battin said Dallas picked the alternative 5 approach years ago. If a geographic approach is selected, "You know who will lose" the "505" designation, he said. The larger communities in the north will keep the old area code, he said.

The last time the Albuquerque-Santa Fe corridor was picked for a new area code, "They had a cat," said Ruidoso resident Dave Parks. "Then they found out they had more numbers than they thought" and no change occurred.

Hearings on the issue will be scheduled in Roswell and Las Cruces in July. St. John said commissioners should plan to attend. Meanwhile, they approved a motion backing Alternative 9, which passed 3-1 with Lovelace voting against and Commissioner Earl Hobbs absent.

"I'd go with Alternative 9 if they would leave this area 505," Lovelace said. "They (cities in the north part of the state) are bigger and make more money."

The motion stated the commission's preference that "505" remains the operable area code for southeast New Mexico.

The hearings are set for 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., July 19, at the Chaves County Administration Building commission chambers at #1 St. Mary's Place in Roswell; and from 10 a.m. to noon, and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., July 26, at John Paul Taylor Town Hall, 2231 Avenida de Mesilla, in Mesilla.

Written comments may be sent to Ronald X. Montoya, ATTN: Proposed Relief Plan for Area Code 505, P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1269.

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Editor's note: In a recent editorial, the *Ruidoso News* announced the newspaper will periodically publish photos of trashy sites throughout Lincoln County – in an effort to mobilize public support for cleaning those sites up. We do this in the belief that litter, trash and general neglect for the environment erodes community pride. We frankly will not sit idly by while our natural beauty is degraded. We are not interested in embarrassing individuals, only locations. Please submit photos and addresses to mracine@ruidosonews.com.

June 9, 2006

Dear Mr. Racine:

I want to thank you for the articles you have published in the *Ruidoso News*. I have heard many positive comments concerning them. I believe the articles and cartoon have made an impact and will eventually help keep Ruidoso Beautiful.

I am sending you some photographs of the illegal dumping and yard waste problems that keep recurring here in Ruidoso. The following is a list of sites where we found these types. Once again, Camelot at Excalibur Drive, a large pile of lumber was dumped on the side of the road. Luckily, we were able to track the owner and he agreed to remove it and haul it away. Paradise Canyon at the 90-degree turn, we continue to have problems, this has become a favorite dumping site. We had a call from a concerned resident witnessing illegal dumping at this location but we were unable to catch the perpetrator, by the time I arrived the person had unloaded the construction material and left. The caller did not want to give any further information.

What was surprising, we found construction material by the Kidz Konnection parking lot, see photo. Someone had dumped the remains from a house deck. The individual or individuals did not even attempt to deposit the lumber into the dumpster so no one would get hurt. This pile of lumber was full of nails and someone could have gotten hurt.

I believe if a village resident hires a handyman or local contractor to remodel a house or replace a deck [he] should include the cost of hauling away any construction material to the landfill. The person doing the hiring should include in the contract that contractor or handyman must provide [a] copy of landfill receipt where he or she disposed of the trash before the entire cost of repairs is paid for. Again, I am not focusing on contractors or handymen only; this goes for residents doing their own work, too.

The second problem we are having is residents piling yard waste (slash) against the side of the dumpsters as the pictures show. There was one on Raymond Buckner by a yellow house where they had piled pine needles against the dumpster and out into the street. The other problem was on the last dumpster on Meander Drive close to Paradise Canyon. This individual piled the slash against the dumpster and out into the street causing a possible serious traffic problem. On that one, we had approximately four calls, two from the resident for removal of slash; they were having a graduation party and they needed the parking space! The best call was from a Ruidoso Downs resident claiming she almost had an accident on Meander Drive due to the same brush sticking out into the road!

As with every call we receive, we logged it in and after getting the name and phone number I assured her we would take care of it. Well, after removing the brush pile on the same day (see photo), I tried to give her a call to let her know we had taken action to correct the problem. It turns out the phone was an invalid number and she turned out to be related to the people that set the brush against the dumpster in the first place.

Residents piling brush or pine needles against dumpsters feel that is one way of having their yard waste removed immediately. What they do not realize is they are creating problems for our refuse collection truck, their neighbors, and possible damage to our equipment. Now we have to pull a grapple truck from their route, maybe from across town, to come and remove yard waste so we can empty the trash can. This practice is not safe and someone driving through these streets at night is going to end up seriously hurt. Additionally, this is not fair for other village residents that have been waiting for their brush removal for days and now someone else is getting their yard waste removed before a resident waiting for their turn.

Village residents should become pro-active in reporting illegal dumping to the Solid Waste Department at 257-1502 immediately to put a stop to this ongoing problem. It would be very helpful if you could run some of these photos in your newspaper to let residents know of what is going on. Thank you very much for your support in advance.

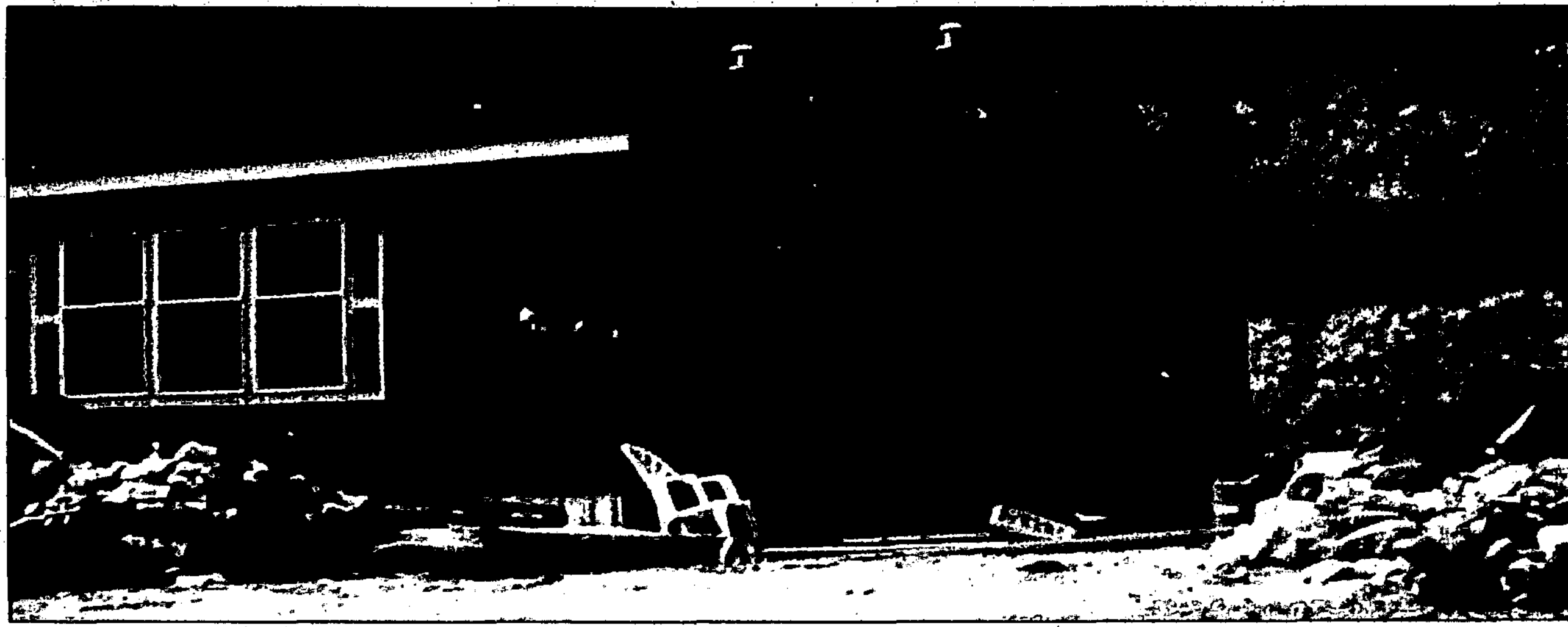
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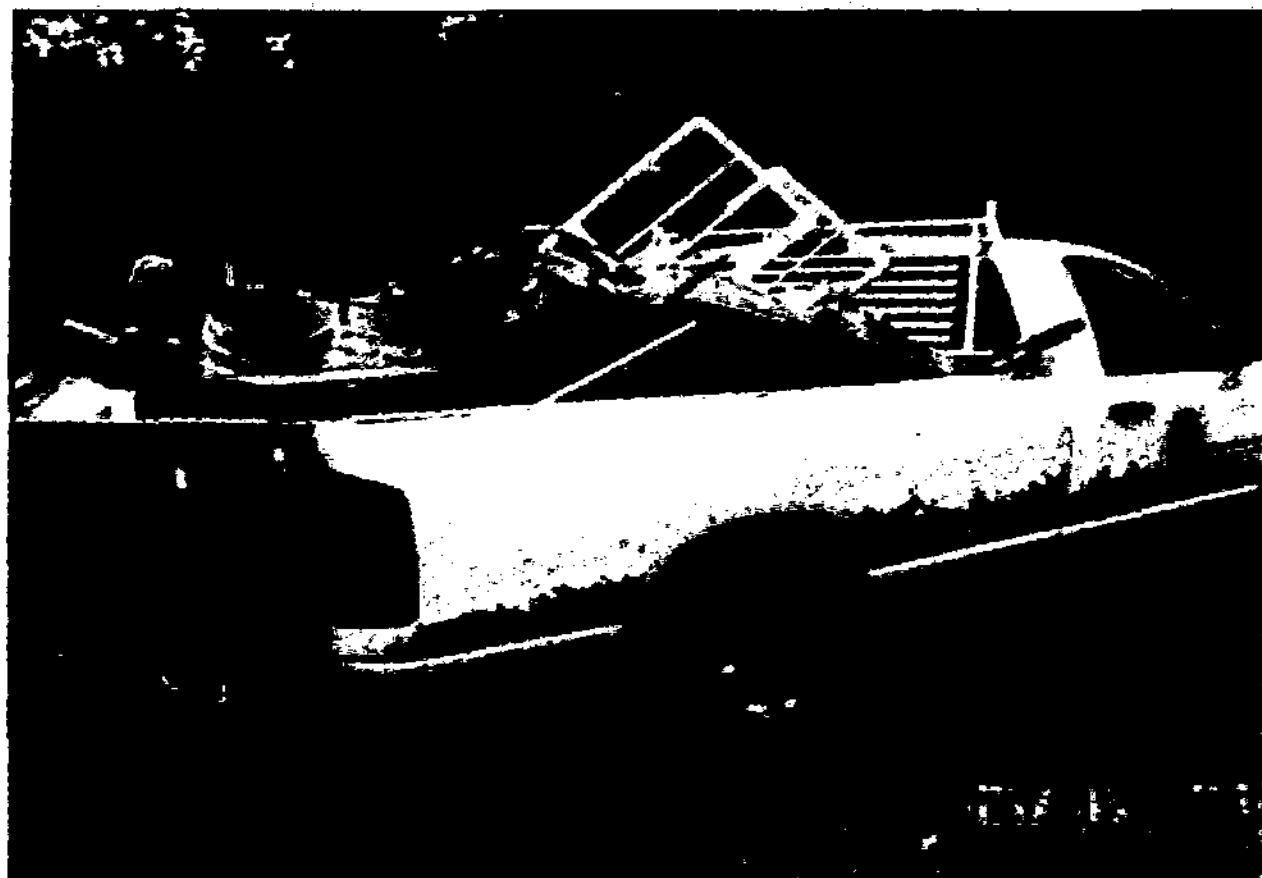


COURTESY PHOTOS

These shots of junked cars, trash and building materials were taken in late May at 217 Lancashire in Camelot. The property has looked like this for at least a year since the trailer was moved onto the lot, according to a resident who submitted the photos.



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Jesus Payan: "These photos show the type of junk we haul away on a daily basis."

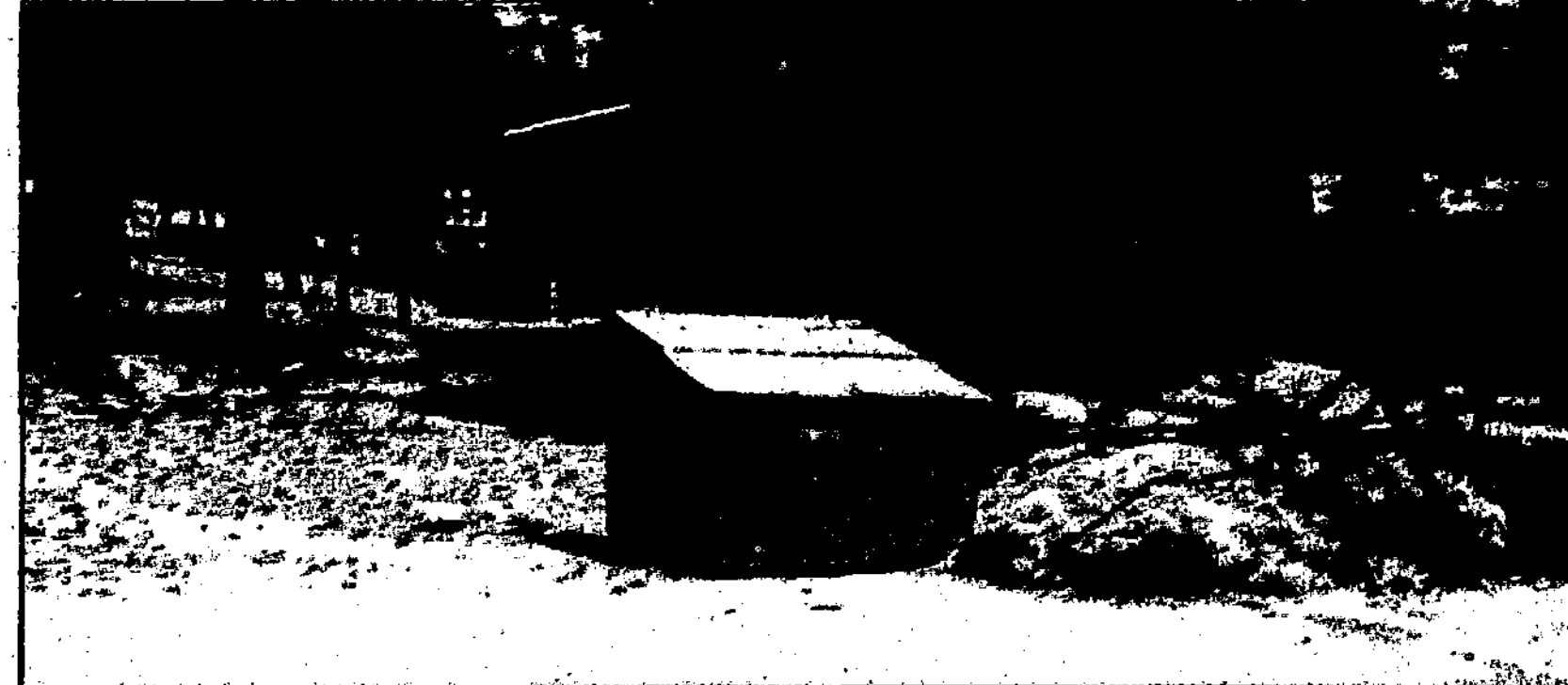
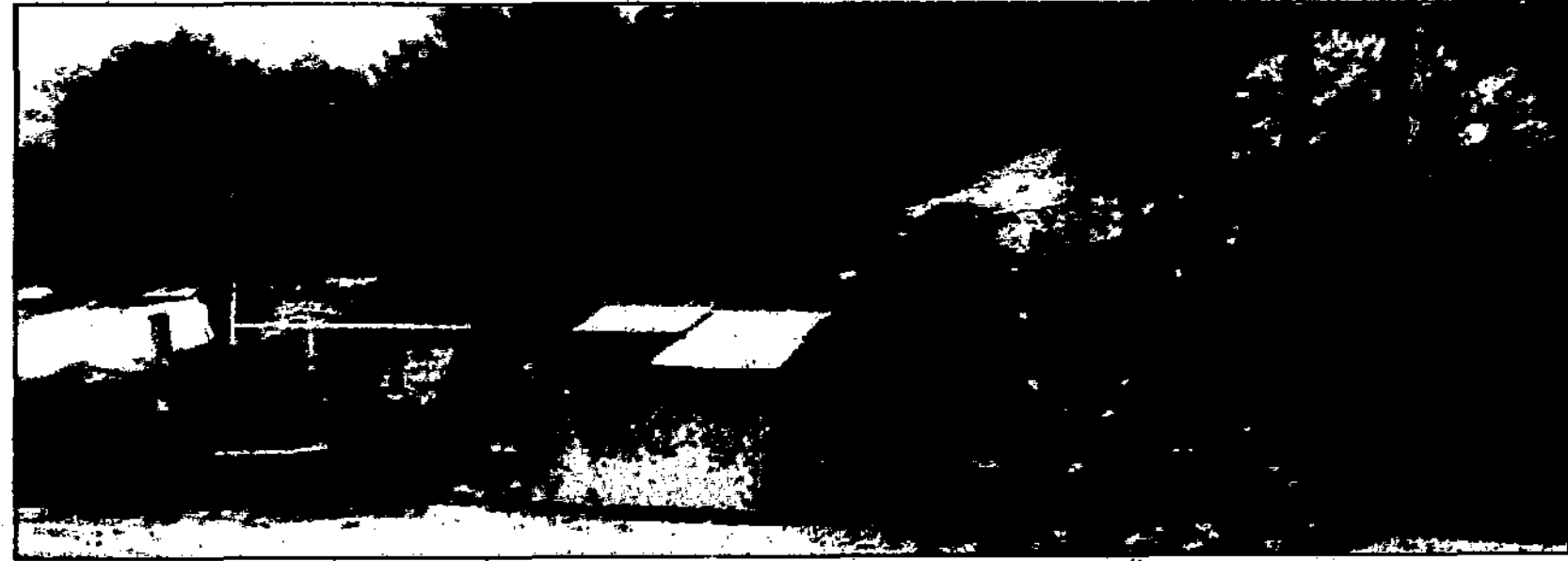
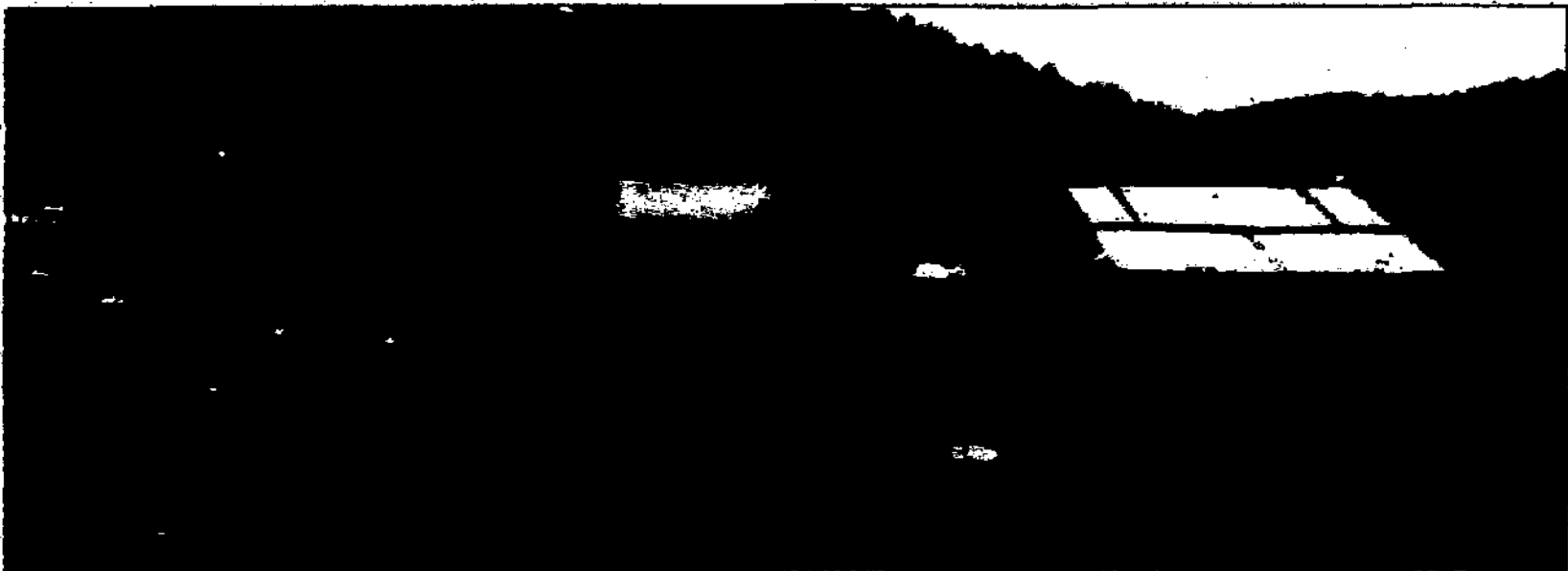


Left: This photo was taken at Kidz Konnection Park on May 15. Payan: "Someone filled the dumpster with construction material and what they could not put in they left in front of the dumpster."

Bottom left: Payan: "This photo is from the 90-degree turn on Paradise taken May 15. It has become a favorite dumping ground."

Right: Payan: "This photo (May 18) is at Meander and Paradise, the last dumpster on Meander."

Bottom right: Payan: "This picture (May 23) is of pine needles on roadway piled against the dumpster in front of this yellow house. This picture was taken on Raymond Buckner Drive."



SIGNS OF PROTEST



Protesters staked out ground in front of the new River Crossing development all day Sunday with signs reading "No big business" and "We want our town back." The protesters never numbered more than three at a time all day long.

TODD FUQUA/STAFF

NEWS BRIEFS

Billy's bucks

State officials are looking for productive ways to spend about \$200,000 in money designated for the promotion of tourism related to the outlaw Billy the Kid.

Dee Kessler, who manages State Monument Division buildings at the historic settlement of Lincoln, said Tuesday she hopes some of that money

ends up helping the community that was the seat of the Lincoln County War, from which Billy gained his infamy.

She said Mike Pitel, retired from the state Tourism Department and on contract to design uses for the money, was in town last week to brief monument supporters.

Mike Stauffer with state tourism explained from his Santa Fe office that the

\$200,000 will be allocated statewide for the promotion of Billy the Kid and came from the last session of the New Mexico State Legislature.

"It's coming to our department through the Department of Finance and Administration and we're in the process of figuring out the best way to use it," he said Tuesday.

"We want to put something together that will be long-last-

ing, not just a one time deal and it's gone."

Some of the money could go toward festivals such as Billy the Kid Days in Lincoln or the 125th anniversary celebrated in Fort Sumner of Billy's escape from the Lincoln jail, Stauffer said.

Also being considered are brochures promoting everything along the Billy the Kid Trail and marking historically

significant sites at Fort Sumner, he said.

Americans aren't the only ones fascinated with the charming but lethal Billy, Stauffer said.

He's well-known across Europe and is especially popular in Germany, where he and other cowboys were immortalized by a German writer in a series of novels especially popular with children.

Flag Day celebration

A Flag Day celebration is planned for 6:30 p.m. today at the Ellis Store Country Inn in historic Lincoln.

Hot dogs will be served. John Taylor will be the speaker. No reservations are needed, but owners of the inn would appreciate people calling to help them decide how much food to prepare. Call 505-653-4609.

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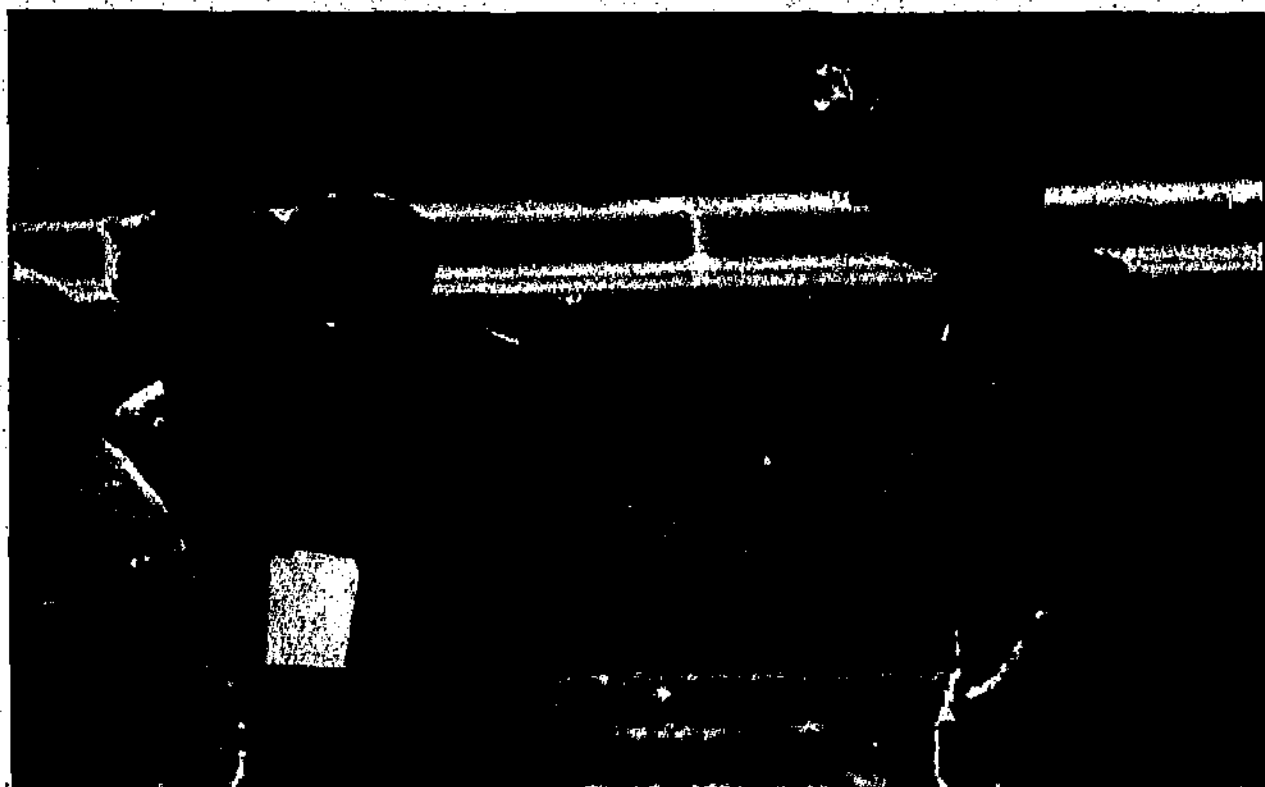
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SPORTS

DOWN TO THE WIRE



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Jockey of Saint Shackleton Bonaficio Perez, center, hugs Billy Peterson, son of the horse's owner, as trainer Todd Fincher flashes a smile after the running of the Ruidoso Futurity Sunday at Ruidoso Downs.

Rare dead heat finish in Ruidoso Futurity final means two Triple Crown candidates

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Just about everyone laying money down on the Ruidoso Futurity Sunday at Ruidoso Downs had their money on either First Prize Robin or Okey Dokey Fantasy.

The pair had won futurities earlier in the year, and the pair were the first and second-fastest horses coming out of the trials for Sunday's race.

What's more, Okey Dokey

Fantasy was undefeated in five starts.

That streak continued with the colt's victory in the first jewel of the Quarter Horse Triple Crown. But what's even more remarkable is that he had to share the winner's circle with Saint Shackleton, who made a strong push from the outside to finish in a dead heat for first.

Dead heat's aren't all that uncommon in horse racing, but a dead heat for first, in a major stakes race? That's a little



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Okey Dokey Fantasy, center, ridden by Juan Vazquez, and Saint Shackleton, 9, ridden by Bonaficio Perez, cross the finish line in a dead heat Sunday during the Ruidoso Futurity held at Ruidoso Downs. Run Perry Run, far left, with jockey Oscar Hernandez finished third in the race.

strange.

It not only means the two camps split the \$165,000 purse for winning, it also means both horses are eligible for the Triple Crown bonus put up by the track to any 2-year-old horse that can win the Ruidoso, Rainbow and All American futurities.

"This is still a win, as far as I'm concerned," said jockey Juan Vazquez, who rode Okey Dokey Fantasy. "He ran good

and had a clean break. I thought we'd win it until about the last 300 yards."

It was in that last 300 yards that Saint Shackleton turned on an extra burst of speed, urged on by rider Bonaficio Perez. With that last effort, the sorrel colt crossed the finish line in 17.480 seconds, exactly as fast as Okey Dokey Fantasy.

"We tried not to give the jockey too many instructions on how to run," joked Saint

Shackleton owner Spencer Peterson, whose son Billy is an accomplished jockey and won the 1995 All American Futurity aboard Winalota Cash. Saint Shackleton's trainer, Todd Fincher, was also a jockey and had won the Ruidoso Futurity aboard Meltdown in 1994. "I felt this horse would run out well once he got set up."

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Winninginthebuff, left, with jockey Jose Alvarez aboard, streaks past the field, including a seemingly surprised Kelowna Kash, right, in the final of the Ruidoso Derby Sunday at Ruidoso Downs.

Win streak continues for Winninginthebuff

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Coming into his start in the Ruidoso Derby Sunday at Ruidoso Downs, Winninginthebuff had won his four previous starts, including three at Sunland Park and his trial to the Ruidoso Derby two weeks before.

Although one of those victories resulted in a disqualification for interference, how can you justify a horse on an obvious winning streak going off from the start as a mild long shot?

"This was probably the first time he's hooked up with these kinds of horses," said trainer Dwayne Gilbreath. "But I saw him get away clean and run a great race."

Jockey Jose Alvarez rode the horse clean enough to turn what was almost a full-length deficit into a narrow victory in the derby, winning \$84,168 for his connections and proving he is a horse to be reckoned with.

"He should do well from now on," Gilbreath said. "But you've got to have luck, too. We were lucky to get that 10-hole for him. He seems to run really well out of that position."

Overall, it was a very successful day for Gilbreath, who also trained Real Good Man and saw jockey Joe Martinez ride that horse to a

third-place finish.

Rousing Encore, ridden by Cody Jensen out of Paul Jones' barn, took second.

It marked the fourth time Gilbreath has won the Ruidoso Derby, also taking titles in 1995, 1998 and 2001.

Winninginthebuff's time of 19.851 was just good enough to beat the rest of the field, one dominated by Gilbreath and Jones, who had seven of the 10 horses in the race.

But it was Winninginthebuff who proved the best.

"We only started him once last year, so we couldn't get him in the Rainbow (Futurity)," said Winninginthebuff owner Terry Wood. "Paying the supplement wouldn't be worth it, and horses only have so many starts in them. We'll just point him to the All American Derby now."

Leading Spirit still struggling

After a nine-month layoff, Leading Spirit is struggling to get back to the form which allowed him to win the West Texas, Ruidoso and Rainbow futurities last year.

The gelding was third in his Ruidoso Derby trial two weeks ago, and raced to a second place finish Sunday in a \$16,700 allowance race, coming in 3/4 length behind Eye Am Forever Yours.



JASON W. BROOKS/EL DEFENSOR CHIEFTAIN

Three Ruidoso graduates (from left), Jared Storey, Will Wilson and Michael Sanchez, played pivotal roles in the South's sweep of the North this past weekend in Socorro.

Three Ruidoso baseball stars shine

JASON W. BROOKS AND
TODD FUQUA
For the Ruidoso News

SOCORRO — When the teams were announced for the fifth annual Class 3A North-South All-Star baseball week, it figured that state champion Lovington would have five players on the South roster. Ruidoso High School's three-player contingent was less of a given.

But the chosen ones managed to make the most of their opportunity, playing hard and helping the South sweep the series for the first time. More important, perhaps, was the talent level the recent RHS graduates were exposed to, and the friendships they formed.

Will Wilson, Michael Sanchez and Jared Storey were the Warriors who were invited.

"It was the experience of a lifetime," said Wilson, the Ruidoso player who had the most impact in the series. "It was a little weird playing with some of our rivals, but we've known these guys for about four years anyway."

The three-game series,

which will be held in Socorro for at least the next three years, is still led by the North by a 9-6 margin.

Wilson struck out 12 batters while pitching in the series opener Friday. While Derik Heider of Raton struck out 12 in the nightcap for the North, Wilson was effective throughout the first game of the double-header. He struck out the side in the seventh with an overpowering fastball that was impressive for how many pitches he had thrown.

The South won the opener 3-1 and prevailed in the nightcap, 4-2. Sanchez scored the South's go-ahead run in the second game, reaching on a fielder's choice, stealing second and racing around to score from second on a catcher's throw to first after a dropped third strike.

Wilson started the Saturday finale as well, playing solid defense at second base. Storey didn't play much, but did see action in Thursday night's skills contest, also won by the South.

Manny Murrillo of

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side line

Sports on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday, June 15

Horse Racing

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

Friday, June 16

Horse Racing

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

Softball

Cool Pines Classic at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA

Saturday, June 17

Horse Racing

First Lady Handicap, Ruidoso Thoroughbred Sale Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Softball

Cool Pines Classic at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA

Sunday, June 18

Horse Racing

Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sale Futurity, Bayer Legend Derby at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Softball

Cool Pines Classic at Eagle Creek Complex, TBA

On Deck

Summer Lake Activities

Lake Mesclero at the Inn of the Mountain Gods has officially opened for the summer, offering boat rental and fishing permits. Boat rentals include canoes, kayaks, rowboats and paddle boats with rental prices ranging from \$20 to \$30 per hour. The use of a personal trolling motorboat is also allowed.

Daily fishing permits can be purchased onsite for \$18 and a bait shop is located just inside the dock building. All guests who want to fish must purchase a fishing permit.

Boat rentals can be made daily from 6-8 p.m., with the last boat ride available each day at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the Inn at 464-7957.

Soccer Summer Workouts

Voluntary summer workouts for athletes in grades 7-12 wanting to play boys soccer at Ruidoso High next have begun and will run Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays every week through August. All participants must have had a physical and provide their own shin guards. All workouts will be at the White Mountain Athletic Complex from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Craig Washnack at 808-2934.

Swim Lessons at RAC

Swim lessons for members and non-members alike will be given at the Ruidoso Athletic Club's new indoor pool. All sessions are 10 lessons long, and cost members \$25 and non-members \$50. Remaining courses will be given June 19-30 and July 10-21, with one lesson per weekday in each session. To sign up contact the RAC at 257-4900 or drop by at 415 Wingfield St.

Ruidoso Volleyball Camp

Students from grades 4-7 are invited to attend the Ruidoso High School volleyball camp July 17-19 at RHS. Cost for the camp is \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. The camp will run in the mornings for 4th-7th grade and in the afternoon for 8th-9th grade. Contact coach Brigid Herrera at 258-4910 or 334-7433 to register.

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Local youth ready for another chance at national rodeo glory

Miranda didn't make much of a mark at last year's junior high finals rodeo

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Fifteen-year-old Chon Miranda was at last year's Wrangler Junior High Finals rodeo in bull riding, but broke his ankle on the first ride and had to watch the rest of the event from the other side of the fence.

Since then, he's been championing at the bit to prove his worth, and will get the chance at this year's national finals, scheduled for July 10-15 in Gallup.

"I saw a lot of my friends ride, but I wasn't out there," Miranda said. "I'm more prepared this year, and I've been ready to go back all year long."

Miranda wrapped up the reg-

ular season in Lovington at the state finals with a second-place finish in bull riding, and he's hoping it will be a big enough springboard for him to do well on the national stage.

The challenges in this, the second year of the junior high nationals, will be greater, as more than 800 athletes are scheduled to be there from 41 states and five Canadian provinces. Miranda's a little nervous, but he's happy for the chance.

"I'm glad they have this for junior high," Miranda said. "Otherwise, I'd be lost, I wouldn't know where to compete next. It's hard to find rodeos until you're at least in high school."



COURTESY PHOTO

Chon Miranda, seen here during a rodeo at Bosque Farms earlier in the year, finished second in bull riding at the state junior high finals in Lovington and is ready to prove his worth at nationals in Gallup starting July 10.

BOYS OF SUMMER

Ruidoso Little League baseball rolled on through the weekend, with championships decided in the Farm and Minor divisions. Also playing were Majors and Junior League teams. Full results of all playoffs will appear in a future edition of the Ruidoso News.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Farm Division champion Pirates. Back row, coach Steve Frierson, left, and Rusty Morrow. Second row (l-r) Ty Desoto, Joshua Luna, Drew Jarvis, Tobias Herrera, Parker Morrow, Kai Taylor, Juziah Ortiz. Middle row (l-r) Hayden Frierson, Jesse Gonzales, James Gonzales, Ezra Anderson, Tony Divert. Front, Kalani Davis.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

As Ranger Matt Rigsby, right, slides safely into first, Pirate first baseman James Gonzales fields the ball Saturday in the Farm Division championship. The Pirates won the game 10-9.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso Red Sox pitcher Jarrod Lewis fires one in during Junior League play Saturday at White Mountain Athletic Complex. The Red Sox lost to the Tularosa Braves 7-0, then fell to the Ruidoso Twins 19-5. In between, the Alamogordo Nationals defeated the Twins 16-10.

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Tricky Dust returns to action against talented field

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Joan Dale Hubbard's Tricky Dust, winner of four stakes races from five 2005 starts, makes his 2006 debut against a talented field of 870-yard runners in the \$16,700 featured eighth race on Thursday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

From the stable of four-time defending national champion trainer Paul Jones, Tricky Dust showed his affection for Ruidoso Downs last summer when he won the Grade 3 Master Salls Handicap at 870 yards and the Grade 3 Brigand Handicap

at 1,000 yards from three local starts. Last fall, Tricky Dust kept his hot streak going at Zia Park with wins in the Herman Jefferson Stakes at 870 yards and the Black Gold Casino Handicap at 1,000 yards in his only two appearances at the Hobbs track.

Freddie Martinez will be aboard Tricky Dust when he starts from the second post position in the seven horse field.

Facing Tricky Dust will be Grade 2 New Mexico Distance Challenge third-place finisher Can Straw Fly, Grade 2 Sunland Fall Derby finalist Makamaddash and Invisible Ink, who closed out his Sunland

Park season with a gate-to-wire allowance win.

Saturday at 8 p.m., The Oak Ridge Boys make their first appearance at Ruidoso Downs. The Oak Ridge Boys have sold more than 10 million albums, including 12 gold albums, three platinum albums and one double-platinum album. Their long list of hits includes "Elvira," "Bobbie Sue," "Y'all Come Back Saloon," "Fancy Free" and "American Made." For ticket information, call 378-4140.

Racing runs on a Thursday through Sunday schedule at Ruidoso Downs with a 1 p.m. first post time.

ALL-STARS

FROM PAGE 1B

Lovington was named the South's outstanding player of the series.

"We were really looking forward to this," said Storey. "We got to meet a lot of great people, and it was fun beating the North."

Other All-Stars

The North-South 1A/2A girls basketball and 1A/2A football games were also held over the weekend, with a pair of Mescalero players on the squads.

Yvette Martinez was on the South

team in girls basketball at Gallup on Saturday, scoring a single point in a 59-50 defeat.

At Silver, the game was a nail-biter down to the end, a 21-20 victory for the South, although Mescalero's Donnell McFadden didn't have much in the way of notable plays.

One play which was notable was an interception by Hatch defensive back Roy Hackey. The pick was made in the endzone, and it was on a two-point conversion attempt by the North to tie the game with four seconds left.

That was a decision made by North coach David Burns of Crownpoint, brother to Carrizozo coach Gerald Burns, who was leading the South.



Ruidoso's Michael Sanchez, left, slides into home safely as Derik Heider of Raton applies the tag Friday during the first game of the North-South All-Star series at Socorro.

Prairie Cactus game winner of Saturday's Ruidoso Feature

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Prairie Cactus, owned by Armstrong Racing of El Paso, overtook favored Excessive Hearts and then held off Maya Rose to gamely win the \$11,400 featured ninth race at Ruidoso Downs on Saturday afternoon.

Jockey Carlos Madeira hand rode Prairie Cactus to pacesetter Excessive Hearts coming off the turn in the six-furlong sprint and they disposed of Excessive Hearts with 200 yards left in the feature for New Mexico-breds. Maya Rose, with Joe Martinez aboard, made a bid on the outside in the final strides, but came up a neck short. Excessive Hearts held on for third place.

Prairie Cactus covered the six furlongs in 1:14 2/5.

Prairie Cactus, trained by Joel Marr, raced to her second win from five lifetime starts, the fewest number of starts of any of the mares in the six-horse field.

Sent off at 4-1, Prairie Cactus returned \$10.40, \$5.60 and \$2.80. Maya Rose paid \$6.00 and \$2.80 while Excessive Hearts was worth \$2.20 to show. The \$2 exacta returned \$59 and the \$1 trifecta was worth \$58.20.

WIRE

FROM PAGE 1B

Saint Shackleton broke his maiden in the trials to the Ruidoso Futurity, and this Futurity win marks the first for Peterson as breeder and owner.

Both horses are already in

the trials for the Rainbow Futurity, meaning both will still be in the hunt for that elusive Triple Crown.

"We know he's climatized and should do well in the Rainbow trials," said Okey Dokey Fantasy trainer John Boegner. "We just need a little racing luck now."

RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Results for racing at Ruidoso Downs for June 8-11:

Thursday, June 8

First — 870 yards. Bucksaw Ranger 9.00 4.20 3.40, Another Shuttle 3.40 3.00, Co Star Pick 4.20, Quinella — 13.60, Exacta — 60.60, Trifecta — 57.20, T — 46.925.

Second — 350 yards. Eyes So Special 4.80 2.40 2.00, Tears of the Sun 2.20 2.10, Elegant Cat 2.60, Quinella — 4.00, Exacta — 9.60, Trifecta — 14.30, Daily Double — 34.20, T — 17.796.

Third — 6 furlongs. Diddy Say Fast 6.00 5.00 3.00, Jill's Ego 5.40 3.60, Inspirational Kris 3.60, Quinella — 19.20, Exacta — 37.00, Trifecta — 87.40, T — 112.80.

Fourth — 400 yards. Cabana Boy 7.80 4.40 4.40, A Major Streak 11.80 7.20, Precious Rime 12.40, Quinella — 82.20, Exacta — 90.60, Trifecta — 439.30, T — 2C 77.

Fifth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Dvious Jack 4.00 2.20 4.20, Beccas Shouder 3.40 3.20, Noeuse 4.00, Quinella — 19.40, Exacta — 67.80, Trifecta — 80.60, Superfecta — 2,349.10, T — 1:05.40.

Sixth — 400 yards. Alre Alibi 3.00 4.20 2.60, Lotaknowhow 5.40 3.40, Cranky Gal 3.40, Quinella — 13.20, Exacta — 48.20, Trifecta — 45.10, T — 20.528, Scratched — Streak of Lightadil.

Seventh — 6 furlongs. Chillin Chilly 4.00 4.80

3.00, Miss Monarchy, 42.60 10.60, Ironie

Native 2.80, Quinella — 140.20, Exacta —

192.40, Trifecta — 265.70, T — 1:13.60.

Scratched — Jackie Bull.

Eighth — 300 yards. Ebony Woman 4.40 4.80

3.40, Eyesa Precious 17.40 7.40, Zippy Shake

Em 7.60, Quinella — 79.60, Exacta — 103.40,

Trifecta — 1,339.00, T — 15.932.

Ninth — 1,000 yards. Clayditi 20.20 9.00 5.80,

Casady Bull 32.20 11.80, Totally In a Rush

4.80, Quinella — 64.00, Exacta — 180.80,

Trifecta — 802.00, Superfecta — 5,823.20,

Pick 3 — 97.40, T — 53.700.

Friday, June 9

First — 870 yards. Hook Em Up Bully 14.00

4.60 2.60, Get Solid 3.20 2.20, Arthur's Dream

2.80, Quinella — 14.60, Exacta — 35.60,

Trifecta — 101.20, T — 46.328.

Second — 6 furlongs. Desert Luck 3.80 3.20

2.40, Backtrack Bear 10.00 5.00, Ghostslayer

2.20, Quinella — 27.50, Exacta — 25.00,

Trifecta — 27.50, Daily Double — 48.80, T —

1:13.60.

Third — 7 1/2 furlongs. Capitanmorgany

5.20 2.80 2.80, Blazing Armro 2.60 2.60, Sac

2.60, Quinella — 5.60, Exacta — 8.80, Trifecta

— 11.40, T — 1:36.60.

Fourth — 350 yards. Jesses Secret 43.00

23.60 11.00, Hit the Heights 5.80 4.40, Heza

Snow Ball 5.80, Quinella — 79.00, Exacta —

171.40, Trifecta — 710.00, T — 17.891.

Fifth — 6 furlongs. Visual Effect 5.40 3.20

2.20, Shadows N Dust 5.80 2.20, Dixie Kiss

2.20, Quinella — 49.00, Exacta — 84.00,

Trifecta — 77.50, Superfecta — 126.30, T —

1:12.80, Scratched — Hurry Lacey Hurry.

Sixth — 350 yards. Seis Grande 4.80 3.20

3.00, One Perfecta Stormi 3.00 2.60, Hesa

Reckless Man 3.40, Quinella — 8.20, Exacta

— 18.80, Trifecta — 30.80, T — 17.548.

Scratched — Haza Main Man, Rusty Down

Leaving.

Seventh — 6 furlongs. Blazing Ruby 34.60

6.60 3.20, Classic Destiny 3.20 2.20, Legal

Edition 2.60, Quinella — 12.80, Exacta —

28.00, Trifecta — 124.30, T — 1:13.40.

Scratched — Millesime.

Eighth — 350 yards. Worthafortunetog 3.80

3.00 2.20, Hopetful Champus 5.40 2.40, Real

Gray Chick 2.60, Quinella — 14.80, Exacta —

22.00, Trifecta — 46.60, T — 17.816.

Scratched — Citizen Kane, Capitan Miracle.

Ninth — 6 furlongs. Bold Stuff 2.40 2.10 2.10,

Honest Howard 2.40 2.40, Paramount Pistol

3.60, Quinella — 5.20, Exacta — 6.40, Trifecta

— 53.10, Superfecta — 127.80, Pick 3 —

89.20, T — 1:13.00.

Saturday, June 10

First — 870 yards. Native Kings Baby 25.20

11.00 4.60, Now lam Running 17.20 6.20, Iz

Lucky 3.20, Quinella — 173.40, Exacta —

75.40, Trifecta — 1,047.00, T — 48.660.

Second — 350 yards. Me Chickie 22.60 5.80

3.80, Compas Runaway 3.40 3.40, Reality

Dasher 4.60, Quinella — 13.80, Exacta —

38.80, Trifecta — 114.70, Daily Double —

18.80, Daily Double — 320.20, T — 18.037.

Scratched — Miraclette.

Third — 400 yards. Special Indulgence 11.80

6.00 4.80, Behold Jody Oh 11.80 8.00, Classy

Runaway Form 4.40, Quinella — 78.80,

Exacta — 102.60, Trifecta — 600.20, T —

20.159.

Fourth — 350 yards. Hat Trick Man 3.20 2.80

2.60, Illegal Gains 6.20 4.00, Sign Talker 5.20,

Quinella — 11.40, Exacta — 11.20, Trifecta —

11.30, T — 18.148.

Fifth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Return to Flying 13.80

4.60 3.00, Love My Place 2.60 2.20, H.B.

Megan 3.20, Quinella — 14.60, Exacta —

43.20, Trifecta — 186.70, Superfecta —

1,262.10, T — 1:07.80.

Sixth — 350 yards. What Doin Daddy 7.40

4.40 3.00, Heza Weasel 7.80 4.60, Streakin

Boom Boiz 3.60, Quinella — 46.40, Exacta —

57.60, Trifecta — 158.30, T — 18.161.

Seventh — 5 1/2 furlongs. Military Pet 8.60

4.00 3.00, Fast an Catty 4.00 3.20,

Karyonhome 3.00, Quinella — 15.00, Exacta —

25.20, Trifecta — 36.50, T — 1:07.40.

Eighth — 870 yards. Mammas Wild Child

8.00 3.60 2.80, Heavenly Speed 3.20 2.80,

Good Night Express 3.80, Quinella — 14.00,

Exacta — 28.40, Trifecta — 172.30, T —

46.638.

Ninth — 6 furlongs. Prairie Cactus 10.40 5.60

2.80, Maya Rose 6.00 2.80, Excessive Hearts

2.20, Quinella — 25.20, Exacta — 59.00,

Trifecta — 58.20, T — 1:14.40.

Tenth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Lima Warrior Too

15.40 6.00 3.20, Brown Wild 5.40 3.60,

Miracle Chestnut 2.60, Quinella — 37.80,

Exacta — 90.00, Trifecta — 70.50, Superfecta

— 166.20, Pick 3 — 321.40, T — 1:36.80.

Scratched — Desert Ranger, First Class Cabin.

Sunday, June 11

First — 550 yards. A Dasha Red 5.00 3.80

3.20, Comaro 4.20 4.80, Big Bug Creek 5.80,

Quinella — 12.20, Exacta — 16.20, Trifecta —

37.40, T — 27.375.

Second — 6 furlongs. Parade of Flags 9.60

4.00 3.20, Ina Bad Cat 4.20 2.60, An Even

Mark 3.20, Quinella — 30.40, Exacta —

62.00, Trifecta — 108.30, Daily Double —

46.60, T — 1:12.20.

Third — 6 furlongs. Dr. Deputy 14.60 7.00

3.40, I'm a Bina Man 5.40 3.20, Special

Program 2.40, Quinella — 55.00, Exacta —

118.60, Trifecta — 93.60, T — 1:12.80.

Fourth — 350 yards. Chicks Are Streakin 7.60

4.20 3.00, Cosmo Sneaker 4.00 3.00, Miss

Lucky Lucky 3.20, Quinella — 12.20, Exacta —

24.20, T — 17.599, Scratched — Coles

Dino.

Fifth — 350 yards. Our Miss Perry 6.80 3.80

3.00, California Wildfire 7.20 5.00, A Special

Illusion 3.80, Quinella — 40.00, Exacta —

32.80, Trifecta — 281.50, Superfecta —

1,321.00, T — 17.558, Scratched —

Screamlin Bye.

Sixth — 350 yards. Eye Am Forever Yours

9.60 3.40 2.40, Leading Spirit 2.60 2.10,

Stolaway King 3.00, Quinella — 6.80, Exacta

— 26.00, Trifecta — 126.40, T — 17.718.

Scratched — Panama Noriega, Merry

Maverick.

Seventh — 400 yards. Winninthebuff 9.60

5.00 3.00, Rousing Encore 5.00 3.60, Real

Good Man 2.80, Quinella — 22.20, Exacta —

57.20, Trifecta — 99.60, T — 19.851.

Eighth — 5 furlongs. Tough Pilgrim 4.80 3.60

2.80, Iron Tiger 7.40 4.60, Engbraved 3.80,

Quinella — 48.60, Exacta — 72.80, Trifecta —

144.50, T — 58.00, Scratched — Summer

Star.

Ninth — 350 yards. Okey Dokey Fantasy 5.00

5.40 3.80, Saint Shackleton 10.00 17.40 6.40,

Run Perry Run 5.40, Quinella — 77.20, Exacta

— 104.00, Exacta — 67.60, Trifecta —

679.60, Trifecta — 517.90, T — 17.480.

Tenth — 5 furlongs. Izzy's Spirit 10.00 3.80

2.40, Nasty Note 2.60 2.20, Splendiferous Trip

3.00, Quinella — 6.40, Exacta — 17.80,</

Delinquent tax notices in the mail

Tax payers beware.

The Lincoln County Treasurer's Office delivered 3,141 letters of delinquency to the post office June 8 to be mailed to Lincoln County property owners.

A New Mexico state statute requires the county treasurer to mail a notice of delinquency to owners of property, real or personal, with respect to any tax that is delinquent for more than 30 days, on or before June 10 of each year.

County treasurer Beverly Calaway reminds property owners that unpaid taxes are a lien on the property and if not paid, could result in property being sold by the State of New Mexico in a delinquent property tax sale.

Questions concerning property taxes in Lincoln County can be directed to the treasurer's office at 800-687-2705 or 648-2397.

Lincoln County Treasurer's Office staff members, L-R, Laura Saunders, Rose Ann Romero and Glenna Robbins, prepare to mail letters notifying residents of delinquents taxes.

COURTESY



Busy summer

Our sympathies to the family of Marjorie Hall. She

and her husband,

Valton, were long-time residents of Capitan and Ruidoso.

They were involved in the real estate business, active in the

Episcopal Church and in community affairs. They spent the last few years in Texas.

We really had a rainstorm the other night with lightning and thunder all at once and then 1/2 inch of rain. It was so nice to see the mud the next morning. The birds loved it and were singing their little hearts out to the world.

We now have turkeys in the area after the New Mexico Game Department turned some loose in Lincoln. We have one that roosts in one of the old trees in back of our house.

Ted Allen and his American Youth Corp are busy getting ready to clear trails in the Capitan's etc. They camped near Double Crossing the night before the storm. They are staying at the Amastae Saloon, formerly the Ramon Maes property.

Limonite's gathered to get ideas on how to allocate a \$200,000 funding that Lincoln received during the last legislature. A lot of ideas were discussed.

The Hubbard Museum in Ruidoso Downs has some interesting programs coming up.

John Hiller's photography will be on display June 16 - August 13. The exhibit is on loan from the McKenzie Museum of Greenwich, Conn.

If you want to experience the art of making pine needle baskets, join local artist George Tippen at the museum at 11 a.m., June 24. For further information call 378-4142.

There was a bus load of senior citizens in Lincoln the other day. I asked where they were from and they all answered "everywhere." They were enjoying the beautiful morning and the tour led by Ranger Dee Kessler.

Mr. and Mrs. John (Jack) Locke, of Dripping Springs, Texas, are visiting his sister-in-law Rosina Locke. They visited with their family in Albuquerque over the weekend.

Jimmy Bledsoe painted all the trim on the Old Lincoln Church recently. The bell tower was too high and will be painted later.

The Mormon Church held an open house for their new church.

There are more billboards going up in the Ruidoso valley and I really don't like them. It seems to detract from the beautiful countryside of Lincoln County. Just my opinion.

Bell Cattle Company first 'Gate to Plate' event stop

The New Mexico Beef Council's Gate to Plate tour made their first stop in May at the Bell Cattle Company near Corona, a fourth-generation Lincoln County ranch.

Other Lincoln County stops included the Carrizozo High School Meat Science Lab and the Elgin Breeding Service in Capitan.

Every other year, the New Mexico Beef Council (NMBC) stages its Gate-to-Plate tour, that takes opinion leaders on an in-depth look at the ag industry, in an up-close and personal way.

Thirty-eight legislators, print and television journalists, representatives from congressional and senate offices and members of the agricultural community boarded a bus in Albuquerque for a two-day tour of the central New Mexico ranching industry.

Also included were leading agriculture experts and specialists, who delivered informative presentations on various aspects of the industry on the bus on subjects such as water conservation and understanding the impact of public lands regulations.

Corona hospitality

Mack and Betty Anne Bell, and their son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Crystal Bell, and their entire family, pitched in to give tour participants a "hands-on" view of cattle work, including branding. Mack spoke of the importance of conservation practices and the legacy of family ranching.

The day was highlighted with a ranch-style brisket lunch served by the Crown

CowBelles of Corona.

Crown's and New Mexico's oldest CowBelle, Geraldine Du Bois Perkins, 98, was on hand to lend her own brand of humor and history. Perkins has been a lifetime resident and rancher in and around Corona.

The next stop was Carrizozo High School Meat Science Lab, where students on the Meat Judging Team explained the importance of their program and to teaching beef safety.

Students who enroll for this program can graduate high school with skills that make them employable and contribute to the local economy.

Tom Bertelle, director of Center of the Plate at Albuquerque wholesaler Zanio Foods, gave a demonstration of the value-added cut of a flat iron steak. At the Meat Science Lab, students learn how to prepare such cuts.

At Elgin Breeding Service, guests observed an actual semen collection and Phil Townsend talked about the technicalities of artificial insemination, a key aspect of the ranching and dairy industries.

"The tour is an excellent way to tell the story of the ranching industry and ranchers as people and as strong, hard-working families," said Dina Chacón-Reitzel, executive director of the NMBC.

"Contrary to the image many have of the control wielded by big agribusiness, in New Mexico 97 percent of ranches are still in family hands. This is a great opportunity to emphasize the economic importance of ranching in our



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New Mexico CowBelle president Lanita Rasak, "oldest CowBelle" Geraldine Perkins, and her daughter, Sherrill Bradford were part of the Crown CowBelle group to serve dinner to the Gate to Plate tour group.

state, on stewardship, and on the crucial impact ranching has on maintaining our rural communities," Reitzel said.

Day two in Roswell

Tour participants spent the night in Roswell and began the next day with a visit to the Roswell Livestock Auction. Much of the day focused on the burgeoning dairy industry in the Roswell area, with visits to Select Milk Producers Milk Ultra Filtration and Reverse Osmosis Facility, and the Three Amigos Dairy. Lunch was provided by the Berrendo CowBelles at Lake Van in Dexter.

Learning curve appreciated

"I loved every minute of the tour and learned so much,"

said Laura Marrich, food editor of Albuquerque's *Weekly Alibi*. Her sentiments were echoed by Gwyneth Doland of the *Santa Fe Reporter* and Toby Smith of the *Albuquerque Journal*. Other journalists on the tour included Larry Behrens of KOAT-TV Channel 7 in Silver City; Kathy Louise Schuit, editor of the *New Mexico Business Journal* and A.J. Dickman of the *Roswell Daily Record*. KBIM-TV also featured the tour, and Tim Keithley devoted a half hour of his popular "New Mexico in the Morning" program to an interview with NMBC chairman Tammy Ogilvie and director Luke Woelber.

Rep. Janice Arnold-Jones, Rep. Tom Anderson, Rep. Hector Balderas, Rep. Jimmie Hall, and Sen. Vernon D. Asbill, also enjoyed the trip, as

did Danny Milo from Sen. Jeff Bingaman's Office, Callie Gibson and Erik Webb from Sen. Pete Dominici's office, and Joan Cok, director of UNM's *Story of New Mexico*. Rep. Candy Spence Ezzell joined the group in Roswell.

Friendly and polite

"This tour was a great opportunity for me to see first hand, the workings of a cattle ranch and dairy farms," said Rep. Tom Anderson. "What you read about middle America is true. Folks are friendly, polite and patriotic."

The Gate to Plate Tour is sponsored by the New Mexico Beef Council, and funded by the Beef Checkoff program. The Checkoff dollar is provided through cattle sales by ranchers for education, research and promotion of the beef industry.

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26th Annual Smokey Bear Fun Run registration is now open

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Race registration for the 26th Annual Smokey Bear Fun Run has begun. The race will run at 7:30 a.m., July 4, in Capitan.

Early registration is \$15 and will be accepted until June 26. Late registration is \$20 and runs from June 27 until 7:15 a.m. the day of the race.

On race day, registration is located in the park behind the old train depot just north of the Pine Lodge Road and Smokey Bear Boulevard intersection in Capitan.

The 2-mile and the 10-K races will start at the intersection of East Creek and Pine Lodge Road. The elevation at the start/finish line is 6,350 feet.

There is a 60-foot elevation gain between the starting point and the turn around point for the 2-mile run and an additional 230-foot gain for the 10-K runners before the turn around.

Plaques will be given to the top three overall finishers, male

and female, 2-mile and 10-K. The top three finishers in each of the race divisions and age groups will receive medals. Age groups are 10 and under, 11-14, 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over.

Smokey Bear will present the awards to the racers as they complete the race to allow runners time to attend the 51st annual Smokey Bear Parade.

Each registered runner will receive their choice of a t-shirt, embroidered hat, or embroidered bandana and many other collectable Smokey Bear items.

Entry forms can be picked up at the Capitan Village Hall, Smokey Bear Historical Park, or downloaded from the Web site at www.smokeybearfun-run.org.

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For more information, contact the race director, George Tippin, at 354-7021 or email racedirector@smokeybearfun-run.org.

COLORED A CHAMPION

Robbie Lee Richardson was named the overall winner in the Otero County Electric's Coloring Contest. The Capitan third-grader, headed to the fourth-grade, is said to be the youngest to ever win the contest according to OCEC member sercie advisor, Gary Coleman.

Other Capitan winners in places 1-3 were:

Second-grade: Logan Wood, Christopher Newton, Collin Parks

Third-grade: Robbie Lee Richardson, Shanna Briggs, Sofia Mendoza

Fourth-grade: Jacob Griego, Shaylee Dyer, Angel Cobb



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Ol' George Tippin shows off his t-shirt for his sponsorship of the 2006 July 4th Smokey Bear Fun Run. Sponsors receive a shirt with their name on it and participants will get the same shirt without the business name.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Carrizozo pool open

The Carrizozo Swimming Pool has opened for summer business. Hours of operation are noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and closed Mondays. Cost is \$2.50 for kids under 18 and \$3.50 for adults. Season passes are available for families for \$75 and individual for \$50. The pool phone number is 648-2937.

Capitan parade entries

The registration deadline for the Smokey Bear 4th of July Parade is June 23.

Late entries will be placed at the end of the line and will not be eligible for judging. The year's parade offers two theme options - Pioneers of Lincoln County or Patriotic.

The parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m. The most outstanding entry will receive the Chamber of Commerce award.

Prizes will be given in the following categories: pioneers of Lincoln county, patriotic, musical, equestrian, open, kids entries 12-years and under and best dress cowboy and cowgirl 12-years and under.

Entries will be based on adherence to theme, workmanship, originality and over all

appearance. For complete information and a parade entry form, contact the chamber at 354-2273 or visit the Web site at www.villageofcapitan.com.

Dairy heifer clinic

Jay and Crystal Eldridge, Lincoln County Fair dairy superintendents, are hosting a dairy heifer clinic, 8 a.m. - noon June 29 at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds.

Taryn Allen, Texico graduate and successful dairy heifer exhibitor, will be the instructor. Allen has won at county and state fair levels, including numerous showmanship awards and is a member of the State Champion Team in Dairy Judging.

Allen will be assisted by Johnny Ogden, New Mexico Department of Agriculture dairy specialists and current Eastern New Mexico State Fair Dairy Superintendent.

The agenda includes instruction on where to get dairy heifers, financing a dairy heifer, grooming and showmanship. The clinic will be \$10 per person.

Participants do not have to own a dairy heifer to take part but are encouraged to bring one if it is halter broke. For more information contact, the Eldridges at 354-2474.

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Engineering firm selected for spaceport

SANTA FE — New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans and General Services Secretary Arturo Jaramillo this week announced that DMJM/AECOM has been selected to provide professional services for the architectural and engineering programming stage of the Southwest Regional Spaceport project.

"This announcement means we are officially moving beyond just talking about the Spaceport," stated Secretary Rick Homans. "We are moving forward with the actual programming, engineering and design. New Mexico is doing something that has never been

done before, any where in the world — building the world's first purpose built, commercial spaceport."

The three finalists were DMJM, Merrick & Company, and URS Corporation. The members of the winning team include: DMJM/AECOM and New Mexico based design consultants Dekker Perich Sabatini, and Molzen-Corbin & Associates.

"The General Services Department is glad to have had a part in this historic undertaking," said Secretary Arturo Jaramillo. "This is further proof that the procurement process is fair and efficient and results in the taxpayers of New Mexico

getting the absolute best value for their tax dollars."

The primary work to be accomplished by DMJM/AECOM will be to conduct the programming and engineering work at the Southwest Regional Spaceport, including, but not limited to hangers, control building, support buildings, roads, utilities, launch pads and fuel storage facilities.

DMJM has over 40 years of experience in supporting the Air Transportation and Space Travel industries. They are a global company that operates in more than sixty countries, with more than twenty four thousand employees. Some of their most noteworthy projects

include: the 2012 London Olympic facilities master design plan, the NASA security improvement program, the Space Shuttle orbiter access and support systems at the Kennedy Space Center, the Atlanta International Airport, and the American Airlines Terminal at JFK Airport in New York City. In the recently published edition of Engineering News Record, where the top 500 design firms were ranked, DMJM/AECOM was named number one in both the categories of transportation and in pure design.

The New Mexico Spaceport project will be conducted in two phases. Phase I will be the pro-

gramming stage and Phase II will include the full design stage. All work on this project shall integrate building materials and methods that promote environmental quality, economic vitality, and social benefit throughout the construction and operation.

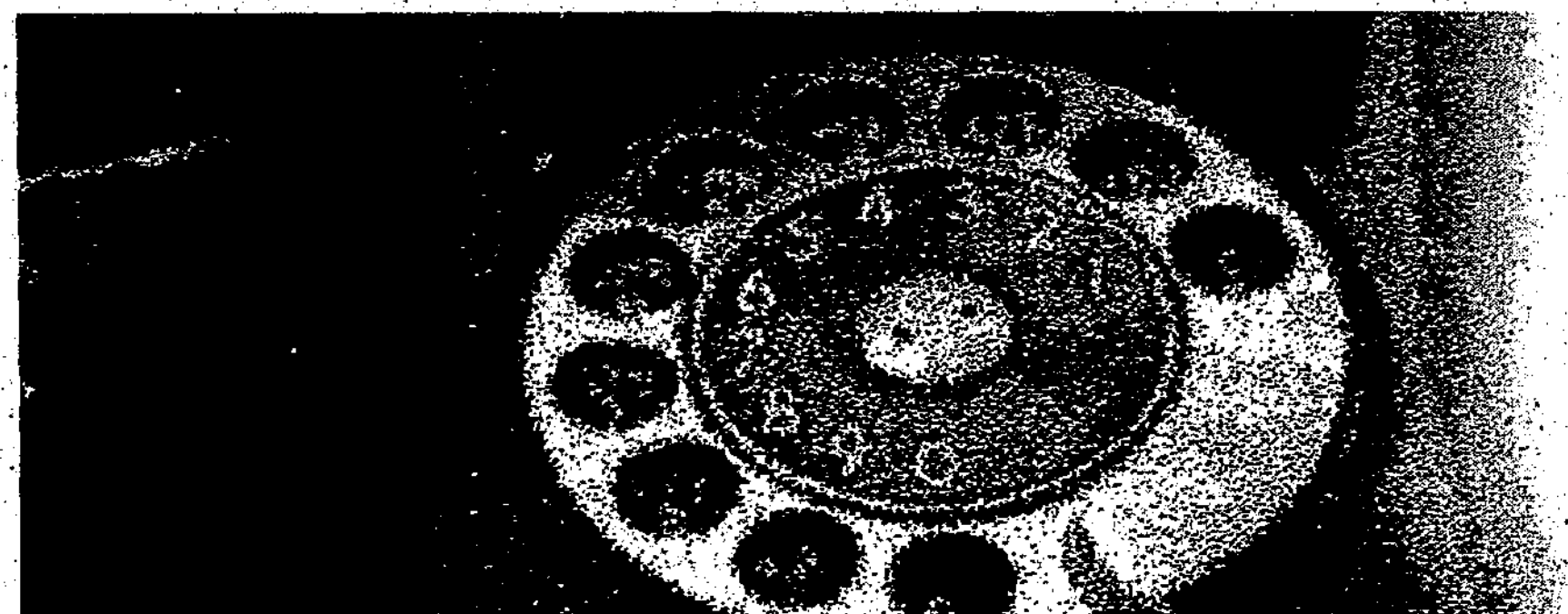
The New Mexico Economic Development Department is currently working with various commercial space operations including Virgin Galactic, Starchaser, UP Aerospace and others, on a program to establish the new Southwest Regional Spaceport at Upham, New Mexico. Creation of the spaceport will provide a key component in the State's efforts

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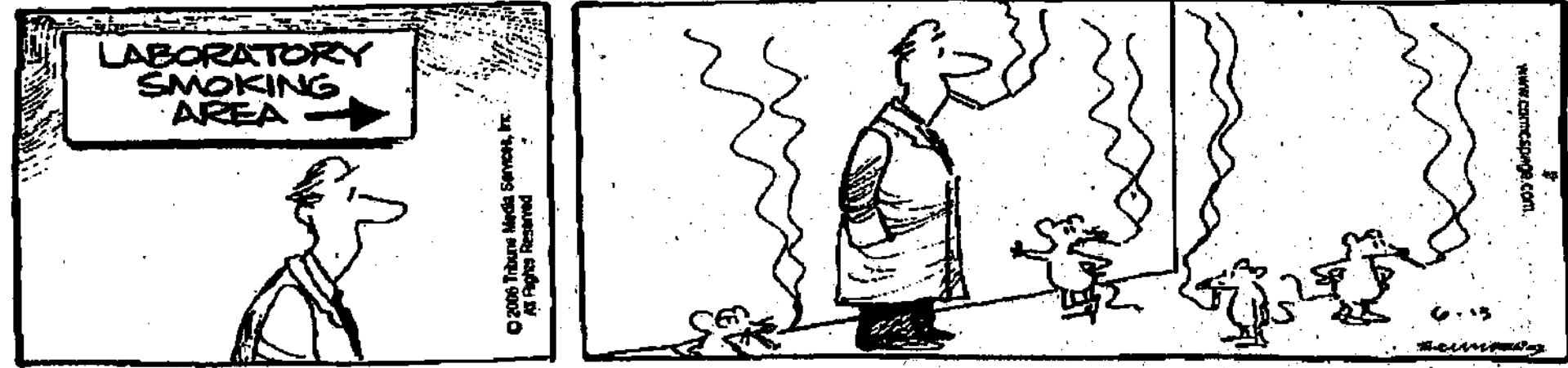
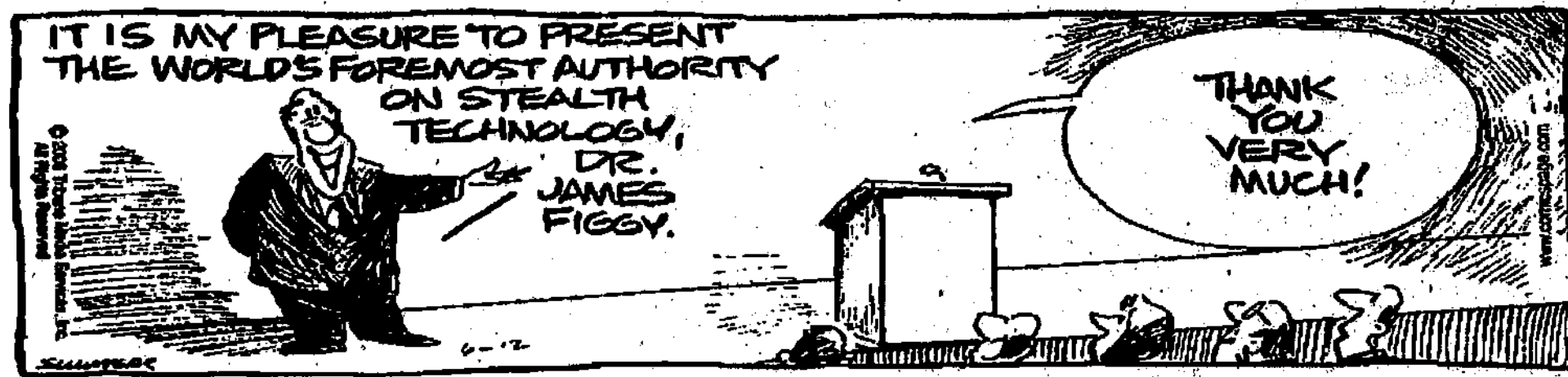
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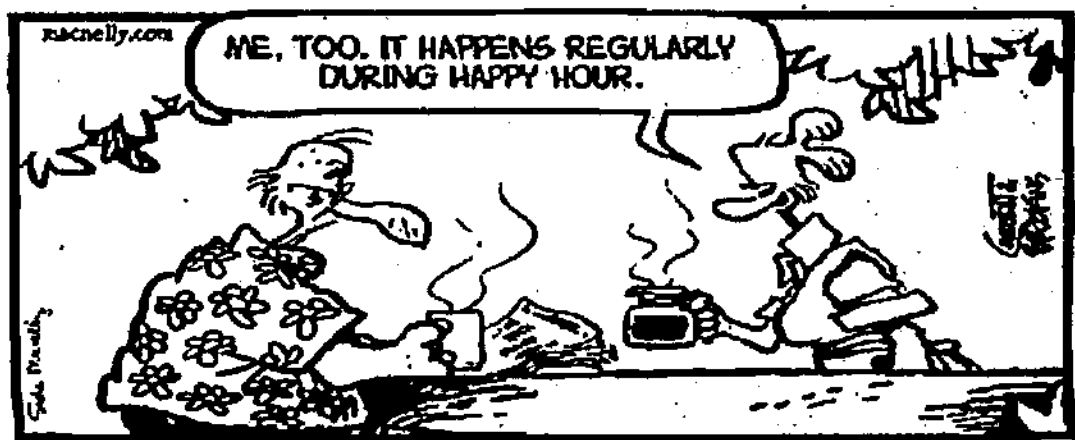
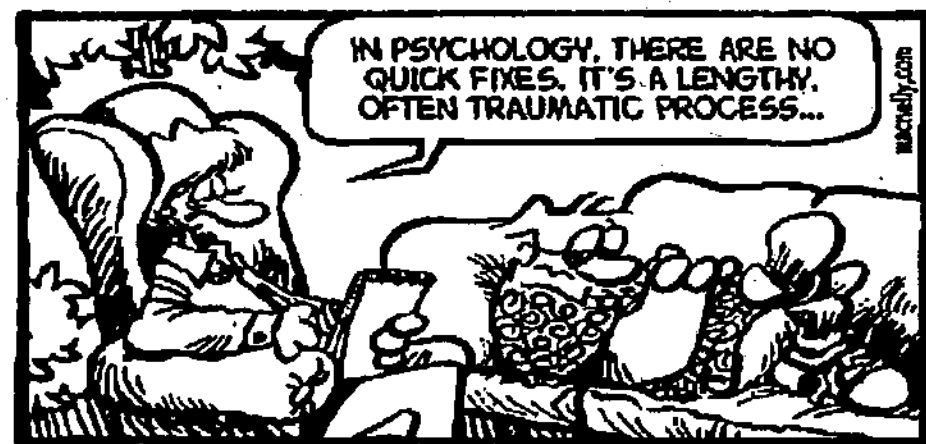


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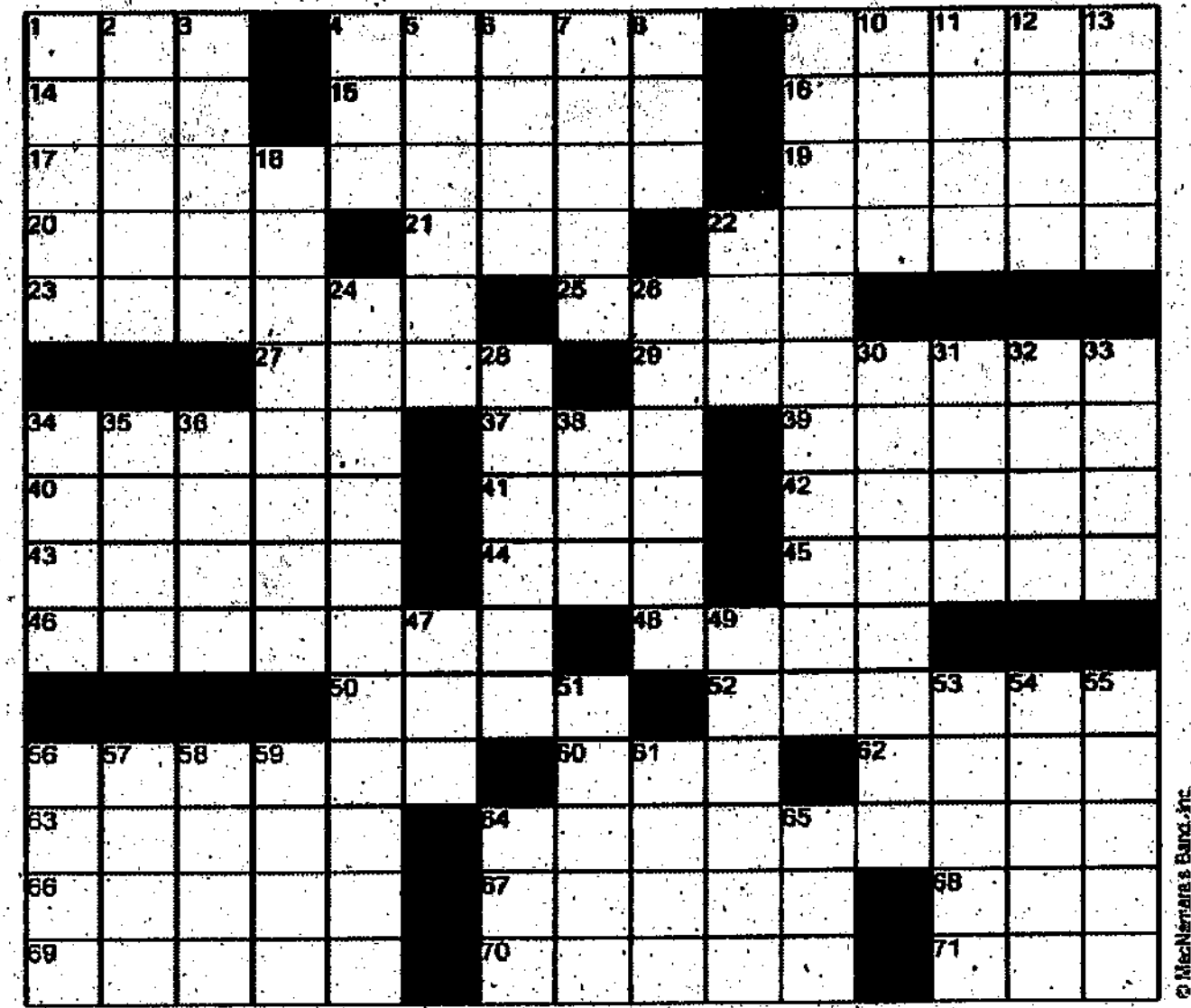
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1. Hippie's home
4. Carl of "Cosmos"
9. Mine passage
14. Chowd down
15. Hacienda brick
16. Hobbes, in "Calvin and Hobbes"
17. "Fatal Instinct" actress
19. Give the slip to
20. Poi source
21. Numbered rd.
22. Strongly opposed
23. Come into view
25. Sitarist Shankar
27. Prescription items, for short
29. "Winner — be present"
34. Pie nut
37. Have title to
39. Abalone shell lining
40. Item in a chain
41. ___ tai (rum drink)
42. Pointless
43. Brown ermine
44. Two-by-two vessel
45. PC encyclopedia medium
46. Get sick
48. Skid Row denizen
50. Stage digressions
52. Bar "where everybody knows your name"
60. Research room
62. Ward of "Sisters"
63. Access AOL, e.g.
64. Mick Jagger ex
66. Martin's "That's"
67. Van Gogh painted here

Females With Male Names



68. Fleur-de—
69. Walk unhurriedly
70. Toasting word
71. Mad Hatter's drink

DOWN

1. Cut-and—
2. First-stringers
3. "The Wreck of the Mary"
4. Two cents, so to speak
5. Was gaga over
6. Joint woe
7. Capp's Yokum
8. Photog's image
9. Fleetwood Mac singer
10. Honeycombed home
11. Petri dish gel
12. G-men and T-men
13. Palm, for one
18. Oscar-winning Sally Field role
22. Forum greeting
24. "Laura" star
26. Golf pro Sorenstam
28. Iman is one
30. Like a fop
31. Tar Heel State: Abbr.
32. "Answer yes —"
33. Abound
34. Futive whisper
35. Kutt of old comics
36. Chuck wagon figure
38. Simple card game
47. Audiophile's shelfful
49. California's ___ Tar Pits
51. Bob Cratchit's job
53. Handed out
54. "Dallas" matriarch
55. Zesty dip
56. Chowder morsel
57. ___ sapiens
58. Swelled heads
59. Cork's land
61. Folksy Guthrie
64. Madison or Monroe: Abbr.
65. Designer label initials

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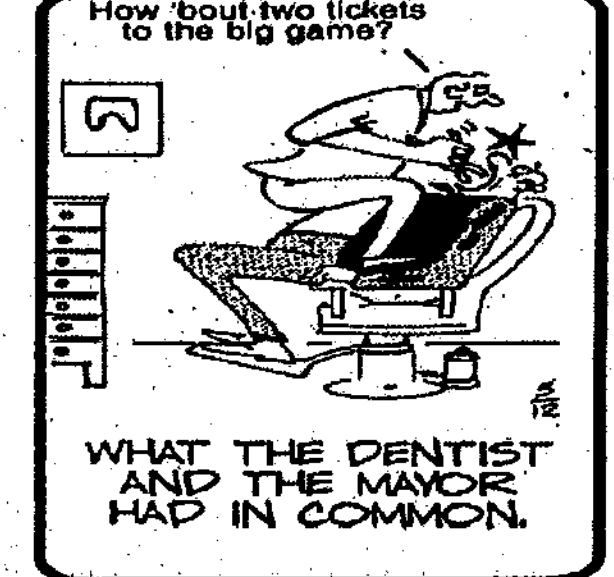
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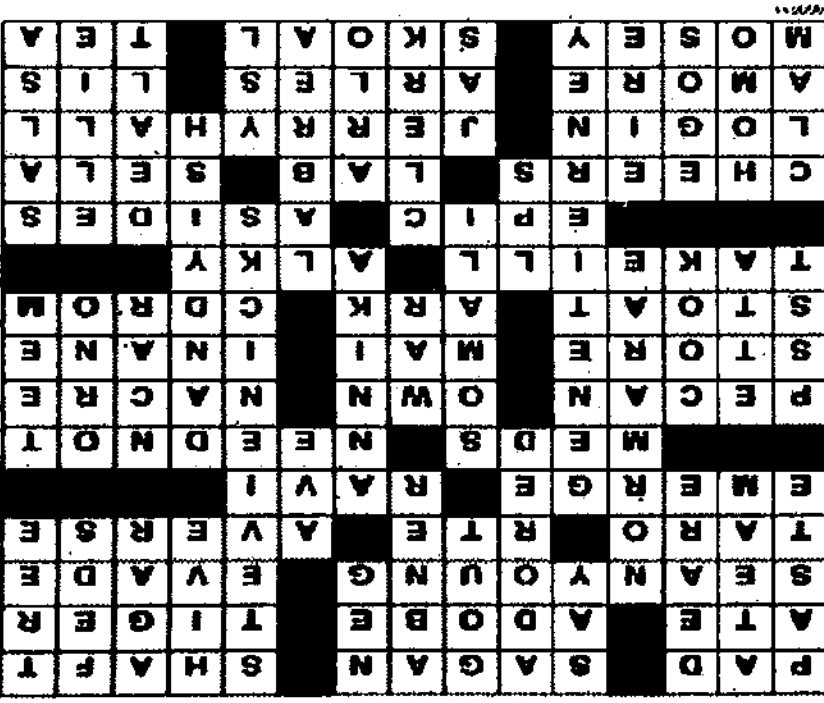
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