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Breathtaking aerobatic maneuvers will be performed at low altitudes for all to see.

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It's all happening at the Holloman open house Oct. 5, 10 miles west of Alamogordo, off US Highway 70/82. Gates open at 10 a.m.

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Is any person's land secure?

## 'Adverse possession' means the land you own isn't

By RIGO CHAVEZ

"This land is my land, this land is your land . . ."

These may not only be the words to a once popular song, in New Mexico they might also be considered law. The doctrine of adverse possession that is.

Last week in Lincoln County that law came into play at least twice.

One case involved two neighbors, Arnold Boyce and Earl Fenter, both of Carrizozo. The two men and their attorneys were arguing before District Judge Richard Parsons last week in an attempt to have the judge decide who was the rightful owner of a 50-foot strip of land that adjoins the two men's property.

Boyce, armed with two

surveys, was attempting to prove that although he had let Fenter use the land it was still rightfully his.

Fenter, arguing adverse possession, said that because Boyce had allowed him to use the land for more than 10 years without protest the 8-acre strip actually belonged to him now.

Parsons ruled that according to the doctrine of title by acquiescence, the Fenters had title to the land that was in dispute.

That doctrine is outlined in a previous court case said that adjoining landowners who occupy respective tracts up to a certain line, which they mutually recognize this line as the dividing line between the properties, if recognized for a long period of time, that line becomes the legal boundary.

Boyce said that he does not plan to appeal the decision, but that he does not feel justice has been done.

"I feel like I got a legal opinion, but it doesn't seem like justice," he said.

"It tells me that everybody who has a little piece of land better watch out or some neighbor might claim it," Boyce concluded.

In the second case, the Village of Ruidoso Downs is at odds with Richard Urban and his family over a 15-foot strip that the village would like to build a road on. Last week the village knocked down Urban's fence, removed trees and used heavy equipment to level off the strip that lies about five feet from his home and was once a yard where his children played.

Village administrator Charles Robinson claims that the strip was dedicated to the village as a street by J. C. "Jake" Harris, the mayor of Ruidoso Downs, several months ago.

However, according to village documents Harris did not actually sign over the property until Sept. 9, the day before the village told the paving company to start leveling off the section at Entrance Road and First Street for paving.

"My family has owned this house for about 30 years and that fence had been there at least that long," Urban said. "The road was always on the other side of the fence and I think the only reason they wanted to make the road wider now was so that Jake Harris

will have someplace to turn his trailers around."

This summer the mayor prepared the land across the street from Urban's home for use as a trailer park.

Robinson said he has tried to work with Urban and his mother, Cecelia Silva, who actually holds title to the house and the property.

"I tried to explain to them that the property line stake was actually behind the butane tank in their yard. Their fence was actually in the street and always had been," Robinson said.

He added that the village had offered to fill in and level off another portion of the lot so that Urban would still have a place to park his cars.

"They just demolished the property," said Silva.

"They didn't give us time to get our lawyer here or anything. They just started tearing everything out," she said.

Urban said that the village did not try to work with him at all to solve the problem. "I would have sold them the lot if they had offered to pay for it. Right now it's not worth very much with the street just five feet from my kid's bedroom window," Urban said.

Robinson disagreed saying that he thought the paved road would actually improve the property.

"A paved street on each side should do a lot for the area," he said.

The village administrator added that although the level-

ed off portion actually makes Entrance Street wider in front of the Urban home, only 24-feet will be paved by the village.

The street is about 40 feet wide along the Urban's lot.

"I just didn't think they could do this," Silva said. "We had talked to Michael McCormick, the lawyer, and we thought the village was going to try and work things out."

McCormick said that his clients do not recognize the village's claim to title. "We do plan to seek a legal remedy," he said adding that he was not sure how soon a suit would be filed.

"While we are fighting about this, I guess they just want my 2-year-old to play in the street," Urban said.

## Voter registration deadline, Sept. 23

Lincoln County Clerk Fran Siddens has announced that every person wishing to vote in the general election on Nov. 4 must be registered no later than 5 p.m. on Sept. 23 to be eligible to vote.

Siddens stated there is no charge for a person to register to vote, and if a person needs assistance and is unable to get to a registrar or deputy registrar, one will be dispatched. Potential voters may register at the county clerk's office, city hall, and in all the banks in Ruidoso.

"This is also a good time to update voter registration," Siddens said.

According to the voter's information pamphlet for citizens of New Mexico, if one wishes to vote in New Mexico, he must be a United States citizen by birth or naturalization, be 18 years of age by the date of election, register to vote in his county of residence and register to vote at least 42 days before the next election, which in this case is Sept. 23. There is no residency requirement in New Mexico.

The voter registration affidavit requires one's full name, social security number, residence address (physical address is necessary), place and date of birth, sex, political party affiliation (you may decline to state), and county of last registration. You must sign the registration form and swear an oath or affirmation that all the facts on the form are true and correct.

There is no fee or charge to register to vote.

For more information call the county clerk at 648-2333.

\$2.6 million bust

## Marijuana cache found at Hondo

The New Mexico state police has uncovered marijuana worth \$2.6 million in the Hondo area.

According to Captain John Denko, public relations officer with the state police, a total of 2,330 plants were found adjacent to the Hondo River on Sept. 12. The plants were 10 to 15 feet tall with an average height of 12½ feet.

Denko said the find was not an accidental growth, as officers found a pump and tools and implements for ir-

rigation. He said the marijuana was growing on five separate parcels of land about 600 square feet each. The marijuana patches were found on two different parcels of private land. The land owners are not suspect in the case.

Denko said there have been no arrests in the case and the investigation continues. The marijuana plants were taken by the state police and destroyed after certified samples were taken for evidence.



RICHARD URBAN stands in what used to be the yard his children played in. He and the village of Ruidoso Downs are disputing the ownership of the land.

A speedy trial: fact or fiction?

## Man in jail 60 days without a complaint being filed

One of the men arraigned on charges of robbing a Ruidoso supermarket claims that the District Attorney's office is dragging its feet in the case and is making it difficult for him to defend himself.

John Natale, 42, said in an interview earlier this month that assistant district attorney Harry Wilcox Jr. has yet to file formal armed robbery charges against him in district court.

"The preliminary hearing was July 10 and the DA is supposed to file a criminal information within 30 days. He still hasn't done it," said Natale, who also faces charges of possession of a controlled substance (heroin) with intent to distribute.

Natale and Audree Lacy McCullar were bound over for trial by Magistrate Jim Wheeler on charges that they held two employees of Ben-

nett's Shur Sav grocery store at gunpoint and took more than \$8,000 in cash and \$4,100 in checks during a June 21 robbery.

Natale said that because Wilcox allowed McCullar to be extradited to Texas to face parole violation charges on Aug. 29, it will be more difficult for him to prepare his defense in the robbery case.

"Now I'm sitting in jail here while my co-defendant is going to be a thousand miles away in Huntsville. How am I supposed to prepare when I can't even talk with him," Natale asked.

"I think the DA is trying to pressure me into making some sort of statement. I have a 9-month-old daughter and I want to be with her. I'd like to be home with my family, but not if it means sending someone else to jail for something they didn't do," he said.

Wilcox said that the reason McCullar was extradited was because he signed an extradition waiver.

"When he signed it they could take him," Wilcox said.

Natale, however, said Wilcox put pressure on Walker County, TX, authorities to come for McCullar, who is known as "Ace"

"Ace is a writ writer," Natale said. "He started putting pressure on our DA Harry Wilcox Jr. and Wilcox wanted him off his back," Natale said.

Wilcox said the motions McCullar had been filing had nothing to do with his extradition.

In a motion filed the day he was transported to Texas, McCullar requested that Judge Richard Parsons allow him to remove his waiver. The motion was denied.

McCullar wrote in an Aug. 11 motion that he had understood that armed robbery charges would most likely be dismissed and that was why he signed the extradition waiver.

"(Wilcox) apparently is renigging on the original deal," he wrote.

If convicted of the parole violation McCullar faces one to 10 years in prison. A conviction on the armed robbery and false imprisonment charges, first degree felonies, carry up to 18 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

Although Wilcox would not say that prosecuting McCullar on the robbery charge would be more difficult because of his extradition to Texas, he did say that having to bring him back to New Mexico would add an extra step should charges

be filed.

Wilcox said formal robbery and false imprisonment charges are still pending in district court because his office has still not received all the evidence in the case.

"We hope to have the evidence by the end of October," Wilcox said.

Natale claims that the reason for the delay is because the evidence is only circumstantial.

"Keith Borah, one of the guys from Bennett's, couldn't even identify me. You'd think that he would have identified his own brother-in-law," Natale said.

Natale noted too that Borah, the only one of the two employees involved in the robbery that testified at the preliminary hearing, had left Ruidoso and returned to Texas.

A call to Bennett's this week confirmed that Borah was no longer employed there. "They don't have anything that really ties me to that robbery," Natale said.

A search warrant granted to Ruidoso Police Detective Mike Lovelace in July said that an informant had overheard Natale discussing the Bennett's robbery. In the warrant Lovelace asked for permission to get a blood sample from

Natale so he could compare it to two Winston cigarette butts found behind the grocery store.

Lovelace also said in the warrant that a sunglass earpiece found at the store had matched one broken off a pair of glasses he found in Natale's car.

Natale said that if charges are filed he will present evidence that shows he and McCullar were in El Paso on the night of the robbery at Bennett's.

Regardless of the DA's decision on the robbery case, Natale still faces drug charges stemming from his June 28 arrest at David Lambert's trailer in Ruidoso Downs.

A motion to suppress the drug charge was denied by District Judge Robert Doughty on Sept. 4.

Natale also denies the drug charge.

"I'm not claiming to be an angel, but I wasn't distributing and I wasn't dealing," he said admitting that he has had drug problems in the past.

He said he would just like to get the robbery charge behind him and get back to work. Natale was in the process of moving his body shop business from Alamogordo to Ruidoso when he was arrested. "I plan to file a motion for

a speedy trial, but if it's denied I won't give up. I'll keep hollering for justice until I lose my voice," Natale said.

His bail is \$250,000 with no 10 percent.

## Liquor license seized

Armed with a writ of execution, Lincoln County sheriff's deputies seized the liquor license, Sept. 11, of the White Oaks Bar at White Oaks, NM.

The bar and its liquor license is owned by Robert A. Crenshaw. The writ was to satisfy a claim by Valley Financial of Arizona on a default obligation of \$5,000 owed that firm by Crenshaw, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in Carrizozo.

James R. Askew Jr., attorney for Crenshaw, said a settlement in the case is expected whereby Crenshaw will retain ownership of the liquor license.



BUY A CHANCE and possibly win this large replica of Smokey the Bear. The drawing will be Dec. 19. Frank Miller and the Captain Senior Citizens are also selling subscriptions to the Lincoln County News for which they receive a healthy commission.



"KIDNAP VICTIMS" rode in the back of a pickup after their abduction. They were given a blanket for their comfort.

'Terrorism' in Carrizozo

17 Woman's Club 'hostages' taken in surprise 5 a.m. raid

By RUTH HAMMOND

Seventeen members of the Carrizozo Woman's Club were awakened early Saturday morning and "kidnapped" from their homes and taken to Nogal and treated to breakfast at the home of Woman's Club president Sue Stearns.

The victims were taken by surprise by six kidnapers and were loaded into various vehicles, including a school bus, small car and the back of a pickup truck complete with a camper shell.

One of the first victims realized something was amiss when she opened her door at 5 a.m. and saw Mignon Sims standing at the door laughing. The victim tried to make a run for it but Mignon stuck her foot in the door to keep the victim from getting to her clothes.

The victims, without makeup, were allowed only a robe and slippers when they were abducted from their homes. One pair of slippers were really a man's pair of shoes and much too large for the young lady wearing them.

Husbands of the victims were probably the most unhappy at being awakened early. Of the 17 women taken only one husband asked when his wife would be returned.

As the number of victims increased, each stop was the

scene of laughter while everyone got out of the back of the pickup and stood around by the door waiting for the next victim. Cries of "We want breakfast!" were heard from the back of the pickup when the victims were not allowed to eat the doughnuts they found.

The trip to Nogal was not without incident. Lincoln County Sheriff Deputy Lerry Bond was on patrol and stopped each of the vehicles. When he stopped the school bus he spoke to the women on the bus. When he stopped the pickup and small car, he had the women get out of the vehicles

Little Theater tryouts set

The Ruidoso Little Theater is looking for cast members for its upcoming production of Woody Allen's "Play It Again, Sam."

Tryouts for three men and eight women will be Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 22 and 23, at 6 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

The production is tentatively scheduled for presentation in November.

Persons interested in helping with make up, lighting or stage construction are also encouraged to attend the tryouts.

and stand beside the road. One woman said it must be confusing for people passing by to see 12 ladies standing in the middle of nowhere in their nightgowns and robes.

After being stopped, the victims were then taken to Stearn's home for a breakfast which has been prepared by the kidnapers. Door prizes were awarded and members enjoyed the impromptu meeting.

It was explained to the victims that this was a "Kick Off the Year" scheme to try and get more people interested in club work. The novel idea was different and several members retaliated by bodily carrying Mignon Sims (the whole kidnap caper was her idea) down to the creek for an early morning dip in the water.

The victims were returned home and at least one woman had to wait outside in her robe while someone called her husband to bring the key to let her in her house. Another lady said, "Thanks for coming to get me. I wouldn't have missed it!"

The Great Kidnap Caper is only a memory for some but the NEWS has received information from a confidential source that the six perpetrators of the 'crime' will need to watch carefully or they will find themselves . . .

This woman's club wants blood!

The Carrizozo Woman's Club will sponsor a blood drive to be held Sept. 26, 2 to 6 p.m., in the Woman's Club building in Carrizozo. The blood drive was announced at the first Woman's Club meeting of the year on Sept. 11.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Betty Richards, donor resources specialist with United Blood Services in El Paso. UBS is a nonprofit community blood center which provides blood and blood products for patients in Southern New Mexico and West Texas.

Richards explained that blood can be separated into several components for patient use. Some blood components most often needed and their uses are red blood cells for surgery, platelets for leukemia and cancer patients, plasma

for burn and accident victims and antihemophilic factor for hemophilia patients.

UBS needs more than 100 units of blood every day in this area. Blood cannot be manufactured and once donated by a volunteer, the blood will only last five weeks. Some blood components last only a few days.

Richard's said, "Because of the different blood components, as many as four patients may benefit from one blood donation."

Donating blood is easy, with the entire process from a brief interview to the free mini-physical and actual donation taking only 30 minutes. The actual donation takes 10 minutes. All materials used in the donation process are sterile and disposable. This and other procedures

eliminate the possibility of contracting any infectious disease through the donation process.

Sue Stearns, president of the Woman's Club, has re-

quested that all persons volunteer their blood for this project. Posters have been placed in the area to help remind volunteers of the date—Sept. 26 from 2 to 6 p.m.

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LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN Robyn Peralta is in Albuquerque this week competing in the New Mexico State Fair Queen contest. Her schedule looks like this: Sept. 15, orientation and ride in grand entry; Sept. 16-18, riding competition and grand entry; Sept. 17, personality competition and grand entry. The queen will be crowned on Friday, Lincoln County's Pat Ward is the house mother for all queen contestants.

Alamogordo's Frontier Fiesta is Oct. 18-19

Sixty artists from all over the New Mexico and Texas have been selected to participate in the 8th Annual Frontier Fiesta sponsored by the Alamogordo Junior Women's Club.

The two-day juried arts and crafts fair will be held Oct.

18-19, at the Otero County Fairgrounds. Hours will be from 10-6 on Saturday and 10-5 on Sunday. Senior Citizens will be admitted free of charge, adults 75 cents, children 50 cents.

Each artist will donate a piece of his work to be used as a door prize. There will be 60 door prizes to be given away. Drawings will be held every hour and one must be present to win.

Food booths will be set up in the Walter Wade building. The food booths are sponsored by local organizations. A wide variety of goodies is expected.

Entertainment will be ongoing both days in front of the exhibit buildings. There will be bands, square dancers, singers, fiddlers and many more performances.

The theme of Frontier Fiesta is carried out throughout the booths with dress and motif of the participants western. Prize ribbons will be given for the best costume of an artist and best booth decoration.

Frontier Fiesta was originated by the Alamogordo Junior Women's Club as a means to raise funds which will be distributed in the community to various agencies, charities and projects.

Workshop for Spanish musicians

A Spanish Music Workshop will be hosted by St. Eleanor's Catholic Church on Sept. 20 beginning at 1 p.m.

Arsenio Cordova of the Oregon Catholic Press will be the main speaker. Cordova, composer of "Cantos a Mi Dios," has worked as music director at Holy Trinity parish in Arroyo Seco and as co-director of La Compania, a bilingual theater group that presents and preserves traditional religious plays from the turn of the century.

The fee for the workshop is \$5 and includes dinner. The workshop will end with a Mass at 7 p.m.

Participants are urged to bring their guitars and musical instruments.

For registration information call St. Eleanor's at 237-2330. Participants can also register at the door on the day of the workshop.

Aspenfest Ball

The Aspenfest Ball will be held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on Sept. 27 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$10 each.

The Aspenfest Ball is sponsored by the Lincoln County Democrat Women.

Drawing will be held for a man's diamond and turquoise ring, a woman's gold aspenleaf 6-diamond ring and a gold tie tac with a diamond. Reservations are advised due to the limited number of tickets available. Mail ticket requests to Box 1811, Ruidoso, NM 88345.



"SOMETHING IS NOT RIGHT" was the reason given by Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff Lerry Bond when he stopped these two vehicles on Highway 54 east of Carrizozo at dawn. The 12 women could give no logical reason for being out in their robes at that time of day.

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**Drug policy aired**

# College prep curriculum meets teacher opposition

Ruidoso School Board members asked teachers and administrators to give further study to a controversial proposal that would have allowed students to complete more credits and get a special college prep endorsement on their diplomas.

The proposal drew fire from a group of high school teachers who said it would impose too many limits on a student's choices.

During last week's regular board meeting high school principal Tom Hansen asked the board to approve the endorsement program that would have decreased the number of high school electives from nine to five.

Hansen proposed a total of 19 required courses including one additional science, typing and humanities course as well as two foreign language courses. Students would also have to maintain a 2.0 grade point average and complete one additional credit bringing their total to 24.

Students would be encouraged to enroll in the college prep path during their freshman year and along with their parents would contract with the school for its completion.

"It would give students another program of study at Ruidoso High School," Hansen said, noting that students could drop out of the college prep program at anytime.

Students would also be required to pass all their courses. High school teacher Raymona McAdams countered that the endorsement would have no meaning and that it would, "force a student into a box canyon."

"It tells some students that their career choices are second class. It could also

make some who get regular diplomas believe that they are second class," McAdams said.

Citing entrance requirements at Princeton University, McAdams said that part of the reason the college prep endorsement would be meaningless is that college entrance requirements are too varied.

Denise Hawthorne, a high school counselor, said that the college prep program could be an incentive for bright students to achieve more.

"I think it would be very good for them," Hawthorne said comparing the endorsement to cum laude honors at the college level.

Other teachers, however, disagreed. "The college prep program allows no failure and no choices," English instructor Gaylen Farrington said.

Superintendent Sid Miller asked that the proposal not be abandoned totally and that the two groups do some compromising on a new proposal.

McAdams said there was room for compromise, but under the current proposal, "someone like Leonardo DiVinci may have become just a minor scientist."

The school board unanimously approved a new policy on student drug abuse that spells out ways of intervening when a school employee sees a student using or distributing drugs.

Assistant superintendent Mike Gladden said the main thrust of the policy guidelines were to see that students with drug or alcohol problems get help.

"The new policy gives the principal some flexibility. And, the only time a student can be expelled is if the student is incorrigible," Gladden said.

The policy calls for a principal and another staff member to meet with students' parents and recommend that a medical or social agency be contacted by the parents to help the student.

When a staff member sees a student has a drug in his possession, is using or distributing the drug they are to tell the student, get the student's name and take the student to the principal's office.

The teacher is also required to confiscate any evidence and document the details of the incident.

The principal is required to notify the student's parents and the Ruidoso Police Dept. The student will be suspended for 10 days pending a conference with the parents or an expulsion hearing.

"We wanted to make the policy more severe for

students who choose to violate the law," Gladden said.

Gladden also gave the board an enrollment report that showed the district 35.5 students short of what had been projected. The biggest shortfall was in grades 7 through 12, where 19 students failed to show.

Gladden said that the enrollment and funding picture are not as gloomy as they might seem because the school district receives funding based on the enrollment after 40 days.

"Hopefully at next month's board meeting we'll be more optimistic," he said.



WILLIAM I. BUHLER, Governor of Rotary Dist. No. 552, will make his official visit to the Carrizozo Rotary Club on Sept. 25. Buhler is a resident of Truth or Consequences, NM and is a member and past president of that club. He is the first member of that local club to be selected as a district governor.

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By P.E. Chavez



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Harvey: "If all I can do on the air is enlighten, I'm afraid nobody will listen. If all I can do is entertain, then I might have a larger audience, but I'll miss this wonderful opportunity to enlighten. So I try to do both."

**WAILING GHOST**  
Those of us who were raised in Carrizozo and are of Spanish-Mexican ancestry remember stories of our youth. Stories of a wailing ghost (La llorona) helped children be inside their homes before curfew.

We didn't want to meet up with "la llorona" dressed in white and moaning in the

wind. La llorona, the crying female ghost of Spanish legend, is said to carry off naughty boys and girls.

The stories vary depending on who is telling the tale. One version is of a young woman who had two children. The children interfered with her social life.

One night, angry and resentful, she drowned them in a well. Later she regretted what she had done and her grief drove her mad. She walks the earth for eternity, the story goes, moaning in grief and searching for her children.

Young children who are out later than they should be, or who are naughty, we were told, would be snatched by la llorona.

There are grown people, I've been told, in Carrizozo who know that she is here now, haunting the streets on dark, moonless nights. She's been seen roaming the railroad tracks, countryside and neighboring communities. Believe it or not.

**PACK-RAT CLUB**  
I save old birthday cards, scraps of material and old clothes—we can't wear but still good for patching.

Do you also save parts of jewelry, string, wire bread ties and plain envelopes from inside of wedding and graduation announcements?

I save small pieces of meat, little amounts of mashed potatoes, dabs of frosting. You do too? Then you are a member of Pack Rat Anonymous!

I save recipes and needlework patterns by the thousands. I save newspaper and magazine clippings: poems, jokes, cartoons.

I did not inherit the habit from my mother or grandmothers, but I have one son who takes after me.

He is attached to his old crayons, old color books, cars with missing parts, Halloween trick-or-treat bags.

This week I convinced him to sort his junk. It was getting out of hand. He made more room to save more things.

### FHA/HERO

Sept. 11 was the date for the planning meeting for FHA/HERO Dist. J at Alamogordo High School.

Following a potluck supper, the following officers were elected for the district: Clarica Carpenter, president; Cathy Najjar, treasurer; and Susanne Saucedo, vice-president of public relations.

### TIP CLIPS



**SOUP'S ON**  
Thicken soup and stews with instant mashed potatoes instead of flour. Stir directly into the hot liquid until you get the consistency you want.

**DRESSED UP COOKIES**  
Top unbaked cookies with coarse sugar. Place sugar cookies in a plastic bag and crush with rolling pin. Sprinkle the sugar on unbaked cookies, pressing lightly.

**CARROT SANDWICH**  
Want the children to eat carrots? Try shredded carrot in tuna or chicken salad for sandwich making.

**EASY DESSERT**  
Cake too big for your size family? Cut cake into narrow slices, wrap each slice separately and freeze. For a convenient dessert, thaw at room temperature for 15 minutes.

**WHOLE MILK FLAVOR**  
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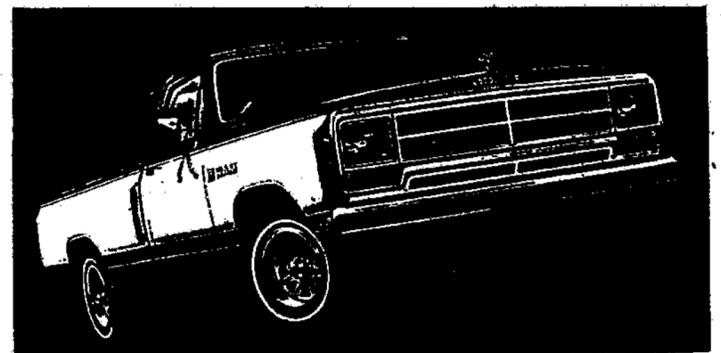
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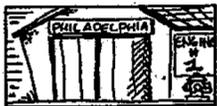
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## Engineering ripoffs

Most people are intimidated by a technology they don't understand. We would rather just smile and nod (and pay extra) rather than ask a computer salesman what RAM stands for, or a stereo salesperson what-Dolby NR does. (RAM is random access memory and Dolby NR is a noise reduction system that helps eliminate buzz on recordings.)

When we talk about engineering specifications for a bridge, a dam or a water well the threshold for understanding becomes much higher, along with the cost. And, so too increases the apprehension about looking foolish when asking questions.

Elected officials seem more willing to take more of our tax dollars for a project than risk asking "dumb" questions of an engineer. For this reason the Ruidoso Village Council deserves recognition for standing up and questioning the H. W. Lochner firm about the increase in engineering costs for two bridge projects in the Upper Canyon.

The village has already paid the engineers \$115,000 for design work on the two Upper Canyon bridges and three other river crossings.

When Lochner estimated that it would cost an additional \$23,924.48 to "redesign" the bridges so they would meet the council's specifications, the mayor and councilors finally said enough is enough and asked the village attorney to go over the contract with the firm.

It remains to be seen whether or not the village will have to pay

for the additional engineering costs, but it certainly was a step in the right direction for the council to begin scrutinizing Lochner's estimates.

If previous elected officials had done the same, it's possible taxpayers could have saved thousands of dollars on the Grindstone Canyon Dam project. The dam engineers have been able to collect over \$1.2 million on a design contract that was originally estimated at less than \$1 million.

This should not be allowed to happen again.

Elected officials should shake off their inhibitions and ask the tough questions of why the costs are going up for engineering. They should ask them again and again until they get answers that satisfy them and in the meantime they should not pay the increased costs.

It won't be easy because unlike construction and materials costs where invoices might show \$1.50 for a foot of pipe or \$30 for two hours of backhoe work to dig a ditch, engineering costs are less tangible.

This doesn't mean that the engineers should be held any less accountable.

We may not understand all the terminology used by engineers, but we all understand the bottom line. We can comprehend when something is going to cost us more.

We can only be intimidated when we allow ourselves to be, when we don't ask questions and when we don't scrutinize the answers.

● I don't know what kind of governor Garrey Caruthers will make, but he's good at waiting on tables. At a fundraising dinner at Cree Meadows Thursday night the Republican candidate for governor was assigned to serve our table. He performed with aplomb, efficiency and good humor. I was impressed with the way he served pre-dinner highballs. After explaining to him several times how I wanted my Jack Daniels served up, he cut the verbal red-tape by delivering me a large water tumbler filled to the brim with straight Jack Daniels Black Label. My last conscious remark to the leading candidate for Governor of New Mexico was, "If you serve your constituency as well as you have served this table, you'll be the best governor this moribund-ridden state ever had." The next morning I was short a \$20 bill. I suspect I exceeded the 15 percent limit on tipping the waiter.

● THE talk at the table was about his strong stand in favor of a state right-to-work law, which would allow a person to work without having to join a union. His Democrat opponent Ray Powell refuses to endorse such a law, and you will soon see why. If you remember, union bosses paid lots of money to get Gov. Bruce King's veto of a right-to-work law. Union bosses paid Gov. Toney Anaya \$151,000 to threaten to veto another right-to-work which would have passed the last legislature. The threat killed the bill in committee. Now, as of May, union bosses have given Ray Powell \$34,000, and God only knows how much more since then, in exchange for his pledge to kill right-to-work legislation. We won't know the total amount of the contribution until the next reporting period, which is after the November election. Ray Powell has accepted the endorsement and the money of AFL-CIO union bosses. Unions don't dispense campaign contributions until they are assured of the candidate's cooperation. This means Ray Powell can be bought, has been bought, and if one outfit can buy him, so can another.

● AMERICANS are known worldwide for their short memories. Harken to a typical example of failed memory. When President Reagan ordered US forces to bomb Muammar "Mad Dog" Gadhafi last April 15 Democrats and their fellow liberals promised America that we should expect a renewed wave of terrorism directed against us, at home and abroad. They wailed that the Arab world would be drawn together in protest against the US, as if we cared if they did. Let us examine the ululations of these America-bashers. First, Libyan-sponsored terrorism is almost at a standstill. Gadhafi stands discredited before the Arab world, and draws little support from embarrassed Middle East countries in whipping up his fight against America. He has lost his friends almost everywhere. For the first time, Arab nations are making overtures toward Israel. Syria, which also trains terrorists, has curtailed its activities.

● WHERE does that leave liberal journalists and commentators, who pulled out all the stops to belabor the American public with the dire consequences of stepping on Mad Dog's tail? Unashamed. Instead of admitting their error, handwringing liberals are spreading the same false information about conditions in Nicaragua and Central America. Nobody can corner these clowns and force them to recant. They merely and merrily skip to another liberal area of concern. And we of short memories continue to give credence to everything they say today.

● THESE same America-bashers are conducting a media propaganda drive to kill President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). It is succeeding. A liberal Congress that has never supported an adequate military defense has already cut SDI research and development funding by almost half. They shout that we are spending too much on defense, totally ignoring the fact that current defense spending is only 7 percent of the gross national product (GNP), about the lowest in the history of the nation. Even purblind Jimmy Carter's administration spent 10 percent of the gnp on defense. But Reagan is a warmonger and Carter was a man of peace, if you listen to the Soviets' "useful idiots" in Congress and in the media.

● TODAY we spend more on food stamps and welfare than we do to secure the safety of this country in a hostile world. Have we also forgotten our priorities? That the first duty of government is to protect these shores from our enemies—not to furnish ham sandwiches to the poor, support their bastard children or loan money to our enemies abroad? This country has never been prepared for any war in which we were finally involved. Such unpreparedness has cost million of lives, trillions of dollars and untold suffering. And we don't even remember it ever happened, much less why it happened.

● OUR passion for forgetfulness is related to our ignorance of and inattention to the lessons of history. Genghis Khan was an illiterate Mongol who conquered the medieval world. He was never defeated in battle. He knew the art of war and wrote about it. His rules of warfare compiled more than 700 years ago, are known to military strategists since that time. His first rule—fight offensively, not defensively. He said do not support an ally if in doing so you make him too strong (as we are doing with the Soviet Empire); instigate dissension in the enemy camp by supporting one or more dissident groups (does that sound familiar?); subject the population of a territory to be conquered to terror so they will welcome you when they take over (Afghanistan?); use peace talks and truces to prepare for the next offensive (that's all we hear about these days); use incessant repetition of claims so that familiarity with disagreeable topics will breed a readiness to take them for granted (see the aforementioned liberal handwringers); the objective of all war is victory by the destruction of enemy forces, which can only be achieved by relentless offensive (no summit talks, no no-win wars, and no fough talks—just overwhelming strength). The Soviets are following Genghis Khan's rules of warfare; we are not.

● BECAUSE we forget and because we ignore history, we hire generals to win wars while hiring Congressmen to see that we lose wars. Then we support a liberal media that makes us happy in our passivity while the storm clouds gather.



Watch Over

## WASHINGTON

Les Kinsolving

Enter the Sexocrats

WASHINGTON—For several years, some local politicians in the District of Columbia, mainly the Reverend and Honorable Walter Fauntroy, have been engaging in such silly schemes as demanding two senators for DC—or even the bizarre idea of making this America's first City-State. (It's like proposing New York City—or Chicago, Dallas or Los Angeles—for statehood.)

This statehood proposal, the zangler of the two, has even led to the founding of the DC Statehood Party—and a constitutional convention which produced the wildest ideas for government east of Berkeley, or as they call it, "The People's Republic of Berkeley."

Now the 1,300-member DC Statehood Party, which is not exactly a major force amongst 260,000 registered voters, is facing a takeover attempt by one Dennis Sobin and his Sexocrats.

What are Sexocrats? Well, *The Washington Post* reports that Mr. Sobin "publishes a sexually explicit tabloid and is involved in several other sexually-oriented enterprises."

Currently, he is scheduled to appear in DC Superior Court on misdemeanor charges of operating a bawdy house.

Mr. Sobin and several followers have switched their registration from the Democratic Party to the Statehood Party in order to take advantage of easier qualifying requirements for City Council.

When Congress made the mistake of granting home rule to this recurrently scandal-ridden Capital City, the charter specified that no more than two of the four at-large seats on the 13-member City Council could be held by any one party.

A political party (any old party, folks—and where is

The Great Psychoceramic Lyndon LaRouche?) Any political party retains the right to hold primary elections, as long as at least one candidate from that party runs every two years and receives at least 7,500 votes. To get on the ballot, all you have to do is get one percent of the party's registered voters to sign a nominating petition.

For Sexocrat Sobin to get on the ballot as a Democrat, he would have needed 2,000 signatures. As a DC Statehooder, he needed only 13.

Under the present system, the taxpayers all over the United States are paying for a \$400-million subsidy to operate one of the nation's most chaotic municipal governments.

Or does the nation as a whole relish the prospect of paying to finance a home-rule government oddity that could put whoremongers on the council of our nation's capital?

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

Unite against crime.

EDITOR—Attention to all the people who are outraged at the recent horror stories about Dena Lynn Gore, Linda Lee Daniels, and, I'm sorry to say, many others. This is an invitation to help to unite the many good people throughout the State of New Mexico.

We have formed a citizens group here in Deming following the tragic death of Dena Lynn Gore. We are a strong, non-violent group undaunted in our efforts to swing the scale of justice back toward the rights of the innocent victim.

Our main goal was, and still is, the changing of the Appeal Bond Laws that let the convicted criminal walk the same streets that we do, streets our children play on each and every day. We also have other hopes and goals that we're sure that many of you also share. We want stronger penalties for those people found to be guilty of violent crimes. We have started a court watch group in our community. Even though it is not a large group, it has been effective and has already had excellent results. We are working very closely with our state representatives and found an outstanding amount of cooperation throughout the system.

Let's unite! Come on, all you new groups, old groups, all groups large and small, and even you individuals with pen in hand. We've read your letters to the editor and seen reports on the news about groups forming all across this state. Our strength is in our numbers and our ability to communicate our ideas.

We're not asking that you join our group, but that our groups join together in an all out effort to strengthen and improve our laws. Together we should demand safe streets for loved ones and ourselves.

Help us network this state. Write and let us know the name of your group, a mailing address, the name of your spokesperson, and your present and future goals, and ideas. You individuals are also welcome and needed.

Let's light up this state with a network of groups and individuals that are unyielding in our desire for justice. Let's let our legislators in Santa Fe know that their first item of business in January should be justice for all, including the victim.

MARY LEONARD,  
Chairman,  
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## Inside the Capitol By Fred McCaffrey

SANTA FE—Who is being described in this group of phrases—"an ambitious, upward-striving, politically motivated, prosecuting attorney who seeks to build his future reputation on his achievement of dramatic indictments"?

Governor Toney Anaya would tell us the words are an accurate sketch of Bill Lutz, the federal district attorney in Albuquerque, who, Toney maintains, is out to get him.

If you were around New Mexico 10 years or so ago, you know, however, that every one of those notions applied with equal force to Toney Anaya, then the state's attorney general.

Anaya thought it was great when he could carry on in that fashion. He doesn't like it now when he has become its target.

THE PUBLIC PRINTS: And don't fail to note the other irony that goes on with this role-reversal. It has to do with the big city daily newspapers, who treated the man who is now our governor as some kind of shining knight when he held the reins in law-enforcement and was carrying on in approximately the same fashion.

You'd probably have to credit a third or more of Anaya's popularity when he began his run for the governor's job to the *Albuquerque Journal*, which had lionized him as a courageous activist. It was clear one of the things they liked best about him was that he publicly fought with Jerry Apodaca, who was not a *Journal* favorite then and is still not one today.

Reading the same paper

today, you'd get no impression it had ever rhapsodized over Anaya's gutsy approach to government. Nowadays, they are so down on the man you'd think they had been warning us to beware him for years and years.

It was tough for them to admit that the pile of papers we finally got to look at last week, all concerned with the affairs of the governor and friends, turned out to be a big fizzle for all of us who thought Anaya might end up being seriously embarrassed.

He wasn't—not because he came out of all this smelling like a rose, but because, so far, about the only verdict that can be handed down, about the charges against him is that they remain unproved.

DOWN THE ROAD: As for Bill Lutz, the DA who so gets on Toney's nerves, he'll probably hold his present job at least till the end of Ronald Reagan's term in Washington.

Maybe he's right on that, and maybe he isn't.

What most New Mexicans want right now, it would appear, is a respite from this turmoil so they can get on about their business.

If Lutz accomplished anything, it may have been to make some people a little sympathetic to the governor's cause, rather than the opposite.

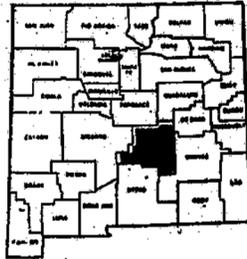
Let's put Lutz and Anaya on the shelf for now, and look to Ray Powell and Garrey Caruthers to get on with the heavyweight bout.

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## ON MY OWN

By Pat Kite

### Modern Romance

"Clare" was 27 and had never been to bed with a man, so when she met Frank it was a slow, careful courtship, an

almost old-fashioned one. "He's so wonderful, she told her elderly aunt after a hand-holding evening out. Her aunt, with whom she lived, smiled approvingly. Then one evening Clare didn't return home until the next morning. "Did you have a good time?" her aunt asked, trying to adjust to the moral's generation gap.

"Beautiful," Clare replied. Several weeks later, Clare hesitantly asked about "this pain" she was having in her "private parts," and what should she do about it? The doctor's diagnosis was "genital herpes" and what she could do to get rid of it was "nothing," although various medications could make her more comfortable. He used the words "permanent," "highly contagious," and "be careful if you get pregnant, because it could affect the baby." Clare became hysterical.

Frank was calmer. He merely said, "he would call her, she shouldn't call him." He

then added that he didn't know what she was so upset about. She could have gotten "it" from "anybody."

Between 50 and 150 million people in the United States have labial and/or genital herpes. It's not something they boast about. In fact, since it puts a decided damper on "romantic" occasions, many sufferers don't mention "it" at all. Which is how others contract the virus, which can be contagious even before blister-like sores erupt.

"Leanne" got genital herpes from her husband of 10 years. She presumed he wouldn't "fool around" with other women. He was.

Dennis was particularly careful about liaisons, but this particular woman was so demure, so chaste in attire, that he didn't even think twice. He should have.

Nineteen-year-old Elizabeth's boyfriend was a policeman. But she was stupid. She asked, "Do you have herpes?" He said "no." He lied.

This is not a medical treatise. Such information is available from physicians, public health clinics, paperback books and support groups.

This is not to say that herpes is the worst thing that can happen to a person. It isn't. People learn to cope. Life proceeds.

I'm merely mentioning it because when single women get to seriously chatting, somehow the "fear" of herpes crops up in conversation. I don't know if the topic comes up as often in single-male conversations, but my guess is, it might.

A friend commented recently that modern solo persons were often more interested in business than romance. She's right. There's something extremely unromantic about trying to work up the nerve to ask a prospective beau or belle if they have a "communicable social disease," then wondering if they're telling the truth or not. By comparison, business seems easier to cope with.

## Pizza sale

The Carrizozo FHA/HERO chapter began its year by setting a fundraising event, a pizza sale, on Sept. 28.

The 1986-87 FHA council officers are Cathy Najar, president; Clarica Carpenter, vice-president; Kelly Sheehan, secretary; D'rese Aguilar, treasurer; Karen Baroz, historian/reporter; and Frankie Gallegos, parliamentarian.

Jodie Heckendorn is the chapter adviser.

## Office seekers get a break

Ruidoso Village Councilors approved a new ordinance that allows village employees to run for elected office and gives them the option of using leave time or leave without pay to do so.

The village's policy on the issue had been questioned when David Pfeffer, a captain in the Ruidoso Police Dept., ran for the Democratic nomination for county sheriff this spring.

Under the old personnel ordinance village employees seeking public office were required to resign from their municipal jobs.

Pfeffer protested and said he planned to challenge the ordinance in court. His primary election defeat, however, ended his candidacy before a suit was filed.

According to the newly adopted ordinance, employees must resign only if they are elected and only if their elected office is in conflict with their job.

During a special meeting on Monday, Councilor Victor Alonso questioned how one would determine whether the elected office was "in conflict."

Village manager Jim Hine said that it would probably be decided in court if the village determined it to be in conflict and the employee disagreed.

Village clerk Leon Eggleston said that there were state statutes that defined certain areas that were in conflict. For example, a village employee could not also hold the office of mayor, because the two positions were directly related.

"The statute also prohibits an employee from holding a full-time position that would interfere with a person's municipal duties," Eggleston added.

The council had already approved the ordinance at a regular meeting earlier this month and changes approved Monday were mostly just minor rewordings.

Work on the new ordinance had been ongoing for the past year. Councilors had asked village administrators to deal with such things as nepotism and job posting requirements.

New provisions in the ordinance prohibit the hiring of any blood or marriage relatives of the mayor, councilors or the village manager.

They also prohibit the hiring of a person who will be supervised by their spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent-in-law, brother-or-sister-in-law.

Under the new posting and recruitment requirements, jobs must be posted internally if there is more than one village employee qualified for the position.

The job opening can be advertised if an insufficient number of qualified village employees exist.

After adjourning the special meeting on Monday, village councilors heard a presentation by assistant village manager Frank Potter regarding job classifications, salaries and the administrative organizational chart.

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# 'Long Ago'

By Ruth Hammond



TASTEE OPENING: Friends, customers and employees were all on hand to welcome Tom and Dorothy Spears as the new owners of the Tastee Freez restaurant in Ruidoso. Mayor Pro-tem Jerry Shaw did ribbon cutting honors this week. Spears said he and his wife will "try to keep everything as good as it's always been. The store is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

## In the service

Spec. 4 Bruce E. Hays, son of Leonard L. and Barbara L. Hays of Capitan, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal in West Germany.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

Hays is an armor crew member with the 32nd Armor.

Pvt. Jeffery W. Flanagan, son of Adm. Danny and Shirley Flanagan of Ruidoso, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, SC.

The Lincoln County Leader, Devoted to the Best Interests of Lincoln County and the Development of Its Resources, published in White Oaks, Lincoln County, N.M., Saturday, Feb. 15, 1890.

Some Few Observations  
Necessity is the mother of industry.

The man who doth not pick his teeth hath no teeth to pick.

The stool of repentance is a hard seat, but many sit thereon.

A loaded gun and loaded man, sometimes set the boomerang.

The victim of despair is not always the nice old maid with gray hair.

Love they say is blind, hence he is subject to the blind stagers.

Kindness is a more powerful weapon than vindictiveness or the sword.

It is not so bad for a man to put his hands into his own pockets, as in that of his neighbors.

The man who runs away from a fight may live to walk to his enemies' funeral. How many things creep quietly away, just as night doth silently steal the day. People who come with a flourish of trumpets, do not often bring loaded guns. The great man weepeth through his sympathies, the weak man laughs through his follies.

True and unselfish charity, goodness and love for mankind, make men and women God like.

They who have nothing to say should not talk too much. And they who say but little have naught to say.

The man who leads the procession when danger is afar, is generally the first to flee when danger comes uncomfortably near.

Man is not accountable for his thoughts only for his speech and actions, but bad thoughts should not be encouraged, else they lead to bad deeds and detestable speech.

The advantage of being an old man—he is not compelled to do military duty, sit upon jury, work the roads, can say what he pleases of his neighbors without fear of being whipped, as it is a disgrace to strike an old man, however much he may deserve it.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 1890

Local Roundups  
LaGrille has abandoned White Oaks.

Potato races are again the rage in White Oaks. Ridgeway is moving his store nearer to the moral centre.

Capt. Timony had la grippe this week but made it fled.

Saturday, March 1, 1890

Local Roundups  
March.

Winter has gone. The days are lengthening. Congress has ratified the Leader's judgement expressed months ago, and decided on Chicago as the point for holding the World's Fair in 1892.

Dr. Gould of the Albuquerque Democrat spent a couple

of days in our camp this week for the benefit of his health and the paper he represents. Both sick ones were improved by his visit.

Saturday, March 8, 1890  
Local Roundups  
Wish we could report death of the devil, He's a local.

The Grippe struck Nogal hard. It hit everybody but Grand-pa Henley. The old gentleman was in town on Wednesday feeling as frisky as a billy goat.

We regret to learn that S. W. Lloyd is not improving. Measures are being taken for his removal to an asylum, but it is believed that his reason is forever dethroned.

Boring in the Jicarilla well was resumed this week and the managers avow a determination to keep on until they strike water, China or hell.

Our public school averaged an attendance of 45 for the month of January notwithstanding the prevalence of la grippe. There are 52 pupils

enrolled and only 12 are over 10 years of age, the larger ones now being sent to the Academy.

Dr. Lane, Frank Conger and Peter Reed took a trip last week to the south-west of the White Mountains. They brought back with them some fine looking ore containing gold, silver, and a large percentage of lead. It's location could not exactly be ascertained as the parties are not yet ready to admit the public to their confidence poco tempo.

The public school of this district will close it's regular term of five months next Friday. It is most likely a short term of two months will immediately follow. We have heard of no intention to change teachers and therefore most likely Mrs. M. M. Rudisill will continue to teach the New Mexico idea how to shut.

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She had been a resident of Belen Nursing Home for the past year and a half.

She is survived by three brothers, Paul, Dan and Joe Ortiz; two sisters, Viola Vigil and Oralia Najjar; 21 nephews and nieces.

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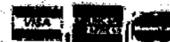
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# SPORTS

## Capitan trounces Wolverines, 41-0

By BART McDONOUGH

After playing to a scoreless tie in the 1st quarter, the Capitan Tigers exploded for three touchdowns in the 2nd quarter and three more in the 2nd half to defeat the Texico Wolverines 41-0. This game was played Sept. 12 in Capitan under excellent weather conditions.

With 4 minutes gone in the game, Texico attempted a field goal, which was no good.

The 2nd quarter opened with Doug Eckland getting a good hit for the Tigers. The Wolverines couldn't connect on their passes due to a good Capitan rush which forced the Texico passer to unload the ball early. Clements received the Wolverine punt and ran it all the way back to the Texico 25 yard line. A pass to John Parker put the ball on the 8 yard line. Eckland got 2 yards just before Jay Eldridge took the pitch out and raced in for the TD. The PAT sailed wide to the right. With 8 minutes left in the half, Capitan enjoyed a 6-0 advantage.

A good kick-off by Mike Lunn caused Texico to take over on its own 8 yard line. The Wolverines got two 1st downs before a solo tackle by Clements forced Texico to punt. A costly penalty forced Capitan to begin its next drive from its own 15 yard line. It was here that Troy Padilla got in a beautiful 28 yard run, breaking many tackles along the way. Eldridge got 8 yards up the middle and then romped 48 yards on the sweep to pay dirt. Eldridge ran the ball in for the 2-point conversion, and the scoreboard read Capitan 14, Texico 0.

Texico took the ensuing kick-off but couldn't move the ball. Capitan received the punt and got a 1st down. Troy Padilla then surprised the crowd by racing 45 yards for Capitan's third TD. Padilla reversed his field three times. Lunn kicked the PAT and the half ended Capitan 21, Texico 0.

The second half began with Capitan mounting a drive from its own 25. Padilla passed to Clements for 21 yards and a 1st down. Several plays later found the Tigers on Texico's 28 yard line. Eldridge got 8 yards just before a face mask penalty nullified a nice gain by Clements. Padilla got the yardage back on a 27 yard scamper to the 9 yard line. Eckland then clawed and gouged his way 9 yards for the touchdown. Lunn kicked the extra point. Tiger 28, Wolverines 0.

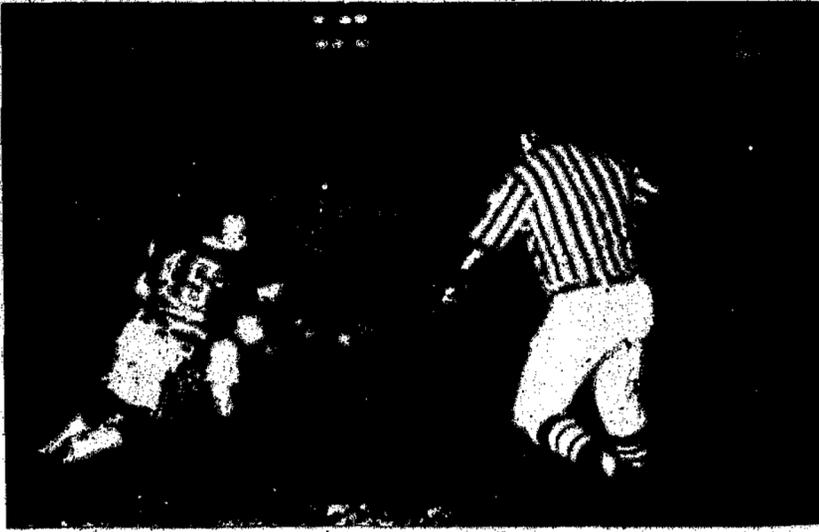
Both teams recovered fumbles later in the quarter. With moments left Julian Romero made a good tackle and then blocked a punt. On a couple of runs Eldridge worked the ball to the two yard line before the 3rd quarter ended.

The 4th quarter opened with Eldridge getting the touchdown up the middle. Lunn's 1st PAT attempt was nullified by a penalty. His 2nd attempt was blocked. Capitan 34, Texico 0.

Action later in this quarter featured nice "hits" by Shanks, Griggs and Romero. Anthony Sanchez got in three short gainers and Julian Romero got 20 yards running out of the backfield. A Tiger

touchdown went for naught when Texico recovered a fumble behind its own goal line. The stage was now set for a surprise ending when, with 54 seconds left in the game, Will Griggs intercepted a stray

Wolverine pass and ran it 22 yards for the Tiger's final TD. Mike Lunn kicked the PAT and the game ended seconds later. Capitan travels to Hagerman Sept. 19 for a 7:30 p.m. encounter with the Bobcats.



GRIZZLIES DROP CLOSE ONE—Richard Guevara (45) picks up yardage in Friday's Carrizozo 6-0 loss to Ft. Sumner. The Grizzlies travel north Sept. 19 for a 7:30 p.m. encounter with Coach Bob Bell's Estancia Bears.

## Grizzlies bow to Ft. Sumner, 6-0

Carrizozo's Grizzly football squad, seeking its first win of the season, twice came up short late in the game as Ft. Sumner handed the local team a 6-0 loss.

After a scoreless first quarter Ft. Sumner broke the 0-0 tie by punching over the only score of the night at the 4:40 mark in the second period of play.

Half-time intermission found the visiting Foxes holding on to their slim 6-0 lead.

Carrizozo mounted a long drive late in the 3rd quarter after downing a Ft. Sumner punt at its own 2 yard line. Senior Tommy Escamilla got the Grizzlies out of the shadow of its own goal line with four straight carries to the 32 yard line. A 15 yard run by Richard Guevara got the Grizzlies to

near mid-field. With a 4th down and 3 facing the Grizzlies at the Ft. Sumner 32 yard line, Escamilla scampered to the visitor 2 yard line—giving Carrizozo a 1st and goal. A 2 yard loss on 1st down put the Grizzlies at the 4 yard line.

On 2nd down the snap from center was mishandled and Ft. Sumner recovered the Carrizozo miscue at the 15 yard line with 6:30 left on the clock.

Ft. Sumner moved the ball down field and returned the favor when their punter mishandled the snap on 4th down and linebacker John Saucedo dropped him at the Foxes 34 yard line with 3:45 showing on the score-board clock.

Three plays failed to gain a 1st down, bringing up a 4th

and 10 do or die situation for Carrizozo. Escamilla launched a desperation pass and wide-receiver Tom Giordano caught the ball and went out-of-bounds at the Ft. Sumner 3 yard line—still 2:10 left.

Carrizozo was penalized 5 yards for illegal motion on 1st down, putting the ball at the 8 yard line. On the next play Carrizozo again mishandled the ball losing 11 more yards to the 16 yard line. Ft. Sumner defense then stiffened and held for 3 more downs and took possession at the 32 yard line and ran out the final 32 seconds on the clock.

The Grizzlies will travel to Estancia Friday (tomorrow) to do battle with the Bears—game time scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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## Warriors 7-6 over Goddard

A third-quarter touchdown pass and an extra point kick saved the game for the Ruidoso Warriors last week in a 7-6 win over Roswell Goddard.

Goddard's Rockets had led since the 2nd quarter when quarterback John Cherry connected with Sean Gallagher on a 74-yard pass and Gallagher out-distanced the Ruidoso defense.

Warrior quarterback Jeff Willingham made his scoring pass to end Brian Davis from his own 32 yard line. Davis managed to keep ahead of his pursuers for the TD.

Garret Henson's kick turned out to be enough for the win. The Warriors will meet Tularosa Friday in a 7:30 p.m. ballgame at Horth Stadium in Ruidoso.

The win over Goddard brought the Warrior's record to 2-1.



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Capitan vs Hagerman, varsity football, 7:30 p.m., at Hagerman.  
Ruidoso vs Tularosa, varsity football, 7:30 p.m., at Ruidoso.
- Sept. 20, Saturday  
Carrizozo vs Magdalena, volleyball, 2 p.m., at Magdalena.  
Corona vs Ft. Sumner, volleyball, 1:30 p.m., at Ft. Sumner.  
Capitan vs Elida, little tigerette volleyball, noon, at Capitan.  
Capitan vs Elida, volleyball, 1 p.m., at Capitan.  
Hondo vs N.E.C.A., varsity football, 2 p.m., at Hondo.  
Ruidoso vs Artesia, junior varsity football, 6 p.m., at Ruidoso.
- Sept. 22, Monday  
Capitan vs Corona, volleyball, 5:30 p.m., at Corona.
- Sept. 23, Tuesday  
Capitan vs Tularosa, volleyball, 3 p.m., at Capitan.
- Sept. 25, Thursday  
Carrizozo vs Tularosa, junior high football, 3 p.m., at Tularosa.  
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KERRY CLEMENTS gets excellent yardage here in Friday's 41-0 Tiger victory over Texico. Mike Lunn (65) takes out Larry Dudley (22) while Clay Layher (76) moves in to help. Capitan visits Hagerman Sept. 19 and then returns home for a 4:30 p.m. homecoming game Sept. 26 with Springer.

## Grizzly spikers win 2, lose 1

The Carrizozo Grizzly volleyball team improved its season record to 3-1 by taking two out of three matches over the weekend.

Vaughn's Aguilas visited the Grizzlies den and handed the Carrizozo girls their first loss of the season on Thursday. Vaughn won a closely contested first set by the score of 15-11 and followed it up with a 15-6 win in the second set.

Carrizozo rallied in the third set behind the play of sophomore Jeanna Sims and won 15-10. The Grizzly girls continued their comeback and tied the match up at two games each by winning the fourth set 15-7 behind the play of Karen Baroz, Kristi Askew and Judy Vega.

The fifth and deciding game was close until the end, with the Aguilas relying for a hard fought 15-13 win.

On Saturday Carrizozo traveled to Hondo and defeated the Eagles three games to none by the scores of 15-8, 15-10 and 15-2 as the younger

members of the team got in some valuable playing time.

Line-up in second set for Grizzlies included sophomores Marcia Hefker, Diana Najer, Jeanna Sims and D'rese Aguilar, along with senior Jamie Patterson.

On Tuesday night the Grizzly girls upped their season record to 3-1 as they swept past the visiting Corona Cardinals by the scores of 15-8,

15-4 and 15-7.

Action this week finds the JV and junior high teams traveling to Capitan Thursday (today)—action set to start at 4 p.m.

On Saturday the Magdalena Steers will host all three Grizzly girls teams (junior high, JV, varsity). Action is slated to start at 5 p.m.

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# Capitan News

By Margaret Rench

There was a half-inch slow rain received last week. We had a light frost Sept. 11 and light ones since. It stayed damp cold and cloudy. It is that time of year.

There were 664 registered guest at the Smokey Bear Museum, Sept. 8-14. Helen and Curley Ridgway of Roswell left a big bag of tops for Pepsi and canned Cokes for a child at the hospital used for dialysis. Other businesses who are saving them have many and are wondering why there is not someone to pick them up. The bags are growing, and we need to know what to do with them. I was told the child is in a Albuquerque hospital. Someone, please, come forward and inform someone here in Capitan. We are doing our part to help.

An explanation of U.G.L.Y. Bartender contest is U for understanding, G for generous, L for loveable, Y for Young at Heart. Now you will understand the auction held last Friday night at the Rusty Anchor Bar with all proceeds donated to multiple sclerosis. Local merchants and individuals and some from Ruidoso donated the items that were auctioned off. Thomas John (TJ) is trying for the "Ugliest Bartender" and sponsored this to gain points for the contest. A "job well done" goes to TJ. I was informed that 300 persons attended. That was a good deed done for a good cause.

The Capitan football team here with Texco won 41 to 0. To date we have won two games and lost one. They will play Hagerman there Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The homecoming game with Springer will be Sept. 26.

Robyn Peralta is at the State Fair in Albuquerque this week representing this area as Lincoln County Fair Queen. Robyn's brother Chris is doing well at Western University in Silver City.

It is time to start thinking about Christmas lighting. Make your plans early for the Christmas Contest Dec. 23. This involves lights which can be seen from the outside. This Christmas there are two categories, residential and commercial. The Capitan

Chamber of Commerce will award a total of \$180 in prize money.

Old Corrals & Sagsbrush will be closed Monday and Tuesday through the winter months. Come by and check out the sale items.

Comet chapter 29, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its installation of officers Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall in Carrizozo. Being installed: worthy matron, Anita Weber; worthy patron, Glenn Baldwin; associate matron, Doris Pounds; associate patron, Bartley McDonough.

The Capitan band performed in uniform at the Texico game here. The band is smaller than usual but does an excellent job.

I have learned the names of the junior high cheerleaders—Karrl Runnels, Moriah Effhimiou, Marnie Dye, Brandi Peralta and Cindy Castillo. The Tigers are Napetta Boyda and Tammi Peralta.

Capitan has a new business which opened Monday Sept. 15. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment. "Jane's Clothes Closet," located on 5th St. south of Highway 37. Antique clothing, new and used women's clothing, from babies to grandmothers, jewelry, etc. I wish you success and lots of happiness therein, Jane.

Norman and Marie Renfro have their special meeting room available again. This is a good place to have that special meeting.

Thank you, Mr. McDonough for the following items:

The Capitan School Board accepted the resignation of Diane Newsome.

Protective covering for the lights in the new gym will cost about \$3,000.

A new compressor is being installed in the walk-in freezer at school.

The state funded the \$2200 salary increase for the teachers. The state would not fund the special benefits for teachers. The local district must come up with these monies.

The Capitan School will apply for 50-50 sharing monies with state. This concerns energy conservation and involves five classrooms located around the 3rd grade area.

The school enrollment now stands at 486. The projected enrollment was 485. The biggest class in the elementary school is the 6th grade with 44 students. The 5th grade has 43 students and kindergarten has 42. At present there are 28 students in the senior class, and 49 students in the 10th grade. A huge part of the funding to the schools by the state is based upon school enrollment for the first 40 days of school. The 40th school day will be Oct. 13.

The proposed swaps of lands and buildings has been approved. This could be completed in December. Then the construction of the new sports facility will go forward. This new facility would include a new football field and track. Jim French is the architect for the project.

The traffic load on

Highway 380 does not warrant a blinking amber light to be installed by the state, but it could be installed on the local level. A special meeting has been called for Sept. 25 to sell school bonds. This meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the school board room. The next regular meeting of the school board is Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., in the board room. Again, thank you.

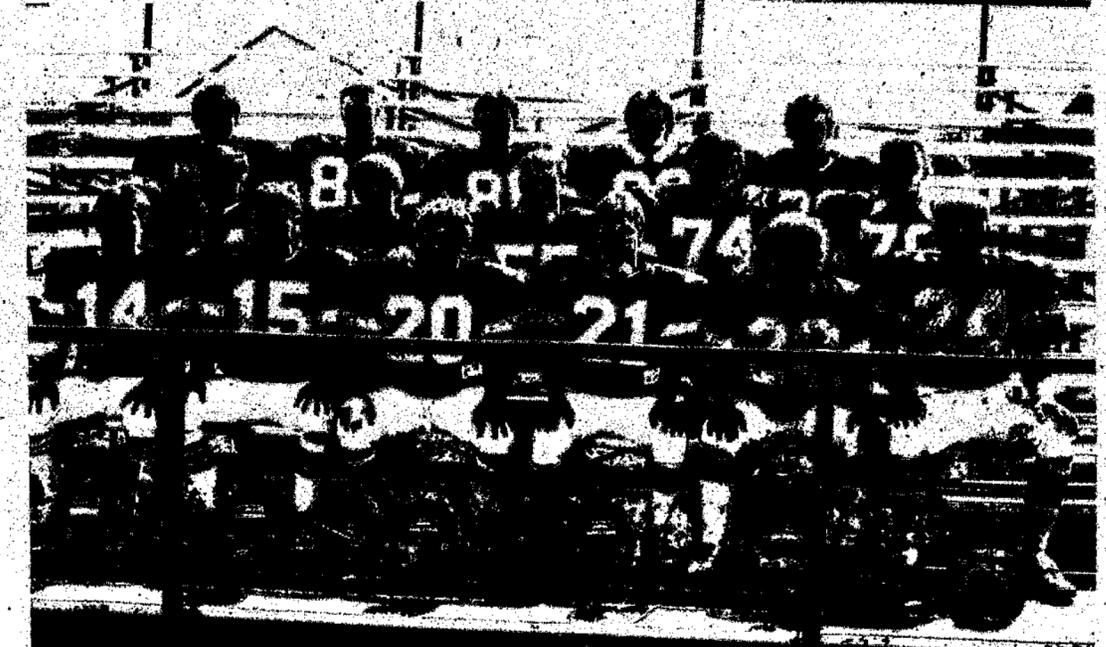
The Capitan Elementary School will have a book fair, Sept. 22-26.

Jack Phillips is back in Lincoln after suffering a stroke. He is doing better. We wish him a belated birthday. Happy and healthy, which was Sept. 7. Also belated birthday wishes for Wayne Otero, Sept. 11, and many more.

Dean Schear of Capitan, who is in the Army, and Miss Kimberly Painter of El Paso will be married Sept. 20 at the Trinity Baptist Church in Capitan. Then they will travel on to Hawaii where he will have a tour of duty.

Claudia Montoya of California arrived in Capitan this last weekend to take her daughter, Rhonda, with her to California to make her home. We will miss you Rhonda, but we do send all the very best wishes for happiness and success in your new destination.

Mr. Mayfield's dahlias are truly beautiful as always. We do enjoy that beauty each year. I am wondering if he and Miles Williams are still catching the big fish at Bonita Lake? Happy



py fishing and flowers.

I appreciated as guests last Sunday afternoon, Ivy Weatherby, 89, of El Paso and her daughter, Murrell Holbert of Ruidoso. It was great seeing them again. Hope they do that often.

Arthur Talbot, father of Arlin and Laurie Talbot who graduated here in Capitan, underwent brain surgery last Friday morning in Spokane,

WA. His sister, Dorothy Hobbs and Laurie left Saturday night to be at his bedside. I wish him a good recovery.

Allie Taylor of Roswell, formerly of Capitan for many years, died in Roswell, where she has been for some time due to health. She was buried in the Capitan Cemetery beside her husband, Sept. 4. She was such a good lady and

1986 CAPITAN TIGERS—The Tigers, sporting a season record of 2-1, travel to Hagerman Sept. 19 for a 7:30 p.m. shootout with the Bobcats. Capitan has scored 78 points this season to its opponents 22. Pictured, front row, 1. to r., Ronnie Sanchez, Troy Padilla, Jay Eldridge, Anthony Sanchez, Kerry Clements, and Doug Eckland. Second row, 1. to r., Johnny Castillo, Clay Guck, Ronald Joiner, Jeramey McCarty, Clay Laybet. Back row, 1. to r., Julian Romero, John Parker, Mike Shanks, Greg Smith, and Will Griggs. Not pictured, Mike Lunn and William Beckley.

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# How I goofed thru old Hip O's last roundup

(World War II was in progress, and cowboys were scarce at the Hip O Ranch near Corona, owned by Jessie R. Jenkins. In this situation, Mrs. S.B. (Lavina) Erwin, now Lavina Kennon Reha of Ruidoso, Downs, NM, took to the saddle to help complete the last roundup on the old Hip O Ranch. This is her account of a way of ranch life that vanished with the war, and of a legendary figure of the Old West: Jessie R. Jenkins.)

By Lavina Kennon Reha

During World War II, I was a young woman who suddenly found herself working as her husband's saddle helpmate. He was employed by elderly Jessie R. Jenkins on his spread near Corona in Lincoln County, New Mexico, known as the Hip O. (Horses were branded the hip o only; cattle the hip o and a shoulder H.)

In the beginning we were camped at "The Brown," an old homestead house, and the rainiest season in memory was upon us. The dampness was not allowing the newly branded and castrated calves to heal properly—some brands were burnt a bit too deep. This was causing a screw-worm epidemic.

Many of the county's ranch hands were taking better paying jobs at the state's several new government bases, or Uncle Sam was calling them. A Mr. Lee from Alamogordo and my husband, S.B. Erwin, were battling time to save the calves. So a need and I met.

S.B. would rope a calf and I'd hold it, trying not to see the revolting sight. But each night when I closed my eyes, an O brand became a pool of wiggling creatures. We finally got the thing under control, though, and the stock were getting fat on the unusual abundance.

Then Mr. Jenkins and his wife, Cleo, leased the ranch to a Texas outfit who was to buy the stock and ship them to Texas. S.B. became wagon boss and set out to attempt the near impossible job of poking every last animal from the hilly part of the ranch, which was covered with thick cedar and pinon. Only three of the cowboys had experience on the Hip O.

## Chuck Wagon Blues

The chuckwagon was supplied and arrived at the beginning location, in a mess. The mules had spooked and pulled another of their many runaways. We tediously separated dry beans, coffee grounds, rice and raisins. Thank goodness, the gallon syrup bucket lids stayed put.

A young Hispanic man from Carrizozo with a CCC cooking certificate, was hired on as our wagon cook. Dick Bagley, the Texas wagon boss, brought his crew—most of whom were youngsters with little experience. Bagley himself was a seasoned stockman, and his cook was an older black man who was indeed an expert. (Dick Bagley later bought the Hip O, or part of it.)

When they arrived, the Texans appeared to us like a bunch of drug store cowboys. Their whole outfits seemed either too new or too spotless, from their hats down past pretty colored chaps to shiny boots and sparkling spurs. Today they'd make a good lookin' country hand.

After months of roughing it, we must have appeared pretty bad to them. With a dime-store hat, they probably would have eliminated me altogether if I hadn't been quick to point out that I was Texas born.

The newcomers ate their first meal with us, and our cook got so nervous that he dumped his first batch of biscuits in a heap at his feet. I was trying to help, but the sparkle storm that swept in from across the state line had me in an unexplainable dither too.

When some of them started bragging about working on the big Texas XIT, though, we began looking down our noses. Stupid of the dudes to mouth-off before they'd proved their Hip O ability. When the shine wore off, however, the bunch was actually New Mex-

icans underneath. Our isolation bonded us.

We had no radio or newspapers and we never went to Corona, the nearest town. Thus we few who stayed, heard only brief news accounts from early summer through November. Weather permitting, we rode seven days a week, eating only breakfast and supper.

## The Dudes Arrive

The young guys regularly fell to the draft at mail call. They sadly loaded their few belongings and headed for the Corona railroad depot and the tar-black unknown that was raging overseas.

Although a cowboy's belongings were few, they were the approved body and horse attire—even if some did look a little overdone in the beginning. A hired cowboy of any degree wouldn't have been caught dead in a dime-store hat and cheap boots like mine, nor without spurs to make you jiggle when you rode or walking. But I had a second-hand pair of stained leather leggings that couldn't be spooted at.

At the beginning of a roundup, the wagon boss assigned each person his horses. Mine naturally were the tamest two. Antonio Lucero (now deceased) from Corona, the Jenkins' pet hand and beloved by all, also wanted those two. He had given S.B. a Mexican quirt, which may or may not have been a bribe for the two gentler horses. Not that Antonio couldn't ride any animal on the ranch. He'd done everything there from bronc busting to wood-cutting to cooking. Anyway, I won the nicer horses, and the quirt too, which I popped against my chaps to impress myself.

I soon fell heir to the hard-holding job with another greenhorn, a Texan who somehow wound up with us. The cowboys would work the hills, driving the cows they jumped into a clearing where we two would hold them until late afternoon. Then we'd all drive them to a holding corral where the Texans would take over the next day and drive them to Gallina railroad station.

Where a herd has already been started, any new stock driven into the opening will automatically join them. My "pardner" and I learned the hard way that it usually appears that the newcomers are going to miss the herd. Knowing that we'd think this, S.B. and one of Mr. Lee's sons headed a bunch out, then stayed in the brush and watched.

We didn't disappoint them. Thinking that the new bunch was going to bypass our herd, we both left the herd unguarded and rode out to get the newcomers. We wound up behind the new ones, who wound up at the heels of our herd that was quickly disappearing into the thick brush ahead. We actually drove them all back into the hills.

Maybe the teachers wanted us to learn that lesson while the herd was small, but it appeared more like entertainment to me. After that, you can bet we stood guard come shine or storm.

That wasn't the first time the ornery cowboys got their kicks at my herd partner's expense. When he joined us, the New Mexicans immediately initiated him with a big sticky burr under his saddle blanket. He got dumped, but came up laughing so hard that the jokesters turned and ducked their tails.

Actually, our job was all that was needed to bring us down to size. We sat on our hard saddles on opposite sides of the herd long day after day, seldom close enough to speak. Once he quickly rode around and said, "I've come to the conclusion that the worst cowpunchers get the holdin'

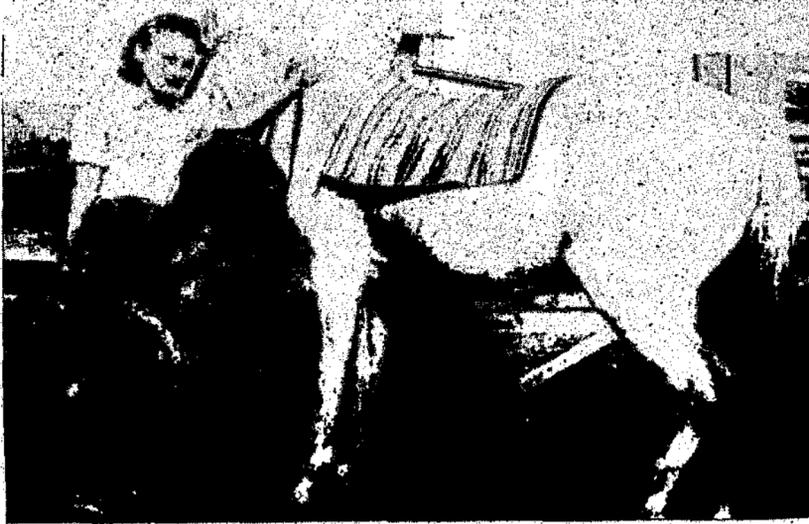
job." Strange that it took him so long to figure that one out—being a woman, I knew from the beginning where I'd land.

One day Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins bounced up in their pickup and caught me playing work the hard way. I went on the payroll. It hadn't dawned on us-workers that I deserved pay. I'd drawn pay off and on since the summer of 1938 doing

trapped at watering places about once a year for castrating and branding the young.

Now, however, there was water everywhere, making such trapping impossible. So the men built a huge D shaped pole corral on a border fence, the flat side being the existing fence. The gate was placed in such a way that the

we headed for headquarters where we were then camped to report to the Jenkins and prepare for the search. On arriving in camp, we found Antonio drinking coffee with the cook! When he finally lost the long horned steers, he realized that he was closer to camp than to the meeting place, so he took the short way out. Lucky for him that cowboys no



THIS PHOTO OF Lavina Kennon Erwin, was taken on the Jenkins Hip O Ranch in the 1940s, just before the last roundup on that historic ranch.

"woman's work" at headquarters, but cowpunching. . . Come monthly payday I drew \$35 beginner's pay.

Each morning we herd holders were allowed one fast run into the trees looking for a starter bunch. Almost without exception, I immediately became lost. Once while accidentally stumbling into the correct clearing, I apparently scared a number of cows out that headed for the bunch the men had collected.

That night as we sat around the campfire, leaning against our bedrolls, I was delightfully surprised back from star gazing as one of the guys was saying, ". . . the bunch Lavina brought out."

Once I jumped a longhorn cow and her calf that simply refused to drive. The cow would face me until I rode close, then she'd lunge forward. I dismounted for throwing rocks, but the huzzy made a dash and I barely remounted in time. Her horns had indeed made her queen of the hills. When S.B. found us, I was still tryin' not cryin'!

It started raining again. When we could no longer build a fire for cooking we headed for The Brown, some 14 miles away. The rain proved the merit of the cowboys' good hats; mine fell limp about my face.

The men played poker with kitchen matches until the rain stopped. I'd occasionally join the game, usually played on someone's bed tarp between roof leaks going POPIPOP!

Once when the poker pot got nice and fat I clasped my cards lovingly, smiled and bounced with excitement, looking as pleased as a helper after dropping her first calf. The guys' eyes began darting my way, then one by one their cards dropped and I pulled in the pot of pretty tipped matches. Nothing short of a royal flush could have made them stay. The next time I tried that bluff, though, a wise guy wanted to "see what ye got." With the jig up, I went back to my Model A Ford seat in another room and continued reading the western pulp romances that someone left in the old house.

Near the end of the roundup, I learned that punching cattle in the timber was tame compared to gathering the several bunches of horses from the treeless rolling hills known as the "flats." Old Jess must have kept the horses and open, unfenced flats in memory of the old days when he ran stock on the open Texas Panhandle range near Dalhart.

Each bunch of horses on the flats was led by its own stallion. They were wild in every way except they were personally owned and were

horses were driven down the line to the trap. This was the only way the handicapped chases could overcome the chased.

My mount knew his business, so there was no slowing him once the chase was on. If a leg should go in a prairie dog hole, I'd land on the moon. What a giant step that would have been for womanhood!

I'd already had a few scares and scratches. A facial scratch came from not having time to duck a limb after looking back. Old Jess often said, "If a man rides along lookin' back like a coyote, it's a sure sign he's lookin' for a posse." Biblical Lot's wife and I proved that a woman doesn't look back because she's in trouble, she's in trouble because she looked back.

S.B. and I once dismounted to kill a big coontail rattler. As I attempted to remount, the spooked horse started bucking. I was hanging on his side with one foot in the stirrup, clutching the saddle horn. S.B. was hollaring "Jump!" I obeyed, but it seemed more foolish to jump blindly backward to a rocky, snakey, cactus ground than to continue the rocky-horse ride.

Then a clump of brush caught one of my stirrups and somehow pulled it neatly over my boot heel. That was a bit terrifying, knowing that a person tied to a horse in such a manner could be killed. S.B. needlessly ordered me to freeze while he freed the foot—I'm still wondering how I would have handled it had I been alone. Maybe the guys never had the fancy taps on their stirrups for show after all.

Chasing those wild horses on the flats, though, scared me most. One of my mounts was a big nervous offspring of a thoroughbred race horse. He couldn't settle down once the race was finished. He'd stand on his hind legs and tower straight up, placing me in a near standing position. When it seemed sure he'd fall backwards and crush me, he'd pop to all fours and leap forward. At times like that, Antonio was welcome to my gentle horses.

At last, the end was at hand. Antonio and I knew that there were several full grown steers, castrated males, still in the hills that had escaped being dehorned. I caught a quick glimpse of them flying through the timber with Antonio at their heels. I dived after them, but never saw Antonio or the steers again, so I wandered around until I found the agreed upon meeting place. Everyone was there but Antonio. We waited until dark, long past the regular meeting time. Fearful that something had happened,

longer carried pistols—only moments before we had been so sad thinking he might be hurt or even dead, but now we could have rung his neck.

Finally, Bill Brunson, the Texas buyer, and Mr. Jenkins settled for about 40 cows still in the hills, if I remember correctly, and one jackass. Old Jess sold the jackass to Brunson while everyone else on both sides knew that the poor little creature was dead. A couple of days before, the men had pulled a big ranch "no-no," Dick Bagley and S.B. Erwin, the two wagon bosses, let off a final steam by staging a team roping match, on a 50 cent bet.

S.B. and his man did the job neatly, but a freak accident killed the burro during Dick and his man's turn. Neither Mr. Jenkins nor Brunson knew that the burro had been brought in. Thus Mr. Jenkins insisted that there was a jack still out on the range. So Brunson, having agreed to buy all stock, unknowingly bought a dead jack while Bagley and crew stayed silent, not willing to admit to a no, no. It was easier for us, if our big boss could sell a dead donkey, more power to him—besides that, we were 50 cents richer.

Our cook quit a couple of weeks before everything was settled, so naturally the job fell to me. I drew cook's pay at the rate of \$50 a month. The wagon was then serving three meals a day. The Jenkins and Bill Brunson often ate lunch at my chuckwagon.

Finally it was all over S.B. and I took the chuckwagon and mules to Roxie and turned them over to the beginning of a new Hip O area. Although I didn't know it then, my ranch days were fast coming to an end. Much more importantly, so was Mr. Jenkins'. This is more his story than mine.

Old Jessie R. Jenkins had finished his last roundup. It had been a long, long time since the Kentucky born cattle king's first roundup on the free Texas Panhandle range. He and Cleo moved from the ranch to Carrizozo, then to Amarillo, Texas, where Old Jess died in 1947. He was buried in Dalhart, Texas, beside his first wife. (He never had children by either wife. His older brother, Lon Jenkins, had also lived in the Corona area.)

I only saw Cleo Smith Jenkins once after Jessie's death. She was living in the Amarillo Hotel. After that, I lost track of her completely.

Several years ago my present husband, Don Reha, and I were passing through Dalhart one cold, cold morning. We went to the cemetery, not only to visit Mr. Jenkins' grave but to see if Cleo had yet died, she was years younger than he. We set out searching

from stone to stone—being accustomed to Southern California weather, we were about to freeze. When it finally dawned that Mr. Jenkins would have erected a large stone in memory of his first wife, whom he adored, we found it in minutes. To the left of the huge double stone was the small marker of Mr. Jenkins' sister who lived at his Dalhart home, and on the right was space for Cleo but she was not there.

Finally, on our third visit, summer of 1981, her small stone was in place, she had died in 1980.

Don remarked that I almost seemed glad. I was glad that somebody, probably her two nieces, had bothered to bring her home to the area where she grew up and taught school. The loose ends had come neatly together, and it somehow brought a sense of relief.

We visited the Dalhart XIT Museum, and were extremely disappointed at finding only one small snapshot of Mr. Jenkins, nothing more. The first Mrs. Jenkins' fine furnishings was moved from the Dalhart house to New Mexico and stored at Roxie sometime between 1938 and 1942.

Among the things were green velvet drapes and a huge box of handpainted china. Mr. Jenkins told how the china, painted by his first wife, filled shelves extending around one room, and how a door blew closed and broke many pieces.

There was also a box of old photographs—one showed Jessie and his first wife standing beside a large car in front of the two-story house. Such a car, electric it seems, set for years in a leaky shed at Roxie. It was finally rolled into an arroyo south, maybe a little southwest of the dirt tank, and was covered up to stop erosion. It apparently had been like new when parked in the shed. I remember Mr. Jenkins telling about driving it out on the flats where he was having a pipeline laid and it stalled on a hill, so he bought a new car.

The XIT Museum's curators were very gracious. The man said that Mr. Jenkins had once owned a saloon at Tascosa, I believe he said—seems that I'd heard that before. He guided us the few blocks to the old Jenkins' house. I had understood that the house burned in the early 40s, apparently it was the farm house that burned.

In the Courthouse Museum at Lincoln, New Mexico, there is a large plywood plaque with famous old Lincoln County brands burned into the wood. Among the brands is: Hip O H, J. R. Jenkins, Corona.

Mr. Jenkins often told how he ran away from home at age 11 because he didn't get along with his stepfather. His first job was in a sales barn, popping mules on their hips to make their heads fly up when a buyer came. Later he got a job picking up blocks of ice that had been dropped from a moving train—it lasted until he learned that he was being sent to steal the ice.

In response to the "Little Joe the Wrangler" record Mr. Jenkins never failed to say, "That reminds me of me when I was a kid." He may have once been a homeless little maverick, but in later years he had the world revolving around him. He stood at least six feet tall, with pencil straight back and square shoulders, although he developed a huge stomach in old age. He usually wore gray suits, white shirts and always a light colored broad brimmed hat.

In Long Beach, California I once met an elderly writer from Dalhart. At my inquiry, he excitedly lapsed into a long story of Jessie Jenkins as a typical, free-gazing early cattleman character who cut the homesteaders' fences and let his stock eat the crops. Maybe his story held much truth, but he hadn't captured the soul of the old man I knew.

A woman writer from the Panhandle once came to Roxie in an attempt to get old Jessie's early story, but as

usual he talked about anything and everything else. Naturally, such silence about his early manhood led to rumors of unlawful deeds, even of possible killings. He was never without his big pistol near; it was always carried from the house to the car, swinging freely in his right hand. He did admit to one vice, he said that he ruined his eyes trying to see the cards he marked with tobacco juice.

In Dalhart when I inquired about Mr. Jenkins in a cafe, a truck driver in an adjoining booth heard and happily recalled his boyhood on the Jenkins' farm or ranch where his father worked—I'm sorry that I didn't get his name, he spoke of the Jessie Jenkins that I knew. But an elder man at a service station simply said, "He was a devil."

Working on the Hip O wasn't easy, partly because Mrs. Jenkins was taking over more and more and she just wasn't the boss that the old man was. Ace Powers, who had worked for Mr. Jenkins in Dalhart, apparently as a foreman, came to the Hip O for awhile. He said that there was no comparison, he had been trusted to make decisions in Dalhart. The depression, no doubt, had brought on much of the change. Mrs. Jenkins said that there had been times that they were hardly able to pay their help. I once overheard Mr. Jenkins trying to give the Dalhart dust bowl farm to a creditor, who refused.

The fact that you seldom had a day off at the Hip O, played a big part in no one staying very long at a time. There was a club of us "Hip O off-and-on workers." When one quit, another from the club would be broke enough to go back. Some of the men only worked the roundups. My father-in-law's small ranch joined the Hip O flats, so we divided our time between the two ranches—eight months was the longest stretch that I ever cooked at Roxie.

An older woman once talked a young "Hip O off-and-on" cowboy from Wyoming into writing a check on the Jenkins' Carrizozo account. The bank caught the forgery and prosecuted. Mr. Jenkins was very unhappy that the young man went to prison for a year. "It was my money," he often said, "why should they send him to prison?" On his release, Mr. Jenkins immediately rehired him.

Later the same young man was thrown from a Hip O horse that was noted for bucking without warning. Afraid to remount, he came in leading the horse, his face a bloody mess. Mr. Jenkins hovered over him like a mother hen until the cleaned wounds appeared minor. He then grunted, "Glad it didn't kill you; haven't got time to bury you," as though he hadn't been walking the floor long past his bed time.

Before the West Side sold, which was the ranch west of the railroad, I went over there with the Jenkins early one morning. Several cowboys were camped at an old house, one of them dumped a dishpan of water out the door and stood wiping the pan with a rag as he greeted us.

After Mr. Jenkins finished giving orders, the cowboys hurried off to work. On returning to the car old Jess began chuckling as he said, "They haven't even had their mornin' coffee, the stove hasn't had a fire in it. They crawled out of bed when they heard the car—that dishpan was on the stove all night."

Maybe it was because he'd been there himself that he seemed to sense a possible mischief. But when he caught a small offense he'd often make a game of not noticing—like the dishpan caper, or Antonio's breaking an ax handle to get a rest from woodcutting.

Yet he didn't keep quiet when he caught me swiping peaches from the back yard tree after Mrs. Jenkins had told us to wait until they were ripe. At the supper table he shocked me by soberly remarking, "I saw a girl picking peaches, and it wasn't

# Sanders is running for state representative

Steven K. Sanders is a candidate for State Representative Dist. 52. Dist. 52 includes Carrizozo, Corona, Alto, Angus, Tularosa, Mesquero, La Luz and Sierra County.

Sanders said that he has a deep concern for people, especially for senior citizens, children, veterans and working people. "We must make provisions for our seniors who have given so much to make this such a great country. We must also make adequate provisions for our schools in whom is trusted our most important asset—our children."

He said that taxpayers have been asked to shoulder an unfair burden in this state. "Every time the legislature meets, taxes go up. This has got to stop!"

In addition to opposing unnecessary tax increases, Sanders said that it is time that we quit spending money on frivolous or wasteful things.

"For example, this year my opponent voted for the largest tax increase in this state's history and at the same time voted to double the retirement pay given to legislators. I do not believe that legislators deserve to be paid when they only meet an average of 45 days each year. It is, however, outrageous that they raise our income taxes, property taxes and double their retirement pay at the same time.

"We need a legislator who will lead the fight to keep Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School open and adequately staffed. We need the hospital not only for the clients who would have no other adequate place to live, but we also need the hospital because it provides much needed employment in Lincoln County."

"In addition to fighting for Fort Stanton Hospital, I believe we need a new building for a Senior Citizens Center in Carrizozo and Corona where dances can be held, meals served, arts and crafts constructed and other activities conducted. Every year the legislature appropriates money for Senior Citizens Centers in small towns across New Mexico. It is time we had a legislator who will work for such centers in Lincoln County."

The state, he said, must also take the lead in building paved roads with street lights in Carrizozo, Corona, Tularosa and the Alto area. We do not have a high tax base in these areas. The state assists other small communities; it's time they help communities in our district. We particularly need State Highway 37 from Ruidoso north to be widened to four-lane. It is very dangerous

in its present condition.

He also believes that the old state road between Engle and Tularosa should be opened so that more tourists can get to Elephant Butte Lake easier. The road could either be opened on weekends, or under supervision of the Army, it could be opened all the time and closed when there is a missile firing. This is done on Highway 84 between Las Cruces and Alamogordo.

He promised to work actively to encourage small business to locate in Otero and Lincoln County. "Because I know first hand the problems that people have in securing good paying jobs here, I will personally work as a legislator to encourage small business to locate here."

Sanders was raised and educated in New Mexico, graduating from the University of New Mexico with a bachelor of science degree in economics in 1971, and a juris doctorate, cum laude, in 1974. "My degree in economics coupled with my care for people instills within me the will to work hard to attract business to this area. Our people must have jobs."

Since graduating with honors from UNM he has been in public service. From 1975 to

1980, he served as city attorney for Alamogordo. In 1980, he was elected as district attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District. As district attorney, he successfully led the prosecution of Frank Carr, former mayor of Alamogordo. As district attorney, he also served as the Lincoln County Attorney where he has continued to serve, taking a leave of absence for the campaign.

From 1983 to 1985, Sanders served as president of the New Mexico District Attorneys Association, a position elected by other elected district attorneys. In that position he worked successfully with the legislator for increased funding for prosecutors, tougher criminal laws and more training for prosecutors.

"As a former district attorney, I will work to pass laws to keep convicted criminals off the streets during their appeals."

Steve currently serves on the board of directors of the New Mexico Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

"I believe it is time that the citizens of Lincoln and Otero counties had a hard-

working legislator who cares about their needs and resources, who will listen to them before voting in Santa Fe, and who is part of this county."

## SCMRC&D meets at White Oaks

The South Central Mountain RC&D will hold its annual meeting and election of officers on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at White Oaks, NM.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the White Oaks School. A noon luncheon will be served by the White Oaks Historical Society. Planned activities include inspection of a planned erosion control project, tour of the old gold mines and some of the historic buildings.

All council members and the public are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. Further information may be obtained by calling the SCMRC&D office at 648-2941.

"Ideas won't keep. Something must be done about them."  
Alfred North Whitehead

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

Thursday, September 18

Pre-school story hour in the Carrizozo school library, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. All pre-school children are invited to attend.

Hillbilly Stomp at Carrizozo Senior Citizens center, 6 p.m. Fun, games and pot luck supper.

Lincoln County Planning and Zoning, 7 p.m. in commissioners meeting room in courthouse.

Monday, September 22

Overeaters Anonymous 5 p.m. RMA Building in Carrizozo.

Capitan Book Fair all this week at Capitan Elementary School.

New Mexico seniors golf tournament today and tomorrow at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso.

Tuesday, September 23

Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m. at City Hall.

SCMRC&D meets at 10 a.m. at White Oaks school.

Wednesday, September 24

Golden Aspen motorcycle rally, Carrizo Lodge in Ruidoso, through the 27th.

Thursday, September 25

Pre-school story hour in Carrizozo school library 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. All pre-school children and parents invited.

Capitan Board of Education special meeting 7:30 p.m. in the board room for sale of bonds.

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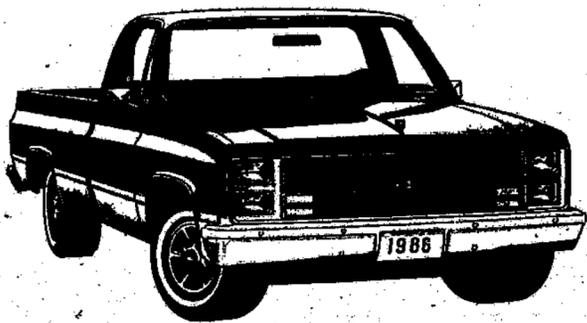
Aleene either." That was all that was said. There seemed to be disappointment in his voice and eyes, and it still hurts. (Aleene Nicely, the only other girl there, helped me eat the fruit, though.)

Old Jess once gave me a colt, which led to the funds to buy a typewriter that in time helped me write this account of how I rode in his last roundup and was his very last chuckwagon cook, probably the only female to do such work for him.

Most of all, though, the gift helped me become a self-appointed stand-in offspring of his for just long enough to deliver these final words: Jessie R. Jenkins was indeed an uncommon man who made a mark on the Old West frontier that deserves to be remembered.



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