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Residential tax value jumps

■ But residential property taxes are expected to decrease slightly.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Even without a major reassessment, Ruidoso's residential property tax value jumped more than 4 percent from 2003, hitting \$215.7 million this year.

The \$8.85 million increase accounted for 32 percent of the total \$27.6 million property tax value leap for the county to \$615.3 million, according to

figures from the state Department of Finance and Administration submitted to the office of County Assessor Rick Silva.

"We found some building permits previously missed (last year) because we had not received them," Silva said last week. "There was lots of building that went on in areas where the office did not see the permits."

The county commission met Tuesday in Carrizozo to approve the rates reviewed last week by Silva and County Treasurer Beverly Calaway.

"Most of the activity occurred in Alto

and northern Ruidoso," Silva said. "Some big homes are being built."



Calaway

includes Ruidoso Downs, property tax

and northern Ruidoso," Silva said. "Some big homes are being built." bills probably will decrease only slightly, he said. Although the county budget remains about static, county commissioners increased the special property tax value for the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center hospital in Ruidoso. That will cut into the tax reduction, he said.

That one mill levy increase, which equates to \$1 on each \$1,000 of taxable property value, will impact other school districts in the county by driving up taxes slightly, Silva said.

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UNDER THE HOOD



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Jesse and Charlie Reynolds peek under the hood of one of the colorful classic cars displayed during the Run to Ruidoso Downs Car Show as part of the Aspenfest Saturday celebration. See more colorful photos from Aspenfest events on page 7B.

Posey ordered to stand trial

Murder case remains in children's court

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although he occasionally looked away or conferred with his attorney, Cody Posey generally seemed focused on a videotape played in district court Friday that showed him confessing to the July 5 murders of three family members in eastern Lincoln County.

District Judge James Waylon Counts decided District Attorney Scot Key and Assistant District Attorney Sandra A. Grisham showed probable cause of Posey's involvement in the three deaths. He ruled that the 14-year-old should stand trial on three counts of murder and four counts of tampering with evidence. The case remains in children's court and prosecutors have six months to try Posey.

Grisham argued the mur-

ders may have been premeditated because they occurred on a day when Chavez Canyon Ranch owner Sam Donaldson was out of town, that Posey wore gloves and that he reloaded a .38 caliber pistol with bullets, removing the "snakeshot" already in the gun.

Issues raised by defense counsel Gary Mitchell and Tim Rose about the federal constitutional rights of children during interrogations, the test for ensuring they understand their rights and the state threshold for imposing adult sanctions will be sent to the New Mexico Court of Appeals, which may elect to hear them. The case is on hold until those issues are resolved.

After the all-day hearing in 12th Judicial District Court in Alamogordo, family and

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Sobering stats spur DWI effort

■ Former mayor Jerry Shaw is named new DWI coordinator

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Since February, Jerry Shaw's thoughts have focused on what Lincoln County could do to lower its staggering statistics on people convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

After the failure of two previous DWI programs, one supervised by the county and another by the village of Ruidoso, Shaw was handed the task of creating a

primary program that could avoid stepping on a court monitoring process already underway, while establishing law enforcement, community and school programs aimed at prevention.

"Nothing else seems to have affected the number of DWIs," she said Monday. "We're hoping prevention, especially aimed at school-age children, may be the key."

Shaw, the new DWI coordinator, was selected as a contractual service paid with tax money collected by the state on the sale of alcohol and then distributed among participating communities for DWI programs. But it wasn't just auto-

matic, especially with Lincoln County's past history. Getting there took lots of help, she said.



Eggleston

Mayor Leon Eggleston started the process by appointing a task force, which studied the past failure and submitted recommendations for future direction. From there, Eggleston selected members of a DWI

Planning Council, including Shaw.

"It's something I thought I can help

with," she said. And help she did after finding village manager Lorri McKnight swamped with other duties and ready to press Shaw into heading the DWI effort.

"I didn't know what I was getting into," said Shaw, a former Ruidoso mayor. "But whatever I take on, I do thoroughly, so I called an information-gathering meeting."

That session included Joyce Johnson with the state Department of Finance and Administration and Vicki Evans, who is program manager for several counties, including Lincoln. Shaw also

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Candidate forum set for Oct. 13

Candidates for the seven contested local positions appearing on the Nov. 2 ballot have been invited to attend a candidates' forum in Ruidoso at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13. The forum will be held at the Cree Meadows Country Club. Free snacks and a cash bar will be provided.

Sponsored by KEDU Community Radio and the Ruidoso News, the forum will be simulcast live on KEDU, FM 102.3. Harvey Twite, station manager for KEDU, will serve as moderator.

The forum follows a similar event hosted by the newspaper and the station during the

primary season in February. "We've heard from many who attended that they liked the casual atmosphere of that primary forum," said Twite. "Sitting in comfortable chairs, with access to free snacks and a cash bar, seemed to make the event truly enjoyable for the audience and the candidates."

The forum was planned with the assistance of representatives from the Lincoln County Democratic, Libertarian and Republican parties. The format will feature opening and closing statements from candidates, along with prepared questions for all can-

didates and a half-hour segment during which questions will be taken from audience members, posed directly to specific candidates.

Candidates for New Mexico house districts 56 and 57, Lincoln County commission districts 1 and 3, probate judge, county assessor and sheriff have been invited by their respective party representatives. To submit a question that may be read to the candidates by the moderator, e-mail it to forum@kedu.us. For more information, call Dave Price at the Ruidoso News, 257-4001, or Twite at KEDU, 630-5000.

Severe storms rake area

BY DIANNE STALLINGS & MARTY RACINE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITERS

Severe thunderstorms raked eastern Lincoln County Tuesday as a slow-moving low pressure system brought wet weather to much of the state.

The most damaging storms hit near Picacho between noon and 1 p.m., bringing large hail and wind gusts up to 60 mph. That storm blew up about 24 miles east of Ruidoso and as it headed east at 20 mph it caused a washout on State Road 246 near Boy Scout Mountain in eastern Lincoln County, a New Mexico State Police dispatcher said.

That's the same area where a fire earlier this year destroyed ground cover, has-

tening mud slides there.

Tuesday afternoon the county was included in a tornado watch issued for much of southeastern New Mexico. A tornado touched down in the Bitter Lakes area of Chaves County, according to a spokesman for the Albuquerque office of the National Weather Service.

At about 5 p.m. yet another storm approached from the southwest, passing over the small settlement of Oscura south of the county seat of Carrizozo. "That storm is heading toward Capitan and Ruidoso but it looks like it's weakening," said the Weather Service spokesman.

Socorro received tennis ball-size hail.



CLUB MEETINGS

Ongoing

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County: 1096 Mechem, Suite 201, Lincoln Tower; 258-4185.

BSA Cub Pack 95: Meetings monthly, time and place TBA; 378-5623.

Ruidoso Care Center Family Council Sessions: Meetings as needed. Contact RCC at 257-9071 for information.

Lincoln County Chess Club: Looking for members to begin meeting again. New players and all levels welcome; 354-8036.

Daily

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group: 7-9 p.m., first Wednesday of the month, Ruidoso Care Center, 200 Resort Drive; 257-9071.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Drive. For children 4 years old to 6th grade; 257-2081, or on the Web at www.fbcruaidoso.com

Lincoln County Live: Dinner, local historians, 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 101 Sutton Drive.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-Bob's Steakhouse. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group Meeting: 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road. Today, Virginia Mehaffie will review *Who Shaped the Presidents*.

The Party Bridge Group:

1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 336-4808.

Thursday, Oct. 7

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; 257-2607.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group: Meets every Thursday at various locations. For further information, please contact Sharon (585-8535) or Doris (258-3799) or e-mail us. The Lincoln County Adult Singles Group welcomes all adult singles. For their newsletter visit the Website at <http://www.nogal.com/lcasg>.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Saturday and Thursday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays, all at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Thursday Bridge: 11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows.

Sierra Blanca Swingers: 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing; 336-4808.

Friday, Oct. 8

The Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 336-4808.

Senior Line Dancing: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center; 378-4659.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Al-Anon: Meets every Saturday, 10:30 a.m., at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso; 257-7124.

Lincoln County Democratic Party: 9:30 a.m. the second Saturday of every month; 354-2673.

Narcotics Anonymous: Meets 7:15 p.m. Saturday in the Best Western Ruidoso Inn conference room; Dawn at 937-0844 or Josie at 378-5621. Or, write to HCR 46, Box 447, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346.

Ruidoso Downs Senior



Brianna Parks, left, and Bethanee Granados, teamed up to twirl on a rubber-tire swing during the Worldwide Day of Play event Saturday put together by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County and Nickelodeon.

Center: Line dancing, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the center, Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs; 378-4659.

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Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club: 9 a.m. Usually meets at El Paraiso in Sierra Mall or check location on 146.920 MHz after 8 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 11

Trail Snails Hiking Club: Mondays, 8:30 a.m. May -

November. Hike Lincoln County's scenic trails; 630-8614 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Highway 48 and Highway 37; 336-9161.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m., second and fourth Monday of the month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount; 378-4880.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

VFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary, Jerome Don Klein Post and its women's auxiliary: 6 p.m. in the winter and at 7 p.m. in the summer,

Best-selling author to sign his books

Author Ted Andrews will have a book signing and discussion from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the High Mesa Healing Center.

There will also be a workshop and discussion on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. A donation is requested for Friday; the Saturday fee is \$55.

Andrews is the best-selling author of more than 30 books, many of which are translated in 25 foreign languages. He's won numerous awards, including 14 Visionary Awards.

Best known for his work with spirit animals and nature, his books are the definitive texts for understanding the meaning and significance of animal encounters in daily life.

Andrews will be signing his book *Animal Speak* on Friday night, then conduct the workshop Saturday exploring the magical and spiritual roles of animals, how to discover one's own totem, and how to reveal the four lessons every animal can teach us to make our life

more successful. Assure your attendance by sending a \$25 deposit for this most beneficial experience.

Contact Barbara Mader at High Mesa Healing Center for more information, or you can visit the center's Website, <http://www.ruidoso.net/high-mesa>.

The center is located between Ski Run Road (Hwy. 352) and TR's market on Hwy. 48 in Alto Village, marked by a big adobe sign that says

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the second Monday of every month at American Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs; 257-5796.

Alcoholics Anonymous women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth; 378-8391.

Ruidoso Woman's Club game day: 11:45 a.m. Monday at the Ruidoso Woman's Clubhouse, 116 S. Evergreen, behind the Ruidoso Office Supply. Pot luck lunch followed by Bridge and other card games.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Al-Anon: Meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso; 257-7124.

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting, first Tuesday of every month.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-Bobs; Rutalee Waters, 257-2626.

Narcotics Anonymous: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday at Best Western Ruidoso Inn conference room: Call Dawn at 937-0844 or Josie at 378-5621. Or, write to HCR 46, Box 447, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: Arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Cree Meadows Country Club, except on the first Tuesday of the month during the school year. Those meetings are at 11:45 a.m. at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Call Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255.

Rotary Enchilada Dinner: Note: Oct. 19 (not Oct. 12 as originally published) at the RHS cafeteria, 4-8 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door; 258-5445.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook; Bill Speegle, 378-4151.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; 257-2776.

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Cody Posey, who turns 15 on Saturday, sits next to his defense attorney, Gary Mitchell, at Friday's preliminary hearing in Alamogordo. Mitchell failed in his attempt to have the hearing quashed.

POSEY: Adult/juvenile status still to be decided

FROM PAGE 1A
 friends, who wept opening during segments of the videotape, went forward, but were not allowed physical contact with Posey.

Sitting on the prosecution's side, about eight relatives of the victims discussed the outcome of the hearing with Grisham after Counts rendered his decision.

Mitchell said to receive an adult sentence in New Mexico a juvenile must be deemed not amenable to treatment and rehabilitation and that cannot be decided by a judge, only by a jury. His position was that the preliminary hearing should not proceed because of that statutory requirement.

"The state has served notice of seeking adult sanctions and when you seek that, you fall under those requirements," Mitchell said.

As an adult, Posey, who turns 15 on Saturday, could face three life sentences if convicted, he said.

Grisham countered that Mitchell's objection was premature and that the case will remain in children's court no matter what happened in the preliminary hearing. At the conclusion of the trial, it's up to the court's discretion whether to sentence as an adult, she said.

"He has no constitutional right to juvenile sanctions," she said. "They are created by state statutes."

Motion denied

Counts took under advisement Mitchell's argument, but denied his motion to stop the preliminary hearing.

"If I rule in favor (after studying the argument, then (Posey) will face no adult sanctions. If not, (the preliminary hearing) is part of the process," the judge said.

During the hearing, Dr. Jeffrey Nine, a forensic pathologist with the state Office of the Medical Investigator, testified that Tryone Posey, the boy's stepmother, was shot on the right side of her forehead with a 38 caliber bullet and in the right temple area with snakeshot. The former would have been fatal. The latter didn't enter the skull.

The shooter may have been standing in front of her, probably three or more feet away, because no "soot" from the bullet expulsion was found, he told the court.

Delbert Paul Posey, the boy's father, was shot over his right eyebrow with the bullet going through the brain, stopping above the left ear. The shot may have come from a 45 degree angle from a point beyond three feet, Nine testified.

Posey's stepsister, Marilea Schmid, 13, was hit in the left jaw at close range and again at the edge of the right eye, a fatal wound, Nine said. The bullet went through the brain and was not recovered.

Murder scene described

Lincoln County sheriff's deputy Robert Shepperd, with the department's major crime unit, testified about how he found the three bodies buried in a manure pile after being contacted by Donaldson. The ABC newsman hadn't seen his foreman Paul Posey or the family in a few days, and discovered blood at the ranch house they occupied near Tinnie off U.S. 70.

Shepperd said he saw blood trails and pools in the house, and on the porch, some broken eye glasses, jeans and boots discarded in a closet, and a note apparently intended to misdirect law enforcement officials.

He notified the State Police and other officials, then pro-

ceeded to track the path of a backhoe, which led him to the burial place about 300 yards from the house.

He described his first interview with the younger Posey at the home of a friend, during which the boy claimed he had a fight with his father and left in the family's Ford pickup truck.

Prosecution victory

Although Mitchell and Rose tried to prevent the videotape from being played, or at least, that portion with the confession, Counts ruled in favor of the prosecution.

During the 90-minute videotaped interrogation, Posey described for Shepperd and investigator Melissa Armstrong several incidents of physical and mental abuse by his father, and one of sexual abuse. He claimed their relationship "was pretty much always bad."

He said he often was punished because he lied to get out of trouble, and he had learned it only resulted in something worse.

Shepperd used that reasoning on the boy, and eventually Posey broke down and cried as he described how he shot his parents after a incident in which he was slapped for being slow on a chore. He said he thought his world would be better without his father. When asked why he killed his stepsister, with whom he said he "got along" well, Posey told Shepperd because she might tell someone about the murders.

Grisham later pointed out that when Posey first listed numerous weapons in the house, he left out the 38-caliber pistol he later said was used in the murders.

The boy told investigators he threw the gun in the river and led them to the spot, where it was recovered later, Shepperd

testified.

Mitchell and Rose attacked Shepperd's reading of rights to Posey, saying the deputy didn't ensure the boy truly understood what it meant to give up his right to remain silent and to have an attorney present. They argued against Grisham's portrayal of the boy as more adult than his years.

But Grisham countered that Shepperd followed the standard approach used in any investigation. She also pointed out that the officers on tape several times asked Posey if he wanted to stop, or if he needed something to drink or eat.

However, the tape also showed that Faustino Salcido, the adult who accompanied Posey to the interrogation, at one point asked if the boy should have an attorney before speaking further, but the questioning continued.

Disability center to open Friday

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Officials with the Disability Resource Center, serving Lincoln and Otero Counties, will celebrate with a grand opening ceremony at 3 p.m. during an open house from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

The center in Alamogordo is a facility for persons with disabilities to find information and services to assist them in remaining, or becoming, independent.

Independent philosophy

The philosophy of independent living maintains that persons with disabilities have full and equal access to the normal flow of community life in all spheres, center officials say.

That includes the right to make choices regarding how they will participate in those spheres. The community is responsible to ensure those spheres are accessible, they say.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) states that Americans with disabilities have the same rights and privileges as any other U.S. citizen to the full extent of their ability to exercise them within an accessible supportive community.

This is where Centers for Independent Living (CILs) play a vital role, officials say.

CILs are local non-profit agencies funded through state, federal and private money specifically organized to assist persons with disabilities to fully participate in their communities through four core services: Information & Referral, Advocacy (system and individual), Independent Living Skills Training, and Peer Counseling.

The Disability Resource Center is the local CIL serving Otero and Lincoln counties. Besides informing the disabled about their rights and available services, center officials also seek to educate the community on the benefits of full access for persons with disabilities.

According to the 2000 Census, approximately 12,000 citizens in Otero County have a significant disability. No figures were released for Lincoln County.

For businesses that have not taken advantage of the tax breaks available to them for accessibility modifications, a large number of customers are being ignored, center officials say. Nonresponsive communities are ignoring a large segment of voters, they added.

Cake, snacks, punch and water will be served at the opening. The center is located in the Granada Center, 700 East First Street, Suite 772.

For more information, contact the center at (505) 439-1112.

Capitan woman dies in one-car accident

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Capitan woman died late Monday when she lost control of her car and hit a tree.

Pronounced dead at the scene was Sara Barela, 18, according to a report from investigating officer Chad Cassin with the New Mexico State Police.

Cassin said Barela was driving a 2002 Mitsubishi about 11:15 p.m. north on State

Highway 48, apparently at a high rate of speed, when she lost control at mile marker 10.

She over-corrected three times, then went off the east side of the road/broadside with the passenger side leading. Cassin said the vehicle went airborne and hit a tree in a ravine. Barela suffered fatal head and neck trauma, he said.

No alcohol was involved and her seat belt was not used, he reported.

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OUR OPINION

Interest high in Mescalero election

Tribal vote could be a test of Mark Chino's administration

Would that all political offices in the region attracted the high interest of the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council.

Election after election, it seems, candidates line up for council seats in double digits; last week's primary election saw 18 people seeking the right to run for four open council seats in the Nov. 2 tribal election.

Eight of them made the cut, including three incumbents — Alfred LaPaz, Albert Platta Sr. and Larry Shay. Of the five others to be on the ballot, three have prior service as members or as tribal officers — Raymond Kirgan, Sandra Platero and Oliver Enjady

(who has served on the council and as tribal vice chairman).

The new faces are Hazel Botella Spottedbird and Christopher Little. The only incumbent to lose in the primary was Glenda Brusuelas, who had served multiple terms.

Tribal government offices offer upward mobility and a reasonable income for the population's best and brightest. We admire and congratulate those people who have put their names on the line for review by their peers.

Incumbent retention could be seen as a positive endorsement for President Mark Chino's administration. But that will be known only after the tribal election next month.

Now, here's a cocky idea from the Brits

The conversation was in a far-away place with a refined, obviously well to do, London couple and the setting was such that chit chat is called for even if you have nothing to chit chat about.



LOOKING FOR ANKANCE NED CANTWELL

It's fun talking to Brits because most of their statements end up as questions even if they are not questions, so sometimes you don't know if you are hearing a question or a declarative sentence.

"You live in the States, now don't you?" the lady inquired.

I told her yes, we live in New Mexico.

"Oh.....(very pregnant pause), New Mexico, that's nice now, isn't it?"

I could tell she was fumbling, got her off the hook.

"It's squeezed in down there between Arizona, Texas and Colorado," I offered.

We all pondered that during the ensuing uncomfortable silence and I wish it had been me quick-witted enough to take the conversation in a new direction. But I wasn't.

"And in New Mexico, you don't hunt fox, now do you? Fox hunting is indeed such a senseless diversion, now isn't it?" the lady insisted.

"But fox hunting, on the other hand, I must say, is a legitimate sport, now isn't it?" her husband countered, leading to a rather lively debate between the two of them about whether chasing down and killing fox is genteel pastime or uncivilized brutality.

I could volunteer little, knowing nothing about fox hunting except that a century ago Oscar Wilde called it "the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable."

The lady turned her attention on me, once again. "I was really quite proud a few months ago, wasn't I, when fox hunting protesters at the House of Commons threw

condoms filled with flour at Tony Blair."

Okay. Now, we find ourselves back in one of those prolonged, sweaty-palmed silences. This time, perhaps unfortunately, it was me who jumped into the conversational abyss.

"In New Mexico, we do not hunt fox," I explained, "but we fight cock."

"Oh," she said, and then, after a pause that seemed like a month, "in New Mexico they fight cock, that's nice now, isn't it, dear?"

I quickly explained that it was an ancient, cherished tradition in New Mexico to meet on Sunday afternoons, attach razor blades to the claws of deranged chickens, and let them fight to a bloody death.

"My," the lady said, her eyes wide, "that does make fox hunting seem a bit tame now, doesn't it? And the children, when the birds are slaughtering one another, they would be doing something else, now wouldn't they?"

That's not the case, I told her. This is what New Mexico calls a "fun-filled family afternoon."

"And the people of New Mexico, they are in favor of this, now aren't they?" she wondered.

I explained that actually, no. A recent Research and Polling survey shows that 66 percent of New Mexicans agree that cockfighting should end and, further, the numbers break out reveals that 59 percent of Hispanics are against it, dousing the argument that cockfighting is a rich cultural Hispanic heritage.

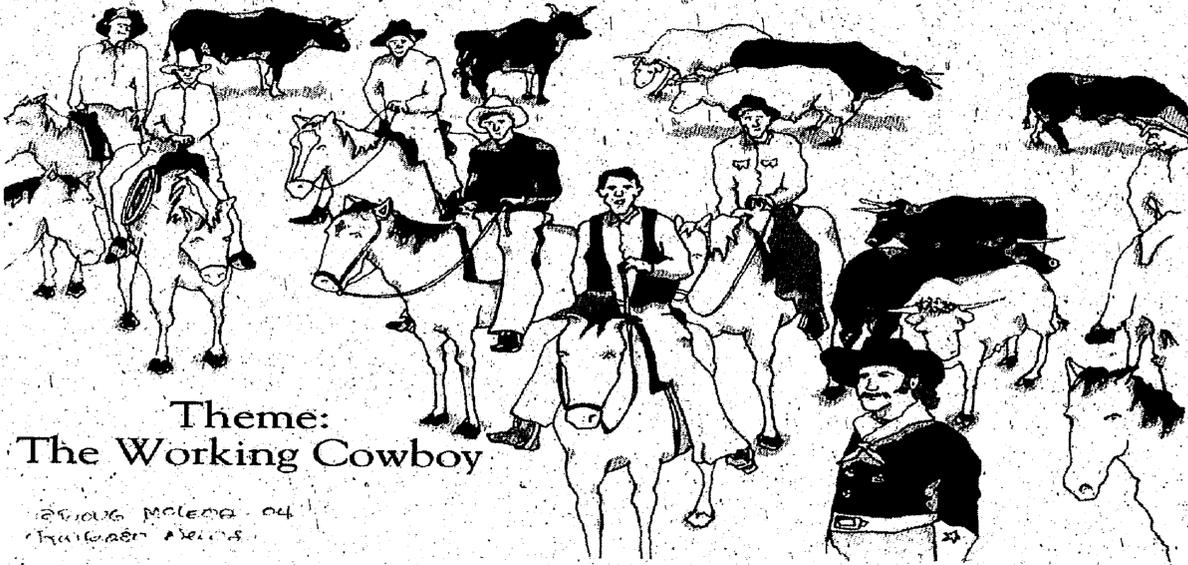
I told my new, London friend that year after year the State Legislature ignores the wishes of the majority of their New Mexican constituents and allows the cockfighting brutality to continue.

The lady pondered this. "Your governor is a man called Mr. Richardson, I believe. It might be a good idea to lob some condoms at him, now wouldn't it?"

It's a thought.

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YOUR OPINION

No more Capitan High band at Aspenfest

To the editor:

I have brought my high school band to Ruidoso for nine years in a row for the Aspenfest Parade. Every year we get a few spectators along the route who bad-mouth us as we pass by, but most of the time we get a decent response. One year a Warrior fan tried to spray paint our uniforms blue as we went by and another year we were sprayed with silly string.

This year we were bad-mouthed from beginning to end. People yelled profanities at us non-stop. We were told we were not welcome there and we should go home. People threw rocks and hard candies at us as we passed by.

I had kids with welts on their faces from being hit. One band member was even hit with an apple. I was appalled to see adults participating in much of the ridicule and in some instances egging it on.

I was very proud of my band; they marched on like nothing ever happened. It is hard to take that for an hour straight, but they held their heads high and marched with pride. They even ignored the man who ran up to them and yelled in their faces. This enraged him more and I had to chase him off.

I was under the false impression that "Aspenfest" was a family and community get-together where everyone is welcome. I did not think it was our town or school against yours. It should be a great time for us to promote our county and show off our high morals and beautiful area. I know if I was a visitor to Ruidoso and I witnessed the abuse that Capitan received I would go home and tell anyone that would listen just how hospitable the Ruidoso people truly are.

I have always taken pride in telling people that I lived in Lincoln County.

I have always been able to tell them how polite the people are in our community. Unfortunately, true colors came out on Saturday. I can no longer tell people how polite and caring our community is. In fact I found out that if you do not reside in Ruidoso, you are not welcome there. We were told so, many times. I wonder where Ruidoso would be if it were not for all the people who visit from outside the city limits every day.

I want to thank those people who cheered for us and showed their support this year and in the years past. I also want to thank the Lions Club for all those years you have supported and fed the bands at the end of the parade. It is a wonderful thing that you do. I also need to mention how much we appreciate the Ruidoso band. We have great respect for you. You supported us and cheered us on at the end of the parade every year and the Capitan band enjoyed visiting with you at lunch, as always. I wish our communities along with the football, volleyball, all the other athletics and other teams who compete would take a page from the music book. We compete then turn around and spend the afternoon together and we truly mean it when we say we were glad to see you. I think we could learn much from our music students.

As per request from all those people who want us to stay home, we will do just that. It has just become too dangerous to march in your parade.

Used to be musically yours...

DuWayne Shaver
 CHS band director

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 Capitan High School band director

Healing the 'split'

To the editor:

Move the county seat? Form our own county? These are difficult decisions that take a lot of time, money, and cooperation to implement. A lower cost and more timely solution is to get proper representation. Fair and equitable representation should be based on districts with an equal number of people in each district. But these districts should be relatively autonomous so that there is no doubt who is being represented by the commissioner from each district. Short of redistricting, fair and equitable representation means our commissioners need to do the job they were elected to do.

According to New Mexico's constitution, our county commissioners are elected from districts, which "shall be as equal in population as possible..." So the mechanism for equitable representative government is in place.

What does that mean in terms our demographics? Population estimates for 2001 show Lincoln County with 19,814 residents. Of that, the most populated area of the county — Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Alto — to which I refer here as the "urban area," has about 11,900 residents. Ruidoso has 8,004, Ruidoso Downs has 1,853, and Alto, which is a little more difficult since it is not an incorporated area, has about 2,060. (That's the member-

ship of Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, which 'only counts one name per membership and ignores Kokopelli, but considering many members are not permanent residents, let's figure that it all roughly balances out). That means the "urban area" holds about 60 percent of Lincoln County's population. In a perfect and simple world, that means the urban area should be truly represented by three of our five commissioners. In fact, of the five commission districts, four contain parts of the urban area. Unfortunately, these districts also contain considerable sections of less populated unincorporated areas in the county. I believe that the gerrymandering of district lines in 2001 (and perhaps also after earlier censuses) specifically diluted the representation of the "urban area" to keep it from dominating other areas of the county. Now, we find that the needs of the urban area are not being sufficiently represented even by the commissioners who supposedly represent those needs. In fact, if you look at our commissioners' recent voting records, it seems as though the commissioners are intentionally not representing the urban area. It's as though the urban area is not part of the county.

Unfortunately, redistricting is probably not an option. New Mexico's constitution only allows for redistricting after a Federal Census (and that was already done after 2000). If the four commissioners who are supposed to represent the urban area would indeed represent the needs of the majority of the population in their districts instead of the majority of nearly empty county land (or their petty self-interests), I believe we'd see a different result in voting on issues affecting the urban area.

David Clarke
 Ruidoso

An apology

To the editor:

I would like to apologize for the recent incident that involved myself and two of my teammates. I first would like to apologize to the football team, who are all my brothers and my best friends. I would also like to apologize to my fellow schoolmates, teachers, coaches, administration, and the community. I realize that I not only let the team down, but the community also with my huge mistake. My immediate plans to "turn this wrong into a right" will include talking with other schools about drinking and showing them a real-life example about how breaking the rules can mess things up and how devastating and life-changing it can be. My life will go on, however, as I will now focus on my academics and college. I have no doubt ... that the 2004 Warrior football team will continue our (class of 2005) dynasty and win another state championship, and I will be right there with you guys the whole time. Last, but not least, I would especially like to apologize to my parents, for disappointing them and all the hurt I have caused them because of this. Their love and encouragement has enabled me to continue with a positive attitude.

Jake Tetreault (#54)
 Ruidoso

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VALUES: Rates in area fluctuate

FROM PAGE 1A

An overview of tax values and rates shows:

- Ruidoso with \$215.7 million in residential value and a tax rate of 23.182 mills, and with \$59.7 million in nonresidential value and a tax rate of 29.3 mills
- Ruidoso Downs' residential property tax value of \$17.8 million, a jump from \$12.5 mil-

DWI: New program is far-reaching

FROM PAGE 1A

invited representatives of the courts, law enforcement, substance abuse counseling and related entities.

"I taped Joyce's entire presentation about what the state wants and expects," Shaw said. It's a tape she played many times over the next six months, she said.

The next step was to organize the planning council. Shaw asked for Joan Zagone, former chamber of commerce executive director, to be appointed among other representatives from entities associated with the DWI problem, such as a teacher who heads the SADD program, and a coordinator and substance abuse counselor with Region IX Cooperative Education.

Bylaws used by the previous DWI group were simplified and adopted and Shaw was named council chairman with Rita Robinson from the hospital in Ruidoso as vice chairman.

The council, currently with seven members, continues to meet monthly at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday at village hall. Shaw still is looking for more members representing students, other communities of the county and related entities.

Before the group secured money from the DFA, they took three stabs at writing an acceptable program submission. Twice, Johnson pointed out areas lacking, the need for different emphases or elements that had to be removed.

"They said to take treatment out for now because it's a book-keeping nightmare and too much for the first year, especially since we're starting late," Shaw said. "They wanted emphasis on coordination, evaluation and prevention to get it started."

Past coordinators worked on contract and McKnight wanted to keep it that way. Shaw, the only person responding to requests for proposals for the position, checked and found several coordinators, including

lion last year, and a tax rate of 22.9 mills, and a non-residential value of \$15.3 million and a tax rate of 29.7 mills.

- Areas within that school district but outside the municipalities with nearly a \$27 million residential tax value and tax rate of 18.5 mills, and a nonresidential value of \$14.7 million and tax rate of 23.1 mills
- Carrizozo residential tax values at \$4.1 million and a tax rate of 24 mills, and residential tax values outside the town at \$6 million and a tax rate of 20.4 mills
- Corona residential tax value of \$580,438, a decline

from last year, and a tax rate of \$22.1 mills, and outside of the town residential property tax values at \$2 million and a tax rate of 18.5 mills

• Hondo with a residential property tax value of \$7.7 million and a 19.9 mill tax rate, and a non-residential tax value of \$11.7 million and a 24.2 mill tax rate

• Capitan with a residential property tax value of \$10.1 million and a tax rate of 15.9 mills inside the village, and \$146.3 million outside with a tax rate of 15.5 mills.

No major bond issues were passed or expired to influence the rates, Silva said.

the one in Chaves County, work out of their homes at a cost savings to the program.

"We're only doing prevention and we don't need an office," she said. "I have a cell phone. I need to be out trying to put programs together and meeting with people. They were paying \$1,000 a month for an office before. They're paying nothing now."

Checking the inventory of equipment for the previous program, Shaw found most of the items she needed and hopes the village can auction the rest to raise money to purchase anything additional.

On the third try, the application was accepted by the board that oversees programs in the state. The local council normally would receive a grant, but this year, the money, \$101,954, will come only from distribution of the alcohol tax, Shaw said. It covers operation and prevention.

Besides Shaw, a prevention technician also will be put on contract, but that may not happen until early next year, she said.

One of the programs targeted is Project Alive, which uses goggles to simulate being drunk and already was staged once in the county by an officer with the Ruidoso Police Department.

Shaw would like to expand it into the high school and add money for more goggles and equipment, such as a laptop computer that can show what a person would look like after a car wreck.

Another program, called All Stars, is geared for middle-school age children and she is looking for another aimed at even younger ages.

"I'm not sure we can get them into the curriculum here, but they can be school or community based, such as youth directors at churches," she said.

Other county school districts also may be interested, and possibly Mescalero, which Shaw said she hopes to incorpo-

rate into the program.

"My job is to get as much publicity out and to build up faith because the previous program failed," Shaw said.

"I want to go to all of the different municipal councils and the county commission to tell them what we are trying to do and that they are part of the process."

She also plans to speak to service groups to show the importance of prevention, she said.

Shaw was successful in securing a \$75,000 grant through the state Department of Children, Youth and Families for the council.

Funded through the Juvenile Justice Department, the Underage Drinking Rural Initiative will be overseen by a CYF official in the four counties in the state that received money.

"She said we submitted exactly what she wanted," Shaw said of the statistics and letters she compiled.

"The three-year grant will bring in \$75,000 a year, all for programs. The other communities are Santa Rose, Taos and Clayton.

"They will send a national evaluator to help with prevention programs and that will fall right along with what we're trying to do."

People who want to get involved in the prevention effort can call Shaw at (505) 630-3941.

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Jerry Shaw
DWI-coordinator

Cheap firewood goes on sale

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso's Forestry Department will begin selling "dead and down" firewood permits for areas near Ski Run Road today.

Village forestry department director Rick DeIaco said permits are being sold for areas around Grindstone Lake. The permits cost \$10 per cord with a two-cord limit per individual.

Yellow "Fuel wood Gathering Area" signs are posted along boundaries and correspond with a map provided when a permit is purchased, he said.

Fuel wood areas will be open dawn to dusk, seven days a week until Nov. 30, but will close if an early snow prohibits 2-wheel drive access. Forestry staff will patrol both areas.

Firewood sales on treated village property is an important element of "Ruidoso's Community Forest Management Plan," DeIaco said. Removal and utilization of the forest product reduces wildfire risk, reduces bark beetle habitat and provides a community service, the director said.



Sheldon Fernando, forestry technician with the village of Ruidoso, posts a sign indicating the area of cut fuelwood that will be available to residents.

Firewood in the area along Ski Run Road was cut into four-foot lengths in April and May. They were stacked into approximate cord piles.

The piles of Ponderosa pine were covered with 6 millimeter thick clear plastic to kill any beetle habitat infestation. The plastic also speeds up the drying process, DeIaco said.

He asks permittees to help keep Ruidoso beautiful by taking the plastic with them and reusing it or discarding it appropriately. Cords of piñon pine and juniper also are scattered throughout this area.

Permits can be purchased at the village Forestry office at 421 Wingfield Street. Call 257-5545 for more information.

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EDUCATION

Ruidoso campus work rated highly by CHE

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso is near the top of 2005-2006 state-wide capital project recommendations from the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education.

In a report issued late last week, ENMU-Ruidoso ranked 7th out of 117 projects submitted by New Mexico's 26 colleges and universities, the highest ranking ever for the growing Ruidoso/Lincoln County campus.

The proposed ENMU project is the Phase II renovation of its Sierra Mall location in Ruidoso at an estimated cost of \$1.25 million. The Phase II project will complete the renovation of the ENMU building if passage of Bond Issue Question B, which includes the ENMU-Ruidoso Phase I project, on the Nov. 2 ballot is successful.

"We are delighted at the commission's recognition of our urgent building needs," said Center director Jim Miller. "This makes passage of the Nov. 2 bond issue even more important since the two construction projects are so closely linked to each other." Miller

added that "the high ranking of the proposed Phase II project will help ENMU leverage other capital funds to build out its Sierra Mall location and its outreach through technology across Lincoln County, Mescalero and the south central mountains."

Some \$345.1 million in proposed college construction projects were submitted to the CHE in late August. The Portales campus of ENMU was ranked 13th for \$5.258 million for a new music building. The Roswell campus was ranked 24th at \$3.941 million for a proposed University Center. Final approval of 28 top ranked projects, worth \$137.8 million, will take place at the CHE's Oct. 22 meeting in Los Lunas. On the same agenda is the commission vote on the ENMU-Ruidoso branch campus proposal.

Following approval of the capital outlay package, the projects will be submitted in January 2005 to the New Mexico Legislature. State-wide early general election voting, including the college bond issue, began Tuesday.

ENMU-Ruidoso, with help from all over, is developing a regional program to improve lives and the economy. It's the focus of a meeting today at the Ruidoso Convention Center, and the next step could be...

from PLAN to ACTION

BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Educators and other community leaders from Lincoln County and the neighboring Mescalero Apache Reservation were to gather at 9 a. m. today at the Ruidoso Convention Center to review a three-pronged initiative designed to:

- Remove barriers to college attendance.
- Increase citizen participation in the democratic process.
- Expand the regional economy.

It's another stage in a project launched in March 2003 by Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, with the help of area, regional and national organizations.

Those attending today's conference will see draft community, county and reservation plans for accomplishing the initiatives.

Each has been customized for each community, from Corona to Mescalero, based on suggestions from the residents of each community.

The reservation's suggestions were developed in like fashion; the county's plan includes items common to all communities.

The meeting, which includes a noon luncheon, will end at 3:30 p.m. Subsequent to the meeting, the draft plan will be forwarded to media outlets in the area.

An executive summary of today's draft gives background and outlines the scope of the project.

The Ruidoso Center of ENMU began participation in the Rural Community College Initiative in March 2003.

A leadership team was set up and trained, composed of an ENMU faculty and team leader, Robert Hemphill, community leaders from the region, representatives of participating agencies such as the USDA Forest Service and County Extension Service, and a team coach from New Mexico's land grant college, New Mexico State University.

Behind the team is the work of a collaborative of 34 community colleges across the nation, as well as the Ford Foundation, to assist rural residents everywhere.

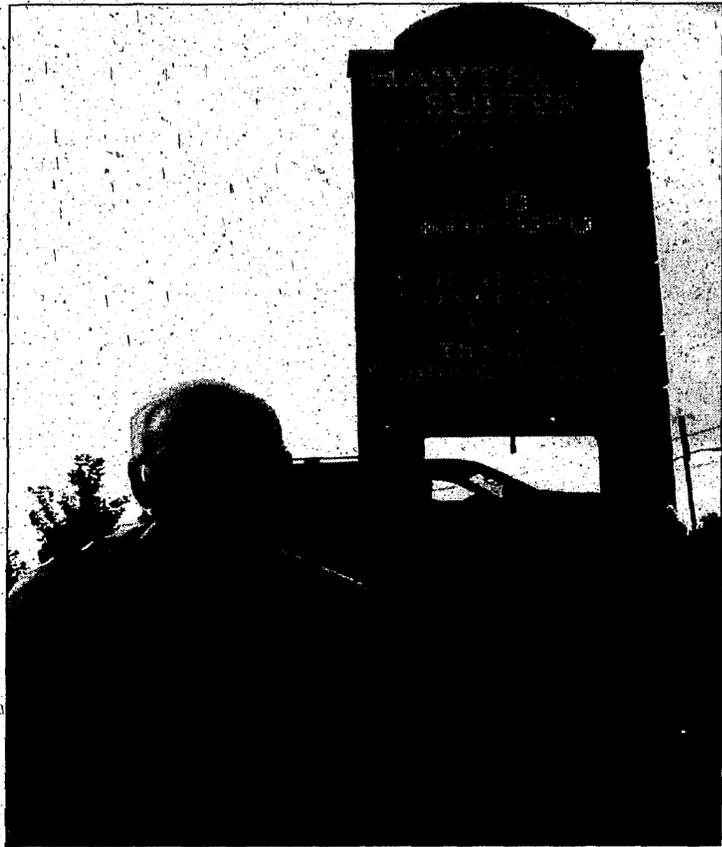
The ENMU-Ruidoso RCCI project began work on a two-thrust project. The thrusts were to identify and implement strategies designed to diversify the economic base of the region, resulting in higher wage employment for the resort-area workforce, and to identify and implement strategies improving access to college for a greater proportion of underserved residents throughout the south central mountain region.

To identify needs, the team decided to tap and consider ideas of the residents of the ENMU-Ruidoso service area — Lincoln County and the Mescalero Apache Nation. Community meetings were organized and conducted between Sept. 15 and Dec. 2, 2003, at six Lincoln County communities, using a "town hall meeting" format to obtain citizen input on the primary thrusts. The scheduled Mescalero meeting was cancelled due to a death on the reservation, and is waiting rescheduling.

Numerous residents were invited to participate by personal letter; others responded to public service announcements in area newspapers and radio. A range of between three and 16 residents participated in the process.

Following the evening meetings, a summary of citizen comments and suggestions was developed for each community and mailed back to the invitation list as well as to the participants for further response. The compiled responses were then summarized in report.

Jim Miller, campus director, said the impact of the project is already being felt in the region. ENMU has altered several of its practices relative to providing information to students and their parents on financial aid and college opportunities.



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Jim Miller, ENMU-Ruidoso campus director, will welcome people from across the area to the Ruidoso Convention Center today for a day-long review of information gathered over the past 18 months — all geared to improve college attendance, expand the regional economy and increase participation in the democratic process.

The most significant of these continuing efforts has occurred at Mescalero Elementary and Middle School. Additionally, several of the themes identified in the RCCI community meetings have been incorporated in the current primary election in Lincoln County.

The most prominent among the themes is the growing need for regional approaches to the problems of growth and natural resources management, the need for regional rather than community-only leadership and the need for diminishing long standing territoriality among communities.

Today's meeting participants will review and consider possible implementation of the draft report in the future. But that draft plan at this point lists many challenges, some potential solutions, and scant progress.

On the agenda for today's meeting: Selecting the top challenges and priorities, and filling in some blanks.

New funding will establish study of the 'science of learning'

ARLINGTON, Va. — Boston University, Carnegie Mellon University, and the University of Washington have received National Science Foundation awards totaling \$36.5 million over the next three years to establish Science of Learning Centers. The new centers will engage in basic research and serve as hubs for a national network of research focused on learning.

"Basic research about learning is immensely important. In the midst of today's complex and quickly transforming environments, fundamental understanding of the processes of learning will help develop the knowledge base necessary to prosper in our ever-changing world," says NSF Acting Director Arden Bement.

According to Joseph Bordogna, deputy director of NSF, "This is the right time to make new investments in the science of learning, when scientists are revealing innovative ways to integrate research across many disciplines — biological, cognitive, computational, mathematical, neuro, physical, and social sciences; engineering; and education."

The NSF has launched the new Science of Learning Centers to meet the challenge of learning about learning. Their goal is to make new discoveries about the foundations of learning across a wide range of learning situations.

These centers will support the intellectual, organizational and physical infrastructure needed to study problems of such scope and complexity. Each center has formed partnerships with a variety of researchers and organizations. Each is an integrated, multidisciplinary research core, with the centers devoted to a different aspect of learning.

Headed by Stephen Grossberg, the Center for Excellence for Learning in Education, Science, and Technology (Boston University, Brandeis University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Pennsylvania) will study and model the behavioral and brain processes involved in learning.

Learning processes include visual perception and recognition; speech and language; cognitive-emotional interactions; remembering; and forming concepts and rules.

Directed by Kenneth R. Koedinger, the Pittsburgh Science of Learning Center (Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Carnegie Learning) will advance the scientific understanding of robust learning, defined as learning that lasts a long time, transfers to novel circumstances and aids future learning. This goal will be accomplished through a new shared resource, called "LearnLab," that will enable a new level of experimental rigor in classroom studies of learning.

The Center for Learning in Informal and Formal Environments (University of Washington, Stanford University, and SRI International) will advance and use the scientific understanding of neural processes and principles associated with the cognitive, linguistic and social dimensions of learning in formal and informal environments to guide educational practices.

Directed by John Bransford, the Center for LIFE has assembled a collaborative and interdisciplinary team that will develop a coherent, integrated perspective on learning through "conceptual collisions" among diverse sets of concepts, methodologies, and research traditions.

SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan Schools

Two choices of lunch for Middle and High School students.
Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Breakfast: Ham bar, cinnamon toast.
Lunch: Beef tamale pie, beef patty with gravy and cornbread, salad with dressing, green beans, fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — Breakfast: Quesadillas, hot cereal.
Lunch: Frito pie, chili cheese dog, salad with dressing, fruit crisp.
Friday, Oct. 8 — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal.
Lunch — Pizza (no second choice), French fries, salad w/dressing, fruit.
Monday, Oct. 11 — Columbus Day holiday; no school.
Tuesday, Oct. 12 — Breakfast: Boiled egg, toast.
Lunch: Burrito, chef salad with crackers and dressing, corn, salad with dressing, fruit.

Carrizozo Schools

Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Breakfast:

sausage biscuit.
Lunch: Hamburger, tater tots, salad, peaches.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — Breakfast: Blueberry muffins.
Lunch: Red enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, pineapple.
Friday, Oct. 8 — Breakfast: Bagels with jelly.
Lunch: Deli sandwich, salad, veggie stick, Jello.
Monday, Oct. 11 — Columbus Day holiday; no school.
Tuesday, Oct. 12 — Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup.
Lunch: Frito pie, flour tortilla, corn, applesauce.

Ruidoso Schools

Elementary
Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Breakfast: Waffle sticks.
Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, tater tots, salad, apple halves.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast with applesauce.
Lunch: Spaghetti, corn, garlic roll, salad, fruit.

Friday, Oct. 8 — Breakfast: Cereal.
Lunch: Warrior cheeseburger, seasoned fries, salad, cookie, applesauce.
Monday, Oct. 11 — Fall break; no school.
Tuesday, Oct. 12 — Breakfast: Doughnut.
Lunch: Pizza, carrot coin with ranch dressing, salad, Jello, mixed fruit.

Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, French toast sticks, manager's choice.
Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, potato puffs, salad, apple halves.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — Breakfast: Doughnut, scrambled eggs with toast, manager's choice.
Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, roll, salad, fruit.
Friday, Oct. 8 — Breakfast: Doughnuts, scrambled eggs with toast, manager's choice.
Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, roll, salad, fruit.
Monday, Oct. 11 — Fall break; no school.
Tuesday, Oct. 12 — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and toast, cheese quesadillas, doughnut.
Lunch: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, chips, pickle spears, fruit, Jello.

adillas, doughnut.
Lunch: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, chips, pickle spears, salad, crackers, fruit.

Ruidoso High School

Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, French toast sticks, manager's choice.
Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, potato puffs, salad, apple halves.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — Breakfast: Doughnut, scrambled eggs with toast, manager's choice.
Lunch: Turkey pot pie, seasoned broccoli, roll, salad, fruit.
Monday, Oct. 11 — Fall break; no school.
Tuesday, Oct. 12 — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and toast, cheese quesadillas, doughnut.
Lunch: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, chips, pickle spears, fruit, Jello.

Rural Community College Initiative

Regional Meeting
Ruidoso Convention Center
Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004

Schedule and agenda

- 9-10 a.m. — Registration and continental breakfast
- 10-10:45 a.m. — Welcome and introductions, Bob Hemphill and RCCI core team
- 10:45-11 a.m. — RCCI overview and ENMU-R achievements, Jim Miller.
- 11 a.m.-Noon — Selecting top five regional challenges, Jim Miller
- 12:30-1 p.m. — Lunch, provided by RCCI/ENMU. Door prizes
- 10-2 p.m. — Community voting on top five priorities, Connie Zipperer
- 2-2:15 p.m. — Break and refreshments. Door prizes.
- 2:15 -3 p.m. Community groups action plan on top three priorities.
- 3-30 p.m. — Closing comments and commitments. Door prizes

ETZ ordinance revision zones in on the positive

Workshop indicates progress

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Creating an avenue for applicants to air perceived grievances with the Ruidoso Planning Department's handling of their cases could eliminate many future problems in the development of a transition zone around village, says Lincoln County attorney Alan Morel.

During a workshop on possible rewording of the ordinance that governs the one-mile extraterritorial zone, Morel suggested a change in wording that would provide a method for applicants to obtain a hearing before the ETZ Commission, "when they believe the planning department has put an unnecessary requirement on them." They could appeal to the ETZ Authority if they were dissatisfied with the outcome, he said.

The ETZ commission is a seven-person board with members appointed by the county and the village. The authority is composed of two county commissioners and one village councilor.

"At that level, they ought to have a right to come before you and to complain," he told ETZ Commission members Monday. "I think that's the one step people feel they aren't getting and may resolve lots of issues that come up. I think the planning depart-

ment is catching some heat for doing their job and if people don't like it or want to appeal a ruling from the department, they ought to have a right to come here and tell you their concerns."

ETZC Chairman Glen Barrow said he would leave the suggested rewording up to Morel to bring back next Monday at a continuation of the workshop session.

Morel said the inability to secure a hearing before the ETZ Authority appears to be one of the irritants that led to a county commission decision to exercise a 60-day termination provision in the ETZ agreement with Ruidoso. That county commission decision later was modified to allow 90 days for the ETZ Commission to draft a rewrite of the ETZ ordinance to solve nagging problems.

One of the main opponents of the zone in the past, Commissioner Maury St. John, who is chairman of the ETZA, congratulated the ETZ Commission members for jumping into the process.

"I think what you're doing is great," she said. "Basically, I did not want the zone, but if it's serving a purpose for the people of Lincoln County, I can see why it may need to stay in effect. It does need to be reworked."

"I see no way except to go through (page by page). I expect it will take special meetings and time. Definitions and enforcement are the two main issues. I don't think things contained in state statutes are an

issue." In other possible action, the board proposed:

- Setting a limit on the number of meetings a member of the ETZC can miss before they are removed and replaced
- Increasing the length of ETZC members' terms from one to two years
- Agreeing that regular meetings are set by annual resolutions for both boards and if a meeting is not needed, must be published as being canceled
- Agreeing that a hearing in front of the ETZA is not needed if action by the ETZC is not contested.



St. John

Rennick said ETZA county commission members seemed to want more input into issues in the zone and questioned if they wanted to be more involved and to review each application. But ETZ commissioners seemed to concur that would be redundant and would render the ETZC useless, except for airing issues publicly.

The board also reviewed each definition in the ordinance with some suggestions for changes, among other things, on permanent cabanas for RV spaces, on including doctors and dentists under home occupations, on more clearly defining a flea market and use of RV only for retail and on removing itinerant retail stands from the umbrella of a farm.

"I think what you're doing is great."

Maury St. John
county commissioner

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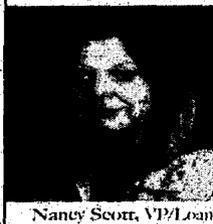
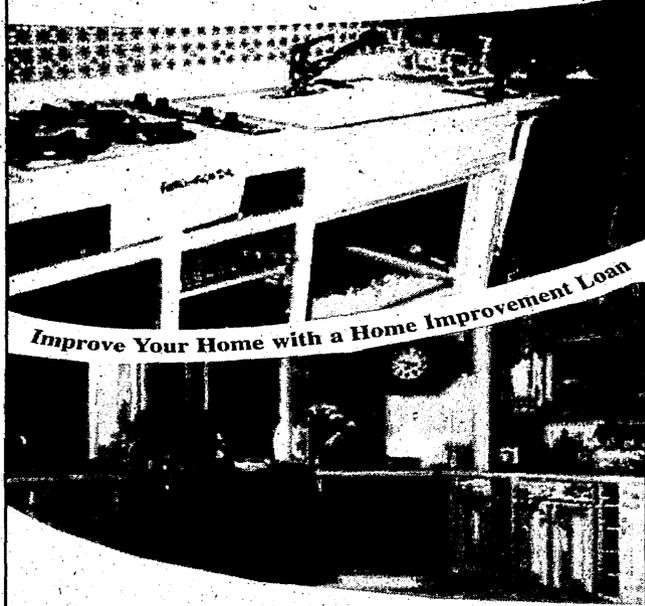
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JULIE CARTER/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Becky aboard the Ben Good-owned horse, Six Coins, in 1991 at the Downs at Santa Fe.



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Large animals are a big part of Dr. Becky's veterinarian practice. Here she examines a punture wound to the knee of a ranch horse belonging to Jack Allan Davidson.

Dr. Becky

From ranch, rodeo, and racetrack to dedicated veterinarian

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

It only takes about an hour of observing in the Washburn Veterinary Clinic to see how incredibly popular, loved and busy Dr. Becky Washburn-Brown is.

The one-woman clinic is a beehive of activity, with pets and owners arriving, leaving, dropping off furry four-legged patients, phones ringing and the occasional barking demand from an in-house patient.

Becky Washburn-Brown is a home-grown veterinarian. After growing up on a ranch southeast of Corona and graduating from Corona High School in 1987, Becky went on to earn a bachelor's degree in biology with minors in animal science and chemistry at New Mexico State University. From there she was accepted to the veterinary school at Colorado State University and graduated from there in 1993.

Her intention in vet school was to be a horse vet only. To do that, it meant working at race tracks or moving somewhere with an urban population out of state.

The nomadic nature of racetrack life was quite familiar to Becky and she knew it wasn't what she wanted long term. The country girl in her wanted to come back to Lincoln County, close to her family and the familiar.

"Dr. Becky" was a jockey long before she was pet doctor.

While riding race horses for her dad, the late Royce Washburn, at the Ruidoso Downs track, Becky with her new veterinarian license began to do some work with other vets at the track. From there she bought the Capitan property where her clinic opened in 1994.

For 15 years, even after she became a vet, she continued to ride race horses. She had built a reputation for her skill and was in demand as a jockey. It was not uncommon for her to ride in nine of the 12 races in a day.

At a race in Farmington, the week before she was to enter vet school, Becky had a horse go down with her, injuring her seriously. With several broken ribs and a collapsed lung, which brought on 12 days in the hospital, she missed the first week of vet school. The difficulty of moving belongings and starting school with the injuries made Becky question if she really wanted to be there.

Becky's cowgirl background wasn't limited to the ranch and the race track. She was an accomplished athlete in the rodeo arena as well. She went to the New Mexico High School finals as an all-around hand, going in barrel racing, goat tying, pole bending, breakaway roping and team roping. She also qualified for the college national rodeo finals in all her events.

Today she raises a few horses and dreams of training some more barrel horses.

Starting out on your own as a veterinarian is expensive and simply hard work, she found. "I can remember staring at the phone and pleading for it to ring so I'd have a customer, and I hoped I could have enough customers to pay the rent and utilities," she recalled. "And now, the phone never stops ringing."

In the mid 1990s her saddle bronc riding brother, Justen, introduced Becky to a friend he was traveling to rodeos with. Tom Brown and Becky were married in 1995 and have since partnered in the business, the livestock as well as Tom's auctioneering jobs and cutting horse interests.

One look around the Washburn-Brown home and land will tell you how right being a veterinarian is for Becky. Her soul-deep love for animals is apparent in the sheer volumes of critters she has, ranging from birds that greet you with a "hello" in the barn to a serious looking Brahma bull in the coral who was "too gentle" to be a bucking bull, so he just lives there.

"We have used him as a herd bull and that works until his work is done and then he won't stay in the pasture," explained Becky. "When we were getting calls to come get our bull off someone's porch, we decided he had to stay in the pen."

On the hill behind the clinic is a small herd of retired race and rodeo horses who will live out their lives under Becky's care. The horses are those that have been special in her life and have more than just the usual attachment to them.

If you ask Dr. Becky how many animals she has, she quickly says, "we don't count them. It's a deal we have. We don't want to know."

Dr. Becky has had her share of unusual patients. One was a cat with a growing lump under his ear that surgery revealed was an "ingrown" Siamese twin.

Another was the National Finals Rodeo qualifying calf roping horse that belonged to friend and

New Mexico rodeo colleague Brent Lewis.

Brent left the 8-year-old gelding with Dr. Becky thinking he was suffering from colic. After a few days, Dr. Becky had been unable to find what was causing the horse's problems. She spent nights in the barn looking after him and tried everything she and any of her colleagues knew to do. Ultimately the horse died and the autopsy revealed the cause to be pancreatitis, one of only three cases ever reported in horses in the United States.

Putting in long days every day, her very life is centered around the clinic. She takes patients on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, does surgery on Tuesday and makes "house calls" on Thursday and sometimes Saturdays. Emergency calls come in day and night and everything else must be fit around those.

It is a calling that requires a dedication few have. Dr. Becky is as trusted and adored by her patients as she is by their owners. After ten years, her practice is a balance between small and large animals with a never ending assortment of each showing up at her door daily.

She no longer has to will the phone to ring.



JULIE CARTER/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Veterinarian Becky and her husband, Tom Brown.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

OCT. 8, 1954

1/2 Wit & 1/2 Wisdom

BY VIC LAMB ("EL TORO")

Ruidoso employees are poised for "Operation Moving." The city offices will be moved from the present location to the former grade school up the hill from downtown Ruidoso about Oct. 15.

Bob Kaufmann, elementary school teacher, is only about 7 or 8 years old; reason, he was born in a leap year on Feb. 28.

OCT. 9, 1964

'Staters' report

Ruidoso junior class members of 1963-64 who attended Boys' State and Girls' State last summer were special guests at the joint American Legion and Auxiliary covered dish supper meeting Thursday in the Robert J. Hagee Post.

Lois Lane and Molly Kay Harris spoke first on their Girls' State experiences on the campus of the University of New Mexico. Reporting on Boys' State at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell were Jimmy Steele, David Scott and Pat Lamb.

OCT. 11, 1974

Monument for Smokey

Plans for a memorial for Smokey Bear, after his death, were announced by Ray Polasky of State Forestry in Santa Fe, at the Oct. 2 meeting of the South Central Mountain Resource Area at the Chaparral in Ruidoso Downs.

The National Forest Service wants a permanent, fitting monument to Smokey in Capitan," Polasky said, announcing that the NSF is seeking the help of state and national forest organizations...

OCT. 12, 1984

New Lodgers Tax head

The Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee Wednesday elected Budgie Green chairman, and voted to recommend to the Ruidoso Village Council that the remaining council-approved funds in the LTC be spent on billboard advertising in Texas. The committee unanimously approved member Don Parsons' motion to elect Green to the seat, left vacant by the resignation last month of Joan Bailey.

OCT. 12, 1995

Geronimo faces jury

Joseph Geronimo, a candidate for vice president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, will defend himself against a charge of disturbing the peace next Wednesday in tribal court.

Tracing embroidery through time to find its Hispanic equivalent



Art, Craft and Such

PRACTICAL, CREATIVE WAYS TO INCLUDE FUN IN EVERYDAY LIVING BY POLLY E. CHAVEZ

"Painting with needle and thread" is what I call the art of embroidery.

The medium combines both artistic and manipulative skills. It offers endless variations in technique and materials. It can be enjoyed just about as much by females as males. Embroidery can be free-form, or take the look of traditional stitches.

When I first tried to embroider I was just a child at my mom's knee. Later as an adult I checked out a variety of books from the bookmobile or public libraries to learn more stitches.

I experimented with different sizes and kinds of thread and needles. I

tried a variety of base materials to find what would be the most suitable. I copied many stitches from textile books.

The Ruidoso News and Vámonos have many articles about art shows and other art events. A calendar guides readers to the creative happenings around the county.

The Gold Road Art Tour in Carrizozo and White Oaks was an example of an "art fix" for those of us who made the tour or part of the tour.

The original needlework of Peg Schimmelpfenning of Carrizozo was among the arts seen in this tour. Peg

was located in the studio home of artist Barbara Culler, who creates paper filigree (or quilting).

Other Gold Road artists included Bill Kerr, Steve Fortelney, Verla Caster, Dennis Dunning, Kay Cochran, Gwen Barela, Karen Callahan, Mike Lagg, Pat Baker, Frances Degner, Dorothy Leslie, Ivy Heymann, Pat Cooper and Lisa Maué.

Peg has won many awards for her skills in needlework.

I called her this summer to compare embroidery notes. I also wanted to know if she knew about the Spanish Colonial needlework known

as "colcha embroidery."

She did. Colcha embroidery is one of New Mexico's traditional folk arts. Spanish settlers in northern New Mexico developed the inexpensive textile art. When colored yarn was not available, they dyed hand-spun wool with vegetal dyes.

A woolen material called *sabanilla* was used as the foundation. The word "colcha" comes from the Spanish word "colchon," which is mattress. Colcha more directly translates into "bedspread." The embroidered bed covers originated as decorations for altars or church walls.

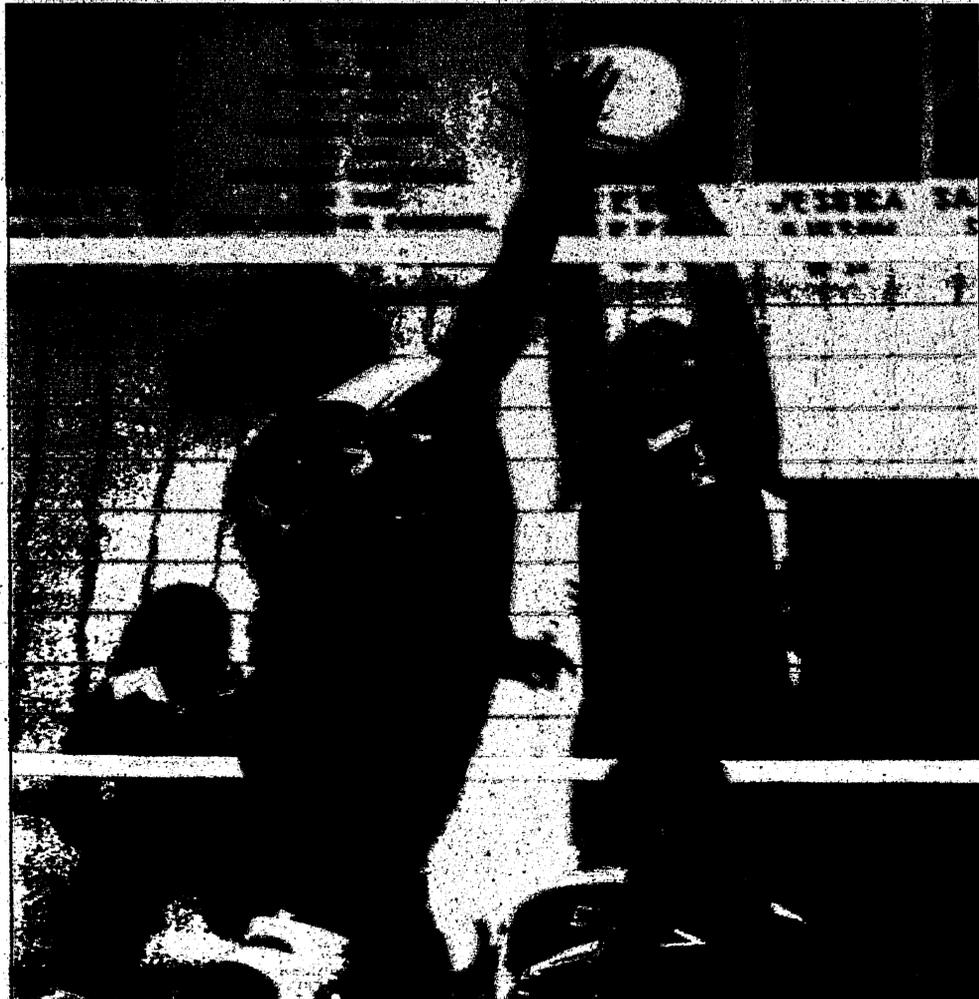
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Lady Warriors sweep Portales in 4-3A opener



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

No spike for you! Amanda Gardner, right, blocks a hit attempt by Portales' Megan Kabrick during Ruidoso's three-game District 4-3A win over the Rams Saturday at RHS.

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso volleyball team is hankering for a district title.

After years of frustration, the Lady Warriors took the court Saturday against Portales in their District 4-3A opener, and walked off with an fairly easy three-game victory over their district nemesis.

"To play in our first district game, it's nice to come away in three," said Ruidoso coach Maria Bennett. "That says a lot for these kids. A few years ago, they couldn't have done this."

One could say Ruidoso got the 24-15, 25-20, 25-11 win thanks to strong play at the net by players like Christine Brown, Jessica Gibson, Amanda Gardner and Samantha Serna. You could say the victory was due to laser-like serving from Ashley Harkey or

Ervina Herrera. You could attribute the win to the defense of Jeanette Zagone or Ariona Ramos.

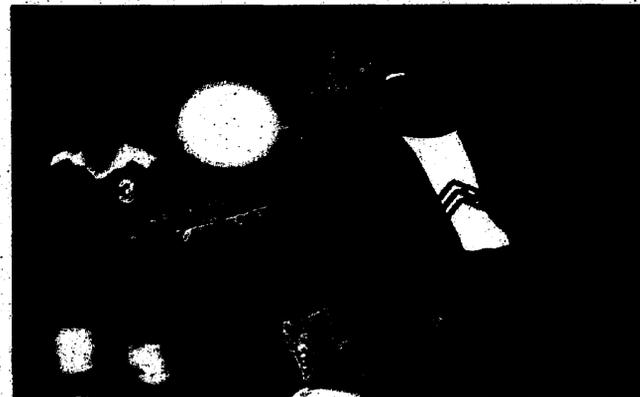
All of the above were evident, but the real reason the Lady Warriors (12-3, 1-0 district) won so convincingly Saturday is that they wanted it more, plain and simple.

"These kids are not panicking, and they know what they're capable of," Bennett said. "They're playing to their strengths."

It's not that Portales wasn't trying. The Rams showed signs of good fundamental coaching at times, but their lack of age and experience eventually took its toll.

"This shows we're ready for anything," Zagone said. "We've been working really hard and it shows that all the practice and

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso's Christine Brown passes the ball to the setter during the Lady Warriors' three-game win Saturday against Portales.

Ruidoso runners not too successful at Artesia Invite

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso cross country team continued to struggle Thursday at the Artesia Invitational, but coach Nick Nanz said the finishes, frustrating as they were, weren't exactly a cause to panic.

"I'm not pleased with the performances, but I'm not that disappointed," Nanz said. "I know we're better than we showed."

The thing that really got under the Warriors' skin was the boys' team finish: Fifth out of nine teams but, more importantly, one spot behind District 4-3A rival New Mexico Military Institute.

It was even more of a frustrating day for Jhovanni Ruiz, who led the field for most of the race, but then took a wrong turn and had lost three places by the time he got back on course.

Ruiz made a game effort to get back in front, finishing just nine seconds off the pace set by Roswell's Robert Humphreys, but he also finished behind NMMI's Jeremy Smith.

"He was pretty upset about it," Nanz said. "But we just have to learn from this and make the best of the situation."

Three Warriors finished in the top 12 individually, with Samuel Klinekole taking seventh and Thomas Rodriguez finishing 12th with a time of 19:20.

If Ruidoso can get Max Mungall and John

Kaydahzinne finishing higher up in the standings, they it could make things a bit more difficult for the Colts at NMMI's invitational this Saturday.

The Lady Warriors were fourth overall, but at least their times were much closer to one another. Starting with Michelle Raven's time of 24:49, good enough for 22nd place, Ruidoso had all five of its runners finish within 12 spots of one another.

Estree Valenzuela took 28th, followed closely by Emma Sowell just two seconds back. Elizabeth Duffy was 31st overall, while Samantha Bagley came in at 34.

"This next meet will be a good measuring stick to see if we've improved," said Nanz, whose team will see much the same field in Roswell on Saturday. "We think getting beat by NMMI was an eye opener for us to see what we need to do to get ready for district."

Mescalero top small school

The Mescalero Chief runners were hampered by a lack of numbers Saturday at the Santa Fe Prep Invitational. Nadine Bignouth had hurt her ankle at the Ruidoso Homecoming Invitational a week before and had to sit it out at Santa Fe under doctor's orders.

For the boys, Delano Ortega was the only Chief on the course, as the other two team

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BILLY ARMENDARIZ/DEMING HEADLIGHT

Michael Sanchez (26) looks for daylight while leading a strong running game that wore down the Deming Wildcat defense during Saturday's game in Deming.

Warriors come up just short against Deming

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The biggest question facing the Ruidoso Warriors as they took the football field Saturday against Deming was its offense.

How would the Warriors — now playing with a fairly new cast of characters thanks to an unfortunate set of circumstances involving key players — fare against a Deming team that was 4-1 and marching its way to a Class 4A state playoff berth?

The answer, good enough to make it a close game, but not good enough to win.

Ruidoso gained 196 yards on the round and held the Wildcats to just 182 on the day, but still came up on the short end of a 28-21 decision.

Warrior coach Ridge Bowden pointed to the amount of penalties Ruidoso had in the game — 12 flags for 127 yards — as a key to the loss, but said that wasn't the only factor.

"That's the most penalties we've had all year, but our players persevered and played to our expectations, especially in the second half," Bowden said.

The Warriors (3-3) was trailing 7-6 at half-time, and couldn't seem to get their offense going until a big defensive play by Elisha Hedin in the third quarter.

Hedin intercepted a pass from Deming quarterback Charlie Samples and ran it back 87 yards for the score. He later picked off another pass in the fourth quarter which Ruidoso converted for another touchdown.

"That's when we really got going," Bowden said. "Our legs were in better shape late in the game, and that's all thanks to our off-season conditioning."

Indeed, this was a game that belonged to the Ruidoso defense, as they caused three turnovers against a Wildcat offense that had prided itself on not giving the ball away.

Unfortunately for the Warriors, Deming (5-1) had just enough offensive firepower and luck to hold on to the win.

Michael Sanchez, who had been a semi-regular running back before this week, led Ruidoso

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side line

Prep Results

- Thursday, Sept. 30**
Volleyball
Hondo d. Ruidoso JV, 2-0
- Friday, Oct. 1**
Football
Hagerman 28, Capitan 26
Fort Sumner 50, Carrizozo 0
- Saturday, Oct. 2**
Football
Mountainair 66, Hondo 20
Deming 28, Ruidoso 22
Mescalero 14, Navajo Pine 6
Volleyball
Hatch d. Mescalero, 3-0
Ruidoso d. Portales, 3-0

Preps on Tap

- Thursday, Oct. 7**
Volleyball
Ruidoso at Robertson, 6 p.m.
Carrizozo at Hondo, 6 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Ruidoso vs. Deming, 4 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 8**
Football
Gateway Christian at Hondo, 7 p.m.
Volleyball
Capitan at Loving, 5 p.m.
Carrizozo at Mescalero, 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 9**
Football
Carrizozo at NMMI junior varsity, 1 p.m.
Capitan at Alamogordo sophomores, 2 p.m.
Volleyball
Mescalero at Lordsburg, 3 p.m.
Ruidoso at Lovington, 4 p.m.
Boys Soccer
NMMI at Ruidoso, 1 p.m.
Cross Country
Ruidoso/Mescalero at NMMI Invitational, 10 a.m.

On Deck

- R/Professional clinic**
The Cree Meadows golf course is hosting a club-pro-am tournament Monday, Oct. 11, featuring an all-female amateur field. In addition to the tournament, Cree Meadows is also welcoming LPGA legend Kathy Whitworth to the course.
Whitworth will host a clinic Sunday, Oct. 10 at the course beginning at 4 p.m. There is no need to sign up in advance.

- Recreational leagues starting**
Open gym for the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation basketball and volleyball leagues has begun, with league play starting in mid-October.
Open gym for adult basketball is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Ruidoso Middle School main gym. League games start Oct. 14 for ages 18 and older. Cost is \$200 per team, and there will be a mandatory coaches meeting at the school gym Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.
Co-ed volleyball open gym is Wednesdays from 6:30-9 p.m., also at the RMS main gym. League games start Oct. 13, with a mandatory coaches meeting Oct. 11 at the RMS gym at 7 p.m. Cost for this league is also \$200 per team.
Anyone interested in officiating league games for either league can contact the Parks and Recreation office at 257-5030.

- Capitan golf benefit**
Inn of the Mountain Gods will host a benefit golf tournament for the Capitan High golf team Oct. 10. The 4-person scramble will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start, and the cost to enter is \$50 per person, which includes the cart and green fees.
Contact Royce Brown at 354-3228 or 354-2567 by Oct. 8 to enter.

- Warrior cards on sale**
The Ruidoso High School football booster club is again selling the Blue and Gold Card for the 2004-05 athletic seasons. The cards, which allow holders to take part in discounts at participating merchants, cost \$10 each. To purchase one, contact the high school at 258-4910.

Tigers' hopes of a win tackled in last seconds vs. Hagerman

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CAPITAN — For anyone following the Capitan football season thus far, the Tigers' contest against Hagerman Friday was pretty much the year in a nutshell.

Capitan had the lead late in the game, and actually had the ball and what looked like a win in the bag. But victory just wasn't what Lady Luck had in mind for the Tigers, as a fumble and interception contributed to a 28-26 loss.

"I don't know what to say," said a visibly upset Davis. "We just let another one get away. That's how the whole season has gone."

Davis' frustration is understandable, as Capitan (1-4) led by 26-20 with 6:04 left in the game following a 2-yard rush by Andrew Silva. The Tigers then dodged a bullet when Tirie Jackson broke up a Jacob Aguilar pass in the endzone to give Capitan the ball and what looked like an easy win.

But the Tigers immediately fumbled the ball, and

Hagerman (3-3) recovered at the Capitan 16. One play later, Allen Pilley ran it into the endzone for the 26-26 tie.

Hagerman went for two on the point-after conversion, as it had had little luck kicking all night. When the Bobcats got it for the two-point lead — one of only three successful PATs by either team — they were penalized 15 yards for excessive celebration.

The ensuing kickoff then went out of bounds, meaning another 10 penalty yards and a Hagerman kickoff from its own 20-yard line.

Three plays and two 15-yard Bobcat Penalties later, Capitan was knocking on the Bobcats' door with a first-and-goal situation at the three-yard line.

Capitan was called for off-sides for a five-yard penalty, and then Tiger quarterback Tillman Freeman was sacked for a seven-yard loss, giving Capitan a second-and-goal play at the Hagerman 15.

Freeman then forced a pass into the endzone, where R.J. Dunnahoo intercepted it with 15 seconds left. One play from



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Capitan cornerback Kyle Booty, right, intercepts a pass intended for Hagerman's Andrew Rodriguez Friday during the Tigers' homecoming game at Capitan.

scrimmage in which Aguilar took a knee to run out the clock, and Capitan was handed another improbable and very frustrating loss.

"Nothing was working for us," Davis said. "There were too many mental mistakes."

Capitan didn't exactly dominate this game. The Bobcats won the yardage total, 331-239, with Aguilar and Pilley leading a balanced offensive attack.

Aguilar started the scoring with a 10-yard pass to Richie Bejarano with 7:05 left. The point-after kick wasn't so much blocked as kept from being kicked at all. Silva almost beat

the snap back to the kicker and was actually kicked in the gut as he went for the ball.

The Tigers later tied the game when Freeman punched it in from a yard out following a 55-yard drive, and then took the lead when Freeman found Jackson in the endzone for the two-point conversion.

It stayed that way until Hagerman intercepted another Freeman pass — one of four in the game — and then drove 73 yards for the score, finishing it off with a 27-yard strike from Aguilar to Andrew Rodriguez for the 14-8 lead.

It was a lead that lasted 21

seconds, as Jackson took the ensuing kickoff, ran into a logjam that included some of his teammates, then bounced off and ran to the opposite side of the field.

There weren't many white and green jerseys on that side, and Jackson rambled 86 yards for the touchdown. The point-after run failed, and the teams eventually went into the locker room sharing a 14-all tie.

The Tigers opened the second half in quick fashion, forcing Hagerman to punt, then getting the ball on the Bobcat 36-yard line when the snap was low and punter Dunnahoo was

tackled in the melee. Two plays later, Silva eluded enough tacklers for a 29-yard scoring rambler for the 20-14 lead.

Hagerman answered with a long, clock-chewing drive that went 71 yards and tied it on a 10-yard pass from Aguilar to Pilley with five seconds left in the third quarter to knot the game at 20-all.

Then came the fourth quarter, with all its miscues and mishaps that led to the Capitan loss.

"We've got to pull together as a team," Davis said. "Until we do that, we're in for a long, long season."

Bobcats 28, Capitan 26		Game Statistics	
Hagerman	6 8 6 8 — 28	Hag	Cap
Capitan	0 14 6 6 — 26	19	12
Scoring Summary			
First Quarter			
Hag	— Richie Bejarano 10 pass from Jacob Aguilar (kick blocked), 7:05	50-243	30-175
Second Quarter			
Cap	— Tillman Freeman 1 run (Freeman pass to Tirie Jackson), 9:12	88	64
Hag	— Andrew Rodriguez 27 pass from Aguilar (Allen Pilley run), 2:34	5-10-1	4-13-4
Cap	— Jackson 86 kickoff return (run fail), 2:13	331	239
Third Quarter			
Cap	— Andrew Silva 29 run (run fail), 7:49	2-35.5	2-31
Hag	— Pilley 10 pass from Aguilar (kick blocked), 0:05	8-85	10-85
Fourth Quarter			
Cap	— Silva 2 run (pass fail), 6:04	2-1	1-1
Hag	— Pilley 16 run (Aguilar pass to Pilley), 2:28	Individual Statistics	
Rushing: Hag, Allen Pilley 18-97, Jacob Aguilar 17-93, Richie Bejarano 12-62, Kade Lucero 2-7, R.J. Dunnahoo 1- (minus-16), Cap, Andrew Silva 9-71, Justin Smith 6-44, Nick Sanders 10-33, Tirie Jackson 1-15, Tillman Freeman 4-12.			
Passing: Hag, Aguilar 5-9-1, 88; Pilley 0-1-0, 0. Cap, Freeman 4-13-4, 64.			
Receiving: Hag, Bejarano 3-71, Pilley 2-17, Cap, Jackson 2-35, Silva 1-22, Kyle Booty 1-7.			



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Muncy wins third consecutive all-around title

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Sometimes when it doesn't go all that great, it is good enough. Such was the case for Corona's Taos Muncy at the Portales High School Rodeo on Sept. 25-26.

His previous two all-around titles in this fall run of high school rodeos involved some point totals from both the roping and the bucking chutes. Not so in Portales. Muncy's average win in the bareback riding and one first place in the saddle bronc riding was all it took to again give him the All Around title.

Dustin Danley's Wild Bunch Rodeo Company and Lubbock, Texas contractor Charlie Thompson teamed up to provide the stock. It rained before, during and after each performance making the mud a factor in all the events.

Muncy didn't blame the mud for his lack of scoring in any roping event. "I just didn't do any good," he said.

His win in the first rodeo in the saddle bronc riding was followed by a no score in the second rodeo. The winning score came after he was awarded a re-ride horse when his first horse didn't buck. The big gray he got on then was one he'd seen go before and

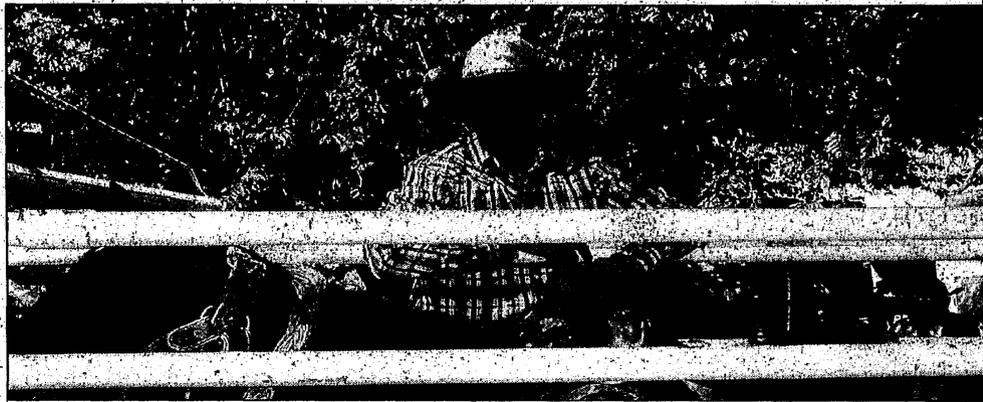


PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Taos Muncy, shown between rides during the Capitan High School Rodeo Sept. 11 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, recently earned another all-around title at the Portales High School Rodeo Sept. 25-26, his third straight such title during the fall rodeo season.

just bucked straight down the arena; good for a 72 point score.

The second rodeo didn't go so well. "I'd like to say it was because my saddle was slick from the rain, but the truth is, I just got bucked off," he admitted.

It was a different story in the bareback riding. Muncy said the deep mud kept the horses bucking pretty easy. Scores were lower but his 62 point was good enough to win the first rodeo. The

second rodeo Muncy made the only qualified ride and it was scored 71 points.

Corona high school cowgirl Stacy Merritt kept her pay window streak going with a third place in the breakaway roping in the first rodeo.

The only other Lincoln County hands to strike pay dirt were Capitan's Morgan Gibbs with partner Benjamin Sanchez in the team roping. The pair placed fourth in the first rodeo

with a 12.17 second run.

New Mexico high school rodeo athletes are headed to Truth or Consequences this weekend. Muncy is going to do some all night driving to compete at T or C and at the New Mexico State Rodeo Association (NMRA) finals being held in Las Vegas at the same time. He goes into the NMRA finals in two events: he is sitting fifth in the bareback riding and 11th in the saddle bronc riding.

Lady Eagles get win entering district play

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Hondo volleyball team took the court at Ruidoso High School against the Lady Warrior junior varsity Thursday needing a win to propel it into District 7-1A competition.

The Lady Eagles got that win in short order, earning a 25-16, 25-16 victory to up its record to 6-5.

The match was a best-of-three format, as it was being played on the JV's home floor. When the two teams meet Oct. 12 in Hondo, it will be a best-of-five match.

"That had me worried at first," Hondo coach Julie Montoya said of the match format. "I was worried we wouldn't start off with the right intensity."

The Lady Eagles started quickly in the first game, taking an 8-3 lead thanks to strong serving by Alysia Chavez and Justine Candelaria. The pair had two aces by that point and the Lady Warriors couldn't get things going at the net.

But then Ruidoso found its groove and was able to tie the game at 10-all when Hondo began committing unforced errors.

Part of that was because Hondo wasn't moving as fast as it usually does, mainly because team captain Jamie Garcia wasn't feeling exactly up to par.

"Usually, she's all over the floor passing and encouraging the others," Montoya said. "Today she had a headache, and the others key off of her. I'm sure that had a lot to do with it."

The Lady Eagles had to sweat it out until



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Hondo middle hitter Mercedes Lopez puts one across during the Lady Eagles' two-game victory over the Ruidoso junior varsity Thursday at RHS.

a Lady Warrior error at 18-15 started an 8-1 Hondo rally to close it out.

Game two was much closer until the end. Ruidoso only led the game 1-0 after Garcia's opening serve went long, but the Lady Eagles weren't able to get more than two or three points ahead until a Mercedes

Lopez kill started another Hondo rally from which the Lady Warriors were unable to recover.

The Lady Eagles played at Mountainair Saturday in their district opener, and hosted Carrizozo Tuesday. They play at Vaughn Thursday at 2 p.m.

Lady Warriors earn another state leg, Smith gets individual

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The fall golf season hasn't been as productive for the Ruidoso High School teams as it has in the past, but that doesn't mean the Warriors aren't getting things done on the links this semester.



Smith

The Lady Warriors returned from the Edie Murdoch tournament in Grants Monday with a team score of 406, good enough for their second state tournament qualifying leg.

Individually, Ruidoso's girls weren't that hot, but coach Melissa Misquez said the scores were close enough to earn

the Lady Warriors the top team prize at the tournament.

For the boys, things didn't go as well, as the Warriors shot a 359, not good enough for a leg. On the plus side, No. 1 golfer P.J. Smith shot an 80 on the day, good

enough for an individual leg.

The boys next play Oct. 18 at the Los Lunas Invitational at Isleta, while the girls finish up the fall season Oct. 29-30 at the Far West Texas Invitational at the Fort Bliss course in El Paso.

WARRIORS: Not enough in end

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with 95 yards on 20 carries; while Teddy Sowell added 90 more on 18 carries. The Warrior passing game suffered somewhat, as Marcus Williams was only 5-for-9 with 59 yards.

Ruidoso now enters its off-

week with the goal of continuing to drill the offensive sets into the heads of those that may still be new to the system.

"This game is just what we needed going into our off-week," Bowden said. "We can focus on ourselves, get healthy, and work on our offense."

SWEEP: Ruidoso beats Rams

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hard work has paid off."

The Rams' biggest weapon at the net was junior hitter Morgan Hill, who did get her share of kills. But the Lady Warriors answered with kills from just about everyone on their squad, led by the dynamic trio of Brown, Gibson and Gardner.

Gardner, a sophomore, particularly shined late in the match, coming up with some big blocks of Hill and Megan Kabrick en route to the victory.

The Lady Warriors take a brief respite from district play Thursday when they play at Robertson in a 6 p.m. match, then get back into the district swing at Lovington Saturday at 4 p.m.

"We've still got work to do," Zagone said. "We're where we want to be now, but we've got a higher goal."

RUNNERS: On to NMMI

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members were back in Mescalero playing for the Chief football team.

Those that did run found it a bit rough, as Lyneava Ortega was 63rd overall and Ortega took 44th with a time of 20:51.

Samantha Bigmouth again had the best day of any Mescalero runner, although her time of 22:58 was only good enough for 11th place in a field dominated by 3, 4 and 5A schools.

Mescalero coach Ardena Oroscio said she was pleased that Samantha Bigmouth wasn't defeated by any of the smaller schools in attendance.

"We went up there to see the

northern schools and see how Samantha would do," Oroscio said. "There were five schools our size at that meet, and we had a pretty good showing against them."

Oroscio said the course in Santa Fe was a sandy, soft one, unlike the courses her runners are used to seeing in the southern portion of the state.

The Chiefs will also be at the NMMI Invite this Saturday, and Oroscio is getting her runners ready for that meet with a lot of speed training.

"They need to improve their running style and work on staying strong in the end," Oroscio said. "We've been working hard on endurance, and hopefully won't peter out at the end."

Mescalero gridders earn win in final minutes

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For 46 minutes Friday, the Mescalero football team seemed unable to overcome its own mistakes and seemed to be on their way to a homecoming defeat.

Undefeated Navajo Prep had come to town and held a tenuous 6-0 lead going into the final minutes of the contest. But a fumble by the Eagles eventually led to a 62-yard touchdown pass from Justin Blake to Donnell McFadden, and the Chief defense held on the ensuing Prep drive.

Mescalero took over on the opponents' eight-yard line, scored on a punch-in by Blake, and were able to celebrate its homecoming with a 14-6 victory.

"Offensively, we hurt ourselves with five turnovers," said Mescalero coach Rodney Wright. "Those mistakes kept us from doing some things offensively."

The Chiefs (3-3) entered Friday's game with a desire to get their potent offense moving, and had some initial success. But every time they got close to a score, they would shoot themselves in the foot with a turnover.

One Eagle interception came in their own endzone, while another stopped a Mescalero drive on the Navajo Prep 5-yard line.

The only thing that kept Mescalero going was its defense. The Chiefs were able to earn four turnovers of their own, including an interception by Rory Bigrope on the Eagles' final possession that allowed Mescalero to run out the clock and secure the win.

"We were patient, and I was happy that we were able to come from behind like that," Wright said. "Navajo Pine was playing like an undefeated team, and the defense kept us in the game."

A quick look at the offensive stats show Wright's words to be true. The Chiefs earned only 139 yards rushing on the night, while Blake was able to throw for 205 yards. Remember, though, that 62 of them came on that one touchdown pass to McFadden.

Mescalero has the week off now, and Wright plans to use the extra time to both heal his players and make sure the offense is clicking in time for his teams' Oct. 15 District 4-1A showdown at Carrizozo.

"We're playing pretty well right now, and I hope we'll get better," Wright said. "The district is pretty good, and all three opponents are playing good football. We'll just have to be ready."

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Ruidoso bowler Terry Bernard poses at the Ruidoso Bowling Center recently after bowling a perfect 300 game during league play last Wednesday. Bernard, who has been bowling in sanctioned leagues for 26 years, earned \$300 for the game through the 300 Club, a program recently restarted at the bowling center. Sponsors give money to the fund for any bowler who has a perfect game — only in league-sanctioned play — to help defray the cost of a 300 ring for the lucky competitor. This will be the second such ring for Bernard.

Foxes feast on Grizzlies

BY BRANDON MORALES
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

FORT SUMNER — The Fort Sumner Foxes are a brawny team, but not many expected the Friday night dismantling the Grizzlies handed Carrizozo. Fort Sumner simply overpowered the Grizzlies in an overwhelming 50-0 victory.

Carrizozo (2-2) at least took possession first, but as their offense took the field, the claustrophobic atmosphere began to thicken. The Grizzlies got off to a decent start, as they came into the game the underdog. They pushed the ball up field bit by bit, earning every inch they gained. However, the Fox defense was to immensely aggressive. Their constant pressure forced 'Zozo to boot the ball, and ended their hopes of a touchdown.

Then the onslaught began. Fox runners sliced and diced his way through the Grizzly defense at every turn. With 5:44 remaining in the first quarter, the Foxes found their way to endzone, adding seven to the board and starting the rout.

The Grizzlies would get another chance at putting points on the scoreboard, but they would be forcefully denied. Fort Sumner wasted no time adding another touchdown. By the half, 'Zozo found themselves trailing the ferocious Foxes, 28-0.

At intermission, the Grizzlies stumbled their way into the locker room with a look of frustration painted on their faces. Nothing, so far, had seem to be working for them. Their running game was nearly shut off, and their passing game struggled.

Starving for points, 'Zozo came out of the locker room shaken, but stunned. The Foxes would receive the ball, and with 11:52 still on the clock, they had already discovered the endzone. . . and the Grizzlies looked baffled.

For 'Zozo, things just kept getting worse. Running back Tim Barèla went down after a smashing blow to his left knee. With the Grizzlies' starting running back now sidelined, Chaz Zamora was placed into the game. He strove to help his team back into the game, but it was too late. The third quarter came to a close, and 'Zozo had dug themselves a 43-0 score, with them on the losing end.

Despite what most would call a devastating defeat, not all Carrizozo heads were down. Joining Zamora was wideout Robert Dutchover, who delivered his share of blows in the spoiling game. The Grizzlies must now focus their attention on their next opponent, the New Mexico Military Institute junior varsity. The game kicks off Saturday in Roswell. It will be the last game before District 4-1A play begins.

Mescalero's heads just not in match against Lady Bears

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Homecoming is usually a time when the home team has the advantage.

It's at home, the fans are excited anyway thanks to the festivities, and a win should be in the bag.

Unfortunately for the Mescalero volleyball team Saturday, Homecoming was actually a hindrance, not a help.

With the Chief homecoming football game getting under way during the volleyball match's third game, the Lady Chiefs showed they were a bit distracted in dropping a three-game District

5-2A match to Hatch.

"We were competitive with them at first, we just have to learn to close our points out," said Mescalero coach Steve Brown. "We let them get a lot of serves in a row for points, and it started creeping into our heads that they were too good for us."

"By that third game, they were thinking about the game going on outside instead of the game inside," Brown said, referring to the football game.

The Lady Chiefs (3-7, 0-2 district) led game one 20-19, then gave up six straight points to the Lady Bears to drop a 25-20 decision. Game two was an even more spectacular crash, as

Mescalero let a 22-17 lead slip away to a 25-23 loss.

Those two blown leads were more responsible for the Lady Chiefs' downfall in the third game, although their preoccupation with the football game didn't help.

Despite all this, Brown was still happy with some aspects of his team's game.

"Hatch had some problems with us," Brown said. "We blocked the ball extremely well, the best we'd done all year, and our serve receive was better."

The Lady Chiefs played Cloudcroft Tuesday, and host Carrizozo Friday at 5 p.m. before hitting the road Saturday for a

match at Lordsburg.

Loss to the 'Cats

Mescalero's district opener against Tularosa on Thursday was a much quicker affair, as the Lady Wildcats earned a 25-4, 25-13, 25-11.

Tularosa served a perfect 100 percent in the first and third games, and boasted a 94 percentile for the whole match.

The Lady Chiefs had a difficult time handling all those serves, and the Tularosa kill and dig numbers showed. With no balls coming back over the net, there weren't a whole lot of opportunities to make plays.



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Jack E. Johnson

A memorial service for municipal judge Jack Johnson, 75, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, in the Capitan High School auditorium.

Mr. Johnson died Monday, Oct. 4, at the Heart Hospital in Albuquerque.

He spent the first 30 years of his life as a rancher in the Vaughn and Santa Rosa areas. He then became an officer in the New Mexico State Police, where he achieved the rank of sergeant prior to his retirement in 1986.

Mr. Johnson was active in civic and village affairs in Lincoln County, and had served as Capitan Municipal Judge for the past 11 years. He was a member of the Lincoln County Bird Club, which was instrumental in establishing the wetlands park east of Capitan.

Survivors include his wife, Marguerite (Chuck); sons Jeripaul, Jimmy and Jesse; daughter Jane Terrel; mother Sophie; sister Charollette; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Volunteers are needed to control parking and serve as ushers at Saturday's ceremony. There will be snacks and drinks offered at the Johnson home after the service; anyone who would like to help is asked to call 258-3862.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Lincoln County Bird Club, 212 Jack Little Drive, Ruidoso, 88345.

R. W. Taiaroa

A wake for R. W. "Weazel" Taiaroa, 61, of Lubbock, Texas, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home chapel, 1334 North Scenic Drive in Alamogordo. A Funeral Mass will be

celebrated at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude Mission in Alamogordo. The Rev. Timon Costello will serve as celebrant.

Mr. Taiaroa died Sept. 30, 2004, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Tatum.

He was born July 7, 1943, in Waitara Taranaki, New Zealand. He was raised on a farm outside Okato, New Zealand. He then moved to Porirua and attended Mana College in Titahi Bay where, having taught himself to play guitar, he played with the Porirua Youth Club.

He was a professional musician who traveled around the world, before settling in Alamogordo with his family. He continued to perform throughout the Southwest, including Lubbock, Midland and Ruidoso.

Survivors include a son, Wiremu Taiaroa of Alamogordo; daughters Matéwai and Kuia Taiaroa of Las Vegas and Shereé Taiaroa of Australia; granddaughters Alana Taiaroa of Las Vegas and Alex Taiaroa of Lovington; grandson Tainui Taiaroa of Alamogordo; mother Mary Davis of Australia; and 12 brothers and sisters.

Following cremation, inurnment will be in New Zealand. Services are under the direction of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home. To send a tribute to the family, visit www.mem.com.

John Wesley Mauldin

Services and burial for John Wesley Mauldin, 83, will be held at the Merchant Marine and Military Cemetery in Fort Stanton.

Mr. Mauldin died of congestive heart failure Oct. 3 at Lincoln County Medical Center.

Born in Benson, Ariz., in 1921, he was the son of Homer Gene Mauldin Sr., the sheriff of Cochise County, and Ida Amanda Dibble. His mother died when Mr. Mauldin was 12 years old. The family moved to Center Point, Texas, when Mr. Mauldin was a teenager.

Mr. Mauldin spent most of his working life in the lumber business,

starting at age 17 when he got a job loading trucks for the Allen & Allen Lumber Co. in San Antonio. He worked his way up in the company over the years to become its general manager. In 1957 he went into business for himself, founding the Mission Hardwood Lumber Co. and expanding it to two additional locations in the city.

Mr. Mauldin's rise as a lumberman was interrupted twice by wartime military service. As a Marine, he took part in several actions in the South Pacific during World War II, including the battle for Guadalcanal, where he suffered wounds from an exploding enemy artillery round.

As a Marine reservist he was recalled to service in Korea and helped lead a company into fighting around the Chosin Reservoir, where American units were heavily outnumbered and nearly trapped by the Chinese Army.

Mr. Mauldin was among only 19 of the 120 men in his company who survived the savage fighting and the bitter North Korean cold. He suffered throughout his life from the effects of severe frostbite in his hands and feet, and his earlier wounds in the Pacific.

He was married twice. In 1943 while on military leave with his unit in Masterton, New Zealand, he met and married Joan Dorothy McMin. The marriage ended in divorce after the war, and in 1949 he married Katie Mae Caudell in San Antonio. They separated in 1967 and later divorced.

Mr. Mauldin sold Mission Hardwood in 1973. He owned several small lounges and restaurants in the city until 1975; when he sold them and moved to Ruidoso to open a small business, a convenience store on Sudderth Drive called Midtown Mart.

But he returned to the lumber business a few years later as a wholesale buyer for Wickes Lumber. He retired from Wickes and moved permanently to Ruidoso in 1986.

Survivors include a brother,

Homer Gene Mauldin of Cisco, Texas; two daughters, Pam Tomlin of New York City and Dorothy Jean Thomas of Masterton, New Zealand; and seven grandchildren. A son, Lynn Wesley Mauldin, died in a traffic accident in 1973.

Librada Montes-Patterson

Private family services were held Saturday for Librada "Liberty" Montes-Patterson, who died shortly after her birth Oct. 2.

Survivors include her parents, Trisha Montes and Ferny Patterson; sisters Madison Tracey and Toni Patterson; brother Jeremy Patterson; grandmother Lilly Wood; great-grandparents Rose and Leroy Montes. She was preceded in death by grandfather, Steve Woods.

George Euvis Blanford

Private memorial services are scheduled for George Euvis Blanford, 69, who died Sept. 26, 2004, in El Paso.

Mr. Blanford served with the U.S. Navy on the submarine Cubera, and had attended the University of Florida in Gainesville. His employers included General Electric, Pan Am, NASA, Dow Chemicals, Digital Equipment and Trimble Navigation. He also owned his own business in Palm Bay, Fla.

He retired to Pie Town, N.M., in 1995, and was a full time RVer for several years. The Blanford family volunteered for Habitat for Humanity in five states. He also served as a volunteer for the Oregon State Parks, Tonto National Forest and the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth A. Blanford; sons Dennis and Daryl Blanford; daughters Desiree Hancock and Susan Huey; daughter-in-law Rachel Blanford; brother Tracy Blanford; sisters Margarette Starrette, Maureen Cook and Francis Thompson; and four grandchildren.

Sunset Funeral Home-East is handling the arrangements.

LCMC Births

Recent births at Lincoln County Medical Center:

• Sept. 16, 2004, a daughter, Sanniyah Angelyse Comanche, to Elizabeth Begaye and Bruce Comanche Jr., 6 pounds, 1.6 ounces, 19 inches.

• Sept. 17, 2004, a daughter, Caydence Sharlene Irvin, to Kallisha and Bryan Irvin, 7 pounds, 8.5 ounces, 20 1/2 inches.

• Sept. 18, 2004, a daughter, Jada Annemarie Long, to Tonnia and Ryan Long, 5 pounds, 13.7 ounces, 18 1/2 inches.

• Sept. 20, 2004, a daughter, Abby Lane French, to Keri and Charles French, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, 20 1/2 inches.

• Sept. 22, 2004, a son, Gabriel Dean Taylor-Terrell, to Chelsea Terrell and Kenneth Taylor, 7 pounds, 4.8 ounces, 20 inches.

• Sept. 22, 2004, a son, Damien J McLeod Enjady, to Carrie McLeod and Jason Enjady, 8 pounds, 3.1 ounces, 20 inches.

• Sept. 23, 2004, a daughter, Jasmyn Michelle Born, to Kayla DeCoster and Garrett Born, 6 pounds, 11.8 ounces, 19 1/2 inches.

• Sept. 23, 2004, a son, Jay Alexander Gutierrez Gallegos, to Alma and Jay Gutierrez, 5 pounds, 10 ounces, 18 3/4 inches.

• Sept. 25, 2004, a daughter, Paris Fiona Lane, to Jacqueline and Casey Lane, 6 pounds, 4.6 ounces, 19 inches.

• Sept. 27, 2004, a son, Bryan Brett Second, to Rosaline and Everett Second, 8 pounds, 8.9 ounces, 19 1/2 inches.

• Sept. 27, 2004, a son, Dalton Lamar Trapp, to Danielle and Kenneth Trapp, 9 pounds, 7.9 ounces, 23 inches.

• Sept. 28, 2004, a son, Jesse Alexander Pacheco, to Milinda McCarty, 6 pounds, 4.2 ounces, 19 1/2 inches.

• Sept. 29, 2004, a daughter, Abigail Gallardo, to Stephanie and Alejandro Gallardo, 7 pounds, 2.1 ounces, 19 1/2 inches.

• Sept. 29, 2004, a son, Christopher James Wilson, to Tiffany Wilson, 5 pounds, 4.3 ounces, 18 3/4 inches.

• Sept. 29, 2004, a son, Gerard Darren Morgan, to Rosalind Shanta and Warren Morgan, 6 pounds, 9.4 ounces, 18 1/2 inches.

• Sept. 30, 2004, a son, Christopher Ryan Gardner, to Jayne and William Gardner, 7 pounds, 7.2 ounces, 20 1/2 inches.

POOP SCOOP

BY DIANNE STALLINS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For those of you who responded with donations to the effort to rescue animals abandoned during the series of hurricanes in Florida, the following letter is to you:

"Dear Friend,
First, thank you. Your contributions are making it possible for us to help people and pets in Florida face their fourth hurricane in less than two months. If you haven't had a chance to pitch in, there's still time.

To put it simply, Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and now Jeanne have devastated many parts of Florida and the Gulf Coast. If you are fortunate enough never to have personally experienced this kind of natural disaster, I'd like to share with you a glimpse of what our Disaster Animal Response Teams have been facing - and show you how your contributions have been put to work.

(Check the HSUS website for some heartwarming scenes.)
The HSUS's National Disaster Animal Response

Teams are moving into the affected areas of eastern Florida as I write this. While exhausted from the three recent hurricanes, our teams know what to expect now and have already started relief efforts. Like last week (and the weeks before that), we know that our teams will be combing the region, walking door to door in neighborhoods ravaged by debris, sand, and water, looking for animals.

It can be heartbreaking, challenging work. Last week, in the Gulf Coast, our teams encountered sand everywhere - sand that for days prevented rescue workers even from entering the barrier islands. Just in our first few hours of work, we could tell there were animals to save: cat tracks dotted the sand that covered virtually every square foot of one island, and a dog howled in the distance, clearly hungry and alone.

Things quickly became more complicated: a day into our efforts, we had rescued only a

single cat. Where were the rest of the animals? We couldn't really say for sure. We hoped that residents had taken their pets with them, but we feared that many animals had been buried under the mountains of sand on those fragile spits of land.

Early reports indicate that Jeanne may have shifted as much sand along coastal communities as Ivan did. While that'll make our task difficult again, we won't stop until we find and rescue every pet we can. And every one of those rescues are thanks to you and your contributions.

Thank you again for all your support during this unprecedented string of hurricanes. We'll keep you posted on events as they unfold, and remember to check the HSUS Web site.

Sincerely,
Laura Bevan, Incident Commander with the Natural Disaster Animal Response Team."

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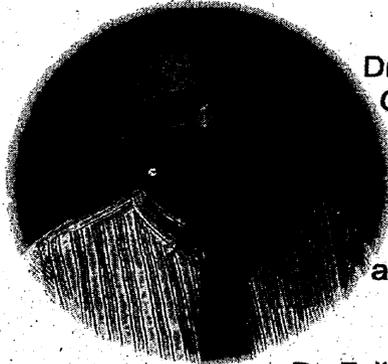
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Dr. Fellers graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency in 1978 and a Pulmonary Disease Fellowship in 1980, both from University of New Mexico affiliated hospitals.

Dr. Fellers is Board Certified in:

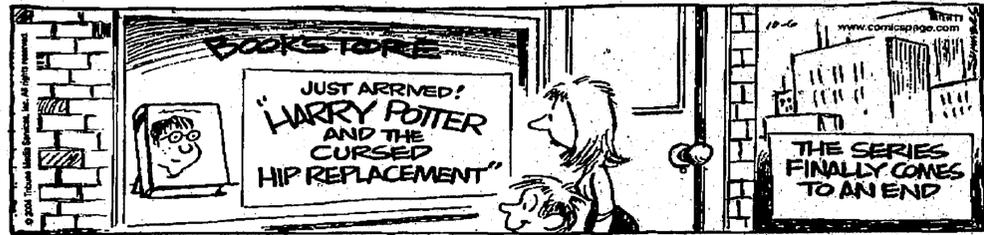
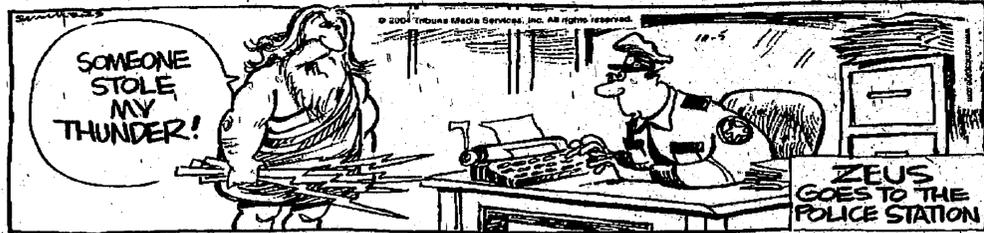
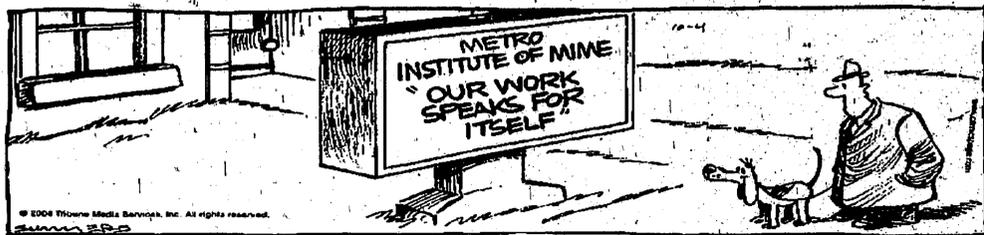
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Dr. Fellers is a native of Hobbs, New Mexico. He is looking forward to being near family in Alamogordo and offering the many specialties of his practice to the community.

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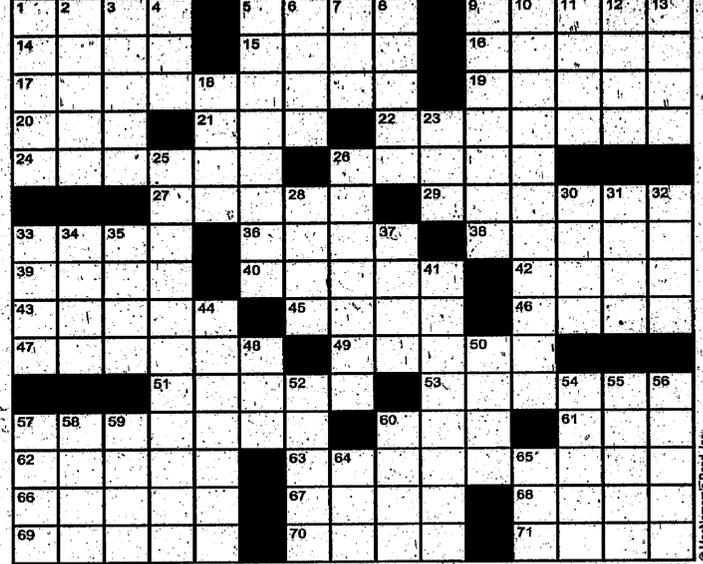
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ACROSS

1. "Dumb" girl of old comics
5. FDR's pooch
9. Disney's Center
14. Each
15. Woeful word
16. Burn sopther
17. Chicken's time share?
19. Sets straight
20. Hexa- haived
21. Shea player
22. Tight-fitting necklaces
24. "Messiah" composer
26. "With parsley," on fancy menus
27. Nitrous (laughing gas)
29. Sewing machine brand
33. Winter forecast
36. 1959 Cadillac prominences
38. Shooting marble
39. Long, long times
40. Halloween goodie
42. Texas, the Star State
43. Be useful to
45. Toledo's lake
46. Norwegian saint
47. 1970s Cambodian leader
49. San Antonio mission
51. "Taras Bulba" author Nikolai
53. Wicker material
57. One with a self-satisfied smile
60. Dubbed one

Down



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2. Pindaric work
3. Paddler's boat
4. Playboy Mansion basketball court sight?
6. One in a cast
7. "What's for me?"
8. Razor brand
9. Pinocchio
10. Giglio (old TV mouse)
11. Author Silverstein
12. Wesley Clark was one
13. In straits
14. London lockup
15. Sicilian erupter
16. Pet protection org.
17. A Baltic State
18. Revenue from summonses?
19. Whodunit board game
20. Walkie-talkie word
21. Tracy's Trueheart
22. NYSE counterpart
23. Four-baggers: Abbr.
24. Cross used in searching for water?
25. Be wild about
26. Katmandu's land
27. Confidence game
28. Mugger subduer
29. Like JFK Airport: Abbr.
30. Scissors sound
31. Popular card game
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"I found my new home with the help of the Ruidoso News Pet Page."

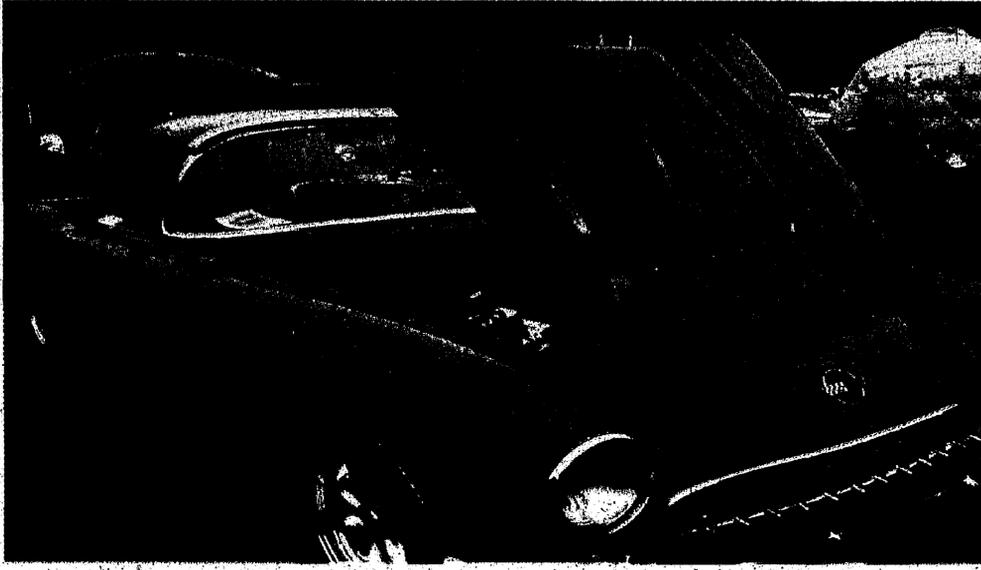
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home from class — "SMALL TALK"

Answer: What Mom made when the first grader came home from class — "SMALL TALK"

Jumbles: SLANT NAVAL LIKELY STYMI



An antique road show

The Ruidoso Downs Race Track hosted a collection of antique and collectible automobiles Saturday. The Run to Ruidoso Downs is a regular feature of the area's annual Aspenfest festivities.

PHOTOS BY DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

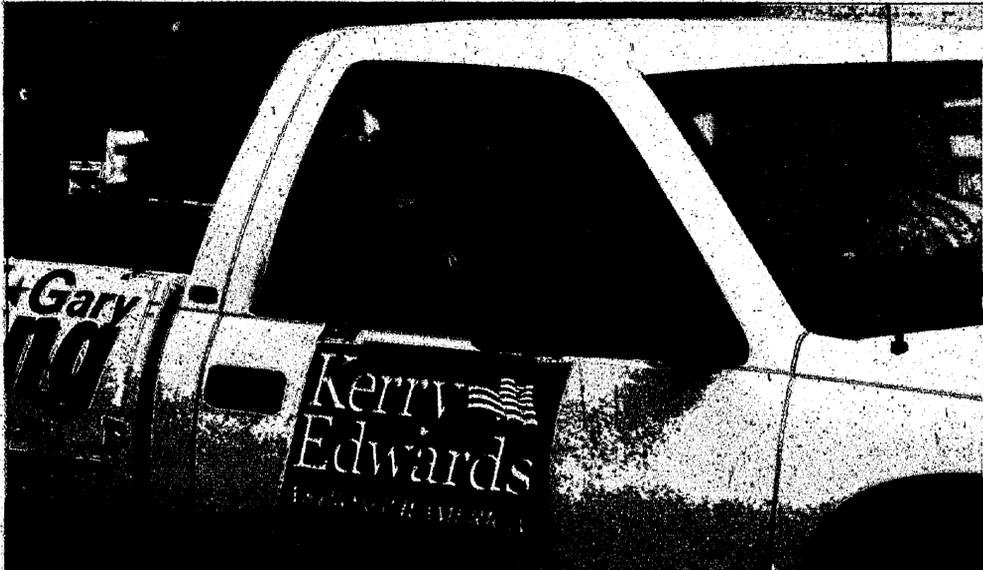


2004 Aspenfest

PARADE

Cool temperatures and overcast skies didn't dampen the atmosphere Saturday in Midtown Ruidoso for the 2004 Aspenfest parade. Clockwise, from top left, the Ruidoso High School Band was among the marching entries in the parade. Deshawna Morgan sat atop a colorful float recognizing her status as RHS Indian Club Princess. Susan

Lutterman and Charlotte Fish kept time for the First National Bank entry. Political parties of all stripes took to the street Saturday, with Rep. Dub Williams, R-Glencoe, acknowledging the crowd for the Republican Party, and Ralph Romero riding shotgun for the Democrats. Photos by Dave Price.



POLICE BRIEFS

Cones stolen

Two traffic cones belonging to the Ruidoso Police Department were stolen Saturday. They had been placed across Sudderth Drive to help pedestrians cross to the chili cookoff at Tall Pines RV Park. When an officer returned to retrieve them Saturday afternoon, they were gone.

Check forgeries

A Ruidoso man reported Oct. 1 that his signature has been forged on several checks in the past month. An unknown person has used checks from the account of Glen M. Clifton at fuel and convenience stores around the area; the case has been referred to the Criminal Investigations Division.

Valise vanishes

A black leather case was reported stolen from a truck parked outside the annual arts and crafts festival at Schoolhouse Park Sunday. The owner told police that the truck was locked, with windows slightly open.

Missing with the bag are a business style checkbook from Dreamscapes, four prescriptions, folders, account papers and job plans.

The case in ongoing pending further leads.

Reindeer stolen

An on-call retail clerk was working late inside Ruidoso Gifts, 2609 Sudderth Drive, on Sept. 13 when he heard a noise outside, "like someone's shoes hitting the sidewalk," according to a report filed with the

Ruidoso Police Department. When the worker went outside to investigate, he saw a male walking away from the store carrying a white wire reindeer, covered with lights.

A quick check confirmed that two of those same type of ornaments, valued at \$22, were missing from the store. The clerk asked the intruder if he would give the reindeer back; he reportedly said "yes" but kept walking until he got into the passenger door of a tan or gold Isuzu Trooper with New Mexico plates. The RPD investigation is ongoing.

Schoolyard fracas

Police were called to Ruidoso Middle School Friday on the report that a RMS student had been attacked on school grounds by a high school student. The altercation was said to have occurred inside a fenced area of the school near Reese Drive. The two students apparently knew each other; there was pushing and shoving but no injuries reported.

DWI arrest

An officer traveling east-bound on Sudderth Friday began to follow a blue Ford Contour that was driving erratically.

At Mescalero Drive, the police officer began to videotape the car, which he reported turned sharply to the left, struck the curb, traveled on the shoulder and turned back into the driving lane again.

The vehicle was pulled over near Mescalero Drive and Hwy. 70; the driver, Austa Wolfe, 57,

failed several field sobriety tests.

She was arrested and given a breathalyzer test; Wolfe was charged with aggravated driving under the influence.

ID card recovered

On Sept. 30, a Ruidoso man found a California identification card in the vicinity of Grindstone Canyon and Carrizo Canyon roads.

The owner, Precious Johnson of Oakland, has not been located.

Razor theft cut short

RPD officers responded to a shoplifting report at the Family Dollar store Saturday, Oct. 2. A 15-year-old girl had been detained by the store management after she was seen stealing a package of Gillette razors.

When the teen resisted counsel and showed considerable "attitude," the report states, she was forcibly removed from the store and transported to the police station.

She has been charged with two misdemeanors, shoplifting and resisting arrest.

Light post hit

The Village of Ruidoso reported hit-and-run damage to a light post at 2306 Sudderth Drive Saturday. Officers called to the scene said that street markings indicate a vehicle drove onto the sidewalk and struck the pole with its left front fender.

There was no paint transfer shown.

Village councilors overturn P&Z ruling on Hull garage

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A classic car collector will be allowed to build a three-floor garage on his 10-acre property off Hull Road.

The Ruidoso Village Council last week overturned a decision by the village Planning and Zoning Commission, and granted the appeal of Ronald T. Mac Whorter for a conditional use. His land adjoins Piñon Park Condominiums. The property is zoned for multi-family use and Mac Whorter said at one time he contemplated building 140 units there, but changed his mind.

The homeowners association in Piñon favored the application, but one Hull Road resi-

dent, who didn't speak at last week's hearing, previously had opposed the project.

Mac Whorter

wants to build a 22 by 52-foot garage and contended that the property already has two separate living quarters, which would allow two separate garages.

Mac Whorter's appeal letter described the garage as being built into a slope with the top floor entrance at driveway elevation. He contended the garage would be unobtrusive and out of view to anyone on

"It's with regret that I ever vote to overturn one of their decisions."

Deborah Marcum-Byars Ruidoso village councilor

Hull Road Councilor Angel Shaw said she drove Hull Road in both directions and couldn't see the site.

After the vote to overturn the planning board's decision, Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars and Mayor Leon Eggleston said they respect the volunteers who serve on the planning entity.

"They spend a great deal of time (on issues), but by the time something comes to us, we often have the benefit of more information," Byars said. "It's with regret that I ever vote to overturn one of their decisions."

15 percent of county eligible for assistance

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Households with at least one member who is 60 or older or disabled may apply for low-income home energy assistance.

U.S. Rep. Tom Udall, a Democrat from New Mexico, said the program is one of the most important for 4.3 million low-income families, including about 38,000 households in New Mexico. According to census data, out of 19,411 people estimated to live in Lincoln County in 2000, 14.9 percent or 2,890 fell below the poverty

level.

"This program allows low-income residents to use more of their income to pay for their families' needs during the coldest months," he said. "No one should have to choose between food or heat."

To qualify for LIHEAP money, copies of all sources of income must be presented as proof they meet low-income guidelines. The program does not pay a household's total energy costs, but provides assistance in payment of residential heating costs for eligible households. The payments usu-

ally go directly to the utility provider and range from \$40 to \$240, depending on income and family composition.

The program is geared to households with incomes up to 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. An individual could not have an annual income exceeding \$13,965. A family of four could not exceed \$28,275.

Applications will be taken at any of the 34 Humane Services Department Income Support Division offices throughout the state, or by calling (800) 283-4465.

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COUNTY BRIEFS

COMPILED BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Village of Capitan posts public hearing notice

The Village of Capitan will hold a public hearing in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m. The public hearing concerns repealing and amending of specific ordinances and adoption of the traffic code for the municipality.

Capitan planning commission to have special meeting

The Capitan Planning Commission will have a special meeting on Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village council chambers. On the agenda is discussion of possible development of 300+ acres on Highway 246 north of the village limits. The election of planning commission officers is the second item on the agenda.

Smokey Bear Historical Park to host Halloween

For at least 10 years now, the Smokey Bear Historical Park has offered a safe place for kids to trick or treat on Halloween. This year from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 31, an Open House will be held, again offering treats to those that come by. It is open to everyone.

David Cunningham, Park employee, said they usually have about 150 people, adults and children come by in that time period, some in costume and some not. For more information contact the Park at 354-2748.

Carrizozo bowling leagues forming

Anyone interested in a League Bowling at the Carrizozo Recreation Center should contact Peter Wolfe at 648-2212.

Mixed League bowling is on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., and Men's League will be Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Carrizozo trash transfer station has new hours

To accommodate increasing demands, there is new dumping hours at the Transfer Station located near the Detention Center.

Residents can take their load to City Hall to be inspected between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A fee will be charged according to the size of the load and a city employee will be contacted to meet you at the transfer station for dumping.

Dumping at this transfer station is available only to the Carrizozo municipality and residents living within the Town of Carrizozo city limits.

People living outside those limits are urged to call the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority at 378-4697 for a recommended dump site.

Changes at Carrizozo MVD

The Carrizozo Motor Vehicle Department at City hall can now issue over the counter titles.

MVD Clerk Sam Chaves is in the process of becoming a certified VIN Inspector.

Until he receives certification, Police Chief A.I. Vega will provide the VIN inspections necessary.

Capitan Village government sets priorities

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Led by trustee Bill Martin, the Capitan Village council discussed and named a list of 10 priorities to further progress of the village government during the special meeting held on Sept. 27.

Discussed and listed in no particular order of importance were:

1. Revenue
2. Budget
3. Police staffing with certified officers
4. Water infrastructure
5. Personnel policy procedures
6. Zoning ordinances
7. Annexation policy
8. Address the audit findings
9. 40 year water plan and water ordinances
10. Regional water plan and conservation

The next regular village council meeting will be held on October 12 at 7:30 p.m. with a public hearing held first. The public hearing will address concerns in repealing and amending of specific ordinances and adoption of the traffic code for the municipality.

FIRE'S READY



School board members Lisa Crenshaw, Matt Ferguson and Steve Harkey helped cook up a hamburger and hot dog meal served to parents, staff and students at the Carrizozo Schools open house last week.

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Capitan Chamber plans upcoming events

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In their meeting on Monday, the Capitan Chamber of Commerce covered a lot of ground in planning events through the end of year.

First up on the calendar is Smokey's Hometown Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale at the

Zia Senior Center on Nov. 6. Chamber members are asked to donate baked goods for the event.

Health department restrictions require there be no cream pies or eclairs but cookies, breads, cakes and pies are all welcome.

The baked goods need to be delivered to the Chamber Visitors Center no later than Nov. 5.

Current members may request the new plaques if they wish.

The plaque will have an insert for each year with the member's name on it.

It can be changed to support special events and will also reflect the length of time a member has been with the chamber. A sample plaque is available at the Chamber Visitors Center.

The chamber is also planning their annual Christmas Lighting and Open house for November 29.

Peter Renich will construct the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants sign which will be centrally located in the Village. The sign will have a brochure box attached that will provide information on Chamber members as well as points of interest in the Village.

Plans are in process for the Smokey Bear Days to be held in May 2005.

This event will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the Smokey Bear Historical Park, the Forest Service and the Village of Capitan.

The official name for the May even is now Smokey Bear Days and is planned to be an annual event.

Currently plans include fire prevention events, music to include street dances, bear

carving, a car show and assorted vendors.

The Chamber has invited the Capitan High School Band to participate in the 4th of July Parade in 2005.

Other area bands will be invited in an attempt to get bands back in the parade, adding to the event.

Other plans are geared toward the celebration of the 50th year of the Smokey Bear Stampede.

In 2005, the Chamber would like to begin an annual Community Halloween Celebration to include Haunted Houses for small children, older teens and adults.

The Chamber is looking for cooperation from other organizations in the community and will be contacting them for help if they are interested.

Noted on the upcoming events for Capitan were the Halloween Party at the Smokey Bear Historical Park Oct. 31, the Capitan Library Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale Nov. 20, the Smokey Bear Historical Park Christmas in the Park on Dec. 11 and the Cowboy Horse-Drawn Christmas Parade on Dec. 18.

The next regular meeting of the Capitan Chamber will be Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m. at the Capitan Visitors Center.

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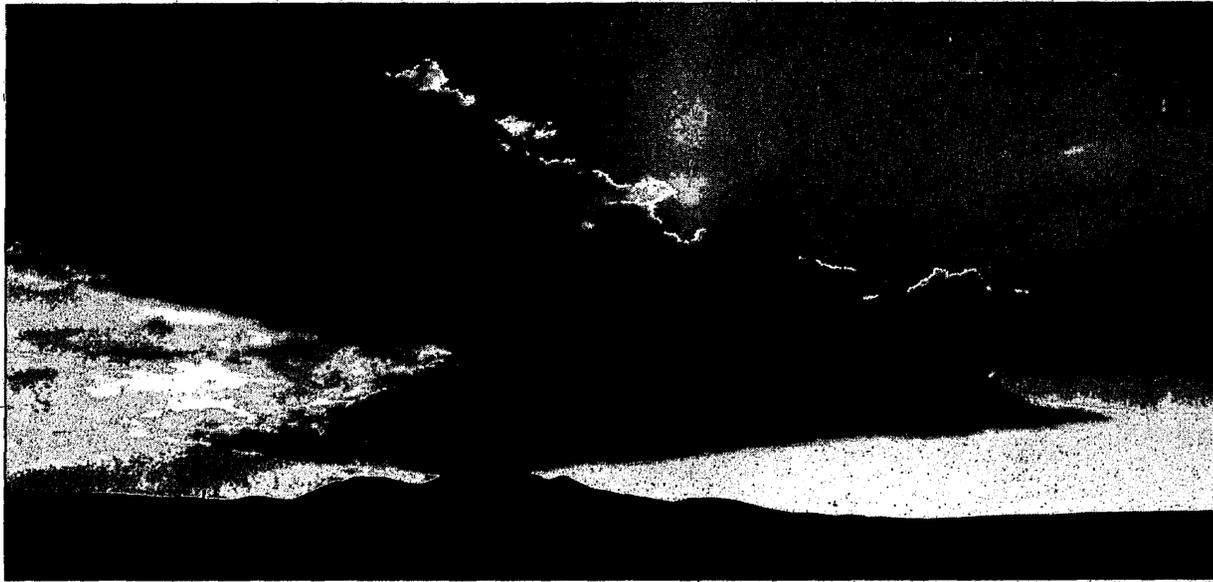


PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS
The sun and gathering clouds on Monday morning put some art in the sky that only mother nature could arrange. This was taken from Highway 380 headed east out of Carrizozo.

Energy assistance available for low-income residents

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Extension Service has received several calls about the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) program. With winter moving in quickly in many areas people are looking for assistance with heating bills.

While the extension office is not the administrator of the program, they have asked that the following information be made public for those that are seeking it.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assists eligible persons and families that fall within the income guidelines for the number of persons in the household with their heating and cooling costs. Applications can be filed at your local

Human Services Department Office.

Applicants will need:

1. Proof of household income
2. A photo-ID for the person filing the application
3. A Social Security Number (SSN) for all household members
4. One of the following from the past 12 months:
 - A. Highest gas or electric bill for 30 days of service
 - B. Account history printout from a propane company, or receipts for two propane fills with the fewest days in between
 - C. A receipt for a wood purchase
 - D. A disconnect notice, if you have received one, or the cost of starting utility service at your home.

For more information on LIHEAP please call 1-800-283-4465.

'4-H Online!' is theme of National 4-H week

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Four-H'ers across the nation marked National 4-H Week Oct. 3-9, planning celebrations of 4-H's ever increasing presence on the Internet, including the much anticipated launch of the redesigned www.4-husa.org - 4-H's first national website for, by and about youth.

The theme of National 4-H Week is 4-H Online! According to internet surveys, ninety-three percent of young people ages 10-18 are actively online and want to find the information they need from online sources.

Recognizing this trend, 4-H is at the forefront of youth development organizations using the Internet as national, state and county 4-H programs and 4-H clubs actively develop an online presence. With the support of the National 4-H Youth Technology Team, state and county 4-H youth technology teams and the 4-Husa.web crew, this is happening across the nation.

The 4-Husa web crew is a group of 14 teens from across the United States that created the new 4-H website to demonstrate the size, diversity and value of the 4-H adventure.

The site features the most complete list of 4-H web sites available organized by state. The site features a national calendar of events and featured news headlines. Coming soon are games, message boards, web logs and myname@4-Husa.org email addresses.

According to Lincoln County Extension agent, Pete Gnatkowski, 4-H in Lincoln County is headed in a positive direction. "This year we had the best fair and junior livestock sale in terms of numbers than we've ever had," he said. "The growth is showing up in the numbers locally as well as

active participation in the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque and the Eastern New Mexico State Fair in Roswell. And we have at least one new club being formed in the Ruidoso area."

Four-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Visit www.4husa.org for more information about the 4-H adventure or for a link to any 4-H website.

For more information on the programs call the Lincoln County Extension office at 648-2311.

Carrizozo chamber auction donation deadline nears

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Walker's Auction Service is handling the First Annual Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce fund raiser auction on Oct. 24 at the Big Blue Auction House, 500 Central Avenue.

The auction will start promptly at 1:09 p.m.

All proceeds from the auction will benefit the chamber but in order for items to be advertised, they must be in the hands of the auction house by Oct. 9.

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Auction Service, encourages chamber members and anyone who wishes to participate to clean out garages, storages, spare rooms, and offices of items of value not in use.

Tools, furniture, appliances and glassware are all acceptable donations. Retail products from various business will also be accepted for the auction.

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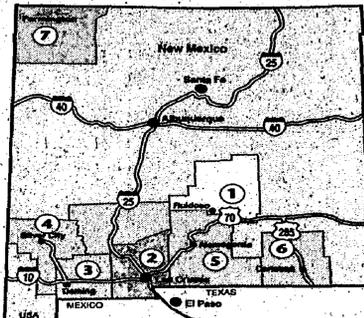
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GROUP 1

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and JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and Their Unknown HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS;

and ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

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And John Does 1 through 100 and Their Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns; and

Group II

John Does 1 through 100 and Their Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns; and

Group III

All Unknown Claimants of Interest in the Premises Adverse to the Plaintiff

PLEASE TAKE Notice that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this action is to quiet title to real property, as more particularly set forth in the Complaint on file in the above-captioned cause.

The Plaintiff's attorney is Zachary J. Cook, Les Griffin & Associates, P.C., 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you intend to contest this suit, you must respond to the Complaint on or before 20 days from the last date of this Notice.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court, this 14 day of September, 2004.

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/s/ Jolene Biggs, Deputy

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#6312 IT (10)1 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 5, 2004, at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commissioners Chambers), in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the following items and any other proper business that come before the Board:

- 1. Certificate of Property Tax Rates - 2004 Tax Year. 2. Boats and Saddles Agreement - Bureau of Land Management. 3. Withdrawal and Re-award of Honda Fire

MARTHA GUEVARA ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER. #6313 IT 91016

CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWN TOWN NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE NO. 2004-06

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Copies of the agenda for the October 5, 2004 special meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2004-06

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Article 8

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs shall conduct a public hearing in conjunction with the Regular Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs for the purpose of adopting the following Ordinance.

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2004-06 are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Ruidoso Downs this 6th day of October 2004.

/s/ Carol Virden CMC City Clerk/Treasurer City of Ruidoso Downs

#6314 IT (10)6 LEGAL NOTICE

The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet Friday, October 8th at 9 a.m. in the Regents Room in the Administration Building on the Portales Campus. Regents will act upon business presented and may meet in the executive session. Agendas 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 is an EEO/AA institution.

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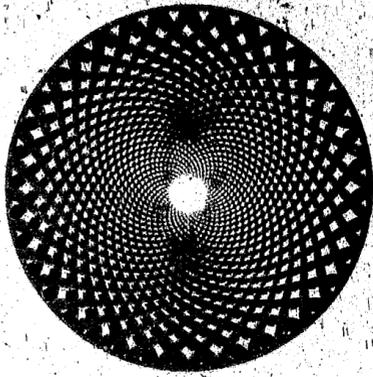
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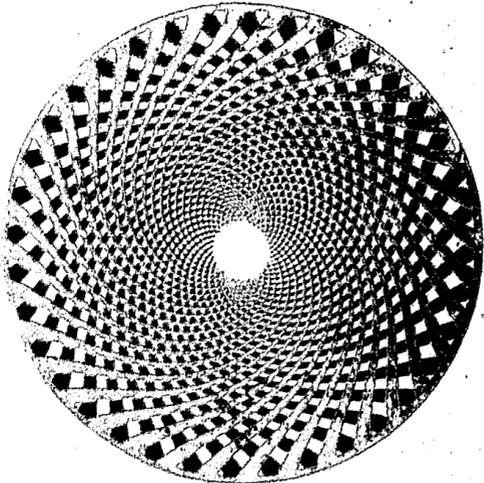
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