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Ruidoso Schools host community meeting Monday

The Ruidoso School District invites all parents and community members to a schoolwide community meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18 at the RHS dining hall.

The school district's "Educational Plan for Student Success" will be discussed, and people from around the community are invited to offer their input.

The meeting will be conducted by the state Department of Education and the staff from the North Central Association.

Local Christmas box drop sites designated

Drop-off points in the Ruidoso area for shoe boxes full of clothes, toys, school supplies, toiletries and wrapped hard candy have been designated for Operation Christmas Child.

The Christmas boxes for children in war-torn countries will be accepted at Calvary Chapel in the Gateway Shopping Center on Sudderth Drive, the Alto Store at the intersection of Gavilan Canyon and State Road 48 and at Eric Thompson Insurance at 2810 Sudderth Drive.

The deadline for collection is Nov. 29. Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham, will be in Albuquerque the following day to accept the gifts and handle distribution. Graham heads Samaritan's Purse, which sponsors Operation Christmas Child.

For more information, call 257-5915.

Santa will pose with pets for Christmas

Santa Claus will stop at the Lincoln County Humane Society shelter from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 16, to pose for a few photographs with special pets.

The photos are perfect for Christmas cards. You can bring props for your dogs and cats, and some also will be available at the shelter, which is on Gavilan Canyon Road.

Photos are \$10 and profits will benefit the shelter.

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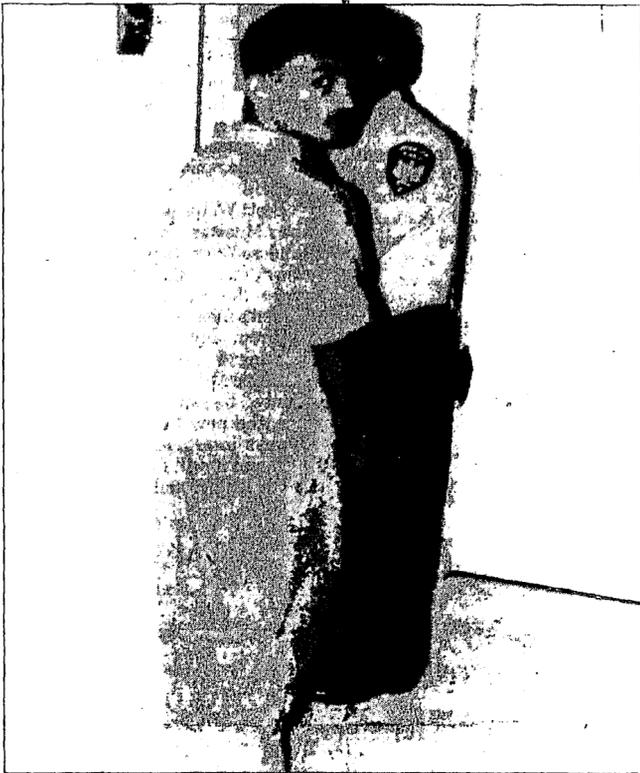
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Jandy Dacanay is led from the courtroom after a judge concluded there is enough evidence to charge him with shooting a teenager in downtown Ruidoso Oct. 30.

Judge rules evidence exists to bind over teen shooting charge

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Witnesses' testimony was sketchy Tuesday, but a judge concluded there is enough evidence to keep a man behind bars for allegedly shooting a teenager in downtown Ruidoso.

Carlos Anchondo, 15, was shot Oct. 30. Two brothers, Jandy Dacanay, 18, and Luckie Dacanay, 16, are accused of firing the .357 bullet, because the six teenage male witnesses at the incident said they couldn't tell the brothers apart.

But two female witnesses who previously told police they weren't at the scene fingered Luckie during a Ruidoso Magistrate Court preliminary hearing.

Police said they should have results of a paraffin test Friday that will help determine which brother shot the gun.

After listening to four hours of testimony, Ruidoso Magistrate Judge William Butts found probable cause that Jandy committed the shooting. Jandy was bound over to district court on a third-degree felony aggravated battery charge.

The district court will also handle a misdemeanor charge of unlawful possession of a firearm against Jandy.

Jandy, who was just released from the Springer boys jail two weeks before the shooting, was transported back to the county jail where he's being held on a \$100,000 bond. He faces up to five years in jail and a \$6,000 fine.

Public defender Alan Griffin unsuccessfully argued for Jandy's release, arguing the witnesses' testimony was sketchy and the state didn't produce evidence that Jandy was the shooter.

Luckie is being held at Youth

Diagnostic and Development Center in Albuquerque. His juvenile court hearing on the same charges is tentatively set for Nov. 22. He faces up to two years at the Springer Boys School.

"In New Mexico, (to establish probable cause) an accessory doesn't have to be named. The accessory doesn't have to pull the trigger," argued Assistant District Attorney Viola Rhodes. "This is a probable cause hearing, and we know one of them shot a gun."

When first arrested, the Dacanays each denied being involved in the shooting, but then both claimed responsibility, police said. They each denied it again during their arraignments.

Police have not found the gun. At the hearing, two 16-year-old female witnesses testified Luckie did the shooting. They testified they saw him brandish the pistol, push Jandy out of the way and shoot toward the ground.

The girls said they originally lied to police because they didn't want to get involved.

Three of the six male witnesses said the shooter, who they knew was one of the brothers, wore a striped shirt, and one of the male witnesses said Jandy had worn a striped shirt.

Jandy was wearing a white sweatshirt when he was arrested several hours after the incident.

"The girls testified that they outright lied to the police," Judge Butts noted. "How's the court to determine if the girls' testimony is the truth in court today or not?"

Butts said the boys' testimony was cloudy, but was consistent enough to continue the case.

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Casino ready to reopen

Card games will utilize private bankers

The Mescalero Apache Tribe will open Casino Apache's card tables as soon as today, officials confirmed this morning.

In an attempt to avoid breaking the law, the casino is using private bankers who will be responsible for all the risk and profit, said John McCullough, manager at the Inn of the Mountain Gods near Ruidoso where the casino is located. He would not say who the bankers are.

The casino will probably first open with six card tables instead of the full 16, McCullough said.

This morning McCullough was waiting for the final word from Mescalero President Wendell Chino about when the casino can open. Chino is out of town.

The tribe is providing the facility, dealers and tables for the games. When the casino first opened in late 1994, it operated in a similar manner, McCullough said.

"We feel Class II gambling (with an outside banker) is justifiable and legal," McCullough said.

The U.S. attorney forced Casino Apache to shut down in September after three courts concluded New Mexico's Indian casinos are illegal. Casinos operated by 10 other tribes remain open pending a Nov. 20 appeal (please see related story).

Spokesmen in the U.S. attorney's office could not be reached by presstime to say whether they agree it is legal to open the casino in this manner. In the past, the U.S. attorney threatened to seize machines and assets if the casino stayed open. But the machines will not reopen at this time, and the assets being used are from outside the tribe. McCullough said the U.S. attorney's office is aware the casino is reopening.

McCullough started looking into the possibility of opening the casino yesterday after talking to Chino.

"This is not a solution - it's just an attempt to get some people back on the payroll," McCullough added. "This is not an economic benefit" for tribe, because it only charges the banker enough of a fee to cover its costs.

Judges hear casino case Wednesday

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The Mescalero Apache Tribe's attorney predicts the 10th Circuit Court will rule in favor of Indian gambling compacts, despite three lower court rulings saying the compacts are invalid.

The circuit court will hear brief arguments in Albuquerque Wednesday in the Santa Ana Pueblo case, the appeal by nine pueblos of a lower court ruling. While the Mescalero appeal is separate, the Mescalero have promised to abide by the Santa Ana ruling.

It may be December before a ruling is made, said Mescalero attorney Gregory Quinlan.

"I think they will uphold the compacts," Quinlan predicted Thursday.

All the casinos except the Mescalero's Casino Apache have been allowed to stay open under court stays while they appeal their cases. The same 10th Circuit Court denied the Mescalero a stay against casino closure in late September, enabling U.S. Attorney John Kelly to keep the Mescalero casino closed.

Still, Quinlan predicted the 10th Circuit Court will uphold the compacts based on the "Indian retrocession cases."

Those were cases of precedent that included U.S. Supreme Court rulings on Indian law. In summary, Quinlan said, the courts decided that even if certain legal procedures weren't followed when jurisdictional authority was given back to the tribes, it didn't matter because the Secretary of the Interior already approved the actions.

The New Mexico Indian gambling compact cases are similar, Quinlan said, because although the state Legislature didn't approve the compacts, the governor did — and so did Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

Since Casino Apache closed, an estimated 400 people have been laid off at the tribe's Inn of the Mountain Gods. Another 400 could be laid off if the casino stays closed. If all the state's Indian casinos are forced to shut down, about 15,000 people could be put out of work.

Ruidoso School Board sets Feb. 4 bond issue election

by PAMELA CROMWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The Ruidoso School Board Tuesday set a Feb. 4 election date for a proposed \$8.5 million bond issue for capital improvements.

The board has identified at least three clear needs for the money: one or two extra gyms for middle and/or high school, a performing arts auditorium, and the purchase of land for future schools.

Also on Feb. 4, voters will also decide who should take seats #4 and #5 on the school board. Terms for board President James Paxton and Vice President Jim Varnadore expire. Each man has served one four-year term and is running for reelection.

A spare small gym or two would relieve scheduling back-ups when several athletic groups need to practice at the same time. Students often must stay late or get to school early to make use of the only gyms at Ruidoso Middle School and Ruidoso High School, officials said.

Gymnasiums don't make good theaters, and high school students have been calling for a performing arts center for years. The school board would like to build one at the high school.

The board is still in the process of prioritizing projects and analyzing the district's needs. Eventually the growing student population will require an additional campus, officials said. The board has preliminarily discussed building a new childhood center and moving upper grades into the Nob Hill school, but still has to study the options.

Superintendent Mike Gladden is optimistic about the bond issue. Presently the Ruidoso School District is bonded at 54% of its capacity, Gladden said.

"That's the lowest it's been in many, many years," he said. The district's full bonding capacity is \$12-\$13 million.

The district wants to sell the new bonds over a period of three years, starting with about \$5 million the first year, then \$1.5 million the second year and \$2 million the third year.

"Structuring it this way has

less of an impact on the property owners," Gladden said.

Someone with a \$90,000 home could expect a \$32 tax increase for the first year of the bond issue, Gladden said.

As the election date nears, Gladden will make presentations to the community about the school board's plans for the bond money.

"We're in the process of identifying priorities," he said. The school board approved a new architectural contract Tuesday in preparation for the bond issue election.

A committee headed by Gladden chose Greer SJFC, the architectural firm in Albuquerque that handled the district's 1991 bond-funded projects, including the design of Sierra Vista Primary.

"They have the most up-to-date knowledge (about this district) of any of the firms we interviewed, and the quality of their work has been excellent," Gladden said.

Greer's previous contract with Ruidoso Municipal School expired 1.5 years ago.

Grocery grab goes toward homeless animals at shelter

Woman donates shopping spree to Humane Society

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Dee VonRosenberg mentally mapped a game plan before grabbing \$245 worth of items at Thriftway grocery.

"I've already looked at the dog food," she said. "That's where I'll be."

And that's where she stayed for three solid minutes Wednesday, reaping the rewards of her Cree Meadows Ladies Association raffle prize.

VonRosenberg won the raffle Nov. 5. It allowed her three solid minutes to grab whatever she wished (apart from alcohol or tobacco) off the shelves for free at Ruidoso's Thriftway.

"I'm not very fast honey — I'm kind of old," VonRosenberg said before the race started.

Never did the generous lady consider grabbing for herself.

"I'm doing it for the Humane Society (animal shelter) because it's one of my pet charities and I love animals and have a little dog 15 and a half years old," she explained. "The shelter needs (the food) more than me!"

So, with store manager Bob Crumpton standing by watching time, VonRosenberg started filling a shopping cart with pounds of dry puppy chow, dog chow, and cat chow galore.

"I can't lift the really heavy bags," the 68-year-old VonRosenberg explained. "So, I'm getting the eight-pound bags and smaller."

She emptied part of one shelf, then another, filling the basket with hunger. At less than two minutes she ran to get another basket, rolled it back with grace — as if on an afternoon promenade — then began dumping packages that rattled the metal cage.

Time was up, Crumpton said, about the same time he announced he was waiving the food's cost for the Cree Ladies so their fundraiser would benefit them greater (proceeds are used for scholarships).

"We want people in Ruidoso to know we contribute back to the community," Crumpton said. "That's important to us."

VonRosenberg's eyes bulged as she saw the register ring up \$245.05 worth of animal food, and she was cheered on by Cree lady Carole Benham, shelter supporter Jane England and store clerk Alex Dairy.

"All the woof-woofs and hound dogs thank you," Dairy declared.



Dee VonRosenberg fills a grocery cart as fast as she can with bags of dog and cat food.

Shooting

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The shooting occurred at dusk around 6 p.m. Oct. 30 as Anchondo and five other boys were walking toward the Dacanay brothers.

The five boys had been driving by when they saw Luckie outside of Win Place and Show, and one of the boys asked the driver to stop so he could talk to Luckie and tell him to quit "mad dogging" him and his brothers.

"He'd pass by our house almost at 4 (p.m.) every day...flipping us off, throwing gang signs at us," the boy explained. "I wanted to get this solved already 'cause this (behavior) is all nonsense."

The boy told his four friends to

stay in the car as he headed across the street, but not long after he walked off, all but one followed him, each of the male witnesses told the court.

Jandy was nearby talking with a girl he had broken up with earlier that day. Jandy ran to his brother when he saw the boys approaching.

The girls, including Jandy's ex-girlfriend, said the two groups agreed to meet at the park, and as Jandy headed toward his car, the five boys tried to rush him. Luckie pulled a gun, pushed Jandy out of the way, and shot towards the ground. Anchondo was hit in the leg with the bullet.

Commissioner pushes economic development

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

It's time for Lincoln County to get aside some money for economic development, said County Commissioner Wilton Howell.

Although the commission didn't act on his suggestion last week, Howell said he wanted to plant the idea and hear from the public.

Commissioners eliminated money for economic development from their budget about two years ago, when a private organization formed to attract businesses failed to muster support in the business sector or attract a significant number of new businesses.

A discussion with U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici prompted Howell to bring up the issue of creating a county budget line item for economic development.

"(Domenici) said in the next six years he will be working on development in rural communities, because that's where America is moving," Howell said.

"I see no reason for a line item until someone comes in with a plan," Commissioner Stirling Spencer said.

Scott Wells, publicity director for the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs and the annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, urged the commission to consider Howell's idea.

"From my observations, we're entering a new phase of possible economic development in this county," he said. "By late next summer, the new Billy the Kid Scenic Byways interpretive center will be open and it will have very sophisticated displays and equipment."

The symposium was attended by 800 people in 1995 and 9,000 in 1996, he said, and 50%-70% were from out of state.

"So it brings in a lot of fresh new money," Wells said. "The judges were thrilled with the response and its impact on businesses."

The new arena being built at the county Rural Events Center at Glenoco, the staging area for the symposium, will be used for much more than roping, he added.

"We must not be limited in our vision," he said, adding that opponents of the plan to develop the Glenoco center and arena are shortsighted.

To bait the hook for tourists, the byways committee is creating an inventory of every possible attraction in the county and will promote them at the interpretive center, he said. By being declared a scenic byway, the route will be designated on every map in the United States, Wells added.

In other business Nov. 3, commissioners authorized county emergency services director Connie Hopper to donate one or two used ambulances to the money-strapped Seward Park emergency services district, as long as the value of each is less than \$5,000.

In a 4-1 vote, allocated \$2,000 to the Ruidoso After School and Learning Club at Sierra Vista Primary. The program run by LeeAnn Southard lost its state funding this year. It is running on a shoestring budget from the school district and from the charge for the child care.

Parents pay \$20-\$60 a week for one child based on their annual income. Commissioner Stirling Spencer cast the only dissenting vote.

abolished the Lincoln County Zia Advisory Board, which rarely meets; and abolished the county-appointed fair board since the county has a management contract with a similar, independent non-profit group.

tabled a discussion on possible options for elected county officials;

and allocated \$1,400 to finish a sidewalk construction project in Corona. The village received a \$14,000 state grant, but ran out of money before the route was finished.

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County will sell roadwork equipment

By DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Despite a recommendation from their road superintendent to keep \$165,000 worth of road surfacing equipment, commissioners say it should be sold.

Commissioner Wilton Howell last week reminded the board that its last directive in 1995 was to sell the rock chip and oil surfacing equipment, and a subsequent attempt to keep it failed.

The last action was a motion to retain the equipment and the vote was 2-2 with (Nunley) absent. Chairman Monroy Montes agreed. "I think we still are in a position of getting rid of it."

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann, who advocates keeping the equipment for road repair on more than 60 miles of surfaced subdivision roads in the county, said he wanted to see verification on the previous actions before County Manager Frank Potter acts.

Near the end of the meeting, Howell had the verification, showing a vote on April 4, 1995. A motion passed 4-1 for the manager to seek bids on the sale of the equipment. Schwettmann voted against the motion again.

Schwettmann contended that using its own equipment, the county road department could cut the cost of surfacing in half.

The life of the equipment is 10-15 years, he said, adding, "and it can save this county hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Commissioner Sterling Spencer said he would support keeping the equipment if he saw a long term plan proving the economic advantages.

Road Superintendent Albert Hernandez agreed with Schwettmann, saying he could use the equipment on three projects he is doing on a cooperative basis with the state in 1997. He estimated a savings of \$85,000.

But Spencer challenged his figures, saying he had not included manpower lost on other jobs and the extra cost of buying the chip seal material.

Montes reminded commissioners that the road department last year lost \$100,000 set aside annually for maintenance. The loss occurred when commissioners abolished a front foot road assessment in subdivisions in response to heavy opposition from more rural areas.

"The burden should go back to those people who live on the road (if repair or resurfacing is needed) in the form of a self assessment," Montes said. "It's up to them to decide."

Since the equipment is valued at more than \$6,000, the county would have to receive approval from the state Department of Finance and Administration to sell it, said County Attorney Alan Morel. The commission also could be required to sell it to another government agency, he said.

Subdivision urged to work out plat problems

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

If Ruidoso Springs Subdivision property owners agree to work together, a plat line mess plaguing the area can be resolved, said a village official.

The minimum \$25 replat fee will be waived if landowners agree to a village-proposed swap, Planning Director Cleatus Richards said. They will still have to pay surveying costs, plus 50 cents per square acre for any public land above and beyond the straight swap, Richards said.

"There may not be a balance (swap) in every case, but it certainly will come close to it and clear titles," Richards said.

Village councilors Tuesday asked Richards to contact all the property owners and ask them to cooperate with the land swap plan.

The (village) man hours spent on replats has been horrendous," said Councilor Robert Donaldson. "There really is some benefit to having this done, and the village is the only one with the ability to be a facilitator in this situation."

The confused plat lines in the proposed swap affect about 60 properties and 50 property owners. The problem stems from incorrect survey maps created many decades ago, and a natural change in the Rio Ruidoso's course. As a result, homes and properties encroach on the public right-of-way, neighboring properties and public riverbed.

Most of the affected land is along Fern Trail, but there are also encroachments on Center, Alamo and Roswell streets, Eagle Drive and south onto Sudderth Drive. All these streets are

in the Ruidoso Springs Subdivision.

Richard's plan asks the owners of 11 properties in block F of the subdivision to dedicate the existing river area through their land to the village, in exchange for vacation of the platted right-of-way river area. Other properties will vacate platted street areas for prescriptive right-of-ways.

The initial plan will clean up 34 tracts in that area, Richards said.

After the public right-of-way problems are worked out, encroachments onto neighboring properties will have to be worked out, Richards said.

Ruidoso Springs Subdivision, the village's oldest, suffers the worst from these plat problems, and in the past the replats have been done "piecemeal," Richards said.

"I used to live over there, so I know what a mess it is," Mayor Jerry Shaw said at Tuesday's meeting.

But other areas in town also are plagued by the problems, Richards said.

The screwy subdivision lines include the Upper Canyon, mostly along Main Road, and portions of Ponderosa Heights, Pine Cliff and Paradise Canyon subdivisions.

"Essentially, a degree of all the older subdivisions in town have a little bit of a platting problem," Richards said. "There are over 13,000 properties in the incorporated area, and I have no idea how many (the plat problems) involve."

A Ruidoso surveyor estimated this summer that the problems affect about 2% of the properties in Ruidoso.

RUIDOSO VILLAGE COUNCIL RESULTS

The following action was taken by the Ruidoso Village Council at its Nov. 12 regular meeting.

REGULAR ITEMS

— Approved vacation of eight feet of public right-of-way for 3320 at lot 130, block BB, Steep Hollow Subdivision. Both Boag and David Anderson, applicants.

— Boag and Anderson used the land vacation because the deck to their house extends 5.5 feet into the platted roadway.

— Approved the final plat for the subdivision of approximately seven acres into four lots in the village's extrajurisdiction at the southeastern quarter of the southwestern quarter of section 20, township 11, range 13E, NMRB, DJJ Friendship, applicant. D.T. Collins, agent.

— Approved a plat correction plan for various encroachments at the Ruidoso Springs Subdivision, blocks A, B, C, D, E, F, A, O, and directed Richards to contact about 50 property owners to ask them to participate in the plan.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

— Councilors approved Mayor Jerry Shaw's appointment of Cathi Mickelson to the Arts & Film Board; Shaw said she still needs volunteers for the Cemetery Board and the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

CONSENT REGULAR ITEMS

— Cancelled the Dec. 31 council meeting because it's New Year's Eve. The council can schedule a special meeting at another time to

MANAGER REPORTS

— Village Manager Gary Jackson told councilors the construction of new athletic fields at the White Mountain School complex got underway Monday, Nov. 11, and the dirt contractor is expecting to do "rapid dirtwork."

CLOSED SESSION

— Councilors met behind closed doors for about an hour to discuss pending or threatened litigation, and the purchase and/or disposal of

PROPERTY AND WATER RIGHTS

When it came back into open session, the council authorized village staff to submit a proposed memo of agreement to the village of Capitan regarding the Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Association assets. Contents of the memo are confidential right now, said village Clerk Tammie Maddox.

Capitan has sued Ruidoso, to force Ruidoso to dissolve the association, because Capitan gets no water from the group.

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CONGRATS

Carlton and Hazel Daves of Midland, Texas will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, November 17, 1996, with a brunch hosted by their children and grandchildren at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Carlton and Hazel were born and raised in Lone Camp, Texas. Carlton is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Evert Daves. Hazel's parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. William F. Jones.

After their wedding, the couple moved to Fort Worth, Texas and began their family there. In 1949, they moved to Midland, Texas where they have resided for the last 47 years. In Midland they owned and operated Hollywood Overhead Door Company until their semi-retirement 2 years ago. They have also been members of Golf Course Road Church of Christ for 36 years.

The Daves are parents of four children: Kay Krezer, Carla Mancha and Karen Anderson, all of Ruidoso and Bruce Daves of Midland, Texas. The couple is also blessed with seven wonderful grandchildren.

Hazel continues her education attending various courses at Midland College while Carlton is an avid golfer. They both spend as much time as possible visiting their children and grandchildren in Ruidoso.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

New opportunity arises for entrepreneurs

Have you ever thought it would be fun to run a limousine service, but assumed it would never fly if you want to live in Lincoln County?

That may have been true in the past, but it may no longer be true next year.

Jacque Spencer has big plans out at the construction site of Spencer Theater north of Ruidoso. And knowing Jacque Spencer's history, she can make those plans come true.

The long-awaited theater is taking shape, and a 1997 performing arts schedule of events should be released in January. A grand opening of the unique theater is set for July.

We've all thought about the grand cultural events the theater will attract, but fewer have considered the potentially far-reaching economic effects.

Rand Harmon, the theater's new director, sees some interesting spin-off opportunities for opportunistic entrepreneurs — limo services for performing artists, custodial services, caterers, etc.

After losing some big-time Lincoln County employers, it's refreshing to hear about a new employer coming on line — and one that fits the character of Lincoln County so well. Hats off to Jacque Spencer.

"It's hardly any wonder that you can go and talk to a congressman or senator ... and have them know absolutely nothing about tribal people — our lives, our government, our culture. What they know they get from the media or film."

WILMA MANKILLER

CHEROKEE TRIBAL LEADER, AUTHOR • 1995

"One man's theology is another man's belly laugh."

ROBERT HEINLEIN

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Join in creating living history center at fort

TO THE EDITOR:

Volunteers of Operation Old Fort Stanton (legally incorporated as Fort Stanton Incorporated) have successfully met with Steven Belfort, Secretary of GSA, to continue honest, straightforward, community-supported efforts to preserve our historical treasure, Fort Stanton, as a living fort and a viable economic opportunity for our region.

Southern New Mexico has long been overlooked in the economy of our state, and the historical preservation and development of Fort Stanton will assist in changing that.

Please note the possibilities of the living fort concept: a self-supporting historical site (preserved according to guidelines set forth by experts in such preservation) similar to Fort Robinson, Neb., and various township sites in Virginia which employ historically accurate "heritage tours." There will be folks dressed in period costumes going about the work required to exist on a daily basis during the era depicted.

What better way for our future, our youth, to learn about our great western heritage than to live it! As any enlightened, observant person has discovered...children, youth and adults learn best by doing, not just viewing. The hands-on approach for workers and visitors alike will teach faster — last longer — than any static museum displays.

Employment opportunities will abound within this plan in not only classification and display of artifacts in the museum and historically accurate reconstruction for preservation of the buildings, but also in daily services to the visitors, such as dramatic interpretation, food service, grounds and building maintenance, trail rides, ranching and the management and personnel skills to facilitate daily operations. What a way to offer learning and earning to our youth in a healthy and respectable environment.

Thank goodness for Sally Burkstaller and 450 fellow volunteers who have persevered to succeed in presenting the seed of a grassroots, non-partisan, economically viable plan for creating local jobs while correctly preserving our national treasure, Fort Stanton, to appropriate government authorities.

All of us who are striving within our political and economical systems to preserve Fort Stanton are extremely grateful to Ms. Burkstaller, who is so gracious and far-sighted as to overlook crass, ill-informed remarks made by selfish individuals and step out willingly to spearhead a long-term plan for our treasure's preservation.

Please act! Add your name to the newsletter mailing list (398-4647) or show your support for this plan to save Fort Stanton by attending the next meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Texas-New Mexico Power meeting room in Ruidoso. Join us by contributing your knowledge and expertise in all areas of our heritage... history, working western life, economic development, fundraising, grant-

writing, love of New Mexico.

Cheryl Drake-Wozny
Ruidoso

Don't agree with Casino Apache ad

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with great interest the full page editorial paid for by the employees and families of Casino Apache and Gaim-Ko. I found some information either omitted or misrepresented in this advertisement. I would hope that I could come on some information that would straighten these issues out for me.

1) It is my understanding of the state lottery that monies collected are for the benefit of ALL citizens, not just tribal members as the casino monies are.

2) This ad tells us that "N.M. State and Federal officials have chosen to exclude American Indians from the benefits that gaming can provide to the tribes."

What this statement fails to include is that the rest of us cannot build or operate casinos, either. Just because we do not live on reservations does not mean that we, personally or through our communities, benefit from the profits of Indian gaming. These "legal" enterprises remain untouched by the N.M. Taxation and Revenue Department. If a tribe is conducting a business that generates millions of dollars each year for tribal use only and pay no taxes, thus not held accountable to anyone as to the true

total, what have they been "excluded" from?

3) I also read where the "State of New Mexico must now pay an additional \$80,000 to \$70,000 per week in unemployment benefits." It is my opinion that people employed by what has been determined to be an illegal business, should not be eligible for unemployment benefits at all.

4) I fail to understand why the lack of compact ratification is considered "legislative massacre." Have these people not read the state constitution which expressly forbids this activity?

5) When I read that my vote could "prevent a return to Wounded Knee," I felt as though I had been threatened with violence should my opinion differ from the poor long suffering Indian tribes of New Mexico. Public opinion should not be shaped by implied threat of those who feel "persecuted" by a legislature following the state's constitution.

Instead of the Native Americans and their sovereign nations feeling as though they are being discriminated against, they could make the effort to secede and establish the funding sources they find appropriate. The state nor the federal government will no longer be responsible for the rise or fall of the tribes. I know I would then feel as though my tax dollars would have a chance to not be blamed for all the woes of these "sovereign nations"...

Carol Schroth
Ruidoso

'Weather-breeder' might be looming

We are Thankful for Indian Summer Days

This is being sent to you a half hour before high noon on Nov. 13 on an Indian summer day, under skies of purple-blue with the air warm and fragrant with late autumn herbs and fallen leaves, while the spirit of thankfulness abides all throughout the mountain land.

Usually by this time of year you may look out upon the hillsides and see the pines and cedars all decorated with tufts of snow.

To the regions to the north of us the world is buried in widespread deep drifts of snow, bringing travel to a halt and turning the lights out over a wide area.

This is nothing new to the folks up there, and they are ready to enjoy the snow when it is under control. And in due time Jack Frost will move down from the north with a load or two of snow for us.

Meanwhile, we are thankful for our Indian summer extending into mid-November and beyond.

We know that "The Deep of Winter" falls from Jan. 10 to Feb. 5, and that light snow may move in beginning in mid-December.



The Silver Lining

DANIEL AGNEW STORM
COLUMNIST

Be Ready for a Weather Change

One hour after midday, the temperature at the front gate is 76 degrees. If it gets any warmer than this — say 82 degrees or so — we may be in what the oldtimers called a weather-breeder that is, the calm before the storm.

After an unseasonably warm day or two, the deep freezes up north around the Great Lakes might overflow and bring down a sudden tidal wave of snow into our mountain land.

Therefore, while we enjoy the Indian summer weather, be careful not to be caught out in

the mountain world unprepared. Have along with you warm clothing, food, matches, flashlight, and a whistle or something on which you can make a loud noise.

Always it is best to have someone with you and let someone know where you are going.

Our Bird Friends and Friends of the Birds

On Nov. 12 I was up at the motor vehicle office and met a man with a sunny personality who told me he had just recently put up a bluebird house. His name is Glen Hammond.

The American people are great lovers of God's creatures, especially the birds.

And one thing we depended on for weather signs in years past was the arrival of certain of our feathered friends. Just today a few summer birds have returned from up north, including the sparrow with his red crown, and a new-comer to the vale — a bird the size of a sparrow with a bright orange breast.

Let us be thankful to the Lord for the blessing of Indian summer and the promise of snow on the way — and all our things for which we are very thankful.

CAPITAN

Beerman's signature is symbolic jewelry



Beerman displays a few of her pendant necklaces

By DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Religious symbolism cut from silver and beaten into copper is the centerpiece of Evelyn Beerman's art.

Evolving over decades, her work has provided a livelihood and focus through changes in her family life and residences.

Three years ago she landed in Capitan and has continued her evolution personally and artistically. Her studio-home on Choila Street and her creative output of copper and silver crosses, chakra symbols, pendants and necklaces will be featured on the Lincoln County Artist Loop, Dec. 14-15.

Part of five generations of New Mexicans, Beerman grew up in Albuquerque, where she was heavily influenced by her mother, Jessie Paul, a songwriter, poet and political commentary columnist for the Albuquerque Journal.

"I was a singer from the time I was a little girl," Beerman said. "I sang gospel with a brother and two sisters in church and on radio, and performed in other places. We loved harmonizing."

As she matured, she sang in coffee houses in Albuquerque and later Taos, strumming her guitar to folk songs.

But at the University of New Mexico, her interests began to change as public music tastes changed and gospel fell out of favor.

"I took all the art courses, but they tended to be on ceramics and jewelry and I started thinking about art as a profession," she said.

After two years in school, she married and moved with her husband to Miami, Fla., where they stayed four years. They returned to Albuquerque and then settled in California while her husband, a builder and engineer, constructed offices and homes.

Beerman stayed busy helping her husband by decorating the homes and handling jobs like tiling.

She returned seven years later to Albuquerque as a single parent with three children, and she soon moved to Taos.

"That's when I really became serious about art," she said. "There was a wonderful opportunity there with renowned artists in the peak of their producing years."

"Taos was small then. The things that attracted me are the same things that drew me to Capitan. The artists are close knit and helpful. I can remember in Taos carrying my small silver sculptures around and showing

"The colors are like what I see in my subconscious mind of what my chakras would be."

EVELYN BEERMAN
JEWELER

them to other artists. They all encouraged me."

Beerman started sculpting five- to six-inch saints in silver in a free-form style. A friend taught her how to cast in sand and she learned other casting techniques, branching out into madonnas and petroglyphs on larger wall hangings.

She worked in other galleries around town, but eventually opened her own. She enlisted her children on the creative and practical side of her art. They helped scout new petroglyph designs for their mother and spent many after-school hours helping her put together "eye of god" earrings in metal that became a major revenue source for the family.

"They all showed great artistic talent very early," Beerman said of her children. Two are full time artists today, and one dabbles in many types of art as a sideline.

After 20 years, Beerman left Taos for Albuquerque and a new marriage. She helped her husband in his business and worked as a building manager. Her art took a temporary back seat.

By 1986, she found herself drawn back to art and this time jewelry took the foreground.

"I experimented with different things," she said. "I did a lot of multiple strings of beads and pieces of silver."

The beads piqued her interest and she began buying and collecting old beads, as ancient as 2,000 years.

"I started making necklaces with the old beads and my pendants in silver," Beerman said. "I used hearts, crosses and other symbols. I've always been partial to doing symbolism in whatever I do. Crosses aren't just Christian. They date back to the caveman, and Egyptians used crosses 4,000 years ago. It symbolizes the concept that man has decided he will live forever."

Three years ago, Beerman and her husband discovered Capitan on a weekend trip and selected a lot near the top of a hill with a view of the Capitan Mountains. They built the new house from scratch with little help.

Although it still doesn't have all the finishing touches, the airy home with large livingroom windows, contrasting abode and white walls and saltillo tile floors offers a fitting backdrop for Beerman's art.

To keep up with production demands, Beerman works on her art every day.

"I do a lot of milagro or miracle necklaces," she said. They feature silver images such as crosses and arrows with beads and religious prayer symbols.

The necklaces play on the Mexican and Spanish custom to wear small symbols of healing as a way of keeping a prayer active.

"I tend to devote a day or two doing all of the woodwork when I'm in the mood, and then spend a few days doing crosses, or setting the stones," she said. "I just finished 20 pendants and now I have to decide whether they need hangers to wear necklaces or will be used for something else," she said. "When I start the chakras, they'll be framed."

Although silver has been her metal of choice, Beerman recently tried working in copper, using heat to create different patinas.

"I liked the results," she said. "The colors are like what I see in my subconscious mind of what my chakras would be. So I'm going to begin a series."

The patinas range from multiples of blues and lavenders to golden oranges, yellows and red.

One of her more recent best-sellers is Beerman's candleholder cross with copper backing.

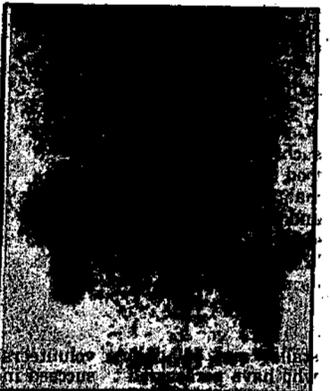
Her silver crosses usually include turquoise stones, although she uses woven material as accents.

With her extensive background in galleries, Beerman is thinking about taking the plunge again. For now, she uses her home as a studio and gallery and will be selling her own work with beadwork by the Huichol Indians of Mexico, herbal oils, breads and other homegrown and produced products.

Locally, Beerman shows at Art and Artifact Gallery in Capitan or call her at 354-2749.



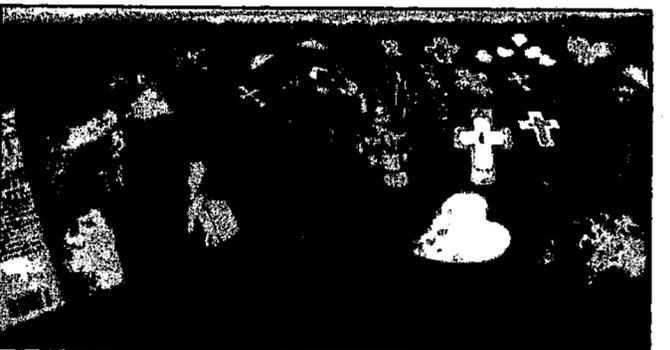
Beerman relaxes by her bedroom fireplace next to two of her wooden pedestals crosses. Both are decorated with silver pendants and one features a copper pendant backed by woven material. The fireplace is Beerman's design.



Three Beerman crosses



A milagro necklace



A table top full of Beerman pendants lie next to Western Style Magazine that featured a Beerman necklace on its cover in the fall of 1993. Crosses are her favorite symbol, but she also creates hearts and other shapes, including a silver fly. Her studio-home is located outside of Capitan and will be part of the Lincoln County Artists Loop set for Dec. 14-15.

Multiple water worries pester Capitan's trustees

By DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Plentiful rainfall during the last half of the summer ended a drought, but also cut down on water sale revenues for the village of Capitan.

Village trustees counted on an extra water demand to pay for new water rights they purchased. Earlier in the year, trustees raised water rates and dedicated money from the increase for new water rights.

Since the rain cut down on outside irrigation of lawns and gardens, the trustees made up the difference in actual vs. expected revenues Monday by transferring \$20,000 from the general fund to the water fund.

In other action involving water, trustees agreed that if deadlock votes prevent action on the Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Association board, Capitan will ask the district court to order an independent audit of association records.

Debra Ingle, who represents Capitan on the board, recommended a 10-year audit of the association's financial and water rights records, based on the fact that we

haven't been able to get all the information on exploratory wells Ruidoso drilled and to find out where the money is, and how much water has been moved through those exploratory wells.

"They were to pay us (for that water) and have not. As vice president of the (Eagle Creek) board I recommend you have it done, or we will never know what's happening."

The two villages are partners in the association and co-own its assets. Three representatives from each village serve on the Eagle Creek board.

Capitan has sued in district court to dissolve the association, saying the village derives no benefits and the association is no longer functional. The financial accounting could be requested in connection with that suit, Beauvais said.

Street vacated

In another matter, trustees split on a vote to vacate an easement on White Oaks Street, but because Trustee Lamoyne Carpenter abstained from voting, the motion to vacate passed.

Capitan Attorney J. Robert Beauvais explained that the vote of

Mayor Norm Renfro, who sided with Trustee John Whittaker against the motion, could not be counted except in a tie-breaking situation.

Since Carpenter abstained, that left Trustees Alfred Leroy Montes and Connie Hopper voting for the motion and only Whittaker voting nay.

The question was scheduled to be raised again during an emergency meeting of the trustees Thursday evening at the request of Renfro, who learned that a Huguley has sold the property. The meeting also will include a closed-to-the-public executive session on the purchase of property.

Village Clerk Deborah Cummins recalled that initially landowner Marvin Huguley wanted to use the right-of-way as a road that he would maintain to one of his pastures. But he had another access, and the board voted not to open the road, because thereafter, the village would be responsible.

During the Huguley hearing, Solomon Trujillo, one of two contiguous property owners, said he would like access left as is with a fence and no delineated road.

However, the other contiguous

owner, Randy Lykins, said he agreed with the village vacating the right-of-way and allowing no access.

Beauvais advised the board before the vote that trustees should weigh the likelihood that the road would ever be needed by the city.

"If the property is developed, there would be no other public access if you vacate," he noted.

Carpenter declined to state his reason for abstaining, and Beauvais said he is not legally required to do so.

In other action, the trustees agreed to set a hearing for public input on a proposal to detour truck traffic down Yard Road to keep them from using Forest Street in front of the Capitan school complex.

— heard that all three phases of the street paving project financed by money from federal Community Development Block Grants have been completed.

"Out of all who received money last year, we're the only ones to complete and we did it (the last phase) in six months," Cummins said. The village also has applied for a grant for a 40-year water study.

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Seminar gives labor law updates

New minimum wage laws, new tax credit laws, and welfare reform are affecting your business, according to the New Mexico Department of Labor. Upcoming proposed changes could affect your business even more.

To bring the latest labor developments to employers without the need for out-of-town travel and expense, the Department of Labor, the Workforce Development Office, and the Alamogordo Job Service Employer Council (JSEC) are sponsoring a seminar in Alamogordo next week.

The seminar takes place from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at Chaps, 607 S. White Sands Blvd., and the \$20 registration fee includes a buffet breakfast.

If you are not sure which minimum wage law applies to your business, come to the seminar. If you are not listing your job openings with the local workforce development office, you may be missing out on valuable tax credits. Employers can now list job openings from the convenience of their own offices. Find out what welfare reform has to do with all of this.

Seminar speakers are: Judith LaPointe on New Mexico wage and hour, Mike Weichmann on federal wage and hour, Eddie Beagles on the Alamogordo Workforce Development Office, and Roberto Salazar on New Mexico Human Services.

For registration information, call Eddie Beagles or Bettie Hiatt at (505) 437-9210.

Car dealer and banker listed as top power brokers

Two Ruidoso business leaders were recently recognized by "New Mexico Business Weekly" as being among "New Mexico's Top 100 Power Brokers." Tom Battin, president and CEO of Ruidoso State Bank, and Johnny Durham, president of Sierra Blanca Motors, made the list.

Compiled each year, this list recognizes individuals who are not only successful in their own businesses, but are involved in their community in a positive manner. These are the people one calls to get things done, Ruidoso Chamber officials said.

Cost of beef, hay slowly rising

A slightly lower number of slaughtered cows is keeping cattle

prices on a slow but sure rise, according to the New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average price for steers and heifers in New Mexico resumed its upward creep to \$56.70 per hundredweight in October after stalling in September at \$56.40. However, it continued to lag well behind the U.S. average of \$68.20 per hundredweight.

Cows brought an average \$36.10 per hundredweight, \$1.30 less than a month earlier but ahead of last year. Calves rose 70 cents from September to \$57 per hundredweight, \$3 higher than a year ago.

If the U.S. reduces the amount of beef it exports to foreign countries, especially Japan, the rise of beef prices this fall could be moderate. The U.S. exported nearly 8% of beef and veal production in the first half of 1996.

The average alfalfa price inched back up \$1 per ton from September to \$124. This was \$10 per ton above last October and more than \$26 higher than the current U.S. level. Alfalfa prices are affected by the high cost of grain, especially wheat and sorghum. When the sorghum crop is completely harvested, alfalfa prices should drop a little.

Spencer Theater boosts October building values

No new commercial construction took place in October of 1995, but this year the new Spencer Theater being built on Airport Road accounted for the entire \$17,345,000 in new construction for October. It also boosted total construction values for October 1996 to \$19,567,462.

Last year's construction values for October totaled \$3,392,532, counting up five more permits than this year (97 last year, 92 this year). Without the \$17 million theater project, construction values for October 1996 would be \$2,222,462, down by 35% from last October.

For the year to date, total construction values are up slightly from \$20 million to \$21 million, not counting the value of the theater building, which is scheduled for completion in June.

The village of Ruidoso has issued 808 building permits so far this year, a 24.9% increase over last year. That total includes additions and alterations, and it includes construction both inside village limits and within the extraterritorial zone.

New home construction is down 3% this month from last October, slipping from 20 permits in October 1995 to 14 this October.

Store puts artists in new Frame of Mind

by PAMELA CROMWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Gail's Frame of Mind, a new art supply house on Mechem, is a dream come true for many area artists as well as for owners Gail and Gaylon Gillem. Focusing on supplies for sculpture and graphic arts, the new store's grand opening is at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at 1204 Mechem in the new White Mountain Plaza (formerly Rainbow Center).

"We know artists can buy paint elsewhere, so we are focusing on sculpture and graphics," Gail said. "Pen and ink, colored pencils, pastels, and charcoal. We also have a large selection of paper for all mediums, including watercolor paper."

Word has already gotten out about the new supply store, and Gillem has sold more than \$150 in supplies a week before opening.

Married to a sculptor and graphic artist, Gail has a special understanding of the Ruidoso arts market. She was a framer for 1.5 years at The Camel House, and worked as a publicity assistant at Ruidoso Downs Race Track in 1994.

She has always dreamed of owning her own frame shop.

"I love framing, handling fine art, and the new challenges it brings," she said. "I think a lot of people assume they can't afford custom framing so they buy ready-made, inexpensive frames and are disappointed with the results."

Gillem invites artists and art collectors to come in for an estimate. She will keep affordable, standard-sized frames in stock, and she specializes in custom, conservation framing. Conservation framing uses all acid-free materials to protect fine art or old art, Gillem said.

"It doesn't make the art fade or yellow with age," she said.

Gaylon Gillem, artist and general manager at Legends Casting Company, is familiar with area artists' problems.

"We cast bronze sculpture and artists continually ask me where to buy supplies and tools," he said. "By the time they pay shipping costs on heavy orders of clay or wax, they wind up paying twice as much."

Gail's Frame of Mind will save them the wait and the freight, Gaylon said.

Chavant Plasteline clay is most



Gail Gillem opens Gail's Frame of Mind next week, a new arts supply store and framing service located in White Mountain Plaza.

widely used by sculptors, and Gillem has stocked 300 pounds of it. For the ceramicist/potter, they have water-based clays. Ready-made armatures and modeling tools are also available at the new store.

Gail's Frame of Mind also carries wood and stone carving tools, and leatherworking supplies.

"We have set up a complete casting center for special orders, so if we don't have it, we'll get it," Gillem said.

Gail's catalog prices are competitive, she said.

The Nov. 15 grand opening features Gaylon's own bronzes and

graphic works. Best known for his Southwestern Indian sculpture, Gaylon will surprise people with his "Retrospect '89-'96" collection, Gail said. The show is comprised of the Gillem's never-before-viewed private collection of Gaylon's "Fantasy Series."

A "Meet the Artist" reception follows Gail's grand opening at 5-7 p.m. on Nov. 15, featuring live music by local sculptress Adrian Henry. The reception is open to the public.

Gail's Frame of Mind (268-9071) is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Theater brightens business future

by PAMELA CROMWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

As the angular steel beam monolith of the Spencer Theater rises from an Airport Road mesa, excitement is rising over the possibilities of what the performing arts center will bring to Ruidoso.

The theater's 1997 lineup will be announced in January. The first season tickets go on sale in March, and the grand opening is scheduled for July.

If the Spencer Theater becomes a destination point, it could increase tourism. The visitor who puts Spencer Theater at the top of the itinerary is also likely to patronize art galleries, fine restaurants, and other cultural attractions in the area.

Rand Harmon, the theater's new director, sees the opportunity for new industries to spring up around Spencer Theater.

"There's no limousine service in Lincoln County," he said. "We'll need that."

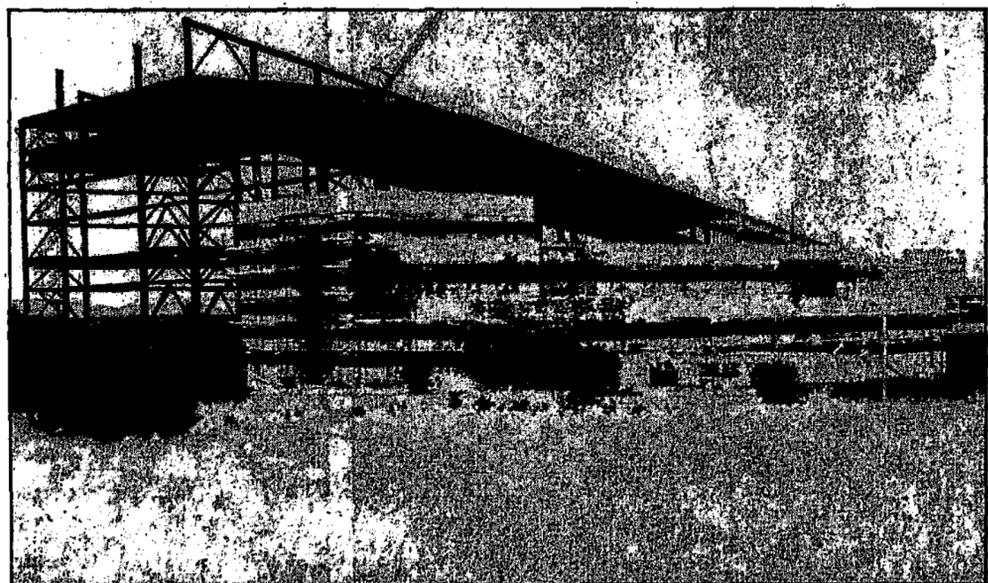
The theater is a good contract opportunity for custodial companies, ground maintenance companies, and caterers, Harmon said. For a creative entrepreneur, the Spencer Theater could be a valuable customer.

The economic benefits to this area are as appealing as the cultural coups. The theater itself will operate on a \$2 million annual budget, Harmon said, about one third of which will go to artists. During the performance season, about 25 residents will be employed at the theater. Harmon's own assistant is a 6-year Ruidoso resident.

"Qualified locals get interviewed," he said. "There are a lot of people here with theater knowledge and experience."

Harmon wants the community to know that this theater is being built for them, not against them.

"This will complement every-



The \$17 million Spencer Theater is taking shape on an Airport Road mesa. Scheduled for completion in June, the performing arts center will be a lavish, state-of-the-art facility.

thing already going on here," Harmon said. "For example, Aspenfest is our closing weekend. There will be a big event here after the art show and activity in town."

Theater owner Jacque Spencer isn't building this \$17 million theater just to entertain herself and her friends in Alto, Harmon said.

"She's building this for the community and the kids," he said.

The theater's trustees are Dr. A.N. Spencer (vice president), Ruidoso resident Brian Seale (treasurer), La Junta Guest Ranch owner Katherine Finley (secretary), former Ruidoso mayor Lloyd Davis, Ruidoso resident and racetrack employee Jane McGuire, Dallas resident Jimmy Parsons, Alto residents Jim and Carol Bayless, Ruidoso State Bank President Tom Battin,

Alto resident Carole Singletary, and Alto resident Jackie Corbin.

The schools stand to benefit greatly from the international acts and cultural exposure Spencer Theater will bring. Harmon plans to make Spencer Theater an active player in Ruidoso's performing arts education, offering workshops and creating study guides to accompany shows. Educational aspects are not restricted to children in schools.

"When we have a classical guitarist perform, for example, we'd like him to teach a small class," Harmon said. "That's a big part of why we're doing this."

Spencer is not excluding local artists from her lavish, state-of-the-art theater. Ruidoso High School performers are invited to use the facility, as are other groups such as

Ruidoso Little Theater, Community Concert Series, and Ballet New Mexico.

"We'll bring in outside performing artists during the summer and part of the winter," Harmon said. "The rest of the time we'll support local artists as best we can."

Harmon has yet to see any proposals from local performance groups, he said.

Harmon expects to schedule 20-30 events in the coming year, including off-Broadway shows, a dance series, a music series, and family-style entertainment.

"This theater presentation company will bring in the best," Harmon said. "It will enhance the cultural lives of all residents and visitors in south-central New Mexico."



Bank customer wins \$1,000

Melanie Sanchez (at far right) won a \$1,000 certificate of deposit at the new Sierra Bank branch located inside Furr's Supermarket on Highway 70. Assistance branch manager Jennifer Willis (left) and branch manager Susie Holder (center) presented the certificate to Sanchez and her family, Destiny and Jeremy Nunnen-camp. Carl Bartley (back) is president and managing officer of Sierra Bank.



Ray Sharbutt

New attorney establishes dream career

by PAMELA CROMWELL
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ray Sharbutt always wanted to be a lawyer, but he postponed his college education to serve as a Russian translator and interpreter for the Armed Security Agency during the Vietnam War.

It wasn't until 1989 when he went back to school, earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees by the end of 1990 at New Mexico State University. He enrolled in the University of New Mexico School of Law in 1993, and took the bar exam in July of this year.

Now with the Ruidoso firm of Dutton and Hakanson, Sharbutt looks forward to finally living out his dream of practicing small-town law, he said.

"I love the argument and discourse involved in law," he said.

Small town law is unique because an attorney must be a "jack of all trades." Cases may include anything from dog bites to domestic relations, with a little criminal, probate, or personal injury thrown in, Sharbutt said.

Before attending law school, Sharbutt worked as drilling foreman for Exxon, then went into education. He moved to Ruidoso in 1988 and taught kindergarten and first-grade science at New Hill Early Childhood Center.

Most recently, after graduating from NMSU, he was an English teacher at Horde Valley Schools for two years, where he also coached football and girls basketball. He

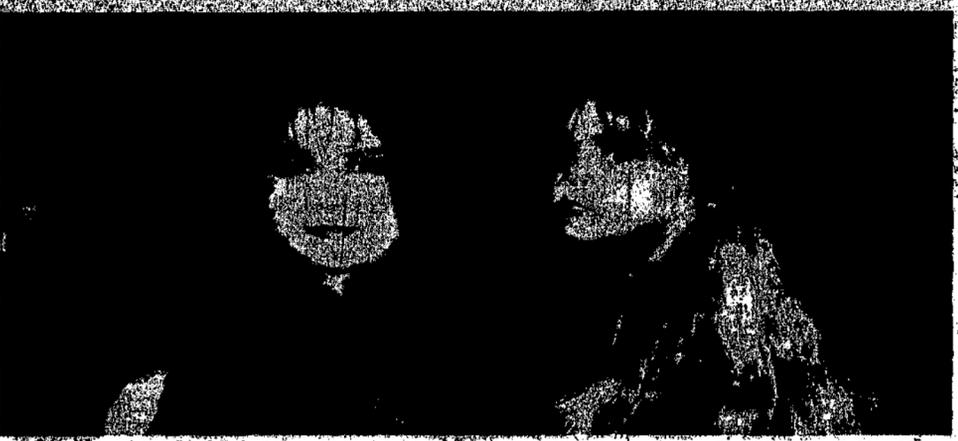
rekindled his interest in law at Horde by assembling a mock trial team in the school.

Similar to a student court, this team tried real legal cases involving minors.

During law school, Sharbutt continued to hone his argument skills in National Moot Court, a university court system that argues principles of law. Teams from various universities around the nation compete against each other in tournaments.

During law school, Sharbutt was also president of the Graduate Professional Students Association, a graduate student advisor to the Board of Regents, and chairman of the Student Fee Review Board.

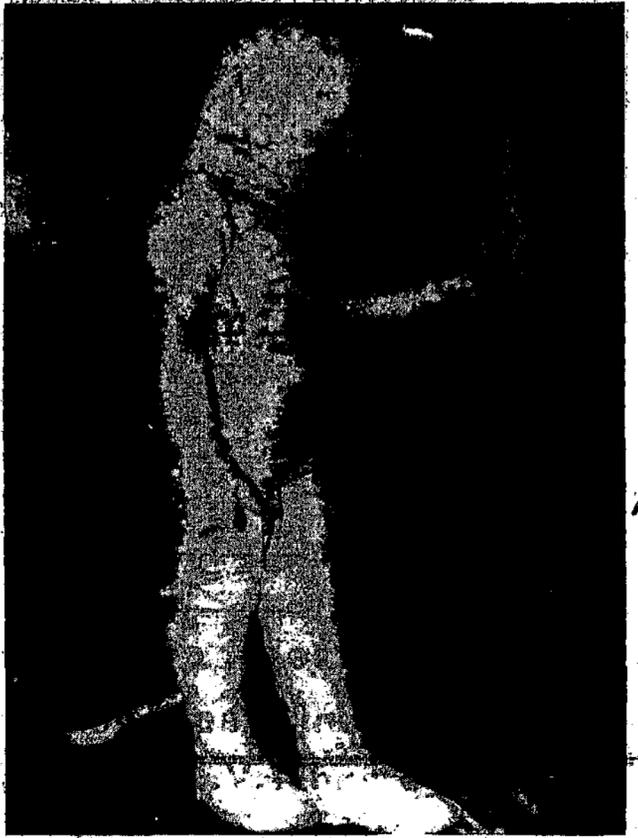
CARRIZOZO



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Halloween happenings

The Carrizozo schools were pretty scary for the Halloween holiday. In photo above, little witch Shayna Zamora is held by her Aunt Sylvia. At left, rummy Adrienne Ortiz checks out the carnival jail.



Carrizozo's Santa Rita Fiesta dancers learn new steps

In keeping with the cultural aspect of their group, the Santa Rita Fiesta Dancers will have the opportunity to add other traditional dances for performances at future programs and fiestas.

Frank Herrera, leader of Roswell Folklorico, will conduct a November dance workshop in Carrizozo for the group and others on the traditional Mexican/Spanish dances, dancers leader Polly E. Chavez said.

The following dancers participated in summer events: Preschool — Corine Beltran, Scott Barela; 1st grade — Brittni Calley, Zeke Vega; 2nd grade — Timmy Barela, Kaitlyn Vega; 3rd grade — Christopher Vega; 4th grade — Sonya Vega,

Nathan Chavez, Sarah White, Jesse Samora, David Sidwell, Stephanie Brewer; 6th grade — Jesse Ortiz, Kimberly Vega, Ashlie Samora.

The Carrizozo dancers originated four years ago for the Santa Rita Fiesta that year. It is a church-based group, and the dancers are required to participate in the church's other youth programs.

Former Carrizozo teacher and Hondo Fiesta dancer Lucia Vega has assisted Chavez with the dance project for the past four years. Dolores Vega was instrumental in kicking off this dance year. This mother of three dancers was also helpful in establishing a fundrais-

ing project for the group. Dancer Kimberly Vega sings Spanish songs as part of the group's events. Kimberly is a 6th grader at Carrizozo Schools.

This year Suzie Fern, a new resident to Carrizozo, volunteered her dance skills in leading the church dancers in country-line dancing, another form of cultural music and dance for people of other nationalities. The new dance steps aided the dancers when they practiced their traditional Mexican/Spanish dances. The group's country-line dance, complete with costume change, was performed at the end of its Labor Day performances.

HISTORY NOTES

by ANN BUFFINGTON
Carrizozo Newsletter Staff

Members of the Carrizozo Historical Society are getting in as many field trips as we can before winter sets in, since all our members seem to enjoy these so much.

Our Oct. 12 meeting was a trip to Cloudcroft. We were given a great 1.5-hour tour of the Sacramento Mountains Museum by Marie Wuerschling, director. An

entire pioneer village in a park-like setting is being constructed on more than two acres of grounds of the museum, with reconstructed cabins and summer cottages. After the tour we enjoyed a marvelous leisurely lunch at The Lodge.

A trip to White Oaks on Saturday, Nov. 16 will include a tour of the Schoolhouse Museum and the cemetery by Robert Leslie, and a visit to the Miners Museum, along

with a sit-down lunch provided by the White Oaks Volunteer Fire Department.

WANTED: FAMILY HISTORIES. The Carrizozo Historical Society is anxious to begin collecting family histories from our area. If anyone in your family has ever done any kind of written history or stories of your family, we would be interested in having a copy for our archives. Call Ann at 648-2857.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

The Carrizozo Women's Club will host a Harvest Friendship Brunch on Saturday morning, Nov. 16. Starting at 10 a.m., guests will be treated to a delicious feast featuring a green chile and sausage casserole, muffins, a fruit platter, and hot cider. Members are encouraged to bring a guest with them. There will be door prizes and a program. The public is invited to this free event.

The annual Holiday Hoedown will be held at the Women's Club from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. A lunch with two kinds of enchiladas and dessert will be served at reasonable cost. (take-outs available). The Holiday Hoedown, with its booths filled with holiday gifts and goodies made by local folks, is a great place to start your Christmas shopping.

Members are working on the 1997 Women's Club Calendar, which will be out soon. The calendar is invaluable for Zozo residents, with its comprehensive listings of club and civic group meetings and residents' birthdays and anniversaries.

CARRIZOZO COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONTHLY EVENTS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — 5:30 p.m. Mondays, REA Bldg.

Art Classes (Dorothy Leslie, instr., any age welcome) — Tuesdays and Thursdays at Senior Center

Bible Drills for 7-9th graders — 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) — 8 p.m. Thursdays at Senior Center

Rotary Club — Noon Thursdays at Four Winds Restaurant

Ceramics Classes (Cindi Mackenzie, instr.) — 1 p.m. Saturdays (for info call 648-2535)

Canyon Cowbells — 11:30 a.m. 1st Monday of month in members' homes

Carrizozo Town Council — 6 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at city hall

Chamber of Commerce — noon on 2nd Wednesday of month at Norwest Bank

Masonic Lodge — 7:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday of month at Masonic Lodge

School Board — 7 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of month in Conference Room

CATS (Carrizozo Action Team) — 10 a.m. last Monday of month at RC&D office, 409 Central

NOVEMBER

Annual Turkey Dinner — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 at Trinity United Methodist Church

Chamber of Commerce — turkey dinner Wednesday, Nov. 13 at Trinity UMC

Harvest Friendship Brunch — 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at Women's Club

Carrizozo Historical Society — Saturday, Nov. 16, field trip to White Oaks

Drag Car Show — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, 12th Street-McDonald Park

Drag Race — beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 at Carrizozo Airport, final race of '96 season

FCE Roadrunners Meeting — 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 at REA Bldg.

DECEMBER

Holiday Hoedown — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, sponsored by Women's Club at Women's Club Bldg.

Carrizozo Community Christmas Choir Cantata — 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1000 D. Avenue

Art Loop Studio Tours Dec. 14 and 15

To list your event, call Phyllis Schlegel — 648-2983

CHURCH MOUSE

by PHYLLIS SCHLEGEL
Carrizozo Newsletter Staff

News from ALL churches is welcome!

Bible drills for all 7-9th-grade youth in the community are held 3:30-4:30 p.m. each Tuesday in Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church. Youths are taught the books of the Bible, memorize Bible verses, and compete in finding scripture verses and the books of the Bible. There is still time to enroll. Call 648-2701 or 648-4258 for more information.

October was Clergy Appreciation Month. Trinity United Methodist surprised its pastor, Warren K. Schoenecker, at special apprecia-

tion services Sunday, Oct. 27. At children's time teacher Kala Scarafioti and the children presented words of appreciation and a balloon bouquet to the pastor and his wife Elizabeth. Members of the congregation also gave "testimony" of their appreciation. At the potluck dinner following, special cakes baked by Bill Kerr were cut and served to all attending.

First Baptist Church enjoyed an indoor "picnic" following worship on Sunday, Oct. 27 at its Fellowship Hall. A surprise old-fashioned "pounding" was given to Pastor Hayden Smith and family in appreciation, and also in observance of Hayden's and wife Cheryl's Octo-

ber birthdays! You are welcome to "Moms in Touch." They have resumed their Tuesday morning meetings to pray for our children and the school. Call Carol Wilson at 648-2428 for more information.

On election night, the Carrizozo Knights of Columbus cooked and sold cheeseburger plates at the county courthouse. On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, the Knights will have its monthly family social in remembrance of Thanksgiving. The Knights will also hold a Christmas food drive. Canned goods will be collected at the St. Rita Church and distributed on Christmas.

A Drag Car Show, competition class only, will be held Saturday, Nov. 16 on 12th Street near McDonald Park in Carrizozo.

Cars will begin arriving by 11 a.m. and after judging and public viewing, the show ends by 5 p.m.

A points banquet will follow at the Carrizozo Country Club for drag racers only. Awards and trophies earned this '96 racing year will be presented.

The final drag race of the season will take place at the Carrizozo Municipal Airport on Sunday, Nov. 17, where the 2nd Phillip Ortiz Memorial Prize will go to a winner.

The FCE (Family & Community Education) Roadrunners Nov. 20 meeting will be highlighted by a presentation from our local Mal Pais Colts 4H Club. June Hobbs, president of FCE, reminds members to meet in the Rural Electric Administration building at 1 p.m. for this program to conduct business and discuss plans for the Christmas meeting on Thursday, Dec. 13.

Six Roadrunner members attended the YCFCE Council meeting Nov. 6. Following the meeting

presided over by Helen M. Lock, council president, and lunch at the LaFonda Restaurant in Artesia, the group enjoyed a field trip to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. It was interesting and informative.

It is great to see progress with the renovations of the Old Carrizozo City Hall on Central Avenue! The complex will soon house the town's police and municipal court offices...possibly by Christmas.

Betty McCraight, Lincoln County Extension Home Economist, was on the road Oct. 23-28. She attended the NMAFCE (New Mexico Association for Family and Community Education) in Tucuman and drove through snow to Grants for a two-day meeting of RREDA (Rural Economic Development) through Tourism. RFE (Regional Fair Food), Husband Ray, and pet dog Speedy, welcomed her home.

After a well-deserved, much-needed vacation, Mary Hernandez is back to her job as office manager at Carrizozo Health Center. Pleasant Roxanne Vity from Dr. Robinson's office in Ruidoso filled

in temporarily while Mary rested. Welcome back Mary, but remember — RELAX!

We congratulate our Town Clerk Carol Schlarb for taking office Oct. 1 as president of the New Mexico Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association. Carol has served us well for 15 years and will continue to do so. This state office covers various and sundry duties. Carol deserves this honor and is the first-ever Carrizozo town clerk to fill this state position.

Be sure to visit the new U.S. Post Office now open in Nogal. When we stopped by recently for a peek, Clerk Shannon Zumwalt graciously welcomed us, saying it opened Oct. 2. Postmaster Buddy Hill, Sr., of Carrizozo was busy at work doing odds and ends at the old facility. Moving is not a phre to be envied!

Lorena LaMay, a Carrizozo native, was recently interviewed for the Oct. 25 Vamonos section of *The Ruidoso News*. She's the daughter of Rosa Chavez of Carrizozo. Lorena has been Ruidoso's chief magistrate court clerk since 1990. For a positive, upbeat story of a

person who LIKES her job, look up this story! (You can also read other local news stories in this supplement, like Grizzly Sports, Art News, FFA News, Around Town, etc).

We welcome newcomers Arden and Virginia Burd from Michigan, and the Gieb family from Ruidoso. We plan to have more information soon, but in the meantime, consider yourselves welcomed!

Furrest and Mary Lou Webster have returned safely home from a work/vacation summer in their home state of Michigan. Employed as one of the hosts and hostesses at Crystal Lake Best Holiday Campground, seven miles from Lake Michigan, they were close enough to enjoy family visits and a family reunion. The campground has 180 sites for motor homes, tents, 6th wheels and other RVs, and is on a 165-acre lake, excellent for fishing. Sadly, "Mitzie," the family dog, had to be put to sleep Aug. 6, and Furrest and Mary Lou were allowed to bury her in a friend's pet cemetery. They have been asked to return next May, the Lord willing, but are most happy to be in their home again for the winter, and with Carrizozo friends.

"You are doing a good job, keep up the good work," Mary Lou added for the Newsletter staff.

Word has been received of the serious illness of Travis Paraley, manager of Piggly-Wiggly grocery store here for many years (now Sturges Venture Market). Travis, well-known by hundreds in the area, is a native West Virginian, and is with his brother Ralph in Crumb, W.V., near a Huntington hospital.

Frankie Simons and Cathy Cordeira are back from a quick trip to one of their favorite places, Maine, where they saw the fall colors of the East in all their splendor. Cathy reports rain kept them from doing as much photography as they planned, however.

Nena Ortiz was in California visiting relatives for two weeks in October. She stayed with her son Mario in Studio City. In San Dimas she saw her brother Frank Sanchez and his wife Margie, and their daughter Judy of Long Beach. Nena stayed several days with her sister-in-law Carmen Sanchez and family in Rosemead. (Carmen's husband David, known in Carrizozo

as "Andy," died several years ago. He was a Carrizozo Alumni member and attended the school reunions). Nena and Mario visited her brother Herman Sanchez and wife Leanne at LaVerne. The four traveled to Port of Calls, where they viewed the ships and ocean, and browsed through gift shops.

Marine Corporal Michael Chavez was in Carrizozo during hunting season to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Chavez. He was accompanied by his wife Tina and son Jonathan, who have been staying at Portales while Michael was on a six-month deployment on the USS Tarawa in the Middle East. While here they also visited with their nephew, Nathan Chavez.

Suzi and Joe Fern were visited by Suzi's mom Virginia DuVall and her friend Esther from Yuma, Ariz., for one week. All enjoyed much needed R&R through local walks with dogs. Unfortunately, the trip was marred by the need to have one of their two dogs put to sleep while here in Zozo. Happy to report they have acquired a new puppy upon returning to Yuma. Most common comment was, "The house will be so beautiful when it is finished!"

OFFICIAL RECORDS

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following information was taken from Ruidoso Police Department reports.

TUESDAY, OCT. 14

Four Roswell minors who had allegedly been drinking alcohol were involved in a single-car accident on Warrior Drive.

The 17-year-old male driver, who allegedly had consumed eight to nine beers, lost control of the 1988 Dodge Colt around 11:50 a.m. and smashed into a guardrail on the east side of the road, police said.

When officers arrived at the scene they found the car overturned in a ditch and its four passengers standing outside of it next to 56 cans of beer, police said.

Two of the female youths, both 17, were transported to the Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment. Police arrested the driver and Jesse Silva, 18, and charged them with minors in possession of alcohol, a misdemeanor. They also charged the driver with a misdemeanor count of DWI.

A Mesalero man received treatment at LCMC after allegedly being hit in the face with a beer bottle and dumped in the parking lot of Furr's on U.S. 70, police said.

Avery Belin, 36, told officers that around 3:30 p.m. he had been in a car with three others. One of the passengers, a 40-year-old woman from Mesalero, had been drinking, he said. The woman started yelling obscenities and arguing with him for no reason, and then struck him in the face with a beer bottle she had just finished, he told police. He received a bloody nose, police said.

Belin was then taking to the Furr's parking lot where he was thrown out of the car and struck in the back with a beer bottle.

The victim declined to press charges, police said.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

Jerry Shannon Passig, 25, also known as Jerry McMurray of 528 Sudderth Drive, was charged with misdemeanor counts of assault and battery to her former boss.

Carolyn Wallace, owner of Tiny Tots Day Care at 528 Sudderth Drive, told police that when she fired Passig, Passig shoved her into a desk and said "I'm going to get you."

Passig, who was hired as a maid and maintenance person, was told to collect her things and leave the premises, which she eventually did.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

Police issued a criminal complaint against Dean Ahidley, 19, of Mesalero, charging him with two counts of petty larceny for stealing beer from two different stores.

Ahidley was also charged with misdemeanors of resisting an officer and allowing himself to be served alcohol as a minor.

According to an Allsup's clerk at the store on the corner of Mechem and Sudderth drives, three males stole a \$10 case of Natural Light

Beer around 7 p.m. About 11 minutes later, a Mechem Drive Thriftway Grocery Store clerk complained two males fled the store with two cases of Budweiser beer, valued at \$28. Two clerks ran after the suspects onto Sudderth Drive, flagged down officers, and pointed the suspects out to them. Officer Eric Woods yelled, "Stop, police!" and the male in a white shirt dropped one of the cases and the other suspect ran up onto Second Street and dropped that case.

Both subjects continued running away, but the male in the white shirt, Ahidley, was seen walking on A Street a few minutes later. When police asked if he'd been drinking and he said his uncle had let him drink two beers, he was arrested for allowing himself to be served. Ahidley was then taken to Allsup's and Thriftway and identified as one of the assailants, police said.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

A Ruidoso Magistrate Court warrant for the arrest of Michael Charles Friberg, 22, was issued after his pregnant, 25-year-old live-in girlfriend complained he battered her, police said.

He is charged with misdemeanor counts of aggravated battery to a household member and battery to a household member after police said they saw the victim's black eyes, a swelling bruise on the back of her left ear, and swelling on the back of her head.

The victim told police the violence began Thursday, Oct. 16, when she saw Friberg bugging and kissing another woman in front of the WPS bar. She tried to hit him, but missed, and later returned to bring him home.

At home they began to argue about the other woman, and after the victim broke Friberg's CDs, he allegedly started choking her, threw her on the bed, slammed his own head into hers and punched her several times on the back of the head.

The next night, Oct. 17, he allegedly was drinking heavily and took some aspirin with cocaine. When the victim complained about the other woman, and then locked herself in the bathroom with Friberg's wallet, he allegedly broke in the door, grabbed her, choked her, slammed his head into hers, and kneed her in the stomach. He also tried to take their 4-year-old daughter away and hit the victim a few more times before letting the girl go and leaving.

The victim received treatment for her injuries Oct. 18 at LCMC.

A misdemeanor charge of battery was filed in municipal court against Charles David Wyche, 21, of Alto for allegedly hitting his friend Shawn Wallis, 19, in the face with a beer bottle, police said.

The two men had started arguing while in a car on Willie Horton Drive. They got out of the car and continued arguing. Wallis went back to the car to collect his clothes and dog when Wyche allegedly hit him with the bottle. Wallis suffered a cut to the right side of his face, police said.

An unknown 16 or 17-year-old blonde male stole an 18-pack of Coors Light beer worth \$11.98 and a bag of potato chips worth \$2.99 from the Allsup's Store at the Mechem and Sudderth drive intersection, police said. The suspect was then seen driving north on Mechem in a gray four-door sedan.

A 203 Mustang Drive resident said someone entered her home by removing the screen and raising the window and took an unknown amount of change, two cans of cigarettes, and about four Bud Light beers and Dr. Pepper soda. The thieves also opened a half-pint bottle of JB Whiskey.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

Police arrested Nicholas Charles Willis, 24, of Honda on a misdemeanor charge of shoplifting.

Willis was allegedly observed at the U.S. 70 Furr's grocery store slipping a pack of Marlboro cigarettes and a box of Tylenol PM aspirin into his pocket. When asked how he was going to pay for the items, he told a security person that he was just going to take them, police said.

A 13-year-old Mesalero girl was caught shoplifting five packs of Fruit Stripe gum worth \$4.95 from the 311 Sudderth Drive Allsup's Store, police said.

The girl was with three other Mesalero girls and one from Ruidoso Downs when the theft occurred, police said.

MONDAY, OCT. 21

A \$300 Devilbiss spray gun was missing from the 1207 Mechem Drive True Colors Paint & Body store.

Ruidoso High School teacher Carlye Keyes complained that a \$1,000 diamond pendant was removed from her purse when she left the classroom for about five minutes.

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

A garbage dumpster, owned by the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, was hit sometime overnight by an unknown vehicle and smashed into the side of Si Senor at 2200 Sudderth Drive. The dumpster was destroyed and the building had damage to the door and the cement blocks.

A \$200 window at the Del Norte Drive residence of Rachel Huggins was broken when a rock was thrown through it around 9:15 p.m., police said.

Huggins suspected juvenile friends of her 15-year-old daughter were the culprits. The daughter told police that two of the suspects had called her that night and asked her to go with them to the Mechem Drive Thriftway

Grocery to shoplift items. She returned, and they came over and knocked on the window. She then heard the glass break, police said.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

A Ruidoso Downs 16-year-old girl allegedly caught shoplifting a \$15.00 carton of Marlboro cigarettes from the 721 Mechem Drive Furr's Market. The girl tried to steal the carton by sticking it into the sleeve of her coat, police said.

A \$100 window at a Mechem Drive residence was broken around 10 p.m. when a beer bottle was tossed through it by an unknown person, police said.

Officers had been called to the residence on a report of a possible domestic violence. Barbara Morales, 49, was at home when the bottle broke through the window. Morales suffered a laceration cut to her lower lip from the flying glass.

Neighbors told police they had heard yelling and screaming, but didn't see anyone or anything. The victims said they had no idea who would have broken the window, police said.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

Two 14-year-old Ruidoso High School girls were suspended from school after beating up one of their female classmates while in choir class, police said. The girls allegedly disrespected the victim for about a year, and finally ganged up on her by hitting her head on the floor, pulling her hair and kicking her. Police observed the girl had a black eye; her left eye was swelling and the bridge of her nose was turning red and swelling.

A Ruidoso Realtor checking on the part-time Shady Lane residence of Tom Barnett found a door had been pried open and a \$300 Nintendo game stolen, police said.

The Realtor, Chris Demarest, called Barnett at his Lubbock, Texas home and told him of the burglary.

A Ponderosa Drive home was entered sometime during the day and the burglars knocked over the kitchen table and trash, and also burned a piece of fabric on a living room chair, police said. The victim, Rhonda Rogers, said she has no idea who would have entered, and damaged her property.

A 15-year-old Ruidoso High School girl on probation ran away with a 16-year-old male friend when slipping out of the girl's Del Norte Drive bedroom window around 5 p.m., police said.

The girl's mother, Rachel Huggins, had called police complaining that the boy, who

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SUNDAY	High .45 Low .18	MONDAY	High .25 Low .15
Partly cloudy		Partly cloudy	

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precipitation
Tuesday	65	23	.00"
Wednesday	65	23	.00"
Thursday	64	29	.00"

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	58	38	Rain showers
El Paso, TX	73	42	Mostly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	71	48	Mostly cloudy
Midland, TX	72	49	Mostly cloudy

Weather data courtesy of meteorologist Cam Moore KBIM-TV

November's phases of the moon

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Saturn has been climbing higher in the southeast. It's only one-ninth as bright as Jupiter (shining at a magnitude 0.3 compared with Jupiter's -2.1), but its greater height may make it easier to spot after dark. Saturn is all alone in the dim constellation Pegasus; there's nothing else as bright in the southeast that you can confuse it with. Saturn shines a steady, unblinking yellow.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The following domestic violence cases were filed in Lincoln County District Court records in Cimarron. They are identified by the date filed, the plaintiff and defendant, the type of action and the docket number.

June 5 — Jessica Ramirez vs. Antonio Ramirez; final divorce decree July 9; DR96-134.

June 14 — Kaitlin A. Bartleson vs. Antonio L. Bartleson; final divorce decree June 17; DR96-142.

June 24 — Robbie Mendoza vs. Manuel Sanchez; order, issued July 2, prohibiting domestic violence by defendant against plaintiff; hearing set for 8 a.m. Dec. 27; DR96-149.

June 28 — Maria Wendel vs. John E. Kasovitz; petition to prohibit domestic violence filed July 8; DR96-150.

June 26 — Deborah McFadden vs. Stephen McFadden; divorce granted July 10; DR96-152.

June 4 — Brian Wayne Scribner vs. Kimberly Ann Scribner; divorce; DR96-153.

June 7 — Corina M. Sanchez vs. Benjamin L. Sanchez; divorce; DR96-155.

June 7 — Laura Buffington vs. Daynaco White; petition to terminate parental rights; DR96-156.

June 10 — State of New Mexico, Human Services Department (HSD) vs. Nicholas L. Hays; petition for child support; paternity acknowledged; DR96-157.

June 13 — Katherine Dolores Ruz vs. Yen Ros Ruz; divorce; DR96-140.

June 17 — Shannon Pasik vs. Tony Pasik; divorce; DR96-141.

June 17 — Scott Harrington vs. Danny Harrington; divorce; DR96-143.

June 17 — David Smith vs. Glada Smith; divorce; DR96-144.

June 18 — Mickey Davis Holt vs. Michelle Gay Holt; divorce; DR96-146.

June 21 — Nadine Ann Askew vs. Loy M. Askew; divorce; DR96-147.

June 24 — State of New Mexico, HSD, and State of California and Debra Justice Montelone vs. Rodolfo Cesar Montelone; child support; DR96-148.

June 28 — Bobby Mendoza vs. Manuel Sanchez; domestic violence; DR96-149.

June 28 — Peter Nizario Jr. vs. Maria Guadalupe Gallardo Nizario; divorce; DR96-151.

June 26 — Amber D. Thompson vs. William M. Thompson; divorce; DR96-153.

June 27 — Sharon Ann Wells vs. George Scott Wells; divorce; DR96-154.

July 9 — David Galloway vs. Amy Galloway; divorce; DR96-158.

July 9 — Kay Lois Taffel vs. Willie Leon Taffel; divorce; DR96-159.

July 10 — In the matter of Jane Eileen Boyle, petitioner, and Ricky Don LaMay, respondent, and concerning Garrett Don

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following information was gathered from reports and officers at the Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

A Ruidoso Downs man was arrested on three drug-related charges Sunday.

Ralph Boswell, 36, was charged with trafficking cocaine, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, and careless driving, Ruidoso Downs Officer Alex Hinson said.

Hinson, who is also a narcotics agent for the sheriff's office, was on patrol with rookie officer Robert Oshaskie around 7:30 p.m. Sunday when they stopped a 1982 Chevrolet pickup driven by Boswell. Boswell was weaving in and out of his lane, Hinson said.

Boswell gave the officers permission to search his vehicle, and they found a marijuana cigarette in the ashtray, Hinson said. Boswell was arrested, and during an inventory of the truck Hinson and Oshaskie found a quarter-pound of marijuana in a gallon-sized baggie, scales, rolling papers, and approximately one gram of cocaine.

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Police

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was not allowed to be with her daughter, was in her daughter's room and wouldn't leave. When officers arrived they found the room empty but the window open.

The girl returned home the next day and was referred to juvenile authorities. The boy, a Ruidoso Downs resident, was charged with trespassing at his girlfriend's house and turned over to juvenile authorities.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

Daniel Billy Garcia, 18, was charged with assault after Bryce Finch, 18, complained that Garcia tried to start a fight with him on Sudderth Drive, police said.

A \$150 wooden bench kept in front of the 2319 Sudderth Drive Clothes Horse store was reported missing by the business owner Ruth Bird, police said.

A white male, about 5-foot, eight-inches tall, with shoulder-length hair stole a 12-pack

of Budweiser beer worth \$9.57 from Rich Gas at 1137 Mechem Drive. The suspect took the beer around 4 p.m., police said.

A 16-year-old RHS student was battered by his ex-girlfriend in front of the 1137 Mechem Drive Rich Gas store after he complained about her cigarette smoking, police said.

The victim and suspect had just gotten off the RHS school bus when they started arguing. As the victim was walking away, the suspect called him obscenities. The victim then threatened "someone should kick your ass" when she allegedly slapped him with an open hand on his left jaw and then punched him in the face with a closed fist. The victim tried to push her away, but she punched him in the face again, police said.

Officers observed the swelling to the victim's lips and the left temple. He also suffered from a cut on the lips, police said.

The victim has declined to file charges, police said.

were reported missing from the 124 Service Road Gateway Texasco station.

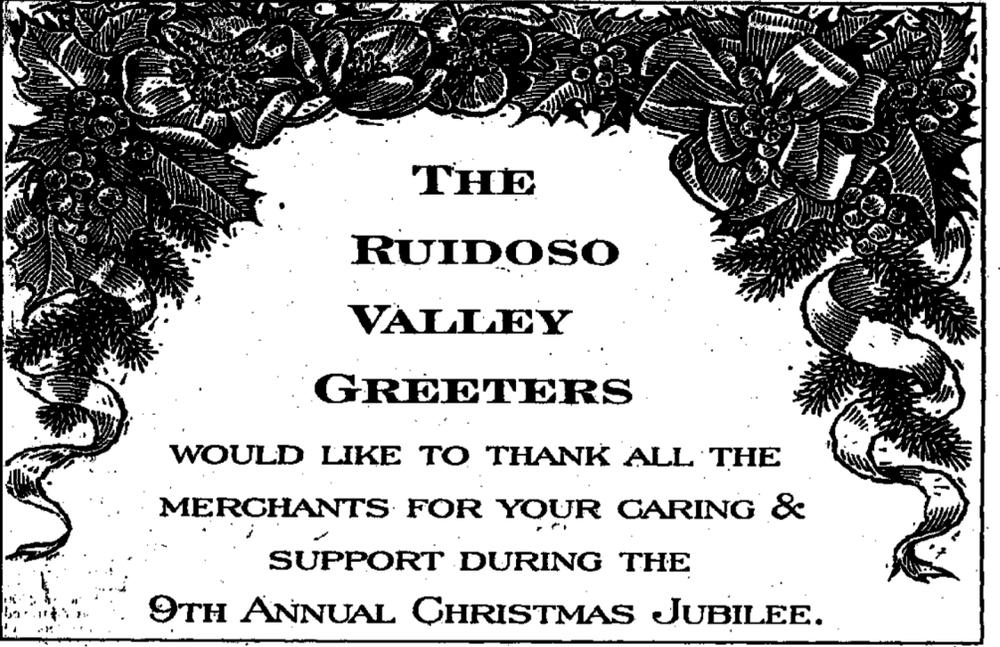
Carlos Alderete, 25, was charged with assault and disorderly conduct after threatening the 16-year-old son of his ex-girlfriend when collecting his things from the Roswell Street home they had shared. Serving as peacekeepers, police had escorted Alderete to the residence and allegedly heard Alderete issue the threats, police said.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

Two tires on a car owned by Diane Miller were cut by a sharp instrument sometime overnight. The vehicle was parked outside her residence on Mechem Drive, police said.

Sometime overnight, burglars stole an \$800 cash register holding about \$20 change from Duran Duran hair salon at 801 Mechem Drive, and damaged a soda machine located outside the business, police said.

Police later recovered portions of the register from dumpsters on Yellow Pine Drive and obtained fingerprints.



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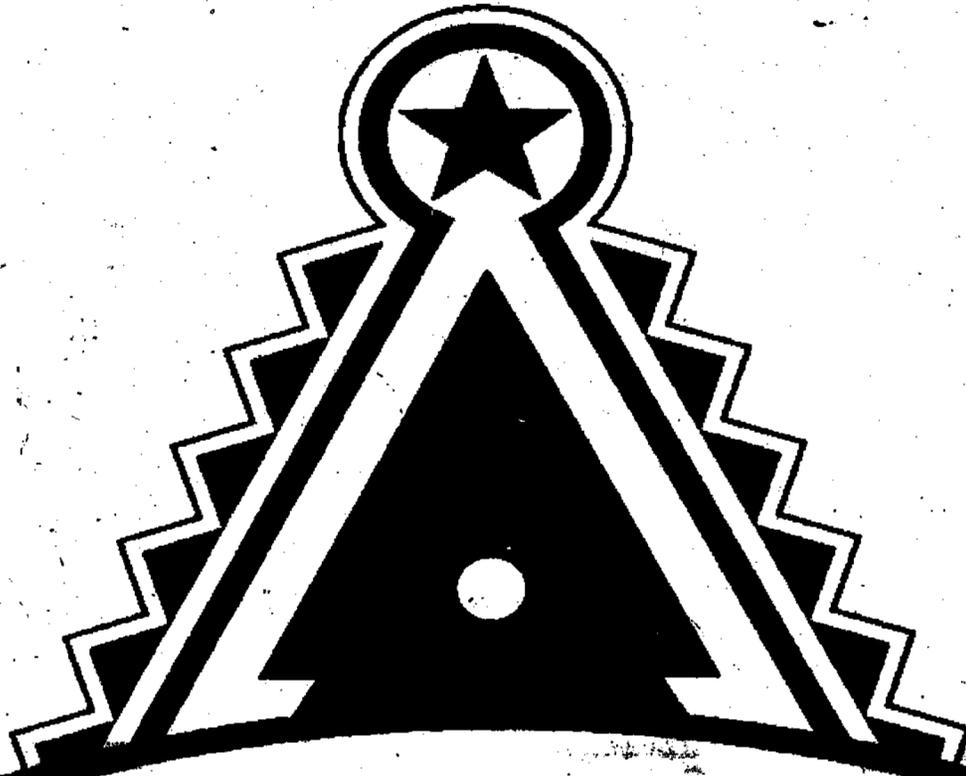
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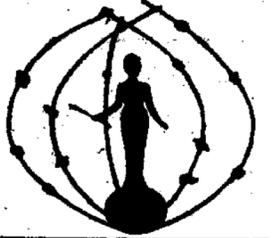
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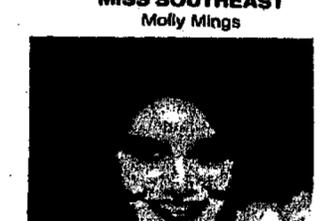
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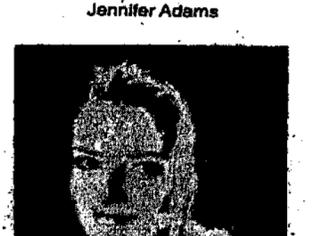
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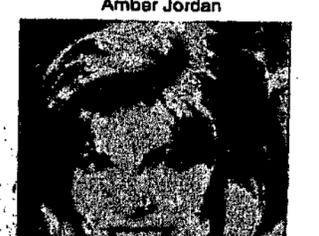
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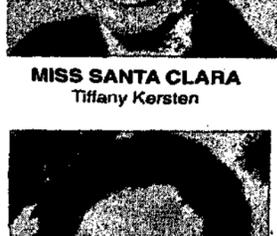
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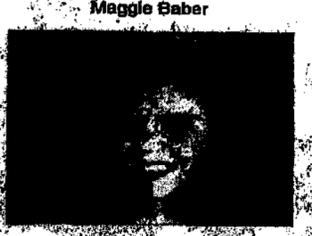
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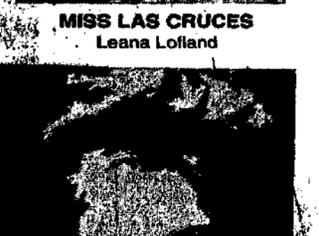
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Richard Nunley

Richard Kenneth Nunley, 62, of Eastland, Texas, died Tuesday morning south of Colorado City, Texas in an airplane accident.

Funeral services are at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church in Eastland. The Rev. Jimmy Dennis of Odessa will officiate.

Burial follows at 4:30 p.m. Friday in the Jackboro, Texas, Cemetery.

Mr. Nunley was born Nov. 14, 1933 to Elisha F. and Wynetta (Pringle) Nunley in Jackboro. He moved to Odessa at an early age and was a graduate of Odessa High School. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and was a radar operator in Africa before being discharged in

1956. He received his Bachelor of Business degree and Law degree from the University of Texas in 1959 and 1963 respectively, where he received the Consul award and was a member of Law Review.

He was a Certified Public Accountant and had law practices in Odessa, Eastland, Alaska, and Houston, Texas. He married Char-

lotte Bradford on Aug. 28, 1961 in Odessa, and they moved to Eastland in 1991 from Odessa.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Odessa, the Texas Bar Association, American Bar Association, Ector County Bar Association, and Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. He was admitted to practice in the U.S.

Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, U.S. District Court and the U.S. Tax Court.

He was also a member of the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang, and enjoyed flying, fishing, playing solitaire, and playing with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte of Eastland; his mother,

Wynetta Nunley of Eastland; three sons, Alan Nunley of Odessa, David Nunley of Houston, and Wesley Blair of Eastland; one daughter, Betty Ann Forbes of Midland; one brother, L. Ray Nunley of Ruidoso; and 11 grandchildren, Jason, Kristin, Michael, Rachel, Johnathan, Ashley, Treavor, Holly, Trenton, Matthew and Adam.

LIST OF COURT CASES

The following people were booked into the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo.

Oct. 1 — Chris J. Miller, 31, DWI, third offense aggravated, careless driving, sentenced by Magistrate Judge William Butts, bonded out Oct. 4 on \$367 cash only.

Oct. 1 — Pete Maldonado, 26, aggravated DWI, second offense, sentenced by Judge Gerald Dean to seven days, released Oct. 8.

Oct. 2 — Mark Williams, 35, failure to comply with conditions of probation, District Judge Richard Parsons, no bond.

Oct. 3 — Michael Smith, 29, probation violation, Butts, no bond.

Oct. 3 — Philip Eucker, 39, embezzlement, probation violation, Butts, no bond.

Oct. 3 — Robert Caffee, 20, hold for court, Parsons, no bond.

Oct. 3 — H.L. Drury, 20, larceny over \$250, Butts, bond set at \$5,000, no 10%, but released on own recognizance on 10/04/96

Oct. 4 — Joe Chavez, 45, probation violation, Dean, no bond.

Oct. 4 — Jose A. Valesquez, 28, embezzlement, Butts, \$5,000 bond, no 10%.

Oct. 4 — Donald Berry, 41, hold for Otero County Sheriff's Office.

Oct. 4 — Chris Jones, 36, hold for Otero County.

Oct. 4 — Jay Lucero, 29, hold for Otero County.

Oct. 4 — Mike Phirris, 28, hold for Otero County.

Oct. 4 — Mitchell R. Coomes, 28, warrant Quay County, \$20,329 cash bond only, released same day to Quay County Sheriff's Office.

Oct. 6 — Steve Payne, 27, released to Texas authorities Oct. 6.

Oct. 7 — Jacob Salas, 36, battery on household member, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct, Butts, \$5,000, no 10%.

Oct. 7 — Nancy Leonard, no age listed, larceny or embezzlement, Butts, \$1,000 cash only.

Oct. 7 — William Parrish, 20, probation violation, Parsons, no bond.

Oct. 7 — Lewis Arambula, 66, no charge listed, Parsons, sentenced to six months.

Oct. 7 — Terry Stokes, 42, assault on a household member and battery on a household member; Butts, 360 days.

Oct. 7 — Francisco Meza, 24, DWI, careless driving, perjury, hold for Border Patrol, Butts, \$6,000, no 10%.

Oct. 8 — Robert Beppu, 54, warrant from Colorado, no bond.

Oct. 8 — Dale McDaniel, 35, probation violation, resisting arrest, battery on police officer, Dean, \$6,000, no 10%, released Oct. 9.

Oct. 9 — Dale McDaniel, 35, contempt of court, failure to appear, revocation of release order, Butts, no bond.

Oct. 9 — Eli J. Carrillo, 38, driving while license revoked (with arrest clause), Dean, \$1,000 cash only, release same day.

Oct. 9 — Eli J. Carrillo, 38, court commitment, Dean, seven days.

Oct. 9 — Steve Hernandez III, 33, murder, Butts, no bond.

Oct. 13 — Seth Eagle, 46, aggravated DWI, revoked driver's license; Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean, \$2,500 bond, no 10%.

Oct. 13 — James E. Miller, 34; Texas warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; Magistrate Judge William Butts, \$30,000 cash only bond; released to Texas on Oct. 27.

Oct. 15 — Kim Tafuya, 32; warrant for failure to appear; District Judge Richard Parsons, no bond; released Oct. 18 per Parsons' order.

Oct. 15 — Terri Powers, 35; court commitment, reckless driving; Butts, two days; released Oct. 16.

Oct. 16 — Jimmy R. Hunt, 27; violation of conditions of release; Butts, no bond.

Oct. 16 — Robert Foyt, 57; DWI warrant; Butts, no bond.

Oct. 17 — Eugene Hancock, 39; warrant failure to pay fines; Butts,

\$247 bond; released when bond posted Oct. 25.

Oct. 17 — Ramon Lopez, 36; receiving stolen vehicle, receiving stolen property; Dean, \$10,000 bond, no 10%; released with cash bond Oct. 25.

Oct. 20 — Edward A. Sanchez, 63; driving on revoked license for DWI; Butts, seven days; released Oct. 27.

Oct. 20 — George Fidler, 66; warrant; Dean, \$492 cash only; released Oct. 21 per Dean's order.

Oct. 20 — Herminid Trinidad, 47; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, conspiracy, concealing identification; Dean, \$10,500, no 10%; bonded out Oct. 25.

Oct. 20 — Alfredo Campos, 35; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, concealing identification, conspiracy; Dean, \$10,500, no 10%; bonded out Oct. 25.

Oct. 21 — Milton Sanchez Jr., 63; assault, stalking, disorderly conduct, probation violation; Butts, no bond.

Oct. 22 — Arlene Potts, 35; court commitment DWI; Butts, 72 hours; released Oct. 25.

Oct. 24 — Benny McNutt, 45; judgment and sentence; Butts, seven days with no good time; released Oct. 31.

Oct. 24 — Mark Green, 27; failure to comply with conditions of probation; Parsons, no bond.

Oct. 25 — John Morytka, 34; battery against household members, aggravated assault against household members, child abuse; Butts, \$35,000, no 10%; released 11/07 as per Butts order.

Oct. 28 — James W. Silva, 55; aggravated DWI, second offense; Dean, seven days; released Nov. 4.

Oct. 28 — John Lively, 53; court commitment; Dean, 96 hours; released Nov. 1.

Oct. 28 — Jerry Castillo, 38; DWI aggravated second offense, possession of switch blade, defective equipment, careless driving, speeding; Butts, \$3,000, no 10%; bonded out Oct. 30.

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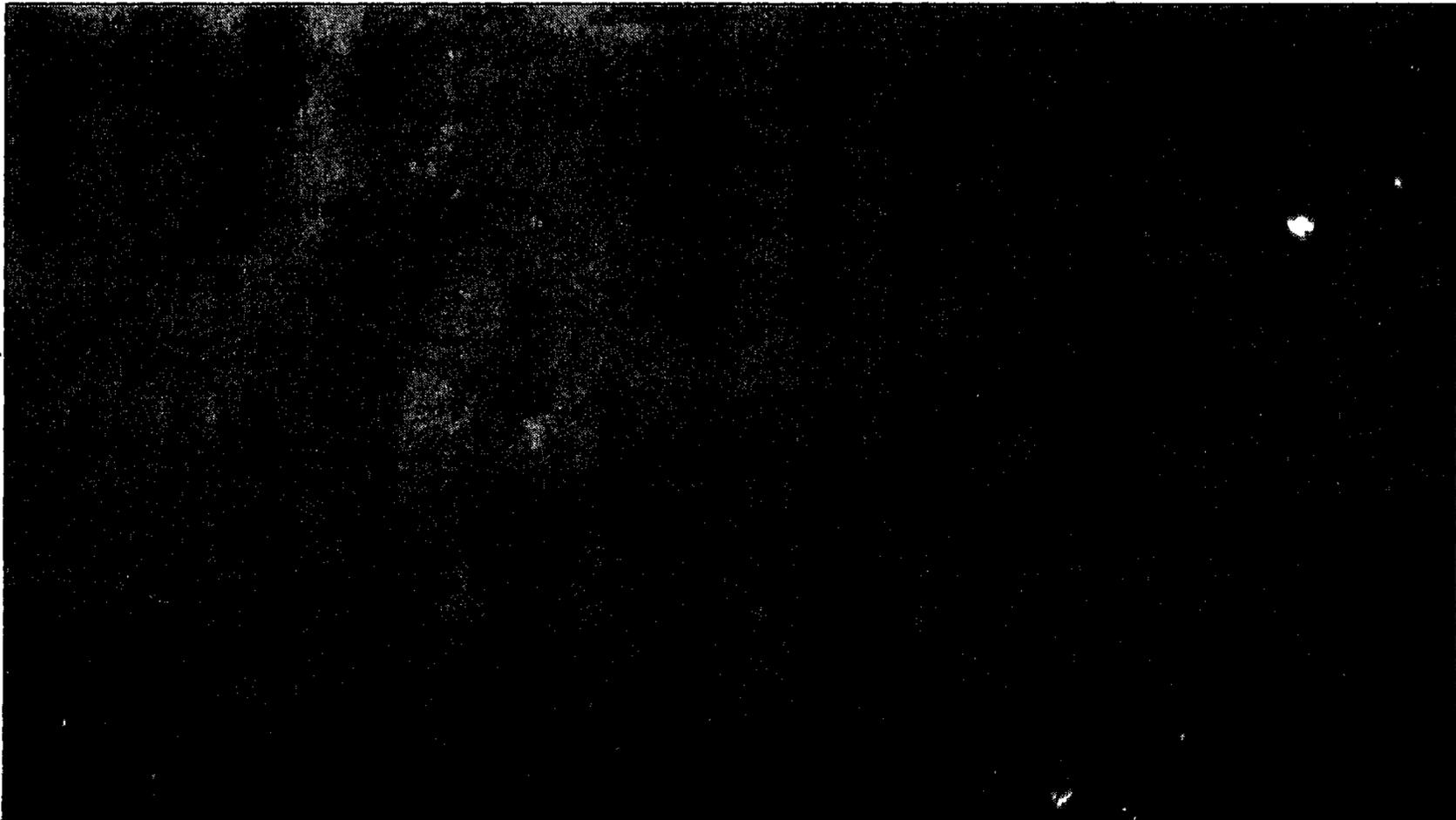
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GOALS

- GOAL 1:** Ensure a safe environment for all students with an attitude of "zero tolerance" toward violent or destructive behavior.
- GOAL 2:** Continue positive communications among staff, students, parents, and community with openness and honesty.
- GOAL 3:** Pursue an action plan for technological development and facilities (including 2 auxiliary gyms and an auditorium).
- GOAL 4:** Communicate with area/state legislators, State Board of Education, and community the need for appropriate state funding for all-day Kindergarten, libraries, facilities, equipment, and supplies to enhance the excellence and quality of education for our students.
- GOAL 5:** Develop an action plan to enhance district fine arts and vocational education programs.

AREAS OF CONTINUING EMPHASIS

- AREA A:** Continue to implement and monitor a district-wide technology management, communication, and networking system.
- AREA B:** Continue to pursue resources, especially with interactive television, for the development and implementation of programs in Spanish and English which will result in a comprehensive bilingual instructional program, for all students, grades kindergarten through sixth.
- AREA C:** Provide professional development activities for the staff and continue an inclusive and coordinated curriculum to strengthen the delivery and ensure the continuity of the Educational Plan for Student Success. (Long Range Plan)

RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

"WHERE EXCELLENCE IS EXPECTED"

EDUCATIONAL PLAN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (EPSS)

DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT:

The Ruidoso Municipal School District shares with the community the belief that all children can learn. A positive, caring, and safe environment will exist to ensure the development of cognitive, social, and physical skills to empower all students for the choices and challenges of the 21st century.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT: "Where Excellence is Expected"

DISTRICT TARGET AREA: Caring for Self and Others

- Goal:** 1. Students will recognize and apply positive options to solve peer/adult relationship issues and conflicts, and demonstrate respect and responsibility for each other.
- Goal:** 2. Students will promote appropriate behavior and be responsible for their own actions.

DISTRICT TARGET AREA: COMMUNICATION

- Goal:** 1. Students will show improvement in written communication skills across the curriculum.

All schools in RMSD are uniquely accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

CONCISE BUDGET FOR THE 1996-97 SCHOOL YEAR

DIRECT INSTRUCTION: Activities directly associated with teaching of students, including salaries, benefits, supplies and materials, capital outlay, purchased services, travel and training.....	5,887,051
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT: Activities, services, and support of or improving the quality of, teaching or related services to meet instructional needs.....	1,624,811
ADMINISTRATION: Activities involving the general regulation, direction, and control of the school district's affairs, which are system-wide.....	148,019
BUSINESS/SUPPORT SERVICES: Activities concerned with the fiscal and internal services necessary for operating the district.....	207,264
OPERATIONAL/MAINTENANCE OF PLANT: Activities involved with the maintenance, repair and upkeep of district owned buildings, equipment, and grounds; includes property liability insurance and utilities.....	1,151,180
FOOD SERVICE: Activities involving preparation and serving of meals and other food service operations to students and staff.....	65,000
ATHLETICS: School sponsored activities, under the guidance and supervision of district staff, that provide opportunities for students to pursue various aspects of physical education.....	107,456
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT: School sponsored activities under the guidance and supervision of district staff, including band, chorus, speech, prom, etc. supplements the regular instructional program.....	69,240
COMMUNITY SERVICES: Services provided by the school district such as summer programs, recreational, summer school/after school.....	29,078
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION: Reflects expenditures associated with the transportation of pupils to and from school, includes salaries, benefits, supplies, capital outlay, and purchased services.....	981,621
GRAND TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET:	10,347,211

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- Parent Friendly Schools** - More than 100 businesses participate in allowing their employees to spend one hour each month at school with their children.
- Nob Hill Early Childhood Center** - Offers a fully integrated program including Head Start, Developmentally Delayed, and Kindergarten students.
- Extended Day Program** - Services for Grades 1 - 4 after school providing child care combined with learning and interactive activities.
- Gavilan Canyon School** - A day treatment program for at risk adolescents.
- GRADS Program** - Classes and program for teen parents - day care services are available.
- Title I, Title II, Title VII, Title IX, IDEA, Bilingual Programs** - Various State and Federal programs for at risk and special school populations.
- Spanish Language Initiative** - Spanish classes offered in Grades K - 6, supported by the Hubbard Foundation.

Technology Plan - Focuses on alternative learning techniques with computers and interactive technology. Emphasis is on providing a quality integrated curriculum, staff training and involvement of community and parents. Ruidoso Schools and a Community Education (CE) Center, Museum of the Horse, Lincoln Cablevision, were awarded a \$97,000 National Science Foundation Grant to establish Internet connections for all school programs. Total expenditures for the 1995-96 school year were over \$250,000.

Advanced Placement Courses - Courses offered in English, Social Studies, and Math at Ruidoso High School. Advanced Placement classes provide the following:
1. enhance the quality of the curriculum
2. challenge the academically capable students

- 3. provides opportunities for the best faculty to teach capable, motivated students in demanding courses
- 4. gives the college preparatory program a reputation for high quality and standards
- 5. provides college credit for courses taken in high school
- 6. develops the analytical and study skills required to succeed in college
- 7. motivates students to undertake more challenging work in both high school and college
- 8. provides direction in selecting college majors

Ruidoso High School currently has 70 students in Advanced Placement Classes.

Scholarship Awarded - Ruidoso High School's Class of 1996 was awarded \$515,720 in scholarships.
National Merit Scholarship Finalist - Ruidoso High School's class of 1996 had 1 National Merit Scholarship Finalist.

New Mexico Scholar Program - Four seniors from Ruidoso High School were recognized by the New Mexico Scholars Program.

Ethnic Breakdown	Anglo	53.30%
	Hispanic	30.00%
	Native American	16.70%
	Black	0.50%
	Asian	0.50%

1995-96 QUALITY OF EDUCATION SURVEY RESULTS

State Board of Education Questions

Please complete the survey tabulation form and return it by June 14, 1996, along with a one-page summary of how your district is using this data. To:

Date Management Section
Educational Technology and Data Management Unit
State Department of Education
500 Tom Catron Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87501-3726

District: Ruidoso Municipal Schools

Total number of surveys sent home with students: 2,274

Total number of surveys returned: 451

What language were used in survey sent to parents in your district? English

Indicate the total number of responses to each of the following items received district-wide.

Elementary	322
Middle/High School	48
High School	81

Question	School Level	NUMBER RESPONDING				
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Do Not Know
1. My child is safe at school.	Elementary	91	193	7	1	17
	Middle/High	3	36	2	2	2
	Senior High	12	38	5	4	4
2. My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education.	Elementary	137	171	2	0	3
	Middle/High	3	36	4	1	2
	Senior High	25	42	7	3	2
3. My child's school holds high expectations for academic achievement.	Elementary	123	105	8	1	5
	Middle/High	5	32	5	1	2
	Senior High	9	50	11	3	9
4. School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education.	Elementary	125	175	10	2	6
	Middle/High	6	28	5	0	3
	Senior High	8	33	22	3	10

1995-96 Quality of Education Survey Results
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Question	School Level	NUMBER RESPONDING				
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Do Not Know
5. The school offers adequate access to up-to-date computers and technologies.	Elementary	92	185	8	2	26
	Middle/High	4	28	8	2	1
	Senior High	11	47	12	5	4
6. School staff maintain consistent discipline which is conducive to learning.	Elementary	88	198	10	3	13
	Middle/High	5	24	9	3	0
	Senior High	19	43	9	4	2
7. My child has an adequate choice of school-sponsored extracurricular activities.	Elementary	64	163	42	2	42
	Middle/High	8	20	10	2	4
	Senior High	15	48	11	2	2
8. My child's teacher provides pertinent and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress.	Elementary	160	148	4	1	5
	Middle/High	7	22	9	3	3
	Senior High	10	49	7	4	4
9. The school staff employ various instructional methods and strategies to meet my child's needs.	Elementary	97	169	6	1	21
	Middle/High	2	25	7	3	6
	Senior High	6	47	10	4	10
10. My child takes responsibility for his or her learning.	Elementary	114	187	14	1	3
	Middle/High	10	27	4	2	2
	Senior High	26	38	10	3	1

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ENROLLMENT IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

RUIDOSO HIGH SCHOOL (school enrollment 680)

Athletics	235
Band	50

Student Council	45
DECA	14
Cheerleaders	16
Dance Team	14
TeePee Lounge	24
Future Farmers of America	33
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	38
Drama	59
Indian Club	37
National Honor Society	43
Students Against Drunk Drivers	40
Chess Club	31
Total	747

RUIDOSO MIDDLE SCHOOL (school enrollment 381)

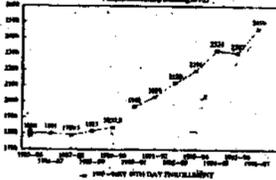
Future Farmers of America	18
MESA	23
Girls Athletics	30
Boys Athletics	45
Spirit Team	15
Total	131

FINAL EXPENDITURES - 1995-96\$Y



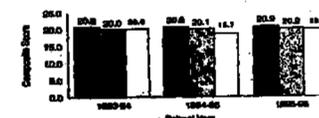
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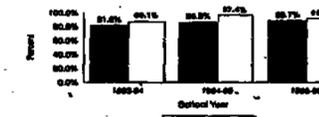
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College Bound Students



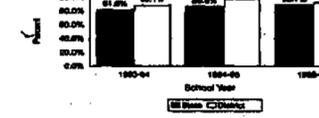
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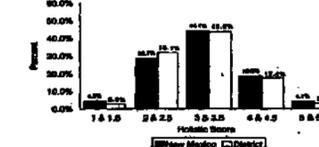
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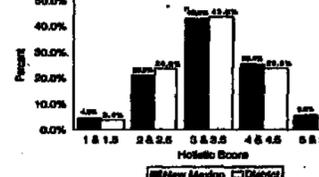
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Percent of Students at Each Holistic Score
Grade 4 District: 88880



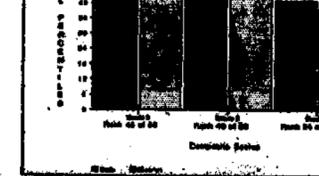
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Percent of Students at Each Holistic Score
Grade 6 District: 88880



1995-96 State Test of Basic Skills

Median National Percentile Composite Scores



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NEW LISTING! Beautiful 16x80 Palm Harbor with bunkhouse. All city utilities. Large, flat lot with easy access. \$67,500.
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1995 Dodge Magnum Ram Pickup V-6, 5 speed, low miles, Factory Warranty. *0 DOWN \$296/MO	1995 Plymouth Neon A/C, auto, AM/FM, \$0 Down \$226 Per Month	1994 Dodge Caravan A/C, auto, AM/FM, 7 passenger, \$0 down \$226 per month.	1992 Ford Taurus A/C, Auto, PW, PS, PL, V-6
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46 Lost & Found
LOST: Female mix poodle, answers to "Trixie", long black tail, mix grey. 15 yrs. old. If found please call 378-8522 or 258-5833.
REWARD: Ladies wrist watch, silver w/blue face. Lost near Ruidoso Post Office Nov. 9. Call Pat at 258-4030 or 258-5050 if you have any information.
FOUND: Large Siamese cat w/yellow eyes, Tularosa, Hwy. 70, Oct. 26th, 505-585-4642.

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF NEW MEXICO
In the Matter of the ESTATE of THELMA TORRANCE DEAN, Deceased.
CAUSE NO. PB-96-11 DIVISION III
GARY KENNETH DEAN has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of THELMA TORRANCE DEAN, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.
GARY KENNETH DEAN
0671 2T(11)15,22

LEGAL NOTICE
The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso will hold a regular meeting on December 3, 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# PV96-037 a Variance request for the following described property:
Lot 1, Block 2, Pine Top Hills, Sd. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.
By order of the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.
C/O Cleatus R. Richards Planning Administrator
0672 1T(11)15

LEGAL NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
The Labor Management Relations Board will hold a regular Board meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 1996 beginning at 9:00AM. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Conference Room of the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM. Auxiliary aides are available upon request. please contact Martha Guevara at 648-8285 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.
M/ Martha Guevara Assistant County Manager
0676 1T(11)15

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing regarding proposed Ordinance No. 96-07 An Ordinance Amending the Grievance Procedures of the Village of Ruidoso Downs Personal Representative of the Estate of THELMA TORRANCE DEAN, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF MEETING
Lincoln County Medical Center Community Board of Trustees
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1996 AT 6:00 P.M.
Hospital Conference Room. The agenda will be available at the meeting on Monday, November 18, 1996.
0667 2T(11)15,18

LEGAL NOTICE
Request a Notice of Lien Sale be Published on the following:
Personal property
Ernesto Pinon Lordsburg, NM
left at 160 Juniper, Ruidoso. Said property will be sold for storage fees of \$450 by November 18, 1996.
R/W Bailey
0688 2T(11)15,18

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED MEETING
Please be advised that the Planning Commission of the Village of Ruidoso has rescheduled their Regular Meetings for November from Monday, November 18, 1996 to be held instead on Tuesday, November 19, 1996; meetings in December 2, 1996 and December 16, 1996 to be held instead on Tuesday December 3, 1996 and December 17, 1996 at the Ruidoso Municipal Administrative Center, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The Meetings will remain at 2:00 PM but held on Tuesday's instead of Monday's.
M/Tim Vega Office Manager Planning & Zoning
0663 2T(11)15,15

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF NEW MEXICO
In the Matter of the ESTATE of BONNIE JEANNE BROTHERTON, Deceased.
CAUSE NO. PB-96-50 DIVISION III
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
KAREN JEANNE TUSSEY has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of BONNIE JEANNE BROTHERTON, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice of the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.
KAREN JEANNE TUSSEY
0669 2T(11)15,22

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
In the Matter of the ESTATE of MILES H. WESTON, Deceased.
CAUSE NO. PB-96-59 DIVISION III
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RICHARD DAVID WESTON has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MILES H. WESTON, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice of the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.
RICHARD DAVID WESTON
0668 2T(11)15,22

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN
RAMPART CAPITAL CORPORATION, a Texas corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN E. EPLEY and PATRICIA R. EPLEY, a/k/a PAT EPLEY, Defendants.
No. CV-96-147 Div. III
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 23, 1996, at 10:00 AM, at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building, located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property:
Lot 4, Block 2 of RED CEDAR SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat attached hereto in the office of the County Clerk and Election Recorder of Lincoln County, June 5, 1982, in Book 2 of Plat, page 89-C.
Plaintiff's Judgment directed for closure of the real property to satisfy the following Judgment liens:
Principal and interest - 11/26/96 - \$317,751.04
Costs - 341.38
Ad valorem taxes - 393.03
Special Master's fee - 200.00
Attorney fees - 601.00
TOTAL - \$319,456.54
In addition to the foregoing Judgment liens, there will be accruing costs, including costs of publication of this notice.
The Special Master may continue the date of sale so long as the Special Master or his representative appears at the designated time scheduled for the sale and announces the postponement to another specific date.
WITNESS my hand on October 30, 1996.
Lee Griffin for Nick Vega, Special Master
Lee Griffin LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C. 1206 Mechem Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 Attorney for Plaintiff
0680 4T(11)15,15,22

LEGAL DEADLINES
5 p.m. Monday and 6 p.m. Wednesday

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It's time for grid playoffs

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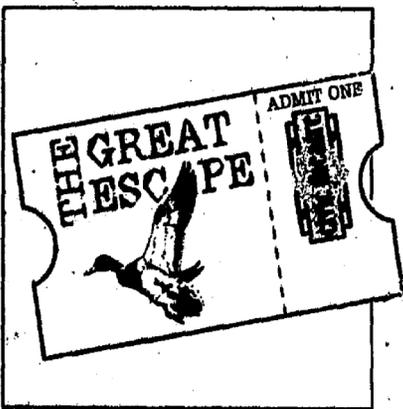
THE GREAT WALL OF RHS



The Warriors run wild behind their offensive line of Erik Padilla (kneeling) and (left to right) Chris Jones, Brad Beavers, Caleb Hull, Seth Bassett and Tommy Richardson.

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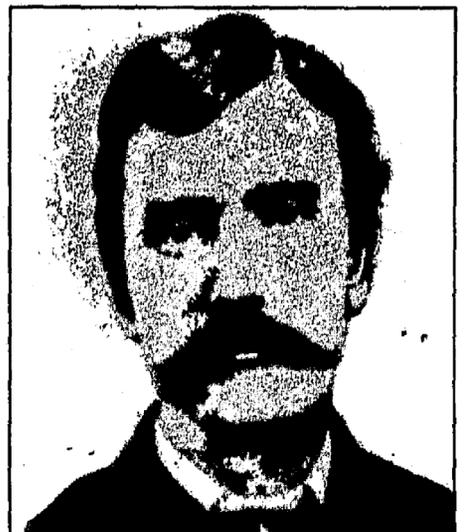


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PAST TENSE

Gunman King Fisher

An innocent bystander. Page 8C





VAMONOS

What's happening?



Live Music

LAS CRUCES INTERNATIONAL MARIACHI CONFERENCE — Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 14-17. The conference features a 25th anniversary tribute to Mariachi Cobre; three days of music and dance workshops, Nov. 14, 15 and 16; concert with Mariachi Cobre, Alda Cuevas & Los Camperos de Natl Cano; Mariachi Mass and Parque Festival, Nov. 17. For information call (505) 523-2681. To order tickets by phone call 1-800-654-9545.

MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB, 1 mile north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mescalero, 247-6695 — Saturday, Nov. 16, Jim Talbot Band after the 9 p.m. stand up comedy showcase. \$3 admission includes both performances.

NAA KAHIDI, "Raven Meets Coyote" — 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Flickinger Center, Alamogordo. Dramatizations of the myths and legends of Alaska's native people. This performance will be a pageant of fantastical masks, beautiful regalia, dance, music and storytelling. Tickets \$9 adults; \$6 children (12 and under). Call 505-437-2202 to make reservations.

THE COFFEE POT, 606 3rd St, Tularosa, (505) 585-8262 — Saturday evening, music and dinner. 1 block east of Catholic church. Look for the pink windows.

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB, 3013 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.

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 vibraharp for Sunday brunch noon-3 p.m.

GALLOPING TORTOISE, 662 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-2511 — Live music on Sunday afternoon.

HOLLYWOOD INN, 2239 Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso Downs — Live music 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Monday night football: free food, fun and football.

INCREEDIBLE SALOON, N. Hwy. 48, Alto, 336-4312 — Live music on week-ends.

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

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

WIN, PLACE & SHOW, 2516 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9982 — Live country music seven nights a week, 8:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

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

etc!

MISS NEW MEXICO USA 1997 PAGEANT — at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero. At 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, delegates appear at the Convention Center at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. At 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, final competition and selection of Miss New Mexico 1997. Tickets may be purchased by calling (505)524-3527.

ASK-A-LAWYER CALL-IN — 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of New Mexico is sponsoring a one-day call-in program as a community service. Volunteer lawyers will offer free legal information by telephone in the following areas of law: bankruptcy, elder law, insurance, real estate, business, civil (general), civil rights, contracts, criminal, employment/labor law, landlord/tenant, social security, estate planning/probate, Medicare/Medicaid, family law, personal injury/torts, tax, and workers' compensation. Lincoln County residents call 1-800-876-6227.

PET PICTURES WITH SANTA — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Humane Society Animal Shelter, Gavilan Canyon Road, Ruidoso. Bring your dogs and cats to have that special picture made for your holiday cards.

SANTA FE TRAIL CELEBRATION — Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Santa Fe Plaza, Santa Fe. William Becknell and five companions will open the trail at the Santa Fe Plaza. The "entrada" re-enactment is the beginning of a year-long 175th anniversary celebration. Saturday's activities include a parade to the Plaza at noon; military drill by the 1st New Mexico Volunteers; performance by the Santa Fe Concert Band; and an open house hosted by the N.M. History Museum. To obtain hotel/restaurant information call 1-800-777-2489.

HEAR HOW GOD CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE — 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Cornerstone Church, 613 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Bo and Debbie Pearson, full-time motorcycle evangelists, will minister.

VILLAGE OF MAGDALENA FALL FESTIVAL — 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16-17. Arts and crafts fair; studio tours; Alamo Navajo reservation weavers and silversmiths; historic home tour; live theatre production (7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday). For more information call (505)854-2938.

OPERATION BUCKLE DOWN BLITZ — Nov. 17-30. Ruidoso police and police agencies throughout the state will step up enforcement of adult and child restraint laws. Seat belt law: all front-seat occupants of motor vehicles must wear seat belts. Child restraint law: infants less than 1 year old must travel in a federally approved safety seat; children between 1 and 5 must ride in a booster-type seat or be buckled up in the rear seat; children between 5 and 11 must be secured by a safety belt in either the front or back seat. Unbuckled motorists cited in Ruidoso can expect to pay \$42 for violating the seat belt law and \$67 if they violate the child restraint law.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK — noon Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Ruidoso Senior Center. For more information call 257-4565.

RUIDOSO HEALTH OFFICE CLOSURES — WIC and Health offices will be closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS — Babies are born to learn. Parents as Teachers is a program designed to help you be your child's best first teacher during those crucial first three years of life when skills develop most rapidly. Help your child be ready. To enroll call Region IX at 257-2368 or Pat Sullivan at 354-2664. It's free for all families with infants and toddlers.

UNITED WAY APPEAL — Volunteers needed for charter board of directors, disbursement committee and campaign committee. Non-profit agencies in Lincoln County are invited to submit applications for funding. Send replies to The United Way of Lincoln County, P.O. Box 1087, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

MOUNTAIN LEGENDS GALLERY & FOUNDRY, 610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8040 — 7:30 a.m.-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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS WEST — Friday through Tuesday, Nov. 15-19. Legislators from throughout the West gather in Santa Fe to discuss the powerful new role of the West as money and responsibility for key government functions shift from Washington, D.C. to the states. Meetings take place at various Santa Fe hotels and the State Capitol. For more information call (505)888-4600 or (206) 832-8843.

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SEMINAR — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 in the public meeting room, Ruidoso High School. Learn about the various types of dementia, managing activities of daily living, dealing with problem behavior, effective communication tips, meaningful opportunities based on social history, medications and their effects on elderly with Alzheimer's, and community resources. Various guest speakers, documentary videos and information packets will be presented. For more information call 257-9071.

COMMUNITY MEETING, Ruidoso Municipal School District — 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18 at the Ruidoso High School dining hall. All parents and community members are invited to attend. The meeting will be conducted by the State Department of Education and the staff from the North Central Association. The school district's educational plan for student success will be discussed and parents/community members will be asked for their input. For further information call Danny Flores at 258-4943.

RUIDOSO GARDEN CLUB — meets 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Sierra Mall, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION — 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Ruidoso village hall.

LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY — 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the LCSWA building, Ruidoso Downs.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Ruidoso village hall.

HUMANE SOCIETY BOARD — 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the conference room at the Texas-New Mexico Power Co., 1100 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso. Open to the public. Public invited to give input and ideas for future activities.

LINCOLN COUNTY OFFICERS OF AARP — 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 final meeting of 1996 at the Federated Womens Club of Ruidoso. The program includes Flying J Ranch singers and a speaker on Elderhostel. Potluck lunch at 11:45 a.m. includes turkey and dressing. Members, guests and other seniors welcome.



Library

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT THE LIBRARY, Alamogordo Public Library — 2-4 p.m. through Nov. 24. Writing workshops and poets on tap as part of the Tumblewords project. Sunday, Nov. 17 - Lori Gravley takes "A Second Look." For more information contact project coordinator Ann Newell, (505)585-4769.

RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY CLOSURE — The library will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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



Movies

SIERRA CINEMA, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444 — "Ransom," "Space Jam," "Rombi and Juliet." Call theater for show times and ratings.



Theater

"LION IN WINTER" — James Goldman's play is presented by the Ruidoso Little Theater, curtain time 8 p.m. Last performances on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children under 12. For information call the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395.

"THE HONORABLE URASHIMA TARO" — presented by the ENMU department of Theatre and Dance. A humble Japanese fisherman saves the life of a giant sea turtle and is rewarded with the ability to travel under the ocean on the turtle's back. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-23 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 at the University Theatre Center. Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$8 senior citizens, \$5 pre-college, \$4 ENMU students in need; bring three cans of food and receive \$1 off each ticket you purchase. Canned food items go to the Life Saver Food Bank.

"NUTCRACKER" — by Ballet New Mexico. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22 at the Flickinger Center, Alamogordo. In Ruidoso there will be two performances, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Castle Theater on west Hwy. 70. Tickets \$12 adult, \$8 child; available from the Flickinger Center or the Wild, Wild West Store, Ruidoso. For more information, please call (505)336-4898.



Museums

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142 — 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, "Place Names of New Mexico." Robert Ulyan will explore the meanings and origins of colorful and intriguing names that dot the landscape of New Mexico. Admission free. Museum hours: 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 participate in this juried show and sale. Regular admission.

SITE SANTA FE, 1606 Paseo de Peralte, Santa Fe, (505)989-1199 — "Contemporary New Mexico artists: sketches and Schemas" curated by Jan Adlmann; "Portraits from Pat's downtown club" by Patrick McFarlin. Both shows will be on view Nov. 22 - Jan. 11. Free opening reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22.

RAKOCY ART AND HISTORY MUSEUM, 2008 Sudderth Drive — An 18-panel pictorial history of Billy the Kid is currently on display. This work has been painted by gallery owner Bill Rakocy.



Parks & Recreation

WHITE SANDS PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP — 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 at the White Sands National Monument. Professional photographer Bill Walker of Las Cruces presents a workshop for amateur photographers who would like to improve their outdoor photographic techniques. It will include both classroom and field work. Workshop topics include exposure, composition, and ideas to improve your photographic experiences at White Sands. Required equipment includes a 35mm camera with manual mode, an instruction book for the camera and a tripod. Advanced registration is required, call (505)479-6124. Workshop fee \$10. Participants will also need to pay the standard park entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle.

ROADBLOCKS FOR WILDLIFE — N.M. Department of Game and Fish will have roadblocks at various locations throughout the southeastern part of the state. Conservation officers will check for game law violations and collect information on hunter harvests.

OPERATION GAME THIEF — Help fight poaching. If you witness or know about a game law violation, please report it to the authorities. Call Operation Game Thief any time of day or night, 1-800-432-4263. All callers remain anonymous and need not testify in court. Information leading to apprehension of poachers is eligible for a sizeable reward.

NOVICE BULL RIDING AND STEER RIDING BUCKLE SERIES, Salazar Arena, Mescalero — 1 p.m. every Saturday 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 the 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.

RUIDOSO ATHLETIC CLUB, 416 Wainfield, 257-4900 — 3 p.m. every Tuesday. Must be a member to participate. Prizes and trophies: \$30 per team. For 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 Carrizozo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-3275 — go carts, pro track cars, putt putt golf, bumper boats, and game room.

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.

RANCHO SOSEGADO TROUT FISHING & PICNICS, 5 Nogai Canyon Road, Bent, 24 miles W. of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70, 671-4580 — Fishing and picnicking.

To have your information listed here free, call THE RUIDOSO NEWS at 257-4001.



Going out

EYE ON THE ARTS

Local artists perform in the Ballet New Mexico's production of the Nutcracker

The season of celebration is upon us, and Ballet New Mexico, under the artistic direction of Maestro Victor Moreno, extends a special invitation to begin the holidays with three sparkling performances of The Nutcracker Suite Ballet in Ruidoso and Alamogordo Nov. 22-24.

This year's cast features a carousel of local dancers as well as international talent.

Performances will begin at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo. Ruidoso will host two performances at the Castle Theater on Highway 70 West, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children and are available at the Flickinger Center and the Wild, Wild West Store in Ruidoso. For more information, please call (505) 336-4896.

Along with Ruidoso's own local talent, the performances of the 1996 Nutcracker will play host to some spectacular international ballet dancers, Moreno said.

Ballet El Paso principal dancers Olga Tarasova and Arkadiy Orohovsky, both formerly top dancers in the Ukraine, will perform the roles of the Snow Queen and the Snow King. These two magnificent dancers will also perform as the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Prince.

Also arriving from Ballet El Paso will be Sergey Perkovskii, another native Ukrainian dancer. He will dance the roles of the Nutcracker Prince, the Puppet and the Chinese Man.

David Bier, principal dancer with the San Francisco Opera Ballet, will entice this year's Nutcracker audience with the roles of The Cavalier and Spanish Man.

Moreno, who is the former director of the Lubbock Ballet Company, has brought in three of his former dancers from Lubbock: Priscilla Adams, Sara Clinehens and Brook Slaughter

will participate as Spanish Dancers, the Reed Flutes and the dancing Candy Canes.

A well-balanced cast of local dancers round out the performances.

Nate Kruse, Ruidoso's popular and effervescent high school band director, stars as Clara's mysterious and magical godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer. Drosselmeyer is sure to bring his bag of magic along with his Christmas gift of a Nutcracker for his winsome goddaughter.

Jane Houghton brings charm as Clara's and Fritz's mother, Frau Stahlbaum, while Ruidoso Village Councilor Leon Eggleston appears as Herr Stahlbaum.

Kristy Doyle will perform the role of the Flowers. Doyle will also dance in the ethereal Dance of the Snowflakes. She is a native Ruidosoan and a former gymnast who turned her abilities towards ballet and dance.

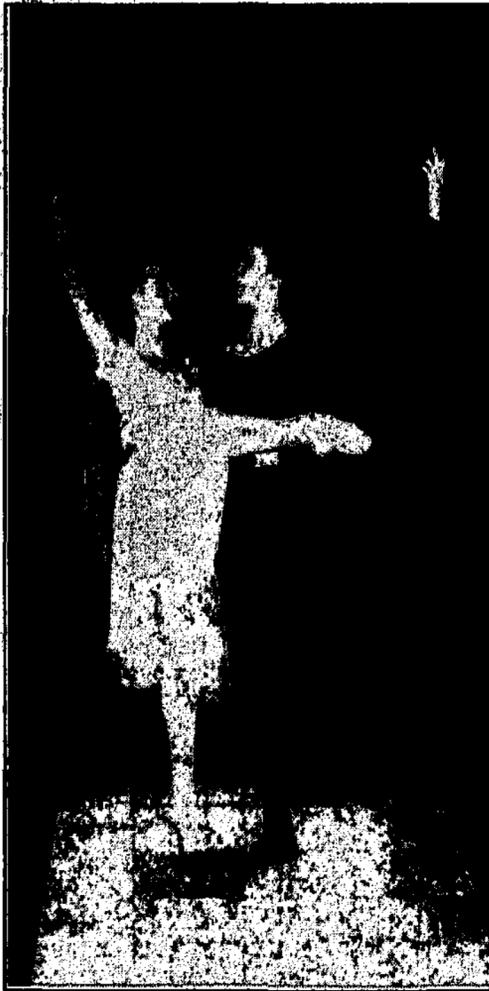
Keely Barnett and Brett Maul of Ruidoso will be the sinewy Arabians. This piece requires elegance and athletic ability. The two of them are perfect for this role, as Barnett has shown her aptitude not only in ballet but in other areas of technical dance as well, Moreno said. Barnett will also dance in the Waltz of the Flowers. Maul is a champion of the martial arts as well as a ski racing coach at Ski Apache. Maul is Ballet New Mexico's principal male dancer.

Audrey Reich of Ruidoso and Cara Baker of Nogal will dance the roles of the fascinatingly beautiful Chinese Dolls. This role is captivating in the sense that it requires the combination of technical ballet skills and an innate sense of fun in order to be successful. Reich and Baker will also showcase their skills in the Waltz of the Flowers and the dance of the Ballerina Dolls.

The young pre-company ballet dancers who will be featured in the Nutcracker this year are Sidney Davis and Jaelyn Bolden. Both girls will have important parts in the Waltz of the

THE NUTCRACKER SUITE

Who: Ballet New Mexico
When: Nov. 22 in Alamogordo's Flickinger Center, Nov. 23 and 24 in Ruidoso's Castle Theater
Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children. Call 336-4896.



Principal dancers in Ballet New Mexico's performance of "The Nutcracker Suite" are Olga Tarasova (left) and Arkady Orohovsky. The ballet company has two Ruidoso shows slated for Nov. 23 and 24. Plenty of local talent will share the stage with Tarasova and Orohovsky.

Flowers, the dance of the Snowflakes and the dancing Candy Canes. This year, the role of Clara will be shared by two young Ruidoso dancers from Cloudcroft and Alamogordo

will also be in this year's performance of The Nutcracker. Deborah Rindernecht, Patricia Jones and Susan Burton, director of the Academy of Ballet in Alamogordo, will help.

Expert describes the meaning behind New Mexico place names

Few states boast such colorful place names as New Mexico. Fascinating stories are at the roots of the names of many New Mexico towns, and Robert Julyan, of the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities will relate the best of those stories at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Museum of the Horse. Admission is free.

From the mirthful story of Truth or Consequences to the macabre origin of Las Cruces, New Mexico has more than its share of humorous and interesting names. Julyan has presented his entertaining program to enthusiastic audiences across the state.

"Knowing the true stories and the origins of a given place's name only heightens our appreciation of it," commented Museum of the Horse publicity director Scott Wells.

The Museum of the Horse is located on Highway 70 East, adjacent to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

White Sands photo workshop Sunday

White Sands National Monument will sponsor a nature photography workshop from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17.

The workshop is intended for amateur photographers who would like to improve their outdoor photographic techniques, and will include both classroom and field work. The workshop will be instructed by professional photographer Bill Walker of Las Cruces. Required equipment for the course includes a 35 mm camera with manual mode and settings, an instruction book for the camera and a tripod.

Advanced registration is required, and can be made by calling 479-6124. A \$10 per person fee will be charged for the workshop. Participants will also need to pay the standard park entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle.

'Pooz' art featured

The artwork of Debra Smith Wills graces the gallery at Eagle Ranch near Alamogordo during the month of November. Angels, storytellers, kachina dolls, stoneware plates, wind chimes, ornaments and jewelry are all part of her art and craft creations. For those "collectors" of pooz art, Wills has designed many new creations especially for the show at Eagle Ranch.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery is located at 7288 Hwy. 54/70, on the way to Tularosa. The show runs through Nov. 30. The gallery is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Night Club gets a Talbot blues infusion

Ruidoso's favorite blues infusion, the Jim Talbot Band from Austin, Texas, returns for a one-night show Saturday, Nov. 16 at Mescalero Night Club. With Appa Perry on base guitar, Bill Sneeringer on drums, and Talbot on lead guitar and vocals, the band gives its tunes a genuine feel without trying too hard, the way some blues bands seem to do. The blues come naturally to these guys.

Talbot and the gang usually headline the entertainment at Joe's Generic Bar on Austin's 6th Street. Lately, they've been a little busier than usual.

"We've been busy here around Austin, working the roadhouses and 6th Street Clubs," Talbot wrote in a letter to The Ruidoso News. "We've also finished recording a CD which should be out in about a month." Talbot hopes to have the CD with him when he gets to Ruidoso.

The Jim Talbot Band recently played Antone's, Austin's legendary blues bar with colorful history that includes international acts such as Muddy Waters, Albert King, the Thunderbirds, and Stevie Ray Vaughn.

"That was a good experience,"

Talbot said. "We've also broken into the Fort Worth and San Antonio scenes."

The band knows literally hundreds of tunes, some original works by Talbot, others from the greats like B.B. King, Albert Collins, and Freddie King. Catch them on stage after the comedy showcase, which begins at 9 p.m. at the Mescalero Night Club. A cover charge of \$3 includes the comedy show and the Jim Talbot Band. Mescalero Night Club is located on Carrizo Canyon Road near the Mescalero Inn, at the southern edge of Ruidoso.



Jim Talbot

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

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

The Ruidoso News
Nov. 8, 1946

Sale of Circle Diamond Ranch at Picacho, New Mexico to Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Taylor has been completed and the new owners have taken it over, it is announced by Mr. and Mrs. A.W. von Struve, former owners. At the time of the purchase, the ranch was under lease to the Taylors.

Circle Diamond Ranch was acquired a little over a year ago by Mr. and Mrs. von Struve from S.W. (Pat) Lodewick of Roswell. The ranch formerly was headquarters for the Diamond A Ranch Company and was used for breeding and training horses for that spread.

Circle Diamond Ranch is located on U.S. Highways 70 and 380 about one-half mile east of Picacho. Production of alfalfa and ranging of sheep are the principle uses to which the place will be put by the Taylors, they state.

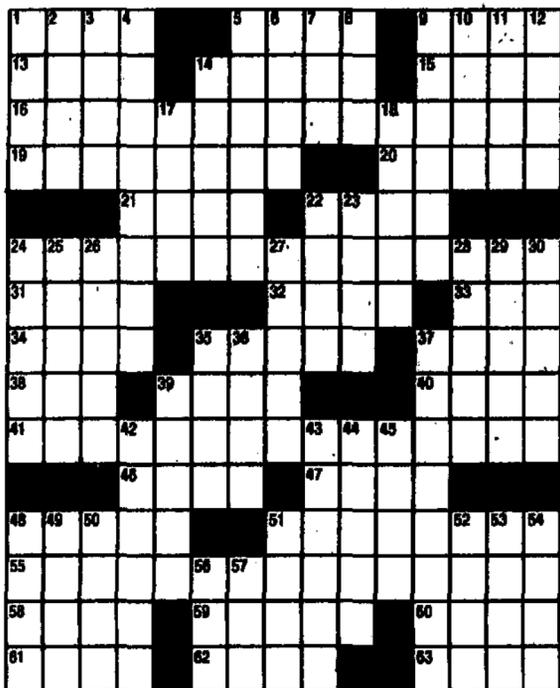
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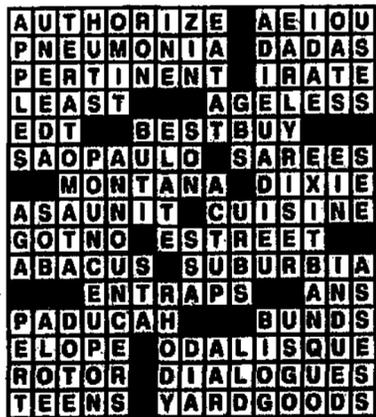
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- 5 Cio-Cio-San's marriage broker
- 9 Land in the Rub al Khali
- 13 Almost red
- 14 One may be found near a cloverleaf
- 15 Mental barrier
- 16 Start of a tribute to the Metropolitan Opera's James Levine
- 19 Like soap operas
- 20 Sgt. Bilko
- 21 E.T. carriers
- 22 Ship of myth
- 24 More of the tribute
- 31 Hawaiian "gathering place"
- 32 Points of difficulty
- 33 Met guest artist DeLuise
- 34 Ship ropes
- 35 Detroit Dark Red and others
- 37 Flag
- 38 Additionally
- 39 Kind of dance
- 40 Regretful one
- 41 More of the tribute
- 46 Maximum degree
- 47 Letters from Greece
- 48 Expect
- 51 Expiate
- 55 End of the tribute
- 58 "Der fliegende Holländer" tenor
- 59 — Park
- 60 Singer's concern
- 61 Department store department
- 62 Walton opera, with "The"
- 63 Coast



Puzzle by Frances Hansen

- 3 "... — saw Elba"
- 4 Like Salome's dance
- 5 Card game similar to authors
- 6 Of the ear
- 7 Pastor, informally
- 8 Cheer for Escamillo
- 9 Weber opera
- 10 Loud complaint
- 11 Rural prefix
- 12 Stock page heading
- 14 Me's partner, in a 1936 song
- 17 Modern protein source
- 18 Safecrackers
- 22 Month of l'été
- 23 Cookout fare
- 24 Minute amounts
- 25 Refuse
- 26 Vamp Bara
- 27 16th-century council site
- 28 Abhorrence
- 29 Composer of "Miss Julie"
- 30 Manicurist's board
- 35 Object of Canaanite worship
- 36 Once
- 37 Cuts geometrically
- 39 "Mefistofele" composer
- 42 Speculates
- 43 Utmost extent of one's strength
- 44 Western tribe
- 45 Pearce and Smuts
- 48 "Pardon ..."
- 49 Had being
- 50 Related
- 51 Boy preceder
- 52 Silly billy
- 53 Author Sarah — Jewett
- 54 Sax or oboe
- 56 Spider's parlor
- 57 Compass point

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-5658 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: (800) 762-1666.



Tony Rascon/Ruidoso News

Miss Alameda Samantha Sengel won the pageant's dance competition Tuesday evening.

Miss New Mexico hopefuls compete

The Miss New Mexico USA 1997 Pageant is being held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation this week through Saturday, Nov. 16.

After a full schedule during the week, the women will compete at 8

p.m. Friday in the Convention Center at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Then, at 8 p.m. Saturday, the final evening of competition will take place, climaxing with the selection of Miss New Mexico 1997.

The winner will represent New

Mexico at the Miss USA pageant in Shreveport, La., where she will spend two weeks of events ending with the nationally televised pageant on Feb. 5, 1997. Tickets for the Miss New Mexico USA 1997 Pageant may be purchased by calling (505)524-3527.

Curtain call



Patricia Crowell/Ruidoso News

The Ruidoso Little Theater's production of "The Lion in Winter" takes the stage for its final weekend Friday and Saturday at The Castle on U.S. Hwy 70. Jay Silverman plays King Henry, while Sandi Knox stars as Queen Eleanor in James Goldman's play of astringent wit and comic repartee. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children, and can be purchased at the door.

Dining Out

An Advertising Feature



Good ol' western-style meals at K-Bob's

Good ol' western-style meals in an unpretentious atmosphere is what customers can expect at K-Bob's Steakhouse, says Cliff Herring, an operating partner of the Ruidoso restaurant.

Customers start with a great salad from the K-Bob's "Salad Wagon" — a 65-item bonanza of salads, relishes, two different soups (each day) and red beans (a K-Bob's staple).

"This is not a salad bar — it's a wagon of fresh produce cut daily," says Herring, who has been with K-Bob's for six years.

The soups which adorn the wagon are made fresh daily as well.

Then customers top off their K-Bob's dining experience with a main course of beef or chicken or a new entree, smoked ribs.

The ribs are "so tender that you can wiggle the meat off the bone,"

adds Cliff's wife, Teresa.

"We have a portion to suit your love for pork ribs," Cliff says.

If steaks are more to your liking, K-Bob's steaks are hand cut from USDA choice beef. If so inclined, customers can pick out their own steak and watch as it is cooked on the open flame.

Homestyle vegetables such as corn, green beans, baked potato, mashed potatoes, french fries or fried okra complement each entree.

All of the meals can be enjoyed at a reasonable price.

"We have a menu for the budget-conscious senior, or the whole family. At the same time, we can handle the business clientele," Cliff says.

A staff of 50 serves the open, airy restaurant, which has seating for 216 people in smoking and non-smoking sections. K-Bob's also has a room adjacent to the

main dining area for private parties.

The Ruidoso restaurant is one of approximately 40 K-Bob's scattered across the southwest in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas.

K-Bob's serves breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. The country-style breakfasts are offered from 6 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Lunch and dinner is served from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

In the tradition of the West, reservations are not accepted.

"When cowboys belled up to the chuckwagon, the first guy in line was the first one to get served," explains Cliff with a smile.

K-Bob's is located on West Highway 70 near the "Y" intersection with Sudderth Drive. The phone number is 378-4747.



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Sports

SPORTS SHORTS

Warrior cross country team heads north for state championships

Ruidoso's boys and girls cross country teams compete in the Class AAA State Cross Country Championships at Red Rock State Park Saturday. The Class AAA boys race starts the day's action at 10 a.m. followed by Class AAAA boys, Class A-AA boys and Class AAA girls at 11:30 a.m. The last two races of the day are the Class AAAA girls and the Class A-AA girls races.

Coach Ronnie Maskew's Warriors are coming off second-place District 3AAA showings. Both the girls and boys teams were runnerup to Cobre.

Ruidoso's Erica Romero won the girls individual title in a time of 20 minutes, 32 seconds. Her teammate Seily Sandoval was second, 20:41.

The Warrior boys raced without their top two runners and will compete without the pair at the state meet as well, Maskew said Wednesday.

Leading the Ruidoso boys at the District 3AAA meet was Dabert Comanche, who finished second overall in a time of 18:03. Senior Becenti Platero was sixth with a time of 18:24. In eighth place was Kyle Sparks at 18:26.

Sports replay

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

10 years ago - A 56-14 thrashing of Deming gives the District 3AAA title to the Ruidoso Warriors. The defending state champs tamed the Wildcats, thanks to three TD passes from Jeff Willingham to Brian Davis. Gabe Tam wins the District 3AAA individual boys title in cross country for the Warriors. Tam and his teammates couldn't overcome Silver in the team standings however. Tam's time over the three-mile course is 16:14. At the state volleyball tournament, Portales eliminates Ruidoso 9-15, 15-6, 12-15, 15-8, 15-7.

20 years ago - McCurdy ends Ruidoso's football season with a 20-0 victory in the Class AA playoffs. Snow postpones the game to Saturday.

30 years ago - The 1966 Ruidoso basketball season begins with 38 Warriors trying out in the first week of practice. Seven returning letterwinners lead the hopefuls. They are Allen Baker, Rick Scott, Mike Payne, Tim Leftwich, Ed Miller, Tom Valliant and Mark Sloan.

40 years ago - Carrizozo begins the cage campaign against St. Peter's. Ruidoso's Warriors opens at Lake Arthur.

The great wall of Ruidoso

BY LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

With team stats like 4.4 yards per rush and more 1,600 yards on the ground, opponents might think the Ruidoso running attack get its yards behind a mammoth offensive line.

It does, sort of.

Introducing the "Great Wall of Ruidoso" - tackles Tommy Richardson and Brad Beavers (both more than 220), center Caleb Hull at a healthy 6-0, 210, and guards Seth Bassett and Chris Jones who tip the scales at a whopping 158 and 150 respectively.

THE PLAYOFFS

Who: Ruidoso vs. Robertson
When: 1 p.m.
Saturday
Where: Horton Stadium
Cost: \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children. No family passes accepted.

Wait a minute! A pair of guards who average 154 pounds between them?

"Guards are normally 170-185 pounds, but these guys play like they are 200-pounders," said Warrior head coach Les Carter.

The Warriors don't run exclusively behind Beavers and Richardson, though they could. Junior fullback Brett Meyer has picked up his team-leading 621 yards mostly up the gut of the opposing team's defenses.

How do Bassett and Jones clear the way for Meyer and running back Arthur Rojas?



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What they lack in height and weight, Ruidoso's line makes up for in determination and heart. Senior center Caleb Hull hikes the ball to QB Corey Saenz while guard Seth Bassett gets off the line in search of a blocking victim. Bassett and fellow guard Chris Jones average 154 pounds.

"A lot of it is their quickness, but a lot of it is their heart and their desire to do their job," Carter said.

Jones disagreed.

"It's our secret traps," said the senior

Warrior lineman with a laugh.

Bassett and Jones have stared down some pretty big defensive linemen this season.

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Cards, Warriors both hope to run away with a win

Robertson has posted a surprising 9-2 mark

BY LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Expectations for the 1996 Las Vegas Robertson football campaign were grounded firmly in the reality some numbers: just five seniors on the roster and a team that posted a 5-6 overall mark in 1995.

But the team has beaten expectations. The Cardinals flew into the playoffs for the second time in three years with a 9-2 overall mark and a District 2AAA-best 4-1 record.

"It's a pretty big surprise, because this team was really building for the future," said sixth-year head coach Arthur Abreu, whose teams are 40-25 in his tenure.

Robertson's biggest wins of the season came against district foe Taos and an upset over last year's 2AAA champ Los Alamos on the Hilltopper's home turf.



Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

Ruidoso Warrior linebacker Matt Wharton will have his eyes on Class AAA's leading rusher, Edmund Ekeoha, in Saturday's pre-playoff game.

Ruidoso defense must stop state's top rusher

BY LAURA CLYMER
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It's evident from Thursday's practice, the Ruidoso Warriors are ready for the postseason.

The Warriors hit hard, worked hard and shared several good, hard laughs during the squad's two-hour practice in full pads yesterday.

It's been that way all week for the 5-5 District 3AAA runners-up. The Warriors are loose, focused and confident heading into Saturday's preplayoff game against District 2AAA champ Las Vegas Robertson.

"Physically we can hang with them. We just have to play hard and not make any mistakes," senior center Caleb Hull said.

Ruidoso and Robertson have split the last two times they have met on the gridiron. The Warriors triumphed last year, 7-0.

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LCRC award winners honored at banquet

The Lincoln County Rodeo Club recognized the accomplishments of its members during the 1996 rodeo season at its annual fall banquet.

LCRC President Rick Simpson expressed his thanks to all who helped make the season a success.

"Our sponsors made it possible with their generous contributions, along with the many hours of hard work contributed by parents and friends," Simpson said. "Combine this with all the work by the club officers, EMTs, sheriff's posse, and of course the contestants themselves, all which made this year's rodeo go off without a hitch."

Simpson is the outgoing LCRC president. Other officers and board members who completed their terms were vice president Debbie Bird, secretary Lisa Daniel, treasurer Connie Whipple and board members Shane Parker, Tiger Stanbrough, Til Freeman and Linda Joiner.

Officers for 1997 are: President Mike Hernandez, Vice President Tiger Stanbrough, Secretary Mary Prudencio, Treasurer Tommy Turner and board members Shane Parker, Sonny Sanchez, Cloyce Salazar and Joe Gutierrez.

Jay Franklin earned the club's 1996 Fern Sawyer Award for overall high point individual. Angie Odom earned the scholarship award.

LCRC's 1997 queen is Misty Williams, while Stacey Thorne is the 1997 princess.

La Luz's Charla Turner won a handmade saddle by Capitan's Joe Smith in the saddle raffle.

Other 1996 winners were (listed by class):

Lead Class Girls: 1) Britney Perteet, 2) Angelia Prudencio, 3) Sara Rush, 4) Jada Silva, 5) Kelli Wilmeth, and 6) Dusti Rae Eldridge.

Lead Class Boys: 1) Cody Candelaria, 2) Tyler Bullock, 3) Skyler Evans, 4) Andy Candelaria,



The Lincoln County Rodeo Club handed out awards for the 1996 season at its fall banquet.

5) Roy Payton, and 6) Tyler Henson.

Little Britches Girls: 1) Jessica Silva.

Little Britches Boys: 1) Kevin Parker, 2) Levi Silva, 3) Patrick Gonzales, 4) J.T. Eldridge, and 5) Robert Dean.

6-8 Girls Speed Event: 1) Ciara Latta, 2) Staci Stanbrough, 3) Thea Evans, 4) Megan Parmely, 5) Kristen Perteet, 6) Victoria Hernandez, and participation pins to Tawney Lidnesy, Jo Marie Sanchez, Chasata Dean, Destrey Howland and Jessica Hansell.

6-8 Boys Speed Event: 1) Ronnie Eldridge, 2) Cutter Whipple, 3) Lawrence Gonzales, 4) Dustin Hernandez, 5) Charlie Parker, 6) Teke Eldridge, and participation pins to Tanner Pharris, Conrad Gonzales, Jessie Green, Glen Stanbrough, Tillman Freeman and Daniel Chanez.

6-8 Girls Calf Riding: 1) Staci

Stanbrough, 2) Ciara Latta.

6-8 Boys Calf Riding: 1) Dustin Hernandez, 2) Ronnie Eldridge, 3) Cutter Whipple, 4) Donnie Kaydahzinne, and participation pins to Tanner Pharris, Lawrence Gonzales, Conrad Gonzales and Timothy Adkinson.

9-12 Girls Speed Event: 1) Josephine Gutierrez, 2) Jessica Neal, 3) Stacey Thorne, 4) Shannon Sellers, 5) Santana Gonzales, 6) Raylynn Stanbrough, and participation pins to Amber Goodloe, Miley Green, Jessica Freeman, Chelsea Black and Dana Chanez.

9-12 Boys Speed Event: 1) Bradley Huddleston, 2) Chance Huddleston, 3) Kaland Salazar and Justin Ortega, 4) Ben Sanchez, 5) Diego Ortega, 6) Weston Richardson and participation pins to Michael Sanchez, Jared Wilson and Cody Wilmeth.

9-12 Girls Roping: 1) Shannon

Sellers.

9-12 Boys Roping: 1) Bradley Huddleston, 2) Clayton Wolf, 3) Patrick Hightow, 4) Jared Wilson, 5) Chance Huddleston, 6) Justin Ortega and participation pins to Diego Ortega, Kaland Salazar and Ben Sanchez.

9-12 Boys Junior Steers: 1) C.W. Gomez, 2) Gordon Chico, 3) Justin Riley and Kaland Salazar and participation pins to Truitt Chico, Sheldon Guthrie, Colton Guthrie and Cody Wilmeth.

13-15 Girls Speed Event: 1) Shannon Salazar, 2) Lacey Brazel, 3) Amanda Bird, 4) Krystal Wingfield, 5) Annie Green, 6) Andrenna Flores, and participation pins to Ashley Martin and Chelsey Finney.

13-15 Boys Speed Event: 1) Jared Franklin, 2) Cody Crumpacker and 3) Matt Stephens.

13-15 Boys Roping: 1) Nathon Wolf, 2) Patrick Hansell, 3) Jared

Franklin, 4) Shawn Wilson and participation pin to Bryan Hightower.

13-15 Senior Steers: 1) Trey Odom, 2) Casey Short and 3) Jerry Richardson.

16-19 Girls Speed Event: 1) Angie Odom, and 2) Misty Williams.

16-19 Boys Speed Event: 1) Jay Franklin and 2) Cody Joiner.

16-19 Boys Roping: 1) Sean Hansell, 2) Cody Joiner and 3) Jay Franklin.

16-19 Bull Roping: 1) Justin Joiner, 2) Travis Gonzales, 3) Josh Long, 4) Steven Wilson and 5) Jake Sanchez.

First-place winners received a championship buckle. Other awards were: second place, reserve champion buckle; third place, custom spurs; fourth place, headstall or riggen bag; fifth place, saddle pad or bull rope bag; and sixth place, halter.

Warriors: the line of scrimmage will be a top priority for Ruidoso

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It's crucial for Ruidoso to control both sides of the line, execute and eliminate mistakes, says Warrior head coach Les Carter, who is 1-1 in playoff games at Ruidoso.

The Warriors earned their second trip in three years to the postseason with a 49-14 thumping of Hot Springs Nov. 8.

It's no secret that the Cardinals rely heavily on senior running back Edmund Ekeoha.

"They give him the ball 80-85% of the time," Carter said of Ekeoha, one of the state's leading rushers.

"Their style of play and their offense and defense has remained pretty much the

same," Carter added.

Linebackers Arthur Miller and Matt Wharten will set their sights on Ekeoha, while senior defensive safety Pascal Enjady anchors the Ruidoso secondary. Miller leads the Warriors with 78 solo tackles and 38 assists. Wharten has a second-best 54 tackles and 38 assists.

"Pascal is our quiet giant on defense," Carter added.

Sophomore quarterback Corey Saenz leads the Ruidoso offense. He's completed

"Maybe if we do the right things we'll get the opportunity (to play Artesia), but we have to win this one first."

Les Carter,
Ruidoso football coach

52.2% of his passes for eight touchdowns and just two interceptions. His favorite targets are senior wide receiver Rick Pacini and tight end Erik Padilla.

Junior Brett Moore and senior Arthur Rojas have

combined to rush for more than 1,200 yards, behind the efforts of Tommy Richardson, Brad Beavers, Hull, Seth Bassett and Chris Jones.

Carter will make sure the Warriors don't

overlook the Cardinals. If Ruidoso wins, the Warriors will play Artesia, which earned a first-round bye with its District 4AAA title.

Still, a possible rematch with the state No. 1 ranked team is in the back of the Warriors' minds. Artesia rallied to beat Ruidoso 58-38 in the season-opener for both.

"Maybe if we do the right things, we'll get the opportunity (to play Artesia), but we have to win this one first," Carter said.

DRUMBEATS: The Warriors have particularly good starts and finishes this season. In the first quarter, Ruidoso has outscored opponents 92-35. RHS enjoys a similar advantage in the fourth quarter where it has scored 88 points and yielded 56 to its opponents.

In the end, gunman King Fisher was an innocent bystander

Back in the 1870s there was a crossroads in south Texas that had a rather curious sign on it. It read, "This is King Fisher's road. Take the other one."

Anyone even remotely familiar with the reputation of John King Fisher did exactly that — they took "the other road."

PAST TENSE



Drew Gomber
Ruidoso News

Unless you had an extremely high opinion of your proficiency with firearms, and didn't mind risking your life, taking "the other road" was healthier than taking King Fisher's road — the one less traveled.

John King Fisher was born in Fannin, then Collin County, Texas, in 1854. As a child, the future gunman traveled through Texas with his father, who worked as a drover and teamster around Lampasas and Goliad. In 1869, for reasons that were never made clear, Fisher's father sent him to live with relatives near Florence, Texas.

As a boy, King was quiet and well-liked, but crossed the legal line for the first time when he liberated a horse from its owner. Despite his claim that he only borrowed it to chase his own horse down, the owner wanted to press charges. The delinquent youth managed to escape custody and took off for Goliad. He never returned.

Unfortunately, he was equally luckless in Goliad. In the autumn of 1870, King and a confederate were arrested there for house-breaking and he was sent to the infamous Rusk Prison at Huntsville for two years.

After four months he was pardoned, probably because of his age (16).

Drifting down to the Nueces Strip, as lawless an area as ever there was, King got a job hunting down rustlers for local ranchers. Enormous odds were stacked against him — the area was literally crawling with rustlers, and if that wasn't enough, Mexican miscreants were in the habit of crossing the Rio Grande to join in the general thievery that had become so popular.

Nevertheless, John King Fisher became so good at his new job that many rustlers began to fear him. As more and more of them began to wake up dead, they not only feared him, they began to hold him in an almost superstitious dread.

Rustling, and thievery in general, began to drop off.

As an adult, Fisher cut a dashing figure. At six feet and 185 lbs., he tended to dress gaudily. Actually, to use the word "gaudy" is gross understatement. The finest silk shirts and scarves were covered by a short Mexican jacket with gold embroidery. Supposedly, he even had a pair of tiger-skin chaps. Zowie.

King's manners were good, too. He made friends easily on both sides of the border,

one of whom was Porfirio Diaz, destined to one day be the president of Mexico.

However, anyone who knew King well, knew he was an extremely dangerous man. On Christmas Day, 1876, King was apparently not in the holiday spirit: he shot and killed a man named William Dunovan. Or maybe he was in the holiday spirit and he just had an unconventional way of celebrating.

On another occasion, four of his own employees foolishly challenged his authority. Three of them died on the spot. The other one, presumably, changed his mind on the subject of who was in charge.

And on still another occasion, he caught three rustlers red-handed. Not knowing who they were dealing with, they decided to shoot it out. All of them died.

By this time, however, the Texas Rangers had become curious about King, suspecting him of doing a little rustling himself. Their suspicions were apparently more than vague, as they handed down a total of 21 indictments against him.

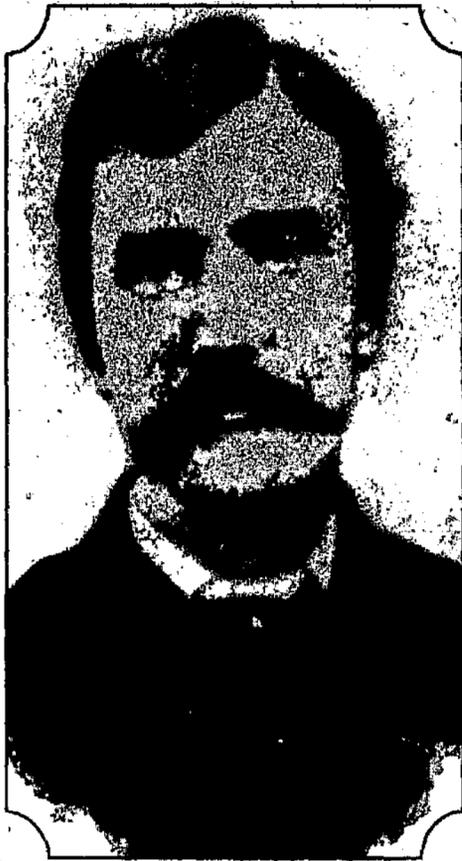
Nevertheless, King only spent a total of five months incarcerated — in San Antonio's infamous "Bat Cave." If the stories about that particular jail are true, five months was probably the equivalent of five years in any other jail.

His stay there seemed to have a sobering effect on the gunman, and he appeared to be turning over a new leaf, much to the delight of the Texas Rangers. King got married, fathered three children, and got a job as a deputy sheriff in Uvalde County. Now he was back in his old line of work — running down rustlers. Only this time he wore a badge.

In 1883 a pair of outlaw brothers named Tom and Jim Hannehan robbed the San Antonio-El Paso stagecoach. Deputy sheriff Fisher took up the chase.

Alone, King pursued the outlaws to a ranch on the Leona River. When he confronted them, Tom foolishly went for his gun, and his life came to an abrupt end. King arrested Jim and returned with both the surviving outlaw and the ill-gotten gains.

The citizens of Uvalde were delighted with King's performance as a lawman, and there was much talk of electing him sheriff in 1884.



John King Fisher

Early in 1884, the Texas legislature passed laws dealing with fence cutting. Since the introduction of barbed wire in the 1870s, fence cutting had become a major problem and more than a few deaths were attributed to it. However, the new laws were complex, as laws tend to be, and deputy sheriff King Fisher decided to go to Austin to learn more about them.

When King said goodbye to his wife and daughters that March morning, neither he nor they dreamed it would be their last time together as a family.

While King was in Austin, he bumped into his old friend Ben Thompson.

Ben Thompson was as dangerous a gunman as ever inhabited the West. Born in England, he had come to Texas with his family as a small child. English blood notwithstanding, the young Thompson became a Texan's Texan. Wyatt Earp remembered him as being a dangerous man nearly half a century later. And Wyatt Earp had met his share of dangerous men.

Bat Masterson reminisced about Thompson, "It is doubtful whether, in his time, there was another man who equaled him with a pistol in a life and death struggle ..."

At any rate, after Thompson and King had been making the rounds of the saloons, King informed his friend he was going to head back to Uvalde. Thompson decided to accompany King as far as San Antonio. Together, they boarded a train for that city.

It was a poor decision by Thompson that would have fatal repercussions for both men.

A little less than two years prior to this day, Ben Thompson had gunned down a man named Jack Harris. Harris, along with two partners, owned a San Antonio gambling establishment/saloon called the "Vaudeville."

The partners of the late Jack Harris, Joe Foster and Billy Simms, had been waiting all this time for the day when Ben Thompson would return to the Vaudeville.

It must have irked them a good deal when they discovered that Thompson had returned in the company of yet another deadly shooter — John King Fisher.

Fisher's presence was not, however, enough to slake their thirst for revenge.

The two saloon owners began to make plans about what to do if Thompson and Fisher were foolish enough to enter the Vaudeville.

It was March 11, 1884. The two gunmen had been drinking steadily on the train all the way from Austin to San Antonio, and saw no reason to stop when they hit town.

After drinking in several different saloons, Thompson and King Fisher decided to take in a play at the Turner Opera House. After this, they determined that they would then go to the Vaudeville to sample what it had to offer. It is not known whether King Fisher was ever aware, prior to arriving at the Vaudeville, of the trouble that Thompson had with the owners of the establishment.

When King and Ben Thompson arrived at the Vaudeville, they were seated in a box where they were soon joined by Joe Foster, Billy Simms, and a bouncer named Jake Coy.

If King had not known before about the trouble with Thompson, Foster and Simms, he sure knew it by this time. In an atmosphere of almost overwhelming tension, King began trying to patch up the feud.

He seemed to have some success with Billy Simms, who shook hands with the less-than-contrite Ben Thompson. However, when Foster refused to shake hands, both King and Thompson began to suspect that there was foul play afoot.

They were right. They just realized it too late.

Slowly, the two gunmen began backing toward the stairway. Foster, Simms and Coy stood their ground, watching Fisher and Thompson as they stepped out onto the landing.

Suddenly, the deafening roar of many weapons being discharged rent the air.

Later, Foster and Simms would claim that Thompson had drawn a pistol, rammed it into Foster's mouth, and cocked the weapon. Jake Coy grabbed the pistol's cylinder and prevented the weapon from discharging. Supposedly at this point, Coy, Foster and Simms gunned down Fisher and Thompson.

This was nonsense.

Other eyewitnesses stated a battery of concealed shooters was on hand to do the killing. This version makes much more sense.

King Fisher, a man who was known to be extremely speedy getting a pistol into action, went down without ever drawing his gun. He had been hit 13 times. Ben Thompson went down with nine bullets in him. Thompson may have managed to get his pistol into action, or it may simply have been placed in his dead hand.

Foster had been hit in the leg, probably by one of his own shooters, and ultimately, he would die of the wound. Theater patrons said blood ran down the stairs "like a river."

And so ended the life of John King Fisher, a shootist who, having finally settled down on the right side of the law, was killed in a fracas in which he was an innocent bystander.

God, someone once said, is a comedian playing to an audience that is afraid to laugh.



Neighbors

He's got the beat

Lincoln County manager Frank Potter rocks 'n' rolls local government for more than a quarter of a century

By DIANNE STALLINGS
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All early signs pointed to a career in music for young Frank Potter. By the time he was 14, he played in a professional rock band with his brothers.

By the time he was 18, he ran several businesses, including a music club where he performed regularly.

But two years later, he took a second job with the village of Ruidoso — then ended up staying 26 years, capped by attaining the highest appointed position of village manager, then a three-year stint as a village councilor.

Eight months ago, he was hired as Lincoln County manager, continuing his career in government and public service.

Unassuming and soft spoken, Potter when prompted can dazzle the listener with his knowledge of almost any public works or political movement in the county.

From ranch to Ruidoso

Born in Portales in 1944, Potter spent the next 14 years growing up on a ranch about 70 miles northwest of his birth place where his family raised cattle and horses.

The first two elementary schools he attended were closed during consolidation efforts. He finished his middle school years at the small community of House.

"You could stand on the caprock of our ranch and look south toward Tucumcari 30 miles away," Potter said. "That's where all the little Crustaceous things are found. It once was a great sea there and as kids we would play and find prehistoric creatures."

And that's where he found his early and lasting appreciation for anything that has to do with the earth.

"I like archaeology, paleontology, hydrology and geology," he said.

Although they lived on a ranch, Potter and several of his siblings were more interested in music than cattle.

"Out of nine people in my family, seven of them are musicians," Potter said. "We grew up playing music."

While performing for the annual Game Protective Association banquet in Clovis when he was 14, Potter (on guitar) and his brothers (on guitar and drums) were spotted by Norman Petty of the Dot label.

The band was asked to audition the next day and Petty signed them to a contract.

"We were the original Shondells," Potter said. "My brother spun off into another group that recorded two records in that stu-

dio about a year or two later."

Famous names that shared the label included the Fire Balls, the String Alongs, Charlie Phillips, who wrote "Sugar Time," and Buddy Holly.

The three boys were performing in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona when their parents decided to move to Ruidoso. The family had visited the village many times, because Potter's maternal grandparents lived in Lincoln County.

Only Potter and two brothers moved with their parents. Two older sisters and two older brothers already were on their own.

As soon as the three brothers graduated from high school, their parents moved again.

"My dad had property all over the country and was involved in a lot of things," Potter said. "He was a rancher, owned an automobile dealership, he was involved in a finance company and a sporting goods store, grocery store and up here, he owned the Top Hat Bar and property in Ruidoso Downs."

The brothers played country music in the bar in the summer of 1961.

"Everyone would bar hop back then when there were seven bars in town," Potter said. "They would go from the Central Bar to the Top Hat Bar to the Gas Light, to the Win, Place and Show, then up the street to Olin's Bar and the Buckaroo."

Movie stars of the day such as Audie Murphy and Dale Robertson also followed the familiar route.

In 1962, Potter and one brother leased the building that now houses the Ruidoso Athletic Club and used it as a rock and roll music club. After one year, Potter took over the operation and owned it from 1963 to 1974 through the Beatle craze, the California sound and into acid rock.

"We played there in 1963 and 1964 and then had concerts," Potter said. "I started



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In his job as Lincoln County manager, Frank Potter (seated) consults with Commission Chairman Monroy Montes before one of the commission's monthly meetings in Carrizozo.



Potter was a swinging rock 'n' roll musician at Ruidoso High School.

booking bigger groups in there like Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page and Jeff Beck when they were with

The Yardbirds, the Frantics and the McCoys. I run into people now all over the town who either played for us or went to The Hut, the name we gave the place."

His business also pulled in young people from out of town.

"We did marketing and advertising through Midwest Productions out of Oklahoma City, KOMA, and we were pretty much nationwide," Potter said.

He stayed in Ruidoso, because by the time he graduated from high school, Potter already owned several businesses, following in his father's entrepreneurial footsteps.

He put in one semester on a semi-foot-



Potter (left) discusses government business with U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen (R-NM) during Potter's years as assistant city manager in Ruidoso.

ball scholarship at Western New Mexico University, but he came back in December 1964 for a big two-week bash of performances through Christmas and New Year's.

"I was standing out in the parking lot and the city manager was pulling out of city hall, which was right next to the music club back then," Potter said. "All of the pipes in Ruidoso froze that year, I mean all of them. It was a deep freeze."

Potter commented that he bet the village staff could use some help, and offered his during the day when he wasn't working at

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Potter: a life of public service

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Potter maintains a trim profile by jogging up Ski Run Road several times a week with his wife, Donna.



It wasn't difficult for Potter to keep up on all the dance crazes. He played in a band and operated a music club in Ruidoso after graduating from high school.

the club.

"In January 1964, I went to work for the city and I worked for them until 1990," Potter said, marveling at the lengthy career.

He started in the water department. Seven months later, he became a night dispatcher for the police and worked at the village airport during the day, while continuing the music club. He also started a janitorial service, rental car business and food concessions.

"I made some of the first food for Lonnie Allsup at the Allsup stores when they started to serve sandwiches," Potter said.

"From 1964 to 1974, I had about five jobs at the same time," he said. His obsession with work helped end his first marriage in 1980, by which he has a 26-year-old son. His fascination with the problems facing the village prompted him to stop performing in 1964.

New era

"Back then city government was so small, we did what we could to help each other," Potter said. While working at the airport where The Links Golf Course now sits, he scouted for a new airport site and worked on building Alto Lake and a water treatment plant with a \$1.2 million bond issue.

In 1974, he was moved from the airport to the post of assistant village manager, supervising all departments, except police. He also served on the village planning and zoning commission for seven years in the 1970s, helping to update and refine Ruidoso's comprehensive land use plan and zoning.

About the same time, the village began installing a sewer system and embarked on more water improvements, such as a \$5 million series of water storage tanks and extensive roadwork. Potter saw new schools go up in the White Mountain area and saw the new airport site selected 10 miles northeast of town on what is now Sierra Blanca Airport Road.

Potter gained an education in city management on the job.

"Being there was how I learned," he said. "I've had about every type of governmental problem you can imagine."

Times were quiet in Ruidoso in

in PROFILE



Frank Potter

Age: 52
Hometown: Ruidoso
Occupation: Lincoln County manager

What he's reading: A biography about Mafia boss, John Gotti

What he's listening to: Piano chamber music

Who he's cheering for: The Dallas Cowboys

Favorite book: "Edible Wild Plants of New Mexico"

Motto: Keep on doing what you're doing and you'll get what you've got.

Memorable moment: Flying over Ruidoso in a helicopter.

the 1960s, he said.

"The population was about 1,160 people. In the 1970s, it doubled to more than 2,000," Potter said. "We had gone through another drought in the 1970s and decided we had to make some major improvements to the north side of town.

"You have to visualize that when I started at the airport (at The Links site), you could stand on the front porch and look at Cree Meadows Golf Course and you could look to the north and there were no houses, not one. There was no White Mountain school and nothing passed Cree Meadows."

In the late 1960s, the White Mountain development started and a push north was underway.

"We were already playing catch-up in that area when they moved me to city hall," Potter said. "It was a busy time for the village."

He credits former city manager Jim Hine with possessing the foresight necessary to move the village ahead on many of those major projects.

"When I went to work at city hall, he handled the financial part and I handled public works," Potter said. "He was the mastermind behind the funding, and the village floated a lot of bond issues then."

Potter remarried in 1983 and in 1987, he was promoted to city manager, a position he held for three years.

He started a local MainStreet improvement project before the state became involved.

As the village undertook some

major road projects, Ruidoso purchased its own paving equipment. Developers and contractors were too busy doing their own work and timing for acceptable weather was a problem, Potter said.

It's no surprise to learn that at the same time he was working with the village, Potter was juggling his own business interests.

"I've always bought and sold property around town," Potter said.

He built a store structure in 1993 in a 30x100-foot empty space between two existing buildings in the downtown area of Sudderth Drive, Potter said.

"I always thought the MainStreet project was a neat thing to do," and wanted to personally be part of it, Potter said, adding, "To try to improve the downtown is tough."

He also recently bought property in Alto, where he sees the future building expansion in the county.

"I knew Don Blaugrund (of the American Furniture Company) real well back in the 1960s when I worked at the airport," Potter said. "When he came up from El Paso to develop Alto Village, I thought it was so far out of town I wasn't sure anybody would live out there. But I thought he had a great idea and a beautiful development out there. Sure enough, his idea was right on target."

When a new slate of councilors and a mayor were elected in 1990, Potter was escorted out of city hall.

"They were gone in 18 months," Potter said. "It's a tough business."

The mayor and several councilors resigned under heavy criticism.

"They just had a different philosophy of which way they wanted to take Ruidoso," Potter said. They cut back on services to economize.

To keep up with public demands, village officials had become "pretty aggressive" while Potter and Hine were leading the village.

"The demand will pretty much dictate the service you provide," he said. "It's a very demanding town for its size. Everything is maxed on a per capita basis. You have to design and operate things for peak demand performance. There's no normal at all."

After leaving the village, Potter worked for Ruidoso Downs

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Race Track owner R.D. Hubbard in various capacities, primarily involving the Museum of the Horse.

"I hadn't been keeping up with things, because I was pretty burned out on government," he said. "I wasn't on any committees or boards or anything."

"In 1992, I started getting calls from businesspeople" complaining about different services.

At first he wasn't interested, but when a council seat came open in 1992, he accepted an appointment.

New challenges

Upon his return to village government, Potter found that all of the water projects he worked to put in motion had been scaled down by the short-lived administration.

"Grindstone water treatment plant should have been built in 1991," Potter said. "I had that on the drawing board. But we didn't get it built until 1994. It took 12 months to get the first phase going and we were really hurting."

"It produced a million gallons a day. The only problem was that the demand was about two million and we had to move right into the second phase."

"They had downsized quite a few things," he said of the prior administration. And that approach doesn't work when a village is growing, he said.

Potter resigned from the council after three years to become county manager earlier this year. Growth also is the major problem facing the county, he said, pointing to a half dozen ranches that have been or will be turned into subdivisions or commercial developments.

"I feel I'm in the same situation with the county as I was when I came to city hall from the airport," Potter said. "There were no maps of Ruidoso in the 1970s, no road maps, no base maps. They had done a comprehensive land use plan in the 1960s, but it stopped at Cree Meadows."

"So I feel like I'm in the same position with the county, but I feel fortunate I've had experience."

He immediately started to build base maps and then prepare overlay maps for roads, utilities, water lines and a current land use inventory in the county. Some of the information is being used for a new rural addressing system. The county also will inventory all of the wells as part of a water study, he added.

Since becoming county manager, Potter has learned more about the size and character of Lincoln County.

"Yesterday, I drove 240 miles

and never was more than 50 miles from the office or 90 miles from home. This is a big county," Potter said. "In the city, anything that happens is within six or seven blocks away, but in the county, it could be 90 miles and an hour and a half away."

He applauded the county staff as hardworking people who are proud of their jobs. And he likes the attitude of the rural residents, who ask for nothing and are self-reliant in contrast to a more demanding attitude he found in city residents.

"These are exciting times," Potter said. "New Mexico is the second fastest growing state, predicted to double its population in the next 30 years," he said, adding he thinks that estimate is low and that Ruidoso will be one of the areas targeted for heavy growth.

If county and village officials decide they want to push tourism, they will need to work together and with private businesses in the future, he said.

"We are not working together now," he said. "If we want this, we definitely need to get an overall plan and get on with it. There are so many tourist attractions in this county, and they're the type tourists are absolutely fascinated with."

He looks forward to more years as a public servant, but also to spending more time enjoying the benefits of living in Lincoln County.

Always active in sports in high school, Potter has stayed slim over the years by playing racquetball and by jogging several times a week. He and wife, Donna, jog up Ski Road about three miles, dodging bears, fox and deer.

"I can't imagine people not getting outside who live here," he said. "Being in the house is the last place to be. Being in government, you need fresh air, lots of sunlight and earth under your feet to keep your head clear."

Two years ago, Potter decided to start playing music again, alternating among the guitar, the banjo and the drums.

"I just play with a group of friends that get together like Roger Sowder (principal of Nob Hill Early Children Center)," he said. "We play about anything but rock."

His view for the future of the area includes:

- more high-dollar shops will be moving into Ruidoso in the next few years;
- old buildings on the main strip will be purchased by new business blood and remodeled;
- a major transition in rural areas including Hondo Valley will occur, with old ranches being sold and broken up;
- and land available for development in Ruidoso will be exhausted.

WARRIOR FOOTBALL STATS

Nov. 8, 1996

Ruidoso	7	14	0	28	49
Hot Springs	7	0	7	0	14

Team Stats	RHS	HSHS
First downs	14	14
Rush att.	45	39
Yds. gain rush	285	251
Yds. lost rush	-21	-18
Net rush	264	233
Pass comp/att.	5-11	2-8
Interceptions	1	3
Comp. %	45.5%	25.0%
Yds. pass	120	11
Fumbles lost	0	3
Punts	2	2
Ret. yards	81	0
Total Offense	384	244

Ruidoso Individuals

Rushing: B. Meyer 11-85; A. Rojas 12-72, 3TDs; C. Saenz 12-57; F. Frizzell 2-2; A. Herrera 8-48, TD.

Passing: C. Saenz 5-1-110, 2TDs, INT

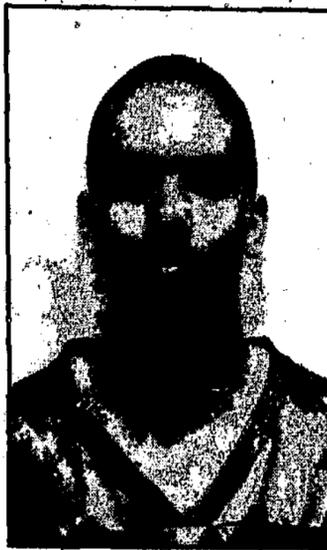
Receiving: R. Pacini 1-22, TD; G.

Sambrano 1-29; E. Padilla 3-69, TD.
Tackles: A. Miller 10; M. Wharton, B. Rogge, P. Enjady, R. Pacini, E. Padilla, C. Saenz, 5 each.

Season Totals

Ruidoso	92	65	43	88	288
Opponents	35	54	69	56	214

Team Stats	RHS	Opp.
First downs	132	141
Rush att.	377	375
Yds. gain rush	1915	1757
Yds. lost rush	-260	-248
Net rush	1655	1509
Pass comp/att.	59-132	75-150
Interceptions	5	15
Comp. %	44.7%	50.0%
Yds. pass	1024	1337
Fumbles lost	7	21
Punts	34	26
Ret. yards	1063	23
# Penalties	14	5
Yds. penalized	155	35
Total Offense	2679	2846
Net rush. ave.	165.5	150.9
Net pass. ave.	102.4	133.7
Total off. ave.	267.9	284.6



Safety Corey Saenz has a team-high nine interceptions

Great wall: RHS runs wild behind quick offensive front

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"We've played some people who are really big and some who are small and quick," Bassett said. "I've done better against the bigger guys."

It also helps that the Warrior offensive linemen practice against the likes of Jason Leadingham. They describe their teammate as "a nut" and the best defensive lineman they've faced all season.

The real secret is the Warriors' tenacity, however.

"You just have to know where you're going to block, who you're going to hit, and stick with them

until you hear the whistle," said Hull, the lone Warrior with any starting experience from last year. "We're told to keep blocking and to sit his butt in the stands with his mom."

Ruidoso's great wall has been a pleasant surprise, Carter said.

"In all reality, they were an unproven line. They didn't have much varsity experience," Carter said. "They have just been a great, great surprise and done a super job."

Hull started the last two games of 1996 for Ruidoso, but Richardson, Beavers, Jones and Bassett are newcomers to the start-

ing lineup. Jones and Bassett are ex-running backs who found playing time on the line.

Heading into Saturday's pre-playoff game against Las Vegas Robertson, the Warriors know they'll be up against quicker lineman.

"They are pretty small and quick and they get off the ball well," Jones said of the Cardinals.

Whoever wins the battle at the line of scrimmage should win the war on the scoreboard.

The Warrior offensive line is acutely aware of this.

"Coach Carter always says, 'It starts with the line,'" Jones noted.

Cardinals: RHS unabashedly relies on running back

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Senior running back Edmund Ekeoha has carried Robertson to its impressive mark and No. 7 state ranking. The Nigerian-born Ekeoha is a leader in Class AAA rushing with 1,678 yards and a 6.1 yards per carry average.

He literally does it all for the Cardinals. Ekeoha is the team's leading scorer with 18 touchdowns and five 2-point conversions. He also handles the kicking duties with 17 extra-point conversions and a field goal. And at middle linebacker, Ekeoha lead the Cards with 122 tackles.

The gaudy statistics have attracted the eyes of college scouts, Abreu said.

"We can't hide him, so there's nothing to lie about," Abreu said with a chuckle. "What's that coaches' cliché? 'We're going to

dance with the one who brought us.'"

The Robertson coach said he's concerned with the Warriors' running game, namely senior halfback Arthur Rojas, and he's not deceived by the Warriors' 5-5 record.

"Those five losses, I'd been proud to play those teams," Abreu said.

"Our key is to stop that running back (Rojas) of theirs and contain their quarterback (Corey Saenz)," said Abreu, calling Saenz's play "gutsy."

But the Cardinals' mentor knows his team can't focus too much on that Ruidoso pair.

"Knowing how well prepared Coach Carter will have his team and how well he coaches them, we can't overlook everyone else," he said.

Shouldering the responsibility of plugging up the Ruidoso run-

ning game will be linebackers Ekeoha and Toby Konno. Konno stands at just 5-6 and weighs 165 pounds. He's the team's second-leading tackler with 121 to his credit.

"He's a real small guy but with lots of guts," Abreu said of Konno.

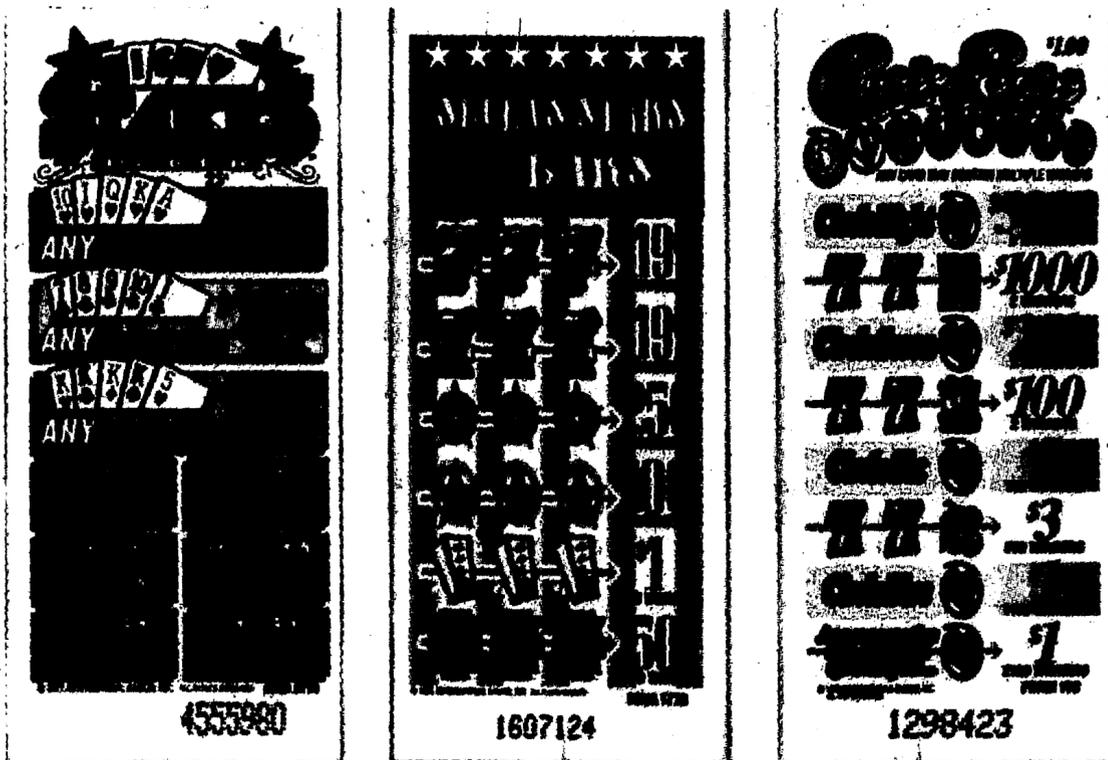
Robertson shouldn't be affected by the long bus ride to Ruidoso, he added. The Cardinals left this morning (Friday) and were scheduled for a 1 p.m. workout at Horton Stadium in Ruidoso.

"We're going to leave Friday to try to get it (the trip) behind us," said Abreu Thursday. He added that the Cardinals and their fans are looking forward to the stay in Ruidoso. "We're looking forward to spending time in your beautiful community. The fans and players really enjoyed it (last year's trip)," he said. "The hospitality is unbelievable."

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