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## Supreme Court: mid-term raises for officials illegal

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WTRTER
About 165 elected county officials nay be looking at a big pay-back to their respective counties in the wake of a state Supreme Court decision declaring mid-term raises illegal

The impact of a 3-2 decision of the high court handed down Wednesday
will hit close to home. Lincoln County will hit close to home. Lincoln County themselves and other elected officials a 10 -percent increase after learning that the county's population and valu-

## Two counts

 face former policemanLuis Torres bound over for district court trial by Dianne Stallings
ruidoso news staff writer

Former Ruidoso police officer and Belen police chief Luis Torres will face
trial in district court on embezzement and aggravated burglary charges. Magistrate Judge Buddy Hall of
Fort Sumner presided over prelimiFort Sumner presided over preliminary hearings on the two charges lice officer, with more than 20 years experience, is accused of stealing $\$ 280$ from a purse turned in to him in July as part of a sting operation. According lice dispatcher that he had been given the purse, and nearly two weeks later had not turned it into the department. Torres' attorney, J. Robert Beauvais, said he will ask for a
change of location for the trial to remove the action from Lincoln County where Torres worked and where his case has receiv ed publicity.

During the hearing, Beauvais ag gressively called into question the methods used by officials with the Ruidoso Police Department, referring to "entrapment" and saying the way
the "reverse sting" was handled didn't "smell right." He asked Lieutenant Wolfgang Police or the state Attorney General to conduct the investigation to ensure objectivity. He was critical of Born's choice of Janice Hunt, a family friend son who found the purse, instead of son who found the purse, instead of dercover officer. He zeroed in on the handling of the cash and whether Born kept it under his direct observa tion throughout Torres' encounter

Bern teman.
Born testified he was hidden bechange between Hunt and Torres nea
ation category had been upgraded, allowing higher salaries.

At the time of the vote, County Attorney Alan Morel cautioned that a district court decision paving the way for the raises was being appealed by the Attorney General to the state Supreme Court. Commissioner Wilton Montes voted against the motion.
"I cautioned them at the time that it wasn't proper and I felt it was Thursday after hearing about the de cision. "We were addressing raises for
county employees at the time. It's a shame weve had a couple of opportuand have failed to do so.
"It's no different in Lincoln County to raise your own wages as elected of ficials than it is at midnight in
Washington D.C. as members of Congress."

Morel said he situation at the request of Commission Chairman L. Ray Nunley. Coincidentally, his law partner, Dan Bryant, was the attorney who filed the


Attorney J. Robert Beaunais, left, consults with his client Luis Torres, a former Ruidoso police officer and former chief of the Belen Police Department
the village's public restrooms Sudderth Drive. He said the officer appeared to go through the purse while sitting in his patrol car

After the morning session and before Torres faced a second preliminary hearing - this one for aggravated burglary - the defendant's father, Luis Torres Sr., said the family thinks
Torres is being "ramrodded" and he is disgusted at other officers turning against his son. "This is the kind of thing you hear
about happening in the South," he about happening in the South," he
said. "I never believed it would happen here,"

Possibly the most damaging testimony came from Born and

District Attorney's Office under questioning by Assistant District Attorney Diana Martwick. Both men said arrested that he spent the money That csnfession occurred before Torres was arrested, but after he had retrieved the purse from beneath a
spare tire in his police unit and Born pare tire in his police unit and Born confirmed that the money, which had photographed to record serial numbers, was no longer in the purse, Born and Vega testified.
Born said he became concerned about Torres' integrity after speaking in June 9 to the owner of a midtown store. The store owner told him she

## Meetings on amendment, candidates set for Monday

People will have a chance to
show their support or to ask quesshow their support or to ask ques Amendment I Monday at a hearing on the issue scheduled by Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton
Howell. owell
The commissioner, who championed the property tax-limiting law locally, has called for tax cuts or
methods to hold the line on property taxes for several years.

The session will begin at 6 p.m Events Center ents Center
'It's a good opportunity to ask property taxes in Lincoln County property taxes in Lincoln County News) candidates forum that start. at 7 p.m. in the same building, Howell said.

The candidates forum will be
from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following candidates have said they would try to take part in the forum:
No County Commission District No. 2-L. Ray Nunley, Republican and Charles Rennick, Democrat No. $4-$ Bill Schwettmann Republican, and Robert O. Goddard, Democrat

- State representative candidates Dub Williams, Republican, and Jeni Flores, Alexander Democrat

State District Court judge candidates Karen Parsons, Republican and Patricia Ortiz, Democrat

- Magistrate candidates William Butts, Republican, and Susie Fuqua, Democrat
- County treasurer candidates Joan Park, Republican, and Karen Morris, Democrat
establish the legitimacy of across-the whether raises for county officials, dle of their terms.

The debate over such raises stems from a conflict between the state con stitution, which prohibits incumben commissioners from voting them permits setting new salary levels to promote equity in pay for all commis sioners and other elected officials in a county.

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Even small
businesses need a retirement plan
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One outlaw who enjoyed robbing banks and trains for the fun of it PAGE 10 C

- WEATRER

> It's going to
be a cloudy
weekend

## Village council questions political signs

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSOI NFWS STAFF WRITER
Fifty-one political signs are packed into a 200-yard stretch o School House Park bordering udderth Drive, a vilage official said
"There needs to be some kind of control or discretion about their being lhowed at a park, said Thomas ffficer who monitors the signs for code compliance.
Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson agrees.
'You know, I have been up here 20 years and I don't believe I have ever ever seen this many signs," he said. " think it's great that many people ar hink it's a very positive, health hing. But we certainly don't need it to reate just visual pollution, either.
He intends to start a discussion at Tuesday night's council session about whether the village should restrict po

## places. where signs block motorists' view. ' This is not a proposed ordinance or anything," Donaldson said. "I just want to talk about it while it is fresh in everybody's minds. There are some that are creating some traffic hazards. We may want to talk about putting some kind of reasonable restrictions on the line-of-sight triangle, which is a 30- (foot) by 30 triangle. <br> Because the signs are political and not commercial, they are not regulated by the villages sign ordinance, none of the political signs posted along Ruidoso roads are in violation of village codes. <br> Actually no - they all have their in do have a couple of complaints about them." <br> All of the complaints are in regard Irma Nava Depus posted, he said. Irma Nava, Deputy Village Clerk, said applicants should be aware of vil-

of the code is incorporse the language plications for political signs.

Reading from Ruidoso village odes, Section 54-194.(6), Nava said "Special political signs shall be al feet in area for each premises and feet in area for each premises and
each residential zone, and up to 32 square feet for each sign in a non-res idential zone.

Political signs, she continued, may not be put up more than 60 days be fore an election, and must be take down within 10 after the election. A $\$ 100$ deposit is paid at the time of the application. Chavez said if the
signs are not removed within the 10 signs are not removed within the 10
day period, then village employees re move them and the village keeps the deposit.
Donaldson is proposing the village include a release form with sign per mits in which the applicant autho rizes the village to remove signs that too large or in disrepair



## Early voting continues

> derway at the Ruidoso Convention and Civic Events Center off Me chem Drive.

> Lincoln County residents registered to vote in the Nov. 3 general election can cast their ballots early in per

> A polling place will be open from 9 am. to 2 pom. Monday through weeks.

The last day to vote before the regular electOct. 31 .

On that day, the polling place in Ruidoso to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

Commission tightens per diem rules
(the audit) is a good alarm." County Attorney Alan Morel 1971 and received minor modif cations in 1991. But within that same time period, the state has revised its policy four times. The ordinance needs to be changed to bring it into compliance with state laws or rules of the state
Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), he said. A legal definition also is needed for the term "official business," Howell said. Attending social events, even when representing the commie-
sion shouldn't fall under the sion, shouldn't fan under the said.
Morel said he recommended
defining official business as business pre-approved by the board. That would include any ravel to attend out-of-county
"I don't think I approve of that," Commissioner Rex Wildson said. "You should be able to
travel when necessary."

One of the major differences from current policy will be to change the "post of duty" of homessioners for courthouse homes to the county courthouse in Carrizozo. Commissioners But in 1995, the DFA decided elected officials should not collect mileage driving from their homes to the courthouse or other meetings. The mileage should be figured from the courthouse, the agency ruled.
'The attorney General referred me to the DFA, but my argument is that the DFA exty in designating the county seat," Morel said.

When Chairman L. Ray Nunley proposed a motion to revise the county policy in line with state law and DFA regulatrons, he failed to get a second.
Commissioner Schwettmann asked for a actorney general's opinion.
"This isn't going away," he

RULING: Commission chairman Nunley: 'there are a lot of us out there'

## Continued from page 1A <br> But state Supreme Court Justices Dan A. McKinnon III, Gene E. Franchini and Pamela B. Minzner decided the state law violated the state constitues. Justices Patricio M. Senna and Joseph F. Back submitted a separate dissenting opinion. In the seven-page majority the justices noted mid-term increases violate Article IV, Section 27 of the state constitu- tion, which provides that "compion, which provides that "compensation for public officers shall not be increased or diminshed during (his or her) term in office, except as otherwise provided in this constitution." <br> While new salaries can be approved, those for elected offcoals in mid-term do not/have to go into effect at the same time as officials starting their new While the constitution grants the legislature the power to set county officers' salaries - a role now assigned to county com- missions - "there is no expres-

ed the same as other counties, because it was tied to a change in classification, she said.
The commission first ap-
proved a pay increase for its proved a pay increase for its
county officials in 1994, before county officials in 1994, before the reclassification. But that vote was rescinded in January 1995, when the state Attorney General offered an opinion that The issue came up again in mid-1997. The raise meant $\$ 1,000$ more a year for commasstoners, boosting their salaries to $\$ 11,500$. Four other elected officials such as the county clerk and treasurer, who were earning from $\$ 30,130$ to more.
County
Clerk Martha Proctor said Thursday that the 10 percent increase wasn't the maximum that could be approved. $\cdot$ Commissioners 'cotald have raised salaries by as much as $\$ 5,000$
I really think we're probeby the lowest paid county dials," said Proctor, who has championed the raises. "We're still way under the amount we are eligible for."

HEARING: The case will be sent to district court and set for trial

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night. When confronted, he told the officer he found the door opened, went inside to check around and was se

When Beauvais pointed out hat would be considered a fairby normal procedure for an officen, Born said usually an officer would call for backup before entering a darkened business. No charge was filed in that inci dent.

The defense attorney also noted the possible lack of written procedures for officers on how to handle items such as
stolen purses, and on how to stolen purses, and on how to
proceed with criminal investproceed with criminal investiThrough questioning, he point ed out that the amount of money placed in the purse was just slightly over the amount needed to constitute a felony crime.

Beauvais pressed Born for any other incidents that might

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criticized the prosecution for
have made the department question Torres' integrity. Born said Torres previously admitted using cocaine while he was Beauvais pointed oft that but dent was reviewed by a personneil board and dismissed Torres continued to work for the department.

Martwick and Assistant District Attorney David Ceballes only called three of the six witnesses originally listed for the hearing. Beauvais
not producing Hunt for questoning, but Ceballes told the judge he understood the arrangement was by mutual Scot Key and the defend

Martwick contended the state met its burden by showing that there was probable cause a felony offense occurred and that probable cause exists that Torres committed it - the standard that must be met to send the case to district court.


## Nunley issues warning: keep jail site

## m: BY Dianne Stallings GRUDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTTER

${ }^{1}$ Any attempt to reconsider Carrizozo as the site for a new ar Lincoln County jail may result tounty's old jail by the state, County Commission Chair-- $i$ man L. Ray Nunley warned Tother commissioners at their gilast meeting.
${ }^{-7}$ While discussing alternatives to immediately building *a new jail in the county seat, ${ }_{-1}$ last Friday suggested that the -ifommission had "put the cart q. before the horse" by pinpointing where the jail was to be w built without first deciding its size, type of operation and how it would be financed.
David Stevens objected. Using Oters the interim is all right, but you made your decision to go a with Carrizozo and when the time is right, that's where it should go,". he said, adding that many decisions will depend on knowing where the

Nunley agreed. "If the decision is overturned, I will call the state fire marshal and I assure you, our jail will be warned commisgioners before the yote on Montes' motion. "I want everyone to understand that."
Montes motion failed 3-2, with it. The county jail has been cited for adafety-and fire hazards. The State Fire Marshal condition that 18 of the existing beds not be used and the inmate population is kept down to 30 , that a list of corrections and improvements are carried
jail be built.
need lot of discurgionent we search on, the size and financing and other aspects," Commissioner Rex Wilson said. The whole process is cumbersome, but to go back would not be progress. The site is an inus." issue and that's behind

Commissioners instructed

County Manager Tom Stew- landfill, Ruidoso has one of the art, County Attorney Alan Morel and Charlie Turnbo of Correctional Systems Inc, jail, to work together to draft request for proposals for con struction and/or management of the new jail, using models from other counties.
Howell pushed for hearings within the next, few weeks to determine the size of, the jail, method of operation financing approach.
Mayor Robert Donaldson tion about gending inmiates to jails in other counties instead of trying to build a new one right away, said any type of whether pay for the jailwhether gross receipts or Rroperty - impacts the Alto, area the most. He said 80 percent of the county's gross receipts taxes comes from that area and 76 percent of the roperty taxes.

Although the county has one of the lowest gross receipt one cent, used to pay off the
highest. In other jail-related business Friday, the commission: quests for proposals for a new quests for proposals for a new for prisoners. Turnbo said technology has changed and possibly, the amount of money collected by the county could increase.

- Agreed to Turnbo's plan to move jailers to 10 -hour, four-day-a-week shifts to reutilize the staff. ${ }^{\text {.. }}$ Heard that Randall Roberts, who teaches at Camp Sierra Blanca (juvenile rehabilitation center) will give classes on earning a GED (high school diploma equiva-
lent) at the jail in a secured lent) at the jail in a secured ing the visitors' center. The classes will not interfere with visiting hours and the cost of modification will be paid out of the inmates fund. The cost of the teacher will be covered by ty with federal money Turnbi ty with
said.


## Chosen arbitrator an expert on Indian law

1. The law professor is recognized an law in Arizona.
tit by Ton K. Laxson RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTIER

Paul Bender graduated from Harvard Law School, arE. gued before the U.S. Supreme ${ }^{\circ}$ State University.

Soon, he will arbitrate an ong Indiapute over New Mex in Mescalero.

Bender, a law professor at Arizona State University, was selected recently as the third c. arkityator in a dispute between and the state. Tribal Presiden Wendell Chino says the 16 -per cent revenue share from casino slot machines is too high and $\%$ violates federal guidelines. The state says the tribe should pay the revenue share, a part of the gambling compacts approve

A year age, M
A year ago, Mescalero be-
ne the first tribe in New came the first tribe in New Mexico to refuse paying the
state 16 -percent of its slot machine revenues. The tribe also

## has refused to send the state

 additional regulatory fees tate officials sayScott Spencer, acting gambling director for the state, said Thursday he has not been notified by the American Arbitra tion Association of a date for
the arbitration process. The issue is to go before three arbitrators - one selected by the state, another by the tribe and a third, Bender, by the other two arbitrators. Fred Ragsdale, a Corrales attorney, is the arbitrator chesen by the state and torney, was chosen by the tribe

Chino has intimated that the tribe will go to court if the the thibe will go to court if the able. Additionally, the arbitrators cannot change the percentage of the revenue share be cause it is state law.

Bender, reached at his home this week, said he had been asked only a few days ago to be the third arbitrator. A for school in Tempe, Ariz.. Bender now teaches indian law as well as state and national constitutional law.

Bender doesn't recall ever


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Not just more of the same!
meeting Ragsdale, but knows Feldman, a Phoenix-based attorney, because he has run into him at functions regarding In-
"So I think I've met him, but we are not close at all," he said. Bender will be paid $\$ 350$ an hour by the state and tribe. He set the rate, Bender said, and not the American Arbitradling the process.

He has been an arbitrator nce before, in a dispute between Arizona and the agency providing Medicaid for the state; Bender said. He also was recenty chosen as an arbitrator for a dispute between Arizona and the Gila Indian tribe regarding
their gambling compact.

According to biographical
information provided by Bender's office, he graduated from Harvard College cum laude in 954, and from Harvard Lav 1957, when he ranked third in his class. He came to ASU in 1984 as dean of the law school. From 1993-96, he served the U.S. Justice Department as principal deputy solicitor genRe
Regarding his work in Indian affairs, Bender has been a judge of the Appellate Court of of the Arizona Supreme Court's Commission on Minorities in he Judiciary and the Facilitator of the National Dialogue on Muséy
dren besides her own
Survivors include her children Jack Ridgeway and Richard Ridgeway Jr., of Sweeney and Carl Kelley Sr. of Ruidoso, Betty Thomas of Kansas City, Mo., and Susie Vigil of Las Cruces, N.M.; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-
grandchildren:
Mrs. Kelley was preceded in death by her father, Jesse ford Allison; brother Cliford Allison, a son, Grover ginia Rose Lewallen and a grandson, Grover Richard Lewallen.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Gardens Crematory of Carlsbad, N.M.

Carlton H. Hoahwah St. Carlton H. Hoahwah Sr., 70, of Indiahoma, Okla., died on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Funeral services are pending.

Born on Sept. 16, 1928, to Grace and Abraham Hoahwah, he married Edris Ann Peso of Mescalero, N.M. in June of 1953. They lived in Lawton, Okla. for more than 12 years, then moved to Mescalero in 1967. U.S. Mr. Hoahwah served in the U.S. Army from 1949 to 1951. sey and toured Europ

He worked in Mescalero as a firefighter and was also employed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Survivors include sons Carlton H. Hoahwah, Jr. and his wife, Lisa, of Washington, Tyron C. Hoahwah and his wife, Miriam, of Mescalero, Craig and Todd Hoahwah of Yackeyonney and her husband, Kackeyonney and her husband, Okla.; and 10 grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his parents; his second wife, Laverna Chápabitty Hoahwah on March 2, 1992, and his oldHoahwah, in 1979.
 to provide an impartial count of

## law for Lincoln County

## Canocuns \& Sbeltys. <br> - I respect and vow to protect the rights of all citizens equally regardless of race, creed, color, religion or social standing <br> -I believe punishment should fit the crime and that there should be an appropriate consequence for lawlessness. <br> - I am concerned about the increase of crime and promise to seek any and all possible solutions <br> - I remain totally supportive and appreciative of all law enforcement <br> - I will not tolerate anything less than due process of the law

ONy camminnert to the cincerver of Sermale Cownaty
"I pledge to dedicate all my energies and talents in a concerned, responsive and responsible manner in order to provide strong leadership and help make our community a safer and better place to live and raise our families!"
"Judges aren't born judges. They learn to be judges.., these things take training, and I don't think anyone goes on the bench with all the knowledge to be a judge."

United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

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## OUR OPINION

## Build on that dream

Some years ago a heart-wrenching baseball movie called "Field of Dreams" postulated a vibrant idea: Build them a field and they will come.

Well, somebody a few years ago had a dream in Lincoln County, and the county acquired a former horse sale barn that now is called the Glencoe Rural Events Center. It's the scene of any number of wedding receptions, calf ropings and the hugely successful Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. A while back, it even sported a large alpaca

Thers convention, complete with hundreds of alpacas.
The majority of county commissioners see it as a headache, saddling them with fiscal woes and continuous
complaints from frightened Capitan people who see a complaints from frightened Cap
threat to the county fairgrounds.

Never mind that every big event there trickles money down to lodgings, restaurants, gift shops, auto service stations and every other beneficiary of Lincoln County's tourism-based economy

Our county commission majority would as soon give it away as keep it. That majority perhaps has forgotten that in every challenge there is an opportunity.

County Attorney Alan Morel pointed to an opening when he suggested that the center might be operated under such a board as rums the county fairgrounds.

Since the center was created to attract visitors and enhance economic development, and since its major impact is through widespread spending by visitors, why wouldn't it be feasible to underwrite operations with some of the county's lodgers' tax revenue?

It's been determined that the whole county's economy is the beneficiary; a little creative planning might even make it possible for all the incorporated villages to contribute some lodgers' tax money to promote the facility.

Don't toss away assets; make them profitable.

## Take care, it's MST again

With the return of Mountain Standard Time this Sunday morning, it's a safe prediction that certain things will happen:

- People will be out of sorts; they will think they've -slept because it's so light outside at 6 a.m.
Come Monday, others will be out of sorts because itll be so dark when they go home from work.

All this contributes to foul temper, which in its most dangerous manifestation leads to road rage and accidents. So think of the extra hour of sleep you'll have Sunday, if you remember to set your clock back an hour at bedtime Saturday.

Drive carefully, and smile.

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## YOUR OPINION

## Dangerous practice

 on U. S. Highway 70To the editor:
1 am writing in regard to the fact that we stayed in Ruidoso Downs in an RV park this summer and really enjoyed our could be improved consider ably; I doubt that anyone is ware of this need.
...(Ruidoso Downs) is really in need of more patrolmeni.on B, Apple Tree and Rocky Mountain mobile home parks, because those big trucks have really picked up their speed by the time they get out there.. My husband (and I) gave one of them) a turn signal slowed down and wete over the line...and this truck passes pis on the wrong side, and we weit partly off onto the gyavel.. The good Lord was just watchipg
over us, because (the truck diriover us, because (the truck drithan 75 or 80 miles an, hour, besides passing us on the side we were turning. In fact, he was going so 'fast that we the truck tag number or any ID o report him.
I still shudder to think he hit us; it's not right for u that try to be safe, and not only have to watch what we are doing but try to figure out what some careless driver like tha going to do.
not to care what happens tom other people because they know who is going to get illed-not them, for sure. We wouldn't have stood a chance and he knew it.
Think it might slow them own if they know that part (o watched and tickets were being passed out freely?
Please print this, becauge Gwen Phillips
Rankin, Texas
New teen building
not a real soluition

## Ib the editor:

Looking at the proposed teen center building and location seems to appear as a temporary patch and
nsw or solution.
held earlier this the. forum held earlier this spring with he community leaders and but a building only.
One thing that comes to
mind is some consideration for mind is some consideration for possibly purchasing and usin an existing vacant buildin ing, which has enough room ing, which has enough room to plenty of off-street parking This building could house an indoor swimming pool, bas ketball courts, game room... In
addition, if Wal-Mart officials were contacted in regard to the possible purchase and use of this building, they very likely would help in a price reduction or assistance in converting this The
The mayor and ourn cond-
munity leaders need to look at problem before going out and building a building that has little solution to the needs of teens interacting with the adults of the community. One main problem in looking at the proposed very high traffic area.
Keith $L$. Hatfield Keith L. Hatfiela
Ruidoso

## Unselfisibness proven

in Sudderth accident
To the editor
It is always disturbing to read -of an auto accident on Sudderth Drive (Ruidoso
News Oct. 14), and I am not News Oct. 14), and
sure of the solution.
I am writing about the young lady who went to the
aid of the woman who was struck. She urged her not to move, and stayed with her until aid arrived.
for her quick be commended for her quick thinking and Miller, 13. She is is Jordan Ruidoso Middle School. She is my granddaughter, and I am very proud of he

Mary C. Wooldridge

## So much agenda;

even more time
To the editor:
the Oiscussion of the agenda of the Oct. 16 meeting of the Lined nearly 10 hours more than 70 items.

There is no way that an agenda of this length and time frame can be productive; fatigue sets in
The commission has problems and the agend
the tip of the iceoerg.
hibits a comprehensive prointo all of the problems so -a limited recap will have to suffice:

1. Years of neglect has Carrizozo jail.
jail 2. \$10,000 was spent on a jainored and criticized by a commissioner.
2. Without the benefit of an analysis of the study, Carrizoze was selected as the site of the new jail.
heldf prior to the receint of the heldy prior to the receipt of the boycotted by Ruidoso. Each party blames the other for this oversight.
3. Chay
4. Chay Rennick, a candidate for Ruidoso on the comanalysis for a location other than Carrizozo. His remarks were criticized by the commission.
5. Now that the Carrizozo site has been chosen, Mayor
(Robert) Donaldson wants to (Rosert) Donaldson wants to fail in an area other, than the ane chosen.
commiagio of control of the in amission meeting resulted
another member of the commission. An effort to obtain an apology failed in a subsequent

> Ling.

Lincoln County needs a execution, and controls, all to be accomplished with a limited number of meetings, long discussions, and a desire to study probl

It takes leadership!
Perhaps the new county will be the answer to a situation in dire need of repair.

We wish him the best.
A. J. "Al" Junge

A Liacoln kind of logic
To the editor:
I do not know whether... lacement of the editorial regarding the predicament of the top left of the Opinion Page and Keith Green's column on Fuzzy Logic' on the top right of that page was prescient or just good luck; however, the here in Lincoln this combined Coincidental with the pubication...describing the result of the dithering of trustees of the Lincoln Heritage Trust with its endowment fund...we received a phone call from one of the representatives of the people of "intelligence" in fown people of inteligence in town a meeting...to go over the problems at hand. We declined..for reasons
obvious.

The results of the meeting were dismal, though not to be unexpected considering the sity... Apparently one member of the commumity who did attend and who attempted to show how persons...had tried to help the trust by volunteer action in he past was summarily shut up or cut off..

Incredibly, the trustees, who have apparently squan$\$ 2.5$ million - asked for more funds from the communityl In view of their history...how would the new amounts be handled?

Then a request was made for some sort of volunteer help. This after having shut up that (person) who had sounght to how how volunteer offers had een made in the past. "Fuzzy gic' doubled!
this time of peril for the rust, what is needed at a minimum is:
board...unrelated to the curoard board. .
2. An independent finamcial audit...(to) establish a firm inancial basis.

## 3. A cleariy

4. The adoption o that clearly delineate the obligations of the board..

Hugh R. Fooc

## Surveying paradise

Sometimes it helps to step back, find a convenient high happening in (or to, depending on your taste) our mini-par-
adise.
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What isn't so apparent ls is all that other construc ion in various stages of completion - a just-started new main post office building near the entrance to the Ruidoso Convention Center, a new Nuevo opening later this month opening later that reminiscent of another restaurant called the Old Road near Mescalero. Farther aliong, near the Alto Lakes entrance, another post office is under construction-much than the old one. an the old one.
that Ruidognore the hot pecome since Wal-Mart' super center" opened. Now, for neighbors, there's a new locally let, a help-yourself laundry and another now post office (no kidding). That familiar midtown store called Scarlet's Nest also has relocated...
And since Walgreen's ppened a "brand new building jeins U. S. 70 there Sudderth mant strip mall has filled up must now with a Sherwin
Williams store filling the gap between Checker Auto and

## YOUR OPINION

'Indigents' and LCMC
Tb the editor:
Isnt it interesting how, through the years, some thing never really change?...For Eleven
Eleven years ago the Linmanaged by Presbyterian under the following conditions: Presbyterian paid $\$ 1$ per year lease fee to Lincoln County for all of the facilities and equipment (much the Hospital Auxiliary); Preshyterian was entitled to keep any profit from "their" operation of LCMC, but were expected to absorb any losses; we, the taxpayers...(owners of LCMC facililords's had approximately $\$ 2$ million in the bank and were paying approximately $\$ 750,000$ per year in taxes to assure we could maintain the facilities and
Ee prepared for future growth. Ee prepared for future growth. threatened to close LCMC unless the county began assist ing with operations...they said they were losing money becaus
offset their losses. The county a ppition of the annual revemues... Basically Presbyterian had free use of the money, but the main purpose was for indi-
Today Pm curious about that $\$ 2$ million - is it still in the we taxpayers pay anmually for operations...? I keep hearing how well LCMC is doing. Has our subsidy for operations Wheased? a person for "indigents".. fails to pay the difference between what is owed...and what the insuramce...pays, is that written off as indigent? When LCMC bills Medicare/ er price than the government will pray), is the difference...written off as indigent?...When a visitor to the Inn of the Mountain Gods has a heart attack from winning thousands and fails to pay his hoappital bur in ... indigent how is an "Andigent loss" deter mined?

Karon Petty

## THE SIIVER LINING

## Thanking our Lord for 89

This is being sent to you on Oct. 20 and


by Dan Storm | by Dan ${ }^{\text {COUMMNS }}$ |
| :--- | Oct. 23, four days before My Yestarday rain clouds moved in from the east and light rain has been falling all morning.

Last evening the first snow bird of the year appeaned at the door step.
Now, just before noon, Now, just before noon, light sprinkle; and all the pathway is full of snow dying in from the dripping cedars and pifions on the hill to the sorth.
Snow blicds chirping
Eighty nine years ago the snow birds were chirping their little songes of Indian Sumymer while inside our little house, there in Valden, Alaske, our mother was prayying that was waiting to see the light of day:
Once upon an Indian Summer Day While in my sacred bed I loy a-dreaming I dreamt that there beside the Valdez Bay,

Ioday I send up a prayer to God for new born infants and for those waiting to be born, and for mothers praying that their child will be born safely as our moth er prayed 89 years ago.

Our rather was down the Alaska coast from Valdez about 50 miles off, with his part
ner, a giant Swede named 'North Pole Olson"
They had started out on foot in the early orning to be present at my birth. To save time Olson suggested that they cross on the frozen bay inlets, instead of going around by nd.
In crossing the last inlet, Olson fell through the ice and father barely saved crash his way to shallow water.

Father wanted to build a fire to warm
Olson, but he shouted his favorite by-word Have no fear."
And they pushed on, arriving three (27. 1909

Theodore Roosevelt
Oct. 27 also is the birthday of Judy Beavers, Donna Potter, Gary Mitchell, Richard Payne, Robert Noiton Batton Sr., and Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the United States.

## years

Roosevelt was born Oct. 27, 1851, in New York City. Affectionately known as "Teddy," he was one of our most beloved Americans, and not only one of our greatest presidents but also a giant figure in world history.

A turning point in his life occurred when he went to a ranch in South Dakota heart.
He once said, "I will be happier in Heaven if the horses are there."

## Inspiring patriotism

The Encyclopedia Britannica says of Theodore Roosevelt:
His courage and abounding vitality his lack of presidential pomposity, his familiarity with all manner of men, even his loudness of action and utterance and his undis guised delight in driving the band wagon all endeared him to the plain folks.
"He shaped the soul of the nation to work on labor higher than the acquisition of country and inspired others to dream nobly" Teddy R us send up a prayer of thanks for try.

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- active member American Inns of Court
$\uparrow$ educator, volunteer basis Ruldoso Schools and ENMU
- 38 yéar Lincoln County Resident


## LET'S KEEP HER!

We ask for your VOTE on November 3rd. Thank you.


The County Commissioners requested the Lincoln County Health and Wellness Advisory Board to assist them in gathering information for the County Commissioners regarding a proposed Indigent Care Fund. Please cut this form out of the newspaper and return to below listed information.

You have until the 2nd of November, 1998, to complete and return this form.

We will be at the "Meet the Candidates" forum at the Convention Center October 26, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. to answer questions from the community.

We thank you for your prompt attention and assistance to this matter.

John T. McGrath, III Chairman, LCHW AB

## Questions for the Strategic Health Plan Indigent Health Care: <br> If the County Commissioners were to implement an indigent health care fund would you support that decision?

$\qquad$
If no, do you want the County Commission to continue
funding Lincoln County Medical Center with a mill levy?
Yes __No
If yes, would you support that decision, how would you want the County Commission to fund this?
Use of gross receipts tax from $1 / 8 \%$ to $3 / 8 \%$ __Yes __No
Use of a property mill levy? __Yes No
Use of a combination of a gross receipts tax \& mill levy? __Yes No

RETURN TO: Wal-Mart (Hwy 70) or to Furr's on Mechem Dr. Mail to: Indigent Care Fund, Box 141, E. Hwy 70, Ruidoso, NM 88345; or fax to 505-378-7 197

## Work towards road <br> by TONI K. Laxson <br> Blasting on the northern section of Mechem Drive will probably not take place for another month, but drilling for placement of explosives is to official said Wednesday. And we don't intend to hit anymore water lines, I hope," said Hank Schenk, a construc- <br> ion project to realign the portion of Mechem. <br> Drilling was stopped earlier this month when a crew at the top of Alto hill hit a main water line for Ruidoso. <br> A 100-foot gusher of water shot from the punctured line treated water were lost before the line could be closed. <br> Some Ruidoso residents were without water for as long as eight hours before service

## RUIDOSO AGENDA

The Ruidoso Village Council is to met following p.m. Tues Consent items:
(The council voter on all consent items at one time with out prior discussion)

- Approval of governing body minutes.
ayor's award of of the gency bid of $\$ 33,000$ to Waste Management Services, a Lovington company. Village Manager Alan Briley said the company this week will remove Treatment plant to avoid a pos sible violation of federal a guidesible violation of federal guide-
lines and the overflow of the plant's overflow ponds.


## Capitan school board near member selection

## by SANDY SugGert

 RUDOSO NETS STAEF WRTERCAPITAN-The Board of Education here will determine the process for choosing anothor board member at a special meeting Monday at 8 a.m. in the board room of the administration building, said the superintendent of scols. ool board president former Payne-Calaway at the Oct. 8 board meeting created a vacancy, and a special meeting was held Oct. 19 to discuss reorganization of the board and the selection procedure for a now meeting is a continuation of the process.

Superintendent Diana Billingsley said board position No. 4 is vacant. After PayneCanation, the remaining four members went into executive session and when they came out, said there was no under-the-table dealing (as alleged in her letter), and they named Tom Trost president and Billingsley said anyone interested in applying for the board position may submit a. letter of interest and résumé to her at the Administration Building by noon on Oct. 30. A decision will be made at the Anyone who has applied Anyone who has appled
earlier may either come to

Mayor Robert' Donaldson came out strongly last week against any more work on Mechem unless the contractor and state highway officials could guarantee that the water be safe.
"I certainly don't want to delay construction on the second phase (of Mechem), but if this continues to happen it is juist unacceptable," Donaldson said.
with about 33 percent of the fiscal year expired
five-year infrastructure capital improvement plan.

- Discussion and possible action regarding the agreement with Lincoln County on -Ding prisoners.
a propossed teen center update - Discussion of political campaign signs in the village. Closed session:

Discussion of the purchase, acquisition and or disposal of real property by the village of Ruidoso. Any action session will be brought back session wiil be brought back
into open session for voting.

Monday morning's meeting or call to find out what the process is going to be, Billings A semi-final drawing of the site master plan for the school facilities will be presented at the Nov. 5 meeting, as well as possibly a resolution to seek a nd issue, she said.
'It's really a combination of both of the other two plans submitted by the architect at "a little 8 meeting)," she said, more less expansive than the drawings."

The cher The cheaper plap wawestip mated to cost, aboufyde plan $\$ 4.376$ million; Billingsley said.

## PROPERIY TAEK FIEARINGS

 RAYIIS TOO FICHP There are alternatives . . . come and we'll discuss them. PROPERTY TAX CAP AMENDMENT \#1 ON NOV. 3 BALLOT
"If we have to go to court and get an injunction we will do
that." ${ }^{\text {B }}$. Both Donaldson and Vilage Manager Alan Brigey criticized ing to note that a main village water line is near areas where explosives are to be used.

Councilor Bob Sterchi pointed out the concerns citizens had about the water line break because the village recently underwent, water rationing during a drought this spring.
A. representative for the roexd contractor Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc., said a plan to complete the blasting without harming the water line has
Blasting was to have sta
ed about three weeks ago.

## DOWNS AGENDA

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday to consider for the folwing agenda items:
Requests for outfitting the village's four new Dodge DuranBos for the police department. $\$ 350$ to $\$ 700$ and for console boxes from $\$ 150$ to $\$ 325$. A single source bid for striping the units is $\$ 350$ per vehicle.
for computer upgrades for the por computer upgrades for the police department. The upgrades are to allow the to accommodate data changes in the year 2000.
A public hearing and possible vote to amend a new ordinance regulating business licenses for temporary and seasonal vendors. The proposed
changes would increase the license fee for temporary ven-
dors, who sell items for a total of 72 hours, end would reduce the fee for vendors, who operate for six months or fewer.

- An update on creating a citize
lage.
- Carol Benham, with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber o Commerce Greeters, has asked to discuss the upcoming Christ mas Jubilee with the council. - An amendment to the village budget to pay off a previabout pa7,510.
- A request from the Muse um of the Horse for $\$ 10,000$ in lodgers tax revenues to pur chase advertising.
A request from the Museum of the Horse for $\$ 5,000$ in lodgers tax revemue to cover - An executive session on pending litigation


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## County postpones action on road assessment

Commissioners ask for clarification on the law regarding 'front-foot' charges
by Dianne Stallings
RUDDOSO NEWS STAFF WRHER
Action on a proposal to assess property owners along oads receiving extraordinary oned for two months by the Lincoln County Commission to give the county attorney time to lanify the meaning of the law. A motion by Commissioner Wilton Howell Friday to place the item on the commission's December agenda passed 3-2 Gchwettmainn and Rex Wilson voting against it.

Howell said an assessment is needed on sulbdivision roads hat require work that costs more than the amount of propments generate for the county road department each year. Special projects, such as road suracing, also would fall under the extraordinary definition, he aid.

Cliff Johnson, who said he ives in Alto, told commissioners residedivision already have trouble getting the county to maintain their roads. But he said he had
no problem with a front-foot
assesment, "as long as the
money we spend goes to Alto
and not to Ruidoso."
"I know you won't vote on it today, because of the election," Johnson said, in reference to the Nov. 3 general election in which for re-election.

A third, Commissioner Monroy Montes, lost his bidin "I know you the primary. won't vote on with only 39 won't vote. it today because of e election" wouldn't be Clifif Johnson, greatly Alo resident Johnson sug gested that approach might be more equi table for owners of homes on corner lots.
County Attorney Alan Morel explained that the state Legislature authorized such assessments in 1967, but only for subdensities to justify the population nary work. Each subdivision must be looked at separately, he
applied across the board. "This is an issue we dis
cussed four years Schwettmann years ago," 10 cent par said. "We had a going por foot assesement tried to raise it to 20 cents and found out that the whole darn thing was illegal.
worl Alto wants extraordinery work and petitions for it to be done, then we ought to consider a 10 cent or more assessment but to say you're going to assess 292 miles of subdivision roads ould be a tragedy."
ney has to be used law, the money has to be used for just
where it came from," Howell said. "And you can't assess an amount that is more than half the cost of maintenance the previous year up to $\$ 1.50$ per front
foot. These are subdivision foot. These are subdivision roads, not ranch roads, which by the way are slighted because we subdivision roads:
"The roads in Alto need help," he said. "We can't take care of them with the current
revenue. I agree the language in revenue. I agree the language in
the law leaves a lot to be desired. Maybe we should peti-
tion the state Legislature to change the language."

Montes said extraordinary maintenance must be legally defined before moving ahead on an assessment: Tracking of the money was the problem in the past," he said. But the biggest problem was roads were assessed that never were accepted by the county, he said.

The first assessment was enacted by the commission in 1972 for one-cent per front foot. That jumped to 10 cents a few years lattar, Montes said.

By not charging the assessments for the past four year, the county lost $\$ 200,000$ per year hat could have gone into roads, Howell said.

Commissioner Rex Wilson maid he would vote for an assessment, come to the county subdivifor extraordinary maintenance. Morel pointed out that by definition, if work is requested by petition, it is considered extraordinary.

## County sets up dump sites, dates for Lincoln, Capitan

by Dianne Stallivgs RUHDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Residents of Lincoln and Cayitan will be able to dump large household items and other debris for free when special containers are stationed at their communities over the next two weeks. Jerry Wright, manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, said er will be at the fire station in Lincoln on Oct. 31, and near village hall in Capitan on Nov. 7.

Other dates and places will be set in the future, as he
puts together puts together a regular
schedule for each community schedule for each community.
Solid Waste Authority ard member Debra Ingle said most of the board's meeting Tuesday focused on trying to develop a "convenience site" in Carrizozo, which eventually will become the collection point for all
county and taken to the land-
fill south of Alamor fill south of Alamogordo. the main collection site now the main wollection site, now sible for collection in Ruisible for collection in Rui-
doso," Ingle said, adding that the authority wants to be able to get by without using Ruidoso's garbage transfer station on Gavilan Canyon Road.

The landfill is jointly owned by the authority, the village of Ruidoso and the Otero County Solid Waste Authority.

Another collection site also may be established in Since Ruidoso officials decided the village would collect its own garbage, the number of village representatives on the board has been rectuced from five to one.

Councilor Frank Cummins will serve as Ruidoso's authority board.

## PUBLIO NOTICE <br> See <br> Ruidoso Ford-Lincoln-Mercury's ad on page 83 in Friday's issue of the Ruidoso News

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## Conn cuission coses county road

Ignoring the recommenda- out in the county's comprehen tion of the road review committee, the Lincoln County Commission agreed Friday to close a 1.3 mile road going to the home of Joanne Washburn.
Conded the commission reomtake any action on the request, because of state and Bureau of Land Management property that lies behind Washburn's tract in the northcentral portion of the county south of State Highway 247.

But Washburn said if commer house they woud come to roads adjacent to her land that go to the state and federal property. All of the roads are basicat y unimproved, she said. the review board, said merves on were following the guideline laid

## RUIDOSO POLICE

Magdalena man charged with assault and battery

According to Ruidoso police reports, Gilsorr J. Betone, 21, of Magdalena, was arrested at 9:10 p.m. Oct. 9 on one count of member and one count of battery against a household member.

## Ruidoso Ice and Water

 store burglarizedAccording to Ruidoso police reports, about $\$ 2,930$ was taken from Ruidoso Ice and Water on petween 5:15 p.m. on Oct. 20 and 7:30 a.m. Oct. 21.
Wendell Graves, owner, reported the burglary of $\$ 1,700$ n cash and $\$ 1,230$ in checks. $A$ window was broken in the room where the water is bottled, and the door leading into the office box in a drawer in the desk containing $\$ 500$ in cash and coin and $\$ 1,230$ in checks was miss ing. Later Mr. Graves called the police again and said that 1,200 in cash from a locked filing cabinet was missing also and that the suspect must have an adjacent desk. Police noted one fingerprint at the scene.

Vacation cabin appliances stolen

Suspects broke into the vacation cabin on Dufo Street of Thomas Ross of Lubbock, Texas, appliances and other items between 10 a.m. Oct. 16 and 3:30 p.m. Oct. 21, according to a police report.

The point of entry was the ost wndow of the northwest corner bedroom. Police lifted a from the window glass and from below the outside wall of that window. A friend of the owner used the cabin and said everything was normal when he left
sive land use plan that state county policy is to optimize access to public lands.
"Certainly this committee is not reluctant to recommend "We'd like to do Fouratt said can get a letter from the state and federal agencies, we'd do it." Commissioner Rex Wilson said he saw a letter from the state public lands office saying it was all right to close the road and. Washburn said another rract. But Commissioner Monroy Montes asked if the access is friendly and County Attorney Alan Morel said he must determine if the alternate access is bility of the owner closing the road later.
at about 10 a.m. on Oct. 16

## Money taken from

beneath a mattress
Police report that unknown suspecta took $\$ 1,260$ in cash and Rufus Gilford and Maria Reyes on Sudderth Drive. The money had been under the mattress. A aliding glass door in the bedroom was open, the mattress was pulled half way off the bed and several drawers were open. A television, VCR, jewelry and
other valuable items were not taken. There were no visible fin gerprints or signs of forced entry present and no other evidence that could lead to a possible sus pect. The burglary took place between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m on Oct. 17

## Woman charged with

having stolen goods
Police officers were dispatched to check a suspicious vehicle at the end of Waco Drijy discovered that a house had been broken into, according to police reports.

An orange Subaru that met
fed the federal land is called the main testern Road and is a Unlocked gates would give people access, she said.
With Commissioner Wilton Howell abstaining because of his friendship with Washburn, he other commissioners voted unanimously to approve the losing.

In two other road issues, the commission tabled action on a petizion to vacate portions of an aleyway in Nogal Townsite and of Hockradle. Street from Seet Highay 37 -Street from State with Dry Gulch the intersection petition by 10 residents to maintain Reindeer Drive and part of Antler Drive in Deer Park Valley subdivision.
the description of the suspicious vehicle was stopped and searched with the written con31, of the driver, Sindy Staas, found three sitting wood carved bears, an orange cincular saw, an orange Black and Decker drill, a gray box of tools and a single-blade axe. Staas claimed the items were not stolen and was told to go home.

Officers thenn spot-checked a few houses in the area and found a house had been broken into, and a television, VCR and Primestar receiver had been placed on the floor in front of the door. A neighbor who said he was watching the house for the owner said several items eemed to be missing
returned to the area and pobice stopped the vehicle and noticed that the items that had been there before were not there now; except an orange drill.
Detective Babcoclis called the homeowner, Earl Nomopd fack son, in Dallas, Texasi whi scia he had misceilaneous tools, an
orange circular saw antion an orange circular saw and an orange drill On the basis of this, charges were filed against Staas for possession of stolen property.

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## Flshable waters Streams: Ruidoso, sonito, Hondo

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Best times - Fal fishing is best in the
Sacramento Mountains as days shorten, acramento Mountains as days shorten,
expect midd-day fishing to be excellent. Ruidoso River Aliksociation

## Playoff

 match a possibilityby Laura Cuymer UDOSO NEWZ SPORTS EDTTOR

The coin flip has lost out as a tiebreakser for volleyball teams. place with identical district records and both split.their reg-
ular season head-to-head matches, then a playoff match will determine the regular season champion, rather than a
coin flip. For the past two years, a coin flip broke ties in the standinge, Capitan coach Bryan Masse suggested an alternative. "Let's go to a neutral site and play it. Let the kids decide
who's going to be No. 1," Massé whors
said.
District coaches mgreed, and, if its necesgary, that new Tuesday.

This is how it would work: The Capitan/Dexter playoff game will be played at 4 p.m. in
Tularosa, followed by No. 4 Tularosa, fond Ned by No. 4 Tularosa at
Clouderoft and No. 6 p.m. The loser of the playof game then hosts the winner of the Tularosa/Clouderoft match for a $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Thursday contest. in the Region $G$ tournament and awaits the winner of Thursday's match for the district championship game, which will determine seeding in the regional
Massés. Tigers forced the possibility of a tiebreaker with a over Dexter Tuesday in Capitan. That victary avenged an earligr
loss to the Demons, also in four games, and kept the Tigers Results from

Results from last night's matches
press time.

## Men's rec basketball league 'fouls out'

gy Laura Ciymer
Citing missed deadlines and a lack of teams, the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation department has canceled the ball league that was due to begin play this week.
But a longtime league player says the department the league and make it viable. came really feel like they came up short in making an league," said Dennis Davis, who has played in the league
for 13 years. "I just felt like they didn't really, want to continue the league.
Susie Harrison, Parks and Raid the league folded because teams failed to meet the entry fee deadline and only four

by Laura Clymer
$\qquad$ The coaches don't mention it, but a little prodding of the Warrior football players reveals that there's more on the line in todays Ruidoso/Artesia footbal game than "It's all about getting respect," said senio fullback Adrian Herrera.
Adds senior quarterback Corey Saenz, We want to show the state, what we can do. Simply put, a Ruidoso victory over peren nial power Artesia would put the Warrior ack on the football map.
or the last three warriors hope to do, but for the last three years, when thase two had the last word.
han we have to be more of a sound team
han we usually are," said Saenz, referring to
In the 1997 state quarterfinals, the Bull dogs shut down the Saenz to Josh Varnadore connection - Ruidoso's most lethal duo this year as well last. "Last year they took everything away -


## Warriors seek respect

fade," Varnadore recalled This time around,
Herrera predicts a differHerrera predicts a differ
ent outcome. ent outcome.
"The people they
least expect will step it up," he said. Saenz thinks he and the Warriors have discov ered a glitch in the Artesia defense.
the play fake," he said
RHS coach Les

- GAMEDAY*

The Ruidoso football team
opens the District 4AAA campaign.

- Who: No. 2 - When: 7 p.m. - Where: Bulld Carter said his team ce Carter said his team can keep up with the state's leading passer in Mark Joseph ( 81 149 for 1,609 yards) and leading receiver in
Charles Maupin ( 20 for 544 yards)
For Ruidoso, Saenz is the state's sixthbest passer at 47-79 for 829 yards and sev-enth-best rusher with 69 carries for 509 yards. Varnadore is second to Maup
receiving with 27 catches for 537 yards. What else is there to say about the game? "It's all been said," Carter answered.


## A fall fashion guide: don't wear white or orange after Labor Day

## ittle interest in doing open <br> alls made by referees

 when it's competition and it's "I was very concerned department's decision.
## Davis questioned

department's promotion of the league. He acknowledged that notices ran in the Ruidoso News, on the local radio sta tion and on the community elevision channel.
But more could have been
done, Davis said
"If we let something like this end, then we might not get it back. There are few nities as it is for adults," he added.
Davis admitted running the adult league can be "F a pain." Finding referees and opening the gym is time-con-
suming. The league also had

But player Kenny Espinosa, who has played for more than 10 years in the league, said rules implement ed last year made a diference. Players issued technical fouls due before the player's next game. were cut down, the mouthing was cut down," Espinosa said. T'm thinking they're thinking it's lot of trouble and they don't want to put up with it." six teams interested in the
league.
day," he said. "It's disappoint day, he said. "t's disappoint ward to it. It seemed like the teams were going to be more

- DIST. 4A FOOTBALL


## Tigers search for first 'W'

over Jal's cats
by Laura Clymer
RUDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR
Don't be surprised if the Capitan football players start pacing like caged tigers.

After last week's 33-18 loss to Loving, the Tigers are backed against the proverbial wail, needplayoff hopes alive.
Capitan (4-4, 0-1) hosts Jal (26, 1-0) for a 7 p.m. District 4A con test at Tiger Stadium.

Chad Merchants' Panthers put the hurt on then No. 3 Hagerman, 34-14, in their district opener. Jal's
upset victory served as more eviupset victory served as more eviEd Davis assertion that, "Your state champion could come out of this district. This is the toughest Class A district in the state.'

Loving did the same to Capitan when it rallied from $12-0$ deficit midway through the second quar-
ter to score the district victory.
Capitan coach-Ed Davis is still stinging from the sethack.
'It's been a very down week for
me because I don't feel like that me because I don't feel like that
was a game we shouldn't have was a game we

The Tigers led 12-0 with 7:19 to go in the first half when the bottom foll out. Turnovers, miscues and mental letdowns not only allowed Loving to get back in the game, but also take a 19-12 le
oom at the half.
Capitan then opened the second half of play with a fumbled punt reception, giving Loving the Loving punched it in for another touchdown.
dling "We've had a hard time handling adversity", Davis said. "I blame myself for this. I'm just at a loss. I still believe in my heart that they can go as far as they want to. got to find a way to do this."
'Doing this' means beating Jal, something the Tigers ha
ever, according to Davis
"If we can beat Jal then when
're were
The Panthers' quarterback Eramy Lujan leads an offense that dares you to stop its ground attack. have a real good quarterback who is elusive. But they like to line up and run out of the formations that we have," Davis said.
"They have a lot of tradition and they carry it with them wherever they go," he added.

The Tigers counter with Class A's leading rusher in Raymond
Harris. Harris, who has been Harris. Harris, who has been slowed only somewhat with a
banged up knee, has gained 1,139 yards on 102 carries for an average run of 11.2 yards.

But it's not the Capitan offense that is in question. defense.
game ready to play tough defense," game ready to play tough defense," intense at this point in time, and we're running out of time.'


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lar in navy, preferably. Imagine my panic this past rainy, pulled up to the Ruipulled up to the only coat I had to put on was a brilliant orange University I sat in my truck, contemplating my next move while the rain drummed out a beat on the truck.

Himmm, I could go out to the field,
where I was to interview Coach Les

Carter and some of his Warriors, without a jacket. That would serve only to "IThat the football players' suspicions

Or, I could simply put on the Tennessee jacket and pretend that no one would notice that it is the signature color of the Artesia Bulldogs - tonight's on the football field. That would also on the footbal forield. That would also serve to confirm the football players"
other suspicions - "That reporter reall is stupid."

I opted for the latter choice, hoping against any reasonable hope that most of the players and coaches would mak mention of my color 'faux pas.'
The players, as they warmed The players, as they warmed up for practice, greeted me and dropped the usual guard which dictates that the
Gnore the local newspaper
Dear Jason Leadingham was the
first to point out the errors of my
dressing ways. Then Garvin Grant and then everyo

I was caught-orange-handed.
They convinced me that it was in my best interest to turn my pullover inside out before strolling over to th coach Carter.
I obliged and desperately tried to cover any remaining orange that was showing. I fixed my hair, cleaned off my rain speckled spectacles, took a deep breath and headed toward the The Warrior coaches politely pre tended not to notice until offensive thing like, 'I don't care if that says Ten nessee urderneath it, Laura, ... We're getting ready to have a tackling drill here in a minute... I'm guessing I would have been the
dummy in that tackling drill.

It was shortly after we all shared a
laugh that I decided it was time to sell my ugly orange Tennessee pullover. Any offers?

## Unrequited phone calls

The gracious and prompt Cooper Henderson, Artesia football coach, ha an unblemished record with me in my doso News.
Henderson, up until this week, always returned my phone calls and always answered my questions.
But this week, I haven't had any uck reaching the Artesia mentor.
Hmmm; does that mean HenderHmmm, does that mean Hendermeeting with Ruidoso as he has been in the past?
P.S.

Don't forget about today's 2 p.m. send off for the football team.

## Capitan now has a public library, officially

CAPITAN - The library here, established just two years ago, now is officially the
"Capitan Public Library."

It reached that "public library" status by meeting requirements established by in Santa Fe.

That includes local government support by the Village of Capitan and Lincoln County, a contract with local government for library services to the community, the ability to purchase new materials, be open a minimum of 16 hours weekly, assure that required policies and plans are on file at the with a degree, be a dilling to participate in inter-library loans, and make a basic set of
reference materials available the public.
Linda Fox, director, noted that to have accomplished that status in less than two years is remarkable in that it represents much work on the part of the library's board of trustees
and its steff.'

The State Library annually gathers statistics from public libraries across the state and reevaluates their status. The plus for the Capitan library, cially be called a public library in the county, and next year it can apply for specific, targeted grants from State Library grants

She said the library is
tions. All books were carefully selected and new volumes are being added, along with an allnew collection of audio books. Among the librarys services, time". for the Capitan Head Start program and a "food for thought" home-delivery service for people unable to get to the library.

Beginning Oct. 28, the library will be open from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

The director said the library board raises funds from through five annual events hook sale, a plant sale big book sale, yard sale and Christmas jamboree.

She said that while these
funds meet some needs, the staff and board always are seeking sponsors and donors for parts of the collection and for technology needs.

More than 600 patrons now are registered. Internet (World Wide Web) access is provided through Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso on a sign-up basis.

While extended use fees are charged for overdue materials, Fox said, the library does renew checked-out materials on request.

She also noted that everyone in the area may use the library at no cost, and voluneear help is needed in filling a number of jobs.

## Paging all volunteers



Mark Stambaugh (left), Volumteers of the Bonito Fire Department presi denc, thanks Dlanne Crawford, Atto Vilage property Owners' Assoclation president, and Cliff johnsoni, association safety chalimann, for a $\$ 3,678$ contr-
bution to buy 12 new eleztronic pagers. Stambaugh heads the auxdliary establuhed to ralse money for and asslst the fire department. The present pagers are 14 years old and obsoletè, according to Bonito Fire Chlef Chris Demme.

## Pink or yellow-it's over

A juvenile has admitted a spree of car and dumpster painting incidents last week, Lincoln County Undersheriff Ricky Virden said.
His parents will make restitution for the damage caused to two cars on Gavilan Canyon Road and a dumpster in Cedar Treek, all hit Sunday, he said

One woman was driving on Gavilan about 3:42 p.m. north of Warrior Drive when her car was splashed with yellow paint. Just two minutes later, a man reported a similar incident in the same area. A man called the sheriff"s office about 7:25 p.m. to report the dumpster being hit with pink paint.

## Free adult education and English classes under way in school district

The new adult basiç education program for Lincoln county has begun, with free general education development (GED) English as a second language and Ruidoso Downs. Interested and indents must be at least 16 years of age to be eligible.

Morning GED classes are Morning GED classes are
every Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. at the Lincoln County Works Center, located in the Ruidoso 707Mechem North building at

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Evening GED classes are at the ENMU college office nearby in Sierra Mall from 6p.m. on Mondays and WednesTuesdaye.

The ESL classes are at the Spanish Baptist Mission in Ruidoso Downs Mondays and Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. and a Center Mondays and Thood deys, 67-8 p.m for parents of students in the Ruidoso Schoo District.

For information, call 257 2120 ór 630-8181.


## Local offers retirement plans to small business owners

## bl'sinfss bribis <br> Slight increase in county

 unemploymentLincoln County's unemploynent increased slightly from July to August, moving from 4.2 percent to 4.4 percent, according to a recent report from the New Mexico Labor Market
The
The county's employment rate in August was stal healthiwhen the unemployment rate was 5 percent, the repart said.

Unemployment for the state dropped from July to August, moving from 6.8 to 6.4 percent. However, the state
average increased from the same period last year, when unemployment was 5.9 percent, according to the report.
In August, Mora County had the highest unemployment rate in New Mexico at 19.7 perwith 16 percent unemployment. Roosevelt County had the lowest rate at 3.2 percent, followed by the Santa Fe area at 3.4 perent.

## Women's convention

 Oct. 29-30 The 1998 New Mexico has extended its registration deadline and is offering free admission to all exhibitions at the conference Oct. 29-30 in Albuquerque, according to a press release.The move

The move is to expose genexhibitors to as many potential customers and opportunities for marketing feedback as possible. About 100 businesses will have products and services for sell at

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There is no up front cost to the retirement plans - Woffor company he works with are col lectively paid a 5.7-percent com mission when a client's money is converted into investiments.

The Kansas. investment cone Security Benefits Group Companies, which, he pointed out, was named by Fortune magazine as one of the top 100 best companies to work for.

Wofford's clients don't have to make a lot of money to start a renough to open an account Then monthly installments are automatically pulled out of a person's income every month Wofford points out that the installments are not mandatory and can be put on pause if a

Evans said he believes there
are many people in similar situment to herself in which retire ment planning just isn't done. the baby boomers don't" Evans said, saying that, as a generation, boomers have been busy enough planning for the present.
'Now, it's time to think about the future," she said. The goal is to provide a financial buffer:
Social security payments, for most people, will be just enough to keep them from over their heads and food, Wof ford said.
"That's what it was set up to
do, he said. do," he said.

But most people, like Evans, want to retire with a little something extra, as well as have future of social security to rely on. $\mathbf{W}$
When social security was created several decades ago, there were 20 working people contributing to the fund for every one person drawing from has dropped to three to four peo-

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n any one of eeveral can invest types of government-sanctioned tax-deferred, retirement accounts. For example, Evans has decided to go with a Roth

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Bill Wofford, who does retirement planning for small businesses and individuals. geets a haircurt from Leslie Evans, his first Ruldoso clent.
ple working for every person tive," Wofford said. And "the drawing social security. The rea- sooner they start it, the more son is attributed to the growing they are going to have ... and it's umber of elderly in the country. amazing how it will accumulate $\begin{array}{ll}\text { "So that's why it's important } & \text { tax deferred, for you over a peri- } \\ \text { to start looking for an alterna- od of years." }\end{array}$

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Ann Marie Harvey
DETAIL OF ANN MARIE HARVEY'S first-place photo from the Photographic Society of Lincoln County's Ride-By-Shooting contest. For more award winners see page 5C.

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Moving to San Patrikio, 250-513, 63 4081, or 6R-4065.
The gallery is moving from Jira Plaza into an old adobe in San Parricio. During the moving time, however, the gallery's web site will be active and period artists can be viewed by calling for an appointment, 2585113 or 653-4081.

## Bonito Bronze

1204 Nechem Dr., Huldoso, 258-13iB
Bronze sculptor Gaylon Gillem's works. Open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. -4 p.m.

## California Colors

201 Country Club Rdo, Ruldoso, 27-95ib
Barbara Deih-Westbrook is the artist in residence of thls 5,600 square-foot gallery of art. Call for more information.

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## Chamber of Commerce

 Gallery70 Sudderth Dr, Ruikioso, 27-31395
Artist for October: PA. Jones' works of pastels and oils are featured. Hours are: Monday, 9-5; Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30-5; and Friday, 8:30-4:30.

## Eagle Ranch Art Gallery

## 788 luw, 54/0, Alamogordo, 1-800-

 432-0999.Fearured in October: Ruldoso artist Jerry
Fugere's realistic landscapes and seascapes. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. -6 p.m. dally.

Gail's Frame of Mind

## 1204 Mechem, Ruidoso, 288-907.

The gallery features original art by Denise Dorn, Gaylon Gillem, Rand Harmon, Barbara Culler, Buddy Godinez, Marcia Bizeau, Bruce Chapman, Bernice Landrum, Bllie Long, Bruce Dietrich, Jeff St. John', Isz, Mike \& Georgia Laggn Falling Rock Pottery and Langley Lamps. Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gary D. Gärrett
300 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 27-697 The gallery features the acrylic paintings of antist Gary Garrett.

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Maggie Doyle is a nationally recognized, fourth-generation hand weaver with a working weavery in Capitan. She draws inspiration from the landscapes of her New

Mexican home for her handwoven cloth ing. Using natural fibers, dyes, and handspun yarns; the garments are finished with knitted trim and eclectic buttons. Call first.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery

## Off Itw, 70 in San Patridio, 653-433.

Solo show of Michael Hurd's latest works opened Aug: 16. The gallery also inclides works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Caro Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente Works can be viewed Monday through Saurrday, 9 am. -5 p.m. and by appolit mènt on Sunday.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery

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lights at Paradse Canyon, 25-10s6.
Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

Lincoln County Art Coop Four Seasons Mall at 2500 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 277-6906.
Twenty local artists featuring oil, pastel, acrylic, wood working, sculpture, metal art, Victorian lamps,ceramics and tlle. New artists welcome. Meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

Lincoln Heritage Trust
Uncom Heritage Trust, Untin 653-4035. Admission fee included in the $\$ 5$ daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House or the Lincoln County Heritage Trust at either end of town. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. every day. Scheduled to close for the winter Nov. I.

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Featuring the newly renovated store and temporary exhibits highlighting the Montaño family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. Hours: 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Admission fee included in the $\$ 5$ daily pass which can be purchased at the Court House or the Lincoln County Heritage Trust at either end of town.

## Mtn. Arts Gallery \& Framing

250 Sudderth Dro, Ruidoso, 257-9748
The gallery features originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd. Prints by Bill Jaxon, Michael Atkinson, Judy Larson, Dale Terbush, Robert Carver and Suanne Wamsley. Handmade artifacts, pottery, kachinas and rugs also available. Open seven days, 10 a.m. 6 p.m.

## Museum of the Horse

## Hwy 70, Ruldoso Dowas, 378-4Mz

Through Sunday: "The Cowboy Boot: Soul of the American West." Winter hours: Museum hours 10 am to 5 p.m. daly.

## Quemada Studio \& Gallery

245S Sudderth Dri, \#3, Ruidoso, 2575743. Located at LeClaire's Mountrain Village. Colorful paintings of people and places. Studio hours are 11 am. - 3 p.m. Monday through Sauirday and by appointment.

## Red Rose Art Studio

County RCl EOIG, Hondo, 653-4203.
The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Weekly classes are held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for hours.

Sacred Images, Angels \& Icons
416 First St, Ruidoso, 257-6627
New Orieans artist jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic themed school and church murads, cellings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

## Spring Canyon Gallery

## The Grecto Piace, 2177 Sudderth Dre

 Rusidoso, 277-156Creating images of the Southwest in mixed media, acciaimed artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon studio to the public. Her sculptures are on display at the gallery. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

## The Tree's House

## Nogal Canyon Road off thwy, 37 between

 mile markers 9 NO , Nogal, $354-4206$.The Laggs are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Hwy. 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

## Western Trails Gallery

## 320 East Smokey Bear Blod., Capitan

 $354-4203$.Original western oils, a collection of quality
Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crats. Featured artist is jei Wei Zhou whose oil paintings take a western/ southwestern theme.

White Mtn. Pottery Gallery
2378 Sudderth Dro, Ruidoso, 278-3644.
Featuring Tim Wierwille's landscaped series, Will and Johana DeMay, Chris Heede, Larry Davidson, Vicki Conley, Ivy Heyman, Alan Buter and Bill Campbell. Call for gallery hours.

## White Oaks Pottery Studio

$31 / 2$ miles NE of White 0aks, 618-2985.
From her hand-built adobe studio, potter lvy Heyman throws mostly functional pieces in the shadow of Patos Mountrin. The studio is open 10 am. -5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Call first to confirm.

# Carrizozo artist to display retablos in Albuquerque show 

Retablo artist Polly E. Chavez of Arturo Olivas. The opening of Carrizozo will be among the reception will be from $11: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. featured artists for the first annual to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 at the Rio Abajo 'Dia de Todos los Santos' show to run Oct. 31 through Nov. 15. The gallery is located in the heart of historic Alameda in Albuquerque's rural' north valley at 9818 North Guadalupe Trail.

The show offers an opportunity to exhibit works created by artists of the Rio Abajo region and to educate the public about the increased recognition of the traditional arts of New Mexico- retablos, bultos, colcha and tin.

Th Alameda gallery is part of a garden/residential/studio complex gallery. The New Mexico Marimba Band will be on hand. Traditional and contemporary works will refelect the feast of All Saints on All Souls Day.

In addition to Polly E. Chavez and Arturo Olivas, other artists will participate in the event including Midge Aragon, Katie ChavezBessom, Sam Cordova, Goldie Garcia, Deborah Lopez, Felipe Lopez, Juan Lopez, and Bernice Medina. Gallery hours are $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

## Jones' art featured at chamber

P.A. Jones is the featured artist at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for the month of October.
P.A. Jones has been painting since she was 5 years olf. When she was 8 , one of her paintings was used on the cover of the Laguna Arts Festival Childrens Division Program. This early success and recognition provided the impetus for her lifelong dedication to art.

Jones was born in Manhattan Beach, Calif. Föllowing high school graduation she began a career in graphic arts working first for newspapers in the Los Angeles area and then with various advertising agencies.

Finally she formed her own firm specializing in corporate and private design. This allowed her to more easily "make a living" while keeping in closer touch with the world of fine art. It was while raising her second child that she realized that pastels allowed her to leave a work in progress and come back to it later with no ill effect. That's how she became "hooked" on pastels.

The opportunity to pursue fine art exclusively came in 1983 when she and her family moved to Ruidoso.

Horses became the subject matter, for her first New Mexico paintings. Another move, this time to the confines of Phoenix, Ariz., prompted P.A. to look up, literally. Then began the artist's study of the skies and clouds of the Southwest. This fascination continues along with her ongoing love affair with the horse and a renewed interest in the classic female nude.

She has recently started painting oils in an effort to keep broadening her horizons.

More of P.A. Jones' work caln be seen at McMahon Fine Art. located in Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem Drive.

The Chamber of Commerce exhibits the works of ant by Lincoln County artists each month. Emily Ruch, Barbara Rizzo, Jodic Taylor, Elaine Armstrong. Patsy Blasdell, Louise Barratt and Maureen Quemada have also displayed their art. If you are interested in showing your work contact Patsy Blasdell at 258-9151.

## Double the <br> exposure

wary by fuwe Clyprer
few well placed ads turned into quite a development for the Seventh Annual Fall. American Photographic Competition - the show doubled its entries this year, creating what organizers say is one of its best exhibition of photography in years.

More than 160 photographs of the 254 entries will be exhibited starting Saturday at the Museum of the Horse. The opening reception, with refreshments, is from 5 p.m. to $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on the Mezzanine


PHOTO JUDGE
TERRANCE PITTS level at the Museum of the Horse, Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. Awards will be presented at 7 p.m.
"That's almost twice what we hung last year, so we're showing great growth," said Barbara Bertucio, curator of collections al the Muscum of the Horse.

In all, 89 photographers entered the compelition, up from 51 last year.

Bertucio attributes the increase to some well placed advertising.
"We did a lot more advertising. We advertised in Outdoor Photography and Popular Photography," she said.

The show drew entrants from all over the counlry, including Florida, Kansas, Oregon, New York, North Carolina and of course, Texas.

Show organizers even fielded a couple of inquires from Canada and Brazil, Bertucio said.

The show was juried by Terrance Pitts, curator of the University of Arizona's Center for Creative Photography. Pitts won't attend Saturday's opening reception and award presentation, but he did video tape his comments about each photo for award winners.
"He didn't really care what you did, but you had


Laura Clyner/Ruidoso News
A SAMPLING of the entries from the People category await their final hanging spot.
to do it well. He looked for excellence," Bertucio p.m. in the Mezzanine Gallery;
said: - A roundtable discussion: Photographic
Wednesday, Bertucio and co-worker Glen Manipulation, traditional and digital, from 2 p.m. to Barrows were busy tearing down the last exhibit 3 p.m. in the Mezzanine Gallery.
(American Boot) and preparing for Saturday's open- Thé show runs through Monday, Nov. 16. ing.

For more information, call the Museum of the "We have about five days between exhibitions. Horse at 378-4142.
The boot show came down Sunday night," Bertucio said. That job includes removing all the artifacts from one show, preparing the gallery, patching it, painting it, and then laying out where the new exhibit will go. Bertucio then has to hang all the photos, attach the proper labels and light the display areas.
"This is probably one of our easier shows because it's two-dimensional and flat, so you're working with wall space as opposed to a case," she said.

Saturday's reception is the centered around the photo show. The Sunday line-up

Laura Clynierifuidoso News
CURATOR BARBARA BERTUCIO glances at some of the entries.
 features

- A children's photographic exhibition in the south gallery, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.;
- A Monica Garza Lecture about Foto-esculturas: A Mexican-American Tradition, from 1:30 p.m. to 2


##  aima a cuivs insa Riile-By-Shooting

The Photographic Society of Lincoln County's first Ride-By-Shooting drew 13 entrants for the Sept. 19 contest. The rules were simple: participants were given one single-use camera (eliminating any equipment advantage) with which they had to use to take a photo sometime that day from a vehicle (defined as a car, bicycle, horse, etc.).

The photographers then selected one of their photos to submit to the judges.
What challenges did the 'shutterbugs'face?
"I had difficulty with the time (element) because I had to work during the day," said third-place winner Debbie Cadena. "I really did go driving around, but I like the Lincoln area so I knew I was going over there."

Pictured here are the top four finishers: All the prints will be on display at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce from now until Nov. 6.

Another 'ride-by' is planned for the spring.


THIRD PLACE (TIE) Debbie Cadena


THIRD PLACE (TIE) Linda Wallace


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## an insider's view of a Time honoread

Fbr a closer look at an old Spanish tradition, the Lincoln County Historical Society presents 'La Quinceañera,' a re-creation of the coming of age ceremony for girls. The program, which is free and open to the public, begins at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Saturday at the San Juan Church in Lincoln.
The event will feature an explanations of the ceremony by Father Dave Bergs and coordinator Gloria Aldaz. A reception follows in the tradition of La Quinceañera.
"It's a re-enactment of a tradition," said Cindy Martinez, archivist and historian for the historical society. "It hasn't been strongly practiced in this corner of the state. We are re-acquainting ourselves with the old tradition." Martinez said. "It's as big and as elaborate as any Spanish wedding, and it's very meaningful to the family."

Coming-of-age ceremonies are time honored traditions celebrated around the world by other cultures and called by different names, such as the Jewish Bat Mitzvah for girls, the Mescalero Apache "puberty rites" and the Debutante Ball.

Saturday's program offers the unique opportunity at an inside look at this Spanish tradition.

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Rated: R
Show times: 12:15 p.m.*, 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:05 p.m.*
Ploc: Few moments in life are as powerful emotionally charged or rife with humor as returning home to visit your parents as an adult. For ambitious New Yorker Ellen Gulden (Renee Zellweger) the journey back to her quaint home town in the midst of a crisis is all of those things. But it also becomes an unexpected battle for reconciliation and redemption, a search not only for the truth of her parents' (Meryl Streep and William Hurt) lives but for the purpose of her own.

## Practical Magic

Rated: PG-13
Show Times: Noon*, 2:15 p.m.*, 4:35 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:20 p.m.*
Plot: Sally (Sandra Bullock) and Gillian (Nicole Kidman) Owens have always known they were different. Raised by their aunts after their parents' deaths, the sisters grew up in a household that was anything by typical - rules were for other people. The little girls ate chocolate cake for breakfast, stayed up late and studied spell books, practicing the ancient arts of white magic that had been handed down through their family from generation to generation. Attempting to pass on the unique and powerful psychic heritage of the Owens women, Aunt Jet (Dianne Wiest) and Aunt Frances (Stockard Channing) hope to give
their nieces the strength that comes from the use of practical magic. But the invocation of the Owens' sorcery also carries à price - some call it a curse: the men they fall in love with are doomed to an untimely death.

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Rated: PG
Show times: 12:30 p.m.*, $2: 45$ p.m.*, 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m.* Plot: Z-4195 (Woody Alen) is just a worker ant - one in a billion - and his odds of landing the beautiful princess Bala (Sharon Stone) are about the same. Undaunted by the colony's unyielding caste system, $Z$ enlists the aid of his best friend Weaver (Syivester Stallone). A remarkable twist of fate turns Z into an unlikely hero when he puts a bug in General Mandible's (Gene Hackman) plan to destroy the colony.

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WALT BECKER

## Q. When did you begin writing?

A. When I was 6 or 7 a friend and I wrote little screenplays and cast our friends in them. We would rehearse and perform them for our parents. I didn't start writing professionally until after college. I started as a screen writer.

## a. What was your motivation for writ-

 ing LinktA. Link started out as a movie pitch. The research end of it was so interesting and I realized that the only way to get all of the information in was to write it as a book.

## C. How did you come up with the

plot?

## 'Zozo student author wins award

- Southwest Writers Workshop (SWW) announced the winners of the 1.998 Young Writers Contest. This contest is an annual event in conjunction with SWW's conference. Among the young authors honored was Carrizozo's Rob Shafer, who placed third in the non-fiction category.
The complete list of winners was:

In the fiction category, first place was awarded to Trucy Carlson. Manzano High School, Albuquerque. Kristina Gray Fisher from Santa Fe Prep, Santa Fe took second place, and Derek Garcia from Eldorado High School, Albuquerque placed third. Kristina Gray Fisher was also awarded fourth place for a second submission.

In the non-fiction category, first place was awarded to Karen Phillips from Santa Fe Prep, Santa Fe. Brian Quintana from

Sandia High School in Albuquerque took second place, and Rob Shafer from Carrizozo High School, Carrizozo placed third. Fourth place was awarded to Chad D. Peterson from the New Mexico Military Inslitute, Edgewood.

In the poctry category, Margaret Wright from Albuquerque High School Albuquerque look first place. Second place was awarded to Amanda Martinez from Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe, and Even Bussanich from Albuquerque High School, Albuquerque placed third. Fourth place was awarded to Joy Anna Becvarik from Santa Fe. The honorable mention for fiction went to Chelsca Armstrong from Rio Rancho High School, Rio Rancho. The honorable mentions for poetry were awarded to Amanda Martinez from Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe, and Margaret Wright from Albuquerque High School, Albuquerque
A. I wanted to do a story set in the world of paleoanthropology because it's such a pseudo-science. We don't know enough about it ye to come up with any real conclu sions. I also wanted to do something kind of science fiction. That was the genesis. The research blew my mind.

## C. What do you hope Link will do for

 readers!A. I think it's entertaining, but I want to give some food for thought, non-fiction information. Something that sparks discussion.

## C. What is the most challenging aspect of writing for youl

A. Sitting down and forcing myself to write. The easy part is the ideas swirling around in my head constantly. Maintaining discipline is a challenge because you have to fight through the days when you feel like nothing you're writing is good.
Q. What do you hope to accomplish in the future.
A. I've sold a TV series and I'll be writing a pilot for that. I'm also writing and producing a low budge film. I want to do it all, and I kind of follow the path of Michael Crichton in that he's an author, a screen write and a director. That's kind of what aim for.


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HENRY STARR

TIn the Old West, men (and women', pursued lives of crime for various reasons. Some claimed to be forced into it by the Civil War (Jesse James is a good example); others claimed poverty but almost no one claimed to be an outlaw for the fun and adventure. With the exception

## of Henry Starr, that is.

Henry Starr is one of the old-time outlaws ignored by popular history. He was born December 2, 1873 near Fort Gibson in the Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma). Those who knew him remembered him as being charming and pleasant - and he was, too. He just had this habit of robbing banks and trains, which of course, did not endear him to the authorities.

Start was three-sighths Cherokee, which made him a candidate for the-standard prejudices leveled at anyone with Native American blood in those days. It is frequently and incorrectly stated that Starr was related by blood to infamous "Bandit Queen" Belle Starr. They
were related, but onfly by marriage. Henry and his famous in-liaw neyer met.

In the summer of 1891 , Starr was arrested for selling whiskey to the Indians. Because he was considered to be a Native American, Henry always maintained that the charge was unfair. It was, apparently, another charge that pushed Starr over the line into full-time outlawry.

## 'A bad thing to do to a kid'

It was only a short time after the whiskey-selling charge that Henry was arrested for being in possession of a stolen suitcase. He later commented that, "They took me to jail at Muskogee. I was only a kid, and father and mother had brought me up to think it was an awful disgrace to be in jail. They chained me to a bed that time. That was a bad thing to do to a kid. I was innocent. When I came out, I felt I might as well be dead as disgraced. I came out with blood in my eyes."

Whether or not his statement was true, it seems that once he embarked on the "owlhoot trail" Henry rapidly developed a taste for the life.

In August of 1892, Starr was once again under the scrutiny of the authorities, this time for horse theft. Henry jumped bail and vanished. In December, Henry and the newly formed Henry Starr gang hit the big time when they robbed a train and a couplê of stores. This put not only U.S. Marshals but railroad detectives on his trail. And. unfortunately for one of these lawmen, Starr was an expert shot, cool-headed in a gunfight.

## Floyd Wilson

The lawman's name was Floyd Wilson. When he and Starr confronted each other on the prairie, according to Starr's account, Wilson kept advancing on the outlaw despite repeated threats from Starr to retreat or else. It turned out to be "or else." Starr later commented that-he did "everything short of shooting myself" to keep from killing the determined lawman. (Note: Starr killed Wilson with an automatic - the 20th Century was already in evidence although it hadn't quite arrived.)

Now that Henry had been dubbed a killer, the lawless element in the area began flocking to his banner, giving Starr quite a choice of ne'er-do-well henchmen with whom to consort. And in the next 18 months, Henry and his men were downright busy: they robbed three banks, a train, a train depot and a couple of stores.

Weary from his lawless endeavors, Henry decided that the gang needed a vacation. Dispersing his men, Starr and one confederate, an outlaw known as Kid Wilson (no relation to Floyd) headed for Colorado for a holiday. The outlaws' fame had spread further than they had anticipated however, and both men were arrested in Colorado Springs.

## The Hanging Judge

Starr was brought before Judge Isaac Parker - known throughout the West as "the hanging judge." Parker, as was his custom, sentenced Starr to death, at which point Henry did something that no one had ever done in Parker's courtroom - he talked back.
"Don't try to stare me down old Nero. I've looked many a better man than you in the eye. Cut out the rot and save your wind for your next victim. If I am a monster, you are a fiend, for I have put only one man to death, while almost as many have been slaughtered by your jawbone as Samson slew with the jawbone of that other his-
toric 'ass!" After PParker was finished staring at Starr with his mouth hanging open, he recovered his composure and ordered the condemned man removed from the courtroom.

Starr then began a series of appeals that resulted in a second trial in 1895 the result of which was the same as the first trial: the death sentence. Undaunted, Henry continued appealing.

## Cherokee Bill

It was just before the second trial started that Henry Starr made headlines from prison. Crawford Goldsby, aka Cherokee Bill, a somewhat demented killer had been confined in the same prison as Start. In June of 1895 Cherokee Bill got hold of a pistol and all hell broke loose. First, Cherokee Bill shot' a guard dead and wounded another. More guards came running and returned fire. Bill, in turn, returned the guards fire before darting into his cell to reload. When he came back out blasting the gunfire became so intense that the other prisoners thought that the jail was on fire because there was so much gunsmoke in the air. In the middle of all this, Starr began calling out to the guards that he would disarm Cherokee Bill if they would just stop shooting.

The gaards, figuring that they had nothing to lose but another prisoner, gave Starr the go-ahead. Strolling down to Goldsby's cell as though he were on his way to run some mundane errand, Starr entered, spoke with the wild-eyed outlaw for a few minutes and then emerged with Bill's gun. No one has ever discovered what Starr said to Cherokee Bill to get him to surrender, but surrender he did, and was eventually hanged on schedule.

## Mansiaughter

Finally, in 1897, Starr's conviction was set aside and and he was granted a new trial by the Supreme Court. He was ultimately convicted of the lesser charge of manslaughter in 1898 and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

After six years, however, Starr received a presidential pardon from Theodore Roosevelt in 1903 - quite possibly having to do with the disarming of Cherokee Bill. For the next five years, Starr went straight, marrying and then fathering a child. In 1908, however, Starr met up with his old pal Kid Wilson and they went on something of a crime spree. In March of 1908, they robbed two banks. Three months later, they robbed another bank in Colorado. Shortly after this, Kid Wilson disappeared forever. Some historians have speculated that Wilson "retired" from
outlawry. Starr, however, gives us a better hint in his autobiography: "The Kid was getting nutty," said Henry, "but he will never bother anyone again." It sounds like Wilson's retirement may have been forced on him.

In 1909, Starr was captured again and given a seven- to 25 year sentence. In 1914, Henry was pardoned again - he seems to have possessed an amazing ability to get others to think that he had reformed.

## Stroud

Henry Starr's most famous robbery took place in March of 1915 in Stroud, Oklahoma. He and his confederates tried the ever-popular and ever-unsuccessful idea of robbing two banks simultaneously. In the middle of the robbery, a little girl blundered into the bank that Starr was robbing. A father himself, Starr picked up the little girl, sat her in a chair, gave her a bag of pennies and told her to count them, promising to return and buy her an ice cream when she was done. Then he and his men rushed out into the street and guns began to roar. Starr was shot in the leg, captured and given yet another 25 year sentence. Once again, though, Henry managed to get himself a pardon after only four years.

He then embarked on a new careér: a moviè director. Hentry took a movie crew to Stroud to film a re-enactment of his aborted holdups there. While there, the little girl who had stumbled into the middle of the robbery was pointed out to him. Now, of course, she was a teen-ager. Starr took her by the hand and went and bought her an ice cream, as promised, if a little late.

But he wasn't that respectable. Despite the fact that he didn't need money, Henry was robbing banks in his spare time. His career continued until 1921, when the oldtime bandit was fatally shot while altempting to get back to his automobile.

The strange thing was that by this time, thanks to his movie career, Starr didn't need money. And yet, he persisted in his criminal career. Why? The answer lies in a remark he once made to a reporter as to the real reason that he was an outlaw: "I must have excitement" he said.

That's right. Henry Starr was an outlaw for the fun of it.

Sources: "Gunslingers" by Carl Breihan; "The Life of Outlaw Henry Starr as told by himself while in prison" by Henry Starr.


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