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Speaking circuit

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*Ruidoso Downs pays its own attorney
additional \$175 an hour to lobby
groups on behalf of track tax*

The city attorney that earlier this year lobbied in Santa Fe for a tax break for the Ruidoso Downs Race Track could be paid by the City of Ruidoso Downs to continue to press the need for a tax break.

In a split city council decision, with Mayor Tom Armstrong breaking the tie, the city will pay H. John Underwood \$175 per hour for explaining the County Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax necessity before the public.

"I've been contacted by various groups to make presentations

involving the economic development ordinance that has been passed by the legislature, that this body authorized me to help lobby for at the last (regular legislative) session," Underwood told the city council Monday evening. "That issue is now going to be coming up either through a special election or a general election, which is yet to be determined. I know that there's been discussions with this body in

the past regarding the importance of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track to the economic well being of this community and the people located in this community. The amount of employment and the amount of gross receipts taxes received."

Underwood said he has been asked to participate in public information forums and similar gatherings.

"I am asking that the City of

Ruidoso Downs, as provided under my legal services, allow me to do that as a special assignment under my legal services agreement."

The agreement includes a special assignments paragraph for items beyond the routine services that are compensated at a fixed monthly charge.

"I don't think going out and speaking at public forums on behalf of the passage of that particular ordinance, imposing that ordinance, would be something that would be ordinarily included in routine legal services. Before I incurred a lot of time doing that on

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A COMING OF AGE



Mescalero Apache maidens who will celebrate their coming of age ceremony during the July 1-4 holiday events at the ceremonial grounds in Mescalero include, from left, Jera Baca, Jasmine Dolan, Brittany Morgan, Kayton Blaylock and Kenadie Chino. Ashley Belin is not pictured.

Holiday marks another coming-of-age ceremony for Mescalero maidens

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Six Mescalero Apache maidens will celebrate their coming-of-age ceremony during July 4th holiday weekend activities at the ceremonial grounds on U.S. 70 in Mescalero.

The ceremony begins Thursday and winds down Sunday. The rite of passage for young girls is considered the most significant ceremony on the reservation, which consists primarily of the Mescalero, Lipan and Chiricahua Apache. The public is invited to join the families in their celebration.

Jera Baca is the daughter of Joycelyn Mancito from Mescalero and Victor Baca from Ruidoso Downs.

Her grandparents are Jerry and Ethel Mancito, who live in Mescalero. Her great grandparents are the late Cynthia and Raymond Enjady on her maternal side and the late Vera

Platta and Rufus Lester from her paternal side. Rufus Lester was known for establishing the Mescalero Red Hats, and he also was a veteran of both World War I and II.

Jera also is a descendant of Mancito and Three fingers, who were celebrated Apache scouts.

Jera will be an 8th grade student at Mescalero Apache School where she enjoys math and writing.

During her free time, she reads books about mysteries and unsolved cases. She also enjoys drawing, basketball and visiting with friends and family.

Jera aspires to be a writer or to have a career in law enforcement. The inspiration comes from her grandfather, Jerry Mancito, a retired tribal police officer and former director of the conservation office in Mescalero for many years.

Jera has one younger sister, Jerica Mancito, who will celebrate her coming-

of-age in the future.

Kayton Blaylock, 13, is the daughter of Ronald and Marilyn Blaylock. She attends Ruidoso Middle School, where she will be in the 8th grade.

Active in the Lady Braves volleyball and basketball teams, she also plays with the Ruidoso Mountain Chaos Volleyball Team for the Southwest Region.

Kayton enjoys school, friends, hanging out with Auntie Betty and participating in traditional events.

She is the paternal granddaughter of Elbys Naiche Hugar and the late Clayton Blaylock. Her maternal grandparents are Joe and Ceda Maggosh Shanta.

She invites everyone to share the special occasion and thanked her family for their hard work in preparation.

Families serve meals to visitors during the ceremony

days, as well as put up arbors and teepees, gather mescal plants and pollen for blessings.

Brittany Dianne Morgan, 13, is the daughter of Veronica D. and Danny D. Morgan. She is sister to George W., Kaytlyn T., Danene P., and Emily Morgan.

Brittany is the granddaughter of Thalia Treas and great granddaughter to Jess Shendo. She is granddaughter to Ronny Vigil and great granddaughter to Charles Vigil. She is granddaughter to Joseph and Francene Kanseah and to Phoebe Klinekole.

She is a descendant of the late Thelma Peso Shendo, Alto Peso and Violet Mithlo Peso; a descendant of the late Anthony C. Treas and Henry and Guadalupe Treas; of the late Amalia "Molly" Vigil; of the late Patrick and Geraldine Blake; and of the late George Klinekole.

An 8th grader attending Ruidoso Middle School, Brittany likes to draw and play the drums. She enjoys all outdoor activities and spending time with her family.

Jasmine Amber Dolan, 13, will be in the 8th grade at Ruidoso Middle School. She is of Apache, Navajo and Creek Seminole heritage.

The daughter of Krissy Platero and Brian Dolan, she has one brother, Amadon Patrick Martinez, and two sisters, Daija Martinez and Ashlyn Dolan.

Her maternal grandparents are Debra and Eldon Enjady Jr., and Sherri and Becento Platero Sr.

Her paternal grandparents are Nancy and Michael Dolan and Rosaline and Keith Miller.

Jasmine's hobbies are playing basketball and volleyball.

A Ruidoso News exclusive





COURTESY LYN KIDDER

The Ski Run Road Challenge has adopted the first three miles of Ski Run Road as part of the state's Adopt-A-Highway program. The first clean-up took place Saturday, June 26. The cleanup netted 10 bags of trash and four bags of recyclable materials, a set of chains and a Texas license plate. "We were pleasantly surprised by the lack of trash we had to collect," said race director Frederic Moras. "That means our local residents and tourists are keeping one of our major scenic roadways fairly clean." The annual Ski Run Road Challenge is a 12-mile run from the ballfields to the parking lot at Ski Apache. This year's race will be held Oct. 16. Pictured, left to right, are Brad Tschirgi, Lyn Kidder, Chris Melintiotis, Frederic Moras, and Mary and Bart Young.

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12:10 2:30 4:55 7:20 9:45

*** OPENING THURSDAY ***

THE LAST AIRBENDER (PG-13)
12:15 2:35 4:55 7:15 9:35

THESE TIMES ARE GOOD FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

IMG fireworks

The annual free fireworks celebration at the Inn of the Mountain Gods will take place on July 1. Concession stands will open at 4 p.m., with jumping balloons for kids available for \$5 per person with unlimited jumps.

Beginning at 5 p.m. there will be live music by Suerta. The fireworks display will begin at dark. At 9:30 p.m. there will be a free dance with an open bar at the convention center. Participants must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

Inn of the Mountain Gods officials urge guests to arrive early because there will be road closures due to the traditionally large crowds and limited parking.

Pets and fireworks
With fireworks displays a part of the Independence Day holiday, the Humane Society of Lincoln County has some tips for your pets. Many animals are terrified by fireworks. Shelters across the country receive "July 4th" dogs that run off during fireworks celebrations and are rescued by animal control officers or

good Samaritans who take them to the safety of a local shelter. The Humane Society said preventing pet problems on Independence Day is possible by planning ahead and taking some basic precautions.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 73°	RealFeel 81°	RealFeel 82°	RealFeel 82°	RealFeel 85°	RealFeel 85°	RealFeel 85°
Humidity 70% 52%	Humidity 75% 55% 56%	Humidity 75% 55% 56%	Humidity 78% 57% 62%	Humidity 81% 61% 50%	Humidity 81% 59% 43%	Humidity 76% 56% 55%
An afternoon thunderstorm Wind: ESE 7-14 mph	An afternoon and evening t-storm Wind: ESE 6-12 mph	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible Wind: SE 7-14 mph	Some sun with a t-storm possible Wind: S 7-14 mph	Some sun with a t-storm possible Wind: SSE 6-12 mph	Some sun Wind: SE 7-14 mph	Mostly cloudy; t-storms at night Wind: ENE 3-6 mph

RealFeel Temperature™ is AccuWeather's exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation and elevation on the human body. Showed are the highs for the day.

National Forecast for June 30, 2010

Legend:
Cold
Warm
Stationary
Showers
T-storms
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are for selected cities.

Regional Cities

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Sun and Moon
Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 5:58 a.m./8:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 10:55 p.m./9:48 a.m.

Moon Phases
Last New First Full
Jul 4 Jul 11 Jul 18 Jul 25

National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Abilene	88/87/s	86/68/pc
Anchorage	63/63/sh	66/53/sh
Atlanta	89/70/t	84/68/t
Austin	86/77/t	87/76/t
Baltimore	82/67/s	80/55/s
Boston	76/59/s	74/56/s
Chicago	78/52/s	79/57/s
Dallas	86/73/t	87/74/pc
Denver	90/61/s	93/61/pc
Des Moines	80/59/s	83/62/s
Detroit	75/54/s	77/54/s
El Paso	86/67/t	90/71/pc
Las Vegas	107/81/s	106/78/s
Los Angeles	79/62/pc	79/62/pc
Minneapolis	80/64/s	84/65/s
New Orleans	88/79/t	89/76/t
New York City	80/65/s	76/64/s
Philadelphia	82/61/s	79/60/s
Phoenix	111/87/s	111/88/s
Reno	89/54/s	88/55/s
San Francisco	68/51/pc	67/52/pc
San Diego	71/65/pc	72/63/pc
Seattle	68/49/pc	65/51/c
Tucson	104/80/s	101/79/s
Tulsa, OK	88/64/s	93/63/s
Wash., DC	82/63/s	83/62/s
Wichita	88/62/s	92/62/s
Yuma	110/81/s	111/81/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Albuquerque	85/61/t	87/64/t
Artesia	79/61/t	85/66/t
Chama	82/45/t	82/49/t
Clayton	84/56/s	85/57/pc
Cloudcroft	76/42/t	73/47/t
Farmington	92/64/pc	94/60/t
Hobbs	79/57/t	88/65/pc
Los Alamos	80/49/t	81/53/t
Portales	82/57/s	86/60/pc
Raton	81/51/t	84/55/pc
Red River	75/42/t	74/47/t
Ruidoso	70/52/t	75/58/t
Santa Fe	83/52/t	86/58/t
Silver City	87/63/t	88/64/t
Taos	80/45/t	84/50/t

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Acapulco	90/75/t	88/75/t
Cancun	88/79/t	91/77/pc
Chihuahua	88/64/t	86/63/t
Ciudad Juárez	86/68/t	90/72/pc
León	84/64/t	86/63/t
México, DF	81/55/t	77/57/t
Monterrey	93/73/t	81/70/r
Morelia	84/64/t	79/66/t
Oaxaca	84/64/t	86/63/t
Pto. Penasco	100/79/s	102/78/s
Tijuana	75/61/pc	75/61/s

Extremes
Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 123° in Death Valley, CA
Low: 31° in Stanley, ID
Monday's World High/Low:
High: 123° in Death Valley, USA
Low: 11° in Summit Station, Greenland

Weather Trivia™:
Q: Where was the worst hailstorm ever?
A: Hunan province China; 200 people were killed; June 19, 1932.

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They recommend the following to protect your pet:

- Resist the urge to take your pet to fireworks displays.
- Do not leave your pet in the car. With only hot air to breathe inside a vehicle, your pet can suffer serious health effects, even death, in minutes. Partially opened windows do not provide sufficient air, but they do provide an opportunity for your pet to be stolen.
- Keep your pets indoors at home in a sheltered, quiet area. Some animals can become destructive when frightened, so be sure that you've removed any items that your pet could destroy or that would be harmful to your pet if chewed. Leave a television or radio playing at normal volume to keep him company while you are attending Fourth of July picnics, parades and other celebrations.
- If you know that your pet is seriously distressed by loud noises such as thunder, consult with your veterinarian before July 4th for ways to help alleviate the fear and anxiety during fireworks displays.
- Never leave pets outside unattended, even in a fenced yard or on a chain. In their fear, pets who normally would not leave the yard may escape and become lost, or become entangled in their chain, risking injury or death.

Make sure your pets are wearing identification tags so that if they do become lost, they can be returned promptly. Animals found running at large should be taken to the animal shelter where they will have the best chance of being reunited with their owners.

44th Army Band

A small ensemble of the 44th Army Band will be playing at Coffee & More in Tularosa on Wednesday, June 30, from 6 to 7 p.m.

The 44th Army Band is the "Musical Military Ambassador" to the State of New Mexico. Their roots can be traced back to the "New Mexico Volunteers" and they have served during significant periods of the nation's history, most notably during World War II as the 200th Coast Artillery Band.

On April 9, 1942, they surrendered to the Japanese and were forced to march in Corregidor and on the Bataan Peninsula, thus earning their name "The Battling Bastards of Bataan."

The unit was deactivated in the 1960s and remained inactive until the late '70s when they returned as the 44th Army Band under the command of Chief Warrant Officer Paul Tafoya.

Their website is www.nm.ngb.army.mil.

Democrats meet

The Democratic Party of Lincoln County will hold the regular monthly meeting on July 1 at K-Bob's

Steakhouse on Route 70 at the "Y."

If you wish to order from the menu, please be there by 5:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

Tops on the list for discussion will be the last-minute arrangements for the Fourth of July Celebration Parade in Capitan.

For more information or to ask for a ride, call Maria, 575-937-8394, or Marilyn, 575-258-1029.

Sonic booms

Officials with the 49th Wing have announced the flying schedule through July 9.

Sonic booms could occur Wednesday, June 30, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Thursday, July 1, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For the week of July 5 to July 9, sonic booms could occur Tuesday, July 6, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, July 7, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, July 8, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

At this time, no flights are scheduled for Friday, July 2, and Monday, July 5.

Schedules can change based on a variety of reasons and scheduled times do not always mean sonic booms will occur.

For additional information, visit www.holloman.af.mil.

Furr Ball

There's still time to make reservations for Ruidoso's "social event of the year," the Humane Society of Lincoln County's annual Furr Ball. The event will be held at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club. Seats are filling up quickly. Reservations must be made by July 1.

There will be dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions. The Furr Ball begins at 6 p.m. on July 10. The cost is \$110 per person.

Proceeds benefit the abandoned animals of Lincoln County.

For reservations, call 378-1040.

Slash schedule

The 2010 forest slash pickup schedule is in full swing for residents in many southern Lincoln County locations outside of Ruidoso, says the Greentree Solid Waste Authority.

County residents may call the Authority office to request a copy of the county pickup schedule by fax, via email or from the

GSWA website, www.greentreeswa.org.

The schedule sets generally designated areas each 8-12 weeks when the GSWA grapple truck will pick up forest slash and pine needles. The schedule is altered only due to unanticipated equipment breakdowns or other emergencies.

The guidelines for forest slash and pine needle pickup include:

- Piles may be placed on residential property lines with no overhead utility wires, adjacent to a county road so that the grapple truck driver may reach the pile.
- Do not place piles too close to fences, overhead wires or culverts.
- All tree branches and trunks must be cut to 4-foot lengths or less.
- No construction lumber, household trash, metal or rocks in piles
- No stumps in piles.
- Piles are picked up only on lots with houses. Pickups are paid for as part of quarterly residential solid waste bills.
- Piles on vacant lots will be picked up, for a one-time charge, only by calling the Authority office for an appointment. Empty lots pay no regular solid waste bill which would include forest waste pickup.
- Slash or pine needles should be left loose and not be bagged in plastic sacks.

Slash should not be placed in or next to dumpsters, polycarts or compactors and will not be picked up at household waste disposal sites.

All collected, clean forest slash is delivered to a private company to be ground up into garden and roadside erosion control mulch. Thanks for your cooperation!

For more information on forest slash pickup, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-548-8772, via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org or at www.greentreeswa.org.

Monument drive

A fundraiser to help with the preservation of the Lincoln and Fort Stanton State Monuments is planned for July 17.

"An Evening with Mark Lee Gardner" will begin at 6 p.m. and will include dinner, a tour of the Fort Stanton Museum and Quadrangle, and a musical performance by Gardner.

The author of *To Hell on a Fast Horse: Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, and the Epic Chase to Justice in the Old West* also will sign books during the event, sponsored by Partners in Preservation of Lincoln State Monument and Fort Stanton Inc.

A professional historian, author, musician and con-

sultant, Gardner worked with the National Park Service, PBS Television, *National Geographic Magazine*, the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities, the New Mexico Humanities Council and other state and local historic sites and museums. He has been published in *New Mexico* magazine, *Journal of the West* and *Living History* magazine, as well as writing several interpretive booklets for the National Park Service.

Tickets are \$50 per person. For information or to purchase one of the limited number of tickets, call 575-653-4082.

Fort Stanton Monument is 13 miles northeast of Ruidoso on New Mexico 220, also known as Airport Road, near U.S. 380. The Lincoln State Monument is 12 miles east of Capitan on U.S. 380 and is open seven days a week.

Check out the websites at nmmonuments.org and fortstanton.com.

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OUR OPINION

Some form of transit system is needed

Hopefully, there are cost-effective solutions

Urban dwellers without vehicles or driver's licenses can usually depend on some form of public transportation to access work, shopping or entertainment.

In a far-flung, sparsely populated area, where we like our cars and great distances separate residents from their destinations, mass transit is hardly a given. In Lincoln County, it's only about a year-and-a-half old.

Lincoln County Transit and its funding agencies - Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, the county and even the federal government - have a conundrum on their hands: a valu-

able service whose passenger numbers may not justify the expense. But in a graying county, the need might only get more acute.

It's good to see the transit director engaged with the county, et al., on the obstacles to a profitable and smoothly running system. Out of these discussions may come solutions regarding routes, door-to-door service, scheduling, van fleet and financing.

Whether by public or private carrier, let's hope a self-sufficient transit system can be in place to serve those who need wheels. Their quality of life depends on it.

Always assume the microphone is on

Dr. Hook sings this memorable ditty by Shel Silverstein:

"Rolling Stone
Wanna see my picture on the cover.

Rolling Stone
Wanna buy five copies for my mother."

Two guys who didn't buy five copies for their mothers are Gen. Stanley McChrystal and our very own Val Kilmer. Batman and G.I. Joe didn't have a lot in common until lately, when the yogurt hit the fan over their published words in *Rolling Stone* magazine.



SHERRY ROBINSON
ALL SHE WROTE

McChrystal, a picture of discipline, got himself canned for some remarkably undisciplined comments in a magazine known for probing journalism, irreverence and gritty language. It's also appropriate that Duncan Boothby, McChrystal's press aide, stepped down. Somebody in Boothby's position normally briefs the brass for these interviews to prevent just this sort of loose talk. He either dropped the ball or McChrystal wasn't listening.

Kilmer, on the other hand, is guilty of casual remarks in 2003 about living in "the homicide capital of the Southwest" where "80 percent of the people in my county are drunk." There were also some convoluted remarks about veterans in a 2005 *Esquire* interview.

These are two smart, presumably media-savvy people. How does this stuff happen? Two words: Unguarded moments.

It's the journalist's job to draw them out, to get beyond yes and no answers and on to beliefs, opinions, motivation. This often takes the form of a conversation, and as the conversation progresses, interviewees may focus on this two-way exchange and not on how a response will look in print.

They may also share too much. Think Jimmy Carter lusting in his heart. I've been amazed over the years at what people will tell me in a face-to-face interview. Maybe because we don't listen well to each other, a good listener can be

seductive. In Kilmer's case, he apparently made a few parting remarks to a reporter getting in her car for the drive back. He probably assumed the interview was over. It wasn't.

Here's a tip to public figures: Assume the microphone is on. And the interview isn't finished until you can see the reporter's taillights.

Kilmer's remarks were old news until the actor needed San Miguel County's permission to open a bed and breakfast. To his credit, he appeared before the commission and apologized, talking about his roots in New Mexico, his love

of the state, and his chagrin at how his words were twisted. "I sincerely apologize to the residents of San Miguel County, my neighbors, our nation's veterans and the residents of the state of New Mexico for the comments made in *Rolling Stone* and *Esquire* magazine. I hope that you can recognize my deep regret for the impact my comments have had on you, my neighbors, as well as our state."

What happened next is instructive. County Attorney Jesus Lopez said graciously, "Let's put this to bed and live as good neighbors." Some locals, however, were primed for a witch burning. One man hollered that Kilmer should be arrested under the 1917 Espionage Act. Chief critic Adran Tapia intends to stay mad. I guess in his life he's never said anything stupid that he'd like to take back.

This story ran all over the country. Who do you think looked worse - the contrite Kilmer, telling the world, "I love it here," or the sulking locals?

I've taken to studying public apologies, and this one is better than most. Kilmer acknowledges the harm done, offers his heartfelt apology, emphasizes his loyalty to the county and state and asks to look to the future. The only missing piece is how he will make amends. The community should suggest some worthy project and allow the actor to donate money or time.

And then they should all move on. Please.



"You're a week early Sir, but we're all thrilled to see you."

YOUR OPINION

Rebstock's tenure among the finest

To the editor:

THE RESIGNATION of Michele Rebstock marks the end of one of the finest tenures Ruidoso Village Council has to look back on.

Michele did not serve out of vanity and the love of being recognized in the markets or seeing her name in the paper. She gave so much of her time out of a need to serve.

Although Michele and I did not agree on every issue, which, to her credit, is something most people can say, she was no one's lackey and she always maintained an open-door attitude on

all issues, listening to opposing voices with an open mind.

Michele excelled at taking the best of each point and balancing her decisions using that information. You always knew that she had our backs both in chambers and behind closed doors.

Michele never played politics; she was always quick to declare her positions and not wait around for the best "deal." Michele was a "true to the cause" individual.

She did her homework and knew what she was talking about. Council was not a game to

her, she saw it as her job and took it very seriously.

Leading in times as tough as these presents a massive challenge and time will tell if our newly elected council has what it takes.

I am keeping an open mind and have great faith in some of our elected officials, but they will certainly find it more challenging without the experienced voice of Michele Rebstock in the mix.

Thanks for all you have done for Ruidoso Michele!

Chuck Duncan
Ruidoso

Lincoln County Transit a lifeline

To the editor:

I HAVE JUST learned that the bus service, otherwise known as Lincoln County Transit, that I have enjoyed using since I moved here in December may be cancelled. I sincerely hope this does not happen.

The service is excellent and necessary for people like myself

who are unable to drive, for whatever reason. Without this service my quality of life would be severely limited, as it enables me, and others like myself, to get out and enjoy Ruidoso. Without it I am afraid I would not be able to live here.

The alternative, a cab, to get me around a few times a week, is

prohibitively expensive, and would be so, I think, for most residents.

Please reconsider funding for Lincoln County Transit, as it is a lifeline to at least a semblance of a life - for me and others - here in this beautiful town.

Doreen Crewe
Ruidoso

Concert brings back memories

To the editor:

I WENT TO THE George Jones concert at Inn of the Mountain Gods on June 24. The concert brought back memories of a best friend from the early 1950s.

My friend's name was Murrel Counts. Murrel in the early '50s played for dances around Artesia, Carlsbad and other parts of New Mexico.

Murrel at that time was around 17 years old and was one of the best fiddle players in the United States. He could fiddle "The Orange Blossom Special" and "Black Mountain Rag" over his head, behind his back and a few other ways.

Murrel went to Carlsbad in 1953 or 1954 to play backup fiddle for the great Jim Reeves. I can remember Reeves tried to hire Murrel to play on the road with his band, but Murrel did not want to leave his mother and father who lived in Artesia. Murrel's dad was sick and Murrel was the breadwinner of the family.

Murrel left Artesia a couple of years later and played in the Curly Dalton Band for eight or nine years at the Stateline Bar, outside of Hobbs, N.M. Later on, Murrel was playing a gig at the Winner's Circle in Ruidoso and singer Ray Price heard about how good Murrel was on the fiddle.

Ray called and asked Murrel to come to Nashville. Murrel, being a New Mexico country boy, had no idea how far his reputation had reached.

Murrel Counts moved to Nashville with Johnny Rodriguez, who was at the height of his fame at that time. Johnny Rodriguez and Murrel Counts mentored Tanya Tucker on her first concert tour.

Murrel's big break came in Nashville when superstar George Jones told Shorty Lavender he had waited for years to find a fiddle player like Murrel Counts. Murrel joined the Jones Boys and went on to perform across the nation.

Murrel's success with the Jones Boys took him before the camera for a part in the movie *Coal Miner's Daughter* with Loretta Lynn. Counts' introduction to acting led to his playing a stand-in for Jerry Reed in the Tom Selleck movie, *Concrete Cowboy*.

Murrel also jammed with Hank Williams Jr. in the movie, *Living Proof*. Television audiences also came to know Murrel, who frequently appeared on shows like "Midnight Special," "Don Kirshner's Rock Show," "HeeHaw," "The Tommy Hunter Show" and "Nashville Now." Murrel shared the stage with Glen Campbell, Tex Ritter, Billy Walker, Jeanne Pruett and many others.

Murrel Counts' Nashville career lasted almost 30 years.

Murrel's highlight was his performance at the Inauguration of Jimmy Carter. The president frequently invited Counts to Carter Country. President Carter called Murrel his favorite fid-

ler. Murrel is not around anymore, but I remember well the good times we spent together. Murrel and I made some white lightning in his mother's kitchen. We got sour mash all over the kitchen. Boy, did his mother give us a chewing out.

Murrel was a great friend and a great musician. I will always cherish the good times we had together.

Jack Hemby
Ruidoso Downs

Films worth seeing

To the editor:

YOU MAY HAVE missed it! The very interesting and educational series of films and lectures at the Village of Ruidoso Library on Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

The first two of 13 programs were light in attendance: Only seven of us saw a 45-minute IMAX-type quality film June 16, *Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk*.

There are six more movies and five more talks upcoming each Wednesday through Sept. 1.

The central theme of each is "water." I recommend that you attend some of these next 11 free events arranged by Librarian Sharon Stewart.

Visit the library for a schedule, or call for more information at 575-258-3704.

Bart Young
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Ann McGovern, president and general manager of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, above, says the city needs to have a voice in the issue of a tax break for the track. City attorney John Underwood, right, tells Ruidoso Downs city councilors he can be that voice.

FEES

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your behalf, I wanted to get your permission to do that."

Imposing the County Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax, to provide a tax break to the racetrack, would require approval by voters in Lincoln County. First the Lincoln County Commission would have to set a special or general election. The additional gross receipts tax rate that could be imposed would be a maximum of one-fourth of one percent, in increments of one-sixteenth of one percent.

A maximum of \$750,000 annually could be available for the racetrack. If enacted, the County Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax could be repealed by the county commission at any time. It would expire after five years.

Lincoln County commissioners last week decided to hold a hearing on July 20 to gauge public sentiment on whether a special election, at a cost of about \$25,000, should be scheduled. The other option is to put the question to voters in the Nov. 2 general election.

Track officials have warned that without tax parity with nearby tribal casinos, the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino would move to a more lucrative location, such as the Las Cruces area.

"On this particular situation, it's something that I think that affects the City of Ruidoso Downs with what ends up happening with the track, and the track moving or not moving," said Underwood. "It not only affects Ruidoso Downs, it affects all of us. You've got lots of employment, people who are renting places here for the summer that are employed at

Ruidoso Downs."

Underwood warned if the racetrack moved it would have a real economic impact. He said that message could be relayed through his group engagements.

"I'm asking that that be made a special assignment under my contract so that when I'm speaking I can say that I'm doing it on behalf of the City of Ruidoso Downs."

Attending the council meeting, Ruidoso Downs Racing President and General Manager Ann McGovern said it was important for the city to have a voice in the discussions about the County Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax issue.

"I think we all recognize the importance of the racetrack staying in Ruidoso Downs and the negative economic impact it would have on the whole community should we leave," McGovern said. "And I think John (Underwood) knows all the issues and all the benefits of Ruidoso Downs and represents this community really well. I would suggest that absolute support is being the person that represents this council and this community."

City Councilor Dean Holman questioned Underwood about what his message would be involving the bill passed earlier this year by state lawmakers and signed by the governor.

"It's about what the county decides to do, or not to do, regarding adopting an ordinance," responded Underwood. "It about what the county decides to do, or not to do, about whether to do that through a special election or at the general election. It's about being in favor of the passage of the ordinance that results from House Bill 203, which is the economic development act for Lincoln County which proposes to add a gross receipts tax election



on the issue of whether or not we should supplement the taxes that become due from the casino."

Underwood foresees "lots" of public forums and events to explain the process. "And I would basically act in those forums as an advocate for the City of Ruidoso Downs."

While councilors Rene Olivo and Gary Williams voted in favor of the special assignments, council members Holman and Tommy Hood voted against. Mayor Tom Armstrong stepped with the third affirmative vote to provide permission for the speaking events at city cost.

During the public input segment, near the end of the city council meeting, resident Wayne Williams said he did not want to see R.D. Hubbard's racetrack leave Ruidoso Downs. But

he also questioned taxpayers helping private industry.

"If that's not unconstitutional, boy, then I'm living in a different country. Something is deadly wrong if we can pass a tax on all the taxpaying population, to benefit one private enterprise. The next thing you're going to do is to tax to support Joe Blow's gas station down the street. I don't think that the city ought to get behind this. I think it's unconstitutional."

But two other city residents, who serve on municipal committees, called the issue one of economic development.

"Any economic development plan has to take care of both attracting new businesses and taking care of businesses that we have," said Paul van Gulick, chair of the Ruidoso Downs

Economic Development Board. "To call this anything but an investment, in my mind, misses the point a little bit. It's not a tax that's being hoisted on us. It's really appropriately called an economic development tax that we get to decide if we want to have."

Judy Miller urged the council to do all they can to keep the racetrack in Ruidoso Downs.

"I think our whole area really would go down without that racetrack. My mother worked there 27 years. It was her retirement job. My husband worked there until he died. It was his second job to get his daughter through college. I think the people of this area depend on that employment from that racetrack."

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Plane crash survivor out of hospital

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One of two survivors of the July 17 plane crash near Sierra Blanca Regional Airport was released from the hospital Sunday.

Kristopher Richey, 12, is staying with an aunt in the Houston area. He has begun to do some walking, the aunt said on the website CaringBridges. Asked how he feels, Kristopher responded, "Well, sitting here in this chair right now about a seven, but I am looking forward to a 10."

His 16-year old brother Alex remains hospitalized, but is said to be doing better following a number of surgeries.

The boys' parents, Lowell and Keri Richey, died in the crash, as did the pilot, Rodney Duree, his wife DeLaine, and their son, Lake. Both families were from Granbury, Texas.

The twin-engine Cessna with the two men aboard departed Granbury Regional Airport at 6:30 a.m., July 17, and landed at Cleburne Municipal Airport to pick up five additional passengers for a flight to Ruidoso. The plane went down about three-quarters of a mile east of the main runway at Sierra Blanca Regional.

Winds at the time were light, at five knots, according to an automated weather observation station at the airport. The NTSB investigation is continuing.

The brothers' parents were buried last Friday in Lubbock. A memorial service for the Duree family was held on Friday in Granbury.

The group had been destined for Albuquerque with the ashes of Lowell Richey's mother for a memorial service.

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EDUCATION

Where were you? Ruidoso High School Reunion – Classes 1973-80

RICK MOUND
For the Ruidoso News

The Ruidoso High School classes of 1973 through 1980 had a class reunion June 18-19. Fun was had by all who attended.

The reunion committee gathered on Thursday, June 17, at the home of Carol and Dick Mound to go over the final plans for the reunion.

The committee had been meeting via Videoconference for the last year since members were scattered from Bellevue, Wash., to Delray Beach, Fla.

The members of the committee were: Sally (Mize) Wimberly, class of 73; Jon Wrye, class of 74; Susan (Fannin) Scribner, class of 75; Cindy (Mound) Yenson, class of 76; Lori (Wright) Iannucci, class of 77; Rick Mound, class of 78; Rick Pritchett, class of 79; Gracie (Rose) Rheingans, class of 80.

The festivities started on Friday at 1 p.m. Classmates had a choice of going to Ruidoso Downs Jockey Club thanks to Dan Wimberly (Class of 73) or to play golf in a scramble at The Links golf course benefiting The Mickey McGuire Scholarship fund. The scramble was put together by the McGuire family, Reeves (Class of 73), Joe Bob (Class of 74), and Melanie (Class of 78).

Friday evening brought everyone together with a Meet and Greet at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca.

The accommodations were great for the activity. School mates from all eight classes checked in for the weekend's festivities.

Gift bags were provided

RHS classes reunion

Festivities for the Ruidoso High School classes of 1948-1972 will begin at 5 p.m., Friday, July 16, with registration and visitation at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd.

Other activities are planned for July 17.

Registration forms should be returned to Judy Barajas Willingham by July 1.

If you know of class-

mates that may need a registration form, call Betty Carpenter Efurd at 575-378-8072.

by the following members of the class of 76: Paula Ethridge, Kevin Mellon, Ed Moore, and Cindy Yenson. It was a great time meeting people again who you have not seen for 30 years. The committee put together a name tag with a picture from high school to help identify classmates.

Saturday morning, people gathered to take a bus tour of the Ruidoso old and new schools. Saturday afternoon brought everyone together for a picnic at Wingfield Park thanks to Susan (Morrison) Lutterman (class of 74) and the Wingfield family.

Barbeque was provided by Quarters Bar and Grill (Dean Fowler). The food was exceptional.

The weather cooperated nicely and more classmates showed up who could not make the Friday events. It was another great opportunity to relive the old memories and talk about what everyone has done since high school.

Saturday evening had everyone dressing up for the closing banquet at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club. The banquet hall was decorated beautifully and had a centerpiece from the Ruidoso Flower Shop.

Gracie Rheingan's daughters Mary and Karen greeted all guests at the front door. They were more than 250 people who attended the banquet. The food provided by Alto was enjoyed by all and received many compliments.

After the meal, Cindy Mound (Committee Chairman) spoke briefly about the events and thanked all who donated their time, money and gifts for the occasion.

Committee members are: Reed and Paula Dever Stirman, 257-7804; Ronnie and Jeanene Carpenter Perry, 257-7986; Helen Barajas Woodfin, 258-5689; Judy Barajas Willingham, 258-5089; Teri Barajas Trotter, 258-4615; Max Jones, 258-3989; and Betty Carpenter Efurd, 378-8072.



The winning foursome picture from RHS Reunion Mickey McGuire Scholarship golf tournament from left to right Kelly Perryman, Kristi (Perryman) Meunier, Chris Warren and Dan Masters.

David Stiles, (class of 75) spoke about continuing the reunions every three to five years.

The McGuire spoke about the golf tournament and about the Mickey McGuire Scholarship fund. There is a \$500 scholarship given to a graduating Ruidoso High School Senior each year from the fund. If you are interested in donating to the scholarship, please contact Reeves McGuire or get on www.ruidosoreunion.org.

The rest of the evening involved dancing with music provided by DJ Dave Proctor. The music from the '70s and '80s was blaring from the speakers. It brought back even more memories for everyone who attended.

The Reunion was a great time for everyone who attended. Teachers were invited to all events free of charge. We know that there are more classmates out there who we

would like to see especially those who still live in Ruidoso.

Please come out and join us at the next Reunion. We would love to see everyone.

A special thanks to the following for their donations to the Reunion:

- Links at Sierra Blanca Golf Course – 258-5330;
- Ruidoso Downs Race-track Jockey Club – 378-4446;
- Ruidoso Flower Shop – 257-2812, www.ruidoso-flowershop.com;
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- Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club – 336-4231;
- House of Kelham Inc. – 257-2492;
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- The Body & Feet Retreat – Dana Williams
- For the Love of Pete – Tricia Tully;



- Red Raccoon – Sally Wimberly – 257-6562;
- DJ Dave – Dave Proctor – 937-0837;
- Fritz Chair – 264-1232
- Quarters Bar and Grill – 257-9535;
- Mark and Dana Williams;
- Veronica Calderon,

Please visit these businesses. They did a lot for our Reunion. Also, please visit www.ruidosoreunion.org. The website will have information concerning future Reunions. Add your contact information to the website if you attended school in Ruidoso.



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Downs approves renovation of motel/RV park

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Renovations of a long-closed motel and RV park in Ruidoso Downs will proceed.

The Ruidoso Downs City Council, in a unanimous vote Monday, approved a request to grant a mixed-use planned unit development (M-PUD) for the former Downs Motel at Harris Lane and Short Drive, one block off U.S. Highway 70.

Originally the property had been zoned to allow a motel and RV park. But an April, 2008, change, at a time the motel and RV park were closed and for sale, excluded recreational vehicle spaces.

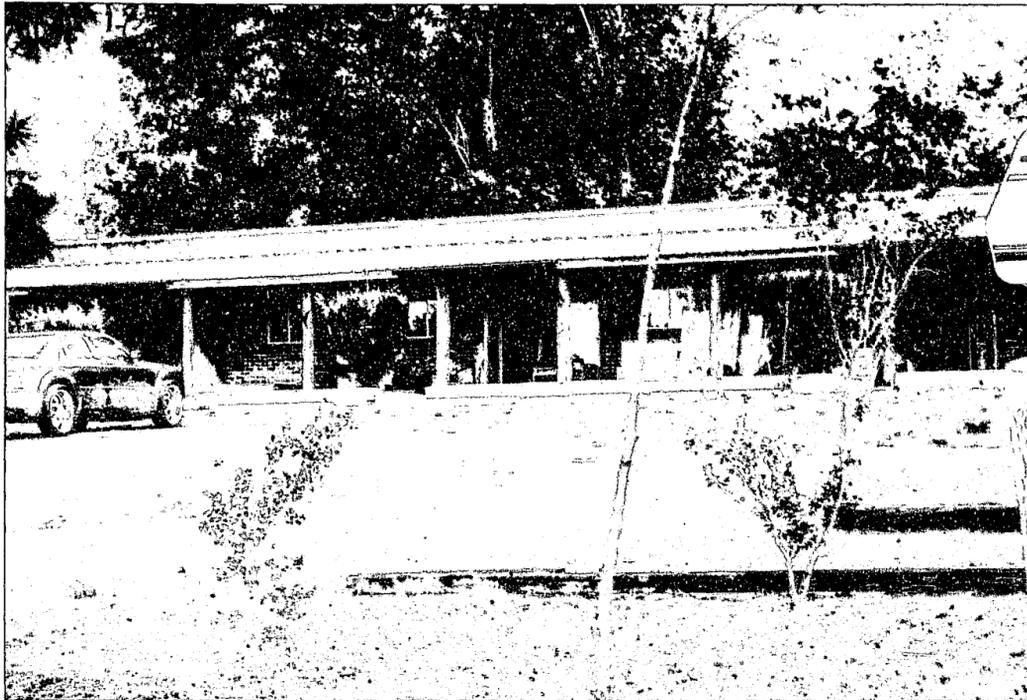
"In a nutshell, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of this request," the commission's chair Paul van Gulick told city councilors. "It meets the requirements for the M-PUD. It avoids the difficulty of trying to change the zone and thereby bringing in a lot of other uses."

Van Gulick said the new owner is already in the process of fixing the property.

"The purchaser has already done quite a bit to improve it," he said. "This project is actually going to end up a piece of property visible from the highway that will be more attractive certainly than what was there."

The building will be converted into seven rental rooms and two living quarters. Six RV sites would be created.

Owner Richard Ford's



The closed Downs Motel property will continue to see renovations following a Ruidoso Downs City Council approval of a scaled back RV park.

JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

surveyor Eric Collins said the plans would improve the location and Ruidoso Downs.

"There used to be about 16 to 18 RV spaces being used at one time," said Collins. "When I looked at this project, I took your code for RV parks and basically put it inside. The assumptions we kind of made were how many RV pads can I put up here and make sure that I get good traffic flow through the site? And what assumptions do I make as far as setbacks? In keeping with the setbacks, that keeps your density down. We have six spaces there. It

also increases the sight distance when you're pulling out onto Harris."

Ford's attorney Alan Morel told city councilors that a motel and scaled-back RV park would be a continuation of a previous use for the site.

"He has spent a ton of money on this thing," said Morel. "It will be a quality development."

The attorney said the M-PUD would be good for his client and for Ruidoso Downs.

"What we submitted is all that we can do," said Morel. "We can't change it without coming back to you, so you're assured that

what's approved here today is what's going to be there unless someone comes back and gets a change."

Ford had told the city's Planning and Zoning Commission on June 1 that there would be no cooking in the seven rental rooms. The six RV sites would largely accommodate seasonal use by those workers coming to the racetrack to prepare for a race or to work for the full season.

A stop sign, when exiting the property, was a condition added by the planning and zoning panel.

Two people had spoken in favor of the request when it was before the com-

mission. Two others, Mayor Tom Armstrong and his wife Virginia, opposed the plans. They own property near the project. In addition, there were two letters of protest, also by nearby property interests.

In a memorandum to

city councilors, van Gulick said the mixed use conforms to the Ruidoso Downs Comprehensive Master Plan as required by ordinance.

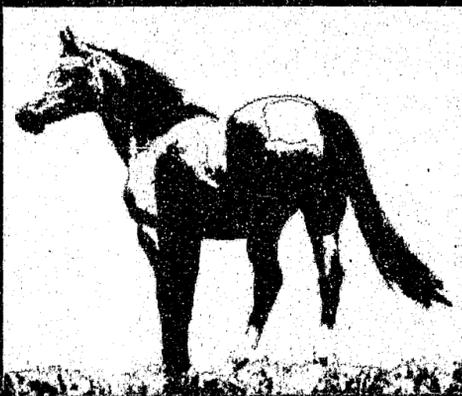
"We find that the proposed site plan combines an existing motel with the addition of RV spaces at a low density that meets all of the requirements for lot-line setbacks, parking, open space, and screening from adjoining residential zones," van Gulick wrote in the memo. "We find that the proposed site plan results in substantially improving a previously squalid property that is within sight of Highway 70."

City Councilor Rene Olivo noted that during the school year the property is used by parents dropping off or picking up their students because the intersection is a major school bus stop. Morel said Ford told him that the parents will be allowed to continue to use the parking area.

"I'd like to applaud him for cleaning up the property," said City Councilor Tommy Hood. "I think it will be an asset. It has been run down for a long time."

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POLICE & COURTS

Men jailed for domestic violence episodes

Two unrelated cases of domestic violence in Ruidoso landed two men in the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Police responded to a location in the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon Road shortly after 11 p.m., June 25, following a report of a violent episode involving a man and a woman.

Sherman R. Trujillo, 28, of Mesalero, was taken into custody and charged with aggravated battery against a household member.

The victim was found with a laceration on her left forearm and two missing

teeth as a result of the battery. The woman said Trujillo had pushed her onto the ground and struck her in the face.

Trujillo claimed he was only defending himself and told police that she had scratched him and bit his right hand.

While the woman was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center, Trujillo was delivered to the county jail in Carrizozo.

The other case June 20, involved a violent early afternoon domestic incident inside a car in the 1500 block of Sudderth Drive.

Aurelius M. Houston, 26, of Clovis, was seen running from his vehicle when police arrived. He ran into a nearby building and refused to come out. He was found in a back storage area.

The 21-year-old victim said Houston choked her twice, slapped her across the face, and punched her in the chest.

The woman was able to ask a bystander to call police. Houston fled with the woman and parked behind a building where the victim said she was choked again and punched in the chest "for being dis-

respectful."

While not requiring medical treatment, injuries to the woman were consistent with the victim's accounts.

The victim also filed a restraining order against Houston.

Houston was also wanted on arrest warrants from another case involving aggravated battery to a household member, battery to a household member, child abuse and resisting or evading police.

He is being held in the Lincoln County Detention Center on a \$15,000 bond.

- Jim Kalvelage

* Fire contained

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A goal of containing the Deadman Fire by 6 p.m., Friday, June 25, was achieved.

The lightning sparked fire, about 15 miles northwest of Hondo, was detected on June 23.

Two good days of progress in dealing with the grass and brush fire brought the containment, said fire information official Jennifer Myslivy.

The Deadman Fire burned 3,046 acres of mostly private property and sections of Bureau of Land Management lands.

On Saturday, the Pecos Zone Type III Interagency Incident Management Team transitioned the fire back to a local incident commander from the New Mexico State Forestry Division.

Resources at the fire location patrolled and moped up any remaining hot spots over the weekend.

The blaze was one of about eight fires in eastern Lincoln County that was started last week by lightning strikes.

At its peak, more than 120 personnel and several slurry dropping air tankers had been assigned to the suppression efforts.



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Liquor sold to minors

Four licensed liquor establishments in Otero County were pinched June 25 for selling alcohol to minors.

The New Mexico Department of Public Safety (DPS) Special Investigations Division, along with New Mexico State Police and the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety, conducted Operation Safe Summer Nights in four southern New Mexico counties, including Otero County.

Minors attempted to purchase alcohol at 94 liquor establishments.

Thirteen sold alcohol to the minors.

Cited were Lowe's in Tularosa, Chef Lupe's, Chili's, and Quick Pic in Alamogordo.

In Dona Ana County the Sunland Park Casino and Racetrack was also cited.

Minors at some locations also asked people outside of package stores to purchase alcohol for them. Two adults in Deming were arrested and charged with felonies when they followed through.

DPS Lieutenant Eric Garcia said the operation was to ensure that servers and clerks are complying with state law pertaining to alcohol sales. He added that high compliance rates mean safer highways and communities throughout New Mexico.

- Jim Kalvelage

RPD has second code officer

The Ruidoso Police Department now has two code enforcement/animal control officers.

Chris Eisenberg was sworn in on May 27, according to a memo from Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee.

Eisenberg is working with long time code enforcer Kalama Davis.

The added employee will allow the village to have coverage over the weekend for code violation calls.

DOWN'S BRIEFS

June 18
2:30 p.m. - Following a 9-1-1 call of a possible drunk driver, officers were able to locate the driver on U.S. Highway 70. Joe Bob Browning, 53, was taken into custody without incident.

9:27 p.m. - An officer was sent to the Circle K in reference to a call of a hit and run. A report was taken.

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

June 14
8:48 a.m. - Three vehicle batteries were stolen from a Ruidoso Solid Waste Department truck at the department's office at 107 Close Rd.

In addition to a larceny, the case was also being investigated as criminal damage to property. Pictures of fresh shoe prints were taken at the location.

The value of the batteries and other missing items was estimated at \$370.

June 17
10:15 a.m. - An officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Wilshire Road for an apparent attempt to steal a \$6,000 hot tub.

The tub had been emptied and moved a couple of feet. The tub suffered an estimated \$750 in damages in the effort.

A five-gallon bucket, that may have been used to empty the tub, was found nearby.

The bucket was taken by police to check for possible fingerprints.

June 19
7:50 p.m. - Officers responded to the municipal softball fields along Ski Run Road for a reported fight in progress.

Two women who had been arguing got into the fight that was broken up by others after one struck the other in the face with a beer bottle.

Both Presilla Cortez, 24, of Ruidoso, and Tressa Ramos, 57, of Ruidoso Downs, were cited into magistrate court on battery charges.

Ramos claimed Cortez threw the first punch. Cortez was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center after being struck with the bottle.

June 20
12:38 a.m. - A report of a fight involving multiple people at The Quarters, 2535 Sudderth Dr., sent police to the location. A further investigation of the incident is awaiting a

review of a video recording from the bar. One of those involved told an officer he wanted another person arrested.

He told the officer "you better or I'll hunt your f*****ass down."

The man was sent home, but later showed up at the police station stating he wanted to file a complaint against the officer.

June 21
1:22 p.m. - A call of an abandoned baby in the 2500 block of Sudderth Drive brought in the New Mexico Department of Children, Youth and Families.

A woman said her 16-year old foster child left her six-month old baby with her, and was gone for 15 minutes before returning. Both the woman and the foster child indicated they have not gotten along very well.

4:20 p.m. - A woman went to the police station to report her license plate had been taken from her vehicle.

A theft from a motor vehicle report was written. The woman was told to go to the Motor Vehicle Division to obtain a replacement.

June 22
3:47 p.m. - A burglary at a residence in the 100 block of Squaw Trail totaled more than \$5,000 in stolen items.

Six firearms, a television, stereo, DVD player and DVR machine were missing.

The interior was in disarray, with damage estimated at \$1,140.

A fingerprint was lifted from a window where the person who ransacked the dwelling was believed to have entered. The burglary and criminal damage to property case was turned over to the department's Criminal Investigation Division.

June 23
3:32 p.m. - A woman in the 500 block of White Mountain Meadows Drive

contacted police, concerned about the potential for identity theft.

She said her regular cleaning lady had brought another woman to help her earlier in the day. She said she trusted her cleaning lady, but did not know the other woman.

After they left she was unable to find a letter that contained her social security number.

June 24
11:43 a.m. - While conducting a traffic stop in the 2000 block of Sudderth Drive an officer noticed a man on a motorcycle drive by and make a "rude gesture" at him.

Nine minutes later the officer found the motorcycle in the 100 block of Sudderth Drive.

Contact was made with David Warner, 50, of Ruidoso.

A request for a driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance had Warner respond he did not have his insurance documentation.

After writing tickets for careless driving and failing to show insurance, Warner refused to sign the citations and was arrested, according to a police report.

At the police station Warner was described as uncooperative and was also charged with obstructing an officer.

He was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo.

5:12 p.m. - An officer was sent to a home in the 100 block of Nogal Street for a broken glass door.

The entry door was found to be locked and there was no apparent sign of forced entry.

The homeowner said it appeared nothing was missing.

June 25
7:27 a.m. - Breaking and entering and criminal damage to property were reported in the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon Road. A small travel trailer that was used for storage was

entered. A taillight and a roof hatch had been damaged. It was unknown if anything was missing.

June 27
4:36 p.m. - A Ruidoso man was issued two citations for battery following an incident in the 500 block of Carrizo Canyon Road. A 9-1-1 caller said an unknown man had just beaten up his mother and

then left the location. The man was apparently concerned for the welfare of a dog at the location and stopped.

A 17-year old at the location began to write down the man's license plate number, and he allegedly rushed the girl and took her to the ground. The girl's mother got into the fight as well. Police

found Salvatore Delgaudio, 66, of Ruidoso several blocks away and returned him to the scene of the confrontation.

He denied touching the girl and said he only grabbed for the notebook the girl was writing on. He said he was punched. Delgaudio was warned to stay away from the location.

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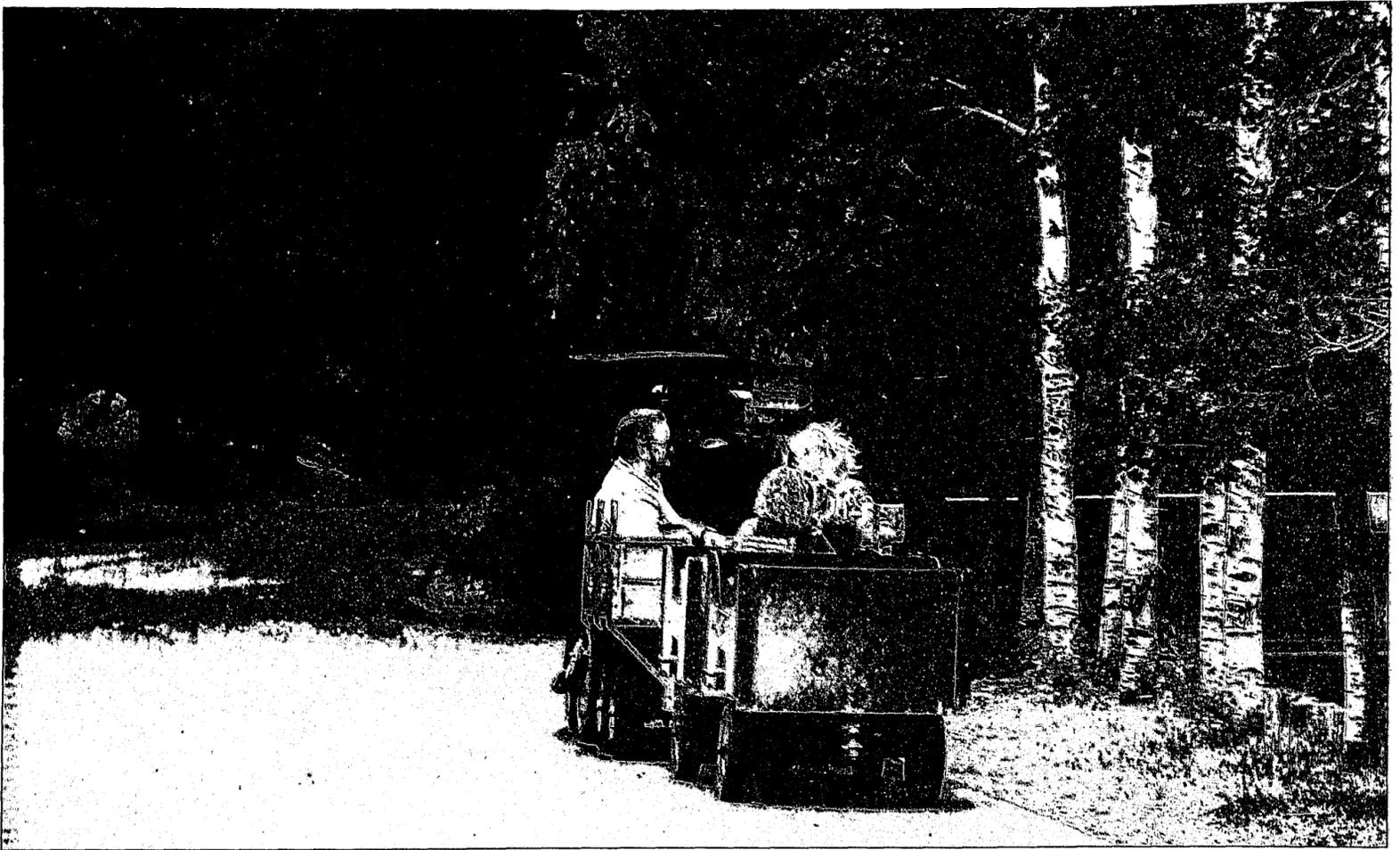
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A family enjoys a train ride on Robin Road while visiting Two Rivers Park on Saturday, June 26.

In a real good mood: Downs resident claims big lottery prize, goes to work

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A third local lottery winner this year has collected big from the New Mexico Lottery. Curry Reynolds of Ruidoso Downs purchased a \$20 scratcher game Saturday morning while stocking up on water jugs to take to a job site. The ticket was worth \$200,000.

The self-employed carpenter said the discovery of a six-figure prize failed to faze him a bit.

"I went out to my truck and drove to the job," Reynolds recalled. "I didn't get nervous, but I was in a real good mood all day."

Reynolds said he kept his lucky \$200,000 Black Gold ticket a secret until that evening.

"I got more excited showing it to my wife," he said.

The surprise nearly ruined their dessert.

"She was making a peach cobbler when I told her and she just started throwing everything in," Reynolds said.

The carpenter has some plans for spending his prize.

"It's time to work on my own house," he said.

Reynolds bought his ticket from Allsup's Convenience Store

343, 127 East U.S. Highway 70 in Ruidoso. It was the biggest winning ticket sold by the Allsup's location. Previously the store had sold five large-prize tickets that paid between \$1,000 and \$30,000.

In January Ruidoso resident Bill Swann won a \$2.24 million lump sum Hot Lotto jackpot. The ticket was acquired at Club Gas in Ruidoso.

In February, Eleanor "Jane" Johnston of Ruidoso captured \$100,000 in the lottery's Big Money scratcher. She had purchased the ticket last November and took it back to Club Gas, where the clerks delivered the good news.

Prizes of \$100,000 or more must be claimed in person at the lottery's headquarters in Albuquerque.

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Marla Romero with Evan and Dillen

It's fitting, indeed. On July 4th, our nation will celebrate her 234th year. And on July 11th, Marla Romero, the patriotic banker who organizes the bank's annual July 4th hot dog cook-out, will be celebrating her 19th year at First National Bank of Ruidoso. This busy banker, wife of Jimmy and mother of two, has her hands full. A never-give-up lady, she has been pursuing a college degree and will soon realize that dream.



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Sports On Tap

Race Track

Thursday-Sunday, July 1-4
Ruidoso Downs Race Track has resumed its normal Thursday through Sunday operation with a 1 p.m. start time. For race results go to www.equibase.com.

Smokey Bear Stampede

July 1-4
The Smokey Bear Stampede Rodeo will begin July 1, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan and continue for four days. The regular rodeo will begin at 7 p.m. every evening followed by a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ranch rodeos will take place July 3-4 at 12:30 p.m. A youth ranch rodeo (ages, 9-18) will be presented on July 2, at 1 p.m. There will be a fireworks display on July 4. Admission is \$10 for adults.

Smokey Bear Fun Run

The 30th Annual Capitan Smokey Bear Fun Run will be held July 3, at the intersection of East Creek and Pine Lodge Roads. Check in time is 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. The race will begin at 7:30 a.m. with two races – a 2-mile and 10k runs. Age groups will be 10-and-under, 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50 and 51 and over. An early fee of \$20 will apply if received by July 1. A \$40 fee will apply on July 2 and 3.



Joan Dale Hubbard presents jockey Eddie Garcia with his Hall of Fame plaque Saturday evening.



Hall of Fame inductees, Eddie Garcia (center), Dr. Leonard Blach (light coat and tie) and Paul Jones (far right) enjoy a few light moments with Jack Brooks (left) and Jacky Martin who represented the 1982 All American Futurity winner Mr Master Bug.

Ruidoso Racehorse Hall of Fame

Four standouts are inducted into the local, prestigious Ruidoso Downs Race Track organization

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

The 2010 class of trainer Paul Jones, owner/breeder Dr. Leonard Blach, jockey Eddie Garcia and All American Futurity winner Mr Master Bug was inducted into the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame on Saturday evening during ceremonies

at Ruidoso Downs.

Paul Jones is the eight-time defending national quarter horse training champion and the only trainer to have three or more wins in the Grade 1, \$2,000,000 All American Futurity and the Grade 1, \$750,000 Champion Of Champions at Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California.

The All American Futurity is the premier quarter horse race for 2-year-olds while the Champion Of Champions is the sport's iconic race for older horses.

Jones-trained horses have won more than 3,000 races – including 321 stakes races – and earned nearly



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Dr. Leonard Blach was inducted into the Racehorse Hall of Fame.

Premier jockey visits Ruidoso and tells his story

The all-time leading quarter horse jockey at Los Alamitos and winner of the '93 All American Futurity is honored at Ruidoso Race Track

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He may be 5-feet 4-inches in stature but this champion jockey walks tall. Wide-awake eyes, an infectious smile, respectful and a patient demeanor add to this rider's likeability.

Maybe that's why other jockeys speak so highly of him – even long-retired riders whose records he's beaten, who were ending their careers when he was beginning his.

Spend a few minutes with this paladin of quarter horse racing and you, too, will look forward to the next encounter.

Meet 45-year-old Eddie Garcia, Los Alamitos Race Course's all-time leading

quarter horse jockey (with 3,022-plus overall wins).

This winner of the Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity race (in 2008, aboard the Blane Schvaneveldt-trained gelding, Tres Passes) and other bigtime races would rather talk about his jockey brotherhood – riders like Kenny Hart, Danny Cardova, Joe Badilla, John Creager, Bobby Adair, GR Carter, Kip Diderickson, Jerry Nicodemus and Jacky Martin.

"For me, they were good role models," Garcia said. "I respect them and I still love to be around them."

Born in Talajalisco, Mexico, on Nov. 21, 1964, Garcia knew what he wanted to do in life at an early age.

"I was at my mother's house one day; told her what I wanted to be and I asked her to put me on a train from Guadalajara to Tijuana," the jockey-to-be said. "I was 14-years-old."

"When I reached my train destination I crossed over the border into California on foot. My older brother met me and took me to the Hemet Sinto Ranch where I galloped horses for eight months."

"When I first started galloping quarter horses I knew I had a talent and love for the sport."

When Garcia was 15 he was sent to bush tracks in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he rode for \$15 a mount.

"I would race seven or eight horses a day," he said. "At the time, that was some big money to me."

At 16, and now of legal racing age, the budding jockey began riding for the well-known trainer Ed Giles on official tracks.

"During this time he had some of the best racehorses around," Garcia explained. "He gave me the chance to ride

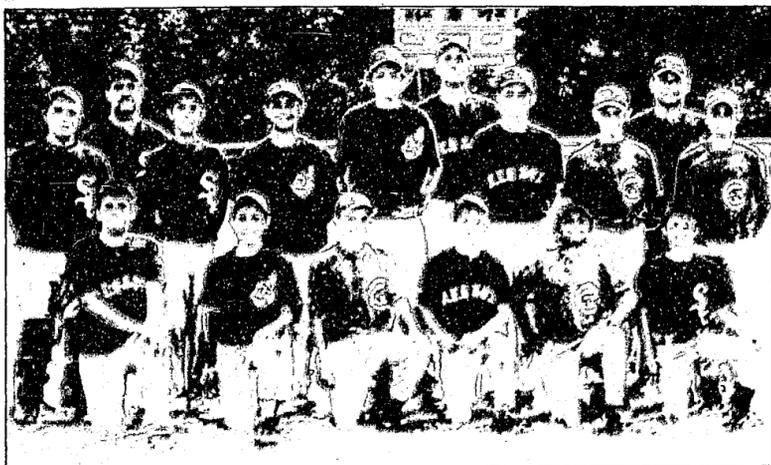


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Jockey Eddie Garcia won the '93 All American Futurity aboard A Classic Dash.

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RUIDOSO MAJORS ALL STARS



COURTESY

The Ruidoso Little League Majors All Stars will begin tournament play in Alamogordo on July 5, at 5:30 p.m. Pictured are, front row, l-r, Donnie Stephens, Andres Aguirre, Riker Graham, Gavin Eidson, Isaiah Soto and Matthew Riggsby. Second row, Damian Quinones, Jesse Tercero, OJ Herrera, Travis Mosher, Tristan Bowden, Trevor Weidner and Tyler Woodul. Back row, Coach Jerold Tercero, Coach Ridge Bowden and Manager Shawn Mowdy.

RUIDOSO MINORS ALL STARS



COURTESY

The Ruidoso Little League Minors All Stars will begin tournament play on July 5, in Dexter. Pictured are, front row, l-r, Jerod Candelaria, Jared Guevara, Mason Taylor, Diego Chavira, Anthony Montes and Brontson Leach. Second row, Steven Archuleta, Grady Woodul, Dominic Barela, Lia Mosher, Mikhail Barela and Isaiah Otero. Back row, Coach Chris Barela, Manager Stephen Otero and Coach Chris Woodul. Not pictured, Josh Duncan.

NMSU men's rodeo team places in top 10 nationally

MARGARET KOVAR
For the Ruidoso News

The New Mexico State University Rodeo team continued their national winning streak at the 2010 College National Finals Rodeo June 12-19 in Casper, Wyo.

NMSU sent 10 student athletes to this year's CNFR.

To qualify for the CNFR, a student must place in the

top three in their event in the region, or place in the top two in the all-around standings.

Bo Simpson, of Las Cruces, N.M., won first place in round one of the tie-down roping.

JoDan Mirabal, of Grants, N.M., placed 14th. In round two, Johnny Salvo, of Horse Springs, N.M., and Simpson received fourth and 20th, respectively.

Simpson placed seventh, Mirabal placed 10th and Salvo placed 12th in round three.

In round two of the team roping, Rodeo Walraven, header, of Datil, N.M., and Salvo, heeler, placed seventh. They also placed sixth in round three, with Mirabal, header, and Corban Livingston, heeler, of El Paso, Texas, placing seventh. Walraven and Salvo came back to win

third place in the short go. Jordan Bassett, of Dewey, Ariz., placed fifth in round one and 12th in round two of the barrel racing.

In round one of the breakaway roping, Staci Stanbrough, of Capitan, received second, with teammate Jessica Silva, of Tularosa, N.M., placing 17th. Belen, N.M., native Carleigh Marr placed 12th in round two.

Stanbrough also placed 13th in round three of the goat tying.

In the final standings, the men's team placed sixth overall and the women's team placed 16th. Salvo received the honor of the 2010 CNFR Reserve All-Around Cowboy, and Simpson's horse, "Shorts My Fancy," was named the American Quarter Horse Association Reserve Champion Men's Horse of

The Year. "The team represented NMSU awesomely both in the arena and in the community. All of our kids spent at least one or more of their days filling sand bags for the Red Cross up there." "They are great kids and I am proud to have them on our team," said Megan Corey Albrecht, assistant NMSU Rodeo coach and 2008 National Goat Tying Champion.

New website launched to aid handicappers in future bets

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

Ruidoso Downs and The American Quarter Horse Association have launched a new website at www.AAFutureWager.com aimed at providing horseplayers detailed information on the inaugural All American Future Wager and the top-25 2-year-old

quarter horses in the nation.

The website also provides an historic glimpse at the Grade 1, \$2,000,000 All American Futurity, the world richest quarter horse event.

In anticipation of the July 15-18 Future Wager pool period, a poll of American Quarter Horse handicappers and players

has produced a list of the top 25 horses that are likely to contend for a win in the All American Futurity on September 6. Every horse on the poll may not yet be entered to run in the All American Futurity trials, all will be eligible to make the \$50,000 supplemental payment to enter the trials. AAFutureWager.com provides past performances

and other details for each horse named in the poll.

"AAFutureWager.com gives horseplayers an inside look at the history of the All American Futurity and Ruidoso Downs. Plus, the website contains current information and past performances for the best 2-year-old Quarter Horses in the country with detailed Quarter Horse racing hand-

icapping lessons," remarked Rachel Weber, Director of Marketing for Ruidoso Downs.

Articles by Los Alamitos Race Course track announcer and handicapper Ed Burgart, handicapping author Jeremy Plonk and quarter horse expert Denis Blake provide winning strategies for quarter horse handicapping.

The Equibase speed figure is explained in detail.

The website also includes a list of locations and account wagering companies where players can make their All American Future wagers from July 15-18.

Poll results, past performances and horse bios will be regularly updated as the pool date draws near.

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\$57,000,000.

Dr. Leonard Blach of Roswell, New Mexico is a veterinarian who has overseen the breeding careers of many historic quarter horse stallions, including Easy Jet, Go Man Go and Rocket Wrangler.

He opened the first equine surgical in New

Mexico near Santa Fe and managed Buena Suerte Ranch in Roswell.

Blach achieved international racing fame in 2009 as co-owner of Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird, who went on to finish second in the Preakness Stakes and third in the Belmont Stakes.

Garcia is the all-time leading rider of winners and stakes winner at Los Alamitos Race Course.

He won the 1993 All

American Futurity aboard A Classic Dash and also holds victories in the Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity, Golden State Million Futurity, the Los Alamitos Championship and the Los Alamitos Derby.

Marvin and Lela Barnes' homebred Mr Master Bug won the 1982 All American Futurity, 1983 Rainbow Derby and 1984 All American Gold Cup at Ruidoso Downs.

Trained by Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame member Jack Brooks, he was the all-time leading money earner upon his retirement and is still the all-time leading money-earning stallion with \$1,793,718 in career earnings.

The Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame is located on the second floor at Ruidoso Downs and is open during racing hours. Admission is free.



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Joan Dale Hubbard welcomes Paul Jones into the Hall of Fame.

GARCIA

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good racers."

Three years later Garcia made the trip to Los Alamitos where he met the likes of Hart, Adair, Cardova and other stellar jockeys.

"I thought I was good but when I first saw those guys I said to myself, 'Oh boy,

they're really good."

Two years later, at Los Alamitos, Garcia rode the Schvaneveldt-trained 5-year-old gelding Easy Conversation, a 70 to 1 shot, to a \$100,000 victory in the Los Alamitos Championship ... by a nose.

In 1993 Garcia was hired to ride the Connie Hall-trained colt A Classic Dash in the All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Garcia had them all the way ... again, by a nose. This marked the first time a female trainer had won the race, and most probably, the first time an owner of noble Hawaiian birth (Abigail Kekaulike Kawananakos [a descendant of Hawaii's last reigning monarch, Queen Lili'uokalani]) has won the race.

"When you win the All American Futurity everyone in the world knows

who you are," Garcia said. "Horse owners, trainers and jockeys all dream about winning it but few realize that dream.

"It was one of the happiest moments in my life."

When he was first contacted about being one of the 2010 inductees to the Ruidoso Racehorse Hall of Fame he was pleasantly astonished.

"It was a complete surprise when they called

me," he said. "I'm only 45, so I thought I was too young to make it into the Hall of Fame. I always wanted to have this honor even in my early days of racing."

Garcia has no intention of hanging up his silks anytime soon.

One big race has eluded him - the Los Alamitos Champion of Champions. He's finished that race second three times.

"That race has the best quarter horse 3-year-olds and up in the world," Garcia said.

"It also has some of the best trainers, owners and jockeys. If you win it you know you earned it.

"I love to ride. It's a passion I was born with.

"God gave me a wonderful opportunity and you don't get chances like this too often. I want to make the most of it."

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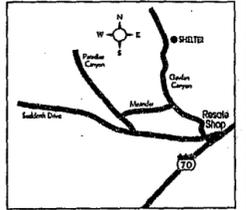
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Olive has beautiful, defined orange tabby markings and very short hair. She is about 2 years old and weighs 9 pounds. Quite the talker, Olive will gladly carry on a conversation with you. Olive is excellent with other cats and also does well with dogs. She is very affectionate and loves to be groomed.

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Sidney is a striking Terrier mix. She has unique brindle and white markings with a perfect brindle oval on the top of her head. Sidney is gentle and easy to take for walks. She loves to play with other dogs as well. Sidney weighs about 35 pounds and is about 2 years old.

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Lena is a beautiful short haired tortoiseshell colored cat with just a bit of white on her chest. She was found one morning in a taped up cardboard box on the doorstep with a note. Lena has proven to be a very affectionate and good natured cat. We think she is about 5 years old, which means her adoption fee is reduced. Lena is also good with other cats.

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Rachel is a very petite cat, only weighing 5.5 pounds. She is sweet and has beautiful markings. Rachel and her two kittens (Albie and Leah) were brought to the shelter after the owner moved away and left them behind.

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Shiloh is a cute Lab mix. He is about 4 months old, and should be about 40+ pounds when he is mature. Shiloh plays well with other dogs and walks on the leash already.

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Bonnie is a very sweet Chihuahua, about 7 years old. She weighs about 4 pound and is tan and white in color. Bonnie is very calm and well mannered.

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Polly is a very pretty Husky mix and is about 5 months old. She will be about 40 pounds when she is mature. Polly is very friendly and outgoing and she plays well with the other dogs and puppies.

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Sandy is a pretty white and black Aussie/Heeler mix. She is very active and plays very well with other dogs. Sandy is, however, deaf. She weighs about 25 pounds.

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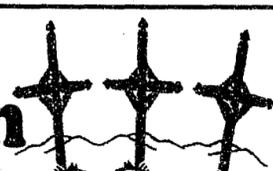
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The folded flag

In this patriotic time of year, between Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 4th of July, do we give much notice to the symbol of freedom?

Sadly, I ask this. We give little thought to those who came to this country for that freedom and those who paid the ultimate price.

Those of us who were born into this country and those of us who have not been handed a perfectly folded flag, know little of who we are as a nation or why we are a nation.

Two hundred and forty years ago the rebels who lived on American soil took up arms, did not do so to fight for freedom, they took up arms for the idea of freedom.

A free country at that time was only a concept – not a right and certainly not a reality. But for this idea they pledged their

lives and all they had in property, knowing they could be killed as a traitor because they were indeed traitors. Some were killed and some died as paupers.

We are guaranteed to be created equal and be born free. After that, it is up to our wits, our mind and our strong back to create life we either strive for or settle for.

Sadly, if we do not grasp the full meaning of freedom, we will not die free.

"Leveling the playing field" means you have equal opportunity to succeed; it does not mean everyone else should fail at the same level.

I've learned a lot from the legal immigrants I've been fortunate enough to know.

One fellow named Peter came out of the Czech Republic in the luggage department of a bus. If he got caught, he would die.

He is very concerned about the direction of our nation. He lived through socialism and communism and he doesn't want his new country, the United States, to take the same road.

Another fellow came out of Russia and no matter how hard I tried, he wouldn't tell me how he got here.

I have a friend who cleans houses so her boys can have good clothes, iPods and a good education.

Fernando, 17, recently was selected for a trip to Washington, D.C. He saw firsthand the monuments of the country his parents sacrificed so much to come to.

He is the son of immigrants who did not come to this country to take advantage of it but to add to it.

It is immigrants like that that make us proud to be a nation of immigrants. However, that is being lost in the debate of how much we should give to illegal immi-

grants who have no desire to be part of this country or give anything back.

These new Americans had to take lessons in our history and they were made to swear to uphold the American Constitution. I wonder how changed we would be if we really understood our history and had to swear to uphold our Constitution?

Think about this: Men before 1776 had such a strong belief in freedom they were not only willing to fight and die for that generation, but for all the generations that followed.

The men who fought in the World Wars and the women who took up the nations labor force, not only fought for that generation but to end all wars for future generations.

All the other wars fought since then have not been for American freedom alone, but

for the unwavering belief that all men should have the chance at freedom.

America has been accused of "interfering" in other nations. Does giving someone the opportunity to be free sound like interfering to you?

Would your life be different if the only desire you had for your kids was for them to be free?

There are only two reasons that there are wars: To cause oppression or to buy freedom. The rest is secondary.

How much would you sacrifice for freedom?

On the other hand, how much are you willing to throw out to oppress? Because every law that we allow passed that takes away God given rights is an act of oppression.

As you fly Old Glory this month – think about the fact you are flying the Flag and not being handed the Folded Flag.

To those who have been handed the Folded Flag – because I have not paid the ultimate price, nor has my immediate family, my heart goes out to you. I will pray for you and yours.

I will do anything in my power to not let your sacrifice go unnoticed. I am fully aware that the red strips in our American Flag signifies the color of Blood – those who went before and those who follow.

There are only two people who offered to die for you – Jesus Christ and the American soldier.

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FFA LEADERSHIP CAMP



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Lincoln County FFA members attending the June FFA Leadership Camp in the Manzano Mountains were, l-r, Tanner Huston, Kylie Gaines, Haley Montes, Lane Carter, Mason Huston and Marshal Wilson. Montes served the year as a state officer and is a member of Capitan FFA. Wilson is a new state officer and long with the others pictured, are members of Carrizozo FFA. The FFA organization promotes leadership, personal growth and career success. The theme for this year's camp was "Unleash Your Leader."

COUNTY BRIEFS

Flea market

A Flea Market for shopping will open at Central Station (The Sign Shop), across from Roy's in Carrizozo, Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., July 3.

The shop is offering a book exchange – bring one, take one – paperbacks, hard cover books and videos.

The Sign Shop is also dedicating one of their shop windows for community announcements, event posters and notices of items for sale, rent, etc.

Pino Ranch Party

Linda and Paul Pino welcome the community to the Pino Ranch, 5 p.m., Saturday, July 3 for an evening of music, food and fun.

Bring your family and friends, favorite dishes to eat, beverages and chairs. Enjoy an afternoon of fresh air and open space on a real ranch.

Potluck is at 6 p.m. The road to the ranch will be marked with a U.S. flag off of Highway 380 east of Carrizozo at the eastern entrance to Valle del Sol. Follow the flags to the Pino Ranch.

The event is a Music in the Parks project.

'Zozo fireworks

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department invites the community to its annual fireworks display at the Valle del Sol subdivision on Sunday, July 4, beginning at dusk.

There will be a designated area for the public to shoot personal fireworks. The fire department asks that all children be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

Those who light fireworks are asked to clean up their area when they are

finished.

Absolutely no bottle rockets or airborne projectiles will be allowed.

The department extends a "thank you" to Valle del Sol for the use of the property and to the Carrizozo Police Department and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse for helping with the display.

Donations will be accepted at the main entrance to help cover the expenses for the display.

CPL reading groups

There are two new reading groups at the Capitan Public Library that will meet in July.

On Wednesday, July 7, Beverly Wilson will coordinate a group of teens, 12-years of age and older to begin a discussion of fantasy and science fiction beginning with *The Amulet of Samarkand* by Jonathan Stroud.

Participants will be involved in future selections.

Thursday, July 8, will find Leila Adams leading a group of adults in planning and selecting books for future lively discussions.

Both groups will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting times will adjust to accommodate the needs of each group.

Food for the body will be provided as well as food for the mind.

For more information, call the library at 354-3035.

4-H Congress

Congratulations to Jenna Cleckler, Capitan, and Kylie Gaines, Carrizozo for their selection to be among the 10 New Mexico 4-Hers to attend the National 4-H Congress.

The youth are selected based on their State 4-H Portfolio.

Cleckler was selected for

her portfolio on lambs, goats and citizenship.

Gaines' portfolio included projects on market goats, swine and braiding.

Call for artists

Artisans and non-profits wanted for the Twelfth Street Dance and Festival, July 24, 5-9 p.m. Free space is offered but has to be reserved.

Offered will be music with Susan Kolb, food by the Carrizozo Woman's Club, Lanny Maddox on Indian flute in the 408 Gallery Sculpture Garden and fiber and pottery demos.

Come join the fun. The event is sponsored by Music in the Parks.

The Twelfth Street Dance and Festival will offer food, cold drinks and ice cream, all proceeds to benefit the Carrizozo Woman's Club and their "Raise the Roof" fun.

Citizen of the year

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce will host the Citizen of the Year reception on Friday, July 23, in the evening.

It will be a disco night, complete with the movie *Friday Night Fever* and all the trimmings.

Gregg Russell of Oso Arts has been named the Citizen of the Year and will be honored at the event.

Stay tuned for more details.

August music

Sunday, 5-7 p.m., Aug. 15, Music in the Parks will present an old fashioned band concert in McDonald Park with Fred Kinnan and Tim Rice, guitar duo and soft jazz.

Hot dogs and sodas, available from the Carrizozo Woman's Club for their fund raising.

RECYCLING CHAMP



COURTESY

Ol' George Tippin was honored for his recycling efforts in Capitan at the June conference of the New Mexico Recycling Coalition. Tippin has spearheaded major recycling efforts by collection papers, flyers, junk mail and phone books at the Capitan Post Office. Tippin has reported literal tons of paper collected for recycling.

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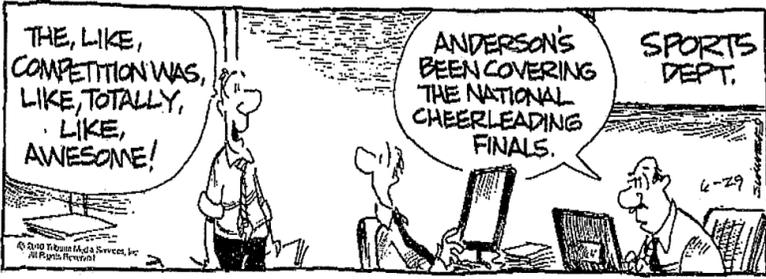
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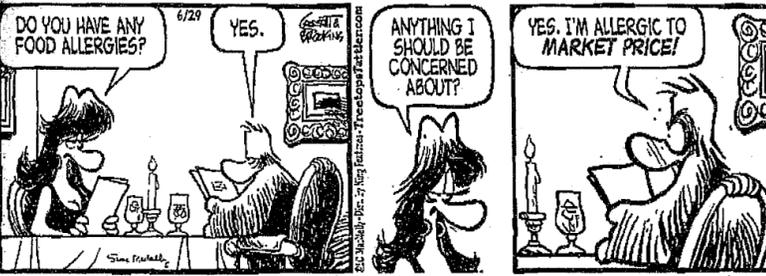
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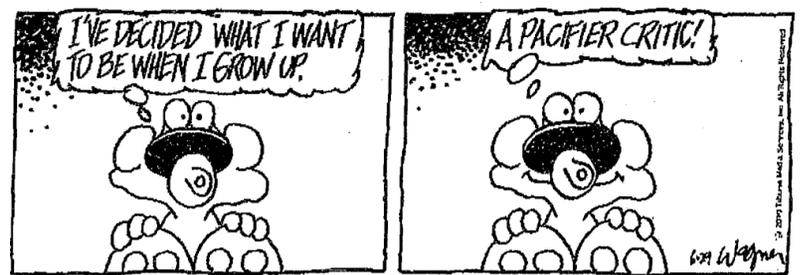
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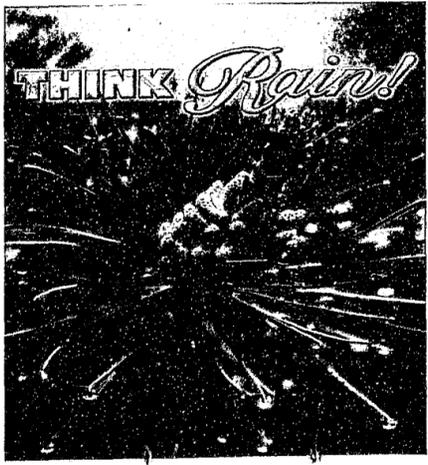
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