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ON THE LINE

Chino endorses Dole for president

A lone voice among New Mexican Indian leaders, Mescalero Apache President Wendell Chino has endorsed Senator Bob Dole for U.S. president.

Chino pitched his support at an Albuquerque rally this morning. With Dole standing by, Chino made a short speech expressing his support in front of about 7,000 Dole supporters, including Senator Pete Domenici, who rallied at Tiguex Park.

All other Indian leaders from New Mexico endorsed President Bill Clinton when meeting with him in Albuquerque Tuesday. Chino wasn't invited to that gathering, a Chino spokesperson said.

Dole arrived in the city Wednesday night and will leave later this morning.

"Wendell, I want to thank you for that wonderful endorsement," Dole said at the start of his "public trust" and tax break speech. "I thank you very much."

Women's prison being considered for Fort Stanton

State corrections officials are considering Fort Stanton for a minimum security women's prison.

Corrections department spokesman Michael Toms said a representative was in Lincoln County today to determine how much it would cost to convert the historic fort.

The women inmates are scheduled to be housed at Camp Sierra Blanca, about one mile from the fort, for a few months, but must leave in the spring when the minimum security prison is turned into a juvenile offender environmental work camp.

"I know we are looking for a place to put minimum custody female inmates," Toms said. "We're looking in Roswell and at Fort Stanton, but I don't think a decision has been made yet."

"Nothing about this surprises me other than the fact that we found out before they transferred them there," an irritated County Commissioner Wilton Howell said. "This reminds me of Baskin Robbins, it's about the 31st flavor they've had for the place and none of them resemble a plan. Maybe before they get their plan together, they need to contact us."

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Murder victim's trust sues state prison system

by DIANNE STALLINGS
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A trust formed in the name of the late Clarke Pflingsten is suing the state Department of Corrections over the 84-year-old Lincoln man's death at the hands of an escaped inmate.

Pflingsten died in August 1994 when he was run over by his own truck with inmate David Crawford at the wheel. Crawford, then 24, had escaped earlier from Camp Sierra Blanca, a minimum security prison about seven miles east of Pflingsten's home in the settlement of Lincoln.

His death and a subsequent escape of three inmates resulted in demands throughout the county for changes in correction department policies on how prisoners are assigned to the camp, for more restraints at the camp and for a better system to notify citizens of escapes.

The suit was filed in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo under the name of the Clarke C. Pflingsten Memorial Public Safety Trust, and its trustees Jack Johnson, Capitan municipal judge, and Ralph Dunlap, a former county commissioner and a Lincoln resident.

The trust was formed in July 1996. Any money collected by the trust will be used to ensure a better system of notifying residents in case of escapes from any prison or jail in the state, or of any other

threat to their safety, Dunlap said Thursday.

Named as defendants are the New Mexico Department of Corrections, Corrections Secretary Eloy Mondragon, Corrections Classifications Bureau Chief Don Hoover, Camp Sierra Blanca Warden Sandra McFadin and unnamed guards at the prison.

Michael Toms, spokesman for the corrections department, said he could not comment on an ongoing lawsuit.

The suit accuses the state and prison officials of negligence resulting in the wrongful death of Pflingsten. It contends the officials deprived Pflingsten of his constitutional rights under the New Mexico constitution and violated his civil rights.

The suit states McFadin failed to notify citizens after Crawford's escape, and says she was unaware Crawford was assaulted the night before he walked away from the prison.

Because she was unaware, prison officials failed to act on an anonymous Aug. 14 call to the camp warning guards an inmate who had been assaulted the night before was about to escape, the suit states.

Attorney David Proffitt of Albuquerque, who filed the suit on the trust's behalf, said Thursday he

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County has increase in early, registered voters

by DIANNE STALLINGS
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A heavy first-day turnout of early voters Wednesday prompted Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor to up her prediction on the number of total voters in the general election Nov. 5.

"Thirty-six voted in Ruidoso and eight here the first day of early voting," she said Thursday. "Two years ago, only two voted in Ruidoso the first day and a few more down here" in Carrizozo.

Absentee ballot requests also are running high, with 375 mailed to date, she said.

"We have about 10,500 registered voters now," and Republicans remain in the lead, she said. The exact numbers should be available by next week. Just two years ago, the total registration was about 7,300.

The presidential race probably will draw more voters to the polls this year than in 1994, but the percentage may not be as high, Proctor said.

She's predicting a maximum turnout of 65% for the election, compared to about 70.5% in 1994.

"The only reason the percentage may not be higher is that we have added so many voters to our rolls since we started post card registration," Proctor said. "And we are no

longer purging the rolls under federal law." So people who have moved away during the past two years may still be on the list of voters here.

Although voter registration was supposed to close Oct. 8, officials with the state elections bureau notified Proctor to leave them open until the county receives about 25 postcards that ended up at the state office, but are properly filled out and postmarked before the deadline.

The early voting office in the Ruidoso Civic Events Center will stay open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. now through Friday, Nov. 1. On Nov. 2, the Saturday before the election and last day for early voting, the hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Early voters can also go to the clerk's office in Carrizozo from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Nov. 2.

Those wanting to vote absentee must request an application for a ballot from Proctor's office in person, by phone or by mail. The application must be signed and returned for the ballot to be issued.

Absentee ballots must be received in the clerk's office by 7 p.m. Nov. 5 to be counted in the election.

The clerk's address is P.O. Box 338, Carrizozo, N.M. 88301.



Irasema Castillo is comforted by her mother Luz as she gets an antibiotic shot against meningitis Thursday from Lincoln County Public Health Director Theresa Luna at Ruidoso High School. Doctors suspect a toddler who stays at the RHS nursery with Castillo has contracted the potentially deadly disease, so more than 50 people have to get antibiotic shots or, if they're old enough, take pills.

Child at RHS day care center suspected to have meningitis

□ About 50 people get shots, pills as preventative measure

by PAMELA CROMWELL
 Ruidoso News Staff Writer

About 50 children, parents and workers at the Ruidoso High School's day care center are getting shots and pills against meningitis after an infant at the day care may have contracted it.

The disease is potentially fatal, but hard to contract even though it is communicable, a doctor said.

A 19-month-old baby in the care of Ruidoso High School's daycare center is in intensive care at a hospital in Roswell. Doctors believe the child has meningitis, and district public health officer Dr. Evan Nelson gave immediate orders to medicate everyone who has been in close contact with the baby since Oct. 8.

The child's father notified school nurse Terrie Gillespie of his son's illness Wednesday, and on Thursday morning public health officials were giving antibiotics to about 50 people.

"Terrie and Evan have made a rapid response in getting the medicine here," said schools superintendent Mike Gladden.

Doctors are working closely with the family to notify anyone who may have come in contact with the infected child. They would not release the child's name without parents' permission, and couldn't reach the parents Thursday to ask.

Those at risk of contracting meningitis include eight children between the ages of 5 months and 2 years, their families, and about 35 high school students and their families. The daycare center watches over children of school fac-

ulty and staff, as well as children of some students.

High school science teacher Yelena Temple was extremely concerned about the report of meningitis where her five-month-old daughter Marikka is cared for.

"We're worried about it," she said. "We're glad they came to take care of us."

The chances of contracting the disease are slim, according to Dr. Nelson.

"It's not easily transmitted," he said. "We're just taking precautions."

The disease is spread through respiratory secretions such as saliva and nasal discharge. Children spread the disease more easily than adults because they often share toys and other things that they have put into their mouths, Nelson said.

Most babies are vaccinated at the age of 2 months for Haemophilus influenza, another bacteria that causes meningitis, but this case seems to be caused by a bacteria called Neisseria meningitidis, Nelson said.

Infection by this bacteria affects the membranes and fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord, and the disease can be fatal. Bacterial meningitis, which can be caused by a number of bacteria including streptococcus, is more dangerous and more contagious than viral meningitis, said Dr. David Keller of the state health department.

While 85-95% of all bacterial meningitis victims live, a few may be left with residual brain damage. Statistically, 10-20% of all cases of bacterial meningitis result in some brain damage, Keller said.

Symptoms of bacterial meningitis are fever, headache, stiff neck, vomiting, and a skin rash of red spots about the size of a match head. Children may become less alert and lose appetite. More serious symptoms can include

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lethargy, seizures, coma and other nervous system symptoms.

Nelson advises the general population to take the following steps to avoid the disease, similar to ways to avoid more common diseases like flu and colds:

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Don't share food or utensils, especially with someone who is sick.
- Children should be immunized, and adults should get a flu vaccine.
- Sick children and adults should stay home until they feel better.

Epidemiologist Paul Ettestad, from the New Mexico Department of Health, said 36 cases of meningitis were reported in New Mexico in 1995. Four people died. Of the 1995 cases, 11 were in Bernalillo County and 10 in Sandoval County. The rest were scattered around the state, with no cases reported in Lincoln, Chaves, or Otero counties.

So far this year, 22 cases of meningitis have been reported in New Mexico, with seven of those in Bernalillo County. One death has resulted. Except for the suspected case here in Ruidoso, no cases have been reported this year from Lincoln, Chaves, or Otero counties.

County candidates keep spending down

by DIANNE STALLINGS
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Not a lot of big bucks are being funneled into campaigns for local offices in the November general election.

Only one of the four candidates running for county office, Tom Sullivan for sheriff, even bothered to file the first general election campaign contribution and expense report by the Oct. 15 due date.

Ralph Romero, Democratic candidate for Lincoln County sheriff, filed a statement of exception for candidates for non-statewide office.

The exception states that he doesn't expect to collect or spend more than \$1,000 and therefore, is not required to submit reports.

Also filing for an exception was Stirling Spencer, a Republican county commissioner running for probate judge, and his Democratic opponent, Jack Johnson from Capitan.

Sullivan reported receiving \$2,606.80 in contributions since August and spending \$1,408.51. He listed \$300 in unpaid debts in the form of a personal loan to the campaign.

Sullivan's major contribution, \$500, was from Jack Harris of Nogal, who listed his occupation as retired.

E.J. Fouratt of Capitan, a retired law enforcement officer, contributed \$300 to Sullivan's campaign.

In September, the Lincoln County Republican Party gave Sullivan \$330. The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County gave him \$339.80 in August and \$262 in October.

P.K. Johns of Nogal contributed \$150 and listed no occupation.

Contributors of \$100 each were:
— Ralph Dunlap of Lincoln, a former county commissioner;
— Leon Livingston of Capitan, no occupation listed;

— Jack and Susan Frost of Carrizozo, no occupation listed;

— Paul Wersich of Ruidoso, a sheriff's deputy;
— and George Flores of Capitan, no occupation listed.

Contributing \$50 each were Sullivan's wife, Pat Sullivan, and real estate agent Glen Crane of Ruidoso. James Sanchez of Lincoln, past vice president of the state education board, gave \$25.

Sullivan's expenses were for political signs, advertising and meat for a fundraiser.

The next campaign report is due Nov. 1 and the last on Dec. 5.



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Blessing of the animals

Using holy water, Father Dave Berg of Carrizozo blesses dozens of dogs and their owners Saturday during the annual Blessing of the Animals sponsored by the Lincoln County Humane Society at

School House Park in Ruidoso. The ritual often is part of community celebrations of the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, known as a protector of animals and nature.

Convention and Visitors Bureau meets with Ruidoso Village Council

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
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It's the Ruidoso Convention and Visitors Bureau's turn Tuesday to dazzle and dazzle village councilors with plans for the future.

The CVB's three-person staff, headed by Chamber of Commerce director Joan Bailey, will meet councilors at 4 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

It's the third joint workshop

councilors have held with various groups since the practice was included in their list of goals and objectives established during a retreat last winter. Councilors have already met with the Park and Recreation Committee and the Arts and Film Board (the latter without a quorum of councilors).

No official action can be taken at the workshops. Rather, their purpose is to allow committee members

to discuss plans and concerns with councilors.

Earlier this summer, before signing on for the second year as the CVB contract holder, chamber director Bailey pressed for a workshop meeting with councilors to present the CVB quarterly report. Previously, councilors were updated on the CVB at regular council meetings.

The annual \$419,000 CVB con-

tract is for convention center promotions and bookings, operation of the CVB, advertising for Ruidoso, and provision of a visitors center, which is at the chamber's Sudderth Drive office. The 1.5-year-old contract funds 3.5 employees.

"The CVB is something that is growing and evolving — the contract is a living document that we can make better and better," she said. "This will be a workshop

where we will literally sit around the table and roll up our sleeves if we need to, and look at the challenges and opportunities for the village" through the CVB, she said.

The workshop will be beneficial for those holding the contract, she added.

"There's a real need to feel we're on the same team (with village hall) and not on opposite sides," Bailey related.

At the workshop, Bailey said she'll show councilors new advertisements of Ruidoso, and report on the number of visitors and inquiries at the visitor center and convention center since the new contract got underway July 1.

She'll also report on trends the CVB and chamber sees for the community, and give a report on tourism at the state level.



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MainStreet public restrooms now back on drawing board

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
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Ruidoso MainStreet public restroom construction has been put on hold for nearly a year, but designs are back in the works.

The delay was due to funding questions, and not to restroom site ground contamination, as some rumors suggest, Assistant Village Manager Alan Briley says.

Revised design plans should go out to bid next month. Construction should begin in December and should be completed in 90 working days, or around March 1997, Briley said.

Officials first hoped downtown's first permanent public restrooms would be built and ready for use this spring, in March or April.

Briley met Monday with engineer John Shaw and asked him to draft revisions to the earlier restroom design, making it more affordable for the village, he said.

Village councilors already authorized the construction, but will still have to approve a contract bid. Although modified, the restroom plans still call for flush toilets and Cinderblock walls. But instead of the costly stainless steel fixtures, porcelain will be used, said Village Manager Gary Jackson.

"Unfortunately, it seems we got caught between administrations in doing it (funding the project)."

GARY JACKSON
VILLAGE MANAGER

Modifications are being made, but they don't sacrifice quality, he said.

The village-funded restrooms, estimated to cost \$45,000-\$50,000, will be the finishing touch to the first phase of the MainStreet revitalization project. They're pegged for construction where portable latrines now are located, along Sudderth Drive across from its intersection with Garle Drive.

Village officials advertised requests for construction bids on Shaw's first designs last winter, but the three bids that came back were each about \$10,000 too high, Jackson said.

About the same time, Briley was told by a state official that the state would not fund the restroom project, as previously understood, Briley said.

"Unfortunately, it seems we got caught between administrations in doing it (funding the project),"

Jackson explained. Officials are still trying to find out if it's possible for the state to fund the project, or if the village can be reimbursed once the restrooms are built, Jackson said.

But we can't hold this up anymore, he added. We have to get it done.

Various state and federal grant monies have funded the \$1.3 million MainStreet facelift, which included new sidewalks, lighting, benches, trees, and roadwork. That work was completed last year.

The restrooms are now being funded through the village's 1996-97 budget. Before putting the construction designs back to bid, or asking Shaw to scale down the design, village councilors approved the budget.

Several years ago there was a gas station at the Sudderth Drive restroom building site, and rumors have suggested construction delay is due to ground contamination.

Briley said he heard of the rumors, and could easily discount them. The ground contamination was cleaned up a few years ago after the gas station was closed, and the village has documentation of the ground's clean environmental health, Briley said.

Police will use phone records to try to track missing Ruidoso man

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
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Ruidoso police have obtained a court order summoning records for the cellular phone owned by a missing Ruidoso man, chief Lanny Maddox said.

"I faxed it myself to Cellular One," said Maddox. "We'll get the information (records) hopefully before the weekend."

At his family's request, police have been searching for 32-year-old Mike Hough since he disappeared from the village Friday, Oct. 11.

Hough is married with two sons,

and works as a builder. He had been at a Porr Drive job site around 7:30 a.m. Friday and left to go to another work site at Ranches of Sonterra but never arrived, his family said.

No one saw him or his white 1976 Ford truck. However, police have learned Hough cashed a personal check at a local bank for \$1,000 at 8 a.m. that same morning, Maddox said.

Already concerned because he didn't call home when he usually does, Hough's family called police around noon Friday. A search was

underway later that afternoon.

Friends and family outside the state, including Hough's parents in El Paso, have been contacted and told that he's missing, Hough's mother-in-law (Peggy McClellan) said.

Maddox obtained the court order for the phone records through the Ruidoso Magistrate Court, explaining that "foul play has not been ruled out for a cause of his disappearance." Hough was "sundered" although there's nothing to indicate that is the case at this time," he said.

Seven seek four tribal council seats

Four seats are up for election Nov. 5 on the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council.

Incumbents Silas Cochise, Virginia Klinekols, Raphael Mendez and Lewis LaPas each are trying to win another four-year term. They're challenged by Paul Ortega, Christie LaPas and Harlyn Geronimo.

Voting in the non-partisan election is conducted from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the tribal administration center.

Health fair in Ruidoso this Wednesday

The fourth annual Health Fair in Lincoln County comes to the Ruidoso Civic Events Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The health fair includes free flu shots for adults 65 or older or high

LOCAL BRIEFS

The fair offers screenings and tests for blood glucose, cholesterol, HIV, flexibility and blood pressure. There will be a minimal charge for the cholesterol/glucose screening. Fasting is not required.

Appointments can be made for prostate screening, breast/cervical screening.

Information on family health issues and health services available in Lincoln County will also be available.

The annual health fair is presented by the Lincoln County Public Health Department and the Lincoln County Medical Center.

Vandals damage Casino Apache, Inn sign in Ruidoso

Vandals damaged a \$65,000 electronic business sign owned by the Mescalero Apache Tribe sometime between Oct. 13 and Oct. 14,

an Inn official says. The sign has the name Inn of the Mountain Gods on it along with Casino Apache, which is located inside the Inn and has been forced to close by the U.S. attorney.

The estimated \$400 damage was likely caused when a large object was thrown at the sign, police said. It is located at the intersection of Sudderth Drive and Carrizo Canyon Road in Ruidoso, a few miles from the Inn.

The object left an indentation on the sign's west side where it faces Carrizo Canyon Road, and it knocked out two rows of lights, said Selena Chino, a sales assistant at the Inn.

"We don't know who would do this or why," Chino said, "whether it's in retaliation of gaming or what."

The Inn holds a maintenance contract for the sign, and it will be fixed, she added.

Lawsuit

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learned of the assault and telephone call from interviews conducted by an investigator. But he hopes to confirm the information when he takes testimony from Crawford, who is in a federal prison in Joliet, Ill. Profit said he doesn't know why Crawford is in Joliet.

Crawford and one or more of those inmates who beat him up were improperly classified and assigned to the camp in violation of department policies and procedures, the suit contends without offering specifics.

Profit said Crawford should have been questioned by prison officials about enemies in the prison. He was only a few months away from release on a non-violent crime and had no reason to walk away from the prison and commit murder unless he feared for his own life, Profit said.

California prisons routinely separate members of rival gangs to prevent violence, he added.

At 9 p.m. Aug. 14, prison offi-

cial discovered Crawford was missing after another prisoner reported a runaway and an emergency count was taken, according to the suit.

Crawford apparently walked to Pflingsten's home and either coerced or convinced the elderly man to drive him to Roswell, according to information released at the time of the murder. About 15 miles east of Bottomless Lake State Park on a road to a private ranch, Pflingsten apparently got out of his 1979 Ford pickup to open or close a gate and Crawford ran over him, killing the elderly widower.

Crawford was arrested Aug. 17 in Roswell and led law enforcement officials to the body. He later was convicted of murder.

The camp, which is being converted to a juvenile environmental work camp, lacked restraints for adult prisoners in 1994, the suit states. Since it opened in 1978, at least 13 separate murders and multiple violent crimes have been committed by the inmates on

citizens and residents of the county, according to the suit.

The state maintains and operates the camp, creating a danger to citizens, the suit states. Officials also failed to come up with policies ensuring the wellbeing and safety of prisoners it states.

The trustees are asking for general, special and punitive damages. The amount is to be determined at trial.



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Vote early this election, and cry a lot, maybe...

Don't expect a traditional election day this Nov. 5, even if a presidential contest is on the ballot. Once upon a time, in cities and villages across America, a certain excitement permeated the day.

You could count on some party shenanigans aimed at getting out the vote: Lots of volunteers driving old folks to the polls; a certain amount of clandestine activity around the bars (until the state closed 'em for the day); considerable "election day money" coming down from state headquarters to assure people did their civic duty with the right twist.

Now, with early voting and automatic registration and absentee ballots — not to mention tracking polls that figure out the winner before the polls close, if not before they open — that old-time excitement is almost non-existent.

People will argue that the modern way is better; that more people are enfranchised, everybody can register their preferences no matter where they are, and therefore it's just more fair than it used to be.

County Clerk Martha Proctor, looking at early-voter turnout this week, has predicted a pretty good percentage of registered voters showing up in this presidential election year, even if there's few contests on the county ballot. Forty-four people cast their vote on Wednesday, the opening "early vote" day, and some 375 requests have been received for absentee ballots.

People can vote early right up to Nov. 2. And they can request an application for an absentee ballot in person, by phone or mail, but the ballots must be received before the polls close at 7 p.m. on Nov. 5 to be counted.

So, voters today have very few excuses for not doing their civic duty. But there is something of a wet blanket hanging over these modern voting times:

If you vote today, and change your mind tomorrow, there's just no way to take it back. That might make you cry all the way to the Third Millennium.

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Calvin Coolidge

30th U.S. President • c. 1920

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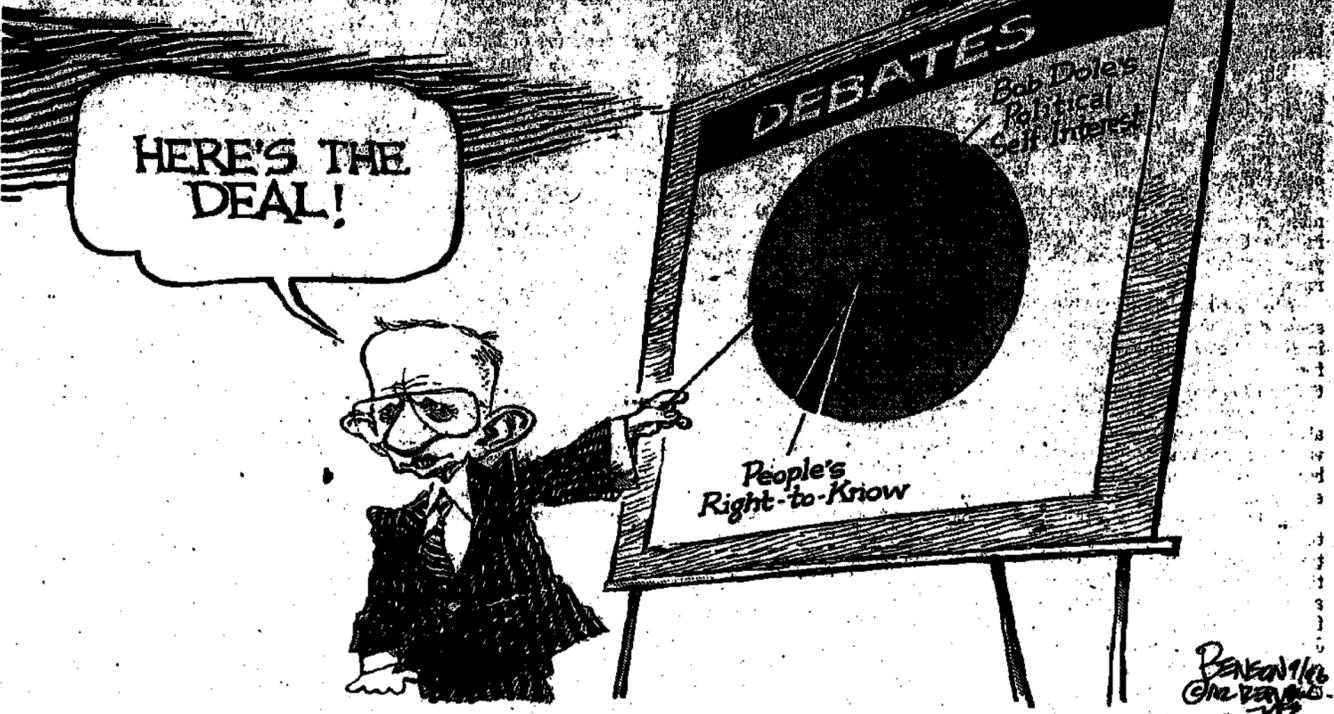
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Not so sure of judiciary's fairness after casino action

TO THE EDITOR:

This is in response to Jack Hemby's letter earlier this month.

I am an employee at the Apache Tee on the Mescalero Reservation. I feel the Mescalero gaming situation shows us (New Mexico) voters, how much the judicial system needs a complete overhaul. How can a panel of judges rule one casino has to close, when 10 others are allowed to remain open? This has to be a biased action.

New Mexico has a lot of poverty, and we as registered voters cannot continue to lose industry in our state.

This action with the Casino Apache has to be politically motivated. We used to feel federal judges were people we looked up to. With all the wrong decisions they make in this country, I have my doubts.

I think the Legislature should look long and hard at this situation in January when they convene. I also feel the people of New Mexico that do want casino gambling should contact their legislators and tell them of local businesses that are having to close earlier or having to let people go because of the loss in revenue.

I feel the citizens of New Mexico should get behind the Mescaleros and straighten this situation out. They have been black-balled for no reason. I feel we all deserve a brass ring.

Mr. Chino is one of the most prominent Indian leaders in this country. He deserves better.

Mary Gillett
Ruidoso Downs

Volunteers make cowboy symposium huge success

TO THE EDITOR:

The seventh annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium was a huge success and continues to be one of the most talked-about events in the country, bringing priceless fame and immeasurable positive economic impact to Lincoln County. The fact that this local event was named the nation's best cowboy cultural event by The National Cowboy Symposium Association this year will continue to focus national attention on this area.

The success of the event is due primarily to the hard work and contributions of the volunteers and sponsors who work for a full 12 months on making each succeeding symposium more successful than the last. These people log hundreds of hours of meetings, paperwork, phone calls, and in many cases, hard physical work. Their sole reward comes from seeing almost 10,000 satisfied visitors learn about western heritage. These visitors impact our economy by spending their money for restaurants, lodging and other services. More importantly, they tell their friends and neighbors about the wonderful place we call Lincoln County.

The management and staff of the Museum of the Horse, as well

as the members of the Cowboy Symposium advisory committee want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many members of the community who pitched in to make this the most successful symposium ever. Our growing national and international reputation as "the place to be" the second week in October stems not only from a great event, but from the genuine cowboy-friendly attitude of our many helpers.

Sid Goodloe, chairman,
LCCS Steering Committee
Bruce Eldredge, director,
Museum of the Horse

Campaign signs are being stolen

TO THE EDITOR:

It has come to my attention that many of my political signs have been destroyed, stolen or taken down in Las Cruces, the Silver City area and Lincoln County, even from "sign graveyards."

Do I so intimidate the Skeen people they have to steal my signs? To me it is a clear message that I am more of a challenge to the long-time incumbent than his supporters want to admit.

Perhaps his supporters are afraid the voters will learn about Skeen's voting record in Congress — against raising the minimum wage which will give 62,000 New Mexican workers a raise that amounts to \$1,800 a year; against increases for guaranteed student loans; against new funding for

Head Start, and the school lunch program. He voted for \$270 billion in cuts to the Medicare program that would have doubled the premiums seniors pay, and decreased the amount for medicines. The president vetoed that bill, but Republicans are promising to bring it back when they are re-elected.

Skeen also voted in favor of continued subsidies to the tobacco and other agricultural industries. I believe agriculture needs to be supported, but I also believe that cutting benefits to the poor, working people, or to women and children, while retaining or expanding certain agricultural benefits, is unfair.

Skeen's had 16 years in Congress. I say it's time to retire him back to the ranch. We don't need to return him to Washington where he, and his fellow Republicans, can continue to pass legislation that will hurt the small people while giving the wealthiest of Americans breaks.

The act of thievery in Silver City is a sign — that my campaign has intimidated Skeen supporters to the point they have to stoop to the most petty of politics — sign stealing. And by the way, theft of political signs is a felony crime.

Skeen has had his chance in Congress. It's time for a new voice and new energy. It's time for Shirley Baca to go to Capitol Hill and speak for all the people of the 2nd Congressional District.

E. Shirley Baca
Las Cruces

THE SILVER LINING

Still no valley freeze during balmy October

Warm October

This is being sent to you in the middle of the day on Oct. 16, the middle of the month.

Out at the gate the temperature is a sunny 74 degrees. The large apricot trees out on Blue Bird Meadow is still green and the dry gramma grass heads lend a touch of light gold to the field. The grass blades below are green, giving a fall-in-summer appearance to the scene.

Down along the river the box elder have turned amber-gold, and the walnut light yellow, while the oak is only half-way turned to its autumn bronze.

The oak brush here below, "The Narrows" is still all green along the hillsides.

The late-turning of the river trees, and the still green of the trees on the upland slopes is unusual this late in October.

In most years you could see a heavy frost here in the vale about Oct. 6/10. And oftentimes we will get snow by this time.

The temperature has not gone down to freezing so far in October. All this brings us cool mornings, bright and clear, with sunny mid-morning, and dreamy afternoons with hills all in purple haze.



The Silver Lining

DANIEL AGNEW STORM
COLUMNIST

Thunder Over The Hill

On Oct. 14 a long gray cloud suddenly appeared out of the south and extended over the valley like a giant cloud-arm pointing to the north.

Just a minute later, a gray billowy cloud appeared just on top of the hill to the west, sending out a rumble of thunder. Then clouds moved in from the east and north, sounding peals of thunder as they advanced.

Large drops spattered down from the clouds off the mountain to the west, which were soon joined by wind-driven small drops from the north. Soon clouds from the east joined in the meeting of the rains.

Little by little the clouds drifted in different

directions, leaving rainbows and gold and crimson clouds in a pageant of sunshine and shadow.

Savito Gives the Alarm

Savito or "Little Savvy," first calf of the cow "Savvy," so named for her way of waiting in the right place for the pickup to feed without disturbance from the rest of the herd, is now grown to a husky bull calf, age 3 and one-half months. Unlike most calves, he spends a lot of time away from the herd, wandering around by himself. Also unlike most calves, you seldom see him run about at a slow gallop.

This morning his mother and two other cows were up at the house, and Savito was not along.

A truck came down the highway with a loose tarp making a very loud rattling noise. In a minute here came Savito on the road at top speed. Arriving among the cows, he looked over toward the highway, watching the noisy truck travel on down the valley.

He had made the run to give the alarm and soon calmed down, content that all was well.

Let us be grateful to this Lord for wonderful October and all our other many blessings.

Number of bears killed in state rises, but other stats suggest population has risen

By DIANNE STALLINGS

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Despite the rains by an ongoing five-year study of black bears in New Mexico, state game officials say the statewide bear population appears to be increasing based on other indicators.

A state Game and Fish Department report on data collected during the first four years of its five-year study was released last month.

The \$400,000 study's summary showed the number of bears killed in New Mexico more than doubled from about 200 in 1992 to a high of 625 in 1994 and 526 last year.

The study also raised questions about whether enough cubs are surviving to compensate for the number of adult female bears killed each year.

Mortality rates for adult bears in the two areas of study, the Gila National Forest in the southwest and the Cimarron area in the northeast, averaged just under 15% during the first four years of the study, said John Crenshaw, public information officer for the state game department.

The study contained a warning that the long-term survival of New Mexico bears could be in jeopardy if mortality rate hits 28%.

While the state is looking at options to protect the bear population and acknowledges that special restrictions may be needed in specific areas such as Ruidoso, officials say overall, bears are faring well in New Mexico.

"It's a good study and will give us a lot of information," Crenshaw said. "Unfortunately, it also coincided with some of the driest years on record."

"Cub survival, especially in 1996, is low, and was low in the Southwest in 1995, but that is like looking at a few frames in a movie."

Information collected from

hunters and marking of animals goes back 18 years and allows the state to determine the sex, age and kill points on each bear, he said. That data also is used by game officials to estimate the bear population.

"The trend overall has been upward in population and harvest," Crenshaw said. "If the population was being hurt by hunting, at some point you would have seen a break. With any big game species, if the hunter effort stays same and the kill goes down, it's a good plus the population's down. But if (the kill) stays the same or goes up, it indicates the opposite."

Last year, 6,300 bear hunting licenses were issued and 526 animals were killed statewide, about 100 less than 1994.

"There will be years when dips or spikes are sharper than others," Crenshaw said. "A dry year with low production will increase the taking of the bear as they come down (from the high mountains). In a wet year, they disperse more and the (kill) goes down."

For several years, state officials have been using an estimate of 3,000 for the statewide bear population, but Crenshaw said a more accurate figure based on hunt/harvest information may be 5,000.

"We should have a better population estimate when the study is finished," he said. "It peaks in February with the birth of cubs and declines from there. But we think the department is a little ahead of the curve in managing bears and it's a nice position to be in. We sharply reduced hunting five years ago by eliminating the spring bear season to protect sows and cubs. And at the same time, we shortened the fall season, as I recall, from four to two months."

Options mentioned in the report to further protect the bear population include:

— establishing a quota for each region to reflect the differences of population and conditions;

— changing the time and length of the hunt, moving it later in the season when females already have entered dens, but males still are foraging;

— and stopping hunting when evidence shows management limits have been reached.

The current season runs from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31.

"In terms of bear harvest, the number of licenses issued seems to be irrelevant," Crenshaw said.

The cost of a bear license went up from \$10 to \$30 this year. The increase is expected to weed out hunters who aren't seriously looking for a bear kill and might buy a bear license just to take along on an elk or deer hunt, he said.

While bear licenses are easy to obtain (those under 18 must have a hunter safety course certification), hunters must pay a fee and win a drawing to receive a license to hunt elk.

"Up to the mid 1980s, we issued a combination deer and bear license, over 100,000 (licenses) when maybe only 100 (hunters) were serious bear hunters," Crenshaw said.

"We focus on the number of animals taken, not the number of licenses, but if it was needed, we could go to a drawing," he added.

"The big purpose is to protect the reproductive season," he said. "I hate to say it, but the boys are somewhat extraneous."

Crenshaw said the department is aware that special circumstances may exist in some areas of the state, including Ruidoso, where generations of bears have come to rely on dumpster garbage and



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A mother bear prowls Ruidoso in search of food this year. Preliminary results from the five-year state study suggests the bear mortality rate is too high, but state officials say 18 years of other data disagree. The latest study does not include southeast New Mexico.

hand-outs from seasonal residents and tourists to survive.

Hunters often simply sit and wait for a bear to approach a dumpster to kill it, translating to easy kills that could hike the numbers in this section of the state and other similar resort towns, according to local game wardens.

"There are certain areas we may want to look at," Crenshaw said. "We try to detect localized problems and if necessary, change the regulations."

The department could recommend changes in the hunting season of a specific area even if the overall bear population is fine, he said.

"At the moment, we don't anticipate any, but that doesn't mean some won't come. Societal pressure also comes to play," Crenshaw said.

Ruidoso is not an isolated case of hunters abandoning the traditional hounds and tracking methods for easier approaches, he said.

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Conservation district winners recognized

Heavy rain and flooding canceled the annual September get-together of the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District.

But members took a second shot at an annual meeting Oct. 3, this time with an indoor dinner in Capitan, where special awards were handed out.

Dorothy Lacy of Capitan was named Outstanding Rancher.

Lacy owns 840 acres and leases 4,277 acres from the U.S. Forest Service, primarily for cattle grazing. Secondary uses include harvesting for fuel wood, fenceposts and related wood products. The ranch had no active conservation plan for about 30 years.

When Mrs. Lacy took over after the death of her husband, the initial project completed was a spring development with a livestock pipeline, water storage and drinking facility to provide permanent water for the center of the ranch.

With the district agreeing to cost share, she entered into a long-term agreement for more water development and brush management.

A system was designed for two wells to collect water and use gravity for storage. Fiberglass storage units were installed at each well with troughs.

The juniper invasion on 330

acres has been stopped using a small dozer for grubbing, as well as hand grubbing and chemical control.

Grazing management also has improved, with better water availability and distribution to allow deferment of grazing in smaller pastures.

Jerry Burchett, a retired vocational agriculture teacher who taught at Hondo for 15 years, received the Outstanding Conservation Service Award.

He was recognized for inspiring many students to enter agricultural fields, and for increasing the awareness of natural resource issues in all of his students.

Peter Mendiola, who took a run-of-the-mill farm and turned it into an economic and diversified enterprise, was given the Outstanding Farmer Award.

His family owns the Mendiola Ranch, now called the Feliz Montano Horse Ranch. Mendiola also owns an orchard, raising ornamental trees he harvests and sell to landscapers and large businesses for decoration. He serves as mayordomo of the Picacho Ditch Group.

The Outstanding Public Service Award went to Jeff Lewis, Soil and Water Conservation Bureau



Royalty reigns

Jayson McSwane and B.J. Montoya were crowned Capitan Homecoming King and Queen at halftime Friday. Other members of the court were freshmen Dale Cillessen and Shayna Shreengost, sophomores Maggie Montoya and Raymond Harris, juniors Ann Holt and David Worrell, and seniors Tricia Seidel and Shane Carpenter.

Pamela Cromwell/The Ruidoso News

field representative for the Upper Hondo District and 18 other districts in the state.

He has introduced many programs locally. He keeps the district informed of events and directives from the bureau and Soil and Water Commission.

Bob Boebinger was named Outstanding Supervisor for his enthusiastic participation in dis-

trict activities at all levels, from local to national. He serves on the local district's budget and long-range planning committees, and is its representative to the South Central Mountain Recreation, Conservation and Development Council.

During the winter months, Boebinger drives 600 miles to attend board meetings. He serves as the district's representative at Lin-

coln County planning and zoning meetings, county commission meetings, on subdivision reviews, yearly dam inspection, and Bureau of Land Management meetings. He is a member of the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism Board, president of the county historical society and has written and presented many papers about conservation.

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Because the election will be non-partisan, there will be no labels regarding party affiliation and the Judges must run on their own record.

The Judicial retention election is important. I urge you to acquaint yourselves with the Judges of the Twelfth Judicial District and to look for the Judicial Retention section on the ballot in November. Remember, this is not an uncontested election! To be retained for an additional term, a judge must receive at least 57% 'yes' vote.

I would appreciate your 'yes' vote!

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Senator Domenici make stop in Ruidoso

Three generations of the Domenici family will accompany U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici on a one-day whitewater caravan through southeast New Mexico on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The senator, his wife Nancy and a number of their children and grandchildren and other family members are scheduled to make stops in Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Roswell and Artesia during their four-day swing through southern New Mexico.

U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen of Pecos will join the Domenicis in Alamogordo, Roswell and Artesia.

Following is the planned schedule of events for the Domenicis on Saturday. This schedule is subject to change. Please call the People for Pete Domenici office for confirmation at (505) 371-2122.

Alamogordo
8-10 a.m. The Domenicis will host a free pancake breakfast at Chase 807 S. White Sands Boulevard.

Ruidoso
10:30-11:30 a.m. Domenici will call on constituents over coffee at K-B's restaurant.

12:30-2 p.m. The Domenicis will attend the annual Oktoberfest at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

Roswell
2-5:30 p.m. The Domenicis will attend a barbecue at the Roswell Wool Warehouse, 212 S. Fourth Street. The barbecue is \$1 per person and open to the public.

Artesia
6-8 p.m. The Domenicis will host a free barbecue sponsored by local supporters at the Artesia Center, 612 N. Eighth Street. RSVPs are requested and can be made by calling 749-2799.

Casino supporters form group, set up in local building

A newly formed group of Casino Apache workers and supporters has opened a downtown Ruidoso office with a fax machine, computer and telephones.

Dubbed New Mexico Citizens for Equal Justice, the group has an immediate goal of heightening voter awareness about candidate stances on Indian gaming.

First on the docket is a march Saturday from the Mesalero Inn on Carrizo Canyon Road to the Inn of the Mountain Gods. All are welcome. A time had not yet been set yesterday.

The group also attended a gathering in Albuquerque this morning for presidential candidate Bob Dole.

Cause of death confirmed in suicide in forest

Marilyn Boyd, a pharmacist whose body was found in the Lincoln National Forest Aug. 6, died of drug intoxication, the New Mexico Medical Investigator determined this week.

The death of the 38-year-old Roswell woman was ruled a suicide. Boyd's body was found by campers in the Capitan Mountains. She was reported missing by her husband June 3.

The state positively identified the body as Boyd's three days after it was found next to her purse, about 185 empty diet pill packets and an empty bottle of rum, according to a spokesman for the investigator's office.

Boyd's body was found in the same vicinity as the bones and partially mummified body of Roxie Alice Moser, which was discovered

More volunteer workers are welcome

The office is being funded by the Mesalero Apache Tribe, which operated Casino Apache until the U.S. attorney forced it to close last month. New Mexico tribes are appealing courts' rulings that their gambling compacts are illegal because they weren't signed by the state Legislature.

More volunteer workers are welcome.

When he was charged, Hopper already was serving life sentence in a Huntsville, Texas penitentiary on two charges of aggravated sexual assault with a deadly weapon, for killing an Arkansas girl. He will be eligible for parole in 2007.

in September 1992. Her killer has never been brought to trial.

Two years later, after the remains had been identified as Moser, Vernon "Buddy" Lynn Hopper, 36, was charged in the murder of the 11-year-old girl. He led detectives to the general vicinity of the forest where he said he dumped the girl's body after abducting her from a Tulsa, Okla., grocery store.

When he was charged, Hopper already was serving life sentence in a Huntsville, Texas penitentiary on two charges of aggravated sexual assault with a deadly weapon, for killing an Arkansas girl. He will be eligible for parole in 2007.

Hopper's trial on the Moser case has been put on hold, according to a spokesman for the Tulsa district attorney's office.

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ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$400,000
PROJECT SUMMARY: To install two, two million gallon, storage tanks at two different locations, connecting to the existing water system.

Note: The Village of Capitan, by this section, will continue to comply with 24 CFR Part 58 requirements which are attached to CDBG funding knowing that the Community Development Council is not scheduled to allocate FY '97 CDBG funds until January 16, 1997. By undertaking this action, the Village will be able to commence with the actual construction of the proposed project sooner and will demonstrate to the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division, that the proposed project is feasible and ready to be implemented.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
An environmental review of the project has been made by the Grantee and is available for public examination and copying at the office noted above. Based on this review, the Grantee has determined that a request for release of project funds will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and hence, and environmental impact statement will not be undertaken under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-910).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare an environmental impact statement are as follows:
This project will not adversely affect the environment and any construction related nuisances such as dust and noise will cease upon project completion. The project is very essential to our community.

Public Comment on Finding
All interest agencies, groups or persons disagreeing with these decisions are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Grantee by October 25, 1996. All comments must clearly specify which decision they object to - The Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for Release of Funds. All comments so received will be considered by the Grantee prior to its taking any administrative action or requesting release of funds on the date listed immediately above.

RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS
The Grantee will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The grantee is certifying to HUD that the Village of Capitan and Norman Renfro, Mayor in his/her official capacity, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environment reviews, decision-making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Grantee may use the Block Grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities listed in 24 CFR part 598. HUD Will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:
(a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer or other officer of the Grantee, (b) that the environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process, or (c) another federal agency has submitted written comments pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act or Section 102(b) of NEPA. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD or LGD/DFA, Room 201, Bataan Memorial Bldg., Santa Fe, NM 87503. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD or LGD/DFA. No objection received after 15 days from the date of request for funds listed above will be considered by HUD or LGD/DFA.

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Joan Chase with R.D. Hubbard

Track office manager retires

Ruidoso Downs Race Track office manager Joan Chase retired last week after 19 years at the track. About 100 people attended her going-away party at Che Bella Thursday, including track owners R.D. and Joan Hubbard.

Chase handled all reservations at the racetrack. She started her career there in concessions and worked her way up through various jobs.

"Joan Chase was Ruidoso Downs," said Rick Baugh, her supervisor. "Everybody knew Joan and loved Joan. She always went out of her way to make sure everybody was satisfied."

Chase said she plans to "enjoy life" now that she is retiring. She immediately left for Arizona to go bird hunting with her husband Dean.

Trick or treat on Main Street

On Halloween, Ruidoso's shopping district on Sudderth will again be the main haunt of treat-seeking goblins, witches, aliens, fairies, and every other imaginable trickster.

This year costumed children will trick-or-treat from 3-5 p.m. on Main Street, where they can enjoy Halloween in a safe, friendly atmosphere.

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce is asking Main Street businesses to stay open and give out candy. This year, participating merchants can place a special flyer

in the shop window to welcome trick-or-treaters. Flyers are available through the chamber.

Unemployment drops in August

Lincoln County's unemployment rate fell from 6.2% in July to 5.6% in August, giving Lincoln the seventh lowest unemployment rate in the state, according to the state Department of Labor.

But with the recent layoff of about 300 people from Casino Apache, the unemployment rate is likely to rise when September-October numbers become available. The county's labor force shrank by 122 people from July to August, with the number of unemployed down by 53 and the number of employed down by 69.

In August of 1995, Lincoln County had the eighth highest unemployment rate in New Mexico at 8.8%. Fort Stanton in Lincoln County closed in March 1995, causing the loss of 300 jobs.

In August 1995 the county had a labor force of 7,520 people; the August 1996 labor force is 7,451.

New Mexico's unemployment rate remained at July's 7.1% in August of this year.

Since August 1995, unemployment in the state has risen by 8,300 or 16.6%, placing New Mexico's rate two full points over the national unemployment rate. The national unemployment rate was at 5.1% in August.

Family Dollar is a discount alternative

by PAMELA CROMWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The long-empty property formerly known as Y-Knot Park has a new tenant, one that plans to give that giant discount store across the street a run for its money. Family Dollar will open store number 2,596 in Ruidoso at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 132 Sudderth Drive.

The Ruidoso store is the 12th Family Dollar location in New Mexico. Despite Wal-Mart's historically devastating effect on smaller business competitors in Ruidoso, Family Dollar manager Lawrence Encinias sees its presence as an advantage rather than an obstacle.

"People know Wal-Mart is here, so being close to it, they'll see our sign as they come and go from Wal-Mart, and maybe they'll stop in," Encinias said. "We're offering customers an alternative."

Encinias transferred to Ruidoso from Raton, where he had started working at a Family Dollar in June. By October, Encinias was promoted to assistant manager, then was put in charge of the new Ruidoso outlet.

Family Dollar public information officer Florence Stanley describes Family Dollar stores as small and convenient.

"We have a different market niche," she said. "Our stores are easy to get in and out of quickly. There are no long lines, no long walks to and from the parking lot or to find an item once you're in the store."

Family Dollar sells typical discount items at competitive pricing, Stanley said. A 7,865 square-foot space at the Ruidoso location will



Family Dollar manager Lawrence J. Encinias recently moved here from Raton.

be stocked with household necessities including clothing and shoes, domestics, health and beauty aids, housewares, small electronics, school supplies, candy and snack foods, toys, paint and auto supplies.

Though the stores are small, the Family Dollar chain has experienced a growth spurt in the last 10 years. Beginning with one store in Charlotte, N.C., in 1969, the company presently operates in a 38-state area ranging as far northwest as South Dakota, northeast to Maine, southeast to Florida, and

southwest to New Mexico.

More than 60% of the stores were added during the last 10 years. This year they expect to add 200 stores to the roster, one of which is the Ruidoso location.

"Family Dollar looks forward to locating in Ruidoso and being part of a fine community," said senior vice president of store operations Phil Thompson.

Brian Holderman, district manager for this area, said the store will employ as many local people as possible. Encinias has hired about

20 employees.

Family Dollar is expecting neighbors at the renovated Y-Knot building very soon. Original plans to open a micro-brewery there were

The Ruidoso Planning Commission approved an application for a brew pub at the site last year, but the applicant apparently has not followed through with his plans. Property manager Betty Beachum is turning the property into a retail center. Spaces are still available, suitable for both retail and office use, she said.

Interest Rates	
The following interest rates on certificates of deposit and new car loans were reported Oct. 17 from local banks.	
CD Rates (Minimum \$500 balance)	
Pioneer Savings Bank	
3 months	4.32%
6 months	5.20%
1 year	5.30%
New Car Loan Rates	
Pioneer Savings Bank	
48 months	8.75%
60 months	8.75%
All Lincoln County banks are welcome to have their interest rates listed free each Friday on the Business page. Call Pamela Cromwell at 257-4001 or fax current rates on Thursdays to 257-7053.	

Furniture store is a small business success

"I don't hire more personnel than I need, and I make sure that all employees are cross-trained. Everyone has a purpose, and everyone stays busy, which is good for morale, and it's also good for the profit picture. We're continually raising the high bar here."

KURT BARKS

RUIDOSO FURNITURE WAREHOUSE

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has proclaimed Ruidoso Furniture Warehouse a successful young business, thanks to the hard work and good planning of owners Kurt and Melissa Barks. An SBA LowDoc loan helped the furniture store get started.

The SBA LowDoc program is one of the agency's most popular programs. Once a client has met its lender's requirements for credit, LowDoc offers a simple, one-page SBA application form and rapid turnaround on approvals for loans of up to \$100,000. The SBA will guarantee up to 80% of the loan amount.

With financing from the First Federal Savings Bank of New Mexico through the SBA LowDoc program, the Barks began their business, a Limited Liability Corporation, in January, 1996.

The Barks visited the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell for help on Aug. 29, 1995. For the next four months, the center helped the Barks with financial projections and helped them develop a business and marketing plan for a warehouse-style furniture store which they wanted to start in Ruidoso.

Both Kurt and Melissa had a background in the furniture business, and they saw a real need —

and a real opportunity — for such a business here. They had already located a 7,500 square-foot building in a shopping center on Ruidoso's main street.

Kurt was determined to plan every step of his new venture in detail, and came to the SBDC with a floor plan already drawn up, a detailed itemization of starting inventory, and a month-by-month marketing and advertising campaign, complete with budget allocations for newspaper, television, radio and billboard expenses, for his first year in business.

"Plan for the worst, but work for the best," was his maxim, and as the Roswell SBDC fine-tuned his business plan it was evident that was indeed what he was doing, SBDC officials said. Submitting his business plan with a LowDoc application for a loan, Kurt received loan approval in time to go to the

yearly Dallas Market in early January.

Decorating and renovation of his building started that same month, and though the business was not officially opened until April, sales began as soon as furniture began arriving. At their grand opening in May, more than 150 people visited the store over a four-hour period.

Sales have continued to be strong ever since, the Barks said. Their high sales month to date was June, when they did nearly \$60,000 in business, exceeding their projections by \$15,000. Sales in August exceeded projections by \$10,000.

Before the business opened, and while the Roswell SBDC was still actively helping Kurt with his business plan, the most serious concern was the possibility of a lack of working capital.

In order to qualify for a LowDoc loan, Kurt cut his start-up expenses

drastically. He knew he could order merchandise (his starting inventory) for delivery several months later, and then sign for it on terms of 30-60-90 days net.

He planned to "hit the ground running," and get his inventory sold before payment was due. With good publicity and an enthusiastic reception in the community, that is exactly what happened, he said.

Kurt has selected his employees carefully.

"I don't hire more personnel than I need," he said, "and I make sure that all employees are cross-trained. Everyone has a purpose, and everyone stays busy, which is good for morale, and it's also good for the profit picture. We're continually raising the high bar here."

Current and prospective small business owners can get free and confidential management and technical assistance through the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) program, which is administered by the SBA. There are 17 SBDCs located throughout New Mexico at community colleges, universities and vocational schools.

The SBDCs offer one-stop help to small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance. For information on the SBDC or on any of the SBA services or programs, you may contact the Albuquerque SBA Office at (505)766-1870.

net.news/selling/

by PAUL LUFKIN
for the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce

Past columns in this space have emphasized using the World Wide Web as an advertising medium. But it is also an interactive medium in which business can be transacted.

In John Lassiter's book "Penturbia—where real estate will boom in the 1990s," the author suggests a world where business is conducted via phone, e-mail, and the Internet from pleasant resort communities.

In the past, resort communities relied almost exclusively on tourism and regional attractions to fuel their economy. Lassiter's vision for "Penturbia" includes retail and wholesale outlets, professional services, export and import hubs, and even light manufacturing conducted from select "pleasure communities," all made possible by the computer chip.

We at the Good Water Company in Ruidoso have developed expertise in designing and implementing water treatment systems for the notorious water quality here in Lincoln County. Why not extend our service area to include those in other parts of the country who were experiencing the same types of problems? And so, in May of this year we established an interactive business page on the Web.

In June, a Kansas convenience store that had such bad water that the local water conditioning company had given up on them, found our Web page. They contacted us and after some conversations, wired \$5,000 for the design of a system. Three weeks later we delivered a whole-store reverse osmosis system which they in-

stalled themselves with some hand-holding from here. The system solved their problem and started our Internet business.

On the average, we get seven Internet inquiries a day via e-mail, and make one decent sale a week. We are quoting \$10,000-\$15,000 systems about once a month. Certainly at this point, business on the Net is not our mainstay, but the potential is there and I'd say we've got a good start.

The process has not been easy. It's like anything, you get out what you put in. To make money on the Internet takes time and effort. A business with a Web site must be willing to try different things, learn the Web commercial culture, talk to successful Web entrepreneurs, read the literature, get to know the search engines. At the Good Water Company, I don't think we were under any illusions that we would just put up a Web page and people would immediately find it. We had to get into the mind of the consumer, log on to the Internet ourselves, and make sure that a potential customer would find us. The results have made it all worthwhile.

The address of our Web page is:
<http://www.lookingglass.net/pg/gwc.htm>.

"net.news" is a regular column meant to educate the business community about Internet. Paul Lufkin is a Chamber of Commerce Internet volunteer.

If you have Internet questions you'd like answered in "net.news," you may contact Pamela Cromwell at 257-4001 (phone) or 257-7053 (fax).



Grocery store bank

Sierra Bank is the first bank in Ruidoso to open a branch in a grocery store. It is a full-service bank located at the Furr's grocery on U.S. Highway 70. Pictured at the grand opening are (left to right) assistant branch manager Jennifer Willis, branch manager Susie Holder, financial services representative Marian Smith, President Carl Bartley, and Sierra Bank CEO Jim Volk.

More houses built out of town

New residential construction just outside Ruidoso outstripped in-town construction almost two-to-one in September. The village of Ruidoso issued 7 permits for building new homes within Ruidoso city limits, and it issued 13 permits for building homes in the extra-territorial zone, a 3-mile buffer surrounding city limits.

In-town construction values added up to \$911,295 for new homes. Builders spent more than \$2.4 million building new homes outside city limits in September.

In the past several months, dating back to March, one third of new homes were built in the extra-territorial zone.

Compared to September 1995, new residential construction values are up 142% overall (including the extra-territorial zone) from \$1.37 million. The city issued twice as many permits this September as it did last September (20 this year, 10

last year).

Year to date, new residential values are up 11% from \$12 million in 1995 to \$13.3 million in 1996. Permits are up 6% from 98 last year to 107 this year. How many of last year's new homes were built outside city limits is not known.

There was no new commercial construction in September 1996 or September 1995. Values for 1996 to date still lead 1995 figures by 248%, with \$978,744 spent in 1996 and \$97,622 spent in 1995.

The largest drop in September construction values was in residential additions and remodeling. September 1996 values stood at \$312,795 and fell 54% to \$142,540 this September with four fewer permits issued.

Year to date, residential additions and remodeling values are down 24% from \$2.5 million in 1995 to \$1.9 million in 1996.

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IMMEDIATE 1987 FORD EX PIONEER 4x4, low miles, all options. 12550 OBO. 257-8103.

38 Antiques
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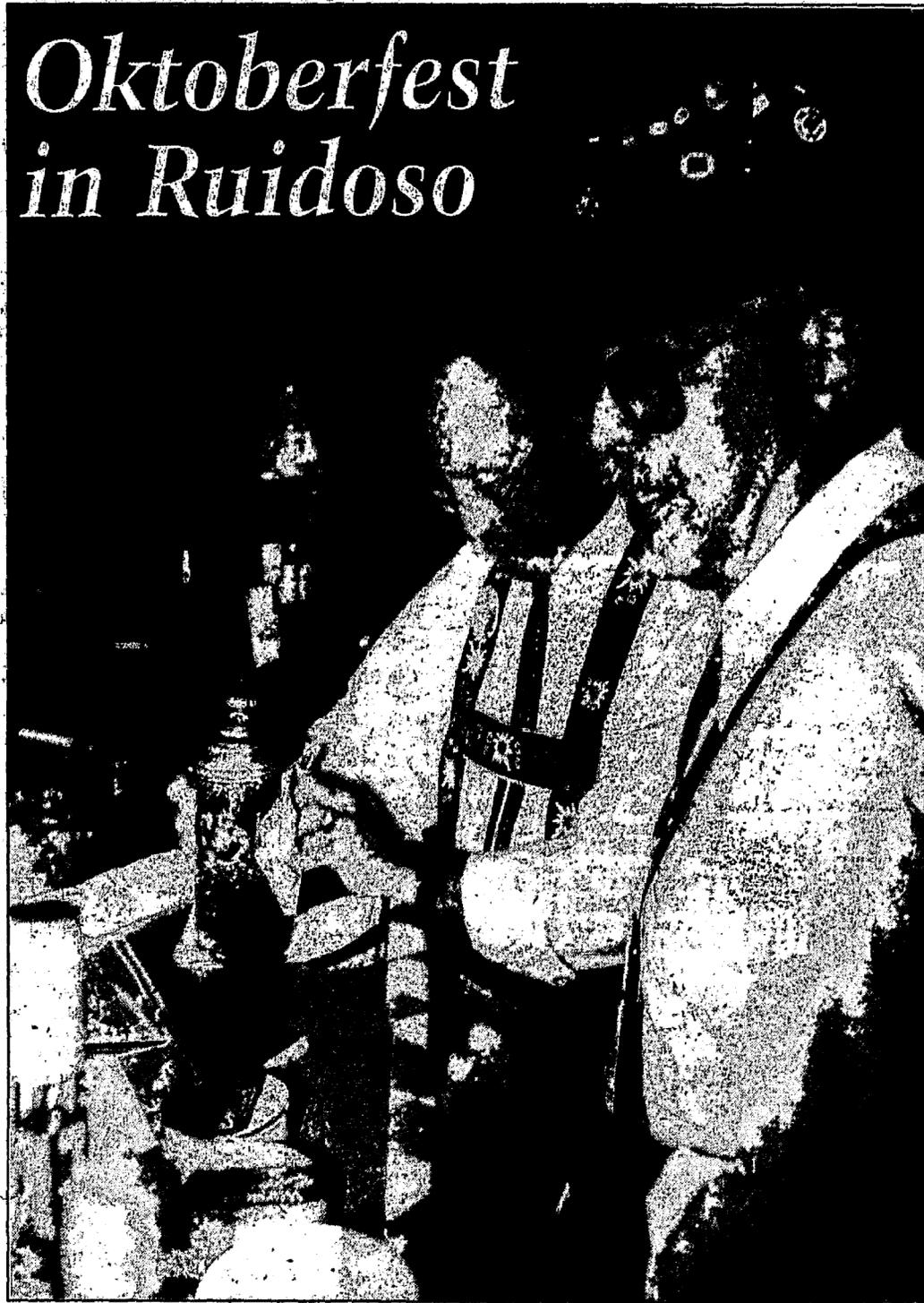
LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on November 4, 1996 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case# PV96-035 a Variance request for the following described property: Lot 7, Block 5, Paradise Canyon Subdivision, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico. By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. /s/ Cleatus R. Richards Planning Administrator 0636 1T(10)18	COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO SHAENON SIMONARO and MID-CENTURY AUTO INSURANCE COMPANY. Plaintiffs, v. CAROLYN ESSERY and JOHN KEWATON. Defendants. NO. CV-96-85 NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s), GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Shaenon Simonaro and Mid-Century Auto Insurance Company have filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to seek judgment for monies due for property damage and personal injuries. That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 22nd day of November, 1996, judgment by default will be entered against you. Name and address of Plaintiff(s) atorney(s): Daniel J. O'Brien O'BRIEN & SKINNER, P.C. 6301 Indian School Road, NE, Suite 800, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 (505) 853-8181 WITNESS the Honorable Richard A. Parsons District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 30th day of Sept., 1996. /s/ Eugenia Vega Clerk of the District Court 0615 4T(10)11,18,25(11)18	LEGAL NOTICE The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on November 2, 1996 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider Case# PV96-034 a Variance request for the following described property: Lots 8, Block 20, Town & Country North at Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico. By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. /s/ Cleatus R. Richards Planning Administrator 0634 1T(10)18	LEGAL NOTICE A-1 Mini Storage Request a Notice of Lien Sale Unit No. 939 Mick, Inc. Victor Mills 74 Cassatt Rd. Elizabeth Town, PA 17022 LIEN SALE WILL BE HELD: 10-28-96 at 9:00AM, A-1 Mini Storage, 233 Camino Canyon, Ruidoso, NM. 8222 2T(10)18
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What's happening?



Live Music

AIR FORCE'S "TOP BRASS" QUINTET — Two concerts in Alamogordo. 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 at the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts (437-2202). 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 induction ceremony for 20th annual International Space Hall of Fame at the Space Center (437-2840).

TULIE CANTINA, Tularosa, 582-2011 — Band entertainment every Saturday. DJ music every Sunday. Rhythm Iguana on Saturday, Oct. 19, \$3 cover.

DAN LI KA DINING ROOM, Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Piano dinner music 6-10 p.m. every night with Bill McClain Monday and Tuesday, Dave King Wednesday-Sunday. Bill Gross plays vibraphone for Sunday brunch noon-3 p.m.

GALLOPING TORTOISE, 662 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-2511 — Live music 8 p.m. Thursday - Saturday and acoustic guitar jam sessions 3-6 p.m. Sundays.

HOLLYWOOD INN, 2239 Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs — Live music Thursday - Sunday. Pool tourney Wednesday nights.

MARIE LAVEAUX NIGHTCLUB, 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3764 — Different rock and roll band every weekend, performing Friday and Saturday nights.

IN-ESPRESSO-BLE COFFEEHOUSE, Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso — Jay Silverman 8 p.m. Friday night; Mark Remington 8 p.m. Saturday night.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9535 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday - Sunday - DJ, no cover.

FARLEY'S FOOD, FUN & PUB, 1200 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-5678 — Live upbeat music on patio every Friday and Saturday night. Also video games, live interactive trivia, pool tables.

INCREIBLE SALOON, North Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4312 — Live music on weekends.

THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3506 — Live music every Friday and Saturday. Open all night Friday and Saturday.

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB, 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2733 — 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays, "Keri" will be playing most weekends. Keri plays a variety of dining and dancing music from the 1930s and beyond.

MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB, 1 mile north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 247-8895 — 8 p.m. - close Friday and Saturday, dance music with DJ. Also, stand-up comedy showcase at 9 p.m. every Saturday with \$3 admission.

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ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SPACE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION, Space Center, Alamogordo — events begin Thursday, Oct. 17 and continue through to the induction ceremony at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. The Hall of Fame will be open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., admission free.

OKTOBERFEST, Ruidoso Civic Center, Ruidoso — 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 18; noon to midnight Saturday, Oct. 19. Traditional Bavarian festival with German music, dancing, food and beer. A great weekend of family fun and fellowship. Tickets at the door: \$5 for one day, \$8 for both days, children under 18 are FREE. For more information call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at (505) 257-7395 or 1-800-253-2255.

U.S. SENATOR PETE DOMENICI in Ruidoso — 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. The senator will take the opportunity to talk with constituents while attending the Oktoberfest at the convention center. He will also talk with people at 10-11 a.m. Saturday at K-Bob's in Ruidoso.

KERMIT OCTOBER AFFAIR ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Oct. 19, 12:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Winkler County Recreation Center, Kermit, Texas. Over 50 booths; food and fun for all.

FLY-IN DAYS IN CARLSBAD — Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19-20. Dozens of hot air balloon and airplane pilots will fly their crafts in for the weekend. Also includes balloon and plane rides for visitors, remote-controlled planes, flight-related displays and exhibits. For more information call (505)887-6516.

PARENTING COURSE — "Resolving conflict with teenagers and pre-teens," Community Room, Ruidoso High School. Second of six sessions led by Dr. Birgit Lamothe, at 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22. The course is free, open to the public and no reservations are needed. This Tuesday's topic is "Joint Problem Solving."

HEALTH FAIR — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 at the Ruidoso Convention and Civic Events Center. Health screenings for blood glucose, HIV, flexibility; prostate and breast/cervical screenings by appointment; free flu shots for adults 65 or older or at risk.

RUIDOSO HEALTH OFFICE CLOSURES — Health office will be closed Friday, Oct. 18, due to staff meeting in Roswell (WIC open both days). WIC and health office closed Wednesday, Oct. 23, for flu clinic.

HOLLOMAN ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR, Holloman Air Force Base, Hangar 500 — Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26. More than 200 exhibitors offer a wide variety of items including aircraft models, antique quilts, ceramics, Southwestern Indian art, western clothing and much more. Food and beverages will also be available. Friday hours are from 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Open to the general public. For additional information call Vicki, (505)437-3264.

FALL FUN FEST — 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Ruidoso. Events include bingo, games, silent auction, country store, and cake walk. Costume contest: registration 4:30 p.m., judging 5-5:30 p.m.

THE SAUNDERS CAVALRY at the Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs — This cavalry from the New Mexico Military Institute will perform various drills and demonstrations. Free admission.

ST. FRANCIS DEPAULA CATHOLIC CHURCH BAZAAR — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26 at the St. Francis Church Grounds, 4th Street, Tularosa. Games, food, chili contest. Entertainment provided by local musicians. For more information contact Roy or Maggie Telles at (505)585-2617; Lita or Celso Chaves at (505)585-4853.

COMMUNITY CPR CLASS — 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Education Annex at Lincoln County Medical Center. Cost \$5 per person, limit 20 people. Minimum age 13. Please contact Lance Hill or David Wheeler at 257-8290.

RUIDOSO SENIOR CENTER POTLUCKS CANCELLED FOR OCTOBER — due to renovations. For more information call Sandee or Charlotte, 257-4565.

LOW COST MAMMOGRAM PROGRAM — throughout October at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. Cost is \$55 for patients between ages 30 and 64. Appointments can be made by calling Dianne Vowel at 258-4210. Patients with breast implants are not eligible.

LINCOLN COUNTY GOLD MINING COMPANY, 629 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-4070 — Gold panning excursions in the Lincoln National Forest.

D LAZY 2 CHUCKWAGON — seven days a week, year round. Reservations only. Authentic chuckwagon entertainment (cowboy poetry, guitar, music, etc.) Reservations must be made by 3 p.m. Call 257-7836 for more information.

SERTOMA SPEEDWAY, Hwy. 54 north of Tularosa, 524-7913 — Races at 2 p.m. every Sunday.

MOUNTAIN LEGENDS GALLERY & FOUNDRY, 610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8040 — 1-4 p.m. every Friday - public bronze pourings and tour of the foundry. Call for reservations. Hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Clubs & Meetings

SOUTHWEST TURFGRASS CONFERENCE — Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 16-18 at the Ruidoso Convention and Civic Events Center. Participants will learn to manage weeds, turf in difficult soils and various grass species. CEU credits available for New Mexico Association of Nursery Industries certified nurserymen, N.M. and Texas pesticide applicators and golf course superintendents. For more information contact Curtis Smith at (505)275-2576.

NEW MEXICO RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM — Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 16-18 at the Farmington Civic Center. Conference theme is "The art of living well in our rural communities." For more information contact Bob Coppedge at (505)648-4122 or Ann Hill at (505)827-0304.

OPEN HOUSE ABOUT WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT — 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 at the Vaughn Fire Department. The State of New Mexico and the U.S. Department of Energy will provide information about the steps they have taken to ensure the safe transport of radioactive waste to the WIPP in southeastern New Mexico. For more information call Chris Wentz or Heidi Snow at (505)827-5950.

SANTA COPS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Ruidoso Downs Village Council meeting room. All persons interested in participating in the Santa Cops program this year are urged to attend this organizational meeting. They collect and disperse gifts for the needy.

VEGETARIAN CLUB POTLUCK — 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Ruidoso Roastery Coffee House. Bring a dish or contribute to donation jar. For more information call Russ Warwick, 257-2172; or Karen Vaughn, 258-4939.

LINCOLN COUNTY PARENTS AS TEACHERS PLAY GROUP MEETING — 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Region IX office, 1400 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso. Bring your baby for an hour of group play and information exchange. Group play for 1-, 2- and 3-year olds. Each group will include a facilitator. Healthy snacks will be served. Call (505)257-2368 for additional information.



Library

STORYTIME AT THE RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY — 2-3 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. From 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays, there are puppet shows, songs, dance, nursery rhymes, storytelling, arts and crafts, and creative drama. For 3- to 6-year-olds, no sign-ups and it's free.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT THE LIBRARY, Alamogordo Public Library — 2-4 p.m. through Nov. 24. Writing workshops and poets on tape as part of the Tumblewords project. Sunday, Oct. 20 - Kathy Diehl talks about "Journaling." For more information contact project coordinator Ann Nowell, (505)585-4769.



Movies

SIERRA CINEMA, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444 — "First Wives Club," "The Ghost and the Darkness," "Sleepers." Call theater for show times and ratings.



Theater

"THE SALOONKEEPER'S DAUGHTER" — presented by the Alamogordo Music Theatre for two weekends. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26 and Nov. 1-2 at the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets on sale at The Squash Blossom, (505)437-8126.



Museums

RODIN: SCULPTURE FROM THE IRIS AND B. GERALD CANTOR COLLECTION, The Albuquerque Museum — opens Sunday, Oct. 20 and runs through Sunday, Jan. 5. The exhibition consists of 63 bronze sculptures as well as a number of vintage photographs, drawings and illustrations by Rodin, who is considered the modern Michelangelo by many experts.

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142 — open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily Tuesday - Sunday. The museum is located just east of Ruidoso Downs Race Track on Highway 70. Showing now through Jan. 12: Fall American Art Show and Sale. Artists from the southern half of New Mexico will participate in this juried show and sale. Regular admission.

MINER'S HOUSE AND SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUMS, White Oaks — historical displays in "ghost town" of White Oaks. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Tuesday.

LINCOLN COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST HISTORICAL CENTER-COURTHOUSE MUSEUM AND LINCOLN STATE MONUMENT — Highway 380, Lincoln; 653-4025. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

APACHE CULTURAL CENTER, Saint Joseph Mission, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Mescalero National Fish Hatchery, all in Mescalero. Call 671-4494 for more information.



Parks & Recreation

NOVICE BULL RIDING AND STEER RIDING BUCKLE SERIES, Salazar Arena, Mescalero — 1 p.m. every Saturday, Oct. 26 through Nov. 16. Prizes awarded for each go round. Fees \$37 for novice bull riding, \$22 for steer riding 12 and under. Entries open 7 a.m. every Tuesday the week of this event and stay open until books are filled. For more information call (505) 378-8185 or 258-8043. Spectator admission \$3 for adults, \$1 for children.

CAPTAN GUN CLUB — National Rifle Association approved summer league match on Saturday, Oct. 26. For more information call LeRoy Thetford at (505)954-2859.

RUIDOSO ATHLETIC CLUB, 415 Wingfield, 257-4900 — 3 on 3 Volleyball Tournament 7 p.m. every Tuesday. Must be a member to participate. Prizes and trophies. \$30 per team. For more information call Jennie, 257-4900.

FREE LINE DANCING LESSONS — 10-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Ruidoso Senior Center, behind the public library at 501 1/2 Junction Road.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 438-7400.

SMOKEY BEAR RANGER STATION, Lincoln National Forest, 257-4095.

RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SKATEBOARD PARK, White Mountain Drive, Ruidoso.

FUNTRACKERS, 101 Carrizo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-3275 — go carts, pro track cars, putt putt golf, bumper boats, and game room.

RAINBOW LAKES FUN PARK, 806 Carrizo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-6774 — putt putt golf, bumper boats, batting cages, basketball shoot and arcade.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS ARCADE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Video arcade, pool tables. The Inn also has tennis courts, horseback riding and fishing.

SEEPING SPRINGS TROUT LAKES, four miles east of Ruidoso Downs, race track by Hwy. 70, 378-4216 — Fishing for Rainbow trout without a New Mexico fishing license. Paddleboats are also available.

RANCHO SOSEGADO TROUT FISHING & PICNICS, 6 Nogal Canyon Road, Bent, 24 miles W. of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70, 671-4580 — Fishing & picnicking.



Horseback Rides

BUDDIE'S STABLES, 707 Gavilan Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 258-4027.

COWBOY'S STABLES, 1764 U.S. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8217.

DESERT HIGH COUNTRY STABLES, E. Hwy. 70, 3 miles E. of the "Y" at milepost 264-1/2, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4559.

GRINDSTONE STABLES, Grindstone Resort Road, 257-2241.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.



Going Out

EYE ON THE ARTS

Polka to your heart's content at Oktoberfest

Ruidoso hosts its own Oktoberfest this weekend, complete with the traditional fare.

This Munich, Germany-originated folk festival celebrating fall runs from 5 p.m. until noon on Friday, Oct. 18, and from noon until midnight on Saturday, Oct. 19, all at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

The event will feature the major attractions of Oktoberfest celebrations: music, dancing, traditional costumes and beer. Beers on tap includes Warsteiner, Paulaner, Beck's and, for those with a lighter appetite, Coors Light.

Entertainers will include the

OKTOBERFEST

When: 5 p.m. to midnight tonight and noon to midnight Saturday
Where: Civic Events Center

Jubilee Polka Trio from San Antonio, Texas; Die Polka Schlingels of Albuquerque, a band with more than 10 members dressed in full Bavarian costume; and the Planina Dancers of Los Alamos, a non-profit group of 16 dancers dedicated to furthering the understanding and appreciation of international folk culture.



Die Polka Schlingels are the featured band at Ruidoso's Oktoberfest celebration, which begins tonight and continues through Saturday.

Elderhostel returns to Lincoln County

By PAMELA CROMWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Elderhostel is coming to Ruidoso again for the first time in three years, thanks to the cooperative efforts of Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso and La Junta Guest Ranch.

Anyone age 55 or older can participate in Elderhostel, a vacation-study program modeled after European youth hostels.

Elderhostel started out at universities and colleges, where travelling elders stayed in dormitories, said Carolyn Allen, Elderhostel director at ENMU.

"Now they have them anywhere," Allen said. "The trend is to have them at an attractive, comfortable place like La Junta."

ENMU invites local elders to take advantage of a special commuter rate for this year's Elderhostel. For \$175, commuters get five lunches at La Junta, plus the classes and field trip that are part of the week-long program.

An Elderhostel is usually a week of learning experiences, and participants can choose from all kinds of subjects. The course for this Elderhostel is entitled "Ruidoso: From History into the Heavens."

Class subjects include the

Lincoln County War, Southwestern literature, an art class with painter Paula White, the Lincoln National Forest, and Billy the Kid. The group will take field trips to Sunspot Observatory near Cloudcroft, the town of Lincoln, and the Museum of the Horse.

The Ruidoso Elderhostel starts with dinner and orientation the evening of Sunday, Oct. 27, and concludes after lunch Friday, Nov. 1 with the conferring of diplomas.

In addition to programs like the one at La Junta, Elderhostel also offers special programs.

"The hottest thing right now are service programs," Allen said. "In New

Mexico they're doing archaeological digs. In Texas they're doing bird-banding at Aransas Pass."

Some programs are oriented toward RVers, and others allow grandparents to include their grandchildren in the fun.

"Our program is just starting out again," Allen said. "We can plan lots of things in the future."

Local elders who want to register for the Elderhostel at La Junta Guest Ranch may call ENMU at 257-2120 to register. Please call before noon on Tuesday, Oct. 22. One person in a couple may be younger than 55.

ONGOING EDUCATION

What: Elderhostel is a vacation-study program for adults 55 and older
When: Oct. 27 - Nov. 1
Cost: \$175 by Tuesday, Oct. 22
Call: ENMU at 257-2120

New book about Hardin most definitive to date

John Wesley Hardin was the deadliest gunfighter of all time. Countless books have been written about his exploits in Reconstruction Texas, and yet, despite all of the written words, Hardin has remained shrouded in the mists of history.

Hardin himself recognized the fact that he did indeed have a tale to tell. Toward the end of his life he wrote a self-serving autobiography that to this day has been the primary source of information about the legendary badman. Unfortunately, the book is full of contradictions and evasions that have confused and baffled historians for years.

All that is changed now. Historian Leon Metz of El Paso, Texas, has written a definitive biography of Hardin. Finally, the inconsistencies of the Hardin autobiography have not only been explained but also put into a highly readable narrative.

"John Wesley Hardin — Dark Angel of Texas" is a gem for both those who are interested in history and for anyone who just wants to read a real rip-snorter of a tale about a man who, when challenged to a duel, just couldn't say no.

Metz takes you from Hardin's childhood in Texas to his first killing at the age of 15. From there, the reader travels with Hardin through his violent, turbulent life to his death in El Paso in 1895.

For nearly a decade, the authorities pursued Hardin across numerous states before finally capturing the desperado in Pensacola Junction, Fla.

Metz' vivid descriptions of the gunfights, pursuit, capture and personal life of John Wesley Hardin lend, at long last, substance to the legend.

By the time Hardin was released from Texas' Rusk Prison at Huntsville, he had decided to become a lawyer. His last days and decline in El Paso were filled with intrigue, sex and murder. In other words, all the ingredients for a great story.

That, coupled with the fact that Leon Metz is a great storyteller, makes this easy-to-read narrative a must for anyone interested in the true story of the most dangerous outlaw Texas ever produced.

"John Wesley Hardin — Dark Angel of Texas" can be purchased at bookstores or from Mangan Books, 6245 Snowheights, El Paso, Texas, 79912.

BOOK REVIEW



Drew Gomber
Ruidoso News

Ruidoso school hosts annual Fall Fun Fest

Nob Hill School in Ruidoso will hold its annual Fall Fun Fest Carnival fundraiser from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26.

All area elementary and preschool children are invited with parents and relatives.

A costume contest with four categories will be judged between 5 and 5:30 p.m. Categories are animals/circus, healthy food, story-book, and cartoon/super heroes (please, no scary stuff).

Everyone is encouraged to come early: food booths will be open at 5 p.m. to serve hot dogs, chicken fingers, cheese sticks, green chile soup, nachos, popcorn, coffee and soft drinks.

Other activities include children and adult bingo, cakewalk, games, fish pond, clown toss, and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the Nob Hill activity fund.

Top brass quintet performs in Alamo

The "Top Brass," an ensemble of the United States Air Force Air Education and Training Command's "Band of the West," is returning to Alamogordo by popular demand.

The Top Brass quintet, led by SSgt. Danny Seymour, will play for the 20th Annual International Space Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Space Center at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19. The quintet played for the 18th Annual ISHF Induction in 1994.

This dynamic group, considered one of the best brass quintets in the nation, will also offer a concert at the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18. And while admission to the concert is free, there is limited seating, so tickets for the event must be picked up in advance. Tickets may be picked up at the Flickinger Center, the reception desk at the International Space Hall of Fame and at the reception desk for the Clyde W. Tombaugh Omnimax Theater and Planetarium. For other ticket locations call the Flickinger Center at 437-2202 or the Space Center at 437-2840.

Balloon, plane fly-in zooms into Carlsbad

Ballooning enthusiasts and airplane aficionados are invited to a weekend of fly-in events Oct. 19-20 in Carlsbad.

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GOING OUT

Texas chuckwagon wins cookoff

The Darsey Wagon of Les and Lyda Darsey of McLean, Texas was the big winner in the world's richest chuckwagon cookoff at the Lincoln County Symposium on Oct. 13.

The Darsey Wagon won the \$1,000 grand prize as overall winner, the award for Best Attitude and Appearance, as well as the second-place award in the Wagon Authenticity category.

The 3-H Ranch of Paul

Hudman, of Miles, Texas won the first place \$500 award for Most Authentic Wagon.

Other winners were: Ponderosa Mule Ranch of Elmer Richardson of Bryson, Texas, second place overall; Y Mill Iron of Jack and Judy Crews of Cheyenne, Wyo., third place overall (The Y Mill Iron also won the award for longest distance travelled); and Cow Camp Cattle Wagon of Glenn Moreland of Ft. Davis, Texas, fourth overall.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.

**Ruidoso News
Oct. 18, 1946**

The United States Army plans to enlarge its White Sands Proving Grounds, where the atomic bomb first saw the light of day, by acquiring 427,120 additional acres of land adjoining Fort Bliss. The land is in Dona Ana and Otero Counties. Suit to condemn the land for the Federal Government has

been filed in the U.S. District Court of New Mexico.

Lloyd P. Bloodworth and Claude O. Crane yesterday were named chairman and co-chairman, respectively, to head the annual drive for funds to support Boy Scout activities in Ruidoso.

Thomas J. Mabry, Democratic nominee for governor in New Mexico; Antonio M. Fernandez, candidate for re-election to the U.S. Congress, and other Democratic candidates for state and community offices participating in a big party rally at Capitan on Sunday evening.

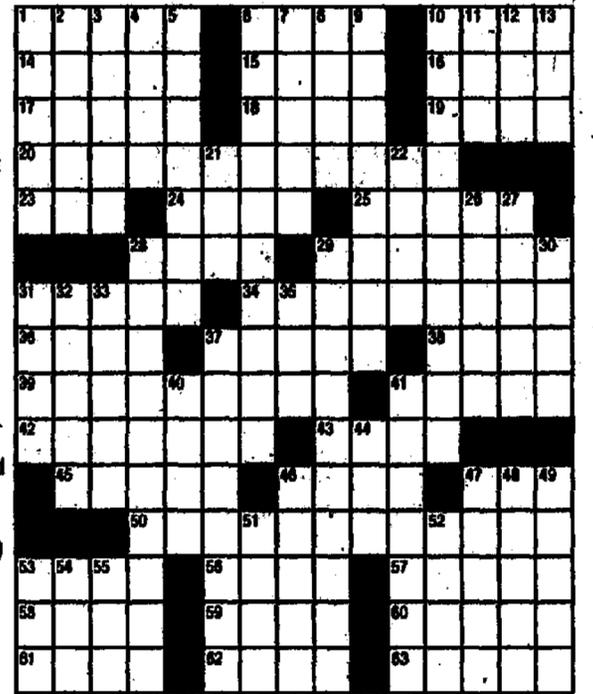
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Manager John Amezcua said he's proud of the food quality and atmosphere offered at the restaurant for moderate prices.

"Our aim is to serve the best steak, the best potato and fabulous salad," he said. "We provide an impeccable ambiance at great value to the customer."

"We cater to professionals and the blue collar guy too. Both types will find Cattle Baron equally as accommodating and that's why the concept works so well."

"Someone can come in with their family for a sit-down dinner and a glass of wine for the parents and not have to mortgage the house to do it."

Dinner prices at the restaurant at 657 Sudderth Drive start at \$7.95 and up to \$29.95. Lunch tabs range from \$4.95 to \$8.95.

Amezcua said he also has collected an array of red and white wines.

The general menu always offers fresh trout, catfish, Pacific snapper and King Salmon. Albacore tuna, swordfish and Mako shark are special dishes that have proven very popular with patrons, he said.

"Our oysters are incredible."

I've been told by some people they drove 50 miles to get them. We shuck them out of the shell here, and that's as fresh as you can get."

Some of Amezcua's favorite specialty dishes include filet mignon with green chili bearnaise sauce, a rotisserie chicken with jalapeno gravy and fresh tuna with Ancho chili sauce.

The restaurant seats 188 guests and requires a staff of 60-65, about 12 in the kitchen.

The Ruidoso Cattle Baron is one seven owned by Jeff Wilson, who came to New Mexico from Washington after joining the Air Force. When he was discharged in Clovis, he started the first Cattle Baron in nearby Portales in 1976.

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Sports

SPORTS SHORTS

Ruidoso tennis player wins two of three at Cavern City Jr. Open

Ruidoso junior Myra Romero made the finals in three events at the Cavern City Junior Open in Carlsbad Saturday and Sunday. The Warrior tennis player won two of three finals, the 16 singles crown and the 16 doubles title. In the 18 singles competition she finished second.

Romero played 10 hours of tennis Saturday to advance to Sunday's finals. She won seven of eight matches the whole weekend.

In the 16 singles championship, Romero downed Portalès' Mandy Trudeau 6-2, 6-1. She then teamed with Roswell's Laine Bare to win the doubles. Romero's only defeat came at the hands of Lovington's Lisa Boyd, 6-4, 6-3.

Autrey makes cut as teen finalist

Capitan senior Joni Autrey is a finalist in Teen magazine's "Athlete of the Year" contest. Autrey, who lives in Alto, is one of 12 chosen from 24 semifinalists.

Autrey is a three-sport star for the Tigers. She plays volleyball, basketball and track for Capitan.

Game time changed

The game time for Capitan's boys football contest with Alamogordo's sophomore team has been changed to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, in Capitan. The game was scheduled originally for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26.

Replay

This week in Lincoln County sports history, compiled from *The Ruidoso News*.

10 years ago - Ruidoso ups its record to a nifty 7-1 with a 34-12 win at the expense of Los Lunas. The Warrior spikers raise their record to 10-3 overall and 4-1 in district play with a sweep of Deming, 15-2, 15-7, 15-0.

20 years ago - Tularosa's David Guerra scores the winning touchdown as the Wildcats down Ruidoso, 22-14, in boys football.

30 years ago - Ruidoso rallies for a 19-7 win over Hatch. Eliner Adanandus finds paydirt three times for the Warriors. Melrose upsets Capitan's homecoming with a 13-12 victory.

40 years ago - Capitan edges Corona, 7-6, in boys football. Shory Jones scampers four yards for Capitan's touchdown. In flag football, Hondo blanks Capitan, 14-0. John Blea and Ronnie Henderson score for the Hondo seventh- and eighth-graders.

Roundball wars



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

Stacy Cox of Alamo Pipe and Supply looks for a teammate during his team's play against Aramark Cobras. The Cobras won the Tuesday night game, 59-50. Cox led Alamo with eight points. The parks and recreation men's league started play last week at the Ruidoso Middle School gymnasium.

Warrior tribes invade Silver

BY LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Several tribes of Warriors will invade Silver City today (Oct. 18) and Saturday, hoping to return with plenty of spoils, namely victories.

Ruidoso fans might as well make a weekend of it in Grant County. The Warrior volleyball team starts it all off with a District 3AAA battle against the Colts. The freshman teams square off at 3 p.m., followed by junior varsity and varsity contests. Saturday, the Warriors wrap up the weekend with a district match at Cobre, just 10 miles down the road from the Colts.

Then, the Warriors and Colts mix it up on the gridiron, beginning at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Even with two district games left on the schedule, this could be the game that determines the 3AAA champ. Both Ruidoso and Silver have 1-0 district marks, but the Colts own the better overall record at 5-2. Ruidoso is 3-4.

"Silver City is the favored team in the district and if we win this game then that puts us 2-0 with a pretty good shot," said head football coach Les Carter.

"The game plan is set. We've had good practices and now it's time to just play hard."

The Warrior lineup features the

same starting 11 as last week's. Sophomore Corey Saenz starts his second game at quarterback for Ruidoso. The speedy sophomore bruised his back in Ruidoso's 44-18 win over Santa Teresa and didn't play the second half of that game. Saenz's back is still sore but it won't keep him out of the lineup, Carter said.

"They are a ball control type team. They want to keep pounding it at you," Carter said of Silver. "They're pretty balanced. It's probably going to be whoever controls the line of scrimmage."

Carter has his own reasons for wanting to beat the Colts.

"Oh, I always like to beat Silver City," said the Cobre High School graduate.

Jauna Sanchez's volleyball team must stop Silver's big middle hitter if the Warriors are to get back in the district race. Last Saturday, the Colts swept RHS 15-6, 15-8, 15-4. The Warriors rebounded with a 15-3, 15-6, 15-13 at Santa Teresa Tuesday.

The responsibility of stopping Silver's middle hitter falls upon either Bailey Bishop, Kelle Lutterman or Amanda Kakuska.

"We've got to shut her (Silver's middle hitter) from the beginning. Whoever will do that job is going to have that position during the game," Sanchez said.

Warriors get a lesson in Santa Teresa

BY LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Saturday's soccer game in Santa Teresa was truly a learning experience, say Ruidoso coach Sigurd Schmitz and Warrior co-captain Piper Adamian.

The worst kind of learning experience.

"It was pretty embarrassing," Adamian said of the Warriors' 4-0 loss to Santa Teresa. "Basically we need to keep ourselves in the game and not take ourselves out of it. We were all out of it."

Adamian's coach agrees.

"More than half our team took themselves out of the game because of all the pushing and shoving going on. We didn't play soccer - it was a game of retaliation," Schmitz said.

The Warriors will find out soon enough if they learned anything from last Saturday's soccer scuffle. They travel to Silver City Saturday for a showdown with the Colts, in yet another crucial district match.

"Hopefully we learned that when you lose your composure, you're going to lose the

game," Schmitz said.

The Colts play a physical and aggressive game, which should serve as an immediate test to see if Ruidoso (8-4, 2-1) learned anything from the Santa Teresa match.

"Hopefully we'll be able to deal with it a little better," Adamian said. "We'll be able to keep ourselves in the game longer because we've been there before."

In addition to saying the Santa Teresa team was delivering cheap shots throughout the match, Schmitz said the Desert Warriors' field and the game conditions worked against the Warriors.

The field, dotted with ruts, was not as wide as Ruidoso's field. Ruidoso's field is 110 yards long by 65 yards wide. The Santa Teresa field was only 50 yards wide, which affected the Warriors, Schmitz said.

"We were so used to having more area to pass the ball," the Warrior coach explained.

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Adamian said the field conditions prevented the Warriors from passing as well as usual.

"The ball had different movement on it than when it's on flat ground," Adamian said.

The Warriors were also missing two starters, and lost sweeper Todd Strasser to heat exhaustion at halftime.

"We just didn't overcome the odds we needed to," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said he'll be better prepared the next time Ruidoso visits the Desert Warriors. The Warriors will practice on a smaller field, for one thing.

"Next year I can prepare a little bit better for them," Schmitz said.

Now Schmitz and his Warriors have to focus their energies on Saturday when they take on a tough Silver team.

Ruidoso still has the upper hand in the race for district laurels, but the team wants to win its next four games to leave no doubt.

"We don't want to have to rely on anyone else (beating another team) for us to win the district," Adamian said.

A devilish third place



The Tasmanian Devils did the county proud with their third-place finish at the seven-team USSSA Coed State Softball Tournament in Clovis Saturday, Oct. 12. Taz finished with a 2-2 record. Members of the team are (left to right): front row - Sherry Latta, Billy Ann Saenz and Jana Townsend; middle row - Lorenzo Saenz, Marty Latta, Matt Escalanti and Philip Townsend; back row - Arnold Saenz, Chris Hugar, Sherrie Moren, Colleen Eikleberry, Sharon Saenz and Shannon Zumwalt. Two other local teams also competed at the state tourney. Tying for fourth place were Hit 'n Run and Love Shack. Both teams posted 1-2 records.

Time to get off the couch and get active

BY LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

OK coach potatoes, this is your chance to shed that label and start a new exercise routine.

Sunday marks the start of National Get Active Week, Oct. 21-25, and Ruidoso Athletic Club coordinator Jenny Cooper wants to help local sofa spuds get into shape.

"We want to get inactive, sedentary people to do something, anything," Cooper says.

Working out two hours a day isn't necessary to improve one's physical fitness, Cooper says. Thirty minutes a day of exercise is all that's needed.

"It's the time you spend in the gym that you can apply to life outside that makes living easier," Cooper says.

RAC is offering special activities throughout the week to

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encourage people to start exercising, she said.

Cooper and her staff will be at the health fair Wednesday, Oct. 23 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, giving flexibility demonstrations.

A step aerobics class offered at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 at the RAC is free.

Those thinking of joining the RAC can sign up for a trial week's membership for \$23.50. If they decide to join on for longer, the \$23.50 will be applied to the membership fees.

For more information about the RAC's activities next week, call Cooper at 257-4900.

Davis enchanted with his New Mexico home

BY LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

PIGSKIN PICKS

Every Monday morning during the football season, I call Capitan coach Ed Davis bright and early to interview him about the Tigers' latest grid contest.

For nearly two seasons, the intense and sometimes gruff Davis intimidated me on the phone. Then I figured out how to handle the sixth-year Tiger coach. Introduce yourself, ask if this an OK time to talk and then fire away, lacing your questions with a touch of humor.

I now look forward to because Davis always has a colorful answer or interesting anecdote. I didn't expect anything less when I asked Davis to be my guest for this week's Pigskin Picks, and he delivered.

Davis, a teacher and coach for more than 20 years, has left New Mexico several times, seeking fortunes elsewhere. But each time, Davis and his wife of nearly 35 years, Nell, find themselves always returning to the Land of Enchantment. That's just fine for the Mississippi-born, Oklahoma-raised Davis, who would prefer not to be considered an Okie.

"I try not to tell people I'm from Oklahoma. Every 10 years or so, we sneak in and sneak out across the Red River," Davis says with a chuckle.

Davis graduated from high school when he just 16. He attended Panhandle A & M before transferring to Southwest Oklahoma State

University.

"I didn't know what to do or where to go. Everybody was eight to 10 years older than me," Davis says of his college experience. He was too small and not fast enough to play football in college, so instead Davis focused on school, graduating in three years.

It wasn't unusual for Davis to take life seriously at such a young age. Ed and Nell started dating in the eighth grade.

"I never dated another girl," he says. "Around here, she's known as 'Coach Mom.'" That's because she coached junior high football at Capitan for a year, winning every game except for a tie with Tularosa.

"I'm pretty fortunate in that she has always been very supportive. I'm one of the lucky few that have a wife that you can truly call a coach's wife," Davis says.

"Any success that I've had or will have in the future, she should get the credit," says Davis, whose first teaching and coaching assignment was at Corona in 1964.

After different teaching and coaching stints across the state, Davis left education to go into private business. He returned to teaching later when that failed.

"When you go broke you've got to do something to put groceries on the table," says Davis, who is also a rabid Dallas Cowboys fan.

He did a one-year tour with



Ed Davis

Ruidoso schools before Capitan hired him away. Davis taught for a year before the Capitan administration asked him to take over a struggling football program. The Tigers were 0-10 his first year and suited out a mere 13 players.

Since then, it's been nothing but up for the Tigers. Davis is quick to credit the players and the community for the success of the football program.

"I think it's the kids we've had. All the credit belongs to the young men - their commitment and dedication. And we've had support from the parents and the community," Davis says.

His most memorable team is the 1994 state runnerup Tiger team, not just for its success but for its ability to overcome "heavy" odds.

"I can remember how much we were outweighed every time. We

were so little and still went out and got the job done," he says.

"Where else can you get knocked on your butt and then learn you have to get back up and try again?" Davis asks. "That's what life is all about, getting back up."

So who is going to get knocked down this week? Here's who Davis picks to win.

1) Capitan at Reserve: Naturally Davis picks his Tigers and so do I, but he adds, "We've got to play a good game in Reserve. If we go up there with the right mental attitude, it will be a good game. It's going to be close."

2) Lake Arthur at Carrizozo: "Lake Arthur probably by half. They're picking Lake Arthur to win it all," Davis says. I'll take the visitors too, but the Grizzlies will make Lake Arthur play a full game.

3) Corona at Vaughn: In a battle of young teams, Davis picks the home team. I think the Cardinals will rise to the occasion instead.

4) Santa Teresa at Cobre: We both choose Cobre.

5) San Diego State at New Mexico: Davis goes with the Lobos. "That's probably a wild pick but we'll stay with the home state," Davis says. I'll take the Lobos also.

6) USC at Arizona State: "I'll take ASU because they're closer to New Mexico than California," Davis says. I've got ASU too.

7) TCU at Utah: "TCU," says Davis. "They've been coming on." Not enough, I'll take the Utes.

8) Eastern Michigan at Central

Michigan. "Who knows? Central Michigan because they don't have to travel," Davis reasons. Any team from Ypsilanti should have an edge. I've got Eastern Michigan.

9) Colorado at Kansas: "That could be a tossup. I'm going to Kansas because they border my old home state that I'm trying to forget," Davis says. I disagree.

10) Baltimore at Denver: Davis takes the Ravens. "No, I don't like Denver. Absolute rot. I think Dan Reeves got the shaft there," he says. I'll take Denver even though I expect them to disappoint me.

11) Jacksonville at St. Louis: We both pick the Jags.

12) Tampa Bay at Arizona: Davis selects the Cards "just because of their defense." Not me. The Bucs get their second win.

13) New England at Indianapolis: "I love that QB. That man has got some tremendous guts. He's definitely the toughest quarterback in the NFL," Davis says of the Colts' Jim Harbaugh. We both take Indy.

14) N.Y. Giants at Washington: "New York for the upset. I've got to do this, see what I can do to help the Cowboys," Davis says. You know how I feel about the 'Boys. Go 'Skins!

15) Ruidoso at Silver: "They've been playing top notch football," Davis says of the Warriors. "I'm going with them." I'll jump on the bandwagon with Davis.

Last week: I'm 8-for-15. Claudia Branum is a nifty 11-for-15.



Neighbors

Life's a classroom for Thorp

Two events helped shape the character of Richard D. "Bill" Thorp: the Depression and World War II. They taught him that everything has value and nothing should be discarded. They taught him that in one moment, the playing field can be leveled and anyone can be poor.

He learned the lesson well, building two homes largely from salvage and amassing an impressive collection of all things cowboy before the turn of the century. Spurs hang from overhead beams, saddles are mounted in his den and Indian artifacts are clustered throughout his home in Nogal.

But his curiosity doesn't stop there. Thorp has explored caves, led five-day trail rides, participated in "primitive" style hikes through the Gila National Forest, taught physiology, pursued botany and currently teaches New Mexico history at Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso.

Getting there

Born in 1935 the same day as Elvis Presley, a fact that binds him to the memory of the man, Thorp came from a ranching and oil background.

"My granddad was written up in a book called 'Last of the Cowboys,' and my mother's father drilled the original discovery well in eastern New Mexico," Thorp related.

Most of his early life was spent in Loco Hills, an oil company town east of Artesia, where he met his future wife, Beverly, when he was 11 and she was seven.

"Lucky numbers," Thorp observes.

His first encounter with Native Americans, one that spawned a lifelong fascination with their history, customs and character, occurred in 1948 at the Philmont Scout Ranch, Kit Carson's house.

"They were three boys from Mesalero and they could lie on a log and catch 20 to 30 fish by hand," Thorp said. "The best I could do was touch one now and then."

Thorp graduated from Artesia High School in 1953, after being active in basketball and track and a champ at table tennis. In 1955, he was state Golden Gloves Featherweight Champion, a win that instilled confidence in the young man that has never died.

"It changed my life," he said. "Until then, I had no confidence and not particularly good grades. When I became champ, I figured I could be as good as anybody at anything."

"I think confidence is important. You can't be a success if you don't believe in yourself. I tell my students they should be the best at at least one thing in their lives."

Although Thorp aspired to a career in forestry, out-of-state tuition at the closest university in Colorado offering the degree was prohibitive. Instead, he attended Eastern's Portales campus and became a teacher.

"I think I made a better teacher than forester," Thorp said. "I feel it's my calling in life and I'm very good at it."

Being curious about nearly everything he comes across in life helps, and he enjoys people.

"I never tired of teaching, it was still fun," he said of his decision to retire in 1987 after 30 years in the classroom. "I decided 30 years was long enough to do anything."

His first teaching job in 1957 was in the Carrizozo school system.

"I did three major things that year," Thorp said. "I graduated from the university (with a degree in physical education and biology), started my first



Bill Thorp poses in his den with one of 40 saddles in his collection of western artifacts.

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Viewed from the second floor entrance, the Thorps enjoy the massive fireplace and equally as massive view of Carrizo Mountain in their living room.



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Thorp and his wife, Beverly, rest on one of the molded seating areas on each side of the large living room fireplace. The shelving is used to display portions of their collections.

teaching and coaching job, and married Beverly."

Some things are worth doing for more than 30 years, as the Thorps continue to enjoy life together and their children, Jamie Dee Norman and Bonnabeth Brainerd, and their 7-year-old grandchild, Ashley Michelle Norman.

One of Beverly's first gifts to her new husband was the book, "Tularosa" by C.J. Sonnischsen. It sparked a still-burning interest in New Mexico history, the subject Thorp now teaches at Eastern's campus in Ruidoso.

The Thorps spent three years in Carrizozo, then moved to Roswell to be closer to their parents and for Thorp to take a teaching job at Roswell High School.

In 1963, he also taught night classes at Roswell Community College and in 1967, he switched to Eastern-university full time. He spent the last 20 years of his first teaching career there.

"I wore many hats there, teaching 16 different classes including microbiology, academics for nursing, anatomy, physiology and chemistry, backpacking and tennis," he said.

The Thorps bought property in Nogal in the 1960s.

"In the back of my mind, I always thought I would retire here," Thorp said. "We like the country and the people."

Thorp built both houses on the property, a smaller one first and then the house they live in today, with a spectacular view of Carrizo Mountain.

"It took me two years to do it," he said. "I built this one from the bottom up, every block, every nail," with the exception of the plumbing, he said.

He taught himself by reading about construction, Thorp said.

"If I can read, I can do anything," he said. "When I was building the first house, my wife asked me to put in the windows, but I told her I hadn't gotten to the chapter on windows yet."

Thorp volunteered to tear down old houses and a concrete block fence at Walker Air Force Base to gather building materials.

His blueprints were plans he sketched on a yellow legal pad.

The living room in their adobe-style home centers on the view and on a huge fireplace, one of three in

the house. A sun room, Beverly's domain, leads from the kitchen to a patio. The walls are two blocks thick, the ceiling 20-feet tall, but the home can be heated during the winter with a single woodburning stove.

Collections

The home also is a showcase for some of Thorp's collections, although more valuable pieces and firearms are secured elsewhere.

Not surprisingly, his collections are varied, but all tied to the history of the West in the 19th century. He collects spurs, bits and bridles, Indian artifacts, Western books, trunks and every stamp printed showing a horse.

Some of Thorp's 40 saddles made from 1895 to 1920, including a U.S. Cavalry, a 1890 Teo Schaubel and an R.T. Frazier "bear trap" from Pueblo, Colo., are displayed. A saddle ring carbine is one of his specialties in the weapon collection.

At 61, Thorp says he's slowing down, but it's hard to tell. He plans to add three more rooms to the house, creating a spa-pool, a Western theater and a cowboy-Indian museum.

He uses the books for references, but admits not having read about a third, saying when he gets old, he'll have time.

In 1976, three years after he bought his first horse, Thorp started the five-day Billy the Kid Trail Ride for college credit. Initially a bicentennial project, it continues to be offered three times a year.

The ride through the wilderness draws people from across the country and includes Thorp's biological, geological and historical commentary. Thorp also has an master's in botany.

"I don't allow any radios or newspapers and we eat cowboy food, sit around the campfire and find out about each other. Every night is a lesson," he said.

"Lincoln County has two things going for it that puts it heads and shoulders above other locations: the Lincoln County War with Billy the Kid and the



Depression baby Thorp in 1935, when he was called "Dickey Dee" by family members.



Thorp as a young boy with his stepfather Frank Collins in 1942.

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Thorp, second from left, with participants on his Billy the Kid trail ride as they line up to leave for a five-day excursion into the wilderness area.



Thorp still cares for burro Jennifer that he adopted in the 1970s, the first such adoption in the nation. With Jennifer is daughter, Patience.



Thorp saddles up his horse on one of his Billy the Kid Trail rides.

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Apache," Thorp said. "The only name in England with greater recognition than Billy the Kid is Geronimo."

Thorp's fascination with the Apache prompted him to gather family histories from his Native American students and to end each of his history courses with a Native American day, encouraging those students to wear traditional clothing.

Thorp enjoys archaeology, is an active public speaker, taught rappelling at Eastern and contends he once was the best deer hunter in New Mexico, "until the high mountains got taller and taller."

In 1987 at the age of 51, Thorp joined a friend in a 110-mile primitive hike through the Gila Wilderness without benefit of matches, modern camping gear or any other post-1900 amenities. They covered about 11 miles a day.

Thorp was the first person in the world to adopt a wild burro, after the case went all way to the Supreme Court.

"We still have her here and her daughter," Thorp said.

He became guardian of Jennifer the burro when the state tried to auction off 27 burros and the federal government blocked it. The feds said burros were

protected by the Wild Horse Act.

The state won a lower court decision, but the Bureau of Land Management appealed to the Supreme Court, a three-year process, and Thorp continued to act as guardian.

By the time the case was settled and the federal government won, only 13 of the original group still were alive.

"They had been in captivity for three years and couldn't be released back into the wild," Thorp said. "We adopted one and the government changed the name of the law to the Wild Horse and Burro Act."

Jennifer was bred to a Grand Canyon adopted burro. When her daughter arrived two months later, she was named Patience.

Thorp's enthusiasm for Eastern's Ruidoso campus and for the Ruidoso public school system is boundless. It's surpassed only by his appreciation of the country in which he lives and it's wildlife.

"I have video of 23 elk on my front porch," he said.

Thorp looks back on his life with satisfaction and anticipates many more years of exploration, but always following his version of the Golden Rule and always with a sense of humor.

"I strive in life never to hurt anybody," he said. "I wasn't placed on earth to bother anybody."

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On 8-17-96 Gloria's 1987 Jeep was found at a motel in Gallup. Gloria was not registered at the motel.

Gloria King is described as a 42-year-old Native American, 5'3", 110 lbs., brown eyes, brown hair, wears glasses, and has a 1/2 inch scar on her back thigh. She was last seen wearing blue jeans, a red or orange pull over knit top, beaded belt, and a watch with a leather strap.

Gloria King has not contacted her family or her employer and this is very unlike her. If you have information on the whereabouts of Gloria King, please call the 24-hour toll-free number at 1-800-432-6933. You will remain anonymous even when you collect your cash reward.

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The Lawrence Massacre: Missouri takes its revenge

(This the second of a two-part series about the Lawrence Massacre.)

The residents of Lawrence, Kan., had begun to realize the desperate nature of their plight. Since William Clarke Quantrill and his Missouri guerrillas had entered the city at dawn, the disbelieving inhabitants had, at first, refused to accept what was happening.

Many residents who were looking out their windows at the Johnson House Hotel

saw, to their horror, several men leap from the windows almost into the arms of the rebel guerrillas. The bushwhackers, wasting no time, killed these unfortunates on the spot. This left little doubt about the rebels' mission in Lawrence: wipe out the abolitionists.

Meanwhile, back at the Eldridge Hotel, the captured residents were reassured by the calm, almost benign presence of Quantrill. Before the

war, Quantrill had lived in Lawrence, and many were possessed with the sudden desire to re-establish former friendships with the dapper young man in command of so many ruffians. Many figured, quite correctly, that their best chance of survival was to stay as close to the guerrilla leader as possible.

Throughout the city, atrocities began to mount. Gelta Dix, seeing her brother-in-law come falling down the back steps of the Johnson House, ran to his side to comfort him. Placing his head in her lap, she saw that he was already dead. When she tried to move, his brain oozed out into her hands and lap.

Moments later, the same woman watched helplessly as her husband and seven other Lawrence men begged the rebels for mercy. The bushwhackers laughed, and then shot all of them.

Bloody Bill Anderson and George Todd, two of Quantrill's chief lieutenants, were present that day (Jesse James also rode with Anderson, but had not yet enlisted at the time of the Lawrence massacre). While many of the raiders roamed the streets, looting and killing indiscriminately, some of the more organized, like Anderson and Todd, broke into squads and headed for the more affluent part of town. It was where the man the bushwhackers wanted above all others resided: Senator Jim Lane.

The rebels felt, with a good deal of justification, that Lane was the monster who had been abusing their families for years. They felt it was Lane who had started this border war. And they had come to Lawrence to finish it, and Lane along with it.

Lane, who had been awakened by the sound of gunfire and the thunder of many horses, had wasted no time. Even as the rebels searched for his house, the senator was racing across the fields to what he hoped would be safety. Looking ridiculous in just his nightshirt, Lane had not even paused to arm himself before beginning his panicked flight.

Lane managed to evade the vengeance-bent rebels. Had the bushwhackers caught him, he would have been summarily lynched.



'Bloody Bill' Anderson



Senator Jim Lane

And had Bill Anderson caught him, he probably would have been scalped to boot. Lane was acutely aware of these facts.

But this is not to say that all of the rebels were butchers. Many, after all, were just farmboys who had joined Quantrill simply because there were no real Confederate troops left in Missouri. They wanted to avenge their families and the wrongs done them, but that did not automatically make them cold-blooded killers. There were many instances that day of bushwhackers looking the other way as one resident or another fled to safety.

They weren't all as cold-blooded as George Todd and Bill Anderson. But enough of them were.

In the case of Senator Lane, the rebels, after having been informed by Lane's wife (who the good senator had so gallantly left behind) that Lane was not home, contented themselves with ransacking his home.

The ladies of the house were not harmed. This is a distinction that Lane, had the shoe been on the other foot, would probably not have made. (It is interesting to note that despite the odious reputation of the bushwhackers, not one woman was molested that day — times have certainly changed.)

By the time the bushwhackers had finished with Lane's home, the senator was nearly a mile away and still running. His nightshirt flapping comically around his skinny legs, the senator had abandoned all vestiges of dignity in his headlong flight.

The mayor of Lawrence, George Collamore, had concealed himself in his own well. His wife watched in mute horror as the flames from their burning home covered the mouth of the well. The guerrillas were unaware of the mayor's hiding place, but it made no difference. They got him — and several others hiding in the well with him — by accident.

For the citizens of Lawrence, it was a nightmare. The women suffered the terrible fate of watching their loved ones murdered while they remained powerless to do anything about it. Horror mounted on horror.

The more sadistic of the bushwhackers bound men with rope and tossed them into

burning houses where they were consumed alive by the flames.

Sallie Young, the young horsewoman who had been out riding that morning when Quantrill attacked, was taken prisoner and forced to go with a squad of rebels to identify men and homes. She wasn't much help. It seemed as though every other house was the residence of some relation of Sallie's, and she would beg piteously for their lives. Consequently, the bushwhackers passed so many homes that they finally told her she was free to go.

Strangely, she did not leave, but instead followed the rebel squad wherever they went. She was a one-woman audience to what many of the residents felt was hell on earth. Clad in her English-style riding breeches, she was an incongruous sight amongst the rough-and-ready-looking bushwhackers.

Many of the residents never understood, and consequently never forgave, Sallie for her actions that day.

When bushwhackers broke into Elizabeth Fisher's home intent on finding her preacher/jayhawker/looter husband Hugh, they found her with an infant in her arms. The rebels told the frightened Mrs. Fisher that they wanted her husband for immediate execution. Then they told her that they figured he was hiding in the cellar, which was exactly where he was, although she denied it.

Managing to remain calm despite her terror, Elizabeth told the raiders she would have to go upstairs to fetch a lamp. Placing her baby in the arms of one of the bushwhackers, her face betraying no emotion, she went upstairs for the lamp.

The bushwhacker holding the baby began making funny faces and "cootchie-cootchie-coo" noises to keep the baby from crying. It was a scene that nearly belied the reality of that day of horror.

When Elizabeth returned with the lamp, the rebels gave her the child and descended the stairs into the basement. Holding the infant against one of her ears, she covered the other with her hand. She didn't want to hear.

A few moments later, the bushwhackers came back up the stairs and announced to

their comrades that Elizabeth had been telling the truth. Unbelievably, the rebels had failed to see her husband crouching in the shadows. The Fishers survived.

The bloodbath continued. When the bushwhackers came to the home of Judge Louis Carpenter, something strange happened. The judge was a man of great dignity and reason. He simply talked to the raiders for a while, and then they left, considerably less raucous than when they arrived. This happened more than once, and while the judge remained composed, his family became nervous wrecks.

They knew the judge's luck could not last forever. Especially not in that environment of hate. Sooner or later one of the raiders would arrive who did not have a compassionate bone in his body. And sooner, rather than later, one did.

When this particular bushwhacker asked the judge where he was from, Carpenter replied that he was from New York. Then, as now, that particular response can get you killed in some parts of the country. The raider instantly raised his pistol and fired.

Wounded, the judge bounded up the stairs to hide, changed his mind, and raced down the back stairs to the basement. He was seen, however, and fired upon. With multiple wounds, Carpenter staggered out into his own yard.

As the killer walked with deadly deliberation toward the wounded man, Carpenter's wife ran to him and covered his head with her arms. After walking around the couple several times, the bushwhacker suddenly knelt down, placed his pistol between Mary Carpenter's arms and pulled the trigger. Her husband's head blew apart in her arms.

Finally, their grisly task completed, the bushwhackers reformed at South Park. There, they were joined by their dapper young leader who had spent much of the day chatting amiably with old friends and acquaintances in the Eldridge Hotel.

Before leaving, Quantrill stated, "The ladies of Lawrence were brave and plucky, but the men... were a pack of cowards."

Then, clanking and jingling, Quantrill's column of guerrillas rode out of Lawrence.

In their wake, they left 183 dead and the city in flames. Missouri had taken its revenge.

Quantrill, Anderson, Todd... none would survive the war. But many of their men did. Almost all of the men thought to be involved in the Liberty, Mo., bank robbery of 1866 were former guerrillas.

Men such as Arch Clements, suspected of firing the deadly accurate shots that killed the young student that February day in Liberty. Clements had been among Bloody Bill Anderson's chief lieutenants during the war.

And then there was Cole Younger and Frank James, both of whom had been with Quantrill that summer day in Lawrence.

And, of course, there was the youth that Bill Anderson had called "the cleanest fighter in my command." Jesse James.

And so, in the final analysis, the Kansas/Missouri border war served as a perfect training ground to develop the talents of the most famous group of outlaws ever to rob a bank in the old west: The James Gang.

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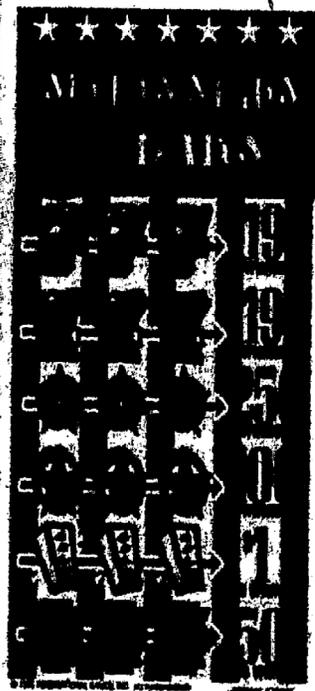
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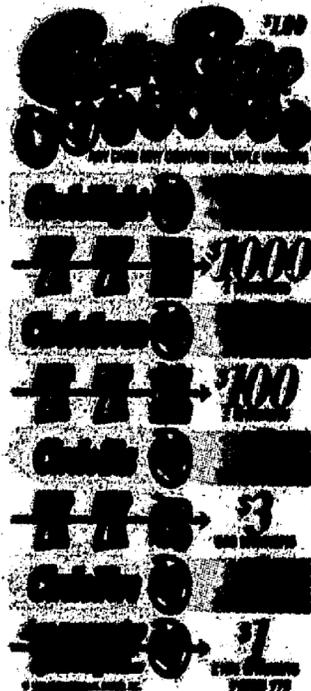
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