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Lawsuits filed in racetrack incidents

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Two lawsuits connected to the handling of a disciplinary incident involving a trainer at Ruidoso Downs Race Track, one asking for damages in excess of \$1 million, were filed in Lincoln County District Court against the New Mexico Racing Commission.

Ron Hanna, owner of Easyblazin, asked the 12th Judicial District Court in Carrizozo July 13 for an emergency injunction to allow him to race the horse he bought for \$22,500, "for the sole purpose of entering the horse into the Zia

Two suits involve the same trainer working at Ruidoso Downs

Derby Trials." The emergency injunction was granted by District Judge Frank K. Wilson.

Then Hanna joined with seven other racehorse owners to file a lawsuit July 25 accusing members of the racing commission and specified stewards of violating their civil rights, asking for a permanent injunction and exemplary damages in excess of \$1 million.

Suing with Hanna are Robert Gerhardt, Dee Mooring, W.L. Mooring, Randy Eastburg, Joe Platt, Gary Kloppenburg and horse trainer Carlos Sedillo.

Named as defendants individually, but not in their official capacities as members of the Ruidoso Downs Board of Stewards, were Kenneth Hart, Jerry Nicodemus, Richard Lidberg and

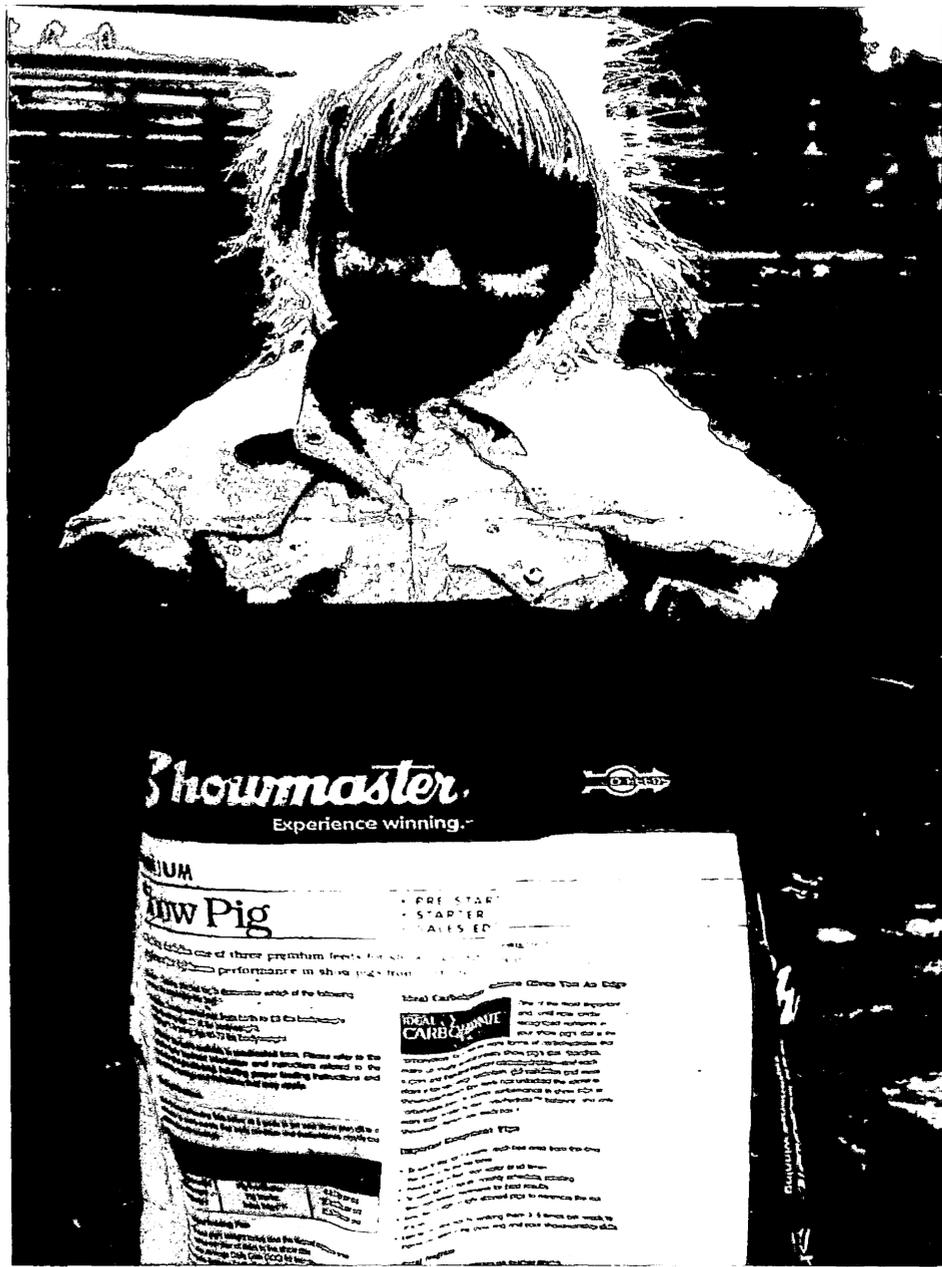
Richard Pat Mackey; Julian Luna, racing commission executive director; and commission members Arnold Rael, Thomas Fowler, David Sanchez, Ray Willis and Larry Delgado.

According to the lawsuit, at some point before January 2007, the Racing Commission adopted a regulation called the Veterinary Practice Treatment Regulation that prohibited persons from having needles, syringes or injectables on track premises. The rule did not specify any sanctions for a violation.

On Jan. 18, Fowler instructed Luna

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SACK RACE



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

The Corona FFA Ranch Rodeo held Saturday featured kid competitions, including a sack race. Kate Cooper, 4, of Tinnie, proved to be quite the showman, both in the race and for the camera. Kate is the daughter of Jim and Dr. Mary Jane Cooper.

Area code five-seven-five

Lincoln County's new 575 area code goes into effect Oct. 7

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Telephone customers in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Farmington, Gallup, Las Vegas and Grants will keep New Mexico's current statewide 505 area code.

But beginning Oct. 7, the rest of the state — about three-fourths of the geographic territory, including Raton, Las Cruces, Carlsbad, Silver City,

Ruidoso and all of Lincoln County — must switch to a 575 area code.

A one-year grace period called permissive dialing will allow calls using 505 to go through to 575 numbers, but on Oct. 5, 2008, the new area code must be used.

The change will apply to wireline and wireless service as well as other communications services.

Local calls within an area

code will continue to be dialed with 7-digit dialing. Local calls from one area code to another area code will require 10-digit dialing. All long-distance calls will require 1+10-digit dialing.

Officials with Qwest said the split in area code between the northwest section of New Mexico and the implementation of a new area code in the rest of the state was necessary

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Escapees sought

Two boys discovered missing from Camp Sierra Blanca on Saturday may be armed

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Two boys escaped late Saturday from Camp Sierra Blanca juvenile rehabilitation center northeast of Ruidoso.

New Mexico State Police officers headed the search and warned that the boys may be armed with a stolen .22 caliber pistol.

The boys were last seen in the Tinnie area on U.S. 70 at the eastern border of Lincoln County.

They were picked up by a driver, who later reported a gun missing, according to a state police spokesman.

The state Department of Children, Youth and Families oversees the camp at Fort Stanton that is operated by CiviGenics.

Last year, officials with CYF and CSB pledged quick public notification of escapes in the wake of the arrest of two boys who left the camp, were on the run a few days and then kidnapped a man during a carjacking before they were apprehended.

However, no notification was received by the newspaper. When contacted Tuesday, CYF spokesman Bob Dafoya said radio stations were called early Sunday about the escape.

Dafoya said the two boys being sought are Carlos Juarez, 15, described as 5 foot, 7 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair, and scars on his right eyebrow and left leg, and Tuff Billy John Brazael, 16, described as 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighing 125 pounds, with green eyes and red hair, a tattoo on his right shoulder and a scar on his right knee.

Dafoya said Brazael was committed to the camp on a probation violation. He has a history of petty larceny and a possession of marijuana charge.

Juarez was at the camp on a probation violation. His history includes shoplifting, aggravated battery, criminal damage to property and burglary.

Dafoya said the boys were discovered to be missing during a routine head count at an 11 p.m. bed check Saturday.

— 2005-06 village audit —

State auditor, accountants tackle lingering issues

Among them is a settlement between the village and Allhub over The Links golf course

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New Mexico State Auditor Hector H. Balderas is working with accountants putting together the 2005-2006 audit for the village of Ruidoso to resolve some issues still hanging over the heads of village councilors.

They include how the village should handle a \$143,172 August 2006 settlement of a debt listed as about \$1.2 million by village and state auditors owed to Ruidoso on a lease of village land by Allhub Inc. for The Links at Sierra Blanca Public Golf Course.

Councilors were scheduled to discuss the "State Auditor's request/assertion regarding the golf course lease and alleged indebtedness," during a closed session at the end of the regular council meeting Tuesday.

Balderas' predecessor, Domingo Martinez, contended councilors overstepped their authority in forgiving the debt. He maintained the answer must

come from a court and the council had no power to wipe away a portion of a debt owed to the village.

A spokesman for Balderas said Monday the state auditor met with Mayor L. Ray Nunley, Councilor Greg Gray and others last week on the issue, and on other items connected to a state special audit begun in 2004 and concluded in March 2006 that resulted in multiple findings. Fourteen dealt with lack of internal controls and 30 were referred for further investigation for possible prosecution.

Balderas took office in January.

The spokesman said the state auditor, "is about one week away from finalizing his findings."

Apparently, village auditors are stumped about how to handle the debt that remains unpaid on the books.

At issue is wording on how to calculate what is owed annually on the lease by Allhub based on revenue collected at the course.

Allhub officials interpret the formula and terms differently than village and state auditors. They contend the wording is not ambiguous.

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Just ducky

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern New Mexico, Lincoln County, held its first Rubber Ducky Derby on Saturday in Two Rivers Park. More than 800 rubber duckies were released into the river where they raced almost a quarter mile to the finish line. Dr. Lynn Willard, Big Brother and long-time board member, was standing in the water to catch the first three duckies at the finish line while spectators cheered the ducks on.

Adults and kids alike ran alongside the ducks as they made their way to the end, excited and hopeful that theirs

was the winner. Smokey Bear was also there to make the rounds and cheer the yellow plastic ducks on.

After the first three were caught, it was important to get the rest of the duckies across the finish line to award the "Last Duck Trophy," which was won by James Stephens, Ruidoso, at 37:41. Everyone helped out by pushing duckies who veered off course back into the race.

Casey McCarty of Capitan came in with the grand prize of \$500 at 17:21; David Wiberg, Ruidoso, won first runner-up of \$200 at 18:05; Robin Payne, Ruidoso, won second runner-up with \$50 at 18:10.

"Bigs" and "Littles" from Big Brothers Big Sisters, along with community volunteers, helped get the ducks out of the water by using nets that were stretched across the river. Ruidoso Parks & Recreation helped to prep the race course and offered support.

Thanks to the Ruidoso Athletic Club, Ruidoso Office Supply, The Wild Herb, Chamber of Commerce, Copper Mountain Auto Body, Domino's, KBUY/KWES and The Kid who helped promote and sell tickets for the big race day.

This year's derby raised more than \$3,000, which will stay in Lincoln County supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters, a one-to-one youth mentoring program for kids aged 6-17, providing them with positive role-models who not only want to share their life with a child who needs them, but to enrich their own lives as well. BBBS has been established in Lincoln County for more than 10 years and serves 35 children with a goal of serving 67 by the end of the year.

To volunteer, enroll a child, or for more information, call Lesley Hayes at 258-4185.

spent for all purchases. For example, a family could purchase three computers tax-free, as long as each computer did not exceed the \$1000 limit.

Details on the tax holiday, including which items are excluded from gross receipts tax, can be found on the state Taxation and Revenue Web site: //www.state.nm.us/tax.

Transportation grant

Be it known that the City of Ruidoso Downs as Lincoln County Transit intends to apply for financial assistance under U.S.C. 5311 and 5317, in the approximate amount of \$300,000.

If awarded, this grant will allow Lincoln County Transit to provide new public transportation services to the citizens of Lincoln County.

Federal law and state administrative procedures require that all other transportation providers serving in the area be given a fair and timely opportunity to participate to the maximum extent feasible in the planning and provision of the proposed transportation services. Comments on the proposed service will be received until 5 p.m. Aug. 17, 2007.

Comments should be directed in writing to the City of Ruidoso Downs, Attention: Mrs. Mickie Compton, Program Navigator, P. O. Box 348, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346. If you would like to request a public hearing on this matter, send a written request prior to the end of the comment period, or call Lesley Hayes at 258-4185.

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Thu 8/2	Extreme
Fri 8/3	Extreme

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	90	66	t-storm	Grants	87	56	t-storm	Santa Fe	83	56	t-storm
Albuquerque	92	69	mst sunny	Guyton, OK	91	61	t-storm	Santa Rosa	93	63	mst sunny
Carlsbad	84	66	rain	Hobbs	82	66	t-storm	Silver City	78	53	t-storm
Chama	78	51	t-storm	Las Cruces	88	68	t-storm	Socorro	90	64	t-storm
Clovis	89	65	t-storm	Las Vegas	83	54	mst sunny	St. Johns, AZ	85	63	t-storm
Deming	89	66	t-storm	Lordsburg	88	66	t-storm	Taos	86	52	t-storm
El Paso, TX	88	70	t-storm	Lubbock, TX	86	64	t-storm	Trinidad, CO	85	57	mst sunny
Espanola	81	59	t-storm	Odessa, TX	82	68	t-storm	Truth or Consq.	89	66	t-storm
Farmington	91	61	pt sunny	Raton	86	53	mst sunny	Tucson, AZ	83	74	rain
Gallup	84	59	t-storm	Roswell	87	67	t-storm	Tucumcari	88	60	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	69	pt sunny	Houston	90	78	t-storm	Phoenix	93	82	t-storm
Boston	84	65	sunny	Los Angeles	81	68	pt sunny	San Francisco	80	59	pt sunny
Chicago	91	70	sunny	Miami	89	78	t-storm	Seattle	83	60	sunny
Dallas	84	75	t-storm	Minneapolis	93	68	sunny	St. Louis	94	73	sunny
Denver	86	61	mst sunny	New York	89	71	mst sunny	Washington, DC	94	73	sunny

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Cabins destroyed in Peppin Fire may be rebuilt

Existing special use permits can be renewed

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After four years of waiting, owners of 12 cabins in the Pine Lodge area of the Lincoln National Forest destroyed in the 2004 Peppin Fire may be close to rebuilding.

Forest Supervisor S.E. Lou Woltering issued a decision that would allow the renewal of special use permits for the recreation homes in the Pine Lodge and the Eagle Creek Summer Home areas on the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

The decision provides for the continuation of the use of forest land for the recreation homes by renewing existing special use permits that will expire Dec. 31, 2008 and Dec. 31, 2009.

"Recreation residences are a valid use of National Forest System lands, and an important component of the overall National Forest recreation program," Woltering wrote. "It is Forest Service policy to continue recreation residence use and to work in partnership with holders of these permits to maximize the recreational benefits of these residences."

The permits run for 20 years.

Woltering wrote that the process for issuing new permits for recreation residences out-

lined in the 1994 National Policy was followed, including a determination of consistency with the current forest plan.

An amendment to the plan was required. Wording must be changed from, "Permits will not be issued for unoccupied lots or for reconstruction," to "Existing permits may be issued for the continuation of the existing summer home area at Pine Lodge upon acceptance of an application for renewal and completion of the appropriate level of environmental analysis."

"After a catastrophic event, the authorized officer would conduct an analysis to determine whether improvements can be safely occupied or rebuilt, except for those approved for use "in-lieu" lots, permits will not be issued for unoccupied lots."

An interdisciplinary team was formed to construct an environmental analysis document identifying the effects of continuing recreation residence, to approve reconstruction of cabins lost in the wildfire and to determine consistency with policy.

Woltering considered the options of no action or approval of reconstruction and decided the Smokey Bear Ranger District will reissue SUPs to the same people holding the current permits for the 18 sites at the Pine Lodge Summer Home tract, that covers six existing cabins and 12 lost in

the wildfire, and 23 sites in the Eagle Creek Summer Home tract.

No additional recreation residences beyond the existing 41 sites will be authorized, Woltering wrote.

Cabins cannot be used as principal residences and must comply with all local, state and federal construction, environmental health and fire codes. In cases where former sites are deemed unsuitable for reconstruction, new sites will have the same footprint of about a quarter acre and same square footage as the cabin destroyed by the fire, along with similar design, color and texture of a timbered site.

The holder will have two years to finish construction of the cabins once documentation is completed and authorization is given, the forester supervisor specified.

Permittees who choose not to rebuild or to apply for an in-lieu lot by a specified date will receive a letter from the district ranger that the SUPs are revoked.

In most cases, lots where cabins were destroyed have been cleared except for rock walls for site erosion, foundations and chimneys. Of the 12 Pine Lodge sites, debris from two has not been removed.

All SUPs will be issued Jan. 1, 2009. The permit holders must meet several additional requirements such as submit-

ting prior to the fall of 2008, an Operation and Maintenance Plan showing specific actions to maintain compliance with the permit and with all federal state and local laws for sanitation and water systems. They must be responsible for protection from damage of all identified cultural resources within the area. If a threatened, endangered or sensitive species is found that affects recreation residence tracts, the forest biologist will be notified to determine mitigation measures for retention of the species.

No significant effect was found by Woltering on the potential for invasive weed species from the introduction of equipment used during clean-up of burn sites or reconstruction of the cabins, or other environmental concerns.

The action does not set a precedent, because recreation residences are not unusual and would not lead to any further unique actions, Woltering concluded.

The decision is subject to appeal, which must be submitted in writing within 45 days to Regional Forester, Southwestern Region Office, 333 Broadway NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, or e-mail appeals-southwestern-lincoln@fs.fed.us.

For more information concerning the decision, contact Smokey Bear District Ranger Juan E. Buck Sanchez at 505-257-4095.

County schedules public hearing on Heritage Preserve

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A public hearing on a preliminary subdivision plat for Heritage Preserve at Ruidoso subdivision, located near the settlement of Nogal, is set for 6 p.m., Aug. 8.

The Lincoln County Planning Commission meets in the county courthouse building in

Carrizozo.

The 253-tract subdivision will feature private paved roads, individual and shared water well systems and individual sewer systems.

The tracts will range from 2.03 acres to 10.7 acres. A portion of the 1,363.51 acres of the subdivision will be dedicated to green space and riding and hiking trails.

Proponents contend the design far exceeds existing standards and codes in the county and that covenants with the land sales will promote conservation and "green" living. State agencies, including the State Engineer, who issued a positive opinion after an initial negative letter on proof of water supply, signed off on the project.

Opponents counter that the development is too intense for the area, could pose a threat to existing wells and would generate too much traffic on already inadequate roadways.

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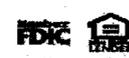
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OUR OPINION

County needs better tracking on mobiles

A taxes-paid stamp might deter scofflaws

They've been referred to as "outlaw trailers" - mobile homes tucked in the folds of Lincoln County that are delinquent on taxes and other fees.

When, years ago, the Lincoln County Commission considered a better tracking and enforcement system for these rigs, virtually everyone on the county payroll who had a stake in the issue - from the assessor to the treasurer and manager - supported such an ordinance.

Nevertheless, county commissioners rejected the idea.

That was then, this is now - a time for a new county commission that doesn't gag every time the state might peripherally be involved in an aspect of county government.

There are times, we agree, when the state should butt out of local and personal affairs - as in the case of requiring a

state permit for green waste cleared from private land of more than 25 acres.

But we again support the mobile tracking system as a form of fiscal responsibility and expediency. And this time, the county commission is likely to agree.

Lincoln County already has an ordinance requiring that taxes be paid before a mobile can be moved. But that's not readily enforceable.

The new measure now being crafted, which will be reviewed at the August commissioners' meeting, might be based on a Torrance County ordinance that would place a fluorescent stamp on all mobiles that have paid their taxes.

This would give state DOT officers a reason to stop units moving through the county that do not carry such a stamp.

That wasn't difficult, was it?

Hey, Bill, lose the suit and tie and put on the bolo

Here is an open letter to Bill Richardson, esteemed governor of New Mexico:

Dear Bill, I've been following your run for the White House. It isn't going well. You need to shake things up. All of us folks down here in New Mexico know you for the lovable grouch you are, old bulldog face. But on TV you are look-



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ing just like one of those other cookie cutter candidates. What's with the tailored suit and nifty neckwear? Hang that bolo tie around your neck and show up looking like you just climbed off Sundance after a trail ride through the Sangre de Cristo.

Look, I want you to know I am still pulling for you. Not to curry favor or anything, but just last week I sent a letter to God asking him to give your campaign a boost and suggesting he whisper to you the need to hire a certain New Mexico journalist. You need to listen to God, Bill.

Here's the problem as I see it. The leftist, weak-kneed liberal media has pretty much decided this is a race between Hillary Clinton and that Obama fellow. NBC's Tim Russert hardly even mentions you. You blew it with Tim.

How about CNN's Anderson Cooper who moderated the debate where they had all those YouTube loonies send in questions? (That guy who carried his assault rifle on camera and called it his "baby" reminds us not all our problems are in Iraq.)

Anderson treated you with the disinterest of a prom queen sitting next to the school geek. I know you can't afford to offend that Cooper guy, but what are his credentials as a journalist? I mean, this fellow has the perpetual handdog look that suggests he just found out the world is all screwed up. Shoot, I've known

that for 40 years, and no one asks me to go on television.

Twenty minutes went by before old handdog threw a question your way, but you were ready. You handled it well. And later, when you told America we need to scrap the No Child Left Behind business, a cheer went up throughout the land.

You need to stick with that theme, Governor. As they say

on TV, it resonates.

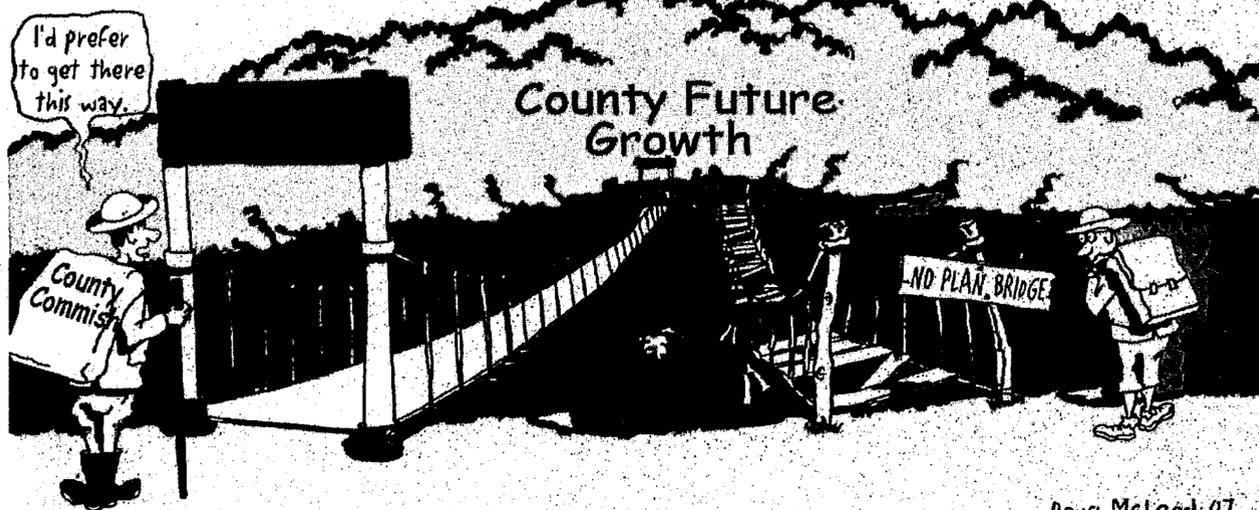
I know it has been a while since you have asked for my advice - well, okay, never - but here's what I think. Hillary and Barrack are starting to spat. They are going to go after one another's throats. It won't be long before they look like two roosters fighting out of the pit after a cockfighting match called on account of rain.

That's when one of you other guys are going to start looking good. Why not you? It certainly won't be John Edwards. The country doesn't need a president who is going to have to stop at every mirror to comb his hair when he is called to the war room.

There is the possibility you might not make it in 2008. Please don't discount the possibility of serving as vice president. You are a young guy. There is always next time.

It is clear to me, Bill, you have a promising future in politics at the highest level. Surround yourself with good people. As for me, I am perfectly happy toiling away in New Mexico journalism. But, well, if someone decided it is time for me to serve my country in an uppity job with a fat salary in a plush office overlooking the Washington Monument, gosh, who am I to turn my back?

The columnist - ncantwell@beyondbb.com - disrespects people who beg.



Doug McLeod 07 Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Public lands could be better managed

To the editor:

JUST SUPPOSE YOU OWN a large amount of land and have a caretaker to look after it. Now, some of your animals roam onto your neighbor's property and cause some damage. Your caretaker tells the neighbor to kill them or he will give them game tags to sell them back to you or to a non-resident.

Here is the way it is: The national forest belongs to the public, you. The caretaker, the game department, tells your neighbor, the landowner, to shoot the animals (elk) that caused the damage or they will give game tags to the landowner that they can sell back to you or non-resident hunters.

I feel if my elk, being a member of the public, are causing my neighbor problems, then we should tell the caretakers to put up elk-proof fences on our national forest to protect my neighbor's property.

Recently, 40 head of elk were killed in the Lincoln National Forest because of this situation and to do it when the cows

are carrying calves or had recently given birth is unacceptable.

This is not how the public resources should be managed. I don't fault the game department, but this needs to be changed. I think the fencing project could be done with inmate labor and the game tags the landowners were given could be issued to the public since the elk belonged to the public to begin with.

Let your state representative know your feelings on this. It is a time for a change on how elk and public lands are managed.

Ralph R. West Alamogordo

A cowboy's thanks

To the editor:

I AM REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE for the National Day of the Cowboy, a non-profit organization that works to recognize and honor the cowboy heritage and culture.

This day is especially important to the

people of Lincoln County. You have two staff members, Sandy Kashmar of ¡Vamonos! and Julie Carter of the Lincoln County page, who have helped this event. I personally want to commend them both and your newspaper for all your support.

One of the goals of National Day of the Cowboy is to educate people about this day. You have done this and more. These two employees demonstrate every quality in our resolution and beyond.

Julie Carter is a historian and archivist, recording and documenting the rapidly vanishing cowboy culture. She brings that way of life to the people. I know of no one who does this as well as she. Sandy Kashmar gathers her facts and is there at the drop of a hat to support us.

Both have been huge in the growth of National Day in New Mexico. I want to thank you and your staff for your help.

Zane W. Mead NDOC Regional Representative Ruidoso Downs

Allegedly, the truth will be revealed

If what's being alleged is found to be true, the only football Michael Vick should be playing for the next decade will be with other general population inmates.

"Alleged" has become one of the most used words in American society, a society overpopulated by lawyers and anchorpeople looking for a means to make a living, as well as a bevy of "As You Like It" 24-hour cable and satellite news stations so hot on anything new to say that one becomes instantly and digitally guilty.

Proof seems to be in the eye of what the beholder believes is true, and in a lot of cases an afterthought to a new right we all seem to have: right to an assumption of guilt until opinion polls show otherwise. There's also the new right to be charged with a dozen or more things so you can be plead down to one or two. There's nothing "alleged" about that strategy, which must be known as the "pile on."

There were "alleged" weapons of mass destruction, an alleged victory in Florida and a guilty verdict in lying to a grand jury with jail time pardoned because it was allegedly a cruel thing to do (as though the President has the power of an NBA referee, or something).

Sometimes there just doesn't seem to be a common sense. This country used to be a gang. A gang you didn't want to mess with. Now we seem to be a collection of assorted thugs that demand to take something away from others because we don't believe they should have it, and that ought to be a good enough reason.

The Michael Vick dog-fighting-ring-leader allegations (19 pages of them

that I'm sure are online, but I don't really want to experience) are just too over-the-edge for the most creative hunters to make up.

Your everyday child abuser is a jaywalker in comparison to the indignation exuded and the wrath that comes down on a puppy kicker in the English speaking parts of the world - you know, the parts of the world where dogs are not entrees.

Why? People love their dogs, and their dogs love them. They don't smoke dope, or become crack hounds. They don't run up cell phone bills. They don't

wreck the car or have affairs with their teachers. No one has a college fund to feed for their dog. When you reward them to encourage beneficial behavior it's with a big old biscuit of compressed cereal. And they look forward to it!

The most indignant thing they ever do is poke their nose in another dog's behind, and allegedly the other dogs don't seem to mind. It's the dog equivalent of a "What's up?"

I don't think that there's any question as to whether Michael Vick will or will not be playing quarterback with the Atlanta Falcons this season. He won't. If the league doesn't pull his plug, there's an army of people out there willing to take on the networks, and then (if necessary) the advertisers.

What's so unusual about Vick in today's climate is that he didn't immediately send an apology note to the world through his lawyer and check into a rehab unit. There's no "Rin Tin Tin Clinic" next to the Betty Ford. He didn't even offer to do the Hilton/Lohan dance.

There seem to be lots of problems with the bad boys of the NBA, NFL and

MLB these days.

There's a serious question as to whether a substance other than a carbon-based unit is about to break Hank Aaron's home run record.

There's been more punching in the stands of NBA games that at WWE smackdowns. With the most recent scandal, somebody in the front office of professional basketball must have commented: "Thank God it's only a ref gambling and not a player sleeping with a Congressional page."

If we're not going to start the military draft again, maybe we should address these issues by enacting an effective spy and neutering program for professional athletes.

Also consider that the impact of the Michael Vick situation goes far beyond the playing field and dog fighting cages; it goes to the feet of America.

Nike is holding back the release of the Michael Vick shoe because they don't want to step in what's happening. What to do with the Michael Vick Nike? Maybe we ought to give a pair to everyone on the jury. Give them to everyone in the correctional facility for Vicks' first penal day. Give them all to the Humane Society and let them sell them and keep the income.

There seems to come a point when people who don't know what money is good for get too much of it.

Some build their own amusement parks, buy zoo animals, make inappropriate videos or start collecting/adopting children from far away places.

Others, like Vick, make choices that will hopefully prove to be more regrettable. Allegedly, of course. It's just what I've heard.

BRAD COOPER is a columnist writing out of White Oaks. He turned in his season tickets.

Report: County faring well on funding requests

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Be willing to build a project in stages and to commit local dollars was the advice passed along to Lincoln County commissioners last week about the county's capital infrastructure priority list.

After commission approval, the list is submitted to the state Department of Finance and Administration and is reviewed by state legislators annually when figuring out how much money to dole out to each county or city in New Mexico.

Hubert Quintana, executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District and the man who shepherds many county requests through the legislative session each year, said Lincoln is ahead of many other entities because officials recognize the value of keeping the real priority list small and looking for other funding sources to add to the mix.

County Manager Tom Stewart said although the complete list for 2009-2013 includes 34 projects, five are listed as priorities and several are smaller amounts that could be funded in one year. However, the top priority is a \$4.8 million new judicial complex to be built on county-owned land next to the county detention center in Carrizozo.

The other four are a fire station for the settlement of Lincoln for \$275,000; a tanker-pumper for the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department for \$250,000; renovation of the old county detention center at \$100,000; and a new Glencoe Fire Station for \$120,000.

Although he also prioritized the rest of the 34 projects, he

Showing commitment for a project, whether by providing land or bonding, enhances the chances to be funded

compared the exercise to playing with a deck of cards trying to figure where one falls out and another fits in.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin asked if by placing the district court complex, a multi-million dollar project, as the number one priority, that would eliminate chances for projects listed below it.

"I worry there might be \$3 million for that and nothing else," he said.

Quintana said he thinks it is very important to list projects in priority order.

"Our office has been trying to get (other counties and towns) to do that for a long time," he said. "Some put in 20 and they are all number one priority."

"In terms of money from the legislature, it is limited, and we try to get people to understand that if they come in for \$5 million, it will knock out all the others. So we suggest phasing a project over three to four years. Legislators can put in some money and the governor can fill in the difference on a \$1 million project."

Legislators also are bothered if they see money still unspent from past allocations, he said. That's why it is better to go for one project and finish it than have a little money tied up in several, but not enough to finish any single one.

"We will work with legisla-

tors and the governor's office to get the message through of the critical need for the project," Quintana said of the judicial complex. "We can at least get plans done and it can construct in phases."

Stewart said he submits updates to DFA on projects completed and pending to show money is being used and actions executed, and that the county doesn't have a backlog of projects.

When the county received only \$30,000 last year toward the new fire station at Glencoe, it didn't buy much, the manager said.

"But at least, we solved the property site to submit this year to the (U.S. Forest Service) for a special use permit."

Commissioner Jackie Powell asked if the judicial complex could be built in phases.

"I think we could," Stewart replied. "I'd want a big chunk to start. (An architectural firm) did a study of what it will cost and that's a beginning. We already have a considerable amount of money set aside for it in our budget and I think the bigger a local match we can show legislators, the better. It could be at least a two-year project."

"We already own the land, and that's always a big question."

Identifying other possible funding sources also could pro-

duce a more positive attitude in legislators, Quintana said. They then know the whole cost of a project doesn't fall on the legislature.

"Showing you have commitment for a project, whether it's by providing land or bonding, enhances chances to be funded," he said.

The DFA director is struggling with not-for-profit entities that "commit to all sorts of projects, and counties and cities are left to figure out all the issues," he said. They can bleed off dollars that otherwise would go to municipal or county projects.

"Not-for-profits are a big problem, but they are constituents and they are going to get funded at some point and at some level."

For the district to go to bat for a not-for-profit, he requires the entities first go to government and secure a county or city as a fiscal agent for a project, Quintana said.

IN OTHER ACTION, COMMISSIONERS:

- approved an annual agreement for \$5,306 with the Southeast New Mexico Economic Development District, Councilor of Governments.

- accepted the certification of the annual fixed asset inventory, with special acknowledgment of the effort of County Finance Director Charlotte "Punkin" Schlarb at solving a glitch from last year.

Stewart wrote that the inventory on June 30 accounted for an asset cost of \$26,783,488.75 of capital items valued at \$1,000 or more and \$13,828,923.28 in depreciated value. The inventory will be passed to the county auditor for review.

Ruidoso pot bust

■ 97 plants, \$22,000 in cash seized from home

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A Ruidoso man who apparently had a thriving marijuana business was shut down by police following a bust July 25.

Golden Leaf Anderson, 29, was arrested for possession with an intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, conspiracy and forfeiture of property after a confidential informant led police to his home.

Anderson was released on his own recognizance by Judge William Butts, and investigation into the case continues.

When police arrived, Anderson consented to a search of his home.

Police found 97 marijuana plants, both growing and harvested, numerous plants in various stages of processing and drying, a growing area in the residence supplied with artificial light, potting soil, containers, ventilation and watering systems in one of the bedrooms, and more than \$22,000 in cash.

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One out of four random audits shows taxes owed

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A few months ago, Lincoln County commissioners drew four names to audit from a pool of 29 lodging businesses in the unincorporated area of the county.

Last week, they received a report from Auditor Dan Austin on the results. The state Department of Finance and Administration uses the random audits for feedback on whether the proper amount of lodging tax is being collected and reported.

Austin wrote that one business closed and the owner moved out of state. Two others had no findings against them. The fourth owed back taxes and is working with the county

treasurer.

The results will be reported to the DFA.

Lincoln Hills CD

In another issue, commissioners accepted a \$3.2 million performance certificate of deposit for Lincoln Hills Subdivision, with amendments providing for court jurisdiction in New Mexico and stating that the county maintains a superior position on the CDs in case of default.

Mark Clark, representing the subdivision, advised in a June 7 letter that the deposit was to be moved to Hillcrest Bank of Austin, Texas. At the last commission meeting, no action was taken because the county attorney wanted time to review and offer a recommen-

dation.

County Attorney Alan Morel told commissioners last week that two CDs now deposited with local banks in Ruidoso reported the county as co-owner.

When part of the project was refinanced, bank officials in Texas wanted to move the CDs there.

"Mr. Clark is agreeable to provide any assurance we need," Morel said.

The amendments should satisfy the county's needs, he said. Certificates of deposit can be easier than bonds in the case of default, because they can simply be cashed, he added.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin, a banker, asked that the county, instead of co-owner, be named on the CDs in a supe-

rior position in case of default. Clark did not object and Morel said he would secure that change.

The difference is that the arrangement would allow the county to cash the CDs without the consent of the developer, if the project went into default. As co-owners, neither could cash out without the consent of the other.

"In the agreement, it clearly says the county position is senior to the lender," Battin said.

"I would assume the same as related to the developer."

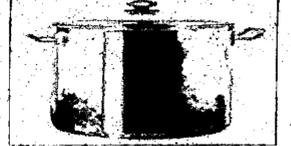
"We all recognize (default) is extremely unlikely, but this would avoid any issue at the time."

Stewart was authorized to sign the amended agreement.

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EDUCATION

Crawford ready for new challenges at her new job

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When former Ruidoso High School principal Shirley Crawford tendered her resignation to the Ruidoso School Board in May to take over the superintendent job in Capitan, it was the end of a long internal discussion she'd had about a career change.

"I'd done administration for quite a while, and I didn't know if I was ready to take on a superintendency,"

Crawford said. "After I talked with friends who had been mentors to me, I knew I was ready to take that step."

The move seemed a natural one, as she's lived in Capitan the entire time she served as the RHS principal, so now she's working in the same community where she lives.

Although, she does say the commute to Ruidoso and back was a nice mind-clearing ride both ways.

"It gave me a chance to organize my thoughts in the morning and let it

go in the evening," Crawford said. "And it's a beautiful drive."

But now Crawford's commute has shortened considerably, and she's thrown herself into the new job. As much as one can when school isn't in session.

She's spoken with faculty members as they've trickled in through the month of July and spoken of plans for the new school year. The biggest difference is she's now working with staff and faculty across the entire

school system, rather than dealing directly with students, as she did at RHS.

One of the top priorities in her new position will be the financing of much-needed renovations to the Capitan school campus. A bond issue designed to address the problem was defeated by voters in February.

"We've been looking closely at the issues which caused the defeat in the last election," Crawford said. "We've got to make sure we communicate

better with all the stakeholders in this.

"There is nobody, no matter where they live, that will say they don't support schools," she added. "But they also want us to be good stewards with the money they give us."

There are other challenges, but Crawford welcomes them.

"It will be time-consuming and challenging, as education should be," Crawford said. "It's the most important job in the world in my opinion."

Region IX earns grant

Region IX Education Cooperative in Ruidoso was awarded a \$327,450 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) announced the award to the cooperative that provides health and educational support services to children and families in the area. Bingaman said the funding will help the cooperative increase student access to quality mental health services.

"Mental health is an important part of an individual's overall wellbeing," he said. "Unfortunately, access to mental health services is not always readily available. This funding will help many Lincoln County residents."

The project will build on the

rapid expansion of New Mexico's school-based health centers, Regional Education Cooperatives and telehealth services. The grant will provide money to train school personnel in pilot sites to make appropriate referrals, identify core features of implementation for high-functioning SBHC, develop a web-based database of local and telehealth resources, develop a model for scaling up telehealth in SBHCs and to demonstrate the capacity and viability of the model.

RECIX serves the Capitan, Carrizozo, Clouderoft, Corona, Ruidoso, Hondo and Tularosa school districts and communities. Programs administered by RECIX are accredited by the New Mexico Public Education Department.

Back-to-school schedules announced

Back-to-school schedules for Mesalero and Ruidoso schools have been released. Items required by Mesalero schools from all students are: Registration packet (obtained at registration), birth certificate, Social Security card, certificate of Indian blood, immunization record, physical, copy of medical insurance card and copy of Medicaid card.

Registration in Mesalero runs 8 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 6 in the school cafeteria for any new students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Registration and schedule pickup for returning students will be held Aug. 15-17 in the mid-high school counselor's office. Seniors will be registered 9-11 a.m. Aug. 15, juniors 1-3 p.m. Aug. 15, sophomores 9-11 a.m. Aug. 16, 1-3 p.m. Aug. 16 and seventh and eighth grades 9-11 a.m. Aug. 17. Pre-kindergarten through 6th grade can be registered at any time each day.

Ruidoso schools

All school offices in Ruidoso are open

today. Registration at each school is as follows:

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center - Students must be registered by Aug. 18, and teachers will conduct home visits Aug. 16-21. Orientation runs 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Aug. 22. First day of classes is Aug. 23.

Sierra Vista Primary - Parents are asked to assemble in the school's cafeteria Aug. 15 for a brief meeting with the principal before going to classrooms. Orientation times are - 9 a.m. for first-grade students last name A-N, 1 p.m. for 1st grade students last name N-Z, 10 a.m. for 2nd grade students last name A-M, 2 p.m. for 2nd grade students last name N-Z. First day of school is Aug. 16.

White Mountain Elementary - Grades three and four will have orientation Aug. 15 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 12:30-1:30 p.m. First day of school is Aug. 16.

White Mountain Intermediate - Orientation is Aug. 15. Fifth grade orientation is 10:30-11:30 a.m., sixth grade will

be 1:30-2:30 p.m. There will also be an orientation at 5:30 p.m. for parents unable to attend the daytime sessions. First day of school is Aug. 16.

Ruidoso Middle School - There will be an open house Aug. 14 from 6-7:30 p.m. Seventh grade orientation is 9-11 a.m. and eighth grade from 1-3 p.m. Aug. 15. First day of school is Aug. 16.

Ruidoso High School - All students can pick up class schedules and parking permits Aug. 7-9 from 8 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m. Ninth grade orientation will be Aug. 15 from 10 a.m.-noon. First day of school is Aug. 16.

There will also be a substitute teacher workshop at 9 a.m. Aug. 10 in the RHS cafeteria and a new employee meeting from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 10 at the central office. A reception at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will follow. A back to school kick-off for all staff will be held Aug. 13 at 7:45 a.m. at the RHS cafeteria.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

School board meeting

The Ruidoso Schools' Board of Education will meet in closed session Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. at Vice President Susan Lutterman's residence to discuss personnel. The board will also discuss goals for 2007-08 which will be presented at the next regular board meeting Aug. 14.

Creative writing

Are you a "Wanna Be" writer? ENMU-Ruidoso is offering a four-class, eight-hour course titled "Finding the Creative Writer in You" Wednesday mornings Aug. 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Classes will focus on journaling, memoirs, factual articles, fiction and poetry. How to find markets and how to present writing for publication will also be presented.

Instructor Shirley Taylor is a retired educator who taught several years in Roswell and Carrizozo, and currently substitutes in the Ruidoso school system. In June, she participated in the month-long writing marathon of the High Plains Writing Project, sponsored by ENMU-Roswell.

For more information, contact Coda Omness at 630-8181 or coda.omness@enmu.edu.

Rigsby All-American

Ruidoso High graduate Kelly Rigsby, now a junior and member of the golf program at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, was named as a National Golf Coaches Association Scholar All-American. To make the list, Rigsby had to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 and completed at least 66 percent of the college's regularly scheduled competitive rounds during the year.

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Area Pre-K programs again awarded State funds

Two Ruidoso-area pre-kindergarten programs are proud recipients of the State's Pre-K Early Childhood Grant program. Ruidoso River Raccoons of Ruidoso and Rocking Horse Day Care of Carrizozo have been awarded the grants for the 2007-08 school year and the next three years to follow.

This is the third straight year that these programs have been awarded a grant by the state. Both have trained and earned technical assistance through the Aim High program under family resource and referral in Roswell and through the New Mexico Pre-Ka mentoring program under the New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children. Rocking Horse Day Care is also accredited by the national Family Child Care Association and both on the Star Program.

New Mexico Pre-K is funded by the New Mexico Legislature and is divided between childcare centers licensed by Children Youth and Families Department and public schools. Mesalero Apache School has also been awarded a grant for the third year.

For parents whose children will be four years old by Sept. 1 of this year and are interested in enrolling, contact J'Lane Zamora in Carrizozo at 648-2802 or Eileen Histen in Ruidoso at 257-0671.

Pittman named New Mexico Administrator of the Year

Dr. Kathleen Pittman, Associate Professor of Education at ENMU-Portales, was honored as the "New Mexico Administrator of the Year." She was nominated by the New Mexico Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and accepted the

award at the New Mexico Coalition of School Administrators annual conference in Albuquerque July 14.

Pittman is a member of the Curriculum and Instruction Department at ENMU and Coordinator of the Professional Development School at

Monterrey Elementary in Roswell, where she maintains her office. The holder of a PhD and two master's degrees from the University of Alabama, she has worked at ENMU since 2005. Previously, she worked for 25 years in public schools and for the State

Department of Education in Alabama and was an Associate Professor of Education at the University of West Alabama. A native of Roswell, Pittman lives in Ruidoso with her husband, Dr. Earl Pittman, President of Fort Stanton Inc.



Rocking Horse Day Care director J'Lane Zamora (far left), and Ruidoso River Raccoons director Eileen Histen (far right) are shown with Pre-K mentor Betsy Seiler (second from left) and Dr. Baji Rankin, Executive Director of the New Mexico Association for Education.

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State: Ruidoso River algae predates status as 'cold water fishery'

Some have contended that stricter limits on discharge into river are calibrated to designation

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Problems with excessive algae growth and high nutrient levels in the Ruidoso River existed well before the waterway was declared a cold water fishery, says a state Environment Department official.

Steve Baumgard with the NMED Water Quality Bureau, said he's tired of reading that some people contend stricter limits on a regional wastewater discharge of nitrogen and phosphorous into the river is tied to that designation.

He was speaking during the department's community session last week in Ruidoso, where water samples were tested and questions were answered on standards, goals, rules and other issues.

Baumgard said the problem with excess algae growth was reported in 1994 as a serious nuisance that clogs irrigation systems. State environmental rules do not allow a species to be present in a stream or river in amounts that exceed what would naturally be produced, he said.

The river was considered impaired beginning in 1996, and the algae a serious nuisance that clogs irrigation systems. The Federal Clean Water Act requires that any impaired stream must be addressed as a watershed problem, he said.

"The wastewater plant is the major source, but not the only source (of contaminants)," Baumgard said. "The river is impaired above as well as below the plant, but it is not as dramatic there."

The City of Ruidoso Downs and the Village of Ruidoso own

the wastewater treatment plant operated by the village. Customers face higher rates and property owners in the city are looking at higher taxes to repay bond issues passed to cover a portion of the estimated \$35 million cost of rehabilitating the old plant to remove contaminants sufficiently to comply with new phosphorous and nitrogen limits attached to the plant's operational permit.

Friday's paper: 'Something's burning' along the river in the valley

In 2005, the village and city commissioned a study to find the other sources of contamination. In 2006, a total maximum daily load (TMDL) was adopted by the Water Quality Control Commission and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Baumgard said.

Department crews began sampling water in the river in 2002 as part of the TMDL documentation and determined that the problem was phosphorous. A limit was incorporated into the wastewater plant's permit, he said.

Another study at a different time of the year showed nitrogen as a problem and in 2005, a TMDL also was developed for that nutrient.

In reference to repeated statements by village officials that the problem was inherited, Baumgard said, "Inherited, inherited, inherited, as far back as 1994 and 1998, it was a problem."

Putting together a new permit for the plant in 2000, a three-year schedule was laid out for the village and city to meet the new phosphorous limits, he said. In early 2002, village and city officials came to the NMED and asked staff to take another look.

"Be careful what you ask

for," he said. "Now there is a nitrogen limit as well."

The plant was in violation of its permit requirement since 2004, he said.

A new permit issued July 21 incorporated settlement requirements as a result of the environmental group Forest Guardians suing over the quality of water in the river.

However, after consultants contended the TMDL specified for nitrogen was beyond current technology to reach, the limit was relaxed to two different standards, one for winter and one for summer, Baumgard said.

But within the next 39 months, the two municipalities must design, build and begin operating an improved treatment plant.

If a substantial beneficial impact and improved limits can be shown on the river from the operation of the plant in its new design, they can petition the state to change the TMDL, Baumgard said.

"Otherwise, 1 milligram per liter goes into effect one day before the (five-year) permit expires," he said.



Dennis McQuillan, above, environmental geologist and liquid waste manager with the State Environment Health Division, uses a model to demonstrate how contamination flows through the underground layers of soil and rock to reach the Ruidoso River.

Ron Curry, below left, Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department, discusses with Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley the cooperation between the state agency and village staffs working toward the goal of an improved wastewater treatment plant.



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Ballot boxes will also be open at the credit union's 54th Annual Meeting on August 11, 2007 at the Oasis Enlisted Club, Holloman AFB, New Mexico from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The results of the election will be announced during the 54th Annual Meeting August 11, 2007.

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SUITS

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to adopt a policy to impose sanctions on violators and on Jan. 29, Luna sent a memorandum stating that anyone violating the rule would have horses scratched on that day, "and/or all horses that have been entered to run," the suit filed by attorney Tim Rose of The Rose Law Firm stated.

The plaintiffs contend the new penalty was imposed without a vote of a majority of the commission and without the commission following New Mexico law regarding the adop-

tion or amendment of regulations.

On July 10, a yearling horse named Hollywood Bling was transported to the race track for an overnight stay after hip surgery in El Paso. He was to be moved the next day to the owner's farm in Belen. The suit states that as part of his treatment, Hollywood Bling was prescribed an anti-inflammatory medication called Adequan. The horse was sent back to El Paso for emergency colic surgery the same day, but the medication accidentally was left in the stable area at the track assigned to horse owner/trainer Sedillo, according to the suit.

On July 12, the Adequan was found unopened and in its original package in the stable area by members of the track's Board of Stewards. It was labeled as being prescribed to Hollywood Bling.

"Adequan is not a performance-enhancing drug and is routinely allowed to be administered to horses racing at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track," the suit states.

Sedillo was informed that his trainer's license was being suspended and all of the horses that he trained entered in races from July 12-15 would be scratched, the suit states. He was ordered to leave the track immediately.

Sedillo filed an appeal of the suspension of his license to the racing commission and received a stay that went into effect the morning of July 12. He was allowed to enter the track and continue his work as a trainer that morning, but was told all of the horses he trained still would be scratched on that date and throughout the weekend.

"All individually named defendants were involved and contributed to the decision to summarily scratch the race horses that were entered to race on those dates," the suit states.

"The scratched horses and their owners, with the exception of (Sedillo) had absolutely

no relationship to the Adequan that was discovered or the horse it was prescribed for," the suit states. "At no time were the scratched race horses ever given any performance-enhancing drugs."

The suit contends no notice or chance to be heard was given to any of the plaintiffs before their horses were scratched from the race. The owners were properly licensed by the racing commission and had entered their horses in the July 12 Zia Futurity Trails.

Each owner had invested substantial amounts of money on those horses for the purpose of racing in the trials, the suit states.

As a consequence of not being allowed to race, the owners suffered substantial financial damage. Each horse "had a great probability of qualifying for the Zia Futurity, which would have dramatically increased the value of each horse, and the horses in their lineage and/or breed, as well as given each horse a chance to win the substantial purse money available in the Zia Futurity," the suit contends.

The plaintiffs argue that the defendant's actions and inactions were intentional, malicious, and in gross disregard of the horse owners' constitutional rights. The owners are asking for exemplary damages in excess of \$1 million.

The suit further contends the sanctions imposed were in violation of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act and the commission's own regulations regarding rule-making, and violated due process provisions of the commission's regulations.

Continued enforcement of the directive will cause immediate and irreparable harm to the plaintiffs, they stated, asking for a permanent injunction against enforcing the Jan. 29 directive.

Luna and the assistant attorney general who represents the racing commission could not be reached for comment Tuesday. One of the stewards named in the suit said he could not comment, because the case still was under investigation.

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Officials seek public input on mining district

Officials with the Lincoln National Forest seek public comment on the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis prepared by the U.S. Forest Service, for the High Rolls Mining District Mines Site within the Sacramento Ranger District in Otero County.

Comments will be accepted until the close of business Aug. 20. An open house is scheduled to discuss the project from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 9 at the High Rolls Volunteer Fire Department.

Following the comment period, the Southwestern Region Regional Forester will issue a decision to be documented in a Removal Action Memorandum, identifying the removal action decision.

The purpose of the EE/CA is to present a detailed analysis of remediation alternatives that can be used for decision-making. The analysis presented in this document includes discussion of background information, waste characteristics, applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements, a risk assessment and the development and screening of remediation alternatives.

The EE/CA characterized the health risks of 10,200 cubic yards of mining waste rock containing elevated levels of lead at six mines.

The EE/CA addressed the objectives of a removal action, as well as the effectiveness of protecting human health and the environment, how complicated or easy it is to accomplish, and the cost of seven cleanup alternatives.

Copies of the EE/CA are available at the Lincoln National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1101 New York Avenue, Alamogordo, and the Sacramento Ranger District Office, Highway 82 and Curlew, Cloudcroft.

A copy of the Administrative Record is also available at the Lincoln National Forest Supervisor's Office.

For more information, contact Marcie Kelton, Sacramento Ranger District Recreation Staff at 505-682-2551.

575

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because the company was running out of telephone numbers with the growth of population along with communications service providers, available telecommunications products and additional lines.

The new 575 area code is being added to meet the demand for additional telephone numbers. Because the area code change is the result of normal growth, any costs incurred for updating customer-owned systems and revising printed materials will be the responsibility of the individual telephone customer, company officials stressed.

Qwest officials said the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission divided the state into two regions. Southern and eastern portions, including Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Clovis, Deming, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Roswell, Silver City and Taos, will be served by the 575 area code.

The northwestern region of the state, including Albuquerque, Farmington, Gallup, Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Shiprock and most of the Navajo Nation, will retain the 505 area code.

Local calling areas will remain the same, the price of a call, coverage area or other rates and services will not change. Except for a few prepaid wireless customers, 7-digit telephone numbers will be the same. Three-digit numbers still will be used to reach special services such as 911 for emergency services and 411 for information, if they currently are available in a community.

Telephone service quality should not be affected, company officials said.

However, they suggested a few actions to ensure customers continue to receive calls from family and friends:

• Notify people and businesses of the change to the new 575 area code.

• Change the area code to 575 if it appears on items such as checks or stationery.

• If necessary, reprogram equipment like automatic-dialers, fax machines or computer modems before mandatory dialing begins.

• Be sure everyone in a household knows the new 575 area code, paying particular attention to children, the disabled and the elderly.

All business owners in New Mexico should verify that their telephone equipment is capable of completing calls to the new 575 area code.

New area codes across the country use a different format than area codes in the past, which could only have a "1" or a "0" as the middle digit. Some telephone equipment used by businesses will not recognize the new area code until that equipment has been reprogrammed or upgraded, Qwest officials noted.

Equipment may need to be reprogrammed or upgraded if a

Numbers to call if customers have questions are:

- Residential 1-800-244-1111
- Wireless 1-800-244-1111
- Small Business 1-800-603-6000

Visit the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

- www.nm575.info
- 1-888-4ASK-PRC
- 1120 Paseo De Peralta, PO Box 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

For assistance in Native American languages

- 1-888-4ASK-PRC

business uses specialized communications equipment such as a PBX, electronic telephone sets, auto-dial systems or multi-line key systems.

Telephone equipment can be tested to determine if it recognizes the 575 area code by calling one of the test numbers: 1-575-600-1234; 1-575-580-0575; or 1-575-295-0000.

A caller may need to use the "1," if the numbers are long distance. If a call to the test number does not go through, contact the equipment provider. If your equipment is not the cause of the problem, call the telecommunications service provider.

If a business is assigned the new area code, they suggested:

• Change the area code on such things as stationery, business cards, signs and advertisements.

• Ask employees to always include the area code whenever they give out the phone number of the business.

• Notify all of customers of the area code change.

• To ensure important calls are not missed, tell customers they may need to make changes to their equipment to recognize the new 575 area code.

• Encourage customers to request assistance if they have trouble calling.

Wireless phones that are assigned the new code may need to be reprogrammed, or it is possible that service will cease at the end of the permissive dialing period.

People with Qwest wireless phones should be contacted by company officials with instructions about reprogramming their phones. But they also may visit a Qwest Solution Center. Locations are listed on the Web site at www.qwest.com.

Some prepaid wireless phones will need a number change. Contact the company after Oct. 7. And calling features such as speed dialing and call forwarding may need to be updated.

Owners of coin-operated telephones must contact their equipment vendor for any specific equipment requirements and changes.

Services that operate with automatic dialing equipment may require changes or reprogramming. Examples are life safety systems, fax machines,

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BARBARA RENLY-BRANUM, CLOUDCROFT, VISITS WITH ROUGH RIDERS CARL WADE, CALVIN GUTHERIE AND JAN SMALLE.

*Photos by Polly Chavez
For the Ruidoso News
Text by Julie Carter*

Carrizozo hosted the National Day of the Cowboy celebration Saturday with crowds estimated at more than 2,000 visitors from all over the U.S. and Europe, according to organizers.

The early morning cattle roundup at the Bar W Ranch started the day. Biscuits and gravy were served to 125 spectators. Crooning cowboy poet Mike Moutoux, of Silver City, serenaded while cowboy coffee was served to early arrivers.

The parade featured the Wells Fargo Bank stagecoach and four matching white horses. The Mescalero Apache Princess rode in a covered wagon followed by the 44th Army Band. Cowboys riding longhorn steers were a big hit as were the mounted riders, horse-drawn vehicles and assorted floats.

A world class art show featured paintings, sculptures, photographs and leather art. The trade show and outdoor Western music festival saw standing-room-only crowds for shopping and listening. Buffalo Gals served up a chuckwagon lunch, offering some gourmet items not often seen on the cattle trail.

The Kids Rodeo concluded the celebration with broomstick barrel racing, wooden cow milking, roping contests and musical hay bales.

Parade winners

Single riders: 1. Clay Bailey; 2. John Wilson (both riding Longhorn steers) 3. Donald Weber

Mounted groups: 1. White Oaks Ghost Riders; 2. Torrance County Sheriff's Posse; 3. Rough Riders with Col. Don Rossi

Horse-drawn vehicles: 1. Linda Pirtle, Lincoln; 2. Wells Fargo Bank stagecoach; 3. Sheriff Rick Virden

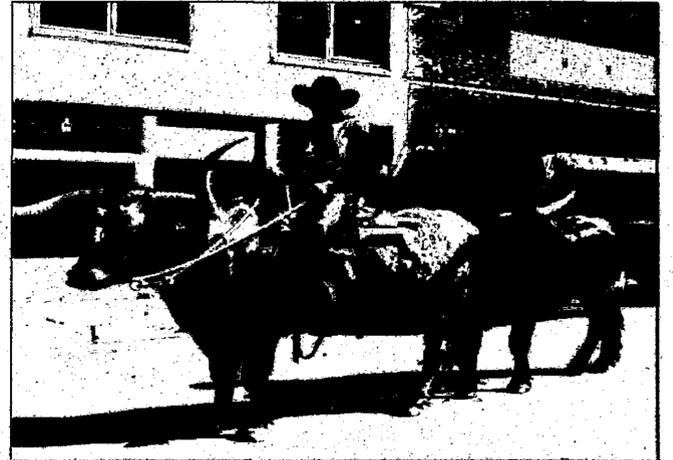
Floats: 1. Darn Saxy division of the 44th Army Band, Albuquerque; 2. Carrizozo Woman's Club 3. City Bank, Carrizozo

Mustache contest: First and second place tie between Jim Mixon, of White Oaks, and Don Weber, of Alamogordo. Third was Dave Spencer of White Oaks.

Prizes were provided by Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, Bronco Sue's Hats, Antique Liquidators, Carrizozo businesses and the Carrizozo Cowboy committee.



GARY JOE LOVELACE WITH HIS PINT-SIZED RIG



CLAY BAILEY AND JOHN WILSON, EDGEWOOD, RODE THEIR LONGHORN STEERS THE LENGTH OF THE PARADE ROUTE

National Day of the Cowboy was first recognized by a presidential proclamation in 2005 and then again in 2006 and 2007. The day is to officially honor the American cowboys and their contributions to the American West. The day of honor was first initiated by *American Cowboy* magazine in 2004 and that led to the national recognition driven to the top by the late Wyoming Senator Craig Thomas. New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson has recognized the day by proclamation for two years.



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Veteran race rider still wins big

Jockey was injured so badly early in his career he was told he would never walk again.

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Joe A. Martinez may be 46 years old and battle-scarred from 30 years of riding racehorses, but his will to win is just as strong as it ever was.

Sunday's big wins at Ruidoso Downs, aboard Zia Derby winner Miracle in Seattle and Rio Grande Señorita Futurity victor Pocketfullachime, prove that he is not about to retire anytime soon.

Saturday also saw this savvy jockey bring two racers, Country Street and Jackson Banks, across the finish line first but not before going to the winner's circle Thursday with Blazin Elans and Hesapogilooker.

"You can never count any racer out that ol' Joe Martinez sits atop, no sir," sports legend and horseman Bob Haynsworth explains. "I've known Martinez a long time and I can tell you

firsthand, he knows his horses better than most."

This experienced athlete may be small in stature but he walks tall among those of his profession.

Martinez is closing in on 4,000 career wins, yet when you sit and talk to him you almost have to lean forward to hear him.

He speaks quietly, almost timidly, about his achievements while looking at you square in the eyes. The warm smile he wears would make most root for him right from the beginning.

Not bad for someone who was born and raised in Colleyville, Texas, and never dreamed as a boy he would ever be a race rider.

"One day my brother and I were playing in our backyard and a man stopped by and asked us if we would like to make some money cleaning stalls for Henry Gaston," Martinez recounts. "My mom said it would be OK and off we went, not knowing what lay in store for us.

"I was about nine years old at the time, and I remember I got paid a bag of chips and a



Joe Martinez aboard Pocketfullachime as they cross the finish line first in the Rio Grande Señorita Futurity Sunday.

Coke for my efforts.

"Sometime later, Mr. Gaston and Tommy Esner started teaching me to ride and they put me on a Shetland pony until I learned to stay aboard.

After that they would pony me on a Quarter Horse and when I got the hang of that they let me gallop a few horses at Ross Downs.

"One morning they had a

match race against one of Dwayne Gilbreath's horses and I was shocked when they told

See MARTINEZ, page 2B

Women's state softball tourney at Eagle Creek

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The New Mexico women's USSSA state championship tournament play saw action here in Ruidoso over the weekend and 34 teams came together at Eagle Creek to do battle.

Opening ceremonies commenced Friday at 7 p.m. when state representative W.C. "Dub" Williams of District 56

threw out the traditional first pitch.

It was reported that Rep. Williams, a retired educator from Ruidoso High School, intends to make known at the next state meeting how softball tournaments such as this one have helped the economy of Ruidoso and surrounding areas.

Gov. Richardson has also helped out USSSA softball play

in the state when he recently put together a \$2500 grant for first-place awards.

Clovis came to town with 12 teams, Alamogordo, four, Hobbs and Las Cruces, three each and Ruidoso was represented by the Flamingos, Fire N Ice and Flo Motion squads.

Some six sets of mother/daughter players competed together at the Eagle Creek three-field complex.

Performing for the Flamingos were Patsy Page, along with her two daughters, Aquilina Herrera and Apollonia Page, Celeste Bonds, and daughter Dusti Franklin, Simona Ramos with her mother Teresa, Vickie Eckerdt, playing with her daughter, Timea and mother and daughter, Sonya Annala and Kendall Kelley.

Not to be outdone, the Fire N Ice team had the mother/daughter combination of Lorena and Meshia Rue.

Of the three Ruidoso squads, all playing in the E division, Flo Motion finished in third place, followed by Fire N Ice tied for fifth and the Flamingos tied for ninth.

Tournament Director Debbie Jo Almager has been heavily involved in USSSA softball action in the area for quite some time now.

When she was Parks and Recreation director (1993-1996) she started the USSSA youth girls program here in Ruidoso. Almager, a member of the New Mexico USSSA Hall of Fame, along with area resident

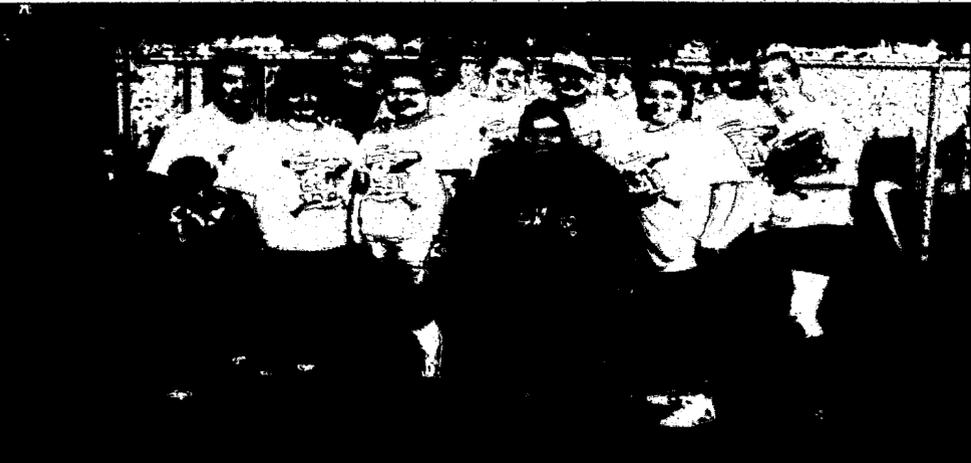
Dusty Cocchiola, has many memories connected with softball action at the Eagle Creek fields.

"We've had weddings there, reunions and even a memorial service was held there for a softball player who had been killed in an auto accident," Almager reminisced.

"It's normally a fun three days for everyone who comes here, and we always look forward to hosting these events."

Eagle Creek will be the site of the co-ed Mountain Double-Up, set to play Aug. 24-26 after which Ruidoso will then host the co-ed USSSA state championships Sept. 21-23.

For more softball photos see page 2B



MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

The Flamingos look confident before their game with Fire N Ice Saturday afternoon.



MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

Members of the Fire N Ice squad are ready to go up against the Flamingos Saturday at Eagle Creek.

side line

Good to Know

Senior Olympics

There will be 38 Lincoln County senior Olympians competing in Las Cruces, Aug. 1-5, at the 29th Annual New Mexico Senior Olympic summer games. There will be 28 participants competing in four bowling events and 10 of them are registered in 12 other sports. They range in age from 53 to 82 and will be among some 1,200 seniors expected to attend. Competitions will be held in a total of 23 different sports. Team sports such as basketball, softball and volleyball will have tournaments in other locations later in the year. LCSO had their awards banquet on July 25 which was attended by 46 people. They were greeted by Ruidoso mayor L. Ray Nurley who is also a senior in golf.

Bike Club

The fast-growing interest of bicyclists in Ruidoso and the need for safe riding in the community brought together a group to form the Bicycle Ruidoso Club. The club began as a small group in May, and today they have approximately 30-35 members and are growing. Monthly meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Boneshaker Cycles at 2312 Sudderth Dr. at 7 p.m. The club encourages group rides and has scheduled rides on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The Tuesday ride is a time-trial ride on Airport Rd. beginning at Sonterra Fire Station and is a 10 mile ride. The club also has a mountain bike ride on Wednesday at Cedar Creek where riders can hone their technical skills. The Bicycle Ruidoso Club promotes safe riding, family participation, sports, and conduct towards others and a "share the road" attitude. It is in the process of addressing the need for biking lanes for families, bike safety education for children and signs to help drivers be aware of bikers on community roads. Anyone interested is invited to attend the meetings. For more info call Boneshaker Cycles at 257-6784 or Sarah Krewe at 258-9924 or 257-4900.

On Deck

Little League Football

Lincoln County Little League Football will have signups for the upcoming season Aug. 4, 9 a.m.-noon and Aug. 5, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Ruidoso High School auxiliary gym. Ages seven through 12 may apply and there will be a \$75 fee. There will be another signup during the first week of school - date to be announced. For info call Coach Kalama Davis at 378-5678.

Volleyball

New registration for volleyball officials and line judges for upcoming school volleyball season is happening now! Training will be provided. Registration fee with NMAA is \$55. Call Carrie Barleen at 937-2283 for any additional information.

IMPORTANT PAINTINGS DONATED TO HALL OF FAME



COURTESY TY WYANT

Dr. Leonard Blach and wife Joanne, of Roswell, are shown with the original oil painting of Go Man Go they donated to the Racehorse Hall of Fame at Ruidoso Downs. They also donated a painting of Easy Jet. Each of the original oil paintings were by Roswell resident and acclaimed artist Keith Avery. World champions Go Man Go and Easy Jet are each inducted into the Racehorse Hall of Fame. The two leading sires each stood at Buena Suerte Ranch in Roswell when Blach was the ranch veterinarian and managed the nationally acclaimed Quarter Horse racing breeding operation.

SOFTBALL AT EAGLE CREEK



MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

Tracey Wright slams a single to left against the Flamingos.



MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

Sonya Annala makes the connection against the Fire N Ice Squad.

Spike Box Ranch wins in Corona

JULIE CARTER
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The West doesn't get much more Western than it does in Corona during the Corona FFA Ranch Rodeo. Saturday's tenth annual rendition didn't disappoint anyone looking for some good old-fashioned Western family fun.

And fun they did have. With a very big arena, old fences and cattle that used the space for speed momentum to launch over the top of their boundaries, there were some Wild West moments not ordinarily seen in your everyday rodeo entertainment.

Arena fences were lined with pickup tailgates filled up with spectators. Tarps and umbrellas protected users from the sun and rain, both of which were present throughout the afternoon.

Caramel corn, smoothies and homemade ice cream vendors offered a festive mood to the concessions while the FFA food booth served up brisket dinners and brisket sandwiches along with Frito pies, nachos and candy and beverages.

No one went home hungry unless it was their intention.

Twelve ranch teams from Lincoln County and nearby surrounding ranches made up the

days roster. Rockin' L Ranch, Roswell; Frost Ranch, Corona; Black Hills Ranch, Carrizozo; Cayuse Cattle Company, Corona; Spike Box Ranch, Roswell; Blackwater Ranch, Tinnie; Circle Cross Ranch, Timberon; Bell Cattle Company, Corona; Los Viejos Ranch, Lincoln County; Smith Ranch, Artesia; Lobo Ranch, Vaughn; Duran and Clines Corners; and Circle R Ranch, Nogal, competed in five events to determine the winner.

Spike Box Ranch with team captain Emmet Sultemeier and cowboy members Brice Mansell, Matt Stockton and Casey Pope won the team branding and trailer loading events.

Those wins with solid placings in the other events pushed them to the top for the overall average win of the 2007 Corona FFA Ranch Rodeo.

Tying for second and third in the average were the Black Hills Ranch and Los Viejos Ranch. Both teams were event winners, with Black Hills winning the Team Tying and Los Viejos winning the Wild Cow Milking.

A definite family affair with cousins, fathers, sons, uncles and brothers-in-law involved on both teams, the teams wore big grins when the prizes were

passed out.

Black Hills Ranch team is made up of captain Jim Cooper, Matt Ferguson, Robbie Hooten, and Sam Gutierrez. Los Viejos Ranch team is captain Scott Daniel, Billy Bob Shafter, Joe Gutierrez, Jack Allen Davidson, Tito Montoya, and Bill Hightower.

The Corona FFA Rodeo is the major fundraiser for the Corona FFA Chapter and is made possible through a number of generous sponsors: HiPro Feeds, Paul's Vet Supply, Roswell Wool, Show Stuff Livestock Supply, Saddle Barn, Roswell Livestock & Farm Supply, Chem Tac Inc., Harvey's Feed and Supply and Alderman Cave.

A special thanks for contributing livestock and other necessary items for the event go to Speedy and Leanne Hutcheson of L/S Cattle Company, Shad Cox, Dan Bell, Art Davis and Jack Allen Davidson. Judges were Greg Arnold, Bob Carter and Jim Patterson.

Event winners were:

Team Penning: 1. Rocking L Ranch with Dicky McIntosh, Cody Shackelford, J.R. Pilley and Jeremy Knight; 2. Blackwater Ranch with J.R. Shafer, Keith Shafer, Wade



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J.R. Shafer gives it his all.

Gutierrez and Jensen Sena; 3. Black Hills Ranch

Team Tying: 1. Black Hills Ranch; 2. Spike Box Ranch; 3. Bell Cattle Company with Dan Bell, Lon Holleyman, Monty Anderson and Mike Bullock

Team Branding: 1. Spike Box Ranch; 2. Frost Ranch with Rankin Frost, Dal Frost, Tyson Mahaffey and Wayne Allen; 3. Los Viejos

Trailer Loading: 1. Spike Box Ranch; 2. Circle Cross Ranch with Spike Goss, Kyle Goss, Kade Goss, John Braziel and Travis Lewis; 3. Cayuse Cattle Company with Jared Arnold, Ross Davis, Kyle Davis, Charlie Encinas and Gray Gallacher

Wild Cow Milking: 1. Los Viejos Ranch; 2. Spike Box Ranch; 3. Bell Cattle Company

MARTINEZ

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me to 'climb aboard, get a mane hold and ride to win.' I only weighed about 70 pounds then but I got aboard a racer named Top Roller and darned if we didn't win - \$500 - it was the most money I had ever seen.

"I thought that was alright because before that I was chipping cotton in 100 degree heat, 10 hours a day, for \$1 an hour."

Martinez got his jockey license when he was 16 and went off to race at Delta Downs in Vinton, Louisiana but tragedy struck when he took a bad fall, breaking his pelvis in two places, cracking three vertebrae, along with other numerous injuries.

Martinez was told he would

never walk again but he refused to believe it. It took a year to recover but he proved the doctors wrong as he regained full use of both legs.

In late 1978, Esner took Martinez to Sunland Park with him and it was there the race rider came in to his own, once winning five races in the same day.

In '79 he was the leading rider at the state fair in Albuquerque and the following year he rode Jess Burner's Quarter Horse, Elrey Burner, and qualified him for the All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

"Before I came to Ruidoso I had to ask people directions for getting here because before that I hadn't been to very many places," Martinez recalls. "That year, 1980, was a good season for me, especially when I won

the leading rider award.

"I had never achieved anything like that before and I was very proud."

In the meantime, horseracing has been good to Martinez and he's been good for it. He's won the All American Derby twice and the Rainbow Derby three times.

About the only big race that has eluded him so far is the All American Futurity and that's the prize Martinez has his sights set on.

Sunday he rode 10 of 11 races at the Downs and showed up for work Monday morning at 6:30 a.m. as usual. It doesn't appear as if this race rider will be slowing down any time soon.

"I try to do my job and ride the best I can each and every time I climb aboard a racer and I'll continue as I'm competitive and can give 110 percent."



COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

In the winner's circle for the blanket presentation to the victor of the seventh race Saturday are, center, l-r, holding the blanket, Ruidoso News Ad Director Sheri Parker, Circulation Coordinator Tom Schafer, Sports Editor Mike Curran, winning jockey Joe A. Martinez and owner/trainer Cliff Lambert.

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"Animals make our lives happier," she said. "I believe in my heart if you have them you should take care of them. They are like children, depending on us for their lives. And most of all we should give them what they give us, unconditional love."

Andree spent 13 years working for veterinarians in Texas before moving to New Mexico where she has had an in-home pet care business for 17 years.

"My life would be nothing without my animals. I would be a very sad person. My wish in my lifetime would have to be that all animals are safe, loved and never ever have to be hurt in any way," said Andree.

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In the swim of things

SARAH CREWE
For the Ruidoso News

Frustrated with the lack of a year-round learn-to-swim program and the lack of a youth swim club or team in Lincoln County, a group of swimmers decided to do their best to change that situation right here in Ruidoso.

Sarah Crewe, Jill Hutchinson, Brian Moser and Connie Russell got together and were certified by the Red Cross as Water Safety Instructors, and together with Doug Hinsinger, who runs the masters swim program at the RAC (Ruidoso Athletic Club), have

started not only a learn-to-swim program, but are coaching a competitive group of swimmers who want to compete against our neighbors down the hill in Alamogordo, Roswell and beyond.

"We are very appreciative of the RAC and of Cree Meadows who helped make this program happen, for without them offering the use of their private swimming pools to us and the kids we would have no place to teach kids how to swim," Crewe said.

They have asked all their swimmers to think of a club name, which they will then submit to USA Swimming in order

to become an officially recognized club.

It takes a lot of work to become a club, but to even begin the paperwork involved they need a name. They have received a few names from parents and swimmers, but are looking for more suggestions.

The person who picks the winning name will get a swim cap with their name and the name of the club printed on it. The club also hopes to get T-shirts made and needs to raise money for not only T-shirts and swim caps, but for kick boards and other essential items that will help make teaching, coaching and swimming more fun

and effective.

"Our goal is to grow to the point where the schools and the community will see that there is a need for a year-round regulation pool for kids not only to learn to swim and have fun swimming, but a place to train and host meets against other teams starting with age-group teams to High School and beyond," Krewe continued.

"With a pool, the schools could have water polo teams, hold water ballet performances, and hold lifeguarding and boating classes. They could even host high school/college teams from throughout the US who would pay for the privilege to



MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

Connie Russell, center, instructs children in swimming at the RAC.

train at altitude.

"It could open up a whole new world to kids and young adults who would otherwise do nothing, or worse, get into trouble with drugs or the law.

"Bottom line, swimming is a life skill and an activity some-

one can do no matter what their physical limitations are on land, and no matter their age."

For more information, please call Sarah Crewe at 505-258-9924 or Connie Russell at 505-336-2775 or email her at mooserus@valornet.com.

RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Thursday, July 26

Race 1: Maiden, 2 year olds, Purse: \$8,219, 400 yards. Blazin' Elans 9.00, 4.20 2.60, Miss Qh 8.80 4.60, Ze Last Straw 2.80. Scratched: Feature Reward, Tiny First Feature. Time: 20.148. Jockeys: Joe A. Martinez (1) Oscar Rincon (5) Bonifacio Perez (8). EX 1/5 143.20, Q 1/5 50.60, Superfecta 1/5/8/3 7,415.60, Trifecta 1/5/8 213.80.

Race 2: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$7,400, 330 yards. Blazin' Bold Man 7.00 3.20 2.80, Separate Straws 3.00 2.60, Let the Fortune Fly 4.20. Time: 17.079. Jockeys: Miguel A. Perez (3) Carlos D. Madala (7) Roy Baldillez (1). DD 1/3 44.80, EX 3/7 27.00, Q 3/7 9.20, Superfecta 3/7/1/5 523.30, Trifecta 3/7/1 162.60.

Race 3: Maiden, 3 year olds, Purse: \$7,300, 350 yards. Feature for You 9.80 4.80 3.00, Mr Jess Opener 10.80 4.80, Stolls Stratosphere 3.20. Scratched: Jess Kicken, Ata Fast Glance. Time: 17.803. Jockeys: Joel Aranda (2) Bonifacio Perez (3) Ricky Ramirez (7). EX 2/3 52.60, Q 2/3 61.00, Superfecta 2/3/7/5 1,235.70, Trifecta 2/3/7 500.00.

Race 4: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$9,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. Hesapoglooker 5.20 2.60 2.40, Held's Charging 2.60 2.60, Oughtabeacout 3.00. Time: 1:05.60. Jockeys: Joe A. Martinez (3) Jorge Espitia (1) Elvis Langlinais (1). EX 3/7 17.80, Q 3/7 10.80, Superfecta 3/7/1/2 257.40, Tri Super 3/7/1 10.70.

Race 5: Maiden, 3 year olds, Purse: \$9,900, 300 yards. Miss Lucky Balderina 11.00 4.40 4.00, Shez Mighty Pind 4.60 3.40, Fast Little Jess 5.60. Scratched: Loving Paradise, Secrets Special. Time: 15.841. Jockeys: Oscar Hernandez (4) Oscar Hernandez (10) Esgar Ramirez (2). EX 4/10 54.60, Q 4/10 23.40, Superfecta 4/10/2/3 1,308.80, Trifecta 4/10/2 2,015.40.

Race 6: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$9,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. Hasty's Ace 11.20 7.80 3.60, Fire Days 25.60 7.60, Sandia Stardust 3.00. Time: 1:07.40. Jockeys: Travis Cunningham (2) Carlos Rivas (3) Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. (1). EX 2/3 288.20, Q 2/3 175.20, Superfecta 2/3/1/8 1,919.00, Trifecta 2/3/1 1,228.20.

Race 7: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$10,800, 350 yards. Authorized Rime 50.20 18.00 10.60, A Dean Miracle Rf 17.60 9.20, Barefoot N Blushin 6.40. Scratched: Dilly Dally Dooley. Time: 17.733. Jockeys: John Raul Valenzuela (6) Mark Anthony Villa (5) Salvador Martinez (2). EX 6/5 339.60, Q 5/6 189.80, Superfecta 6/5/2/9 21,513.00, Trifecta 6/5/2 7,120.40.

Race 8: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$8,895, 7 1/2 furlongs. Many Move 4.60 3.20 3.00, An Even Mark 6.80 5.40, Libor 8.00. Time: 1:39.20. Jockeys: Jorge Espitia (9) Elvis Langlinais (3) Ricardo Jaime (2). EX 9/3 29.60, Q 3/9 21.40, Superfecta 9/3/2/1 669.60, Trifecta 9/3/2 334.60.

Race 9: Maiden, 2 year olds, Purse: \$7,300, 400 yards. Just Remember This 13.60 6.60 3.60, Tinsy Corona Queen 3.40 2.60, Shabouh 2.60. Scratched: Mischievous, Strawfly Lady. Time: 20.051. Jockeys: Freddie L. Martinez (3) Juan L. Vasquez (1) Oscar Hernandez (8). Pick 3 (3 correct) 6/9/3 729.00, EX 3/1 43.20, Q 1/3 19.40, Superfecta 3/1/8/6 729.10, Trifecta 3/1/8 124.40.

Race 1: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, fillies and mares, Purse: \$9,084, 5 1/2 furlongs. Denim's Gone 4.60 3.40 2.40, Oh Swale 4.20 2.60, Divatute 2.20. Scratched: Devons Jewel. Time: 1:05.40. Jockeys: Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. (7) Mark Anthony Villa (4) Joe A. Martinez (6). EX 7/4 16.80, Q 4/7 13.20, Superfecta 7/4/6/5 49.60, Trifecta 7/4/6 42.20.

Race 2: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$9,000, 870 yards. Jackson Banks 3.80 2.80 2.60, Genius At Large 3.40 2.80, Poco Loco Frijole 3.20. Time: 46.380. Jockeys: Joe A. Martinez (4) Travis Cunningham (1) Esgar Ramirez (2). DD 7/4 11.40, EX 4/1 13.00, Q 1/4 9.80, Superfecta 4/1/2/6 116.30, Trifecta 4/1/2 43.60.

Race 3: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$8,332, 400 yards. Rumors N Gossip 5.60 3.40 2.60, Imaginif 9.60 5.40, Motives Inside 4.00. Time: 20.042. Jockeys: Shawnette L. Sherbino (6) Juan L. Vasquez (1) Carroll D. Lewis (3). EX 6/1 49.80, Q 1/6 44.60, Superfecta 6/1/3/5 420.40, Trifecta 6/1/3 267.80.

Race 4: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$10,359, 870 yards. Gg Talker 14.40 7.80 3.40, Shakem Wrangler 6.20 3.40, Mb Up and Running 2.60. Scratched: High Chivato. Time: 46.177. Jockeys: Freddie L. Martinez (3) Carroll D. Lewis (6) Noe Garcia (2). EX 3/6 172.40, Q 3/6 76.60, Superfecta 3/6/2/5 652.60.

Race 5: Maiden, 2 year olds, Purse: \$7,300, 350 yards. Tiny First Feature 29.20 13.20 5.00, Jess Blue Bayou 9.00 4.80, Okie Dokey Boomer 2.80. Scratched: Miss Runaway Champ, Mischievous. Time: 17.748. Jockeys: Freddie L. Martinez (4) Nate Smith (3) Joe A. Martinez (10). EX 4/3 438.80, Q 3/4 240.20, Superfecta 4/3/10/6 3,225.00, Trifecta 4/3/10 5,370.00.

Race 6: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$9,500, 400 yards. Call Me 911

6.80 3.80 2.60, Shez Kinda Bold 5.40 3.40, Streak of Lightcaddil 2.40. Time: 20.093. Jockeys: Juan L. Vasquez (5) Miguel A. Perez (6) John Raul Valenzuela (2). EX 5/6 46.00, Q 5/6 27.20, Superfecta 5/6/2/3 331.00, Trifecta 5/6/2 134.60.

Race 7: Maiden, 2 year olds, Purse: \$7,300, 350 yards. Louisiana Dan 6.20 3.00 2.60, Feature Reward 3.60 3.20, Tactical Man 4.20. Scratched: Substantial Effort, Hateful Handsome. Time: 17.900. Jockeys: Juan L. Vasquez (5) John Raul Valenzuela (1) Mark Anthony Villa (10). EX 5/1 21.00, Q 1/5 10.60, Superfecta 5/1/10/7 276.50, Trifecta 5/1/10 68.00.

Race 8: Allowance, 2 year olds, Purse: \$9,800, 400 yards. Libbys Feature 20.80 6.00 4.60, Corona Slam 4.00 3.40, Zippin Silver 5.60. Time: 19.632. Jockeys: Bonifacio Perez (3) Juan L. Vasquez (7) Ricky Ramirez (4). EX 3/7 49.20, Q 3/7 26.60, Superfecta 3/7/4/5 1,195.60, Trifecta 3/7/4 747.40.

Race 9: Maiden Claiming, 3, 4, 5 year olds, fillies and mares, Purse: \$5,968, 7 1/2 furlongs. Boji Bell 5.60 3.60 3.00, Lady Malthus 3.20 2.60, Tacky Lady 3.60. Scratched: Truly Madera. Time: 1:37.60. Jockeys: Quyet E. Bul (4) Ruben Uristo (7) Michael V. Meador (3). Pick 3 (3 correct) 5/3/8 78.00, Pick 3 (3 correct) 5/3/4 156.00, EX 4/7 12.60, Q 4/7 11.20, Superfecta 4/7/3/5 271.90, Trifecta 4/7/3 117.40.

Saturday, July 28

Race 1: Maiden, Special Weight, 2 year olds, fillies, Purse: \$8,900, 6 furlongs. Unbridled April 12.40 7.00 3.80, Magique 9.20 4.80, Miss Marcom 2.80. Time: 1:17.00. Jockeys: Travis Cunningham (5) Elvis Langlinais (4) Salvador Martinez (7). EX 5/4 84.80, Q 4/5 58.60, Superfecta 5/4/7/2 554.00, Trifecta 5/4/7 296.00.

Race 2: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$10,000, 250 yards. Eysa Special Top 5.20 3.80 3.00, Miss Tiffany Otocle 5.80 3.80, Wanna Be Rebel 4.40. Scratched: Take a Pearl. Time: 13.222. Jockeys: Tony F. Guymon (1) Miguel A. Perez (9) James Julian Gonzales, II (10). DD 5/1 40.40, EX 1/9 24.80, Q 1/9 16.00, Superfecta 1/9/10/3 2,649.50, Trifecta 1/9/10 183.80.

Race 3: Maiden, 2 year olds, Purse: \$8,900, 330 yards. Eloquent Smash 11.40 4.20 3.00, Will Runaway 3.40 2.60, Cindys Claim Ta Fame 3.00. Scratched: Dash of Reb Hot, Southern Forever, Cusak. Time: 17.214. Jockeys: Freddie L. Martinez (2) James Julian Gonzales, II (9) Esgar Ramirez (8). EX 2/9 31.80, Q 2/9 11.60, Superfecta 2/9/8/1 1,137.10, Trifecta 2/9/8 112.00.

Race 4: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, fillies and mares, Purse: \$9,434, 1 Mile. Me Laney 12.00 5.00 4.00, Bendalee 3.20 3.20, Footie Two 6.00. Time: 1:43.60. Jockeys: Travis Cunningham (3) Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. (1) Salvador Martinez (5). EX 3/1 33.80, Q 1/3 14.00, Superfecta 3/1/5/2 489.50, Tri Super 3/1/5 189.70.

Race 5: Maiden Claiming, 3, 4, 5 year olds, Purse: \$4,900, 5 1/2 furlongs. Our Irish Boot 8.20 3.40 3.00, Finish Line Ahead 3.00 2.60, Go Stayer Go 3.20. Scratched: Dangerous Maneuver, A Trick for Topper. Time: 1:06.20. Jockeys: Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. (1) Mark Anthony Villa (8) Carlos D. Madala (9). EX 1/8 27.60, Q 1/8 14.20, Superfecta 1/8/9/5 97.10, Trifecta 1/8/9 87.20.

Race 6: Maiden, 3, 4, 5 year olds, Purse: \$7,300, 350 yards. Lightning Tush 5.00 3.20 2.60, Runaway Laveaux 3.60 3.00, Hot Easy Chick 3.80. Scratched: Dash for Lazer Cash. Time: 17.980. Jockeys: Freddie L. Martinez (1) John Raul Valenzuela (11) Hector Jacquez (10). EX 1/11 18.00, Q 1/11 11.80, Superfecta 1/11/10/2 730.90, Trifecta 1/11/10 281.20.

Race 7: Claiming, 3 year olds and up, fillies and mares, Purse: \$7,400, 5 1/2 furlongs. Country Street 8.00 4.20 3.60, Thunderandwine 4.80 3.60, Ojos de Oro 12.60. Time: 1:07.20. Jockeys: Joe A. Martinez (3) Mark Anthony Villa (10) Stan Ning (5). EX 3/10 31.40, Q 3/10 14.40, Superfecta 3/10/5/8 500.70, Trifecta 3/10/5 582.40.

Race 8: Allowance, 3 year olds and up, Purse: \$12,000, 350 yards. Sassys Tully 22.40 4.60 3.20, First Prize Perry 2.80 2.40, Feature Jess Me 3.50. Scratched: Winnie Ta Poo, Sheza Dashing Rascal. Time: 17.253. Jockeys: Joel Aranda (4) Esgar Ramirez (9) James Julian Gonzales, II (3). EX 4/9 40.20, Q 4/9 10.00, Superfecta 4/9/3/6 522.80, Trifecta 4/9/3 245.80.

Race 9: Maiden Claiming, 3, 4, 5 year olds, fillies and mares, Purse: \$6,500, 5 1/2 furlongs. She's Domestating 5.80 3.40 2.80, Shez Lesters 7.20 5.40, Special Easter 3.40. Scratched: Milagro de Abril, Diamond Inthe Puff. Time: 1:10.40. Jockeys: Duane Lee Sterling (4) Ricardo Jaime (6) Joe A. Martinez (10). Pick 3 (3 correct) 3/4/4 201.00, EX 4/8 110.00, Q 4/8 52.60, Superfecta 4/8/10/2 1,736.50, Trifecta 4/8/10 689.40.

Sunday, July 29

Race 1: Allowance, 4 year olds and up, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$21,600, 5 furlongs. Hecamefromaclaim 3.40 3.20 2.60, Timeless Mike 4.80 3.40, B.G. Tiger 3.80. Time: 59.00. Jockeys: Duane Sterling (8) Alfredo Juarez, Jr. (1) Mark Villa (3). EX 8/1 22.60, Q 1/8 12.60.

Superfecta 8/1/3/7 116.50, Trifecta 8/1/3 78.40.

Race 2: Zia Handicap, 3 year olds and up, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$45,000, 400 yards. Gotta Get 6.00, 3.40 2.80, Arealstraitheart 3.40 2.80, Saguro Ridge 3.20. Time: 19.349. Jockeys: James Gonzales, II (10) Esgar Ramirez (2) Freddie Martinez (3). EX 10/2 16.20, Q 2/10 7.80, Superfecta 10/2/3/9 694.30, Trifecta 10/2/3 120.20, DD 8/10 10.00.

Race 3: Lincoln Handicap, 3 year olds and up, fillies and mares, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$45,000, 6 furlongs. Peppers Pride 2.80 2.40 2.20, Theregossdancer 3.00 2.60, Hang Glide 5.60. Time: 1:11.40. Jockeys: Carlos Madala (3) J. Martin Bourdieu (6) Mark Villa (1). EX 3/6 12.20, Q 3/6 9.80, Superfecta 3/6/1/5 672.40, Trifecta 3/6/1 105.00.

Race 4: Sierra Starlet Stakes, 3 year olds, fillies, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$45,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. Silver Expression 13.40 5.80 4.20, Shezapirate 3.80 3.60, La Mora Bonita 9.00. Time: 1:13.00. Jockeys: Miguel Perez (8) Carlos Madala (1) Ken Tohill (6). EX 8/1 52.00, Q 1/8 19.80, Superfecta 8/1/6/9 1,055.90, Tri Super 8/1/6 540.90.

Race 5: Zia 870 Championship, 3 year olds and up, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$45,000, 870 yards. Jackspots 19.80 7.40 3.00, Mr Frenchman 5.00 2.60, On Star Cowboy 2.40. Time: 45.062. Jockeys: Bonifacio Perez (4) Ricardo Jaime (6) Freddie Martinez (2). EX 4/6 60.80, Q 4/6 24.40, Superfecta 4/6/2/1 736.00, Trifecta 4/6/2 114.80.

Race 6: Road Runner Stakes, 3 year olds, colts and geldings, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$45,000, 5 1/2 furlongs. Cataboliza 26.80 13.20 9.20, Key's Band 5.00 3.80, Run Riley Run 6.20. Time: 1:05.80. Jockeys: Carlos Madala (9) Duane Sterling (11) Miguel Perez. EX 9/11 196.40, Q 9/11 121.60, Superfecta 9/11/6/12 11,563.70, Trifecta 9/11/6 1,985.40.

Race 7: Rio Grande Señorita Futurity, 2

year olds, fillies, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$122,641.37, 5 1/2 furlongs. Pockettullachime 23.20 7.00 4.40, Blooming Pleasure 2.80 2.40, One Bad Ghost 4.80. Scratched: Wildwood Band (6). Time: 1:06.40. Jockeys: Joe Martinez (4) Alfredo Juarez Jr. (1) Carlos Madala (3). EX 4/1 44.80, Q 1/2 15.40, Superfecta 4/1/3/9 617.70, Trifecta 4/1/3 414.20.

Race 8: Zia Derby, 3 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$93,357.61, 400 yards. Miracle In Seattle 27.60 21.80 12.40, Rainbows N Diamonds 9.60 5.60, Miracle Snow 6.40. Time: 19.336. Jockeys: Joe Martinez (5) Bonifacio Perez (6) Tony Guymon (7). EX 5/6 529.80, Q 5/6 184.60, Superfecta 5/6/7/11 19,057.70, Trifecta 5/6/7 5,161.00.

Race 9: Rio Grande Señor Futurity, 2 year olds, colts and geldings, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$108,041.51, 5 1/2 furlongs. Brax 11.60 3.40 2.80, Playingwithchimes 2.60 2.40, Boogar Boo 2.80. Time: 1:06.80. Jockeys: Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. (4) Adrian B. Ramos (1) Ricardo Jaime (3). EX 4/1 16.80, Q 1/2 7.80, Superfecta 4/1/3/10 1,191.70, Trifecta 4/1/3 94.00.

Race 10: Zia Futurity, 2 year olds, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$363,586.12, 400 yards. A Streak Regard 12.00 6.00 5.00, Fames Qlpl 13.00 9.20, Uncovered Regard 4.40. Time: 19.392. Jockeys: Mark Anthony Villa (2) Tony F. Guymon (1) John Raul Valenzuela (10). EX 2/10/8 66.40, Q 1/2 57.00, Superfecta 2/11/10/8 2,930.10, Trifecta 2/11/10 571.00.

Race 11: Land of Enchantment Handicap, 3 year olds and up, New Mexico-Bred, Purse: \$45,000, 7 1/2 furlongs. Fullonargy 40.40 15.00 6.40, Doubletree Express 7.40 4.80, Dear Bull 4.80. Time: 1:32.80. Jockeys: Carlos D. Madala (8) Duane Lee Sterling (5) Salvador Martinez (9). Pick 3 (3 correct) 4/2/8 784.00, EX 8/5 529.80, Q 5/8 114.40, Superfecta 8/5/9/10 10,913.50, Trifecta 8/5/9 3,825.40.

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Round up your prize projects and bring them to Capitan next week to enter in the fair.

All inside entries, meaning all those categories that do not include junior livestock entries, will be taken 4-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, in the Fletcher Hall Building at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds. Inside entries will continue 9-noon, Tuesday, Aug. 7. At noon, the building will be closed and judging will begin at 1 p.m.

The building will be open again 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday for exhibitors and visitors to see where the ribbons landed on the entries.

Categories for entries open to Lincoln County residents cover a wide variety of areas including:

- Fruits, nuts, garden produce, herbs (fresh or dried);

- Flowers including annuals, perennials, bulbs, corms and tubers, roses, dahlias, house-type flowering plants, commercial arrangements and flowering shrubs;

- Baked goods including yeast breads, quick breads, cake, pie, cookies, and candy;

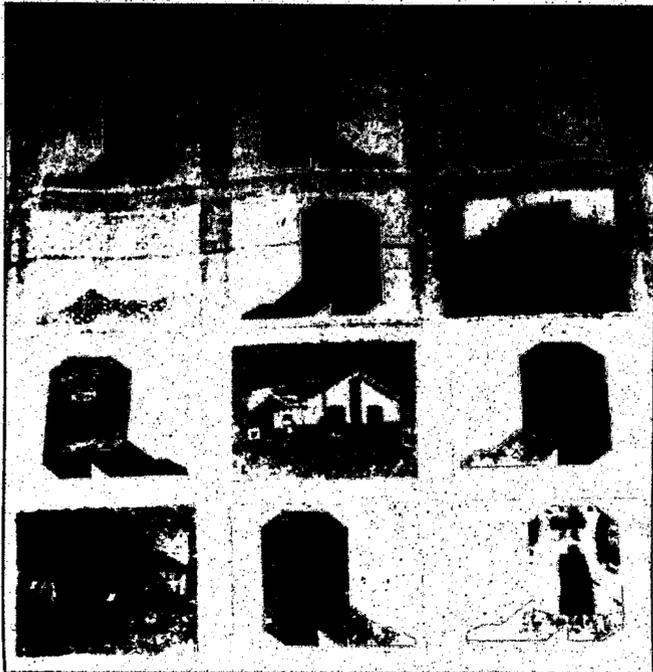
- Canned vegetables, fruit, berries, relishes, pickles, bottled vinegar, jellies, preserves, dried fruits and vegetables, butter, jam, marmalade, preserves and honey;

- Household division includes quilts, knitting, embroidery or cross stitch, crochet, needlework, wool weaving, crew embroidery, needlepoint, handicrafts, wearable art, woodcraft, ceramics, rugs, macramé, latch hook, china painting, lapidary, metal work, welding, recycled item, photography, and stamp exhibit;

- Art divisions include open youth division, oil painting, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, pen and ink drawing, charcoal and pencil, crayola or colored pencil, and sculpture;

- Open scrapbooking includes class for youth, adults and professionals.

For more information on categories, contact the Lincoln County Extension Office at 648-2311. Fair books are available at the office in Carrizozo or at Josie's Framery in Ruidoso.



JAWS OF LIFE



POLLY CHAVEZ FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Carrizozo volunteer firemen and Lincoln County EMT Sam Roper, top, work to cut an accident victim from his rolled vehicle late Saturday afternoon north of Carrizozo. The vehicle was northbound on Highway 54 when it crossed over the southbound lane and rolled into the right-of-way. The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department is called to respond to vehicle accidents in a wide perimeter around Carrizozo and receives no reimbursement for expenses incurred for the services. Because their skills are often life-saving, the department never refuses a call and as Saturday's accident showed, they are critical to emergency services in the area. The driver of the vehicle, Stephen Cloutre, 56, of White Oaks, was airlifted to Albuquerque for treatment for injuries. He was charged with possession of a firearm/destructive device by a felon, aggravated DWI (1.6 or more) first offense, negligent use of a deadly weapon under influence and careless driving.

Carrizozo council approves new budget

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Resolution 2007-08 was passed Thursday at a special council meeting in Carrizozo giving the final approval to the 2007-08 budget.

After passing a year-end cleanup resolution for the old budget, the council attended to three other items on the agenda.

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department was given approval to purchase lockers for the Fire Department. The lock-

ers are needed to lock up bunker gear and with only one source in the U.S., trustees approved the bid with an \$11,000 cap on expenditures.

Ronnie Hemphill, a Ruidoso accountant, was approved as auditor for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Quotes were requested from two other firms, Accounting and Consulting Group and Roy Woodward and Associates, but neither submitted bids for the auditing.

Hemphill's proposal said his audit team would include him-

self as team leader along with CPAs Marcia Payne and Marie Kohl as additional audit staff members. Total contract amount for the audit is \$9,703.13. The audit's final product will be delivered on or before Dec. 1.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club was approved for help with expenditures and employees for the placement of playground equipment at Spencer Park. The club received a large grant from the state to complete the funding necessary to purchase the equipment.

Big weekend in Lincoln coming up

The big weekend is this Friday through Sunday. Lincoln lets Billy the Kid escape one more time.

There will be entertainment, arts and crafts, demonstrations, parade and the performance Friday and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. There will be book signings, homemade cookies and lots of other foods and drinks.

The Wortley hotel is planning on serving on the front yard with bales of straw to sit on. Other residents have been busy painting, mowing yards and making Lincoln town ready for the celebration.

Come one, come all and

have a great day in old Lincoln.

The Dunlaps have been on the go again. We went by Amtrak to Providence, R.I., where our son Wayne met us to go to Attleboro, Mass. We spent several days loading a 26-foot moving van with his belongings and the trailer with his pickup.

The train ride was very interesting. There were 80 Boy Scouts and leaders returning home after spending time at the Philmont Ranch. One of the leaders was knowledgeable of water problems.

Another group was a family traveling together. They were going to a family

reunion. One of the ladies was a retired school teacher. She is now teaching 16- and 17-year-olds to read and write. She was so sad that so many of the teenagers can't read or write. She was a very interesting lady.

Another passenger and his teenage son were very interested in the UFO. They had read enough to know a lot about the Roswell Incident.

We started home Tuesday and arrived home Friday evening. Ralph did a great job backing the truck and long trailer.

Wayne and Ralph did most of the unloading Saturday with the help of the Strauser menfolk and Jon Amastae. They returned the Penske moving van to Alamogordo Monday.



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COUNTY BRIEFS

Lincoln correction

Last Friday's *Vamonos!* included erroneous information regarding the Fast-Draw Shooting Contest at the Ellis Store, which will not be held this year. The editor apologizes for the confusion.

Capitan First Friday

The Capitan Public Library's First Friday Adult Lecture at 7 p.m., Aug. 3, will feature Dr. Joseph Fraley. His topic will be "Chiropractic and Brain Function." Dr. Fraley grew up in Cloudercroft and moved back to the area to begin his chiropractic practice in Ruidoso.

The First Friday lectures are free and refreshments are served afterwards. For more information, contact the library at 354-3035.

Library shop sale

TheNot 2 Shabby Shop, the thrift shop of the Capitan Library, is celebrating its first year anniversary Aug. 24 with a sale and a campaign. For every new school supply customers bring in, they can have half off on their sales at the shop that day.

The store is located at 217 Lincoln Ave. and open Thursdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 354-0149.

Education sessions

There will be two special work sessions of the Capitan Board of Education, Aug. 6 and Aug. 10-11.

The Aug. 6 session will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Capitan Municipal School board room,

featuring a discussion of bond election issues.

Board members will meet at 10 a.m. Aug. 10-11 at the Lodge Resort in Cloudercroft to discuss board and superintendent team-building and training, board goals, district plans update and more bond election issues.

County Fair Schedule

The Lincoln County Fair is Aug. 6-11 with the Horse Show starting the livestock competition at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the rodeo arena at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds. The Poultry and Rabbit Shows will be at 5 p.m. followed by Stick Horse Rodeo sponsored by the Corona FFA. Wednesday will start with the Dairy Goat Show at 8 a.m. See Friday's *Ruidoso News* for a complete week's schedule of events.

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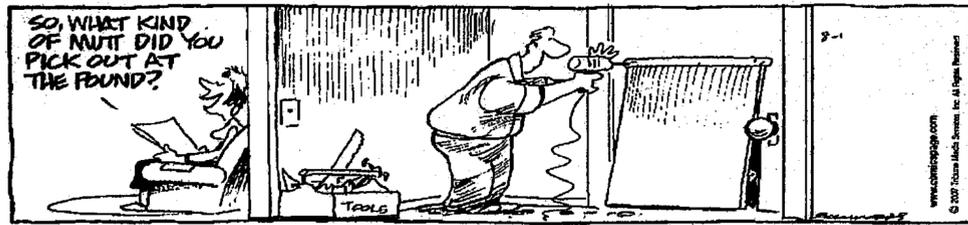
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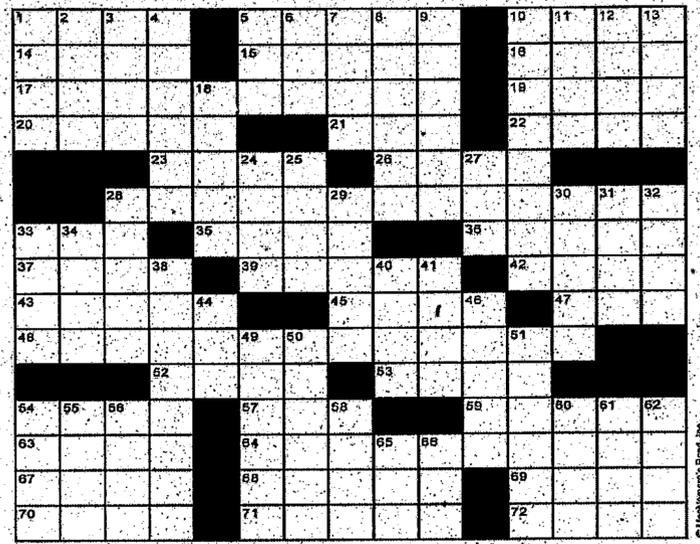
SHOE



ACROSS

- 1. Complex dwellings. Abbr.
5. 'Marat/Sade' author Peter
10. Nine inches, commonly
14. Ill-bred fellow
15. '... ready ...'
16. 'Later!'
17. Organization for young baseballers
19. Major flare-up
20. Advertising suffix
21. Blow it
22. Dagwood's young neighbor
23. Mosque leader
26. Slaughter in Cooperstown
28. Striped walkway
33. Kind of cross
35. Storage structure
36. Passover event
37. Affixes one's John Hancock to
39. 'Alice in Wonderland' cat
42. Hero purveyor
43. One end of a plg
45. Swashbuckler's quaff
47. Yodeler's perch
48. Marx Brothers classic
52. Machu Picchu site
53. Ticked off
54. Make mockery of
57. E-file org.
59. ... blitz
63. Ploy team
64. Classic arcade game
67. Nixonian gestures
68. Bee-related
69. Warhol pal
70. Fashionista's mag
71. Himalayan hulks

Mane Attractions



- 72. Umlaut's pair
25. Neighbor of Niger
27. CIA forerunner
28. Adolph, who was president of Paramount Pictures
29. Line dance
30. Tank output
31. Jodie Foster title role
32. Golf club part
33. Mrs. Addams, to Gomez
34. Cornerstone word
38. Hitchcock's genre
40. Some are fine
41. Guffaw syllables
44. Informal top
46. Far from sterile
49. 'Just the facts, ma'am' cop
50. Benelux locale
51. Needed a bath desperately
54. Zeus, to the Romans
55. Rink leap
56. Cocktail garnish
58. Peevish mood
60. Bird clubbed to extinction
61. 'What's ... for me?'
62. Gets mellow
65. Trombonist
66. USNA grad

DOWN

- 1. Bowser's bowlful
2. Hole-poketted
3. Melt need
4. One of the Little Rascals
5. Doomsayer's cry
6. Former NOW cause
7. 'Little Sheba' playwright
8. More vinegary
9. Caterer's supply
10. Ready for a vacation
11. Mop's mate
12. Quark's place
13. Gp. headquartered in Brussels
18. Innocent ones
24. Like the Negev

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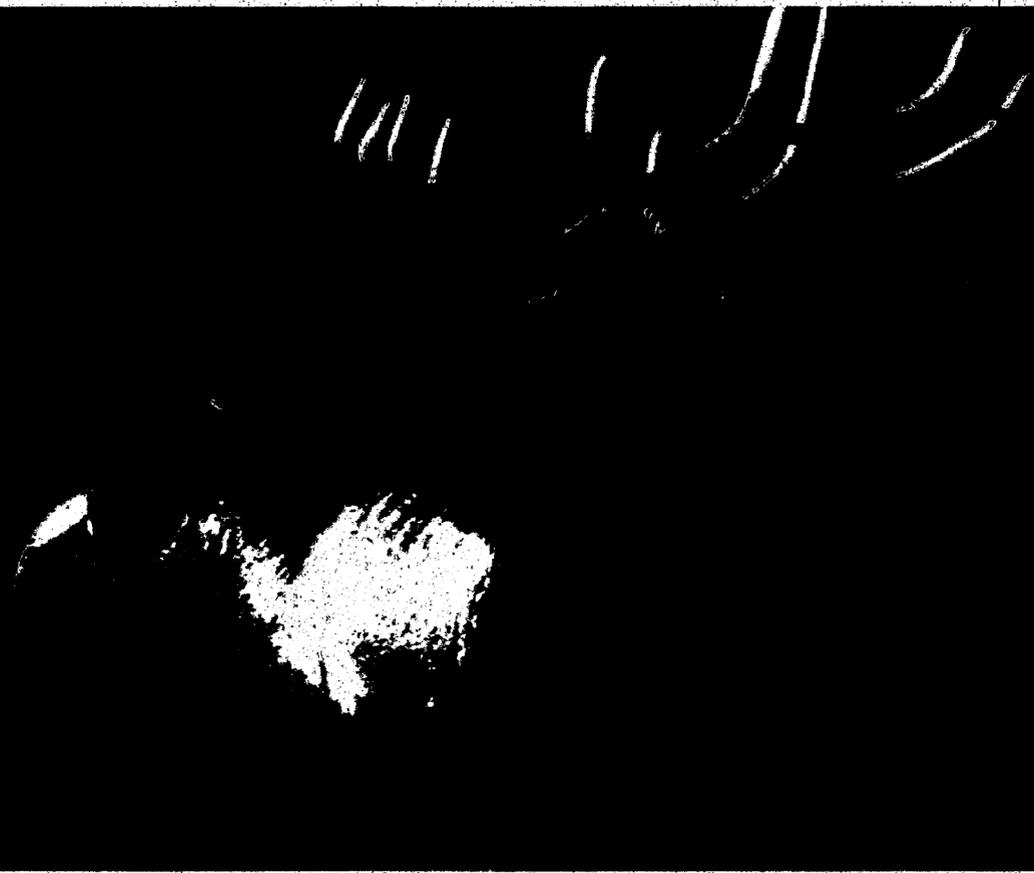
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