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Key Downs GRT election next week

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
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Next week's special election in Ruidoso Downs is a key for the city, according to one official. "It's very important that Ruidoso Downs citizens realize the urgency of our water and wastewater issues," City Administrator John Waters said. And the upcoming special election on Dec. 10 is directly tied to those issues, he added. The election proposes a 1/8th of a cent increase in the city's gross receipts tax to pay for improvements to water and

wastewater systems. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Ruidoso Downs is growing, yet around 25 percent of the residences are still on septic tanks. According to Waters, this is having an serious impact on the Rio Ruidoso. Phosphorous limits are being exceeded, and laundry detergents are historically a major contributor. "We're hoping that retail stores can also help by offering detergents that are more environmentally friendly," said Waters. "Meanwhile we have some improvement projects already underway."

The East Circle sewer extension is currently being installed. This project will provide sanitary sewer service to 41 homes along East Circle Drive. Anyone in that area, or within 200 feet of city sewer pipes, should come to the municipal building and sign up to be connected. The Wood Lane and Miriam Drive area is slated for wastewater pipe in the near future. The overflow in Redman Tank on Wood Lane will also be raised to provide higher water pressure for area residents and increased storage. "If you walk along the river

below Wal-Mart, you can see where springs feed into the water. Those septic systems above. Any septic systems are probably seeping into the underwater aquifer supplying those springs," Waters said, pointing to the Wood Lane area on an aerial map. "The village of Ruidoso doesn't have these problems because they've had developers and city planners taking care of wastewater issues. Ruidoso Downs, on the other hand, has been sort of piecemealed together. I always say, we're about where Ruidoso was in the 1980s. And

it's time to get started, because we're seeing significant growth and EPA regulations are tightening up on our wastewater plant. "If we don't get the infrastructure gross receipts tax increase, we're going to have to look at other funding sources," Waters added. "These would include significant increases in rates, which we can't afford, and increases in our property taxes. "Even more, we will have to cancel other projects if we don't have the revenues from that special election."

■ Village officials are looking to improve the city's water and wastewater systems without raising rates.

Rainmakers lawyer confident about getting state approval

Aquifer found during drilling lends hope to subdivision's backers

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS .COM

Officials with the proposed Rainmakers subdivision on Sierra Blanca Airport Road said they're prepared to answer state questions about a 40-year water supply for the area. In an October letter, a representative of the State Engineer's Office wrote that he could not recommend the project based on the opinion of two hydrologists that a 40-year supply wasn't proven by the developers for current users on the Rainmakers utility system and for future residents. Thursday, attorney John Underwood met Rainmaker representatives and with State Engineer Tom Turney and with the two hydrologists, Tom Morrison and Doug Rappuhn, to work through the water issues and hydrological calculations. "I believe that everyone at that meeting agreed on the fact that

the only missing component of the Rainmakers' Water Supply Plan is verification that we do indeed have a 40-year water supply," he said. "To continue to do the right thing for all Rainmakers stakeholders, including Lincoln County residents, we are in the process of confirming this. "Within the next month, we should have the data to allow us to receive a favorable opinion from the State Engineer." Underwood previously said that part of that proof probably will involve drilling more wells to show sufficient flow in the aquifer. "Over the past two years Rainmakers has worked closely with the county as well as archaeology, hydrology, engineering and planning experts to ensure that the development becomes a regional model for a world-class community that follows leading edge resource management and that is a natural resource steward

for Lincoln County," Underwood said. To better integrate sustainability into the development's design, the revised master plan reduced the number of lots originally submitted to the county by 413 to 230 residential lots. It increases the open space to 110 acres and includes a water conservation, reclamation and re-use plan, the attorney said. "Rainmakers' project includes water utility infrastructure improvements, residential and commercial water conservation and management, and wastewater reclamation and recycling," he said. Underwood said development officials also verified the subdivision received a positive letter from the state Highway and Transportation Department, which contained several recommendations that already were incorporated into the new master plan submission.

Hubbard's license renewed for one year

BY WES SCHWENGLS
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Ruidoso Downs Race Track owner R.D. Hubbard was granted a one-year renewal on his gaming license Wednesday, generating a large sigh of relief from his camp. The renewal, which was passed unanimously by the New Mexico Gaming Control Board, is some-

what different in that such "suitability permits" are usually renewed for three years. Board members said they felt Hubbard's problems earlier this year with a gaming operation in Indiana were not substantial enough to deny the renewal. No explanation was given for the time limit, though. "We're naturally very pleased,"

Ruidoso Downs Race Track president Bruce Rimbo said Thursday. "We always felt that if the board fully reviewed this information, it would be this way." The Gaming Control Board's staff had previously recommended against renewing Hubbard's license. The trouble started when

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RHS cheerleaders thrilled by NYC parade experience

BY SANDY SUGGITT
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Five Ruidoso High School cheerleaders participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, N.Y. The seniors said they came up with the idea to join cheerleaders from all over the country when they were at camp in July

and flyers were handed out. In all, 900 cheerleaders marched from the National History Museum to Herald Square to do their routine, which was shown on national television with Katy Couric and Matt Lauer. "Getting to see Adam Sandler and Matthew



Five RHS cheerleaders marched with about 900 others in the Macy's Thanksgiving parade. COURTESY

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Jonathan Ponce (Storm), 7, took home this trophy and other goodies for winning the Wheelwright Museum All-Children's Pow Wow in Santa Fe. SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Tiny dancer

Mescalero boy wins statewide pow-wow

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER .COM

Jonathan Ponce (Storm) is only 7, but he kicks up a storm — and he brought home to Mescalero the first-place trophy at the Wheelwright Museum, Santa Fe, All-Children's Pow Wow on Sept. 14. Jonathan said about 70 other children from tribes all over New Mexico competed with him in the age 15-and-under category, and he was the youngest dancer. "I was dancing for my brother, Eldon, who died on Labor Day. It made me stronger. Before, I was afraid. Now, I'm

not," he said. "I felt proud, happy and glad. I didn't know I was going to be first place." Jonathan, the son of Danny Peralto and Christine Ponce of Mescalero, does modern dance as well. He won first place imitating a singer from The Temptations at a Halloween dance contest this year, his father said. He has danced for a school program with the Tularosa school district. The child also studies karate. Peralto said there's a possibility that Jonathan may appear on the nationally syndicated morning talk show, "Live with Regis and Kelly."

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VAMONOS

It's a high-flying J time at the Spencer Theater

Little Drummer Boy wears out welcome

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Resort sees 20 inches of snow

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

By the time a snow storm moved out of Ruidoso Wednesday, it dropped 20 inches on Ski Apache resort.

Roy Parker, who manages the ski area for the Mescalero Apache Tribe, said that gift from the sky means portions of the upper mountain that can't be reached for man-making snow efforts, will be opened at noon today for weekend fun on the slopes.

"Twenty inches of new snow doesn't tell the whole story," Parker said. "It was 20 inches of heavy wet snow, which makes it double over powder snow at this time of year when we're trying to build a base."

"It was an outstanding storm."

While conditions on the mountain are won-

derful for skiing, the pre-Christmas shopping bug and school holiday programs translate to no crowds at the resort, Parker said.

"It really doesn't matter what kind of skiing or where you are, it's the same," he said. "Vail and Aspen are about like we are, and like any people. But as we get closer to Christmas, it will get busy."

"We're using the time to pack the mountain and organize. We're still making snow on chair 8, Elk Ridge."

The weather forecast for another weekend system to roll into Ruidoso over the weekend.

"With the kind of snow we have now, just one more little one, if we're lucky and we're ready for Christmas."

In town, about 1 inch of snow was reported by the Ruidoso Police Department with 1.30 inches of rain that preceded and followed the snowfall.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

These five cheerleaders look part in Macy's parade on Thanksgiving. From left, Stephanie Leland, Kayci Brunell, Sarah Wirth, Meghan Gabaldon and Heather Jackson

CHEER: NYC fun

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McConaughey in Soho when I was shopping was the highlight for me," said Heather Jackson. "I waved at (Sandler) and he waved back."

Meghan Gabaldon said the "funnest" part for her was seeing the Rockettes and "Beauty and the Beast" on Broadway — as well as eating cheesecake.

Sarah Wirth said she enjoyed ice skating in Central Park the most, while Kayci Brunell mentioned seeing the Statue of Liberty.

The Ruidoso High School cheerleading squad will compete in regionals at 2 p.m. Sunday at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque.

That competition will determine whether they will go on to the national competition in Orlando, Fla., in February.

It's a "high difficulty" routine, said the squad's sponsor, Rebecca Durham. The cheerleaders have been working on their 2-minute, 15-second routine since September.

HUBBARD: Gaming license renewed for one year

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allegations were made that Hubbard and a company he was involved with entertained guests with prostitutes and violating the state's gaming laws.

Hubbard admitted to violating gaming laws in that state, and subsequently gave up his license there, agreeing to never seek another one. He and the company in question also paid a sizable fine.

The New Mexico board's staff cited an untested law that prevents the commission from granting a gaming license to anyone who has a "limiting action" banning them from having similar operations in other states.

The staff said Hubbard's settlement in Indiana fell under that provision.

"This was not an easy situation," Rimbo said, "but people rushed to pre-judge Mr. Hubbard without hearing all the facts. I'm glad the board took the time to review them."

Janice McCrary, Gaming Control Board chair, said the term "limiting action" is not defined in the state's Gaming Control Act, nor has it been proved in New Mexico case law.

McCrary said the board did not wish to set a precedent that could possibly do more damage than good in the future. She added that the board felt the Indiana settlement was not based upon strong evidence.

"This is good news for us and good news for Ruidoso," Rimbo said. When asked about any implications from the one-year renewal as opposed to the normal three years, he added, "I

don't think that has a whole lot of meaning. This is an approval of his suitability. They can revoke your finding of suitability at any time. They want to keep a watchful eye, and that's fine."

As a result of the finding, not only will Billy the Kid Casino and Ruidoso Downs Race Track remain open, but Hubbard's application to build a new racetrack in Hobbs remains intact.

"We feel we would be good community citizens in Hobbs, like we are in Ruidoso," Rimbo said. "I'm anxious about getting on with the process. And I'm very relieved (about the finding). I certainly slept better last night."

Rimbo and Hubbard's attorney Billy Blackburn were present at the meeting, although Hubbard was not.

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS...



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Amy Hough, 2, of Ruidoso, charmed Santa and the Missus into granting her every wish at the Tree Lighting Program at Schoolhouse Park. Marie Slaten, a volunteer from the Ruidoso Public Library, said she expected at least 180 photographs of children with Santa would be taken.

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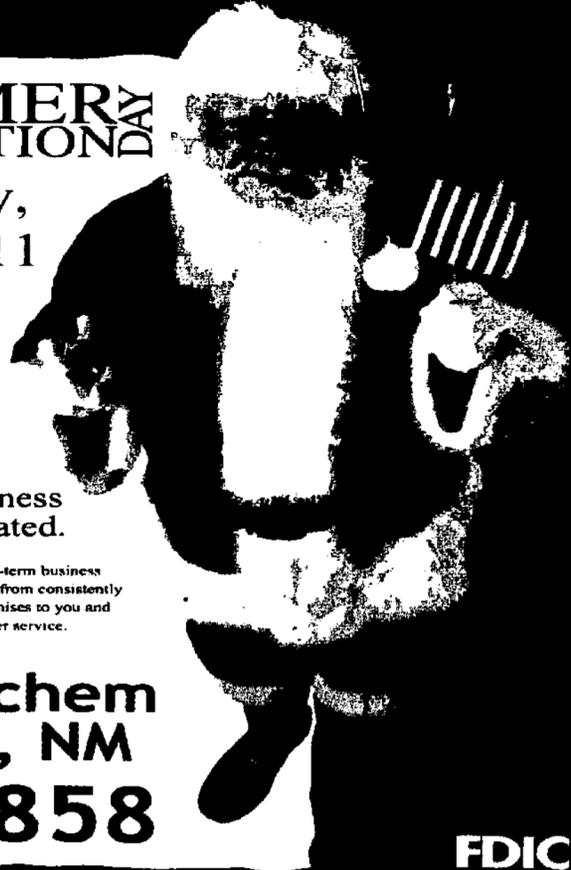
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Pearce to hold local forum

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A community get-together designed to give Congressman-elect Steve Pearce a consensus from organizations, elected officials, development industries and others is set for 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The Republican from Lowell will represent the 2nd Congressional District.

In announcing the meeting, Pearce's representatives said it will be the first of many to incorporate input from a broad group of citizens and policymakers with a diverse range of political perspectives, "to act as a medium for promoting strong communication between Pearce and the citizens he represents and to promote positive social integration with others and create bridges between different sectors of communities."

The schedule is divided generally into 15 minute presentations and will start with Ada Hendryx, director of the Zia

Senior Citizens Centers for Lincoln County, followed by Jim Smith of the Ministerial Alliance, Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan and Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox.

The medical field will be represented by Jim Stover, director of the county and Ruidoso's emergency medical services, and Jim Gibson, administrator of the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center hospital in Ruidoso.

An open forum is set for 8:35 a.m., followed by Willa Stone and Welda Grider from the ranching industry and Patric Pearson, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

A half hour is allotted at 9:30 a.m. for five school district superintendents, Jim Miller, director of the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Center, and Sandy Gladden, executive director of Region 9 Education Cooperative.

Van Patton, executive director of the local Realtors Association, will speak at 10 a.m., followed by an open

forum at 10:20 a.m., limited to three minutes for each of three presentations.

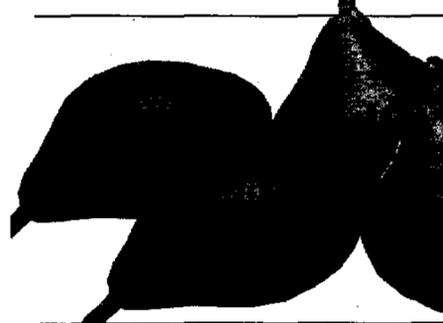
At 10:40 a.m., Shamie Mills Euban, legislative director of the Lincoln County Home Builders, will speak, followed by a convey of elected officials, starting with State Sen. Rod Adair, a Republican in District 33 representing Lincoln and Chaves counties; State Rep. Dub Williams, a Republican in District 56 representing Lincoln, Chaves and Otero counties; State Rep. Dan Foley, a Republican in District 57, representing Lincoln and Chaves; and State Rep. Avon Wilson, a Republican in District 59, representing Lincoln and Chaves counties.

Municipal and county elected officials on the agenda include the mayors from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Carrizozo, Capitan, and Corona, and Rex Wilson, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission.

A public forum at noon will wind down the meeting that will conclude with remarks from Pearce.

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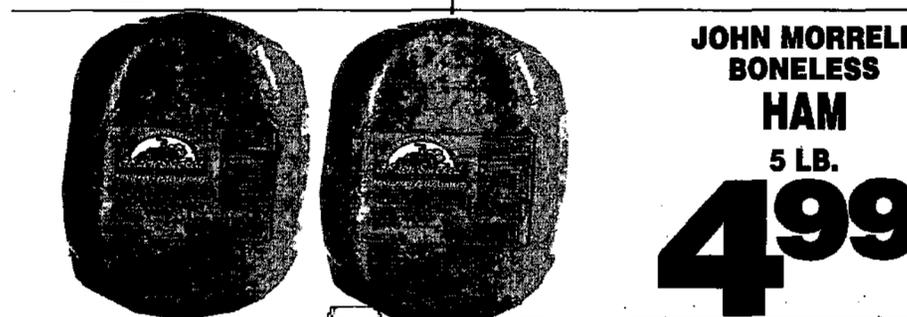
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OUR OPINION

Highway projects below Richardson's radar?

A woman will head Transportation Department next year

It's probably just as well that major work on Lincoln County's major highway, U.S. 70, is under way.

Not because Gov.-elect Bill Richardson has named a woman, Rhonda Faught, a civil engineer from Deming who was Pete Rahn's second in command, to head the state Highway and Transportation Department, but because he thinks "we have to think of transportation as more than highways."

He is talking about a light rail system in Albuquerque and regional transit systems, among other things.

Our Hondo Valley widening project still faces a court chal-

lenge, even if work is going ahead. It's funded with bonds paid off with gasoline taxes, and that perhaps is part of the problem in Richardson's eyes.

But he says he's open to ideas from citizens all over New Mexico to make his administration more responsive to the public, to the point that he's set up a toll-free number - (888) 326-6281 - to field those ideas.

It wouldn't be a bad idea if everybody along U.S. 70, from Clovis to Las Cruces, dial that number and remind Richardson that this project has a very clear rationale - to save lives - and that should be No. 1 for any transportation project.

New Mexico's governors, up close and semi-personal

The death of former governor and federal judge Edwin L. Mechem last weekend started me thinking about that string of governors holding the reins of New Mexico, and it struck me that at one time or another I've met most of them - a half-century of governors, yet.



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

Eleven governors over 50 years, from Ed Mechem to Gary Johnson - some good-to-excellent, some downright embarrassing.

New Mexico, compared to New California and New York, is small in population, so small that the odds are good that anybody who lives here - and wants to - can meet their governor, or governor-to-be. I could never even imagine meeting Nelson Rockefeller or Ronald Reagan or George W. Bush in their gubernatorial years, even if I lived in their states.

But my first governor was Ed Mechem. I met him at a conference in Hot Springs (that's Truth or Consequences now) when all the students in the room got to walk by the governor's podium and shake his hand.

The thing I remember most is that I couldn't think of a word to say to him, maybe because he was so tall and dignified and impressive, and by God looked like a governor should.

Tucked in among Mechem's four two-year terms were a couple of Democrats - John Simms and John Burroughs - whose performances explained why Mechem kept getting re-elected. Didn't meet them; didn't want to.

Yes, I knew Tom Bolack, an elected lieutenant governor who served a piece of 1962 after Big Ed resigned to become a U.S. senator, and who promptly was replaced by Jack Campbell, a Democrat who in my pantheon ranks right up there with Mechem as the half-century's two best governors.

(I know - Democrat Bruce King outlasted everybody else, with 12 years in the governor's chair, off and on, from 1971 to

1994, and everybody in the state knew that big ol' cowboy who probably could call them by their first name. King without doubt was the half-century's best politician.)

Lonesome Dave Cargo was a maverick Republican who won two terms and taught his party that it was possible to win a majority in the (still) left-leaning northern counties.

Jerry Apodaca and Toney Anaya (Ruidoso's Mike Runnels was his lieutenant governor) were Democrats sandwiched in among the King terms, along with the Republican Garrey Carruthers. All were one-term wonders, who I always suspected learned quickly that being governor wasn't all that much fun.

Then came Gary Johnson, that two-term Republican who can challenge Dave Cargo for the maverick title and come closest to King's longevity, and who in a few years might sneaky in my personal memory bank.

Let's see: Five Republicans for 28 years and six Democrats for 24 years - that's 52 years, close enough for government work.

And now comes Democrat Bill Richardson, not yet governor, even if he already acts like it. When he takes office, he'll be the first governor elected in the third millennium, which is outside my purview in this exercise.

But I do think he'll be a good one to drag us deeper into that millennium, and I must say I've met him often enough to think I know him - sort of, anyway.

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YOUR OPINION

Some Midtown police presence in order

To the editor:

I think it a fine idea to ask the Midtown merchants to light their buildings with strings of lights for Christmas.

However, the Chamber of Commerce failed to tell us how to keep the "Midtown vandalism crews" from stealing the light bulbs, cutting the wires and otherwise destroying our efforts.

My lights have been stolen on three successive nights - either by our local pranksters or the drunks coming out of the Midtown watering holes. I have now lost over \$100 in replacement bulbs. I do not care to participate further in this endeavor.

We need a police patrol in Midtown! Since the station was moved to upper Mechem, we have not had foot patrol, bicycle patrol, or very much (police) presence in our area.

Granted that Midtown is an "attractive nuisance" for the gangs that hang around there, we need some police control.

Patricia Adkins
Ruidoso

Remember the kids

To the editor:

The children, staff and board of directors of Assurance Home are deeply grateful for the support and kindness shown to us during the holidays and throughout the year.

There will be a number of young people who live at Assurance Home who either do not have families or who cannot visit their families during the holidays. Therefore, it is our hope that many people will remember these youngsters when mailing Christmas cards this year.

This one expression of kindness and concern helps make our holidays much brighter. When mailing cards this year, please send one to: Assurance Home Kids, 1000 East 18th Street, Roswell, NM 88201.

Thank you, and Merry Christmas.

Ron Malone
Roswell



RESEARCH FINDINGS

Babies learn grammar right along with words

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - A Purdue University psychology professor says that infants appear to understand much more than they are given credit for.

"Infants appear to learn words and grammar simultaneously," says George Hollich, director of the Infant Language Lab and assistant professor of psychological sciences.

"This underscores the importance of talking to them, early and often." Hollich is studying how infants

ought to be impossible," says Hollich, whose research is funded by Purdue. "Our studies are determining how infants discover words in the fluent stream of speech, how they learn the meaning of those words and how they come to understand grammar."

It had been believed that children learn language step-by-step from one word to the next, but Hollich's research indicates that infants may be learning words and grammar simultaneously. For example, in one study, Hollich is attempting to find out if infants can understand just words, or if they can understand the whole sentence.

"Do they understand, 'Where is the flower?' versus 'What hit the flower?' or are they hearing 'Blah, blah, blah flower?'" Hollich says.

To address this issue, a baby is shown a series of short animated sequences, such as an apple repetitively colliding with a flower. Then, another screen will show the apple in one corner and the flower in the other. A voice asks "What hit the flower?"

Because these babies don't talk, their answers are recorded by how long they gaze at each item. If the baby looks longer at the apple it shows the child understands the question. If the baby looks at the flower, it shows they identify the word "flower," but don't comprehend the question. By 15 months, children do look directly at the correct image.

Hollich says, "From the earliest ages tested, infants are demonstrating a surprising amount of linguistic savvy. This shows kids understand more than just a few words, and that babies understand grammar much earlier than previously thought."

STREET TALK

QUESTION: How do you feel about the value of more cellular towers to improve service versus the unsightliness?



"I like beautiful scenery, not a lot of unsightly towers."

Linda Keeney
Roswell



"I don't think they've got so much beauty around us it doesn't hurt to have something else."

Joyce Smyer
Ruidoso Downs



"I guess it's a good thing because the cell phones in this area suck."

Bonnie Hlgdon
Ruidoso

Plenty of work remains to be done at St. Joseph's

DIPNNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

St. Joseph's Apache Mission dominates the countryside in Mescalero, but as magnificent as the structure appears from a distance, the mortar holding it together was crumbling.

Nearly three years ago, a restoration project on the reservation adjoining Ruidoso was launched to save the landmark. Although much progress occurred, another decade may pass before it is completed.

"At our present rate of progress, we still are looking at about 10 years to complete the restoration work," said Brother Peter A. Boegel, a Franciscan friar and restoration director. "Currently, five people are working on the restoration crew with me — three masons, a student trainee and a project administrator. Labor and training account for 71 percent of the expenses."

Construction on the mission started in 1920 as a project by Father Albert Braun to serve the community and to honor veterans, but wasn't considered complete until 1939. The stone or the 131-foot-long and 64-foot-wide building was quarried in winter about four miles south of the church in Bent. The tiles on the floor and roof came from a pottery plant in nearby La Luz Canyon.

Over the years, leaks occurred, bats took up residence in the ceiling, accessing through small holes in the mortar, and the need for a new heating system became apparent, but the daunting task of repairing the 60-foot high walls didn't start until 1999.

"Despite the unstable econo-

my, donations increased by 10 percent (over the past year)," said Mary Serna, project administrator. "Currently, we are funded by five foundations, 32 donors who have contributed more than \$1,000, five parishes — one as far as Belgium, two religious orders and hundreds of individuals who donate as they are able."

That support allowed Serna and Boegel to hire two Mescalero Apache students and one, Arylis Chee, stayed on to work part time as he finishes his senior year in high school.

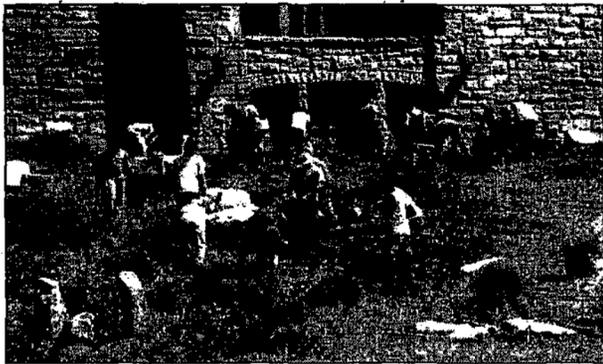
"During the course of the summer, the crew repointed the exterior walls of the north transept," Boegel said. "With the completion of this work, we have successfully repaired the mission walls that were in the most severe state of deterioration. In this work, we have not only been repointing the stonework, but have been replacing much of the decayed bedding mortar."

He explained that pointing consists of filling and refinishing masonry joints.

Fewer bats managed to find a way into the mission's interior this year, as crew closed more and more small openings.

All seven of the summer crew attended a safety workshop provided by the New Mexico Occupational Safety and Health Administration," Serna said. "Gene Ostmeier, the OSHA instructor, was invited to inspect our work site and consult with us on work place safety issues. He was impressed with our scaffolding and took several pictures to use in his workshops to show the correct way to erect scaffolding."

He also agreed with the



COURTESY ST. JOSEPH'S APACHE MISSION

Restoration work has been going on at St. Joseph's Apache Mission for almost three years.

assessment of the crew that the electrical wiring in the store-room where power tools are plugged in and mortar is mixed is below code and will need to be rewired, she said.

A landscaping collaboration with the Otero Native Plant Society yielded major results this year, Serna said.

Landscaping stones were brought to the mission in April and put in place on the hillside in front of the church.

Volunteer Henry Rue helped install a sprinkler system to ensure a good start for the more than 100 plants put in place by society members.

On Aug. 12, 45 volunteers from Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, along with society members, spent the day pulling weeds and parish volunteers cooked up lunch and fry bread.

The Mescalero Tribe provided heavy equipment and operator to remove old planters in front of the mission and to spread new gravel in the parking lot.

In September, Pete Mold, a British specialist in earth and stone construction as well as in building restoration, returned to

replace rotted wooden retaining wall at the bottom of the hill in front of the mission; the art of lime plastering a stone wall using the interior stone walls of the parish hermitage on the mission property; and repointing.

Other events from May through October included the Third Annual Restoration Raffle that raised \$6,248, the donation of a computerized bell system by Richard and Sue Mackey in honor of his mother, Katherine Miller Mackey, and a donation to purchase office furniture.

"We have some exciting additions to our old photos," Serna said. "And we have some new family history on Antonia Maria Leyva, the stonemason who helped Father Albert build the mission."

As of Oct. 30, the project was nearing the half million dollar mark with \$426,520 raised. Of that amount, 36 percent came from private foundation grants, 53 percent from private donations and 11 percent from fundraising events, Serna said.

The balance in the restoration fund was \$74,891 on Halloween, because most of the money has been used on the restoration effort, Boegel said.

Grants were received from the Stockman Family Foundation, the Frank J. Lewis Foundation, the William R. and Virginia Hayden Foundation, the Max & Victoria Dreyfus Foundation and the Robert E. & Evelyn McKee Foundation.

Sizable private donations have come from Cecil L. Russell, Paul and Carmen Brusuelas, the Franciscan Friars of St. Barbara, and the parish of Tempe, Belgium.

Boegel noted that part of the project's mission statement says, "It is through the process of preserving this landmark that we strive to honor our ancestors, empower our contemporaries and inspire our children."

For more information, call (505) 464-4539 or send donations to St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Project, P.O. Box 187, Mescalero, NM 88340.

"... We are still looking at about 10 years to complete the restoration work."

Brother Peter A. Boegel
restoration director

LOCAL BRIEFS

Bilingual committee

The Ruidoso Municipal School District Bilingual Parent Advisory committee will have a potluck meeting at Sierra Vista Primary School Cafeteria at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11. All parents of bilingual students grades K-12 are invited to attend. For more information, call your child's teacher or Patty White at 257-4051.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

German cars rate high

MINNEAPOLIS (PRN) — German car brands have high recognition and acceptance in the USA, particularly Mercedes and BMW. One in two recall Volkswagen, BMW and Mercedes unaided.

Japanese brands like Lexus and Toyota also enjoy high levels of popularity. Americans give a comparatively less favorable ratings to cars produced in their own country. This is one of the results of the survey carried out in the U.S. in June this year by GfK and Greenfield Online.

In 2001, almost 8.7 million passenger cars and around 8.5 million light trucks, such as pick-ups, SUVs (sport utility vehicles) and MPVs (multi purpose vehicles) were registered in the USA, the world's largest car market.

The survey shows that the brands which are best known in the U.S. are Volkswagen, BMW and Mercedes. Audi and Porsche are named less often: only one in three recalls Audi when asked about German cars and for Porsche, the figure is

just around one in seven.

However, when respondents were aided with the names of car brands, awareness increased to between 77 and 88 per cent for Audi, Porsche, Mercedes, BMW and VW. The Mini, which was launched into the market by BMW this year, achieved an aided recall of 21 per cent.

El Paso under the gun

HOUSTON (PRN) — El Paso Corporation learned Wednesday that one of its former employees was arrested and charged with knowingly submitting inaccurate data to a trade publication that affected the price of natural gas while employed at the company.

While El Paso cannot comment on the particulars of this matter, the company has been cooperating fully with the appropriate federal authorities in connection with inquiries concerning reports to trade publications. It has undertaken an internal review of its voluntary submissions to the trade publications.

The Economy and the Markets

Productivity at a price

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Non-farm productivity rose in the third quarter at a 5.1 percent annual rate, beating economists' expectations of a 5 percent pace, and tripling the 1.7 percent rate in the second quarter. Productivity was 5.6 percent higher

in July-September than it was for the same period last year, the biggest year-over-year increase since the first quarter of 1973.

Non-financial corporations saw productivity rise at a 5.7 percent annual rate, compared to a revised 5.8 percent pace in the second quarter.

Productivity among manufacturers grew at a 5.5 percent rate following a 4.2 percent rate in the second quarter.

Additionally, unit labor costs fell at a 0.2 percent rate in the third quarter after rising at a 2.2 percent pace in the second quarter. Economists expected labor costs to be unchanged. Year-over-year, labor costs were down 2.2 percent.

Productivity continues to be one of the few shining stars in the otherwise dim economy. As productivity increases, companies are able to do more business with less workers.

Although this temporarily could be a setback for the labor market, in the long run it will help shore up corporate profits, which in turn will lead to more business and, eventually, the need for more workers.

Unfortunately, this is the cycle the economy must go through before the labor market improves and pushes the economy forward again.

Manufacturing up

The ISM Manufacturing Index rose in November to 49.2, up from 48.5 in September.

The report indicates that manufacturing continued to contract, but at a slower pace than last month. Economists expected a reading of 51 for November.

Businesses remain reluctant to raise business investment expenditures, holding back overall manufacturing activity.

The slow-down in production was cited as one of the reasons the Fed cut the overnight bank lending rate last month.

The fact that the contraction in manufacturing has slowed gives reason to believe that the worst of the factory slowdown has passed.

However, the index has been below 50, the point at which manufacturing begins to expand, since September.

Thus, despite the rise in the index, production is still weak, and continues to be affected by geopolitical uncertainties.

Construction spending

Construction spending rose in October for the second straight month, increasing 0.3 percent following a downwardly revised 0.3 percent increase in September.

Economists had expected no change for October.

Residential construction rose 0.6 percent. Home improvement spending, however, fell 1.4 percent. Nonresidential construction rose 1.1 percent, led by an increase in construction of schools and hospitals.

Since construction spending accounts for almost 5 percent of the economy, October's rise is good news, and evidence that the Fed's decision to lower rates yet again last month is paying off as construction in general, and new home construction in particular, is benefiting from the lower cost of borrowing.

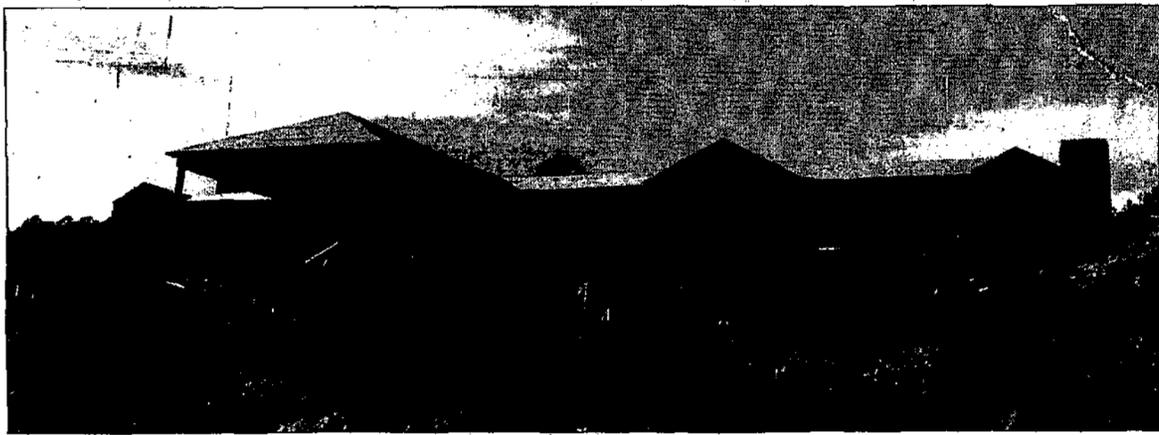
Factory orders

For the first time in three months, orders at U.S. factories have increased in October, rising 1.5 percent after falling a revised 2.4 percent in September. The rise, however, was slightly less than the 1.7 percent increase predicted by economists.

Orders for non-defense capital goods, excluding aircraft, rose 5.5 percent following a 4.3 percent decline in September.

On the other hand, orders for defense capital goods plunged 30.8 percent, the biggest decline in six months, after falling 7.2 percent in September. This is likely just a temporary lull in defense orders, since growing national security needs and added defense spending is expected to keep defense orders robust.

ROOM COUNT RISING



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Construction is well along on a new Best Western hotel, on a hillside overlooking U. S. Highway 70, part of a cluster of new lodging facilities in the area on the southwest edge of the village. Neighbors include a Holiday Inn Express and a Motel 6. All are rear a new post office building and the entrance to the Camelot subdivision. Another lodging facility, a Hampton Inn, also is under construction farther east on Highway 70 adjacent to M. Waldrop Furniture and a Denny's Restaurant.

A time of mixed signals for the nation's economy

Home sales look good; deflation signals seen

Near-record home sales projected

WASHINGTON — After setting records in 2001 and 2002, home sales are projected to slip but remain historically strong next year, according to the National Association of Realtors.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said that even with the bulk of home sales taking place during the first half of this year, the forecast for total annual housing activity has been trending upward. "The market has continued to perform better than expected, largely in response to the low level of mortgage interest rates which have predominated this year," he said.

"We now expect existing-home sales to total 5.52 million units in 2002, up 4.2 percent from last year's record of 5.30 million," Lereah said. "In 2003, sales should ease off to 5.29 million, but that would be just shy of the 2001 record — and it'll be the fifth year that existing-home sales exceed the 5.0-million benchmark."

New-home sales are forecast to rise 5.6 percent to a record of 960,000 units in 2002, then ease in 2003 to 924,000 sales, which would be the second highest on record.

Housing starts are seen to increase 4.8 percent to a total of 1.68 million units this year, then slip to 1.66 million in 2003.

Lereah expects the 30-year fixed mortgage interest rate to rise gradually to 6.8 percent by this time next year. "Even so, mortgage interest rates are currently hovering near historic lows and aren't likely to rise above 6.5 percent until the second half of 2003 when the economy should be picking up some steam," Lereah said.

NAR forecasts growth in the U.S. gross domestic product to be 2.4 percent for all

of this year, but rising to an annual growth rate of 3.6 percent in third quarter of 2003. Consumer price inflation will be a mild 1.5 percent for 2002, with CPI projected at 2.2 percent next year.

Given tight housing inventories across most of the country in 2002, Lereah expects the national median existing-home price this year to be \$157,800, up 6.8 percent from 2001. With more balanced conditions expected most of next year, the median price should rise 4.3 percent in 2003.

The median new-home price is projected to be \$182,500 for 2002, an increase of 4.2 percent from last year. It's seen to rise 5.4 percent in 2003.

The association expects the unemployment rate to gradually decline to 5.4 percent by the end of next year after peaking at 5.9 percent in the current quarter.

Inflation-adjusted disposable personal income is forecast to grow 4.4 percent for 2002 and another 3.4 percent next year.

Private sector prices fall

TORONTO (PRN) — Deflation is back and the U.S. Federal Reserve would be wise to pay it special attention or risk following in the Bank of Japan's footsteps, says CIBC World Markets in its monthly indicators report.

"While the Fed is refusing to publicly recognize it and most economists are still skeptical of its existence, 'Big D' is back, and this time deflation is no longer solely in the domain of asset prices," said Jeff Rubin, chief economist and managing director of CIBC World Markets. "For the first time in nearly 50 years, private sector prices are falling in the U.S. economy."

While there is still a faint heartbeat of inflation in more closely watched price barometers, the GDP deflator, which is the broadest measure of prices in the economy, is still running slightly above zero and consumer price inflation is running at 2 percent — after stripping out government, housing and U.S. business, prices are already heading lower.

Rubin says some of the warning signals evident today are the same that the Bank of Japan faced in 1995. At the time, the Bank of Japan was confident that extraordinary easings of rates would quickly rekindle demand, much the same as today's markets seem supremely confident in the resuscitating power of a 1.25 percent federal funds rate.

"The Bank of Japan waited far too long to aggressively respond to deflation and didn't bring down interest rates to zero until consumer price inflation had already become negative," says Rubin. "By that time it was already too late and Japan has been struggling with a liquidity trap ever since." The GDP deflator in Japan has been negative in six of the past seven years and consumer price inflation has been negative for the last four years.

"The lesson for the Fed from Japan is to ignore the reassuring consensus of economists and act pre-emptively," says Rubin. "For monetary stimulus to work, interest rates must get to zero before inflation does."

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Focus on Agriculture

America's hungry people are changing

BY STEWART TRUELSEN
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

The holidays are a good time of the year for food pantries and relief agencies. It's a time when many people count their blessings and feel grateful and generous. Why, even old Scrooge gave away a prized goose on Christmas morning. But for those on the front lines of hunger relief, hunger is a year round proposition.

"According to USDA and the Census Bureau, there are 31 million Americans who are food insecure. What that means is they are either hungry or at risk of hunger periodically throughout the year," says Doug O'Brien, an executive with America's Second Harvest, the largest domestic hunger relief organization. O'Brien says the number of people short of food really hasn't changed much, even in the last decade when the economy

was booming.

What has changed is the nature of hunger itself. "In the 1990s we saw a dramatic shift in soup kitchens, which used to serve primarily homeless adult males, who were substance dependent, chronically unemployed or mentally ill, suddenly started to see an influx of parents with children," says O'Brien.

The trend continues today. Many of these are working families who aren't making enough money to keep up with the cost of living.

Through a network of food banks and pantries, America's Second Harvest reaches out to hungry people. It solicits food from major national donors like grocery manufacturers, but it also is interested in receiving surplus food directly from farmers. In fact, Second Harvest got its start and hence its name because of a surplus of citrus in Arizona.

"We are seeing now for the

first time since our founding about 20 years ago that farm produce is our number one product category," O'Brien says. That includes potatoes, carrots, donated apples, citrus and in some cases even livestock — hogs and beef. "One thing that would help stimulate donations is for farmers to receive the same tax benefits that grocery manufacturers receive when they make a donation."

Farm Bureau and America's Second Harvest are working to correct that on Capitol Hill.

The other thing both organizations are working on is hunger awareness, so people realize that donations of food and money are needed year round. Volunteers are needed too.

The American Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee volunteered to help sort food at the Utah Food Bank in Salt Lake

City. Here were young farmers, who grow the raw food, packing cans and boxes to be trucked to local food pantries, many of them serving people in rural areas. Some of the food came in big shipments, but there were small donations from church and scout food drives. It's good to know an efficient system exists for getting food to people who need it.

The federal government classifies nearly 12 percent of rural households as food insecure. This is especially troubling to farmers because these are their neighbors.

They include the elderly, children and working adults who can't make ends meet. We can't let this happen in a country blessed with plentiful and affordable food.

Stewart Truelsen is the director of broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Downs residents dislike proposed trailer park

The P&Z voted to recommend against the zoning change.

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Real estate agent Carolyn Henson addressed the Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Commission on behalf of her Texas client, Buzz Post. His property is currently zoned AR1 (agriculture) with 1881 water rights, but a potential buyer would like to develop a trailer park on the site.

Henson, at the request of Post, asked the commission to consider changing the zoning from AR1 to C4 (commercial). She also mentioned that city administrator John Waters had expressed interest in purchasing the water rights and that the potential buyer is interested, but that Post only intends to sell the property.

Opponents to the change in zoning filled the gallery. Bob and Ruth Ann Crumpton stated they had moved to the area for its quietness and view. They also brought up the lack of required arterial roads, the increased sewage, and that commercial development of the property would kill the adjoining Rio Ruidoso breeding stream.

Commissioner Wayne Faircloth questioned Post's knowledge of the property's zoning when it was purchased. Henson said she didn't know and wasn't involved with his purchase. Post had purchased the property through a partner, and now is its sole owner.

Resident Sheryl Southland objected, saying the property is in a flood plain and that development would further tax Ruidoso Downs' water.

"We like it the way it is now," she said. "Besides, that's a huge jump from agriculture to C4. How can we be sure they really just want an RV park?"

"I'm not here to say we have to do an RV park," replied Henson. "I'm just asking that we consider a zone change so that more uses can be considered. Things that are environmentally safe and good industry for Ruidoso Downs."

She mentioned that a park or green-space might be a good use. Seven out of 11 letters sent to the commission were letters of protest. Concerns of increased traffic and congestion were also mentioned.

"Think about this being across from your place," Crumpton pleaded to the board. Chairman Paul Van Gullick explained that a P&Z recommendation would go to the city council based on this discussion. But with more than 20 percent opposition, typically the commission and council would not allow the change.

The city's development plan has C4 along the highway with light commercial behind that, and then residential. "I suspect (the council's decision) would be consistent with those principles," commented Van Gullick. Faircloth moved the commis-

sion recommendation to deny the zoning change. Bonnie Richardson seconded with all members aye.

Van Gullick advised Henson to see if the city might be interested in purchasing the property. Henson mentioned that apartments, residential townhomes or low-density housing might be an alternative.

"There's a need for housing here," she said. "Everyday people are begging for places to live that they can afford."

She also mentioned that the Hale Ditch had to be considered. "That ditch has a 25-foot width of way," Robert Beavers reported from the audience.

"Somebody already built a road over it on that property, and we had to pay for the ditch to be fixed."

"I just think we need to find a viable use for the property," stated Henson.

Faircloth chimed in, "Are you saying the property has little or no value as AR1?"

Henson repeated she was only acting on her client's behalf.

Van Gullick responded that AR1 included horse pasture and the construction of a barn. The opponents to rezoning commented on their approval.

Henson mentioned the "tremendous amount of runoff across Mr. Post's land." Members of the audience responded that the drainage predominantly comes from the condominiums and racetrack,

and partially from recent highway development.

Van Gullick said that drainage is something the city is actively addressing. Dusty Beavers suggested that if the property was priced as AR1, it would probably sell.

Also at the meeting, the Gilbert L. Skarr subdivision was discussed as unfinished business. Skarr addressed the commission saying the fire department has emergency egress through Tommy E. Quinley's property. He pointed out a letter to the board from Quinley.

Quinley's letter, from Pensacola, Fla., gives the Ruidoso Downs fire department permission to use his private roads, and cut locks and remove sections of fence if necessary.

The letter had been requested by Tom Armstrong, the city's code enforcer. In addition to emergency egress, the code calls for 50 feet of right of way.

Van Gullick assured Skarr that the easeway will be city-maintained, and mentioned that the city administrator wants to pave the city. "However, Mr. Quinley's letter needs some clarification," he concluded.

There is concern that Quinley's property could be sold in the future. "We need to know that the road will always be dedicated to the city," said Armstrong. Once the road is up to code, then the city will maintain it, and have use of it for emergency services.

"We like it the way it is now. How can we be sure they really just want an RV park?"

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Residents to discuss waste dumping

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A meeting of residents concerned about septic tank waste dumped on property in the area of Glencoe is set for 6 p.m. Monday.

Ralph Romero, who headed an effort to stop the activity on land that connects to an arroyo leading to the Ruidoso River, said this session at The Glencoe Store will be used to organize a formal presentation to the Lincoln County Commission later this month.

Although the septic tank pumping business owner complied with a state Environment Department notice of violation and covered the material, some residents are not satisfied with that solution.

They previously asked state officials to levy a fine to discourage others from doing the same thing. But state officials, at a community meeting last month, said compliance is their goal. Pursuing stiffer action, which takes more financial and staff resources, is reserved

for major offenders, they said.

The officials said they doubted any contamination reached the river. They tested 11 area wells and found problems in two, but said the higher bacteria levels probably came from other sources, such as septic tank fields.

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Missing woman

Mary L. Hinman, 54, of Ruidoso, was reported missing from the 900 block of Sudderth Drive since about 8 a.m. Dec. 2, and was still listed as missing Thursday.

She is described as blond with blue eyes, 5 feet five inches tall and weighing about 130 pounds. She is presumed to have been driving a Cadillac Escalade SUV.

Stolen property

Police arrested Johnny Ramirez, 21, of Ruidoso Downs, Dec. 3, charging him with possession of stolen property and tampering with evidence. The property, alleged to have been stolen from a residence in the 500 block of Mechem Drive between 9:43 p.m. Dec. 2 and 2:58 a.m. Dec. 3, was found in Ramirez's vehicle, according to police reports. Police officers identified the stolen property by matching serial numbers on two woofers, two amps and a capacitor, retrieving \$889.37 of the \$1,450 total value of property stolen.

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Another proposed cellular tower raising a fuss

The planning and zoning commission tabled the license asked for by Sprint.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A proposal from Sprint to use a 1,960-square-foot circular public right of way for a portable cellular telephone antennae isn't sitting well with members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

"The idea of putting it on the cul-de-sac right of way, I have a problem with it, even if it's temporary," member Tim Hoyt said Tuesday.

Member Bill Hirschfeld agreed. "I hate to waste any more of your time by telling you to come back in two week," he said, when told the company first needs to apply for a conditional use permit.

Commissioners followed the advice of board attorney, Charles Rennick, and tabled the license issue for use of the right of way on Crown and Excalibur Roads to allow PVT Wireless to file a conditional use application that would be heard during the first meeting in January.

Acting chairman Phillis Barnett reminded Mark Holt and Cherie D. Zeka of Black & Veatch Telecommunications Inc. that when considering a conditional use request, the opinion of adjoining property owners carries significant weight. Nine property owners signed a petition against the application, she said.

Joel Rutten, one of those property owners, said he's opposed to putting anything in the cul-de-sac because it might interfere with the

ability of emergency vehicles to turn around. He later added that if Sprint can use the public right of way, he'd like to use another right of way in town for a couple of mobile home rentals.

Although member Vickie Williams said part of her opposition is the proliferation of antennae and towers in the area, Rennick said limiting the number of cellular towers "is not going to be a realistic approach."

Eight providers are licensed locally and three are providing service, he said. Five others will be looking for places for their equipment as cellular traffic increases, he said.

After the conditional use application is settled, then the question of a public right of way license can be dropped into the laps of village councilors with a recommendation,

Rennick said. Licenses are issued for one year at a time, he said.

"The concept is unique, especially in that type of terrain and this may be a way for providers to find out how the service holes can be filled by staying mobile," Rennick said. "But because it's within the village right of way cul-de-sac, it could raise franchise issues. I need to look at that."

The right of way permit charge would be based on an annual \$50 fee, plus a formula using the amount and value of the square footage for a total of \$363.60.

While they're waiting, Sprint officials can continue negotiating with Verizon Wireless cellular service about co-locating its equipment on one of Verizon's towers, board members said. Zeka said her company applied for co-location and

may know by the end of February.

Zeka said if approved, the temporary apparatus would be placed on a 26-foot long, 8-foot wide flatbed protected by a fence. The antennae would be 56 inches long and 8 inches wide, attached directly to a tower. No foundation or excavation would be needed. The installation would require about eight hours, she said.

The need for the new antennae is based on customer complaints from the downtown area, she said. The company already has two other towers, co-locating with other services.

According to the planning staff summary by Darrell Bremner, adjoining properties are zoned R3, multi-family residential. The cul-de-sac is partly paved and one home uses it for access near its entrance.

Transportation officials looking for Hondo Valley enhancement ideas

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

State transportation officials are looking for input on what additional community enhancements would be appropriate along the Hondo Valley portion of a 38 mile route of U.S. 70 being four-laned.

In September, the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department announced it budgeted \$750,000 for community enhancements within the Hondo Valley as part of the design/build project.

Officials gathered input at an open house and already have incorporated some of those ideas in the budget.

Things suggested included:

- Automated radar detection, speed display and flashing lights to slow speeding traffic entering the communities of Glencoe, San Patricio, Hondo, Tinnie and Picacho.

- Educational programs in collaboration with local schools that provide students exposure to potential career opportunities associated with highway planning, design, construction and natural and cultural resource management.

- Scenic By-Way pullouts with interpretive kiosks.

- Community gateway signs AND/or monuments with enhanced landscape treatments for the communities of Glencoe, San Patricio, Hondo, Tinnie and Picacho.

- Additional parking for roadside businesses.

- Continuing a higher level

of law enforcement on the road after the 28-month construction period is completed.

"We're open to suggestions no matter how small the project," said Mary Ann Wootton, public relations spokesman for Sierra Blanca Constructors,

which is handling the design and construction of the scenic two-lane road.

"This is an extension of the initial request. Basically the points at the beginning and planning stages we were able to cover and have something

left over. We wanted to decide if we should use all of the remainder for additional law enforcement after construction is completed or to seek additional input from the local communities including Ruidoso Downs for additional

benefits that would enhance."

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'Zozo women to hold holiday hoedown

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The 13th annual Carrizozo Woman's Club Christmas Hoedown opens its doors this Saturday, Dec. 7, to a room full of Christmas crafts, gift ideas and holiday cooking.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club, started in 1920, averages 25 yearly members but has had as many as 100 in earlier years. In 1939 they built the building that currently houses them today, and will be

the home to this year's Christmas craft show.

In 1989, Hoedown Chairman Sharon Hefker came up with the idea for a money-making project that was also festive for the holidays. Currently, the hoedown is one of two major moneymakers for the club.

The building has space for 20 booths and all the slots are full. Vendors will be displaying a variety of handmade Christmas decorations, leatherwork, and woodworking, assorted types of art and

baked goods and candy.

The warmth of a fire in the fireplace and smell of good food wafting from the kitchen will make the shopping a friendly, warm social event as well as a commercial opportunity for vendors.

The doors open to the public at 9 a.m. and stay open until 4 p.m. Lunch is served by the Woman's Club from Noon to 2 p.m. This year's fare is a hot tamale dinner, drink and dessert for \$5.

For further information, contact Sharon Hefker at 648-2219.

Board approves new cattle class for youth showing at county fair

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In their November meeting, the Lincoln County Fair directors voted to create and add a Market Heifer Class to the livestock portion of the fair. In an effort to expand the opportunities for youth showing cattle, the Market Heifer Class will at yet another category for sale opportunities.

Guidelines for the new class will include

featuring two Lincoln County or area school district ranches each year that will be the source for the heifers.

Youth interested in this added class should contact Pete Gnatkowski at the Lincoln County Extension office for full details.

In other business, the board decided to sell advertising to pay for the costs of the fair book. Several ideas are in the works to make the fair book valuable to advertisers

as well as fair participants.

A trailer for use as an office during rodeo and fair time has been purchased. At the long-standing request of the rodeo contractor as well as the obvious congestion at fair time, a designated office area had become a high priority.

The fair board will not have meetings in December and January but will reconvene in their regular time and place on Feb. 19, 2003.

Capitan parade Dec. 14

DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Santa Claus will arrive by horse-drawn carriage at the Capitan Public Library Saturday, Dec. 14, as part of an old-fashioned parade.

Members of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse will serve as escorts. About a dozen other horse-drawn vehicles are expected to participate.

The parade will leave Mule Creek Trading on the east end of Capitan at 12:30 p.m., travel up and down Main Street and end up at the library on 2nd Street at about 1:30 p.m.

Santa will stay around until 2:30 p.m. for photographs and to help distribute candy and gifts courtesy of the Capitan Library and local donors.

Santa also is scheduled to show up with Mrs. Claus from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Smokey Bear Historical Park for the Christmas in the Park holiday celebration. Refreshments will be served.

Everyone is welcome to both events.

To participate in the parade with a horse-drawn vehicle or mounted riders, contact Mule Creek at (505) 354-4203.

CAPITAN SCHOOLS

Meeting watch: Capitan Municipal Schools
Meeting: Board of Education, 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12, Administration Building

Approval of consent agenda items: athletics, cafeteria, activity, payrolls paid; bills paid; budget transfers and/or increases
Approval of food bid, Jan.-May 2003
Approval of district wide strategic plan, revision and update, Larry Miller

Informational:
• Caution Light Status - Miller
• Utilities comparison - Miller
• Enrollment update, 80th day - Miller
• NMSBA Annual Convention - Gary Tregembo
• Superintendent evaluation - Tregembo
• School board election calendar - Tregembo
• Other informational reports

Executive session:
• Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) Limited personnel matters
• Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H)(4) Personally identifiable student information - discipline

RUIDOSO SCHOOLS

Meeting Watch: Ruidoso Municipal Schools

Meeting: Ruidoso Board of Education, 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10 in the Administration Office

The public is welcome. Discussion:

- National Merit Scholars
- All State Choir students - elementary, middle and high school
- Update on Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center
- Board election - Feb. 4, 2003

State Department of Education onsite accreditation report

Action items:
• RHS Student/Parent Handbook, Grades and honors
• Budget adjustments

- Cash transfers Personnel
 - Licensed resignations/rec-ommendations for employment
 - Classified resignations/rec-ommendations for employment
- Next regular meeting: 7 p.m., Jan. 14.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Juan Bujosa

Memorial services for John "Juan" Jose Bujosa, 55, of Alto, were Thursday at the First Assembly of God Church, 139 El Paso Road, with Pastor Stacy Brankel officiating. A reception will follow the service.

Mr. Bujosa died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born Jan. 29, 1947, in Aricebo, Puerto Rico, to Cesar Bujosa and Irma Santos Bujosa.

He and Joyce Strysh were married on Dec. 28, 1989, in Brandon, Fla.

He had lived in Alto for two years, moving from Tampa, Fla., and New York City, N.Y.

In New Mexico he had a prison and youth ministry for two years and was a boxing trainer. In Florida, he was involved with radio ministry, was an author, and was ordained as a Reverend of Christ Deliverance Ministries in Tampa in 1993. He was a member of First Assembly of God Church of Ruidoso.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of the home; a son, Matthew Siefert and his wife, Tammie, of Riverview, Fla.; grandchildren Elisabeth and Zachary Siefert of Riverview; his father, Cesar Bujosa, and his wife, Alma, of Aricebo; a brother, Cesar Bujosa, and his wife, Alma, of Aricebo; his wife, Alma, of Aricebo; his uncles, an aunt, cousins and a host of friends and fellow Christians whose lives he touched.

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory in Roswell.

Arden Hosetosavit

Funeral services for Arden E. Hosetosavit, 57, of Mescalero, will be at 10 a.m. today, Dec. 6, at the Mescalero Reformed Church in Mescalero, with the Rev. Bob Schut officiating. Burial will follow at the Gaines Well Cemetery in Mescalero.

Mr. Hosetosavit died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002, at his residence in Mescalero.

He was born May 21, 1945,

in Mescalero to Alfred and Cecilia Hosetosavit, who preceded him in death.

A lifetime resident of Mescalero, he was a self-employed artist.

Survivors include brothers Arvin Hosetosavit of White River, Ariz., Harley Hosetosavit of Mescalero, and Ritchie Hosetosavit of Mescalero; sisters Brenda Kazner of Boston, Mass., Clarinda Hosetosavit of Mescalero and Laveda Hosetosavit of Mescalero.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Dorothy Phillips

Services for Dorothy Phillips, 88, were in Bellevue, Wash.

She died Nov. 23, 2002.

Mrs. Phillips lived and

worked in Ruidoso for several years and was a member of the Women's Club and a volunteer at several places.

Survivors include Bobbe and Norm Evans of Issaquah, Wash.; a granddaughter, Deana Blakely, and her husband, Billy Blakely of Washington; a grandson, Ronnie Evans of Washington; great-grandsons Mitch Evans of Washington and Jagger, of California; a daughter, Lynna Tolliver, and her husband, Terry; granddaughters Katy and Emily, of Houston, Texas, Paula Spivey and her husband, Jeff, of Florida, and Tina Adams of Ruidoso.

John Gerhardt

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Problems delay changes to duplicate street names

County's suggestions tabled until January village council meeting

DIANNE STALLINGS
DOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

What appeared to be a simple quest turned into a complicated government dilemma Tuesday. Connie Stone, Lincoln County Council member, asked for approval of two memorandums of understanding between the county and Ruidoso to eliminate duplication of street names and coordinate street numbering within the village and inside the transitional one-mile extrajurisdictional zone around the village.

One MOU states the village would name some existing roads to avoid duplication and will coordinate with the county in any future naming of streets. The second authorizes the village to oversee addressing within the transitional one-mile extrajurisdictional zone around the village.

If the village ends with an address 106 on a particular street that enters the county, Stone said with

the village handling the ETZ, such an arrangement would ensure consecutive numbering on the street.

Four or five streets in the village also bear the names of other towns such as Nogal and White Oaks. She wanted the village to either change the name or add an adjective such as "Old White Oaks" or "Nogal Way" to distinguish the location.

Mayor Leon Eggleston said the approach seemed simple and that if one subdivision or community was established first, that entity could keep the name and the other could change it.

But in government, sometimes nothing is simple and before the discussion ended, the two MOUs were tabled to let employees work out the problems and return at the council's first meeting in January.

Stone explained that until the village completed the changes, she can't move ahead with the changes in the county.

"I wanted to do mine all at one time," she said.

But that's what bothered Councilor Frank Cummins, who told Stone that in 1993, the village completed all of its numbering and many street names changed to eliminate duplicates. At that time - before Stone was on board - the county didn't cooperate with the village. He didn't like the idea of more changes now.

Cleatus Richards, in charge of special projects for the village, agreed, saying that every time names are changed, a chance for error exists that could cause problems in an emergency. Many subdivisions could be developed in the ETZ, creating a significant amount of extra work that rightfully should fall under the county's responsibility. He also was concerned about the village's liability.

Village Manager Lorri McKnight agreed that some implication could exist that if the village oversees naming and numbering streets in the

ETZ, it assumes jurisdiction for these areas.

Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars said Stone appeared before the board when Cummins was not in attendance and only a few roads are involved for name changes.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the purchase of a new cab and chassis with accessories to replace Brush 9 Fire Vehicle for the fire department. The purchase on a state contract will cost \$57,717.

- Approved a contract with Tracie Ebb-Montano to provide court monitor services for the DWI Prevention Program in Ruidoso Magistrate Court.

- Tabled action until the first meeting in April on a request to vacate a 12,290-square-foot right of way in the Lookout Subdivision by Bobbie R. and E.P. Scott.

Councilor Bob Sterchi noted that another resident who wanted to landscape some village property pays rent to do so. The Scotts wanted to buy the land at \$1.15 per square foot, which would create a new lot that could be

sold.

- Announced that Dec. 6 is the date for the village's awards banquet.

- Approved the mayor's appointments of Patricia Walls and Joe Arnold to the Ruidoso Library Board.

- Set a public hearing for Jan. 14 to allow a portion of a half-percent gross receipt tax dedicated to the airport and sewer system to be funneled into the general fund for uses specified by the council. Possible uses mentioned are an urban forestry department and a deputy village clerk. Airport debt must be paid before any money could be moved.

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CMC BIRTHS

Recent births at Lincoln County Medical Center:

Nov. 17, 2002, a daughter, Brooke Shae Becker, to Julia Casero, 7 lb, 7 oz, 21"

Nov. 19, 2002, a son, Diego Medina Andrade, to Maria and Sergio Medina, 6 lb, 11.5 oz, 20"

Nov. 20, 2002, a son, Zen Steven Lei Bustamante, to Genesis Bustamante, 8 lb, 13.3 oz, 20 3/4"

Nov. 20, 2002, a son, Dyllan McCabe Morgan, to Deborah Struzzi and Jeffrey Morgan, 7 lb, 4.9 oz, 20 3/4"

Nov. 21, 2002, a son, Thristan Colby Tucker, to Nancy and John Tucker, 4 lb, 12.9 oz, 17 1/2"

Nov. 21, 2002, a son, Andrew Keenan Schulz, to Valarie and Winfried Schulz, 8 lb, 2.1 oz, 20 1/2"

Nov. 25, 2002, a daughter, Samantha Victoria Nicole Kazhe Shorty, to Joella Kazhe and Ervin Shorty, 7 lb, 6.6 oz, 19 1/4"

Nov. 30, 2002, a daughter, Domonique Marie Parker, to AnnaMarie Erives and Gary Parker, 6 lb, 5 oz, 19"

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following couples were issued marriage licenses during October and November, and late September, by the office of Lincoln County Clerk Annie Maddox in Carrizozo.

- Mitchell Ray McMurphy, 41, and Genevieve Katherine Lerck, 51, issued Sept. 18

- Billy R. Cowell, 69, and Lois M. Oliver, 66, issued Sept. 20 and used Nov. 2

- Gary Denis Brooks, 43, and Krysta Jean King, 47, issued and used Sept. 20

- Albert Leonard Jewell, 43, and Theresa Marie Davis, 33, issued Sept. 20 and used Oct. 12

- Leslie Gary Bullard, 38, and Kristina Kay Wetzel, 25, issued and used Sept. 23

- Shane R. Johns, 26, and Shannon J. Stewart, 26, issued Sept. 25 and used Oct. 2

- Matthew Dion Martinez, 32, and Paula Monique Ortiz, 31, issued Sept. 25

- Don F. Zarndt, 41, and Jackie L. Knight, 38, issued Sept. 25 and used Sept. 30

- Steve Lee, 45, and Stephanie Hay, 32, issued Sept. 30 and used Oct. 10

- Matthew Denny, 31, and Sydney Rachel Nanz, 25, issued and used Oct. 1

- Timothy W. Widener, 45, and Beverly Widener, 45, issued Oct. 2

- Terry R. McCreery, 41, and Lynda Kay Giles, 51, issued Oct. 2 and used Nov. 16

- John Samuel Rolan, 52, and Jerrie Ann Baker, 45, issued and used Oct. 4

- Thomas D. Randall, 41, and Ellen D. Randall, 48, issued and used Oct. 4

- Kenneth A. Durbin, 32, and Dena R. Hall, 17, issued Oct. 4 and used Oct. 5

- Wilburn E. Hall Jr., 41, and Valencia A. Middleton, 41, issued Oct. 4

- Michael William Patrick, 33, and Reba Marlene Ford, 33, issued Oct. 7 and used Oct. 7

- Samuel Riker Davis Jr., 33, and Cynthia M. Clayton, 33, issued and used Oct. 11

- Billy Frank Hendrix, 66, and Gaye Gwendolyn Goolsby Sartor, 66, issued and used Oct. 11

- Dieter Jester, 54, and Vicki Price, 44, issued Oct. 11 and used Oct. 26

- Kelley Cash, 31, and Jamie Raachke, 31, issued Oct. 11

- Barry Herd, 59, and Lynn Lovelace, 46, issued Oct. 18 and used Nov. 9

- Dustin Mark Martin, 18, and Hallen Alicia Marie, 19, issued Oct. 21

- Stephen D. Stewart, 51, and Mary Ruth Young, 47, issued Oct. 22 and used Nov. 17

- Journey Robert Dennis, 52, and Sheri Frances Smiley, 49, issued and used Oct. 23

- Ryan Joseph Banks, 21, and Tamara Ann Shorey, 22, issued and used Oct. 23

- John A. Rudolph II, 34, and Lynette R. Walth, 34, issued Oct. 29

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Nick Spence (left) and Adrian Salas "supervise" while Gina Magoosh (standing) and Lauren Lahey decorate trees in the yard of Sherry Wade. Until the death of her husband, Kenneth, Wade's was one of the most-decorated yards during holiday season, and last year it won the lighting contest.

Christmas spirit

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A dozen Ruidoso High School students kept a tradition alive by decorating the yard of Sherry Wade Wednesday after school. Wade's husband, Kenneth, who died June 10, always used his ingenuity to light up the yard and house at the corner of Jack Little Drive and Hull Road, cutting out plywood Santa's eyes and deer and animating them. Last year the Wades won the holiday lighting contest. This year, his wife didn't have the heart to decorate without him, so students from the high

school did it for her, working until dark on Wednesday, and returning to finish the job another day. "(Assistant principal) Art Howard and (activities director) Ron Wall came over and helped, too," Wade said. "This was the best Christmas present that I could have gotten." Student Council sponsor Pixie Arthur said a parent called and asked if there was an organization that could decorate Wade's yard. "Since Student Council is a service organization at school, it seemed a natural progression for us to do it," Arthur said. "Kelly Paton, president of the student body, asked for volunteers, and a dozen volunteered."

Cookie drive to benefit military

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Retired military personnel, and friends and families of those in the military, are being asked to spend a few hours in the kitchen this holiday season as a way of remembering those who serve. Cecile Kinnan is mounting an annual drive for home-baked cookies - four or five dozen a person - to be distributed Dec. 19 at Holloman Air

Force Base in Alamogordo. "We want a way of saying to those who can't go home for Christmas that they aren't forgotten and the community appreciates what they do," she said. The cookies will be given to members of the American and German military at the base, she said. "If you're baking for your family, just plan on a few extra dozen," Kinnan said. "If you have no children at home, this

is a chance to have some fun with gingerbread men and sugar cookies or that special recipe again. "You don't have to come from a service family. Anyone who wants to say thanks is welcome to contribute cookies." The treats can be dropped off at Mitchell's Jewelry at 2622 Sudderth Drive. For more information, call Kinnan at the store at (505) 257-6924 or at home at 336-1812, or Lori Lamphere at 336-9157.

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Members of the committee to honor all past Civilian Conservation Corps participants invite all former enrollees and their families to the 70th Anniversary Celebration of the CCC. If you or a family member

worked for the CCC between 1933 and 1942, contact Kathryn Flynn at (505) 438-2089. The committee wants to acknowledge them at the celebration March 29 at National Parks headquarters in Santa

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SPORTS

In early November, the Warriors lost the District 4-3A championship to Portales. Now they face off again for the Class 3A title.

ALL BETS ARE OFF

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Yes, yes, yes. The last time Ruidoso and Portales met, the Warriors shut down the Warriors' explosive offensive capabilities to win 18-7 and secure the District 4-3A championship.

Yes, the last time these two teams met in the post-season was in the 1988 Class 3A title game, a game won by Portales.

And, yes, Saturday's game is another Class 3A championship contest.

But both Portales coach Glen Johnson and Ruidoso coach Ridge Bowden are just trying to focus on the task at hand without too many distractions regarding the history between these two schools.

"This is the biggest game of the season, but we have to focus on the little things we have to do to win," Johnson said. "We have to keep from giving up the big play."

"We've got to eliminate our mistakes and play to the best of our ability," Bowden said. "We're now where we want to be, and it comes down to execution."

When the two teams kick off at Greyhound Stadium at 2 p.m. on Saturday, be on the lookout for what could be a classic game.

Not much is likely to change as far as the teams' game plans. Portales will run, Ruidoso will run and throw.

The Rams are led by senior Les Long, who has 1,481 yards this season out of the backfield. Ruidoso will have to stop him, but they'll also have to be mindful of fellow running back Chris Carter, who actually led Portales in rushing against the Warriors with 106 yards on only nine carries.

Long had just 52 yards in that contest, but also scored two touchdowns, both from only two yards out. They also got a touchdown from quarterback Seth Clabaugh, who had 44 yards rushing.

Clabaugh has also shown he can throw the ball if needed, having thrown for 103 yards in their playoff opener against West Las Vegas.

"Portales is not going to change, they'll still rely on ball control," Bowden said. "They'll stay on the ground and throw if they need to. We'll need to get the ball back, because it's hard for defenses to score."

Ball control is exactly how the Rams won last time, keeping the ball out of quarterback Josh Adams' hands. Adams leads the team with 1,205 yards rushing, and has connected for 1,717 passing yards thus far this season.

Adams has been complimented well by sophomore Casey Mirau (488 yards) and seniors Tyler Line (316) and Time Lucero (246). Line, who was taken from the Hot Springs game last week in an ambulance with a knee injury, will be able to play in Portales on Saturday.

Adams' favorite target all season has been Chance Hooper, who has 1,081 yards receiving, making the two a deadly combination in the secondary.

"In an offense like that, that's scored over 100 points in two playoff games; well, they're doing something right," Johnson said. "It's just a tremendous challenge to keep them from scoring a lot on us."



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso receiver Chance Hooper hauls in a pass against Hot Springs in the Class 3A semifinal Nov. 30 in Truth Or Consequences. Hooper had eight catches for 117 yards and one touchdown against the Tigers, and will be looking to do much of the same Saturday against Portales in the Class 3A championship.

So, Portales must keep the ball as much as possible, Ruidoso must try to score as many points as they can when they have the ball. It's really that simple.

But both coaches point out an even more important factor: How difficult it can be to beat a team twice in a season.

"It's harder the second time, we saw that in our playoff game against St. Mike's," said Bowden, referring to a 62-56 four-overtime thriller against St. Michael's which occurred just over a month after Ruidoso killed the Horsemen at home, 52-14. "Hopefully, overconfidence will be a problem for Portales, but their coaches are smart and will be preparing their for this."

That's exactly how Johnson sees the situation. "We can't go into this with the approach that we've played them before," Johnson said. "This will be a totally different ball game. They've seen what we can do, but we've also seen what they can do. We

have to remain on our toes."

Warrior sendoff

The team will be leaving Friday afternoon for Portales, and the Warrior booster club is preparing a royal sendoff. The procession will begin today at noon at the Ruidoso High School parking lot.

The bus carrying the team will travel to the parent drop-off area behind Sierra Vista Elementary, drive down White Mountain Drive to Mechem, then turn south to Sudderth. At Sudderth and Eagle drives downtown, the bus will drive through a giant banner, then out of town to Portales.

Along the way, students from Sierra Vista and White Mountain schools will greet them, Nob Hill students will send them off from in front of the Lincoln County Medical Center and the entire procession will be escorted by the Ruidoso Police Department.

Advance tickets for the game are also available at the RHS front office. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children.

Capitan, 'Zozo hoops teams split

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The basketball season in Lincoln County has begun in earnest, and the Carrizozo and Capitan teams continued their rivalry Tuesday with a pair of contests at Cummins Gym in Capitan.

In the boys contest, Capitan won 63-41, while Carrizozo won the girls game 57-56.

"We played fairly well, but we had some letdowns and didn't play a very good fourth quarter," said Capitan boys coach Royce Brown. "It was still a decent performance."

The Tigers (1-0) ran the ball effectively in the first half, taking a 31-19 lead into the locker room and then outscoring

Carrizozo (1-2) 16-3 in the third quarter.

"In the second quarter, they made some adjustments and we had some turnovers," Brown said. "But we held them defensively. Part of it was our defense, part of it was that they weren't making their shots."

"But in the fourth quarter, it seemed like they were making everything."

As for Carrizozo coach Mel Holland, it was simply a case of youth versus maturity.

"We were just outmanned," Holland said. "They've got a good team and we're real young. We gave up a lot of size as well, but I'm really proud of the way they played."

J.D. Mitchell led the Tigers with 13

points, followed by Sheldon Moor with 12. Carrizozo's Josh Shelvert had 12 points, while Casey Saenz and Trevor Douglas had eight points each.

The game ended with another Capitan steal and something a little rare in small-town basketball — a dunk by Bo Sparks.

"He's got that ability," Brown said. "But it's neat to see him do it in a game and not just in practice."

Lady Grizzlies 57, Lady Tigers 56
The Capitan girls may have lost their season opener, but coach Sherry Gowen was very happy with her team's perfor-

side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache
New Snow Past 24 Hours: 10 in.
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Weather at Report Time: Partly Cloudy
Road at Report Time: Clear
Midway Depth: 20-32 in. packed snow on open trails
Surface Conditions: Powder and packed powder
Skiing Conditions: Excellent
Trails Open: Ten
Lifts Open: Seven of 11 lifts: Two surface lifts and chairs three, four, five, seven and chair two to midway
Trails Groomed This Morning: All open trails
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: Yes
Forecast: Partly Cloudy

Prep Scores

Tuesday, Dec. 3
Boys Basketball
Capitan 63, Carrizozo 41
Girls Basketball
Carrizozo 57, Capitan 58

Thursday, Dec. 4
Boys Basketball
Taos Invitational
Ruidoso 80, Bloomfield 38

Preps on Tap

Friday, Dec. 6
Boys Basketball
Ruidoso vs. Taos/Penasco Taos Tournament, 8 p.m.
Carrizozo, Capitan at Roadrunner Tournament, TBA
Girls Basketball
Ruidoso at Levelland Tournament, TBA
Carrizozo, Capitan at Roadrunner Tournament, TBA

Saturday, Dec. 7
Football
Ruidoso at Portales in Class 3A championship, 2 p.m.
Boys Basketball
Corona at Lake Arthur, 4 p.m.
Ruidoso at Taos Tournament, TBA
Carrizozo, Capitan at Roadrunner Tournament, TBA
Girls Basketball
Corona at Lake Arthur, 2 p.m.
Estancia at Mesalero, 5 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Belen Tournament, 8 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 9
Girls Basketball
Mesalero at Mesilla Valley, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10
Boys Basketball
Carrizozo at Hondo, 7 p.m.
Tularosa at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Ruidoso at Tularosa, 7:30 p.m.

On Deck

Reindeer Run in Roswell
The 18th annual Reindeer Run, sponsored by Rio Pecos Medical Associates, will be held Saturday in Roswell. The run will consist of a 10K run, 10K walk, two mile run and two mile walk.
Entry fee is \$25 plus a can of food for the Lend-A-Hand program. A \$1 discount will be given to Roswell Runners Club members or groups of 10 or more. Awards will be given to runners in age groups from 5 and under to 70 and older.
The event will begin and end at the Roswell Racquet Club and Spa at 200 E. Mesalero in Roswell. For more information, contact Bob Edwards at 627-5507, Rio Pecos Medical Associates at 622-6322 or the Roswell Recreation Department at 624-6720.

Lady Grizzlies 57, Lady Tigers 56
Carrizozo (2-1)
Lacy Burd 5 1-2 11, Tierny Burd 1 0-0 4
2, Stephanie Brewer 2 3-3 7, Sonja Vega 0 0-0 0, Christa Frank 7 4-9 18,
Sarah White 0 0-0 0, Whitney Whitaker 1 4-6 6, Ariel Burr 2 0-2 4,
MaryBeth Shivers 0 0-0 0, Victoria Rossi 1 3-4 8, Francesca Rossi 1 2-3 4,
Adrianna Zamora 0 0-0 0. Totals: 20-17-32-57.
Capitan (0-1)
Catherine Wood 1 1-2 3, Stephanie Kelsey 1 4-7 6, Amy Sheehy 0 0-0 0,
Melissa Becker 5 2-6 12, Kayla Gilson 2 0-2 4, Jennifer Barley 0 0-0 0,
Jessica Tutty-Mitchell 6 4-8 16, Jessica Becker 2 2-6 14, Kelsey Sherwalk 0 0-0 0.
Totals: 21 14-33 58.
Carrizozo 8 15 15 57
Capitan 9 15 15 57
Three-point goals: Carrizozo 0, Capitan 0.
Total fouls: Carrizozo 24, Capitan 27.
Fouled out: Carrizozo, Whitaker, Capitan, Tutty-Mitchell.

Tigers 63, Grizzlies 41
Carrizozo (1-2)
Justus Wilson 0 0-0 0, Corey Lopez 0 0-0 0, Tim Barela 0 0-0 0, Steve Ramirez 0 0-0 0, Casey Saenz 3 0-0 8,
Jesse Samora 0 1-2 1, Joseph Samora 3 1-2 7, Trevor Douglas 4 0-0 8, Chris Vallejos 0 0-0 0, Johnny Beltran 2 0-0 5, Junior Corley 0 0-0 0, Josh Calvert 4 3-5 12. Totals: 16 5-9 41.
Capitan (1-0)
Drew Haynes 2 0-0 4, Kurtis Lee 0 0-0 0, Stephen Silva 2 0-0 4, Bo Sparks 8 0-0 16, Sheldon Moor 5 2-3 12, Elliott Taylor 0 0-0 0, Weston Richardson 0 0-0 0, Josh Osborn 1 0-0 2, Rusty Martin 2 0-0 4, J.D. Mitchell 6 1-2 13, Robbie Blirchett 1 2-2 4, Josh Cabrita 2 0-2 4. Totals: 29 5-9 63.
Carrizozo 7 12 11 41
Capitan 15 12 16 41
Three-point goals: Carrizozo 4, Capitan 2.
Total fouls: Carrizozo 7, Capitan 15.

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HOOPS: Capitan boys, Carrizozo girls victorious Tuesday

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mance. "The girls really impressed me, they're not even in basketball shape yet," Gowen said. "We still ran, and stayed in the game because of all our steals."

The Lady Tigers (0-1) actually had a sizable lead in the first half and led by five after three quarters, but they finally ran out of gas in the end. Carrizozo (2-1) went ahead mostly on the scoring of Christa Frank, who led her team with 18 points — 10 of them in the final period.

Jessica Tully-Mitchell had 16 points before fouling out of the game to lead Capitan, while Jessica Becker had 14 and Melissa Becker 12.

"I think we got lucky," said Holland, who also coaches the Lady Grizzlies. "We didn't play well early, but came back and put things together when we had to."

"I had to put in the second group and we got to within four (at halftime), then I put the first group in and we won," he

added. "Maybe the rest helped, I don't know." Gowen thinks another problem her team faced was poor shooting at the foul line. "We were 14-33 from the free-throw line, that's the game right there," Gowen said. "We were tired at the end, but we can shoot better than that." Still, she's happy with the performance of her team. "I didn't expect to stay with them," Gowen said. "If they did this well at the beginning, they'll be doing even better at the end."

On to the Roadrunner

All four teams traveled to Dexter and Hagerman Thursday for the first round of the annual Roadrunner Tournament. Carrizozo took on Jal, while Capitan had their hands full with tournament host Dexter.

"They have some pretty good players," Brown said Thursday afternoon of the Dexter boys. "Their junior varsity was undefeated last year, so we'll have our work cut out for us." On the girls side, Gowen was anticipating another run-and-gun contest.

"That's the philosophy we're trying to instill, and if the other team runs, it's good for us," Gowen said. "Next week, we'll be in Artesia, and a lot of teams run there."

If the Capitan and Carrizozo teams won Thursday, they would face one another in the second round today in Dexter. A loss by any team would put them in Hagerman in the consolation bracket.

Warriors run over Bloomfield

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso boys basketball team have now equaled last year's win total. From the looks of things, they'll likely not stop there.

The Warriors went to 2-0 Thursday after thrashing Bloomfield 80-38 in the first round of the Taos Invitational.

"Everything worked, pretty much," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "Our pressure

defense hurt them and we took advantage of their lack of depth.

"Offensively, we did really well and shut them down in the second half."

Cody Small had 15 points to lead the Warriors, followed by Patrick Valliant with 14 and Austin Beier with 13.

As a team, Bloomfield was held to just 16 points in the second half.

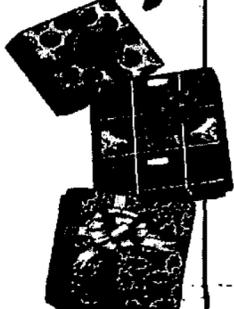
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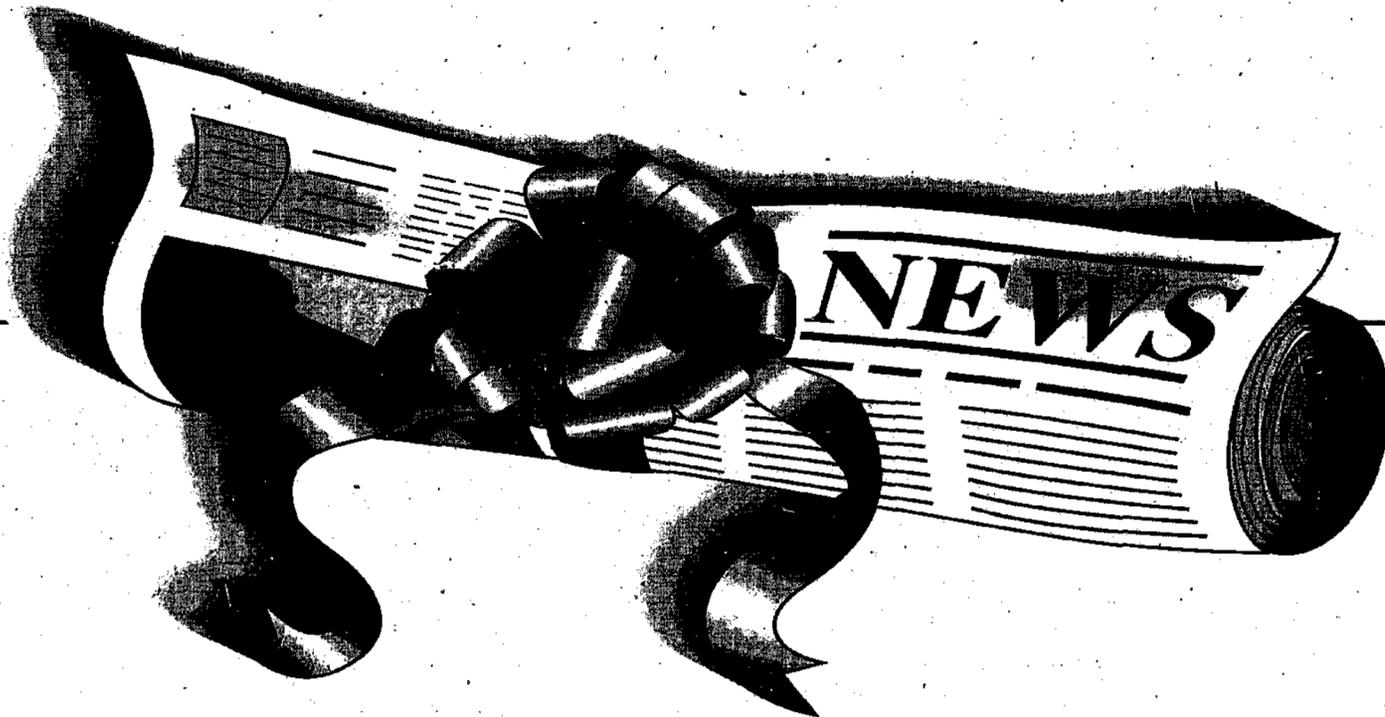
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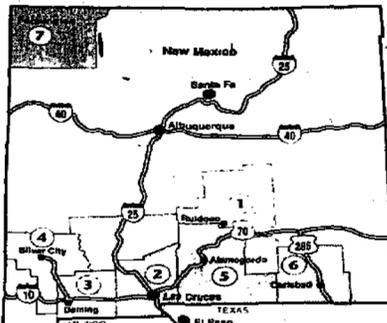
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HORSES ALLOWED. In Capitán, 864 sq ft., unfinished metal home located on 4 acres Views, new septic, well and electric. \$72,000 BILL PIPPIN REAL ESTATE 257-4228

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3BD/2BA, SPLIT floor plan, fire place, double carport, covered deck, all appliances. 1/3 acre corner lot. 401 Mary Dr. \$157,000. 258-2898

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FSBO 4bd, 3ba, two suite home on 1/2 acre in town. 2 1/2 near schools. 2 story French Colonial in great condition. Possible 1/2 additional acre adjoining home. \$250,000 1/2 acre. \$30,000. 258-4614

101 HOUSES FOR SALE

HULL ROAD!!! Beautiful one story 2000 + S.F., on over 1/2 acre treed lot! 3 lg. Bed., 2Ba, 600 S.F. attached garage - huge country kitchen with hickory cabinets, great room w/ FP and T&G cedar ceiling! + covered front porch. A real ten! \$259,900. 258-2288

IN TOWN, IMPRESSIVE S.B. views; 4/3 2700 sq ft. 2 living areas w/fireplaces, balconies, deck, storage bldg. fully fenced, single car garage. Cash or new loan. \$138,000 Owner/Agent 257-0033

LEISURE LIVING HOME 101 WALKABOUT WHITE MOUNTAIN MEADOWS

SNUG AND WARM IN THE WINTER TALL PINES COOL IN THE SUMMER.

This contemporary home has 2014 square feet of comfortable living area with large rooms with brightly lighted vaulted ceilings. Computer room and large master suite with an abundance of closet space. Master bath with tiled spa tub. Large covered deck and huge storage space. Call Sonora Corporation, 420-0208, for an early viewing.

PRICE REDUCED BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN HOME 2Bd/2 Full Baths Large Living, Dining, Kitchen area. Level Entry Great Backyard 113 Alpine Village Rd. 258-1235 or 910-5551

101 HOUSES FOR SALE

TOTALLY REMODELED, new everything, 3/2, custom tile, Berber carpet, natural woodwork, oak kitchen, jacuzzi, storage buildings/workshop, carport, 415 West Third, Capitán \$78,000 Call 336-1398

WHAT CAN you buy for \$66 a square ft.? A very clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large fireplace, open living, 2 storage buildings, dog run, acre lot with room for RV parking, owner wants an offer, good winter sun, natural gas. Asking \$92,500, call Melody @ RE/MAX 258-5833 owner agent Marge Woodul, make an offer.

3BD/2.5BA MOBILE with addition, covered deck and carport, \$62,500.00, possible owner financing with 10% down Call 491-5821

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1BD FURNISHED house. Combination kitchen/living room covered parking, water paid. \$375/mo plus utilities plus deposit. References required. No pets 6 month lease. NO smoking. 257-7109

3BD/2BA FIRE place small fenced yard. \$650 a month. 111 Phippen. Please call 257-4230

105 HOUSES FOR RENT

3BD/2BA W/CARPORT. Unfurnished, off Mechem Dr. 1yr lease. \$600/month, w/security deposit. 258-4256

3BD/2BA, OFFICE, huge kitchen, 1900 Sq Ft. Mtn. view. Enclosed garage with workroom. Fenced yard. No smoking. 6 month lease required. \$800 deposit \$975/mo. 257-4345

ADULT RENTAL. Small 2bd 1ba house. No pets. \$575 per month plus utilities. Water paid. \$300 utility and cleaning deposit at 508 Wing field. In midtown. Call 257-4577

BEAUTIFUL 3BD/2BA home in Alto, full view of Sierra Blanca/Alto Lake. 2 full decks & hot tub \$1500/mo. 336-2332

105 HOUSES FOR RENT

FURNISHED 1 Bd/1 1/2 Bath house for rent \$550/month utilities included No Pets and a 6/mo lease call 258-2623

Cottage Central 1 bedroom, fully furnished home. Great location for temporary corporate housing. Monthly rates starting at \$1100. Call 257-4228

UNFURNISHED HOUSE for rent, 205 East Circle Dr. Ruidoso Downs Heights, 3Bd/1Ba, fireplace, central heating, very clean, \$700 per month plus \$200 deposit. Call 505-894-2555.

NEWLY REMODELED 2BD/2BA HOME. Convenient location, \$550.00 plus utilities. Lease and deposit. Call 505-521-4057.

105 HOUSES FOR RENT

HOUSE FOR Rent. 2Bd/1Ba, storage garage, on the river, \$450/mo, water and electric included, tenant pays propane \$500/deposit. No-Pets. 378-7103

NICE HOME quiet neighborhood. 3bd 2ba fenced yard, two car carport. Available for long term lease \$775 per month. References required. No indoor pets. 257-4900

MODERN 3BD 2Ba ranch home at 107 Ridge Crest. \$750 plus utilities. Lease and deposit. 505-521-4057

105 HOUSES FOR RENT

HOUSE FOR Rent. 3Bd/2Ba, corner lot. Big, fenced backyard, level access. Vaulted ceilings. Lots of storage space. \$900/mo. 257-2271

SMALL 2BD with washer, dryer. Near Midtown, no pets. \$495 per month plus electric and gas deposit required 131 Taos trail 257-3910

WHITE MOUNTAIN 3/2 living, dining, den, kitchen, pantry, patios, garage. Level entrance \$1650 mo. 258-6730

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PRICE REDUCED! Stucco home on nearly an acre. Vaulted Aspen ceiling and interior log walls. Efficient radiant floor heat. \$109,000. Call Wayland. #98098

BREATHTAKING VIEWS from this tastefully remodeled 3/3 with superb floor plan, great covered decks and showplace landscaping. Don't miss bonus room and storage down, both heated. \$289,500. Call Melody to see. #97806

DELIGHTFUL, CHEERY, contemporary mountain home! Loft with walk-in closet could be 3rd bedroom, excellent Sierra Blanca view, mostly furnished. Exclusions are few! Large lot offers privacy from neighbors, great deck with cover. Call Marge. \$179,900.

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FULL GOLF LOT IN ALTO with septic and water meter in. Nice, gentle downhill slope. #97272 \$49,500

FULL GOLF MEMBERSHIP LOT level for building and close to entrance and #15 Green. Easy access, big trees, and beautiful homes surrounding this homesite. #9752 \$57,500

RANCHES OF SONTERRA with BIG views of Sierra Blanca, the Captains and the valley below. #96916 \$62,000

WONDERFUL AND SECLUDED! Manufactured home with a terrific add on! 2 very large and secluded decks to look out into the beautiful woods. Includes large Morgan Storage building. Large, heavily wooded lot in nice subdivision. \$72,000 #97633

22.8 ACRES OF PRISTINE LINCOLN FOREST. Nat. Forest only 1 tract over HEAVY tree coverage and beautiful views. Has well and some roads in. #96118 \$210,000

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CLASSY, CUSTOM BUILT STUCCO HOME 4 bedroom, 4 bath, fully furnished with designer furnishings, home with a big view of Sierra Blanca. Large covered deck. Air conditioned. \$340,000. #98355

ELEGANT MOUNTAIN HOME 4 bd., 2 1/2 bath featuring 2 living areas, kitchen w/custom cabinets, breakfast room, formal dining, cozy sun room, landscaped & fenced. \$325,000. #98282

OUTSTANDING VIEWS!! 5 bd., 3 full baths, 2-1/2 baths. Southern exposure, metal roof. Contemporary mountain home 2 car garage, hot tub, workshop, upstairs game - den rm. #285,000. #98356

GOLF LOVERS! Beautiful new, one level stucco home w/ 2 car garage, refrig, a/c, alarm system, jacuzzi in master, decks, mt. view, gas log lighter, stainless steel appliances. Open floor plan. Quality built. \$258,000. #96679

RIVER FRONTAGE On two acres to develop your dream on the Rio Ruidoso. Large pines & level land with a darling home to enjoy while you make your plans. Zoned R-2 \$199,777. #97443

YOUR VERY OWN CHALET IN THE WOODS! Soft views of Sierra Blanca & Alto Lake. Beautiful rock fireplace in vaulted living area. Large wrap around deck. Golf membership paved parking, furnished. \$189,900. #97464

GREAT GETAWAY - ALTO VILLAGE Modified A-frame, recently painted & updated, new decks, mountain charm, fireplace. 3/2 w/ social membership \$169,900. #98003

FEAST YOUR EYES ON THIS VIEW! of Sierra Blanca from the freestop deck as well as savoring the vista from the living area & kit. This 2 bd. chalet has been remodeled to be a great place to getaway. \$115,900. #97735

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REMODELED, SOUTHWESTERN STYLE stucco home with large kitchen, completely updated, gas appliances, side by side refrigerator, living room with kiva fireplace and huge built-in TV, master bedroom with sitting room and approximately 2339 square feet, priced at \$172,500

TOP QUALITY ALTO HOME. This 4 bdrm, 3 1/2 ba, 2 car gar. home features marble floors, 2 FP, 3 wet bars, 2 master suites w/ jacuzzi tubs, steam bath, huge columns, fountains, landscaping, great SB view, full golf privileges and more. OWNER WILL CONSIDER TRADE. Reduced to 645,000

LOVELY HOME IN THE TALL PINES. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has a built in rock fireplace, game room downstairs plus a hot tub room, heated workshop, approximately 2136 square feet in a nice subdivision. \$159,500

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AWESOME SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS! Fully fenced, usable land, nice pond, tile floors, covered porch on 3 sides of house all on 6.9 acres of land. Included in sales price is a 25x8 travel trailer. \$169,500

BEAUTIFUL ACREAGE!! Five tracts of land 2.8 acres to 6.7 acre tracts. Outstanding views of Sierra Blanca and Little Creek runs through each tract. This property is priced to sell. Call us for more information.

BEAUTIFUL SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS and views of the Inn of the Mountain Gods Lake. Lovely 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo with 2 fireplaces, deck, approximately 1700 square feet. A must see at \$164,000

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10.83 ACRES. Ranches of Sonterra, corner lot, mostly level, ready to build. \$99,000

162 ACRES. In Tularosa, this property has been in the family for 92 years. You're not just looking at land, you're looking at history. Priced at \$1000 per acre.

UNRESTRICTED 40 ACRES off of airport road in fast growing area. Unobstructed view of Sierra Blanca and Capitán Mountains. Heavily treed with numerous building sites. \$79,000

NICE WOODED AREA. 4/9 of an acre, just the right spot for a new manuf. home. Lot goes street to street, has community water & electric, soft views of Sierra Blanca. Located in Alto North. \$28,000.00

DOUBLE WIDE LOTS. Owner will finance with closing costs down. Fully developed subdivision with all underground utilities. Priced from \$15,800 to \$21,000, make offer! Call for more information; Owner/Agent

BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOT. In one of the most exclusive areas in Ruidoso. City utilities available, partial view of Sierra Blanca on over 1/2 acre. Owner will consider trade. \$89,500.00

ALTO FULL MEMBERSHIP. Corner lot, soft views of Capitán Mts. and Spencer Theatre on over 1/4 acre. \$35,000.00

GREAT LOT. In nice subdivision, fruit trees, gentle slope, all utilities, HUD II Double Wide okay. Price reduced! \$18,000.00

BARGAIN! Located on one acre in Capitán. 3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile add-on with covered and open decks, lots of storage, fireplace and wood stove. You get what you see including two vehicles. \$42,500.00

CEDAR MESA RV PARK. New, 18 space RV park with underground utilities. Nice meeting room, restroom/shower and hot tub facilities. Located on one acre with U.S. Highway 70 frontage. Think co-op, get your fellow RV'ers together! \$215,000.00

REMODELED RUIDOSO CABIN. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, great for a week-end or rental property. In town with city utilities. Good location, nice price. \$69,000.00

DEVELOP YOUR DREAMS. Rare find, multiple use, commercially zoned, recently annexed with city utilities available. 2.78 acres, older, well maintained, 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with separate hobby/workshop and large metal building to accommodate 2 RV's. \$298,000.00 Additional creek lot with well available with package.

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2BD/2BA ROCKY Mountain Mobile Home Park, Space F-12. Ruidoso Downs. No Pets. \$490/mo + \$250 deposit. Tenant pays gas. 258-5846.

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FANTASTIC VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA!
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SPECTACULAR UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW OF SIERRA BLANCA
 This 3 bedroom 3 bath home in Alto Village boasts a beautiful Sunroom! Low maintenance with stucco exterior & marble roof. Full Golf membership. Just listed, call us! \$249,900

GREAT FOR THE GOLFER IN YOU!
 Located on the #1 Fairway at Cree, this very well maintained 3 bedroom 2 bath home is quite charming! Relax your golfing "woes" in the hot tub on the back deck while enjoying nice views. Give us a call! \$178,500.

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Agenda for Meeting:
1. meeting called to order
2. Reading of Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Any old business.
4. Any New business.
5. Motion to adjourn.

LEGAL NOTICE The District of New Mexico, United States Probation Office, is seeking a contractor to provide substance abuse services to federal offenders in the Ruidoso area. The blanket purchase agreement will be issued by the United States Probation Office and will authorize urine surveillance and substance abuse counseling for federal offenders commencing February 1, 2003, to September 30, 2003. The agency must have documented experience in providing confidential and urine surveillance monitoring and must also be able to provide outpatient substance abuse counseling with a criminal justice population. The agency shall provide services to all individuals referred to them by the United States Probation Office and shall hold all proper licenses required by the State of New Mexico. Agencies interested in submitting bids should submit a letter of interest to Anita L. Chavez, Chief United States Probation Officer no later than Friday, December 27, 2002, and forwarded to 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Suite 170, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 #5347 1T (12)6

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. CV00-168

BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, vs. TRUDIE JORDAN aka

LEGAL NOTICE The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet Thursday, December 12 at 3 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room on the ENMU-Roswell campus and they will also meet Friday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Regent Room on the Portales campus. Regents will act upon business so presented and may meet in the executive session. Agenda for the meetings are available at the Information Center of the University Relations office located in the ENMU-Portales campus Administration Building. The public is invited to attend the regular meeting. Eastern New Mexico University is an EEO/AA institution.

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USDA-FOREST SERVICE Lincoln National Forest Lincoln County, New Mexico

SMOKEY BEAR RANGER DISTRICT RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS on November 13, 2002, Smokey Bear District Ranger Gerald M. Hawkes made a decision to implement the following range improvement projects on grazing allotments on the Smokey Bear Ranger District, Lincoln National Forest in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Skinner Push #2: This project will involve the manipulation of small pinon and juniper trees and saplings by uprooting them with a loader or dozer. The purpose of this project is to enhance habitat and improve watershed conditions by preventing the invasion of grasslands and decreasing densities of pinon and juniper; conditions normally checked by an active fire regime. Location: Skinner Allotment T8S, R12E, Sec(s) 2, 12, 15 and 16.

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The associated Decision Memo is available upon request from the Lincoln National Forest, 1101 New York Avenue, Alamogordo, NM 88310, and Smokey Bear Ranger District, 901 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345.

The decision is not subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations of 36 CFR 2215.8(a)(4). This decision may be implemented immediately after publication.

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Proposals must be submitted to: Region VI Housing Authority before 4:00 p.m., December 16, 2002. Electronic proposals will be accepted before the deadline at la.leslie@dnf.com.

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The Flying J Wranglers are set to treat Spencer patrons to a

COWBOY CHRISTMAS

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BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER



COURTESY SPENCER THEATER

The Flying J Wranglers will ring the holidays in Wednesday.

Lincoln County's own "ranchers of the mind," the Flying J Wranglers, will herd their instruments to the Spencer Theater at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, for a cowboy Christmas.

The five accomplished musicians have been moving over recent years from "home base" at the Flying J Ranch, where they offer varied entertainment and serve up Western gourmet chuck-wagon dinners, to performing all over the world. But this is the first real performance at the Spencer — facing forward, that is.

"We've done a private party at the Spencer," said band leader, singer, songwriter and rhythm-guitarist James Hobbs, "but this is really our debut performance there. We were facing the other way then."

"It represents a new step for us to play at a theater of that caliber, because we play a lot of shows like that but this is a nice feather in our cap and a new dimension for us."

The Flying J Wranglers have performed in Japan, as well as in Germany, France and Italy, and a variety of venues in this country, including

the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. Last year the Wranglers started doing Christmas shows for churches and private parties, and went from that to a live radio show with Tim Keithly on KRUI, which won the "Best Live Broadcast" award from the New Mexico Broadcasters Association in 2001. The group has made 13 albums over the years, and five are still available.

"We're always surrounded with great musicians and right now some of the finest we've ever had."

James Hobbs
guitarist

Audiences can expect all-time holiday favorites, cowboy Christmas songs and some of the Flying J's favorites — Roger Dale

Coble's "Tonight's Christmas Eve" and "Yuletide Yodel Song" by Scott Von and Wes English, a couple of working cowboys from Colorado. And Hobbs' own

compositions, "Song for New Mexico," which was nominated twice by state legislators for the official state song, and "Where the West Begins."

Speaking of yodeling, Cindy Hobbs is a former Western-style national champion yodeler and was nominated as Best Female Vocalist of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists twice. She's also a three-octave vocalist and harmony singer. Her husband describes her as a "Western Lucille Ball" for her comedy skits, which are an integral part of the performances.

Roy Black, for four years the band's emcee and bass player, sings lead and harmony vocals, was formerly with the band Timbreline based in Ruidoso and was bass player and vocalist at America's Music Theatre in Phoenix, Ariz., and at several venues in Las Vegas. At the Flying J Ranch, he also

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3 writers to show for local signing

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

the Earp brothers.

A "Book Bash" at Studio W from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday will introduce three prominent authors to the community — all of whom will sign copies of their books and give readings.

Best-selling author Janice Woods Windle, whose first novel, *True Women*, became the basis of a television movie, will also have copies of *Will's War* and *Hill Country*.

Leon Claire Metz, author of 16 books on Western outlaws and lawmen and of *The Encyclopedia of Lawmen, Outlaws, and Gunfighters*, has appeared on *The Learning Channel* on the series "Gunfighters of the Old West" and will appear on an upcoming documentary of the Old West to be broadcast on The History Channel.

The El Paso, Texas, author has written of Lincoln County's own infamous characters — Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett — as well as others such as Wild Bill Hickok, Butch Cassidy and

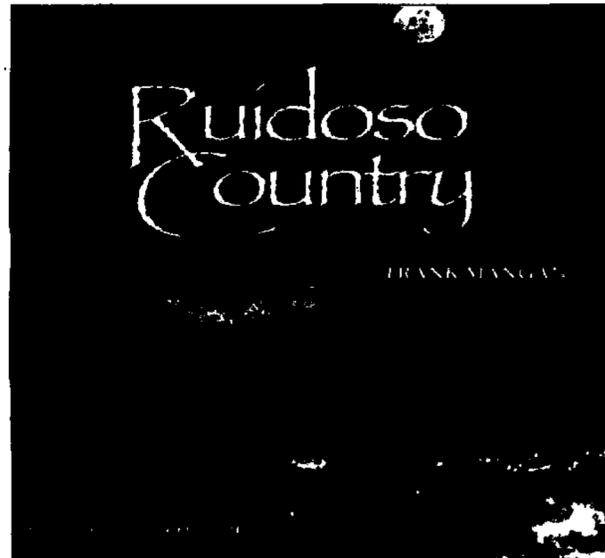
Closer to home, Frank Mangan, author of the 1994 book *Ruidoso Country*, also will be present at the Book Bash. Full of historic and contemporary photographs, the book encompasses the settlement of the area to current developments — skiing, horse racing and golfing. Although Mangan's book is completely sold out at the publisher, Studio W will have books on hand from Mangan's private stash.

Gallery owner Wayne Usrey has had a Book Bash the first Sunday in December at Studio W in El Paso for the past 13 years, and hopes to continue the tradition in Ruidoso.

"Sometimes we have had as many as a couple dozen authors, but of course, that was in a bigger town," he said.

Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

"Janice Woods Windle and Leon Metz have brand new books out and Studio W will be the first reception for Leon's book," Usrey said.



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"Ruidoso Country" by Frank Mangan will be available in limited quantities at Studio W's Book Bash Sunday.

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Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good Rum-Pa-Pa-Pum

Let's all get into the Holiday Spirit, as expressed by the festive song heard so very often on the radio at this time of year:

"Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock!"

"Jingle bell . . ."

BANG
That was the festive sound of the radio being struck with a hammer by reader Sarah Frates, who writes to say she is sick of "Jingle Bell Rock." She also states that her husband, Ralph, is not a big fan of "The Little Drummer Boy."

I am with Ralph on that. Oh, sure, "The Little Drummer Boy" is a beautiful song, for maybe the first 35 minutes. But eventually it gets on your nerves, those voices shrieking, "Rum-pa-pa-pum!"
For openers, drums do not go "Rat-a-tat-tat." Also I have issues with the line from "The Little Drummer Boy" that goes, "The ox and lamb kept time."

Really? How? Did they clack their hooves together, castanet-style? Did they dance? Are we supposed to believe that two

barnyard animals with legume-level IQs spontaneously started doing the macarena?

I'll tell you this: If I were taking care of a newborn baby, and somebody came around whacking on a drum, that person would find himself at the emergency room having his drumsticks surgically removed from his rum-pa-pa-pum, if you know what I mean.

Speaking of Christmas songs we maybe could do without, perhaps this has happened to you: You're throwing a Christmas party, and you start singing carols, and everyone's having a festive time because you are doing songs with easy-to-remember words, such as "fa," "la" and "la."

But then, invariably, some guest, not thinking it through, launches into "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The singers gamely struggle through the gold rings, maybe even the geese a-laying. But then things start to go horribly wrong. Because in these hectic times, when everybody must remember an ATM code and 143 computer passwords,

nobody has the brain capacity to remember what my true love gave to me on all Twelve Days of Christmas. Some people are singing about lords a-prancing; others are singing about pipers leaping; and others are going with "fa la la." The song lurches forward like a bus with transmission trouble until, somewhere around the 10th day ("10 milkers weeping") it shudders to a pathetic halt. Then, inevitably, some egg-nog-fueled moron starts singing "The Little Drummer Boy," and your party is OVER.

Don't get me wrong: I love Christmas songs, and I'm glad there are so many good ones. My wife, who is Jewish, laments the fact that there is basically only one Hanukkah song, "The Dreidel Song," which mostly consists of shouting "Dreidel! Dreidel! Dreidel!" ("Dreidel" is Hebrew for "Rum-pa-pa-pum.") At our house, when we celebrate Hanukkah (we celebrate every religious holiday in our house, including Elvis' birthday) we try hard to create a festive musical mood. "Let's sing 'The Dreidel Song!'"

we say, and then we launch into "Dreidel! Dreidel! Dreidel!" The song consumes maybe a minute. When it's done, we sit around, looking at each other hopefully, until finally the tension becomes unbearable, and someone says: "Let's sing 'The Dreidel Song' again!" By nightfall we are exhausted.

To rectify the holiday-song imbalance, maybe those of us who grew up in the Christian tradition could offer our Jewish brethren and sistren, as a gift, some of our traditional holiday songs. For example, we could offer "Frosty the Snowman," which as far as I can tell has nothing to do with Christmas anyway, unless there's a New Testament chapter that I overlooked ("And lo, the three wise men DID maketh a man from snow, and one of them DID findeth an old silk hat, and he saideth, 'Hey! I gotteth an idea!' And . . .").

Speaking of the wise men: How many of you readers, when you hear the words, "We three kings of Orient are," even if you are attending a somber worship service, find that your

brain automatically responds with "Smoking on a rubber cigar"? Me, too. It's like at weddings, when the organist plays "Here comes the bride," and everybody's brain, including the groom's, automatically responds: "Big, fat and wide."

But that is not my point. Clearly, I have no point. I just want to wish you a happy holiday season, and remind you that this is a time when we are loving and forgiving and not easily offended by newspaper columns. May your days be merry and bright; may Jack Frost not nip too hard at your nose; may you be blessed with a big old bowl of figgy pudding; and — above all — may you truly understand the meaning of the words that have been a beacon of hope to humanity for thousands of years: "Thumpety thump thump; thumpety thump thump; look at Frosty go."

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Festival of Music set to strike up a holiday chord

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Free sleigh rides through Midtown, more than a dozen choirs and choral groups, a Living Nativity, musical artists and ensembles and drama performances will make the streets come alive next week.

Hundreds of performers will participate in the Festival of Music, sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission, in 11 locations — four of them indoors — for a total of 77 hours of entertainment Dec. 13 and 14.

"We're really excited about it because the Festival of Light committee asked us to expand it to two days this year and we are having marvelous cooperation from local musicians," said Mary Lea Lane, village arts coordinator.

The free sleigh rides are sponsored by the Midtown Merchants and rides start at Le-Claire's Mountain Village, said Sam Swearingin, one of

the organizers of the Festival of Music. Santa Claus will be handing out \$250 worth of candy, thanks to the Rotary Club, he added.

Here's a short list of the entertainment: two small ensembles from Musica New Mexico, church and school choirs, two ENMU choral groups, (Tomas Vigil on classical guitar, Lanny Maddox on guitar, flute and electric bagpipes and Kerry Anderson on dulcimer, hand chimes played by Sue Vincent's ENMU Handbell Choir, dancers from Dance Gallery swinging to Christmas

"(Merchants) will be open to make the evening complete ... serving warm cider, cookies and special treats."

Mary Lea Lane
arts coordinator

music, giant puppets cavorting around in colorful garb, a barbershop quartet, Ruidoso Middle School and High School drama performances, Clarey Group (a Christian rock group) and appearances by the Grinch.

The action starts in Midtown at 4 p.m. on Friday, running until 7 p.m. On Saturday, performances run from 3 to 7:30 p.m., allowing extra time for

the two laser shows that day at 5:30 and 7 p.m. at the corner of Sudderth and Eagle drives.

Outdoor locations for carolers and performers include:

- Gazebo Center, 2117 Sudderth Drive
- Village Plaza, 2300 Sudderth Drive
- Bronco Sue's, 2320 Sudderth Drive
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- Heart's Delight, 2613 Sudderth Drive

Indoor locations include:
• Brunell's, 2316 Sudderth Drive (guitarist Scott McWilliams, Lanny Maddox, Tomas Vigil and the movie, "A Wonderful Life")

• Books, Etc., 2340 Sudderth Drive (singer Jennifer Lewicki, Barbershop Quartet and the Grinch)

• Four Seasons Mall, Sudderth and Eagle drives (Dance Gallery ballroom dances, Musica New Mexico quartet with flute, violin, cello and clarinet, and hand chimes)
• Timbers Mall, Sudderth Drive and Center Street (Musica New Mexico trio with

violin, cello and clarinet, ballet by Ruidoso Dance Conservatory, Kerry Anderson on dulcimer and Scott McWilliams on guitar)

Many of the choirs and performers will move from one location to another. For a schedule, visit the Festival of Light Web site at www.FOL.com. The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will also have schedules.

All action will stop for the two spectacular laser light shows at 5:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, the last show concluding the Festival of Music.

"We're hoping it showcases the fine performing arts that are available in our community and that it also helps people take an opportunity to finish

their Christmas shopping in Midtown," Lane said. "We've had wonderful cooperation with the merchants, who will be

open to make the evening complete, many of whom will be serving warm cider, cookies and special treats."



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF
Members of the Festival of Light committee, above, have extended this year's Festival of Music.



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- "Acclaimed, moving." - Texas Monthly
- "John Grisham, go way back and sit down." - The Dallas Morning News
- "Janice Woods Windle is a gifted writer and wonderful storyteller." - First Lady Laura Bush

From best-selling author Janice Woods Windle comes another compelling novel, this time based on the life of Windle's own grandfather. The protagonist is Will Bergfeld, a brash young man of German descent who is accused of treason and stands trial for his life in 1917, in the midst of the anti-German sentiment that ran rampant in small-town Texas during World War I.

Leon Metz

Leon C. Metz is a critically acclaimed author and expert on the Old West. He is the author of sixteen nonfiction books, including John Sleman: Texas Gunman; Dallas Stoudenmire... El Paso Marshal; John Wesley Hardin; Dark Angel (for which he won the 1997 Spur Award from the Western Writers of America, of which he is a past president), and Pat Garrett: Story of a Western Lawman (all published by the University of Oklahoma Press). Metz is also the author of The Shooters: A Gallery of Notorious Gunmen from the American West (Berkley Trade, 1996) which is now in its eighth printing. He has also written numerous articles for True West and Wild West magazines. He is also the recipient of the WWA's prestigious Saddleman Award, and has been inducted into Real West, narrated by Kenny Rogers and originally broadcast by the Arts & Entertainment Channel. He can also be seen on The Learning Channel, on the series Gunfighters of the Old West. He also will be appearing on an upcoming documentary of the Old West, to be broadcast on The History Channel. Leon Metz lives in El Paso, Texas.

Frank Mangan

For anyone who loves Ruidoso, NM, this book is a must! I grew up spending weekends and long vacations in the town of Ruidoso, New Mexico, and I thought I knew everything about the place. Then, one day I got my hands on a copy of this book and devoured it with absolute pleasure. Do you know the story of the haunted hotel that stood where Bonito Dam now stands? Do you know the speculations about the disappearance of Albert Fall at White Sands? Did you ever wonder how the world's finest quarterhorse race came to Ruidoso Downs? Ever wondered what it was like to grow up in a cabin along the Rio Ruidoso? Can't get enough about Billy the Kid? If these questions intrigue you, you NEED this book!

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Some sons and daughters, now grown, have never heard their parents praise them to their faces. Oh, they hear from others how proud Mom or Pop is of them, but they wait, hoping to hear it with their own ears. And some parents go to their graves, proud as peaches of their children, but they never "said it".

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in baskets of silver." (Proverbs 25:11) If you haven't complimented your child recently, do it today!



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McDaniel coming to town

The multi-talented pianist, composer and musical arranger John McDaniel tops off his Grammy- and Emmy-winning fame in a Hometown Christmas concert at the Spencer Theater at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

McDaniel is one of the most celebrated musical directors in the country, winning recognition in recent years as both the band leader and side-kick on the syndicated "Rosie O'Donnell Show," and as musical director of various hit Broadway revivals, including "Annie Get Your Gun," "Grease" and "Chicago."

He is credited with revitalizing the image of Broadway as a fabulous industry by regularly plugging up-and-coming shows with Rosie while on the air. His efforts propelled his name into the front sections of New York Times, Entertainment Weekly and the Daily News almost as frequently as a headline star.

Meanwhile, he won an Emmy for his musical direction on Rosie's show as well as his musical direction and arrangements for "Annie Get Your Gun." But it is the warmth and enthusiasm of this 41-year-old St. Louis, Mo., native that most caught the public's attention during his six years on Rosie's show.

He comes to the Spencer with a love of solo performance and of Christmas, pre-



John McDaniel is best known from the "Rosie O'Donnell Show." COURTESY SPENCER THEATER

senting traditional and contemporary holiday classics, big Broadway favorites, smooth vocals and a few audience sing-alongs.

Tunes like "O Tannenbaum" and "O Holy Night," played with a rich, cascading flow, will be paired with contemporary hits like John Lennon's "So This Is Christmas" and "Imagine." McDaniel's arrangements and ornamental tales will radiate with Christmas joy.

Excellent seats are still available to the Saturday, Dec. 14 Hometown Christmas concert for \$35 and \$38. Call 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872 for ticket information.

SPENCER: It's a Flying J Christmas

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serves as sheriff of Bonita City, the Western town named after the town that drowned, and "keeps an eye out for bad guys on summer chuckwagon dinner evenings," Hobbs said. He trains horses part-time on his place north of Capitan.

Violinist and fiddler Marilyn Trotter joined the group last year, bringing her fine tunings as three-time New Mexico fiddle state champion and Texas State Ladies Champion. Originally from Alamogordo, Trotter grew up competing in fiddle contests with her two sisters, and she's performed with the Roswell Symphony Orchestra and the Southwest Symphony Orchestra.

"The Lindley sisters used to cream everybody at fiddle contests," Hobbs said. "Marilyn's a real fantastic addition to the group. She has a great feel for backing up our vocals and can also play great fiddle break-downs."

Randy Jones, lead guitarist and master of many instruments, is a broad-based acoustic musician who's been with the Wranglers for six

years. He plays banjo, guitar, mandolin and dobro. Jones performed with the Moon Pie Dance Band of El Paso for 15 years.

The one constant of the band has been James and Cindy Hobbs, who manage to find musicians that can combine Western music and family entertainment and who are also entertainers.

"We're always surrounded by great musicians and right now some of the finest we've ever had; they are truly great entertainers," Hobbs said.

Born in Lovington and raised in West Texas, Hobbs took to music as a child, on the piano, singing in church and singing harmony with the radio. In college, he was involved in various musical groups singing choral, gospel and pop hits of the day.

Then he moved into country music and from that to Western music. "Country is songs about heartbreak," Hobbs said. "Western is songs about rushing water, tall tim-

bers, mountains of the West and cowboys."

"When I found that, I felt like I was home. I felt like I was discovering my heritage through a musical lens."

His great-grandfather and grandfather settled Hobbs — and the town was named after his grandfather, a rancher and pioneer — so his roots are in New Mexico.

During his last year in college he got a job at a chuckwagon dinner theater in Colorado and worked three seasons, learning the business. The last summer, he met Cindy, who was raised in a musical Tennessee family. They fell in love and came to Ruidoso in 1980 with a dream of combining their music with the chuckwagon supper business. Since then, half a million people from all over the world have visited the Flying J Ranch and enjoyed the grub and the harmonies — and invited them to perform "off the ranch."

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Photo exhibit

Photographers Leland E. DeFord III and Paul "Pablo" Bianchi will exhibit their work at The Cornerstone Bakery and Cafe, 359 Sudderth from today to Feb. 6. An opening reception will be held Friday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m.

DeFord received his professional training with the FBI. He was the chief arson investigation photographer for the El Paso Fire Department. His photographic work incorporates traditional film and digital printing.

Bianchi has worked professionally with photography and graphic design since 1967. His work includes Health magazine, the San Francisco Examiner and 10 years as an independent graphic artist and designer.

His interest in photography was rekindled after moving to Ruidoso in 1993. Hiking and camping in the surrounding forest inspired him to capture the area's scenery on film.

Healing workshop

High Mesa Healing Center will sponsor "Healing Touch Level I" with Lynne Jeffery, RN, BSN, CHTP/I, of Healing Touch International. The class runs from 7 to 10 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The class provides 20 continuing education credits.

Regular tuition is \$225, \$125 for students and repeats. For more information, call 336-4808 or e-mail mader@trailnet.com.

REDTT Christmas party

The public is invited to the REDTT luncheon Christmas party, Monday, Dec. 9 at Rustic Roots in Capitan. Reservations are \$10, and Rustic Roots charges that once the reservations are made. For more information, call Sue Maness at 849-1115. Remember to bring a gift for the gift exchange of \$5 to \$10 in value. For more information, contact Sue Harkness at 630-

0044 or via e-mail at weasel-prods@yahoo.com.

New chamber artist

The work of Jerry Rice will be on exhibit at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for the months of December and January.

Rice recently retired from teaching art at Capitan Schools for 13 years and now can paint all he wants.

He received a bachelor of arts in education in 1973, taught art in Colorado for kindergarten through 12th grades for two years. After that, he taught six years in Gallup and was appointed as a judge for the National Inter-tribal Arts and Pow-wow, then the largest pow-wow in the United States.

"I came down to Ruidoso for a weekend visit for the first time and left, got 10 miles out of town, turned around, came back, bought a house, returned to Gallup, resigned my job and moved here to Ruidoso on June 12, 1982," Rice said.

He worked for Walter Rawley Art Bronze for a year, then returned to school for special education endorsement and taught on the Mescalero Reservation for a year, then began teaching in Capitan.

Rice was influenced by a lot of great artists and considered himself fortunate to study and paint with "the late great Ted Robertson, a master colorist and a great friend."

Meditation workshop

"Exploring the Tibetan Book of Living and Dying" will be offered at High Mesa from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 14, showcasing basic meditation and teaching on the ancient text that describes the transition from life to death, the wisdom for this life and the transition between birth to death. Instructor Ngakpa Perma Norbu, an ordained Western yogi of the Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism, has cross-cultural experience working with the dying in various settings.

He has received transmission of the practices of the Tibetan text in order to practice and assist those undergoing the death transition.

The course is offered on a donation basis and those attending will be able to enroll

to receive e-mail updates of relevant material to continue their education on the texts.

To enroll or for more information, call Barbara Mader, R.N., C.H.T.P., at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-4808 or 336-7777 or e-mail mader@trailnet.com.

Sweat lodge

A Ceremonial Sweat Lodge in the Lakota Sioux tradition will be held, with Butch Hennigan from Austin, Texas, to pour the lodge. A pot luck feast and fellowship will follow. For information and directions, call Barbara Mader, R.N., C.H.T.P., at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-4808 or 336-7777 or e-mail mader@trailnet.com.

Call for entries

The Museum of Fine Arts, Santa Fe, invites submissions from artists working in the Southwest to be considered for its juried exhibition, *The Show*, which seeks to represent the broad range of artistic expression in the Southwest.

Submissions in all media are welcome from residents of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Southern California (south of Fresno). Submission deadline is Jan. 5, 2003. A \$30 entry fee per artist for up to four works.

Awards are provided by the Friends of Contemporary Art (foca).

To download a prospectus, visit www.museumofnewmexico.org/theshow.

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by Dr. Jack V. Waters
Chiropractic Physician



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Butch and Sundance: Death in San Vicente, part 1

I suppose there are a few people in places like the Himalayas who have not seen the hit 1969 film "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," but I doubt it. It was and is one of the most popular westerns ever made. In the beginning of the film, the following disclaimer appears on the screen: "Not that it matters, but most of what follows is true."



Drew Gombler
HISTORIAN,
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Needless to say, to people like yours truly, it *does* matter, and, just for the record, most of the film *really* was close to what really happened. There were, of course, a certain amount of discrepancies, such as the fact that "Etta" (her real name was Ethel — Etta was a Pinkerton typo that has been picked up by history) was a young woman who was more likely to have been a prostitute than a school teacher. Generally speaking, though, the film was as accurate historically as anything that Hollywood (OK, there are exceptions) has ever done.

One thing that the film did not mention was the persistent story that Butch escaped the Bolivian soldiers' bullets that day and went on to live a long life — long enough to witness the onset of things like jet aircraft and television. That is, if his sister, Lula Parker Betenson, was to be believed. Most of those who tend to believe Lula's story, which had Butch visiting her for the last time around 1950, prefer to ignore the fact that most of the other family members disagreed with her.

Nevertheless, for many years, Butch has been the *only* Old West outlaw said to have escaped his fate that real historians actually conceded was a possibility — however remote and unlikely.

People hate for their heroes to die. If the conspiracy theorists are to be believed, not only Butch, but Billy the Kid, Jesse James, Bill Longley, Black Jack Ketchum and a

host of others were not *really* killed. That is particularly amazing when you consider that both Ketchum and Longley were publicly hanged. In fact, Ketchum's hanging was so badly botched that the rope decapitated him. Now, that would have been one spectacular hoax!

It would be nice if one of these theorists would come forward with — dare I say it — an actual

fact to support their theories. I, myself, would like to think that Billy the Kid got away. Of all the Old West outlaws, he was certainly a contender for most charming.

But the facts say otherwise, and it is the facts with which we have to go.

Beginnings

Robert Leroy Parker was born in Beaver, Utah, on April 13, 1866. In the early 1880s, the teenaged Parker became friends with a rustler named Mike Cassidy, who seems to have served as something of a hero for the youngster. Later, young Parker would adopt Cassidy's name as his alias. As to the name "Butch," there are several possibilities, the most widely accepted being that he acquired the sobriquet when he worked as a butcher for a short time.

Harry Longbaugh was born in the spring of 1867 in Mont Clare, Penn., (not New Jersey as the movie claimed, but hey, the words "New Jersey" are *always* bound to get a laugh!).

Shortly after Longbaugh's — Sundance's — 20th birthday in June of 1887, he was arrested for horse theft. Two months later he pleaded guilty — after lodging a complaint that he had been unfairly compared to Jesse James in a biased newspaper article — and was sentenced to 18 months in prison at Sundance, Wyo. Hence, his name.

It is worth noting that



Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid were two members of the Wild Bunch, shown above.

Sundance's release from prison involved the governor of Wyoming actually making it an official condition of his release that he "be a good boy."

Butch's career got off to a somewhat more convoluted start. He was arrested and jailed for horse theft, a crime for which he claimed — probably correctly — that he had been "set up." Whatever the case, when he was released from jail, Butch had already made up his mind that if he was going to be considered an outlaw, he may as well make his living at it. Anyway, that was what he claimed later.

But the horse theft incident didn't happen until 1894 and on June 24, 1889, when Butch, Matt Warner, Tom McCarty and possibly a couple of others, held up the San Miguel Valley Bank in Telluride, Colo., it seems that he had *already* made up his mind — at least to me.

And Sundance, it seems, really did try to "be a good boy," at least for a time. After his release from prison in February of 1889, he drifted up to Canada where he ran a saloon in Calgary and worked on ranches to make a living. The 1891 census lists him as a "horse breaker."

Near Malta, Mont., on Nov. 29, 1892, Sundance permanently left the straight life behind

when he and two others held up the Great Northern No. 32 Train, escaping with less than \$100.

The Wild Bunch

The Wild Bunch were a loose-knit group of outlaws also known as the "Hole-in-the-Wall Gang" (among other things) who were really not "commanded," as the film implied, by Butch. These guys were forever breaking off to pull jobs by themselves without either Butch or Sundance. However, it is reasonable to assume that on the robberies that Butch *did* participate in, he was the "brains."

When and where Butch and Sundance first met is a mystery to this day. It is possible that they participated in as few as two robberies together before leaving the country. Their famous friendship, however, was quite real.

During the last decade of the 19th century, the Wild Bunch acted with impunity throughout the West, but civilization — and the law — was rapidly closing in.

In early 1901, Butch, Sundance, and Ethel left the West, traveling to New York City, where Sundance and Ethel had their well-known photograph taken prior to departing for Argentina. (Incidentally, in the film, the

trio go to a movie and see "The Great Train Robbery," a film that may have actually been based on one of their own robberies. Compelling as this image is, it was an impossibility. "The Great Train Robbery" was not released until two years after the outlaws' departure in 1901).

South America

Well, they didn't go directly to Bolivia, as the film told us, to begin a new career of outlawry, either. Rather, they went to the Chivila Valley in Argentina, and homesteaded, apparently genuinely intending to go straight.

It didn't last, though. In 1905, the trio fled to Chile when they heard that an order had been issued to detain Butch and Sundance for suspicion of complicity in an Argentine bank robbery. Ironically, they were not involved, but could not risk being arrested as they were still wanted in the United States. Even if there had been no deportation laws, the Pinkerton Detective Agency — the FBI of the Old West — acknowledged no international borders, and were prepared to pursue Butch and Sundance literally to the ends of the Earth.

On Dec. 19, 1905, Butch, Sundance, possibly Ethel and one other man, held up a bank in Villa Mercedes, Argentina, escaping by the skin of their teeth in a running gun battle all the way to the Chilean border.

The end was in sight and, possibly with that grim fact on her mind, Ethel sailed from Chile to San Francisco, from which place she vanished into the mists of time.

In their last attempt at going straight, Butch and Sundance

took jobs at the Concordia Tin Mine in Bolivia

Striking up a friendship with assistant manager Percy Siebert (played in the film by Strother Martin), the duo remained at the Concordia, making an honest living, for more than a year. Another mistake from the film: Siebert was not gunned down, but in fact lived well into the 20th Century, supplying a wealth of information about his two infamous pals.

Bolivia

On Nov. 12, 1907, Butch wrote a letter to Siebert and others at the Concordia, informing them that he (and Sundance) were interested in buying a ranch near Santa Cruz in the eastern lowlands of Bolivia.

But on Nov. 4, 1908, the pair made a fatal error. In what may have been an attempt to raise money for their ranching dream, Butch and Sundance robbed the Aramayo, Francke & Co., payroll near Tupiza, in the southern part of Bolivia.

Not only the law, but the miners whose payroll they had stolen immediately began combing the area for the two outlaws.

Now, time was rapidly running out.

Next Week: San Vicente

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A bright idea for those fishermen

A creative and ingenious fishing hint comes from Bob Reynierson, White Oaks artist.

I ran into Reynierson in Carrizozo recently at West by Southwest.

He told shop owner Donna Willoughby and I about a fishing incident he had observed. A small flashlight was placed in a quart jar. The flashlight was lit and the jar well sealed. This jar was then placed in a larger jar, which was filled with water and several minnows. This jar was sealed well. A rope was tied around the neck of the jar and lowered in the lake.

The fisherman then dangled his fishing line in the proximity of the underwater jar bait. The catch of the day was attracted by the minnows swimming in the "spotlight."



Art, Craft and Such
PRACTICAL, CREATIVE WAYS
TO INCLUDE FUN IN
EVERYDAY LIVING
BY POLLY E. CHAVEZ

Donna told Reynierson that this would make a great hint for my column.

The Old Farmer's 1990 Almanac had a piece, "100 Ways to Avoid Dying." Author Tim Clark says that doctors and scientists are always telling us ways to live longer. Centuries of American folk wisdom turned up easy ways of avoiding death by observing a few simple rules in everyday situations.

The beliefs come from all over the country and are collected by students of folklore and anthropology. The tips include housekeeping hints, sewing and fashion, cooking and table manners, personal hygiene, sleeping, funeral etiquette, general and miscellaneous. Here is a sampling of the hints:

- Close umbrellas before

- bringing them into a house.
- You must not wash clothes on New Year's Day.
- Don't ever rock an empty chair.
- Never drive a nail after sunset.
- Don't hang your sweet-heart's picture upside down.
- Don't make new clothes between Christmas and New Year's Day.
- You must never write on the back of a dish.
- Never turn a loaf of bread upside down.
- If you hear a dog howl at night, reach under the bed and turn over a shoe.
- Let a baby's hair and fingernails grow until his or her first birthday.
- Don't count the cars in a funeral motorcade.
- When sick, don't look in mirrors.
- Never whistle in a coal mine.
- Never shake hands through a window or over a fence.
- Don't even think about mocking an owl.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Analyze That

Comedy, 1 hr. 35 min.
Rated R for language and some sexual content.
While dealing with issues surrounding his father's death, a psychologist (Billy Crystal) also struggles to help his mobster client (Robert De Niro) whose life is being threatened in this sequel to "Analyze This."
Starring: Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal, Lisa Kudrow, Joe Viterelli, Brian Rogalski
Directed by: Harold Ramis
Produced by: Jane Rosenthal, Paula Weinstein, Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal, Barry Levinson
Written by: Harold Ramis, Peter Toland, Peter Steinfield
Showtimes: Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

(Berry) and Miranda Frost (Pike), who will play vital roles in the adventure.
Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Judi Dench, John Cleese, Rosamund Pike
Directed by: Lee Tamahori
Produced by: Michael G. Wilson, Barbara Broccoli
Written by: Neal Purvis, Robert Wade
Showtimes: 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Kids/Family and Action/Adventure, 2 hrs. 41 min.
The follow-up to Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone finds young wizard Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) and his friends Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) facing new challenges during their second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as they try to discover a dark force that is terrorizing the school.
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Kenneth Branagh, John Cleese, Rupert Grint, David Bradley
Directed by: Chris Columbus
Produced by: David Heyman, Chris Columbus
Written by: Steve Kloves, J.K. Rowling
Showtimes: 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 9:15 p.m.
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Treasure Planet

Action/Adventure, Family and Sci-Fi/Fantasy, 1 hr. 35 min.
Rated PG for adventure action and peril.
The legendary "loot of a thousand worlds" inspires an intergalactic treasure hunt when fifteen-year-old Jim Hawkins stumbles upon a map to the greatest pirate trove in the universe in Walt Disney Pictures' animated space adventure, "Treasure Planet." Based on Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island, this film follows Jim's journey across a parallel universe as cabin boy aboard a glittering space galleon. Befriended by the ship's charismatic cyborg (part man, part machine) cook John Silver, Jim blossoms under his guidance, and shows the makings of a fine spacer as he and the alien crew battle supernovas, black holes and ferocious space storms.
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Brian Murray, Emma Thompson, David Hyde Pierce, Martin Short
Directed by: John Musker, Ron Clements
Produced by: Roy Conli, John Musker, Ron Clements
Written by: Ron Clements, John Musker, Rob Edwards, Ken Hensley, Kaan Kalyon, Mark Kennedy, Donnie Long, Frank Nissen
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Billy Crystal and Robert De Niro in Warner Brothers' Analyze That.

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There are rare moments in life that are pure magic - absolute perfection - and this was one of them. I'm smack dab in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, riding the high seas aboard the Royal Clipper, the only five-masted, full-rigged sailing vessel built in the last 100 years.

The soft, golden glow of the setting sun still lingers on the distant horizon. A gentle breeze swirls around me, carrying the scent of salt and sea. The ship rises and falls, moving in lazy

cadence with the rhythm of the ocean. I'm lost in a world of sea and sky. The seductive silence is broken only by the hypnotic crash of the bow plowing through the marine blue water.

After a summer season in the Mediterranean, this was the ship's repositioning trip across the Atlantic to the Windward Isles and Grenadines, where she will spend the winter. The ship returns in May 2003 for a new itinerary, putting in at Rome, Sicily, the Aeolian Islands, Malta and Gozo.

En route from Cannes to Barbados, some passengers, like me, came aboard five days into the voyage in Malaga, the historic capital of Andalusia nestled along the banks of Spain's Costa del Sol.

Sailing out of the harbor that first

evening, I met Captain Simon Waite, master of the world's most famous clipper, Cutty Sark, who was on board as a guest lecturer, marking his retirement after 13 years as captain of the historic vessel now dry-docked at Greenwich, England. Looking wistfully skyward at the 54,000 square feet of sail above us, Captain Waite said, "As a career seaman, I've crossed the Atlantic many times, but never under sail. This has always been my dream."

Indeed, like the swift tea clippers of Cutty Sark's time, Royal Clipper (439 feet, 5,000 tons) seeks to recreate the great sailing era of the 1800s. Some 510 years after Columbus, Captain Waite and the other passengers are on board because they love ships, the sea and sailing - not because they love to cruise. The ocean crossings are what serious sailors go for.

Captain Jurgen Muller-Cyran, skipper of the Royal Clipper, describes the transatlantic passengers as "sophisticated travelers who aren't as interested in the ports of call as they are in the sailing experience." Most of the voyagers are, in fact, sailors of a sort. Some are yacht owners who have dreamed of yachting "the pond" but lack the confidence to tackle the task

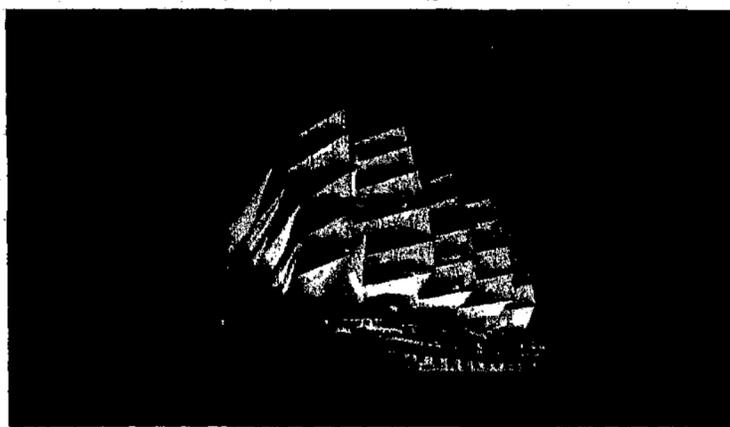
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My fellow adventurers, on a passage from late October to early November, had only one complaint; that we were not doing sufficient travelling under wind power alone. Apart from the storms in the French Gulf of Lions and off Morocco's Atlantic coast, there was generally not enough wind to propel us at sufficient speed. The trade winds that powered the tea, spice and fruit clippers of yesteryear were not cooperating with us this autumn. And Captain Jurgen had a schedule to keep.

After leaving Tenerife under sail in winds of force three or four, we were making only three or four knots. We needed an average of just over 10 knots in order to ensure that passengers arrive in Barbados in time to connect with homeward-bound flights. So on came the engines.



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With the engines running, there wasn't much for the purists to do, but to get well forward, out of earshot of the motors. The best place was the foredeck or my favorite, the netting around the bowsprit where the only sound was the roar of our bow cleaving through the vast Atlantic Ocean. Looking down, I could see the white bow-wave and flying fish or dolphins. Glancing upwards, I could glimpse the jibs, staysails, topgallants, topsails, royals, mizzens, jiggers, the crossjack and, well aft, the spanker ... a translucent synthetic canvas against

an indigo blue sky.
To be continued next week...

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■ With a license to broadcast in hand and plans under way, a core group with Fort Stanton Inc. hopes soon to be promoting fort preservation — along with very old-fashioned entertainment.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When members of Fort Stanton Inc. felt frustrated because they couldn't keep their message about saving the 1855 complex northeast of Ruidoso in front of the public on a consistent basis, they looked for options.

They already published a newsletter. Local media covered special events and interaction with government agencies, but a more immediate access, with a chance to keep repeating a message, was needed.

The group rallied around the fort after it was closed as a state hospital for the developmentally disabled in March 1995. The ultimate goal is to turn the 80-building compound with stables into a living museum, convention center and educational facility to draw tourists, history buffs and others to the plateau that also includes a Merchant Marine and military cemetery now under the supervision of the state Veterans Affairs Commission.

Frustration turned to action when member Dick Weber heard about a new initiative by the Federal Communications Commission to issue 100-watt-stereo licenses for non-profit, community-based radio stations. Weber and others in the group saw a need that could be filled not only for their organization, but for the entire community.

"We heard about this level of station two years ago, thought about the possibilities for Lincoln County and Ruidoso, thought about all the under-served parts of our population and how difficult at times it is to get emergency messages out," Weber said.

The group received the license recently and hopes the station is on the air by Memorial Day.

"Many of the local stations don't have auxiliary generators to stay on the air," Weber said. "This station will be fully automated. It will generate its own power automatically and stay running through most any disaster, except if our own building burns up."

"We applied on June 11, 2001, and we have been working at demographics, programming ideas, support and how we want to use the station as Fort Stanton Inc., and it's been fun," he said.

Although the group is searching for donations and sponsors for the initial \$10,000 needed as start-up money, about \$75,000 is required in equipment and for the one paid employee.

"We will cover about 40 square miles, including Mescalero, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan and Hondo, but the mountains will interfere with Carrizozo and Lincoln," he said.

Emergency messages and some other programs will be broadcast in Apache, Spanish and English to serve the major ethnic groups of the area, he said. The station, KEDU, will be found at 102.03 on the FM dial.

Frank Sayner, who serves on the station's board of directors with Joan Zagone and Herb Brunell, said he decided to become involved, "Because it's going to be a voice of the community from school activities to city hall and in event of fire, will broadcast live on site."

"It will be there for anything community minded, basically done free. That's what got me. It will be available any time for immediate public announcements."

Brunell and Bill Long of Long's Drugs, a potential sponsor, said they were drawn to the station concept because of the unique programming approach, which will include recorded shows from the 1930s and 1940s, music from a teenage Frank Sinatra to the latest country western and classical, children's shows

and the live voice of high school and college news.

"The station should allow us to get more of a community approach during those times we need to get out information quickly," Brunell said. "I hope the nostalgia programming will keep the station interesting."

Long said he likes the idea of offering an alternative for listeners.

"I think it's an alternative to what we have available right now, and some good entertainment," he said. "I think people like to look back and listen to some programs of yesterday."

Weber said the group has acquired the first 39 hours of the Sons of the Pioneers programs broadcast from 1934 to 1939. Original Lum and Abner and Johnny Dollar shows also will air. Weber hopes to pair them up with the right sponsors.

"We have the first 25 to 30 shows of Tex Ritter and the first 36 shows ever done by Frank Sinatra as a 17-year-old boy on the radio in Los Angeles," he said.

In line with the early radio programming, Weber has used the past two years to collect memorabilia that will be on display at the radio station. A site has been chosen for the operation, but negotiations still are underway with the owner, Zagone said.

"We'll have photos, books, some of the original 1925 to 1930 editions of Radio magazine," Weber said. "It will be fun for people to sit in the lobby and look and read about the history of radio. There's early microphones and headsets. People can see what it was like years ago compared to what they see today. It was quite a chore back then, though simpler, because everything was live. Today, bloopers are rare on air."

Tony Hoffman, Fort Stanton Inc. president, has a marketing background, but Weber is the only one with radio experience.

"I thought this was a unique opportunity for the fort to have its own media outlet, as well as serve the general public and get people more involved in the economic potential for the area that Fort Stanton offers," Weber said.

He wants to hear many voices on the air. Club representatives and student spokespersons will have a chance to announce their own events. Obituaries and births also will be announced, he said. Business openings by the Ruidoso Valley Greeters will be broadcast live and a Capitan resident with more than two decades of experience in children's radio programming will cover that neglected population segment for the station.

"The programming will evolve over time as we



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Frank Sayner, one of the directors of Community Radio Station KEDU, tries out a 1929 microphone and headset that will be on display at the station once it's in operation. Tony Hoffman, president of Fort Stanton Inc., which applied for the broadcasting license, examines some of the photographs, games and books produced to promote shows of that era.

receive feedback," Weber said. "But we want it to represent a cross-section of the public."

Officials with emergency services will be given access to the station to broadcast live warnings of fire, changes in evacuation routes, accidents that block roads and other information to safeguard the public, he said.

"I think this will be one of greatest assets," Weber said. "Texas-New Mexico Power will be able to tell people why power is out in an area instead of them calling and getting a busy signal."

The station will rely heavily on volunteer power. "People who always wanted to be in radio or television, people who just enjoy volunteering for something new, professional people, people in organizations who want to put their messages on air in their own voices are all welcome," he said.

The pace will be laid-back in the style of radio in the 1940s and 1950s, he said, not trying to cram five minutes of information into one minute.

"Stations then were owned by a mom and a pop who knew everybody's birthday," Weber said. "They sold their own advertising and were there to greet you as you came in the door."

Zagone said Weber didn't have to do much selling to get her on board with the station.

"Anything that has to do with community and fulfillment and a sense of home, I'm going to support," she said. "When my dear friend proposed the concept several years ago, I couldn't think of one reason not to join."

"It will fulfill a number of needs we have in this community as well as expectations people have when they live in a small community, such as hearing about an individual or family in need. This will help communicate that need, we well as letting people know what's going on moment by moment."

Contributions to the station are tax deductible and receipts will be issued. Donations of \$1,000 or more will be memorialized on a plaque in the lobby. To become involved or to donate or purchase a particular piece of equipment, contact any of the directors or send checks to Community Radio, P.O. Box 350, Alto.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

Dec. 7, 1962

New Sierra Blanca chief

John A. Lyon, chief pilot for Hondo Oil & Gas Co., parent company of Sierra Blanca Co., which developed White Mountain Park here into a winter sports and year-round resort, has been named manager of the local project, succeeding Kingsbury Pitcher.

Lyon said Pitcher has been promoted to publicity director of all three of the ski areas that Hondo has interests in — Sierra Blanca, the Santa Fe ski resort and Buttermilk Mountain at Aspen, Colo.

Dec. 8, 1972

The Silver Lining

BY DANIEL A. STORM

Jack Frost, Old Man Winter and Lady Spring and all of the other weather people have a way of making a chump out of a weather prophet.

And here lately I am almost in the notion of heading for the locker room and turning in my weather forecaster uniform. I have been telling everybody that all the signs pointed to an early snow season and lots of it. I didn't forecast anything about this terrible wind. But now, after blowing all night and half the day here comes a little sleet, rain, hail and a flake or so of snow.

So now I think I might hang onto my weather prophet badge a little longer...

Dec. 9, 1982

Church a university

Higher education has arrived in Ruidoso with the recent accreditation of First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs as a branch of Wayland Baptist University of Plainview, Texas.

A total of 72 college-credit courses can potentially be offered through the branch school, according to director Dale McCleskey.

The church has served as a branch of the International Baptist Bible Institute of El Paso, Texas, for two years, but credit for courses was accepted only at the institute.

Dec. 7, 1962

Raffle winner at Downs

Manuel Corona was the lucky winner of a handmade chair in the San Patricio Senior Citizens Center raffle.

The chair was made and donated by Eva and Albert Sanchez. The raffle earned the center \$420.70 and will be used to purchase a sound system. Tickets were sold at the center and at Wal-Mart in Ruidoso by Sophie Erickson.

Erickson and center director Yolanda Baca thanked Wal-Mart and pharmacist Ray Nunley for letting them sell the tickets.

Transitions marked in old Lincoln Town as the holidays approach



LINCOLN TRAILS
ROSALIE DUNLAP

Due to a death in the family I was unable to get my news in the past two weeks. My mother's only surviving brother passed away in Chadron, Neb., so we made the 2,000-mile trip. It was fine, except the morning we left in a snow-storm and traveled icy roads for about 60 miles.

The same morning, I received a telephone call about the death of Judy Arrowsmith. This lovely lady will be sadly missed by all who knew her. She always had such an inner glow about her, which showed so much in her smiles and

action.

Judy's family and lifelong and new friends attended the memorial services at the First Baptist Church in Capitan.

Kathleen Phillips gave a wonderful tribute to Judy. Several family members and friends shared their love and experiences with Judy and her family.

Joy Schable is one excited great grandmother. Her great-grandson, Dylan Christopher Snyder, was born Oct. 30.

The Creative Memories group held its

quarterly get-together at the Lone Tree Fort recently. It was great seeing the eight youngsters enjoying putting their albums together. Of course, all enjoyed the two babies. There were 30 members present. The next get-together will be the last of February 2003.

Ralph Dunlap returned from his latest trip to Uzbekistan, arriving home in time for Thanksgiving. He was with the Merry Corp., through Winrock International — in a different area this time, working with farmers raising grapes. The grapes,

for making raisins, are sweeter than those in the states, he said.

The Anderson-Freeman Museum had a great turnout for the annual Christmas Open House. Because of company, and falling asleep, I missed it. Hmm. To much traveling, I guess.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day and that if you went shopping the day after, you were able to get all your Christmas gifts.

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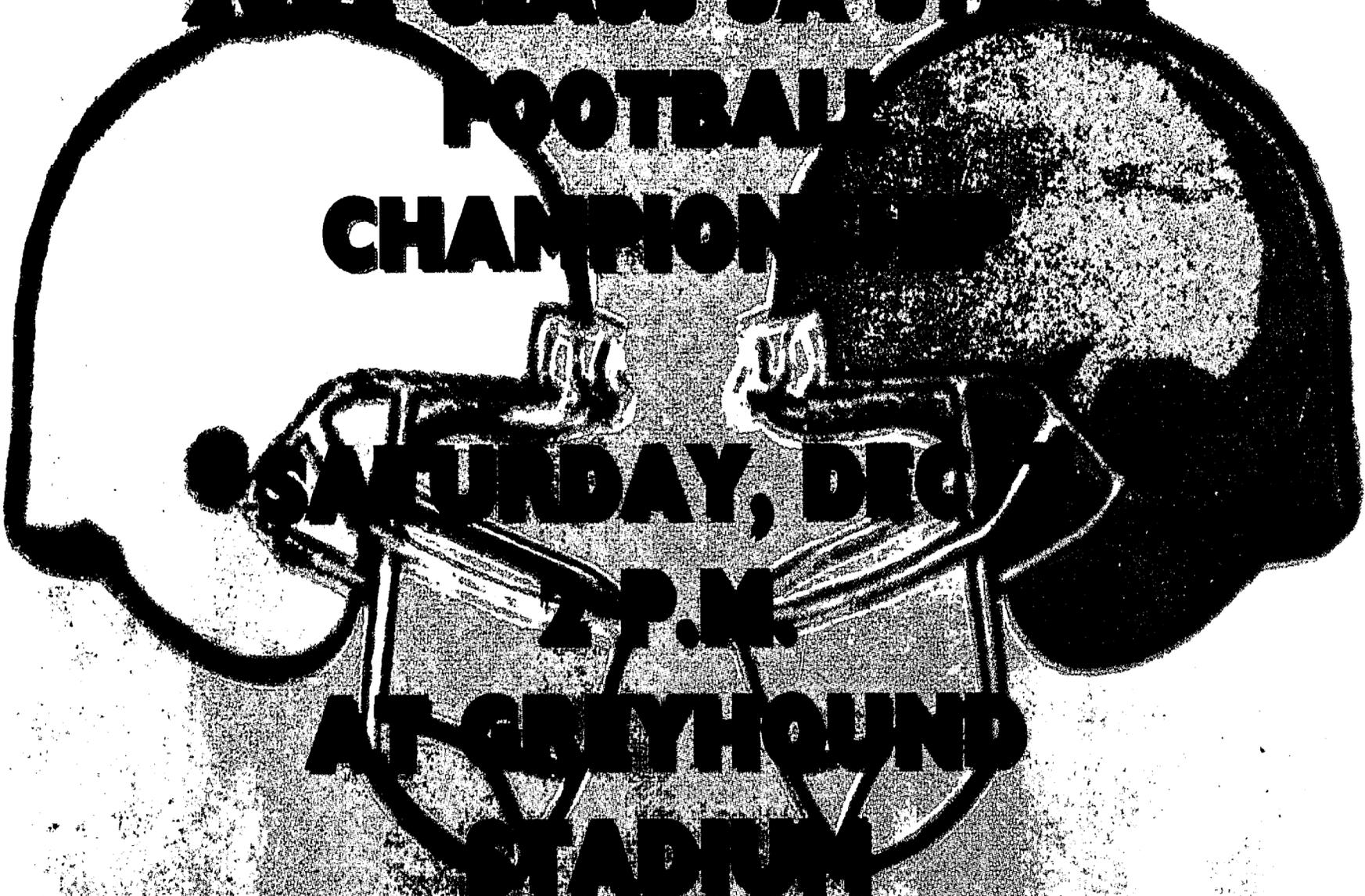
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Robertson 25, Ruidoso 23

After faltering in the third quarter, the Warriors put on an offensive show in the fourth and just missed a two-point conversion to drop their opening game to Robertson, 25-23 in Las Vegas.

"It was a pretty even game, pretty well matched," said Ruidoso coach Ridge Bowden. "We kicked a field goal at a time where they ended up making a touchdown

and receiving, began making their move. Ruidoso scored twice in eight minutes in the fourth quarter, including a 65-yard drive which put the Warriors in the endzone with 33 seconds left.

Now down by two points, the Warriors had no choice but to go for a two-point conversion to tie the game, an attempt which failed.

Despite the loss, coach Ridge Bowden was very pleased with his team's effort. "A lot of teams would have folded it up being down two touchdowns," Bowden said. "But they showed a lot of integrity to put the ball in the endzone."

But then the Warrior offense, led by Jess Shendo's 48 yards on five carries and Tyler Lane, who had a combined 50 yards rushing

was very pleased with his team's effort. "We were in control on both sides of the ball, we just ran out of time," he added. "They (Robertson) did score 25 points, but we allowed them too much good field position on kickoff returns."

GAME ONE: AUG. 30

This Saturday, the Ruidoso Warriors take on the Portales Rams at 2 p.m. at Greyhound Stadium for the 2002 Class 3A football championship.

It marks the first post-season meeting between the two schools for the first time since 1988, when they played for the state championship in W.D. Horton Stadium. For Portales, this is the first time they've been in the title game since that year. Ruidoso hasn't won a title since 1985.

Because this year's title game evokes so many memories, and because Saturday's matchup is destined to go down in history itself, the Ruidoso News has put together this special insert commemorating championship teams from Ruidoso — past and present.

As a graduate of Portales High School in 1989, this project has brought about many memories of that championship game 14 years ago. I didn't play, but I was proud to be part of that game even as just a fan.

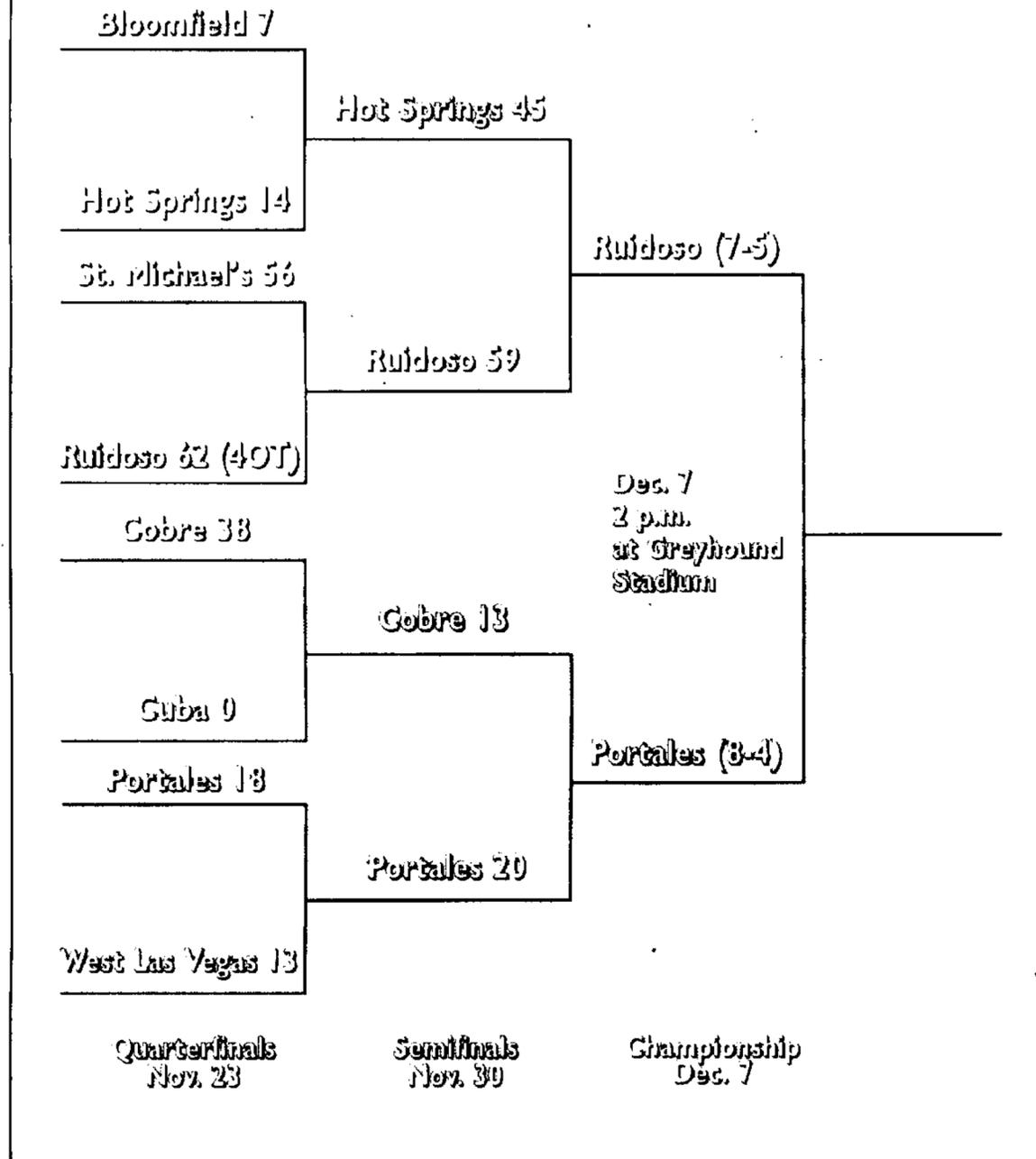
For those who will play or cheer on their team at Saturday's game — Portales and Ruidoso alike — this insert is meant as a keepsake for the fabulous season each school has had.

Good luck to both teams.



Todd Fuqua
Sports Editor
Ruidoso News

Class 3A State Football Playoffs



**Ruidoso Warriors
2002 Football Results**

Opponent	Result	Record
Robertson	L (25-23)	0-1
Socorro	W (49-6)	1-1
Moriarty	L (45-21)	1-2
Silver	L (26-22)	1-3
Cobre	W (33-31)	2-3
St. Michael's	W (42-14)	3-3
Deming	L (31-29)	3-4
NMMI*	W (36-14)	4-4, 1-0
Lovington	W (38-24)	5-4, 2-0
Portales*	L (18-7)	5-5, 2-1
St. Michael's**	W (62-56, 4OT)	6-5
Hot Springs***	W (56-42)	7-5

*Denotes District 4-3A game
**Denotes Class 3A quarterfinal
***Denotes Class 3A semifinal

**Portales Rams
2002 Football Results**

Opponent	Result	Record
West Las Vegas	W (42-37)	1-0
Tularosa	W (14-8)	2-0
Raton	W (29-17)	3-0
Denver City, Texas	L (46-20)	3-1
Goddard	L (42-14)	3-2
Eunice	W (51-7)	4-2
Artesia	L (35-12)	4-3
Lovington*	L (29-22)	4-4, 0-1
NMMI*	W (21-24)	5-4, 1-1
Ruidoso*	W (18-7)	6-4, 2-1
West Las Vegas**	W (18-13)	7-4
Cobre**	W (20-13)	8-4

*Denotes District 4-3A game
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Ruidoso 49, Socorro 6

If Ruidoso head coach Ridge Bowden had any questions about his special teams going into their game against Socorro, a very big one was answered in the fourth quarter.

Socorro punted the ball, a 35-yard boomer by Kevin Haley, which was taken by Josh Adams and run back 50 yards for a touchdown.

It would have been considered the play of the game, if Ruidoso hadn't had a 42-6 lead

already.

With the play, Ruidoso put the final touches on a 49-6 victory and showed they might be a team to be reckoned with in this year's playoffs.

"This game was similar to last year, but with a new coach and a new system, we had some high expectations," Bowden said. "We got better, and had a lot of good plays from everybody, not just one or two kids."

Ruidoso wasted little time in getting on

the board first, recovering a Socorro fumble on the fourth play of the game, then marching 44 yards and scoring on a 16-yard run by quarterback Josh Adams. The Dusty Bolden kick made it 7-0.

After kicking off to Socorro, Ruidoso again scored when — just two plays later — Steven Stroup picked a fumble by Socorro's Kenny Gonzales out of the air and rumbled 22 yards for the Warriors, second touchdown.

That pretty much set the tone for the

rest of the half, as Ruidoso seemed to be able to score at will, with Adams scoring a second touchdown on a 41-yard run in the second quarter and connecting twice with Casey Mirau for two more scores.

GAME TWO: SEPT. 6

BY TODD FUQUA • RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It's been a long haul for the Ruidoso Warrior football team this season, what with a less-than-stellar pre-district record, a few injuries to key players and a difficult playoff schedule.

But now they're in the state title game against rival Portales. Just one more game and they're state champions again.

Sounds like this season? Wrong. That's a definition of the Warriors' campaign back in 1988, the last time Ruidoso and Portales met one another in post-season play.

The similarities between 1988 and 2002 are many. Don't take our word for it, talk to Warrior head coach Ridge Bowden.

"Back then, they were overachievers," said Bowden, who was an assistant coach at the time. "This was a team that lost to Goddard 38-0, then beat them in the semifinals."

Indeed, Ruidoso played the Rockets — then the top-ranked team in Class 3A — in the middle of a snowstorm for the semifinal, and defeated them 24-21 on a last-second field goal by freshman Micah Whitlock.

"After that win, the attitude for the championship was that we were just happy to be there," Bowden recalled. "But now, we've got something else to prove."

Indeed, Ruidoso and Portales may be playing each other again for the state title, only this time the game will be at Greyhound Stadium in

Portales, which is where the Rams defeated Ruidoso earlier in the year.

Hostile ground doesn't phase this year's team, however. They're true "Road Warriors" who haven't played a home game since defeating Lovington 38-24 on Nov. 1.



COURTESY PHOTO

Ram quarterback Michael Tillman (10) makes a gainer against Ruidoso's Kenny Trapp (32) and Andy Orrantia (45) during the Class 3A championship at W.D. Horton Stadium in December of 1988.

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Moriarty 45, Ruidoso 21

The Ruidoso Warriors played their best football game of the year in Moriarty. They played aggressive, hard-hitting ball, pressured the pass-happy Pinto offense and took advantage of weaknesses in the Moriarty defensive secondary.

At least, they did for three quarters.

But after taking a 21-14 lead just seconds into the fourth quarter, things started to fall apart for Ruidoso, as the Pintos forced four Warrior turnovers and scored 24 points in 17 plays en route to a 45-21 win in front of a lively home crowd.

"Up until that point (the turnovers) it was anyone's ballgame," Ruidoso coach Ridge Bowden said. "Our kids went up there to play — I think we surprised them by how hard we were playing."

The Warriors proved their power early, as the defense forced Moriarty into a three-and-out on its opening possession. Quarterback Josh Adams then led Ruidoso to its first score in just five plays, for an early 7-0 lead.

Adams, who has had more success with his legs than his arm since becoming the starter in 2001, attacked the Pinto secondary,

completing 19 of 50 passes for 286 yards. He also rushed the ball for about 50 yards.

Chance Hooper was his target of choice, though, as Hooper picked up 207 yards receiving. As a team, the Warriors picked up just less than 400 yards of total offense.

"We felt like there were things we could exploit in their secondary," Bowden said. "I was surprised that a team that throws so much had trouble defending the pass."

But a nearly three-to-one penalty ratio against the Warriors, two fourth-quarter interceptions, a Warrior fumble and a botched kickoff return combined to cost

Ruidoso its fourth quarter lead and the game.

"It was drenching," Bowden said of the loss. "You could see it in the players' eyes. We had a chance to win it."

That chance came in large part thanks to the Warrior defense, which chased Pinto quarterback Trey Howell most of the night and put him on the turf a number of times early in the game. Steven Stroup also came up with an interception off the highly-regarded quarterback.

GAME THREE: SEPT. 13

That includes a spectacular four-overtime win at St. Michael's and last week's victory at Hot Springs.

Also, the Warriors won't be entering this championship by the skin of their teeth, not like that 1988 team.

The Warriors of 14 years ago weren't even supposed to be in the playoffs, much less in the championship game after defeating what most felt was the best 3A team in the state.

Ruidoso was 2-4 before starting district play. Ironically, the Warriors played every member of District 4-3A that year — Goddard, Portales, Artesia and Lovington — and lost every game.

But then they started district (they were in 3-3A then), and turned on the afterburners. They smashed Deming, Oñate and Socorro and beat Cobre in a close one. Their only district loss was to Silver, but it didn't stop the Warriors from winning the District 3-3A title.

It's interesting to note that Ruidoso played all but Oñate this year.

"We played really well together, especially through district," said Michael Swanner, then the team's quarterback and now an assistant coach under Bowden. "We were pretty confident, and we had our opportunities (in the championship), we just didn't connect."



FILE PHOTO

Ruidoso quarterback Michael Swanner (17), now an assistant coach in Ruidoso, sets up a play as Bobby Fowler (61) blocks and Ira Sago (23) sneaks right during the Warriors' 1988 quarterfinal game against Robertson.

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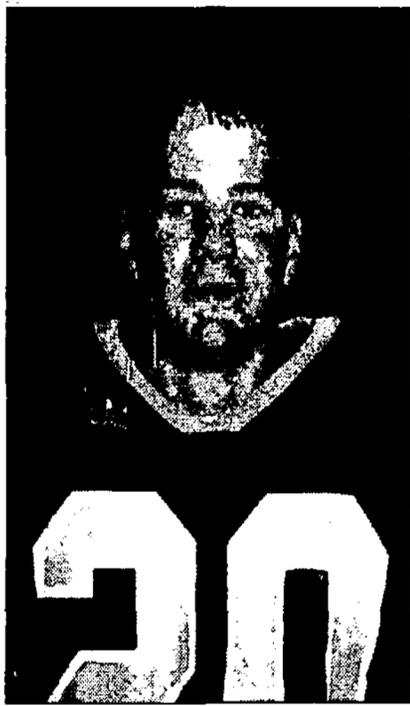
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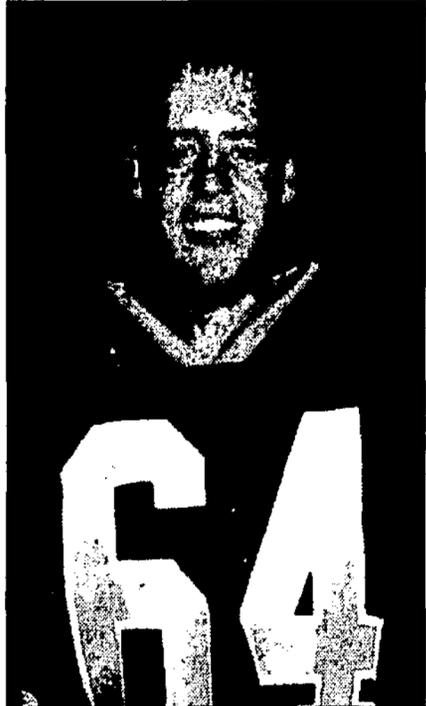


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Silver City 26, Ruidoso 22

Coach Ridge Bowden thought his players were fairly well prepared to face the Silver City Colts and that they would — perhaps — gain some momentum from playing at home.

But both of those notions proved to be misleading, as Silver prevailed, 26-22.

The Colts were first on the scoreboard with 14-yard pass return by Randal Britton. The Warriors answered with their own 4-yard rush by running back Tyler Line, but the extra point was no good, putting the Warriors behind from the start. Then, Silver's Clem Eiden countered with an 84-yard rush for a second touchdown.

The Warriors came back when quarter-

back Josh Adams, who completed 10-17 attempts for a total of 139 yards passing, made a 30-yard dash into the end zone in the second quarter, and then another 2-yard run in the third. Tony Bolden then kicked a 45-yard field goal for the Warriors in the third quarter, adding another three points to the board.

The Colts remedied Adams' 30-yard run when Nick Neeley caught a 9-yard pass in the second quarter and ran it in. Neeley then dealt the final blow when, near the end of the fourth quarter, he returned the one interception thrown by Adams 90-yards for the final score.

Again, a turnover cost Ruidoso the game, and the Colts successfully added the Warriors to their list of conquests.



GAME FOUR: SEPT. 20



FILE PHOTO

Kenny Trapp, left, drags a Portales player down the field during one of his 13 rushes and 20 of his 124 yards rushing during the Class 3A state title game in December of 1988 at W.D. Horton Stadium. Dusty Beavers, right, sets up for the block.

Ruidoso lost to the Rams 31-15 in that final in 1988. But it was a game they led 15-14 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Warriors got that lead mostly on the running of Kenny Trapp, a junior who had 124 of Ruidoso's 150 rushing yards in the game and was widely considered one of the best running backs in New Mexico.

But Trapp injured his knee in the middle of the third quarter, and had to leave the game for the rest of the quarter. The Warriors were unable to do much on offense after that, and Portales eventually took the lead on a rush by Ram quarterback Michael Tillman.

"It was frustrating to a

point," Swanner said. "Second was all right, but the goal is always to be the state champs."

In Trapp's absence, a sophomore named Keif Johnson stepped into the fullback position and did his best, despite the butterflies he felt early on.

"I played backup and on the kickoff team mostly," said Johnson, now the defensive coordinator for Ruidoso. "I did get to start against Cobre and Portales the first time, but it was still nerve-wracking."

Johnson, Swanner and Bowden all agree that this year's edition of the Warriors is much more versatile and deadly. Quarterback Josh Adams has a lion's share of the yards, but a

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Ruidoso 33, Cobre 31

No last-second scores were going to sting the Ruidoso Warriors this time.

One year after losing to Cobre on a kick-off return for a touchdown with less than a minute in the game, the Warriors beat the same team Friday, holding off a late Indian charge to win 33-31.

"We came out early in the game and scored on our second play from scrimmage," said coach Ridge Bowden. "The defense kept holding them, but then we fumbled and they scored off the great field position."

Ruidoso entered halftime leading, however, by the score of 21-17 on the strength of

quarterback Josh Adams' two touchdowns - one on a 40-yard run, the other on a 28-yard scamper.

Sandwiched in between was a one-yard run by Jess Shendo.

Adams finished the game leading Ruidoso with 119 yards on 13 carries, and was 6-13 passing for 108 yards.

But for all of Adams' heroics, Cobre began their second-half comeback with a scoring drive capped by a pass from J.J. Vega to Dylan Schultz. Following another Warrior turnover - this time an interception by Johnny Valencia - the Indians again scored on a pass from Vega to Buddy Baca to extend

their lead to 31-21 in the fourth quarter.

Then the Warriors got down to business.

"We had to make some things happen," coach Ridge Bowden said. "We made some big plays when we needed to."

The first big play came on a third-and-long situation, in which Adams connected on a slant pass to Chance Hooper for a 64-yard touchdown, cutting the Indian lead to just four points.

It was one of only two receptions for Hooper in the game, but he led his team with 74 yards.

From there, the defense kept Cobre from

coming back.

"Our defense had to play a lot, probably 90 plays in the game," Bowden said. "There were a couple of times we had them on third or fourth down and they converted, so that was disappointing, but we played well in the fourth. Our defense shut them out and came through when we needed them."

The Warriors scored the go-ahead TD when Adams got in from two yards out with about two minutes left.

GAME FIVE: SEPT. 27



FILE PHOTO

Klef Johnson (22), now the Warriors' defensive coordinator, pursues Goddard quarterback Kevin Romero during Ruidoso's amazing Class 3A semifinal win at W.D. Horton Stadium in 1988.

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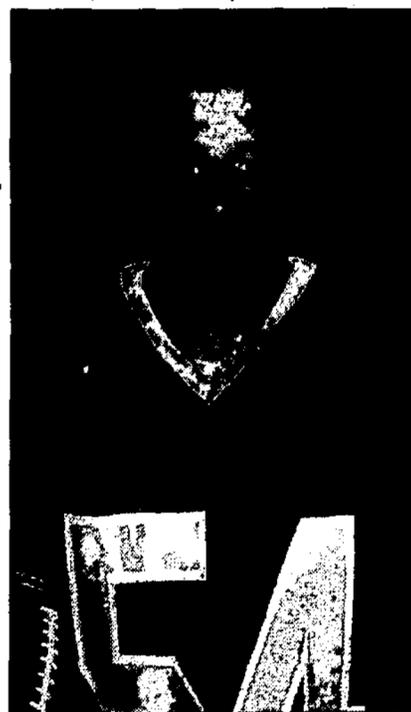
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Ruidoso 42, St. Michael's 14

It didn't take long for the Ruidoso Warrior offensive line to assert itself.

Opening hole after hole for quarterback Josh Adams, the Warrior offensive front enabled Adams to score three touchdowns en route to a 42-14 shellacking of St. Michael's.

"Our offensive line has really developed into a power to be reckoned with," said Ruidoso coach Ridge Bowden.

The five linemen — David Samaniego, Case Forrest, Dusty Bolden, Jake Tetreault and Jordan Torres — were a big part of the reason Adams was able to lead the game with

160 yards rushing on only 10 carries.

While Adams led the way, a Warrior trio — Casey Mirau, Jaime Urban and Tim Lucero — combined for 98 more rushing yards, giving the Horsemen defense fits with the triple option.

Adding to St. Michael's confusion was the Ruidoso passing game, which saw Adams connect for 150 yards on 8-of-12 passing and a touchdown.

"When we do throw the ball, that play action will hopefully open up the run," Bowden said. "That's what the triple-option does — if they fail to take care of one, it can really hurt them."

After the Warriors went up 15-0 in the first quarter, the ensuing offensive drive by St. Michael's highlighted another aspect of Ruidoso's game that is coming together — the defense.

The Horsemen were able to get down to the Warrior three-yard line early in the second quarter. But a sack of Thomas Romero and an incompletion gave the Warriors the ball and stopped the scoring threat.

"They (St. Michael's) have a good running game, and they got down there mostly on that pass play," Bowden said. "Then our defense tightened up. We surprised them because we were tackling them as a team,

our whole line was all over them.

"Our defensive speed really frustrated them," he added.

Indeed, the Horsemen were frustrated enough that Jamal Brown had 141 yards, but on more than twice as many carries as Adams. Also, the next highest rusher for St. Michael's was Ryan Patterson, who had but 46 yards — the totals dropped off sharply from there.

By the fourth quarter, the 35-point mercy rule was in effect, and Bowden sent in the second stringers to give them some experience.

GAME SIX: OCT. 4



FILE PHOTO

Kenny Trapp, far left, eludes the tackle of a Goddard Rocket during the Class 3A state semifinals at W.D. Horton Stadium in 1988. The game ended on a 34-yard field goal with two seconds left which gave the Warriors an improbable win over Goddard, then the top-ranked team in Class 3A in the state.

battery of three — Casey Mirau, Tim Lucero and Tyler Line — gains enough yards to keep defenses honest.

And Adams can always step out and throw the pass. He's completed quite a few to Chance Hooper — enough for more than 1,000 yards this season.

Portales assistant Greg Poyner says this year's Warrior team is much more dangerous than in 1988.

"This team is a lot more explosive," said Poyner, who was just finishing up his education degree at Eastern New Mexico University and was student teaching, and coaching, way back when. "Trapp was a great

player, but their offense was to grind it out four or five yards at a time.

"But the team they've got now is really good. It's a little different game because they're so explosive now it's scary."

Portales hasn't changed all that much in their approach. With Poyner on the sidelines and some assistance by former head coach Bobby Crane, the Rams are again the in-your-face, running team they were 14 years ago.

Les Long is the go-to guy this season, Jeff Hancock was in 1988. Long has 1,205 yards rushing this year, Hancock had 1,183 yards — then a school record —

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Deming 31, Ruidoso 29

It would be easy to say Ruidoso's missed field goal with 29 seconds left against Deming was the difference in the game.

But Warrior coach Ridge Bowden will tell you differently.

"We shouldn't have been in that position to start with," Bowden said. "If we'd made our extra points instead of trying to go for two, we'd have been tied. If we'd made those conversions, we'd have been up by two."

As it was, the 28-yard attempt by Dusty Bolden was wide left, and Deming escaped with a 31-29 victory.

Don't fault Bolden for losing the game,

however. This was a classic battle, with comebacks — and mistakes — by both teams throughout.

Deming got on the board first in the opening quarter, as Wildcat quarterback Scot Moore hooked up with favorite target Tito Valdez twice for two touchdowns — one pass was 75 yards, the other 58 — and a 14-0 lead.

But by the time Josh Adams took the ball 60 yards for Ruidoso's second touchdown, the Warriors had rattled off 16 points in just over two minutes to take the lead from a stunned Wildcat team.

"The potential to score this many points has always been there," Bowden said of his

team's outburst. "But it's like I said before, this was going to come down to the kicking game, and that's how it worked out."

It looked as though Ruidoso would go into halftime with the lead, but the Wildcats took advantage with a fumble late in the second quarter and drove the 38 yards in 13 plays, finishing with a fourth-down, 5-yard pass from Moore to Valdez, giving Deming the 20-16 lead.

The Wildcats didn't let go of the momentum, and special teams again became a dominant factor, as Paul Porras took the opening kickoff in the second half 78 yards for a touchdown.

The final score of the back-and-forth game came on a 22-yard Deming field goal with 4:19 left in the game.

Despite the loss, Bowden wasn't too upset in his team's performance — stating he was expecting a bit of a rough outing following a week off from competition.

"It would have been nice to have a bit more success in the first quarter, we didn't execute how we needed to," Bowden said. "We worked it out and were moving the ball well, we've just got to do that for four quarters."

GAME SEVEN: OCT. 18

and combined with Tillman for 2,945 yards total.

Heck, even their home uniforms (black jerseys, red helmets) look the same now.

"Crane is still a big influence over there," Bowden said. "Back then, they ran more of the veer, now more trap and sweep. The defense was big and physical."

Poyner — who himself played in a championship game as a Ram in 1983 — said a big difference between this year and 1988 was the suddenness of Portales' prowess.

1988 was the first time Portales had been in the playoffs at all in five years. But this year's squad has been to the post-season the last three years.

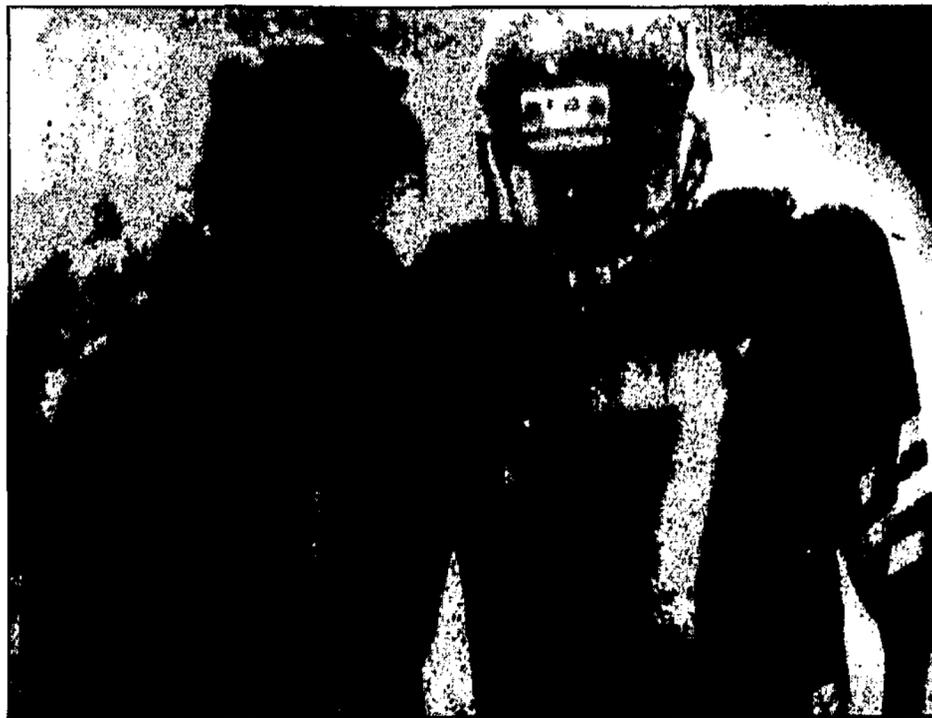
"We came out of the blue then," Poyner said. "We had a great senior-led team that year, and really shocked everybody. "This year, we expected to be in the playoffs and expected to be at this point."

So, do this year's players notice all this hype and hoopla?

"These kids appreciate the history, and they want to make Portales history as a team to win district and state," Poyner said. "They're excited to be part of that."

Swanner hopes the Warriors don't get too caught up in it. They've still got a game to play, and win.

"If you look at it and start building it up, you end up putting



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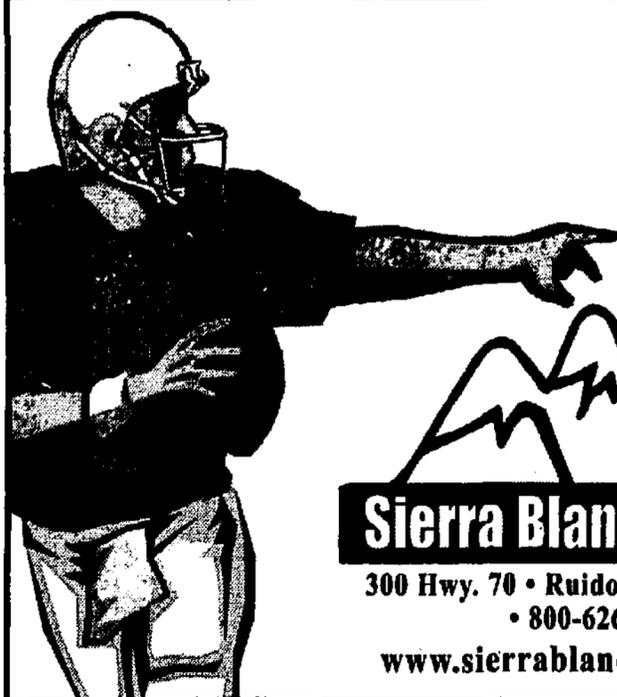
Then... RHS quarterback Michael Swanner, right, consults with coach Cooper Henderson during the 1988 Class 3A semifinal against Goddard.

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Ruidoso 36, NMMI 14

No doubt about it, this is how the Ruidoso Warriors wanted to start their district season.

Facing a team new to the District 4-3A scene — but playing on their home field before rabid fans — Ruidoso defeated New Mexico Military Institute 36-14 to start undefeated in district and set up a major clash with Lovington next week.

"We opened on a real positive note," said Ruidoso coach Ridge Bowden. "That game last week helped us eliminate our mistakes."

"That game" was the Warriors' 31-29 heartbreaker of a loss to Deming Oct. 18. Ruidoso had numerous chances to score extra points against a pass-happy offense, but couldn't get the crucial extra points they needed following touchdowns.

Such was not the case against NMMI, as the Warriors weren't in need of those extra points here and there.

Casey Mirau began the scoring with a one-yard run, followed by Tyler Line's punch-in from five yards out to give Ruidoso a quick 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, and it was fairly easy for the Warriors from there.

Bowden and NMMI coach Dwight Burns had expected the game to be decided by the pass, but in reality it was decided on the ground. Ruidoso's triple-option formation chewed up the Colt defense as five different players combined for 443 yards on the ground.

Quarterback Josh Adams again led the Warriors with 193 yards on 18 carries, followed by Tim Lucero (6-91), Mirau (11-56), Steven Stroup (3-53) and Line (11-44).

Adams was 9-16 in passing for 149 yards, with Stroup catching four passes for 73 yards.

The Colts weren't able to overcome Ruidoso's offensive output. Adams had a hand in three different Warrior scores — including two touchdown runs of 45 and 55 yards — and Ruidoso had the game in hand by the third quarter.

"Having our offense on the field gave our defense a chance to rest," Bowden said. "NMMI didn't have the ball that much in the first half."

GAME EIGHT: OCT. 25



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

And now... Ruidoso assistant coaches Kief Johnson, left and Michael Swanner listen with the rest of the Ruidoso team as Jarrett Perry gives a pep talk during the team's practice Dec. 4 at W.D. Horton Stadium.

too much pressure on yourself," Swanner said. "Then you make the mistakes."

Swanner said he'd much rather be a part of the coaching process than sitting back and enjoying the spectacle, however. He finds it a very rewarding experience.

"It's such a different view, to focus on strategy and get the kids prepared," Swanner said. "As a

coach, we're not just teaching football, we're also teaching life." Johnson feels the same way, although he admits he misses playing.

"I feel it's pretty rewarding to be a coach with this team," Johnson said. "But I'd love to be able to strap on the pads and get out there again."

Who knows? Maybe, in another 10 or 15 years, members of this year's squad will be well into their coaching careers, leading their team to a state title — all the while remembering the time they were known as the "Road Warriors."

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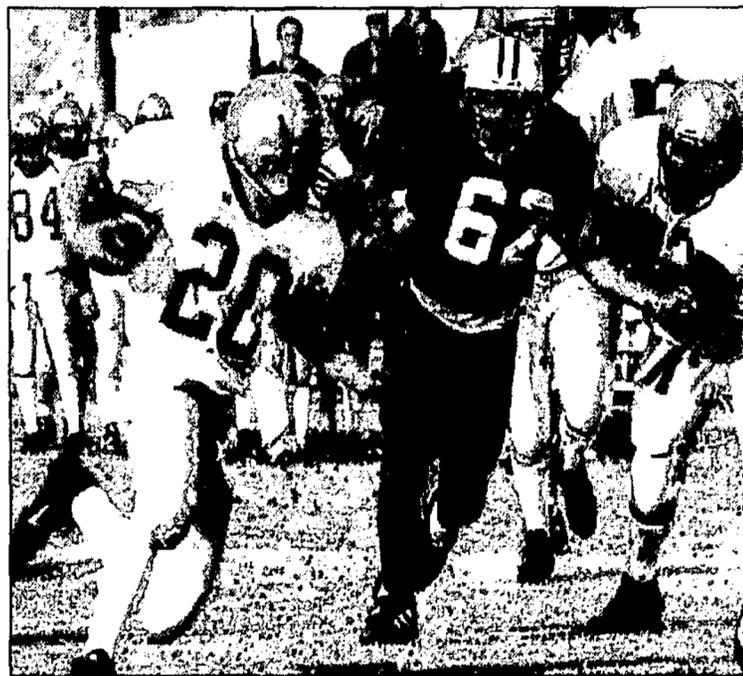
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GAME NINE: NOV. 1



Tim Lucero, center, is taken down by a pair of Portales Rams Nov. 8 during the District 4-3A title game at Greyhound Stadium.



Can't catch me Sophomore Casey Mirau (20), gains some of his 108 yards versus Hot Springs in this year's Class 3A semifinal in Truth Or Consequences.

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Portales 18, Ruidoso 7

This certainly wasn't how the Ruidoso faithful wanted this to go at all.

Needing just a field goal to at least secure the District 4-3A championship, the Warrior football team had the ball at the Portales 30-yard line, looking to get those — and hopefully more — points.

But on a third-and-eight play, Ram safety Antonio Holmes intercepted a Josh Adams pass in the flat to give Portales the ball, the game, and the district championship.

Despite their 18-7 loss to the Rams, Ruidoso is still in the playoffs, having secured that with last week's victory over

Lovington.

"It would have been nice to be the district champ," said Ruidoso coach Ridge Bowden. "The only thing this changes is we're on the road."

The Warriors had scored first and seemed ready to claim the district title outright with a win, but Portales had different plans.

The Rams stiffened on defense, holding the normally proficiently running Adams to just 87 yards rushing and 96 yards in the air, all while controlling the ball on the offensive end.

Portales kept Adams from gaining too

many yards on the ground, but more importantly, they kept any other Warrior from gaining any yards at all. Normally deadly with the triple-option and averaging well over 100 yards a game coming in, the running trio of Casey Mirau, Tim Lucero and Tyler Line were neutralized, combining for a paltry 13 yards total.

Ruidoso actually got on the board first, putting together a 67-yard drive that ended with a 22-yard pass from Adams to Chance Hooper for a touchdown near the end of the first quarter, but those were the only points they would get. The Warriors would get no closer than Portales' 30-yard line the rest of

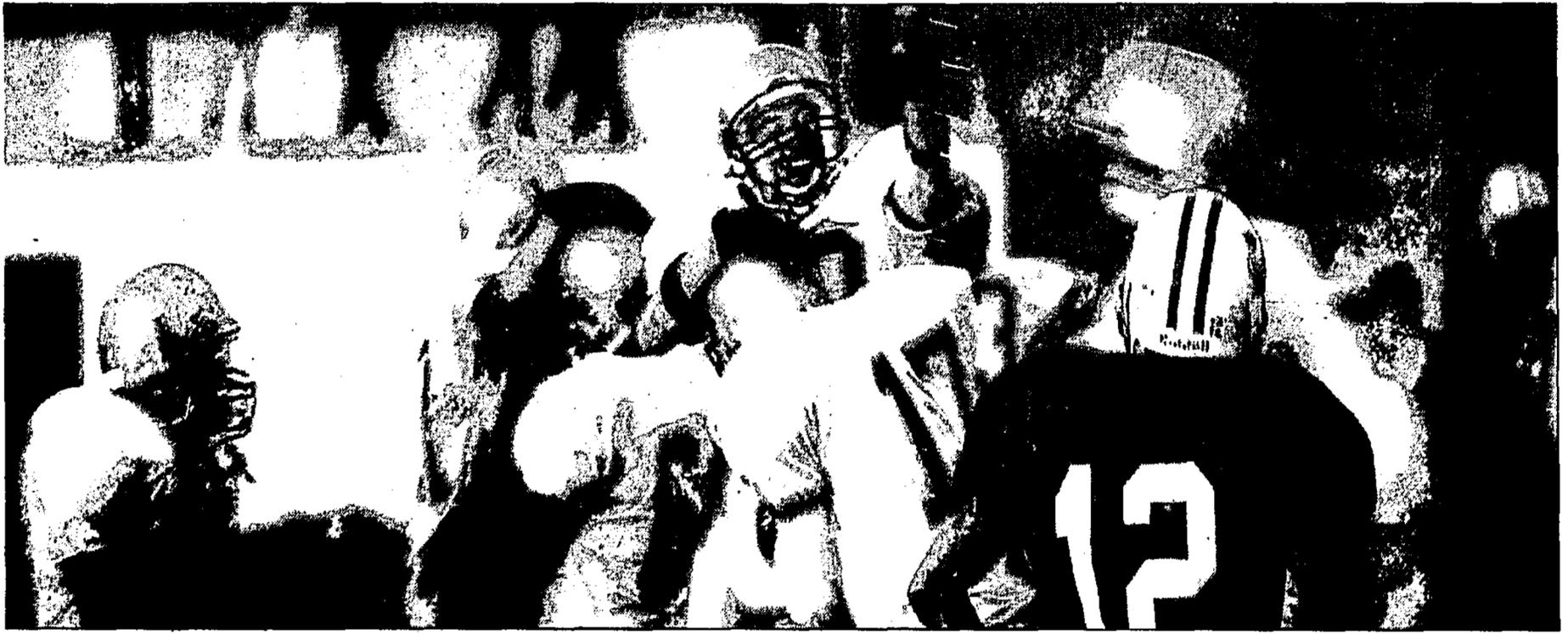
the way.

Bowden admitted it is disappointing to be in the playoffs as the district runner-up rather than the district champion, but pointed out that they are in the playoffs.

"It is exciting, we're in the playoffs for the first time in three years," Bowden said. "We're ready for a challenge."

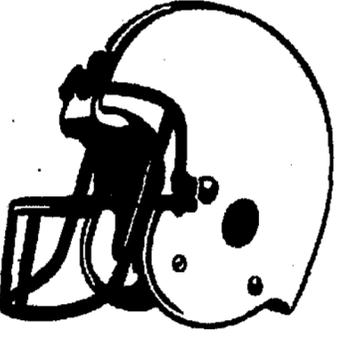
"It might have been better to lose now than later, anyway," he added. "We've got to learn from our mistakes and get it done."

GAME TEN: NOV. 8



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The Warriors celebrate after an exhausting four overtime win over the St. Michael's Horsemen in the Class 3A quarterfinals Nov. 23 at Brother Abdon Stadium in Santa Fe.

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The Warriors, playing in their first state playoff game in three years, overcame a three-touchdown deficit in the second half, narrowly missed a win in regulation, then celebrated a 62-56 victory Saturday on a Josh Adams touchdown in the fourth overtime to move on to the semifinals of the Class 3A playoffs.

"You can't give enough credit to the offensive line for not allowing a sack on Josh today," said Ruidoso coach Ridge Bowden. "We're just happy to finish on top."

Quarterback Josh Adams' final touchdown was his fifth of the day, as he ran up 113

yards on the ground to counter St. Michael's running back Jamal Brown's 124 yards on 26 carries.

The Warrior quarterback also threw for 142 yards and three touchdowns, accounting for all of the Ruidoso scoring.

These two teams had faced one another earlier in the year, with Ruidoso taking away a 42-14 thrashing of the Horsemen. But this time around, it looked as though the Horsemen would win by the exact same score, having taken a 35-14 lead into the locker room at halftime.

There's no doubt Ruidoso needed to score some points to get back in the game,

but it was more important the defense step up to stop the Horsemen's attack. They began doing just that right away — forcing St. Michael's to punt on their first possession and later sacking Romero on a 4th-and-8 play at the Ruidoso 33-yard line.

After climbing back to withing a touchdown, the Warriors engineered a quick, 73-yard drive in which every gain was for at least 15 yards. Long runs by Adams and Tyler Line were complimented by an 18-yard completion to Casey Mirau and a 22-yard pass to Chance Hooper in the endzone to tie the game at 35-all with 4:24 left in the game.

After trading TDs for three overtimes,

Ruidoso finally came up with the defensive stop they needed in the fourth OT. At this point, the sun — which had been in and out of the clouds all day — finally peeked back through just above the mountainous horizon; just enough light for the Warriors to try one more play.

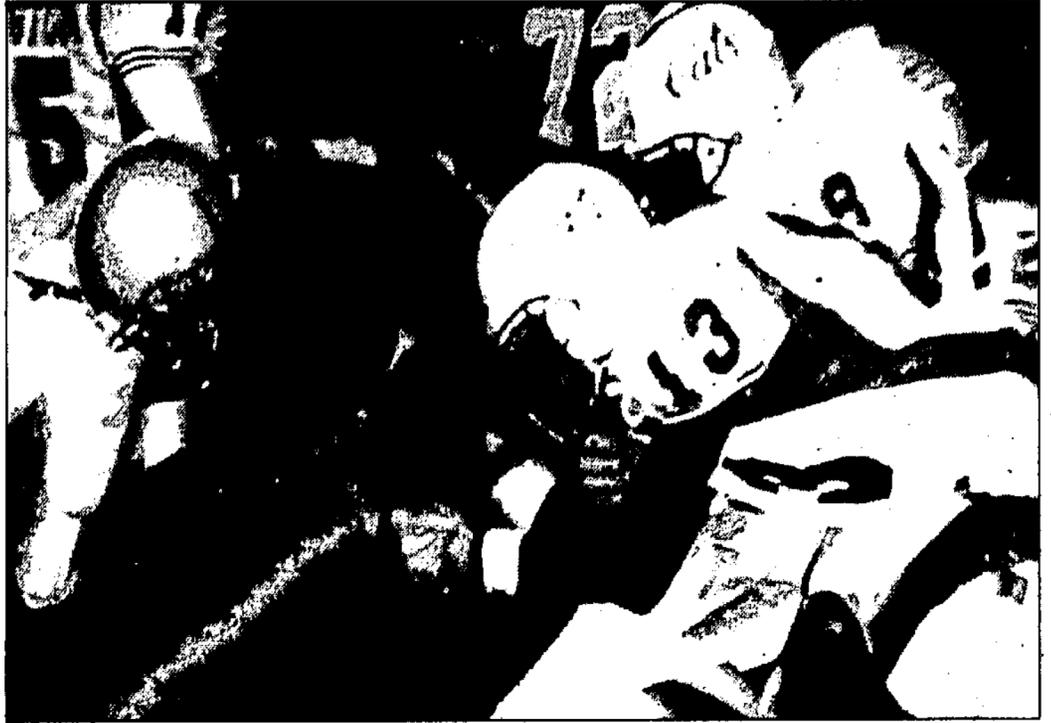
One play was all they needed, as Adams took it in from 10-yards out to give them the win.

STATE QUARTERFINALS: NOV. 23



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso kicker Dusty Bolden (64) kicks an extra point during the Warriors' victory over St. Michael's in the Class 3A quarterfinals.



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Stubborn running back Tyler Line, left, drags a host of Lovington players with him during Ruidoso's victory over the Wildcats. The win secured a playoff spot for the Warriors.

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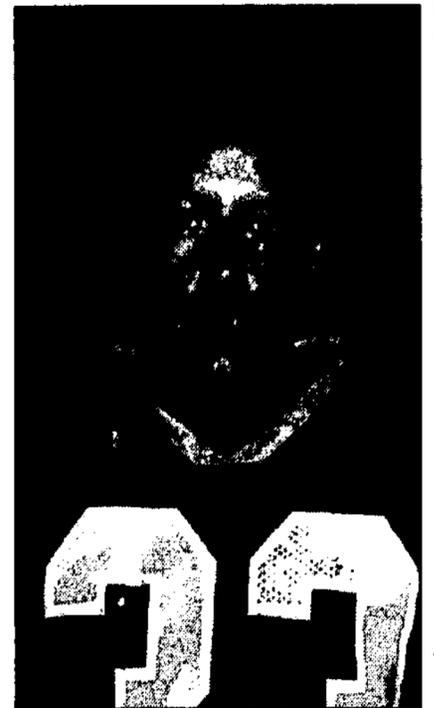


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Ruidoso 59, Hot Springs 45

For a while, Ruidoso's game against Hot Springs in their Class 3A football semifinal was almost a replay of a week before. The only difference being that the Warriors threatened to lose a halftime lead.

Ruidoso went up 33-14 at the break, and used several big plays to withstand a determined Hot Springs team to win 59-45 and secure their first state championship appearance since 1998.

"It was going to be anyone's game, it's just whoever had the ball the longest and made the fewest mistakes," said Ruidoso

coach Ridge Bowden. "We got a couple of stops on defense and were able to convert."

Ruidoso scored often and controlled the ball enough to keep the Tigers from building any kind of momentum, although they continued playing hard until the very last snap. The offense defined the game, as the two teams combined for more than 1,000 yards from scrimmage and traded two kickoff returns for touchdowns.

The Warriors got started early, as quarterback Josh Adams took the ball on the second play of the game and ran 75 yards for a touchdown with barely a minute elapsed in

the first quarter.

Adams was Mr. Everything for Ruidoso, as he ran for 225 yards, passed for 119 more and had a hand in seven Warrior touchdowns - including a 92-yard kickoff return in the fourth quarter which stopped a Hot Springs comeback before it got started.

The Tigers were down by 12 with 8:44 left in the third quarter following a 46-yard touchdown pass from Hot Springs quarterback Zach Gerleve to Roman Sanchez. But on the ensuing kickoff, Adams blew through the middle for his touchdown return.

"Nobody touched me, everybody got

their block and it turned out to be a big play," Adams said of the run back. "That helps on special teams, a lot of the game is based on that. It just came out that we ran it, and got a lot of momentum with it."

"We're in the state championship now," Bowden said. "The kids worked hard, played hard for it, it's now just a matter of one more."

STATE SEMIFINALS: NOV. 30

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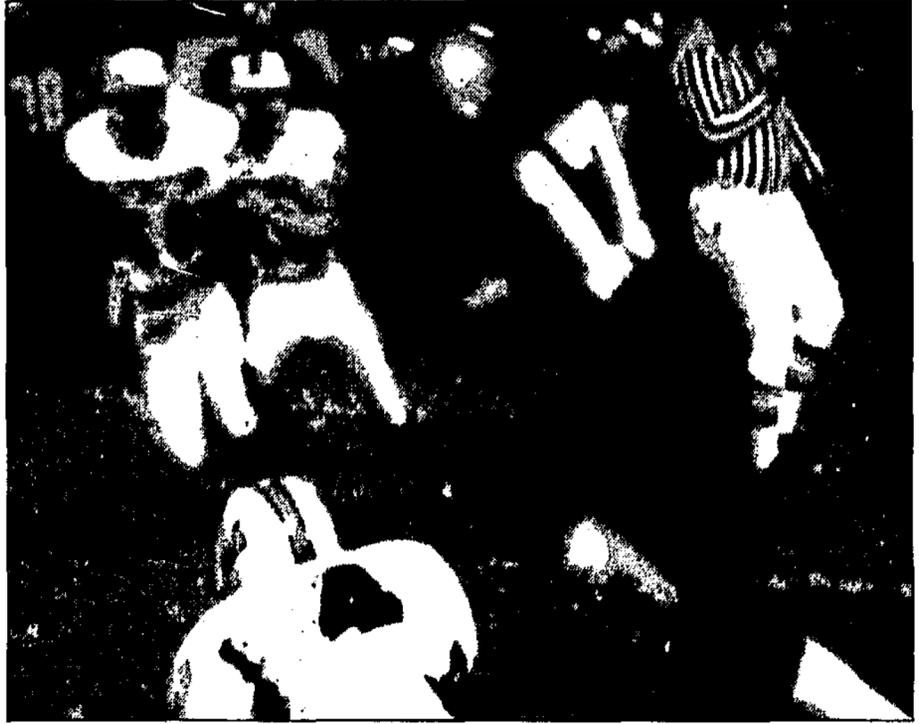
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The Warriors (5-4, 2-0 in District 4-3A) took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back, easily outdistanc-



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Ruidoso receiver Chance Hooper (17) streaks to the endzone after a catch against Lovington Nov. 1 at W.D. Horton Stadium.

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Ruidoso's Chance Hooper, right, leaps into the air to make a catch against Lovington during the Warriors' victory over the Wildcats Nov. 1 at W.D. Horton Stadium.

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It really should have been 25-0, as the Wildcats (6-3, 1-1) got their first score on a 24-yard interception return by Matthew Sydnor, then got another two points on a safety when a snap went over punter Stroup's head and out the back of the endzone.

"We gave them those 10 points in the first half," Bowden said. "It should have been worse for them, they couldn't get anything going on offense."

The Wildcats' lack of offense was particularly manifested in their inability to hold onto the ball. Lovington lost three fumbles in the game, and every one seemed to come at a most inopportune time.

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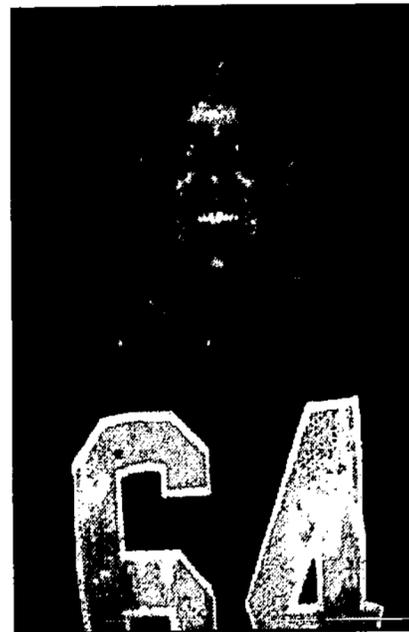
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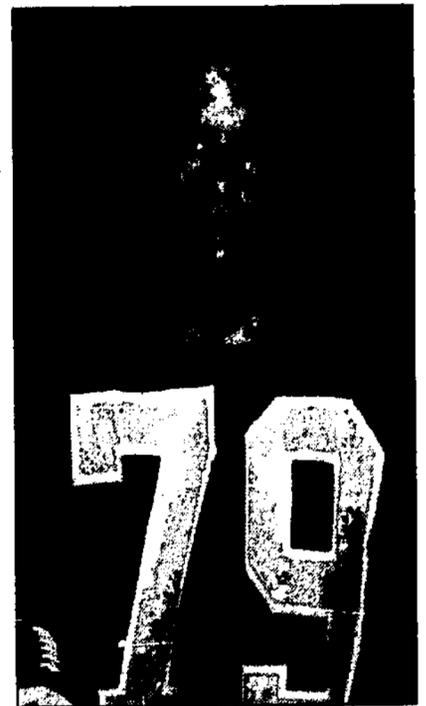


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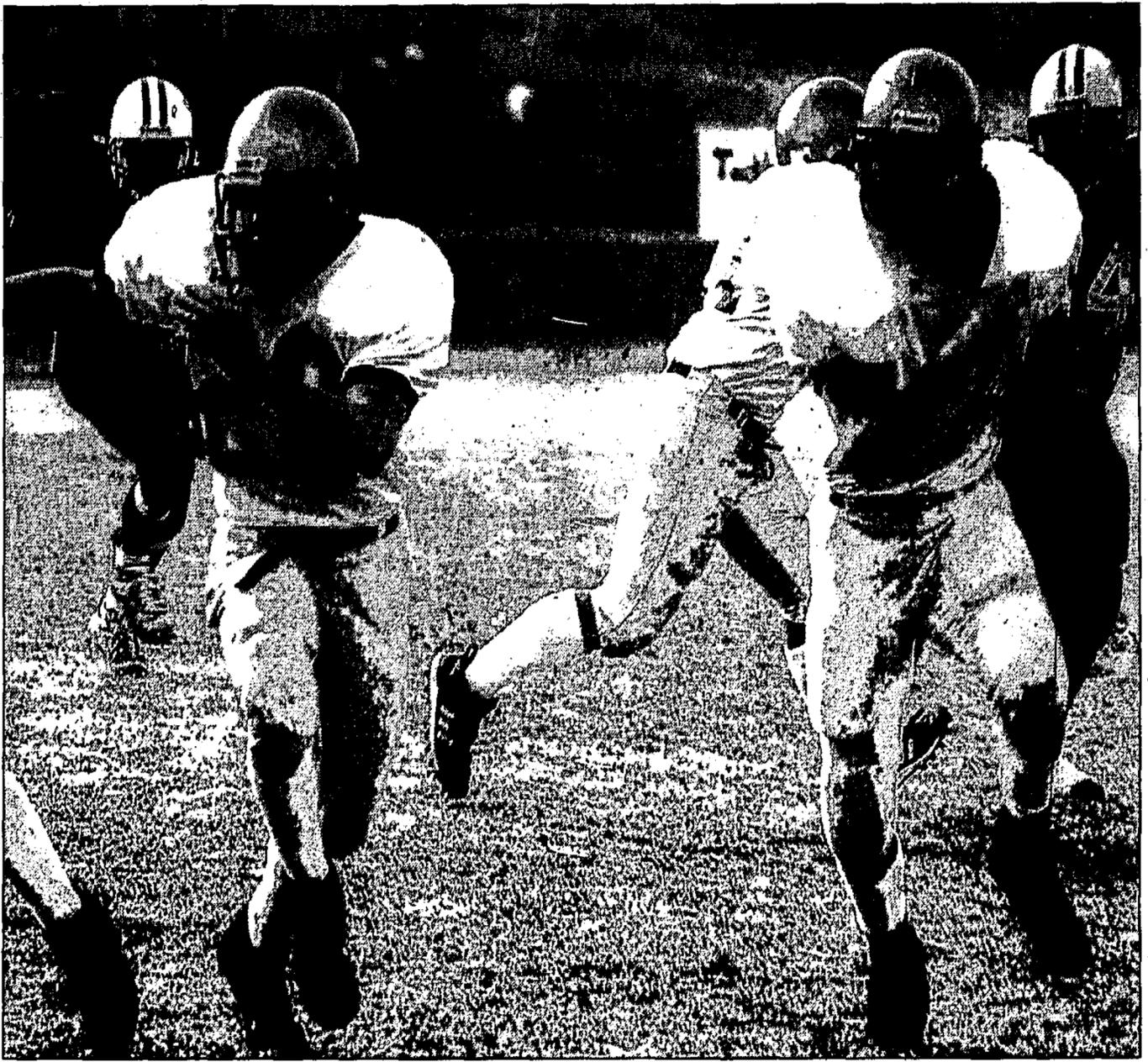
left in the first half, Ruidoso was forced to punt, but the Wildcats fumbled on the play and the Warriors were able to recover at the Lovington 45-yard line.

Less than one minute later, Ruidoso made the Wildcats pay on Stroup's touchdown catch.

Lovington opened the second half on a 60-yard ramble by Chris Anderson with barely 13 seconds elapsed, and then had the ball at the Ruidoso five-yard line and were threatening to pull within one, when the Wildcats again fell victim to the fumble.

On second-and-goal, Lovington quarterback Caden Jameson was forced to pitch the ball to Anderson when Warrior defender David Rice broke up the play. The ball dropped to the ground, and by the time Anderson had picked the ball back up and was tackled, the Wildcats found themselves at the Ruidoso 31.

"That was big, keeping them from scoring and keeping them out of field goal



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Tyler Line, right, follows the blocking of Casey Mirau during a run against Hot Springs in the Class 3A semifinal in Truth Or Consequences Nov. 30.

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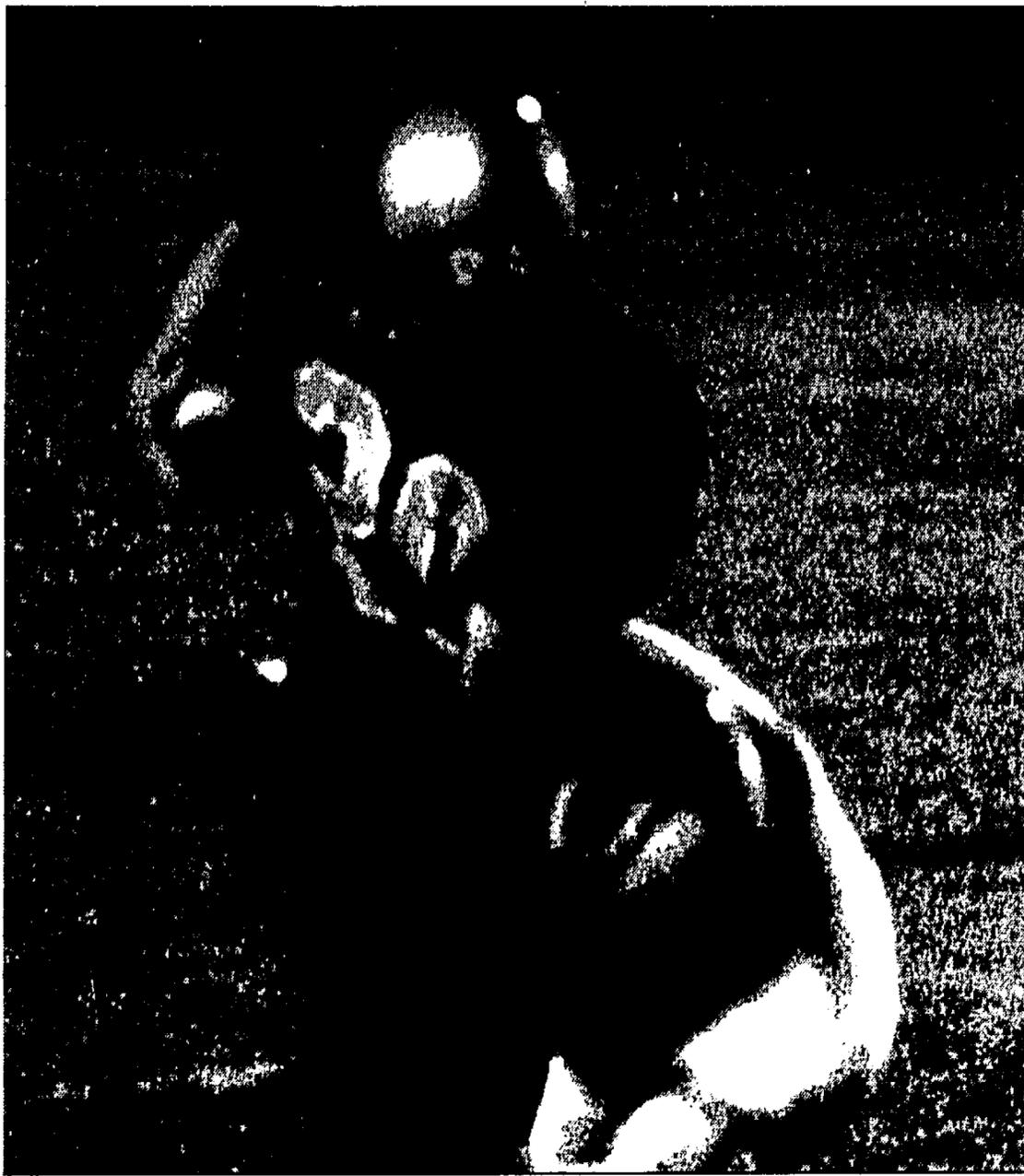
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Warrior sophomore Casey Mirau is tackled after a gain against the Lovington Wildcats Nov. 1 at W.D. Horton Stadium.

range," Bowden said.

Lovington eventually gave the ball up on downs, and Tyler Line further padded Ruidoso's lead on a 10-yard touchdown with 27 seconds left in the third quarter.

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Adams was also 8-12 passing with 192 yards, with Hooper making four catches for 96 yards.

"Their game plan was to stop Josh, and that was evident in how they lined up their free safety," Bowden said of Lovington's defense. "We let them do that, because we have five other guys that can run."

Jameson and Anderson can also run, but they didn't do much of it. Anderson led the Wildcats with 73 yards, while Jameson had only 24.

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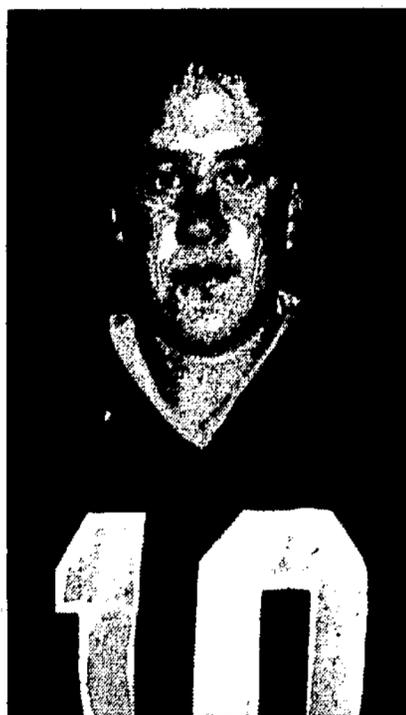
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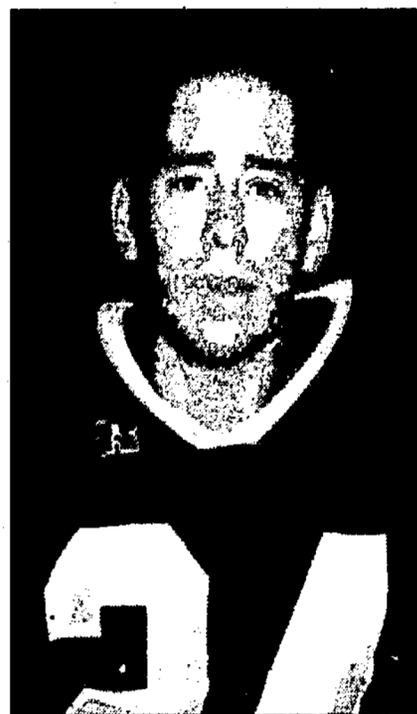


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But even after being so thoroughly dominated, the Wildcats still had a chance near the end. After a two-yard touchdown by Jameson and Lucero's 62-yard dash in the fourth quarter, Ruidoso kicked off to the Wildcats with 7:38 left in the game — plenty of time to engineer a couple of scoring drives.

But Lovington mishandled the kickoff — a pooch-kick that went just 20 yards and bounded over Sammie Corral's head — and the Warriors were able to recover. They didn't score on the ensuing drive, but they did chew up six minutes and gave the ball back with just three minutes left.

The Wildcats, starting from their own 15-yard line, were now

forced to pass, and eventually gave the ball up on downs.

Notes: Ruidoso may be in the playoffs, but whether they'll be district champs has yet to be determined. Even if they lose to Portales this Friday, they need only to lose by less than 10 points to be champions. If Portales beats the Warriors by more than 2 points, then Lovington is out of the playoffs all together. Obviously, if Ruidoso wins Friday, they'll be district champions. No matter which scenario occurs, the Warriors will play in the 3A playoffs this year.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Portales' Les Long, center, is tackled as he crosses the goal line by Tim Lucero (99) and Casey Mirau (80) Nov. 8 at Greyhound Stadium.

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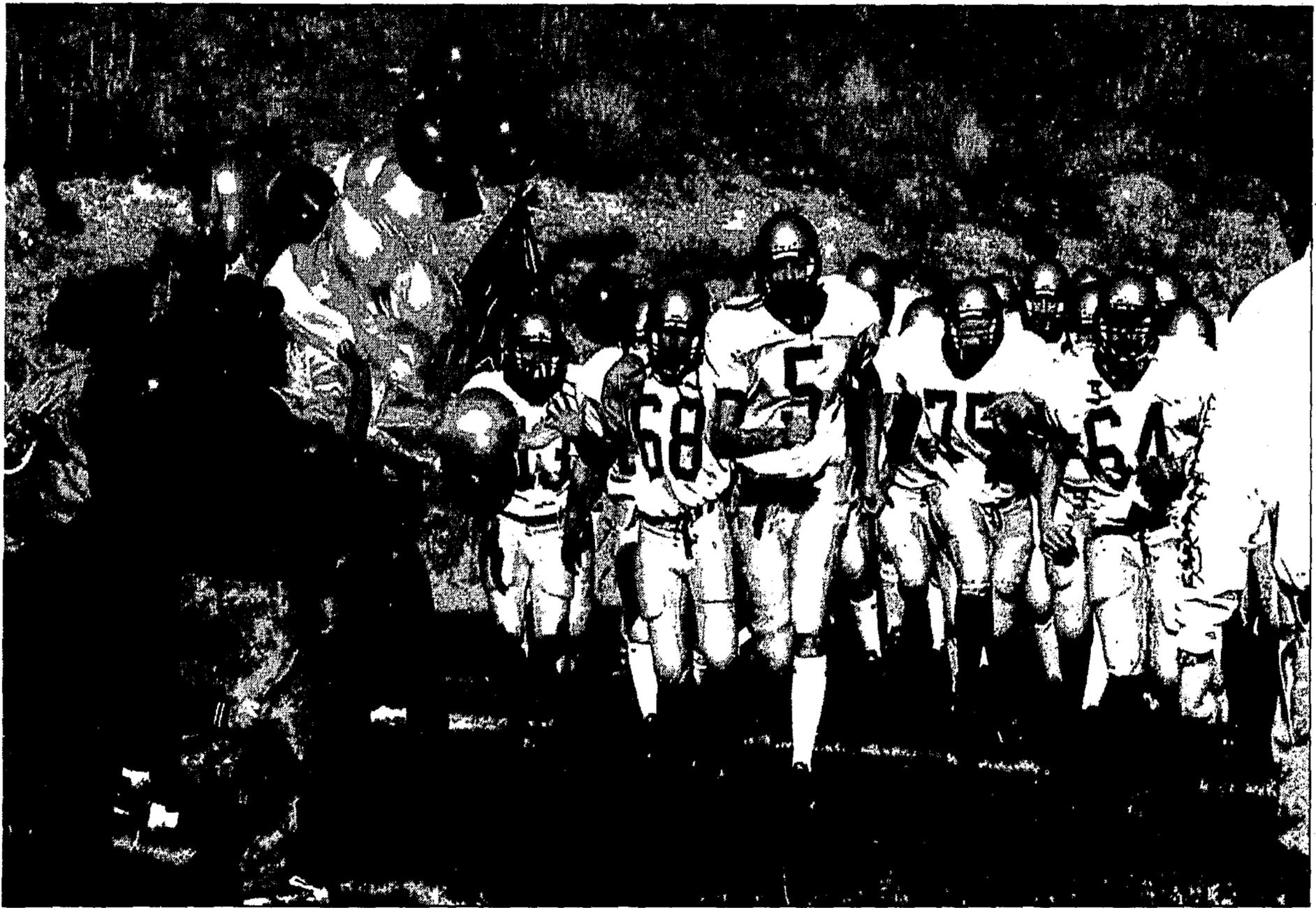
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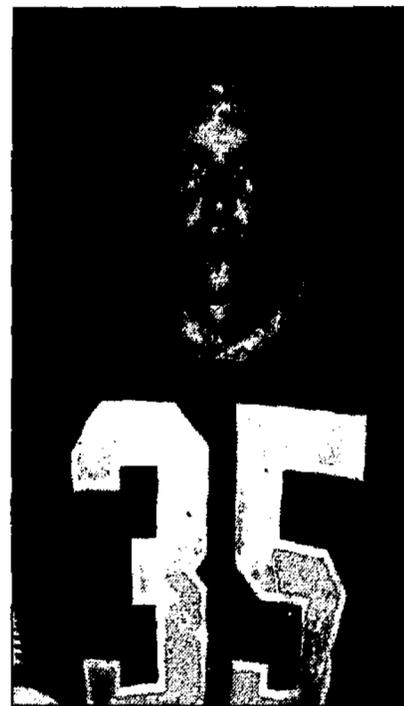
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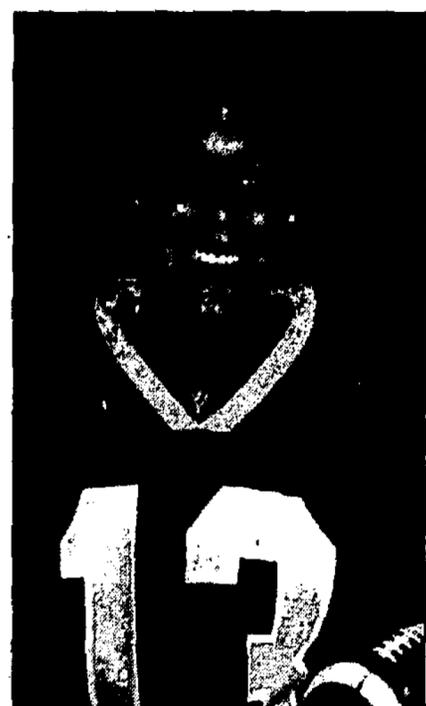
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Chance Hooper hauls in a pass during the Warriors' 56-42 victory over Hot Springs in Truth Or Consequences Nov. 30. Hooper had 117 yards on eight catches and one touchdown in the game. He currently has 1,081 yards receiving for the year.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso quarterback Josh Adams is taken down for a loss by a Portales Ram Nov. 8. Portales won the game 18-7, and secured the District 4-3A title with the victory. The Rams and Warriors face each other Saturday for the Class 3A state championship, again at Greyhound Stadium.

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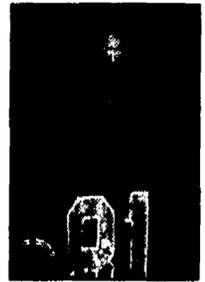
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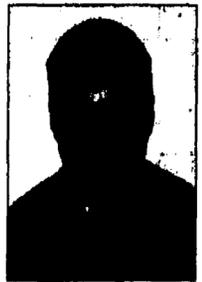
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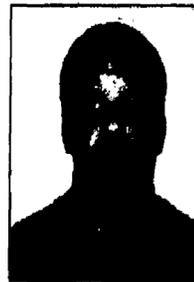
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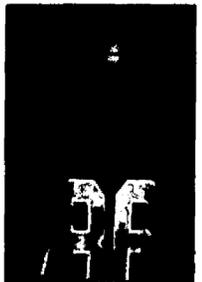
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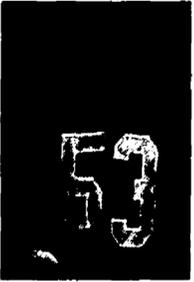
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