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'DO I HEAR TWO-FIFTY...'



Auctioneer Tom Brown of Capitan sits on a saddle and saddle rack that were sold at Saturday's fundraiser for the Capitan Public Library's building fund. Luck shined on the library, as threatening weather held off until all 88 items were sold. More than 100 people attended the live and silent auctions, and Library Director Pat Garrett said the money raised "exceeded our wildest expectations." At far left is Brown's wife, Capitan veterinarian Becky Washburn.

MARTY RACHNE/STAFF

The Monsoon of '06

Officials still preach water conservation

■ While residents battle high water and dam fears, the Village is reluctant to lower water conservation to Phase 4

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With rain every day and the total through Sunday already headed toward double the average for August, Ruidoso officials don't want to rush into a reduction of water conservation restrictions.

While staff with the Federal Emergency Management Agency are expected this morning to assess the damage in the village and in Lincoln County in response to a declaration of a flooding emergency, Ruidoso's water director knows how quickly the rain can disappear.

On Tuesday morning Grindstone Reservoir registered 18.5 feet below the spillway, and Alto Lake Reservoir was at 5 feet below.

"But I have a concern with the Hollywood Well at the moment," Water Director Ken Mosley said. "The line from the well to the booster station is exposed on Close Drive (the road to the village street department that washed out last week, taking out most of the utility lines). I'm concerned that the supply could be interrupted. That's why I'm reluctant to move back into Phase 4 water restrictions without all supplies available."

Mosley said even with another week of rain forecast, Grindstone will not be full in seven days. A diversion from the Ruidoso River is the only source to replenish the reservoir and can be used when the flow exceeds 6 cubic feet per second. With weeks of hard and consistent rain, the river is flowing at about 300 cfs.

"It's going to take longer than one week to fill, but we'll still have runoff and will be able to divert water for some time," Mosley said. "I think we will have enough to get it full, just not in one week."

Mayor L. Ray Nunley said Friday he hoped to be able to announce that the Village will move from Phase 5, the strictest measures tied to a moratorium on

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A van sashes through 5th Street Friday as a severe thunderstorm rolled through the area.

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Nightly rentals move into the neighborhood

■ Residents complain of quick turnover in neighboring cabins

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When the cabin next to his home in Upper Canyon sold, Ben Mason noticed that nearly every weekend, different people arrived to utilize the cabin. "Most of the cabins were built in the 1930s and have stayed in the same families from one generation to another," he told members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission. "It's a stable neighborhood."

But things changed with the new owner, he said.

After months of counting cars and new faces at the cabin, he complained to the Ruidoso Planning Department because the area is residential and yet the cabin apparently was being used for nightly rentals.

He found a Web site featuring the house with a calendar for booking and rate informa-

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Commissioner critical of indigent costs

■ Earl Hobbs says Lincoln County taxpayers footing bill for Mesquero

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Irritated at hearing that Lincoln County residents end up footing the bill for the medical care of indigent patients from the Mesquero Apache Reservation who use the county hospital, Earl Hobbs pressed for a solution.

But James Gibson, Lincoln County Medical Center administrator, told the county commissioner last week that the hospital in Ruidoso is caught in a dilemma. By county commission policy and federal rule, the hospital cannot turn down patients needing medical care, because the hospital receives federal dollars.

The hospital provided \$6 million in uncompensated care last year, he said.

He thought that the significant growth of hospital use in 2005 would balance some of that expense, but hospital use flattened out in 2006, he said, probably because of a winter with little snow, few skiers and a light summer season.

"Our in-patient use was down 8 percent from 2005," he said. The hospital experienced a 12 percent jump in bad debt last month, he added.

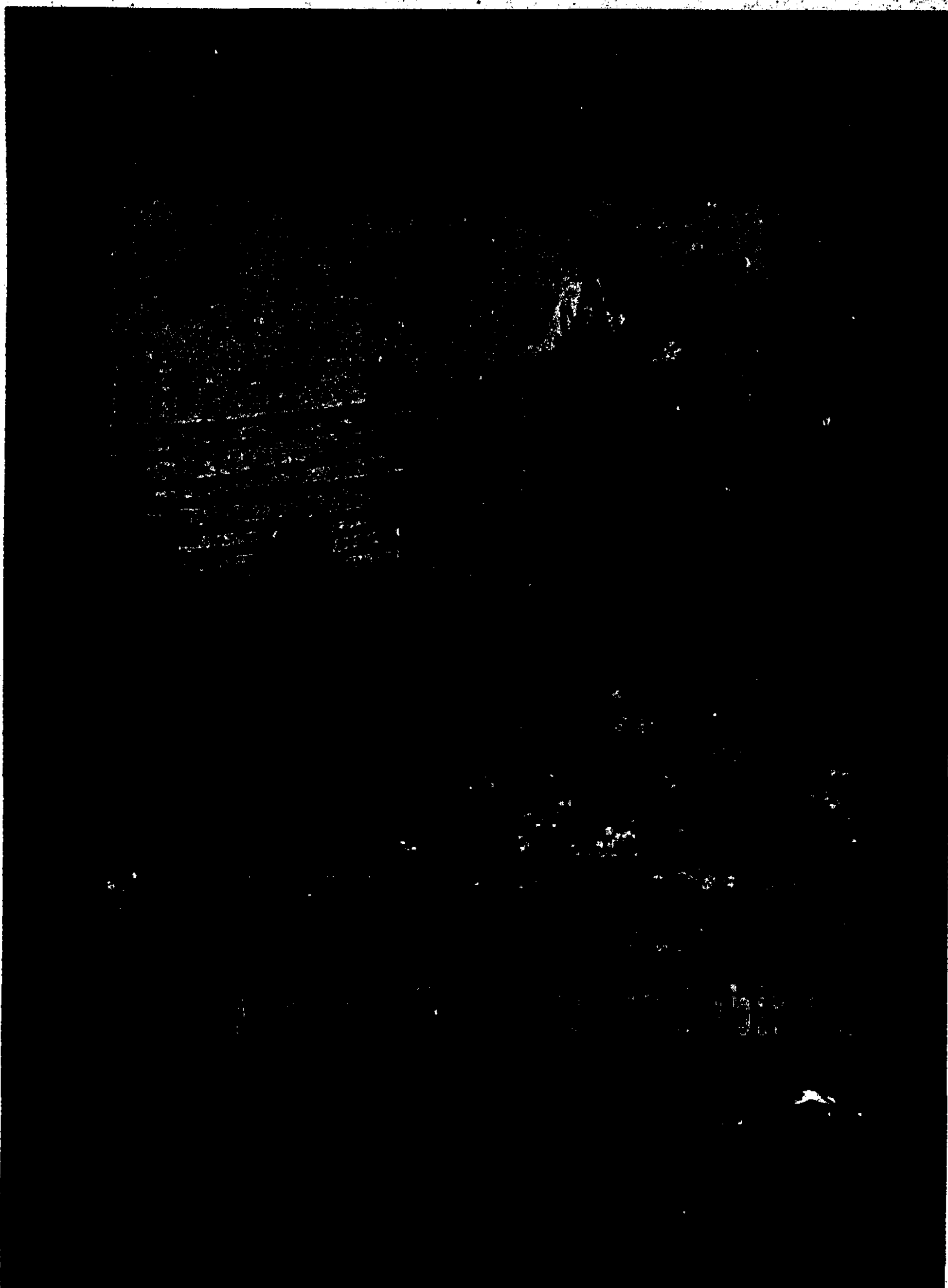
"I think the primary change is that IHS (Indian Health Services) is not qualifying people," Gibson said. "We're get-

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HISTORY IN THE MAKING



COURTESY REYNALDO VALCANCEL

Internationally known historian Frederick W. Nolan, front right, spoke to about 30 people at Chileo's restaurant recently about how a boy from Liverpool, England, became interested in American outlaw Billy the Kid and Lincoln County history. He shared stories about his experiences while doing research and filming documentaries, and afterward took questions and autographed copies of his books. Also pictured, l-r, Katherine D. Ortega, 38th Treasurer of the United States under President Ronald Reagan; her husband, Lloyd J. Derrickson; Dr. Cynthia Orozco with husband Leo Martinez, former county commissioner; and Lincoln county historian Drew Gomer.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Training session

The Mescalero Apache Tribe Responsible Gaming Program will host a Compulsive Gambling training 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24.

The training is designed for counselors and social workers and is to be held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Certified Education Units are earned. For more information call 464-7106.

Special meeting

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Ruidoso Downs will conduct a public hearing at during their regular meeting scheduled for Sept. 12, which begins at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall's Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Dr.

The hearing will concern a request for variance by Terrance and Scilla Uhl for six feet to place a mobile home on Lot 53, Block 1, at Ruidoso Downs Heights Subdivision, 110 E. Circle.

For more information, call Planning and Zoning at 378-1342 or 378-4422.

Voter registration

Members of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County will register voters at Eastern New Mexico University from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Aug. 28-31.

Voters can register at the office of County Clerk Tammie Maddox in the county courthouse in Carrizozo from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Registration forms to fill out and mail to Maddox's office are available at the county suboffice on Kansas City Street and Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso next to the Ruidoso Public Library.

Final Saturday

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will host the final event in the "Saturdays at the Hubbard" programming series at 11 a.m. Aug. 26 with a presentation titled, "The Custer Myth in Film" by Museum Director Jay Smith.

Smith's presentation will look at the life and times of George Armstrong Custer, to see how that portrayal changed in three significant film portrayals over a 50-year period. The audio visual presentation includes film clips, and well as commentary about the cultural implications of the changing portrayals. There is no additional charge for admission to the program beyond the regular

admission fees.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 841 Hwy. 70 West, and is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 378-4142, or visit www.hubbardmuseum.org.

HEAL benefits

Ride or buy, take your pick. Saturday, Aug. 26, presents two opportunities for residents of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs to help raise money for The Nest, a nonprofit refuge to open for victims of domestic violence under the auspices of HEAL (Help End Abuse For Life, Inc.).

Included in the activities are a motorbike rally sponsored by the Lucky Bastard Bike Works shop (Lucky B) in Ruidoso and a dance and silent action hosted by Alto's Mountain High RV Park.

Bike registration for the first annual Bikers for HEAL ride, a 100 mile trek through Lincoln County, takes place at Lucky B, 330 Sudderth Dr., at a cost of \$10 per bike plus \$5 per rider (call 937-6591). The race begins at 10 a.m. and includes prize ticket stops with an after-ride party to follow at The Quarters, 2535 Sudderth Dr.

The other event is a concert by Sentimental Journey, 6-8 p.m., at the Mountain High RV Park. Items for auction have been donated by local businesses and include arts and crafts, household items and more. All proceeds will be turned over to HEAL to help with program operations at The Nest and to make available services and personal care needs to sheltered families.

For more information about these events, or to learn more about The Nest, call 378-6378.

Ribbon cutting

Ruidoso Ford Lincoln Mercury invites the public Thursday to a special ribbon cutting of its new satellite location at 124 Hwy. 70 West, home of the former Fina Service Station.

The new store specializes in used imports and has been totally remodeled. Ruidoso Valley Greeters help kick off the occasion 10 a.m.

The store is open 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday. For more information call 378-1100.

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IMG air charter service delayed

Can't find suitable jets, says IMG Chief Operating Officer Parrish

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Charter air service to the Ruidoso area, as envisioned by operators of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, will not get off the ground in September, as originally planned.

In an end of the year fiscal report filed with investors and with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Brian Parrish, chief operating officer, said charter air service may not be realized until January 2007, at the earliest. Parrish said the delay comes as a result of an availability shortage of aircraft under 100 seats.

"The company's original negotiations and announcements were made upon the availability of two or three 35-75 passenger jets in a pool of over 65 planes under contract," Parrish said. "These

jets have been put into service elsewhere and the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino is negotiating with new air charter providers."

In his original business plan, Parrish said IMG had set a goal of Sept. 1, 2006, for charter service out of Houston Intercontinental to either Sierra Blanca Regional Airport or to Alamogordo, Texas, a week.

After a proven demand, that service would be expanded to include Dallas/Fort Worth travel. IMG had expected to place a sales force on the ground in Houston in July and August to promote flights, to be listed at around \$300 per seat, and to garner media attention surrounding air transportation from Houston to the Ruidoso area.

"This type of service certainly would be additive to the area," Parrish said this summer.

IMG is formulating its plans with the help of Kent Meyers of Air Planners, Inc. of Avon, Col.

Kofakis named Hubbard development director

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It took Sally the T-Rex to get James Kofakis through the front doors of the Hubbard Museum of the American West for the first time but it is what Kofakis found there upon arrival that caused him to respond when museum officials launched a search for a development director.

Last week Kofakis was named director of special events and fundraising at the Hubbard Museum following a month long search that resulted in 18 applications and two interviews.

Museum director Jay Smith said that Kofakis was considered the "ideal candidate as his extensive experience in corporate philanthropy, grant writing and foundations will help the museum establish new and needed sources of funding."

In Oct. 2005, the museum, 13 years old at that time, was transferred to the City of Ruidoso Downs from private owners R.D. and Joan Dale who also provided it with a \$1.5 million transfer or start-up endowment.

Kofakis said he has spent the past week reviewing the history of the museum and



James Kofakis
Hubbard Museum's new
development director

"There's an art to raising money. So, what I don't want to do is take a shotgun approach to seeking funds for the Hubbard Museum."

searching archives related to membership and donations.

"I want to see who was giving in the early years, who has stopped, and rectify the reasons why they quit doing so," he said. "It makes a lot of sense to go back to those who were giving before and reestablish some kind of relationship."

Having worked 31 years in the fields of sales and marketing, Kofakis said he has found that fundraising is one of the more "difficult things" to do in the business profession.

"There's an art to raising money," he said. "So, what I don't want to do is take a shotgun approach to seeking funds for the Hubbard Museum. I don't want to go around asking everybody in the world to give

where he was charged with sponsorship cultivation, signage, hospitality and promotions. From 1987 to 1994, Kofakis was vice-president and general manager of the American Racing Series/Indy Lights racing series in Troy, Mich.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Economics from the Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT and in 2005 received the National Romero Award for Excellence in Casino Marketing for his Casino Hollywood branding/marketing campaign.

"The first time I visited the Hubbard Museum of the American West I could see that it could be a very important piece of the greater Ruidoso Valley," Kofakis said of his new venture. "It's a very nice facility and one which I might not have seen had it not be for a T-Rex named Sue that was on loan there that got my attention. I am looking forward to the challenges the museum holds as it transitions from the Hubbard's to the city and as museum staff works to bring in new exhibits and events."

Kofakis can be reached in his new office inside the museum at 378-4142.

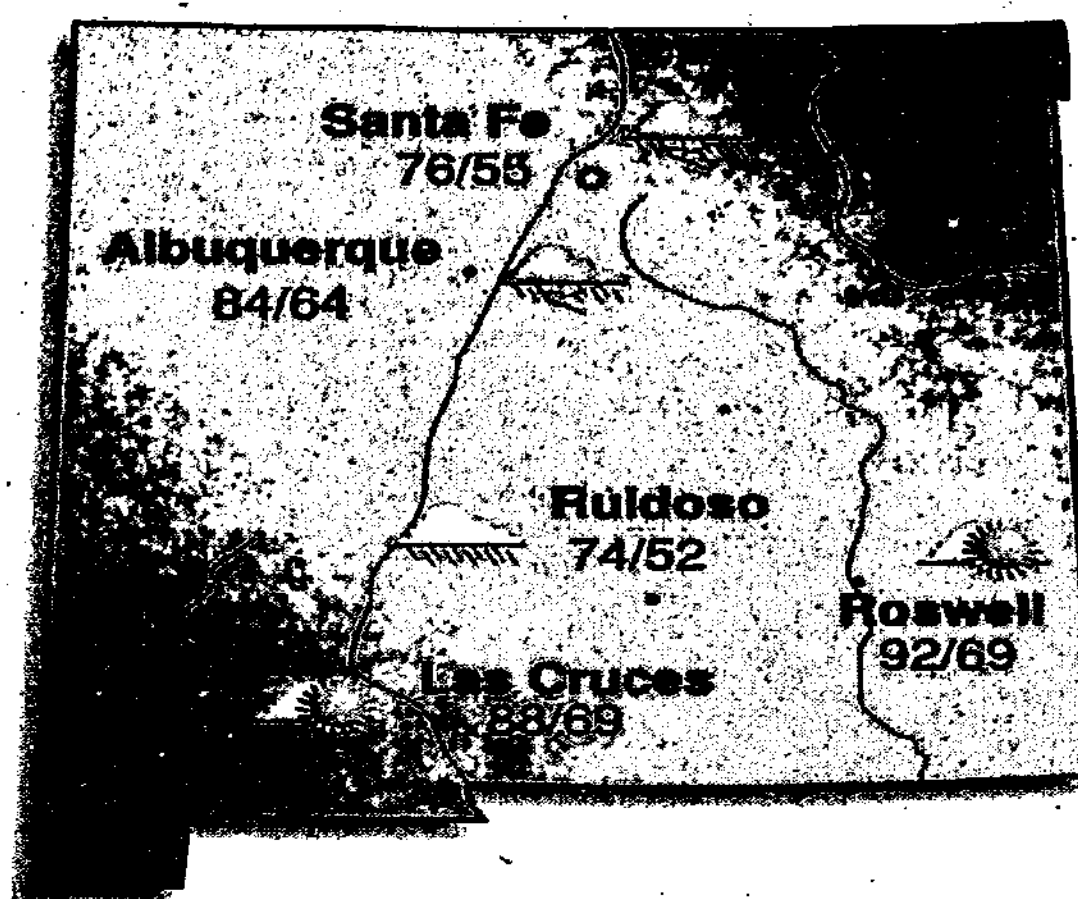
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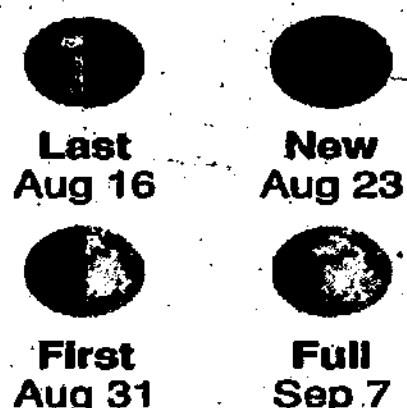
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Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|
| Alamogordo | 90 | 66 | mst sunny |
| Albuquerque | 84 | 64 | t-storm |
| Carlsbad | 94 | 70 | mst sunny |
| Chama | 74 | 49 | t-storm |
| Clovis | 88 | 63 | t-storm |
| Deming | 89 | 66 | sunny |
| El Paso, TX | 90 | 72 | sunny |
| Espanola | 80 | 60 | t-storm |
| Farmington | 88 | 59 | mst sunny |
| Gallup | 81 | 56 | t-storm |

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|
| Grants | 79 | 56 | t-storm |
| Guymon, OK | 90 | 65 | t-storm |
| Hobbs | 93 | 71 | mst sunny |
| Las Cruces | 88 | 69 | mst sunny |
| Las Vegas | 78 | 55 | t-storm |
| Lordsburg | 89 | 66 | t-storm |
| Lubbock, TX | 93 | 70 | mst sunny |
| Odessa, TX | 94 | 72 | mst sunny |
| Raton | 85 | 56 | mst sunny |
| Roswell | 92 | 69 | mst sunny |

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|------------------|----|----|-----------|
| Santa Fe | 76 | 55 | t-storm |
| Santa Rosa | 88 | 64 | t-storm |
| Silver City | 80 | 60 | t-storm |
| Socorro | 84 | 62 | t-storm |
| St. Johns, AZ | 86 | 64 | t-storm |
| Taos | 81 | 54 | t-storm |
| Trinidad, CO | 86 | 59 | mst sunny |
| Truth or Conseq. | 84 | 66 | t-storm |
| Tucson, AZ | 97 | 77 | pt sunny |
| Tucumcari | 86 | 62 | t-storm |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---------|----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta | 88 | 69 | t-storm |
| Boston | 78 | 61 | sunny |
| Chicago | 83 | 68 | mst sunny |
| Dallas | 97 | 80 | t-storm |
| Denver | 91 | 61 | mst sunny |

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|----------|
| Houston | 93 | 75 | t-storm |
| Los Angeles | 85 | 70 | pt sunny |
| Miami | 88 | 79 | pt sunny |
| Minneapolis | 86 | 68 | t-storm |
| New York | 85 | 66 | sunny |

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
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| Phoenix | 104 | 85 | mst sunny |
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OUR OPINION

Ruidoso area attracting quality professionals

Newcomers bring wealth of experience to positions

A community can be rated for the type of individuals it attracts to fill critical positions in government and the private sector.

Thus, a handful of newcomers are reshaping our area in their visions.

Among them, in no particular order, are Jay Smith, director of the Hubbard Museum of the American West; James Kofakis, director of special events at the Hubbard; Coleen Widell, executive director for HEAL's new domestic violence shelter; James McCarthy, Ruidoso's new emergency manager; Kathryn Carey, development director for the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts; and Bill Morris, Ruidoso's new deputy manager.

These individuals share a decision to extend their careers into our lives. And on paper

they bring stellar credentials. Smith arrived from the prestigious Kansas City Museum at Corinthian Hall. Kofakis received the National Romero Award for Excellence in Casino Marketing. Widell has authored several books about domestic violence and is advisor for several national domestic violence organizations. McCarthy was deputy chief at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, one of the nation's largest teaching hospitals. Carey was executive director for the American Honda Foundation for 28 years.

Morris arrived as planner in January with extensive planning and zoning experience in Florida. He was so highly regarded at Village Hall he was recently named deputy manager. The big problem now will be replacing himself.

Scam artists paint pretty picture for gullible columnist

Now anyone who has an opening? The job fantasy here that had me making big bucks teaching UNM journalism alongside former Bill Richardson press guy Billy Sparks fizzled.

Gone, too, is my gig as Czar in Charge of Reminding People Big Bill Is Not Running For President. That becomes nearly impossible what with the guy scurrying on-up to Iowa to hobnob with other Leader of the Free World wannabes.

Not only that, Bill calls a press conference and confronts Wal-Mart for shoddy employment practices. When you take on a corporate giant, you've got to be running for something.

(Note to Mr. Richardson: Mistake, Bill. The masses love Wal-Mart. It is the social hub of small-town America. People can get their hair cut, car fixed, check deposited, vision tested, eat lunch and buy lots of cheap stuff they don't need. Looking for a cause? Go after the greedy oil companies.)

No matter. That's all behind me now. Goodbye weekly deadline. Hello cash. This poor word slave is about to be rolling in deep clover. And I'm getting rich the old-fashioned way. The Internet way.

There is big money in my email box. For instance, who would have known I had relatives in Spain if it were not for this ubiquitous means of instant communication? "Dear Partner," said the email. "My name is Jose Antonio Borico, an Attorney at Law, a national of Equatorial Guinea, practicing in Spain."

Normally I would have been suspicious right off, except for the fact this was from an Attorney at Law, and all of us know when you are dealing with an Attorney at Law, you're in ethical company.

"I am writing to notify you of the unclaimed inheritance deposit of our late client who passed on to the Great beyond (on) March 11, 2004 in the

Madrid Bomb Blast."

Turns out that I, your poor, modest and humble columnist, am related to Jose's late client and am about to come into a pot of cash. We've not worked out the final details yet, but no big deal: I've got other irons in the fire.

"Greetings," said another recent email. "I am Mrs. Sandra Bullock" — here's a scam artist with great imagination — "I am a dying woman who have decided to donate what I have to you."

And yet another, this from Miss Nina Nadia Guei of West Africa. "Dear One, Compliment of the season. I am...the only survived daughter of the family of the assassinated General Guei Robert" blah blah blah.

Miss Guei, turns out, is filthy rich and will pay me handsomely to handle her U.S. investments. See how it works?

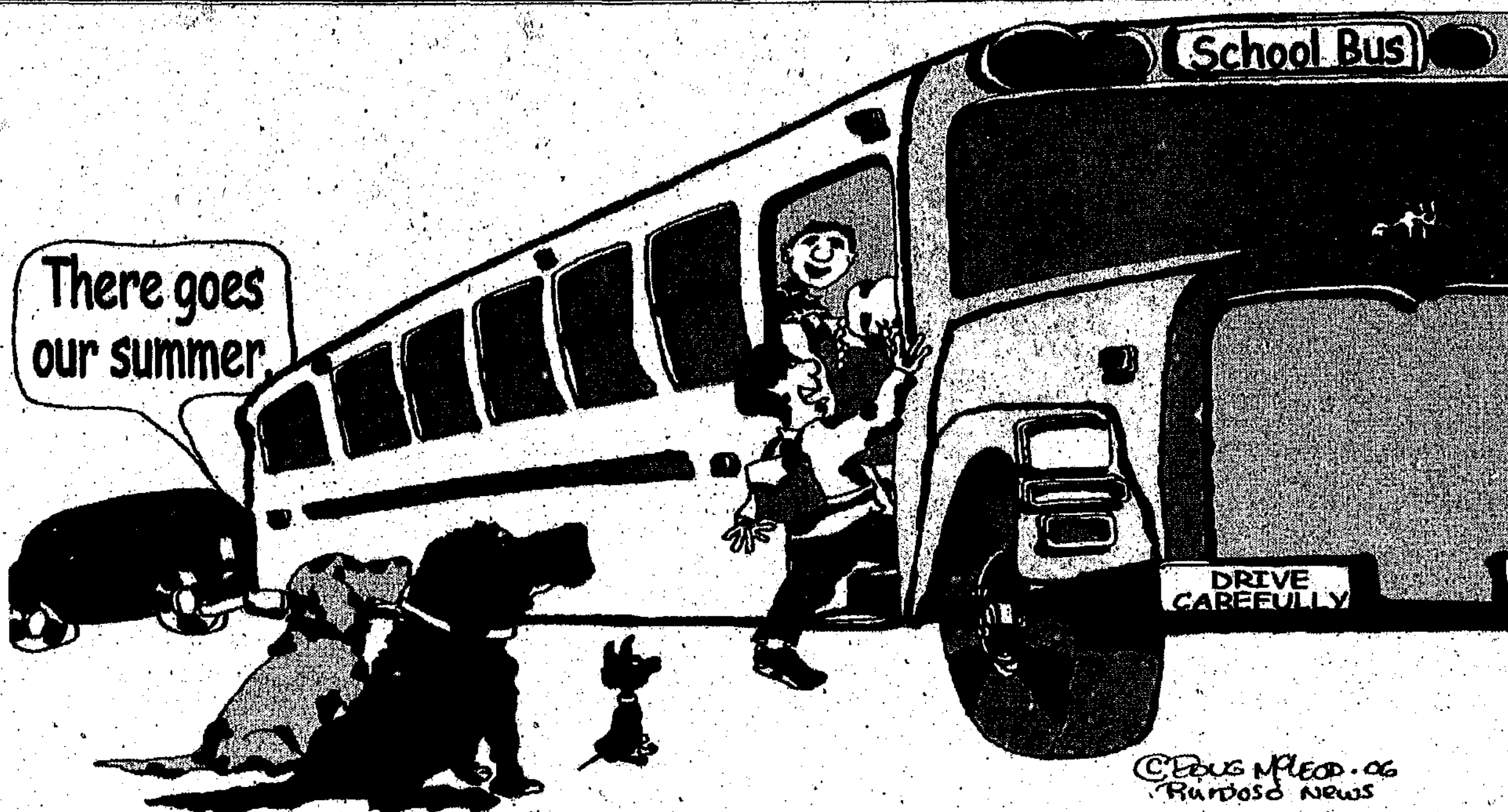
Okay, cut the nonsense. Surprisingly, New Mexicans are falling for these transparently obvious scams. Said one banker acquaintance, "We have seen an incredible number of bank customers get involved in some of these scams. Most have avoided losses but some have lost some money."

Here's how it works. Nina sends me a check for \$50,000 and I get to keep \$8,000 for my trouble. I send \$42,000 back to Nina who needs the money to cover certain costs pursuant to our deal. The \$50,000 check bounces and I'm out Forty Two G. Ouch.

The bottom line: If it is too good to be true, it's too good to be true. There are some clever scammers out there, and they can look legitimate.

Vigilance is the cornerstone of prudence. Having said that, I can't help but wonder: Do you think Sandra Bullock is really trying to get a hold of me? Whoa!

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YOUR OPINION

Column on meth was outstanding

To the editor:

MAJOR KUDOS TO TONY SENO for his outstanding column: "The War on Meth: Noble Motives, Bad Policy" [Ruidoso News, Aug. 9].

I'd like to add that many judges and prison wardens have said that 70 to 80 percent of all property crime and violent crime is "drug-related."

Actually, almost 100 percent of all so-called "drug-related crime" is caused by drug prohibition policies — not drugs.

When Coca-Cola contained cocaine

instead of caffeine and sold for 5 cents a bottle, the term "drug-related crime" didn't exist. Neither did drug lords, drug cartels or even drug dealers as we know them today.

Many currently employed in law enforcement are opposed to the idea of re-legalizing all types of recreational drugs.

That's because if drugs were re-legalized, we would need far fewer law enforcement personnel, far fewer prison guards and no prison builders.

Thus, many now employed in law enforcement and the prison industry would be looking for a job or washing cars for a living.

Of course, those opposed to re-legalizing drugs because it would affect their livelihood will not say so. Instead, they will cite noble reasons such as protecting the children.

As if the current policies are protecting children from drugs.

Kirk Muse
Mesa, Ariz.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Meth awareness tour sad and sobering

RE: STEVE PEARCE
(R-New Mexico)

ON JULY 31 IN CARLSBAD, I began a two-week, 17-stop methamphetamine awareness tour. I will never forget this extraordinary journey, during which I traveled more than 3,000 miles across the 2nd Congressional District — and an immeasurable distance in understanding this deadly scourge.

My staff and I scheduled this tour knowing that methamphetamine abuse has become a major problem in New Mexico.

Yet, only the wrenching testimony we received during our workshops could have illustrated just how much this hidden killer threatens the underpinnings of whom we are — and who we hope our children will become.

Police, parents, mental health professionals, and residents described the devastating impact of methamphetamine upon their communities. People from diverse backgrounds stood up and provided their testimony, both good and bad.

Individuals who have been ensnared by methamphetamine addiction had the courage to tell their stories. As I listened, I felt deep compassion for those whose lives have been enslaved by this hidden killer and their families; anger toward those who profit from this insidious, life-wrecking force; and most of all, a determination to do everything in my power to help our communities defeat this threat, which possesses truly apocalyptic potential for our society.

Here's what I discovered during our tour, which I present knowing that there is much, much more to learn:

Chief Deputy Rob Coon of the Chaves County Sheriff's department told us that methamphetamine (nicknamed "meth," "crank," "ice," and "speed") has become the drug of choice in nearly all 50 states. According to Lt. Frank Musitano of the New Mexico State Police, methamphetamine is simple to make, easy to consume, readily available, and highly addictive.

Lt. Musitano, who has presented methamphetamine education programs for nearly two years and who accompa-

nied me on most of our tour, further advises that 98 percent of methamphetamine invading our communities consists of nearly 100 percent pure methamphetamine smuggled across our southern border from Mexico.

This variety of the drug is four times more potent than the methamphetamine produced in mobile homes and basements.

Lt. Musitano describes the effects of methamphetamine use in frightening detail. He presents slides of open sores where addicts have picked at their wounds to consume the small traces of meth seeping through their skin — and heart-rending pictures of the suffering of children who have addicted parents. Lt. Musitano states that methamphetamine's destructive impact becomes manifest within the first few weeks after an individual's first experience with the drug.

A methamphetamine addict is aggressive and easily agitated, and will only sleep a few hours a night. The addiction saps its victim's appetite, rapidly transforming a healthy individual into a skeleton.

Only 25 percent of methamphetamine is actually consumed by the human body; as the other 75 percent is processed out through urine and nerve endings. Accordingly, an addict may begin drinking his or her own urine or that of other users in the never-ending quest to get high.

Our workshops revealed that methamphetamine addiction has infected all sectors of society. It has destroyed the lives of soccer moms, elementary school kids, and working professionals. Business owners have lost their businesses, homeowners have lost their homes, and parents have lost their children.

As we discussed solutions during our community workshops, one theme remained constant. In the words of Commander Bobby Sullivan of the Pecos Valley Drug Task Force, "we can't arrest our way out of this problem." Threats of arrest, prosecution, and



prison time will not solve a crisis that has already claimed millions across America.

Moreover, law enforcement agencies across our state are simply overwhelmed.

In Santa Rosa and Grants, we heard that these communities have only a handful of officers to cover both the city and

county. Methamphetamine producers and traffickers often possess firepower and technological capabilities that far outpace the resources of the brave men and women of law enforcement.

Moreover, according to Fifth Judicial District Attorney Terry Haake, the hands of prosecutors and judges remain tied without changes in the law that provide them with access to methamphetamine users for at least three years, and which allow them the flexibility to prescribe treatment or incarceration.

Likewise, this crisis won't be solved by waiting on Washington or Santa Fe. Every community, every neighborhood, and every family must make an unflinching commitment today to win this fight.

We must find a way to educate our children before they fall into the grip of methamphetamine, while providing treatment options for those who have fallen prey to addiction. Every teacher, parent, nurse, judge, coach, and clergy needs to know what they can do to help save our children from this horror.

Lt. Frank Musitano best expresses the urgency of the challenge we face: "When middle schoolers today start having children, we're going to see the epidemic grow out of control."

This October, I plan to return to our schools to help our communities assess what we can do to develop an effective, comprehensive education strategy. Building upon the unity and resolve I witnessed across Southern New Mexico, let us work together within each community with a determination that exceeds the alarming magnitude of this crisis.

We have no other choice.

Game & Fish considers changes in cougar management

■ Informational session on the predator will be held in Ruidoso Aug. 30

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With New Mexico Game and Fish officials asking the public for input on the state's cougar management plan, a slide show and informational session on the predator set for Aug. 30 is well timed.

The event at the Ruidoso Public Library is co-sponsored by Animal Protection of New Mexico, Forest Guardians and Sinapu, said spokesman Sarah Pierpont.

"Mountain Lions in New Mexico and the West: Natural History, Conservation and Coexistence," will feature speakers Wendy Keefover-Ring of Sinapu, an organization dedicated to the preservation of large carnivores in the Southwest, and Jon Schwedler of Animal Protection of New Mexico.

The program at the library next to Village Hall at the corner of Cree Meadows Drive and Kansas City Street is set for noon as part of the library's Adult Awareness Program Brown Bag Lunch.

The West's red-rock canyon country, rugged foothills, and piñon-covered mesas provide critical habitat to mountain lions, who also are called cougars, panthers or puma. A charismatic species, mountain lions are an icon of the Southern Rockies, Pierpont said.

The large golden cats, shy and unsocial by nature, prefer rugged terrain that is suitable for ambushing their large prey, such as mule deer and elk.

Mountain lions require expansive habitats because they are an "obligate carnivore," they only eat meat and their food supply is dispersed over long distances. A male lion requires at least 100 square miles of habitat in the arid West, Schwedler said.

A female cat spends about 70 percent of her lifetime raising young. Born year-round, but with births peaking in the summer and fall months, kittens are totally dependent upon their mothers for their first nine months. They typically



The mountain lion, or cougar, prefers the rugged terrain of the mountain West. Female cougar populations in New Mexico are decreasing, raising concern.

spend between 10 and 18 months learning survival skills from their mother, he said.

Common sense precautions, such as traveling in groups while recreating in lion country can eliminate potential human-lion conflicts.

The session Aug. 30 will cover the natural history of mountain lion, skills to successfully co-exist with the large native carnivore and how people can help ensure New Mexico's proper management of the state's cougar population improves.

Keefover-Ring, Sinapu's director of the Carnivore Protection Program, and Schwedler, APNM's Cougar Campaign contact, will be touring eight New Mexico cities to present the program.

Schwedler explained that NMG&F officials are proposing increasing the harvest limit of 233 cougars across the state by 17 percent to 273.

Currently, a set number of cougars may be sport hunted and killed within each game unit, but those killed on private land in each area are not counted in the final tally.

Essentially, an unlimited number of the mountain cats could be killed on private land, he noted. "That's the way it has been for a long time. As far as I know, no other state handles cougar management that way."

To try to capture some of private land cougar kills, NMG&F officials are considering creating a separate category of management to come up with a sustainable mortality level, combining all private, road kill and sport harvest in a unit added together for a total of 446 cougars statewide.

"Our concern is that is so high, it represents more than 25 percent of the cougars in the state, by (NMG&F's) own estimates," Schwedler said.

"If you look at their numbers, the number of females being killed in the sport harvest is going up," he said. "When it goes over 25 percent, you're looking at the population not going up. It will be going down. In 2005, 48 percent of the harvest were females."

Marty Frentzel, chief of public information and outreach for NMG&F, emphasized that the proposals are just that, pro-

posed changes and they are up for debate.

He explained Monday that the number of allowed kills is not going up in all sport hunt zones.

"Some are going down," he said. "But if you look at the overall numbers, you don't see that. Cougars do have a significant impact on other animals."

The overall number includes cougars killed by the predator control program in the state designed to protect livestock.

Frentzel emphasized that the review is the normal setting of two-year hunting regulations.

"This year, we are proposed adjusting the numbers by the zones," he said.

"It is an increase, but our management objectives probably are not the same as others. Cougars are a valuable big game species. We don't want to eliminate them, just reduce the number in certain units."

Only one sport harvest unit has no limit, he said. It's located in Hidalgo County in desert bighorn sheep country.

Rick Winslow, Large Carnivore and Furbearer Biologist

with the Wildlife Management Division of NMG&F, said the estimated adult cougar population statewide lies between 1,500 and 2,500.

The changes being contemplated are based on new habitat and range ideas for cougar in New Mexico, he said.

"Basically, we are not done trying to integrate the changes yet, so the proposed rule change available on the G&F Web site is not the final version," Winslow said. "We always accept public opinion. Two more Game Commission meetings are scheduled dealing with the current changes to the regulations for the next regulation cycle of 2007-2009."

Schwedler said the number

of days it takes a hunter to kill a cougar has been going up since 1969 and the level of success is going down, which would indicate the resource is declining, better habitat is needed and the female subcategory should be modified and protected as a source of replenishing the population. When females die, they may leave orphaned cubs who also will perish without the protection and nutrition from the mother.

The animals harvested should be examined for age, condition and sex, no matter where or how they are killed, Schwedler said.

He placed the population estimate of cougars at a lower figure of about 1,400.

"With an annual sport kill number at 273 and sustainability mortality figure at 446, that's pretty scary," he said.

The groups also want to see more NMG&F outreach for residents to learn how to live with cougars in their communities.

"We don't want to wait until someone loses a pet," Schwedler said. "If you have mule deer in your backyard, don't leave pets outside overnight." The cougars will be drawn by the mule deer herd, but are opportunistic and will kill smaller prey such as cats and dogs.

The next Game Commission meeting is set for Sept. 28-29 in Tucumcari, Frentzel said. People are welcome to present oral comments.

Written comments may be submitted by Aug. 30 by e-mail to Darrelweybright@state.nm.us or by regular mail to New Mexico Game and Fish, Attn: Darrel Weybright, Big Game Program Manager, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Check for the time, date and location of other commission meetings on the department Web site at www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

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EDUCATION NEWS

Lottery scholarships

The New Mexico Lottery Authority has posted record sales and educational profits for the 12 months that ended June 30 resulting in gains in the Lottery Success Scholarship program.

Preliminary and unaudited figures for fiscal year 2006 show gross sales exceeding \$154.6 million, an increase of more than \$15.4 million (11.4 percent) over the previous fiscal year. Lottery profits earmarked for the Lottery Success Scholarship program were \$36.9 million, an increase of approximately \$4.6 million (14.35 percent) over last year, topping \$30 million for the fourth straight year.

Tom Romero Lottery CEO said that record Powerball jackpot run-ups exceeding \$300 million helped to make this a record year for the lottery. Scratcher sales totaled \$89.4 million and accounted for nearly 58 percent of total sales. Sales for Powerball, the multi-state lotto game, were \$54.1 million and accounted for more than one-third of the Lottery's sales for FY 2006.

The Lottery has returned more than \$286 million to educational programs since 1996 when ticket sales began in New Mexico. The \$286 million raised includes nearly \$219.5 million that has been transferred to the Lottery Tuition Fund and \$66.5 million that was previously transferred to the state's Public School Capital Outlay Fund.

his team will return to area schools in October to help map out comprehensive education strategies.

"Our streets are being invaded by a deadly drug that can strike any family anywhere, anytime. Together, we must address this crisis with an urgency and determination that exceeds its frightening magnitude."

College registration

Registration for the fall term at ENMU-Ruidoso continues. Courses begin Aug. 28 and are offered on campus and throughout the Lincoln County area, online and via instructional TV (ITV).

The Fall 2006 can be viewed online at www.ruidoso.enmu.edu. A copy also will be available in the Vamonos section of the *Ruidoso News* in September. Currently enrolled students can register via online services at www.rui-doso-enmu.edu. Those not admitted should contact Student Services at 505-257-2120 or 1-800-934-3668, ext. 7822.

Registration also is underway for Fall 2006 Community Education classes. Non-credit courses begin after Sept. 9 offering flexible, short-term education for self-enrichment and lifelong learning.

Pre-registration and payments for Community Education classes must be done at offices located inside the Lincoln County Works Center at State National Bank at 707 Mechem Dr. For more information call 630-8181.

Pearce in schools

Following the completion of a 17-stop methamphetamine awareness tour across southeastern New Mexico that included the communities of Mescalero and Ruidoso, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce said he and

Lunch menus

Parents of school aged children attending public schools in Ruidoso, can view a weekly posting of school lunch menus on the Internet at: www.ruidoso.k12.nm.us.com.

Mescalero schools welcomes parents

Parents and members of the community are invited to attend a back to school open house at Mescalero Apache Schools 2-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24.

The event is hosted by the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council/School Board and is an opportunity for parents to meet teachers, visit classrooms, and to see their son or daughter at work.

Punch and cookies are to be served at both the elementary and secondary campuses. Students will be dismissed and buses will run at 1 p.m. on Thursday so staff can get prepared for open house and so students can go home to prepare to return with their par-

ents.

At 7 p.m. a meeting will take place in the cafeteria for all parents of male and female student athletes, grades 7-12. The meeting is mandated by the New Mexico Athletic Association to review rules and will be conducted by MAS coaching staff.

On Friday all students and staff will be dismissed for the weekend at 1 p.m. Buses will run accordingly.

The Mescalero Apache Tribal Council/School Board cordially invites all who would like to come to open house and wants parents and community members to know that they are always welcome at Mescalero Apache Schools.

Local literacy program accredited

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The Lincoln County Literacy Council last week was named an accredited affiliate of ProLiteracy America, the nation's largest adult literacy organization. Accreditation follows an 18-month process that included a site evaluation and review of 16 standards related to intake, instruction, and organizational management.

Susie Morris, program coordinator, said the designation means, "The work we do here is not only validated but allows us more credibility when we apply for grants."

"It [also] means that our community has a top-notch program available to help Lincoln County adults improve their lives through literacy," Dr. Mike Elrod, provost of Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, program administrator, said.

John Hemphill, director of the Lincoln County Works Center/Adult Basic Education Program, an affiliate of ENMU-Ruidoso, said that in addition to meeting core criteria, accreditation qualifiers viewed "the presence of a working Advisory Board" as an asset. The board is chaired by Jan Holleman of Region IX and is made up of members drawn from college staff and the community at-large. In all, 45 trained tutors and instructors provide one-on-one or small group instruction to class participants.

Lincoln County Literacy Center was started in the early 1980s as a program of the Ruidoso Altruista Club and in 1997 became part of ENMU-Ruidoso.

In 2005, LCLC served 180 basic reading and English as a Second Language students as part of ENMU-Ruidoso's Adult Basic Education program.

Morris said that as the communities of Lincoln County grow demand for literacy



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Adult education, including reading basics and acquisition of general education diplomas, are managed under the auspices of Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso. Pictured, left: John Hemphill, ABE/Lincoln County Works Director and Susie Morris, Lincoln County Literacy Program coordinator.

services grow. Studies suggest that 18 percent of adults in Lincoln County function below the basic literacy level while only 45 percent function at basic literacy level.

Morris said that in combatting such statistics, "Being a part of the Adult Basic Education Program and ENMU-Ruidoso, and housed here with the Labor Department, Workforce Investment Act program, Vocational Training program, Contract Training and Continuing

Education program, we are able to move people up long the educational chain and help improve their job skills."

The ProLiteracy America accreditation designation is recognized for four years and requires that an application process similar to certification be met for recertification.

For more information about the Lincoln County Literacy Center, contact Morris or Hemphill at 630-8181.

College beneficiary of scholarship program

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso is recipient of a \$3,500 check from the Gene Burdine Scholarship Foundation from monies raised in the 2005 Gene Burdine Scholarship Golf Tournament. The award was made as Foundation officials are gearing up to host the 2006 golf tournament scheduled to be held Aug. 28 at the Kokopelli Executive Golf, Tennis and Social Club in Alto.

Dr. Michael Elrod, ENMU provost, said of the award, "We are very appreciative of the Gene Burdine Foundation's generosity. The gift of education is an investment not only in our students' future, but in the future of our community. The scholarship

donation will be placed in a university endowment fund that will grow and allow future business students the opportunity to realize their educational dreams."

The Gene Burdine Scholarship Foundation was formed in August of 2003 to help provide scholarship funds for today's college-bound students. In addition to business students at ENMU-Ruidoso branch community campus, culinary arts students at El Centro College in Dallas, Texas and students enrolled in the New Mexico State University Professional Golf Management program in Las Cruces are beneficiaries this year of the Gene Burdine Foundation award distributions.

Major fundraising events of the foundation take place during the birth date of Gene Burdine, a successful businessman and devoted husband whose memory and legacy are kept alive by contributions of the Foundation.

Burdine and his family built the Kokopelli golf course and club, opened in May 1999, and are developers of Kokopelli Mesa, the exclusive gated community surrounding the course.

Persons interested in participating in the 2006 Gene Burdine Golf Tournament and education goals of the Gene Burdine Scholarship Foundation can call 336-1818, ext. 28, or 505-258-5824, ext. 501.

Programs for kids offered at Ruidoso Public Library

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The Ruidoso Public Library will kick off its 2006-07 back to school schedule for local youth Sept. 5. A complete schedule of events is available courtesy at the library at 107 Kansas City Rd. at the opening day reception and during regular business hours: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday; and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday.

Events planned include an after school

program for youth ages 6-12 each Tuesday of the month and preschool storytime for kids ages 2-5 on Thursdays.

Parents should stop by the library to register their children for these programs and to sign permission slips related to planned activities and computer and game use.

Tuesday programming, 3:15-5 p.m., includes crafts and presentations the first, second and third Thursday of each month, and movies on the last Thursday. On movie day, participants can purchase popcorn and a drink for 50 cents.

Thursday programs run from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Parents interested in a tutorial for Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten age children should contact the library to register their children. The library requires a commitment of at least five students/families before the program can begin. When established, the library will host the program Monday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at a cost of \$21 per session.

In other library news, the children's department is looking for teen volunteers. Persons of interest must be between the ages of 14-18 and be prepared to help teach library skills, prepare crafts for story time and to assist adult programmers.

For more information contact the children's department at the Ruidoso Public Library at 257-7053.

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case studies. After course completion, many students use their skills to generate a seasonal or part time income. Some even are trained to become H&R Block Tax Professionals.

Anyone wanting more information about the H&R Block Income Tax Course should call: 505-257-4223 or visit hrblock.com/taxcourses.



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tion, Mason said. Since late February, he counted 37 vehicles and about 100 people there over 17 weekends.

He contended that existing wording in Village ordinances clearly defines the meaning of "residential" land use and provides remedies for unlawful uses. But he claimed the Village attorney told him no prohibition against nightly rentals in a residential zone could be found in village rules.

A letter warning the new owner to "cease and desist," was issued in May by the

Village staff, but since then, nothing has happened and the new owner, who has other rental properties in Ruidoso, continues to bring people in each weekend, Mason said.

He doesn't know if lodgers tax is being paid, as required by law for nightly rentals. With the owner in Fort Worth, Texas, no one is around to monitor the renters, he said.

Mason didn't receive much help Tuesday for his personal plight, but his complaint sparked a discussion by commission members about the need to clarify the difference between long-term rentals and nightly use, and how nightly rentals can be controlled.

Attorney Mike Runnels, for-

mer village planning director and former lieutenant governor of New Mexico, told commissioners, "This is an issue the village has avoided confronting that every resort community in the nation has had to face up to."

He lives in Upper Canyon and knows that renting property is a tradition there. A large home near his house is part of a nightly rental pool, he said.

"In my opinion, that is a commercial use," he said. Another neighbor has two rental units, but he also lives there, not in Fort Worth, Texas, Runnels said.

"This community needs to find a balance," the attorney said. "People living in the

"This is an issue the Village has avoided confronting that every resort community in the nation has had to face up to. This community needs to find a balance. People living in the Ruidoso area should be able to expect a residential neighborhood and nightly rental is a commercial use. There is no way around it."

Mike Runnels

Former Village planning director and a resident of Upper Canyon

Ruidoso area should be able to expect a residential neighborhood and nightly rental is a commercial use. There is no way around it."

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow said a public hearing on the issue should be scheduled. He thought a law already exist-

ed banning nightly rentals in residential neighborhoods, Barrow said.

Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld said officials with the City of Santa Fe and the Alto Village subdivision are dealing with the problem too.

"Let's find out what they're

doing," he said.

Barrow told Mason that as far as his immediate situation, the commission has no enforcement authority.

The code enforcement staff does not work for the volunteer board. They are village employees, he said.

INDIGENT

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ting the same number from the Mescalero Apache Tribe, but IHS won't cover and they become independent pays and bad debt."

Dorlynn Simmons, chief executive officer of the Mescalero PHS Indian Hospital under the IHS, said Tuesday she could not comment at this time and is "working on lot of other issues."

"A doctor on the reservation (that abuts Ruidoso) sends a patient to (LCMC) for a mammogram," Gibson continued at the commission meeting. "We do it and send the bill and IHS denies it," Gibson explained.

"Then prequalify them," Hobbs insisted.

"IHS won't qualify them until after the service is rendered and they're turning them down," Gibson said.

"Why can't you ensure that you're going to receive the money before you provide the service," Hobbs pressed.

"We can't refuse care," Gibson responded. "Our contract with you requires that we honor all federal contracts."

"But they're not Lincoln County residents. They're from Otero County," Hobbs continued.

"Since we receive federal funding, we cannot turn people away," County Attorney Alan Morel interjected.

"I understand that with emergency care," Hobbs said. "But if it's an on-going problem, that's an entirely different thing."

"I think your current contract does require that," Morel offered.

Gibson said the IHS is a "payer of last resort."

Hobbs retorted, "It looks like taxpayers of this county are being asked to subsidize people who already are being subsidized."

Gibson said he can't argue that the IHS is not funded sufficiently at about \$1 million annually.

"There's no free lunch in health care," he said. "Someone always is paying. Bad debt is being paid by the people using the hospital and also is spread around to county property owners through their taxes, or otherwise, we wouldn't have a hospital."

Hobbs said it is "absurd" to

ask Lincoln County residents to bear the expense for Otero County residents, a sentiment echoed by a man in the audience later as the meeting broke up, who pointed to the operation of two casinos on the reservation. Those enterprises should contribute to the medical care of tribal members, he contended.

Commissioner Maury St. John agreed with Hobbs' assessment, but said, "There's nothing we can do."

"Yes there is," Hobbs shot back. "We can simply say 'no,' and tell them to send (patients) here prequalified or not at all."

In a May 2006 letter to the Ruidoso News, Mescalero President Mark Chino attempted to clarify responsibility for tribal emergency medical care at LCMC and his efforts to prompt an increase in federal funding for the Mescalero PHS Indian Hospital.

The IHS is a federal entity and is responsible for payment and to provide medical care to American Indians as part of the federal government trust responsibility, he wrote. The IHS funding formula dates back to the mid-1970s, "is seriously outdated" and contributes to unpaid bills at LCMC.

The Mescalero PHS Indian Hospital is funded for 4,400 enrolled Mescalero Apache tribal members, but serves about 10,000 enrolled Indians from Mescalero and other tribes.

Treatment cannot be refused to indigent patients, just as at LCMC, he wrote. People come from as far away as Texas and northern New Mexico to use the hospital at Mescalero, he wrote.

"The (Tribe) for many years has fought to have the IHS funding formula changed," Chino wrote. "Only the U.S. Congress can do so."

The discussion at the county commission meeting was sparked by items on the commission agenda dealing with the status of the county's indigent health care fund, financed by a special gross receipts tax, and a request from Gibson for the county to pay an annual amount to qualify the hospital for indigent care supplemental reimbursement under the state's Sole Community Provider program.

County Manager Tom Stewart reported that for the preceding month, Indigent Fund Coordinator Rhonda Burrows processed 95 claims under the sole community program dealing with the hospital. Fifty-six were recommended for approval at \$45,532 and 36 for denial. That brought the year-to-date dispersal to \$107,904.

Under the county indigent care program, Burrows recommended 33 for approval for \$10,536 and six for denial. That amount is down from the previous month's \$14,912 and brings the total for the year to \$25,356.

The monthly average for this year in the county fund is \$12,678 compared to \$29,334 previously, Stewart said.

"At this pace, we are projected to spend \$152,137," he told commissioners. "We have a budget of \$600,000 and therefore, the Indigent Health Care Coordinator will bring to the IHC Board an adjustment to our resolution policy limits, as required by state statute this month."

Following Burrows recommendation, the commission approved a new income eligibility chart to file for help under the county fund, but one lower than the 13 percent maximum increase allowed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Burrows also recommended increasing the amount of reimbursement to the hospital from \$7,500 per case to \$10,000 for general medical treatment, or acute services care, outpatient or in-patient, including cancer treatment. The other types of reimbursements were left at last year's levels.

"This is a volatile fund," Burrows said. "A small adjustment here can create a huge financial impact."

Burrows said she is looking at other services that could be offered under the indigent care fund. Commissioners also added The Roswell Physicians Group's operation in Ruidoso to the list of health care providers eligible to file for reimbursement under the county fund.

IN OTHER ACTION, COMMISSIONERS:

• voted 4-1 with Hobbs dissenting, to approve a sole community provider program sup-

"Why can't you ensure that you're going to receive the money before you provide the service?"

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"But they're not Lincoln County residents."

— Exchange between County Commissioner Earl Hobbs and LCMC administrator James Gibson

plemental payment for the hospital of a maximum of \$83,000, which will generate about \$286,000 for the hospital to cover uncompensated care.

The commission already approved \$569,287 for the regular annual payment under the sole community provider program for 2006-07, with the IHC budget picking up \$137,773 of that amount. Stewart noted the new contract with Presbyterian Healthcare Services to lease the hospital will generate \$800,000.

• voted 4-1 with Hobbs dissenting to buy a commercial kitchen size cooking hood with fire alarm for \$52,021 from Poison and Grady, LTD of Alamogordo. Hobbs said he would have liked to see more companies bid on the project. Only one bid was received. Packets were sent to four.

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WEATHER

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new commercial construction enacted about three months ago, back to Phase 4 at a special meeting Tuesday. But Mosley convinced him to wait.

With all of the rain, people don't really need to water lawns or plants. Mother Nature is handling that chore.

While Grindstone and Alto Lake Reservoirs are being filled, the Bonito Lake dam operator for the city of Alamogordo began releasing water last week as a precautionary measure and officials on the Mescalero Apache Reservation kept a close eye on the water level in Mescalero Lake above Carrizo Creek.

With thunderstorms dropping more rain Monday and Tuesday on the already saturated ground above Mescalero Lake, water was rushing down the spillway at an estimated

flow of 60 cfs, causing Carrizo Creek to overflow its banks, according to reports. Residents along the creek were warned to watch for and avoid areas of flooding.

Bonito Dam Manager Keith Kessler said between water cresting the spillway and deliberate releases at the reservoir northwest of Ruidoso, the flow reached as high as 300 cubic feet per second.

Bonito fears

Many people became alarmed and called about the dam breaking, but Kessler said most of that reaction was tied to the fact that Bonito Creek/River normally has little or no flow.

People may have lost lawn chairs and other items placed too close to the river banks, he said.

The heaviest rain recorded in Ruidoso, 2 inches, occurred Sunday, Aug. 13, bringing the total for the month at that time to 3.61 inches. The average for



the month is 4.2 inches. Since then, another 3.77 inches were recorded through Sunday, Aug. 20, for a total of 7.38 inches in the village. The heaviest storms moved through on Thursday at .77 of an inch of rain, and Saturday at .57 of an inch.

Capitan saw about 9.1 inches this month as of Tuesday. An Alto resident reported 2.5

inches of rain and hail in a half-hour that day.

In Ruidoso over the weekend, roads in Tee Pee Trailer Park washed out for the second time and a trailer park on Gavilan Canyon also was evacuated.

Members of the Disaster Relief Team at Gateway Church of Christ on Sudderth

Drive opened their shelter five times last week to assist residents displaced by flooding, according to Arthur Hoopes, team coordinator.

The disaster team and shelter at First Baptist Church on Country Club was placed on standby Friday in anticipation of large thunderstorms forecast for the village overnight.

Water completely covers the Friedenbloom Bridge, above, adjacent to Big O Tires on Monday (Todd Fuqua/staff).

Below, police direct traffic Friday during a heavy downpour on U.S. 70 (Todd Fuqua/staff).

Bottom, Hull Road is awash in Cedar Creek overflow Monday (Dianne Stallings/staff).

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County manager has had enough of the wet stuff

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"I think we're ready to cry uncle," Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart said Tuesday morning.

"I've never seen it in the county where every arroyo is flooding," he said. We're having trouble on Cedar Creek and Spring Canyon. We have a washout behind TR's Market (off New Mexico State Road 48). We lost Monjeau Road. Albert

(Hernandez, county road superintendent) is working on that frantically. We have problems in Alamo Canyon."

Ski Run Road, a state road that washed out Thursday, remained closed Tuesday, as was the road to Monjeau Peak.

"I think the governor took care of the emergency declaration for us. We're tallying the expenses and will meet with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) people (today)," Stewart said.

Otero flooding

Northern Otero County was under the gun, as well. As of 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, State Highway 244 between Mesca-

lero and Cloudcroft had been closed and evacuations were underway including the Silver Lake Campground, according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The water level at Silver Lake had peaked and was going over the top of the dam. South Tularosa Canyon was also receiving high water and residents were being warned to be aware of the possible dangers.

In Lincoln County, work was hampered when the county's Emergency Medical Services frequencies went down, along with a power outage in Hondo Valley, Stewart said.

"It's just all kind of caving in," he said. "We're activating

an emergency operation center at the county suboffice (at Cree Meadows and Kansas City Street next to Ruidoso Public Library), a Level 3, which is for coordination and monitoring. I'm out surveying everything and assessing which areas are priority and which can wait.

"Just ask everybody to be patient. It's tough to be repairing something and as you're repairing, it is washing away. That's not very rewarding. We're coping, but it supposed to be worse this afternoon."

By the end of the day, the county manager was a little happier as he reported that

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Scenes from a flood



Starlite Drive off Paradise Canyon Road could be renamed Starlite Lake in this otherwise lovely scene taken Monday. Inset: A series of waterfalls designed into Innsbrook Village Country Club & Resort

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communication frequencies were working and power was restored in Hondo Valley, Alamo Canyon was reopened and Monjeau was passable.

Cedar Creek continued to present major problems with the swollen stream washing away side roads as quickly as new material was hauled in for repair.

"We can't do much there until the stream stops flooding," Stewart said. "But we're starting to get a grip on things countywide."

Inside the village, Street Director J.R. Baumann was out Monday trying to assess which areas of town suffered the most damage.

"Our primary efforts now are in the Flume Canyon and Perk Canyon area," he said. "We're seeing a lot of culverts clogged and ditches that couldn't handle the runoff."

His crews are widening ditches and clearing or installing new culverts in those canyons, Baumann said.

"We are very concerned about everybody, but our primary concern is to protect private property, not just driveways that are washing off. We want to drain water off and save houses. After that, we will come back and try to help with washed out driveways."

"It's raining above Flume and Perk and flood water came rushing down. A lot of the drainage just wasn't large enough and the water started jumping and damaging roads."

Baumann said he'll be at the FEMA meeting today.

"We hope to get some advice from them, and possibly the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," especially on Close Drive leading to the street department and on Gavilan Canyon at the low crossing near the ball fields and Riverside RV Park, he said.

"They've washed out before," the street director said. "We're in a holding pattern on Close Drive waiting for materials to begin that reconstruction. We lost all utilities through there — sewer, water and gas."

Residents along Paradise Canyon were warned about the possibility of a voluntary evacuation if Cedar Creek continues to spill over its banks and flood the road.

Travel discouraged on area back roads

Because of heavy rain over the last two weeks causing Eagle Creek to overflow in the Ruidoso area, Smokey Bear District Ranger Buck Sanchez is discouraging travelers from using New Mexico State Highway 532, commonly known as Ski Run Road, which leads to the Ski Apache Resort.

The route recently was closed by the New Mexico Department of Transportation. Sanchez also closed Forest Service Road 127A because of heavy rain water runoff and partial washout of the road.

Travel also is discouraged in the Bonito Lake area off FS Road 107, because of large volumes of water in the creeks that feed Bonito Lake.

Sanchez and his staff of the Smokey Bear Ranger District are asking campers to avoid accessing Bonito Lake and Eagle Creek recreational areas until weather conditions improve and the hazards of flash flooding diminish.

Lincoln County Emergency Services issued a Public Safety Bulletin on Aug. 17 that the lake is full and as a precautionary measure the dam operator was going to begin a controlled release of water from the dam.

Continued wet weather could worsen the situation in the area. Roads generally are muddy and some may look passable now, but may become impassable after a flash flood.

Forest Service officials discourage visitors from travel on all Forest Service roads, especially in low-lying areas.

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County commissioner: Delay for High Mesa Road traffic count 'absurd'

■ State gives, then takes away a traffic counter for area near Lincoln Hills

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Since August 2005, Lincoln County Commissioner Earl Hobbs has pushed for a traffic count on High Mesa Road.

But state transportation officials have told County Manager Tom Stewart if commissioners want traffic counted on that road, he may have to sit in a car and do it himself.

When Hobbs first brought up the issue, he was focusing primarily on traffic generated by the development of Lincoln Hills, also referred to as East or Hunter's Draw.

Stewart wrote the District Two engineer asking for a study because the county has no staff engineer.

In July 2006, Hobbs submitted the request again. "The traffic situation on High Mesa is of real concern to my constituents, who must use that road," he wrote.

Stewart again wrote District Two about Hobbs' request.

District Two Engineer Richard E. Weed replied on July 27, apologizing for not following through on the first request for personal reasons. He said studies on NM48 at the intersections of Alto Alps Road and Fort Stanton Road for possible traffic signals will be added to his Traffic Studies Technician's workload.

But the High Mesa study would be extensive and the district doesn't have sufficient resources to accomplish the request, he wrote. He suggested the county secure the services of a traffic engineering firm to perform the analysis. He estimated the cost at between

"I'm afraid one department does not know what the other is doing."

Tom Stewart
County manager, on the state's response

\$50,000 to \$75,000.

Stewart told commissioners last week that Hubert Quintana, director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District and Council of Governments, previously asked the district to purchase a traffic counter. Copies of the letters on High Mesa were sent to Quintana, "who went through the roof," the manager said.

He called the state Department of Transportation, which said a counter would be in place the next week, Stewart said of Quintana's efforts. The counter was there the next week as promised, the manager said.

"Then the July 27th letter arrived saying they were not going to do it and the traffic counter was gone the next day," Stewart said. "I'm afraid one department does not know what the other is doing. I said what do I have to do, count it myself and they said yes."

Stewart said he contacted Quintana again, "And I'm waiting to see how to handle it."

Hobbs said the study was needed a year ago for Lincoln Hills situation and waiting this long with no action is "absurd."

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Deer threat serious, vet reminds

■ Attacks on dogs not uncommon

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Residents and visitors enjoy looking out their windows to see herds of deer munching their way through the rain-fed lush vegetation in Ruidoso.

But as magnificent and benign as mule deer appear, they can deliver devastating and even lethal wounds to dogs when defending their fawns or if they sense danger or a challenge.

Dr. F. Lynn Willard of the Ruidoso Animal Clinic said he and his staff have treated dogs from 50 pounds and smaller for wounds ranging from a lacerated cornea or liver to a torn stomach wall.

'Amazingly dangerous'

"The damage comes mainly from the front feet and the dog's size doesn't really matter," he said Monday. "They seldom fracture the bone. The wounds are more like knife wounds - clean wounds. They are amazingly dangerous."

About 10 percent of the dogs brought to the clinic on Sudderth drive with injuries he was not able to save, the veterinarian said.

"Of the 90 percent we were able to save, some required suture of the lacerations and more," he said.

The number of dogs injured directly relates to population of deer and people in an area, he said. When dogs go after deer, the attacks occur. Most dogs are brought in from Alto and Ruidoso, he said.

"People need to keep their dogs inside or in a protected area outside or on a leash (when walking)," Willard said.

Although less of a threat, some dogs and cats also can fall prey to mountain lions, who enter an area following the deer herds, he said.

"I've seen one or two large cat bites," he said.

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Arealstraitheart heads qualifiers to All American Derby

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

The New Mexico-bred Arealstraitheart, second in the 2005 All American Futurity, set the fastest qualifying time of 21.350 seconds for 440 yards over a sloppy track when he won the fifth of five trials to the \$389,908 All American Derby at Ruidoso Downs Friday.

The horses with the 10 fastest times from the trials return for the All American Derby Sept. 3. The All American Derby winner receives an invitation to the \$600,000 Champion Of Champions Dec. 9 at Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California.

Arealstraitheart, trained by Ben Torres, has been a force against New Mexico-breds with six wins in seven starts against state-bred company and has also competed at the highest level when facing open company. Against New Mexico-breds, he won the Zia Futurity and the Shue Fly Handicap and finished a nose behind Eddie Stinson for second in the Zia Derby, his star before the All American Derby trials. In three starts against open company, he was second in the All American Futurity and his All American Derby trial. He raced to his first win against open horses when he won his All American Derby trial by one and quarter lengths with regular rider Esgar Ramirez aboard.

Trainer Paul Jones, who sent out fastest qualifier No Secrets Here in the All



American Futurity trials Thursday, had another excellent trial afternoon by saddling six of the 10 qualifiers, including Rainbow Derby winner Strawkins.

Donald and Peggy Boyle's Strawkins, who was supplemented to the All American Derby at a cost of \$40,000 to his owners, finished third as the 1-2 favorite behind Arealstrait-

heart in their trial. It was the first defeat for Strawkins at Ruidoso Downs after four wins, including the Bayer Legend New Mexico Derby Challenge and setting a 440-yard track

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Arealstraitheart, ridden by jockey Esgar Ramirez, streaks to the finish line during trials for the All American Derby Friday at Ruidoso Downs. The New Mexico-bred horse raced to the top time despite a sloppy track and torrential rains, continuing his streak of success at the Downs this summer.

record while winning the \$268,000 Rainbow Derby. The gelding has won stakes races at four different tracks.

Jones will also send out First Wicked Lady, Ketel Won, Kelowna Kash, In Dispute and Separate Tac.

Kelowna Kash, In Dispute and Separate Tac each won their derby trials. Ketel Won finished second to Arealstraitheart and First Wicked Lady was third in her trial.

The second-fastest time of 21.493 was shared by Brindis Por Cayenne and Jess Because, who finished in a dead heat for the win in the second trial.

See DERBY, page 3B

All American Derby Qualifiers

| Race | Horse Name | Trainer | Owner | Jockey | Time |
|------|---------------------|------------------|--|------------------|--------|
| 7 | Arealstraitheart | Ben Torres | MJ Enterprises, Stan Munro et al | Esgar Ramirez | 21.350 |
| 4 | Brindis Por Cayenne | John Stinebaugh | K C Carden | G R Carter, Jr. | 21.493 |
| 4 | Jess Because | Dwayne Gilbreath | John Jones Jr, Int. Ltd, John T L Jones et al | Roy Baldiliez | 21.493 |
| 4 | First Wicked Lady | Paul Jones | E D Calvert | Freddie Martinez | 21.507 |
| 7 | Ketel Won | Paul Jones | R D Hubbard | Cody Jensen | 21.531 |
| 3 | Kelowna Kash | Paul Jones | Painted Horse Enterprises LLC, Joseph Mroz et al | Cody Jensen | 21.549 |
| 7 | Strawkins | Paul Jones | Donald C &/or Peggy Boyle | Freddie Martinez | 21.560 |
| 5 | In Dispute | Paul Jones | Jose G Santos | Freddie Martinez | 21.568 |
| 3 | Royal Dash Bedulno | Dwayne Gilbreath | Robert B Roark | Joe Martinez | 21.573 |
| 6 | Separate Tac | Paul Jones | Rancho Vista Partners, R D Hubbard et al | Freddie Martinez | 21.573 |

New Mescalero coach ready for new volleyball season

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MESCALERO — Given the fact that the Mescalero volleyball team didn't even have a coach until about two weeks ago, and that the team will have had only about two weeks of practice leading into this weekend's Magdalena Tournament, new coach Margaret Rocha said she's pretty happy with the Lady Chiefs' efforts.

"It was sort of a last-minute thing for me to become the coach, but they've all worked really hard," Rocha said. "We've made a lot of progress."

Part of the reason Mescalero has been able to respond so well to the situation is the number of seniors on its roster. Seven members are 12th-graders, while there are several more who have lots of experience.

Leading the group are seniors Kayla Randall, Kelly King-Morgan, Jessica Yellowcloud and Alex Saenz, all who had playing time last season, as well as junior Melanie Bell and sophomore Kelsey Duffy, also with varsity experience.

Elsie Bigmouth, Kimberly Tortalita and Denise Apachito round out the senior corps, while sophomore Brie Martinez and freshman Shantel Shanta will see time as outside hitter and middle blocker, respectively.

The Lady Chiefs get their baptism of fire Friday during pool play of the Magdalena tournament. They've been placed in pool B with all the other "M" schools — tourney host Magdalena, traditional District 7-1A power Mountainair and Menaul.

Also in the tournament are Carrizozo, Alamo Navajo, Pine Hill and 3A school Cobre. Pool play starts Friday at 1 p.m., with the first bracket games starting at 6 p.m.

As this is Rocha's first head coaching job — she played her high school volleyball in Tularosa — she's learned just about as much as she's tried to teach. She's following legendary coach Pam Allen in the job, who filled in as head coach last year on an almost volunteer



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Above Mescalero volleyball players (l-r), Jessica Yellowcloud, Kayla Randall, Kelly King-Morgan and Melanie Bell share a lighter moment during practice at Mescalero's gym. The Lady Chiefs open the season Friday at the Magdalena Tournament.

Right Mescalero sophomore Brie Martinez hits the ball during warmups. The Lady Chiefs may have seven seniors on their roster, but underclassmen such as Martinez will be expected to contribute their share this season.

basis, and Rocha said she sees a lot of what Allen instilled coming to the fore this year.

"They do remember a lot of what coach Allen taught them last year," Rocha said. "And there are so many new rules now compared to when I played. They've helped me out a lot there."



Head coach: Margaret Rocha (1st year)
 Assistant coaches: Julie Rocha, Carmen Lopez (Junior High)
 2005 record: 3-16 overall, 0-3 District 5-2A

Rocha:

Mescalero High School 2006 Volleyball Schedule

(schedule is subject to change)

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Aug. 25-26 | Magdalena Tourney | Away TBA |
| Aug. 28 | Valley Christian | Home 5 p.m. |
| Sept. 2 | Carmen | Away 5 p.m. |
| Sept. 12 | Valley Christian | Away 5 p.m. |
| Sept. 14 | Hondo | Away 5 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | Carrizozo | Home 5 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | Alamo Navajo | Home 6 p.m. |
| Oct. 3 | Mesa Valley | Home 5 p.m. |
| Oct. 7 | Cloudcroft | Home 5 p.m. |
| Oct. 10 | Lordsburg | Home 5 p.m. |
| Oct. 14 | Tularosa | Away 5 p.m. |
| Oct. 19 | Mesa Valley | Away 5 p.m. |
| Oct. 21 | Cloudcroft | Away 5 p.m. |
| Oct. 21 | Lordsburg | Away 5 p.m. |
| *Denotes District 5-2A match | | |

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Sports on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday, Aug. 24

Horse Racing

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

Rodeo

PRCA at Mescalero, TBA

Friday, Aug. 25

Football

Ruidoso at Roswell, 7 p.m.

Capitan at Estancia, 7 p.m.

Navajo Prep at Mescalero, 7 p.m.

Carrizozo at Ramah, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

Capitan at Texico, 5 p.m.

Carrizozo, Mescalero at Magdalena Tournament, TBA

Horse Racing

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

Rodeo

PRCA at Mescalero, TBA

Saturday, Aug. 26

Volleyball

Hondo at NMML, 2 p.m.

Capitan at Cloudcroft, 6 p.m.

Ruidoso at Goddard, 6:30 p.m.

Carrizozo, Mescalero at Magdalena Tournament, TBA

Boys Soccer

Ruidoso at Deming, 1 p.m.

Horse Racing

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

Sunday, Aug. 27

Horse Racing

Professionals Choice NM Challenge at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 28

Volleyball

Valley Christian at Mescalero, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Volleyball

Carrizozo at Dexter, 5 p.m.

Deming at Ruidoso, 6 p.m.

Hondo at Lake Arthur, 6:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Clovis vs. Ruidoso at W.D. Horton Stadium, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Oñate vs. Ruidoso at W.D. Horton Stadium Ruidoso, 5 p.m.

On Deck

Meet The Eagles

Hondo High School will host a Meet The Eagles event 6 p.m. Thursday at Hondo's football field. The event is for all players' parents and anyone interested in Hondo's upcoming season. Cookies and punch will be served and it will be a time for people to meet the players and coaches. Hondo's home opener will be 5 p.m. Friday against Evangel Christian Academy.

Kokopelli Tournament

A fundraising tournament to benefit the Gene Burdine Scholarship Foundation will be held at the Kokopelli Executive Golf, Tennis and Social Club in Alto on Monday. The tournament's fundraising benefits scholarships for business students at the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso campus, culinary arts students at El Centro College in Dallas and students enrolled in the New Mexico State University professional golf management program in Las Cruces. For more information or to enter the tournament, call 836-1818, ext. 28 or 505-258-5824, ext. 501.

Backfield experience, good attitudes gives coach good feeling

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The Class 1A football landscape has changed once again, and Mescalero isn't spared from those changes. It's just that those changes have seemed to affect the Chiefs particularly badly.

Mescalero opens the season Friday with a 6 p.m. game against Navajo Prep at home, the first of four straight home games to start the season. But then once District 3-1A play starts against Hagerman Sept. 22, the Chiefs are road warriors for the rest of the season.

Games at Hagerman, Jal and Carrizozo and a non-district matchup against Santa Fe Indian School make for what seems like a particularly grueling schedule, but coach Jeff Lent said that's not really something that concerns him.

"We started off last season playing

on the road, and we came out of those games 2-1, so we were thrilled," Lent said. "It will work out next year that we'll have all our district games at home. As a coach you usually don't have too much control over the schedule."

The reason Mescalero's schedule has worked out this way is that Capitan and Cloudcroft — both in the district last year — have now moved up to Class 2A. Hagerman and Jal are now district opponents, and the Chiefs played Mescalero last year at home.

So, it's one big block of home games to start the year, and one big block of away games to end it, but second-year coach Lent isn't thinking about that right now.

What he is thinking about is his offensive and defensive lines.

"We are very young in there," Lent said. "We'll be starting freshmen at guard and center, but they're pretty

good."

Bo Kaydahzine, center, and guard Dustin Hicks may be freshmen, but they both saw some time on the varsity squad last season as eighth graders, so they do have more experience than most freshmen.

Besides, it's not like the lines are entirely without any maturity, senior Melvin Rice is being counted on to anchor the offensive and defensive lines.

The linemen got their first test last Friday in a scrimmage against 2A Lordsburg on rainy evening.

"That worked out well, we really battled with them," Lent said. "I was happy with our effort and aggressiveness."

Mescalero also has returnees in Sheridan Lester and Lyle Magoosh, both seniors and both receivers for the offense. Lester proved his worth in that slot by catching a 60-yard pass

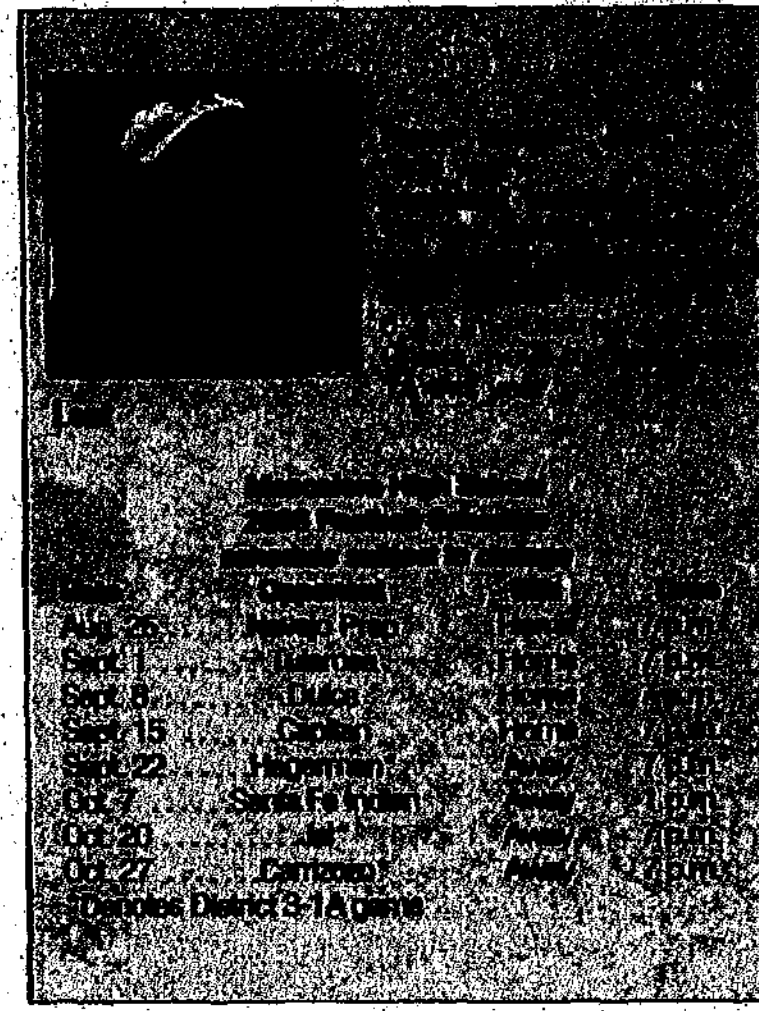
during Friday's scrimmage.

The backfield is where Mescalero is truly blessed, with juniors Bryan Shendo and Justin Blake trading time at quarterback and senior Branson Smith in as running back.

Actually, all three will probably carry the ball as running back, and all three have been playing on varsity since they were in eighth grade.

The three are also going to be bolstering the defensive backfield, with sophomores Wacey Cochise, Dexter Chee and Kyle Valdez, junior Larray Enjady and Delyon Chee filling in the rest of the squad.

"I'm really pleased to have 25 guys on the roster, and with all the hard work and great attitudes," Lent said. "We have three ABCs this year — attitude, behavior and classroom. If they get it done in all three this year, I'll have a real good feeling about this season."



RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Results for racing at Ruidoso Downs for Aug. 17-20:

Thursday, Aug. 17

First — 440 yards. Jam Little Strawfly 37.20 13.00 4.80, Gus the Greek 15.60 17.80, Big Time Hero 2.80, Quinella — 325.20, Exacta — 1,049.20, Trifecta — 1,438.30, T — 21,534.
Second — 440 yards. Hicass La Jolla 5.40 4.00 3.40, Coronas Cruisin 3.80 3.80, Separatist Buys 6.00, Quinella — 14.80, Exacta — 19.40, Trifecta — 122.90, Daily Double — 127.60, T — 21,504.
Third — 440 yards. Gun Battle 3.00 3.00 2.80, Streakin Write Back 13.80 8.20, Haza Casanova 6.20, Quinella — 49.00, Exacta — 111.20, Trifecta — 419.00, T — 21,107.

Fourth — 440 yards. First Prize Perry 11.40 4.60 3.40, Royal Baby Brat 14.80 11.40, Dunking the Cash 3.60, Quinella — 70.00, Exacta — 130.60, Trifecta — 51.10, T — 21,521, Scratched — Tell Em Im Gone Too.

Fifth — 440 yards. Adriannas First Down 11.20 3.60 3.00, Buckshot Delight 2.40 2.20, Royal Blue Heart 5.20, Quinella — 7.20, Exacta — 16.60, Trifecta — 162.90, Superfecta — 862.00, T — 21,622.

Sixth — 440 yards. Quick Katie Streak 5.60 3.20 2.60, Eyssa Candy Horse 5.00 3.20, Feature Jess Me 3.00, Quinella — 13.20, Exacta — 17.40, Trifecta — 28.90, T — 21,101.

Seventh — 440 yards. No Secrets Here 4.20 2.40 2.20, Mighty First Call 2.60 2.20, Genuine Botticelli 2.60, Quinella —

21.04, Exacta — 10.80, Trifecta — 11.20, T — 21,044.

Eighth — 440 yards. Dont Let Down 7.40 3.60 2.60, Remember Me Rose 3.00 2.20, My First Passion 2.60, Quinella — 10.60, Exacta — 23.20, Trifecta — 34.00, T — 21,227.

Ninth — 440 yards. Okay Dokey Fantasy 3.40 2.20 2.10, First Prize Robin 2.20 2.10, Royce Rogers 2.20, Quinella — 3.60, Exacta — 5.40, Trifecta — 15.00, Pick 3 — 28.80, T — 21,312, Scratched — Tinsy First Corona.

Tenth — 440 yards. Winning Intent 6.00 4.00 2.40, Ahead of Tomorrow 4.00 2.60, Lady Sarah 2.60, Quinella — 6.40, Exacta — 14.40, Trifecta — 18.60, Superfecta — 246.20, T — 21,372.

Eleventh — 440 yards. Eysaspecial Fashion 11.60 4.80 3.60, Dustern Dynamite 15.20 7.60, Rumer Control 11.80, Quinella — 66.80, Exacta — 293.40, Trifecta — 2,054.20, T — 21,491.

Twelfth — 440 yards. Gonna Ro Sham Bo 4.20 2.80 3.00, Mr Special Eyes 4.60 3.80, Jess Kicken 7.20, Quinella — 12.20, Exacta — 29.40, Trifecta — 102.00, T — 21,607, Scratched — Stoll On Silk.

Thirteenth — 440 yards. Jess Deslined 9.20 2.60 2.20, Saint Shadeton 2.60 2.20, Very Dashin 123 3.00, Quinella — 4.60, Exacta — 21.00, Trifecta — 37.10, Pick 3 — 253.40, T — 21,592, Scratched — Nativos Strawfly.

Fourteenth — 440 yards. Very Dashing Quick 5.00 3.20 2.40, Chilled Corona 11.40 5.40,

Mira Vista Miracle 3.00, Quinella — 66.60, Exacta — 67.00, Trifecta — 121.50, T — 21,684, Scratched — Jessletyourselfgo.

Fifteenth — 440 yards. Separate Bat 5.80 3.60 2.60, Sels Grande 3.60 2.80, Speed Transformed 3.60, Quinella — 9.60, Exacta — 16.20, Trifecta — 33.80, T — 21,221.

Sixteenth — 440 yards. Valiant Hero 8.40 5.00 3.00, The Crawfish 6.40 3.40, Jess Romance 2.80, Quinella — 27.00, Exacta — 71.00, Trifecta — 110.10, T — 21,435.

Seventeenth — 440 yards. Have No Doubt 18.80 4.00 3.00, Down N Dash 2.60 2.40, Broadway Stoll 4.40, Quinella — 14.80, Exacta — 36.40, Trifecta — 107.00, Superfecta — 675.30, Pick 3 — 271.20, T — 21,459.

Eighteenth — 440 yards. Topper Power 7.80 2.80 2.20, Canonlaw 2.20 2.20, Suvi 2.20, Quinella — 6.40, Exacta — 15.60, Trifecta — 25.10, T — 1,15.80.

Nineteenth — 6 furlongs. Carmen's Delight 7.40 3.20 2.40, Paris Prospect 3.00 2.40, Two Minute Storm 2.20, Quinella — 8.20, Exacta — 17.40, Trifecta — 18.70, Daily Double — 27.60, T — 1,12.00.

Twentieth — 440 yards. Kelovna Kash 16.40 5.40 2.80, Royal Dash Bedulino 4.60 2.60, Make a Secret 2.40, Quinella — 18.40, Exacta — 74.60, Trifecta — 47.80, T — 21,549, Scratched — Papa Larry, Painted Silk.

Twenty-first — 440 yards. Brindis Por Cayenne 4.20 3.80 3.80, Jess Because 10.40 9.20, First Wicked Lady 5.80, Quinella — 34.00, Exacta — 37.60, Exacta — 30.40, Trifecta — 4.10, Trifecta — 27.50, T —

21,493.

Second — 440 yards. In Dispute 9.20 4.00 3.00, Coco Corona 4.40 3.60, Runawaywiththegold 2.80, Quinella — 11.60, Exacta — 21.00, Trifecta — 39.70, Superfecta — 354.50, T — 21,568.

Third — 440 yards. Separate Tag 4.40 3.00 2.60, Pyc Paint Your Wagon 3.40 2.80, Winning Awards 3.00, Quinella — 9.60, Exacta — 17.00, Trifecta — 40.20, T — 21,573, Scratched — Miss Breann.

Fourth — 440 yards. Arealstraitheart 7.40 4.00 2.20, Ketal Won 11.20 3.00, Strawkins 2.10, Quinella — 50.00, Exacta — 119.60, Trifecta — 105.60, T — 21,350, Scratched — Ferrari Carano.

Fifth — 870 yards. Georgetown Road 19.60 10.00 5.40, Vequita Slew 8.00 5.00, Jackson Banks 4.00, Quinella — 72.00, Exacta — 87.40, Trifecta — 171.30, T — 46,498.

Sixth — 6 furlongs. Justa Melodie 14.40 6.00 3.60, Ironc Native 3.60 3.00, Bye Bye Devil 3.60, Quinella — 16.40, Exacta — 42.20, Trifecta — 109.20, Superfecta — 447.80, Pick 3 — 825.60, T — 1,16.00.

Seventh — 350 yards. Jada Rose 7.20 3.40 2.60, Mb Up and Running 3.60 2.40, Royal King Alan 3.40, Quinella — 9.60, Exacta — 17.80, Trifecta — 90.80, T — 17,922, Scratched — A Sign of Bedulino, Jody's Look of Gold.

Eight — 5 1/2 furlongs. Bubba Hyde 5.60 3.40 2.60, Alameda Duke 5.00 2.60, Watch Me Fly 2.80, Quinella — 10.80, Exacta — 30.80, Trifecta — 41.00, Daily Double — 27.20, T — 1,06.40, Scratched — Little Town, He's a Sissy.

Ninth — 1 mile. Duke Wilson 13.20 5.20 3.20, Mamma's Topper 5.40 3.20,

Danzdash 5.00, Quinella — 21.80, Exacta — 37.60, Trifecta — 455.30, T — 1,44.20.

Tenth — 250 yards. Sandeena Dash 5.60 4.20 3.40, Elrojo Bird 11.60 7.20, Authorized Dash 5.20, Quinella — 58.40, Exacta — 82.40, Trifecta — 146.80, T — 13,261.

Eleventh — 7 1/2 furlongs. He's Enchanted 18.40 10.60 5.60, He Aint No Bull 7.00 3.80, Pesto 3.20, Quinella — 60.80, Exacta — 104.40, Trifecta — 190.40, Superfecta — 2,940.40, T — 1,35.20, Scratched — Foolish Jones.

Twelfth — 350 yards. Apache Dasher 18.40 9.60 4.60, Tears of the Sun 4.80 3.20, General Perry 4.80, Quinella — 22.80, Exacta — 74.20, Trifecta — 339.90, T — 17,732, Scratched — Chicks Magnet.

Thirteenth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Pretty Jackie 3.60 2.80 2.20, Irish Kip 5.60 2.40, Military Pet 2.40, Quinella — 23.60, Exacta — 27.60, Trifecta — 37.10, T — 1,04.80, Scratched — Okie, Diamond Chimes.

Fourteenth — 6 furlongs. Holy Fashion 9.60 3.60 2.80, Show Me Your Glory 2.60 2.60, Humble Roanrib 3.80, Quinella — 7.00, Exacta — 16.00, Trifecta — 45.70, T — 1,11.20.

Fifteenth — 550 yards. Shaun's Speed 7.00 3.40 2.80, Mix On Alibi 9.00 4.60, One Royal Smith 4.60, Quinella — 59.60, Exacta — 96.20, Trifecta — 662.40, Superfecta — 965.80, Pick 3 — 37.80, T — 27,664, Scratched — Shes Perfect Magic, Gg Talker, Classy Aces.

Sunday, Aug. 20
First — 1 mile. Seattle Sunshine 3.20 2.40 2.10, Donegal Lady 2.60 2.10, Kiran 2.10, Quinella — 2.60, Exacta — 4.60, Trifecta — 6.70, T — 1,43.40, Scratched — Easy too Easy, Gravitating Comet.

Second — 6 furlongs. Junior Prado 6.00 2.80 2.20, Singin Lester 2.60 2.20, E Bar Story 2.40, Quinella — 4.80, Exacta — 11.20, Trifecta — 10.50, Daily Double — 7.60, T — 1,14.00, Scratched — Big Digger, Sharp Claws.

Third — 6 furlongs. Old Skirt 6.20 4.00 3.40, Whatmoneycantbuy 5.60 3.80, Running Wager 6.00, Quinella — 18.80, Exacta — 38.40, Trifecta — 146.80, T — 1,14.80.

Fourth — 400 yards. Blues Six Gun 3.60 2.60 2.80, Gt Toasin 3.00 3.00, First Smart Cash 4.20, Quinella — 9.00, Exacta — 14.60, Trifecta — 16.40, T — 20,315, Scratched — Sheza Snow Down.

Fifth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Zipplbull 12.20 7.40 3.40, Fire Days 9.20 6.40, A Man At Last 2.80, Quinella — 47.80, Exacta — 88.40, Trifecta — 122.60, Superfecta — 318.00, T — 1,06.40.

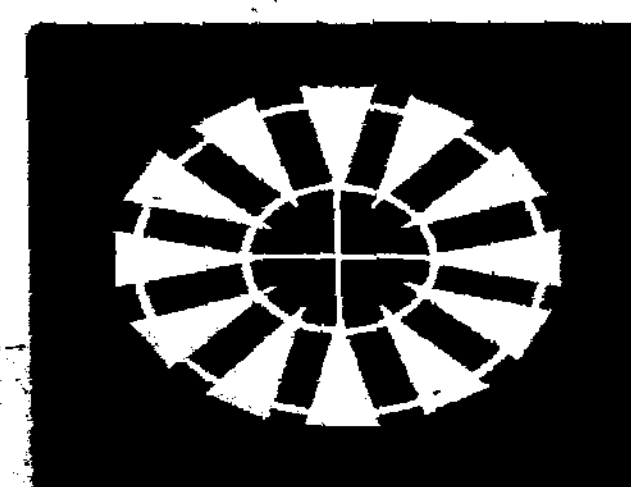
Sixth — 400 yards. Takin On Spoon Girl 25.20 8.00 5.60, Shadow Eye Opener 4.00 3.40, Dooley Robbed 10.20, Quinella — 69.20, Exacta — 195.80, Trifecta — 634.60, T — 20,504.

Seventh — 6 furlongs. 4.40 3.00 2.40, Jill's Ego 3.20 2.40, Storm Mistress 2.80, Quinella — 11.20, Exacta — 18.80, Trifecta — 20.40, T — 1,14.80, Scratched — Flying Liz, Stormdownthelane.

Eighth — 350 yards. Triple Crowned 18.60 7.20 3.20, Boot Loop 8.60 3.80, Bonsai Bully 3.20, Quinella — 61.20, Exacta — 178.40, Trifecta — 489.20, T — 17,624.

Ninth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Beccas Shoulder 6.20 3.80 3.00, Honest Howard 5.40 3.40, Coup de Gail 4.20, Quinella — 15.40, Exacta — 26.40, Trifecta — 39.80, Superfecta — 447.00, Pick 3 — 510.00, T — 1,06.20.

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Vice President/Operations

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James Seymour Black

James was born Saturday, August 12, 2006 to Bill and Karen Black of Ruidoso Downs. His paternal grandparents are Paul and Betty Black of Denver, Colorado. His maternal grandparents are Bill and Mary Biddle of Clovis, New Mexico.



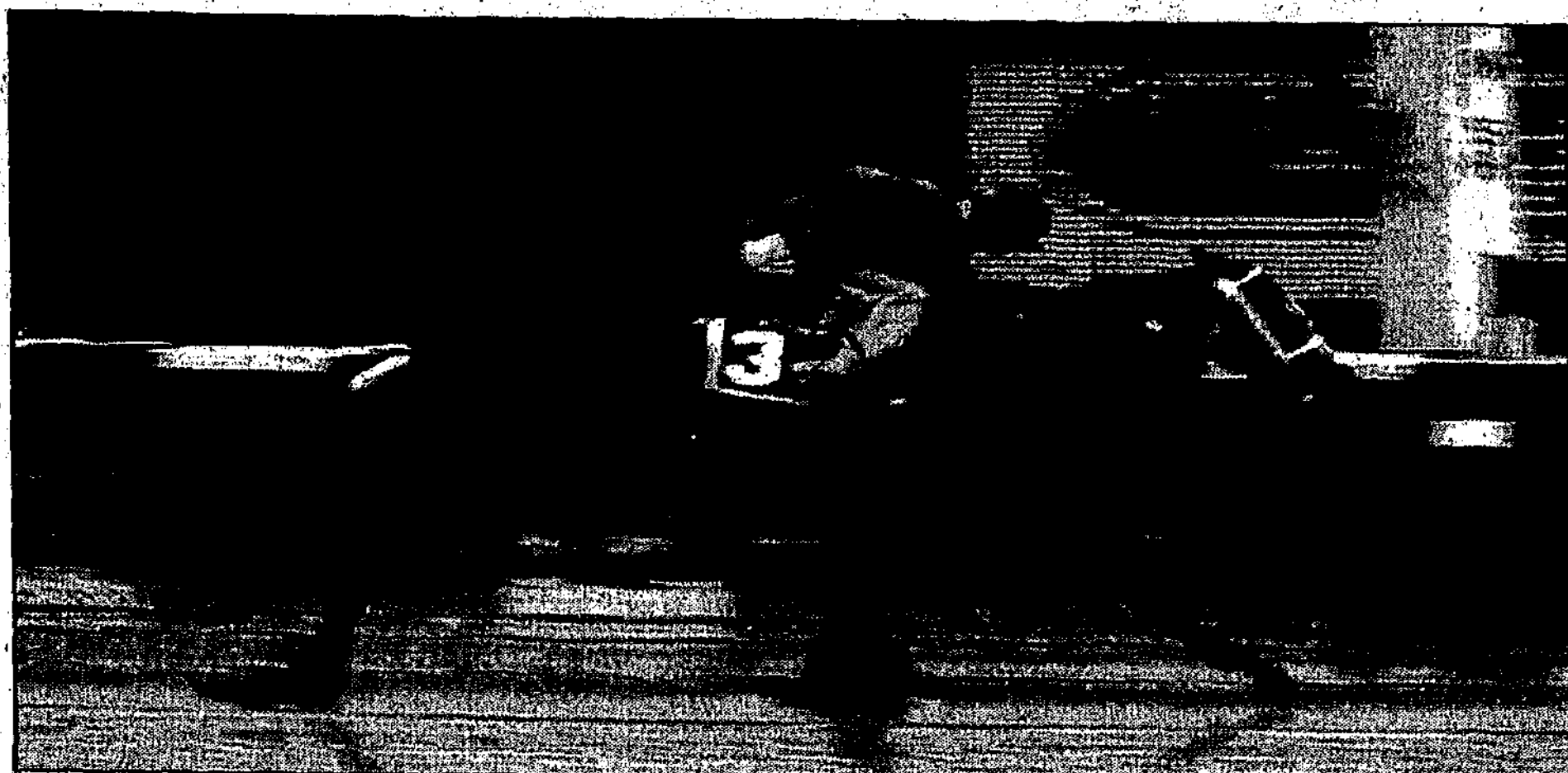
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Heather Lynn Nichols
Happy Birthday to Heather
Lynn Nichols, one year old, from
Mom, Dad & brother Kyle.

RUIDOSO DOWNS

Holy Fashion beats elders in Desert Rose Handicap



TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

The three-year-old filly Holy Fashion pushed a quick early pace and then prevailed over the favored five-year-old Show Me Your Glory through the stretch to win the \$40,000 Desert Rose Handicap at Ruidoso Downs on Saturday afternoon.

Jockey Mark Villa scored his third win of the afternoon with the hustling ride aboard the Holy Bull-sired Holy Fashion. He also won the fourth race for

BILL FITZ/NUDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

Jockey Mark Villa pushes Holy Fashion to a victory in the Desert Rose Handicap Saturday at Ruidoso Downs.

Quarter Horses aboard Sandeena Dash and the seventh race, a Thoroughbred conditioned allowance race, with Pretty Jackie.

Holy Fashion raced near the lead through fractions of 21.35 and 44.15 seconds and was still able to pull away from the veteran Show Me Your Glory to win by 2-1/2 lengths. It was another 1-1/2 lengths back to third-place finisher Humble Roanie.

Holy Fashion raced the six furlongs over a sloppy track in 1:11.15 for her second stakes win from two starts at Ruidoso Downs. She arrived at Ruidoso Downs this summer after being winless in three 2006 starts at Turf Paradise and The Downs

At Albuquerque. She immediately took a liking to the Ruidoso Downs oval with a mild upset win in the Aspen Cup Handicap over sophomore fillies.

Show Me Your Glory was the 4-5 favorite and 122-pound highweight after racing to three wins, including two stakes, in her four previous starts. She won the First Lady Handicap June 17 at Ruidoso Downs.

Sent off as the 7-2 second choice, Holy Fashion returned \$9.60, \$3.60 and \$2.80. Show Me Your Glory paid \$2.60 and \$2.60. Humble Roanie was worth \$3.80 to show. The \$2 exacta returned \$16.00 and the \$1 trifecta paid \$45.70.

New Mexico-bred sale shows increases across the board

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

The Ruidoso New Mexico-Bred Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Sale showed a 30 percent overall increase that was fueled by a 68 percent increase in the total sales of Quarter Horse yearlings.

The three-day sale Aug. 17-19 was highlighted by sessions of Quarter Horse yearlings and Thoroughbred yearlings, all New Mexico-bred offerings.

The overall figures showed a 30 percent increase in total sales over comparable 2005 figures. The total sales rose to \$4,514,100 from \$3,481,950 in 2005. This year, 396 horses sold while in 2005 there were 389 horses sold. The average price per horse increased 27 percent to \$8,974 from \$7,077.

Quarter Horses lead increases

The sale's Quarter Horse yearling section showed very strong increases with total sales up 68 percent and the average price rising 65 percent over comparable 2005 figures. Total Quarter Horse yearling sales reached \$2,269,900, up from \$1,365,900 in 2005. A total of 176 yearlings sold this year, compared to 167 yearlings sold in 2005.

The Quarter Horse yearling average price, without buybacks, was \$10,161. This was up from \$6,156 at the 2005 offering. The average, including buybacks, rose 61 percent to \$10,509.

Mitzi Red Mercedes, a son of Dash Ta Fame and Mitzi Lee Dash, topped the Quarter Horse section at \$160,000. He was consigned by M.J. Farms and purchased by the partnership of Judy Covert and Nick and Molly Morris. Mitzi Lee Dash, a half sister to Grade 1 winner Dashin Dee

Dee, is the dam of former Ruidoso Downs' track-record holder and Lou Wooten Handicap winner Miranda Fame.

Dash Ta Fame sired three of the five high sellers and led all sires represented in the sale with total sales of \$598,500 on his 28 offspring, an average of \$21,375.

Thoroughbred yearlings

The Thoroughbred yearlings showed a 6 percent increase in total sales with 147 yearlings sold, compared to 150 yearlings in 2005. With fewer yearlings producing higher gross sales, the average price for a Thoroughbred yearling, with repurchases, rose seven percent to \$10,427 from \$9,779.

Topping the Thoroughbred yearlings at \$77,000 was the Chimes Band-Take Out The Trash filly named Diamonds N Bling. This is the

first foal out of the stakes-placed Take Out The Trash, an earner of \$141,329. This is the family of graded stakes winners Tango Charlie, Ramblin Guy and Ballroom Deputy. Diamonds N Bling was consigned by Double LL Farms and bought by Stan Fulton.

Chimes Band also sired the second high-seller at \$75,000. The colt out of stakes winner Quickkey was also consigned by Double LL Farms and bought by Stan Fulton.

Quarterhorse sale next

The sales season at Ruidoso Downs continues with the summer's premier offering of Quarter Horse yearlings in the Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale Sept. 1-3, coinciding with the \$2,050,000 All American Futurity and the \$389,908 All American Derby on Labor Day weekend.

New State records set by county Senior Olympians

Two new state record holders were among the 18 Lincoln County seniors who qualified for the National Senior games at this year's New Mexico Senior Olympics Aug. 2-6 in Albuquerque.

Golfer Ed Loudon shot a 72 for a state record in the 55-59 age group, while June Hence won four golds in swimming, including a state record time in the 200-yard breast stroke for the 70-74 age group.

A total of 40 seniors competed in Albuquerque this year, earning 47 medals and 23 ribbons in all.

Others to qualify for the 11th Biennial National Games, to be held June 22-July 7, 2007 in Louisville, Ky., were Christopher Carrusona in race walk, Wolfgang Diem in table tennis, Harry Allwein and Louise Loudon in golf, Galen Farrington in cycling, Robert Koenig in track and bowlers Richard Dixon, Ed Fleck, Tom Jones, Karen Joyce, Leo McCaslin, Oscar Rodriguez, Lucy Servies, Glenneth Shafer, Joe Shafer and Laura Schryer.

Other gold medal winners besides Ed Loudon and Hence

were Louise Loudon, Karen Joyce and Schryer. Those earning silver or bronze medals were Allwein, Carrusona, Deim, Dixon, Farrington, Fleck, Hence, Jones, Koenig, McCaslin, Schryer, Servies, Carol Antoine, Connie Behringer, Lorene Caywood, C.E. and Martha Chavez, Glenneth and Joe Shafer, Linda Clements, Melissa Gebhart, Bob McCann, Gene Nitz and Johnny and Oscar Rodriguez. Fourth- and fifth-place rosettes were won by Allwein, Behringer, C.E. Chavez, Larry and Lorene Caywood, Jim Clements, Dixon, Farrington, Larry Hinde, Jones, Joyce, Bill Kennedy, Koenig, McCann, McCaslin, Bob Pardue, Cindy Sanchez, George Schryer and Joe Shafer.

Others who competed in Albuquerque were Ray Nunley, Tom Stewart, Pat Townsend and Jan and Jerry Wilson.

To enter the 2007 Senior Olympics, look for an announcement in the Ruidoso News next April, or phone county coordinator Bart Young at 257-3193.

Runnin Roscoe wins Sunray Handicap

Runnin Roscoe, owned by Beverly Marcom of Ruidoso, captured first place in the \$32,100 Sunray Park Marathon Handicap Aug. 13 at Sunray Park in Farmington.

The 6-year-old gelding, ridden by Jimmy Coates and trained by Roy Marcom, Jr., covered the 870-yard race in a time of 45.142. Runnin Roscoe paid \$11.40 to win, \$6.20 to place and \$3.40 to show. Showboat Six paid \$7.60 to place and \$4.20 to show, while Basket Fula Corona finished third and paid \$2.80 to show.

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K.C. Carden's Brindis Por Cayenne, trained by John Stinebaugh, was third in the All American Futurity, fourth in the \$1 million Texas Classic Futurity and fifth behind

Strawkins in the Bayer Legend New Mexico Derby Challenge.

Johnny T.L. Jones' Jess Because, trained by Sleepy Glibreath, raced to his first win since taking his Ruidoso Derby trial May 27. He was the fifth-place finisher in the Ruidoso Derby.

POOP SCOOP

BY KIM DONER
SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A friend sent this to me, working at the shelter I know all about "Puppy Size" and Doggy Size and Kitty Size. When you work at a Humane Society you fall in love ten times a day.

PUPPY SIZE

"Danielle keeps repeating it over and over again. We've been back to this animal shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all this," the mother told the volunteer.

"What is it she keeps asking for?" the volunteer asked. "Puppy size," replied the mother.

"Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for."

"I know; we've seen most of them," the mom said in frustration. Just then Danielle came walking into the office.

"Well, did you find one?" asked her mom.

"No, not this time," Danielle said with sadness in her voice. "Can we come back on the weekend?"

The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed.

"You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there's always a supply," the volunteer said.

Danielle took her mother by the hand and took her to the door. "Don't worry, I'll find one this weekend," she said.

Over the next few days both mom and dad had long conversations with her. They both felt she was being too particular.

"It's this weekend or we're not looking anymore," dad finally said in frustration.

"We don't want to hear any more about puppy size, either," mom added.

Sure enough they were the first ones at the shelter on Saturday morning. By now Danielle knew

her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs.

Tired of the routine, mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted.

Danielle walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one. One by one she said, "Sorry, you're not the one."

It was the last cage on this last day in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer.

"Mom, that's it! I found the right puppy! He's the one; I know it!" she screamed in joy. "It's the puppy size!"

"But it's the same size as all the other puppies you've held over the last few weeks," mom said.

"No, not size... sighs. When I held him in my arms, he sighed," she said. "Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me that love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sigh!"

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug the child, she did a little of both.

"I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms," she said.

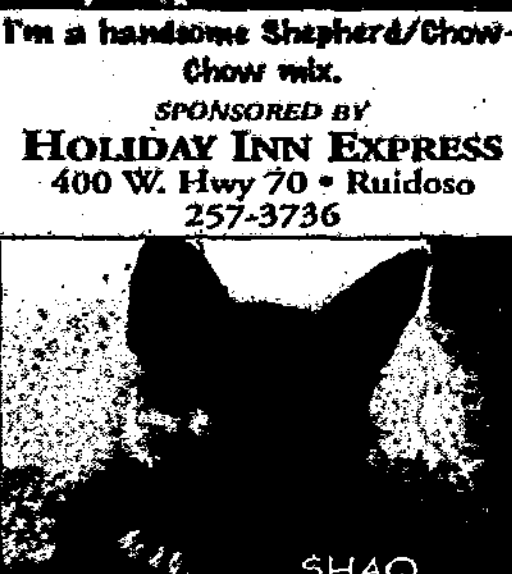
Then, holding the puppy up close to her face, she said, "Mom, he loves me. I heard the sighs of his heart!"

"Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away," Amen

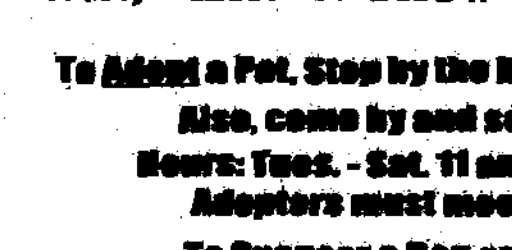
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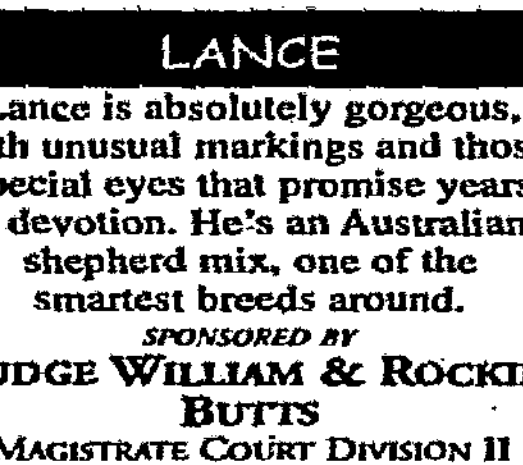
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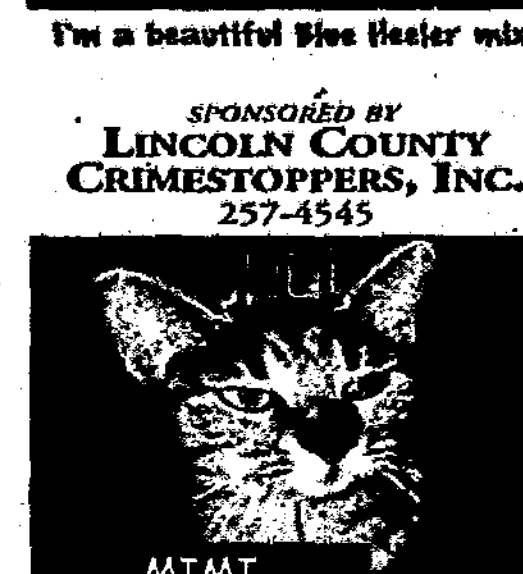
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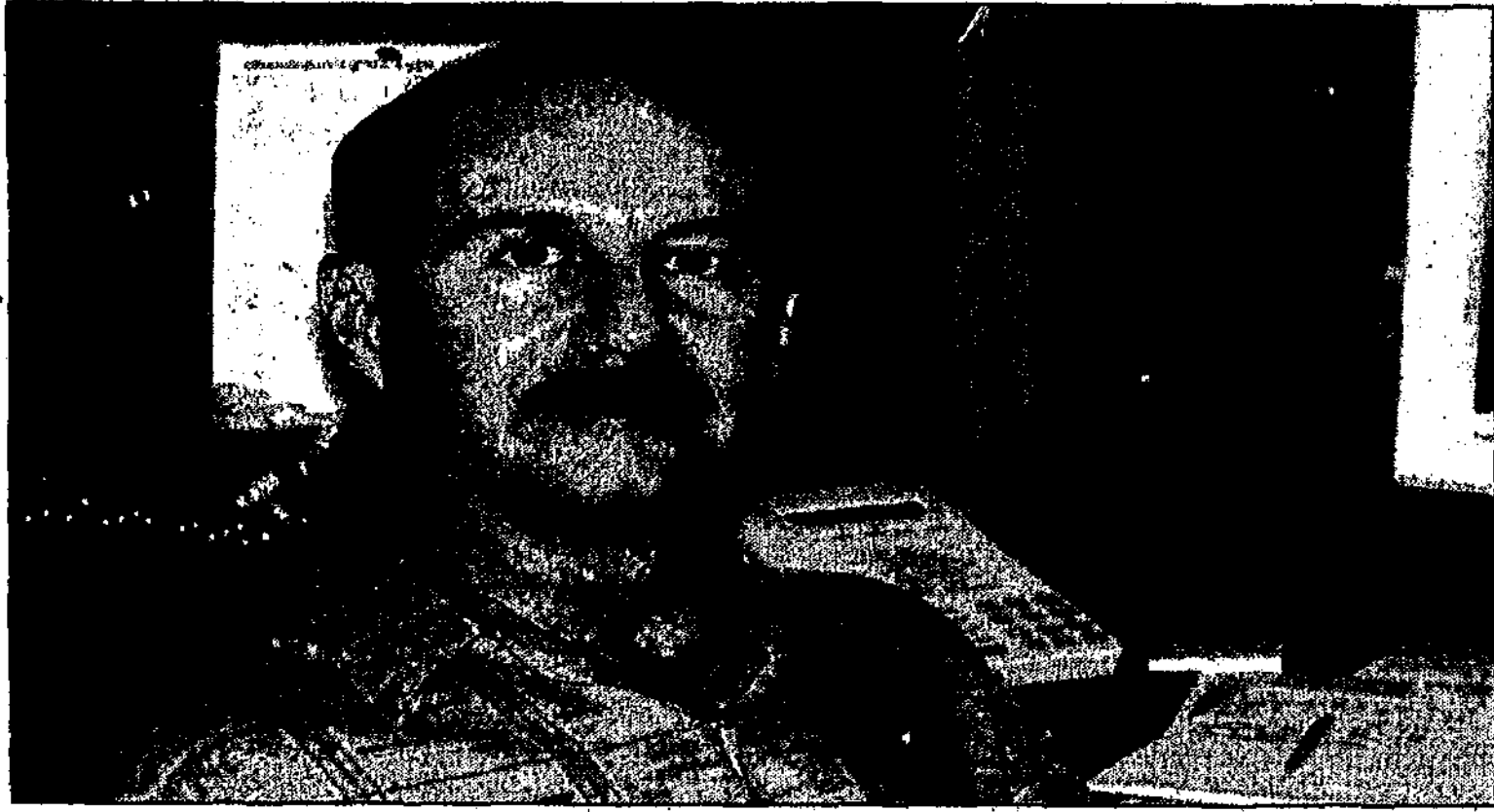
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JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Expertise and dependability won Paul Baca the County Employee of the Month for his contract work done with the county voting machines.

Paul Baca honored with county employee of the month award

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Paul Baca is best known, through his job as chief appraiser for the Lincoln County assessor's office where he has been for 32 years. But last week he was honored for another long running job he does as a contract voting machine technician and awarded the county employee of the month honor.

Since 1984, hired by Fran Siddens, county clerk at the time, Baca began helping Snooks McDaniel with the lever operated voting machines. The job required not only handling the 600-700 pound machines, but a lot of travel through out the county for maintenance and repair as the machines remained at each precinct.

During Martha Proctor's term as county clerk, Baca remained on contract and the voting machines evolved to the computer type that required learning how to program them.

Baca worked the contract as a second job, using his time off from his main job and often vacation or leave time to do it.

Still under contract to the county, Baca is at the call of County Clerk Tammie Maddox who has nothing but high praise for his expertise, work ethic, integrity and trustworthiness. "Now Paul is in learning mode again, with the implementation of the new optical scanners for the paper ballots

that we will using in the general election," said Maddox.

Baca is a volunteer fire fighter with the Carrizozo Fire Department, and a "sideline" coach and huge supporter of his daughter, Carrizozo Schools' Coach Mandy Baca. He and his wife, Margie's, other daughter, Bianca, is a student at the University of New Mexico.

Born and raised in the Carrizozo area, Baca's family moved to the Los Angeles area to find work when he was in junior high. He graduated from Venice High School and moved back to Lincoln County shortly after his family returned.

Baca attended Eastern New Mexico University for awhile, worked at Belco Industries and then began his long tenure with the county assessor's office in 1974.

Woodworking is Baca's stress reliever and favorite pass time. It is a skill he learned from Joe Ventura when he began to remodel his home. Today Baca makes frames, cabinets, clocks and anything that strikes his creative eye and can be done with wood.

"Our elections are successful because Paul puts forth the same effort as he does in everything else he is involved in," said Maddox. "He is dependable, loyal, and generally an all around good person. His expertise is invaluable to the citizens of Lincoln County and the clerk's office."

Carrizozo Schools begin new year on a positive note

■ New computers for the seventh graders and AYP passing grades

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Twelve seventh-graders at Carrizozo Middle School will soon receive new lap top computers in the third year of Governor Richardson's Laptop Initiative program.

Carrizozo Schools have qualified for the program annually through a grant application process which is judged and graded. Carrizozo's grant application showed the progress and use of the computers in the prior two years giving them a continued favor for approval.

In prior years the computers were distributed to the seventh grade staff in January of the school year but this year's class will receive them in September. Superintendent Sergio Castañon said a meeting with stu-

dents and parents will preface the distribution of the computers that will remain the property of each student through the remainder of his or her school years.

Academic Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) was achieved by all levels of Carrizozo Schools again this year, according to report cards recently issued by the Public Education Department for all New Mexico Schools.

At the elementary level, the state required a 28 percent in math and CES qualified with a 60.87 percent. Reading requirement was 45 percent with Carrizozo earning a 78.26 percent.

Middle school scores were 20 percent in math with the requirement set at 19 percent. State reading requirement was 41 percent and CMS scored 45.45 percent.

In the high school, the math requirement was 22 percent and CHS passed with a 32.14 percent score.

State reading score necessary was 41 percent with Carrizozo making a 64.29 percent score.

Carrizozo was the only high school in the state to not qualify for an AYP overall passing grade with the graduation rate as the sole factor. Last year's tiny class of eight had one student fail to graduate putting the percentage at 87.5 percent and just short of the required 90 percent.

Castañon said the school will be doing short cycle assessments during the year to remain cognitive of the students' level of progress towards meeting New Mexico standards and benchmarks.

Teachers will have a half-day in-service every nine weeks of the school year as well as a once a month planning session. Dean of Students, Mel Holland, said school was off to a good start with happy faces and good attitudes. Castañon concurred saying, "The environment has been very positive since day one."



The Cream of the Crop program, sponsored by the Lincoln County CowBelles, pays a cash dividend to exhibitors who raise "home grown" livestock projects for the county fair. Pictured are the youth who qualified for the rewards during the 2006 County Fair.

JULIE CARTER/STAFF

COUNTY BRIEFS

Pre-K openings in 'Zozo

Rocking Horse Day Care has four openings for the grant-funded pre-kindergarten program. Applicants must be 4-years old by Sept. 1. Classes run Monday-Friday, 9-12 a.m. or 2-5 p.m. with day care available if needed. Meals and snacks are provided. There is no cost for the classes and no income eligibility restrictions. The pre-K classes are paid for by Governor Richardson's Pre-K initiative. Students may come from any Title I qualified school district and are not limited to the Carrizozo area. Free

transportation for pickup and delivery is available. There will be a booth at the Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair offering information and sign up. For more information contact J'Lane Zamora at 648-2802.

Not 2 Shabby Shop opens

Capitan Public Library's resale shop, Not 2 Shabby Shop, opens noon to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24. Offering a variety of new and gently used items, the thrift store will also be open Friday and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The shop is not accepting donations until

Sept. 14 in order to have space to participate in CPL's annual yard sale Sept. 9. Not 2 Shabby is located in the former CCNG Company building at 217 Lincoln in Capitan. For information call 354-0149.

Carrizozo chile cook-off

A new Labor Day Street Fair event this year will be a Chile Cook-off for all the Carrizozo cooks. There will be cash prizes for first, second and taster's choice. For more information or to enter the contest contact Beatrice Beltran at 648-2588.

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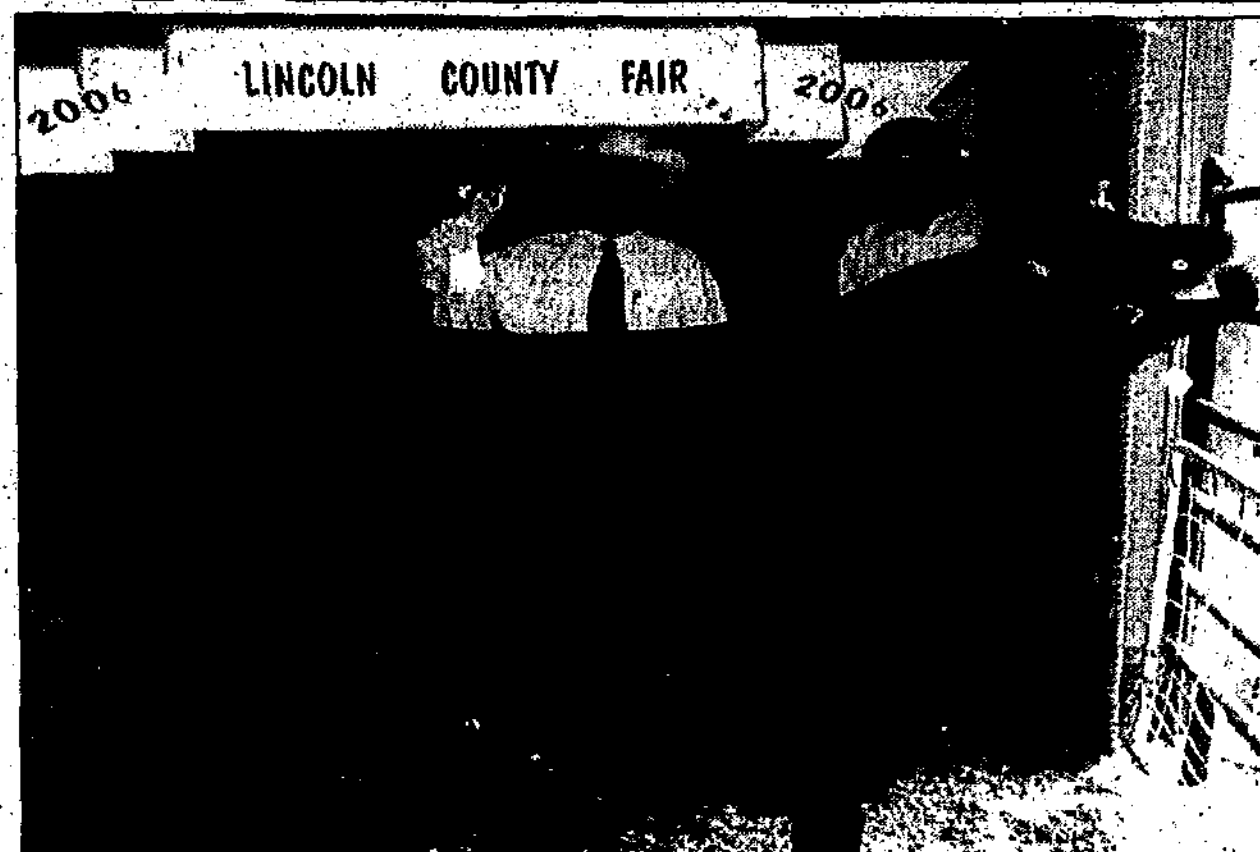
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Champion beef cattle at the Lincoln County Fair: Top-left, Haley Montes with her Grand Champion Market Steer, and bottom left, J.R. Shafer with the Reserve Champion. Above, Grand Champion Breeding Heifer shown by Justus Wilson, right, and the Reserve Champion Heifer shown by Kendal Wilson, left.

COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

Beef Cattle Show

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Heifer, 1-2 years:
1. Justus Wilson 2. Kendal Wilson 3. Dylan Johnson 4. Randa Hutcheson 5. Ethan

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Grand Champion Beef Female: Justus Wilson
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Short Steers 50-51.375 inches: 1. Haley Montes 2. Jared Arnold 3. Haley Montes 4. Sara Rush 5. Sky Franklin 6.

Jennifer Shafer
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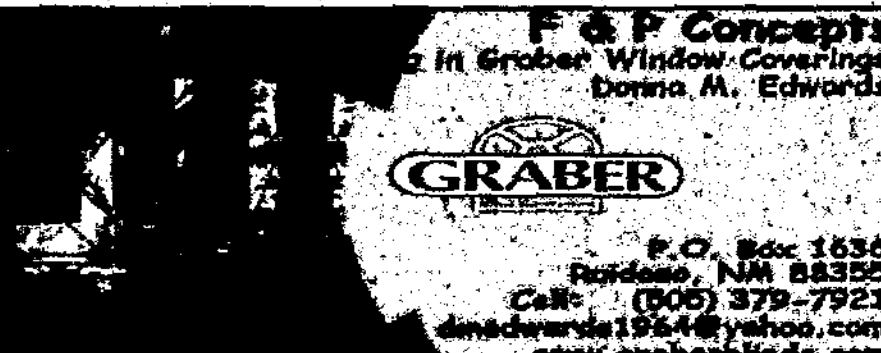


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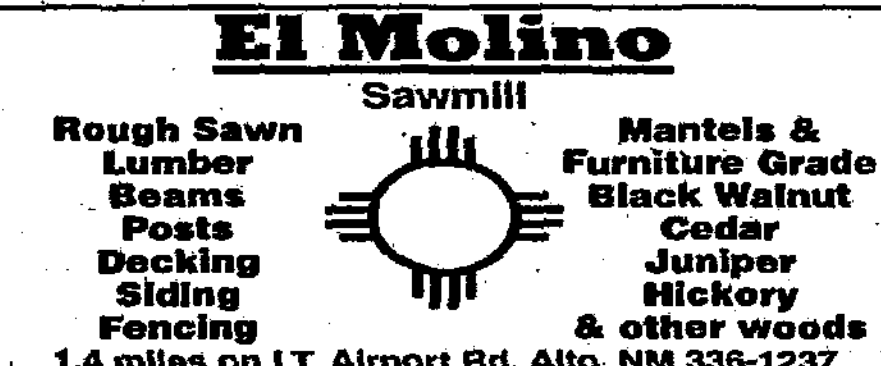


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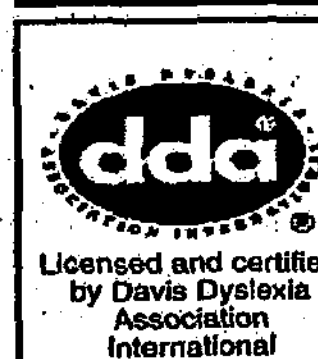


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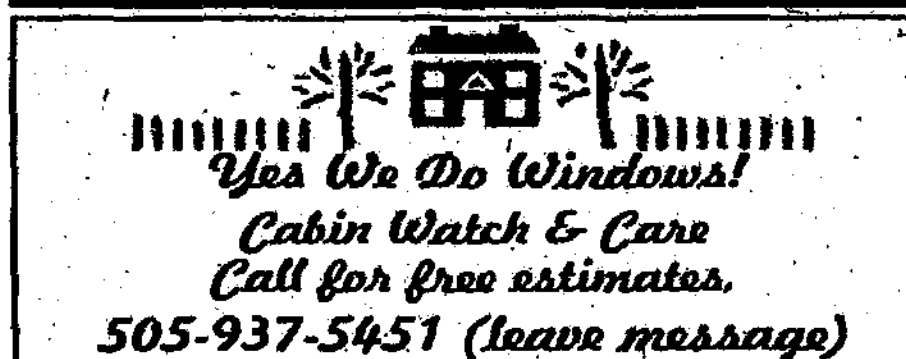


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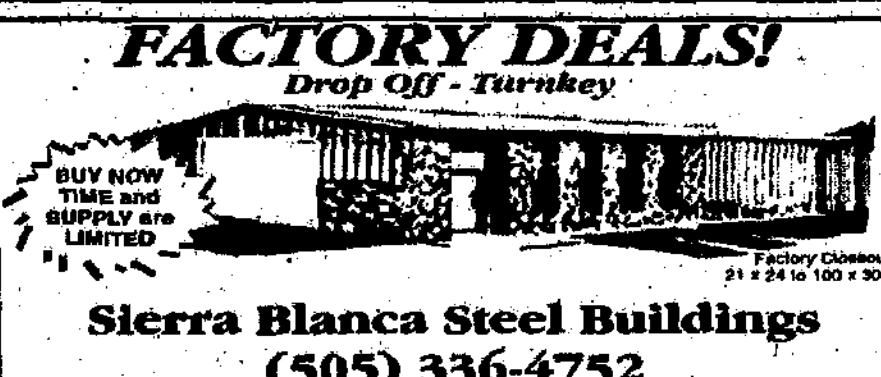


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FUNERALS DEATHS

Mary Pena

Prayer service for Mary Coyote Pena, 74, of Mescalero will be Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's Mission where the funeral mass will be on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 10 a.m. with burial to follow at the Mescalero Cemetery. Officiating will be the Rev. Paul Botenhagen.

Mrs. Pena passed away Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Mescalero. She was born Jan. 5, 1932 at Ohkay Owingeh, N.M. and moved to Mescalero in 1972 from Colorado.

She was caretaker of Eagle Creek Recreation area and

attended St. Joseph's Mission. She married Juan Pena Sr. on Sept. 11, 1972 at Mescalero.

She is survived by her husband, Juan Pena Sr.; children, Winona Chimal, Lenora Kinzhuima, Phillip Coyote Jr., Marty Coyote, Laura Coyote, Teresa Coyote, Chris Coyote, Juan Pena Jr., Shaun Pena, and Rodney Pena; brother and sisters, Manuel Cata, Tonita Sandoval, Norma Garcia and Mary Bridges; 30 grandchildren with special grandchild Troy A. Pena and 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Venesa Coyote.

Condolences may be sent to

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Jo Ratliff

Visitation for Jo Ratliff, 81, of Alto will be Wednesday, Aug. 23, at First Baptist Church in Ruidoso from 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. with funeral services at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Ft. Stanton Cemetery with the Rev. Tim Gilliland officiating.

Mrs. Ratliff passed away Saturday, Aug. 19, in Alto. She was born Nov. 18, 1924 at Wills Point, Texas and moved to Ruidoso in 1984 from El Paso.

She was a homemaker and a very active member of the

First Baptist Church in Ruidoso. She married Lee Ratliff on Feb. 24, 1949 at Dallas, Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Lee of Alto; two sons, Gary Ratliff of Las Cruces and Stephen Ratliff of Plano, Texas; a daughter, Susan Taylor of Tucson, Arizona; 4 grandchildren, Roi Ratliff, Derrik Ratliff, Valery Ratliff, and Lee Taylor; and 7 great grandchildren.

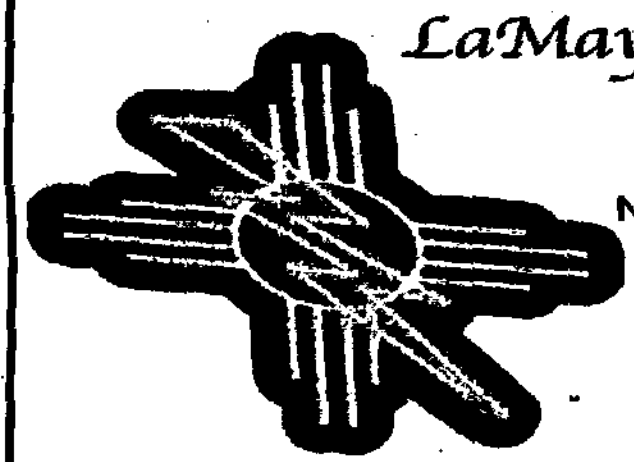
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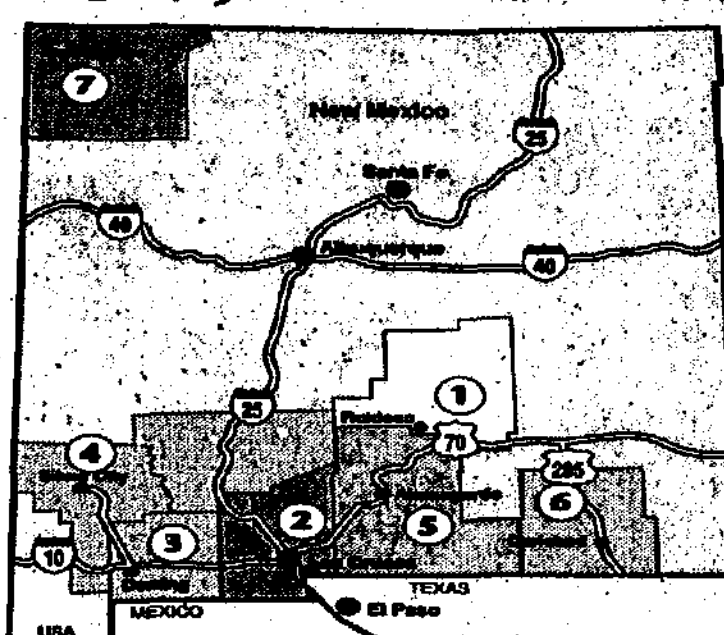
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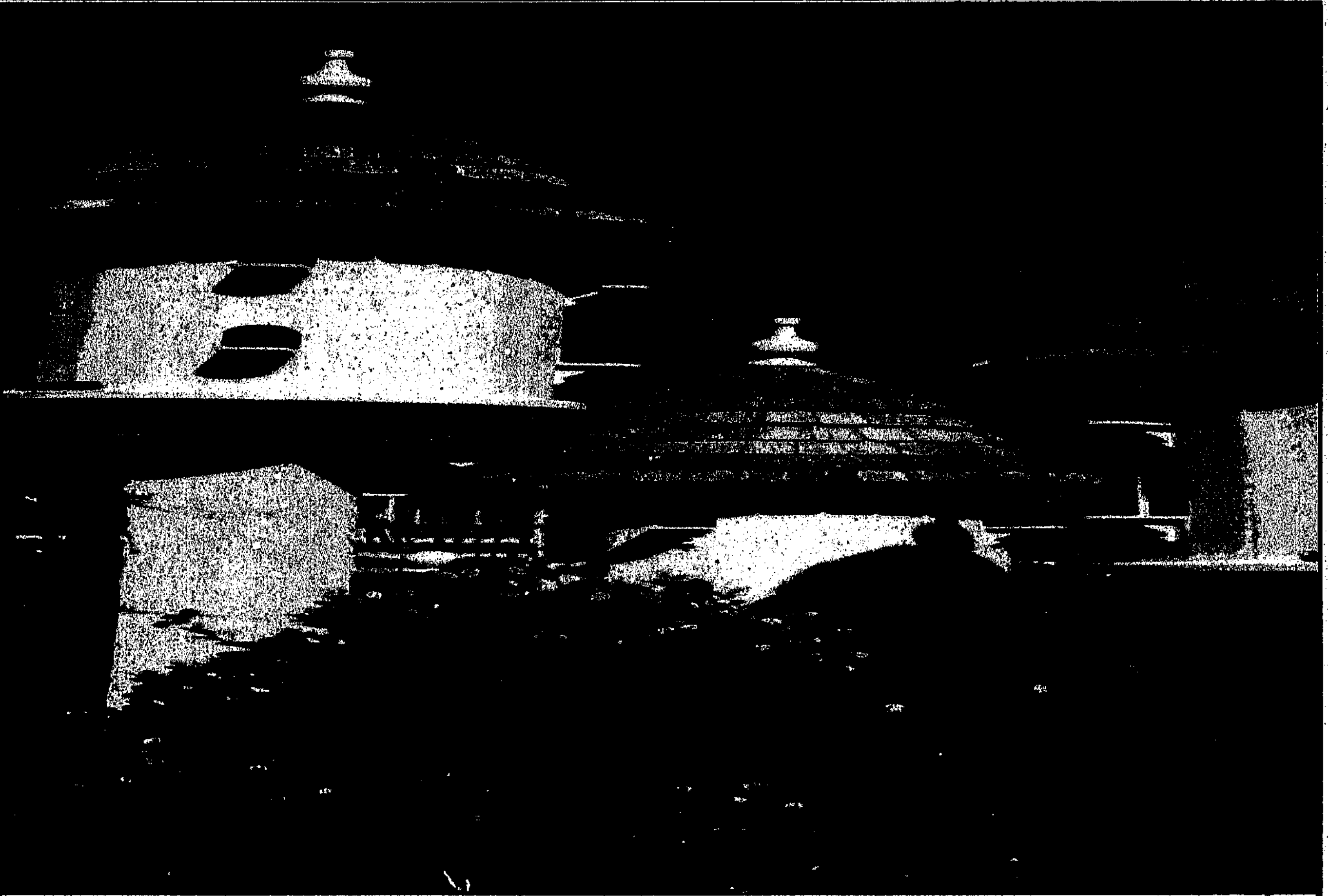
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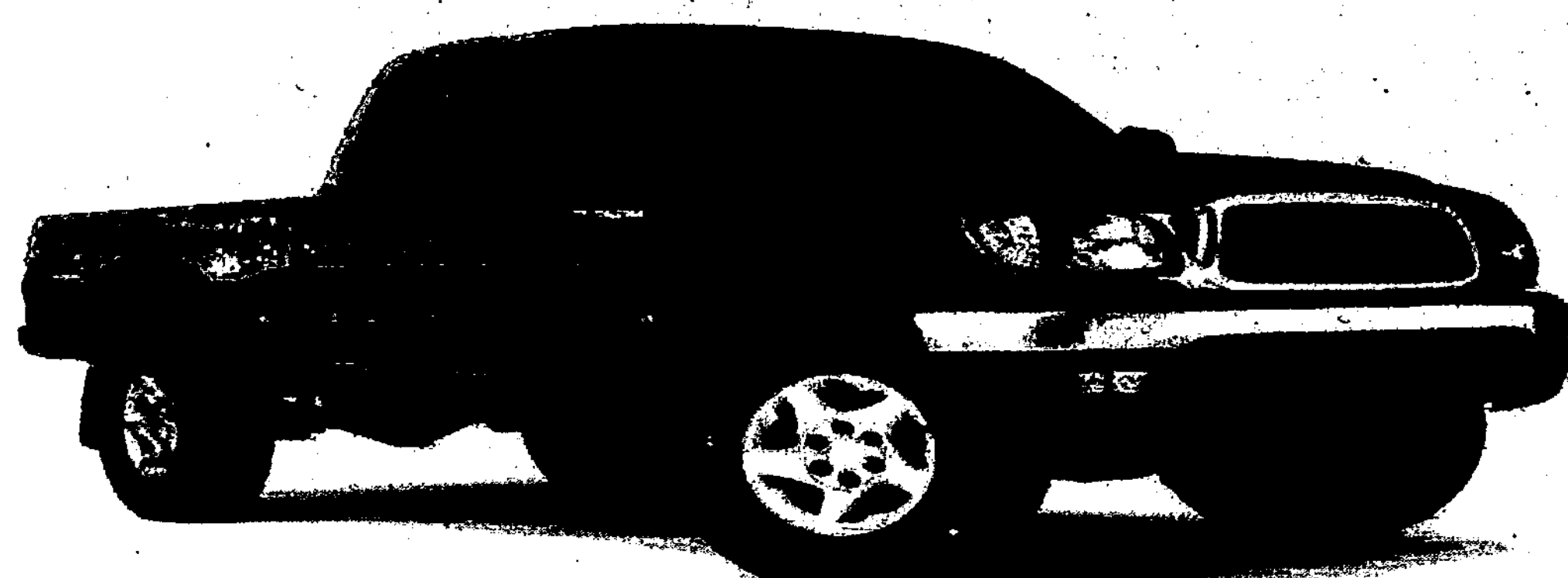
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