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# Rains soak record books



Young racing fans play in the rain on the concourse at Ruidoso Downs Race Track Sunday. Only the hardest fans braved the wet and muddy conditions for the All-American Derby. See Sports for race results.

TODD FUQUA/STAFF

**Labor Day Weekend  
will be remembered  
for the showers that  
just wouldn't quit**

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Rain pounded Ruidoso over the Labor Day weekend, setting new records, washing over bridges and roads, flooding the lower levels of some homes and creating lakes where they never were planned.

In the first five days of September, 5.85 inches of rainfall slammed the village, exceeding a 5.80-inch record set in 1964. The accumulation of July through the first week of September at 25.20 inches surpassed 58 years of data for the full three-month period.

"Nothing even comes close," said Frank Potter, former village manager, a water consultant to the village council and a weather-watcher of long-standing. "The average for the area is 21.4 inches annually and we're already over that, which hasn't occurred for the past 47 years."

Village Water Director Ken Mosley said Grindstone Reservoir, one of the Village's main water storage areas, sat at 9.5 feet below the spillway Tuesday.

"We like it at 10 feet to 11 feet, so we're in good shape," he said. "We don't want it to go over the spillway, so we may shut off the diversion (from the Ruidoso River) in the next few days."

With Alto Lake, another full reservoir, village councilors could move back into a lower phase of water restrictions than the current Phase 4, which they dropped back to last week.

Hull Road turned into a lake over the Labor Day weekend near its intersection with Paradise Canyon. Ducks swam by a Timbers condominium sign and the spot where a paddle wheel, normally completely

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## Weather collapses wall at ENMU-Ruidoso

Governor apprised of damage expected to be in the six figures

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A collapsed wall at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Monday has rallied the troops while also drawing to the surface much-needed funding.

Tuesday, Mayor L. Ray Nunley, said Governor Richardson has been made aware of the south wall collapse, estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages, and has signaled his office is prepared to assist.

"I talked to the governor's representative and he said the governor would help us out," Nunley told the *Ruidoso News*. "Every time we've gone to the governor for disaster relief funds he's come through."

Dr. Michael Elrod said the full extent of damage to facilities located at 709 Mechem Dr. were realized only with the rising of the sun Monday morning. The campus was closed to students in observance of Labor Day but that did not keep some members of faculty and staff from showing up and discovering some 150 feet of blown-out wall.

"I was called by staff about 10 a.m. and came out immediately," Elrod said.

"Neighbors said they saw a bright flash around midnight Sunday, near the area, but only saw what had happened when the sun came up the next day."

At press time, ENMU-Ruidoso students, faculty and staff were not permitted to enter the building, pending clearance by the Fire Marshall and a state engineer.

"We were red-tagged and told we cannot occupy the building until it has been certified safe," Elrod explained. "On initial observation, the main part of the building appears safe, just not the storage area, which was affected when rain water saturated the ground and weakened the walls."

As a precaution, Elrod said alternate sites are to be established for day classes while Ruidoso High School would continue to host evening classes.

John Waters, manager of the City of Ruidoso Downs, which abuts Ruidoso, offered classroom space at the Hubbard Museum of the American West and at the Zia Senior Center.

"It's our college too," Waters said. "I happened to be at the school Monday morning

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DEANNA CHENEY/STAFF

South view of an exterior wall that collapsed Monday at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso. Provost Dr. Mike Elrod and ENMU President Steven Gamble said about 150 feet of the 25-foot-tall wall caved as a result of soil saturated by recent rains. Evening classes will continue at Ruidoso High School while day classes have been moved to alternate sites while the wall is repaired.

## Historical Society looking for a few good stories

■ Remembrances, family journals could be valuable aids to Lincoln County history

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Marilyn Burchett and Karen Mills are looking for some people with good memories, family journals or who enjoyed listening to stories when they were growing up about the early days of Lincoln County from descendants of those who settled the valleys and mountains.

As members of the Lincoln County Historical Society, they are helping compile tales of those families and of

the settlement they populated, many that no longer exist or are only represented by a small notation on an old map.

### The lost cities

"We're searching for people who have knowledge of, or who once lived in some of the various communities in Lincoln County and the Mescalero Apache Reservation, especially those communities no longer in existence," Burchett said.

The as yet unnamed book will cover county/community and family histories.

They need people who can either write a story about the communities, or at least, share information and pho-

tographs.

Some of the settlements they would like to know more about are Manchester, Vera Cruz, Red Cloud, Bonito City, Parsons, Jicarilla, Rabenton or Raventon, Holloway, Eichel, Meek, Hurlburt, Desco, Boogie, Bursum, Carolita, Joneta, Pine Lodge, White Mountain, South Fork or White Sulphur Springs, Ramon and Doso.

"All of those communities had a post office at one time, but not much else is known about them," Burchett said.

"A few communities apparently did not have a post office, but still were known. They are Riverside, Sunset, Los Chozas, Alamo Canyon or Salazar Canyon, Gray, Coalora, Las Tablas and Spindle.

**"All those communities had a post office at one time, but not much else is known about them."**

Marilyn Burchett  
Lincoln County Historical Society

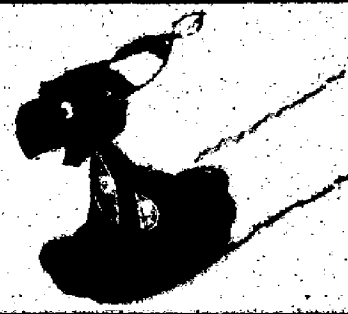
The society has some information, but would welcome more about Fort Stanton, Capitan, Lincoln, White Oaks, Oscura, Carrizozo, Corona, Ancho, Nogal, Ruidoso, Alto, Angus, Picacho, Tinnie, Arabela, Hondo, San Patricio, Glencoe, Hollywood, Greentree,

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## Dog sought after accident

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Friends of a woman who died from injuries incurred in an automobile accident last week are seeking the public's help in locating a canine occupant involved in the accident and reported missing.

The Terrier-Poodle mix, which responds to the name 'Abi,' is an 11-year old companion of the deceased's sister, stands roughly 11 inches high, is black with gray hair, and weighs 25 pounds. She was last seen at Mile Marker 100 on Hwy. 380 outside of Lincoln.

"Myself, members of the State Police, and many others have been out at the site of the crash almost everyday looking for Abi," Ruidoso resident Debra Abingdon, said. "We're concerned because the area is notorious for rattle snakes and there has been so much rain."

Abingdon said a pet belonging to Tory Fritz, who passed away late Monday afternoon at a trauma center in El Paso, was found the day of the accident but said a second dog, belonging to her sister, ran away when Fritz' vehicle came to a stop.

Should Abi be located, individuals are advised to contact Capitan Veterinarian Becky Washburn, who is currently



Abi

relying on Fritz' dog, Abingdon said. Washburn can be reached at 505-354-2311.

"With Tory's passing, Abi is the sister's only remaining relative," Abingdon stressed. "We're afraid that Abi may be traumatized and may not come to people calling her name, so we are going out everyday looking for her. It's important that she be found."

According to State Police, Fritz' car rolled five times northwest of Hondo early Wednesday afternoon. Fritz' station wagon was headed eastbound on Hwy. 380 when it drifted left onto the shoulder. When Fritz overcorrected, the vehicle rolled suffering

Fritz, 60, to massive head injuries and multiple broken bones.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Recycling Site

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) has added cardboard, newsprint and plastic recycling containers next to the Sierra Cinema in Ruidoso's Sierra Mall for the general public and visitors to Ruidoso and Lincoln County.

Cardboard, newspapers, office quality paper including computer paper of all types and plastic can be recycled in the new recycling container.

Beverage and other plastic

packaging with codes 1 through 5 found marked on the bottom of all plastic containers can also be deposited in the same container.

"We are able to add this additional public recycling site in the Sierra Mall thanks to the cooperation of Sierra Cinema management," said Debra Ingle, LCSWA Operational Supervisor.

Complete plastic recycling information including a chart on all plastic identification codes can be found at the

American Plastics Council website, [www.americanplastics-council.org](http://www.americanplastics-council.org).

Trash or discarded metal or construction items should not be deposited in the new recycling container.

For more information, contact Ingle at 378-4697, toll free 1-877-548-8772 or via email at [lcswa@valornet.com](mailto:lcswa@valornet.com).

### Kitten shower

The Humane Society of Lincoln County is hosting a

Kitten Shower 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday at Sierra Mall, 709 Mechem Dr., for "all the kittens waiting for a new home".

The public is invited to stop by and visit with dozens of kittens and cats available for adoption.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a shower gift such as canned kitten and cat food, clay litter (non-scoopable), paper towels, bleach, old bath towels and cat toys.

For more information call 937-8117 or 257-6201.

## FUNERALS DEATHS

### Karen K. McRae

Karen K. (Campbell) McRae passed in her sleep early Sunday morning from complications unknown. Karen left this earth with her husband close at hand and her son in the next room.

To those who knew and loved Karen, she will be remembered as an impeccable artist, a dedicated mother and wife, an athlete, a lover of dogs and children, an exceptional friend and one who loved a good argument.

Karen is survived by her mother Barbara Barnes, her sister Kathryn Reese, her brother Alan Campbell, granddogs Jazmine and Puck, son WT McRae IV and husband and partner Tom McRae.

Karen loved the image of the



McRae

crescent moon and if you long for her, look to the moon, where you will find her, smiling back.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9, at Kokopelli Country Club, 1200 High Mesa Road in Alto.

### Verma Jean Sanchez

Prayer services will be held 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Mesalero Reformed Church for Verma Jean Sanchez, where funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 7. Burial services will follow at the Mesalero Cemetery. Officiating is the Rev. Bob Schut.

Verma Jean Sanchez went to our Lord on Sept. 4, 2006. She was born July 27, 1937, in Whitetail, N.M. Her parents were Richard and Marie Jalsanny.

She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother and was a homemaker for many years. Her hobbies included being with family and friends, and to watch wrestling on television. She was an elder of the Mesalero Reformed Church.

Verma is survived by her husband Alex B. Sanchez of Ruidoso; daughters Sherrill Zamora and her husband Joe of Capitan; Dora Buurma of Mesalero; Mildra Istee-Saenz of Mesalero; Minnie Istee-Mendez and her husband Cruz of Tularosa, and; twin sons Glendon Sanchez and his wife Taragon of Mesalero and Maylon Sanchez, also of Mesalero.

She was preceded in death by both her parents; her older brothers Leonard Kanesevaw II, U.S. Jolsanny, her younger sister Lita Blaylock, her first husband Evans Istee and her oldest son Oscar Jolsanny.

### Edwin A. Beetley



Beetley

No services are planned at this time for Edwin A. Beetley, 59, of Ruidoso Downs who passed away Wednesday, Aug. 30, at his home. He was born February 19, 1947 at Hutchinson, Kansas and moved to Lincoln County 24 years ago from Hutchinson, Kansas.

He loved the outdoors, going for long walks with his grandson, gardening and taking pictures. He was a telephone technician.

He is survived by a daughter, Yvette Beetley of Ruidoso; a grandson, Elijah Ross of Ruidoso; a brother, Richard Beetley and his wife Joann of Nebraska; two sisters, Alberta Hill and her husband James of

Arizona and Myrtle Morey and her husband Mike of Kansas; special friends, Cathy Apadoca, Belinda Armijo and Brandy Avila and many other friends.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).

### Helen G. Streid-Pyne

CAPITAN - Helen G. Streid-Pyne, 82, of Capitan NM died 11:10 a.m. Wednesday August 16, 2006 at her home.

Her memorial service will be at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Church in Capitan, where she attended. A potluck dinner will follow.

She was born January 20, 1924 in Cisne, Illinois and daughter of John Issac and Grace Barringer Weaver. She married Paul E. Streid of Chenoa, Illinois and Jack Pyne of Lexington, Illinois, both preceding her in death.

She is survived by a son, Gary P. Streid of Brinon, WA, 2 daughters, Cindy J. Foglesong of Capitan, NM and Holly J. Stone of Flagstaff AZ, and grandchildren, Ashley Streid, Marlo and Traci Maroon, and Tyler and Sedona Stone.

Helen was involved in modeling, sales, theatre, and Boy & Girl Scouts. Helen and Paul owned and operated many restaurants including Streids' Restaurant in Bloomington, Illinois and Rt66.

She was a wonderful mother, wife, grandmother & friend and will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

### Obituary Policy for the Ruidoso News

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# New water well set to serve Ruidoso Downs residents

A final test pump was scheduled for Tuesday on the Riverside Well, which is expected to produce 1,000 gallons per minute.

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A new water well in Ruidoso Downs soon will make its contribution to reserves.

Tuesday, a final test pump was scheduled to be installed at the Riverside Well site located just off of Hwy. 70 in the center of town, John Waters, city manager, said.

"Following that, the well construction will begin and involve the installation of the new, permanent pump, construction of a well house and chlorinator, and finally, installation of new pipelines to carry this new source of water to our reservoirs.

"All of which has been funded by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation with help from Senator Pete Domenici."

Domenici is chairman of the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, which has funding jurisdiction over the Bureau of Reclamation.

Waters said the city was notified in June that the BOR would contribute \$780,000 from its Drought Emergency Assist-

**"Following [the test], the well construction will begin and involve the installation of the new, permanent pump."**

John Waters  
Ruidoso Downs City Manager

ance Program for a new well. In addition, the city was awarded \$725,000 from a General and Severance Tax Bond grant, with the help of Governor Bill Richardson, State Representative Dub Williams and State Senator Rod Adair, and \$500,000 from a Community Development Block Grant, Waters said.

"We also are using \$50,000 in local Water Infrastructure Improvement Funds," he added.

Waters said water was located at about 700 feet last month although constructors were set to search at a depth of 600-1,200 feet.

The Riverside Well is intended to back up Griffith Spring that is pumping at 224 gallons per minute and to help ease the pressure of drought-related conditions.

The new well, considered a high capacity well, is expected to produce up to 1,000 gallons per minute.



Drilling for the new Riverside Well began in June after funds were secured for the project.

# Downs GRT shortfall may add up

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A shortfall in gross receipts disbursements for the City of Ruidoso Downs resulting last fall may be reconciled this month.

John Waters, city manager, said for the past two months checks from the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department have been well above average "and we are told to expect the recovered monies on this month's or last month's checks."

Waters said that since the state does not break down and identify what was collected from May and June of 2006, received in July and August, nor October 2005, when the largest of the errors was made by NMTRD, he is uncertain how much money has been found as a result of an internal audit of disbursements conducted over the past year.

The city's July check for gross receipts, excluding environmental GRT, which is passed through to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority from May 2006 revenues, and possible past errors, was \$265,138.28. August's GRT check from June 2006 revenues and possible past errors was \$283,718.09, he said.

Still, "This is still a little

below, or roughly \$20,000, less than what [Ruidoso Downs] was expecting back," he said.

Waters said that Ruidoso Downs will be "at the front of the fight this year in the State Legislature" to allow cities to have access to information regarding businesses operating within their city limits. Currently, state law cites privacy and confidentiality issues regarding sales and GRT collections, while Arizona and Texas, by comparison, allow their cities to have access to that information so that municipal governments can help the state government ensure that the proper revenues are being reported and collected.

In June, Waters reported to the City Council that the city was down about \$100,000 from the previous year in gross receipts, due to gross receipts coming off of groceries, but also, because of errors in gross receipts revenue calculations by the state.

"We suspected since March of 2005 that something was wrong but only recently, with the help of the Municipal League, got the state to agree to look at it," he said.

Recovered monies is a welcome relief this fiscal year given all of the expenditures planned for special projects in the city, Waters said.

## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

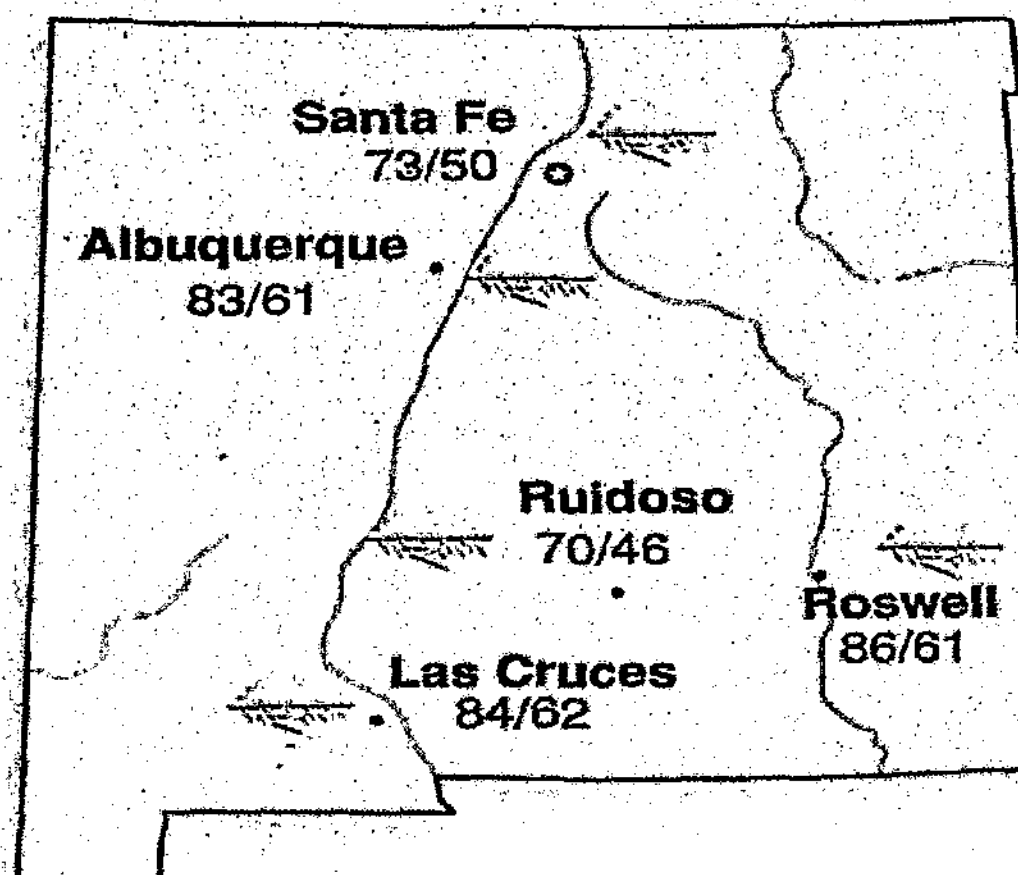
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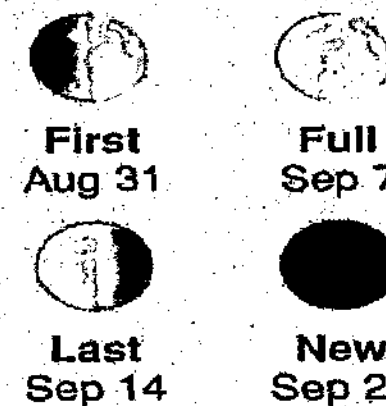
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## New Mexico At A Glance



## Moon Phases



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Thu 9/7	11	Extreme
Fri 9/8	10	Very High

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## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	86	60	t-storm	Grants	77	51	t-storm	Santa Fe	73	50	t-storm
Albuquerque	83	61	t-storm	Guymon, OK	83	57	sunny	Santa Rosa	82	58	t-storm
Carlsbad	86	60	mst sunny	Hobbs	85	59	mst sunny	Silver City	72	48	t-storm
Chama	67	43	t-storm	Las Cruces	84	62	t-storm	Socorro	82	57	t-storm
Clovis	81	55	t-storm	Las Vegas	72	49	t-storm	St. Johns, AZ	86	60	t-storm
Deming	84	59	t-storm	Lordsburg	84	60	t-storm	Taos	74	46	t-storm
El Paso, TX	85	63	t-storm	Lubbock, TX	82	59	mst sunny	Trinidad, CO	77	52	t-storm
Espanola	75	54	t-storm	Odessa, TX	85	59	mst sunny	Truth or Consq.	82	60	t-storm
Farmington	82	52	t-storm	Raton	77	48	t-storm	Tucson, AZ	93	71	t-storm
Gallup	79	49	t-storm	Roswell	86	61	t-storm	Tucumcari	79	54	t-storm

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	61	mst sunny	Houston	91	67	pt sunny	Phoenix	102	81	mst sunny
Boston	67	62	rain	Los Angeles	86	64	mst sunny	San Francisco	71	54	mst sunny
Chicago	78	59	mst sunny	Miami	86	78	rain	Seattle	79	55	sunny
Dallas	87	68	sunny	Minneapolis	81	62	mst sunny	St. Louis	82	62	mst sunny
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### OUR OPINION

## PLURAAC needs to regulate itself

But committee still has a role to play in county politics

The very name – Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee – is a mouthful.

To the chagrin of County Manager Tom Stewart, PLURAAC has become a handful, as well.

When it was formed as PLUAC in 1994, PLURAAC was seen as an ally and representative of Lincoln County, reserving the county a seat at the table in discussions about the use of federal and state public lands and, by extension, private property subject to bureaucratic oversight.

PLURAAC was instrumental in formatting the county's first Comprehensive Land Use Plan, a document which provided the county leverage when dealing with agencies on land use issues. The plan protected private property rights as it codified the "customs and culture" of our special county,

so symbolic of Western expansion and self-reliance.

PLURAAC, comprised of eligible county voters, still has a valuable role to play. To be relevant, it must guard against its own arrogance and the bluster of the one-issue ideologues it tends to attract. A little tact would be useful in its meetings and in its dealings with the county's political structure.

First, it must shed its reputation as an organization that is combative to officials; certain individuals, who view government as the lowest of life forms and who narrowly define the meaning of property "rights," have sometimes been allowed to dominate proceedings.

Second, it should recognize the chain of command and not circumvent the county manager regarding other entities.

By doing so, its strength – a diversity of strong-willed citizens – can shine through.

## Severance pay: redefining the meaning of Labor Day

It had to be a great Labor Day celebration for Carly Fiorina. Closer to home, Louis Caldera and Manny Aragon had a little more sizzle in their barbecue than most.

They are just three examples, members of the American Labor Force who were smart enough to figure out something about the workplace that eludes most working stiffs. You need to get yourself into a position where the bosses don't like you and will pay a bundle to watch the door hit your butt.

Carly fell short of expectations at Hewlett-Packard and the board was so outraged it gave her only \$21.1 million in severance pay and a pension of some \$165,000 a year thereafter. H-P stockholders are paying for that.

Louis and Manny were ousted as university presidents at UNM and Highland, respectively, and each received sweet good-bye packages, not in the range of Carly's, but nice, nonetheless. New Mexico taxpayers are footing that bill.

Look, as a guy whose hard labor in the last few years has mostly consisted of lifting the golf clubs from the pick up and strapping them on the cart, I have little cause to yap.

Good for Carly. Good for Louis and Manny. But let's use the occasion to remember that way at the other end of the scale there are thousands and thousands of New Mexicans for whom Labor Day meant celebrating a job where a lot of the paycheck was spent on gas to get to the job.

They sell us hamburgers at the drive-thru, bottled water at the convenience store, tickets at the theater. They fill a wide variety of jobs that make our lives richer. And they're broke. The \$5.15 minimum has been around so long it remembers the day the only way to get through Tucumcari was Route 66. Okay, that's an exaggeration. But \$5.15 has been around long enough to

grow whiskers.

Just about everyone in New Mexico was actively promoting an increase in the minimum last legislative session. The governor had a plan. Legislators had various plans. You couldn't traverse the Roundhouse without bumping into someone who was thumping his chest about what he was going to do for the working poor.

There were so many good ideas racing around Santa Fe they just plumb collided and knocked one another out before session's end.

Come January, the issue will be hot. There will be the staunch opponents who will claim any increase will signal an end to small business as we know it. Arguing for a higher minimum will be those such as New Mexicans for a Fair Wage who will liberally quote Voices for Children economist Gerry Bradley.

Bradley will testify that a large percentage of the New Mexico workforce, more than twice the national average, earn the minimum. He will point to Santa Fe, whose minimum of \$10.50 is the highest in the nation, as an economy that has benefited from the increase.

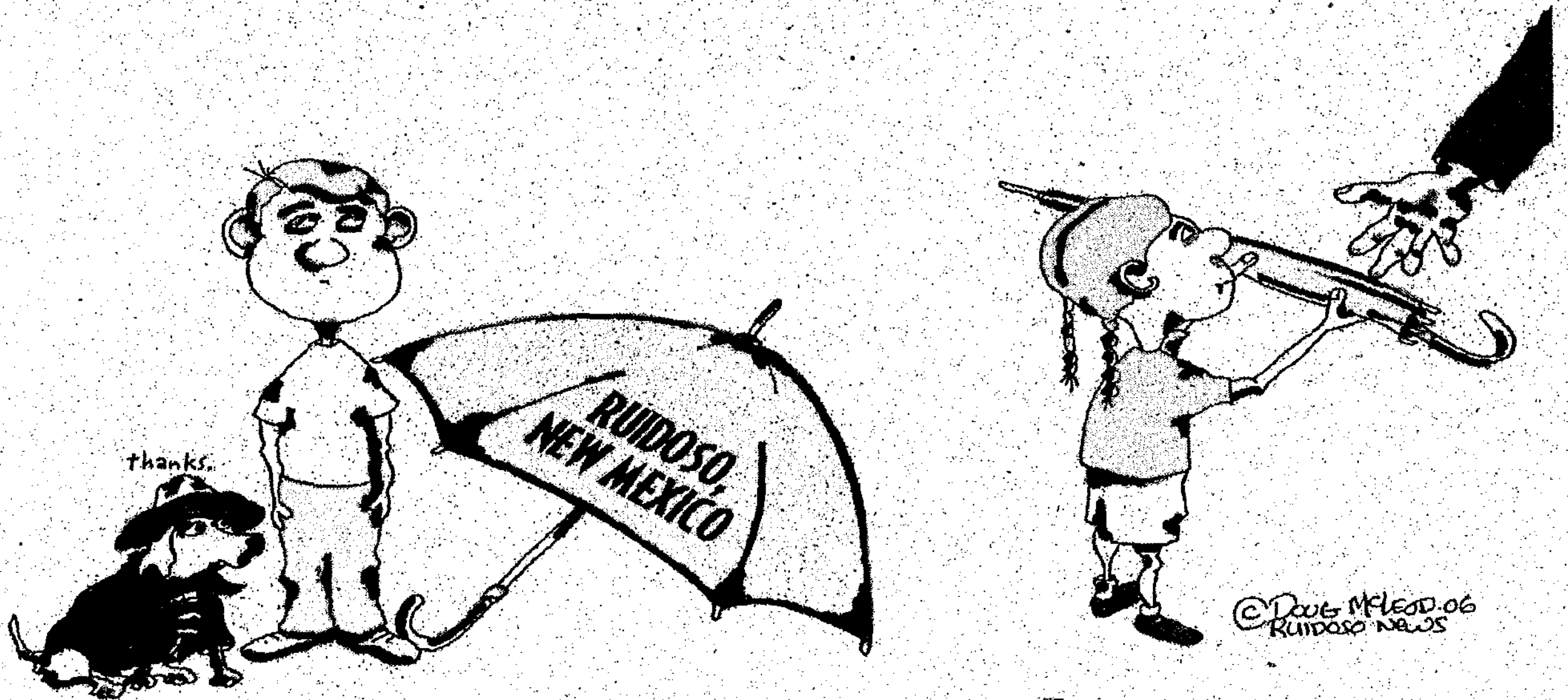
Bill Richardson was in the thick of it last year, but with all his power and influence, somehow wasn't able to pull this one off. The stakes are higher come January. Big Bill has in recent weeks taken on Wal-Mart for its treatment of workers.

Caution. If you're going to pile on Wal-Mart, you'd better take care of business in your own backyard. We'll all be watching. Especially the minimum wage worker.

Wouldn't it be nice, come next Labor Day, if he could afford to throw a few hotdogs on the grill?

Syndicated columnist NED CANTWELL welcomes response at [ncantwell@charter.net](mailto:ncantwell@charter.net).

Our parents went to Ruidoso  
and all they brought back were these  
lousy umbrellas...



### YOUR OPINION

## PLURAAC can play an important and useful role

To the editor:

Perhaps Mr. Cooper will forgive me if I answer his 'humorous' guest commentary (in the *Ruidoso News* of Wednesday, Aug. 30) with a serious reply. The subject of PLURAAC's existence is a serious one and I, for one, believe PLURAAC plays an important and useful role in the county.

PLURAAC (Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee) is an advisory committee to the Lincoln County Commission. It was established originally as PLUAC (Public Land Use Advisory Council) in 1994, and the *Ruidoso News* article at the time described its creation as a, "step for local control".

Its primary purpose is fact-finding regarding the natural resources of Lincoln County and to coordinate and monitor proposed uses of and actions regarding, public lands. As public lands are a large portion of Lincoln County, this is an important role. Also, its membership was intended from the outset to represent the wide diversity of people in Lincoln County and their concerns and interests.

I have served on PLURAAC for slightly more than a year, and indeed in my experience, we have had a few lively discussions; but diversity brings with it differences of opinion, and it is often good to have those opinions aired so that all may understand where everyone is coming from.

It should be noted that PLURAAC, in its capacity as a public forum, can offload the Lincoln County Commission from some significant public discussion. As a result, it may well serve to make the Commission's meetings shorter and more efficient.

As an example of what good PLURAAC can do, I offer the meeting of March 7 this year where a trapping issue was extensively discussed. The meeting was well attended, with as many as 100 members of the public or other interested parties joining the six regular members (and myself filling in as an alternate) in the Lincoln County Commissioners chambers in Carrizozo.

Representatives of the government agencies involved described their policies on the matter and answered questions. These included Roy Hayes of the New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish, Buck Sanchez of the USFS, and Tim Kreager of the BLM.

Besides the government agency representatives, the crowd seemed to be comprised of four factions: 1) those who hike, walk their dogs, picnic or otherwise enjoy the public land recreation areas and are surprised and outraged that hazardous traps may be hidden there; 2) representatives of trapping associations and trappers who seemed genuinely appalled that one of their own had so publicly broken the law – thereby putting other, legal trapping activities at risk; 3) a very few, but articulate and well-informed advocates wanting to ban all trapping in New Mexico – from the Animal Protection of New Mexico in Albu-

querque and the Sierra Club; 4) ranchers. The ranchers were by far the largest group, which surprised me, but I learned something thereby.

They had been called out by rumors that this meeting might somehow lead to the banning of trapping. Now ranchers do not actually trap, at least not very often – they're too busy ranching – but to them, trapping is a tool they want available in case they need it. Many told of the depredations to their herds inflicted by coyotes and wild cats, and various counter measures they've employed, including trapping.

After all parties had a chance to have their say, a motion was passed, unanimously, and referred to the Lincoln County Commission (which later took action following PLURAAC's advice). The motion was: "PLURAAC recommends to the Bureau of Land Management and the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish that signs be posted near entrances and trailheads of public land recreational areas where trapping and other potentially dangerous hunting activity may occur, appropriately warning the public and those who might be otherwise unaware of and whose safety and well-being might be affected by such trapping and hunting activities."

Two other motions, recommending banning trapping in one form or another, died for lack of a second.

To me, this was a very reasonable compromise. All parties had a chance to get their viewpoint across and listen to and understand other viewpoints. The impact of potential hard regulation was considered and rejected in favor of simpler measures to improve communication.

Actually, in the current controversy, I believe it comes down once again to a matter of communication. Mr. Stewart's goal, as he stated to me and PLURAAC Chairman Duane Frost, is a more effective PLURAAC, and I heartily support that.

I believe also that procedures for communications need to be laid out and promulgated to avoid the recent mistake that led to Mr. Stewart's evident dismay. The ordinance that established PLURAAC states merely that PLURAAC's objective "shall include coordinating with the county manager on relevant issues."

In order to coordinate, it is necessary to communicate; and that is where the breakdown occurred.

The controversy over whether we have plenty of water or need to take appropriate measures to conserve can be resolved by good data and understanding the nature and quantity of this most important natural resource.

The controversies that arise from the varied and diverse lifestyles we have here in Lincoln County can also be resolved by understanding – understanding how one lifestyle impinges on another; understanding who is going to be hurt by seemingly innocuous but ultimately careless actions, either by big institutions or by individuals.

This is where a public forum like PLURAAC can help.

L. I. (Tony) Davis  
Alto, Lincoln County, New Mexico

## PLURAAC record abysmal

To the editor:

As a former PLURAAC member with close to four years' experience with the committee, I agree with County Manager Tom Stewart that its performance has been abysmal.

Its activities range from rudderless drift and irrelevance to gratuitous, unfounded attacks on the county manager and his staff, going all the way to defiant interference with county governance and orderly conduct of business.

I also agree with Commissioner Hobbs that the mission and functions of PLURAAC, as envisioned by the ordinance creating it, are relevant and important to our county government and the citizens it serves. Why, then, does the miserable and embarrassing performance of this advisory committee not match the vision of the commissioners when they enacted the amended ordinance re-creating it in 2003?

As I see it, following are the underlying problems preventing PLURAAC from being the effective and relevant advisory body we want it to be, on behalf of the commission and all Lincoln County citizenry:

- The process the Commissioners are currently using to select committee members and alternates does not yield a group of people who are public-service minded, represent a broad range of citizen interests in Lincoln County's public lands and rural affairs, and who are accustomed to civil discourse in which different opinions and political philosophies can be aired without undue rancor.

- The only qualifications for selection, according to the current ordinance, are to be domiciled and registered to vote in Lincoln County. This minimal approach leaves much room for selection mistakes, which in turn lead to undesirable performance.

- An inadequate selection process, coupled with the lack of staggered terms and term limits for members, has resulted in a committee populated year after year by the same one-issue property rights extremists, lacking in effective leadership at the chairman level, and who are sycophants of a raving, anti-government demagogue who is not a member of the committee, but who dominates its agenda, discussions and actions.

- The commission itself is guilty of an "appoint 'em and forget 'em" approach to PLURAAC. Very rarely does the commission refer an issue to PLURAAC for investigation, screening and recommendations, even though the matter falls well within the purview of PLURAAC's jurisdiction.

Even when specifically asked, the commissioners offer no guidance to PLURAAC as to relevant problems and

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## WALTER RUBEL: THE SANTA FE TRAIL

## Governor tries end-run around Legislature

**S**ANTA FE — For the second time in the last 10 months, a court has stopped attempts by Gov. Bill Richardson and Attorney General Patricia Madrid to exercise powers that they do not have.

Last fall, the New Mexico Supreme Court nixed an attempt by Richardson and Madrid to negotiate an agreement with embattled treasurer Robert Vigil that would have removed him from office while allowing him to collect full pay.

On Wednesday, District Judge Richard Knowles of Albuquerque prevented them from implementing new regulations governing payday loan companies. Any new regulations must come from the Legislature, the court ruled.

In both cases, Richardson and Madrid had good reason for trying to take the actions they did. Vigil was facing federal charges, and was resisting all efforts to get him to step down. Payday loan companies have spread in New Mexico like weeds in the rainy season, leaving financial ruin for many

of those unfortunate enough to seek their services.

In both cases, however, the governor and the attorney general over-reached, attempting to solve problems by executive fiat when what was required instead was legislative action.

The Senate virtually came to a halt on the final day of the session this year as Sens. Leonard Tsosie, D-Crownpoint, and Bernadette Sanchez, D-Albuquerque, stalled to prevent a payday loan bill from passing.

They thought the bill was too weak, a view shared by Minority Whip Lee Rawson, R-Las Cruces.

It was the second year that the Legislature tried and failed to regulate payday loans.

Frustrated by that inaction, Richardson called a press conference shortly after the session ended and announced that if the Legislature wouldn't take action, he would.

He directed the Regulation and Licensing Division to place a moratorium on new licenses and to come up with new regulations. Those new regulations

would have required all payday loans to be interest free, and would have capped fees at \$15 per \$100. They would have also prohibited unlimited loan renewals, limited overall debt and given consumers the right to go into a payment plan after the second renewal.

Ed Lopez, secretary for Regulation and Licensing, said in February that the existing Small Loans Act gave his department all the authority it needed to implement the new regulations.

Judge Knowles ruled otherwise.

The ball now is clearly in the court of the Legislature, where it has been fumbled twice. Nearly all lawmakers seem to agree that some form of increased regulation is needed. They have four months before the start of the session to form a consensus on how best to accomplish it.

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issues they desire the committee to take up, nor how the committee should conduct its business, nor how the Commissioners desire the committee to coordinate and work with the County Manager and his staff to help deal with the difficult problems of governance of a rapidly growing area with many needs.

If I'm right about my analysis of the underlying neglect which has resulted in a rogue group, dominated by an extremist philosophy irrelevant to the broad range of citizens' interests and real problems of our county, and increasingly defiant in its interference with important county business, then following are my recommendations for solutions:

- Create serious qualifications for appointment to PLURAAC, in addition to the minimal in the current ordinance. Preference should be given to persons who either have served the public or in business in a leadership capacity.

- Individuals should be selected from various backgrounds and expertise so that PLURAAC represents a broad range of citizens' interests in public lands and rural affairs, not only those of the livestock industry.

- The current PLURAAC ordinance should be revised so that appointees have term limits with staggered terms. This would provide PLURAAC with a regular infusion of fresh ideas and wide-ranging viewpoints.

- The ordinance should provide that the committee elect its own chair, vice chair and secretary. However, it should also provide for annual election of officers, with none permitted to serve more than two, one-year terms back to back. This provision would help to ensure broad and experienced leadership capacity within PLURAAC.

- Revisions to the current ordinance should spell out clearly and concisely the goals and jurisdiction of PLURAAC in advising the Commission in defined areas of "rural affairs."

- Also spelled out should be exactly how PLURAAC should work and coordinate with the County Manager and his staff. An important goal should be to create a PLURAAC which is of assistance to the county's chief executive officer and to the Commissioners in investigating and working on a wide range of problems on behalf of all citizens.

- A mechanism should be created, either in the ordinance itself or in a standing instructional protocol from the Commission, for regular meetings

of PLURAAC with the County Manager for the purpose of mutual coordination and consultation on issues and problems where PLURAAC can be of assistance. Similarly, PLURAAC should provide the Commissioners each month with a detailed written and oral report of its projects and progress.

The Commission should closely guide and regularly assign to PLURAAC the job of investigating, fact-finding and advising it on situations brought to the Commission's attention by various parties, where the matter lies within PLURAAC's mission and jurisdiction.

These assignments should have specific deadlines for completion and demand excellence in their prosecution. In the hands of a competent and properly selected committee this mechanism could save the commissioners and the county manager much valuable time in dealing with various problems.

My hope is that in doing a thorough and thoughtful review the outcome from the Commissioners will be a reconstituted, revitalized, competent PLURAAC which is of real service to Lincoln county officials and citizens.

Robert A. Moeller  
Nogal

## Stewart should apologize

To the editor:

"Those who serve can also shut up" ...and so should Brad Cooper (Guest Commentary, Aug. 30). I have a few questions for him:

- Have you attended a PLURAAC meeting?

- Do you know any of the PLURAAC members?

- Prior to my asking, have you read Lincoln County Ordinance 2003-03?

- Do you know the history of PLURAAC, the committees from which it was formed, or why it was formed?

- What were you doing at commission meetings ("...I've seen times at the Lincoln County Commissioners meetings..." if you are not one of the "...jobless people..."?)

- Do you understand "retired," "independently wealthy," "non-traditional employment," "taking a leave day," "interested citizen"; or are you such an elitist that anyone (not including yourself, of course) who takes the time to attend a commission meeting is "...jobless..."?

- Why is it your business who owns a gun?

I will not contribute to Cooper's Tom Stewart Statue Fund, but I will gladly contribute to help pay a lawyer

should Jerry Carroll or the PLURAAC members decide to sue for defamation of character.

However, I noted that on the Spencer Theater Web site (<http://www.spencentheater.com>) where Cooper is listed as the "Assistant Director (Director of Marketing)." He "reviewed bars for both the *Texas Monthly* and in his "Border Nights" column for the *El Paso Times*."

Since he doesn't seem to like Lincoln County, I will contribute to a one-way gas fund for him to drive his little Porsche back there to do what he probably does best.

I served two terms on the Ag and Rural Affairs Committee, which preceded PLURAAC, and worked on the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

PLURAAC members have nothing to apologize for, and it is inappropriate for anyone new to the committee to speak about actions of the committee prior to their appointment(s) to the Committee.

Tom Stewart does not know who is on PLURAAC except by name and he owes a public apology to Ronnie Merritt for the statement he made at the last commission meeting.

Kathleen Phillips-Hellman  
Capitan

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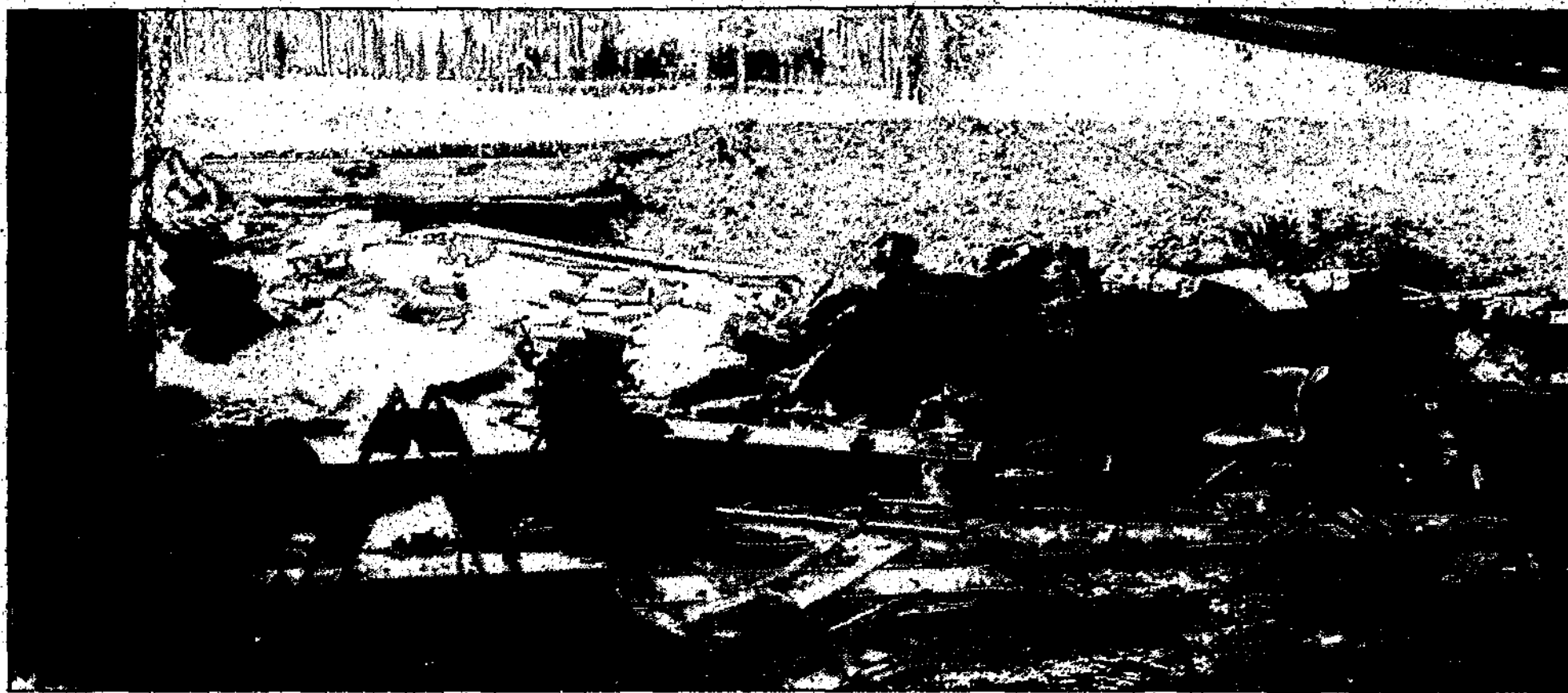


# RUIDOSO NEWS EDUCATION

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6, 2006



DEANNA CHENEY/STAFF

Although Gov. Bill Richardson was unable to stop by to see first hand the damage at ENMU-Ruidoso during his weekend visit to the area, aides say he is prepared to offer the branch community college funding assistance for repairs.

## COLLAPSE

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when the damage was being assessed as my wife works there. I told Dr. Elrod Ruidoso Downs wants to help any way it can."

As secondary class sites were being established, Valor Communications, rerouted the campus' main phone line, 257-2120, to the Lincoln County Works Center, where staff was positioned to answer any questions students might have.

Paul Vordemann, a candidate for county commissioner, made his way to the college first thing Tuesday as he said he has long been a supporter of higher education in Ruidoso and "wanted to see what is going on and to consider what role the county can play" in getting the college campus repaired and returned to unhindered operation.

"I've always said we needed a bigger, better campus, and I'm just hoping this won't set us back," he said, while noting the swift and organized response of Elrod and his team.

Crews hired by the University in July to conduct work on a 10,000 square foot expansion to facilities, a \$850,000 project, were called to a halt with the collapse of the roof and wall adjacent to their work area. The building is roughly 25-years old and is tar-

"Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso's best years are ahead of it."

Steven Gamble  
President, ENMU

geted for a phased-in build out over the next 5-10 years. Currently, only 8,000 square feet of its total square footage, 45,000 square feet, is being utilized.

Elrod said the space affected by rains had been used for storage of furniture, computers and other equipment, all carrying resale value.

"But, we're just glad no one was here to get hurt," he said.

Elrod said he does not intend to let the Labor Day incident stop the college from proceeding with expansion plans or meeting its goals. He noted that record enrollment has been hit for the fall semester and said that in November ENMU-Ruidoso is to be listed among those state colleges earmarked for funding in a statewide General Obligation Bond election.

"I've called the state's Risk Management Office and they said they'd be out right away to examine what has happened here," he said. "It's going to take time to remediate the part of the building that has fallen, but we are hoping the experts will tell us pretty soon that it is



Gamble

OK to go back in."

Following a tour of damage to the college campus, Dr. Steven Gamble, president of Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, of which ENMU-Ruidoso is affiliated, said Ruidosoans can be assured "Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso's best years are ahead of it."

"I predict that over the next decade we will see remarkable growth. This is something we will overcome. It's not going to hold us back," he said.

**ENMU-Ruidoso  
'Hotline'  
257-2120**  
For information  
on alternate  
class sites

## Read-In marks Literacy Day

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Officials with Lincoln County Literacy Council, in partnership with the Ruidoso Public Library, will celebrate International Literacy Day with a Ruidoso Reads program 12-1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at the RPL.

The public is invited to attend and to become inspired readers themselves, LCLC Coordinator Susie Morris said.

In addition, community leaders have been invited to read at the event a short passage from a memorable book, essay or other written document. Featured readers are members of the Ruidoso Village Council, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, students attending local public schools, and teachers, who have been asked to give a short talk on why they

chose the reading that they did and to explain why reading is important to them.

"We've celebrated National Literacy Day every year but this is the first time we've done this particular event," Morris said. "We're hoping for a good turn out from the community."

Community participants are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch to the library, located at 107 Kansas City Rd., with punch and cookies to be provided by organizers.

Featured readers are: Phyllis Reed, library director on the behalf of village councilors; Erika Dunn, resident; Cynthia Bennett, ENMU-Ruidoso Spanish professor; Dr. Paul Wirth, superintendent of Ruidoso schools; Glenas Orcutt, publisher of the *Ruidoso News*; Sandra Scarborough, realtor and local library board member; Harold Oakes, manager of KWES/KBUY radio stations; Holly Braden, ENMU-Ruidoso

"We're hoping for a good turn out from the community."

Susie Morris  
Lincoln County Literacy Council

English Professor; Don Madaris, resident; Andrea Padilla, LCLC advisory board member; and Bob Adams, literacy tutor. In addition, Morris and several Ruidoso High School students will read to those gathered.

Ruidoso Reads takes place in the upstairs lobby of the library.

The Lincoln County Literacy Council is organized as part of Eastern New Mexico University's Adult Basic Education Program. For more information on Ruidoso Reads, the LCLC, or to become a literacy volunteer, call 630-8181.

## DOMINO EFFECT



**Mah Jongg**, a popular four-handed Chinese game, is to be offered by ENMU-Ruidoso's Community Education Department, 10 a.m. - noon, Saturdays, beginning Sept. 9. Sessions are taught by Lyn Kidder and Tamra Harmon in the Sierra Mall, located next to the college campus. The "domino style" table game (not the same as the computer game) is played with a set of tiles, is easy to learn, and is challenging enough to stay interesting. "It's like the game of chess in that you can learn the basic game in an afternoon, but can keep playing and improving forever," Kidder said. In China in the early 1900s, Westerners noticed the Chinese enjoying Mah Jongg. They learned and modified the game, and it became popular with foreigners living in Shanghai, and was eventually introduced in the U.S. Today, more than 200,000 people in the U.S. play Mah Jongg, according to the National Mah Jongg League. To register for the class, call ENMU-Ruidoso at 257-2120, or just show up for the first session.

## EDUCATION NEWS

### Alcohol server training

ENMU-Ruidoso will host four alcohol server training programs now through December. Classes are offered 12-5 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 10 and Dec. 15, at a cost of \$35 per participant through the university's Customized Training Program.

The course became mandatory in 1993 and is required by the State of New Mexico for any

person selling and/or serving alcoholic beverages. In the course, participants will learn the facts about alcohol; its affect on the body and laws governing beverage service. Students must be at least 19 years of age and possess a valid photo I.D. To receive certification, participants also must pass a test with a score of 80 percent or better. Pre-registration is required at ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community

College at 709 Mechem Dr. for more information call 257-2120.

### Library programs

The Ruidoso Public Library will kick off its 2006-07 back-to-school schedule for local youth Sept. 5. A complete schedule of programs and events to take place at the library, including storytime, arts and crafts, after school at the library, and more, is available at the library opening day or in advance at 107 Kansas City Rd. The library is open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m.-5

p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m.- 1p.m., Saturday. For more information call 257-7053 and ask for the children's department.

### Teaching caravan

Providing educators with tools for teaching is what The New Mexico Educational Publisher Association will be doing during their 2006 Caravan. Exhibitions and presentations across the state will present newly approved and adopted teaching materials in math, music and fine arts that align nationally recognized standards and assessments. In

southeastern New Mexico, the 2006 Caravan will be in Roswell at the convention center on North Main Street 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Oct. 25.

### Basic billiards

The basics of billiards; bridge, stance, stroke and shooting, is offered in a Basic Billiards for Women course offered by the Community Education Department of ENMU-Ruidoso Sundays, 2-3 p.m., Sept. 10-Oct. 15. The 6-week class is to be held at the Ruidoso Bowling Alley. Space is limited. To register, stop by

ENMU-Ruidoso at 709 Mechem Dr. or the Community Education offices located inside the Lincoln County Works Center at State National Bank, located next door to campus headquarters.

For a complete Community Education class schedule, log onto: [www.ruidoso.enmu.edu/](http://www.ruidoso.enmu.edu/)

### Lunch menus

Parents of school-aged children attending public schools in Ruidoso, can view a weekly posting of school lunch menus on the Internet at: [www.ruidoso.k12.nm.us/cm](http://www.ruidoso.k12.nm.us/cm).

### H&R Block Income Tax Courses starting soon.

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## Perk-Grindstone gets the treatment

■ Area's projects focus on watershed, fuel reduction

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The next phase of treatment for the designated Perk-Grindstone area bordering Ruidoso will focus on reducing fuel for wild fire and restoring watershed health on steep slopes, while protecting the habitat of a threatened species.

Financed through the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, this phase of Perk-Grindstone represents the U.S. Forest Service's third focused effort to reduce hazardous fuels and restore healthy forest and watershed ecosystems on Lincoln National National Forest west and south of Ruidoso.

According to Buck Sanchez, Smokey Bear District Ranger, the 5,200-acre project "will do what's right for our community," adding, "Perk Grindstone III is a collaboration that will connect community protection in the complex and scenic landscapes of the Lincoln National Forest, Mescalero Apache Reservation and Ruidoso.

"What's new about our third entry in the Perk Grindstone area is that we now intend to treat steep slope areas, some of which contain Mexican spotted owl habitat, a threatened species."

Earlier this month, LNF Supervisor Lou Woltering decided to intensify the environmental planning associated with Perk Grindstone. Instead of an Environmental Assessment, Forest Service staff will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. "I based my decision on a multiple level review that considered environmental significance, importance of being successful and level of risk," Woltering said.

He estimated that a Record of Decision for the project will be issued by August 2007.

To complete the EIS, Team Planning, a Forest Service enterprise unit specializing in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and documentation was retained.

Team Planning staff developed a comprehensive schedule for completing the work and reached conclusions on the following key points:

- Good-faith collaboration continues with all partners through remaining stages of project analysis, decision-making, and implementation.

- Connection will be maintained to the Greater Ruidoso Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

- Remaining complexities of project design, analysis and decision-making will be resolved as quickly as possible in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations by retaining and using the most highly qualified staff available.

- Implementation of an approved action is anticipated in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007.

- EA time frames would not be much different, considering spring fire season, closures and restrictions that occur.

From 1994 to 1999, more than 800 acres were treated in the Perk Grindstone area, Sanchez said. The first effort aimed to create a "fuel break" along the National Forest and private land boundary on the west side of the village.

A second series of projects occurred from 2000 to 2004, when Forest Service crews treated about 1,400 acres by thinning, piling and prescribed burning.

"Treating the steep slopes as well as other interior areas is essential to community protection," Woltering said. "Our treatments will be designed to moderate potential wildfire intensity on national forest system land adjacent to or near Ruidoso and Mescalero."

## Size matters

Ruidoso woman thinks her cat might qualify for 'Guinness Book of World Records'

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When she read that a 3 pound cat won a place in the *Guinness Book of World Records*, Cindy Proppner thought her adult Munchkin feline might be able to beat that record.

The current record holder is Mr. Peebles, a 2-year-old who lives in central Illinois with owner Dr. Donna Sassman, a veterinarian. He's the office mascot at the Good Shepherd Veterinary Clinic in Pekin.

Attempts to weigh Proppner's adult cat resulted in an approximate figure of from 2.5 pounds to 2.75 pounds. But Proppner realizes she'll need an official weight and plans to ask her veterinarian to certify a number to send into Guinness.

"My parents brought the mother Munchkin from California," she said. "We really didn't think too much about it until she had kittens and some showed the characteristic short legs; others were born with normal legs."

She decided to do a little research on the breed, which recently was accepted by the International Cat Association, but not the Cat Fancier Association, according to Franny Syufy, writing in a free Internet newsletter called "About Cats."

Syufy wrote that in the 1940s in Britain, a veterinarian described several generations of short-legged cats, but they vanished during World War II. In 1983, a pregnant short-legged cat was found under a truck by a woman in Louisiana, who named it Blackberry.

The cat became the matriarch of today's Munchkin breed, although others have been spotted in New York and Boston.

The condition, featuring



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

One of the adult Munchkin's kittens shows the same characteristics of the breed.

short legs, is a naturally-occurring genetic mutation, not a result of selective breeding. A litter often contains half and half, kittens with the mutation and without.

According to Syufy, although the cats often are compared to Dachshunds and Welsh Corgis, cat spines are different from canines and they do not suffer spinal prob-

lems sometimes associated with those dog breeds.

She referred to the "endearing" way Munchkins sit up, "rabbit-like, on their hind legs."

The average female Munchkin weighs from 4 pounds to 8 pounds, and the male from 6 pounds to 8.5 pounds.

They come in all traditional

cat colors and hair lengths. Some exhibit ferret-like movements and a pack-rat personality, hiding small objects such as hair bows in caches around the house.

Proppner plans to keep one of the kittens, who also is small and with short legs, but will spay both felines, she said, even though the breed is considered somewhat rare.

## HISTORY

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Ruidoso Downs, Mescalero, White Tail and Blazer's Mill.

"We would like to know what it was like growing up in those communities," Burchett said.

Some of the questions that could guide a written narrative are:

- Where was the community located?
- Was there a school or church in the community or did residents have to go somewhere else?
- What were the names of the churches or schools?
- What grades were taught

in school?

- What did families do to earn a living – ranching, rail-roading, minings, farming, clerking or other?

- What were some of the stores or businesses?

- Who were some of the other families who lived there?

- If the town died out, what caused the demise?

- What special memories does the person have about the communities?

### Family journals

Family stories and photographs also are needed for the upcoming book.

"You don't have to be an old-timer," Burchett said. "As long as you now live or have lived in Lincoln County or the Mescalero Apache Reservation, you

**"You don't have to be an old-timer. As long as you now live or have lived in Lincoln County or the Mescalero Apache Reservation, you qualify."**

Marilyn Burchett  
Lincoln County Historical Society

qualify."

A family can submit one or more stories about their own families or their ancestor's families.

Each family will have one page in the book, or about 1,000 words and one photo, or fewer words and more photos to tell their family story, she said.

### End of year deadline

Community and family stories should be turned in by Dec. 31, to be included in the book.

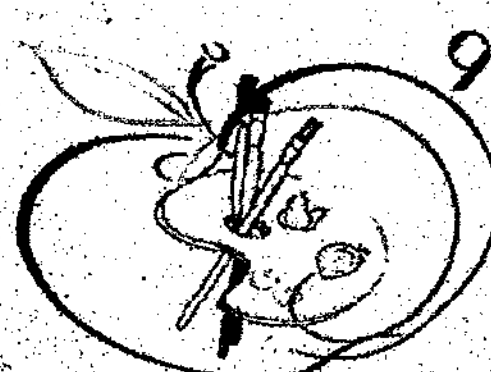
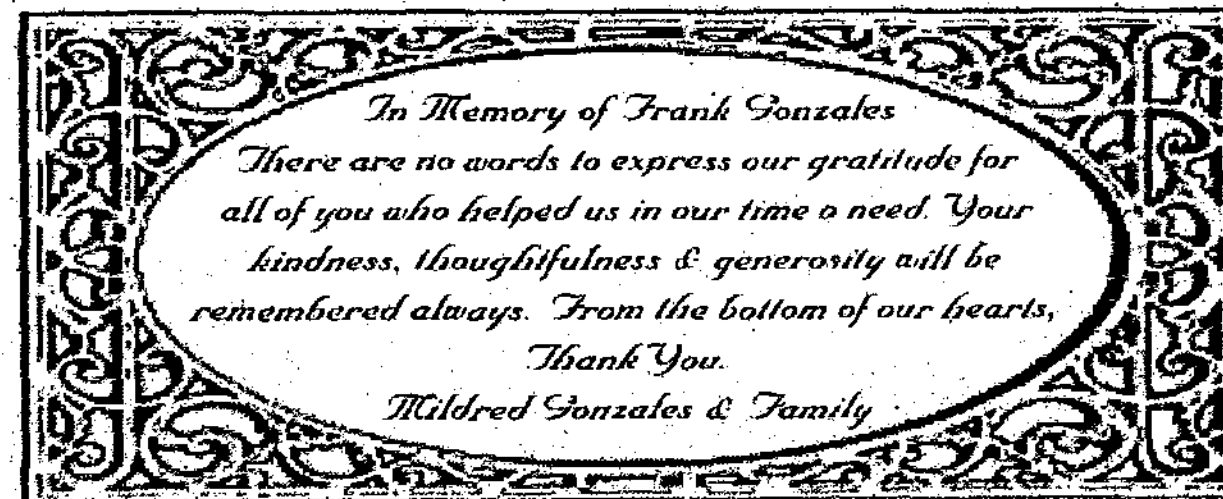
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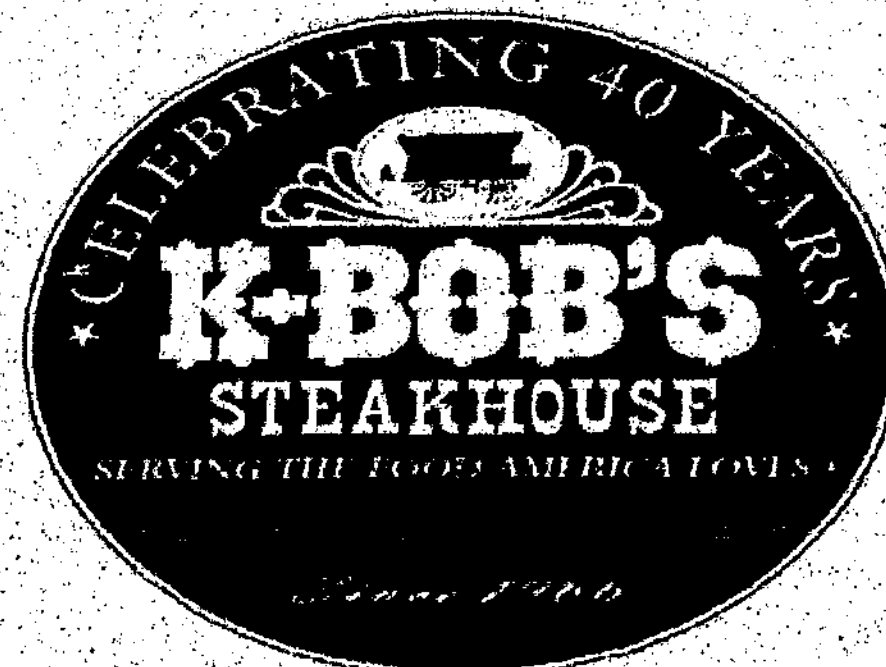
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Sergeant Jackie Raines (left) and Officer Gary Lindsey of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office examine damage on a nearly new bridge Tuesday morning five miles east of Ruidoso Downs Race Track. The private bridge, linking a horse farm near Seeping Springs, is between mile markers 267 and 268.

COURTESY PHOTO

## County road crews labor over Labor Day on washouts, stressed culverts

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Lincoln County road crews spent a labor intensive holiday weekend replacing culverts, cleaning out ditches and grading roads cut into deep ruts by flood waters.

"We spent the weekend in Cedar Creek and Spring Canyon," said County Road Superintendent Albert Hernan-

dez Tuesday. "We closed Circle Court and one end of Muskethall Court.

"We thought we had Spring Canyon pretty well together last Thursday. We took out 18-inch culverts and put in 24 inch. They were taking the flow pretty well Sunday night, but Monday, they couldn't carry it. It's real muddy at the end and the bar ditches were 4-feet deep. We'll be in there all

week."

### Culverts overwhelmed

Monday, water rushing down drainage ditches jumped culverts in Cedar Creek, he said.

"It was more than single 4-foot culverts could handle," he said.

A mudslide behind County Commissioner Maury St. John's home in upper Cedar

Creek undermined the footings on a portion of her retaining wall, causing it to separate from the rest of the wall and fall, he said.

### Ski Run Road

"We closed the road behind T.R.'s Market (off New Mexico Highway 48) and Devil's Canyon," Hernandez said. "The runoff from Ski Run Road fills Alto Lake, then overflows and

fills Devil's Canyon."

Road washouts occurred on Bonito Lake Road and one area in Magado Creek, he said. "Bonito is really flowing in Ranches of Sonterra and we're going there this afternoon to clear up low water crossings. The Bonito looks like the Animas River," he said.

"We're in San Patricio right now. They have a lot of gravel washouts."

**"Bonito is really flowing in Ranches of Sonterra. The Bonito looks like the Animas River."**

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Lincoln County Road  
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visible, was submerged by the flood waters.

Paradise Canyon was under water in several spots, including below Cree Manor at intersection with Starlite Drive, below the stoplight off Sudderth Drive and at points where muddy water boiled out of a ditch on the opposite side of the road from the creek.

The "waterfall" drainage area at Innsbrook also flowed over Cree Meadows Drive at one point and the Gavilan Canyon Bridge was under water again.

On Carrizo Creek, culverts and ditches were filled off the Sudderth intersection. Further up toward Mescalero, it breached its banks, washed over a foot bridge and rushed under the former Mescalero Inn, carrying a table and debris with it.

Potter said Carrizo was running at 75 cfs, connected to Mescalero Lake on the

Mescalero Apache Reservation, which feeds the creek, exceeding its spillway by as much as 8 feet.

Eagle Creek, a perennial stream, was running at 50 cfs, compared to the annual average of 2.2 cfs, he said.

"We're watching Eagle Creek dam closely at Alto Lake, because it's earthen," Potter said. "If it breaches the road that goes around it, we could lose the dam."

He said Mescalero officials have "done a great job," handling Mescalero Lake, which also is an earthen dam. "But they're at the mercy of Mother Nature as we are at Eagle Creek. Grindstone is different. It received no surface drainage, so we can regulate it totally by cutting or opening the diversion channel."

While the two months and five day rain accumulation broke records, the individual readings for July and August fell short, Potter said. Ruidoso received 9 inches in July, under the record of 10.86 inches in 1950. In August, 10.35 inches were recorded, about one inch under the record set in 1984, Potter said.

Although the gauge on the Ruidoso River tops out at 300 cubic feet per second, Potter estimated that the river hit 450 cfs last week.

"It scoured out the river bottom and when the level goes down, it is not going to look like it did," he said. "Because it's deeper now, it's also carrying

**"We're watching Eagle Creek dam closely at Alto Lake, because it's earthen. If it breaches the road that goes around it, we could lose the dam."**

Frank Potter  
Water consultant



more water than we think. This is what we've needed for 50 years."

He's heard reports and seen springs start bubbling and flowing that were dried up or producing minimal flow for years, Potter said.

At the end of Upper Canyon on Main Road, some campers were stranded temporarily as a bridge went under water, said Steve Olson with Emergency Medical Services at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

They could leave the area by foot, but could not drive their vehicles out of the Ruidoso cabin area on the reservation that abuts the village, he said. No one was evacuated, but a minor medical situation was handled by the EMS team.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley, who said he put 150 miles on his truck over the holiday weekend trying to stay on top of develop-

ments, said a mud slide also sent street, utility and solid waste crews to the end of Main Road to cut up and haul away dislodged trees and clean up mounds of dirt.

"I can't say enough good things about the Village employees and the utility workers who keep everything working," he said. "I tried to stay on top of everything, particularly Alto Lake and Ruidoso River at the bridge crossings in Upper Canyon."

"Three springs feed the river at the point of the first bridge. I think some erosion has occurred but it is structurally OK. Every spring is running."

"I think Alto Lake is as full as it's going to get. The water is running around the lake. A lot more is coming in through Eagle Creek than we put out."

The mayor said Gavilan Canyon probably is the worst area and as soon as the water recedes, the structural soundness of that bridge will be evaluated.

"We'll be applying for more FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) money for sure," Nunley said. "But I could be worse. Yesterday Sudderth was crowded. Every thing is running. If you're planning to visit, come ahead."

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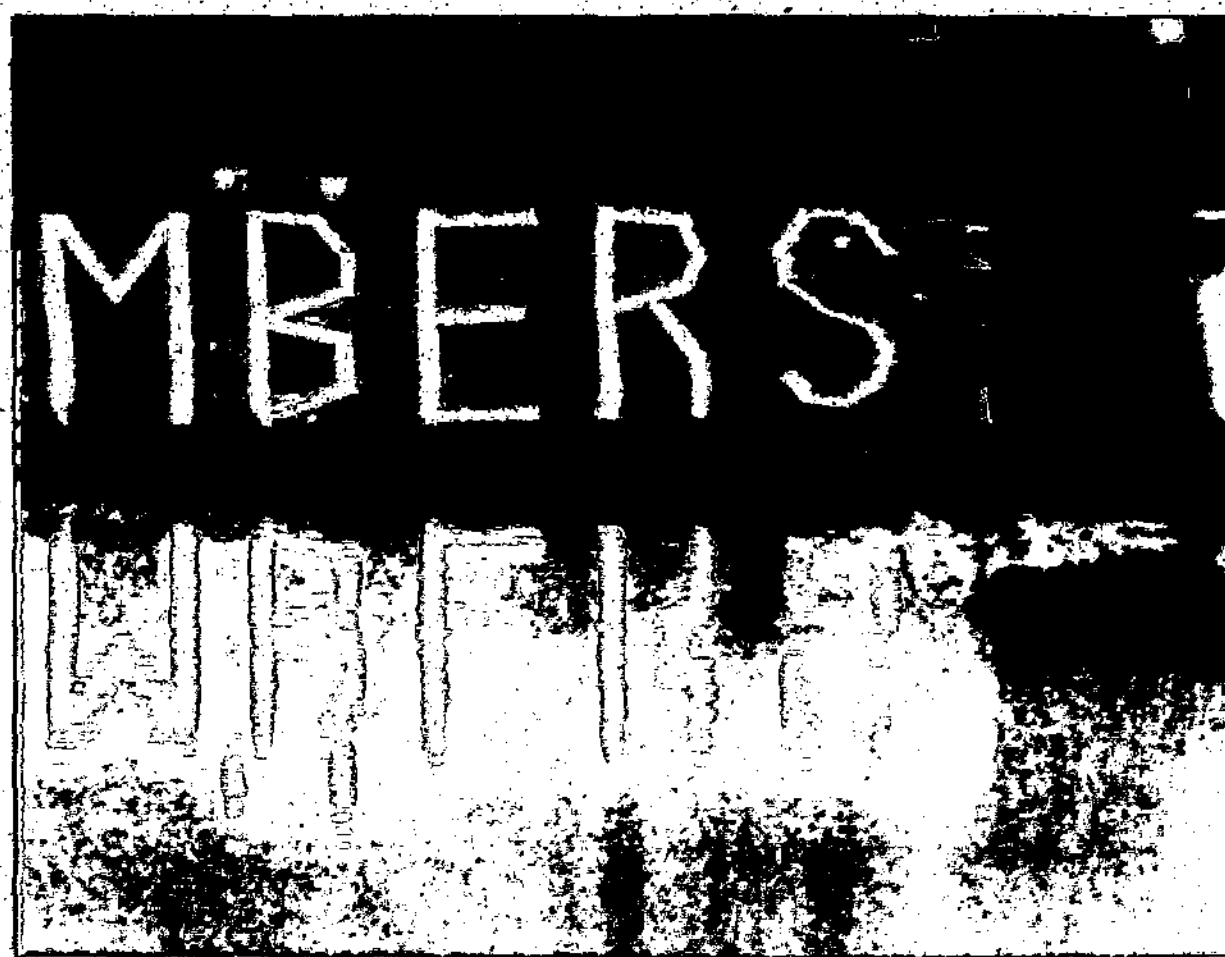
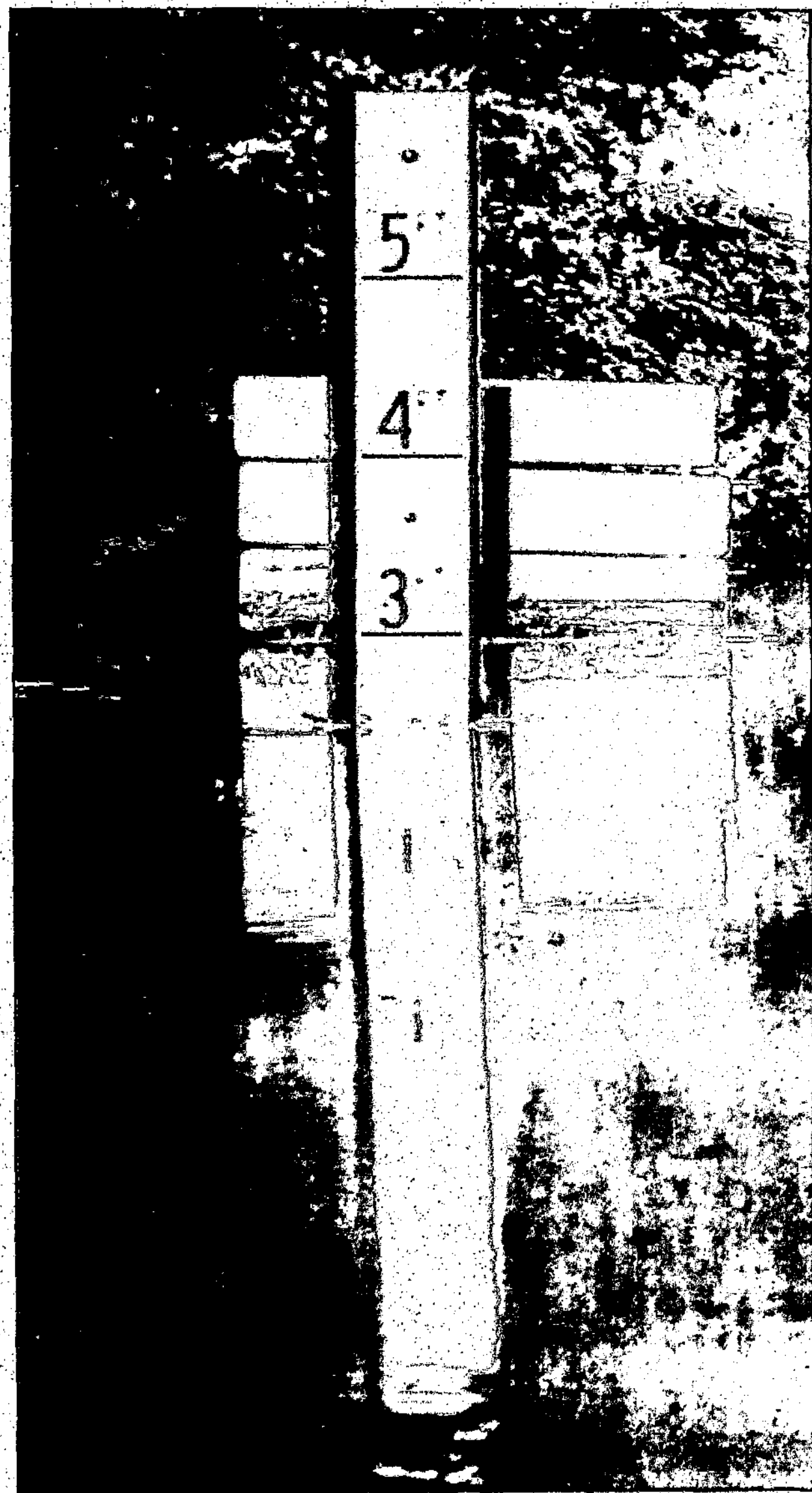
**Among the waterlogged scenes from around Ruidoso:**

**Carrizo Creek**, left, near the old Mesalero Inn Monday was wider than most area rivers during normal periods. (Courtesy Mike Orcutt)

Below left, a flood gauge on Hull Road Monday is reflected in standing water near the Timbers condominium complex. (Dianne Stallings/staff)

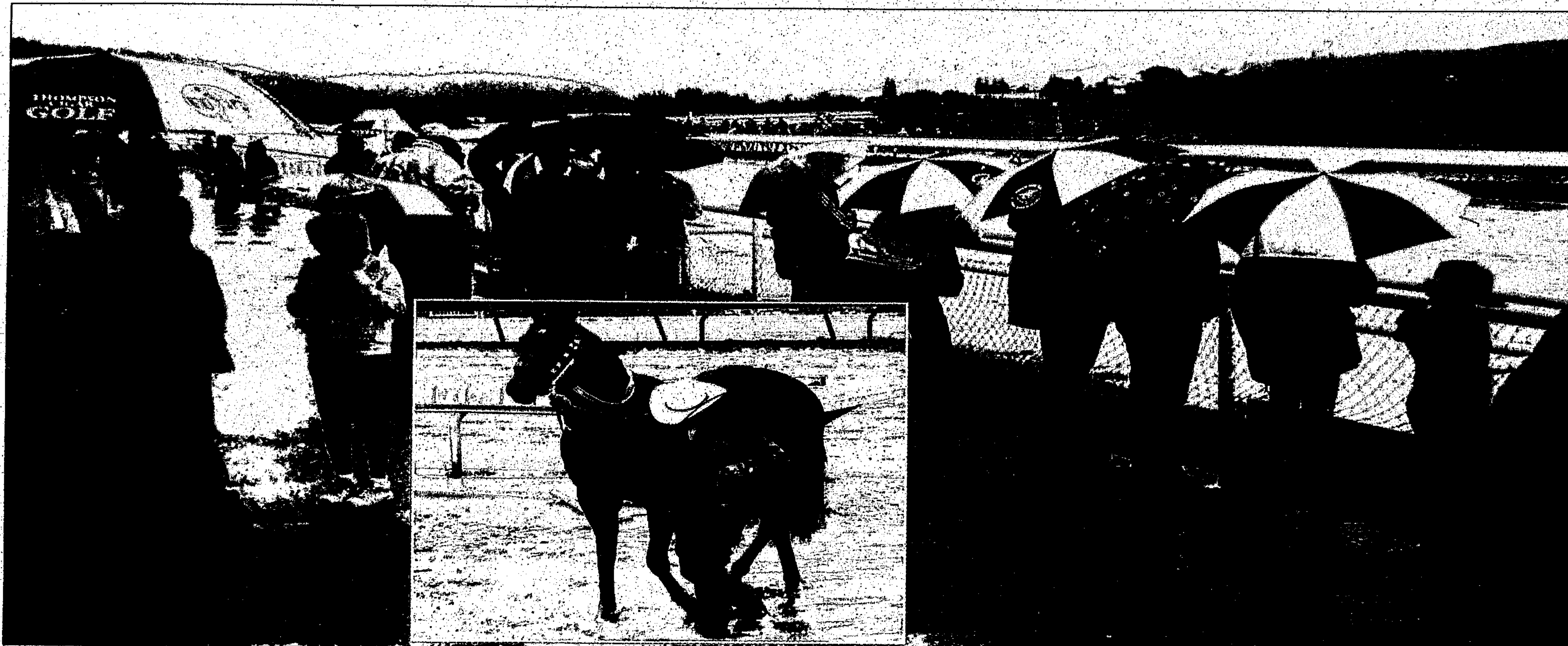
Below center and right, the paddle wheel at the Timbers was completely submerged Monday, as the weather was only good for ducks. On Tuesday, waters had receded enough to expose half the wheel. (Dianne Stallings/staff)

Bottom, the area around Starlite Drive off Paradise Canyon turned into a creek Monday, as water needed to create its own drainage. (Dianne Stallings/staff)





# Ruidoso Downs escapes major damage, but track is mud



**Umbrellas unfurled** at Sunday's post parade at Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Inset: Horses and grooms sloshed through mud-thick waters at the track.

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It's not as bad as it looks,

John Waters, Ruidoso Downs city manager said of flooded streets and strained neighborhoods impacted by recent rains.

"Really, our drainage system is holding up pretty well. We've got some areas on the highway that water likes to collect at,

slowing traffic down, but that may be a good thing, considering the poor visibility and wet streets."

Waters said the most challenging situation the city has faced since monsoon season began came Friday when the

city was hit with 3 inches of rain in just over 30 minutes.

"Right behind the public works building on Mystery Lane we saw our biggest challenge yet and that was water that spilled over an earthen berm into the yards of neighboring residents. The rest of the ditch held the rainwater, but in this area, it flooded," he said.

Waters said that public works crews, police and fire officials, have been on high alert in recent weeks to mitigate any problems that might arise from the "high volume of rain."

"We expected that with all the rain we'd have more damage, but that has not been the case," he said.

## Trees fall

Waters said several old trees have fallen into the Rio Ruidoso recently, damming up water and causing some spillage into private property and that bridges too have been affected.

"The bridge at Friedenbloom Drive, behind Big O Tires, is in decent shape and holding up but it is often flooded because it is located at the low point where the bridge, street and river connect.

Repairs are going to be needed because of the wear caused by rain but it is not an emergency," he said.

## Parker Bridge

Demanding more attention is the Parker Drive bridge located on the northeast side of Highway 70 near the Aqua Fria subdivision that Waters said is considered outdated.

"All of our bridges are located in flood plains and this one is the oldest and lowest of them all," Waters said of that bridge. "It needs to be replaced and certainly is one of the projects the city has planned for the next year."

Waters said the estimated cost to replace the bridge is \$350,000 with funding to be sought from the state in the next legislative session.

"The Parker Drive bridge is barely a bridge. It was not constructed as a city bridge when it was first built and is basically a bunch of rotting wood. The decking is composed of timbers that we replaced in 2003 but the entire structure needs to be redone."

Waters said homeowners who are concerned with flooding should contact the Ruidoso Downs Department of Public Works at 378-6162, for sandbags.

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## No Secret who's the fastest

No Secrets Here wins AA Futurity and sets new stakes record

**Jockey** Cody Jensen flashes a smile as No Secrets Here is led to the winner's circle after winning the All American Futurity Monday at Ruidoso Downs. It was the second time in as many years that Jensen has ridden the champion horse in the \$2 million classic.

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When the Labor Day weekend began at Ruidoso Downs, the rains which had so inundated the area over the previous month continued to pound the track and continued non-stop — literally — from Saturday night right through Monday afternoon.

That left the track beyond sloppy. If there were track conditions known as "viscous," or maybe "glue-like," the track at Ruidoso Downs for the running of the 48th All American Futurity would have fit the bill.

Mud and water cascaded down from the track every time the tractors

squeezed the water off between races, and the Rio Ruidoso roared through the infield, at one point just a few feet below the second turn in the track.

All of this, of course, meant for a track that would usually make for very slow conditions.

Don't tell that to Frank "Scoop" Vessels III, who saw his horse No Secrets Here not only win the \$2 million All American Futurity, but also saw him set a stakes record at 440 yards while holding off a determined Gun Battle to win in 20.886 seconds.

It also marked the second time

in a row trainer Paul Jones and jockey Cody Jensen have won the big race, having won last year's All American with Teller Cartel.

Vessels not only owns the horse, he also bred and raised the bay stallion on his California ranch.

"If you can breed, raise and own the horse that wins, it's very special," Vessels said.

It's also special because it marks the first time since 1973 a Vessels-owned horse has won the All American Futurity. Vessels' father Frank won that one — the first time the Futurity was run at 440 yards, incidentally — with Timeto Thinkrich.

In fact, Timeto Thinkrich's performance was part of what led Scoop to choose the three hole for No Secrets Here after winning the right to choose first at the post luncheon on Thursday.

"I usually like the eight or nine hole, but Paul talked me out of it," Vessels

said. "I hated the three, but I finally looked at Timeto Thinkrich's post 33 years ago, and saw he won from the three hole. It took me two hours, but I finally felt good about the three."

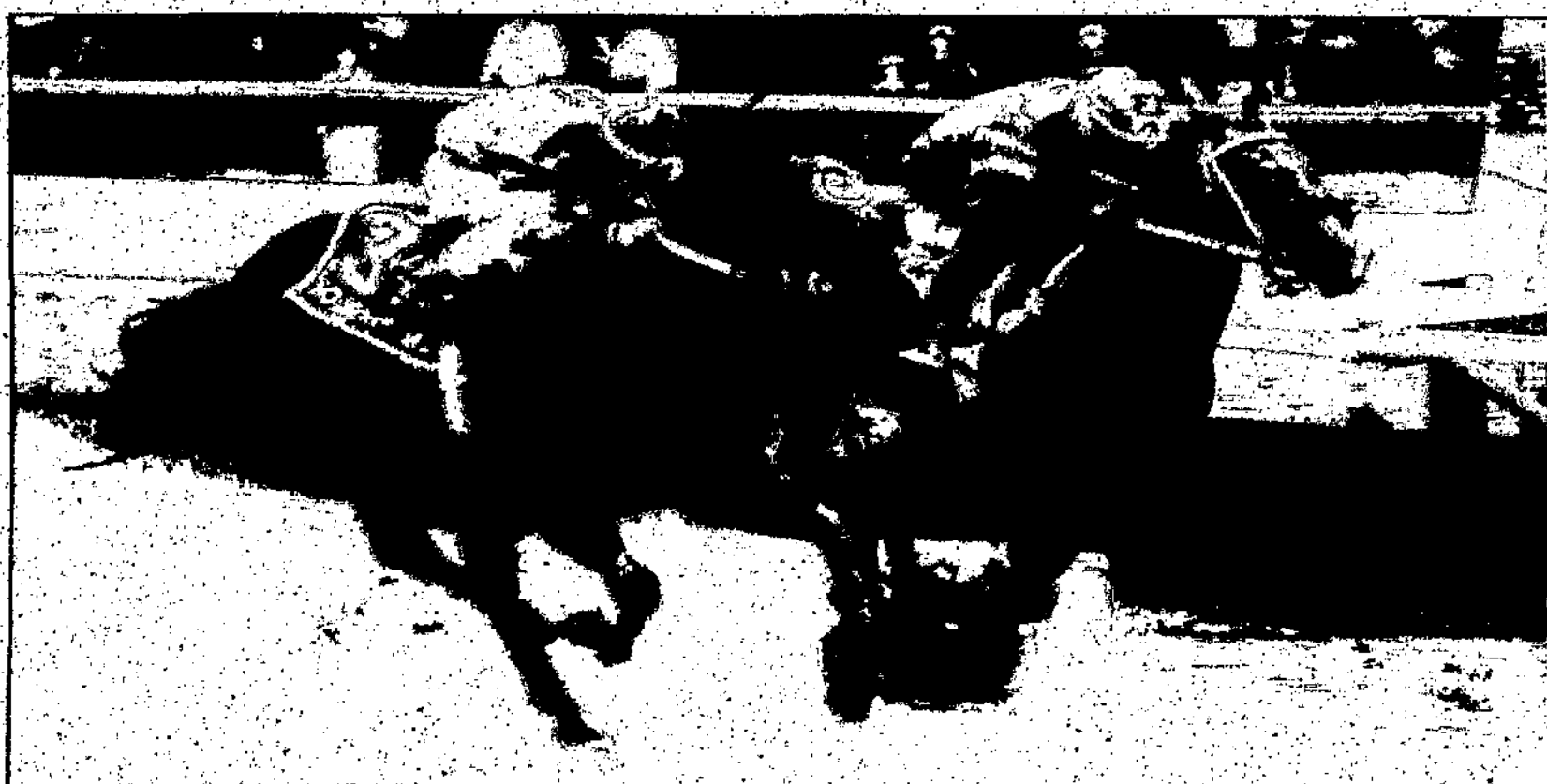
Putting his horse in that spot in the starter's gate worked out too because it put No Secrets Here next to Gun Battle, winner of the Zia Futurity earlier this year. The two pushed each other to the very end, with Jensen and No Secrets Here finally winning out at the end.

"I knew Gun Battle was the one to beat, and both had a great start," Jones said. "We just out-ran them at the end."

This race marked the third win in five starts for No Secrets Here, who finished third in the Ed Burke Futurity at Los Alamitos June 24. Jones said his horse just ran out of track in that one, a 350-yard race.

"We figured he would like the greater distance in this race," said Jones, who

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No Secrets Here, left, finishes just ahead of Gun Battle at the wire to the All American Futurity Monday at Ruidoso Downs.

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As Arealstraitheart waits to enter the winner's circle, jockey Esgar Ramirez, left, and trainer Ben Torres shake hands after their mount won the All American Derby Sunday at Ruidoso Downs.

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### Arealstraitheart wins AA Derby

If any horse could stop "the Jones Train" in this year's All American Derby, it was this one.

The last time Arealstraitheart ran in a stakes race, the gelding finished second to the Paul Jones-trained Eddie Stinson in the Zia Derby. Two months later, he was running in the All American Derby on Sunday against five other Jones charges, including fellow favorite Strawkins, winner of the Rainbow Derby.

Of course, the Jones horses weren't the only horses in this race. Another particularly strong horse was Brindis Por Cayenne, qualifier for last year's futurity and heavily favored before the race began.

But this race was Arealstraitheart's race almost from the beginning, as jockey Esgar Ramirez guided the horse to the lead early in the race and opened up near the end to win going away by almost two lengths.

"The horse was strong and relaxed, and every time he runs, he gives 110 percent," said part owner Stan Munro. "When I saw him in his stall this morning, he was relaxed and I was confident he would win."

Munro is also owner of Arealstraitheart's mare, A Special Strait, and he always knew that horse would bring him at least one winner.

"I knew how special the mare was, and she did not disap-

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## Ruidoso better, just not good enough

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Did either Warrior team improve from their previous games the week before?

The answer is yes, both of them. Although the Socorro Warriors can say they were the better team Friday after their 26-8 victory over Ruidoso at W.D. Horton Stadium.

"They wanted this game really bad, and that may be why we didn't play as well as we could have last week," said Socorro coach Ken Stevens. "They may have been looking ahead to much to this week."

That Socorro (2-0) was fired up for this game was obvious from the get-go. Ruidoso received the opening kickoff, but then fumbled the ball and Socorro recovered on the R-Warrior 36-yard line. Socorro's offense was unable to get past the 15-yard line, but the tone of the game was soon to be set by the defense.

Ruidoso (0-2) was held to 188 yards in offense, actually out-



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso quarterback Thomas Austin runs for yardage during Ruidoso's home opener against Socorro Friday at W.D. Horton Stadium. Austin had the only touchdown on the night for Ruidoso in the 26-8 loss.

gaining Socorro, but almost all of that came on an epic 95-yard drive in the fourth quarter in which Ruidoso quarterback

Thomas Austin threw for 47 yards and capped off the drive with a 13-yard run for a score with 2:06 left in the game.

"It wasn't until that drive that we found something that would work," said Ruidoso coach Ridge Bowden. "We finally started getting the ball into the receivers' hands."

Until that drive started, Ruidoso had only 73 yards total on the night and found it impossible to run the ball on Socorro — gaining only 40 yards on the ground in the game.

"I didn't have to say much to get them going tonight," Stevens said of his team. "They played lights out, especially on defense."

Socorro 26, Ruidoso 8	
Socorro 0 14 0 12 — 26	
Ruidoso 0 0 0 8 — 8	
Scoring Summary	
Second Quarter	
S — Sefie Winders 41 run (Elias Mora Kick), 11:09	
S — John Gallegos 24 punt block return (Mora Kick), 3:46	
Fourth Quarter	
S — Chato Alvarado 32 pass from Emil Matthews (kick fail), 5:51	
S — Levi Del Curto 61 interception return (kick fail), 5:15	
R — Thomas Austin 13 run (Adam Gonzales run), 2:06	
Game Statistics	
	Socorro Ruidoso
First Downs .....	7 12
Rushes-yards .....	42-109 24-40

Passing yards .....	62 148
Comp-Att-Int .....	1-3-0 13-29-2
Total Offense .....	171 188
Punts-avg. ....	5-37.8 5-32.4
Penalties-yards .....	11-85 5-45
Fumbles-lost .....	3-1 4-2
Individual Statistics	
Rushing: Soc, Sefie Winders 19-107, Levi Del Curto 5-7, Chato Alvarado 1-7, Emil Matthews 11-3, Johnny Chavez 2-0, Jose Alvarado 3-(minus-5), Brian Tafuya 1-(minus-10), Rul, Adam Gonzales 5-16, Cutter Pack 4-11, Thomas Austin 9-7, Garrett Griffin 6-6.	
Passing: Soc, Matthews 1-3-0, 62, Rul, Austin 13-28-2, 188; Gonzales 0-1-0, 0.	
Receiving: Soc, Chato Alvarado 1-62, Rul, Gonzales 5-69, Lance Dettmer 5-45, Nathaniel Mays 2-25, Griffin 1-9.	

## side line

### Prep Results

Wednesday, Aug. 30

Volleyball

Corona d. NMSD, 3-2

Thursday, Aug. 31

Volleyball

Carrizozo d. Capitan, 3-1

Valley Christian d. Corona, 3-0

Boys Soccer

Ruidoso 5, East Mountain 2

Girls Soccer

East Mountain 2, Ruidoso 1 (OT)

Friday, Sept. 1

Football

Socorro 26, Ruidoso 8

Capitan 40, Jal 8

Fort Sumner 38, Carrizozo 26

Tularosa 46, Mesalero 0

Volleyball

Corona d. Estancia c-team, 2-1

Capitan d. Magdalena, 3-0

Saturday, Sept. 2

Volleyball

Ruidoso d. Carlsbad, 3-0

Capitan d. Mesalero, 3-0

Preps on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Tuesday, Sept. 5

Volleyball

Mesalero at Carrizozo, 6 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Ruidoso at Santa Teresa, 5 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Santa Teresa at Ruidoso, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 7

Volleyball

Lake Arthur at Hondo, 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 8

Football

Ruidoso at Moriarty, 7 p.m.

Capitan at Fort Sumner, 7 p.m.

Dulce at Mesalero, 7 p.m.

Carrizozo at Tularosa, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

Ruidoso at Zia Classic, TBA

Boys Soccer

Ruidoso at Coyote Classic, TBA

Girls Soccer

Ruidoso at Silver, 1 p.m.

Cross Country

Ruidoso at Lobo Invite in Albuquerque, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9

Volleyball

Capitan at Cloudcroft, 4 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Ruidoso at Coyote Classic, TBA

Girls Soccer

Ruidoso at Silver, 1 p.m.

Cross Country

Ruidoso at Lobo Invite in Albuquerque, 10 a.m.

On Deck

Soccer Challenge Competition

The Ruidoso Knights of

Columbus council will host the

first annual Youth Soccer

Challenge competition at 2 p.m.

Sept. 10 at the White Mountain

athletic complex. Registration will

be from 1-2 p.m. before the con-

test starts. The challenge, which

got its start last year, is open to all

boys and girls ages 10 to 14. For

more information, contact Dave

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One player that had a particularly good game was senior linebacker John Gallegos, who pressured and/or sacked Austin numerous times. His best play, however, came on a punt he blocked near the end of the second half.

The ball bounced right back up into his hands and he ran uncontested into the endzone for a 24-yard touchdown and a 14-0 lead.

"We're trying to be the No. 1 team in the state, that's all we want right now," Gallegos said. "We came together tonight on defense."

Stevens said the blocked punt was a big turning point in a game that still could have gone either way, as Socorro only had a seven-point lead on a 41-yard touchdown by Sefie Winders early in the second quarter. Other than that play, Socorro wasn't exactly lighting things up offensively.

"In a game in which neither offense is moving the ball, going up by two touchdowns is tough to come back from," Steven said.

Socorro's only other offensive score came in the fourth quarter when Chato Alvarado caught a 62-yard strike from Emil Matthews with just under six

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# Capitan mows down another tough opponent in home opener

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Jal may have a fairly good football team this year, good enough to be ranked No. 4 in the state in Class 1A.

But Capitan is a pretty good team, too. No. 5 in Class 2A, to be exact. The Tigers showed why they're that good with a 40-8 defeat of Jal Friday.

"It was a good team effort," said Capitan coach Jodie Scott. "Our defense was very good this time around, much better than last week."

He's not kidding. The Tigers (2-0) held Jal to just 93 yards in the game, eight yards on the ground. The Panthers' only score came on an interception, so the Capitan defense pitched a shutout on the night.

The Tigers ran all over Jal, rack-

ing up 410 yards total.

Quarterback Tillman Freeman only connected eight times on the night, but threw for 161 yards and had three touchdowns. The receiving duties were pretty evenly spread out, with four different Tigers hauling in the passes.

Nick McCollough caught only one throw, but it counted in a big way, going for 71 yards and a touchdown.

Matt Davis caught three passes for 30 yards, while Will Kern and Jimmy Thomas each caught two passes for 56 yards and one score each.

But Capitan wasn't one-dimensional. The Tigers also relied on the legs of Pierre Quiroz, who carried the ball 24 times for 179 yards.

"They can't stop it all," Scott said. "However it turns out, that's how

we're going to beat them. We've got some great tools out there."

Scott knew it was a big deal to beat a team like Jal.

"I think they're going to be pretty good," Scott said. "We got on them early and stayed on them. That's how we play, get our points up there early and make them play from behind."

"With our defense, that's going to be tough."

## Area cross country teams kick off seasons

Warriors' first test a doozy at Mike Boit Invitational in Clovis

KAREN BOEHLER  
For the Ruidoso News

CLOVIS — The Ruidoso cross country team had some very tough competition to open the season Friday, and, for the most part, they rose to the challenge.

Competing at the Mike Boit Invitational in Clovis, the Warriors had to face runners from 10 schools, ranging from 5A Rio Rancho, Carlsbad, Hobbs and Clovis down to Class 1A Gateway Christian.

Overall, the Rams made it look easy, as they took both team titles and the boys individual ribbon. Led by Josh Bueno, the Rio Rancho boys had five of their runners in the top six, scoring a mere 17 points.

But Warrior Dean Wefel stayed with the crowd of 5A runners, finishing ninth in 17:36. He stayed close to a pair of Ram runners until late, first passing one of the two then being passed himself just shy of the finish line.

"I just kind of lost it at the end," Wefel said. "I tried to keep with them. I just didn't have it at the end today."

Wefel, who was the highest-



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Leslie Sanchez, right, kicks hard to hold off Gateway Christian runner Rebekah Gladish at the finish of the Mike Boit Invitational in Clovis Friday.

finishing 3A competitor in the race, said he felt pretty good about his run.

"Just a couple of things I could have done is caught the two guys in front of me, but outside of that, I thought it was a pretty good start to the season."

Three of Wefel's teammates

also helped the cause: Jordan Comanche was 14th, Thomas Rodriguez 21st and Rudy Nava 25th. But the bottom three Warrior runners were back in the pack, and that disappointed coach Nick Nanz.

"We did fairly well considering on the boys side, our fifth, sixth

and seventh runners just weren't up to speed like they should be," he said. "We feel we need to do a lot more conditioning, a lot more hill work, stuff like that to get their legs stronger."

With Walter Slovick, Ricardo Nava and Jaron Perez finishing at 52, 53 and 54, the Warriors could only manage third as a team, edging Artesia, Hobbs and Clovis by mere points.

On the girls side, Leslie Sanchez was the top Ruidoso finisher, coming in 46th in 25:37. But considering it was her first ever cross country meet after only one week of practice — the senior played volleyball in years past — she felt good about her effort.

"It was a lot of fun," Sanchez said. "It was different. It was hard, it was tiring, but I liked it a lot."

After three long miles, Sanchez still had enough left at the end to hold off a challenger. As she was closing in on the finish, Gateway Christian runner Rebekah Gladish turned up the heat, and Sanchez had to put on extra speed to finish in front.

"I felt her coming, and I was like, 'I can't let her pass me. I've got to finish strong,'" Sanchez said.

And she did, giving enough extra kick to stay in front of her challenger and teammate Michelle Raven, who was just behind Gladish in 26:08.

Nanz said Zamora has been working extremely hard, working her way up to be the top runner on the team.

Carlsbad's Brandy Castillo was the top individual finisher, crossing the line in 18:39.

Considering most of the Lady Warriors are new to the sport, Nanz was pleased with the effort.

"We're inexperienced on that end, but I think they get a few more meets under their belts, they're going to do an outstanding job throughout the rest of the season," he said.

Both Warrior runners called the course at Ned Houk Park fairly flat, a big difference from the Ruidoso hills.

"There was an incline for a while, that didn't hurt too bad," Wefel said. "Overall, it was an average course. It wasn't too fast, wasn't too slow."

"It was difficult," Sanchez said. "It's a lot different than ours. Ours is nice and hilly and it feels shorter. This one was long



COURTESY PHOTO

Capitan's Amara Willingham flashes a smile as she nears the finish line at the Alamogordo Cross Country Invite Friday.

Willingham finishes third for Lady Tigers

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Capitan's cross country season got underway Friday at the Alamogordo Invite, with the Tigers running in the open division.

There may be eight Lady Tiger runners, but most are still ineligible because they haven't had enough practices as mandated by the New Mexico Activities Association. Callie Cox was also missing for the day, so Capitan was one short of a team.

Of those girls that did run, Amara Willingham had the best day, finishing third overall, while Paige Jones took 10th. Gabe Goodwin was 15th and Lindsey Brown finished 29th in her first competitive cross country meet.

Tim Atkinson and Kevin Kelsey are the only boys running for the Tigers this year. Both are also playing football this season, trying to fit cross country into their fall schedules.

Atkinson was the only one running Friday, mostly for the training, according to coach John Ashcraft. Atkinson's final time was unavailable at press time.

and straight and kind of boring. But it wasn't bad."

Ruidoso also had two junior varsity runners compete. Freshman Miranda Zamora finished seventh on the girls side, and Alexander Mazon 17th for the boys. Nanz said Zamora, a transfer from Capitan, had an "outstanding performance. She has been improving every week and her work ethic is phenomenal."

Overall, Nanz said the team now know what it needs to do to get better.

"We are going to work the next few weeks on hills and weight training," he said. "It really affected us at the meet because the boys and girls have not been in the weight room that much. Weight training

helps build stamina and endurance. We need that if we are going to be a top team this year. All in all, the first meet is always a benchmark to see where we stand and what we need to do to improve."

Ruidoso results of the Mike Boit Invitational:

Boys, team - 1, Rio Rancho, 17; 2, Carlsbad, 74; 3, Ruidoso, 118; 4, Artesia, 119; 5, Hobbs, 120; 6, Clovis, 125. Individual - 9, Dean Wefel, 17:36; 14, Jordan Comanche, 17:47; 21, Thomas Rodriguez, 18:22; 25, Rudy Nava, 18:28; 52, Walter Slovick, 22:42; 53, Ricardo Nava, 22:41; 54, Jaron Perez, 22:44. Girls, team - 1, Rio Rancho, 43; 2, Clovis, 78; 3, Carlsbad, 80; 4, Rio Rancho 2, 97; 5, Gateway Christian, 122; 6, Artesia, 138; 7, Hobbs, 140; 8, Ruidoso, 256. Individual - 46, Leslie Sanchez, 25:37; 48, Michelle Raven, 26:08; 56, Ashley Hall, 28:12; 60, Sandra Illingsworth, 29:51; 65, Kristen Weiborn, 34:12. JV Individual, boys - 17, Alexander Mazon; JV Individual, girls - 7, Miranda Zamora.

## Ruidoso splits with East Mountain soccer teams

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The Ruidoso soccer teams split with East Mountain Thursday, the boys surviving in a 5-2 score and the girls falling 2-1 in overtime.

Both coach Craig Washnok of the boys and Sigurd Schmitz of the girls felt their team had learned some valuable lessons in their games.

"It was harder than we thought it would be," Washnok said of his team's game. "They actually led us through the first 55 minutes of the game, we just couldn't find the trigger."

Ruidoso (1-3) had 27 shots on goal in the game, only to have two balls hit the post and one off the crossbar. Additionally, two would-be goals were called back on an offside call.

It wasn't until the final 15 minutes that Ruidoso finally broke through with a goal by Mario Varela to tie it. He scored twice in the game, while Neil Hoffer scored two penalty kicks and had another goal near the end of the game to earn the hat trick.

"It was one of those things that kids have to learn to adjust to," Washnok said. "We have to take each day differently and prepare that way. It was a much tougher game than we anticipated and I give a lot of credit to East Mountain."

The Ruidoso girls' loss came as a result of a defensive breakdown in the first overtime period.

"They were caught too far out on our goal kick," Schmitz said. "They intercepted it and were able to score."

The Lady Warriors (1-2) led 1-0 at the break on a shot by Ericka Olvera taken right before halftime. There were more opportunities, but either the ball wouldn't go in or the dreaded offside call was made.

"We dominated them in the first half," Schmitz said. "But then in the second half, we played too conventional in the middle. They didn't play side to side and were trying to force more goals inside."

East Mountain eventually took advantage of the situation and took advantage of a Lady Warrior free kick in which Ruidoso didn't mark up their players, allowing the Timberwolves to get free and tie things up, eventually forcing the overtime period.

"They played pretty well, there are just some things they have to learn," Schmitz said. "It was a mixture of keeping our field and not keeping our shape. They know what happened and why, and they've learned from it."

Both teams faced Santa Teresa Tuesday, the boys on the road and the girls at home. The Lady Warriors take a long road trip this weekend with games at Deming and Silver, while the boys are in Roswell for the Coyote Classic Friday and Saturday.

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## Capitan sweeps Mescalero, splits with Carrizozo

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**CAPITAN** — Sherry Gowen was hoping the tournament atmosphere of three volleyball matches in three days would do her Capitan Lady Tigers some good over the weekend.

After going 2-1 in those matches, to even its season record, it would seem Capitan has proved its coach right.

The Lady Tigers' latest win came Saturday, a 3-game sweep of Mescalero, a day after sweeping Magdalena and two days after losing to Lincoln County rival Carrizozo in four games.

While Capitan's win over Mescalero was a sweep, it was a close battle in two of the three games. Capitan book-ended a 25-9 shellacking in the second game with narrow 25-23 and 25-20 victories in games one and three.

"It shows we can hit the ball. I've seen improvement already," Gowen said. "I'm excited and the girls look good."

Capitan (3-3) took the early lead in game one, and while they never trailed, they never really led by more than six points until finally building up a 23-15 lead on an ace serve by Katie Polley.

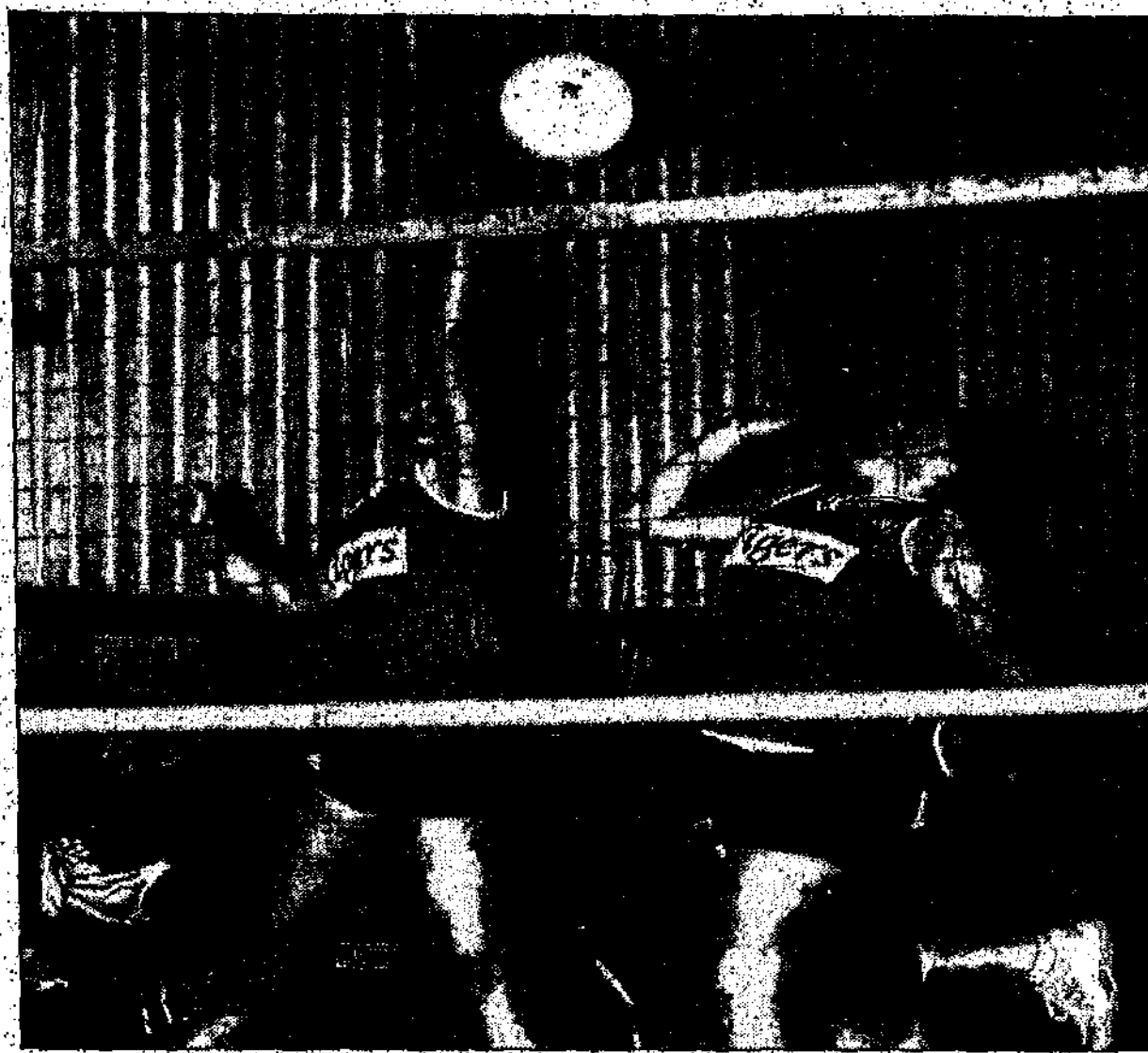
But then Mescalero (2-3) began its comeback, taking advantage of numerous Lady Tiger errors to go on a 7-0 run started by a tip kill by Kelly King-Morgan.

By the time Kelsey Campbell got a kill for Capitan, the Lady Chiefs had climbed to within two points. Capitan had the game point serve at that point, but King-Morgan came up with a crucial block to give her team back the serve and a chance to tie things up. Unfortunately for Mescalero, her subsequent serve went out and the Lady Tigers took the first game.

Game two was the direct opposite, with Capitan taking control early and never letting the Lady Chiefs get their footing. Kerra Carver came to the fore in this one, intimidating Mescalero and getting a particularly strong kill to give her team a 21-7 lead.

While the Lady Tigers were performing at their peak, Mescalero was making numerous errors which allowed Capitan to cruise to the victory.

As poorly as Mescalero played in the second game, the Lady Chiefs played quite well in game three. The Lady Tigers opened with another big kill from Carver and got kills from Brittany LaMay and Campbell throughout, but King-Morgan got kills of her own and came up with enough blocks to keep the Lady



TODD FUQUA/STAFF  
**Capitan's** Brittany Caughron, left, and Brittany LaMay both cover the net on a tipped ball Saturday during the Lady Tigers' sweep of Mescalero at Capitan.

Chiefs always within striking distance.

In the end, Capitan had too many weapons up front and the Lady Chiefs were committing too many mistakes to keep the Lady Tigers from sweeping.

Mescalero won't play again until next Tuesday, when they will be in Roswell to take on Valley Christian.

### Always improving

Capitan swept Magdalena Friday in relatively short order with a 25-19, 25-8, 25-3 victory, but found it a bit more difficult Thursday against Carrizozo, losing in four games, 28-25, 22-25, 25-22, 25-22.

The games' close scores explains why Gowen wasn't too disappointed in her girls.

"They just outplayed us, they were scrappier and served better than we did," Gowen said. "We have to be more aggressive. As long as we keep this chemistry, we'll be good."

Carrizozo coach Mandy Baca said the Lady Grizzlies (5-0) play best when they play tough, and Thursday's match was a perfect example.

"I do like how they're performing now," Baca said. "I was happy to see we could play a good team like that in a close match and not fall apart."

Carrizozo got its shot at Mescalero on Tuesday, and will host Tularosa Sept. 12. The Lady Tigers play at Cloudford on Saturday.

## Carrizozo plays tough against top-ranked Foxes in loss

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Carrizozo's football team lost to Fort Sumner Friday, but considering how good the Foxes are, the 38-26 score isn't anything to sneeze at.

Carrizozo — ranked second in last week's *Santa Fe New Mexican* poll, spotted Fort Sumner the first score on the night when Cass Dimitroff got free for a 28-yard run in the first quarter, but the Grizzlies came right back with a score of their own on a 1-yard punch-in by Eric Korocil.

The run for the point after failed and Carrizozo trailed 7-6.

The Foxes (2-0) scored twice more, on a 72-yard run by Dimitroff and a safety when Carrizozo quarterback Jeremy Zamora was called for intentional grounding in the endzone, but Carrizozo came right back with a 52-yard ramble by Korocil to bring his team to within four points.

Unfortunately for the Grizzlies, that was as close as they would get for the rest of the night, as Dimitroff scored twice more and led the game with 195 yards on 22 carries and four touchdowns.

Korocil was the leading 'Zozo rusher with 65



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**Carrizozo** running back Eric Korocil, left, avoids the tackle of Cass Dimitroff Friday during the Grizzlies' 38-26 loss to Fort Sumner at Laab Field in Carrizozo.

yards on 13 carries and two scores, while Zamora threw for 156 yards and two touchdowns, one each to Robert Dutchover and Johnny Beltran.

Carrizozo's season doesn't get any easier this Friday, as the Grizzlies travel to Tularosa.

## WARRIORS

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minutes left.

The play was actually about a 40-yard pass, with Alvarado breaking two tackles and running the final 20 yards for the score.

Ruidoso opened the ensuing drive with a 12-yard pass from Austin to Nathaniel Mays for a 12-yard gain — and only the R-Warriors' sixth first down of the night. But after two incomplete passes, Austin threw the ball to Socorro's Levi Del Curto, who raced 61 yards straight into the endzone for another score.

It was after that play that Ruidoso's only effective offensive drive of the night ensued.

Bowden said that drive was one positive his team could take from the game, and a sign that there was indeed improvement from last week's loss to Roswell.

"I was pleased with the passing game, and we had started picking up the defensive stunts at that point," Bowden said. "We're still a little green in the



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

**Ruidoso** running back Adam Gonzales, center, is taken down by Socorro defensive back Michael Mora, as Socorro teammate Kyle Lucero (50) runs up to assist Friday during Ruidoso's loss to Socorro at W.D. Horton Stadium.

line, but we're getting better."

Notes: It was a wet, sloppy night, with parts of the field under about half an inch of water. By the end of the night, that had turned into mud and

muck. But coach Bowden wasn't ready to blame the conditions for his team's inability to hold on to the ball. Ruidoso threw two interceptions and fumbled the ball away two more

times...Socorro's rushing game was about the only consistent thing offensively on the night. Winders led the game with 107 of the S-Warriors' 109 yards on the ground.

## DERBY

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point," Munro said. "In three years, we had Arealstraitheart."

The \$203,150 won by the New Mexico-bred horse brought his lifetime winnings to \$822,794.

When asked how he felt about being able to defeat all the strong horses — especially all the horses out of the Jones barn — Munro gave a laugh.

"Listen, this is a terrific field of owners and trainers," Munro said. "To get to this derby was our goal. After we finished second in the Zia Derby, we were happy to get into this race and very happy to win it."

## SECRETS

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saw the horse run next in the All American trials two months later. "He showed that he did."

Asked about winning two All American in a row, becoming only the third trainer in the race's 48-year history to do so and the sixth trainer to win the race more than once, Jones was unable to adequately explain it.

"We broke the ice last year with that win, there wasn't as much pressure on us this year to win it," Jones said. "To win it again in unexplainable. Just to train for the Vessels arm is an honor."

Notes: This may have been only the second time a Vessels farm-owned horse has won the All American, but it's the fourth time a Vessels-bred horse has won. Royal Quick

Dash in 1991 and Dash Thru Traffic in 1992 were bred on the Vessels farm as well... The rain and mud weren't the only thing making for an unusual day at the track. Just before the eighth race, also known as the Ruidoso Thoroughbred Championship, two dogs got onto the far stretch and halted the start. Race officials on horseback tried to corral the dogs, who eventually got into the raging Rio Ruidoso, got out on the other side, raced across the infield and eventually off the track into the parking lot. The eighth race then went off without a hitch... Anyone wanting to make a show bet in either the second or 10th races were out of luck, as so many horses scratched in either one that there were only three horses running.

## POOP SCOOP

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A couple was recently arrested after trying to smuggle birds purchased in Juarez, Mexico, into the United States.

Unfortunately, several of the birds, which were stuffed into paper bags, died.

House finches, white-crowned sparrows and lesser goldfinches are common in some backyards in the West, but they were among a group that included a kestrel, two green-jays and two northern cardinals that were smuggled across the border "to satisfy someone's desire for new pets," according to Elizabeth Slown with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

When my children were growing up, one daughter begged me for a pair of birds. I reluctantly gave in, but was sorry from the start as I watched animals that should have been flying freely spend day after day in a cage.

In Florida, they were plagued by parasites and other problems that bird owners probably don't see here.

Eventually, both died, long after my young daughter's fascination with them waned.

That ended any desire I had to see a bird any place other than the wild, unless they were injured and could not be released safely.

The couple from Huntington Park, Calif., were charged with attempting to smuggle wildlife across the international border in El Paso. A grand jury indicted them on one count each of

smuggling goods and one count each of providing false statements to federal officers. Both are felonies and subject to up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. They are awaiting sentencing, according to Slown.

"These birds are not particularly showy and they are not unique," said Juliana Scully, assistant special agent in charge. "Generally, people think of exotic species fetching huge sums when they think of illegal trade in wildlife. It doesn't matter whether the contraband is toucans, eagles or our native birds, it is illegal to possess these species. They are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act."

The eight birds stuffed inside a duffel bag were found by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers when the vehicle was inspected.

Five of the birds died from the stress of being confined and handled. The remaining three were set free after testing negative for disease.

"CBP officers regularly encounter people trying to smuggle prohibited items from Mexico into the United States, including bird, reptiles, drugs, food and other items," said Luis Garcia, director of field operations for U.S.CBP.

Just thought I'd pass the information along in case a pretty bird catches a Ruidoso resident's fancy while visiting Juarez. Remember, hands off.

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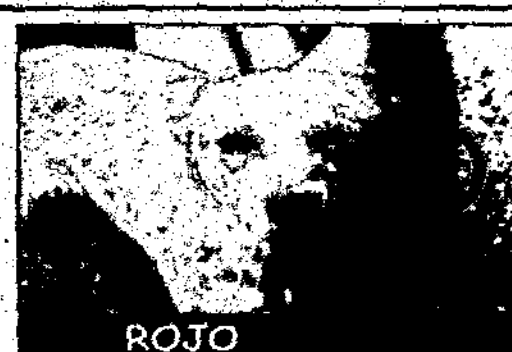
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Fueled by more than 780 slot machines in its Black Gold Casino, the track will offer purses for Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds that will

average close to \$300,000 a day during the upcoming 49-day season from Sept. 22 to Dec. 11, said track co-owner, and Ruidoso Downs majority owner, R.D. Hubbard.

Zia will race on Saturdays through Tuesdays this season. On Nov. 12 the track will hold New Mexico Cup Day

with 11 races for state-bred American Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds that will be worth a total of \$1.5 million. Among the stakes is the \$200,000 New Mexico Cup Quarter Horse Championship, a 440-yard race for 3-year-olds and up. Over Thanksgiving weekend, Zia also will race Nov. 24.

A new feature of the Zia meet is the \$300,000-added Southwest Juvenile Championship Dec. 3. Invitations to the 440-yard race will be given to the horses that win 10 futurities in Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico; the Dash For Cash Futurity at Lone Star Park; Manor Downs Futurity at Manor Downs;

Remington Park and Heritage Place Futurities at Remington Park; Retama Park Futurity at Retama Park; Ruidoso, Rainbow and All American Futurities at Ruidoso Downs; the Sam Houston Futurity at Sam Houston Race Park; and the West Texas Futurity at Sunland Park.

## RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Results for racing at Ruidoso Downs for Sept. 1-4:

### Friday, Sept. 1

First — 5 1/2 furlongs, Tom's Trippin 9.60

8.00 2.40, Karyonhome 3.20 2.80 2.10, Love

My Place 2.10, Quinella — 26.60, Exacta —

67.40, Trifecta — 37.20, Superfecta — 41.00,

Trifecta — 25.00, T — 1.06.00.

Second — 7 1/2 furlongs, Kalle My Girl 5.40

2.60 2.60, Boy Dee Shaker 2.60 2.40, Tara

Ferrera 2.80, Quinella — 11.60, Exacta —

42.80, Trifecta — 51.60, Daily Double —

186.20, Daily Double — 8.80, T — 1.34.60.

Third — 6 furlongs, Delanie's Magic 3.40 2.60

2.20, Running Wager 3.20 2.20, Splendiferous

Trip 2.20, Quinella — 11.20, Exacta — 17.20,

Trifecta — 25.70, T — 1.13.20.

Fourth — 350 yards, Tr Has an Alibi 25.20

9.20 7.00, Takagoodkatnyface 13.40 7.20,

Angels Watchin Me 5.20, Quinella — 87.00,

Exacta — 227.40, Trifecta — 507.80, T —

17.90.

Fifth — 870 yards, Miswak Six 2.60 3.00

2.40, Legacy of Love 7.00 3.40, No More

Rumors 3.60, Quinella — 28.60, Exacta —

32.20, Trifecta — 80.50, Superfecta —

199.00, T — 46.285.

Sixth — 870 yards, Unknowingly 3.40 3.00

2.40, Five Fitzzy 4.60 3.60, Dashin N Blushin

5.80, Quinella — 13.80, Exacta — 25.60,

Trifecta — 89.80, T — 47.194.

Seventh — 350 yards, Secret Gambler 14.00

6.20 3.60, Heza Flame Thrower 4.20 2.80,

Rushy Corona 2.80, Quinella — 35.00, Exacta —

24.40, Trifecta — 110.70, T — 17.457.

Eighth — 7 1/2 furlongs, Excessive Lover

5.40 3.80 3.00, Retsina Spring 6.40 3.20,

Ghostslayer 2.60, Quinella — 16.60, Exacta —

27.20, Trifecta — 64.50, T — 1.33.20.

Ninth — 5 1/2 furlongs, Maya Rose 9.00 4.00

3.00, Bozley's Girl 4.00 3.00, Storm Mistress

3.00, Quinella — 16.60, Exacta — 33.40,

Trifecta — 80.80, Superfecta — 315.60, Pick

3 — 237.40, T — 1.05.80.

Tenth — 250 yards, Miss Breann 9.60 5.20

2.80, Jesses Sixes 6.20 3.20, Checher a

Firstdown 2.60, Quinella — 30.00, Exacta —

42.80, Trifecta — 72.30, T — 12.967.

Eleventh — 440 yards, This Snow is Gone 4.20

2.80 2.20, Makemadash 4.40 2.80, Hershey

Moon Bay 2.40, Quinella — 23.00, Exacta —

34.20, Trifecta — 41.50, T — 21.466.

Twelfth — 300 yards, Jody's Look of Gold

11.00 5.40 2.60, Bedlam's First Tnt 9.60 4.00,

Coolchickcocktails 2.20, Quinella — 53.40,

Exacta — 106.40, Trifecta — 76.10, Daily

Double — 66.40, T — 15.901.

Thirteenth — 870 yards, Whatta Mag 6.80 3.40

2.40, Skip a Know 5.40 3.20, I Know Im the

Best 2.40, Quinella — 20.40, Exacta — 44.40,

Trifecta — 45.90, T — 46.449.

Fourteenth — 350 yards, Fixed Return 27.20

13.00 6.80, Okay Dokay Jess 6.00 3.60,

Jessieyourselfgo 2.60, Quinella — 76.20,

Exacta — 138.20, Trifecta — 187.10, T —

17.635.

Fifteenth — 350 yards, A Major Streak 8.60 4.40

3.20, Keep Firmen 5.60 3.60, Sbatrick 5.80,

Quinella — 15.20, Exacta — 35.20, Trifecta —

132.40, Superfecta — 3,325.40, T — 17.612.

Sixteenth — 400 yards, Take the Gold N Run 5.00

3.80 2.80, Simply Shock Em 8.80 4.40, Chicks

Go West 2.80, Quinella — 56.40, Exacta —

76.00, Trifecta — 34.40, T — 20.116.

Seventeenth — 550 yards, Knowsey Nit 8.20 3.60

2.80, Major Runaway 3.80 2.80, Go Shake Em

Cash 4.40, Quinella — 10.60, Exacta — 23.80,

Trifecta — 50.30, T — 27.612.

Eighteenth — 1,000 yards, Tricky Dust 3.00 2.80

Exacta — 17.20, Exacta —

2.20, Sherrys Aria 3.20 2.40, Arthur's Dream

3.00, Quinella — 8.20, Exacta — 9.40, Trifecta —

19.50, T — 52.644, Scratched —

Dangerous Devlin.

Nineteenth — 250 yards, Miss Breann 9.60 5.20

2.80, Jesses Sixes 6.20 3.20, Checher a

Firstdown 2.60, Quinella — 30.00, Exacta —

42.80, Trifecta — 72.30, T — 12.967.

Twentieth — 440 yards, This Snow is Gone 4.20

2.80 2.20, Makemadash 4.40 2.80, Hershey

Moon Bay 2.40, Quinella — 23.00, Exacta —

34.20, Trifecta — 41.50, T — 21.466.

Scratched — Planet Holland, Look for

Wranglers.

Twenty-first — 6 furlongs, Roscoe Brown 4.40

2.60 2.60, Tyger N Dome 3.60 3.20, Creole

Cuisine 6.60, Quinella — 9.00, Exacta —

15.80, Trifecta — 67.50, T — 1.15.00.

Twenty-second — 5 furlongs, T M Monstrous 9.60

2.40 2.40, Special Program 2.20 2.20, Spring

River 3.00, Quinella — 3.60, Exacta — 12.00,

Trifecta — 28.90, Superfecta — 78.00, Pick 3

— 40.60, T — 59.20, Scratched — Crazy

Crab Cake.

Sunday, Sept. 3

First — 870 yards, Ja Copycat 22.60 13.20

4.60, Cash Know 9.20 3.80, Blazin Bold Man

2.60, Quinella — 100.60, Exacta — 339.00,

Trifecta — 482.10, T — 47.216, Scratched —

Gotta Hooter.

Second — 400 yards, Lizzie Rime Lx 8.20

4.60 2.80, Reality Dasher 4.40 2.60, Genuine

Stepper 2.60, Quinella — 11.40, Exacta —

27.40, Trifecta — 19.80, Daily Double —

332.40, T — 320.324, Scratched — Smooth

Slick Smash.

Third — 5 furlongs, The Big Rumble 8.20 4.00

3.00, Excessive Stats 4.00 2.80, Beccas

Shoulder 3.00, Quinella — 17.20, Exacta —

27.80, Trifecta — 62.90, T — 59.20,

Scratched — Duke Wilson, Counter Score.

Fourth — 5 1/2 furlongs, Extra Slipper 8.00

4.40 2.80, Excessive Welfare 5.20 2.80,

Ahumado 2.40, Quinella — 33.20, Exacta —

84.60, Trifecta — 39.80, T — 1:08.60,

Scratched — Thumper's Devil, Omnipotence,

Teaching the Moves.

Fifth — 550 yards, A Dash Red 5.40 4.00

3.00, The Meter Reader 12.60 9.80 12.60 9.80,

Big Bug Creek 6.60, Quinella — 98.40, Exacta —

95.00, Trifecta — 245.90, Superfecta —

954.60, T — 27.275, Scratched — Roaring

Streak.

Sixth — 300 yards, Dash Ta Rina 5.80 3.40

2.60, Big Mama Talks 6.00 4.00, Southern

Champ 3.80, Quinella — 22.20, Exacta —

57.80, Trifecta — 75.30, T — 15.596,

Scratched — Sweet Day to Dash, U Stormin.

Seventh — 1 mile, Distant Moon 6.20 3.00

2.40, Native Turk 3.40 2.80, Flying Castelli

3.40, Quinella — 8.60, Exacta — 16.80,

Trifecta — 41.40, T — 1:42.00, Scratched —

Trickinthe Park, It's Just Mac.

Eighth — 5 1/2 furlongs, Bye Bye Devil 8.60

2.80 3.00, Ironie Native 2.60 2.60, Alarmin

Danzer 4.40, Quinella — 6.60, Exacta —

15.00, Trifecta — 76.40, T — 1:09.20,

Scratched — Razy Jazz, Agape Slew.

Ninth — 1 1/8 miles, Loopy Louie 11.60 6.40

6.20, Que Paso 8.40 6.00, Regulator 13.80,

Quinella — 65.20, Exacta — 84.80, Trifecta —

2,014.60, T — 1:49.00.

Tenth — 6 furlongs, Mon Tresor 21.40 9.20

4.00, Sheratana 4.20 2.60, Docket 3.20,

Quinella — 50.60, Exacta — 147.40, Trifecta —

329.90, T — 1:14.00, Scratched — Proud

Retreat, Lucky El Nina.

Eleventh — 440 yards, Arealstheart 4.80

Exacta — 17.20, Exacta —

3.40 2.40, First Wicked Lady 15.20 6.20,

Strawkins 3.00, Quinella — 115.60, Exacta —

122.20, Trifecta — 182.50, Superfecta —

932.50, T — 21.011, Scratched — Separate

Tac.

Twelfth — 5 furlongs, Parade of Flags 18.40

4.60 3.40, Babes Wont Tell 2.60 2.20, Talk

That Talk 2.60, Quinella — 17.40, Exacta —

49.40, Trifecta — 85.50, Superfecta —

325.50, Pick 3 — 504.00, T — 59.60,

Scratched — Engraved, Pacer, Dogle, Estaban

Miguel.

Monday, Sept. 4

First — 5 furlongs, Hattie's Memory 29.80

9.40 5.60, Dig That Talk 4.20 3.40,

Hesadynamite Looker 3.20, Quinella — 57.20,

Exacta — 145.00, Trifecta — 247.70, T —

1:00.60.

Second — 5 1/2 furlongs, Dancin Alex 6.20

2.10, Sizzle 2.10, Silver Expression, Quinella

— 3.00, Exacta — 8.60, Daily Double —

105.80, T — 1:06.80, Scratched — Romance

the Ghost, Special Easter, Starz Ego, Baby

Twinkle, Little Orphan All.

Third — 440 yards, Ima Ramblin Girl 6.40

3.20 2.40, Boknaal 3.00 2.40, Stalaway King

2.40, Quinella — 7.80, Exacta — 12.40,

Trifecta — 19.70, T — 21.179, Scratched —

Winning Awards, Courageforgreatness.

Fourth — 250 yards, Cashadoldo 10.00 4.20

2.80, Yawls Bug 3.60 2.60, Jis Hatity 2.80,

Quinella — 16.00, Exacta — 36.80, Trifecta —

18.50, T — 13.175, Scratched — Blazin

Billboard, Royals Magic Samy.

Fifth — 7 1/2 furlongs, Any One Wish 13.00

4.60 2.60, Illalrelative 4.20 2.40, Brev's

Hamlin Slew 2.20, Quinella — 18.00, Exacta —

57.20, Trifecta — 49.90, Superfecta —

108.00, T — 1:35.80, Scratched —

Gravitating Comet, Captainmorganbay.

Sixth — 440 yards, Hicclass La Jolla 5.60 3.00

2.40, Winning Intent 2.80 2.40, Mr Gordon

Shultz 3.20, Quinella — 3.60, Exacta — 8.60,



## Wildcats stuff Mescalero in rout

RON HOKE  
For the Ruidoso News

**MESCALERO** — Tularosa's swarming defense smothered the Mescalero offense while the Wildcat offense scored seven touchdowns in a 46-0 rout Friday night.

The game evened both teams' record to 1-1. The Wildcat defensive line nullified the Chief attack for most of the contest, holding Mescalero to less than 100 total yards and recovering six fumbles.

Tularosa also sacked Mescalero quarterback Bryan Shendo four times and laid down seven tackles for lost yardage.

Shendo picked up 24 yards on a scramble on Mescalero's first play from scrimmage and a 45-yard pass completion from Justin Blake to Sheridan Lester on the next-to-last play of the game accounted for most of the Chiefs' net yardage.

In contrast, the Chiefs had no answer for the Wildcat attack, led by senior quarterback Michael Silva. Silva picked up 181 yards on 13 rush

attempts, including the second touchdown of the game on a 39-yard scamper in the first quarter.

"We lost because we made too many mistakes and Tule played a great game," said Mescalero coach Jeff Lent. "They had way too many big plays."

Senior back Kenny Hardison rambled for 125 yards on nine carries and scored three touchdowns, while senior fullback Justin Cairns added 66 yards on eight carries with one score.

Wildcat head coach Marc Kneeland was pleased with his team's effort and complimented the spirit and fight of the Chiefs.

"They (Mescalero) did a good job against us and really made us work," Kneeland said. "I'm proud of the way our kids executed and they gave a great effort throughout the game."

"We ran our option pretty well tonight," he added. "But we have to work on our pass plays."

With the clock running and the Wildcat reserves in for most the final quarter, the score remained 40-0 until freshman Nick Saenz scored the final tally of the game from 5 yards out with two minutes to play.

## Lady Warrior netters back on track with victory

KYLE MARKSTEINER  
For the Ruidoso News

**CARLSBAD** — Some lack of communication and tough defensive opposition set the Carlsbad Cavegirl varsity volleyball team back in a 22-25, 22-25, 14-25 loss to Ruidoso Saturday in Carlsbad.

"Our communication was absolutely horrid," head volleyball coach Lisa Rice said. "The girls chose not to talk to each other. It's a big mess there. We've got to get our transitions quicker, but the biggest thing is the lack of communication is eating them up."

Ruidoso setter Amanda Gardner made the Lady Warriors difficult to beat, she said.

Ruidoso advances to 1-3. "We've had a tough schedule so far," said Ruidoso coach Steve Brown. "Defense has been the strength of our team much more than offense so far, but we're getting there."

The Cavegirls took advantage of some early Ruidoso errors and a few spikes by captain Clancey Garrett to take a 12-6 lead in the first game.

Ruidoso's Queena Wilson, however, served six straight points to tie the competition.

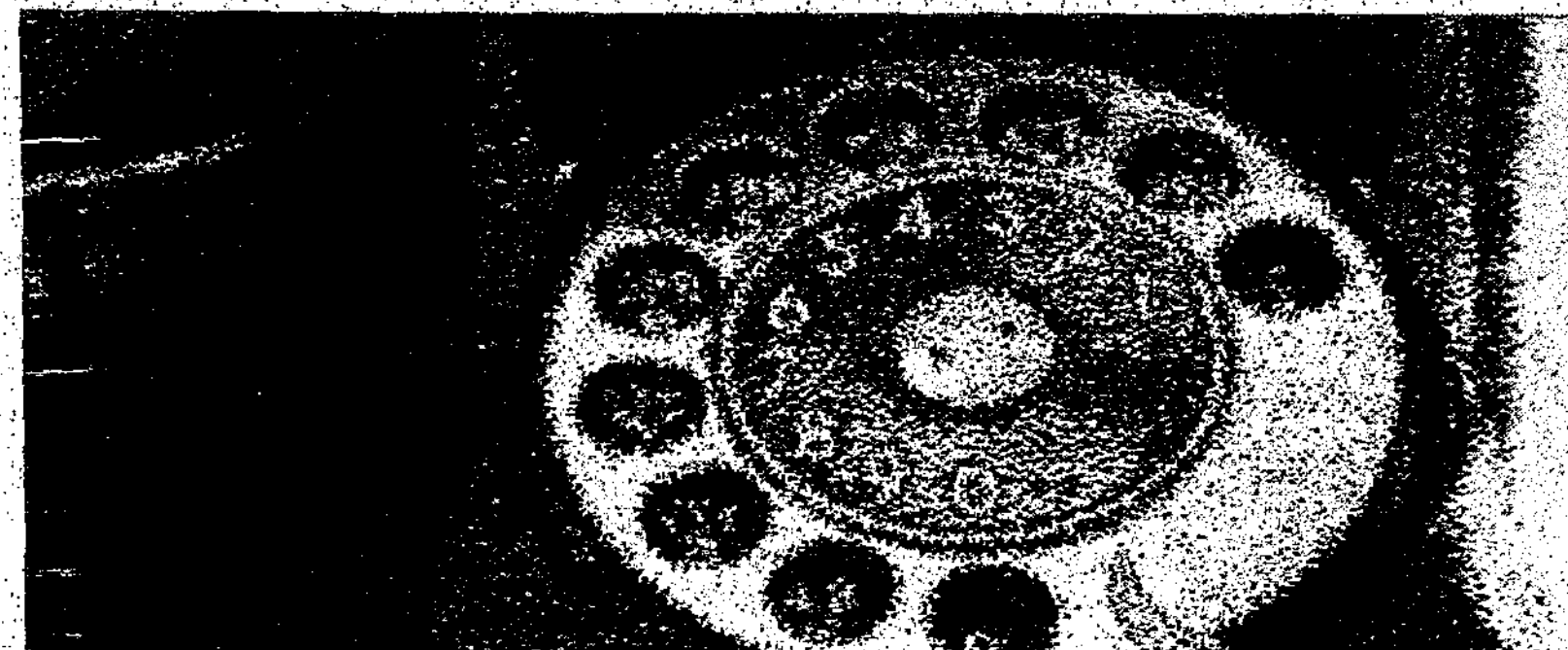
The two teams battled for the rest of the game. Carlsbad's Judith Yeager and Ashley Chism both added kills, and Garrett blocked a Ruidoso shot to tie the game at 22-22. Ruidoso's defensive players caught another spike attempt, however, and

returned the ball to an empty patch of court. Ruidoso's front line won the next three bouts for the 22-25 victory.

Defensive efforts were again key, in the second game as several spikes that appeared destined to become Carlsbad points were saved by the Lady Warriors.

Ruidoso's Haley Williams made the play of the match with a kill that keyed a seven-point scoring streak. Yeager and Chism again brought the Cavegirls back into the game. Ruidoso worked the outside corners to score the final three points for the 22-25 win.

Kyle Marksteiner is sports editor for the Carlsbad Current-Argus, a sister paper to the Ruidoso News.



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## New subdivisions hike demand for county waste disposal

Fifteen new subdivisions approved for development across the county and the annexation of land into the Town of Carrizozo earlier this year will have a major impact on future solid waste operations in Lincoln County. Solid Waste Authority Board members heard at their Aug. 22 monthly meeting.

New subdivision regulations being considered by the County Commission call for developers to share the cost of development, often as high as \$30,000 for site development and utilities. Other developers have voluntarily assumed the cost of developing solid waste disposal sites.

The financial impact is significant. Annexation in Carrizozo, for example, will expand its current system of 560 poly trash carts to nearly 1,000 carts. Once compactor sites are set up in other county locations, LCSWA will provide and operate the compactor at each site costing in the range of \$20,000 to \$30,000 each. Recycling containers will also be eventually provided at these sites.

"The expansion of subdivisions" said Operational Supervisor Debra Ingle, "will eventually mean more trucks, more employees and more equipment."

The board also heard that excessive

rain and flooding has affected several LCSWA sites in Lincoln and Otero counties.

Other actions by the board at its meeting included:

- accepted a bid from Brask Enterprises for eight new self-contained trash compactors at a cost of \$20,293.75 each

- approved an RFP process for a building contractor and trash roll off containers for the town of Chaparral in southern Otero County

- renewed a 2006-07 professional services agreement with Operational Consultants Inc. for up to \$20,000 providing services related to the closure of the Capitan Landfill

- adopted an annual Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) similar to that of other local governments, establishing five-year capital investment priorities

- received required notification of the final submittal on the Capitan Landfill closure

- received quarterly notice on past due accounts in the amount of \$124,668 - Accounts vary in length between one year and back to 1992. Liens have been placed on property with past due accounts.

- met with an Otero County representative, Ray Backstrom, Assistant

County Administrator/ICS Manager - The Board had approved the expansion of Solid Waste Authority operations into rural Otero County and an operational budget at the July meeting

Under development by the Solid Waste Board for several years and by invitation of several Otero County communities, the new LCSWA Otero County operation will conduct trash collection, landfill hauling and establishment of a new waste recycling program.

As part of the exchange, Otero County turned over existing convenience stations, compactors, and employees to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

"Lincoln County has been doing work in Otero County for five to six years," said Ingle. Last year, LCSWA netted \$80,000 in truck leases for landfill hauling in Otero County.

The Otero County operation will be a stand alone operation and accounted for separately from Lincoln County operations. The LCSWA operation will not impact any of the existing private operations in Otero County. There will be no financial impact on Lincoln County residents.

For more information, contact Ingle at 378-4697.

Contributed by LCSWA.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

**Junior Livestock Sale** fun was provided by ringmen and FFA advisors Todd Proctor, left, and Tony Johnson, right, and kept buyers and exhibitors laughing and enjoying the sale. Kaitlyn Vega could only flash a big smile when the two closed in to coax a buyer for her reserve champion dairy heifer.

## Jr. Livestock Sale proceeds up in 2006

JULIE CARTER  
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Totals from the 2006 Lincoln County Fair Junior Livestock Sale surpassed the 2005 numbers and validated an already very successful annual fair.

The sale of 66 animals plus the champion cake and pie netted \$91,209.25, outdoing last year's total of \$85,987.80.

The booster jackpot was down drastically to \$161.50 from \$710 but the add-ons donations given specifically to individual fair contestants - were up from \$14,449.73 last year to \$17,914.30 this year.

Overall, the 2006 sale showed more than an \$8,000 increase.

Forrest Sweat, Capitan 4-H, sold his champion pecan pie for \$400 and Hondo 4-Her Irving Gomez sold his champion cake for \$500.

The grand champion dairy heifer, owned by J.T. Eldridge, sold to Nature's Dairy for \$5,000. Haley

Montes' grand champion market hog was bought by Smokey's Country Market for \$2,000.

T&T Trailer Sales got the bid for the grand champion cabrito, owned by Joshewa Miles, for \$900.

Shaye Ventura's champion rabbits went to State National Bank for \$550. Hondo Buyers Club bought Tito Montoya's champion broilers for \$500.

The champion market steer and lamb were held for state fair. The reserve champion market steer, owned by J.R. Shafer, sold to Smokey's Country Market for \$3,700/pound.

The Lincoln County Junior Livestock Sale committee is chaired by Scott Shafer.

Each year a tremendous amount of planning and work goes into the background of a successful sale, none of which is possible without the many generous and faithful buyers who support the junior livestock sale.

## Rain on the 'Zozo parade; bird house auction feathered a fine nest

JULIE CARTER  
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This is the year the Carrizozo Street Fair tried to rain out - but a few hardy souls braved the damp conditions, set up tents, put on jackets and made it a fun day.

Organizers were forced to cancel parade floats and any entry that was not protected by some sort of cover due to the rains that started Saturday night, continued throughout Sunday and into Monday.

The parade was a short noisy affair with police cars and fire engines and their sirens making up the bulk of the entries. Keeping with tradition while sirens blared, candy was tossed to the children waiting at curbside.

A visiting fire engine from Capitan made an appearance in honor of the day.

Parade marshals were the kids from last year's Rocking Horse Pre-K class, which are this year's kindergarteners. They rode in a van with lit-

tle faces and hands pressed against the window, disappointed they could not show off from the trailer float, as originally planned.

Donning jackets and hats, a surprising number of residents and visitors browsed the booths and vendors that withstood the damp and cool weather. The music was ongoing until mid-afternoon when fair-goers faded away with the day.

Friday night, 80 interested bidders attended the Street Fair Birdhouse Auction's black tie affair.

Twelve of the 42 houses sold prior to the auction for the "buy it now" prices listed.

When the gavel fell for the last time an estimated \$3,400 had been earned. The high selling birdhouse was created by Ray Dean and sold for \$250.

Organizers were ecstatic with the success of the event and very grateful to the buyers and the Four Winds Restaurant for providing the room and a food spread that surpassed all expectations.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

**Carrizozo Women's Club** hosted a booth full of homemade goodies for sale at the street fair. Madeleine Sabo prices the baked goods for an early sell-out.

## COUNTY BRIEFS

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The Partners in Preservation of Lincoln State Monument will present the 9th Annual Arts in the Orchard 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 10. Arts and crafts booths with handmade items, created by local artists and crafters, provide specialize shopping for visitors. Live entertainment, including music by Mark Remington is ongoing throughout the day. Also available is plenty of good food. An arts and crafts center for kids will give them a chance to create their own masterpieces.

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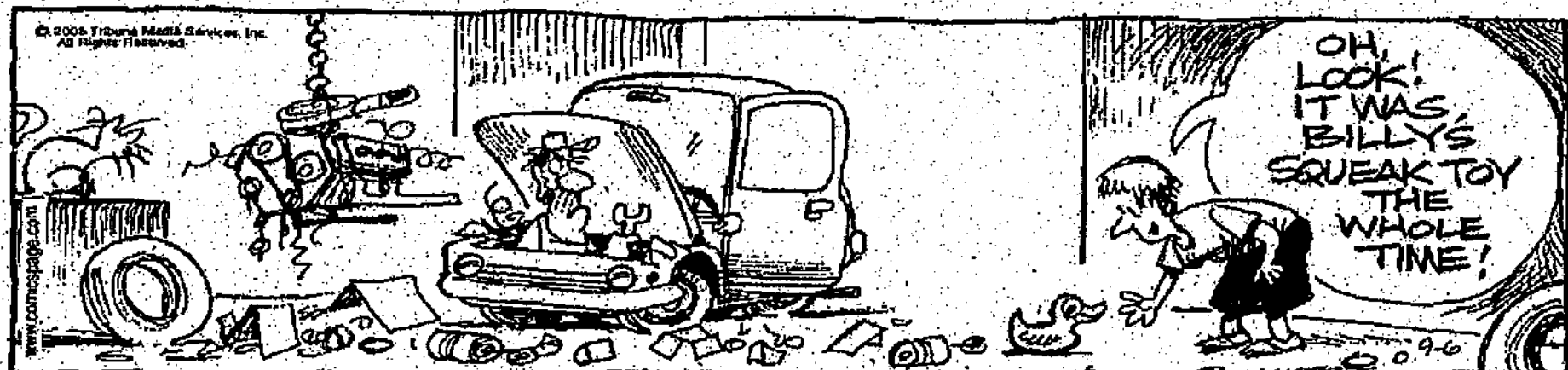
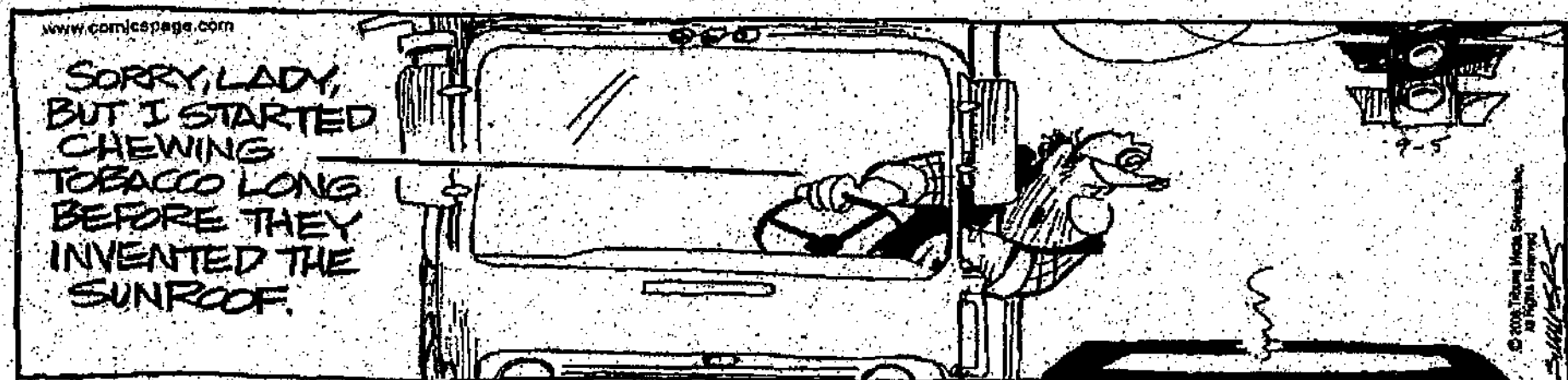
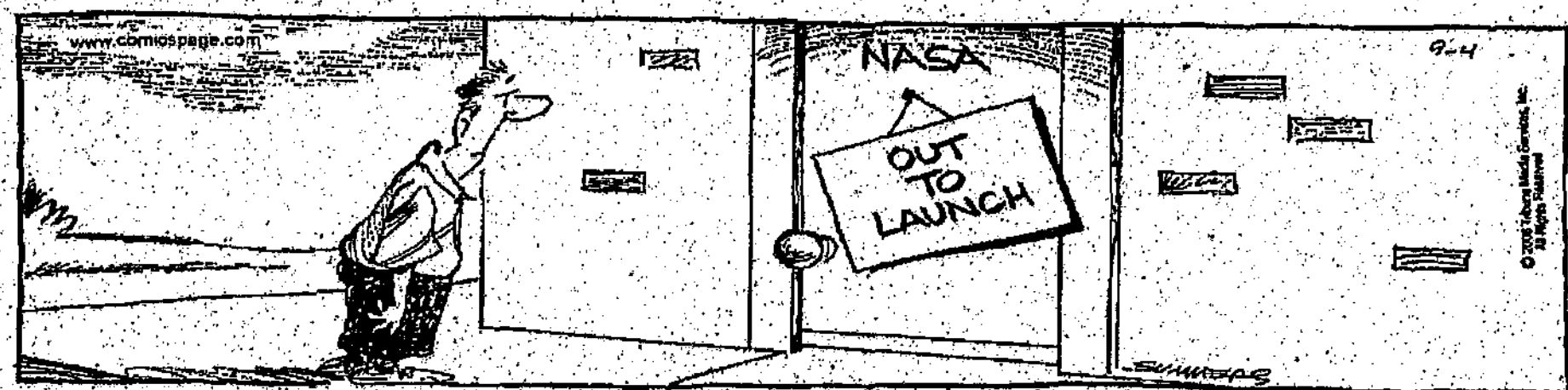
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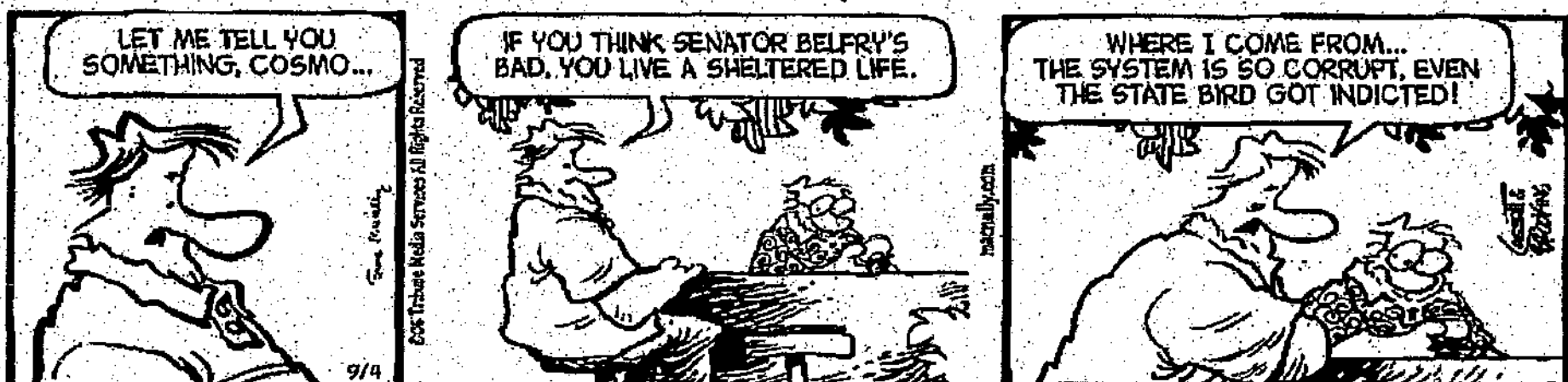
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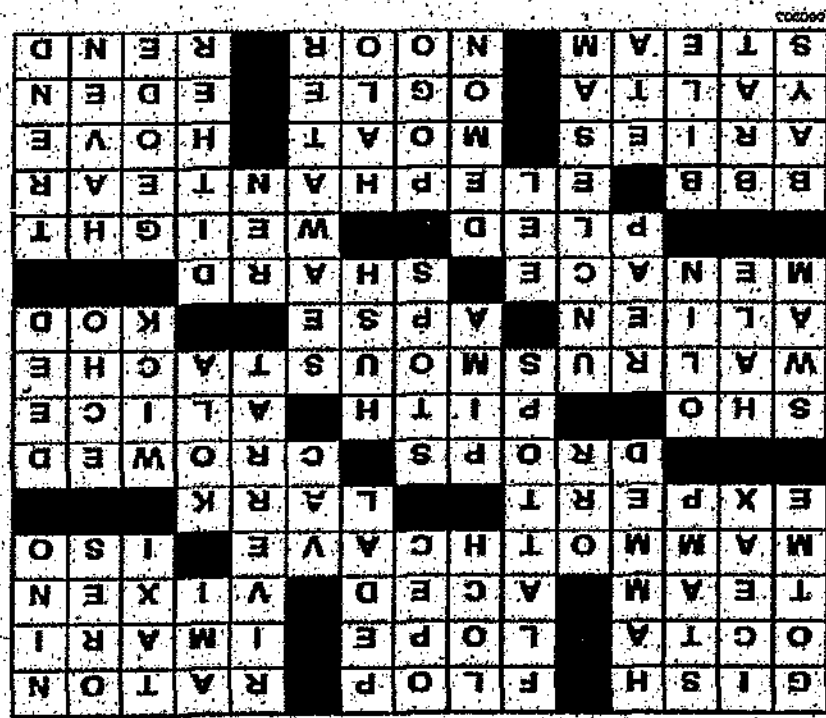
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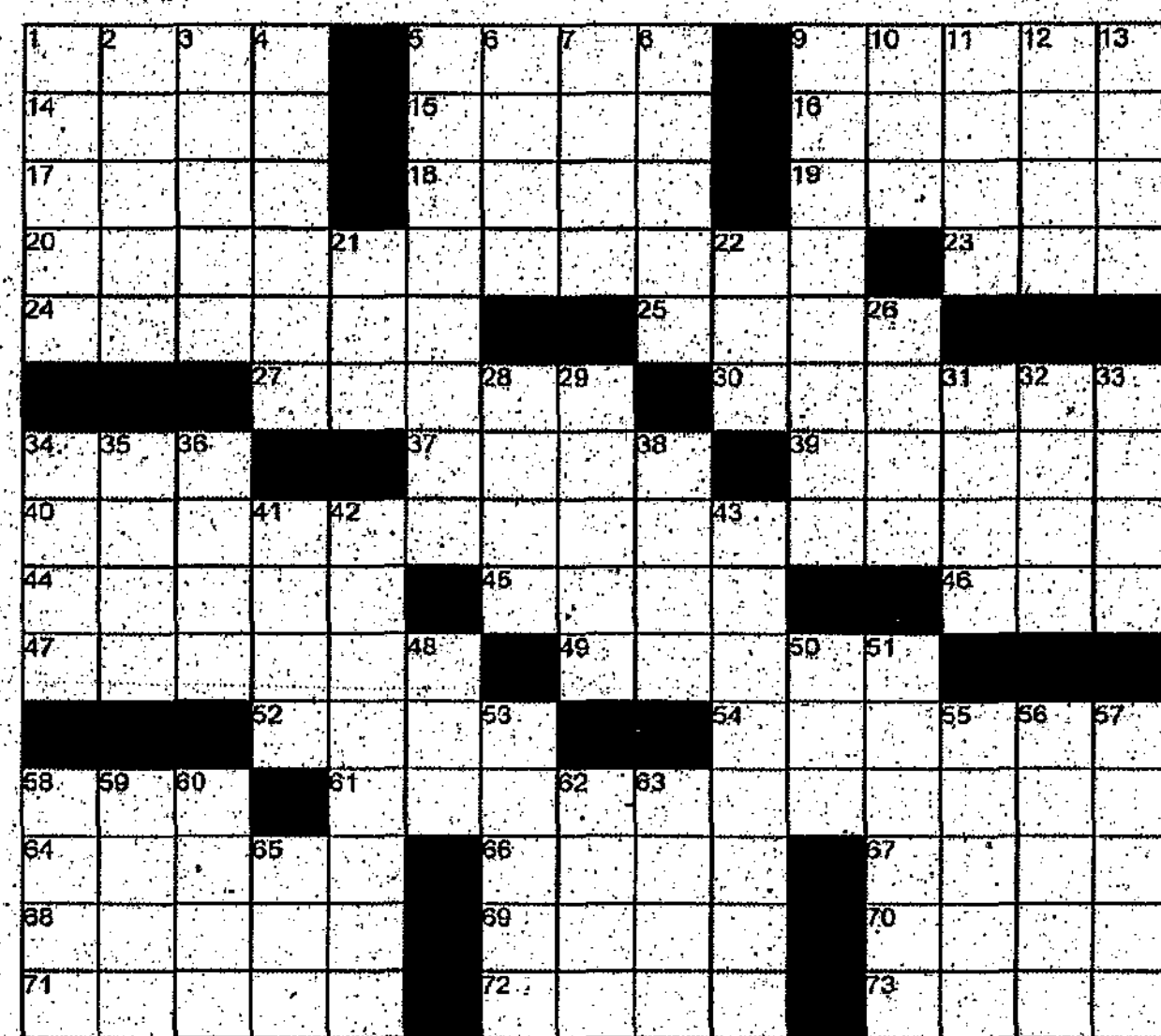
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## ACROSS

1. Lillian of "Birth of a Nation"
5. Broadway bomb
9. Boca, Fla.
14. Tetra-doubled
15. Bound along
16. ware (Japanese porcelain)
17. Lions or Tigers or Bears
18. Got 100 on
19. One of Santa's, eight
20. Kentucky tourist attraction
23. Prefix with metric
24. Maven
25. Just-for-fun activity
27. Lets go of
30. Acted the braggart
34. HBO competitor
37. helmet (safari wear)
39. Trixie's sitcom pal
40. Bushy, drooping growth
44. Green-card carrier
45. Cathedral part
46. Sent down for the count
47. Dennis Mitchell, e.g.
49. Pottery fragment
52. Said, "no contest," say
54. Boxer's stat
58. Consumer protection org.
61. Large, flat pastry
64. Sign of spring
66. Castle defense
67. Hurler with effort
68. 1945 summit site
69. Eye wolfishly
70. Blissful place

## Tuskers



71. Geyser output
72. The Koh-i- diamond
73. Tear apart

## DOWN

1. "I'm stumped"
2. Mountaineer's tool
3. Philatelist's item
4. it up (overacted)
5. Aircraft carriers, slangily
6. Ness or Lomond
7. Crude org.
8. Propel a velocipede
9. Avid rafter
10. "What bid?"
11. Hailer's cry
12. They need refinement
13. El (ocean current)
21. Bruins legend Bobby
22. Carpet cleaner, briefly
26. Caffeine-loaded nut
28. Arizona Indian
29. Route components
31. Part of an oil lamp
32. Recording studio effect
33. Monopoly card
34. Did the dog paddle, say
35. Patriot Nathan
36. Lena of "Havana"
38. "Pipe down!"
41. Swing a scythe
42. America, personified
43. Desalinization input
48. Slippery sort
50. Toon Chihuahua
51. In a (flustered)
53. Exorcist's target
55. Crystal-lined rock
56. Safety zone
57. Current fashion
58. Arms of the sea
59. Ill-mannered tot
60. Liver secretion
62. Kelly's possum
63. Sign of sanctity
65. LAX posting, for short

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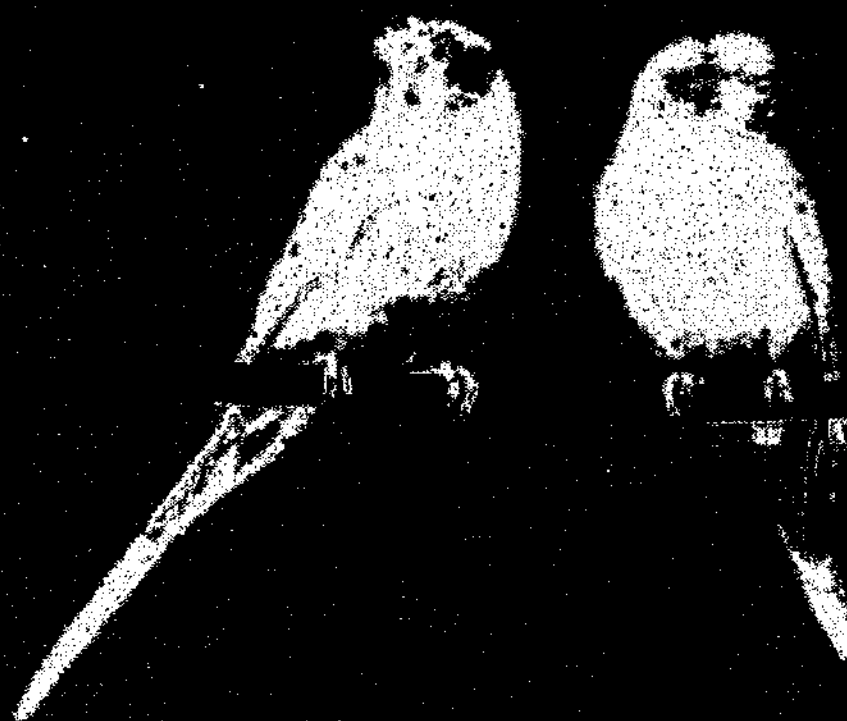
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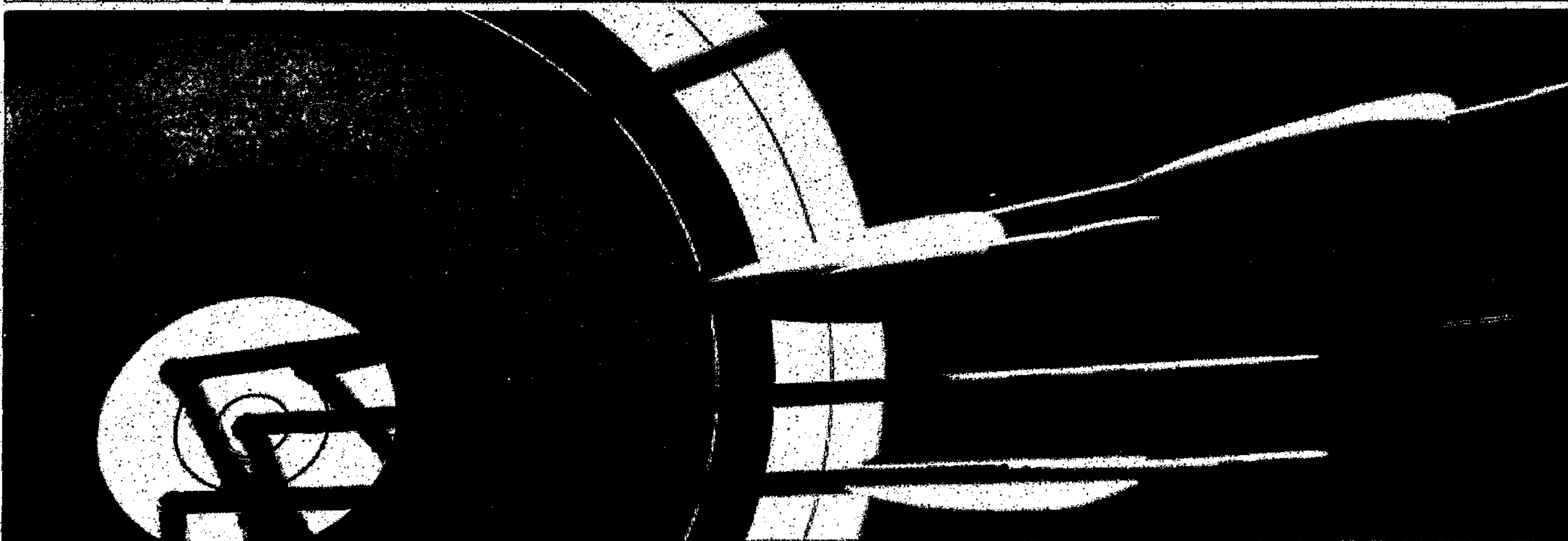
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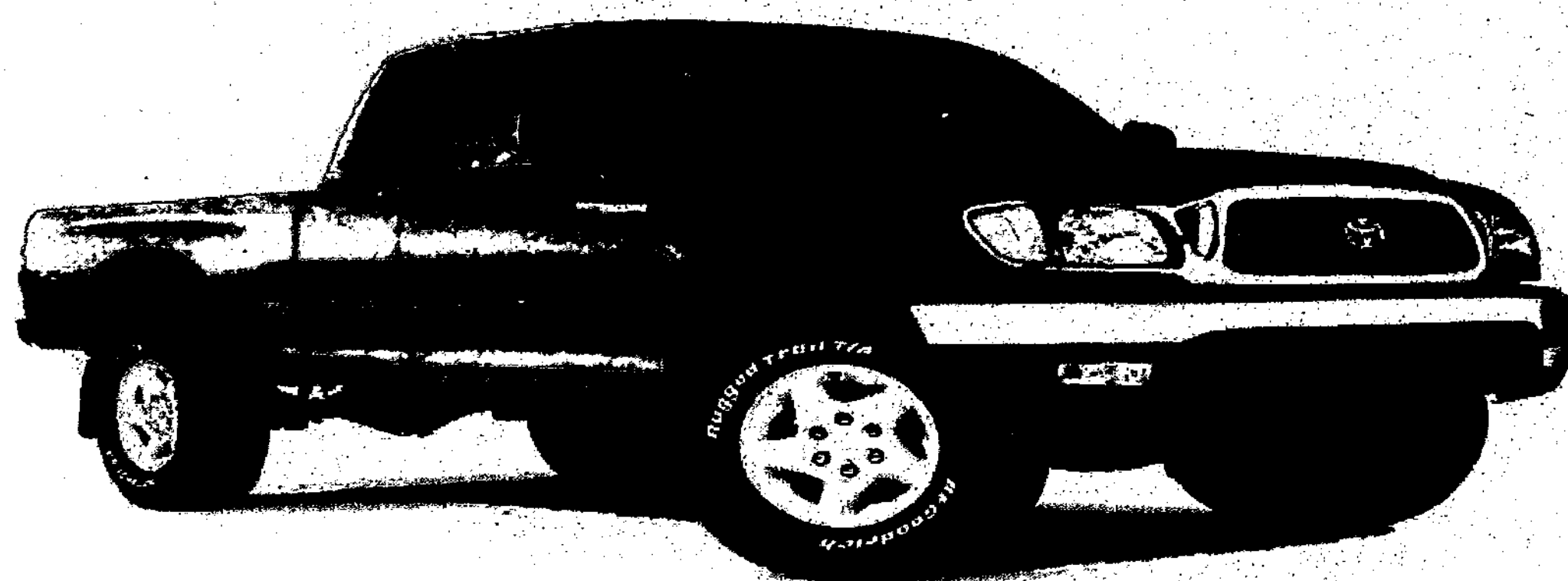
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