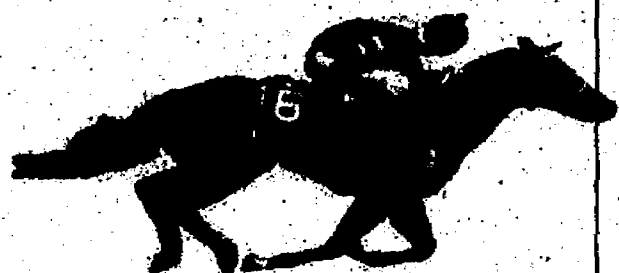


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Residents drop the 'M' word on Council

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Water workshop gets complicated, page 7A

Practical questions about the village's water supply and the status of a 40-year water plan were coupled with a call for a blanket moratorium on development last week as Ruidoso residents told village councilors they want more action on water problems.

Jack McGrann first asked how many days of water remain in the village's main reservoir at Grindstone. Although he didn't receive the answer until later,

as of Tuesday 210 days was the response from Village Water Director Ken Mosley.

But Mayor L. Ray Nunley emphasized the number only refers to the reservoir and its associated water rights.

"That's not all the supply we've got," he said last Wednesday. "Our wells are doing O.K. At Eagle Creek, production went up from 175 gallons per minute to

265 gpm. We're going to hook up the well at the high school, and a well off Gavilan that we haven't used in years.

"Things are not as bleak as they made things sound."

But Tuesday, McGrann told councilors, "There is a growing concern in the village that the council is not acting with a sense of emergency in a water crisis."

While severe water use conservation restrictions are in effect and Nunley was

quoted in an Albuquerque newspaper about possible water rationing and a broader-than-exists construction moratorium during a meeting with members of the New Mexico's congressional delegation, "Yet, we come to this meeting tonight and it's business as usual," McGrann said.

"We don't have a 40-year water plan yet. It looks like you are shooting from the hip."

The money spent on the plan was wasted, "And we're facing a water cri-

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Sonia Sanchez, 8, and her younger sister Mikayla, 4, ready their poles for the 13th Annual Youth Fishing Day Saturday at Grindstone Lake in Ruidoso.

Annual Youth Fishing Days set to cast off at Grindstone

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Some of the fishing poles are short and colorfully decorated, but then so are many of the anglers who will show up Saturday at Grindstone Lake for the 13th Annual Youth Fishing Days celebration.

Sonia Sanchez, 8, and her sister Mikayla, 4, brought purple and pink poles as they limbered up their arms and tested

their aims casting into the reservoir Monday.

The morning of fishing was created as a way to introduce youthful fishermen 12 and under to the joys of hooking a rainbow trout or floating across the water in a canoe, said Larry Cordova, wildlife biologist with the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

Staff from the U.S. Forest Service in the Lincoln National Forest joined representatives

of Wal-Mart, the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and Ruidoso River Association to stage the annual event. Along with hundreds of participants and their family members, they will fish from 9 a.m. - noon, to increase awareness of recreational fishing and to encourage young people to fish and learn about natural resource stewardship.

Children can participate for free. Activities will include a talk by Game & Fish and U.S. Forest Service employees, an appearance by Smokey Bear, fishing, displays, prizes, canoe rides, snacks, and drinks.

Prizes are being donated by local businesses. Bring fishing poles and gear.

For more information, contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at 505-257-4095.

—Dianne Stallings

Village Council lands compromise to keep lake open to the public

Reluctant to close Grindstone Lake to the public even for half a day to accommodate a youth fishing derby, Village Council struck a compromise.

They told Larry Cordova, the event organizer and a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Forest Service at the Smokey Bear Ranger District, that he could select an area where non-derby fishermen could be restricted until the derby ends at noon, June 24.

Cordova said this year's event will be the 13th Annual Youth Fishing Day in Ruidoso, and as many as 700 people have attended in the past, considering the young participants and their parents or guardians.

"We usually are fighting for space with the other fishermen," he told councilors last week.

"We put up a stage. It's not just the derby. There are canoe

rides for the youth, which also get in the way of other fishermen."

Grindstone Lake, the city's main reservoir, is about the only fishing hole open, he said.

When Cordova initially suggested closing the area to the public the morning of the derby, Councilor James Stoddard said it is a public facility paid for with public money and stocked with trout by a state agency.

Village Attorney Marc Prelo agreed that if someone drove up from El Paso, he would be hard-pressed to justify turning them away and it would generate some outrage. He suggested roping off a small area for the public during derby hours.

Cordova said he could find the manpower to maintain the separation for those hours and thanked councilors for their cooperation.

—Dianne Stallings

Man faces new charges in sexual misconduct probe

■ While waiting in jail, Manuel Nava is served with additional warrants

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A man arrested in Ruidoso Downs last Wednesday on charges that he sexually assaulted a 9-year-old boy is facing additional charges of sexual misconduct this week.

Monday, deputies with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department served Manuel Nava, 59, while jailed at the Lincoln County Detention Center, with two additional warrants including two counts of criminal sexual penetration of a minor, a first degree felony, and three counts of criminal sexual contact with a minor, a third degree felony.

Nava was detained June 14 on two counts of criminal sexual contact of a minor, a class three felony, and one count of enticement of a child, a misdemeanor violation, when it was alleged that he molested his step-grandson.

Wider investigation

Charges this week resulted from a widening investigation lead by Richard Schwalm with the Ruidoso Downs Department of Public Safety, who concluded that the sisters of the boy, ages 11 and 14, also may have been sexually abused.

"So far all of the victims involved are family members," Schwalm said.

"But, our investigation is not over. It seems this has been occurring with family over the last several years and, possibly, with others before that."

Gathering evidence

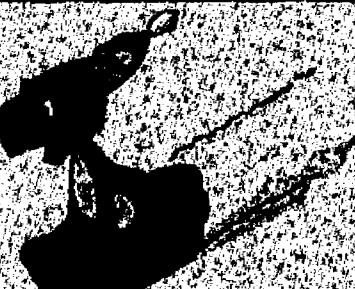
Schwalm said his department conducted forensic interviews with minors in the family over the past week but are continuing to investigate new leads.

"We've interviewed one 23-year-old girl who is not a member of the family who said she had sexual contact with Nava between the ages of 9-14 but the statute of limitations has run out on that case," Schwalm said of the case.

Nava is being held on a \$1 million bond.

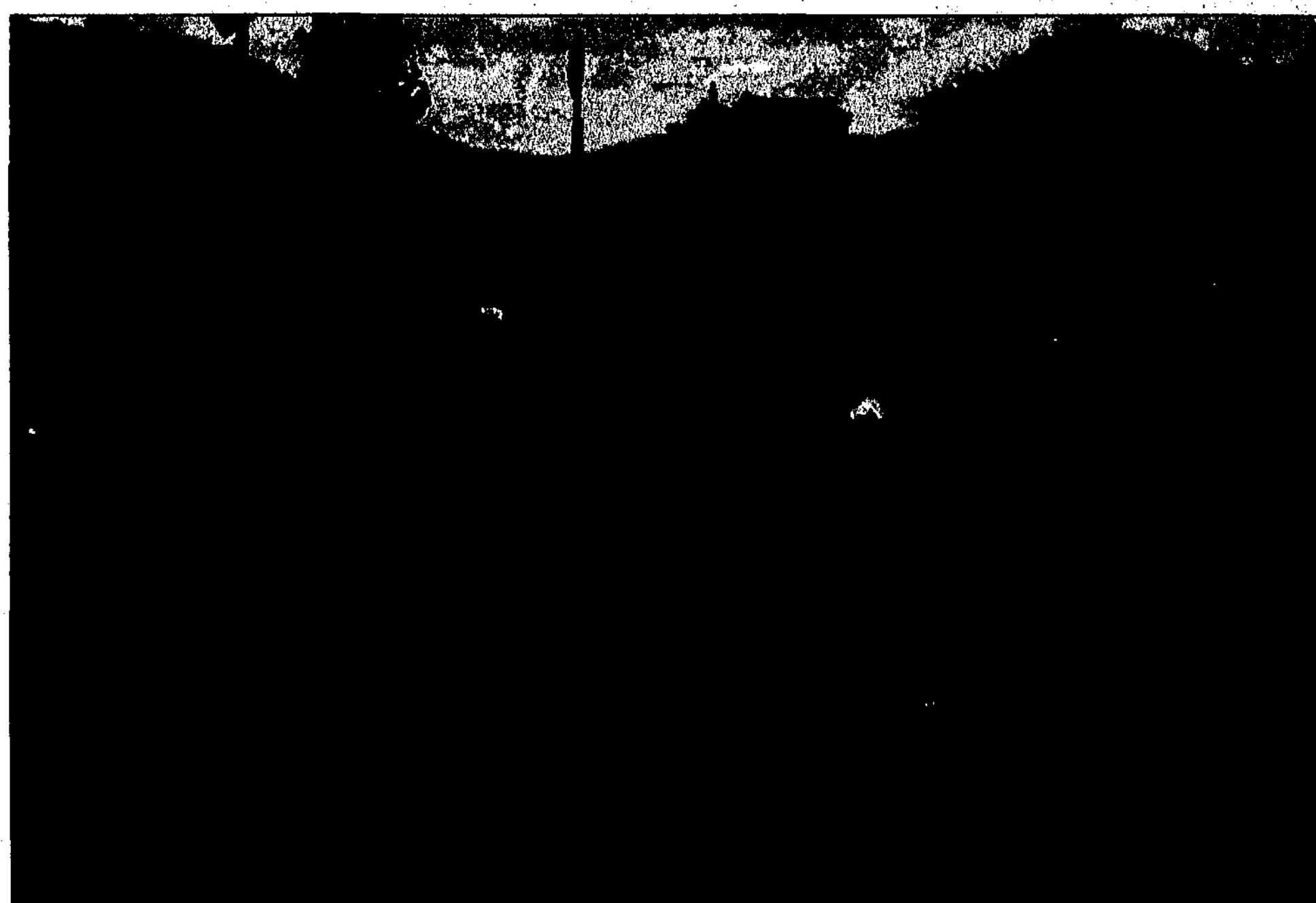
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With Ruidoso's water supply in critical condition, the Lincoln County Medical Center is converting a large swath of its conventional landscaping along Sudderth to xeriscape (low water use landscaping). "We want to do our part to save on water and hopefully add a little more beauty to the setting," said hospital administrator Jim Gibson. The new landscaping against the hospital's main building uses drought-tolerant plants and shrubs, gravel and mulch to conserve water. A drip irrigation system and extensive composting around all trees on the hospital grounds will add up to further water savings. "A reliable water supply is essential to the delivery of quality health care," Gibson said. "We want to be a good neighbor, and we want to ensure that more of the water we use ultimately benefits the health of our patients." The hospital was founded in 1950 and has been managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services since 1972.

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New Mexico At A Glance

Moon Phases

Last Jun 18	New Jun 25
First Jul 3	Full Jul 11

UV Index

Wed 6/21	Extreme
Thu 6/22	Extreme
Fri 6/23	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	70	mst sunny
Albuquerque	97	69	sunny
Carlsbad	101	69	pt sunny
Chama	79	45	mst sunny
Clovis	97	68	pt sunny
Deming	102	67	mst sunny
El Paso, TX	103	76	mst sunny
Espanola	95	61	mst sunny
Farmington	94	52	mst sunny
Gallup	91	47	sunny

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Grants	93	50	sunny
Guymon, OK	100	69	pt sunny
Hobbs	99	68	mst sunny
Las Cruces	101	72	mst sunny
Las Vegas	88	54	mst sunny
Lordsburg	102	67	mst sunny
Lubbock, TX	97	68	sunny
Odessa, TX	98	70	sunny
Raton	91	54	pt sunny
Roswell	100	69	pt sunny

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Santa Rosa	98	64	pt sunny
Silver City	95	61	mst sunny
Socorro	98	64	mst sunny
St. Johns, AZ	89	61	sunny
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Tucuman	96	63	pt sunny

National Cities

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Atlanta	94	72	pt sunny
Boston	79	65	sunny
Chicago	88	68	t-storm
Dallas	94	76	sunny
Denver	86	58	t-storm

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Houston	85	74	t-storm
Los Angeles	77	64	mst sunny
Miami	87	79	t-storm
Minneapolis	86	65	mst sunny
New York	84	70	mst sunny

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Phoenix	109	83	sunny
San Francisco	78	58	sunny
Seattle	68	50	sunny
St. Louis	94	79	t-storm
Washington, DC	89	73	pt sunny

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DPS open house

The public is reminded that the Ruidoso Downs Department of Public Safety will host an open house today at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 122 Downs Dr.

The event gets started inside the Hubbard Room with informational talks on community policing, neighborhood watch programs, and discussion on how the DPS handles incoming calls and investigations.

A question-and-answer session and tours of police facilities also are planned. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call 378-4001.

Altrusa grant

Altrusa Club of Ruidoso announced the approval of a grant from Altrusa International Foundation to help support the work of HEAL (Help End Abuse for Life). Altrusa will use this grant to participate in the Adopt-A-Room project for The Nest, the domestic violence shelter under construction in Ruidoso Downs.

Altrusa will donate a total of \$2,000. The Foundation has granted \$1,000, and the local Altrusa Club will match that amount. The money will be used to furnish a room at The Nest.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available through sponsoring Altrusa Clubs from the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. to improve economic well-being and quality of life through the Foundation's commitment to community services and literacy. Established as a charitable corporation in 1962, the Foundation is committed to the service goals and objectives of Altrusa International. Its sole purpose is to assist Altrusa Clubs throughout the world to carry out their programs of community service and assistance to individuals in need.

Funding is provided by voluntary contributions from members, Altrusa Clubs and the general public.

For more information contact Judy Griffin at 937-5437.

Lighting the light

The New Mexico Department of Transportation District 2 and the Village of Ruidoso invite the public to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the N.M. 48 signalization and intersection improvement project at 10 a.m. June 26, at the intersection of Mechem and Sierra Blanca Drive.

Appearing will be New Mexico Department of Transportation District Engineer Gary P. Shubert, Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley and others representing the Village of Ruidoso.

The project included a traffic signal, pedestrian-friendly accessories, a turn lane and pavement markings at the intersection of Mechem and Sierra Blanca Drive. W.W. Construction Inc., a New Mexico contractor, was awarded the \$361,000 installation project.

For more information, contact Manon Arnett, public information officer with the New Mexico Department of Transportation District 2 office at 505-637-7210 or 505-840-5133.

Amateur radio days

On June 24-25 Ruidoso's Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club will participate in Field Day near Schoolhouse Park just south of Hull Road and Warrior Drive.

Field Day is an annual tactical emergency communications event that allows Amateurs (Hams) in North America to test their equipment and train

for a major disaster event. Operations start at noon on Saturday and end at noon on Sunday.

For Field Day, amateurs will deploy under emergency conditions using emergency power sources, radio equipment, antenna systems, and temporary shelters or tents.

Field Day provides a way for amateurs to train and to test the tactical equipment that they would use during a major disaster. Competition to establish two-way communications with other ham radio groups adds spice to the exercise.

During any major event normal cellular and land line telephone and fixed two way radio networks may be overloaded or may cease to operate. Amateurs with portable or mobile radio stations can establish new communications networks that can be used to help handle the increased message loads that exist during any major disaster event.

According to Rick Sohl, New Mexico emergency communication services coordinator, "During 2005 amateur radio facilities were used to provide needed communications support when the regular communications infrastructure failed during the Katrina and Rita storm damage on the Gulf coast. Some of this support came from amateurs from Roswell, who deployed to provide such support."

Amateur radio's emergency support teams in every county in New Mexico provide volunteer support to local and state agencies. In Lincoln County, almost 50 local amateurs are members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES). The Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club provides the primary support for these service groups.

Those who attend the Lincoln County / Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club Field Day event can view the operation of three or more radio stations and see a demonstration of amateur television and some other digital or exotic communications modes.

Handouts will be available with more information on ham radio, ARES/RACES and other ham radio activities in Lincoln County.

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Resident contends Moon Mountain development still a possibility

■ Sandy Schiffman asks Council to restate its opposition to any plans for development

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A resident of the lower reaches of Moon Mountain warned village councilors last week that plans for developing state trust land on the mountain still being considered.

Sandy Schiffman asked for another resolution from the council reaffirming its opposition to residential and commercial development of the mountain, especially in a high density approach. Councilors agreed to place the item on the next regular meeting agenda.

Holding up a map showing a large area in blue slated for development, Schiffman reminded councilors that one proposal called for substantial residential and commercial development.

But many residents and visitors want to see the mountain left for herds of deer, flocks of wild turkey and other wild animals. State Public Lands Commissioner Patrick Lyons attended a council meeting last year to explain that his role is to figure out ways for public lands to produce income for the state's Permanent Fund.

By swapping for land that can support oil and gas leases, or by selling or leasing the Moon Mountain property, he can produce revenue for the fund, he said. Lyons offered to work with the Village, the local community college or a private group for a sale or lease to maintain the land as a refuge, for hiking trails or for educational purposes. But without a source of money, no one has taken Lyons up on that offer, and he indicated at a recent meeting that he remains open to all offers.

At the time of Lyons appearance, rancher Lionel Burns was talking about a swap of his land in McKinley County for acreage on the mountain. Councilors approved a resolution opposing development for several reasons, including a lack of ability to supply water.

Schiffman told councilors, "Many feel the Moon Mountain situation is settled, but it has not yet. When I stood here 11 months ago and asked if you

knew anything about (plans for development), everyone was surprised."

She noted that Lyons, a Republican, is running for reelection, and his Democratic opponent, Jim Baca, came out against development on the mountain without community support.

However, during Baca's previous service as public lands commissioner, a proposed plan of development was drafted for Moon Mountain, which lies between Gavilan Canyon Road and Paradise Canyon Road.

Several residents drove to Santa Fe seeking documentation on the issue under the Freedom of Information Act. They found a map dated in March of this year, "issued well after this was supposedly closed," Schiffman said.

The map shows a pocket of state trust land lying outside Ruidoso's municipal limits that equates to two-thirds of the size of the existing village, she said.

Thursday, Schiffman said she was upset to read a letter to the editor three or four weeks earlier from a Santa Fe woman who defended Lyons, because she later found the woman listed on a Web site as a public information contact for the public lands commissioner.

"I wanted to bring that out, because it was not fair to readers of the newspaper," Schiffman said. "It really upset me because she wrote it as if she were a private individual. She wrote that she didn't know



Holding up a copy of a map she said was found in the State Public Lands Office dated in May, Sandy Schiffman said the blue area showing state trust land atop Moon Mountain still is targeted for massive development.

what the fuss was about because it all was just a possibility. Then I ask why was all the money spent for surveys and projections?"

Schiffman said she kept her presentation brief last week at the request of the mayor and wasn't able to cover all of the points. But she may have another chance when the item comes up for discussion and possible action on the council's agenda June 27.

In other business, the council approved ownership trans-

ferrals of liquor licenses to Mark Allen, the new owner of Coyote Cantina; and to Casa Blanca Restaurant.

In the hope that meetings may wrap up earlier in the evening, councilors changed

the time of their regular twice a month Tuesday meetings from 6 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

After several late night sessions, Councilor James Stoddard, who was elected in March, suggested meeting earlier. Apparently, that didn't sit

well with at least one person. George Wilkinson, who ran unsuccessfully in the same race as Stoddard for a seat on the council, said, "Didn't Mr. Stoddard understand the meetings start at 6 p.m. when he ran?"

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OUR OPINION

The first day of our summer of discontent

Village Council facing a frustrated constituency

Ruidoso Village Council is expected to conduct a retreat this summer.

The timing couldn't be better.

We trust this getaway – Cloudcroft has been mentioned as a site – will not be a nice-nicey, feel-good session. We're way past that. The honeymoon following the municipal elections is over. There are some hard decisions and philosophical introspection facing this council and administration.

We detect about town a growing resentment, a building frustration, over several festering issues.

In the past few weeks the council as a body has managed to alienate the artists community over a bungled RFP for arts tourism; just tell us what you want, artists are pleading

to the Village.

The council, justly or not, is perceived as taking residents' water and giving it to developers, hotels and visitors. The council, quite justly, is seen as stonewalling on a bill to Allhub Investments, Inc., for payment on the Links golf course lease – this despite reports handed down by the state auditor and an independent review firm.

Oh, and might we mention acute concerns over waste-water costs and design plans?

The day-to-day administration of a – pardon the term – growing community is not an easy one, especially against the backdrop of scarce resources. Beyond that, however, the people's representatives had better dig deep for answers that will shape Ruidoso for decades to come.

The Dixie Chicks:

The long way to No. 1

Welcoming graduates, to final commencement ceremonies for Column Writing – A Noble If Not Rewarding Profession.

Our comprehensive two-hour course covered important territory. We thank guest lecturer and former congressman

Randy "Duke" Cunningham for his insightful thoughts on "When is it proper to take payola? Let's talk numbers."

It was kind of columnist Ann Coulter to share her latest essay, "Yes, I am a despicable witch, but a rich despicable witch."

Some seminar leaders were a little disconcerted to observe the feverish note taking during "Fact checking is like a good steak – you don't want to overdo it."

As we leave one another this afternoon to spread truth throughout the land, I want to implant this final idea: when you are looking for column fodder, stay away from the Dixie Chicks.

Let me tell you from personal experience that you can't come out ahead with the Dixie Chicks even if you ace the lesson, "Walking both sides of the fence; how to trick readers into believing maybe you think the Chicks were wrong to criticize the President."

The Texas girls, aka Dixie Chicks, enraged their fan base when they said, while appearing in London, they were ashamed President Bush was from Texas. Then they said they were sorry. Then they said they weren't sorry. Then they said...

This column took the position that the Dixie Chicks had a right to their opinion and that one should separate the merits of their musical contribution from the perceived heresy of their personal politics, even when expressed in a foreign land. Wrooonnnngg!

Anyway, poor girls, they got boycotted by the deejays who played country music. But as Ruidoso reader Chay Rennick said in a letter to the editor,

their latest album "Taking the Long Way" hit number one on the Billboard charts. An email forward from the address of Ed and Carolyn Dittmer affirmed the Chicks are atop Billboard for the third time in their career.

The chicks didn't get there with the help of two Farmington readers. Linda Hooper emails, "Just wanted to let you know that if the station I am listening to plays a Dixie Chick song I will switch stations or turn my radio off. Everybody makes mistakes but they won't let it die. They should keep their mouths SHUT..."

Judy Miller echoes those sentiments. She remembers how much Farmington enjoyed the Dixie Chicks when they entertained at Freedom Days 20 years ago. Back in those days, Judy writes, they "were wholesome and good entertainment for the times." But, she adds, "I cannot and do not respect the way they have chosen to disrespect the country..."

Give me Toby Keith any old day, writes Audrey Kittrell of Clovis.

Not all the email was anti-Chick. Gene Nash of Deming had harsh words for what he terms "Republican idiots" and says the "assault on the Dixie Chicks was sickening." Gene says he never really liked their music that well, but bought the latest CD to prove a point. So, there.

Hugh Izek agrees, only in harsher terms.

So, fellow columnists, you must listen to music not for its pure enjoyment, you must try to understand the politics of the singer and, perhaps most important, the underlying message of the song.

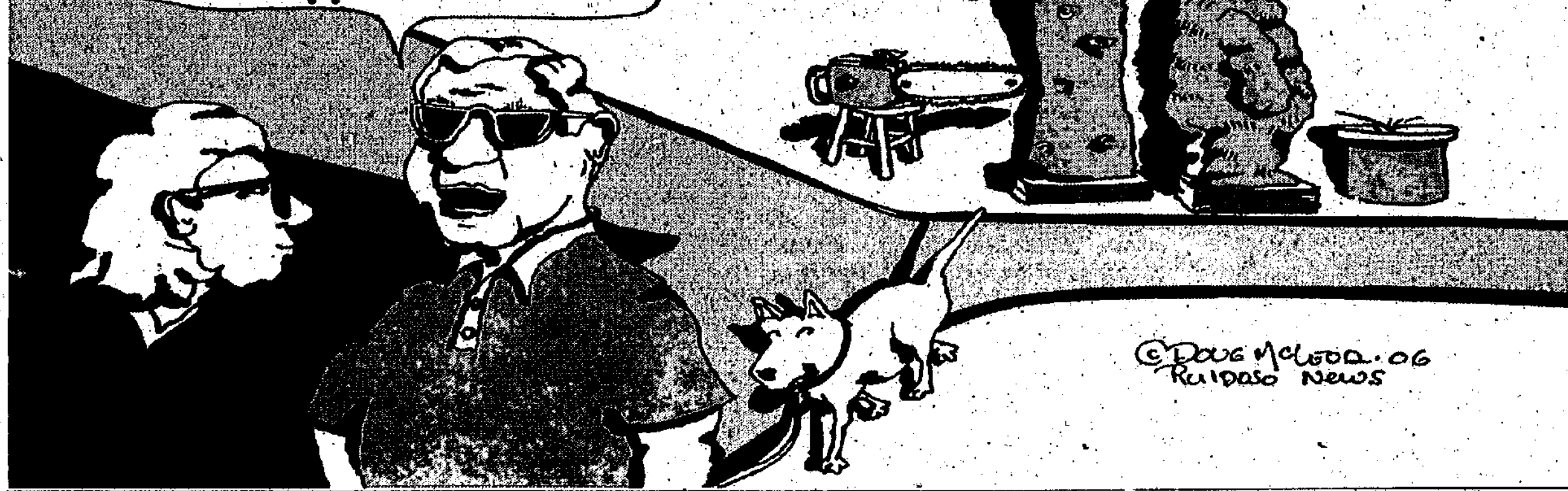
As for me, I am still trying to figure out why Billie Jo McCallister jumped off the Tallahatchee Bridge

Ned Cantwell – ncantwell@charter.net – just heard Somewhere Over the Rainbow. He gets it.



LOOKING ASKANCE
NED CANTWELL

Seeing the Mayor and some village councilors back out on their promise to support the arts council, makes me think that is the extent of their art appreciation.



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Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Village reneged on commitment to arts group

To the editor:

I am a Lincoln County artist. I moved to the area three years ago at a time that national publications indicated that Lincoln County and Ruidoso was a fast-growing area for the promotion of the arts. The headline was: "Look Out Aspen – Here Comes Ruidoso."

The Village of Ruidoso supported the arts then, through grants from a village agency. Those grants and resulting publicity were a major reason that various art tours and events prospered and brought tourists to the area, even when it wasn't skiing, racing, hunting or fishing season.

Art tourists helped fill the hotels, cabins, and restaurants, paid the higher than normal gasoline prices, bought groceries and souvenirs, and paid lodgers, car rental, sales and use taxes.

Then, about two years ago, the Ruidoso Village Council decided to privatize promotion of art tourism. The village publicly asked local artists to form a volunteer private agency.

The village's publicized plan was to continue the same art tourism promotion program that the village had previously done internally, through the new private agency. To motivate the formation of the new agency, the Village promised the artists that adequate operating funds would be available to the agency for the program through an RFP (request for proposal).

That is the sole reason why the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts came into being: that the Village of Ruidoso asked them to do so in order to administer an ongoing village program.

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This was not something new, nor a give-away to artists. The Council for the Arts had no other reason for coming into existence. And by the way, that Council for the Arts was and is the only entity in all of Lincoln County whose sole mandate was to promote art tourism.

The volunteer Council for the Arts – as planned and requested by the Village – submitted an RFP response (essentially, a request for funding) to the Village Council. The RFP response was accepted by the Village Council – not declined.

As a result, the Village of Ruidoso became rationally, ethically and contractually obligated to fund the Council for the Arts the sum of \$40,000 for the fiscal year 2004-05 to carry out the arts promotion program the Village wanted. Last week the Village Council admitted in open session that the village totally reneged on its contractual obligation, and funded not a single cent.

According to newspaper accounts, the only reason given was to the effect that, "We forgot." It was a bizarre meeting and result probably unheralded in the history of the Council.

Then to make matters worse, the Village Council added, "and we can't do anything about our mistake now because

it's a different fiscal year. But please feel free to apply again for a new RFP for next year."

The Village Council did issue a new RFP, which on its face means that the Village Council says it wants to pay someone to promote arts tourism, and is willing to pay that someone to administer that promotion of the arts on behalf of the village.

The Council for the Arts, being almost penniless and in debt because of the Village Council's breaches (and perhaps being slow learners), obliged the Village Council and filed an RFP response for 2005-06, instead of pursuing the obvious remedy of suing the Village for breach of contract.

The sentiment that prevailed in the Council for the Arts must have been to be good soldiers and not make waves. However, going a full year without promised funding almost certainly assured that the Council for the Arts would be too deeply in the hole to survive even if a new RFP was granted, because the new RFP would not address the past year's financial crunch caused by the Village's breaches.

The Council for the Arts was the only

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Carl Kelley's wastewater proposal worth a look

To the editor:

As a former member of the Ruidoso Village Council from 1996-2004 I remember I was terribly unimpressed with the work that Molzen-Corbin did for our Village during that time frame.

In visiting with Carl Kelley Construction Company about our Waste Water Treatment Plant and the solution they propose, it would appear that they might be able to bring us into compliance in a few short months and long-term save the taxpayers of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs about \$6 million as the plant is being rebuilt.

The track record of Carl Kelley Construction Company speaks for itself on the many projects that they have done in this community.

If I were still a member of the Village Council I would be remiss in my duty to our citizens if I did not take a serious look at the Carl Kelley proposal.

Bob Sterchi
Ruidoso

Still believing in heroes

To the editor:

It was interesting to read about former sheriff Tom Sullivan appearing in the movie "Requiem for Billy the Kid." It's good for Lincoln County and also for

Sullivan's 40-year acting career.

I well recall going to the old outdoor theater at El Paso's La Hacienda in the 1960s many times during the multi-year presentation of a western melodrama where the hero saved the heroine from the nasty villain.

Tom, of course, was the hero. One line in the melodrama had the villain tell the audience that Tom promised his mother that he would never become an actor and, so far, he has kept his promise.

It appears that is not the case anymore, but evidently the good people of Lincoln County (as well as France) still believe in heroes. Cheers to Tom!

Wayne Stephens
Abilene, Texas

Small minority rules

To the editor:

The primaries are over and most of the signs are gone. What "signs" are left are called "voter apathy."

I find the low voter turnout appalling. It's such a shame that several candidates lost by fewer than 10 votes.

The bottom line is this – only about 200 people voted in one [county] district and 400 in another. Yet over 4,000 want service from these commissioners. Those 3,400 who didn't vote will be the first

ones to complain if things don't go their way.

The apathy of the voters now allows the small minority to control all of our futures.

Wake up, people – and participate.

Lynne Bruyere
Ruidoso Downs

Shocked and thankful

To the editor:

On behalf of the "Shockers" community softball team I would like to thank those local businesses that sponsored our team: Long's Drug, Print Write Now, Checkers Auto Parts, Ruidoso Wireless, Chileos, Chuey's Kwik Stop, Apple Tree Inn, Indoor Outdoor Décor, Candle Power, Ace Village Hardware, Lincoln County. Abstract & Title Company, Foxworth Galbraith, Weber's Grill, City Bank, Wells Fargo, Sierra Blanca Motors, Sweet Retreat, Wal-Mart, Best Western, Pine Springs, The RAC, Many Moons, Final Touch-Sheila Martin, Cree Meadows Country Club, The Links Golf Course.

Without their great generosity our team would have been non-existent. We look forward to next year.

Lynn Salas, Shockers manager
Ruidoso Downs

WALTER RUBEL

State making progress with child support

SANTA FE — Lorenzo Barela and Wayne Unruh of Las Cruces are among the state's 20 "best dads" for consistently paying child support. Farmington's John Ortiz and Artesia's Thomas Hughes also made the inaugural list.

The state Human Services Department is required by statute to release a quarterly "25 most wanted" list of those noncustodial parents — almost always dads — who are abysmally behind on their court-ordered child support payments, according to a press release issued by the department this week explaining its new list.

The 20 names for this list were culled from thousands of parents who have consistently met their obligations during the past five years.

The list, which the department believes is the only one of its kind in

the country, was released this week to coincide with Father's Day.

OK, so it's a little gimmicky. Still, the "Best Dads" list is reflective of a real effort that has taken place at both at the Children Youth and Families Department and in the Legislature to bring some balance to the emotional and painful issue of child support.

A decade ago, common wisdom held that the best way to deal with parents who fell behind on their child-support payments was to slander them as "deadbeat dads" and then slam them with penalties and interest rates more usurious than anything ever dreamed of in the payday loan industry.

The state used its mighty clout to revoke such essentials as business licenses and driver's licenses from those "deadbeat dads." They also

risked public humiliation through the "most wanted" list.

It was hoped that by swinging such a big hammer, the state could keep noncustodial parents in line, make sure the payments were on time, and relieve state government of the burden it faces in helping the mother and children get by when the support check doesn't come.

Too often, the crackdown had just the opposite effect. Fathers would fall a few months behind, and the interest and penalties would start to mount. It didn't take long for the situation to become hopeless.

Soon after, the state moved in, taking the man's licenses to work and drive in New Mexico.

And then daddy moved away. The 2004 Legislature passed a child support enforcement reform bill that reduced interest rates, set a

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statute of limitation for establishing paternity and created a program in which both parents can sit down with a mediator from the state and work out a reasonable payment program.

Because child-support rulings are ordered by the District Court, the state is limited in what it can do. It cannot force a parent who is owed child support to come to the negotiating table.

But for the vast majority of those parents who would like to see a resolution, the mediation could be a huge

help.

The program will likely bring more money into the system, as fathers who had given up are now getting a second chance to make payments they can handle.

But the biggest beneficiaries will be those children who will once again have a father in their lives.

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applicant. The Council for the Arts came to the Village not as an adverse negotiator, nor out to make a profit as is the usual case of contracts with the village.

It came as a penitent, saying in effect, we are an all volunteer organization, existing at your beck and call, willing to allow you to dictate the terms of the RFP response, and willing to administer your program at any level you desire, allowing you to dictate all terms.

Your wish is our command. We exist at your pleasure. We submit an RFP response in the form you previously approved, and using dollar figures we understand to be acceptable to you. If you want us to change anything, we will.

The Village Council's response? "Gotcha, red-headed stepchild!"

In this week's meeting, the Village Council ignored all history and what should be its collective guilty conscience, and doomed the Council for the Arts to oblivion by rejecting the new RFP response as "too general."

Because the new RFP response was in the form previously accepted by the Village Council as a shining example, it cannot be debated that the only reason for rejection was that the new mayor and all of the Village Council, except one, arbitrarily, secretly and capriciously changed their own rules. The Council for the Arts' only sin: inability to foretell secret rule changes, and to guess accurately what the village Councilors now wanted.

There's something awful, here, Watson, that's not being told.

When a previous Village Council outright breaches an RFP award in the prior year, and also reneges on promises to the Council for the Arts to receive lodgers' tax revenues, and then a new Village Council rejects an RFP response on fictitious grounds, one wonders whose and what agenda is being carried out.

The Village Council keeps moving the target, for whatever is its reason. Call it whatever you will: smoke and mirrors, bait and switch, etc., but the Council for the Arts keeps trying to do what the Village says it wants the Arts Council to do, only to be swatted down

at every turn.

The Village Council has through its consistently broken promises and stalling techniques starved to death the only agency in Lincoln County that had an undivided mandate to promote art tourism.

And nothing exists to take up the slack, nor does it make sense for anyone else try to organize, given the Village Council's unreliability. And if a Village Director of Tourism position is formed, you can count on art tourism being a minor or incidental function of the director's mandate.

To this observer, the Village Council and Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee have a blind spot, if not animosity, toward making this a thriving arts community and art tourism destination. Ruidoso and Lincoln County don't want us?

Fine, the word will spread. More astute cities and villages try to cultivate their reputation as an "arts destination" because the arts bring their own separate tourists and help support the economy, even when there is no snow, or the forests are closed by drought.

"No more Art in Public Places, no more Mardi Gras, no more Treasures of Sierra Blanca art show, no more concerts, no more new events. Congratulations, Ruidoso has gotten what its elected representatives voted for."

No, wait, that's us. Stay tuned. The Council for the Arts is dead, shot in the back by both the old and the new Ruidoso Council regimes.

Literally thousands of hours of volunteer effort, and thousands of dollars in private donations to keep the Arts Council alive have been lost.

There will be one more music festival (already funded by the Council for the Arts by drawing on its last remaining reserves), and one more art walk. Then, no more Art in Public Places, no more Mardi Gras, no more Treasures of Sierra Blanca art show, no more outdoor concerts, no more new events.

Congratulations. Ruidoso has gotten what its elected representatives voted for.

What does it mean to you as a non-artist citizen? One, your economy will

suffer a bit, because there will be no broad-based entity to specifically promote the arts across the board — just sporadic efforts by small handfuls of artists to promote events for specific weekends.

Two, some really bad press, at least regionally, and possibly nationally.

Three, less advertising, with no community-wide arts events or sponsors.

Four, less taxes collected, and fewer dollars for artists and art suppliers to circulate in the community.

Five, a worse place to live, if culture is of any value to you.

From this point, Aspen can stop looking over its shoulder to see if Ruidoso is catching up. We're not. We're in the weeds.

Marvin Smith
Nogal

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MORE ON THE RUIDOSO SEWER PLANT

As was promised in the June 14, 2006 edition of the Ruidoso News this is another in the continuing series of PAID ADVERTISEMENTS intended to keep the Taxpayers informed as to how their money is being spent.

During the 13 June 2006 council meeting it became apparent that the Ruidoso representatives to the Joint Use Board had made commitments to the Board on behalf of the council and then brought them the billing to be paid. The exact legal relationship between the entities and the Joint Use Board is at best murky and perhaps needs to be better defined. We are dealing with an entity that was created over twenty years ago and was apparently ran by Ruidoso, with token membership by Lincoln County, and a here is your bill relationship with Ruidoso Downs.

When the aforementioned contract was presented to the council for ratification, Councilor Williams commented, "I feel like I am being held hostage in this matter." It would appear that if the Council is expected to pay the bills a consensus prior to a commitment is in order. The motion to ratify the contract died for lack of a second and was rescheduled to a future meeting. It is to be hoped that the submitting party will attend that meeting and explain the cost increases to the council. The contract in question is proposing a portion of an agreement with The Forest Guardians to stay litigation. Again a decision by J.U.B. that Council consent was not obtained prior to the commitment being made. A review of Council proceedings indicates that the decision to connect the Inn Of The Mountain Gods, The Travel Center and the Palmer Loop Subdivision was arrived at in the same manner.

The current direction for the method of selection of a construction concept for the WasteWater Treatment Plant is following the same line of reasoning that is causing problems with the disputed contract. The Engineering firm that was selected to do the review and make recommendation is proposing the DESIGN BUILD concept and will not recommend that DESIGN BUILD be explored. Perhaps if they were not allowed to submit an RFP for the design, supervision portion of this project, because of a conflict of interest, they might reconsider their recommendations.

If the Council does not assert itself in this matter and insist that an independent review panel of knowledgeable unbiased experts in the field make the recommendation, then the taxpayers stand to pay millions more in cost and accept exposure to EPA sanctions for several years more than is necessary.

This can be accomplished in relatively short order and still allow the business plan to be submitted to Governor Richardson by his September deadline.

One of the greatest problems, evident to those of long residency in the village, is the inability of current Councils to insure that future Councils will respect their projects in progress. An example of this is the decision of a many years' prior Councils decision to extend sewer lines in to areas in the County that had an impact on underground stream flows. Lines were extended to the Pine of Gavilan, Carrizo Lodge and Snowflake Ridge. Those persons residing along the extended lines were encouraged to connect by waiving aid to construction costs and allowing the connection fee to be the same as an in Village tap. The purpose of these paid by developer extensions was to decrease the nitrate and phosphorus incursions caused by septic tanks along the water sources. A subsequent Council then passed a moratorium on hook ups in the county. The developer of Snowflake Ridge may be in line for a refund of his \$250,000, as that line has not been connected to the system. The moratorium was waived in the case of the INN.

One of the further advantages of the DESIGN BUILD concept is that the entire project would be awarded as a single document and prevent future Councils from preventing the current Council's desires from being accomplished. Anyone with more than 20 years of memory will recall the odyssey of Grindstone Dam. And it is our sole salvation at this time. Several Councils went to extraordinary lengths to prevent the Dam from being placed into productive use and we are paying for that in leakage.

The primary election results are also of note as Jackie Powell, a water activist, was selected by a wide margin and Counselor Don Williams won over the current J.U.B. appointee. Although the Current County seat might be more properly filled by an Otero County Commissioner since they have far more contribution to the plant than Lincoln County.

Another example of disaster at taxpayer expense was the water department electronic monitoring system, known as SCADA. The original design firm (Molzen-Corbin) proposed a system that none of the responding contractors could figure out how to make-work. As a result Wilson and Company was retained to design a system that would work. It is not known if any refund was demanded or received from the first design attempt. In addition Home Land Security money was ignored and Water Department funds were spent on the additions to the system.

Remember taxpayers that all government wealth was someone else's money at some point in time and that it is only fair to insist that it be spent in a manner intended to give you fair return for that persons money.

If you are a resident of Lincoln County, contact your elected representative and insist that your portion of the Government wealth be spent in a responsible manner. DESIGN BUILD will insure you that a single contract will get you the desperately needed waste water treatment plant in the shortest period of time and at the lowest responsive cost.

While you have that Representative on the line insist that you be represented through your elected Council at the conclave of the J.U.B.

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RUIDOSO NEWS EDUCATION

Principals set mind, body, spirit into motion

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Sustained leadership and accountability were among the catchwords tossed about this week during a summer academy for school principals held in Mescalero.

The academy, which began Monday and which wraps up today at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, was put together by the New Mexico State University's Educational Management and Development Department working in tandem with the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED). It was designed to provide refreshment to school principals, brainstorming opportunities, and to elicit feedback to a new evaluation system that NMSU has been contracted to develop for the state, said Maria Luisa Gonzalez, a regents professor with NMSU.

"We believe that leading schools is, after teaching children, the most important role in education. Principals are critical because if you do not have a good principal leading, [the environment] will be difficult for good teachers."

The three-day leadership academy in Mescalero was one of two conducted in the state this summer, Gonzalez said, and helped administrators understand the mind-body-spirit connection among all aspects of learning and educating.

The conference began with Debra Knapp, a dance professor at NMSU, guiding participants through an experiential understanding of how movement stimulates learning.

"Movement is the child's first teacher. Our brains develop through the body's movement patterns and breath integration," Knapp said as she led physical exercises.

"A decline in activity often relates to a decline in cognitive ability. And, as our kids get bigger, they get slower and test scores drop."

Taking advantage of the audience convened, conference coordinators queried principals on what they believe makes for a good learning environment. Elements identified in success stories shared may become part of a new principal evaluation system to be launched in New Mexico schools in 2007-08, Gonzalez said.

"In 2003 State Legislators put into law the implementation of a uniformed evaluation system for school principals and administrators," explained James Ball, education quality secretary with PED. "It is part of our overall education reform and relates to the new salary policy."

"Legislators have said that if administrators are to be guaranteed a minimum salary they must be held accountable for certain basic standards, just like teachers. New Mexico is only the second state in the country to develop an evaluation of this kind."



DEANNA CHENEY/STAFF

School administrators from throughout New Mexico participate in a "brain gym" or movement exercises, in the opening day session of the 2006 Summer Leadership Academy sponsored by the state public education department.

SHUTTER BUGS



DEANNA CHENEY/STAFF

A group of young participants who were enrolled last week in the Hubbard Museum of the American West's fine arts camp prepare to shoot each other and model John Eiert (dressed in period costume) during a photography session. Instructor M.L. Pearson told class participants that shooting family and friends "may not be the most fun type of pictures to take, nor the most exciting, but I guarantee you, they will be the most important pictures you will ever take." Before heading outdoors, Pearson provided a classroom instruction in photographing people, from lighting and subject matter to documenting pictures taken. Selections from each participants picture outing were mounted and presented for viewing by the public in a reception held Saturday.

ENMU-Ruidoso publishes Provost's List

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso has named 33 students to the Provost's List for the 2006 Spring Semester.

To be named to the Provost's List, students must earn a 3.25 or higher grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

The list has been prepared from information that was available at the time the computer generated list was compiled.

Students earning a spot on ENMU-Ruidoso's Provost's List for the Spring 2006 semester are:

Madalyn Adkins, Kristopher

Cardona, Laura Chiovone, Terri Clark, Kateri Coss, Patricia DeSoto, Jennifer Dutchover, Crystal Gheer, Audrey Gochenour, Nancy Gutierrez, Wesley Hall, Wendy Hancock, Tonya Haynes, Leopoldo Herrera, Destry Howland, Jacqueline Illingworth, Shawn Jewett,

Paula Kenyon, Amanda LaPaz, Sue Williams Lutz, Sashay Mills, Miriam Moreno, Jounrey Muniz, Heather O'Bryant, Natasha Parker, Jeffrey Priddy, Jessica Quantana, Karla Rank, Jennifer Stefani, Terri Stevens, Shonna Thomason, Michelle Thompson, Curtis Williams.

Landscaping, storytelling part of summer program

Registration remains open for two Community Education instructional programs offered this summer by Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso. Classes are open to the public who need not sign up for a credit-based curriculum.

To register, interested persons can stop by campus offices of ENMU at 709 Mechem Dr. or call 257-2120 or 630-8181. The Community Education Department is located at the Lincoln County Works Center inside State National Bank.

In Water-Wise High Country Gardening and

Landscaping participants will learn how to create drought-tolerant landscapes. Course topics include landscape design, plant selection, how to choose plants from a nursery, soil preparation and more.

Instructor for Water-Wise is Jim Miller with classes taking place June 26-28, 9-11 a.m., or 6-8 p.m.

All morning sessions will take place at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, 720 Sudderth Dr., and afternoon sessions at ENMU Room D101.

Children enrolled in

ENMU's Kid's Kollege will learn the basics of storytelling. Storytelling is one way humans communicate whether through a lullaby, fairy tale or acting. It allows the listener to create his or her own images and play them back on the screen of their mind, says instructor Nisha Hoffman.

Story telling workshops are age specific and are to be held at the Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd., Ruidoso: Uncle Remus' Stories, for children ages 6-8, 1-4 p.m., July 10, and; Caribbean Folk Tales, for chil-

dren ages 9-12, 1-4 p.m., July 12.

Cost for the story telling workshops is \$10 per child.

Additional courses offered this summer include Introduction to Country-Western Dance, Introduction to Latin Dance, Pine Needle Basket Weaving, Mah Jongg, printing making and textile art, Children's Spanish, nature rocks locating, math and science workshop for kids, astronomy and more.

To view a complete schedule of classes offered, log on to: www.ruidoso.enmu.edu.

EDUCATION NEWS

Band camp

A Band Camp concert, sponsored by ENMU-Roswell and the Roswell Recreation Department, will be held at the ENMU-Roswell Performing Arts Center 7 p.m. Friday, June 15.

The middle school and high school band camp participants along with several college music education mentors will present selections that include "Blue Ridge Saga," "Highlights from Harry Potter," "Land of Liberty," and a tribute to James Dean entitled "As Summer Was Just Beginning."

Directors for the camp are Dustin Seifert, Director of Bands from ENMU-Portales; Major Ken Tuttle, NMMSI Director of Bands; and Greg Odum, Roswell High School Band Director. J.T. Humphreys, NMSU music education major, will also conduct one selection.

The next Band Camp, sponsored by ENMU-Roswell and Roswell Recreation Department, will be held July 10-14, at ENMU-Roswell. A concert is scheduled for 7 p.m., Saturday, July 15. The camp includes sections for high school, middle school, high school jazz band,

and introduction to jazz for middle school. Directors for the camp will be John and Karen Batson.

For further information, contact Jane Batson at the Division of Health at 624-7233.

Capitan awards

Capitan Elementary School recently announced recipients of its end of the year awards for the first grade/Mrs. Rice's class. They are:

Fourth nine weeks perfect attendance: Elizabeth Autrey, Brandon Ingle, Harnah Proctor, Alejandro Trujillo.

Top Readers: William Heimann, Lizbeth Quiroz, Jacob Luna.

Tiger Tracks/Responsibility: Lizbeth Quiroz, Wendy Hull, Alejandro Trujillo, Brandon Ingle

Summer reading

The summer reading program at the Ruidoso Public Library currently is underway. Persons seeking enrollment in the read-a-thon and special events are invited to stop by the library at 107 Kansas Rd. for a complete schedule or call 258-3704.

The program runs through July 27 with prizes and certificates redeemable from July 28 through Aug. 4. A pre-kindergarten skills class and infant/toddler program are added to the schedule this year.

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.com or ritter@valornet.com.

net.com 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.

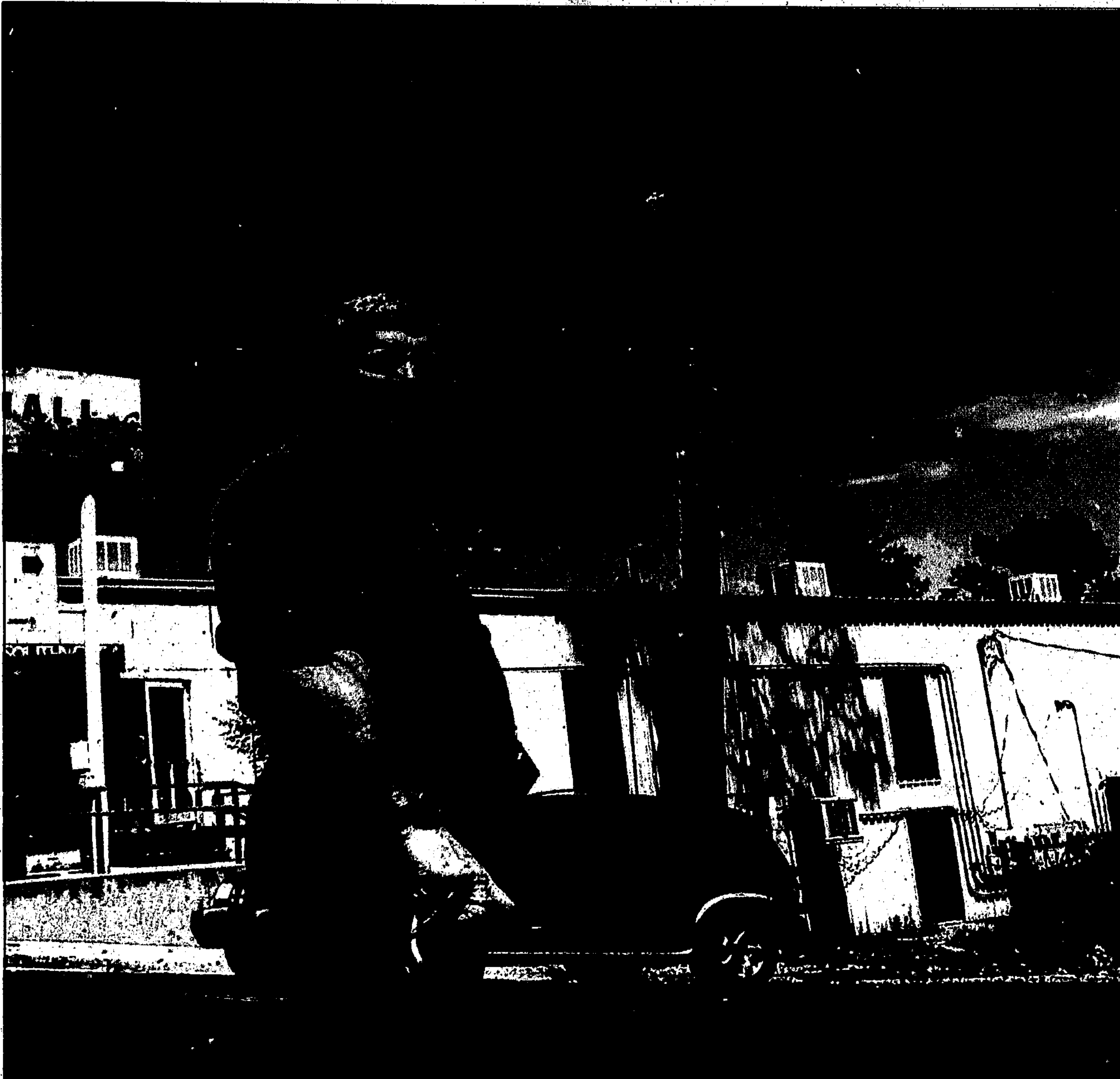
Graduates of the Ruidoso High School class of 1991 currently are being sought. A 15 year reunion is planned here for July 21-23.

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Jack McGrann watches another tree cut down in Ruidoso. Two more at the public parking area on Rio Street also were brought down recently. While he supports tree thinning efforts for fire protection and watershed restoration, McGrann said he wonders if more trees are dying because of the drought and if local officials are doing enough to conserve village water supplies.

WATER

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sis," McGrann contended.

Nunley said the council set up a water workshop for 4 p.m. Monday, when newer councilors can learn more in-depth what happened in the past and where the village currently sits.

"We have a lot more water than you think," he said. "We are conserving to protect the supply."

Moratorium 'supported'

McGrann said the petition calling for a moratorium met with heavy support, but many people wondered what happened to the 40-year plan.

That plan submitted to the State Engineer's Office in 2004 by consultant Dennis Brand was rejected. The person responding to the submission asked for reams of additional information, a recalculation of projected water demand, the development of a water audit program, a leak detection and repair program, a drought management plan, and called on those preparing the plan to rethink their approach to proving the sustainability of a water supply for the 40 years.

A spokesman for the SEO

previously said he is working with Mosley on the needed changes, but that no final plan draft was submitted.

To loud applause, McGrann said more public hearings on water should be conducted to keep people informed.

Andrea Reed was next at the podium. The 16-year resident of Ruidoso said she was asking the council for help.

"We have a water problem and development issues," she said. "Every day that passes and a new house goes up, we lose more water. We need an immediate town hall meeting to find out where people sit."

"We don't have a Phase 6 (of water conservation restrictions), so do we just run out of water? I have more than 300 signatures of people who favor a moratorium. People are willing to sacrifice. It shouldn't just be builders."

Reed said she's aware the governor is pushing for growth in New Mexico, but she challenged councilors to explain why springs and rivers are drying up, if the village has plenty of water.

"Everyone in town cringes at River Crossing (a condominium/retail complex that straddles the river in Midtown) and yet, you are allowing more and more such projects to go up," Reed said.

She quoted from a 2003 survey used in preparation for the village's comprehensive plan that showed residents and visitors treasure the serene natural environment, the river, the small town atmosphere and the trees.

Big buildings, 'no water'

"But all I see is big buildings and no water," she said. "I don't know the agenda of the council, but it seems you are not following the comprehensive plan that taxpayers paid for. You need to focus on goals and not work against the people."

She received the loudest applause of the evening.

Contractor Carl Kelley defended Brand, saying that the rejection wasn't "all his fault." The plan sat on the SEO desk for 11 months and the review changed hands. The new person came in with different ideas and even then, the plan sat on his desk four months, Kelley contended.

Jackie Powell with the Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee, told councilors, "It's good to know that we have

more water than we know about."

Nunley responded that the village is "in negotiations" and has two additional wells that can be hooked up to the system, one using a fast line, a temporary flexible type water line. But the use of that water depends on having water rights left to use on the Ruidoso River.

Powell talked about the river bed being dry at her house, at one mile above her in Glencoe and then again across from the Circle B Campground.

How do water rights help when there is no wet water to go with them, she asked.

Resident Rod Mays urged councilors to look at what Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez is doing to reduce usage in his town, with a goal of a 40 percent cut by 2014. Rebates will be used for installation of low-flow appliances and rain water harvesting system, he said.

Nunley said the Village already encourages graywater and rainwater systems, and added that, "There are a lot of things we can't talk about when we talk water."

WATER WORKSHOP

Mosley: Ruidoso's water system the most complicated in the state

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Calling Ruidoso's water system the most complicated in the state, Village Water Director Ken Mosley tried to explain the fine points to councilors and a dozen others who showed up for a workshop Monday.

After Mosley tackled the relationship of village treatment plants and the varying approaches to supply from surface water diversions to well fields, consultants spoke about their attempts to balance water rights with available wet water.

Frank Potter, former village manager and a consultant who works with Jack Atkins, the engineer responsible for keeping track of and tracking down new water rights for the village, said reality dictates that, "Not everyone is created equal in Ruidoso."

Future development must be tied to availability of water and the council needs an updated hydrological analysis of village aquifers and water status on which to base those decisions, he said. The last one was finished in 1976.

A new study would "tie development plans to available water and available water rights," Potter said. "It can be done and would be doing Ruidoso a big favor."

After listening to all of the explanations of various tasks with which consultants are charged, Councilor Don Williams asked where councilors can access the documentation on how water rights are locat-

"We have a lot of consultants. I'm confused on the organizational aspects of the water team. If someone wants to read about what you presented, where would I go?"

Don Williams
Ruidoso village councilor

ed and acquired.

"How is it managed," Williams asked A. J. Olsen of the Hennighausen & Olsen law firm, one of the attorneys handling rights acquisition and associated protest hearings. "We have a lot of consultants. I'm confused on the organizational aspects of the water team. If someone wants to read about what you presented, where would I go?"

Mayor L. Ray Nunley said the consultants would respond to questions from councilors, but trying to put everything in writing would "be a voluminous task."

Olsen said, "This is an ongoing thing and one thing leads to another. You're on the ground everyday looking for water rights and availability. It's the same with us."

Many issues are confidential and may be related to litigation, he said.

"But we're available to any councilors," Olsen said. "We could get answers for you and you can make the determination when to go public."

Dick Wisner, executive

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Ruidoso Water Director Ken Mosley prepares a slide show for councilors and the public at Monday's water workshop.

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Roger Peery of Shomaker & Associates, a water team consultant for the Village of Ruidoso, flashed a map on a screen at Monday's water workshop showing the watersheds around Ruidoso and how they drain toward the Hondo River. The white lines show major faults in the underlying geology.

+ WORKSHOP

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director of the Ruidoso River Association, called out, "It's called a 40-year water plan," in reference to Williams' request for something in writing.

That plan aims to lay out current operations and projections of how growth demands can be met. However, the Village's 40-year plan, after two years of work by a consultant, was rejected more than a year ago by John Longworth of the State Engineer's Office.

Mosley stepped in to work directly with Longworth to satisfy requirements and provide answers. He told councilors that the SEO will help the village with a water audit, designed to account for all treated water.

New Councilor Greg Cory asked where Mosley thought the most significant infrastructure needs exist and the direc-

tor said everyone seems to think leaks need to be fixed.

"But I don't know where they're at, so we have focused on replacing the old galvanized 2-inch lines with larger PVC lines," Mosley said. A program begun in 1997 that ran through 2002, replaced 11.1 miles of lines for a cost of \$3.1 million. The program was discontinued when he went to work for Ruidoso Downs, but he reinitiated it this year, Mosley said.

Cory said he hears estimates of from 10 percent to 45 percent loss from leakage. Mosley said trying to estimate leakage with inaccurate meters is difficult, and that's why for the last three years about 500 meters were replaced annually. In the middle of the night if a line breaks, it's impossible to calculate the exact loss, he added.

The new meters allow his staff to track usage at a home by the hour and detect if someone is watering a lawn under the cover of night in violation of village water conservation



Roger Peery

restrictions, he said.

Another 90 percent of water normally lost when lines are backwashed and cleaned also can be saved with special "decant" basins at Alto Crest and Grindstone, he said.

Consultant Roger Peery

with Shomaker & Associates outlined the geology of the area, showing the various basins and major fault lines. With the area's complex geological faulting and intrusions from the mountains, it's very difficult to understand, he said.



Jack Atkins

Atkins reviewed existing water rights, those under petition for transfer and lease and how the Village obtains water rights credit for return flow into the river.

He explained that although the village relies heavily on surface water flow, several productive wells are an integral part of the system.

He acknowledged that the Village owns more rights in the Eagle Creek Basin than it is able to reclaim in actual water, and fewer rights than it needs in the Ruidoso Basin.

Trying to grasp the village's true situation, Cory and Councilors James Stoddard and Michele Rebstock pressed for some quantification of the village water supply.

Cory clarified with Mosley

that while Grindstone Reservoir, the Village's main source of stored water, is down because the Ruidoso River is running too low for diversions, the lake only represents one segment of the total water system. The last diversion from the river, the only source of water for the reservoir, occurred about 2 1/2 months ago, Mosley said.

In describing the complicated system, Mosley said the Alto Crest treatment plant supplies one-half to two-thirds of the village while Grindstone serves one-fourth to one-third.

Forty different pressure zones are spotted throughout the village and more than 20 pressure reduction valves are maintained, he said, as well as numerous pumping stations.

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Governor proclaims the 2007 Legislative session as the year of water

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SANTA FE - After having proclaimed the last three legislative sessions to be the years of the child, judiciary and Legislature, Gov. Bill Richardson has selected a nonhuman focus of the upcoming 60-day session in January, 2007.

The 2007 session will be the year of water, Richardson policy advisor Bill Hume told members of the Legislature's Water and Natural Resources Committee on Friday.

Rep. Mimi Stewart, D-Albuquerque, was among those

who appeared a bit bemused by the announcement. Stewart noted that the governor just vetoed millions of dollars worth of water projects that had been passed by the Legislature this year, including \$75 million for the state's portion of Indian water-rights settlements and \$4 million for salt cedar removal.

"In other words, you're telling me if I reintroduce the bill, it will be OK," asked Rep. Andy Nuñez, D-Hatch, who shepherded the salt cedar eradication bill through the Legislature this year, only to see it vetoed by the governor.

Hume defended the decision to veto funding for the water rights settlement, saying that he thought it was the wrong time for the state to show that kind of money when negotiations were taking place on the state/federal split.

But, he conceded that other vetoes may have been due to a lack of understanding or knowledge.

"Perhaps in retrospect, last year was an educational year for the (Governor's Office) on water issues," Hume said.

Hume said that his proposal Friday was "deliberately imprecise" as to exactly what projects

would be funded and how, because the Governor's Office wants to work with the Legislature to establish priorities.

One specific that is in the governor's plan is to work toward passage of a constitutional amendment in November that would allow for the creation of the Water Trust Fund as a permanent fund.

"We will finally have a dedicated source of revenue that will enable that fund to grow independent of year-to-year budget uncertainty," Hume said.

State Engineer John D'An-

tonio said that with permanent fund status, the state would then be able to take out bonds off the money in the fund. That would enable it to complete the projects on a \$280 million bill that was introduced but not passed last year, he said.

"We can pay for these projects and make sure, on a year-to-year basis, revenue that is generated from that takes care of those needs."

Hume said the plan also includes capitol outlay reform, especially when dealing with small water systems. He said in the past they would scrape by until a pump went out, and

then come to the Legislature for help.

Now, the state will be looking for things such as business plans and rate schedules that are sufficient to meet future obligations.

Hume said the focus of the plan will be to protect senior water rights holds and to try to give agricultural producers some protection from the year-to-year swings in water delivery caused by the drought.

"We have to make certain that we don't let the dollar move all the water from agricultural to municipal and industrial uses," he said.

Emergency appropriations bill could rain drought assistance on Ruidoso and the Downs

An emergency appropriations bill on its way to the President includes \$9 million marked through the Bureau of Reclamation for the Village of Ruidoso and cities of Ruidoso Downs and Las Cruces.

U.S. Senator Pete Domenici Thursday announced he took action to ensure that emergency drought assistance funding, included that bill, is used as quickly as possible to help New Mexico communities that may run dry this summer.

The U.S. Senate voted 98-1 and sent to President George Bush a \$94.5 billion Fiscal Year 2006 Emergency Appropriations Bill, including \$9 million secured by Domenici to begin helping drought-afflicted communities gain access to additional water. At Domenici's request, the report language in the bill specifically cites hardships now faced by the village of

Ruidoso, and the cities of Ruidoso Downs and Las Vegas.

With the final vote, Domenici Thursday morning sent Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne a letter advising him that Congress accepted a Domenici bid to extend authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act, which had expired in September 2005.

Five-year extension

The bill that President Bush is expected to soon sign into law will extend this Bureau drought relief program for five years. This reauthorization is necessary for allowing the Bureau to use the \$9 to provide emergency water and water-related resources assistance to communities.

"I have asked Secretary Kempthorne to use every tool provided through the reautho-

rization to provide relief to struggling communities as soon as possible," Domenici said. "The drought is not getting any better and we have several communities already in peril of not being able to meet basic water needs."

In addition to approaching Kempthorne, Domenici indicated that he has also asked the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer to be ready to expedite any permits needed by the Bureau of Reclamation to implement emergency drought relief measures.

Through the Bureau's Drought Emergency Assistance Program, the agency will be able to assist states, tribes and some nonprofit organizations in finding ways to minimize the losses and damages associated with severe drought situations. This work includes on-the-ground relief for states such as

well drilling, temporary water distribution, contingency planning, and water banking, and conservation.

"The five-year extension of this program gives us one more opportunity for the federal government to help communities hit hard by drought. Obviously, I expect more than the initial \$9 million will be needed before all is said and done," Domenici said. "But this emergency funding is a good start and we will have to continue to see what can be done to help us survive this ongoing drought."

The assistance to be provided with the emergency supplemental funding would support efforts that were discussed during that April field hearing conducted in Albuquerque by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which Domenici chairs.

Domenici is chairman of the

Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee that will this month begin drafting the FY2007 spending bill to fund the Bureau of Reclamation next year.

The overall FY2006 emergency spending measure will also direct other border security funding to New Mexico as part of a \$1.9 billion package.

Domenici, who also serves on the Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, pointed out that the \$1.9 billion for enhanced border security efforts, includes \$708 million to support National Guard deployments and \$316 million for vehicle barriers, patrol roads and some fencing. This package also includes \$25 million for additional instruction and infrastructure upgrades at FLETC-Artesia to support Border Patrol agent training.

"The President and Congress are serious about adding manpower to the border," the senator said. "Between the President's call for 6,000 new agents by FY2008 and the deployment of National Guard troops, this message is loud and clear: illegal entry into the United States will no longer be tolerated. This package will help us shut down the border to illegal immigrants."

The conference agreement would make Department of Homeland Security funding available to support National Guard work on the Southwest border.

In addition, the bill provides \$316 million for the DHS Customs and Border Protection (CBP) directorate to construct 256 miles of vehicle barriers, 359 miles of patrol roads, and additional lighting and fencing along the border.

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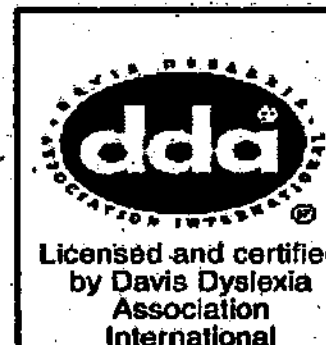
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Village Council balks at rate increase for water quality monitoring of the Rio Ruidoso

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Ruidoso village councilors continued to choke on a proposed 50 percent increase by Livingston & Associates in the price of monitoring water quality along the Ruidoso River.

"It was \$82,000 the last two years and now it's \$120,00," Councilor James Stoddard said last week. "I don't understand. I can't support it."

Mayor L. Ray Nunley said the scope of the work increased the first year as one more monitoring station was added, but Livingston didn't adjust his price then or over the next two years.

Village Manager Lorri McKnight said the one-year contract allowed three renewals

and contained a provision for the price to be adjusted.

"He has provided the service for three years and this is the first time he asked for an increase," she said. "The Joint Use Board favors continuing with him and the monitoring is important to the plant."

Nunley added that the data collected "is vitally important to those with whom we are in litigation (Forest Guardians) over the level of phosphorus discharge into the Ruidoso River from the treatment plant."

McKnight said Eddie Livingston submitted details on why the price increased, such as increased gasoline and labor costs.

Stoddard said the decision to raise their salaries was Livingston's and should have nothing

to do with the price of the contract with the Village.

Councilor Don Williams said the increase might have been less jarring if Livingston justified a smaller hike each year rather than hitting the council with a 50 percent whammy.

Councilor Michele Rebstock said Livingston might have been able to persuade councilors if he attended the meeting in person, and Nunley said that invitation will be extended. Williams said that may help, because the expense chart Livingston submitted was too complicated.

Stoddard asked what the repercussions could be of rejecting the new contract price. Nunley, who serves on the JUB, which approved the increase along with the Ruidoso

Downs City Council, which is a partner in the wastewater treatment plant, said someone else must be hired and they might charge more.

Rebstock said the council or staff could try negotiating a smaller increase as another alternative.

Councilor Angel Shaw said the JUB needs the data and going through the procurement process again would mean months without monitoring information. Nunley agreed it also would impact people downstream "who need our help."

When Stoddard said that staff should look at contract conditions every year, McKnight said they do. It's an annual contract and is reexamined each year for possible renewal, and also must be

approved by the two municipalities, as well as the JUB.

Williams said, "It sounds like we're being held hostage," but Nunley said the village is part of the JUB. The data is required as a part of a litigation settlement. "We are really obligated to do this," he said.

Shaw's motion to approve the third renewal failed for lack of a second.

"Where do we go from here?" Nunley asked.

The council approved a motion by Williams to postpone action until July when Livingston will be asked to come up from Alamogordo and present his side of the issue.

In a related matter, Rebstock asked staff to look into an ordinance regulating products containing phosphorus, in view

"Where do we go from here?"

L. Ray Nunley
Mayor, Ruidoso

of strict new rules Ruidoso must meet at its wastewater treatment plant for discharge into the Ruidoso River.

Ruidoso Downs City Councilors already passed laws banning the sale of some products and setting limits on others.

Williams said it's pointless for Ruidoso Downs to pass ordinances without Ruidoso doing something similar.

"It puts those who sell in an awkward position," he said. "They can sell to some and not others."

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Officials with the National Weather Service are conducting their annual New Mexico Flash Flood and Lightning Safety Awareness campaign through June 24.

National Lightning Safety Awareness Week also is being conducted during this same period.

Despite New Mexico's desert environment and the effects of extended dry years, storm statistics show that the state continues to rank high in fatalities and injuries from both lightning and flash flooding.

An extra danger of high risk flash flooding also continues in the locations hit by large wildfires either this season or within the past several years.

NWS officials urge New Mexico residents and visitors to learn both the hazards of flash floods and lightning, and the safety rules that can save lives or help prevent serious injury during any strong or severe thunderstorm.

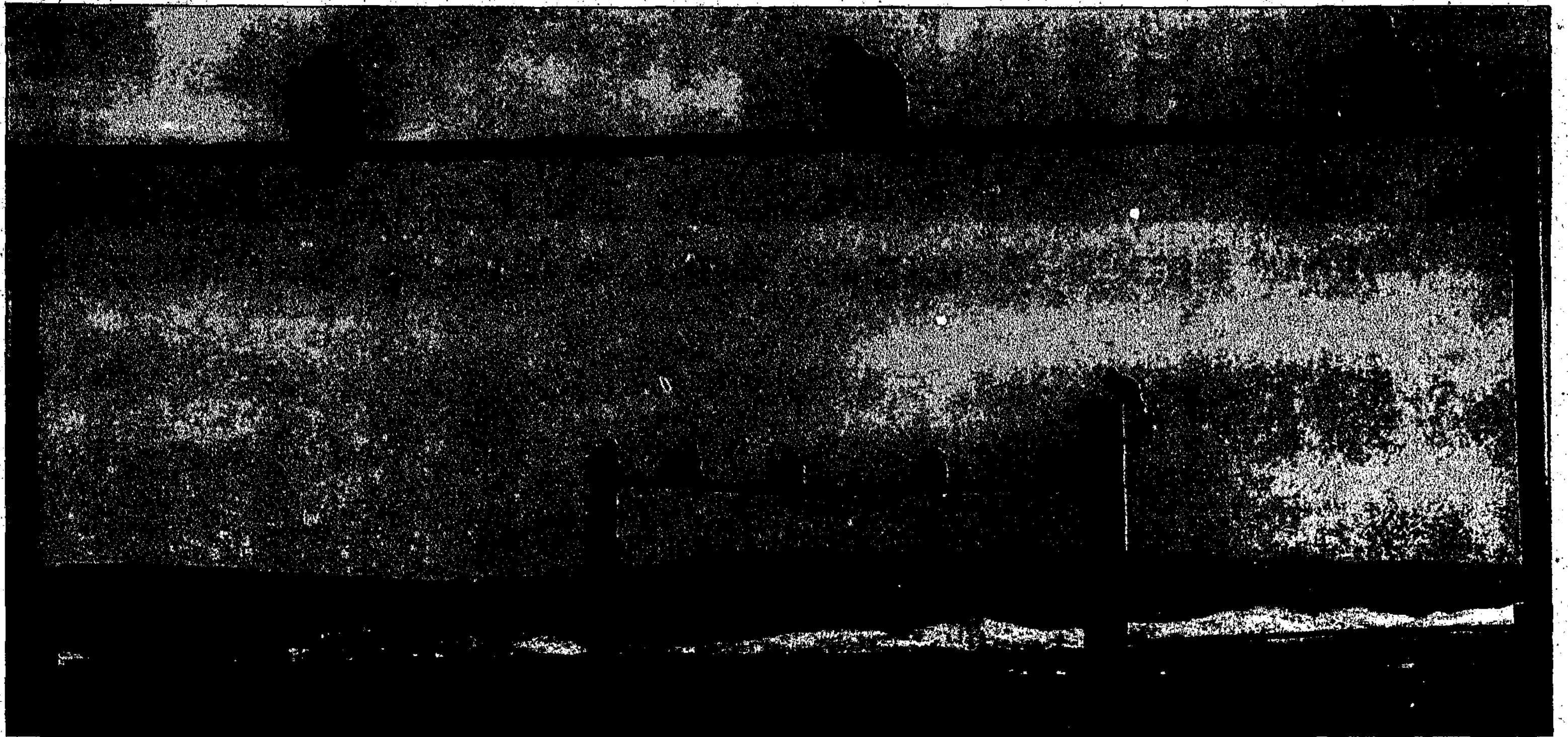
Training urged

Businesses and community governments should review their emergency action preparedness plans and are urged to train staff and employees in severe weather procedures, they said.

The National Weather Service "Turn Around, Don't Drown" safety program also is designed to raise awareness of the dangers of driving or walking into flooded areas.

The "StormReady" program offers guidance for communities creating a comprehensive safety and awareness network.

BUZZARDS' LUCK



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Buzzards adorn a ranch entry outside of Carrizozo, as if they were part of the posts.

Road improvement funds en route to Lincoln County

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A tax levied in New Mexico on gasoline sales has resulted in some three quarters of a million dollars in road improvement funding headed to Lincoln County.

Combined, county agencies are set to receive \$739,087.24 in fiscal year 2006-07 from the

Local Government Roads Fund for improvements to city and county roads, school bus routes and public school parking lots.

Municipalities receiving funding are the City of Ruidoso Downs with \$87,416.18 for roadway reconstruction and drainage improvements; the Village of Ruidoso, \$78,530.44 for pavement rehabilitation and improvements; the Village

of Capitan, \$225,875 for the rehabilitation of drainage and improvements to Village streets, and also \$71,664.77 for drainage improvements along 1.7 miles of road in need of blading and shaping.

In addition, Lincoln County will receive \$50,630 for pavement rehabilitation to .70 miles of county road and an additional \$39,825.27 for improvements

to .54 miles of road used as a school bus route.

Local Government Road Funds money is appropriated to municipalities and counties each year that file a request with the state, Manon Arnett, public information officer with NMDOT District 2, said.

"This money is available to improve the roads in southeast New Mexico for the traveling

public, not only for safety but for aesthetics," she explained.

All monies awarded governments are part of a cooperative agreement with the State which pays 75 percent of the total cost of the project. As a condition of receiving these funds, local governments and school districts are required to match the award at 25 percent of the cost of the project.

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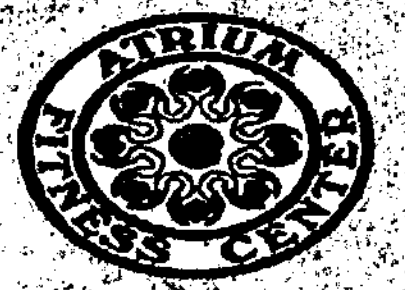
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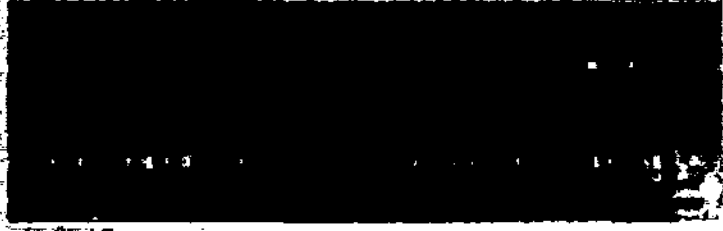
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SPORTS

Blazing Rockstar 31-1 upset winner of Thoroughbred Sale Futurity

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Leslie and Pierre Amestoy's Blazing Rockstar, a 31-1 outsider, wore down Ocean Joe in the final strides to win the \$111,000 Ruidoso Thoroughbred Sale for 2-year-old New Mexico-breds Saturday at Ruidoso Downs.

Blazing Rockstar, trained by O. Dwain Grissom and ridden by Mark Villa, raced the five furlongs in :59 to break his maiden after finishing fourth in his career debut, his trial to the Ruidoso Thoroughbred Sale Futurity June 1.

Blazing Rockstar was second from last in the 10-horse field going down the backstretch and then looped the field with a 5-wide move on the turn. He ran down a determined Ocean Joe, ridden by Miguel Perez, before winning by a neck. One Good Reisen was another 2-3/4 lengths back for third.

Jimmy Lee Belew's runner-up Ocean Joe, trained by Jimmie Claridge, also turned in his career-best performance after a third-place and a fourth-place finish in his first two starts.

Blazing Rockstar returned \$65.60, \$25.80 and \$11.20. Ocean Joe, a 12-1 outsider, paid \$12.60 and \$6 with One



BILL PITT/RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

Blazing Rockstar, right, crosses the finish line ridden by Mark Villa to win the Thoroughbred Sale Futurity Saturday. Blazing Rockstar pulled off an improbable victory, having gone off from the starting gate a 31-1 outsider.

Good Reisen returning \$4.40. The longshots keyed large exotic payoffs with the \$2 exacta returning \$653.40 and the \$1 trifecta paying \$2,411.50.

In the supporting feature, the

\$40,000 First Lady Handicap, Show Me Your Glory put away a game Shesa Private I to gain her third straight victory.

The Henry Dominguez-trained Show

Me Your Glory raced the six furlongs in an excellent 1:09 4/5, just one second off the track record.

Show Me Your Glory, owned by Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, rated several lengths off the early leaders in the first quarter mile before jockey J. Martin Bourdieu hustled her to the leaders on the turn. Show Me Your Glory collared Shesa Private I entering the stretch and then prevailed by a hard-fought one length. Shesa Private I finished 4-3/4-lengths ahead of third-place finisher Hat Creek.

Show Me Your Glory is having her best season as a 5-year-old, with her three straight wins. Coming into this year she had three wins from her first 18 starts. The daughter of Alphabet Soup started her winning streak with a win in the Harry Henson Handicap at Sunland Park April 1. She followed that win by taking an allowance race at The Downs at Albuquerque.

Show Me Your Glory returned \$4.20, \$3 and \$2.80 to win the First Lady Handicap, which was run as the seventh race. Shesa Private I returned \$4.40 and \$3.40 while Hat Creek was worth \$4.40 to show. The \$2 exacta paid \$21.80 and the \$1 trifecta was worth \$61.90.

Fincher Wins another futurity, heads Ruidoso Stakes doubleheader

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Trainer Todd Fincher scored his second futurity win within a week at Ruidoso Downs when his Gonna Ro Sham Bo raced to an easy victory in the \$204,588 Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sale Futurity Sunday.

A week earlier, on June 11, Fincher saddled Saint Shackleton to a dead heat victory in the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity.

Also on Sunday's stakes-doubleheader program at Ruidoso Downs was the Bayer Legend New Mexico Derby Challenge Derby won by favored Strawkins.

The A&A Ranch's Gonna Ro Sham Bo, ridden by Joe Martinez, remained undefeated from three starts with the win in :17.35 for the 350 yards. He broke his maiden in his only start at Sunland Park and then



BILL PITT/RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

Gonna Ro Sham Bo, right, races to a win in the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sale Futurity Sunday at Ruidoso Downs.

came to Ruidoso Downs and rolled to a 1-length victory in his trial to the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sale Futurity.

Gonna Ro Sham Bo took control of the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sale Futurity from his outside post position halfway through the race and crossed the finish line an expanding

length ahead of Blushing Blaze, trained by Mike Joiner and ridden by G.R. Carter Jr.

Power Connection was another 1/2-length behind Blushing Blaze for third in the full field of 10 New Mexico-bred two-year-olds.

See DOUBLEHEADER, page 3B

Tricky Dust overpowers field

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Joan Dale Hubbard's Tricky Dust showed the class that led him to conclude his 2005 season with three straight stakes wins when he won the featured \$16,700 eighth race over 870 yards last Thursday at Ruidoso Downs.

Making his first start in seven months, Tricky Dust rated behind the frontrunners going down the backstretch before jockey Freddie Martinez let the son of horse of the year Favorite Trick run rounding the turn. Tricky Dust easily caught the pacesetters and then took the lead with a 5-wide move entering the stretch.

Tricky Dust, the 1-2 favorite, pulled out to a 3-1/2 length win in :45.30 for the 870 yards while dealing with a headwind in the stretch.

Longshot Sixdances Come Easy was second and Invisible Ink, the 4-1 second choice in the wagering, was third.

Tricky Dust, from the stable of 4-time national training champion Paul Jones, was a dominant distance runner in New Mexico last year with four stakes wins from five starts in the state, including the three stakes wins to wrap up his 2005 season. The gelding won the Brigand Handicap at Ruidoso Downs and then traveled to Zia Park to take the Herman Jefferson Stakes and the Black Gold Casino Handicap.

The odds-on favorite, Tricky Dust returned \$2.80, \$2.40 and \$2.10. Sixdances Come Easy paid \$4.80 and \$2.60 while Invisible Ink was worth \$2.20 to show. The \$2 exacta paid \$24.80 and the \$1 trifecta returns \$35.30.

POLO CHARGE



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Leading the way for the 2XS polo team, Barry Gates (3), strikes the ball during a polo cup held Saturday and Sunday next to the Peter Hurd gallery in San Patricio as a scholarship fundraiser for students wanting to attend college and play polo. trailing Akers are teammates Kim Nance (1) and Tom Akers (4), while team El Caso (in red) follow. El Caso players shown are, from left, Lance Easterlig, Yvonne Goldstooth and Chuck Rodgers. About 20 people were there to witness the game on Saturday afternoon, with donations accepted both days for the scholarship fund. Organizers are hoping this is the first of several annual fundraisers, both to raise money for deserving students and to raise awareness of the sport.

side line

Sports on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday, June 22

Horse Racing

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

Friday, June 23

Horse Racing

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

Softball

Stealth Tournament at Alamogordo, TBA

Saturday, June 24

Horse Racing

Aspen Cup at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Softball

Stealth Tournament at Alamogordo, TBA

Sunday, June 25

Horse Racing

Free Spirits at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Softball

Stealth Tournament at Alamogordo, TBA

On Deck

NWTF Starting Chapter

Members of the National Wild Turkey Federation are looking for volunteers to start a chapter in Lincoln County. Those interested in joining this organization, dedicated to habitat improvement for wildlife and educational and other outdoor activities, can call Michael Jasper at 505-420-9480. Jasper says the top priority for any chapter formed in this area would be habitat improvement, providing water for all wildlife in these drought-stricken woods.

British Soccer Camp

A soccer camp for athletes ages 4-12 will be given at the White Mountain Soccer Complex July 24-28. Cost is \$80 per student, \$90 after July 10. Parents can also sign their children up at challengersports.com. For more information, call Rhonda Newsome at 973-0108.

Soccer Summer Workouts

Voluntary summer workouts for athletes in grades 7-12 wanting to play boys soccer at Ruidoso High next season 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 Washnook 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. The final session, to be given July 10-21, is 10 lessons long, and cost members \$25 and non-members \$50. There is one lesson per weekday in this session. To sign up contact the RAC at 257-4900 or drop by at 415 Wingfield St.

Ruidoso Volleyball Camp

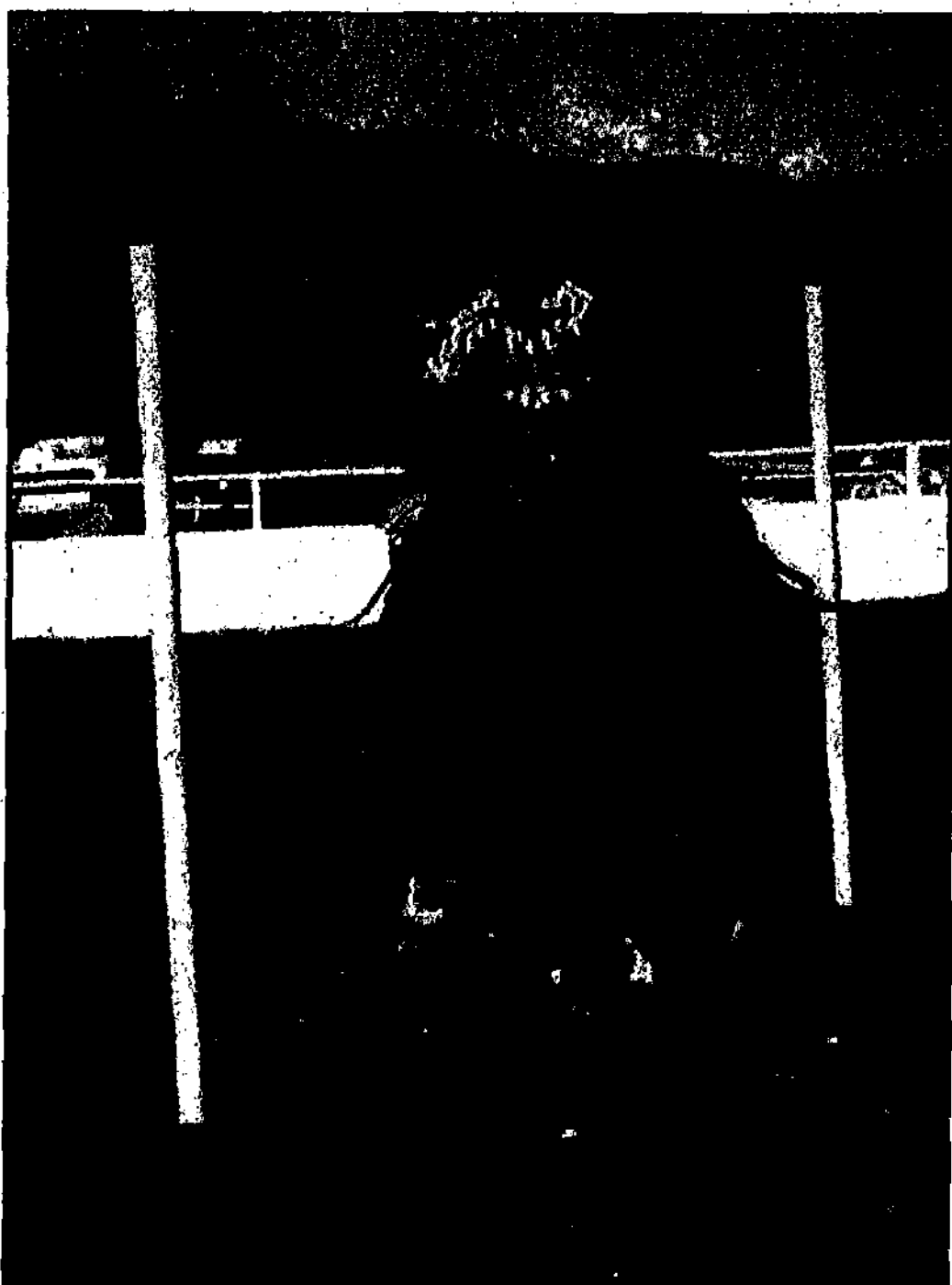
Students from grades 4-7 are invited to attend the Ruidoso High School volleyball camp July 17-19 at RHS. Cost for the camp is \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. The camp will run in the mornings for 4th-7th grade and in the afternoon for 8th-9th grade. Contact coach Brigid Herrera at 258-4910 or 336-7433 to register.

Summer Lake Activities

Lake Mesquero 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.

LCRC ACTION IN CAPTAIN

PHOTOS BY JULIE CARTER/STAFF



Above Danielle Martinez grabs a flag during the flag race in the Little Britches division of the Lincoln County Rodeo Club rodeo May 21 at Captain.

Left Ryder King guides his horse in the pole bending event in the Little Britches division.

LCRC results May 21
Compiled by Julie Carter

Little Britches (5 and under)

Barrel race
Boys: Ryder King, Tadd Dictson, Traiton Griffin
Girls: Shailyn Beaty, Taylor Murphy, Danielle Martinez

Flag race
Boys: Ryder King, Tadd Dictson, Traiton Griffin
Girls: Danielle Martinez, Shailyn Beaty, Devyn Varbel

Pole bending
Boys: Ryder King, Tadd Dictson, Traiton Griffin
Girls: Taylor Murphy, Shailyn Beaty, Jami Knight

Goat ribbon pull
Boys: Ryder King, Traiton Griffin, Tadd Dictson
Girls: Danielle Martinez, Shailyn Beaty, Taylor Murphy

6-8 years
Breakaway roping
Boys: Tommy Skipworth

Girls: Angelica Sanchez, Salge Bell, Shilo King/Bryanna Parker

Calf riding
Boys: Val Knight, Brayson Smallwood, Taylor Varbel
Girls: Tomi Trapp

Barrel race
Boys: Tommy Skipworth, Taylor Varbel, Kyler Bell
Girls: Salge Bell, Shilo King, Molly Griffin

Flag race
Boys: Kyler Bell, Ernie Martinez, Wade Stearns
Girls: Salge Bell, Molly Griffin, Shilo King

Pole bending
Boys: Kyler Bell, Levi Beaty, Tommy Skipworth
Girls: Salge Bell, Shilo King, Molly Griffin

Goat tying
Boys: Tommy Skipworth, Wade Stearns, Taylor Varbel
Girls: Salge Bell, Angelica Sanchez, Molly Griffin

9-12 years
Breakaway roping: Zac Virden, Connor Hall

Steer stopping: Connor Hall, Zac Virden
Double mugging: Connor Hall
Steer riding: Ross Griffin, Connor Hall

Barrel race
Boys: Connor Hall, Ross Griffin, Zac Virden
Girls: Morgan Gardner, Karlee Alvord, Kaylin Hazen

Flag race
Boys: Zac Virden, Ross Griffin, Connor Hall
Girls: Jayda Silva, Morgan Gardner, Jackie Ryan

Pole bending
Boys: Zac Virden, Ross Griffin, Connor Hall
Girls: Morgan Gardner, Karlee Alvord, Jackie Ryan

Goat tying
Boys: Connor Hall, Tyler Henson, Zac Virden
Girls: Kalyn Hazen, Morgan Gardner, Alexa Dominguez

13-16 years
Breakaway roping: James Sanchez, Tyrell Virden, Paul Sanchez
Ribbon roping
Boys: James Sanchez, Dan Virden, Tyrell Virden

Girls: Carly Reynolds, Kayla King

Calf roping: Dan Virden, Gabriel Martinez, Paul Sanchez
Header: Chris Perez, Paul Sanchez, Dan Virden
Heeler: Paul Sanchez, Gabriel Martinez

Barrel race
Boys: Gabriel Martinez, Cody Briggs, Paul/James Sanchez
Girls: Jami Ryan, Carly Reynolds, Brittany Pertot

Flag race
Boys: Dan Virden, James Sanchez, Gabriel Martinez
Girls: Carly Reynolds, Ashley Pruett, Kayla King/Jami Ryan

Pole bending
Boys: Gabriel Martinez, Cody Briggs, Paul/James Sanchez
Girls: Kayla King, Carly Reynolds, Taylor Thomas

Goat tying
Boys: Gabriel Martinez, Dan Virden, Paul Sanchez
Girls: Brittany Pertot, Kayla King, Ashley Pruett

16-18 years
Breakaway roping: Travis Virden
Ribbon roping: Ben Sanchez
Calf roping: Travis Virden
Header: Travis Virden
Heeler: Travis Virden, Tanner Daniel, Travis Virden

Barrel race and flag race
Boys: Rudy Lucero, Ben Sanchez
Girls: Kady Salazar

Pole bending
Boys: Ben Sanchez, Rudy Lucero
Girls: Kady Salazar

Goat tying
Boys: Ben Sanchez, Rudy Lucero, Travis Virden
Girls: Kady Salazar

Harris has Grade 1 runners in Thursday's Ruidoso feature

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Trainer Russell Harris will send out the entry of See If I Care and Sizzling, who have each raced in Grade 1, \$1 million futurities, in the \$12,000 featured seventh race over 350 yards at Ruidoso Downs this Thursday.

First post time is 1 p.m. with free parking and free grandstand admission.

Harris, whose horse has had five top-two finishers from his first 15 starters for the Ruidoso Downs season, has an opportunity to bolster that already enviable record.

The 3-year-old See If I Care is making his 2006 debut after finishing on the board in five of eight starts as a 2-year-old. He raced to three wins, including victories in his All American Futurity trial at Ruidoso Downs and his Golden State Million trial at Los Alamitos. That victory in his Golden State Million trial earned him a spot in the \$1 million finals.

See If I Care is owned by the Vessels Stallion Farm and the Vessels family — legendary owners and breeders and the founders of Los Alamitos Race Course — will be inducted into the Racehorse Hall of Fame on Saturday at Ruidoso Downs.

Sizzling, owned by Harris and Bill Eiland, has been on the comeback trail since racing in the 2004 Los Alamitos Million, a Grade 1 race with a \$1.5 million purse. In 2005, she made only one start — a fourth-place finish in her Ruidoso Derby trial. She did not surface again until a year later when she was third as the 7-5 favorite in a Remington Park allowance race May 28, his latest start.

This week, racing runs through Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs with a 1 p.m. first post time daily.

GOOD GLOVE



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Sara Coca flashes some leather during the Flamingos' game with Diamond Softball Saturday in the Cool Pines Classic at Eagle Creek Complex. Of the three women's teams in the tournament, Flamingos, Fire N Ice and Diamond Pride — Fire N Ice and Diamond Pride were the only two to get wins in the tournament. Fire N Ice defeated the Flamingos 15-13 in the loser's bracket before falling to Hobbs' Diamond Diva's, while Diamond Pride defeated the Rug Rats 17-16, also in the loser's bracket, before falling to Suzie's Grooming.

In Men's E action, Guns N Hoses scorched their way through the winner's bracket before meeting up with Homeboys of Alamogordo in the championship. Homeboys avenged their earlier loss to Guns N Hoses with two victories to earn the tournament championship.

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RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Results for racing at Ruidoso Downs for June 15-18:

Thursday, June 15

First — 350 yards. Catscape 17.00 7.60 3.60, Eyesa Cude 24.00 7.00, I Know the Dance 2.20, Quinella — 55.00, Exacta — 129.20, Trifecta — 320.60, T — 18.051.

Second — 5 1/2 furlongs. Malibu Jack 15.80 5.80 4.00, Doctor Dragon 6.40 4.40, Deputy Wild 5.80, Quinella — 25.00, Exacta — 103.20, Trifecta — 206.90, Daily Double — 90.40, T — 1.05.00.

Third — 350 yards. Willie's Gonna Rock 7.40 2.80 2.40, Remember in Royal 2.60 2.20, Tackin the Fast Lane 3.00, Quinella — 11.40, Exacta — 17.40, Trifecta — 26.90, T — 17.730.

Fourth — 350 yards. Touch of Gold Silk 17.79, Scratched — Touch of Gold Silk 4.40, Forthe Chicks 9.20 6.60, Martinis in Phoenix 5.80, Quinella — 31.00, Exacta — 56.00, Tri Super 122.70, T — 17.830.

Fifth — 6 furlongs. Apadana Trail 4.00 2.20 2.20, Donna's Falcon R F 2.60 2.60, Bye Bye Devil 3.60, Quinella — 6.00, Exacta — 11.20, Trifecta — 30.20, Superfecta — 153.10, T — 1.12.80.

Sixth — 350 yards. Royal Sisters Hot 5.60 3.80 3.20, Miss Shivers 3.60 3.00, Shake to Shine 6.00, Quinella — 19.60, Exacta — 24.20, Trifecta — 83.20, T — 18.06.

Seventh — 350 yards. La Lague 3.60 3.00 2.40, One Famous Rock Star 8.40 5.00, Buckshot Delight 2.60, Quinella — 30.60, Exacta — 40.80, Trifecta — 89.30, T — 17.912.

Eighth — 870 yards. Tricky Dust 2.80 2.40 2.10, Sandances Come Easy 4.80 2.60, Invisible Ink 2.20, Quinella — 10.80, Exacta — 24.80, Trifecta — 35.30, T — 45.308.

Ninth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Samurai Nanao 4.60 3.60 2.80, Timber 3.80 3.60, Nino Alegre 2.60, Quinella — 15.00, Exacta — 22.00, Trifecta — 33.20, Superfecta — 125.90, Pick 3 — 14.80, T — 1.34.80.

Tenth — 550 yards. Reality Divine 19.40 5.40 2.60, Hurricane Marty 3.20 2.20, Shakersix 2.20, Quinella — 15.60, Exacta — 61.00, Trifecta — 123.60, T — 27.640, Scratched — Cleats Patches.

Eleventh — 350 yards. Cruisin Six 6.80 3.40 2.40, Hunt Em Down 4.40 3.40, Classy Cartel 2.60, Quinella — 23.40, Exacta — 72.00, Trifecta — 98.70, Daily Double — 39.00, T — 18.013.

Twelfth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Fantasma de Dama 9.60 5.60 2.80, Flying Double Up 5.20 2.40, Amanda's Spell 2.40, Quinella — 18.40, Exacta — 35.00, Trifecta — 50.80, T — 1.05.40.

Thirteenth — 350 yards. Prince Corona 18.60 8.00 5.40, Jess Smile Hank 11.00 5.40, Love Stoli 3.20, Quinella — 191.80, Exacta — 385.20, Tri Super — 101.10, T — 18.115.

Fourteenth — 300 yards. Jwp At Large 26.00 6.20 4.20, Straight Aces 6.20 4.80, Real Gray Chick 4.40, Quinella — 62.40, Exacta — 242.00, Trifecta — 226.60, Superfecta — 6373.90, T — 15.595, Scratched — Super Diamonds, Tricky Blue Ribbon.

Fifteenth — 350 yards. First Prize Perry 3.60 3.60 3.60, Smarty Pants 3.00 5.20, Story Teller Sais 7.80, Quinella — 57.80, Exacta — 55.40, Trifecta — 136.90, T — 17.730.

Sixteenth — 350 yards. Corona Crash 6.00 3.60 3.00, Abba Zabba 7.40 3.40, Jess Takeoff 3.20, Quinella — 20.80, Exacta — 55.80, Trifecta — 63.40, T — 17.748.

Seventeenth — 6 furlongs. Rising Desert 6.00 3.60 2.80, Tres Diamonds 23.60 8.60, Timeless Mike 3.20, Quinella — 238.40, Exacta — 304.20, Trifecta — 568.90, T — 1.11.40.

Eighteenth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Excessive Lover 6.00 5.00 3.60, Bullish Viper 34.60 10.80, Gold Star Seeker 4.20, Quinella — 154.00, Exacta — 114.20, Trifecta — 1,448.70, Superfecta — 2,685.20, Pick 3 — 112.60, T — 1.05.20.

Saturday, June 17

First — 870 yards. The Crucible 6.80 3.60 2.60, Sergeant Runatol 3.40 2.60, Cal Bunry 2.60, Quinella — 10.20, Exacta — 20.40, Trifecta — 17.40, T — 45.967.

Second — 5 1/2 furlongs. Sum Reward 11.20 5.00 3.60, Hoolieho 7.00 4.20, Escondido 2.80, Quinella — 43.60, Exacta — 107.20, Trifecta — 78.60, Daily Double — 39.60, T — 1.05.20, Scratched — Rainbow Reality.

Third — 5 furlongs. Wave the Tax 14.00 5.80 3.80, Sulphur Water 6.00 3.40, Both Sides 2.80, Quinella — 34.80, Exacta — 86.20, Trifecta — 114.00, T — 58.20.

Fourth — 350 yards. Hearts Miracle 9.40 4.40 3.20, Top Slot Miracle 15.60 6.40, Chicks Identity 3.20, Quinella — 80.80, Exacta — 312.00, Tri Super 92.70, T — 17.558.

Fifth — 350 yards. This Snow Is Gone 6.40 3.00 2.60, Gem Talker 3.20 3.00, Turn to Jess 3.20, Quinella — 6.00, Exacta — 12.60, Trifecta — 25.10, Superfecta — 225.40, T — 17.690.

Sixth — 350 yards. Lucky the Born 10.20 5.20 4.20, Sparkle Aot 8.00 5.60, Call for a Dream 5.60, Quinella — 24.60, Exacta — 72.00, Trifecta — 241.80, T — 17.893.

Seventh — 6 furlongs. Show Me Your Glory 4.20 3.00 2.80, Shes Private 1.40 3.40, Hat Creek 4.40, Quinella — 15.40.

8.00 5.40, Jess Smile Hank 11.00 5.40, Love Stoli 3.20, Quinella — 191.80, Exacta — 385.20, Tri Super — 101.10, T — 18.115.

Fifth — 300 yards. Jwp At Large 26.00 6.20 4.20, Straight Aces 6.20 4.80, Real Gray Chick 4.40, Quinella — 62.40, Exacta — 242.00, Trifecta — 226.60, Superfecta — 6373.90, T — 15.595, Scratched — Super Diamonds, Tricky Blue Ribbon.

Sixth — 350 yards. First Prize Perry 3.60 3.60 3.60, Smarty Pants 3.00 5.20, Story Teller Sais 7.80, Quinella — 57.80, Exacta — 55.40, Trifecta — 136.90, T — 17.730.

Seventh — 350 yards. Corona Crash 6.00 3.60 3.00, Abba Zabba 7.40 3.40, Jess Takeoff 3.20, Quinella — 20.80, Exacta — 55.80, Trifecta — 63.40, T — 17.748.

Eighth — 6 furlongs. Rising Desert 6.00 3.60 2.80, Tres Diamonds 23.60 8.60, Timeless Mike 3.20, Quinella — 238.40, Exacta — 304.20, Trifecta — 568.90, T — 1.11.40.

Ninth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Excessive Lover 6.00 5.00 3.60, Bullish Viper 34.60 10.80, Gold Star Seeker 4.20, Quinella — 154.00, Exacta — 114.20, Trifecta — 1,448.70, Superfecta — 2,685.20, Pick 3 — 112.60, T — 1.05.20.

Saturday, June 17

First — 870 yards. The Crucible 6.80 3.60 2.60, Sergeant Runatol 3.40 2.60, Cal Bunry 2.60, Quinella — 10.20, Exacta — 20.40, Trifecta — 17.40, T — 45.967.

Second — 5 1/2 furlongs. Sum Reward 11.20 5.00 3.60, Hoolieho 7.00 4.20, Escondido 2.80, Quinella — 43.60, Exacta — 107.20, Trifecta — 78.60, Daily Double — 39.60, T — 1.05.20, Scratched — Rainbow Reality.

Third — 5 furlongs. Wave the Tax 14.00 5.80 3.80, Sulphur Water 6.00 3.40, Both Sides 2.80, Quinella — 34.80, Exacta — 86.20, Trifecta — 114.00, T — 58.20.

Fourth — 350 yards. Hearts Miracle 9.40 4.40 3.20, Top Slot Miracle 15.60 6.40, Chicks Identity 3.20, Quinella — 80.80, Exacta — 312.00, Tri Super 92.70, T — 17.558.

Fifth — 350 yards. This Snow Is Gone 6.40 3.00 2.60, Gem Talker 3.20 3.00, Turn to Jess 3.20, Quinella — 6.00, Exacta — 12.60, Trifecta — 25.10, Superfecta — 225.40, T — 17.690.

Sixth — 350 yards. Lucky the Born 10.20 5.20 4.20, Sparkle Aot 8.00 5.60, Call for a Dream 5.60, Quinella — 24.60, Exacta — 72.00, Trifecta — 241.80, T — 17.893.

Seventh — 6 furlongs. Show Me Your Glory 4.20 3.00 2.80, Shes Private 1.40 3.40, Hat Creek 4.40, Quinella — 15.40.

Exacta — 21.80, Trifecta — 61.90, T — 1.09.80, Scratched — Just Validation.

Eighth — 350 yards. Have No Doubt 22.20 8.20 5.20, Royce Rogers 6.80 4.60, Stoes On Time 6.40, Quinella — 90.80, Exacta — 96.80, Trifecta — 802.80, T — 17.702.

Ninth — 5 furlongs. Blazing Rockstar 65.60 25.80 11.20, Ocean Joe 12.60 6.00, One Good Reason 4.40, Quinella — 645.60, Exacta — 653.40, Trifecta — 2,411.50, T — 59.00, Scratched — Houston Heat.

Tenth — 5 furlongs. I'm a Cool Chick 5.40 3.60 3.00, Miss Cherokee Sue 7.20 4.20, Chillin Chilly 3.00, Quinella — 20.80, Exacta — 40.00, Trifecta — 102.30, Superfecta — 218.50, Pick 3 — 805.40, T — 59.00.

Sunday, June 18

First — 550 yards. Classy Runaway Form 5.60 4.00 3.20, Arise Ta Fame 5.60 4.40, Go Shake Em Cash 10.00, Quinella — 22.00, Exacta — 31.40, Trifecta — 329.00, T — 27.496.

Second — 5 furlongs. Set Status 4.60 2.80 2.20, A Man At Last 2.60 2.20, U N V Me 2.80, Quinella — 7.20, Exacta — 11.40, Trifecta — 29.30, Daily Double — 19.40, T — 59.00, Scratched — Black Phantom.

Third — 550 yards. Shes Perfect Magic 6.40 4.00 3.00, Blinky Blank 4.20 3.00, Heavenly Speed 3.20, Quinella — 19.80, Exacta — 39.80, Trifecta — 38.10, T — 27.318.

Fourth — 4 1/2 furlongs. Top Dancer 14.40 5.80 5.20, Ky's Quest 7.20 4.40, Chenaull's Dream 2.80, Quinella — 35.60, Exacta — 61.60, Tri Super 19.50, T — 53.00, Scratched — Singin Lester.

Fifth — 350 yards. Chickeninthe Straw 9.80 6.00 4.40, I Cry Too 7.00 5.20, Authorized Crys 7.80, Quinella — 61.80, Exacta — 160.20, Trifecta — 607.10, Superfecta — 5,410.20, T — 17.833.

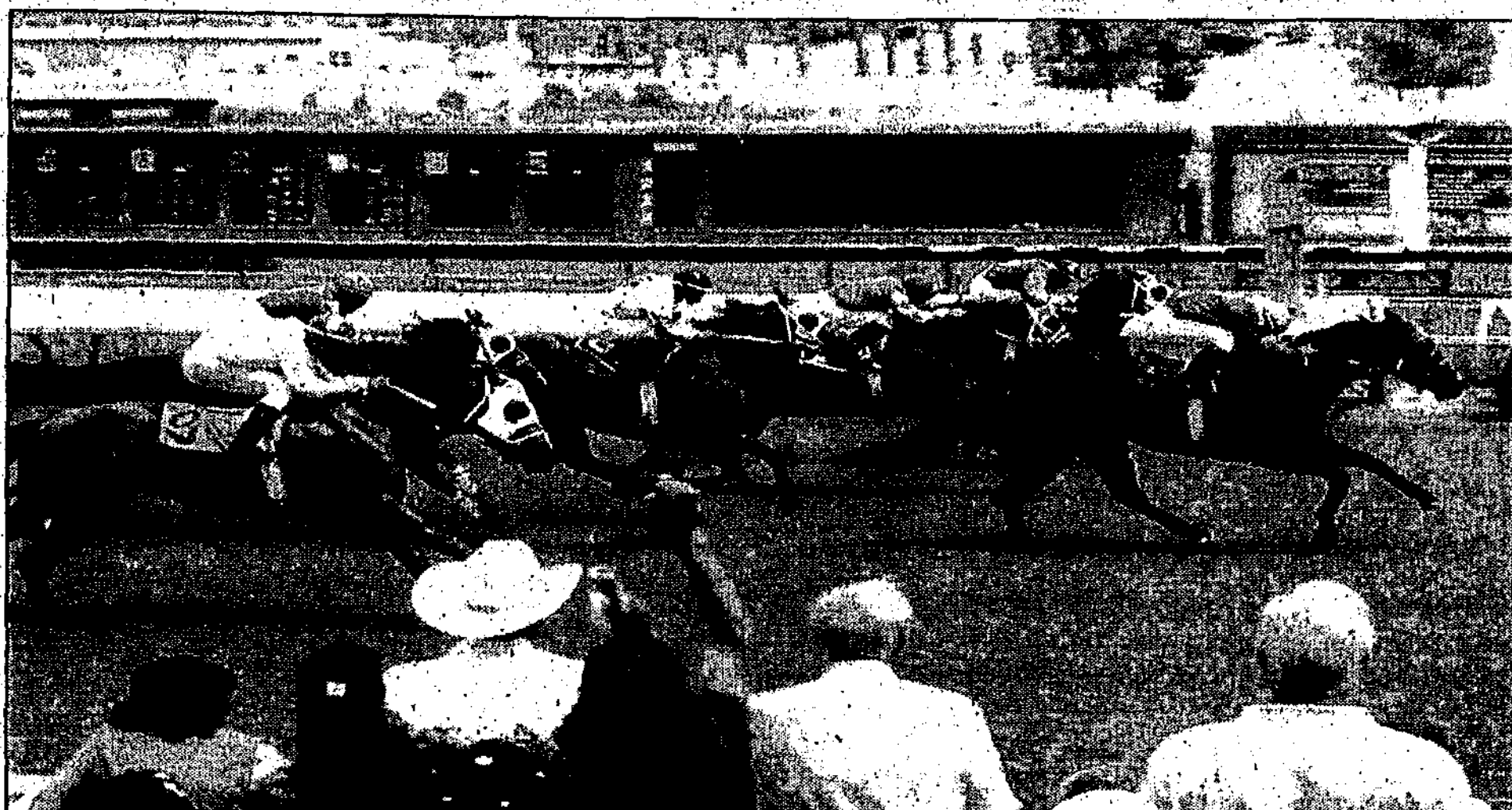
Sixth — 400 yards. Strawlins 5.40 3.20 3.20, Look For Wranglers 4.40 3.80, Miss Breann 8.20, Quinella — 17.40, Exacta — 38.60, Trifecta — 137.80, T — 19.409.

Seventh — 350 yards. Big Time Hero 24.60 9.20 4.60, Stralain Zip 6.00 3.20, Feature Cool Chick 2.60, Quinella — 91.80, Exacta — 123.60, Trifecta — 217.50, T — 17.640.

Scratched — Dustam Dynamite.

Eighth — 350 yards. 350 yards. Gonna Ro Sham Bo 10.60 5.80 5.80, Blushing Blaze 8.20 6.20, Power Connection 10.40, Quinella — 59.40, Exacta — 104.20, Trifecta — 485.40, T — 17.353.

Ninth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Superior Deputy 5.00 2.60 2.60, Hello Five 7.40 4.40, Any One Wish 3.20, Quinella — 18.60, Exacta — 24.40, Trifecta — 53.80, Superfecta — 394.90, Pick 3 — 507.60, T — 1.34.40.



BILL PITT/RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

The Bayer Legend Derby challenge comes to an end Sunday with Strawkins (right) winning for trainer Paul Jones and jockey Freddie Martinez.

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Gonna Ro Sham Bo was worth \$10.60, \$8.20 and \$5.80. Blushing Blaze returned \$8.20 and \$6.20. Power Connection paid \$10.40. The \$2 exacta paid \$104.20 and the \$1 trifecta returned \$485.40.

In the \$49,320 Bayer Legend New Mexico Derby Challenge Derby, Strawkins raced to a neck victory in :19.409 for 400 yards for four-time national training champion Paul Jones. Strawkins was ridden by Freddie Martinez.

Owned by Donald and Peggy Boyle, Strawkins has now won stakes races at four different tracks. He previously won the Pot O Gold Futurity at Sun Downs in Washington, the Canada Cup Futurity in Lethbridge, Alberta and the Holiday Handicap at Los Alamitos. Overall, Strawkins' travels have resulted in eight wins, a second and a third from 11 starts.

In his Ruidoso Downs debut, Strawkins set the fastest qualifying time of :19.487 to the Bayer Legend New Mexico Challenge Derby with a 2-

length victory.

Look For Wranglers kept his consistent record intact with a second-place finish. He has finished first or second in each of his latest six starts, including a close second-place finish in the Grade 2 West Texas Derby.

Miss Breann finished third, a neck behind Look For Wranglers.

Strawkins returned \$5.40, \$3.20 and \$3.20. Look For Wranglers was worth \$4.40 and \$3.80 while Miss Breann paid \$8.20 to show. The \$2 exacta paid \$38.60 and the \$1 trifecta was worth \$137.80.

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BY KIM DONER
SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Dogs are meant to be companions, not lawn ornaments.

The majority of dogs that come into a shelter abused are animals who have been chained outside. Out of sight, out of mind seems to be the thinking of these owners. Dogs come in with chains, ropes, collars embedded in their necks, or collars so tight that they need to be cut off.

These animals are usually not current on vaccinations, and suffer from parasitic worms, fleas, ticks and often have their ears raw from fly bites, are under nourished and have poor coat quality. These dogs are sometimes relinquished by their owners because the dog is barking too much, jumping, and biting. These dogs are acting out their frustrations in the only way they know how.

A chained dog is much more likely to bite or become aggressive.

Dogs feel naturally protective of their territory; when confronted with a perceived threat, their response will be either flight or fight. Being chained they are unable to choose flight, and so they fight.

In addition to the psychological damage of being tied out, dogs forced to live this life are easy targets for other animals, humans and biting insects.

Chained dogs often suffer harassment and teasing adding to their fear because they are unable to escape and there is no one to offer protection. They are also easy targets for thieves looking to steal animals to sell to research institutions or to be used as training fodder for fighting dogs.

The tie out itself can be a major danger; it can become entangled or caught on objects and choke a dog to death.

A chained dog's living conditions are rarely healthy.

Because they are trapped within a small area they are forced to eat, sleep, urinate and defecate in the same confined area. The ground cover is usually gone due to the dogs pacing or digging and so rain turns it into a muddy mess.

Water dishes are easily overturned and so a dog can be without water during the hottest part of the day in summer and often can suffer heatstroke which can result in irreversible brain damage and even death.

These dogs are usually not groomed or bathed or checked for injuries. They are on their own.

To have a pet and not share my space and my life with it would be such a waste. They have so much to offer. But I will grant you it does not always come free, we need to train and protect and socialize our companions. They are not born knowing the behavior that is often required to live harmoniously with people in our environment. But the effort on our part is so entirely worth it.

I have received so much from having pets be part of my life, not only the companionship, but the laughter and the comfort that they have given me.

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Roxie, a Rottweiler-pit bull mix, is playful and sweet. She's spayed and has a black coat with tan markings. She's learning to walk on a leash and should be a moderate-size dog when full grown.

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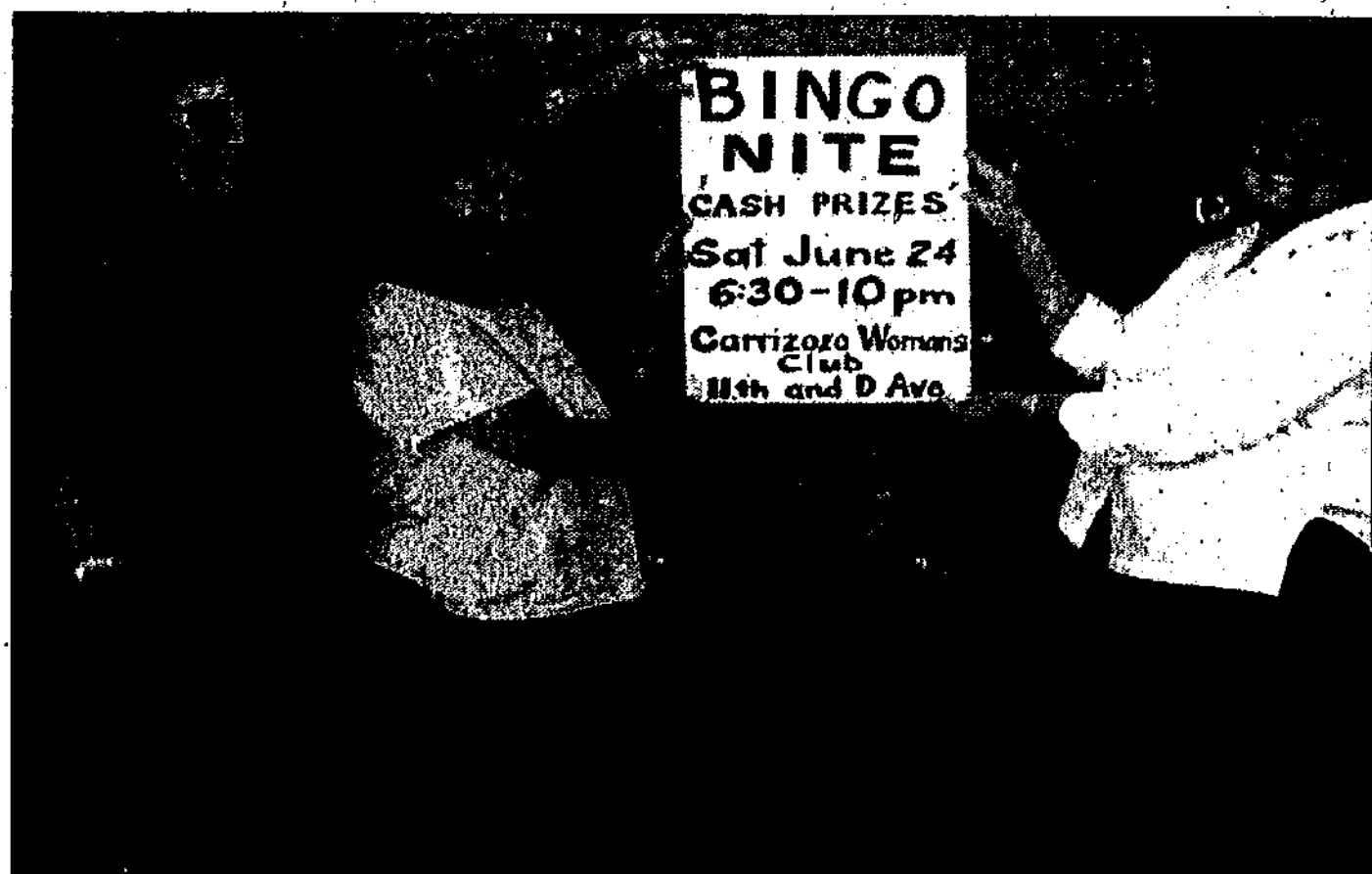
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BINGO BELLES



COURTESY

Bingo Nite at the Carrizozo Women's Club will be 6:30-10 p.m., June 24. Bingo players will be offered refreshments including hot dogs, baked beans, chips and cold lemonade and tea. As a fund raiser, desserts made by club members will be for sale. There will be cash prizes for each bingo game. All proceeds from Bingo Nite will go to the restoration of the historic clubhouse built in 1939. The upkeep of the building is the sole responsibility of the club members and for over 65 years they have worked to keep it in good repair. Pictured l-r are newly-elected officers Madeleine Sabo, treasurer, Tona Macken, president and Gwen Dunne, secretary. Officers not pictured are Vice-President Cheri Goad and Parliamentarian Dorothy Forsythe.

'Zozo 4th of July another 'big bang'

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The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce is breaking tradition this year for their annual 4th of July celebration. Instead of their usual BBQ, this year's fare will be full of specialty deli-style hot dog selections. The food court will be set up in the Carrizozo County Club from 5-7 p.m., July 4. The hot dogs will be served red-onion-sauce New York style, Chicago dogs, kraut dogs and plain, for children and those with a need for the ordinary. The dogs will also come with chips. Adults will get two hot dogs for \$5 and children one dog for \$2.

The Carrizozo Women's Club will sell desserts and Carrizozo Special Olympics again has the water and soda concession.

The Boy Scouts will sell popcorn and adult beverages will be available in the County Club Lounge.

Music, pool tables, and horseshoe games will also be available for entertainment.

Newly-elected Carrizozo Fire Chief Walter Hill, said there are some changes in this year's 4th of July fireworks when it comes to rules for spectators bringing their own fireworks.

The fireworks show produced by the fire department will start at approximately 9 p.m.

Fireworks rules for spectators:

- Absolutely no bottle rockets are allowed.
- Fireworks must be lit in designated area only.
- Children must have parental supervision to light fireworks.
- Participants are asked to police their area after the display and help keep the park clean.
- No unauthorized vehicles in the park area.
- City police, Sheriff's Posse, and firemen will be patrolling.
- Firemen will be collecting donations.

The Carrizozo Fire Department spent \$2,300 for fireworks this year. Their various events cost \$5-6,000 a year with the fireworks being one of the main expenses. Department volunteers are selling raffle tickets, \$3 each or four for \$10, for a \$300 Brinkman-Pro all-stainless steel gas grill donated by Wal-Mart.

The drawing for the grill will be held just before the fireworks display. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

New fire chief, Walter Hill, enthusiastically takes the reins for the growing department in Carrizozo.

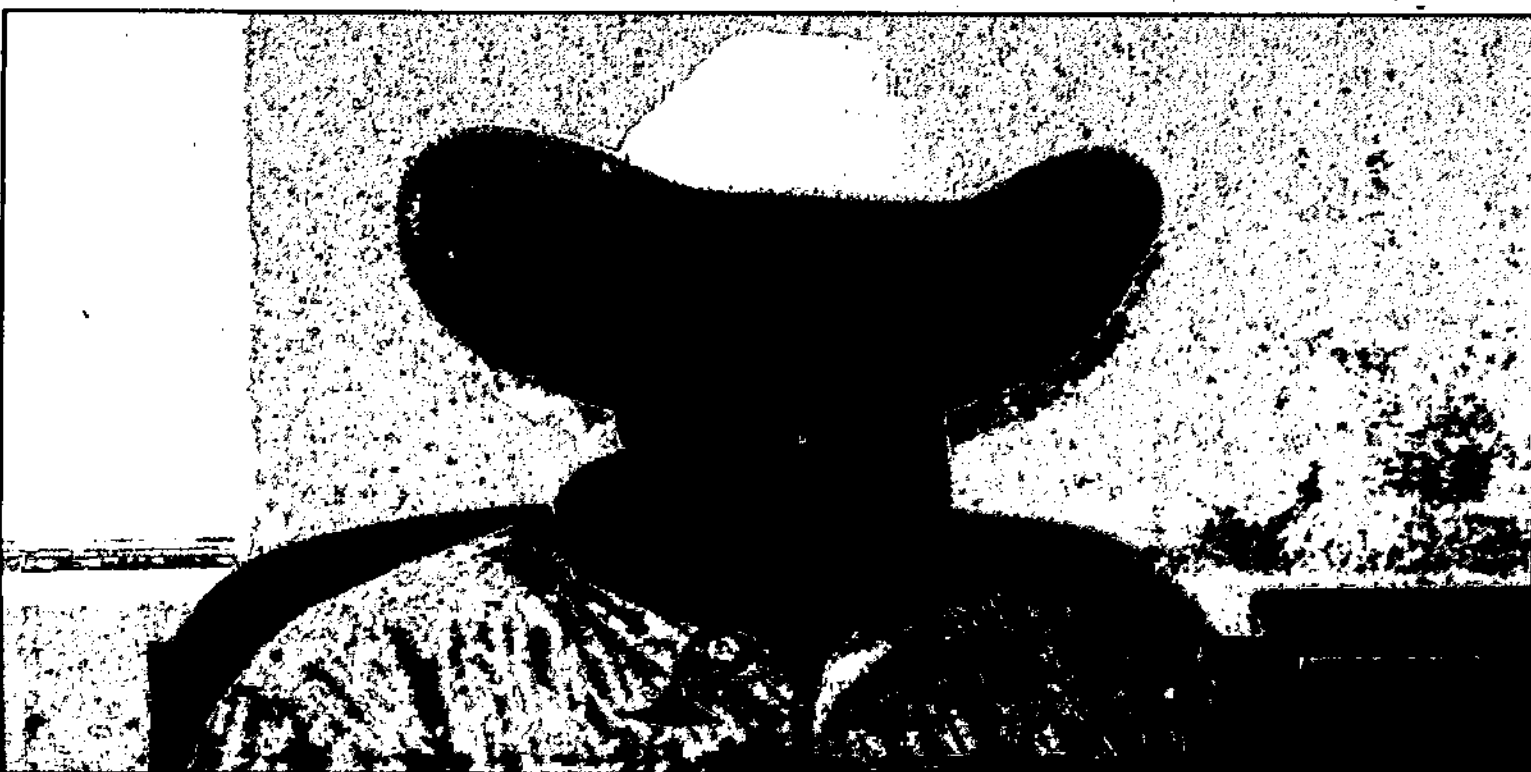
may be purchased from any fire department volunteer or at the event on July 4.

Hill replaces LeeRoy Zamora as chief. Zamora, now the mayor of Carrizozo, stepped down to let the "younger" guys move up, he said.

A volunteer with the department for 16 years, Hill has been the assistant chief for four years.

"The department is growing and is up to 25 members now. Those numbers will help us qualify for more funding, allowing us to continue improving," Hill said.

Hill is joined by LeeRoy Zamora Jr. as assistant chief, Freddie Padilla, captain with David Zamora and Ronnie Beltran, lieutenants.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Josh Miller signed on for the summer at the Carrizozo office of the NRCS.

New face arrives at the local NRCS

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With a grin as broad as his cowboy hat, Josh Miller is the new face in town calling the Carrizozo Natural Resources Conservation Service offices home for the summer.

Miller, a junior at New Mexico State University seeking a range science degree, is from La Luz and will commute to home for the two-plus months he will be on staff.

He is part of a student career program through NMSU that trades 146 hours of field work with the promise of placement in the NRCS or other similar government agencies within four months after graduation.

With roots running deep in New Mexico agriculture and Otero County, Miller's family originated from three

Otero County family homesteads on Miller Flats near Mayhill.

Two of the original homesteads are still in the family and continue in the ranching business, he said. Starting out after high school hoping to be a law enforcement officer, he was told he was too young so he hired on working construction.

The influence of Rick Newman, a Forest Service range conservationist in the Sacramento district, has sent Miller in the direction of seeking a career with the NRCS or the Forest Service.

After the time he invested with the Forest Service and NRCS, Miller is certain of the career path he wants to follow. Miller will be with the Carrizozo NRCS until Aug. 18 when he returns to school.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Capitan FFA at state

The Capitan FFA greenhand team brought home fifth place from the New Mexico State FFA Convention June 5-8 in Las Cruces.

Team members were Sara Rush, Jessi Price and Jared Black. Rush ended up ninth-high overall.

Of the top five places, three schools were from District III, the same district as Capitan. Los Lunas was second, Belen was fourth and followed by Capitan in fifth.

Capitan's FFA advisor is Todd Proctor.

Brand the backdrop

Corriente CowBelles of Lincoln County are donating a new backdrop for the Lincoln County Fair photo-ops.

The new-drap will be a picturesque place for 4-H and FFA fair exhibitors to take pictures of their projects during the fair and junior livestock sale.

The display will feature a back-

ground mountain scene by artist and Corriente member, Della Bonnell. Bonnell and her husband David are avid supporters of the youth of Lincoln County.

The display will also feature live-stock brands of the area.

For \$10 per brand individuals can have a brand placed on the backdrop with the proceeds to help cover costs of the new drape.

The display will be accompanied by a legend explaining each brand, who owns it and where it originated.

For those interested in having a brand placed on the photo backdrop, contact Velma Ward at 354-3217.

BLM seeks cooperators for special agreement

ROSWELL—The Bureau of Land Management Roswell Field Office is looking for interested individuals to enter into a cooperative agreement for

grazing and farming portions of the Tract Four of the Rio Bonito Acquired Lands.

This effort implements the Final Activity Plan of the Rio Bonito Acquired Lands to suppress fire danger and enhance wildlife management opportunities.

Those individuals owning property immediately adjacent to this tract will have priority in entering into this agreement. If no adjacent owners express an interest, other parties may participate.

For copies of the proposed agreement and additional information contact Joseph Navarro, rangeland management specialist at 505-627-0204.

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Engineers are invited to submit a sealed proposal to be received by the JOINT USE BOARD at 207 Center Street, Ruidoso, N.M. 88345. No later than 5:00 p.m., July 7, 2006.

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Cox anniversary

Dick and Donna Cox will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 23, at Carrizozo Country Club. Everyone is invited.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent births at Lincoln County Medical Center:

May 2: a daughter, Azure Dream Rice, 8 lb, 1.4 oz, 20 1/2", to Krystal and Kendall Rice

May 5: a son, Chance Edward Stufflebeam, 8 lb, 9.3 oz, 21 1/2", to Shannon and Tully Stufflebeam

May 5: a son, Loren Dow Humble II, 7 lb, 2.9 oz, 20 1/2", to Chelsea and Loren Humble Sr.

May 8: a son, Alvin Wayne Turcotte, 8 lb, 11 oz, 19", to Amy and Earl Turcotte

May 9: a son, Canon Matthew Cuellar, 6 lb, 13.9 oz, 18 1/2", to Katie and Nathan Cuellar

May 10: a son, Logan Patrick Yarbrough, 6 lb, 3.3 oz, 19 1/2", to Amber and Joseph Yarbrough

May 13: a son, Sixto Gabriel Herrera, 6 lb, 0 oz, 19 1/2", to Marisela and Sixto Herrera

May 15: a daughter, Jerriah Jordan Louise Cruz, 7 lb, 3.9 oz, 19", to Ashley Cruz

FUNERALS DEATHS**Mary Jane Edwards**

Mary Jane Edwards, 88, died on Thursday, June 8, 2006, in Ruidoso.

She was born on Feb. 27, 1918, in Hermleigh, Texas, to Travis and Ethabelle (Ely) Reed.

Mary was a rancher and former owner of Cree Meadows Golf Course, homemaker and the best cook in Ruidoso.

Surviving family members include her husband, William "Sonny" L. Edwards of Ruidoso; daughter Mary Lane Reynolds and husband Don; four grandchildren, Frosty Reynolds, Rowan Edwards, Katie DeLao, Leigh Reynolds all of Big Spring, Texas; six great-grandchildren; sister, Marguerite Schwarzenback of Big Spring; and a daughter-in-law, Susie Edwards of Ruidoso.

She was preceded in death by her son, W. R. "Stormy" Edwards, and a granddaughter, Sarah Edwards.

Direct cremations has taken place under the direction of PCS Direct Cremation services. Arrangements were made by Alamogordo Funeral Home.

"Mac" McGall

Memorial service for J.W. "Mac" McGall, 90, of Ruidoso will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 17, in LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso. Mr. McGall passed away Tuesday, June 13, in Ruidoso.

He was born Aug. 24, 1915, in Karnes City, Texas, where his cremated remains will be buried at a later date. He moved to Ruidoso in 1984 from Dallas, after he retired as a Real Estate/Insurance Agent. He served in the Army during World War II, was a former member of the Evening Lions Club in Ruidoso and a member of the First Christian Church. He married Betty Kemp on April 1, 1934, in Alpine, Texas.

Surviving family members include his wife, Betty, of Ruidoso; two sons, Scott Alexander McGall and his wife, Jane, of Austin, Texas, and James Kemp McGall and his wife, Ceci, of Florence, Mont.; five grandchildren, Carl McGall, Bryce McGall, Scott A. McGall II, Melissa Martindale, and Todd McGall; and one great-granddaughter, Sabina Martindale.

Jack Ross Nail

A graveside ser-

vice for Jack Ross Nail of Jean, Texas, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 1, at the Hagerman Cemetery. A former resident of Hagerman, N.M., Jack died at his home in Jean, Texas, on Thursday, June 1, 2006, at the age of 79.

Jack was born Aug. 30, 1926, on the old Russell Ranch. He was the son of Clint R. and Margaret Nail. He attended Hagerman High School and then entered the U.S. Army during World War II.

He enlisted in the Army Nov. 3, 1945, made Corporal in the 33rd Bomb Squadron and was discharged Nov. 12, 1946. He re-enlisted and was discharged Nov. 11, 1949. He had an honorable discharge from the U.S. Air Force Reserves on March 5, 1953. His decorations and citations were: Asiatic Pacific Campaign medal, World War II Victory medal and Philippine Independence ribbon.

He returned to Hagerman

where he owned and operated the Corner Store and Café for a time. Always interested in politics, he ran for state senator without success but remained an environmentalist throughout his lifetime, promoting organic fertilizer, which he manufactured and sold in the U.S. and Mexico.

His parents and a brother, Joe Nail, preceded him in death. Surviving family members include two children, son Larry Ross Nail and his wife

D'Aun of Loving, Texas, a daughter, Nona Petree, her husband Allen Petree, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Janet Sinclair Steed

A memorial gathering for Janet Sinclair Steed will be held from 3-8 p.m. at Casa Blanca (downstairs) Wednesday, June 21, to commemorate her life. All friends of the family are invited to attend.

A memorial will also be held in Aspen in the winter of 2007. Janet passed away in Ruidoso on June 15, 2006.

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raised on the family ranch with her three siblings. Janet married Mike Steed in Aspen on June 5, 1976. She graduated from Western State College in Gunnison, Colo., in 1977. The couple moved to Ruidoso in 1977 and opened Steed's Ski Sports in 1980. Janet enjoyed raising her two daughters, skiing, and crocheting. Janet was an avid animal lover and was especially proud of her Newfoundland dogs. She was employed at the Ruidoso

Downs Race Track.

Preceding her in death are her father Robert and her brother Bruce. Surviving family members include husband Mike, daughter Skye, daughter and son-in-law Selina and Jim Schirle, mother Elizabeth Sinclair, as well as sisters Deanne Heman and Barbara Sinclair.

In lieu of flowers or cards, the family requests that donations be made to the Lincoln County Humane Society.

C.A. Morales

Funeral service for Concepcion (C. A.) Morales, 75, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Carrizozo with Fr. Bill Anton of Morton, Texas, officiating. Morales died June 18, 2006, in Carrizozo.

A lifetime resident of New Mexico, he was born on June 29, 1930, to Salvador and Paublita (Amalla) Morales of

Carrizozo. He married Connie Gomez on Sept. 26, 1959, at St. Rita's Catholic Church of Carrizozo. Mr. Morales served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War for several years. He was chief of police for the Carrizozo Police Dept., Lincoln County, for 33 years of service. He was a life long member of St. Rita's Catholic Church. He



Morales

was a wonderful father, husband, and grandfather and his memory will be cherished.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers - Jose, Tomas, Salvador Jr., and Marcus Morales - and one sister, Pauline Morales.

Surviving family members include his wife, Connie Morales of Carrizozo, five sons,

Conception Morales Jr. and spouse Sandy, Peter Morales, Daniel Morales, Johnny Morales and spouse Becca Green, all of Carrizozo, and David Morales and spouse Lisa of Alamogordo; two daughters, Sandra Zamora and spouse Al Medina, and Cynthia and spouse Bruce Baker, all of Carrizozo; three brothers, Edward Morales and Lorenzo Morales, both of El Paso, and Filmon Morales of Alamogordo; three sisters, Gloria Duarte, Jane Lucero, and Mary Lucero, all of Morton, Texas, and Sylvia Morales of Pecos, Okla.; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Mike Duarte Jr., Edward Morales Jr., Tomas Morales Jr., Marcus Morales, Peter Morales, and Daniel Morales. Honorary pallbearer is Ramon Zamora. Interment will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery of Carrizozo. Arrangements were made under the direction of Head Duarte Funeral Home of Levelland, Texas, and Calvary Memorial Funeral Home of Hobbs, N.M.

POLICE BRIEFS

Pizza pie

A Ruidoso man working for a local pizza company had his car bombed with paint balls June 8 when attempting to deliver a pie.

The delivery driver said that as he slowed at the intersection of Ponderosa Drive and North Oak he heard a popping noise and thought a tire blew out.

Drunk in public

Elvis Cleveland, 43, of Ruidoso was arrested June 7 on charges of disorderly conduct.

The arrest came when a patrolman with the Ruidoso Police Department spotted Cleveland sitting on a bench. Cleveland's speech was slurred during the questioning indicating possible intoxication. When Cleveland was unable to identify a home to which he might retreat for detox he was taken into custody.

Disorderly conduct

Kyle Willoughby, 23, of Bridgeport, Texas, was arrested in Ruidoso June 18 on charges of disorderly conduct.

The arrest came when a patrolman with the Ruidoso Police Department spotted Willoughby punch a male three times in the face as he attempted to go across the street. The men had just exited a bar on Sudderth Drive.

Fire hazard

Lilian Galvan, 61, of El Paso, Texas, was cited on charges of improper handling of fire when she permitted a campfire to be built in front of a house she was renting for the weekend.

Galvan told police she was unaware of the fire restrictions in the Village of Ruidoso.

Minor mishap

Three underage youth from Alamogordo and another from La Luz were charged with allowing themselves to be served alcohol in Ruidoso June 17.

The foursome were in town to attend a baseball game.

Aggravated battery

Rudy Chavez, 29, of Capitán was arrested in Ruidoso June 10 on charges of aggravated battery.

Witnesses charged Chavez lifted his wife and threw her to ground when they argued whether or not their children could go to a playground unsupervised.

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AS I SEE IT

By LLOYD BLOODWORTH

As I write these lines it is cool and delightful beneath the tall pine trees of Ruidoso. The elevation is 7000 feet and recent rains have cooled the earth and the pine needles make a wonderful carpet on which to walk through the forest. It is indeed refreshing to leave the hot country and come to such a delightful place.

The greatest sin of the age is that of ingratitude. Failing to appreciate that which is done for us. At one time the Master healed ten lepers and after the healing was over they went their way without even saying "thank you." When they reached the city gate one of them realized that a mistake had been made and returned to the Master and thanked him for the healing. The only reply that the Master gave was in the form of a question. "Where are nine? Thank You is the simplest form of appreciation and cost so little.

The old pressure game is still abroad in this country. This paper felt it last week when certain demands were made on us within 36 hours of the time we were to go to press. In fact, the demands carried a threat that unless we acceded to these requests the paper would not be printed. However, because of the kindness of many friends in Ruidoso and the help of several experienced newspaper people in the canyon we were able to get the paper out on time. We started out to give Ruidoso and the Hondo Valley a new little weekly paper and we intend to do just that. I am grateful for the many people who have spoken words of encouragement during the week and the very large percentage of advertisers who have stated that they would support us to the last. It is such loyalty as that that makes us want to work all the harder to build a greater Ruidoso and Hondo Valley. We are not afraid of a fight when we know that we are in the right.

Some time ago we wrote of the many veterans who had applied for help in various forms but who had received none. Lately we have met several other veterans who stated that they had applied for loans to go into business or build a home, but who found the same response when they applied for help. It does seem strange that the country that was telling the world the loudest what they would do for the men when they returned home, would do something to remedy this situation. We have elected representatives to congress to look after such matters and it becomes their duty to help remove red tape and create laws to expedite matters regarding these folk. I'll vote for any man in the general election who will take the bull by the horns and get something done for the men who risked their lives for this country. "Lord God of hosts be with us yet, lest we forget, lest we forget."

Ruidoso is blessed with a high type of citizenship. People have come here from all sections of the country. Many came because of the business opportunities afforded, others came for health reasons, while many came to enjoy the fine all-year-round climate that is invigorating and delightful. What we need now is a live Chamber of Commerce that will tell the world about our community. The Hondo Valley is one of the most productive spots to be found in New Mexico. Cherries are now ripe and the most delicious apples will be ripe in the fall. Where else can one find such a country in which to live? All in all this is a most wonderful spot.

If the car shortage continues much longer, it will be easy for pedestrians to shove some of these old models off the streets.



Mt. Baldy As Seen from Knob Hill.

CANYON ECHOES ST. JOSEPH'S APACHE MISSION

Father Albert Back From Japan

By BETTY OLDFHAM

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Homer of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. John Burnes of Houston are in Ruidoso to attend the opening of Nob Hill next Saturday night.

At a recent drawing in Ruidoso Fritz Christian won the beautiful Palomino horse that was auctioned off. Mr. Christian is justly proud of his horse. The horse is one that has been ridden by Frank Ivey, city marshal.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gideon and children and Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Weaver are spending several days in the whitehead cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cauthen were in Ruidoso on business last Tuesday. Mr. Cauthen is interested in the Western Store. The Cauthens were accompanied by their daughter.

Corporal Allen Crane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crane of Ruidoso, has been here since June 2 visiting his parents. He is stationed at Ft. Bliss as an instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hallman of Ft. Worth, Texas, will spend a week at the Wilson cabin.

Martha Sue Smith of Rochester, Texas, niece of Mrs. L. L. Davis, is visiting Ann Lowery of Ruidoso for a few days.

Stan and Don Barrow, Bob and Jimmy Wray, Blair Halladay and Junior White, all of Ruidoso, spent Saturday in El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico.

Louise Massey of radio fame, her sister Joy Massey, and little Joy, accompanied by Milt Mabey, spent Sunday in Ruidoso visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy and daughter, Jane, are spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Scott. Mrs. McCoy is Mrs. Scott's daughter.

Claude Peterson spent the first part of the week in El Paso, Texas, on business.

Miss Nettie Mae Sluder of Lubbock, Texas, and Miss Johnny Short of Olden, Texas, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Duff last Tuesday night. The dinner was in celebration of Miss Sluder's birthday. Both guests were presented with gardenia corsages.

Mrs. L. R. Scarborough, and daughter, Miss Nippie Scarborough, and grand-daughters, Miss Margaret Ann and Karen Scarborough of Fort Worth, Texas, have opened their cabin for the season. They have with them Mrs. Scarborough's sister, Mrs. George L. Paxton of Abilene, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brunk and their son, Eddie, are spending a week in the Herod cabin.

If you have not visited St. Joseph's Apache Mission in Mesalero, you should list it at the top of your itinerary. Father Albert Brown is the Mission's founder and pastor.

Father Albert is a slim man of medium height with twinkling eyes and a kindly smile. He loves each member of his congregation and can tell you many interesting facts about the quaint customs of the Indians in his parish. However, he is such a busy man, that it is practically impossible for him to sit still long enough to tell you his stories. About his personal life he is very reticent.

But I'm getting ahead of my story, so I'll go back to the beginning. The drive to Mesalero takes about 30 minutes and is so beautiful that you'll end up wishing it took many times longer. After turning right at Ruidoso Junction, you begin climbing through mountains. These are covered with spruce, firs, pines and cedars, and there are no roads signs to mar the spectacular beauty of the scenery.

The prettiest view—and I think you'll agree with me after seeing it—is almost at the end of the drive. The Mission in all its architectural splendor can be seen to your left, overshadowing the majestic mountains surrounding it.

Incidentally, this is the spot where you'll probably get lost if you haven't been to the Mission before. Instead of continuing on U. S. Highway 70 past the Mission, you should turn right just before reaching the Mission at a sign reading Cloudercroft. Turn left at the next corner and drive under the highway on up to the Mission.

After seeing the Mission, I

Holiday House Entertains "Pigtail Crowd"

Calling all girls of Ruidoso between the ages of 10 and 18! Members of the sub-deb set and the pig-tail crowd who want something to do during these vacation days have been invited to a meeting at Holiday House Monday at 10 a. m. There they will be organized into "fun groups" and decide upon interesting things to do.

Mrs. Donald MacKay of Santa Monica, Calif., a trained Girl Scout leader, is sponsoring the group. She has worked with sub-debs and the pig-tail crowd for 20 years. Help from interested mothers for cook-outs and hikes will be appreciated.

The tentative plan is to organize the girls into two sets. Girls from 10 to 12 years old will meet three times a week and have classes in handcraft as well as hikes, cook-outs and campfire "sings."

Girls between the ages of 13 and 18 will meet at a different hour and enjoy their particular group activities.

Here's your answer, girls, to "what shall I do next?"

walked on down to the Parish house. Funeral services for Ruth Shanta, an Indian woman, had been held that morning, and there were several visiting priests at the Parish. These included Father Baldonado, who was ordained June 2 and is spending a two-week vacation at Mesalero; Father Rene, and Father Buttmann, an Army chaplain, who is spending his terminal leave there.

While in Europe as a chaplain with the Army in World War I, Father Albert visited many of the churches there. During his wanderings he found one that pleased him very much. So upon his return to this country he discussed the design with an architect friend of his from Pittsburgh, Pa., who immediately consented to draw up plans without compensation.

In 1919 with only \$100 in his possession Father Albert began building the Mission. It was built entirely by hand from stones quarried and cut at Bent, N. M., and hauled to the site by trucks. Father Albert was reluctant in telling about the wonderful work he did on the Mission, but he eagerly told me about the help he received from the late Antonio Mario Leyra, who was part Indian.

Mr. Leyra was living in Santa Barbara, Calif., with his 17 children at the time Father Albert began laying his plans for the Mission. Mr. Leyra's wife had died recently, and he wrote Father Albert that he would like to work for him. Father Albert told him of his plans and Mr. Leyra, after seeing that his children were well taken care of, came to Mesalero to aid Father Albert.

Mr. Leyra and Father Albert worked on the Mission alone for the first 10 years. Later the Indians helped with its building. Mr. Leyra was an expert at quarrying and cutting stone, according to Father Albert. From the time he arrived in Mesalero until his death 18 years later, Mr. Leyra helped build the Mission. He would accept no pay for this work. Mr. Leyra is buried in Mesalero.

For a period of three years.

Mescalero Tribe Celebrate With Fiesta

The Mescalero Apache Indian Tribe will celebrate the coming out of the young Indian girls at a fiesta on the hill in Mesalero, from July 1 through July 4. The debutantes are all around sixteen years old.

The Indians will do their regular tribal dances including the war and horn dances. Dancing will start at sundown and continue until the wee hours of the morning. The same dances will be performed each night of the celebration. An admission fee will be charged visitors.

Next week's addition of The Ruidoso News will feature a story about the Apache Tribe.

Fire Hazard Over Trash May Be Burned

The fire hazard is considered an end because of rail is over this area recently. The mayor's proclamation about this matter has been revoked, and trash may again be burned in Ruidoso.

However, the mayor wishes to caution persons burning trash within the city to watch their fires closely and make certain they are out before leaving them unattended.

while Father Albert served as superior at the San Luis Rey Mission near Oceanside, Calif., no work was done on the Mission. Upon his return its construction was resumed.

Bishop Anthony J. Schuler, S. J., former bishop of the Diocese of El Paso, dedicated St. Joseph's Apache Mission in July, 1940.

When asked why he chose to use such imposing architecture for his Mission, Father Albert smilingly replied, "These Indians are strongly impressed by outward appearance and tradition. I want the Mission to last through the centuries, because the Indians like to attend a church at which their ancestors worshipped."

In the future when materials are available Father Albert plans to put stained glass windows in the Mission. They are boarded up.

Three Persons Injured In Car Wreck

Two persons were seriously injured and another suffered slight injuries when a car driven by Gene Smith collided with one driven by Add Webster of Ruidoso. The accident occurred Sunday outside of this city on the road to El Paso.

According to a report to this newspaper, Mr. Smith, who was on his way to El Paso, had started to pass several cars. When he saw he could not make it, he slammed on his brakes and skidded into Mr. Webster's car. The road was slick because of recent rains.

An eye witness to the crack-up said both cars were beyond repair.

Mr. Webster was accompanied by his wife and daughter. Mrs. Webster's kneecap was dislocated in the crash. She also suffered minor lacerations on the face. Mrs. Webster is staying at a Roswell, N. M., hospital, where she is expected to be for quite a while.

Mr. Webster and his son were not injured. Mr. Smith's wife and two daughters were with him in his car. Mrs. Smith was critically injured. She received internal injuries to her chest, which caused hemorrhages. Mrs. Smith was taken to an El Paso, Texas, hospital Sunday night.

Mr. Smith's right arm was slightly injured. His daughters were not hurt. Both parties were brought to Ruidoso by Lee Davis who was nearby at the time of the accident.

BEAUTIFUL GOLF COURSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

A golf course, which will soon be the key to all Ruidoso, is now under construction on about 180 of the 6,000 acres of patented lands owned by the White Mountain Development Company. Joe Palmer, George McCarty and M. S. Hamilton are partners in this company.

The first nine holes will be ready for use around Aug. 10. If the greens for these holes have not been completed by this date, temporary greens along side of the unfinished ones will be used. Eighteen holes have been mapped and staked out, but only the first nine will be built this year.

Ralph Petty of Carizozo, a past Southwestern golf champion, has designed the layout of the golf course so that it will conform to the Professional Golf Association rules. This will make state and national golf tournaments in Ruidoso possible.

The Kennedy, greenskeeper at the Lubbock Texas Country Club for the past ten years, is in charge of the construction of greens. He will be permanent greenskeeper of the course has already been received. The White Mountain Development Company is to be complimented for looking into the future by putting in its application for this equipment three years ago.

C. R. Young is engineer in charge of the construction of the course and the highways and subdivisions surrounding it. Mr. Young assisted in the original engineer plans of the water system, now being constructed here, and in the surveying and engineer work on the airport.

He has connected with the New Mexico for many years and State Highway Department of with the Roswell, N. M., Blue Print and Map Company. His experience proved of great value in the construction of major airfields in South America during the war emergency.

Mr. Morgan, owner of the new water system, assisted in the plans for the watering of the new golf course and helped make grass greens possible.

Because of the natural contour of the land on which the golf course is being built, this course will be the best in the Western.

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Highest Temperature Was 92 Degrees

The highest temperature in Ruidoso this month was 92 degrees on June 12, and the lowest was 28 degrees on June 1. Nearly two inches of rain have fallen this month. This is normal June weather here, according to C. A. Culver, associate weather observer.

The highest temperature for the week ending Wednesday, June 19, was 87 degrees on June 17 and the lowest 40 degrees on June 19.

C of C Elects Directors And Officers

Directors for the coming year were elected by the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce at a meeting held in the American Legion Hall Thursday night. The names of fifteen men were nominated from the floor and those present voted on nine. Those elected were Jack Hull, Claude Crane, Harry Cornelius, Dan Swearingin, Marion Fuchs, Albert Vaughn, D. B. Morgan, George Holloway and Lloyd Bloodworth.

Immediately after the election the directors met and elected officers who will serve the organization. Officers elected were, President, Claude Crane. Vice President, Harry Cornelius. Treasurer, Dan Swearingin. Manager, Lloyd P. Bloodworth. Plans for a general meeting and a membership drive were discussed. Another meeting of the newly elected board will be held next Monday night.

Pueblo Theatre Installing New Equipment

Jennings Blalock, owner and manager of the Pueblo Theatre, wishes to announce the arrival and installation of completely new equipment in his theater.

He has received and installed two of the latest type high intensity arc lights. These lights carry 60 amperes. He has projectors which boast double volume control, double amplifiers and automatic control, which is known as double amplifier dual channel. This is the newest method of picking up sound from film from light.

The complete speaker system has not arrived yet but has been shipped and is expected here this week. Mr. Blalock has been using makeshift baffles which cannot be expected to be as good as the new equipment he is expecting, he explains. There will be a definite improvement in both projection and sound when the equipment arrives, Mr. Blalock says. He had hoped that the equipment could be installed without losing a performance, but this was not possible. For this reason there was no movie last Friday night.

R. C. Butler of the Altec Service Corporation, a sound engineer, is supervising the installation of the equipment. This equipment is identical to that in the Plaza Theatre of El Paso, Texas, and the New Plains Theatre of Roswell, N. M., which was recently opened.

The management of the Pueblo Theatre wants to thank the people of Ruidoso and vicinity who have made this new equipment possible at a cost of a little less than \$9,000. "I hope and intend to give these people the very best that money can buy in the way of motion picture entertainment," Mr. Blalock reports.

Mr. Blalock says he will build a new theater within the city limits of Ruidoso as soon as building materials are available and all government restrictions are lifted. This theater, which he plans to name the Sierra, will have a seating capacity of from 600 to 800. Mr. Blalock says he will secure the best equipment possible for this theater.

As the people of Ruidoso have made it possible for him to contemplate the building of this theater, Mr. Blalock promises to use local labor and materials in its construction insofar as it is possible.

Plans For Ruidoso Rodeo Completed

Arrangements for the big rodeo to be held in Ruidoso August 2 through August 4 were being made this week by Johnny Mullens of El Paso, Texas.

Mr. Mullens has put on the rodeo for the last few years. He says he is making plans to stage a bigger and better show this year than ever before. Programs and prize lists are being prepared. Nothing will be left out to make the rodeo a success, Mr. Mullens reports.

Joe Evans Speaks To Lions Club

Joe Evans of El Paso, Texas, one of the most popular after dinner speakers in the Southwest, spoke before the Ruidoso Lions Club Tuesday night.

Mr. Evans has written several books of cowboy stories. Recently he received an order from London, England, for his latest book, "The Cow."

Mr. Evans has also promoted several "camp meetings" over West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. These meetings are arranged for the most part by cattlemen with whom Mr. Evans has been associated for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans own a cabin in Ruidoso and spend every summer here.

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IF POLIO STRIKES

(An editorial based on facts distributed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis)

What can we do to prevent infantile paralysis?

Sanitation is a must! Very little is known about the disease. We know the cause—a virus—but not the cure. We know that it is communicable, that many persons may harbor the virus without presenting any clinical symptoms of the disease.

Certain precautions, however, are recommended by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

If polio strikes, the Foundation urges, continue with normal activities. Schools, theatres and other places of congregation can remain open at the discretion of the health authorities, but unnecessary mingling with the crowds should be avoided.

Extreme fatigue, sudden and prolonged chilling make the individual an easier victim. Swimming in polluted waters and removal of tonsils during epidemics should be avoided. Flies and other insects should be kept away from food.

The first symptom of poliomyelitis may be some minor discomfort: headache, unexplained fever, a cold, even an upset stomach. If any of these appear, a physician should be called immediately. Expert medical care may prevent crippling deformities.

Above all, the Foundation adds, don't worry about expense. Foundation chapters are pledged to see that no victim of infantile paralysis goes without care and treatment for lack of funds, regardless of age, race, creed or color.

When a case appears, be sure that the nearest Foundation chapter is notified.

More Echoes...

wood, Calif., is spending the summer with her sister, Lucille Doughty.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Beeson were up last week to open their summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bunting of El Paso, Texas, are at Camp Alta Vista for several weeks. Mr. Bunting has owned a cabin up near the reservation for many years but sold his cabin last year.

J. B. Collins and C. E. Higginbotham, both of Big Spring, Texas, and Jaul Jackson of El Paso, Texas, went fishing on the North Fork this week. Coming back around dusk after a full day of fishing, they reached the third crossing when Mr. Jackson stopped suddenly. "Do you see what I see?" he asked his pals. In front of the men was a large brown bear. The bear won the right-of-way.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins and their daughter, Betty, and Mrs. James C. McWhorter and her daughter, Betty Francis, had as their guests this week Miss Natalie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham, all of Big Spring.

Tommy Patrick, son of Mrs. Nellie Patrick Jones, has reported for work at the Ruidoso Club House this summer. He is a student at the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Borden of Abilene, Texas, are building a cottage here this summer.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Travis Bennett of El Paso, Texas, spent the week-end in Ruidoso.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis are honeymooning in Ruidoso.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Palmer left for Roswell this week to visit their daughter, Sarah Louise, a senior at the University of New Mexico. Miss Palmer, who is president of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority there, will be graduated next January. She plans to return to Ruidoso with her parents and stay here a while before attending the University of Mexico, Mexico City, for six weeks this summer.

Here's one for Ripley! The J. B. Oldams, who are spending the entire summer here, have a beautiful silver Persian named Misty who has traveled from New York to Dallas via train and from Dallas to Ruidoso by car. She didn't cry once during the long journey, the Oldams proudly aver.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Roberts of Roswell were up for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Graves of Spur, Texas, and their sons, Jerry and Douglas McArthur, have arrived to spend the summer in Ruidoso.

Mr. Joe Patterson is spending a week in her cabin. Her guests include Mr. and Mrs. Matt Mitchell, Betty Jean Thompson and Doris Mae Patterson, all of Roswell; and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Higgins and Mrs. Evelyn Mitchell of Lubbock, Texas.

Francis McArthur and Betty Ann Crow of Lubbock, Texas, are vacationing in Ruidoso. Lola Mae Bellah will join them for a week's stay.

Mrs. George Freeman and her sons spent last week-end in the W. P. B. cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wick of Albuquerque, N. M., are the proud parents of a daughter born Saturday, June 15. She has been named Judith Lynn. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. 13m Conway, left Ruidoso at once to see the young lady.

A. C. Craig and family of Loveland, Texas, are here for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pettit of Anthony, N. M., and their son and daughter had guests over the week-end.

Earl Hightower of Artesia, N. M., was seen taking his four-year-old son, Warren, for his first horse back ride along the Ruidoso River. The Hightowers plan to stay here a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Vandever of Brownville, Texas, and their son are spending a few weeks in the canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jones of Weslaco, Texas, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Buford Fisher. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Fisher are sisters.

Montana Slim Skillet is spending a few days in Ruidoso. He recently returned from a trip to New York and eastern points where he and his orchestra entertained.

Elsie Perry and her brother, Howard Perry, of California, are visiting in Glencoe, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Prescott of Odessa, Texas, are spending their honeymoon at the Navajo Lodge.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Community Methodist Church Thos. S. Harcus, Pastor

The Community Methodist Church had another great day last Sunday. A splendid congregation was presented to hear the Pastor's message on Prayer. There were 14 additions during the week to the Church bringing our present enrollment to 74.

There are many other Methodists in Ruidoso and these are urged to place their membership—Mrs. L. L. Davis, Mrs. I. F. Kennedy and Mrs. Ike Wingfield have been appointed a committee on membership. Those who desire to place their membership are urged to see one of these and arrange to have their transfer to the Ruidoso Church. With all working together we can easily increase the membership to 100 by the meeting of the Annual Conference in October.

Next Sunday—June 23rd—will be another high day for the Church. The entire choir of the Methodist Church in Tulsa, under the direction of Mrs. Vernon Snodgrass, will be with us and render special music.

The choir of mixed voices will sing—"Pierce Raged the Tempest." The Ladies Chorus will sing—"I Walked today Where Jesus Walked." The pastor will have for his subject—"Salvation—What is it? How Obtained?" Jesus said—"I am come that ye might have life and I have it more abundantly."

Visitors in the Canyon will find a hearty welcome and a helpful service. We meet in the School House at 11:00 a. m.

Church of the Open Bible.

Regular Services—Sunday School—9:45 a. m. Classes for all Morning Worship—11:00 a. m. Midweek Bible Study and prayer meeting Wed. afternoon 2:30 p. m.

Sermon subject Sunday morning—"Christ in the Midst" This message will begin a series of messages on "Highlights of prophecy." A study in the book of the Revelation. Let us give heed to This Light that shineth in a dark place.

All services undenominational and fundamental—Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Bertha E. Kirk, Minister. The Revelation of our Lord To John, by angel given; Concerning things which shortly must

Take place in earth and heaven. A special blessing God pronounced

On all who read or hear And keep the sayings of this book:

The time is drawing near. Rev. 1: 1-3 (paraphrase)

First Baptist Church

Oliver W. Riley, a Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Worship—11:00 a. m. Evening Worship—8:00 p. m. Prayer Service Wed. Evening 8:00 p. m.

We have just closed a very constructive revival meeting in which Rev. J. Fred Cole, Pastor of the Grand View Baptist Church of El Paso, Texas did the preaching.

Welcome to the

Church of Christ

Thomas H. Black, minister.

At ten o'clock there will be bible study, with classes for all ages.

At eleven o'clock Mr. Black will speak on, "The simplicity that is in Christ."

The Lord's supper will be served at 11:50 to 6:45 the young people will meet for their hour together, and the study of a selected subject.

There will be preaching and communion at 8:00. If you are looking for a people who are worshipping and teaching the simple new testament way, come to the Church of Christ.

These BORN SUITS ARE Tailored Just the Way You Want Them \$39.50 \$65

They're designed and tailored by skilled craftsmen who have made individualized style their specialty. They'll measure up to your highest expectations on every detail—fit, smartness, workmanship. Come in, let us get your new suits started.

THE WESTERNER

Private Breger Abroad By Dave Breger



"Sir, one of the men has a sort of improvement over carrier pigeons, to increase communications!"

A hearty welcome is extended to all to worship with us in our services. We are to observe the Lords Supper Sunday evening.

First Baptist Church

Oliver W. Riley, a Pastor

Sunday School—10 a. m. Morning Worship—11 a. m. Evening Worship—2 p. m. Prayer Services—Wednesday 8 p. m. Women's Missionary Union—Thursday, 2:30 p. m.

Highway of Holiness Tabernacle

Palo Verde, N. M.

Rev. J. E. Matthews, a Pastor

Sunday School—10 a. m. Morning Worship—11 a. m. Children's Church—9:45 a. m. Evangelistic Services—7:45 p. m.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday—

7:45 p. m.

Cospel Messengers—Young

People, Friday night, 7:45 p. m.

Our Daily Vacation Bible

School was successfully closed

with 36 enrolled and 22 receiving

certificates of award for

faithful attendance and earnest

effort. Thanks to the mothers,

fathers and teachers for their

splendid co-operation and support

in making the Bible School a suc-

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fairbanks and Mrs. Bess Marshall have had several guests in their home lately. Among them were Mrs. Edith Hiner of Carrizozo, N. M., Robert Hiner and wife of Lima, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gehl and children of Lima, Ohio, Floyd Gehl and wife of Wink, Texas, and Pearl Freeland of Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Platt of Oklahoma City left Tuesday for Santa Fe, N. M., and Colorado Springs, Colorado. They were on their way home after visiting in the home of Mrs. Gladys son. They expect to return to Ruidoso in the fall on a hunting trip. Mr. and Mrs. Platt please Ruidoso highly and plan to purchase a cabin here.

Eugene Smith of El Paso spent the week-end with his family. They are staying in one of the Sutton cabins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fuchs have recently returned from Portland, Ore., where they visited their son and daughter.

Raymond Pitts, prominent business man of El Paso, Texas, is spending a few days in Ruidoso enjoying the cool weather. He is a guest at the Navajo Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Coney Baker of Sonora, Texas, are spending the week in Ruidoso. This is their first visit to the Canyon.

Pinky and Dorothy Stout visited Mrs. G. C. Roberson in Ruidoso, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Herring entertained with a fish dinner Wednesday noon at their lovely Ruidoso home. Their guests were Mrs. Charles A. Porter, Mrs. M. P. Graves, and Mrs. Julia Ann Galushan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collins of

Big Springs, Texas, are here for the summer.

Mrs. L. B. Robertson and Dimple Wilburn left Monday for Goodland, Texas, to spend a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Traver of Plainview, Texas, are spending a few days in their summer home here.

Miss Adelle McDaniel has gone to Denver, Colo., to visit her sister, Mrs. Melva Dupree, and to attend business school. She also plans to do part-time secretarial work in a law office. She was a spring graduate of Capitan High School.

Mrs. L. M. Culver had as her guests this week her grand-children, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Crox and son, Kenneth, her great grand-daughter, Sherry, Lynn Baeak, and her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Culver, all of Dallas, Tex.

Capt. and Mrs. R. J. Sylvester and party from Portales, N. M., spent the week-end at the Bess Dohoney, cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Williams, their daughter and four-week old grandson of Las Cruces, N. M., have opened their cabin for the summer.

Mrs. M. C. Martin of El Paso has a party of friends up for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. "Doub" Middleton and family of Odessa, Texas, came up last week to spend the summer.

Mrs. C. C. Martin and grand-daughter, Mary Spencer, have opened the Martin cabin for the summer.

Robert Alan Fowler, four-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fowler of the Pine Knot Cabins, was christened in St. Ann's Chapel, Glencoe, N. M., Sunday. The Rev. W. H. Martin of Lincoln, N. M., retired Episcopalian minister, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Daniels of Denver, Colo., and Dr. O. R. Hand of Lubbock, Texas, after whom Robert Alan is named, are the child's God-parents. C. C. Longabaugh of Lubbock, Mrs. Fowler's father, stood for Dr. Hand, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels and their son, James Richard, and Mr. and Mrs. Longabaugh were guests of the Fowlers in Ruidoso this week.

Major Maud C. Davison on upper Ruidoso is having her cabin completely remodeled.

Shirley Jo ORIGINALS

Skirts \$4.25 and \$5.00

The Westerner

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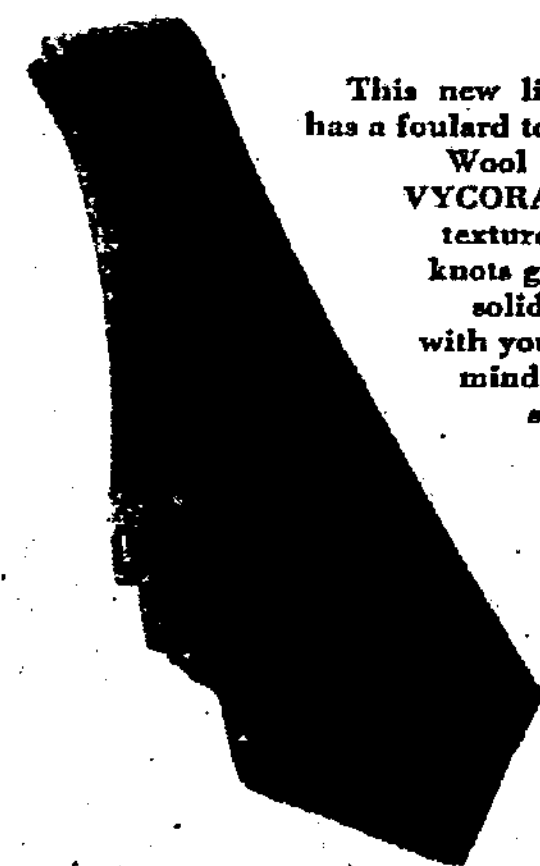
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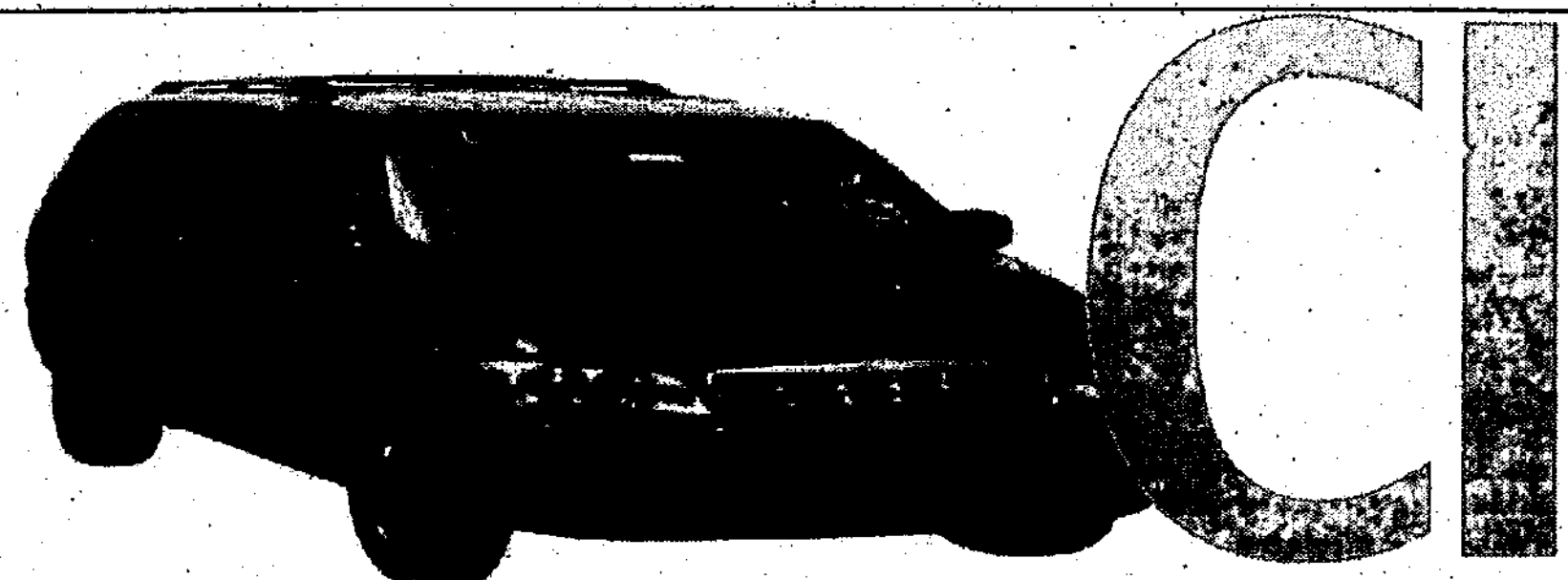
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This new lightweight wool tie has a foulard touch. Made of 100% Wool Naphthalated, these VYCORA ties are of a fine texture that ties smoothly, knots gracefully. The eight solid colors were chosen with your sports clothing in mind... and are equally smart for town wear or leisure wear.

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Save 30% on Water, Join
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Recycling Pilot Program.
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HUNGRY? NEED FOOD?
We will help you in Jesus' name. Also free one on one New Testament teaching. Call We will help. 808-0533/336-9116

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB INC., a New Mexico corporation

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Plaintiff, vs ALVIN UPCHURCH and MARTHA UPCHURCH, husband and wife, LAKESIDE CORPORATION, and DWAYNE COPELAND and ANDREA COPELAND, husband and wife, Defendants.

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Cause No. CV-04-315 Div. III

152
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER FORECLOSURE JUDGMENT

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NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on May 19, 2006 in civil cause number CV-04-315, the under-signed will offer for public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the front entrance of the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico on the 17th day of July, 2006 at 9:30 a.m., all rights of the defendants to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico,

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Lot 269, DEER PARK VALLEY SUBDIVISION, Unit 9, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County on April 17, 1981, in Cabinet D Slide Nos 7 to 10,

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(hereinafter referred to as "the Property")

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Notice is further given that the court directed foreclosure of the lien on the Property and that the amounts to be realized at said sale from the Property with interest calculated to date of sale are as follows:

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Amount of Plaintiff's Lien \$8,240.77

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Interest to date of Sale \$237.06

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Costs \$235.75

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Attorney's Fees \$2,500.00

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TOTAL \$11,213.58

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In addition thereto there will be accruing interest and costs of publication of this Notice, and the Special Master's Fee fixed by the Court in the amount of \$200.00.

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The terms of this sale are that the purchaser must pay cash at the time the Property is struck off to him, except that the Plaintiff may bid all or any part of its judgment, plus interest without paying cash.

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Witness my hand this 21st day of May, 2006.

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Peter Baca, Special Master #7219 2T (6)16, 21

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FORT STANTON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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The next meeting of the FSDC will be held on Saturday, 24th June, 2006, commencing at 9 a.m. This meeting is a retreat for commissioners and interested parties to discuss long-term issues regarding Fort Stanton, the meeting will take place at Sunrise Springs, near La Cienega, south of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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#7220 2T (6) 14, 21

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I, Stefán Sanderson, owner of River Ranch RV Park, located in two weeks after June 12, 2002. Two abandoned trailers: VIN# 1052746856785 & VIN# 75710194 will be sold at Public Auction.

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#7227 1T (6) 21

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For Professional Services Advertising, Promotion and Marketing of Tourism through the development of Fine Arts Programs in the Village of Ruidoso will be received by The Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345 for RFP #05-021

152
The Village of Ruidoso is requesting sealed proposals for Professional Services Advertising, Promotion and Marketing of Tourism through the development of Fine Arts Programs in the Village of Ruidoso.

152
Proposals will be received at Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Agent's Office located at 207 Center St., Ruidoso, NM 88345, until 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 30, 2006. Submitted proposals shall not be opened until the time listed above. Any proposals received after closing time will be rejected and returned unopened. The fact that a proposal was dispatched will not be considered.

152
Copies of the Request can be obtained in person at the office of the Purchasing Agent at 207 Center St. or by mail upon written or telephone request to Fernin Herrera, Purchasing Agent, at 505-257-2721.

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The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive all formalities at or after the time of award.

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Project: "Village of Ruidoso (VOR) NEW MAIN FIRE STATION"

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Bid Number: 05010-RB
Bid Opening Date: Thursday, July 20, 2006
Time: 3:00 PM

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The Owner will receive sealed bids on a general construction contract for the project listed above. Submit bids and supporting information in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and as otherwise directed in the Bidding Documents. All bids must be on a lump sum basis. A bid must be submitted on all bid items and alternates, segregated bids will not be accepted. Bidders shall not include state gross receipts or local option taxes.

152
The Owner will receive Bids on or before the date and time listed above. Village of Ruidoso, Planning and Zoning Department, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345 c/o Mr. William Morris, Planning Director. Bids received after this date and time will be returned unopened. All interested parties are invited to attend. Bids will be opened and public record closed immediately after the specified closing time. Bid Documents are available for inspection, without charge, at the following locations:

152
Construction Reporter 1609 2nd St NW, Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 243-9793

152
F.W. Dodge Corp. 3615 University Ave NE, Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 243-2817

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Builders News 3435 Princeton Dr. NE, Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 884-1752

152
F.W. Dodge Co. 1200 Viscount Blvd., Ste. C40, El Paso, TX 79925 (915) 775-4641

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Complete sets of the re-bid documents may be obtained at either of two locations:

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1) The printer's office: Albuquerque Reprographics Inc., 4716 McLeod NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 884-5862 (POC employees only)

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2) Village of Ruidoso, Planning and Zoning Department, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345 c/o Mr. William Morris, Planning Director, (505) 258-4343.

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In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, Prime Bidders (i.e. General Contractors) will be limited to three sets of bidding documents and Subcontractors will be limited to one set, after which sets may be purchased directly from Albuquerque Reprographics Inc. The sum of \$100.00 (deposit) will be required for each complete set of documents (note: no additional deposit will be required for the re-bid documents only), which constitutes the approximate cost of reproduction, handling and applicable taxes. Payment arrangements must be made before pick up or shipping of documents. Bidders requiring shipment of bid sets shall make arrangements directly with Albuquerque Reprographics Inc. and any shipping costs will be the responsibility of the prospective bidder. Any bona fide bidder upon returning the documents in good condition within ten (10) days following the Bid Opening will be returned the full deposit amount.

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Questions regarding technical aspects of the bidding documents shall be submitted in writing to the Architect of Record: ROHDE MAY KELLER, P.C., 1100 Tower, Suite 1100, 400 Gold Avenue - SW, Albuquerque - NM 87102 - Attn: Don H. May, AIA, Tel (505) 243-5411 Fax (505) 243-5858.

152
Questions regarding purchasing procedures shall be submitted in writing to: Planning Department, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 c/o Bill Morris, Director, Tel (505) 258-4343 ext 1060 Fax (505) 258-3017.

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Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with Instructions to Bidders.

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The Bidder's attention is directed to the requirements of the Contract Documents for adherence to applicable state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances including but not limited to, requirements as to minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract and payment of applicable gross receipts taxes. This Project is funded in whole by the Village of Ruidoso and is subject to requirements of the funding agency. The Owner reserves the right to waive technical irregularities and to reject Bids. Bids shall be good for Sixty (60) days following the

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opening of Bids and may not be withdrawn. The Owner intends to award this Project to the lowest responsible bidder and to award the bid it considers to be in its best interest. No pre-bid conference is scheduled for this Re-bid. However, the Architect and Owner are available for clarifications, and all pertinent responses will be shared with the other bidders prior to the close of bidding.

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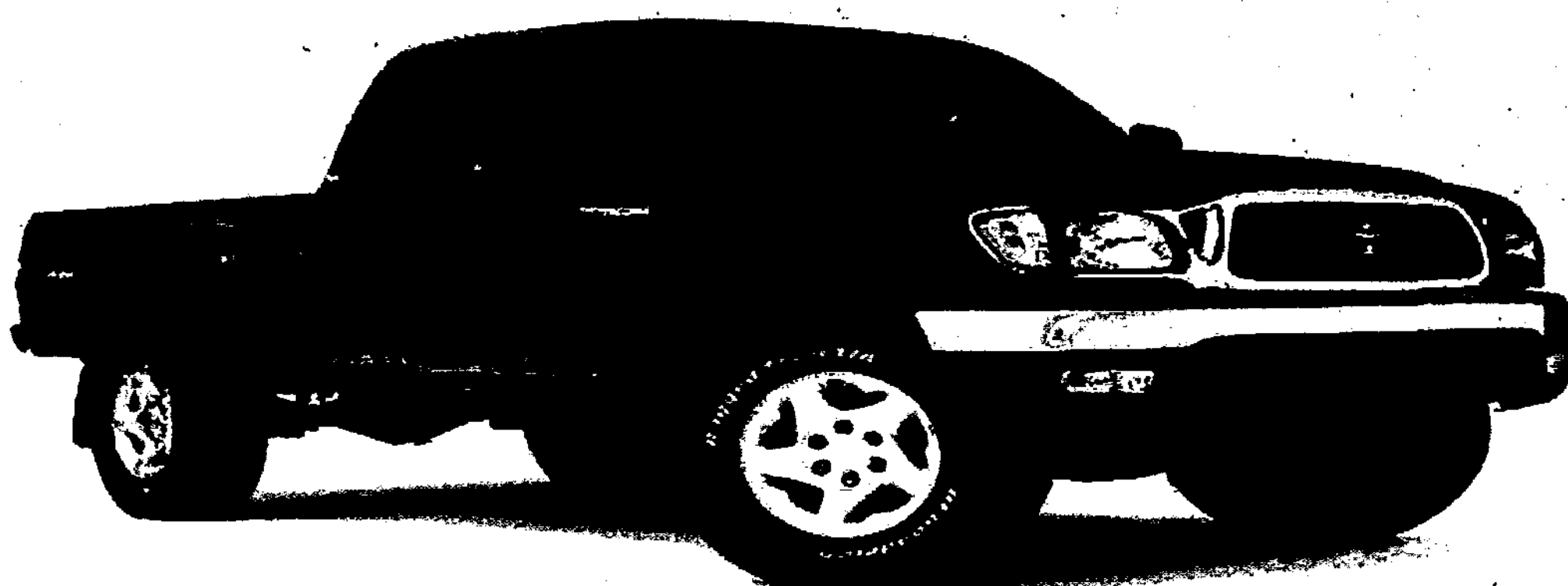
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