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All lined up The field for the 44th running of the All American Futurity splashes to the finish line Monday at Ruidoso Downs. All Weather Farmer, 4th from left, won the \$2 million race in a photo finish. More than 16,000 racing fans packed the Downs to watch the race.

Two U.S. 70 fatalities launch holiday

BY SANDY SUGGITT

The Labor Day holiday started about 4:18 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, with two more automobile fatalities on U.S. Highway 70 near Timmie, according to a dispatcher at New Mexico State Police in Alamogordo.

Dustin Shearer and Cody Johnson, both 19-year-olds from Portales, were pronounced dead at the scene. Their vehicle had been traveling westbound at a high rate of speed and failed to

negotiate a curve and began sliding sideways, traveling into the eastbound lane, colliding with vehicle No. 2," the report states.

Sgt. Duane Bullion, supervisor of the investigating officer, said the vehicle caught on fire quickly after the vehicles collided.

The driver of the second vehicle was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center and then to the University of New Mexico Hospital, and was discharged Monday, according to hospital personnel.

The injured man was removed

by one set of motorists and the deceased by another set, and it is not yet known whether anyone was using seatbelts, Bullion said.

A few beer bottles and a whisky bottle were found in the Portales vehicle, but until the autopsy is done, it won't be known if the driver was drinking.

"We had officers working that road, trying to prevent that kind of thing," Bullion said. "Motor Transit Division officers were a mile away (from the site of the accident), and my State Police officer was seven miles away."

Huge crowd, surprise key 44th All American

BY TODD FUQUA

There was a lot more in store for racing fans at Ruidoso Downs over the Labor Day weekend besides a little old horse race.

Oh sure, there was the 44th running of the All American Futurity, the world's richest quarter horse race with a purse of \$2 million, but patrons of

the track were treated to a full array of entertainment.

Not the least of that entertainment was a surprise visit by country music artist Toby Keith.

Keith, who was a co-owner with R.D. Hubbard and John Jones of All American finalist The Down Side, appeared just before the race and treated the fans to a song before the horses were led to the paddock.

Because of all this entertainment, not even the heavy rains which drenched the track could keep fans away, as Ruidoso Downs set attendance records.

Sunday recorded the day's record high attendance of 13,468 as patrons watched the Ruidoso Thoroughbred Futurity and the All American Derby.

Last year, only 10,101 came to view the Sunday race card compared to this year, while 16,749 fans came on Labor Day.

Attendance figures on Monday soared to almost 17,000.

For a complete story on the All American Futurity and other races run at Ruidoso Downs this past weekend, please see page 10A.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Toby Keith, horse owner, added some excitement to the race's start.

Keeping classical music on the air isn't easy

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

Local classical music enthusiasts owe a debt to a small group of people who were willing to dedicate their time and efforts eight years ago to bring something new to the area.

Now, as several members of that group are retiring or becoming

involved in other pursuits, they're hoping a few residents who appreciate the result will volunteer to serve on the board of the non-profit Friends of KHFM-Ruidoso.

"At that point, the only music was country and western," said Dick Weber, one of the original members who put together the arrangement

with KHFM in Albuquerque, a 24-hour classical radio station.

"We are K-2400M on our license and we rebroadcast the signal of KHFM in Albuquerque," Weber said.

"The only way to get the station is to pick it up off the air, not by phone or satellite. Technically, all we do is

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So, you've been called for jury duty and you're nervous

Keeping The 12th Judicial District Court running in the Lincoln County seat of Carrizozo are, in front standing, Clydene Hall, trial court administrative assistant; and Robin Rafkin, court monitor. In back, from left, are bailiff Chris Barela and deputy district court clerk Mickey Vega and Liz Torrez. Not pictured is court clerk Jolene Biggs.



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Here's what it's like, from that first summons to 'voir dire' to sitting through a trial

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

Facing a bleacher full of prospective jurors, District Judge Karen Parsons knows some of them can't wait for the orientation to wind up, but others are excited and curious about that they will be facing for the next six months.

These are the names of people left from what started as a summons by the state judiciary of 1,700 people.

Using driver's license and voter's registration records, summons were sent at the request of Parsons' 12th Judicial District Court in Carrizozo, district court clerk Jolene Biggs explained.

About 850 people returned the forms filled out with the necessary informa-

tion. Of that group, 410 were kept in June as a jury pool for the next six months, with 360 assigned to the district court and 25 to each of the magistrate courts in Carrizozo and Ruidoso.

Because Lincoln County, though large geographically, draws from a population of under 20,000 adults, some people may be called multiple times, although they don't have to serve on a jury more than once in three years, Parsons told the members of the pool. About one-third of the people at the orientation that day raised their hands to show they served on previous juries, although earlier than 36 months ago.

About the only reason for disqualification from an ini-

tial summons other than moving from the jurisdiction or dying is being convicted of a felony.

When the prospective jurors walked through the door of the Ruidoso Middle School gymnasium the morning of the orientation in June, they signed in, were given a number and a juror handbook with the names and telephone numbers of people they may need to contact during their six months of potential service such as court clerk Biggs, trial court administrative assistant Clydene Hall, court monitor Robin Rafkin or bailiff Chris Barela.

Biggs explained that jurors receive reimbursement for duty of \$5.15 per hour and mileage. The court

pays for meals during a trial.

"I appreciate you all coming here," Parsons started. "I realize that a lot of you don't think you have a choice."

While she acknowledged the judicial system in the United States is flawed, "It's the best in the whole world," Parsons said. "It's good because people like you are willing to give up your time."

She chose to go back to the mass advance orientation system because it seems to help jurors to be more relaxed in her courtroom, she said. That allows them to listen better.

"I want people to know what to expect so they won't be so nervous," Parsons said. "This is an important civic

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Kokopelli Fire recovery has a price

County seeks reimbursement on Ruidoso's firefighting expenses

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A request for \$6,800 to reimburse the village of Ruidoso for its firefighting expenses in fighting the Kokopelli Fire earlier this year was sent to the state Office of Emergency Services.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart told county commissioners earlier this month the county submitted its figures for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency several months ago.

By going through the county, which was the agency responsible for coordinating fire efforts, the village can collect 100 percent of expenses, instead of 75 percent directly from FEMA, Stewart said.

As soon as the money is received from

the state agency that coordinates FEMA's participation, he will send it to the village, Stewart said Thursday.

Thomas Chavez, emergency manager for Ruidoso, said the expenses were connected primarily with overtime worked by law enforcement officers and the sheltering of members of the National Guard.

The Kokopelli Fire in March swept through several high-dollar communities north of Ruidoso, destroying 29 homes.

It started near the Kokopelli golf course and drove in a narrow band across the mesa, down a canyon, over another mesa, then into a section of the Rancho Ruidoso Estates subdivision along Little Creek.

Watershed restoration effort launched on state trust land; Moon Mountain gets a close look

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An effort to restore watersheds on state trust land and at Moon Mountain was launched recently by New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands Ray Powell.

Using a state legislative appropriation that allows money earned from state trust lands to be used to preserve and maintain the health of the land, he targeted 60 acres on the mountain this fiscal year.

"This is the first time the State Land Office has been allowed to reinvest some of the money we earn from the land to improve the health of the land for future generations," Powell said.

State trust land on Moon Mountain also is being proposed for development of a

theme park, hotel and related activities by a Houston-based firm. A presentation scheduled for last week was canceled when the full Ruidoso village council couldn't be present. No new date has been set.

The Legislature appropriated \$1.22 million to fund clean-up efforts, reduce fire danger and enhance ecological conditions on state trust land. The money also was designated for river restoration projects, stabilization of a 300-year-old pueblo site in northwestern New Mexico and management of noxious plants, which present a growing threat to native plants, animals and agriculture, Powell said.

Legislative funding also was used for similar watershed efforts near Capitan, Angel Fire and the Rio Grande Boeque around Albuquerque,

he said.

Watersheds are land areas from which surface runoff drains into a stream channel, lake or reservoir. Healthy watersheds are critical factors in maintaining the health of the plants, animals, soil and hydrogeology in a given area.

"Working with our lessees, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Cooperative Extension Service, counties and local communities, we can leverage our limited resources to keep our state trust lands productive and healthy," the commissioner said.

Work already is underway on Moon Mountain. Biological and cultural resource surveys were conducted before designing plans for forest thinning. Powell oversees 8,600 of state trust land near Ruidoso.

MUSIC: Money is needed to keep up the translator

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translate the signal to another frequency. We can't download to rebroadcast. We take it at 95.3 and rebroadcast at 95.9 in Ruidoso.

"The programming all done for us. We pick it up high on Buck Mountain with an elaborate antennae system."

In 1994, the small group of people with an interest in classical music met to discuss options. They included Paul Vorderman, Rev. John Penn, Sandy Thomas, Brian Seale, Weber and Bruce Kernodle as an engineering advisor.

"We started the process of applying for a translator license," Weber said. "We decided it was worth the expense and went around and collected a few dollars here and there. We ended up with \$4,000 from community. Brian and I each kicked in \$3,600 each. It cost about \$11,000 to put the station on the air in October 1994."

Since then, occasionally additional money has been needed for repairs. A lightning strike sent Weber rushing to Albuquerque to pick up needed equipment to get the station back on the air. Sometimes, technical interference from other stations had to be overcome. The station broadcasts on just 10 watts, but that covers around Ruidoso northwest to Nogal and all the way east to Roswell.

The popularity of the local station continues to grow, mirroring what's happening in Albuquerque with the mother station.

While Karl Haas remains a favorite at 9 a.m., Kip Allen's earlier show, "A Joyful Noise," draws devoted fans, who enjoy starting out the day with a bird serenade at 6 a.m.

Besides a chance to soak in good music, the station provides educational opportunities for students - who listen to portions in music classes - and to adults interested in expanding their knowledge of classical music, Weber said.

The continued operation of the local station is a vital link for classical music listeners in Roswell, because the signal is translated there for listening in Chaves County, he explained.

"It's a good alternate, good music, but some people (on the board) moved away and others just don't have time," Weber said. "It deserves a board of directors willing to ensure it

continues. One meeting a year would do it - just people who really have an interest in seeing it stay."

The board only needs four or five people to function. There is no huge liability involved.

Whenever additional money is needed, "I've gone to four or five contributors and they always ante up to do the job," Weber said. "We have a bank account of \$1,200 after paying all of our bills."

"We bought one of best translators and it probably will run for another 10 years. It's solid and stable. We have no real maintenance headaches with it."

Anyone interested in volunteering to serve on the board should contact Seale at (505) 258-5187 or Weber at 430-5423.

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County rancher seeks OK to market his water rights

BY DAPHNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A rancher's plan to sell water, possibly throughout the state, from his irrigation wells in Lincoln County could have a significant impact, says County Manager Tom Stewart.

"The amount of water involved concerns me and the fact he stated he was asking to market it in and out of the basin," Stewart said last week. "That really concerns me. There's no telling where it could go."

Robert Crenshaw, who lives in the Carrizozo area, is asking the office of the State Engineer to approve changing the place and purpose of 2,376.9 acre feet of water per year. The water now is designated for livestock and irrigation purposes from four wells about six miles east of Carrizozo.

He wants the designation changed to "municipal, indus-

trial, commercial, domestic, agricultural, livestock, recreational, environmental or public use to be marketed inside the state of New Mexico within or outside the Tularosa Basin."

"Crenshaw told me at one time he intended to sell to Alamogordo," Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said during a commission meeting earlier this month.

Although Crenshaw could not be reached for comment, his wife confirmed the details of the application and that he hoped to market the water from wells he inherited.

In another issue, commissioners approved a resolution supporting Rio Arriba County and the Rio Arriba County Livestock Growers in the protection of the property rights in the area and "in the identification, recruitment and selection of managers for the state and federal land management areas who will

responsibly and equitably perform the duties of their respective offices to the people of New Mexico, the allotment owners and other interests in public land."

Allotments are issued on public land - national forests and Bureau of Land Management parcels - and are used primarily for grazing.

"This has to do with the drought and having to manage the land, which then causes other problems," Stewart said. "And making sure people hired by state and federal government are responsive and not just covering up past mistakes."

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson, a rancher, explained that in response to the drought, livestock owners (in Rio Arriba County) reduced

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Tom Stewart
Lincoln County manager

the number of their cattle to survive.

"But in middle of that, the Forest Service declared they had to get off at same time elk num-

bers increased and they won't let them hunt," Wilson said. "They feel it violates the consultation process (in federal guidelines) that requires local input of people affected."

"That's what we've always done here. We continue to be fortunate we have that kind of personnel in Lincoln County."

In other action, the commission:

• Accepted a bid to repair seven porch roofs at the New Horizon Development Center

in Carrizozo for \$17,200 submitted by Sombrero Construction of Capitan. Stewart noted it was the only bid. He said the money comes from a \$21,000 state appropriation originally approved for a fire protection indoor sprinkler system by the state Legislature, but redesignated for roof repair. He said he will try to convince the state Department of Finance and Administration to allow him to use the remaining \$4,400 for an awning off an area that would create a patio.

"It's not roof repair, so once again I'm in a dilemma," Stewart said. "I think DFA will say it's appropriate. Since it's under \$5,000, it can be a change order with Sombrero."

• Approved lodger tax dis-

bursements that include \$5,000 for advertising requested by the RV Park Association Greater Ruidoso; \$2,520 from Trailer Life Directory for advertising in that publication; \$10,000 requested by the Smokey Bear Historical Park for production and installation of highway signs to direct potential visitors to the county; \$6,000 by Grindstone Graphics and Marketing Services Inc. for the design and printing of the new Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Brochure; \$400 by the Carrizozo Street Fair Committee to be used for advertising of the Labor Day Street Fair; and \$1,500 from the Lincoln County Fair Association for newspaper and radio advertising of the county fair.

National Small Farms Conference coming to Albuquerque

ALBUQUERQUE U.S. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Lou Gallegos will be the keynote speaker at the Third National Small Farm Conference Sept. 17-20 at the Albuquerque Convention Center, an event expected to attract about 800 agricultural educators, specialists, program managers and producers from around the country.

The conference, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture every three years, will be hosted by New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service.

"The conference brings together a broad range of people who work with small-scale farmers and ranchers around the nation," said Edmund Gomez, executive director of Extension's Rural Agricultural Improvement and Public Affairs Project (RAIPAP). "It's an opportunity for them to

discuss the challenges facing small-scale producers, share experiences and learn how to better help struggling farmers stay profitable."

The event grew out of USDA efforts in the mid-1990s to improve services and assistance to small farms, said Denis Ebdoghe, national program leader for small farms at the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service in Washington, D.C.

"Many farmers in this country are people with small-scale operations who struggle to stay afloat," said Ebdoghe, conference chairman. "Together they make up the backbone of domestic agriculture. Rather than just survive, we want them to thrive in the 21st century."

Small farms and ranches - defined as operations with less than \$250,000 in gross annual sales - account for about 94

percent of all farms in the United States, according to a 1998 report by the USDA's National Commission on Small Farms. Most small-scale farmers only earn about \$23,000 in net cash income annually since production costs generally absorb more than 80 percent of gross sales, according to the report.

Given the low profits, the number of small farms is constantly shrinking. About 300,000 farms disappeared between 1978 and 1998, according to the report. In contrast, large-scale operations are getting bigger. In 1980, for example, four firms controlled 36 percent of beef slaughter nationally, but by 1998 those same four firms controlled nearly 82 percent of production, according to the report.

"Nationally, we're losing about 50 small farms per day," said Gomez, a member of the National Commission on Small Farms.

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OUR OPINION

Two more deaths are two too many

Deadly U. S. 70 reconstruction can't be delayed

Whether it was the drivers' fault, the highway's fault, the darkness or weather, the fact is two more lives have been claimed by that stretch of U. S. Highway 70 between Ruidoso Downs and Riverside.

And that makes something like two dozen fatalities in less than three years on that notorious stretch of lovely, curving, scenic, two-lane (most of it) highway.

Deaths on that road have come one at a time and in bunches. A load of Alamogordo church people on an outing was wiped out near the Tinnie cemetery, thanks to a semi-truck whose driver couldn't bring it to a halt in time.

Many of those deaths on the route have been of long-time residents — people who proved once again that most highway fatalities occur close to home.

Many others were vacationers, coming to the mountains of Lincoln County to enjoy themselves. What they got for their trouble was a funeral, and tribulation for family and friends.

The Labor Day weekend victims, two young former Portales High School athletes, had Ruidoso connections — one of them an employee at at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Let us mourn the dead, but press adamantly for a rapid end to U.S. 70's deadly reputation.

In praise of the brilliance of columnists

Few non-newspaper people understand the special gifts bestowed upon columnists whose keen observations and political insights serve as guideposts to a bewildered citizenry.

There is little we don't know about. The rest we make up.

Take me, for instance. This column was the first in the state to predict the victory of Congressman Eric Serna. Back in April of 1997 I wrote:

"Eric Serna will soon be elected as a U.S. Congressman from New Mexico..."

Serna's opposition for the seat vacated by Bill Richardson who left congress for an administrative post were Republican Bill Redmond, Green Carol Miller, Libertarian Ed Nagel, Reform Party candidate Daniel Pearlman, and three write-in congressional wannabes.

There is no way the wily, slick Serna, who had been laboring in political fields his entire career, could lose to this bunch. Whoops. But he did. Despite this column's prediction, Congressman Serna was not to become a congressman after all.

Coming from behind on a wing and a prayer was Bill Redmond, a fundamentalist minister. I should have known. Early in the campaign Serna had detected this fellow might have help from above. And Eric was worried about the direction Redmond would take public policy.

In a letter to supporters, Serna warned, "Quite frankly, I'm frightened at the thought of the New Mexico I know being represented by a congressman with the views that Minister Redmond holds."

What danger frightened the normally unflappable Serna? "Minister Redmond will proudly be leading the Republican revolution which aims to destroy our environment, and restrict our personal freedoms," he wrote.

As luck would have it, Redmond won but was not in office long enough to destroy the

environment or hogtie our freedoms. He was ousted by Tom Udall the very next election.

With the same unerring insight that produced the Serna victory call five years ago, I now plan to attend the victory parties of Republican Sen. Pete Domenici, being challenged by Democrat Gloria Tristani, and Bill Richardson, Democratic nominee for New Mexico governor who hopes to wrest the prize from Republican nominee John Sanchez.

Senator Domenici, who has been in Washington for three decades, is as popular in New Mexico as a Krispy Kream donut at a fat man's convention. Just recently, town officials from throughout the state, both Democrats and Republicans, publicly announced their support.

Challenger Tristani keeps insisting she wants to debate Pete. Lord knows why. That's like me saying I can't wait to get Mike Tyson in the ring.

Despite early indications the White House had written off chances of John Sanchez capturing the New Mexico governor's seat, Vice President Dick Cheney recently stopped in Albuquerque to hug John as if they were old school buddies or something. And President George Bush appears in a Sanchez television ad.

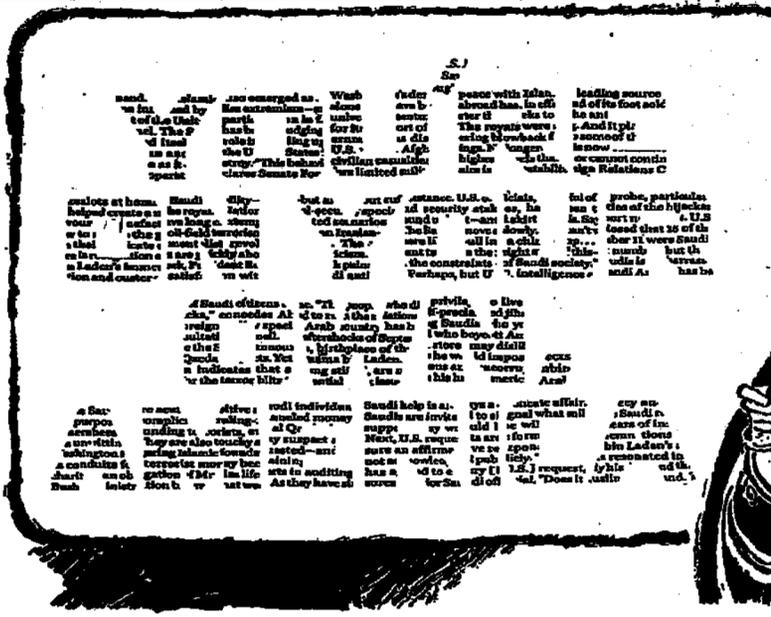
Take my word. It won't be enough. Bill Richardson is too big, too bold, and too savvy to get beat by upstart Sanchez.

This uncanny ability of mine is not restricted to politics. I see a lot of rain for our state this week. Given my history, you can probably leave your umbrellas at home.

Ned Cantwell is a retired newspaperman living in Ruidoso. His new e-mail address ncantwell@charter.net.

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YOUR OPINION

'Christmas Village' revealed on the Web

To the editor:

I've read several references to the proposed Christmas Village project but have paid scant attention. I have just been shocked awake!

If you have internet access, read the material at www.christmas-village.com. If you don't have internet access, find a friend who does, and read this material. For starters, here are three paragraphs presented on the "Overview" page:

"The Village, itself, is to be a collection of things to do ... shopping in uniquely styled shops, visiting Santa's Workshop, eating in a variety of themed restaurants intermingled with both recreational and educational opportunities. All this will be surrounded with ongoing enjoyable and wholesome entertainment. This special place will also be environmentally themed to the "old world charm" in architecture, costume and culture of Charles Dickens' old England."

"Within and on the walkable fringe of the Village will be hotels and unique housing units for vacation homes, time-share units and associate/manager housing. Beyond the village will be primary and secondary home sites along the fairways of the 18 hole championship golf course. Not far beyond will be a 5-star RV park with putting greens and walking trails. What about a live-steam locomotive — a train from yesteryear. You never know what you may find around the next corner."

"Located in the wooded mountains of New Mexico, with its delightful year round climate, ski area and other outstanding event places, America's Christmas Village will truly become the country's next great destination. As a spectacular site for weddings, anniversaries, vacations, corporate retreats, or just shopping, going out for a meal or a walk-through a truly remarkable and friendly environment."

This community does not have the water resources or the infrastructure to support a major national (or international) theme park! Nor does it appear likely that such a project would get off the

ground without huge tax breaks and "free" infrastructure improvements.

Earl Adams
Alto

Seeing the light now?

To the editor:

Are some people finally beginning to see the light with regard to U.S. 70? ("Our Opinion" and "Your Opinion," *Ruidoso News*, Aug. 28). Those of us who have perused the U.S. 70 "design and build plan" recognize it for what it is — a total disaster! We have always contended that an alternate route (Pine Lodge Road off the Roswell Bypass or better yet, Highway 54 since it is the logical cross-state truck route) would be better — no construction delays, no adverse socio/economic, cultural or environmental impacts. Lincoln and important historical/cultural structures and areas in the Valley would be spared to remain tourist attractions along our National Scenic Byway.

The Highway Departments' response to all our pleas to consider alternate routes has been consistently, without any cost analysis, "not economically feasible" and "costs over \$100 million." Now we are faced with a cost of \$130 million without a firm design/plan and the meter is still running (another Big I Mr. Rahn?).

Even more ironic, in the same newspaper is a call for letters of intent to help implement National Scenic Byways by the N.M. Highway Department. Eight eligible activities are listed including "Construction of ... rest areas, turnouts, shoulder improvements, passing lanes," etc. and "Protection of scenic, historic, recreational, cultural, natural, and archeological resources in an area adjacent to a scenic byway," all of which are contrary to the same Department's plans for U.S. 70 through the Hondo Valley.

An alternate plan was actually developed and presented to the Highway Department for U.S. 70 which accom-

plished all eight objectives, only to be rejected!

My advice to Laurie Evans, "Scenic Byways Coordinator," simply turn off your own Department and save another \$20-plus million!

Peter Benson
San Patricio

More Kid arguments

To the editor

Over the years I've read the (letters) that (Franklin) Boren has sent in on his dislike of the Billy the Kid Pageant, and the law-enforcement officers that participate. Frankly, I'm shocked that no one has spoken out sooner, to let him know how misguided those feelings are. First of all, people need things like the pageants, if nothing other than to get out and enjoy life, get out and see their neighbors in a parade.

Has Mr. Boren ever read a good murder mystery, or is that promoting and condoning murder? Or should all the people that are involved in the re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg every year be condemned for glorifying war? It's good that people get out and have a good time, and I wish there was more of it. As kids, we all played cowboys, or soldiers. Were we promoting killing or war? I give the youth more credit that they can make the distinction.

As far as the law-enforcement officers being involved, I for one, applaud the officers' effort to be a part of the community, rather than just be a totalitarian figure of a uniform, a badge, and a gun. I would rather see them there. Instead of finding a criminal to emulate what happened. If you want to stifle people's ability to enjoy a parade, seeing their friends, or enjoying life. What's next, book burning? Keep things in their perspective. Entertainment is there to be enjoyed, and "In God We Trust" is not religious oppression.

Charles Reed
San Patricio



MR. SEPTEMBER

LETTERS POLICY

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Legislative committees meet here today

The fourth meeting of the New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight committee will be held jointly with the Water and Natural Resources committee today and Thursday at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Sen. Pete Campos, committee chairman, invites the public to attend.

This morning's meeting of the legislative committees will hear from mayors and administrators from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Alamogordo, Tularosa and Carrizozo on municipal water concerns. In the after-

noon, an ad hoc committee of representatives from the Interstate Streams Commission, Carlsbad, the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District, the Carlsbad and Fort Sumner irrigation districts, IMC, Calium Corporation, Hagerman Irrigation Company and New Mexico Oil and Gas Commission will discuss Pecos River Compact compliance.

Thursday's session will feature a report called "Taking Charge of Our Water Destiny." Other issues will include gray water reuse, weather and watersheds.

JURY: 'I forgot' doesn't go over well with a judge

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duty. "The Legislature believes it's important because they made it a petty misdemeanor for failure to show up, punishable by six months in jail.

To provide time for summer vacations, the judge and staff alternated the on-call periods, she explained. Jurors one through 180 will need to check on possible trials in July, September and November, while jurors 181 through 360 should be on alert in August, October and December.

"If a trial comes up and we need more in the pool, you may be called," she qualified. "In a murder or sex crime, we can't always find 14 out of 180 people who could serve impartially."

But she's not heartless, and if a person has non-refundable tickets for travel, they should let the court know in advance, so 10 more people can be called in from another panel, she said.

"If only 30 of 60 show up, I'm not a happy camper," Parsons said. "The state and the defense may have paid to fly in witnesses and if we have

to postpone, it costs everyone. The process works well with advance notice."

She suggested jurors post their judicial color-coded calendars on the refrigerator where they will be visible everyday.

"The most frequent excuse we hear is 'I forgot,'" she said. "That doesn't work very well."

Even when the electricity goes out and telephone lines are down, jurors aren't automatically excused from showing up, she said. They should call the sheriff's office. Someone there will know if a trial is scheduled.

Be sure to call the night before, because many cases set for trial never make it to the courtroom, either ending with a plea bargain in criminal cases or a settlement in civil matters, the judge said.

"More often than not, jury trials go off the calendar and you'd show up when you didn't have to, if you don't check," she said. If a juror is sick, they should call in immediately.

To familiarize jurors with what they will see during jury selection or trial, Parsons described the courthouse location, the general layout and the procedure to be followed.

She explained the difference between criminal and civil cases.

Civil cases aim at "getting someone to do something, to stop them from doing something or for money," she said, adding that they seldom go to trial. The burden of proof need only be by 51 percent to vote with the plaintiff or defendant, she said.

"It's a preponderance of evidence, a tip barely, more probable than not," Parsons said.

However in criminal cases, the burden always is on the state.

A defendant is innocent until proved beyond a reasonable doubt - not beyond all possible doubt - to be guilty, she emphasized.

"It isn't barely," she said. She will go over that point again when she gives instructions to jurors before they deliberate on a case, she assured them.

A criminal conviction required 12 out of 12 votes, but a civil trial can be decided by 10 out of 12 votes, she said.

On Friday, Parsons continues with a review of the juror questioning process.

After some instruction, jury duty isn't so scary

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

She admits to mixed emotions about serving on a jury, but Capitan resident Chris Amble was ready if called, when she attended an orientation in June.

She was assigned to a jury pool on-call during the months of July, September and November. By the time she left the session conducted by 12th Judicial District Judge Karen Parsons, she felt more comfortable with the process.

Amble admits to being a little excited about being called for her first trial, although reluctant to commit the time it might demand.

"At first when I went, I was hoping I wouldn't be asked to serve," she said. "My husband and I are pretty busy."

She wasn't picked as a juror, but soon received another notice. She wasn't selected that time either.

"By the end of the second, I was wondering what was wrong with me," Amble said.

Parsons assured those passed over that the rejection didn't mean there was anything wrong with them, even though a lot of jurors seem to think that, Amble said.

"The first time, the voir dire was intimidating," Amble said of the juror interview process that literally translates to "speak truly."

"The second time, I was comfortable," she said. "I didn't know what case was involved until I arrived. The first was a civil and the second, criminal."

The attorneys asked very different types of questions for civil and criminal cases, she said.

"Both pertained to any personal prejudice," she said. "They made you think. Some questions the attorneys asked, you had to ponder if you had preconceived notions and could sit impartially."

Most people appeared to understand the need to carefully consider their answers, she said. "I think a lot could have answered in a way that would have excused them, but most seemed serious and willing to serve," Amble said.

She's hoping some more trials come up in September and December.

"I have two more chances," she said.



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BOWLING FOR PIZZA



SANDY SUGRITT/STAFF

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lincoln County threw a bowling-and-pizza party for area "big" and "littles" in Ruidoso last week. After knocking down pins for a couple of games at Ruidoso Bowling Center, everyone headed over to the Pizza Hut for supper.

Three EMT refresher courses scheduled here

ENMU-Ruidoso will host three EMT refresher courses in November and December.

A First Responder refresher will be Nov. 13 - 15 from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m., Basic Nov. 22-24 and Intermediate, Dec. 6-8.

Cost of the refresher courses will be \$26 for residents of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs

and \$30 for nonresidents. Instructor is Chris LaCounte.

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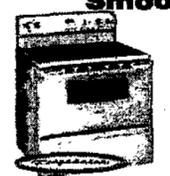


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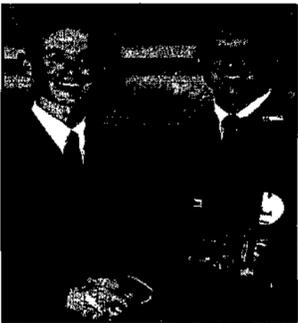
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Brit Ventura, right, is congratulated by Barrett Keene for his success.

Capitan's Ventura winner in state FFA

Brit Ventura of Capitan was named the State FFA Small Animal Production and Care Entrepreneurship winner and received a \$100 check at the state FFA convention.

State winners advance to competition for national honors. National finalists will receive a plaque and a \$250 check, and the national winner will receive an additional \$250 check and plaque.

The Small Animal Production and Care Entrepreneurship program involves using the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market small pet animals such as rabbits, cats, dogs, mice, hedgehogs and guinea pigs, and programs that typically provide a service in caring for the well-being of pets. Programs could include working at a pet shop, as a groomer, dog trainer, serving as a veterinary assistant, providing pet sitting services or working at a kennel. The award program is sponsored by Novartis Animal Health US Inc. as a special project of the national FFA Foundation.

Full-day kindergarten programs prove worth

The New Mexico State Department of Education announced that 95 percent of full-day kindergarten programs from last year showed student gains in acquiring the language and early literacy skills needed to enter first grade and become proficient readers, compared to last year's figure of 94 percent.

Ruidoso's program at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center received an "Exceeds Standards" grade, and Hondo Valley Public Schools received a "Meet Standards" grade by the SDE.

Of the 1970 full-day kindergarten programs funded in 2001-2002, 30 made more than sufficient gains as measured against the New Mexico State Board of Education's Language Arts Content Standards, Benchmarks and Performance Standards in reading and early literacy.

Programs making sufficient gains to meet the kindergarten standards totaled 132 and

eight programs made insufficient gains.

The announcement was based on the results of pre-tests and post-tests of full-day kindergarten students administered in 2001 and 2002.

The tests are required by the SBE's Optional Full-Day Kindergarten Literacy Readiness Program regulation.

All full-day kindergarten programs must provide verification to the SDE that their programs included a comprehensive research-based early literacy program, literacy-specific screening and assessment measures for participating students and comprehensive professional development for staff.

Programs failing to show sufficient gains are at risk of losing funding.

Going to Kansas

Tania Sanchez, a Ruidoso High School graduate, signed a national letter of intent with National Junior College Athletic Association to participate at Independence Community College in Independence, Kan., in volleyball.

Sanchez, daughter of Gilbert and Rosemary Sanchez of High Falls, will major in biology.

National finalist

Alena Borowski, a senior at Carrizozo High School, was named as a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist. Borowski was selected by the staff of Girls State Program at New Mexico Tech in Socorro in June.

She was named on the basis of academics, school and community involvement and financial need.

She will join 96 other finalists from around the country competing for one of seven scholarships, each worth an expected \$20,000.

Borowski is interested in attending Texas Tech University, where she will major in food science technology.

The scholarship funds come from the earnings of a \$5-million endowment given by Samsung and the American Legion in recognition of the sacrifice and commitment of United States servicemen and women who served during the Korean War to maintain the security of the Korean peninsula.

Borowski's grandfather served with the Air Force during the Korean War.

Substitutes called

The Capitan Municipal Schools will conduct an annual substitute workshop at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the Capital Elementary Library.

Those interested in substitute teaching or who have served as a substitute for the Capitan Municipal Schools, please plan to attend this informative meeting.

CAPITAN MENUS

Capitan Schools

Wednesday, Sept. 4 — Breakfast: Ham bar, muffin, fruit or juice

Lunch: Choice of *roast beef, baked ham, chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, green beans, fruit

Thursday, Sept. 5 — Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, fruit or juice

Lunch: Choice of *chopped steak, tamales, beef and bean burrito, rice, gravy, sautéed vegetables, fruit

Friday, Sept. 6 — Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit or juice

Lunch: Choice of *sub sand-

wich, grilled ham and cheese sandwich, chicken burger, potato salad, lettuce, tomato, pickle, fruit

Monday, Sept. 9 — Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice

Lunch: Choice of *pizza, tamale, chopped steak, tossed salad, corn, fruit, crackers

Tuesday, Sept. 10 — Breakfast: Toast, cereal, juice or fruit

Lunch: Choice of *corndog, baked ham, chicken patty, pasta salad, fruit, pork and beans

* elementary students



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Separate areas in the elementary art room for creating art and writing in journals or listening to lectures on art history make learning and teaching art a pleasure at the new Mescalero Apache School.

Art spreads out at Mescalero schools

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The new Mescalero school means an expansion in the arts at all grade levels, and at the elementary school, a view onto the playground.

Elementary art teacher Dawn LaRue is tickled with the art room in the new Mescalero Apache School — two windows allow natural light to enter, the room is spacious, with separate work areas and a separate room for the kiln, and there's plenty of storage space for art supplies.

In the old art room, LaRue said, there weren't outlets on the countertops so students couldn't make candles, the single large sink was hard for smaller children to wash up in, storage was tight, and firing ceramics could only be done after school because the kiln was in the art room.

Children in the second-grade art class Friday came from the old Mescalero school and Ruidoso and Tularosa school districts.

Alina Shaffer, who attended school in Ruidoso last year, said she likes her new school better "because you get to do art over here but we didn't get to do art (at Sierra Vista Primary School); but I like the Ruidoso teachers."

Victoria Ward, who attended school in Tularosa last year, said she likes her new school better "because it's hot in Tularosa and I get sweaty, and they have a small playground. This one's prettier," she said, pointing out the window at the playground.

Uriah Kaydahzinne went to the old elementary school in Mescalero, and named the things he likes about the new one: "I like the football field and I like the teachers. This one is prettier, and I like the lunch room," he said.

Last year, grades two through four had art class twice a week, but this year, fifth and sixth grades were moved back into the elementary school, so all the students receive one 45-minute class a week.

"I give a discipline-based art education," LaRue said. "We do art studio, art history, criticism and aesthetics, a more rounded base."

She introduces the children to Native

American and European artists, and she teaches terminology so they can describe their art work.

First through sixth graders all keep an art journal where they write before or after an art project — trying to get reading and writing across the curriculum, LaRue said. The journals are useful, she said, because they help the children remember what they've learned and done in class. After this day's art project, students picked up their journals and went to the writing area to wait for their assignment.

"Write what you liked most about your glasses," their teacher told them. Some wrote a color, others glitter or feathers or ribbons.

"Everyone sculpts, carves on balsa wood and Styrofoam, weaves. I'm convinced you can teach anything to any age, and I want them to experience as many mediums as they can," LaRue said. "I've definitely discovered that if you let them find their choice and find that competence, they'll say 'I can do this well.'"

"I try not to tell them how to make art," LaRue said. "I want them to express what's within them, I want it to come from their own base."

The children must be expressing what's within them, because they've brought home Best of Show awards at the Pueblo Cultural Center the last two years competing with Native American students and 500-plus entries from four states.

A color wheel in the room has the names of the colors in both English and Apache, and LaRue helps students write the Apache words in their journals, complementing the new requirement for all students to study the Apache language.

She came to teach in Mescalero three years ago from Ohio, where she'd taught art in high school for

four years. In college she had specialized in Native American cultures, but hadn't studied Apache culture, she said.

"I had to learn a lot about Apache culture, and the language instructor, other teachers and community members have been really supportive of me," she said.

LaRue's own medium is sculptural ceramics with hand-built additives, and she's delighted with the new art room's separate kiln room. Last year the kiln was kept in the art room, but for safety reasons, it could only be fired after school, so LaRue's students couldn't do much in the way of ceramics work.

"Now that I have this separate room, I can fire during school," she said, pointing out the state-of-the-art kiln. "I'm so excited for them." She pointed out two pottery wheels at one end of the room and said only fourth through sixth grade students will throw on the wheel.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Here's the Second-grader Alina Shaffer shows off her work of art.

Emotional violence part of life in schools, experts find

NEW YORK — "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." Wrong, say two Cornell University experts in a new book.

Emotional violence is not harmless but potentially devastating, if not lethal, they say. Bullying, harassment, intimidation, humiliation and stalking are pervasive, not only in today's urban schools but all over the country in suburban and even small-town schools, write co-authors James Garbarino, professor of human development, and Ellen deLara, a visiting fellow in the Family Life Development Center (FLDC) at Cornell.

In one of the few books to focus exclusively on all forms of bullying, *And Words Can Hurt Forever: How to Protect Adolescents From Bullying, Harassment, and Emotional Violence* (The Free Press), the two authors report that up to 77 percent of middle- and high-school students in small Midwestern towns have been bullied; and up to one-third of children in grades six through 10 are involved in serious, frequent bullying, either as bullies themselves or as victims. They describe the extent to which such emotional violence damages today's youth and what to do about it.

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"Even in schools that adults consider safe, many children feel threatened, and the adults tend to be oblivious to this fact," says Garbarino, the co-director of FLDC. "In interviewing teens, we found that despite the good intentions of teachers and administrators, many schools inadvertently support and enable hostile and

emotionally violent environments," he says. And even the best-intentioned parents are in the dark about the realities of emotional violence in the day-to-day experience of their kids at school.

"In fact, we found that adolescents themselves said they need more supervision at school," adds deLara. "This is counter to how we tend to think of what young people want from adults, which is the more typical 'leave us alone' attitude. All the kids we interviewed said they need adults to be more aware, provide more supervision and intervene on their behalf in the face of bullying, both physical and verbal."

Many teens think they must endure psychological stabbings because adults aren't going to do anything; others respond violently.

"One of the ways in which kids 'crack' is by being violent to themselves, and the worst of this is suicide," says Garbarino.

In 1998-99, for example, 2,700 kids between ages 10 and 19 took their lives; and for every one that succeeded, many others tried. According to one 1998 survey, up to half of all high school kids have "seriously considered" suicide.

The 237-page book, intended for teachers, administrators, counselors and parents, covers the ramifications of emotional violence: who is likely to bully (including adults), who are the victims, power and groups among adolescents, sexual harassment and stalking, warning signs, how kids deal with bullying and specific strategies on what adults in the schools and parents can do.

The rain's there, but noxious stuff is getting in the way

BY MARNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An emergency condition exists in Lincoln County and earlier this month, Sally Canning, a vegetation management specialist, received county commission support to deal with it.

Commissioners approved a resolution backing the efforts of the Upper Hondo and Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation Districts to secure grants and other funding to finance projects aimed at eradicating invasive and water-hungry foreign species such as salt cedar.

They stopped short of "declaring" an emergency, however. They worried the wording might legally trigger some unrequested responses connected to major catastrophes. They also broadened some of the wording to apply to all people within the county, not just agricultural interests.

"There's little I can tell you about watershed health you don't already know," Canning said. "Our customs, culture and agriculture are being threatened as a result of the condition of the watershed."

Records shows the average

precipitation for the county over the past 40 years hasn't changed very much, she said. But the amount of rain and snow melt actually infiltrating the watershed to recharge the aquifer has dropped drastically. It was about 40 percent 40 years ago. In the last 10 years, that figure slumped to 8 percent.

Some rain never reaches the ground because of thick forest stands of trees and when it does, heavy vegetation and water guzzling species consume it before it reaches the underground water supply.

Ranchers and farmers are selling their land to subdividers because they don't have enough water, Canning said.

"My aim is to try to offer them a chance to remain in agriculture, if they choose," she said.

The conservation districts can pursue grants and administer projects to thin away unwanted plants and trees and to monitor seepage. They have the staff and are willing to do it, she said. She pointed to a mature elm tree that could suck up 300 gallons of water a day.

"We all know that the solution to pollution is dilution," Canning said.

She'd like to see all salt cedar and elm trees cleared 500 feet on either side of the drainage from Bonito Lake through Hondo, Canning said.

The first objective is to apply for \$20,000 available to conservation districts through the New Mexico State Farm Bureau.

In another matter, commissioners directed County

Attorney Alan Morel to determine if the county Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and the county Public Lands Use Advisory Council were created by ordinance. Members of the two boards want to merge and established one, nine-member entity.

Canning explained that the boards often find it difficult to draw a quorum to conduct business. PLUAC was formed to create a land use policy several years ago, but many

issues overlap, she said. One board may wait on the other for input, delaying action.

"We feel if we merge, we can deal with issues in a timely and professional manner," she said.

Until the next commission meeting when Morel can advise if a public hearing is necessary to merge the two boards, the members can meet jointly, Commissioner Leo Martinez suggested. Canning said they are meeting together

every other month.

But the number needed for a quorum can't be changed without scheduled action on the agenda by the commission.

Stewart said he will use the review as a chance to propose a travel reimbursement policy for members of all county appointed, volunteer boards. He said currently, PLUAC and ARA members are paid for expenses connected to attending meetings, but members of some other boards are not.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Window shot out

The rear window of a customer's vehicle was shot out at World Automotive, 1021 Mechem Drive, between 5 p.m. Aug. 27 and 8:30 a.m. Aug. 28. Two small dents on the right rear of the vehicle were also found, according to police reports.

Youth charged

Ruidoso police charged a 16-year-old male Ruidoso High School student with two counts of battery, one against a teacher and another against a student, during an altercation Aug. 27 at school.

The police report states that the suspect was angry because another student in class blew on the tip of his pen. The suspect then started punching

him. They went to the ground, and the teacher separated them but the suspect continued throwing punches, the report states.

In the process, he hit the teacher in the ear and stomach, unintentionally, the teacher said in her statement.

The suspect was suspended from school and referred to the Juvenile Probation Office.

Counterfeit bill found

A \$100 counterfeit bill turned up in deposits made at Pioneer Bank, 1905 Mechem Drive between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Aug. 30, police report.

Forgery alleged

Police arrested Richard David Hall, 23, of Ruidoso, charging him with forgery and

concealing his identification on Aug. 25, when he allegedly signed another person's name to a traffic citation. On Aug. 31, he was arrested for battery on a household member, assault on a household member and two counts of resisting or evading a police officer when police officers chased him on foot in the area of the 200 block of Fir Drive. At that time, his identity was revealed by the victim, and police found an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

Home vandalized

An El Paso, Texas, man reported to police that between some time in 2001 and Aug. 31, when he and his wife returned to their Ruidoso home in the 100 block of Birch Drive, someone damaged the driveway barrier, three skylights on the

porch and two fluorescent lights, and spray-painted graffiti on the storage shed. The estimated cost of all the damages to property is \$1,280.

Multiple charges filed

Police arrested Dominique A. Rue, 78, of Ruidoso Downs, charging him with aggravated DWI and possession of methamphetamine Sept. 2 at Cliff and Swallow Drives, the site of a traffic accident. Officers had been investigating the accident when Rue drove by in another vehicle, and one of the passengers involved in the accident identified him as having been in the accident also, the report states. Rue could not pass the sobriety tests and when searched, methamphetamine was found in his possession.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Myrtle Arrington

Visitation for Myrtle Arrington, 79, of Ruidoso, will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. today, Sept. 4, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel, with funeral services at 1 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church.

Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery, with the Rev. Tim Gilliland officiating.

Mrs. Arrington died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002, in Ruidoso.

She was born June 30, 1923, in Eva, Ala.

She moved to Ruidoso from Roswell in 1980.

She was involved with the Ruidoso Woman's Club, Republican Women, Bridge Club, the auxiliary at Lincoln County Medical Center and was a member at First Baptist Church and a homemaker.

She married T. E. Arrington on Dec. 24, 1941 in Gadsden, Ala.

Survivors include her husband, T.E., of Ruidoso; a son, Terry E. Arrington, of Abilene, Texas; daughters Linda J. Hodge, of Bowie, Md., Peggy J. Lee, of Truth or Consequences, Susan Kay Hair, of Midland, Texas, and Pamela Jo Robinson, of Ruidoso; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Ruidoso Woman's Club Scholarship Fund or the Building Fund at First Baptist Church.

The family also suggests that family and friends take

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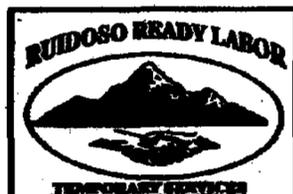
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Candidate Sanchez addresses his gubernatorial issues

BY STEVE ANWILING
FARMINGTON DAILY TIMES

FARMINGTON — There's a constant rhythm that thrums through the campaign speeches of Republican candidate for governor John Sanchez, and that drumbeat is tax cuts for New Mexico's businesses and individuals.

When Sanchez speaks on education, health care or how to deal with a potential budget shortfall, the thumping theme emerges: Lower the tax burdens on big and small businesses, and the state will reap a bounty of jobs and surplus revenue that comes from a growing economy.

It's a concept that former President Ronald Reagan preached during his two terms in the 1980s: If you fill the lake with tax cuts, all boats will, in time, rise.

The 39-year-old Albuquerque state representative and roofing contractor spoke last week on subjects that ranked high in a survey of Farmington newspaper readers.

The top issues include tax reform, education, water, health care, tougher DWI laws and car insurance costs.

According to U.S. Census statistics, New Mexicans paid the eighth-highest state tax bills in the nation, with an average of \$4,111, compared to neighboring Utah at \$3,155, Oklahoma at \$2,818, Colorado at \$2,760, Arizona at \$2,531 and Texas at \$2,438.

The reasons for this may include fewer major industries, a smaller population and higher poverty levels, but the net result is that a state with less revenue sources generally needs a higher tax rate to pay for its programs and services. One example is Alaska, where per capita state taxes exceed \$12,960 a year. And when it comes time for major industries to relocate or expand operations, state tax rates can make or break a corporation's decision.

Tax reform

Giving businesses a tax break, Sanchez said, would create more jobs, even for "Mom and Pop" operations.

"The state has 40,000 small businesses with five or fewer employees," he said. "If we could grow each one of those businesses by one employee we'd create 40,000 jobs."

Sanchez favors a steady reduction in income taxes, and phasing-out of gross receipts taxes on food and on physicians' services, which he said is bleeding out vital jobs to nearby states.

When asked if he believed whether businesses or individuals are hurting worse now, he answered "I wouldn't say one suffers more than the other."

"New Mexico has for so many years been under this high-taxes environment that's a job-killer," he said. "We need a governor who has supported tax reform and will actually get it done."

The whammy in this equation is a 2003 budget forecast that predicts a drop in revenue which state officials currently estimate will run anywhere from \$30 million to \$84 million. If the shortfall takes place, that hefty helping of the state's \$3.9 billion budget casserole will have to be made up somehow, through scaling back services or tapping into the \$10 billion state permanent fund, a reserve set aside for fiscal emergencies.

Saying it would be "premature to look at cutting particular programs or departments," Sanchez countered that the projected deficit is actually a confirmation of a need for immediate tax cuts.

"It's a clear indication that if we don't spur the economy and increase revenue through the private sector it's going to be difficult to meet any of the obligations," he said. "People say we can't afford a tax cut; now I would say we can't afford not to have a tax cut."

The answer lies in a gradual phasing in of those cuts, he said.

"I want to make it very clear to the people of San Juan County and any other municipality out there that we want to hold them harmless," he said. "We're not saying that we're going to cut those taxes and that somehow, some way you're going to have to make up that lost revenue."

His rival, Democratic candidate Bill Richardson, calls for a gradual reduction in the 8.2 percent income tax and lowering the gross receipts tax on food.

Neither camp has yet to offer detailed solutions to making up any shortfalls, or where the money will come from to pay for issues on which they both agree: raising teacher salaries, providing enough water for future growth in times of drought or providing incentives to attract out-of-state businesses. Both candidates have promised they will release more specifics as the campaign progresses.

Education reform, water rights

Sanchez's approach to education reform is to increase teacher salaries through performance-based incentives, require that 90 cents of every dollar be spent in the classroom, launch a pilot voucher plan, mandate criteria testing in math and reading, and offer before-and-after-school tutoring for struggling students. His package mirrors his reform bill,

House Bill 27, that he sponsored in the 2002 Legislature, a bill that died in session.

"We need to give New Mexican parents a choice in their children's future," he said.

He plans to start a voucher program in four Albuquerque high schools. Parents there would get a \$3,000 voucher he would dub an Equal Opportunity Scholarship, with plans to expand it to include any child in a failing school. He favors increasing the number of charter schools. He also proposes giving every teacher a \$300 stipend to help buy extra school supplies that many teachers already pay out-of-pocket.

Meeting these goals, however, would depend on New Mexico's getting federal grant funds to boost the state's education funding total from \$1.8 billion to \$3.1 billion, a prospect that may prove difficult as the nation faces its own budget deficits, because of a lingering economic downturn and increased defense spending following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Sanchez said that the first step in the state ensuring enough water for future needs is to complete a data collection project, for which legislators have already allocated \$2 million. Once the state knows just how much water it has, the next step is to adjudicate water rights, a process that the State Engineer's Office said would probably take 600 years to sort out, given the current framework.

"It's very important to collect data and know just how much water we have out there, whether it be underground or surface," he said. "My water plan calls for a panel of judges within the engineer's office who can immediately start the adjudication process."

He criticized Richardson's call for a water court within the District Court system, a move that Sanchez said would create another level of bureaucracy and cost taxpayers \$10 million. He did not say how much his plan would cost or how much support staff the judges' panel would require but added his plan would cost less.

"We're certain we can do what we have to do for a fraction of that and accomplish the same thing," he said.

He advocates getting rid of non-native, water-thirsty plants such as salt cedars and Russian olives that thrive near waterways, coordinating state efforts to conserve water and fighting other states' legal challenges to acquire New Mexico's water.

Health care, DWI, car insurance rates

Sanchez would like to abolish gross receipts taxes on physician services, lower

income tax rates to compete with neighboring states and get Congress to increase Medicaid reimbursement as a way to keep doctors in New Mexico.

"We need to look at Medicaid costs," he said. "If we project out to five, 10, 20 years from now it's just going to cripple our state. We need to create good jobs that will provide good health insurance for their employees, because health care and the economy are intertwined."

Medicaid is a federal-state, jointly paid program that provides health care to senior citizens, the needy, the blind and disabled and low-income families with children.

He said the state, which has excellent nursing schools, needs to retain the nurses produced here. There are an estimated 1,100 nursing vacancies currently in the state.

"We're not getting a return on our investment," he said. "Nurses here are looking at the tax structure, the education system, the quality of life, and they're saying, 'Look, we want to stay here but there are some obstacles and some reasons why we want to move.'"

Sanchez said he would "partner up the stakeholders," getting care providers and nursing schools together, encourage financial incentives for nurses and let them know they have the ear of the governor.

He said the state, which currently sets a limit of an 18-month maximum sentence for convicted repeat offenders, needs to toughen its penalties for DWI violators. The obstacles to toughening laws, he said, are the efforts of trial lawyers and their lobbyists.

Last year 46 percent of the state's 463 total traffic deaths were alcohol-related, according to statistics gathered by Mothers Against Drunk

Driving.

"We need a Legislature that'll stand up to those lobbyists," he said. "We need a governor who can stand up, be his own man, not bend to the influence of any group and do what's right to protect our citizens."

Sanchez called for better information sharing between the counties' district attorneys and ensuring mandatory DWI/drug abuse treatment for repeat offenders.

He said an economy stimulated by tax cuts will help pay for treatment programs.

"We'll continue to be tough on crime the people of this state demand it and we'll find the resources to do that," he said.

The issue of uninsured motorists is a vicious cycle that insurance costs, Sanchez said.

"We have so many people who don't have insurance that the rates go up for those who do have insurance," he said. "We also have to crack down on those people who drive without insurance because ultimately those of us who do end up paying the price for it."

The next governor needs to work with the Public Regulatory Commission to help make car insurance more affordable, he said.

Looking ahead

The governor's race, which usually kicks into high gear after Labor Day, has so far proven to be sedate, with little name-calling beyond each candidate trying to distinguish his policies from the other's.

But late in the Republican primary, the Sanchez campaign released a flier that tried to link GOP candidate Lt. Gov. Walter Bradley to longtime Democratic power broker Manny Aragon, an association that Gov. Gary Johnson called "preposterous," with Bradley demanding an apology

from Sanchez.

Although Bradley later gave his endorsement to Sanchez, it was hardly a ringing one. Bradley issued a news release that said, "I know that there must be unity within the party in order for our candidates to be successful and I will be supporting Republican candidates in all races including gubernatorial candidate John Sanchez."

Sanchez has since said that he stands behind the flier's message, but that he is also grateful for Bradley's endorsement and added that the GOP is now united, despite the primary flap. In this interview Sanchez repeatedly brought up differences between Richardson and himself, saying that his campaign will continue to delve into the Democrat's past.

When asked what was the most important state issue that people raised with him, Sanchez mentioned obvious ones such as tax cuts, education and water issues, but added that he thought New Mexicans are most concerned about "unchecked power in Santa Fe," should Richardson win.

"People are starting to recognize that with a very liberal tax-and-spend Legislature and a Democrat candidate for governor who has a proven track record of supporting tax increases and growing government, their concern is what if those two parties merge together," he said.

"Unchecked power, I believe, will be one of the biggest concerns if people aren't thinking about this, they should."

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- Applicants for FY 2004 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Title 49 USC 5309, 5310 and 3037 programs will make presentations followed by review and prioritization by the SERPO to be recommended for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Requested by the City of Carlsbad to have Project CN7533 advanced in the STIP, so that construction could coincide with Project CN7522, MAP-5275 (900)00.
- Accept draft of the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan for public review and comment.

DATE: Friday, September 13, 2002
LOCATION: New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department Training Academy Building 17 - 735 Earl Cummings Loop Roswell, New Mexico
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, unless compelling reasons dictate otherwise, public meetings and hearings conducted by the Regional Planning Organization in conjunction with the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department will be held in accessible buildings. Given reasonable notice, interpreters and readers will be available to the hearing and visually impaired. Contact Dan Stover, SERPO Planner at (505) 827-0050 by 5:00 p.m. on or before September 11, 2002, to state specific needs.

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After the 44th running of the All American Futurity on Monday, everyone there could only say one thing...

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Other race results and photos, 11A

Track record-holder AB What A Runner took first in the Labor Day race, wowing the fans in a photo finish

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

In just over 21 seconds, the race was over, but the suspense had just begun.

As owners and trainers rushed through the tunnel to the winner's circle at Ruidoso Downs Monday, hoping against hope their charge had won the world's richest quarter horse race, the racing stewards were making a decision on the photo finish.

In the end, it was the horse that had excited so many in the trials for the 44th All American Futurity by setting the track record that ended up on top.

AB What A Runner, a horse brought in from Idaho with the express purpose of getting into the big race and winning it, proved her connections had the right idea when she crossed the finish line just ahead of the strongest field this race may have

ever seen.

"This race is everybody's dream," said owner Dennie Hill, who bought the filly for \$67,000 at the 2001 Vessels/Schvaneveldt Sale. "We all tried to race a colt just to get into the All American. Then to win it, it's just such a thrill, I can't even explain."

Monday's win represents the first All American for all concerned, from Hill to jockey Jay Conklin to trainer Bret Vickery, and it was but the third start for AB What A Runner.

"I looked at the program again today and looked at all those accomplishments of all those other horses," Vickery said. "I looked at the money they had earned and we were really light on that."

"I was nervous that there was so much talent in that race," he added. "When you're competing against Jack Brooks, John



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Jay Conklin was splattered by a bit of mud, but he could hardly care Monday as he and AB What A Runner were led to the winner's circle after the 44th running of the All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs. The gray filly crossed the finish line just ahead of one of the strongest fields ever in the nationally renowned race.

Bassett and Sleepy Gilbreath. Those guys, to come here and compete with them is a big honor. To win it is just unbelievable."

AB What A Runner had won only \$3,420 prior to Monday's race, but Vickery was right to be

more worried about his counterpart trainers.

Brooks, winner of eight previous All American's, had a long shot in Silvered Eyes, who had finished second to AB What A Runner in the trials. Also on the card were Bassett trainees First Place Queen and First To Flash.

First To Flash, with Jose Badilla aboard, won this year's Rainbow Futurity and was favored to win in the morning line on Monday's race.

Gilbreath's two entries were Andthebeatgoeson, owned by Terry Wood and The Down Side, a brown colt owned by Downs owner R.D. Hubbard, John Jones and country music artist Toby Keith.

Besides all the talent, AB What A Runner was also competing with the weather.

The track was inundated just before the fourth race by a torrential downpour which turned the track into a quagmire.

The only horse in the field who had experience on a sloppy track was Meteoric, an undefeated gelding that had won his trial for All American Juvenile Challenge in July.

While AB What A Runner hadn't any experience in the mud, she did hold the Downs record at 440 yards, having run the distance in 20.99 during her

trial.

"I really wasn't worried," Vickery said. "She came back from that trial so well. She might have been a little inexperienced, but she showed so much talent along the way."

While the confidence level was high, the final outcome was in doubt to everyone involved, including jockey Conklin, who was particularly worried about Meteoric and his rider Clark Jones.

"I was real concerned about him," Conklin said. "The jockey (Jones) is one of my best friends, and they were coming up on me at the end. I ask Clark on the back side 'did you get me?'"

"He said he didn't know, it was so close," he added. "I knew I was right there, I wasn't sure if I won it. I just had my fingers crossed with both hands."

Despite having to slog through the mud, which tired all horses involved, Conklin said he could tell his charge was in control the entire way.

"She's just a phenomenal filly, she loves to run," Conklin said. You don't even have to ask her. I didn't even hit her today, I never touched her."

For her win Monday, AB What A Runner earned \$1,025,000 for her connections, who plan to send her straight to Los Alamitos in California.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso Downs General Manager Rick Baugh, left, shakes hands with AB What A Runner's trainer Bret Vickery as Vickery's wife Stacy reacts to their horse winning more than \$1 million Monday.

Genuine Strawfly a genuine delight in Derby final

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

A successful summer meet at Ruidoso Downs came to a close for local trainer Carl Draper, who saw his prize 3-year-old Genuine Strawfly outduel a strong field to win the All American Derby Sunday.

Genuine Strawfly — a sorrel gelding owned by Ray Willis, Joyce McBride and Elmer Criswell — had tasted victory twice before this year at the Downs, winning the Ruidoso Derby in June and the Zia Derby in July. The New Mexico-bred horse also qualified for the Rainbow Derby, but didn't place in that field.

"He ran in and the deep," Draper said of Genuine Strawfly's race in the Rainbow Derby. "He was just back but he was so fast. I can't wait to see him back to the track for 10 days — that was just had racing."

Draper said he and his wife, Joyce, had been looking for a horse like Genuine Strawfly for a long time.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Genuine Strawfly (4) races ahead of the field in the All American Derby Sunday at Ruidoso Downs. The gelding completed a very successful 3-year-old meet with the victory, having also taken first in the Ruidoso and Zia Derbies.

what makes a race horse of this caliber."

Ridden by jockey Antonio Escareno, Genuine Strawfly immediately found himself up against race favorite Tres Seis, second-place finisher in the Rainbow Derby and trained by John Bassett. The pair was joined by A Real Man all down the straightaway, but Genuine Strawfly was able to hold off Tres

Seis' challenge to win the race by a nose.

With the win, Genuine Strawfly earned \$110,198, bringing his lifetime earnings to \$175,091. That type of performance is a far cry from his showing last year as a 2-year-old.

But neither Draper nor Willis ever gave up on their charge. "We felt very confident, we had no problems with him in the

trials, where he won by two lengths," Willis said. "The horse felt very good, and Carl felt very good about him."

"We don't think they were as big of odds as what they allowed to be paid today," he added, referring to the \$18,400 Genuine Strawfly paid to win.

Draper admitted it took a lot of work to get his horse into shape after last year's showing.

"I never did doubt him, but he was the dumbest gate horse I've ever trained in my life," Draper said. "But I turned him out, started over, and this is the result."

"He's perfect. He used to not be, but he's a nice, nice horse," he added. "He's no idiot in the paddock or in the stall, and he's probably just now reaching his potential."

Although Willis stated plans for Genuine Strawfly have yet to be worked out, Draper indicated he'll probably not him in the \$350,000 Championship at Sunland Park.

Marr gets the exacta

It wasn't how trainer Joel Marr expected the race to play out, but he couldn't complain about the outcome.

Marr's two horses finished first and second in Sunday's Ruidoso Thoroughbred Futurity, with Sneaker Mike coming from the back of the pack to win the 1 1/16 mile race.

Finishing second was Co

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Volleyball
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- Friday, Aug. 30
Football
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Boys Soccer
Father Yermo 2, Ruidoso 1
- Saturday, Aug. 31
Boys Soccer
Ruidoso 2, Santa Teresa 0
Ofate 8, Ruidoso 0

Sports on Tap

- Thursday, Sept. 5
Football
Mescalero at Alamogordo sophomores, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 6
Football
Carrizzo vs. Magdalena, 7 p.m.
Capitan at Fort Sumner, 7 p.m.
Ruidoso vs. Socorro at Horton Stadium, 7 p.m.
Volleyball
Carrizzo at Lake Arthur, 6 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Ruidoso vs. Goddard in Rocket Invite at Roswell, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 7
Football
Corona at Carrizzo JV, 4:30 p.m.
Volleyball
Carrizzo at New Mexico Military Institute, 3 p.m.
Ruidoso at Carlsbad, 3 p.m.
Capitan at Mescalero, 4 p.m.
Boys Soccer
Ruidoso at Santa Teresa, 5 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Ruidoso in Rocket Invite at Roswell Cross Country
Ruidoso, Mescalero, Capitan at Alamogordo Invite, 9 a.m.

On Deck

Run to Benefit Cancer Awareness
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Left Jay Cohen plays the call to post Monday at Ruidoso Downs. Cohen, who works regularly at Hollywood Park, spent his fifth-straight Labor Day weekend at the Downs Sunday and Monday, entertaining the crowd between races.

Bottom Left Lines form at the bidding windows as the track feels the effects of a record crowd Sunday. More than 13,000 fans jammed the aisles on Sunday, close to 17,000 came in on Labor Day.

Photos by Todd Fuqua

Right The races on Monday were covered by close to 20 different media outlets, including Fox Sports West and TVG, pictured here next to the paddock preparing for the All American Futurity post parade.

Bottom Right Racing wasn't all that was on the calendar over the weekend, as the area was also host to the Ruidoso Super Select Sale. Here, a yearling named Graford is led into the sales arena to be auctioned off. The sale has produced numerous All American winners in the past.



RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Results from racing at Ruidoso Downs for Aug. 29-Sept. 2

Thursday, Aug. 29

First — 870 yards. Boondock 7.00 3.00 3.00. Jon Dances A101 2.80 2.80. Biffy Legend Heart 6.60. Quinella — 4.40. Exacta — 15.20. Trifecta — 40.80. T — 46.64.
Second — 7 1/2 furlongs. Varsity Player 7.60 3.40 2.60. Malibu Jack 4.20 3.20. Sandhill Storm 5.60. Quinella — 18.00. Exacta — 42.80. Trifecta — 275.10. Daily Double — 28.60. T — 124.00.
Third — 400 yards. Eye N The Dream 15.80 6.80 4.60. Streakin Pena 7.80 6.40. Bunch Of Clover 4.60. Quinella — 111.00. Exacta — 143.00. Twin Trifecta — 150.00. T — 19.94.
Fourth — 870 yards. Old Know It All 12.20 2.60 4.00. Donnies Dasher 2.40 2.40. Hillsboro Kid 5.80. Quinella — 7.80. Exacta — 23.80. Trifecta — 110.10. T — 46.21.
Fifth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Mega Breeze 8.20 4.80 4.00. Aly Mania 5.20 2.80. Soaring An Action 3.00. Quinella — 23.20. Exacta — 49.60. Trifecta — 81.50. T — 1:04.30. Scratched — Pinball Express.
Sixth — 870 yards. A Shade Tough 30.20 14.20 7.40. NS Bubba Beduino 5.80 3.40. Signifcant Glory 2.80. Quinella — 50.00. Exacta — 182.80. Trifecta — 172.70. T — 46.70.
Seventh — 7 1/2 furlongs. Choke's Secret 18.20 6.60 3.40. March On 8.00 5.00. Just About Summer 3.20. Quinella — 58.80. Exacta — 115.80. Trifecta — 110.20. T — 1:38.10. Scratched — Lookout Ridge.
Eighth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Uncontrolled Burn 11.20 6.40 3.80. Swift For Sure 3.80 2.80. Diamond Of The Day 5.60. Quinella — 30.80. Exacta — 68.60. Trifecta — 115.30. T — 1:04.30. Scratched — Double D.
Ninth — 7 1/2 furlongs. I.D. Minted 7.40 4.00 4.60. Fastepain Jack 6.00 7.00. Paddyhannon 6.20. Quinella — 46.60. U31 Exacta — 34.00. Trifecta — 140.90. Pick 3 1st — 321.00. T — 1:34.00.

Friday, Aug. 30

First — 550 yards. Power Of Authority 11.20 3.00 2.40. JJs Double Dash 3.00 2.60. JTS So Trus 2.80. Quinella — 5.00. Exacta — 8.20. Trifecta — 13.10. T — 27.81.
Second — 870 yards. Louisiana Loafer 3.60 3.00 2.60. Behold Time Rey 9.00 4.60. Attitude To Spars 3.00. Quinella — 44.40. Exacta — 74.00. Trifecta — 235.50. Daily Double — 9.20. T — 45.24.
Third — 250 yards. Lova It Hot 13.80 5.80 4.20. Bread Eight 18.00 9.00. Delta Rayon 7.20. Quinella — 85.60. Exacta — 193.60. Twin Trifecta — 63.60. T — 13.64. Scratched — Willies Gonna Rock.
Fourth — 250 yards. Red Clay Of Texas 13.40 4.40 2.40. SC Chiseled In Stone 2.60 2.20. Rare Eye Opener 2.20. Quinella — 10.60. Exacta — 42.20. Trifecta — 29.90. T — 13.23. Scratched — Royal Gay Moon Cheering Cash.
Fifth — 350 yards. The Way You Want Me 8.00 3.00 2.60. Chicks For Sure 2.80 2.80. Sweet Ribbons 2.80 2.80. Quinella — 7.40. Exacta — 21.60. Trifecta — 10.90. T — 16.76.
Sixth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Roseme 8.40 10.60 2.60. Mary Nard 9.20 3.00. Crafty Number 3.60. Quinella — 6.80. Exacta — 20.60. Trifecta — 67.80. T — 1:04.30.
Seventh — 9 furlongs. Romeo's Wilson 11.60 3.00 2.10. Magic Mike 2.80 2.10. Bob's Farnell 2.10. Quinella — 7.20. Exacta — 19.20. T — 1:11.20. Scratched — Peroni How Bout Now.
Eighth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Smart Score 11.80 4.00 3.20. Pacer 5.40 3.00. Dr. Holiday 4.20. Quinella — 11.80. Exacta — 48.80. Trifecta — 132.40. T — 1:03.20.
Ninth — 5 1/2 furlongs. All Brocks 4.60 3.80 3.00. Native Jack 7.80 6.40. Nevada Smith 3.00. Quinella — 22.20. Exacta — 30.20. Trifecta — 44.90. Pick 3 1st — 124.40. T — 1:04.40.

Saturday, Aug. 31

First — 350 yards. Toll Tax Bac 24.20 7.40 4.40. Send Me Dash 3.20 3.20. Southwest Flyer 3.40. Quinella — 22.20. Exacta — 57.80. Trifecta — 166.90. T — 17.52. Scratched — Strawstafyin.
Second — 5 1/2 furlongs. I Never Look 40.80 18.40 6.20. Beaudetair Jones 14.40 5.60. Shory's Dream 3.00. Quinella — 292.20. Exacta — 412.60. Trifecta — 1,013.80. Daily Double — 327.40. T — 1:05.00.
Third — 350 yards. Rebas Fast Sis 35.20 16.60 11.00. Tomorrow's Headlines 7.60 6.80. A Royale Fling 8.20. Quinella — 187.00. Exacta — 377.40. Twin Trifecta — 1,155.40. T — 17.76.
Fourth — 400 yards. Pretty Dooley 30.60 10.40 6.80. Dabber Straw 4.40 3.40. Magnificent Looker 5.00. Quinella — 45.60. Exacta — 232.80. Trifecta — 299.90. T — 20.41.
Fifth — 5 furlongs. Nashville 3.60 3.20 2.20. Christmas Boy 5.00 2.80. Dunson 2.40. Quinella — 11.00. Exacta — 19.60. Trifecta — 25.30. T — 57.40.
Sixth — 440 yards. Loveable Streak 14.60 4.60 3.40. JEH Company 3.40 3.20. Mattsittleinjun 3.40. Quinella — 15.60. Exacta — 31.20. Trifecta — 66.20. T — 22.10.
Seventh — 350 yards. Jet De Coup 8.20 4.80 3.60. Rimen Rocket 7.40 4.20. Blazin By You 4.80. Quinella — 42.20. Exacta — 77.00. Trifecta — 256.70. T — 18.08.
Eighth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Raise A Dan 14.40 6.00 3.20. My Bouquet 3.40 2.60. Kaylazzo 2.60. Quinella — 16.00. Exacta — 52.40. Trifecta — 32.90. T — 1:34.00.
Ninth — 1000 yards. King Rick Rack 3.60 3.20 3.20. Sa Bueno 19.40 9.40. Arthur's Dream 8.60. Quinella — 66.60. Exacta — 67.20. Trifecta — 474.40. T — 62.20.
Tenth — 6 furlongs. Rubin's Girl 10.80 4.80 2.80. Festival Legs 4.20 2.60. Hava Pear 2.80. Quinella — 27.00. Exacta — 52.80. Trifecta — 64.60. T — 1:11.60. Scratched — Me A Spirit Too.
Eleventh — 440 yards. Significant Speed 8.40 4.40 3.40. Heza Wicked Man 4.80 3.60. The Rush Gets To You 3.60. Quinella — 37.00. Exacta — 86.80. Trifecta — 143.00. T — 21.17.
Twelfth — 550 yards. Count The Coup 29.40 5.20 3.00. CW Cash Advance 3.40 2.40. Sweet Sound Of Jazz 2.40. Quinella — 31.80. Exacta — 63.60. Trifecta — 113.80. Pick 3 — 643.40. T — 27.61. Scratched — Race N Run, Stormys Azure.
Sunday, Sept. 1

Monday, Sept. 2

First — 5 1/2 furlongs. Just About Summer 19.80 7.40 3.60. Chaka's Choice 3.20 2.60. Irish Posse 3.20 2.60. Irish Posse 3.00. Quinella — 21.40. Exacta — 45.60. Trifecta — 88.30. T — 1:06.00. Scratched — Reo's Line.
Second — 870 yards. Herewegogain 4.20 2.60 2.20. Fighting Falcon 2.80 2.60. Your Delight 4.20. Quinella — 4.60. Exacta — 9.40. Trifecta — 4.60. Daily Double — 45.60. T — 45.49. Scratched — Youbeilyn.
Third — 6 furlongs. Armandagoldnigler 13.80 4.40 3.00. Illusion 3.60 2.80. Jarimi Silver 3.40. Quinella — 12.80. Exacta — 41.80. Trifecta — 30.90. T — 1:12.40.
Fourth — 350 yards. Sorority Serenade 4.20 3.00 2.40. Finlandia 8.80 3.00. Pure D Revenge 3.80. Quinella — 8.80. Exacta — 15.40. Trifecta — 53.80. Twin Trifecta — 10,227.80. T — 17.41.
Fifth — 6 furlongs. High Gun Ryder 11.40 5.60 3.20. Like A Brick 9.80 4.00. Grooved Swing 2.60. Quinella — 64.40. Exacta — 157.80. Trifecta — 216.40. T — 1:11.30.
Sixth — 440 yards. Dooley For Cash 9.00 3.80 3.00. Outdashing 3.80 2.60. Coronas Prospect 3.00. Quinella — 13.00. Exacta — 32.60. Trifecta — 31.60. T — 21.59. Scratched — Doreme Pasolasi Win.
Seventh — 6 furlongs. Roll Hennessy Roll 3.80 3.80 2.40. Double Intrigue 14.40 5.60. Sa Moken 3.00. Quinella — 56.00. Exacta — 70.40. Trifecta — 124.60. T — 1:10.40. Scratched — O.K. Corni.
Eighth — 1 1/8 miles. Mystery Years 32.00 11.00 6.40. March Of Kings 5.20 4.20. Navy Class 5.00. Quinella — 63.20. Exacta — 116.20. Trifecta — 634.30. T — 1:59.20. Scratched — Lycka.
Ninth — 1 1/8 miles. Tahoe Affair 4.80 3.00 2.60. Callhan 3.80 3.20. Mr. Excitement 3.80. Quinella — 7.40. Exacta — 12.20. Trifecta — 70.80. T — 1:46.30.
Tenth — 440 yards. AB What A Runner 6.20 4.40 3.20. Eye Opening Episode 9.40 5.20. Meteoric 3.20. Exacta — 116.40. Quinella — 61.00. Trifecta — 190.80. T — 21.30.
Eleventh — 5 1/2 furlongs. Soaring Magic 5.80 3.80 3.20. Miss Emma Pines 11.80 8.60. Short Command 6.00. Quinella — 62.60. Exacta — 127.40. Trifecta — 672.20. Pick 3 — 45.40. T — 1:06.00.

MARR: Big win in Ruidoso Thoroughbred Futurity

FROM PAGE 10A

Twining Niner, while Stormy Forever, trained by Johnie Jamison and owned by Stan Fulton, took third.

"It happened just the opposite of what was supposed to," Marr said. "My seven horse (Co Twining Niner), ran second, and he was going to come off the pace. The nine (Sneaker Mike), was going to be close to the lead." Sneaker Mike was bumped coming out of the

gate and fell to last in the early going. But the gelding was able to make up the difference and took the lead at the 3/8 pole.

"He had to make a go of it, but he ran good and circled the field," Marr said. "The outcome was great, it was perfect. I expected both of them to run real well.

"Whether you can win or not, that's the big question," he added. "There were lots of nice horses in this race, it just happened to work out great today."

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Turnovers, penalties hurt Capitan

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CAPTAN — The game had barely started when Hatch set the tone of their football game against Capitan in Friday's season-opener for each school.

With the Tigers kicking off, Hatch took the ball at their own 14-yard line and began a classic misdirection play on the run-back.

With three different players going in three different directions — all looking like they had the ball — Rick Thurston ran to the left side of the field, lost most of Capitan's team, and ran all the way to the endzone for an 86-yard touchdown return with but 16 seconds gone from the game clock.

That was the beginning of Hatch's rout of the home team, as the Tigers fall 39-0.

It's not that Capitan wasn't good, they just couldn't make the good plays count when they needed them.

"Hatch didn't beat us tonight, we beat ourselves," said Capitan coach Ed Davis. "You don't have 95 fumbles, 14 interceptions, 1,000 yards in penalties and expect to do anything."

To be fair to Davis, Capitan (0-1) had only four pickoffs and four lost fumbles for eight total turnovers, and were flagged for 90 yards in penalties.

But Davis' point was made, those miscues cost Capitan the game.

"We fumbled key times and threw interceptions," Davis said. "Hopefully, we got a whole season's worth of mistakes out of our system in the first game. We've got to hope that's what happened."

Just after getting the ball

back following Hatch's first score, the Tigers were flagged on two straight plays, each of which would have at least given them a first down.

Suddenly facing a first-and-20 situation, Capitan's Tommy Aldaz threw two quick incompletions, and the Tigers had to punt.

Of their next seven possessions in the first half, five ended in either an interception or fumble, and Hatch (1-0) capitalized on almost every one.

Leading the way was Bears quarterback Brett Henson, who threw for 146 yards on 15 completions, and had three touchdowns — two on short rushes at the goal line, and one on a pass to Quinten Kight.

Kight was Henson's favorite receiver on the night, as he caught 13 passes for 131 yards.

Josh Terrazas and Chon Pellares rounded out the Bears, scoring with one touchdown each and 127 combined rushing yards.

While the final score may have been 39-0, it was 33-0 at halftime, meaning the Tigers were able to settle down and play defense in the second half. They just were still unable to capitalize on scoring opportunities when they had them.

"Hatch isn't a bad team, but they're not that much better than we are," Davis said. "It's mental. We've got to quit being so hard on ourselves and just have to relax."

The Tigers opened the second half with a drive that started on their own 38-yard line and included good runs by Aldaz, Stephan Silva and Andrew Armendariz and included a long pass play from Aldaz to Rusty Martin for their first first-down

of the game.

But the drive stalled at the Bears' 30-yard line, and Capitan gave up the ball on downs.

That was the closest Capitan got to the opponent's endzone, as the Tigers fumbled the next two times their offense touched the ball, but the defense was able to prove that Henson was human, and intercepted him twice to stop potential Hatch scores.

In fact, Hatch didn't score again until 3:14 left in the game on Pellares' 3-yard rush.

"We've got a very talented ball club, and we've got to play like we're a talented ball club," Davis said. "It's not like us to fumble and throw interceptions. We did things tonight that we've never done."

"We just need to relax and play with the talent that God gave us."

The Tigers' season doesn't get any easier this week, as they hit the road to face Fort Sumner, the No. 1 Class 1A team in the state.

Notes: Capitan had a scary moment in the second quarter, when sophomores Dillon Kvamme and Ryan Baker hit helmets attempting to tackle Hatch's Efrén Duran. Baker walked off the field, but Kvamme was taken from the game in an ambulance. And now the good news: after being treated at the Lincoln County Medical center in Ruidoso, Kvamme was released that night.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Capitan receiver Stephen Silva (5) looks up as Hatch's Rick Thurston makes an interception Friday. It was that kind of play for the Tigers, as Hatch tallied four interceptions en route to a 39-0 win.

Lady Grizzlies maul Mesilla Valley

BY MELODY HAVES
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

CARRIZOZO — When Carrizozo coach Bill McVeigh spoke of defeating Mesilla Valley one got the sense that he would like nothing better than to watch them swallow their pride, accept defeat, and return home with their tails tucked firmly between their legs.

McVeigh's Lady Grizzlies got the opportunity Thursday to demonstrate, once and for all, that they have precisely what they need in order to pull off a winning season going in for the kill against Mesilla Valley and winning three games in a row — 15-3, 15-3, and 12-4.

In the first game Adrienne Zamora scored eight points serving, and Stephanie Brewer, four points serving. "They are our back row defensive specialists," Grizzly coach Bill McVeigh beamed.

"Lacey Burd stuffed one of their girls early on who never recovered. That left Mesilla Valley wide open for an onslaught," he added. "Our spikers Ariel Vallejos and Ariel Burr were pushing it, giving it their all. They did a great job. My middle blockers Lacey Burd and Whitney Whittaker also did equally as well."

McVeigh is proud of the exemplary spirit the young women displayed. He said, "The girls are exhibiting a real team effort. We have lots of room to improve and that's what we'll do. We want to get better every time we play."

McVeigh knows this year holds a good and tough schedule, but he is going to take it one game at a time. His plan is to "play one match at a time and improve throughout the year." His ultimate goal is to "win district. The rest will take care of itself."

Carrizozo's next game is scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. against New Market Military Institute in Roswell.

"They're a tough team, much improved over last year," McVeigh said. "They'll definitely be a better team this year."

McVeigh knows it is a harsh schedule and a solid uphill climb, but he will get there. He said, "We're going to slowly get there. Strength is quickness, and we have to take advantage of that."

Junior Varsity: Mesilla Valley, try as they might, simply could not beat the Lady Grizzly JV squad, falling in two games, 13-10 and 15-5. Last year, Carrizozo's junior varsity "beat them fairly easily," McVeigh intoned, "but this year their team was tough. They had a couple of mean players who could really spike."

But even with MV's new assertive team, McVeigh turned out to be even more hard-boiled than usual.

McVeigh said of the JV games, "This took a real team effort. Our servers worked really hard. In the first game Tierney Byrd scored 6 points in the first game alone."

"Then our setters, Sonja Vega and Victoria Rossi, set the ball up so Mary Beth Shivers and Francesca Rossi could make the spikes," he added. "There were also a couple of good hits by Sara White. She had an important block and then she hit the ball very well."

In the second JV game, Carrizozo crushed any hope that Mesilla Valley might ever have had of saving face. Winning all three of the games they played; crushing, crumpling and otherwise dashing the hopes of the downtrodden team, they left no room for a MV comeback.

Mary Beth Shivers scored 20 percent of the total 25 points scored in the entire game. "This girl is strong and accurate. The setters did an excellent job as well. Sonja Vega and Sophia Ramirez both set well."

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Ruidoso falls in season opener

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso may have lost their first game of the year Friday, but it was a game their coach said they should have won.

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

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

Ruidoso (0-1) actually held a brief lead in the first quarter, and were never more than three points off until the third, when the Cardinals (1-0) scored on two big plays to take a 15-point lead.

But then the Warrior offense, led by Jess Shendo's 48 yards on five carries and Tyler Shendo Line, who had a combined 50 yards rushing and receiving, began making their move.

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

Now down by two points,

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

Despite the loss, Bowden was very pleased with his team's effort.

"A lot of teams would have folded it up being down two touchdowns," Bowden said. "But they showed a lot of integrity to put the ball in the endzone."

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

That breakdown on special teams, as well as not being able to figure out changes in Robertson's game plan, are two things Bowden

said his team is working on in preparation of their home opener Friday against Socorro.

"We've had real good practices, and they're ready to get after Socorro," Bowden said.

Notes: Ruidoso had 239 yards total offense in the game and had seven first downs...Quarterback Josh Adams did all the passing for his team, amassing 90 yards on 8-16 passing...Chance Hooper was the leading receiver for the Warriors, hauling in three catches for 39 yards.

NMSU falls short of a stunner

BY BROOK STOCKBERGER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — If it had been a presidential debate, the talking heads on CNN and Fox News would have given New Mexico State's football team the victory for how deftly — and unexpectedly — it hung with the big boys.

But for a gridiron clash, just putting up a good fight is not enough to win the day.

NMSU fought, scrapped and surprised the heavily favored South Carolina Gamecocks (ranked 22nd in the nation) Saturday but could not get over the proverbial hump and lost 34-24.

South Carolina coach Lou Holtz looked like a man who had just narrowly escaped a car crash after the game.

"They played us even," he said of the Aggies. "They played as well as we did (but we found a way to win.)"

NMSU head coach Tony Samuel was succinct on the point.

"We blew a golden opportunity," he said calmly. "You take away the fake field goal and the fumble..."

Samuel paused for a second as if he was reliving those few, pivotal plays, then added, "We blew the ballgame."

But he wanted to say one more thing.

"It seems to me we've got a pretty good football team, pretty dang good," he added.

The fake field goal and fumble he referred to both came in the fourth quarter.

NMSU was within three points of its host as late as the 13:06 mark of the fourth quarter.

Clinging desperately to its 20-17 advantage, the Gamecocks had stalled on NMSU's 22-yard line and lined up for a field goal attempt. But the holder, backup quarterback Erik Kimrey, took the snap, stood up and passed the ball to Daccus Turman on a fake field goal. The 6-yard fling got the Gamecocks a first down by a half a football length. Two plays later Turman took the ball across the goal line for a touchdown.

The extra point was missed but NMSU found itself down 26-17 and facing a fourth and two at its own 35-yard line with 11 minutes on the clock. The Aggies went to their own bag of tricks and converted a fake punt when a direct snap went to Las Cruces High product Dustin Dittmore, who ran for three yards and a first down.

But momentum swung back to South Carolina when, on the very next play, Aggie quarterback Buck Pierce fumbled the snap and the Gamecocks recovered.

Carolina traversed the final 32 yards to the end zone in five plays to increase its lead to 34-17.

NMSU was able to score one last touchdown, but the game was decided.

The Aggies nearly shocked the ranked Gamecocks, but senior safety Siddeeq Shabazz said it was not a good enough to come close.

"I can't say it was a moral victory, we really came here to win this game," he said. "It's not a victory if it's not a victory. But I am very proud of the team."

The numbers tell the story of how close the Aggies actually played with the Gamecocks.

• NMSU rushed for 212 yards to South Carolina's 229.

• NMSU passed for 207 yards to South Carolina's 172.

• NMSU had 419 total yards and a time of possession of 31:21. South Carolina had 401 total yards and held onto the ball for 28:39.

South Carolina ran a variety of offensive formations and kept rolling quarterback Corey Jenkins out to look for receivers. But Jenkins, who played four years of minor league baseball before heading to South Carolina via the junior college route, never found a comfort level with the passing game. He finished with just eight completions.

Meanwhile NMSU's Pierce looked confident behind center. He found receiver H.B. Briscoe seven times for 113 yards and finished with 207 yards passing on a 17-for-27 performance with no interceptions and one touchdown.

Brook Stockberger is the Sports Editor for the Las Cruces Sun-News, sister paper to the Ruidoso News

Football Chiefs beaten soundly by Tornillo

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Mescalero Chief football team was given a rude welcome to the world of 11-man football Friday, as they began their season with a 61-0 shellacking at the hands of Tornillo, Texas.

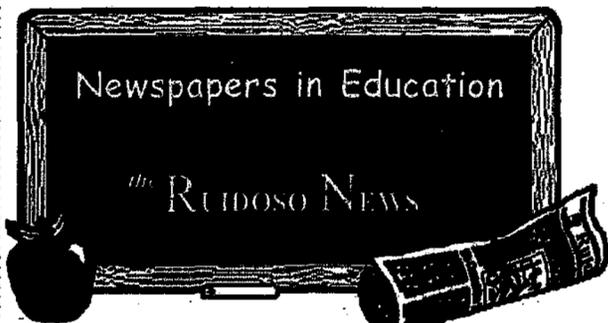
Tornillo opened with a 15-point first quarter and never looked back, racking up 348 total yards in offense while holding the Chiefs to a paltry 11.

Mescalero didn't help their cause by losing two fumbles and throwing two interceptions in the game. One bright spot for the Chiefs is that they were called for only two penalties in the game for just 20 yards, while Tornillo was flagged six times for 61.

The Chiefs were victimized all night by the big play, as Tornillo scored on runs of 27, 42 and 30 yards during the course of the game.

Randy Chimaz led Mescalero with seven yards on seven carries, while Rowan Yuzos had one yard as the only other Chief with positive yardage. Nick Baca was 1-6 passing, completing one 7-yarder to Darron Valdez and throwing one interception.

Mescalero next faces the Alamogordo sophomores Thursday in Alamogordo at 6 p.m.



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