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Trial set in murder of foster parent

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CARRIZOZO — The two teens accused of killing their foster mother in San Patricio are scheduled to stand trial in early

December in Carrizozo District Court.

The court set the trial date Thursday, setting Dec. 5 through 16 for the trial of Alexis Shields and Desiree Linares.

Shields and Linares, both 15-

years-old, were arrested in Carlsbad June 9 and charged with murdering Evelyn Miranda, 53, and stealing her car, cell phone and laptop computer. A relative found Miranda dead in her San Patricio home with her

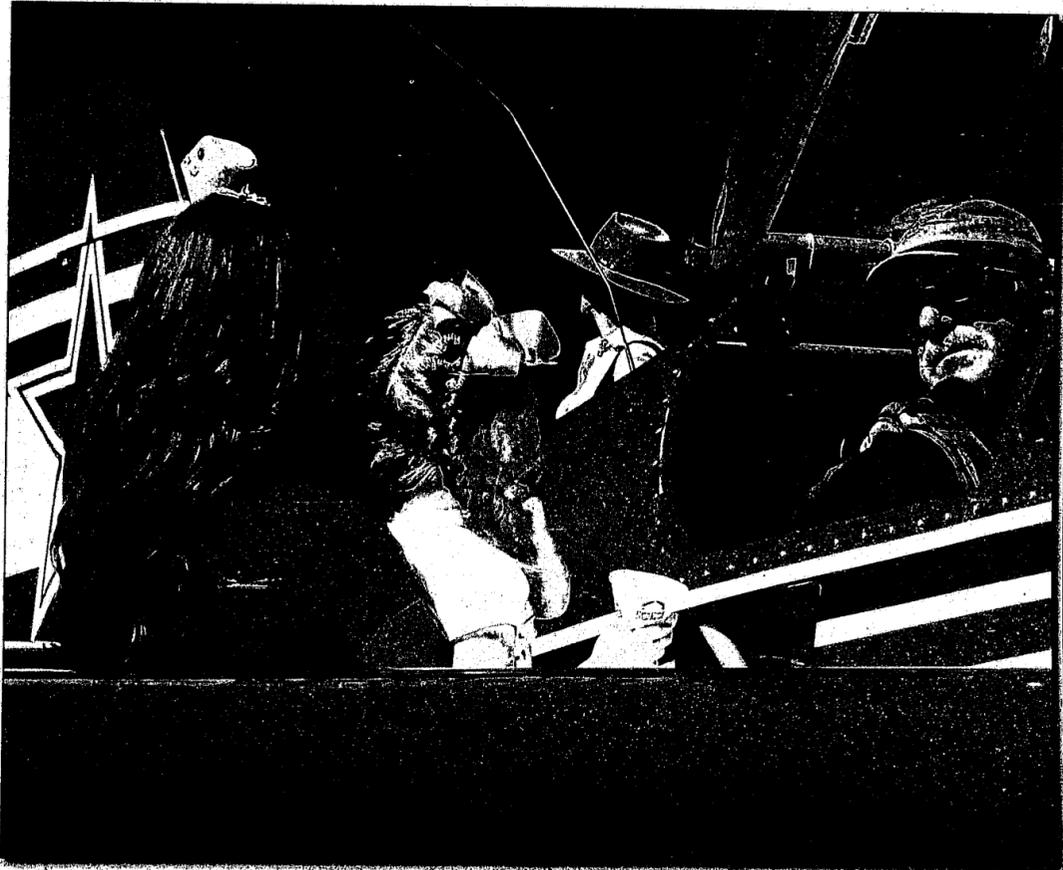
hands and feet bound.

Judge William Brogan is scheduled to preside over the trial. District Judge Karen Parsons, Public Defenders Gary Mitchell and James Walker all recused themselves from the case

because of prior dealings with the teens. Attorney Jesse R. Cosby, of Roswell, has been assigned to represent Linares, and Anna M. Aragon, of Las Vegas, N.M., was

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WINGING IT



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Autumn and Mirabella Laurence, from Austin, Texas, greet pilot Don Nelson as he prepares to get out of his stunt plane after his afternoon air show during the Fly-In at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport Saturday.

Accident kills local musician Tommy Martin

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Local musician and former jockey and trainer Tommy Martin died Monday as a result of injuries he suffered in a motorcycle accident last week. He was 58.

"The information we received from his sister this morning was that he went into cardiac arrest and they were trying to get him into surgery," former band mate and friend Spencer Gandy said Monday. "He didn't make it."

The New Mexico State Police told the Ruidoso News Martin's motorcycle struck a deer near milepost 308 on U.S. 70 at about 6:45 p.m. Oct. 12. State Police Officer Samuel Huston reported Martin was lying face down on the side of the road when he arrived on the scene of the accident.

Martin was airlifted to Lubbock, Texas, for treat-

ment.

"We all felt like he was going to get better," Gandy said. More than 150 of Martin's friends and family followed his treatment and expressed their feelings about Martin on a facebook page.

"It is a sad day in Ruidoso and the world of music," Graham Brothers Band member Dale Graham posted on facebook.

Gandy said he had known Martin for about 10 years and Martin had played with Gandy's The Mixx Band for about a year before moving to Nashville.

"He came back from Nashville because his mother was sick," Gandy said. "Working next to Tommy, I was so blessed."

Martin's careers before



Martin

music included the rough and tumble worlds of horse racing and rodeo.

"He was a jockey and trainer in the 1970s," Gandy said. "He had a tough life and had survived

so much we were sure he would survive this."

Martin's mother said he started both the horse and music business at an early age.

"He got his first horse for his twelfth birthday," Donna Adkins said. "He taught himself how to play guitar and got his first job playing in the backroom of what is now K-Bob's before he was 16."

Adkins said Tommy had to get permission from the local Municipal Court Judge Jim Wheeler to play in the club and she had to go with

"We met Tommy in 1961 when the Potter boys had the famous Hut in Ruidoso," Frank Potter said. "I can hear them now, Tom Potter on lead, Tommy Martin on steel and Ray Potter on drums."

Frank Potter
Ruidoso resident

him because he was so young.

Adkins said Tommy received his Texas driver's license when he was 14 and did not need supervision to play in the clubs there, so he would drive to Midland and play before he started in Ruidoso.

"We met Tommy in 1961 when the Potter boys had the famous Hut in

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Village to crack down on lodgers tax delinquencies

Single lodger pays some \$70,000 in arrears

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A renewed effort at prodding some Ruidoso lodgers to pay up will include an educational initiative.

The village's lodgers tax committee earlier this year recommended turning off the water to lodging establishments that fail to turn over the room taxes they collect. But the village council in July unanimously decided to withdraw an ordinance change from its meeting agenda. The amendment would allow the village to shut off the water for non-payment or failing to comply with an audit request.

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County shooting case wrapped up

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It is case closed after a grand jury cleared the two Lincoln County deputies involved in a July 28 shooting outside Capitan, declining to indict them Oct. 7.

The two deputies had been cleared by an internal Sheriff's Department investigation a couple of weeks after the shooting and returned to duty.

District Attorney Diana Martwick took the case to a grand jury for a determination of the officer's justification for the shooting. According to Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson, this is normal procedure for any officer-involved shooting.

Martwick said she had no comment regarding grand jury testimony, which takes place behind closed doors. She said the fact the grand jury did not issue an indictment prevents her from speaking about the case.

A New Mexico State Police crime scene team

investigated the shooting and concluded the two deputies shot and killed James Latham, 60, during a confrontation at Latham's home on Highway 380 east of Capitan after Latham pointed a gun at them.



Martwick

The report says Deputy Ben Hazen shot at

Latham twice with a .45-caliber pistol and the Deputy Neal Cox shot at Latham twice with a 12-gauge shotgun loaded with 00-buckshot. Latham died at the scene.

The deputies had responded to Latham's home after Latham's wife called 911 to report a domestic dispute in the Lathams' vehicle, during which Latham struck her

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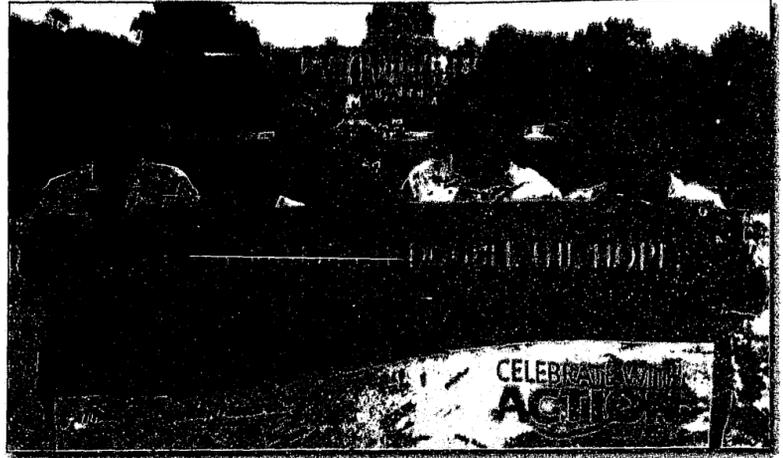
STUDENTS VISIT THE SPENCER



At top, some of Rebecca Thigpen's second-grade class posed for cameras after enjoying a whimsical production of "Charlotte's Web" at the Spencer Theater on Oct. 17. The Sierra Vista Primary students were among hundreds of school youth bused free of charge to the theater for the day's shows, thanks to a transportation grant from the R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation. Pictured, front row, from left, Tashyah Blake, Devin Randolph, Harley Rushing, Virginia Montes, Isabella Medina, Isaak Ogden; back row, from left, Jolee Magoosh, Larry Barrios, and Jude Johnson. Middle, Always in the spirit of fun, Cecile Kinnan, one of the key coordinators of the Spencer Theater's hearty pool of volunteer ushers, sports a stuffed spider "brooch" in honor of "Charlotte's Web." Bottom, White Mountain Elementary School chums Madison Yuzos and Matthew Negrete said they loved "Charlotte's Web."



CANCER SURVIVORS



Sashay Mills, Lynda Evans-Ricci, Sandra Adondakis, Dolores Anaya-Gomez recently traveled to Washington, DC, along with 600 other volunteers for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. Mills, Evans-Ricci and Anaya-Gomez are all cancer survivors. They met with representatives of New Mexico's congressional delegation on Sept. 27 to urge them to fund proven cancer control programs and research to help develop better early detection tools and treatments for cancer. "As a cancer survivor I know how important cancer research is to treatment, care and saving lives," said Mills. "I let our Congressional representatives know how critical it is that Congress sustain funding for cancer research and programs. We cannot reduce death and suffering from cancer if our country does not invest in potential medical breakthroughs." Federally funded medical research and cancer prevention programs have had a role in every major advance against this disease, resulting in 350 more lives saved from cancer per day than in 1991. Despite this progress, cancer continues to kill 1,500 people in the United States every day - nearly 570,000 people each year. For more information about ACS CAN and the Celebrate with Action campaign, please visit www.acscan.org.

New librarian

The public will get a chance to welcome the new director of the Ruidoso Public Library. A meet-and-greet for Corey Bard is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 20, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the library. Bard was previously the library director at the Curry Public Library in Gold Beach, Ore. Music will be provided by Fred Kinnan and Tim Rice.

Refreshments will be served.

Bard said he plans to continue technology improvements at the Ruidoso Public Library to keep pace with changes in the library world. He said he also wants the arts community to bring more culture to the library with programs, entertainers, musicians, historical chautauqs and educators. He also would like to provide training and assistance to

the public in computer skills, as well as business development and job search help. Bard said recent economic trends make job searching, resume building and business development skills programs necessary for libraries to offer.

Bard contends that libraries must be ready to adopt changing technologies.

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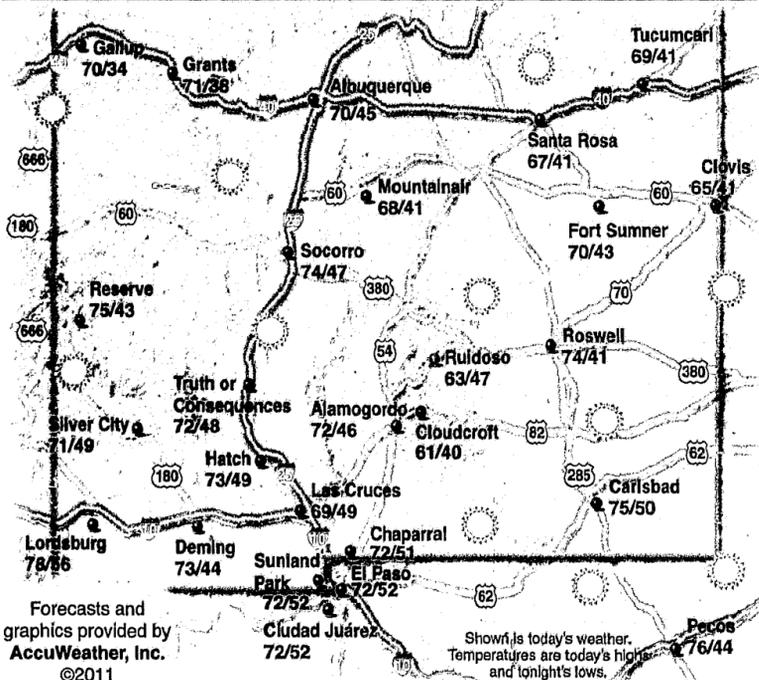
AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 65°	RealFeel 75°	RealFeel 74°	RealFeel 74°	RealFeel 72°	RealFeel 71°	RealFeel 68°
Humidity 36%	Humidity 20%	Humidity 22%	Humidity 17%	Humidity 33%	Humidity 32%	Humidity 35%
63° 47°	73° 49°	71° 53°	71° 44°	66° 47°	67° 49°	68° 40°
A full day of sunshine	Sunny, breezy and warmer	Sunny and breezy	Sunny, breezy and pleasant	Bright sunshine	Bright sunshine	Sunshine
Wind: SW 8-16 mph	Wind: WNW 10-20 mph	Wind: SW 10-20 mph	Wind: N 10-20 mph	Wind: SE 6-12 mph	Wind: SW 8-16 mph	Wind: WSW 10-20 mph

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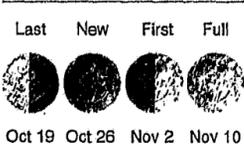


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Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:10 a.m./6:26 p.m. Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset none/1:34 p.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 104° in Gila Bend, AZ Low: 18° in Dunkirk, MT Monday's World High/Low: High: 110° in Makkah, Saudi Arabia Low: -46° in Summit Station, Greenland

Almanac

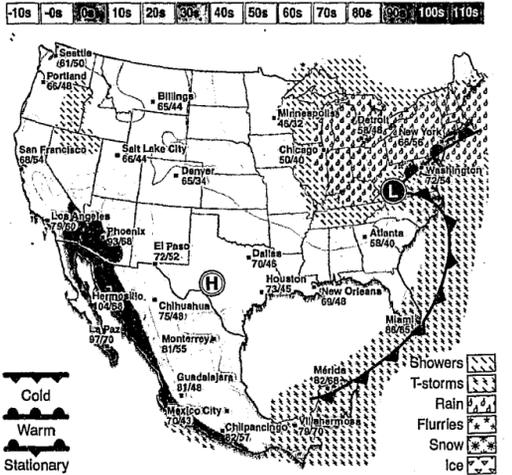
Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 72°/41°
Normal high 68°
Normal low 36°
Record high 75° (1964)
Record low 11° (1968)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 1.10"
Normal month to date 1.03"
Year to date 7.82"
Normal year to date 18.97"

Pollen:
Grass Moderate
Trees Low
Weeds Moderate
Mold Low
Predominant Artemisia

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 88°/50°
Normal high 78°
Normal low 41°
Record high 88° (2011)
Record low 35° (1968)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.01"
Normal month to date 0.58"
Year to date 3.21"
Normal year to date 8.93"

Weather Trivia:
Q: Are cloudy nights usually warmer or colder than clear nights?
A: Warmer. Clouds prevent heat loss to space.

National Forecast for Oct. 19, 2011



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Abilene	71/43/s	75/48/s
Anchorage	37/29/s	40/32/sn
Atlanta	58/40/pc	61/42/s
Austin	75/39/s	79/50/s
Baltimore	70/53/r	64/44/pc
Boston	58/56/r	71/52/pc
Chicago	58/40/r	51/38/c
Dallas	70/46/s	71/49/s
Denver	65/34/s	70/41/s
Des Moines	48/30/pc	51/32/pc
Detroit	58/48/r	54/39/sh
El Paso	72/52/s	81/54/s
Las Vegas	88/65/s	84/65/s
Los Angeles	79/60/pc	78/60/pc
Minneapolis	48/32/pc	49/34/pc
New Orleans	69/48/s	68/47/s
New York City	65/58/r	62/46/pc
Philadelphia	69/57/r	68/45/pc
Phoenix	93/68/s	92/68/s
Reno	73/40/s	73/40/s
San Francisco	68/54/pc	71/54/pc
San Diego	70/63/pc	69/62/pc
Seattle	61/50/pc	58/46/c
Tucson	90/62/s	88/60/s
Tulsa, OK	60/33/s	58/37/s
Wash., DC	72/54/r	67/48/pc
Wichita	58/30/s	58/37/s
Yuma	95/68/s	94/66/s

Regional Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Albuquerque	70/45/s	72/48/s
Artesia	75/53/s	89/51/s
Chama	61/31/s	63/27/s
Clayton	60/32/s	62/39/s
Cloudcroft	61/40/s	65/26/s
Farmington	67/37/s	69/38/s
Hobbs	74/44/s	80/44/s
Los Alamos	64/38/s	65/33/s
Portales	68/41/s	74/40/s
Raton	60/29/s	63/30/s
Red River	60/31/s	57/26/s
Ruidoso	63/47/s	73/49/s
Santa Fe	67/36/s	71/37/s
Silver City	71/49/s	78/49/s
Taos	64/28/s	67/29/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/75/pc	90/75/r
Cancun	84/64/c	81/63/c
Chihuahua	75/48/s	84/52/s
Ciudad Juárez	72/52/s	81/54/s
Leon	77/43/s	84/46/s
México, DF	70/43/s	73/41/s
Monterrey	81/55/s	86/59/s
Morelia	79/50/s	80/51/s
Oaxaca	73/48/pc	73/50/s
Pto. Penasco	93/68/s	90/68/s
Tijuana	73/57/pc	72/57/pc

Business this Week

A candy Buffet

George Buffet re-opens his store in Ruidoso

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Buffet's Candies has been bringing smiles and sugar rushes to children since 1956, when George Buffet, founder of Buffet Candies, opened the store in Ruidoso.

The store, located on Sudderth Drive, has been closed for many years due to staffing issues, Buffet said, but now he's found "good people I like working for me." The store re-opened in mid May.

The store sells candies, brittles, chocolates, and piñon nuts that are made in Buffet's plant in Albuquerque, delivered fresh each week to Ruidoso.

Buffet, who has been making candy for 65 years, began in Albuquerque, making candy at local stores from the age of 18.

Shortly after he opened his business in Albuquerque, he said one of his clerks retired to Ruidoso with her husband and suggested he open a candy store in Ruidoso.

"I ended up having a candy store there, and it was perfect," Buffet said.

"I have some customers come in here with a big smile and tell me what happy childhood memories they have of this store," said Peg Ursey, an employee in the Ruidoso store.

Some of the more popular items at the store are

the "horny toad candy," made of pecans and caramel coated in chocolate, and the "bear crunch," which was Buffet's solution to a shortage of piñon nuts several years back.

"One year we ran out of piñon nuts, and I needed something else," Buffet said, telling how he got the idea to take his caramel corn and wrap it in light chocolate, dark chocolate, and another white chocolate coating.

For more information, or to order candies or a gift certificate, contact the Ruidoso store at (575) 257-5669, or visit them on the web at www.buffetscandies.com, where the "candy is made to eat, not to keep."



ERIK BEARER/RUIDOSO NEWS
 Peg Ursey shows of a "Texas-sized lollipop" at the newly re-opened Buffet's Candies on Sudderth Drive.

EVENTS

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Legal help

Free legal help will be available to residents in the Ruidoso region on Saturday, Oct. 22. Attorneys from Lincoln and Otero counties will be at the Ruidoso Senior Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The free legal fair will answer questions about bankruptcy, foreclosure, creditor/debtor issues, landlord/tenant matters, guardianships, public benefits, immigration, family law, paternity/custody/child support, wills/trusts/probate, and powers of attorney.

The consultations will be on a first-come, first serve basis. Bilingual attorneys will be available.

N.M. Community

New Mexico Community Foundation presentation available for community leaders and nonprofits at 6

p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at the Capitan Library. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Republican Women

Kathryn Minter, Lincoln County commissioner, will be the featured speaker at the October meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County. Her topic is the State of the County.

The meeting will be held at the Ruidoso Senior Center on at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24. Bring a sack lunch and please use the side entrance. For information, 430-7258.

Story times

Wednesday morning preschool story times for the remainder of October will include stories about tiny woodland creatures today. The children will make a Hershey's mouse.

Today the children's library will feature stories about raccoons. Raccoon masks will be made for the students to wear.

The Oct. 26 edition will deliver Halloween stories and spooky crafts. The Wednesday preschool story times begin at 10:30 a.m.

'Pink' raffle

The Ruidoso Regional Arts Council exhibition "Shades of Pink" and the raffle of an artist's proof for the purpose are aimed at raising money for both the RRCA and Altrusa during October.

Raffle proceeds will be equally split between the two groups, with Altrusa's portion benefiting the Lincoln County Low Cost Mammogram Matching Grant Fund.

The sales of any artwork during this show falls under the same consignment agreement the RRCA has in place for all exhibits, with 75 percent going to the artist and 25 percent to the RRCA.

Tickets are available at Josie's Framery and the RRCA. They sell for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The Artist's Proof is a high quality giclee from the

original watercolor titled "Promise for Tomorrow." The artist Jean Heiges-DeWaard is deceased from pancreatic cancer.

Roadblocks

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish said Tuesday that the road blocks would help both the collection of harvest data and the apprehension of wildlife law violators.

Conservation officers also will check for compliance with the registration requirements and safety provisions of the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Act. Drivers hauling wood products will be asked to show documentation as spelled out in the Forestry Conservation Act.

Game and Fish Department officers may be assisted by other law enforcement agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Police and county sheriff's deputies.

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OUR OPINION

Long overdue: State should reform PRC

It's not just the scandals, such as the commissioner convicted last month of credit card fraud, identity theft and embezzlement. Or the one before that convicted of bashing a romantic rival in the head with a rock. Or the one before that arrested at the Albuquerque airport leaving for a trip on official business with marijuana in her suitcase. Or the one before that who lost an \$840,000 sexual harassment judgment filed by a staff member in a civil case.

No, the problems of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission run far deeper than that. It is, quite simply, a board with too much power, too few requirements to serve and virtually no oversight.

A high school dropout who earns enough votes on election day can suddenly be thrust into the position of deciphering complex utility rate cases, electricity transmission grids and insurance rules — among a wide array of other interests.

When the New Mexico Legislature combined the old State Corporation Commission and Public Utility Commission into the PRC in 1996, it created a massive regulatory board that has oversight of everything from gas pipelines to taxi cabs.

The PRC has a broader jurisdiction than any state utility regulatory agency in the nation, according to the Santa Fe-based public policy group Think New Mexico. It is headed by a five-person elected board that must meet only three requirements to serve: be at least 18 years old, a resident of New Mexico and have no

prior felony convictions.

Think New Mexico, which in the past has successfully advocated for such things as full-day kindergarten, a repeal of the food tax and reform of both the lottery scholarship and title insurance, has proposed a series of common-sense reforms for the PRC.

Their proposal would split insurance into a separate department, move authority for the State Fire Marshal to the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, consolidate corporate reporting in the Office of the Secretary of State, give the Department of Health authority over ambulances and deregulate market entry and rates of motor carriers.

It would also require PRC candidates to have either a four-year college degree or five years of relevant professional experience. Think New Mexico notes that nationwide, 89 percent of utility commissioners have a college degree, while in New Mexico 44 percent of PRC commissioners did not have a college degree when elected.

We also know from recent experience that, once elected, commissioners don't even have to show up for work. Jerome D. Block Jr., the latest commissioner to run afoul of the law, was simply coming in every two weeks to pick up his paycheck before finally pleading guilty and stepping down.

The state has set up a commission that is too big to fail, and then has done absolutely nothing to prevent failure. It's past time for a change.



YOUR OPINION

Regarding PRC recommendations

To the editor:
Attn: Fred Nathan
Think New Mexico
Dear Mr. Nathan

Recently an article by Mr. (Milan) Simonich appeared in the Ruidoso News, which explored the current controversy surrounding the PRC and ex-commissioner Jerome Block's poor performance, criminal behavior, and limited educational achievements as opposed to the lengthy experience and education that Jason Marks applied to the PNM rate decision.

Mr. Simonich included the following recommendation from Think New Mexico:

"Nathan's organization recommends new requirements. It wants regulatory commissioners to have at least a bachelor's degree or five years' experience in a field such as engineering, law or accounting."

On the surface this recommendation appears to be fairly straightforward, until you examine the rate-making process.

Over the past decades the utility industry has adopted some of the same billing strategies employed by credit card companies, telephone companies, and airlines that the public endures on a day to day basis.

These expensive and complex rate designs are then justified by highly specialized, highly paid consultants (\$550 an hour in the most recent PNM rate approval) who coordinate with highly paid lobbyist, to make sure that all the favorable accounting treatments, and necessary legal requirements are in place prior to the submission of the rate application, in many cases this take years of preparation to set the stage.

To this day, no one has been able or willing to express the total loaded cost to the residential rate

payer as a result of this approval, and that includes the best and the brightest both on the PNM side and the PRC side, even though some have tried.

There at least 12 different riders or tariffs that may or may not show up on the rate payers bill sometime in the near future as a result of this latest decision.

For example, what about the nearly \$7/ month consolidation fee that was approved and is being billed to 50,000 plus customers in the Southern Rate District, how was that justified, and when will it expire?

The 9.3 percent base rate increase that was advertised in the press doesn't tell the whole story.

The loaded cost is probably closer to 20 percent or more, as was indicated by the hearing officer in her summary.

These are the added costs that nobody wants to talk about, and the riders will probably drive the rates even higher.

Complex rate engineering, supported by heavily lobbied legal requirements, produced a process that severely limits the opportunity for commissioners to include common sense arguments as part of their decision, especially when you consider the threat that any decision which generates an unfavorable result will automatically be met with a very expensive lawsuit designed to break the Attorney General's budget.

Obviously, a great many well intentioned and well educated people became so entangled in the process that they were captured by the seven-headed dragon they created.

Considering the current state of affairs, the qualities voters should be requiring are candi-

dates with a strong sense of right and wrong as well as an unwavering commitment to address fairness and accountability, and the relentless determination to reform a regulatory culture which blindly obeys a process that has destroyed transparency.

Whether or not a bachelor degree can produce those qualities should be left up to the voter to decide.

Should THINK NEW MEXICO decide to evaluate the process, with an eye on reforms that create inclusion and transparency, than I for one would strongly support that effort.

In the meantime, maybe we should find out who at the PRC is currently engaged in those efforts, and see what we all can do to encourage and assist with what surely will be a difficult endeavor.

Respectfully,

Rick Albers
Ruidoso

Rebuild this country

To the editor:
If this country stays on its present course, we may be headed toward a revolution. People are tired of being used as a political football, while our Democratic and Republican Congress, have their never ending political standoff.

We are one of the strongest and richest countries in the world. And here we are talking about ending Medicare and Social Security, too, programs that have been a lifeline for millions of Americans.

We have elected too many people to Congress over the years, that think if they have checks in their checkbooks, they still have

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OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: Do you think new lights should be installed at the White Mountain sports complex?



Elliott Taylor
Ruidoso

"Yes, they should. It will promote more activities there after-hours."



Darrell Hail
Ruidoso

"I think they should install them. It'll never be cheaper than it is right now."



Javier Quiroz
Ruidoso

"They might as well. If we're going to see progress, we need to do things right."



Gabriela Luckie
Ruidoso

"Yeah, all the way. I go there all the time, and it gets really dark in the evening."



Monique Quiroz
Capitan

"Yeah, they should. It's better now than later, when other things could come up."

On the potential post office closings

The United States Postal Service (USPS) is about to default on its loan from the US government. Many facilities, especially in rural areas of New Mexico, are faced with closure. Understandably, customers are frustrated, and want to know how it got this bad in the first place. They deserve answers and they deserve solutions.

USPS officials and some members of the various postal employee unions recently stated that they believe a piece of legislation, H.R. 1351, United States Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act, is the answer. This bill would bail out the USPS pension program. After all, we are told, USPS has overpaid into the Civil Service Retirement System by \$50-\$75 billion since 1974.

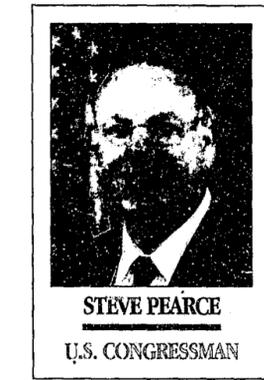
But the notion of an "overpayment" is simply false. In 1971, the Postal Department, a cabinet agency receiving direct appropriations from Congress, was disbanded, and replaced by USPS, which functions on revenue from stamp sales and other retail endeavors. The formula that USPS and the government agreed to required the taxpayer to pay the pension costs for employees of the Postal Department, but USPS would pay

the pension costs for any employee who remained with USPS after the Department's dissolution.

Since business began to slow a couple of years ago, USPS began calling this formula "unfair". However, in 1973, the General Counsel for USPS wrote a letter to the US House of Representatives, stating that the agreement was "proper", and that "the cost of this liability should properly and equitably be borne the by Postal Service." Otherwise, taxpayers would have to foot the bill for USPS retirees. The timing of the "overpayment" allegation is curious indeed, and shows a trend within most government agencies—the inability and unwillingness to make tough decisions. I did not vote to bail out the big banks, and I will not vote to bail out USPS.

USPS also complains about an annual \$5.5 billion retiree health-care prefunding requirement.

The truth is that without this mandate, USPS would be stuck with an unfunded retiree health-care liability of \$100 billion by the year 2017. This year USPS will run a deficit that is nearly twice their annual healthcare prefunding requirement, proving that the financial problems run far deeper



STEVE PEARCE
U.S. CONGRESSMAN

than the financing of health insurance for the aged.

Despite this dire scenario, labor costs continue to eat up 80 percent of USPS revenue. This is a totally ineffective business model, and collective bargaining agreements are a major cause for this.

Even worse, according to the Wall Street Journal, USPS negotiated a 3.5 percent wage hike earlier this year for the American Postal Employees Union for the next three years, coupled with annual cost of living adjustments and protections against layoffs. USPS officials stated that this is the best deal they could get with the union because no agreement

would have forced the parties to negotiate with a mediator, who likely would have given the union an even sweeter deal.

This business structure makes no economic sense, and it never will.

USPS laid out a litany of bad solutions to poor excuses for its fiscal problems. USPS says that competition from the Internet is a main cause for the fiscal mess and failure of its business model. While the Internet undoubtedly has an impact on its bottom line, USPS decided to target rural post offices for closings, when the people in rural areas generally have less access to the Internet, and are more reliant on their local post office.

The people of San Patricio will be forced to drive 53 miles to Tularosa because the post offices in nearby towns do not have enough boxes is just one of the bad ideas that have been floated.

In direct contrast to this, one can look to private entities like UPS and Federal Express. These companies hold down labor costs, employ thousands of Americans, and offer generous benefit packages.

They make the tough decisions that sometimes lead to layoffs, but

keep the company alive to fight another day. UPS and Federal Express do not come to Uncle Sam looking for a handout—they find new customers to increase revenue.

There are solutions on the table that USPS needs to consider. For example, flexible shipping rates are an option that should be considered. Another option is to allow private companies to contract with USPS to run post offices that are on the chopping block. Real solutions to these difficult problems are out there as long as we work for them.

Unfortunately, solving long term problems requires short term pain. I hate to see people suffer, and I know these decisions will impact New Mexicans in particular.

I take my responsibilities seriously, and do not believe you sent me to Washington to take the easy way out. I am prepared to do what I believe is right, and will not kick the can down the road.

In order to move forward, USPS must deal with its structural problems, hold down costs, and find new sources of revenue.

Congressman Steve Pearce represents New Mexico's District 2, which includes Lincoln County.

LETTERS

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money in the bank.

A decent private health-care plan can cost a family from \$1,200 to \$1,500 a month. This is more money than millions of Americans make in a month. How would we ever make this scenario work?

I do not think a lot of Americans realize what the final outcome would be, if we did not have Medicare and Social Security for older Americans.

Medicare and Social Security is not what is killing this country.

What is killing this country is spending billions of dollars rebuilding other countries instead of rebuilding our own.

If we had all the money back we have wasted on countries that hate everything we stand for, we could pave our own highways with silver.

Jack Hemby
Ruidoso Downs

Protest for jobs fall on deaf Republican ears

It was hardly surprising but nonetheless disconcerting when Senate Republicans shot down President Obama's jobs legislation last week, refusing even to let it be debated on the Senate Floor.

New Mexico's junior U.S. Senator, Democrat Tom Udall, was plainly frustrated. "Last night," he said, "we again saw Republican opposition and abuse of Senate rules to thwart important legislation to help struggling American families and small businesses."

When they're not willfully damaging the economy by threatening to put the nation in default, they're blocking measures to improve it with job creation measures.

Impeding economic recovery has become an ill-disguised GOP goal, it would seem.

Ironically, as Senate Republicans were blocking debate on a measure

designed to create new jobs, tens of thousands of Americans of all stripes were demonstrating in cities (including Albuquerque and Santa Fe) throughout the land demanding just that, "more jobs," along with "stricter regulation" of banks and Wall Street and tax hikes on the wealthiest 1 percent among us.

These "Occupy Wall Street" protests are easily the most spontaneous eruption of public indignation in memory. Although comparisons have been made, this is a movement unlike the Tea Party brouhaha of two years ago.

The Tea Party was a top-down affair from the start, carefully orchestrated by the likes of former U.S. House Republican leader Dick Armey, aided and abetted by generous funding from such Republican fat cats as Charles and David Koch of Koch Industries (whose father, Fred Koch, was a founder of the right-

wing John Birch Society back in the '60s).

The "Wall Street" protests, on the other hand, have come from ground up and are as refreshing as they are overdue.

For too long much of our public "debate," if that is the word for it, has been dominated by the increasingly reactionary doctrines propounded by Tea Party-type politicians seemingly bent on misleading us rather than enlightening us.

While Republicans in the U.S. Senate were squelching debate on jobs legislation, their presidential candidates were assembled for their own debate.

It was surreal. As protesters by the thousands were demanding tougher regulation following the corruption, greed and regulatory neglect that brought us to financial meltdown four years ago, the GOP hopefuls were as one in vowing to rid us any and all government regulations.

"Job killers," they chanted in virtual unison, even though the Associated Press reports that "Labor Department data show that only a tiny percentage of companies that experience large layoffs cite government regulation as the reason." Indeed, the AP noted, "Since Barack Obama took office, just two-tenths of 1 percent of layoffs have been due to government regulation."

Where are reason, fact and logic when they're needed?

At an earlier gathering, the winner of Florida Republican "straw poll," multi-millionaire former Godfather Pizza czar Herman Cain, suggested that the remedy for the woes of unemployment and America's overburdened and shrinking middle class is for everybody to go out and become millionaires.

It is not a constitutional requirement, but surely the

ability to differentiate reality from fantasy should be a prerequisite to the presidency.

New Mexico's senior senator, Jeff Bingaman, also voted to end the Republican filibuster of the jobs bill, and he minced no words after that effort failed.

"Our economy needs help right now," he said. "Americans have a right to be angry that critical jobs legislation is being blocked.... President Obama's plan would have put at least 2 million Americans back to work."

What's more, he noted, it would have been "fully paid for with a 5.6 percent surtax on millionaires."

The protestors on our streets support that idea, as does a large majority of Americans, but it fell on deaf congressional Republican ears.

Hal Rhodes writes the syndicated column "Upon Reflection" for New Mexico News Service.



Bright colors for your shady garden

Your shade garden is full of lush shades of green, but finding brighter colors can be a challenge.

Luckily, shade does have its firecrackers, and one of them is a little-known perennial called Indian pink. In June, this southeastern wildflower sizzles with trumpet-shaped, fire-engine red flowers that open to yellow throats. And unlike other shade plants, which can be aggressive, Indian pink is very well behaved and doesn't naturalize or reseed excessively. Here's how to add this

beauty to your shade garden:

Common name: Indian pink, Maryland pinkroot, woodland pinkroot

Botanical name: Spigelia marilandica

Plant type: Perennial

Zones: 5 to 9

Height: 1 to 2 feet



Family: Loganiaceae

Growing conditions

- **Sun:** Part to full shade
- **Soil:** Average, well-drained, humus-rich
- **Moisture:** Average to moist

Care

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ENMU CLASS VISITS WHITE FIRE



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From left, John Kennedy, fuel management specialist for the Smokey Bear Ranger District, and Quentin Hayes, wildlife biologist and teacher at ENMU-Ruidoso, show the damage and recovery to areas within the White Fire that burned in early April to ENMU's newly offered Fire Ecology class.

RMSD to see reviews

'360 feedback:' Superintendent reviewed by employees

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A formal evaluation of Ruidoso Municipal School District Superintendent Bea Etta Harris may include input from any and all district employees wanting to chime in.

Earlier this year the district's board of education set in motion a 360-degree feedback process and established three other quarterly reviews called informal reviews.

A draft feedback form for employees to participate in the formal review was reviewed by the board last week.

"I made a couple of changes that I think that we might be able to look at," education board President Devin Marshall told other members of the panel. "It says to selected employees' (of the schools). And I'd like to make it to all employees instead of just

selected. I think I'd like to give everybody an opportunity to have input."

A draft of the questionnaire that could go to employees stated that the education board has "developed a policy that identifies both the attributes we expect Superintendent Harris to manifest and some annual goals we expect her to accomplish."

This process of having subordinates share feedback regarding the person who supervises them is sometimes called 360 feedback.

The survey would rate the superintendent on visibility and accessibility to staff, community relations, instructional leadership, organizational management and ethical behavior. The draft includes for written comments in two areas - commendable performance and needed improvements.

Information provided by

employees would be anonymous.

"It's going to be sent through SurveyMonkey and it will come back to the board," Marshall said. "And then the board will go through those anonymous answers and just compile a consensus."

SurveyMonkey is a computerized survey collection program.

Board member Kerry Gladden said there were pros and cons to having just random employees provide input and opening it to all. But Gladden added that she was fine either way.

While board Vice President Rhonda Vincent said she would prefer a random process, the general consensus was to open the feedback to all employees.

The board's evaluation is expected in January. The informal reviews will be done in March, June and September.

RMSD student count dips

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The number of students in the Ruidoso Municipal School District is off from a year ago, according to the district's 40-day count.

"We're 99 students down from this time last year," said Bea Etta Harris, the district's superintendent. "We're four kids down in the last 20 days."

Every school in the district, except for the pre-kindergarten and kinder-

garten Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, had fewer pupils on the 40-day count earlier this week.

Nob Hill remained unchanged from a year ago with 186 students.

Sierra Vista Primary School (grades 1 and 2) had the largest decline, according to the 40 day totals.

There were 430 students, a decline of 7.9 percent from the Oct. 13, 2010 population of 369 students.

Ruidoso Middle School (grades 6, 7 and 8), with

485 pupils, was 4.5 percent down from a year ago.

Ruidoso High School had a 3.8 percent drop to 606 high schoolers.

In the past 20 days the high school lost 19 students and gained 11 others for a net loss of eight.

White Mountain Elementary (grades 3, 4 and 5) had 519 students, 1.9 percent down from a year earlier.

The population numbers were given to the district's education board on last week.

Red ribbon week to begin

The schools of Lincoln County are joining with Region IX's Prevention Program and the Lincoln County DWI Prevention Program to promote healthy, drug-free lifestyles during Red Ribbon Week Oct. 21 through 28.

The first Red Ribbon Celebration was organized in 1986 by a grassroots organization of parents concerned about the destruction caused by alcohol and drug abuse. The red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement in honor of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers. The national campaign has reached millions of children and has been recognized by the U.S. Congress.

Red Ribbon Week is about encouraging kids to be drug-free and making good choices. The Red

Ribbon week activities provide schools, parents and communities the opportunity to focus on recognizing and celebrating the ways we all contribute to the well being of students.

This year, the Lincoln County Community Health Council sponsored the Oct. 14 Ruidoso High Football game. The theme was Red Ribbon Awareness and Tribal Health. Announcements, banners, and giveaways focused on these topics.

The RHS SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Chapter assisted in these efforts.

All Lincoln County schools received materials with positive messages that encourage living healthy, drug-free lives. A variety of activities and events will be conducted throughout the county including the following:

- Sharing the story of Enrique Camarena and his commitment to fight

drugs in our country.

- Receiving Red Ribbon pencils or book marks with the theme for the week on them. In addition, each building principal will be given extra promotional items to give away to randomly selected students.

- Distributing Red Ribbon Activities Packets to all elementary schools.

- Making positive choice daily announcements written and read by students in their schools.

Red Ribbon Week is a chance to create awareness about avoiding problems related to substance abuse and choosing instead the alternative activities that promote a healthy lifestyle. The materials for Red Ribbon Week will be furnished by Lincoln County DWI Prevention Program, Region IX Prevention Program, and The Ruidoso High School SADD Chapter.

- From reports

SPANISH CLASSES

COURTESY

Estella Cardoza leads a Spanish class for three-year olds at Sierra Blanca Christian Academy. The academy is expanding this year by offering classes in Spanish for all students. The classes, taught by Cardoza, begin with colors, tenses, seasons, and other general basics, using child-friendly learning techniques such as flashcards, songs and puzzles. Sierra Blanca Christian Academy is located at the First Baptist Church building, 270 Country Club Road in Ruidoso, but is independently operated and non-denominational. For more information about the school, please call (575) 630-0144.



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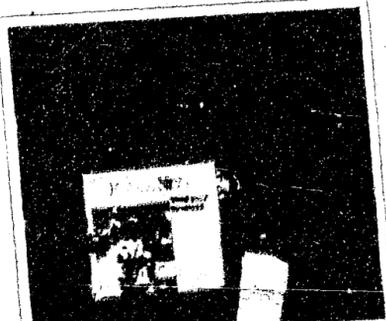
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BRAD NOWELL RETIRES



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Sitting next to his boss for the last time in a Ruidoso Village Council meeting, Brad Nowell, left, examines a service award given to him for 25 years of service. Hired in 1986 as a \$5 an hour laborer, Nowell was promoted to light equipment operator and then heavy equipment operator in the village Street Department. Director J. R. Baumann is at right. Village Manager Debi Lee said he has done a "fabulous" job for the village.

CodeRED responses lacking

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Fewer than 1 percent of those who received a pre-recorded phone call at 2 p.m. last Friday explaining there was a discrepancy with the location of a home or business have responded so far to correct the problem.

The exact location is needed to assure contact from the county's reverse 911 notification system.

"It's important, I think, for people to understand that if they got a call (Friday) that they were not properly located," Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart said.

More than 1,200 phone numbers should have received the call, Stewart said.

"It's growing, but we've got a long way to go," Stewart said of a more correct database of phone numbers and locations. "We just have to keep getting the word out that it pays to get on there. Register your email. Register your cell phone. Make sure your phone number is located where you want it located. If we went out with a (warning) call, and they're not properly located, they won't receive a notification."

There were 15,622 phone numbers, including cell numbers provided by mobile phone users, and location addresses registered in the CodeRED system as of Tuesday.

"It's important because this is the way we make reverse 911 calls," Stewart said of the need for accurate information in the system. "You're going to get that call if the emergency concern is where you're located. You're going to get those calls if you're in an emergency designated area."

Stewart noted Lincoln County has many seasonal homes.

"We have a lot of out-of-staters. And they want to know if something's going to happen to their homes. It doesn't matter where the call is going. The idea is just to get the word

out." When the database was established, several phone numbering sources were used.

"For some reason when they initially set this up, they used data bases from different locations," Stewart said. "For some reason the data for the 1,200 some number of phones didn't get geocoded properly. They say it's because of a multitude of reasons."

Those who received the Friday calls were asked by the recorded message from Stewart to log onto the Lincoln County website (www.lincolncounty.net).

The home page has a link to the CodeRED emergency notification system.

The system is able to call the entire database of phone numbers or just select parts of the county. It sends a recorded mes-

sage produced by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, the county's Office of Emergency Services, or the county manager.

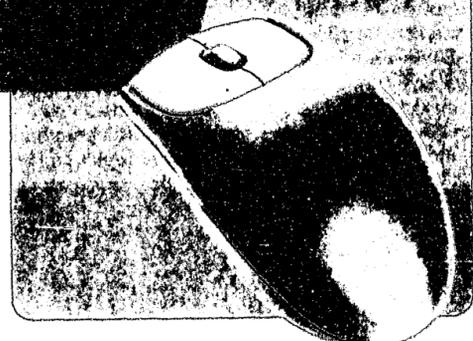
"If something happens, I can immediately call it up and go to a map and indicate where I want the calls to go," Stewart said. "We have preloaded areas that are a concern for example with fire. If we see that there's a wildfire or something we can go out on that. But it's so easy just to draw the area that we want the phone calls to go to."

The message will be heard when the phone is answered or delivered to an answering machine.

Otherwise there will be two more attempts to send the message.

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Tribes seek federal aid

Tightening federal budget causes concern

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A group of nine Western senators have called on President Obama to beef up federal funding for tribal health care and other needs.

In a Sept. 28 letter to the president, the nine said the government must honor agreements with Indian tribes.

"To be clear, health care, law enforcement and other positions are not being filled because the government is failing to pay full contract support costs," the letter stated. "The federal government would never underpay ordinary procurement contractors their agency-approved costs in running government contracts, and a different rule should not apply here."

The senators said tribes are "gravely concerned" the tightening of federal budgets may cause the Obama Administration to walk away from legal obligations involving the staffing of tribal clinics.

"The United States government is failing to uphold its contractual obligations with sovereign tribes," said Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.), who is a member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. "We're asking the president to recommit the necessary resources to ensure that tribes can practice self-governance and to avoid compounding the already difficult economic situations they face."

With the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, it was anticipated Indian Health Service (IHS) contract support would come up short

by \$159 million.

"These contract obligations must be paid so critical employment under contracted programs serving Indian communities can be restored," the letter stated. "We request your FY 2013 proposed budget to Congress fully fund IHS contract support at \$615 million."

Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) said Indian Country is feeling the strain of the economic downturn like the rest of the country.

"We must continue to meet our commitments to the Native American community," Bingaman said. "Failure to do so would leave many tribal communities without the resources required to adequately meet the needs of their residents."

Downs pays for conference visit

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Two members of the Ruidoso Downs beautification committee will attend the 58th National Conference of Keep America Beautiful this fall in New Orleans.

The \$500-per-person registration will be paid through the Ruidoso Downs lodgers tax fund, city councilors agreed Monday.

"Last year the city was kind enough to pay our registration fee," said July Miller, chair of the Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful Committee. "Their speakers, I'm sure they pay a lot for. And they give a lot of good information to bring back to our communities on how to keep us and their affiliates outstanding. There's a lot of hard work that our members put in."

Promoting tourist-related attractions and events in a

community that collects an occupancy tax is one of several uses of the tax, according to the New Mexico Lodgers Tax Act.

"We took a lot of materials from the museum (Hubbard Museum of the American West, owned by the city), pins from here in the city," Miller said of the 2010 conference. "And we do go as affiliates from the city of Ruidoso Downs. So there is a table there where we share all of our information, where we're from. It went over big. Everything I took last year disappeared I think the first day. And there were probably close to 400 affiliates there. So it is a good way to get advertising out for our city. We have to keep this going because a clean community discourages litter."

Miller told city councilors that going to the conference, from Nov. 30 through Dec. 2, was up to them.

"This year I hope we can

go if the city helps us. I did write a scholarship and sent it into KAB for funds to help us go but I haven't heard back yet. We have just \$2,000 in our money out of our grant for our training and I don't want to cut us short. If I have to use half of it I will. And I don't know for sure if lodgers tax will help us out this year. They did last year."

Mayor Tom Armstrong applauded the work the beautification committee does.

"And you do it every year," Armstrong said. "I think this is one way of just rewarding what you all do."

The four member city council was unanimous in using the room tax revenues for the \$1,000 in registration fees.

The city is expected to capture a Keep America Beautiful award at the conference being held at Harrah's New Orleans.

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TAX

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It was during a financial report last week from Nancy Klingman, the village's finance director, that the lodgers tax panel returned to discussions about penalties for not paying the room tax.

"I think it's looking very good," Klingman said of the past three months of room tax collections. "Revenues for the first quarter (July, August and September) are up at 45 percent and that is due to a payment from a past due lodger."

Klingman clarified that the quarter represented 45 percent of the tax's anticipated revenues for the year.

Lodgers Tax Committee Chair Cindi Clayton-Davis tempered her initial reaction after hearing a delinquent lodger had paid up.

"Oh dang," Clayton-Davis said. "I mean that's good but look how far we're up and then I was factoring in as if we hadn't received it."

Klingman said something in the area of \$70,000 to \$80,000 had been collected from a past due lodger. At \$80,000, the vendor would have had \$1.6 million in room rates.

"I thought perhaps the delinquent vendor heard we were working on consequences," Klingman said. "I would like to hear suggestions as to penalties."

Davis said when the village council decided not to take up the ordinance change there has been a misunderstanding of what the committee suggested.

"It wasn't for someone who has a fixed income and they weren't able to pay their bills and there were no negotiations. This was for a business that was collecting taxes and simply failed to remit the taxes that they collected. Possibly this committee can get the word out to lodgers and the business community, and explain this is what we were trying to accomplish. It benefits everybody if we collect the lodgers tax, therefore we're able to do more advertising, therefore bring more people to town, therefore and so forth."

Davis said she believed the proposed penalties were fair.

Sitting in on the committee's meeting, Mayor Ray Alborn said he was shocked to learn there were a number of lodgers last year who failed to pay the room tax.

"I said, 'What are we going to do?' One suggestion was to threaten to cut their water off. That makes it pretty difficult to run the place. You pay it, they pay it, and all of the sudden we have five or six that don't pay it. So we need to do something about it. Why should some of these people pay and we let other people go? It's monkey see, monkey do. What's going to happen is we're going to have less and less if we're not careful."

Lodgers Tax Committee member Lynn Crawford said a "monkey-see-monkey-do" ordinance should be presented again to the village council.

Davis called for a representative of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of

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Ray Alborn
Mayor of Ruidoso

Commerce and the village's tourism director to put together an explanation of the proposed ordinance.

"Not an interpretation but exactly what this is about," Davis said. "It is lodgers tax specifically that we're requesting the penalty for. I guess if everybody followed the rules we wouldn't be having this conversation."

The ordinance amendment proposed in July would have allowed the village to shut off water service for non-payment of a debt owed the village. A notice by certified mail would provide 30 days to pay the debt or sign an agreement for installment payments. The measure would also result in a water service shut-off for failing to comply with an audit request.

Annually a random drawing of lodging establishments is held to select which businesses will be audited to verify the full amount of the occupancy tax was paid.

The previous measure stated that denial of water service is an effective means of forcing compliance and did not involve a huge cost to the village.

Some other communities, including Las Cruces, have the water turn-off provision in their codes. Klingman said the proposed measure had been run by legal counsel and found to be without any issues.

Village lodgers tax audit system to be automated

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The next time the names of motel, hotel, lodge and cabin owners are drawn for annual random audits to ensure they are paying the correct amount of lodgers tax, Ruidoso village councilors' hands won't touch the process.

Traditionally, numbers corresponding to individual lodgers were written on pieces of papers and dropped in a bowl from which each councilor drew several. But Village Finance Director Nancy Klingman told councilors Tuesday, it was time to adapt to the computer age.

"We're removing the drawing hat and council's involvement, and allowing the auditor to pick," she said. Each year, the auditor will be given a list of vendors he will enter into an automated system for selection, she explained.

Councilor Gloria Sayers asked in the new process would have "any more teeth" because several lodgers had refused to comply.

"The village can choose to audit someone at any time," Mayor Ray Alborn said. "A lot didn't respond last year."

Councilor Rafael Salas said the council previously imposed a limit of 20 percent of the lodgers for audit, but new wording didn't establish a limit and some council could decide to do 90 percent.

Councilor Denise Dean suggested a "not to exceed" number be included.

"I think we need to state up to 20 percent," Sayers said. "That means it could be just one."

Village Clerk Irma

Devine said village policy specifies at least one vendor shall be audited. Traditionally, 20 percent has been village preference. "The more audits you do, the more it will cost you," Klingman said. "We had 14 last year. This year, we only want to do seven."

Councilor Jim Stoddard asked about establishing some type of follow-up when a lodger doesn't respond to a notice for an audit.

Dean's motion required at least one lodger be audited up to a number not to exceed 20 percent.

Grant agreements

Councilors also approved two sub-grant agreements, the first with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to receive reimbursement for damage incurred during a prolonged sub-zero freeze Feb. 1-4.

Village Capital Projects Administrator Karen Bushnell wrote in her memorandum to councilors that extreme cold temperatures during the incident period resulted in major damage to village infrastructure.

The incident resulted in a Presidential disaster declaration and the FEMA/State Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for \$510,959.

The federal share is \$383,219, or 75 percent, and the state share is \$63,869.93, or 12.5 percent.

The village is responsible for the remaining 12.5 percent. The money received will be reimbursed to the village utility fund.

The second sub-grant for \$652,407.48 will be added to a previous award of \$5.727 million covering

damage to bridges and other infrastructure from a July 2008 flood on the Rio Ruidoso. The federal share of the additional money is \$551,159 and the state share is \$132,278.30. The award includes work on Eagle Bridge and Main Street Bridge No. 2.

Councilors also authorized the mayor to sign certification statements required by the New Mexico office of the State Engineer Dam Safety Bureau for submittal of operations and maintenance manuals for Grindstone Canyon Dam and Reservoir and for Alto Lake Dam.

The manuals are required under new OSE rules for dams classified as high hazard potential. Grindstone is classified as such, because of residential areas lying below it.

A previous deadline of Dec. 31, 2008 was moved back because of the July 2008 flood and February 2011 freeze. Approval by the bureau is expected to take nine months, because of a staff shortage in the office, said Village Utilities Director Randall Camp.

Other business

In other business, councilors:

- approved a beer and wine-only liquor license for TMAC NM, LCC to be used at K-Bob's Steakhouse on U.S. 70.

- approved an ordinance amending the municipal code dealing with land use and updating wording regarding the Nov. 16 effective date of Federal Emergency Management Agency's flood insurance rate maps and related definitions.

CASE

FROM PAGE 1A

in the face after an argument about him being intoxicated. She got out of the vehicle and went to a friend's house in Capitan. She said Latham left in the vehicle, saying he was going home to get a gun. She also told the officers that when Latham drank he was unpredictable and not a rational person.

The report said three deputies and Capitan Police Officer Kevin Kennedy responded to the Latham home about six miles east of Capitan and the officers identified themselves and asked Latham to come outside and talk to them. The officers reported Latham appeared at the

door briefly, then went back inside the house and reappeared armed with a .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol.

Latham told the deputies to "get off his property" and raised the pistol. The two deputies had seen that Latham was armed and were retreating from the house to seek cover when Latham raised the pistol, according to the State Police report. They ordered him to drop the pistol several times. When he didn't drop the gun and raised it to aim at them, they fired.

"The grand jury asked a lot of questions about the appropriate level of force to be used in a situation like this," said a member of the grand jury who asked to not be iden-

tified. "They wanted to know if the officers could have used their Tasers instead of shooting."

A Taser is a gun-like device that uses propelled wires or direct contact to electrically stun and incapacitate a person temporarily.

After hearing the testimony, the grand jury voted to not indict.

The deputies told the investigators they were aware that Latham was a convicted felon who should not have had any firearms. Latham's wife had told them there were guns in the home.

Latham had been convicted of an indecency with a child in Sterling, Texas, May 30, 2000. He was registered with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department as a convicted sex offender.

LCSO Sergeant Steve Minner, the third deputy on the scene at the time of the shooting told investigators he was in fear for his life and would have fired at Latham, but Kennedy was in his line of fire.

The rounds reportedly struck Latham in the groin, chest and face.

Kennedy attempted to stop the bleeding from a gunshot wound on Latham's leg, which he said was bleeding profusely. Emergency Medical Personnel from the Ruidoso Fire Department arrived and found Latham was dead.

"The case is closed," Martwick said.

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Convention center to hold open house

Tour planned to be held before January showcasing \$1.5 million makeover

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A more than \$1.5 million dollar makeover of the Ruidoso Convention Center is complete. Coming up will be an open house to show off the remodeled facility. "Everything came in a little bit under budget," Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee told the village's lodgers tax committee Thursday. "The construction costs of \$1,536,808 was less than what we awarded, the

"The first thing that we thought is that more people show up for these things if you have alcohol."

Steve Tally
Lodge at Sierra Blanca,
Manager

\$1,545,208," Lee said. "That's good news, we stayed within the contracted authorized amount. We didn't go over and that's a big thing for me."

The center has 24,000 square feet of meeting and exhibit space.

Some other items, such as landscaping, a water softener and artwork, were covered with a separate village council appropriation of \$85,277. Part of that amount is left over.

"There's a little bit of money for installation (of the artwork)," Lee said. "I don't know what that final bill is but I've been informed it's going to be less than the amount left over."

Some furniture and carpeting for offices at the convention center will be sought.

"It was not an expense presented to you originally," Lee told the committee. "Because it came less than what was approved by the lodgers tax board, even by spending the \$4,000, and they have estimates for the carpets and the desks, the high estimate would be \$4,000. You're still going to be \$7,323 less than what you authorized. Everybody was expecting that we were

going to go over on construction. We were bird-dogging it and so I'm pleased to tell you we didn't. We stayed within what was authorized and what was requested. So the last little bit is the \$4,000."

The manager of The Lodge at Sierra Blanca, Steve Tally, said he would like to have locals tour the center before the end of the year. The hotel, next to the convention center, books events for the center.

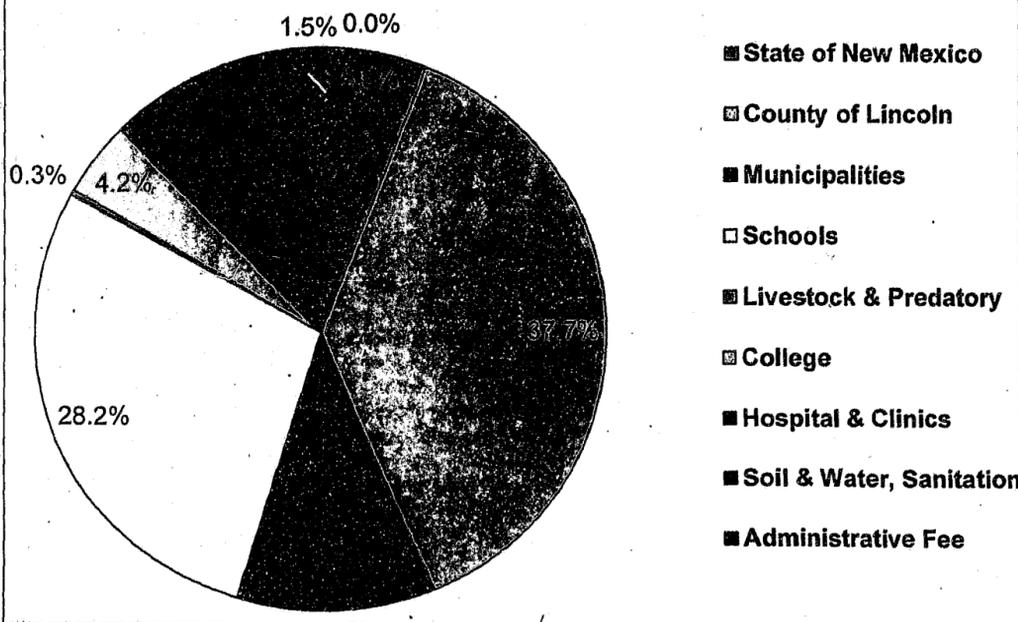
"The first thing that we thought was a lot more peo-

ple show up for these things if you have alcohol," Tally said. "The village can't buy alcohol and it's not in anybody's budget. So I think the Lodge will donate beer and wine."

Caterers that are authorized to serve at the convention center will be asked to donate food.

In addition to a yet to be scheduled open house for locals, a second preview event may be put together to show off the facility to prospective convention center clients.

2011 -TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES Billed by Lincoln County Treasurer



Where 2011 property taxes collected by Lincoln County will go.

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Property tax bills mailed

Homeowners to see increase in tax rates

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Property tax bills for Lincoln County property owners are going into the mail today.

"Residents will get the bills by the end of the week," said Lincoln County Treasurer Glenna Robbins. "My staff has worked long to do it."

The total of the 2011 property tax billings is just under \$24.7 million.

The ad valorem taxes help finance (in diminishing order) Lincoln County, school districts around

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Paul Baca
Lincoln County Assessor

the county, municipalities, the county owned Lincoln County Medical Center and clinics, the

State of New Mexico, Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso, soil and water districts as well as sanitation districts, and the livestock and predatory control program.

A total of 30,652 bills are going out, Robbins said.

Most property owners in the county will see a slight increase in the new bills because tax rates increased despite a rise in the taxable value of property.

The county's assessor also decided against con-

ducting a reappraisal in a stagnant housing market.

"When the taxable base stays the same or increases, the tax rate should go down," Assessor Paul Baca said last month. "The only reason the rate would go up would be that one or more of the taxing entities increased their budgets."

The first half of the bill is due Nov. 15 and becomes delinquent if not paid by Dec. 15. The second half has a due date of April 10, 2012 and becomes delinquent after May 10, 2012.

Lincoln County travel time sees increase

Lincoln County residents, on average, spend little time going from home to work.

The mean travel time in the county was a little more than 15 minutes, a slight increase from 10 years ago.

The U.S. Census Bureau compiled the information as part of a profile of the county.

In New Mexico, the mean is 21.5 minutes. Nationally, it is slightly more than 25 minutes.

The mean travel time

is obtained by dividing the total number of minutes traveled by all older than the age of 15 by the number of workers who did not work at home.

The number of people per square mile in Lincoln County in 2010 was 4.2, up little from 2000. Lincoln County is made up of 4,831 square miles, much of it public lands.

Across the state there are 17.0 people per square mile. Across the county it is 87.3 people.

- From reports

Winning photographers

The Hubbard Museum of the American West announced the award winning photos for the 20th Annual Fall American Photography Exhibition during the exhibit opening on Saturday.

Photographers from across the country submitted over 280 photographs to this year's competition, related to the exhibition theme of the "American West." Cash awards totaling \$3,800 will be presented to the top 12 photographers.

2011 Fall American Award Winning Photographers:

1st Place Award - "At Rest" by Mary Lee Pinkerton - El Paso, Texas

2nd Place Award - "Navajo Maiden" by Kim Ashley - Albuquerque.

2nd Place Award - "Harvey House Girl's Residence" by Steven A. Jackson - Santa Fe

3rd Place Award - "Morning Moon" by Stephanie Morgan - Alto.

3rd Place Award - "Behind Wings Softly" by Victoria Stamm - Santa Fe.

3rd Place Award - "Welcome" by Linda Laitner - Rio Rancho.

Honorable Mention - "American Cowgirl" by Melissa Durham of Houston, Texas

Honorable Mention - "Dusty Sun" by David Tremblay - Alto.

Honorable Mention - "Blue Swallow Limo" by Harold Hall - Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Honorable Mention - "Sunset, June 9th, 2011" - Las Conchas Fire by Mary Anna Keshen - Santa Fe.

Honorable Mention - "Previously Peddled" by Linda Laitner - Rio Rancho.

Honorable Mention - "Cowgirl" by Robert B. McDougall - Steamboat Springs, CO

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 26301 Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

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Lincoln County Commission moves to dissolve ETZ

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Village criticized for lack of action

An effort to dismantle the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zone (ETZ) was started Tuesday by the Lincoln County Commission. The process could take a several months.

"The reason I asked for this is because I've been hearing from a lot of people that live in the ETZ that are in my district," said Commissioner Kathryn Minter, whose District 4 includes areas north and east of Ruidoso.

"And I think that we've given the village (Ruidoso) four months now, and really it's to their benefit to have the ETZ but it doesn't look like they're really getting their act together to enforce it. The problem I heard from my residents was that there's no enforce-

ment, they're kind of in the land of limbo where they have a small sense of security that somebody's going to look out for what's being built next door to them. That's not happening."

'Ample time'

During a special commission meeting in June, the future of the ETZ board and the status of the ETZ ordinance were discussed. Commissioners voted to retain the current ETZ ordinance but encourage the village to create a new ordinance to assure the ETZ zone was properly administered.

The zone, which stretches one mile beyond Ruidoso's boundary and applies building standards, has been in place since 1983, though its

landscape has changed as the village has annexed.

A May meeting of the Ruidoso Village Council called for keeping the district and for village staff to repair the relationship with the county and reinvigorate the zone.

"I think it's going to be very costly for the village to get it going frankly, and I don't know if that's why they're not doing anything," Minter told her fellow commissioners Tuesday. "I would like to discuss how we should disconnect from the ETZ."

Minter added that the village has had ample time to fix things.

The process

County Attorney Alan Morel said the ETZ ordi-

nance provides ways to legally terminate it," Morel said. Upon a 60-day notice and a majority vote by the government board of either the village or county, the ETZ can be eliminated.

"It requires an ordinance to terminate it," Morel said. "You obviously have to do a (legal) publication, have an ordinance that proposed termination of it, you have to give 60 days notice prior to actually having a public hearing, and then at that hearing you would take public comment and if you choose, go ahead and adopt an ordinance terminating the Ruidoso/Lincoln County ETZ."

Commissioner Tom Battin said he always thought a municipality should have an ETZ to assure quality in adjoining

neighborhoods that could be annexed in the future.

"I have some misgivings about abandoning the ETZ," Battin said. "But I think obviously it's not working and it's not performing the social service that it was intended to perform, to protect the quality of the zone."

Battin suggested a group from the village and a contingent from the county sit down together.

Moving forward

"I thought we had done that," responded Eileen Sedillo, the chair of the commission. "I'm willing to work with them but it's not working for them."

County Planning Director Curt Temple said he had met with some village officials about a

month ago.

"They realize there're a lot of issues that need to be worked out, a lot of money to be spent," Temple said. "But we're getting complaints on it all the time."

Sedillo said the village has been "dragging their feet," and the county needed to move to put in motion the process of dissolving the ETZ.

"I agree with the chairman that we should go ahead with the process," Minter said. "It will put plenty of time for everybody to come to the hearings, the 60 days or whatever. And if they really show that they want to do it, I might reconsider."

With Battin the only commissioner to vote against a motion, the county's attorney was directed to draft an ordinance to rescind the ETZ and schedule a public hearing.

Advisory to inform residents about bark beetles

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An advisory will be sent to residents of Ruidoso in utility bills mailed out next week about what they can do to ward off a bark beetle infestation that is killing local Ponderosa pine trees.

Village Forestry Director Dick Cooke wrote that outbreaks periodically kill large stands of pines and recent evidence indicates the mountain pine beetle population is on the rise statewide.

The beetle usually

attacks pines with diameters greater than seven inches. The one-year life cycle of the beetle begins in August when the adults exit trees and fly to colonize and feed off of nearby green trees.

To determine if a tree is infested, look for popcorn-like masses of resin called "pitch tubes" on the trunk, boring dust at the base of the tree and patches of missing bark or bark flakes at the tree base as a result of woodpecker predation.

About nine to 10 months after being attacked, the

needles of infested pines will turn reddish-brown.

Mountain pine beetles overwinter in a tunnel system as small white grubs with brown heads. Unfortunately, during outbreaks, one infested tree produces enough mature beetles to kill one to three more trees.

That's why a community-wide program of prevention and beetle population reduction is necessary, Cooke said. Prevention involves reducing the numbers of trees in a forested area to increase vigor.

Beetles normally don't infest trees that are healthy and fully hydrated, a tough trick with the prolonged drought that is dominating Ruidoso. A hydrated tree's hydraulic pressure can repel the insect.

Live trees also can be treated with the insecticide carbaryl, which can be found under the brand name of Sevin. Other registered choices to protect individual healthy trees are permethrin under the brand names of Astro, Dagnet and others, and bifenthrin under the name of Onyx.

TRIAL

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appointed to represent Shields.

Shields and Linares face a total of 97 years in prison, if convicted of the nine charges each faces.

District Attorney Diana Martwick, who will prosecute the pair, has expressed concern about a recent New Mexico Court of Appeals decision excluding evidence obtained on a telephonically approved warrant.

The court ruled Sept. 19 that telephonic warrants are not permitted in New Mexico. New Mexico does not recognize telephonic warrants because they lack "a written showing of probable cause," required by the New Mexico Constitution. "The mere existence of a sworn writing is not enough to satisfy the requirements of (the constitution)," the court wrote, adding that it construed the constitution's rules to mean "not simply that a sworn writing must exist somewhere, but also that it

must be shown to and considered by the issuing court before the warrant issues."

"I have their confessions," Martwick said. "I am just concerned about the jury not getting to see any of the physical evidence."

Court documents show that Shields reportedly admitted to Lincoln County Sheriff's Department investigator Sgt. Kenneth Cramer that she placed Miranda in a chokehold while Linares allegedly tied her hands and feet with cords. Shields then allegedly said she placed a pillow over Miranda's face and held it there until Miranda stopped breathing. Linares reportedly told Cramer the same things.

After Shields found Miranda had no pulse, the girls allegedly took Miranda's cell phone and laptop, stole her car and drove to Roswell.

The girls had been placed in Miranda's care for foster treatment care.

— Ashley Meeks, a reporter with the Las Cruces Sun-News, contributed to this report.

MARTIN

FROM PAGE 1A

Ruidoso," Frank Potter said. "I can hear them now, Tom Potter on lead, Tommy Martin on steel and Ray Potter on drums."

Tommy Martin made a lot of friends in Ruidoso through the years.

"Tommy was one of the first friends we made when our family moved to Ruidoso back in 1972," Sonny Young said. "His awesome parents, Pat (Martin) and Donna (Martin Adkins) had the Game Room, a place for teens to gather."

Martin had dealt with the dark side of his life and Gandy said he was most proud of his years of sobriety.

"He just got his 17-year pin (Alcoholics Anonymous) and he was extremely proud of that," Gandy said.

"He was a talented musician in his heart but it was combined with being a teacher of life to everyone," Frank Potter said. "He helped so many with drug and alcohol problems and always asked how they were doing."

Martin will be buried Thursday in Lamesa, Texas, where he was born.

A memorial service is scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church on Country Club Drive.

His musician friends are planning a fundraiser for the man who always was available to play a fundraiser. That is scheduled for Nov. 12 at The Quarters.

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Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

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

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

Mountaintop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

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

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Car Club: Cruise on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to various restaurants; Denise Dean, 257-4966.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, dancing, games. Info: Linda, 575-258-5893, or

Martha, 575-430-9808.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games. 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 973-0953.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL/Spanish GED: Classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education English as a Second Language: Mon. & Wed. 3:30pm-5:00pm or Tues.-Wed. 6pm-8pm Spanish GED: Tues.-Thurs. 10:00am-1:00pm and Tues.-Wed. 4:00pm-8:00pm Sign up at the White Mountain Annex Building (203 White Mountain Drive) or call 258-1730

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education Block Classes Mon. - Thurs. 9:00am-Noon or Independent Study Mon. -Thurs. 1:00pm-5:00pm and Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm Sign up at the White Mountain Annex Building (203 White Mountain Drive) or call 258-1730

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles: Attitudinal Healing study group: Each Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

A Course in Miracles study group: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8 p.m. Free. Drop-ins welcome. The Wisdom Study Group. At The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., #207, (upstairs to right of and above Schlotzky's) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tues-

day, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; info: 258-8885.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at Methodist church in Carrizozo. Come to back door; bring your lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Arid Group. Daily 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m.; Mon., 6:30 p.m., women's open meeting; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Fri., 7 p.m., Beginners and young people's big book study; Sat, Sun, 7 p.m. 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, (ground fl) Ruidoso. Info: 258-8885.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Sunny Spirit Group. Mon. & Thurs. at noon, Fri. at 5:30 p.m., Women's group meets Wed. at noon. Parish hall of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount at 121 Mescalero Trail.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

COPE: Center of Protective Environment -1204 Mechem Drive, Suite 12. Ruidoso, NM. 575-258-4946. M-Thur. 8:00-5:00, Fri. 8-12n.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

H.E.A.L. and the Nest Domestic Violence Selter: 515-378-6378; 24 hr Hotline: 866-378-6378.

Holiday Grief Support: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - noon, Ruidoso Public Library conference room. Sponsored by Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation, 575-258-0028.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment,

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

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Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Working Disabled Health Insurance: State of N.M. Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program; call Jeanie White at 575-622-4169

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month at K-Bobs. Info: Dick Mastin 336-2170.

Democratic Women Sacramento Mountain Area: Third Saturday at Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem, 11:30 a.m. For information call 808-1133 or 257-6078.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Meets 4th Monday monthly, 11:30 a.m., Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring sack lunch. For information, call 430-7258.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

Altrosa Club: 5 p.m. every third Tuesday, First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. Info: Deb 336-1486 or www.altrosaruidoso.com.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

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

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. Highway 70.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruaidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raylene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Gavilan Canyon Rd. shelter open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of service dogs seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling, socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising, kennel upkeep. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lekennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday monthly, 2 p.m. at Posse building, Hwy. 54, Carrizozo. Groups needing volunteer security services, notify by mail one month prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hon-do Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Gary 258-0059, Georgia 937-0564.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Needle Crafters Club: Every Sunday at Books, Etc., 2340 Sudderth Dr., 2-4 p.m. 575-257-1594.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:00 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cattle Baron Sudderth. 336-2541.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; Info: 258-1345.

Sacramento Mountain Village: Senior service & activity group, open to 55 years and older; meets 4th Sat. of month, 9:30 a.m., Cree Meadows CC. 258-2120 or sacmtnvillage.org.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue Team: is open for membership to volunteers interested in various disciplines. We meet at 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull, Ruidoso. Info: email@whitemountain-sar.org, Tony Davis, 575-336-4501 or visit www.nmsarc.org for NM search and rescue activities.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, SE corner Spring St. & Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs. Info: 973-1719.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

VFW Post 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at Evening Lions Hut at 106 Overlook (behinds Chef Lupe's) at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join. For more information call: 575-808-1227.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at 1200 Sudderth (across the street from In-Ka-Hoots) at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters, and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join. For more information, please call: 575-258-1345.

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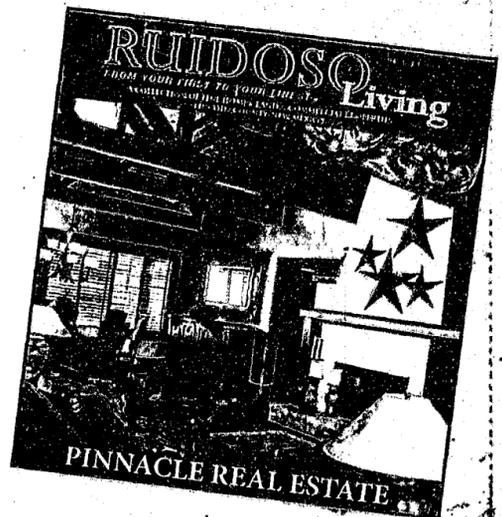
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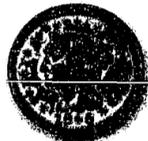
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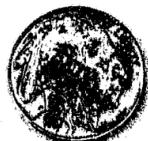
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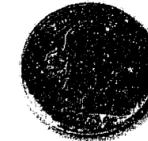
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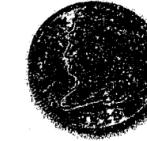
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Shrimpy's Shrimp and Wing Shack

October 5, 2011 marked the beginning of Shrimpy's Shrimp and Wing Shack's fourth year. Janice & Rick Wood came to Ruidoso five years ago from Cripple Creek Colorado where they owned and operated the "Last Dollar Inn" a traditional style Bed & Breakfast for 13 years. Prior to that Janice was a CNA, and Rick was the Production Manager at "Western Horseman Magazine" in Colorado Springs. When they sold their B&B they decided it was time to do something a little different, and Rick was tired of cooking breakfast everyday, so Shrimpy's was born. Janice and Rick sometimes like to call Shrimpy's their little tropical island in the desert southwest.

Rick says the past year has brought on many changes to Shrimpy's menu, with several additions allowing them to offer even more variety than before. Shrimpy's now has a "Chicken Finger Basket" and a "Kids Finger and Frys" for the smaller appetites. For those walking the streets shopping, try the "Chicken Nuggets and Fried Dill Pickles on a Stick". As the weather cools Shrimpy's has the soup pots heated up with a delicious variety of homemade soups such as "Clam Chowder", "Asparagus Shrimp" or Captain Rick's World Renowned "Shrimp Bisque". All the soups are accompanied by homemade bread or muffins. Shrimpy's has also added a fantastic "Cajun Rice" and "Fried Dill Pickles" to the menu plus

they brought back their fresh made to order "Side Salads". Most exciting is that Shrimpy's recently began serving the all new Thursday "Low Country Boil". This is a delightful combination of Shrimp, Clams, Smoked Sausage, New Potatoes, and Corn on the Cob, all boiled and steamed in a seasoned water, then served with homemade cornmeal muffins. Janice says Shrimpy's will be offering the "Low Country Boil" on Thursdays only for now, but, may expand to other days later. After many requests and a few demands, Shrimpy's is now bottling their unique "Tartar Sauces" for those who want to take a little taste of Shrimpy's home.

Fear not, with all the changes Shrimpy's has made they never forget what won them the honor of being voted 2nd best Seafood in Lincoln County. You can still find the delicious "Hot Boiled and Steamed Shrimp", "Fried Shrimp",

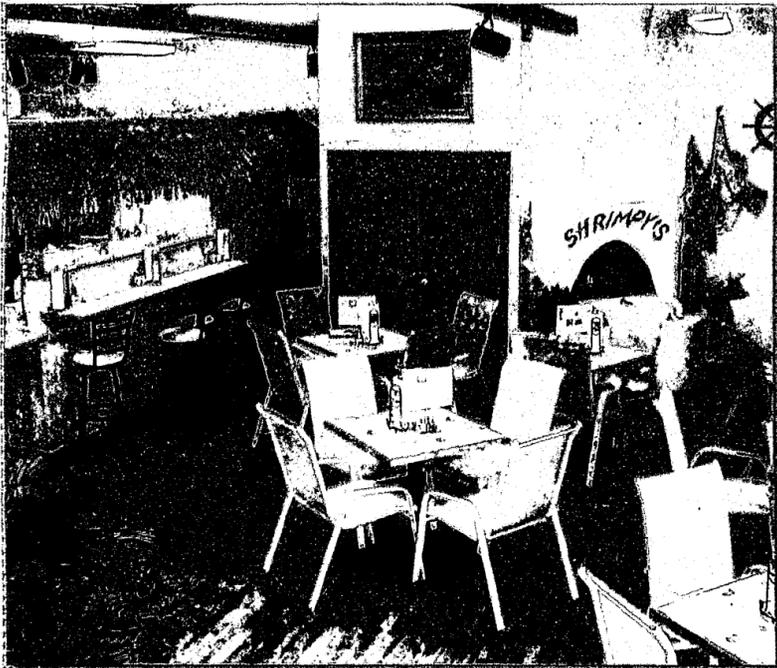


come on in to say hello and enjoy a hot cup of Coffee, a Smoothie, a Soda or one of their Flavored Hot Chocolates, perhaps with a fresh homemade cookie.

Shrimpy's has been closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the past, but now Janice and Rick are offering their little tropical island to clubs, groups or associations on those days. If you have a bridge group or a social group or perhaps a garden society, and you need a place to meet and enjoy a nice lunch, then Shrimpy's is the place for you. If you need to have an off site business meeting then give Shrimpy's a call. Reservations will be required and space is limited so call or stop by and Janice or Rick will explain the details, then set up a schedule for your group of 10 or more.

Remember there is plenty of parking just across the street and you can eat in or take out any of Shrimpy's menu items. Perhaps you are on your way home from work, wondering what's for dinner. Then call ahead to Shrimpy's and they will have your order ready to go when you arrive. Next time you have a dinner party or are getting together to watch the big game on television, a bowl of delicious "Hot Steamed Shrimp" or a stack of "Hot Wings" could be the hit of the party. Call Shrimpy's and they will do the cooking for you.

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High school football report

Ruidoso, Hondo post big victories; Capitan and Mescalero give way

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The Ruidoso Warriors took the measure of the visiting D3-2A Lordsburg Mavericks Friday, 36-15, and had 'em all the way to go 5-3 overall and grab their second straight win.

After two consecutive losses, the Hondo Eagles put things right and trounced district rival, Elida, 61-6, and are now 1-1 in district.

Capitan's homecoming, as well as Mescalero's, was somewhat tarnished with 70-46 and 42-30 losses, respectively.

Ruidoso

After squeaking by Tularosa the week before, 15-14, the Warriors made a statement Friday, taking down Lordsburg at Horton Stadium by 21 points, thereby guaranteeing no worse than a 5-5 season. But that's not what head coach Kief Johnson and his boys are after.

Proof of that is some of the Warriors were upset with themselves after the Lordsburg affair for missing some tackles and blocks. That's always a good sign in a team — that no matter how much you won by, it could have been better.

The real test for Ruidoso is on the horizon. The Warriors will begin D4-3A warfare on Oct. 28, (Ruidoso has a bye this weekend), when they travel to Lovington to take on the Wildcats.

The following Friday the Warriors will entertain Portales in a regular season closer. An extra week's rest should give the Warriors time to heal up and prepare for the coming two battles.

In Friday's game with the Mavericks, the hometown boys struck first blood with six points in the first quarter when Sam Williams hit paydirt on a quarterback sneak from the 2-yard line.

Lordsburg later scored in the same period of play off of an interception, giving them good field position, which they then made the best of by adding seven points of their own and grabbed the lead.

In the second 12 min-

utes of action, wide open receiver Parker Johnson gave his teammates a boost when he hauled in a 10-yard TD pass on a "drag" across the middle. Beto Fernandez split the uprights and the Warriors took a 13-7 advantage in front of the local fans.

Still in the second period of play, Fernandez struck 6-point gold on an 11-yard sweep around the left side, breaking tackles as he went to give the Warriors a 19-7 lead as both teams hit the locker rooms at the half.

The third quarter was a 0-0 skirmish as neither team could add points to the scoreboard.

In the final quarter, Ruidoso drove down to Lordsburg's 25-yard line where Williams hit Kalama Davis around the left side on a "fade" route for another Warrior touchdown. Fernandez was again successful on the PAT and Ruidoso went up, 26-7.

At the 5:50 mark, Williams again connected with Johnson from Lordsburg's 15-yard line around the left side; Fernandez added the PAT and the Warriors led, 33-7. The Mavericks connected on a 15-yard TD pass and closed the margin, 33-15.

Ruidoso answered that insult with a 30-yard field goal by Fernandez and romped by 21 points.

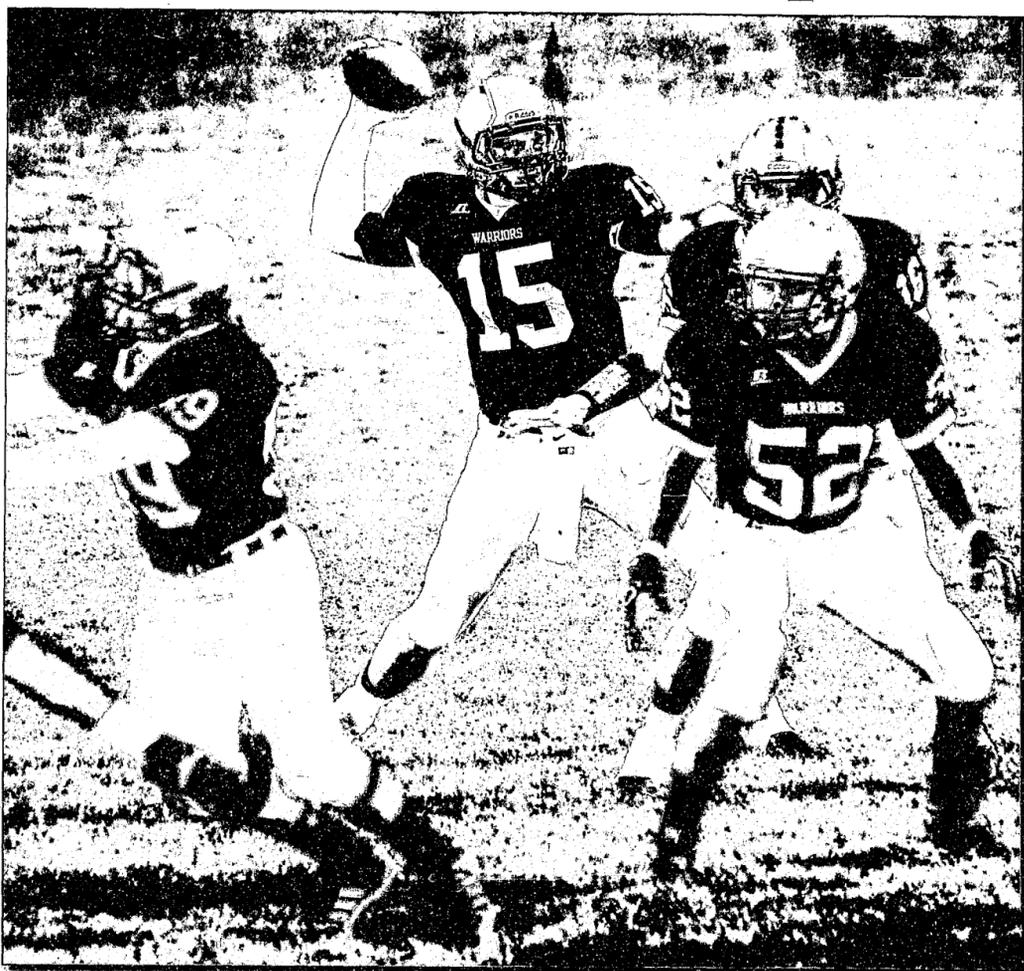
"Our offensive line had a great night," Johnson said. "Warren McCracken, Kaylen Chavez, Robert Frizzell, George Morgan, Keenan Kane and Mario Valenzuela controlled the line of scrimmage."

Quarterback Williams was 15 of 30 for the night for 163 yards. Three completions came on pass interference calls.

Parker Johnson collected eight catches for 74 yards, Davis had three receptions for 64 yards and Ismail LaPaz caught two for 16 yards.

In the rushing category, Davis scampered 11 times for 136 yards, Williams ran 12 times for 66 yards and LaPaz carried the ball four times for 65 yards.

"Our defense had a good night," Johnson said. "But yet, the kids were not satis-



LAYNE HOLLAND/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso's Sam Williams gets ample time to pass as Kaylen Chavez, left, George Morgan, No. 52, and Kalama Davis, No. 16, protect.

fied with their performance. They knew they missed some, tackles they should have made."

Defensively, tackle Mathew Carr led the team in tackles with six solos and nine assists for a 15 total.

"Defensive ends Bruce Klinekole and Clayton Blaylock had a good night containing the outside edges," Johnson said. "At the linebacker positions, Dylan Demarest, Keoni Davis and newcomer (to that position) Sergio Nava contributed to the night's win.

Safeties Denver Coronado, Tyler Coleman, Johnson and LaPaz also put in a good night's work.

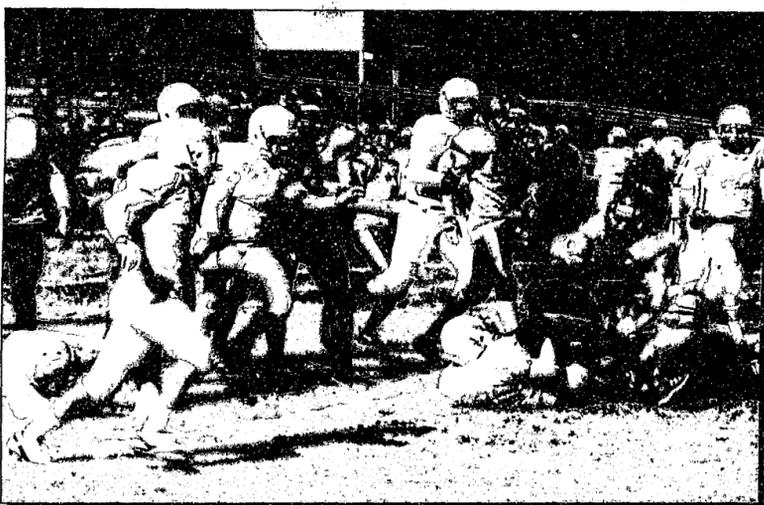
But, overall, we know we need to make the necessary tackles to win in the future.

"Our big test will come in two weeks at No. 1-seeded Lovington (who plays at Portales this Friday).

"District action has begun — and we intend to be in the hunt. This is what we have prepared for. With the extra time off this week we can mend our wounds and get ready for the tough Wildcats."

Hondo

Talk about coming back with a vengeance — Hondo takes a two-hour trip to



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Capitan's Jacob Wilcox tries for every last inch in Friday's 70-46 loss to Mesilla Valley.

Elida Friday and comes out of it with a 61-6, mercy-ruled, third-quarter win; and to boot — with ninth-grade, fill-in spread-back (quarterback in 11-man) Roberto Nores. Nice job, Eagles.

"The boys were ready," Hondo head coach Brandon Devine said. "We needed to get out of the gate quickly and we did."

"Our starting spread-back, Andrew Pa-dilla, was out injured (and will be out for the rest of the year), so we had to mount a serious initial charge."

At the half, the Eagles

led, 55-6. One more point onto Hondo's total would have kicked-in the 50-point mercy rule and the game would have ended before halftime.

"We missed two PATs because of bad snaps or we could have left Elida sooner," Devine said.

"Beginning the third quarter, Elida kicked off to the Eagles and we drove it down for the score to end the game.

"Only one series, when Elida had the ball, we didn't do our best. It was a good game for us and we came out of it relatively

healthy.

"Nores did a great job for us stepping in for Padilla at spread-back."

Friday, the 4-2, 1-1, Eagles will host rough 5-2, 2-0, Lake Arthur at 7 p.m. in a must-win clash for Hondo to have any chance to win the D2-6-man class championship.

The Panthers had a bye last weekend but beat Elida the week before, 50-0.

"Lake Arthur is always tough," Devine said. "Both teams will be playing hard-out."

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"If we can win this game there will be a three-way tie for first in our district between Lake Arthur, Dora and Hondo for the title."

In the meantime, to bolster his team now that Hondo's JV schedule is finished, Devine has added five eighth-graders and one ninth-grader (JV) to his roster for the coming final (?) battle ahead.

Capitan

The 3-4, 0-1, Tigers started the season with two consecutive wins, then lost to Fort Sumner, beat Mora and now have lost three in a row.

Friday's 70-46 loss to Mesilla Valley was doubly awkward. It was homecoming weekend in Tigerland and it was their first district loss.

At this point of the season — as district play begins — you need all your troops for the class warfare on tap.

Some teams get lucky and others don't.

With four significant injuries listed on their roster, the Tigers, unfortunately, have fallen into the latter category.

First-year head coach, Collin Justiss, has certainly experienced a baptism under fire in this, his maiden outing, as captain of the Capitan ship.

Two games (both district clashes) are left on the regular season schedule — Mescalero this Friday away and Magdalena the

following week at home. Pressure is on the Tigers to win both.

Magdalena, currently at 4-3, will entertain rough-and-tumble D3-1A, 5-3 rival, Mesilla Valley, this Friday.

That game, depending on the outcome and player injuries or not, could have a bearing on the upcoming Steers/Tigers tilt.

But then again, so could this Friday's Capitan/Mescalero affair. The tealeaves are in murky water and this tilt is a hard one to prognosticate.

As for last week's debacle, one clear thing was shown at Tiger Stadium — Capitan needs to shore up its defense.

"We had coverage breakdowns," Justiss said. "Injuries caused us to change players in and out and we couldn't hold our ground on fourth downs."

The Sonblazers hit touchdown territory on the very first play series and scored another soon after — both within the first minute of the game. And as it all unfolded, it was a harbinger of things to come.

At halftime the visitors led, 28-7.

In the second half, Capitan's offense finally began to rumble and they scored 39 points. The only problem with that was Mesilla Valley racked up 42.

"We need to put our offense and defense together in one game," Justiss said. "In this contest, our offense was good but we didn't pressure them on defense. A bad defensive call on my part didn't help matters, either. Big plays

hurt us. We definitely need to tighten up our defense. If we don't win-out (win the two remaining games), we don't go to playoffs."

Mescalero

After last Friday's disappointing 42-30 homecoming loss to Magdalena, the 3-5, 0-1, Chiefs are in the same choppy waters as the Tigers.

Mescalero has to remain focused on this Friday's battle with the Capitan invaders. If they dare to look ahead to next week's war with Mesilla Valley it could spell doom for the Chiefs.

In the 12-point loss Friday to the Steers, the Chiefs led at the half, 24-20.

In the opening minutes of the third quarter, the Chiefs kicked off to Magdalena who scored. The visitors then kicked off to Mescalero who promptly fumbled around their 30-yard line. Four plays later, Magdalena hit pay dirt again.

"We're inconsistent," Mescalero head coach Godfrey Cordova said. "We are our own worst enemy. You can't turn the ball over more than your opponent and expect to win. In the Hagerman game (the week before), we had 316 yards on offense and the only problem with that is — Hagerman put up 429 yards of offense."

"At this point in the season there are no more excuses for missed blocks and tackles. You can't let floodwaters come in around you from the backside but, unfortunately, that's what happens with



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Ismail LaPaz hauls in another reception in Ruidoso's 36-15 win over Lordsburg Friday.

inexperience. I only played three seniors in that game."

Both, Mescalero and Capitan possess some talent, albeit young, and have capable skippers at their helms. Barring unforeseen circumstances, which invariably happens, this contest should be a barn-burner.

"Capitan will bring a fast offense with plenty of speed," Cordova said. "Justiss is a good coach and he and the Tigers will be a handful. We're a little banged up, too. We might look like we have an army

but our troops are young."

Additionally, Mescalero's quarterback, Godfrey Cordova, III, is still not 100 percent dating back to the Jal contest on Sept. 23. It is not known as of this writing whether or not he will suit up for Capitan.

Both coaches have to be unhappy with last Friday's results and will be out for redemption. The Chiefs have home field advantage, but hey, the trip from Capitan to Mescalero isn't all that far for the Tigers and their fans.

The week before Fri-

day's loss to Magdalena, the Chiefs lowered their guard and lost a 26-22 heartbreaker (in the last 10 seconds) at home to Hagerman.

Can the Chiefs rebound and do well, in this, their third straight home game? After losing two consecutive games to Deming and Jal earlier, the Chiefs came out in their next game and obliterated Questa, 38-14. Can they repeat this scenario?

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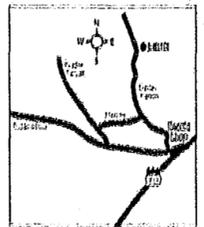


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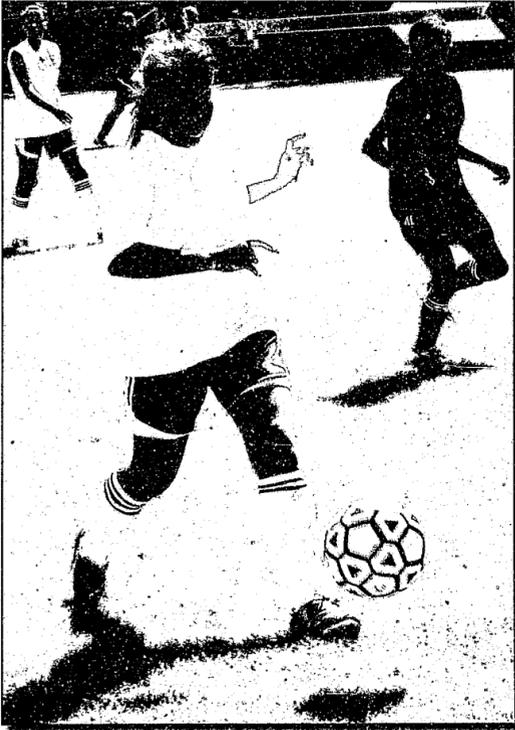
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The 2011 RHS girls soccer team celebrated Senior Recognition Day Saturday at halftime in their game against Hatch, which they lost, 6-4. The three seniors recognized are, back row, second from left, Lorely Enriquez, fifth from left, Anna Belen Enriquez and Yessica Rangel, eighth from left. The three 12th-graders are joined by their families and team (front row).



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Stephany Miramontes beats a Hatch Valley player to the ball at Horton Stadium Saturday.



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Lorely Enriquez looks for a downfield route.



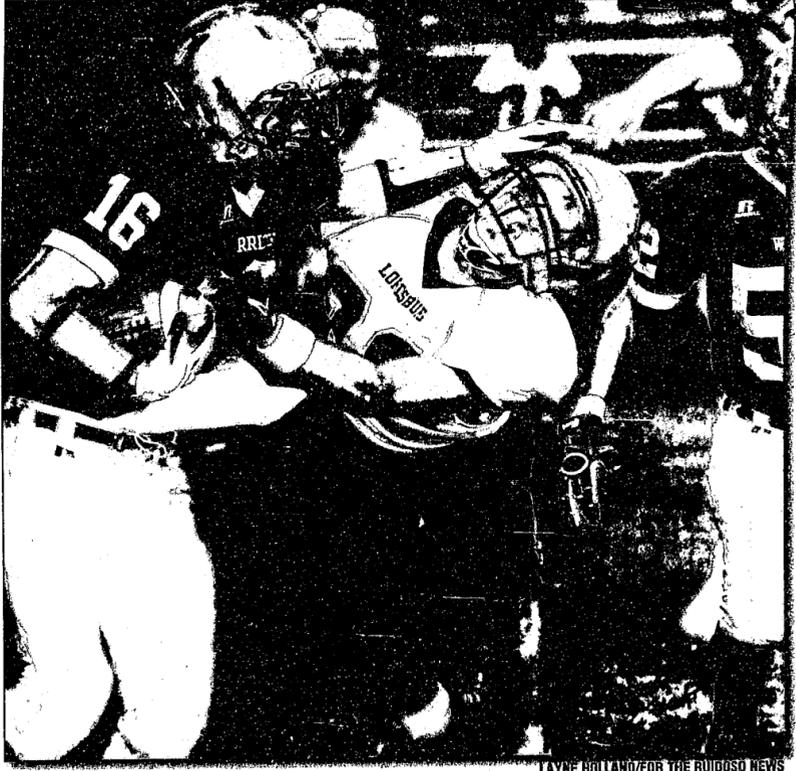
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Bethanee Granado looks to pass to a teammate.



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Capitan's Haden Williams blocks a TD reception on a Mesilla Valley player.



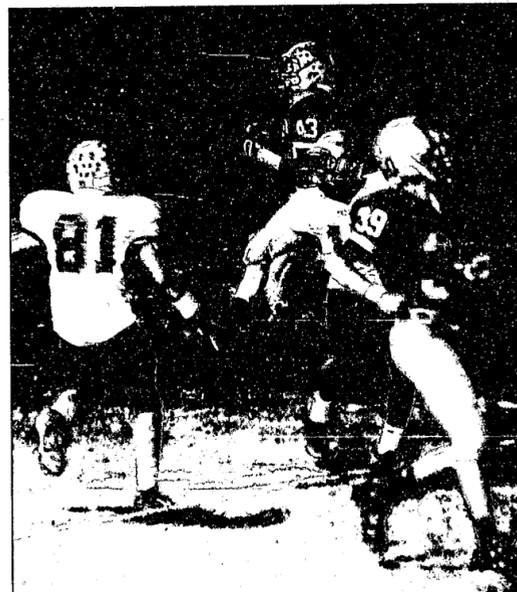
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Kalama Davis shows his version of a stiff-arm in Ruidoso's 36-15 win over Lordsburg Friday.



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Ismail LaPaz carried four times for 65 yards in Ruidoso's Friday victory over Lordsburg.



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Freshman Parker Johnson hauls in a TD pass reception.



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Dustee Rae Eldridge and Garret Schultz were crowned Capitan homecoming queen and king at Friday's game against Mesilla.

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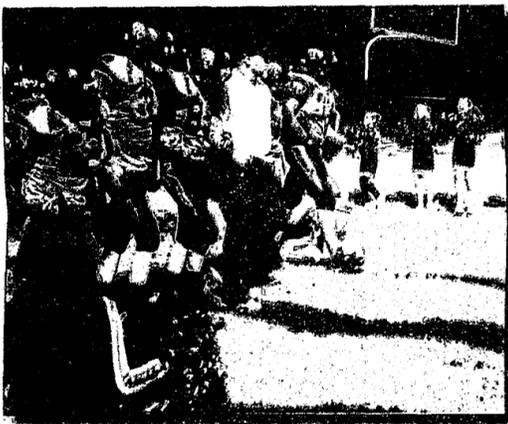
TIGER PRIDE



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Above, Tigers show their stripes as Mason, Gail and Terren Brown support the Capitan Tigers at their homecoming game. Right, the freshman royalty stand in the homecoming court. Georgia-Lynn Elridge and Phillip Payen are escorted by elementary school students Noah Williams and Emma Traylor. Below, coach Collin Justiss leads the Tigers out onto the field, cheered on by elementary school cheerleaders.

For more photos of the 2011 Capitan homecoming court, see page 6B. For photos of the king and queen, see page 3B



Capitan prepares roads for winter

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Capitan has nearly completed repairs and resurfacing projects on local roads, and expects to be finished next week, said Johnathan LaMay, road supervisor for Capitan.

Blue Collar Construction, based in Socorro, had been contracted for the project, which saw materials hauled in on Oct. 3, and work beginning on Oct. 5.

LaMay said Long Road, Valley View Drive, and Mount Capitan Road had been freshly chip-sealed, repairing damage to about three miles of road.

Additionally, East and West Grand View Road, Mountain View Road, and the upper sections of Long Road are to receive a fog-seal treatment, which applies a thick layer of oil to help roads shed water and snow, LaMay said.

Funds to complete the project were allocated in a special meeting on Oct. 13, with village trustees voting to allocate an additional \$42,027 from the infrastructure fund and \$5,000 from the general fund, bringing the total budget for the project to \$119,027. The village had originally budgeted \$72,000 for the project.

"We're allowing for some (overage), in case we need it," said Village Clerk Kay Strickland, speaking on the \$5,000 "cushion" from the general fund.

But even with a budget increase, the village will be in good shape, said Deputy Clerk Shirley Pavlovic, who said the village is expected

to end the fiscal year with a balance of about \$600,000 remaining, just less than \$617,413 the village began the year with.

Additionally, the village is retaining about \$510,000 in investments, which will continue to accrue interest for the village, Pavlovic said.

Pavlovic said the village's projected revenue for the 2011-2012 year is \$1,090,940, with expenses falling just under that at \$1,058,696.

In other business, trustees passed a resolution approving a \$50,000 budget for an updated comprehensive plan for the village, which will come out of the general fund.

Strickland said the village will apply for a CDBG planning grant through the state, but that they would still go through with soliciting bids for contractors to develop the plan, CDBG grant or not.

Funds to complete the plan for Capitan was in 2002, and "needed to be updated," said Mayor Sam Hammons at a village hall meeting on Oct. 11.

Several options were discussed for the plan during the meeting, including a suggestion by Paul Van Gulick of Benchmark Engineering and Surveying of Ruidoso to look into cost sharing with Capitan schools for an aerial survey of Capitan for the updated plan.

"As a whole, the community has to be low to moderate income (to qualify for CDBG money)," Strickland said. "Capitan is not low income."

The Cross of the Martyrs

The story of the 1680 Pueblo Revolt and ensuing Spanish conquest of Santa Fe in 1692 by Diego de Vargas is an important part of the history of Santa Fe and New Mexico.

The de Vargas reoccupation of Santa Fe is recognized every September during the Fiesta de Santa Fe.

This fiesta was inaugurated in 1692 to celebrate the return of the Spaniards; making it the oldest community gathering of its kind in the country.

Festivities include the celebration of Mass at St.

Francis Cathedral, followed by a candlelight procession to the Cross of the Martyrs.

Early this year, I accompanied Carrizozo Middle School students and their teacher, Carol Wilson, to this monument.

The stop was part of their New Mexico class trip to Santa Fe.

Cross of the Martyrs is a monument dedicated to 21 Franciscans killed in the Pueblo Revolt.

The friars died in the fight between the natives and Spanish colonists.

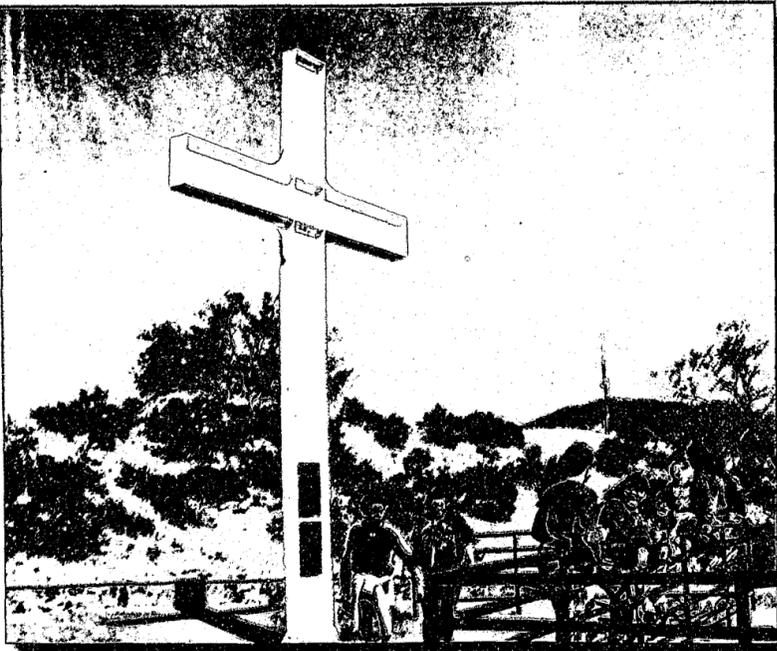
The Cross of the Martyrs gets its name

from the large steel cross atop of Fort Marcy Park. The walk begins a few minutes from downtown Santa Fe.

The 20-foot white cross is highly visible from most of the historic district in Santa Fe. A stunning view of Santa Fe, the Jemez Mountains, and the Sangre de Cristos Mountains can be seen from the top of the site. Plaques along the path give walkers a glimpse of the events that helped shape Santa Fe into a blend of three cultures.

The Pueblo Revolt was a mass plan by natives against the Spanish. This coordinated attack of all Spanish settlements of northern New Mexico was organized when local natives groups protested their mistreatment by Spanish colonists.

While the revolt did not remove the Spanish from the area permanently, it



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The Cross of the Martyrs was built to commemorate the 375th anniversary of Santa Fe.

did cause changes in the way the Spanish dealt with the natives.

Often overlooked, Cross of the Martyrs is on tourist maps of Santa Fe. The spectacular sight is enjoyed by many photographers. The project was a gift to visitors on the 375th anniversary of Santa Fe. Members of Caballeros de Vargas maintain the property where the cross stands.

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Above, Alana Wilingham and Mikey Hamm are the sophomore prince and princess, escorted by Bryce Nowell and Makayla Patterson.

Below, junior nobility Halee Dean and Tim Dickinson stand waiting for the king and queen announcement, accompanied by Hayden King and Tiana Romo.



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Detectives run down suspect

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Ruidoso police detectives arrested a burglary suspect Monday after spotting him walking down the street.

"We had just left a house and spotted him walking along Sudderth Drive," Detective Cpl. Lawrence Chavez said. "We knew he had warrants for his arrest."

Chavez said there were eight warrants for the arrest of Randy Lovett, 32, including a warrant for escaping from law enforcement.

Chavez and Detective Sgt. Wade Proctor captured Lovett after a foot-chase.

"We were able to clear four burglaries and three stolen vehicles," Chavez said.

Chavez said they were able to recover one of the stolen vehicles and on Tuesday they were working with Lincoln National Forest rangers to retrieve another Lovett reportedly told them he had pushed off the side of a mountain on Forest Road 120 east of Ruidoso.

"We also worked in conjunction with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department to obtain and execute a search warrant on a house in the Enchanted Forest area," Chavez said. "There we recovered stolen property, recovered cash that indicated there was

drug trafficking and recovered marijuana, methamphetamines and drug packaging material."

Chavez said there are expected to be more arrests as a result of the on-going investigation.

"Lovett was one of our suspects in the rash of recent burglaries," Chavez said.

Chavez said the officers had a very long day, working on executing the search warrant until 5 a.m. Tuesday.

"They did a great job of identifying Mr. Lovett as a wanted person," Ruidoso Police Chief Joe Magill said. "The detectives also did a good job of running him down and capturing him."

OLD PROBLEM SMOLDERS



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Ruidoso Downs fire, police and city officials gather near where a fire started west of Ruidoso Downs Race Track Monday afternoon. Two Ruidoso Downs Race Track employees smelled smoke and reported the fire, which, according to a city employee, started in an old manure pile on the property west of the racetrack. The city employee, who asked to not be identified, said the city has been trying to get the owner of the property to clean up the old manure pile for some time. The fire was quickly extinguished.

DISTRICT COURT CASES

Christian Maldonado, 20, appeared Sept. 16 for a change of plea.

Maldonado pleaded no contest to charges of aggravated assault on a household member with a deadly weapon and tampering with evidence and pleaded no contest to a charge of battery in another case.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman, the state dismissed a felony charge of aggravated battery on a household member and battery.

Judge Karen Parsons sentenced Maldonado to three and one half years on

probation, anger management education, and ordered that he have no contact, direct or indirect, with any gang or affiliated gang clubs nor wear any gang colors.

Ruidoso Downs Police Officer Carolee Sandoval arrested Maldonado Aug. 2, 2010, for trying to stab his older brother. The two were arguing over a hat.

Kalie Hudson, 20, appeared Sept. 23 for a change of plea and sentencing.

Hudson pleaded no contest to attempted possession of a controlled substance.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Todd

Holmes and Assistant District Attorney James Cowan, the state amended the charge from a felony to a misdemeanor.

Parsons deferred sentence for 364 days and placed Hudson on probation.

Ruidoso Police Officer Tillman Freeman charged Hudson after stopping her for not wearing her seatbelt at Sudderth Drive and Thomas B Drive July 19, 2010, then discovering methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle.

Freeman also cited Hudson for invalid license plate. The sticker on the plate was different from the plate numbers and the

plate returned as not on file.

Thomas Millington, 19, appeared Sept. 23 for a change of plea.

Millington pleaded no contest to burglary of a vehicle and larceny of \$250 or less.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Denson and Zimmerman, the state dismissed two charges of burglary of a vehicle and a charge of larceny of \$250 or less.

Parsons sentenced Millington to two years probation, alcohol and drug screening and ordered that he have no contact with the victims.

Ruidoso Downs Police Officer Darrell Chavez

charged Millington with the burglaries and larcenies Dec. 11, 2010, after responding to an auto burglary in progress call and having Millington identified by two witnesses. Chavez originally charged Millington with four counts of burglary, three counts of larceny of less than \$250 and minor allowing himself to be served.

John Paul Charo, 23, appeared Sept. 23 for imposition of sentence, having pleaded no contest to charges of criminal damage to property over \$1,000.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Denson and Zimmerman, the state dismissed attempt to commit a felony

(assault on a jail employee), conspiracy to commit assault on a jail employee and criminal damage to property.

Parsons suspended a 364-day sentence on Charo and placed him on probation for 364 days. Parsons gave Charo credit for time served from July 15 to Sept. 19, 2008.

A grand jury returned an indictment against Charo on Feb. 11, 2008, for an assault on LCDC on Jan. 13, 2008.

Charo signed a plea and disposition agreement in May 2008.

Anthony Arauz, 22, appeared Sept. 26 for im-

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sition of sentence.

Arauz pleaded no contest to attempt to commit a felony, conspiracy to commit shooting at a dwelling or occupied building and conspiracy to commit aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Holmes and Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson, the state dismissed a charge of intentional child abuse.

Parsons sentenced Arauz to four and one half years of probation, ordered him to pay \$5,720 in restitution.

POLICE BRIEFS

Ruidoso blotter

Oct. 3

11:06 a.m. - Officer David Gallegos responded to the 100 block of South Oak for a report of a theft.

The victim reported someone stole a television and laptop computer from his rented room while he was in El Paso.

Oct. 8

9:54 a.m. - A resident of the 700 block of Main Road came to the police department to report the theft of a mailbox.

The victim reportedly

told Sgt. Steve Corbin someone stole his green mailbox the previous night. The mailbox value was estimated at \$75.

Oct. 10

8:30 a.m. - Officer Roger Hatcher responded to the 100 block of High Street for a report of a stolen pickup.

Hatcher reports the victim said someone had stolen her late-husband's pickup. The stolen truck is a 2002 red Ford Ranger with a silver toolbox, black grill guard and a "Party Puppy" plate on the front.

10:41 a.m. - Sgt. Steve Corbin encountered two golden retrievers running

in the roadway in the 1200 block of Mechem Drive.

Corbin called the dogs to his unit and secured them with a rope until the owner arrived to pick them up. Corbin issued Carrie Remund a non-traffic citation for animals at large.

Oct. 11

2:52 p.m. - Sgt. Steve Corbin responded to 207 Carters Lane for a report of a fire in the roadway.

The Ruidoso Fire Department extinguished the flame prior to Corbin's arrival.

Mariesa Iglesias, 19, reportedly told Ruidoso Fire Department Cpt. Mike

Morrow she had started a campfire in a grill, which fell over when she attempted to move it.

Off-duty Officer Matt Christian reportedly told Corbin he saw Iglesias pouring accelerant on the fire while it was in the roadway. When informed of what Christian said he saw, Iglesias reportedly stated "Tell your undercover officer he's a punk-ass-bitch."

Corbin issued Iglesias a non-traffic citation for improper handling of fire.

Oct. 12

8:10 a.m. - A Las Cruces resident reported that someone had opened two

Windstream accounts using his identity.

The victim stated to Officer David Gallegos he realized his identity had been stolen when trying to buy a car Oct. 1 in Las Cruces. Las Cruces PD reportedly told him to report it in Ruidoso because the thief was using the victim's old Ruidoso address.

Gallegos reported the incident to the New Mexico Attorney General's office.

Oct. 13

1:24 p.m. - A resident of the 100 block of Cedar Place came to the police department

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BRIEFS

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ment to report a vehicle burglary.

The victim told Officer Josh Snodgrass someone stole her debit card and mailbox key from a storage compartment at the front of the console of her car. She said the car was not locked.

3:43 p.m. - A victim came to the police department to report a vehicle burglary.

Officer Curtis Rodgers reports the victim said her car was parked at the Ruidoso Public Library on Kansas City Road and someone took a coin purse from under her seat. She said she thought the vehicle was locked.

Oct. 16

4:43 p.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman responded to the 100 block of Devon Court for an auto burglary report.

The victim reported someone stole a GPS speedometer and radio from his vehicle between Oct. 14 and 16. The vehicle was unlocked and the keys were left in the ignition between those dates.

Ruidoso Downs blotter

Oct. 9

10:30 p.m. - Officer Martin Valenzuela responded to the 200 block of Fridenbloom for a report of criminal damage to property.

Some had reportedly

broke a window above a woman and her daughter, who were sitting on the couch watching a movie. The woman said she heard someone knocking on the window before it broke.

Oct. 11

3:51 p.m. - Officer Joseph Bailey responded to the 100 block of Agua Fria Drive for a report of a burglary.

Bailey reports the victim arrived home to find the back, glass door broken, glass on the floor and a 37-inch flat-screen television missing. The alarm box had been ripped off the wall.

Oct. 12

9:26 a.m. - Officer Ryan

Frost responded to an accident on U.S. 70 west of Joe Welch Drive.

Frost reports Monique Gandara, 28, of Ruidoso was driving west on U.S.70 when a four-year-old child in the rear seat unfastened himself from the child safety seat. Gandara reportedly reached back to resecure the child while continuing to drive, drifting right, striking a light pole and a yield sign.

Frost cited Gandara for careless driving and no proof of insurance. Frost reported there were no injuries.

Oct. 15

2:22 p.m. - Bailey responded to the 100 block of

Valley View for a report of credit card fraud.

The victim reported she and her husband had lunch at a local restaurant and were charged twice for the meal. The restaurant reportedly refused to credit back the extra charge and the victim wanted them charged with credit card fraud.

Bailey reported the case is awaiting bank action.

- Police blotters are compiled from incident reports written by Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police officers

Police to take back drugs

Ruidoso police will take and safely dispose of unwanted and unneeded prescription drugs Oct. 29.

The event, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. is designed to allow anyone to turn in old or unwanted prescription drugs so they do not fall into the hands of someone who could potentially abuse them.

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Attorney claims unfair treatment

MILAN SIMONICH
Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — An attorney whose license was suspended indefinitely by the New Mexico Supreme Court says the system was rigged against her by a politically connected adversary.

The claim was made by Rene Ostrochovsky, who filed a motion this week asking the Supreme Court to reverse itself and reinstate her as an attorney with full privileges. She also says she was treated far more harshly than judges found guilty of crimes or sexual harassment.

Ostrochovsky, 55, said her career began to unravel when she tried a civil case against attorney Paul Fish, who also is chairman of the Disciplinary Board of the New Mexico Supreme Court.

Ostrochovsky said Fish threatened her with ad-

verse consequences if she continued to represent clients in certain cases. She said Fish then obtained "revenge" against her through the disciplinary proceeding that resulted in her suspension last May.

Fish, of Albuquerque, said in a telephone interview that Ostrochovsky's allegations were baseless.

"I recused myself in the case against her," he said. Fish said he acknowledged a conflict of interest and played no part in the disciplinary proceeding against Ostrochovsky.

She claims otherwise.

In her motion, she says Fish "was still very much involved" in pushing for her suspension. She said letters he wrote to the court were part of the case brought against her.

Referring to herself, Ostrochovsky said: "Counsel was portrayed as a menace to society, mentally unstable and unfit to practice law when what she actual-

ly did was attempt to expose widespread corruption in our courts."

The case in which Fish and Ostrochovsky were opponents involved Mineral Energy and Technology Corp.

She represented minority shareholders in a Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act lawsuit against the company's directors and attorneys. Ostrochovsky alleged that majority shareholders fraudulently traded the corporation's assets, costing her clients money as share values declined.

Federal courts found that Ostrochovsky and the minority shareholders had no standing to bring a racketeering case. In addition to the judgment against her, she was ordered to pay \$12,000 in legal fees.

"Instead of dropping or amending these meritless claims, Ms. Ostrochovsky instead forged on ..." said a three-judge panel of the

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit.

In doing so, she pressed "a futile matter that unreasonably and vexatiously" multiplied court time.

Ostrochovsky said she merely fought hard for her clients. The state Supreme Court acted unfairly in suspending her from the practice of law for doing so, she said.

In her motion, she said District Judge Bob Schwartz of Albuquerque was fined \$6,000 but not suspended for pursuing a romance with a public defender while presiding over two of her cases. He remains on the bench.

Ostrochovsky also cited the case of District Judge Thomas Fitch of Socorro, who resigned from the bench after pleading guilty to drunken driving in 2005. She said he remains an active attorney.

Ostrochovsky said she cannot afford to hire a lawyer for her appeal.



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So far, someone got away with murder

MILAN SIMONICH
Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — So far, somebody has gotten away with murder in one of New Mexico's old ghost towns.

It was a story that lit up the Internet with innuendo about border violence, then receded just as quickly.

The speculators, reaching for explosive conclusions without facts to sup-

port them, soon shifted to other topics.

But relatives of the victim, Larry Link, cannot move on.

They live in immense pain in Hidalgo County, the southernmost part of the state.

Hidalgo was the last place that Link called home. With a population of just 5,057, it appeared a most unlikely spot for a murder.

Each day Link's family hopes for a breakthrough that will turn the unsolved crime into a court case.

Until that happens, the knowledge that somebody fired five bullets into Link's body is still hard for relatives to believe or accept.

"My father, he would have given anybody anything. There was no reason to shoot him," Pamela Link said in an interview.

Tears flowed as she disclosed another detail. If robbery was the motive to kill Link, it was a hollow one.

"His wallet was on his nightstand," she said.

New Mexico State Police, who are running the

investigation into Link's killing, are stumped four months after the crime.

"We do not have a suspect," said Capt. Ryan Suggs.

Asked if anybody has been eliminated through the investigation, he said: "We do not believe anybody from the family is involved."

Four agents are assigned to the case, but Suggs said they cannot solve the crime alone.

"The killer or killers were operating a motor vehicle, unknown make, unknown model. We need help. We need to turn up a new lead."

Link, at 68, was in decent health and inordinately active at all hours. Insomnia was the reason. His nights were fractured into periods of sleeplessness.

Link must have ventured outside between 2:30 and 6 a.m. Had he noticed somebody in the lot? Or did he go for a walk in hopes of tiring himself so he could sleep?

Only the killer may know the answer.



Jan Davey 1932-2011

The Very Reverend Jan Davey was born Janet Thurley on March 19, 1932 in Newbury, Berkshire, England to Reginald and Mabel Thurley. The family would eventually number 7 children, including the 3 youngest boys, Reg, Paul and John, who Jan helped to raise. During World War II, Jan safely hid her younger sister Ann from a Luftwaffe plane, bombing Newbury. Jan moved from high school to Harwell, and helped to load the first nuclear reactor built in Europe. It was at Harwell that Jan met her husband of 57 years, Bill Davey. They lived in Abingdon, Wallingford, and Dorchester and had 2 daughters, Jane and Ruth.

Jan was also an amazing grandmother to her 4 grandchildren, Gareth, Gwendolyn, Glynis and Griffin. GranJan was an integral and deeply devoted part of her grandchildren's lives, and they will miss her very much.

The Davey family had the opportunity in a technical exchange to move to the United States for 18 months. They arrived in New York City on July 5, 1961, on the Queen Elizabeth. They fell in love with the United States and after a brief few weeks, returned to Britain and moved back permanently. The family settled in Idaho Falls, Idaho, as immigrants. There Jan taught kindergarten, was a substitute teacher, and acted in local musical theater. Jan was actively involved in the League of Women Voters and local politics. Jan and Bill developed many life-long friendships with Orval Hansen, the former representative to the House for Idaho, and his English wife June. They were also particularly close to Micky and Bud (later Admiral) Kauderer. The key event of her time in Idaho was when she was asked by the Bishop of Idaho to become a lay minister, because her leadership qualities would lead other women to follow. She accepted, when it was agreed that dogs had souls.

Her active career continued when the family moved to New Mexico, when Bill was invited to join Los Alamos National Lab. The family resided in Espanola, NM, very close to the Black Mesa and San Ildefonso Indian land. Her encounter with a rattlesnake led to an out-of-body experience, following which she decided to become a nurse. She became both a LPN and RN, and specialized in Obstetrics. At almost any Wal Mart, we would run into yet another child than Jan delivered. She touched so many lives.

Almost at the same time, she was invited by Bishop Trelease to repeat her Idaho role by becoming a canonate minister, to again encourage women to participate in the Episcopal Church. With others, she was one of several people involved in the Chili Line, which had the responsibility for rural churches, including Espanola and Chama. As a minister, she was very active in all aspects of the life of the church, in particular in the Commission on Ministry, and several terms on the Standing Committee, where she was twice elected as President.

Father Jan was instrumental in the path to the priesthood for many people. She was the apostle that brought Ruth's college roommate, Diane Jardine Bruce to the church, and her critical role was acknowledged by Diane in front of many bishops and dignitaries prior to Diane's consecration as a bishop.

After Bill's retirement from Los Alamos, Father Jan was invited to join a team of priests in Ruidoso, NM, serving several churches. She continued working as an OB nurse at the Lincoln County Medical Center. Before leaving Ruidoso to come to Belen, she was asked to be vicar of a church in Roswell.

In addition to her Diocesan activities, Father Jan was well-recognized in the national church and elsewhere. These were not always formal, since she was invited by the previous Archbishop of Canterbury to tea at any time in her hometown of Newbury.

Inside the church, for several years she was a member of a national committee that formulated possible developmental policies and was also a member of Province VII committee, a post which she held up to her death.

A succession of fires drove the family out of Ruidoso, and Father Jan was delighted to accept Bishop Kelshaw's invitation to take charge of St. Phillips in Belen. This was her happiest time because of the love of the people of Belen. She flourished and thrived in her many activities, and so did her church. Her Diocesan activities continued, under Bishop Kelshaw and Bishop Steenson, when she was Dean of the Southwest area of the Diocese.

But above all else, Jan will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother by her family and all those whose lives she touched. Godspeed Father Jan. We love you.

Services will be at 2 pm on October 19 at St. Philips Episcopal Church, 113 La Luna Place, Belen, NM 87002.

One of Father Jan's favorite charities was Covenant House, which helps homeless youth.

We would request donations in her name to: <http://www.covenanthouse.org/>
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Richard Rocha Jr. 1954-2011

Prayer service for Richard Rocha Jr., 57, of Mescalero was Friday, Oct. 14, at 6:00 PM at his residence at 11 Nana Court, the funeral mass was held Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph's Mission with burial that followed at the Mescalero Cemetery.

Mr. Rocha passed away Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at Mescalero. He was born January 5, 1954 at Mescalero and had lived there all of his life. He as a BIA Law enforcement officer from 1976 until retiring in 1996, he attended St. Joseph's Mission.

He is survived by a daughter, Tonya Rocha; two sons, Jason Rocha and Winslow Rocha; his mother, Clarice Rocha; his foster father, Crensencio Rocha; brothers and sisters, Fernando Rocha Sr., Michael Rocha, Francis Rocha, Bobby Rocha, Pearlita LaPaz, Florence Rocha, Carmen Mendez, Lucille Yuzos, Beatrice Beckman, Alice Martinez, and Mary Lou Ochoa and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his foster mother, Nellie Rocha; sister, Jacqueline Morgan and brother, Thomas Rocha.

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As you expressed so beautifully-- Rogers is a true visionary of our time.

Andrew John Cecil
Curator of Collections and Exhibition
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Lucina,

I want to tell you that I think you are doing a beautiful job with the Vamonos. I really look forward to Fridays!

Carolyn Dittmer
Alamogordo, NM

Harold and Eric:

On behalf of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, I would like to thank you so very much for your coverage of the Kid's Rodeo at the Cowboy Symposium on Saturday. We so appreciate all the wonderful photos, particularly of the kids participating in the events.

Willow and Vito were both in my group of 3 to 5 year olds, and they were super competitors, as were all the kids.

By the way, the photo which shows two rodeo clowns in the background -- That is me and my husband! We do that every year and the kids just love it! We have fun doing it too.

Thank you again so much. I am sure all the kids, parents and the Posse members were thrilled with the coverage.

Kathy Carey
Ruidoso Downs

Hi Julie,

I love your writing style, Julie. While I am far from it, you still make me long to be a cowgirl!

Coleen Widell
Ruidoso

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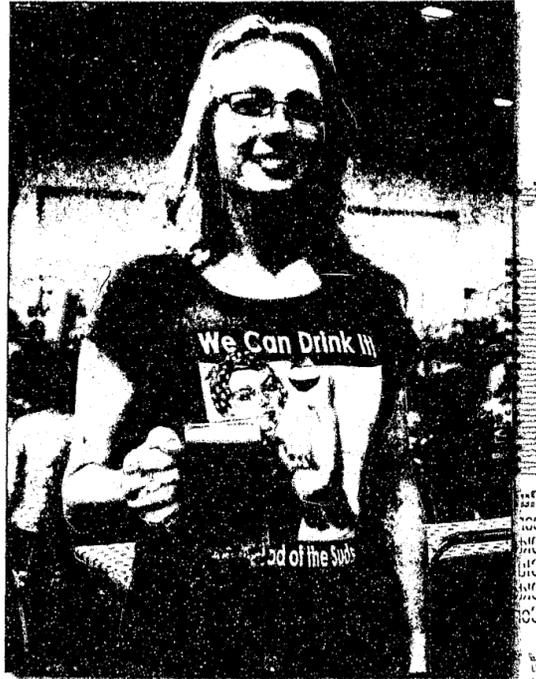
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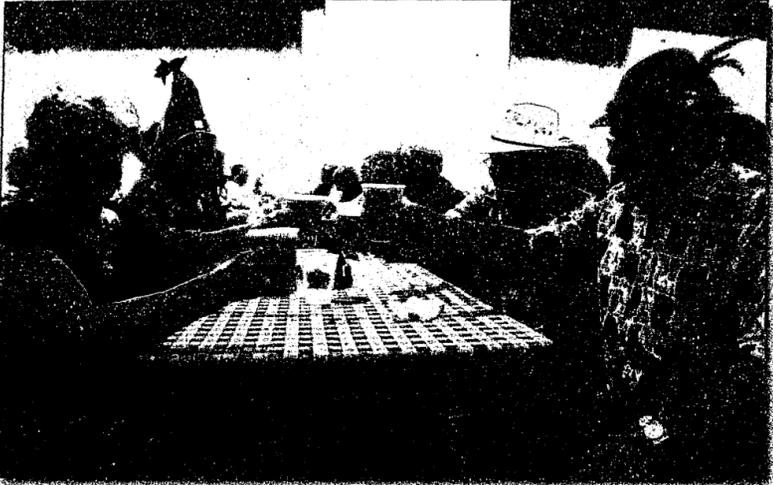


Patrons of the of Oktoberfest line up to do the Chicken Dance.

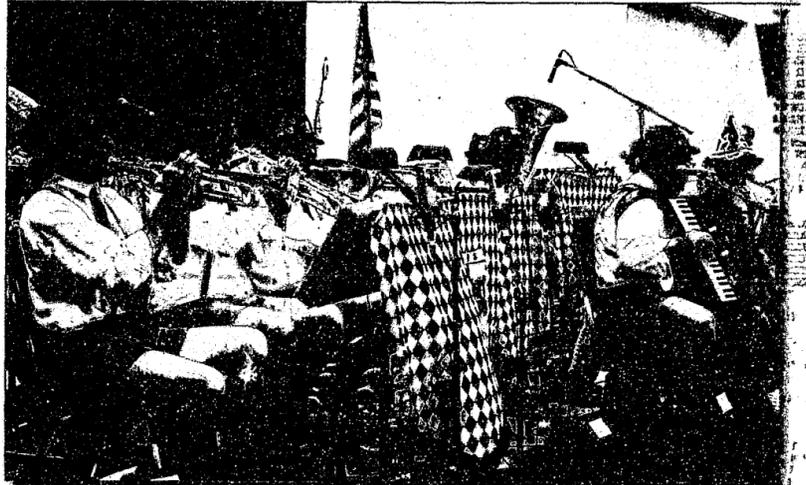


Amy Eveleth of Rio Rancho is dressed for success at Oktoberfest.

photos by Erik Bearer



From left Julie Akin of Las Cruces, Monica Helbling and Paul Thomas of Pie Town, and Rudy Akin raise a toast to good beer and friends during Saturday's Oktoberfestivities.



Die Polka Schlingel, out of Albuquerque, livens up the crowd at the Oktoberfest, with their 12-piece band.



Aleya Scott of Ruidoso reaches the end of the line as her aunt, Kaitlin Keaton, takes her for a tour of Oktoberfest.



Mikayla Sago of Mesalero makes it difficult for Rebekah Smith of El Paso to pin the tail on the donkey.



Grace Selleck and Jairo Luna of Las Cruces enjoyed the hats, balloons, and festivities of Oktoberfest.



Alan Wright of Las Cruces and Julie Weaver of Albuquerque returned to the dance floor several times, outlasting most of the younger steppers.



Spencer King and Kim Kingsly of Las Cruces take a turn on the dance floor in traditional German clothing.

Oktoberfest



Ruidoso Kiwanis Club member Carry Wimbrow dons his Oktoberfest hat at the Kiwanis Club booth at the 20th Annual Oktoberfest at the Ruidoso Convention Center.



Ruidoso Rotary Club member Tom Rigsby adds sauerkraut to a customer's bratwurst at the 20th Annual Oktoberfest.



Alice Payne, left, and **Anna Lignon**, two of the members of VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary, present a united front at their booth.

Car Show & Fly-In



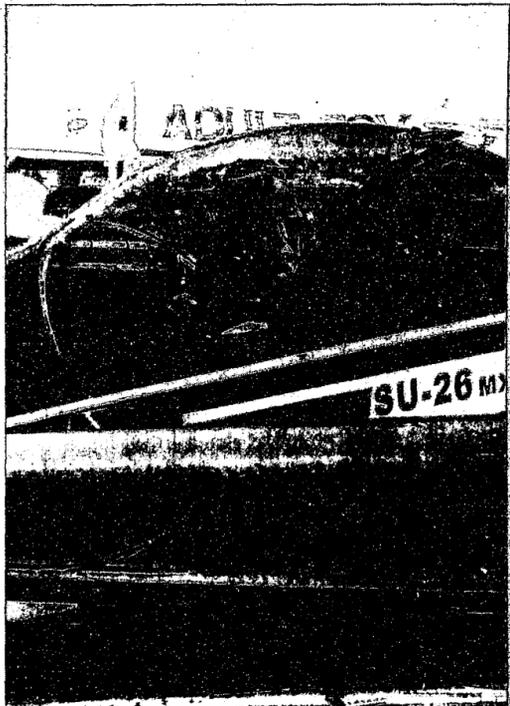
Amber Butler, near, and **Kim Corley** look over a customized 1932 Ford Roadster, equipped with a Herf, owned by Dennis and Lynn Karnes of Roswell, during the Pinetop Car Club Car Show.



Cindy Stevens waits with a tray to take away the burgers and hot dogs from the grill as David "Zubie" Zubrod and Jerry Lignon cook for the VFW Post 12071 free meal at the Fly-In and Pinetop Car Club Car Show at Ruidoso Regional Airport Saturday, Oct. 15. The VFW Post, Pinetop Car Club, Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and WalMart supplied the food for the crowd.



Former Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunely takes a break on the tailgate of a Ruidoso Village pickup at the Fly-In.

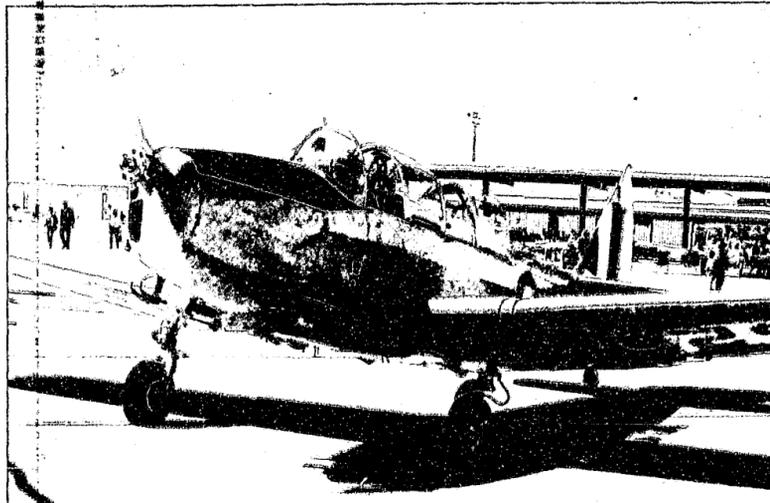


Stunt pilot Don Nelson prepares for take-off for his afternoon Air Show.



Manuel Miranda Jr., **Manuel Miranda Sr.**, and **Andre Miranda**, from El Paso, look at one of the custom pickup trucks on display at the Pinetop Car Club Car Show.

photos by Harold Oakes



Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. John "Mike" Rice, from Placitas, N.M., fires up his World War II vintage PT-26 trainer plane during the Fly-In.



Ruidoso Police Chief Joe Magill used the department's Segue to get around and talk to some of the spectators at the Pinetop Car Club Car Show.



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No. D1226-CV-2011-00261

BANK OF AMERICA N.A., as Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Services, LP, Plaintiff,

vs. LOUIS PADILLA, if living, if deceased, the Estate of LOUIS PADILLA, Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned personal representative of this estate...

Notary Public: LLOYD CLEVENGER, 220 Crown Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345

Dated: October 4, 2011

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

No. 2533

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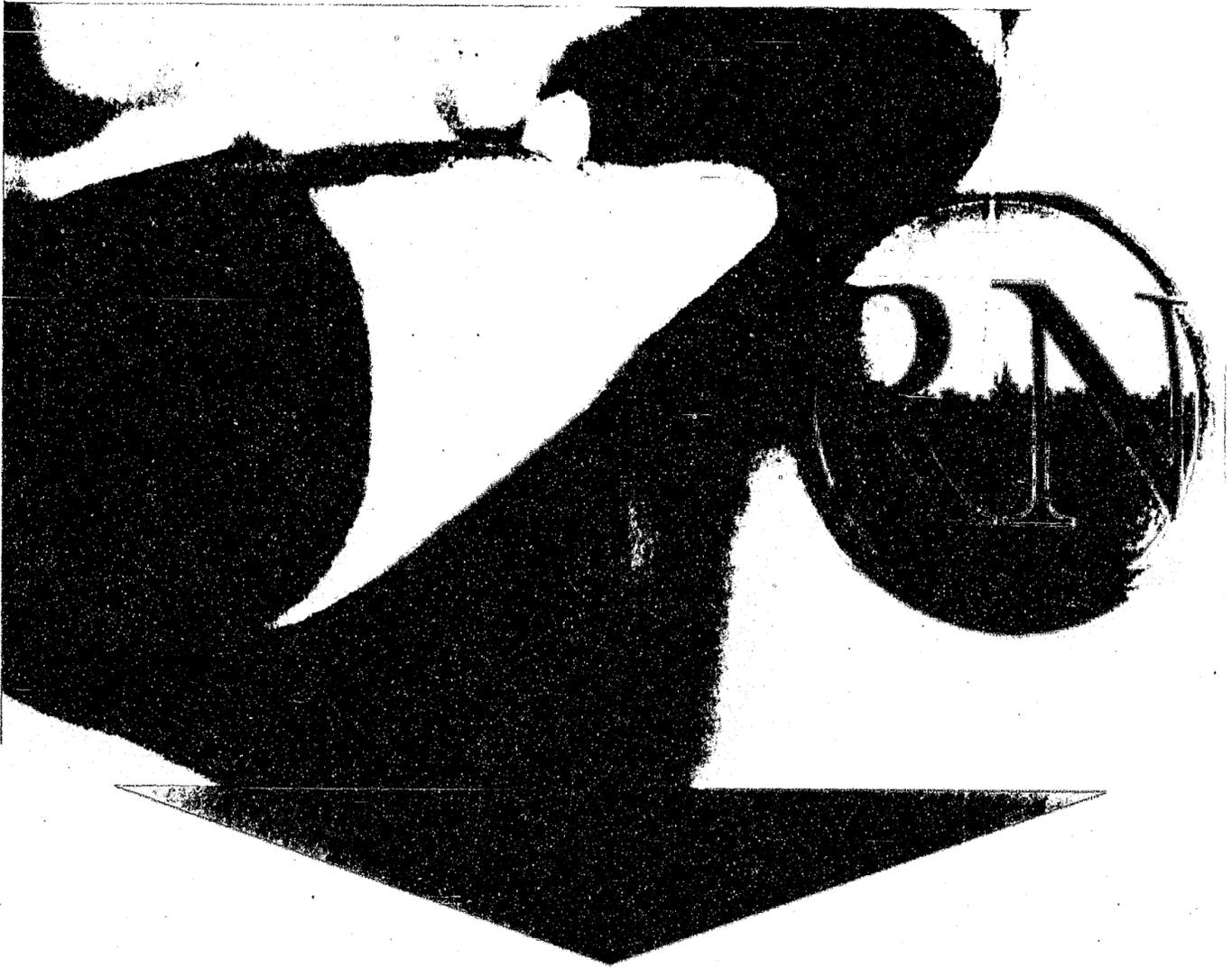
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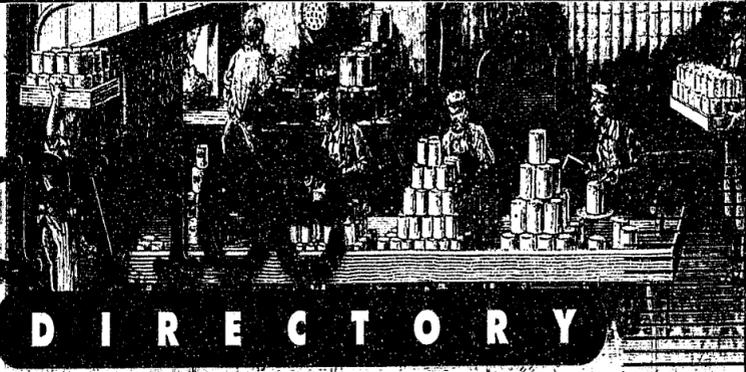
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