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On track, part 1

Introduction by Marty Racine, editor

The County Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax, designed to raise taxpayer money for Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino, and a few other county institutions, has been debated more through emotion than fact. All of Lincoln County has been polarized by a threat to move the track and by the business retention bill, HB 203, which would raise the GRT rate across the board, depending on the results of a special mail-in election to be tabulated Sept. 21.

As a community service, the *Ruidoso News* will publish a series of articles on the issue, from the culture of horse racing/gaming in New Mexico to the specifics of HB 203, a profile of track license holder R.D. Hubbard, Hubbard's real-life options, a look at Ruidoso Downs' financial records and the economic impact of the track operation.

The series will run in every issue of the *Ruidoso News* until Labor Day weekend, when ballots are expected to be mailed out. In today's story, titled "Industry in decline" and published on page 5A, reporter Jim Kalvelage writes about the state of horse racing in New Mexico and across the country, an industry searching for a new breed of customer.

We trust this series provides voters the perspective to make a sound decision in September.

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• POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE PAYS FOR TELEPHONE SURVEY

THE DOCTOR IS IN THE HOUSE



Lane Dixon returns to his veterinary roots

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When he was a teenager, he followed Dr. Warren Franklin around like a shadow. He pestered and phoned and begged to work for the veterinarian until finally, the doctor gave in and the journey began for Lane Dixon.

The journey has brought Dixon full circle, back to Franklin Veterinary Clinic in Ruidoso Downs, but this time, he is Doctor Lane Dixon, D.V.M.

Growing up on a ranch east of Carrizozo, near Nogal, Dixon had a dream as a 6-year-old to become a veterinarian. When Dr. Franklin would come to the ranch to do work for Dixon's father, the young boy began to focus on his destiny.

"He wouldn't leave me alone," laughs Dr. Franklin today. "He ended up working summers and vacations for me for eight years. But what I saw in him was not just that he was sharp and gung ho, but that he was very dedicated to what he wanted to do. I knew he had what it takes to make it."

Dixon graduated from Carrizozo High School in 2002 and then from New Mexico State University in 2006. In May of this year, he received his doctorate in veterinary medicine.

Without a doubt, Dixon knew where he was headed from there. Back home to Lincoln County and the mixed animal practice of Franklin Veterinary Clinic.

See DIXON, Lincoln County page 5B

Grindstone Dam report is delayed

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The conclusions and recommendation reached by consultants after core drilling on Grindstone Dam to test the condition of possible "soft spots" in the concrete structure didn't arrive on time.

Village councilors were told last week that staff is waiting for the report from Doug Danaher with Wilson & Co., and John Lommler, Ph.D. with AMEC.

During a workshop on the roller compacted concrete dam, the consultants told councilors a report could be in their hands by July 23, subject to adjustments after comments from staff with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer.

"They're one week behind," Village Manager Debi Lee said.

"We need another workshop (to discuss the report's contents when it arrives)," Councilor Jim Stoddard said.

Lee agreed, saying no action is expected, but because of the complexity and substance, councilors and staff need to spend some time on report's contents. The report should be delivered this week, she said.

The dam was built in 1984 as one of the first of its type in New Mexico. The OSE passed new regulations in March 2005, and entities were required to develop emergency action plans for high hazard dams by the end of 2008. Like many other dam owners, the village asked for an extension.

Grindstone is classified as high hazard, because of the potential loss of life in the event of a failure in the residential areas lying below it and because of its height, Danaher said at a previous workshop with councilors. The dam is inspected annually by a local engineer and once every five years by the state, but the engineer focused on movement and settlement, and operational issues, not seepage.

Work already completed by the two companies working on the Grindstone verification project includes a topographic and bathymetric survey, hydrological analysis, a dam breach analysis and flood routing, and inundation mapping, geophysical seismic testing and a stability analysis of the dam's weak areas under conditions such as floods and earthquakes to determine the next step.

To core any dam, permission is required from the Dam Safety Bureau of the OSE. The

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register. For more information, contact Roger Allen at realwoodra@yahoo.com

Book Sale

The Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club is having its annual Book Sale Aug. 13 (noon - 5 p.m.) and Aug. 14 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at 116 S. Evergreen.

Also on sale will be CDs, videos, children's books, DVDs, books on tape and magazines.

Come and stock up for your winter reading. All proceeds go to local charities.

For more information, call 257-2309.

Reading program

The adult summer reading program "Water Your Mind - READ" at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library continues through the month of August. This summer we have been discussing water in the high desert mountains and learning about the importance of water, as well as enjoying movies with water topics.

Please join us on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. for the following programs at the Library:

- Aug. 4 - Rain Water Collection and Grey Water/Black Water Systems: Using Used Water presented by James Miller. Learn about rainfall harvesting and review the New Mexico laws on grey water and black water. Bring the questions you have on setting up your own system at home.

- Aug. 11 - Movie, *The Living Sea* (40 minutes) takes you to the world's oceans, traveling to Palau, Hawaii, California, Oregon, Alaska, Nova Scotia and

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Alto Lakes meets

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will meet at 9 a.m.,

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11:55	3:00	6:05	9:10	
CATS AND DOGS: KITTY GALORE - 3D (PG)				
12:30	3:00	5:15	7:20	9:20

THESE TIMES ARE GOOD FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Thursday, in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Dr., Alto.

The final agenda for the meeting will be published on the bulletin board of the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Democrats meet

Members of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County will conduct their first monthly meeting in the new party headquarters Thursday, at 613 Sudderth Dr., L-10.

A potluck will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business portion at 6 p.m. The public is invited to join the session to become better

informed about the issues facing the country.

Volunteers also are needed to work at the organization's booth at the County Fair, where they will register voters and sell tickets to a raffle. The top prize will be a rifle and this is the last week to buy tickets.

Sonic booms

Officials with the 49th Wing have announced the flying schedule for the week of Aug. 2 to Aug. 8.

Sonic booms could occur Wednesday, Aug. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Friday, Aug. 6, from 8:30 to

2:30 p.m.

Schedules can change based on a variety of reasons and scheduled times do not always mean sonic booms will occur.

For additional information, visit the Holloman website at www.holloman.af.mil.

Republicans meet

Mike Kakuska, chair of the Republican Party of New Mexico for the Second Congressional District, will be the featured speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Republican Party of Lincoln County.

The meeting is set for Monday at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso.

Also scheduled to appear is Ruidoso Magistrate Judge Lorena LaMay.

Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. The optional Mexican Fiesta dinner is \$14 per person.

The Republican Party of Lincoln County seeks to inform the electorate on issues of the day as well as political party activities and to that end conducts regular public meetings on the second Monday of each month at Cree Meadows. If attending, please RSVP to Karen Clontz at 336-1360.

Memberships in the Republican Party of Lincoln County will be available at the meeting and new voters also can

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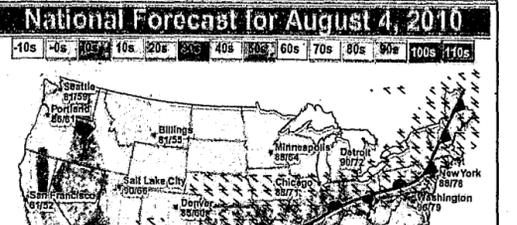
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87° 82° Humidly 35%	86° 64° Humidly 33%	86° 62° Humidly 45%	86° 61° Humidly 45%	88° 61° Humidly 52%	86° 60° Humidly 49%	84° 59° Humidly 59%
Sunny to partly cloudy Wind: NE 4-8 mph	Partly sunny Wind: ESE 4-8 mph	An afternoon thunderstorm possible Wind: S 7-14 mph	Mostly sunny Wind: SSW 6-12 mph	Mostly sunny Wind: S 7-14 mph	Mostly sunny Wind: SE 7-14 mph	Mostly sunny Wind: SSE 4-8 mph



Regional Cities

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:18 a.m./7:59 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 12:33 a.m./3:13 p.m.

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 115° in Death Valley, CA
Low: 29° in Stanley, ID

Monday's World High/Low:
High: 116° in Qaisumah, Saudi Arabia
Low: 3° in Balmaceda, Chile

Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/Low 81°/57°
Normal high 79°
Normal low 50°
Record high 92° (1980)
Record low 37° (1971)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.28"
Year to date 11.02"
Normal year to date 11.41"

Pollen:
Grass Low
Trees Moderate
Weeds Moderate
Mold Low
Predominant Ash Tree

Source: Eddie L. Galnes, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/Low 95°/68°
Normal high 92°
Normal low 66°
Record high 105° (1980)
Record low 57° (1971)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.27"
Month to date 0.27"
Normal month to date 0.16"
Year to date 8.42"
Normal year to date 6.01"

Weather Trivia:
Q: Heat waves kill how many United States citizens each year?

National Cities		Regional Cities	
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	100/75/s	Albuquerque	90/66/t
Anchorage	65/56/r	Artesia	102/70/s
Atlanta	96/76/t	Chama	81/49/t
Austin	102/74/s	Clayton	90/63/t
Baltimore	95/73/t	Cloudcroft	82/49/c
Boston	88/71/t	Farrington	89/59/t
Chicago	88/71/t	Hobbs	100/70/s
Dallas	106/81/s	Los Alamos	86/54/t
Denver	88/60/t	Portales	98/65/s
Des Moines	88/70/t	Raton	86/55/t
Detroit	90/72/t	Red River	82/44/t
El Paso	100/73/s	Ruidoso	87/62/s
Las Vegas	108/78/s	Santa Fe	90/57/t
Los Angeles	78/60/pc	Silver City	94/65/t
Minneapolis	88/64/pc	Taos	85/51/t
New Orleans	94/78/t		
New York City	88/78/t		
Philadelphia	92/75/t		
Phoenix	108/86/pc		
Reno	94/56/s		
San Francisco	61/52/pc		
San Diego	69/63/pc		
Seattle	81/59/s		
Tucson	103/76/s		
Tulsa, OK	102/79/s		
Wash., DC	96/79/t		
Wichita	100/75/s		
Yuma	108/83/s		



Saige Randolph will celebrate her coming of age ceremony Aug. 5-8 at the ceremonial grounds on the Mescalero Apache Reservation that abuts Ruidoso. The traditional puberty rite marks a girl's entrance into womanhood and is a celebration of the uniqueness of the Apache people. It notes her upbringing that includes learning her tribal language and instilling from infancy a sense of discipline and good manners. Blending a heritage of Mescalero, Lipan and Hispanic ancestry, Saige, 14, an eight-grade student at Ruidoso Middle School, is the daughter of Leroy Randolph and Cindy Valdez. Her paternal grandparents are Kister Randolph and Priscilla Sanchez. Her maternal grandparents are Pete and Elaine Valdez. Her dress was given to her by her aunt and was beaded by the late Marybelle Chino. Saige's Medicine Man is Freddie Kaydahzinne and Loraine Evans her Medicine Lady. Saige's ancestors include great, great, great grandfather Chief William Magoosh Sr. on her maternal side, and Lincoln County Sheriff William Brady of Lincoln County War fame on her father's side.

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the Red Sea. Come face to face with life-sized humpback whales when you dive into "The Living Sea."

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• Aug. 18 - Join Randal Camp; Village of Ruidoso

Public Works Director, to learn "Everything you wanted to know about Ruidoso's new Wastewater Treatment Plant."

The wastewater Treatment plant is scheduled for completion June 8, 2011. Find out how it operates, how waste treatment will be improved and much more. Bring your questions!

• Aug. - Movie, *Coral Reef Adventure* (43 minutes) This undersea exploration has a deeper, more serious agenda of warning its viewers that the natural magnificence of the world's most impressive coral reefs is possibly a mere 30 years away from extinction due to the devastating effects of global (and oceanic) warming.

The world is in the process of losing entire

ecosystems that cannot be replaced. When you see these awesome coral reefs in their still-thriving vitality, you experience a sense of urgent responsibility toward our stewardship of planet Earth.

The film provides an all-access pass to some of the most exotic, playful, and dangerous creatures in the ocean.

The summer reading program is provided to the public through a grant received from the New Mexico Humanities Council and the New Mexico State Library. Friends of the Library facilitated the grant.

To learn more about the adult reading program, stop by the library for a brochure or visit the Library News tabs at www.yousemore.com/ruidoso

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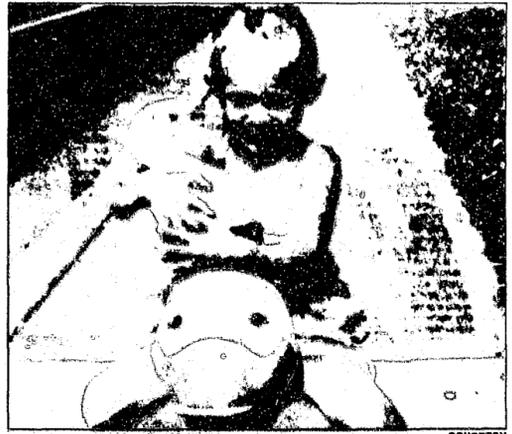
The Village of Ruidoso Public Library located at 107 Kansas City Rd. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

First Friday lecture

The Capitan Public Library presents Jim Miller at its August First Friday Adult Lecture. Miller will present information on renewable energy including geothermal, biomass, home weatherization and biofuel.

Refreshments will follow.

The Capitan Public Library is located at 101 E. 2nd St.; 354-3035.



Flocks of yellow rubber duckies will take to the water at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Big Brothers Big Sisters 4th Annual Rubber Ducky Derby at Two Rivers Park. This year's prizes include a flat screen television, \$200, \$100, and last place receives a large ducky trophy. Ducks cost \$5 each and tickets can be purchased at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday or by calling Big Brothers Big Sisters at 575-258-4185. A silent auction on the Chamber Deck will feature the work of local artists, trips and collectibles to support the worthwhile program that touches the lives of many local children.

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The deadline to purchase raffle tickets for a Scooter SL50QT-7 is quickly approaching, according to Joe Gomez, President of Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) who is conducting the raffle. Only 200 tickets will be sold for the raffle. Each ticket is \$20. All proceeds will go to benefit the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter. Miss Teen Ruidoso Juliann Lamb will be showing the Scooter at the HEAL at the INN 2010 inaugural charity golf tournament, which occurs Saturday, August 14th at 1pm at the Championship Golf Course at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The few remaining tickets will be available during the tournament. Miss Lamb will draw the winning raffle ticket during the Awards Ceremony and Cookout, following the tournament. Tickets can be purchased at Sweet Charity Resale Boutique, the Chamber of Commerce or from any HEAL Board member. Call the Nest for further information at 575-378-6378. Pictured is Joe Gomez, President of HEAL, on the Scooter that is being raffled to benefit the Nest Shelter.

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OUR OPINION

Sayers was the right choice for council

New blood is especially important now

In the weeks leading up to the naming of a replacement for Councilor Michele Rebstock, who resigned in June, we heard all kinds of rumors.

One had it that Mayor Ray Alborn was considering, shall we say, a "good ole boy" from a past administration.

Whether or not that was ever true, we are pleased to see the selection of Gloria Sayers. Sayers was the first runner-up in a large field in the March election for three council seats. By all reports, she acquitted herself admirably at the candidates forum sponsored by the Ruidoso

Valley Chamber of Commerce. And, as Alborn mentioned, she has done a fine job on the Planning & Zoning Commission after her appointment to that board.

Councilor Jim Stoddard cast the only "no" vote in the ratification of Sayers. Given the opportunity to explain, he declined. Some speculate his decision had something to do with the track tax, which Sayers has opposed.

All we care about is that new blood and fresh ideas continue to infiltrate Village Council. As Ruidoso faces an uncertain future, it is time to look ahead, not back.

Politicians jump on business incentives

Job creation has been the Holy Grail for as long as I've been writing in New Mexico - 35 years, and one byproduct of our long struggle to spin straw into gold is the economic development incentive.

We have dozens of tax breaks and gimmies to lure companies. Even in good times they've drawn criticism, but now, as the state attempts to balance the books, and candidates cast about for campaign fodder, there are new calls to examine their use and the public's return on investment.

It's a dandy idea, but we've heard it before.

The answer in the past and the answer now is to establish and maintain a credible system of accountability, but we've never been willing to spend the money. In the last session, lawmakers passed and the governor signed a bill that requires the state to track and report cost, return, and job creation of new incentives, but presently agencies either don't have the information or can't divulge it. And the bill was unfunded.

If we got such a system, companies receiving incentives would be required to do a fair amount of reporting. But some candidates and lawmakers want to get government off the backs of business, and historically, elected officials of both parties have been reluctant to ruffle the feathers of the golden geese.

Other states offer pretty much the same incentives, and a number of ours are designed to offset burdens unique to New Mexico (relief from the gross receipts tax, for example). If we want to dismantle our incentives, we need to be darn sure that Colorado, Arizona, Utah and Nevada - our competitors - are dismantling theirs. And that's not likely to happen.

Even talking about tinkering with the incentives or other public support is tricky. Every attack on the film incentives has cost us a few projects.

Look what happened in Roswell. When city officials announced their plans to review

the use of lodger's tax revenues to fund the UFO Festival, a tourist magnet, the city and event organizer were swamped with calls asking if the event was still being held, entertainers cancelled, a silent partner backed out, and two national news shows decided not to send crews.



SHERRY ROBINSON

ALL SHE WROTE

Veteran economic developer Mark Lautman recently wrote in *New Mexico Business Weekly* that if you removed all the companies that accepted incentives to come here, "our economy would look like Detroit's."

"Let's get something clear," he says. "Economic development incentives are not being abused, and have not been abused in the past. All the moralizing and second-guessing going on about incentive deals that were made before the recession should be tempered with hindsight."

Incentives, he reminds us, are a fact of life. "If you want to win - need to win - then you will need incentives, and good ones. The last thing we want to do at the bottom of a recession and the beginning of a recovery is send our economic developers and community leaders into battle against competing communities with no bullets."

As if to drive home this point, Rio Rancho Mayor Tom Swisstack said last week during a speech, "I will fully support the use of incentives to locate businesses in Rio Rancho that citizens want." And in case anybody missed his point, he said it again.

Rio Rancho, the state's fastest growing city, has been the poster child of job creation, and not just because it's piggy-backing on Albuquerque. The City of Vision has chased employers aggressively and fostered a can-do culture in City Hall that zips along permits. Every other community in the state should take note.

I'm not saying we shouldn't discuss the incentives, but let's do it with our eyes open and take blanket statements by political candidates with a grain of salt.

Centennial plates sure are pretty...



...but try reading them beyond 30 feet.

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YOUR OPINION

Solid Waste Authority shares blame

To the editor:

"THE LINCOLN County Illegal Dumping "Dirty Dozen" for 2010 is now official, says Debra Ingle operations manager for Greentree Solid Waste Authority. GSWA response to the U.S. 380 situation was swift in coordination with the Lincoln County Manager's office, Ingle said.

I wonder why response wasn't so swift at the GSWA in Ruidoso Downs, located on 2nd and Harris, when for years trash had been flying out of their fence for hours every time the wind blew. It must have been reported at least a dozen dirty times or more over the years.

Still, if you get behind one of their trucks going to Oro Grande, you can witness trash flying out the top and bottom of the gate non-stop as they go, scattering trash in and from beautiful Ruidoso Downs all the way to its destination.

It should be a matter of community pride for GSWA to properly dispose of solid waste and join together to prevent others from dumping illegally.

Why is there a "Dirty Dozen" list in the county? We pay to dump our trash but GWSA doesn't provide enough dumpsters or empty them often enough. It doesn't make sense to me to take

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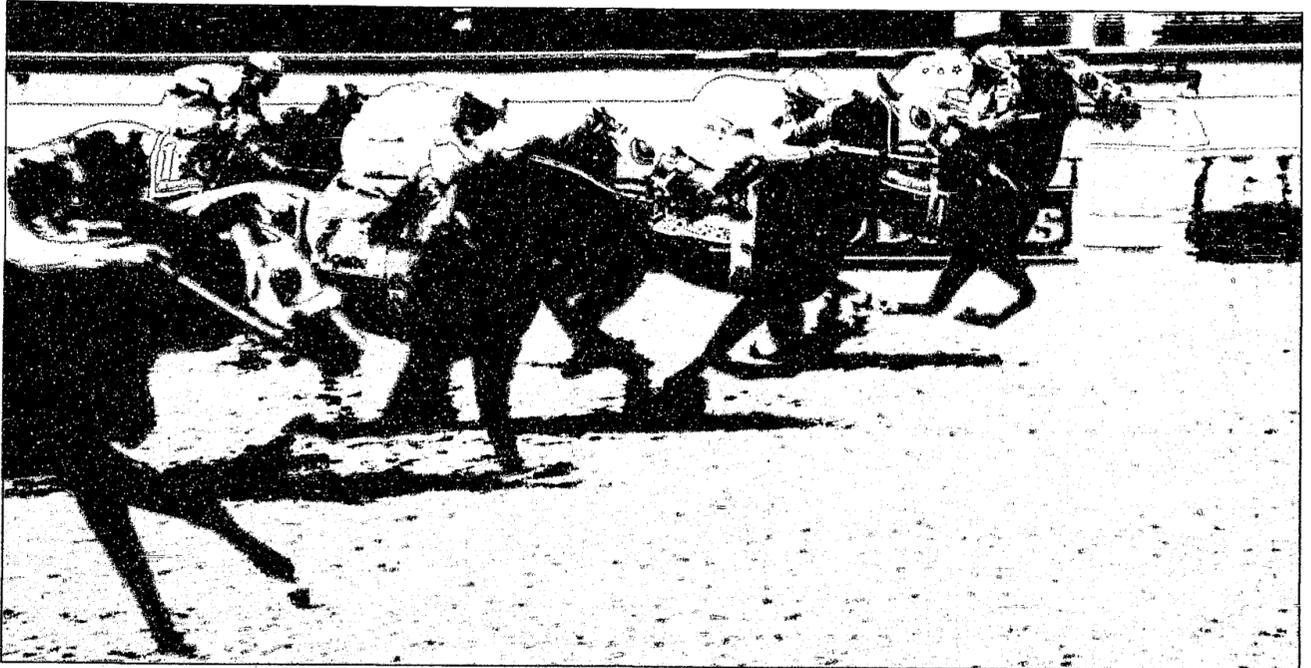
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The gaming taxes, from four racetrack operations in 2000, totalled \$19.08 million for the fiscal year. In 2009, the tax revenues had grown to \$66.882 million, a three-fold jump. A fifth track and casino, Zia Park and Black Gold Casino in Hobbs, opened in 2005, adding to the revenues.

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For the second time in six months, Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart sought to clarify that the county is not paying for a telephone survey on the issue of a business retention gross receipts tax to benefit Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

"There is apparently being conducted by phone a survey of county residents asking if they favor the GRT for business retention," Manager Tom Stewart wrote county commissioners. "The solicitors are reportedly saying that the survey is being conducted on behalf of the County of Lincoln. I would like all sources to know that the County of Lincoln has solicited no such survey."

Realtor Cindy Lynch, who with attorney H. John Underwood formed the The Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development to pay for a special mail-in election Sept. 21, said the PAC also is paying

for the survey. The estimated election cost is \$25,000 on the question of whether to impose a 3/16th of a cent tax on goods and services to grant the race track and casino "tax parity" with two nearby Mescalero Apache casinos.

The poll was a committee decision and the approach is simple, she explained.

"If the person answering supports the tax, the caller asks them to help spread the work and encourage others to register to vote," Lynch said. "If they are in the middle, they are offered more information, and if they are against, the caller says thank you very much" and ends the call.

"The Lincoln County Commission voted to proceed with a special election and the money for that election comes from the PAC," Lynch said. "The list of contributors is growing daily. The effort will be ongoing, because there will be other expenses."

She said a website on the election and its impact

on the county is under construction and should be ready this week at www.fightforlincoln.com.

Joan Zagone, former executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and a former candidate for mayor, said she received a call on her cellular phone from a 505 area code, placing it outside of Lincoln County.

"A pleasant woman asked me to consider voting for the business retention tax," Zagone said. "She asked me if the issue had my support. When I said I hadn't made up my mind, she asked if she could read me some information and I agreed. It was the same information I'd heard before."

"I asked her of what interest would this issue be to someone in the 505 (seen on the caller identification) area code and she said she works for a company (handling the survey). I asked her who was paying for the survey and she said the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation."

Although a few other residents also reported to the *Ruidoso News* they were told by the caller on the other end of the line that the survey was paid for by the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation, Eugene Heathman, president of the corporation, said Monday his organization did not pay for the survey and Lynch confirmed Tuesday the PAC is footing the bill.

"The Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development (Political Action Committee) was recently formed and thus raised the money for the special election, naturally in the name of business retention, education and 'economic development,' Heathman said. "Lately, 'economic development' has been quite a 'buzzword' particularly surrounding the GRT issue. The name chosen for this organization may unfortunately be perceived as a narrow parallel to The Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation."

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Zagone said she isn't comfortable with the situation.

"This is beginning to smack more and more as a privately paid-for election," she said.

Of the \$26,000 collected to cover the special election expense, \$5,000 came from the Ruidoso Jockey Club as one of nine entities or individuals who paid the bulk of the contributions, according to a copy of the list of contributors to the PAC.

"As a Lincoln County resident and taxpayer, I am uncomfortable with the precedent," she said. "I know it is legal, but I just don't know if it's right."

Lynch said Underwood, who was out of town and could not be reached for comment, handled the contact for the survey and she

did not know the name of the company nor the cost. Attempts to reach the survey callers for more information were unsuccessful.

In March, Stewart wrote county commissioners in reference to another survey on the question of conducting an election to enact the tax. He complained then that, "The County of Lincoln's name is being used as the initiator of the survey. This is not true, and the county has commissioned no such survey and has not been consulted."

Shortly after, he reported back to commissioners that, "The aforementioned telephonic survey was commissioned by Ruidoso Downs Racing." Stewart said Commission Chairman Tom Battin tracked down the information. To ensure the county's name will not be associated with the effort, "They will retrain their people who are asking the questions," Stewart said.

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In the weeks leading up to the naming of a replacement for Councilor Michele Rebstock, who resigned in June, we heard all kinds of rumors.

One had it that Mayor Ray Alborn was considering, shall we say, a "good ole boy" from a past administration.

Whether or not that was ever true, we are pleased to see the selection of Gloria Sayers. Sayers was the first runner-up in a large field in the March election for three council seats. By all reports, she acquitted herself admirably at the candidates forum sponsored by the Ruidoso

Valley Chamber of Commerce. And, as Alborn mentioned, she has done a fine job on the Planning & Zoning Commission after her appointment to that board.

Councilor Jim Stoddard cast the only "no" vote in the ratification of Sayers. Given the opportunity to explain, he declined. Some speculate his decision had something to do with the track tax, which Sayers has opposed.

All we care about is that new blood and fresh ideas continue to infiltrate Village Council. As Ruidoso faces an uncertain future, it is time to look ahead, not back.

Politicians jump on business incentives

Job creation has been the Holy Grail for as long as I've been writing in New Mexico - 35 years, and one byproduct of our long struggle to spin straw into gold is the economic development incentive.

We have dozens of tax breaks and gimmies to lure companies. Even in good times they've drawn criticism, but now, as the state attempts to balance the books, and candidates cast about for campaign fodder, there are new calls to examine their use and the public's return on investment.

It's a dandy idea, but we've heard it before.

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Other states offer pretty much the same incentives, and a number of ours are designed to offset burdens unique to New Mexico (relief from the gross receipts tax, for example). If we want to dismantle our incentives, we need to be darn sure that Colorado, Arizona, Utah and Nevada - our competitors - are dismantling theirs. And that's not likely to happen.

Even talking about tinkering with the incentives or other public support is tricky. Every attack on the film incentives has cost us a few projects.

Look what happened in Roswell. When city officials announced their plans to review

the use of lodger's tax revenues to fund the UFO Festival, a tourist magnet, the city and event organizer were swamped with calls asking if the event was still being held, entertainers cancelled, a silent partner backed out, and two national news shows decided not to send crews.



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Veteran economic developer Mark Lautman recently wrote in *New Mexico Business Weekly* that if you removed all the companies that accepted incentives to come here, "our economy would look like Detroit's."

"Let's get something clear," he says.

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Incentives, he reminds us, are a fact of life. "If you want to win - need to win - then you will need incentives, and good ones. The last thing we want to do at the bottom of a recession and the beginning of a recovery is send our economic developers and community leaders into battle against competing communities with no bullets."

As if to drive home this point, Rio Rancho Mayor Tom Swisstack said last week during a speech, "I will fully support the use of incentives to locate businesses in Rio Rancho that citizens want." And in case anybody missed his point, he said it again.

Rio Rancho, the state's fastest growing city, has been the poster child of job creation, and not just because it's piggy-backing on Albuquerque. The City of Vision has chased employers aggressively and fostered a can-do culture in City Hall that zips along permits. Every other community in the state should take note.

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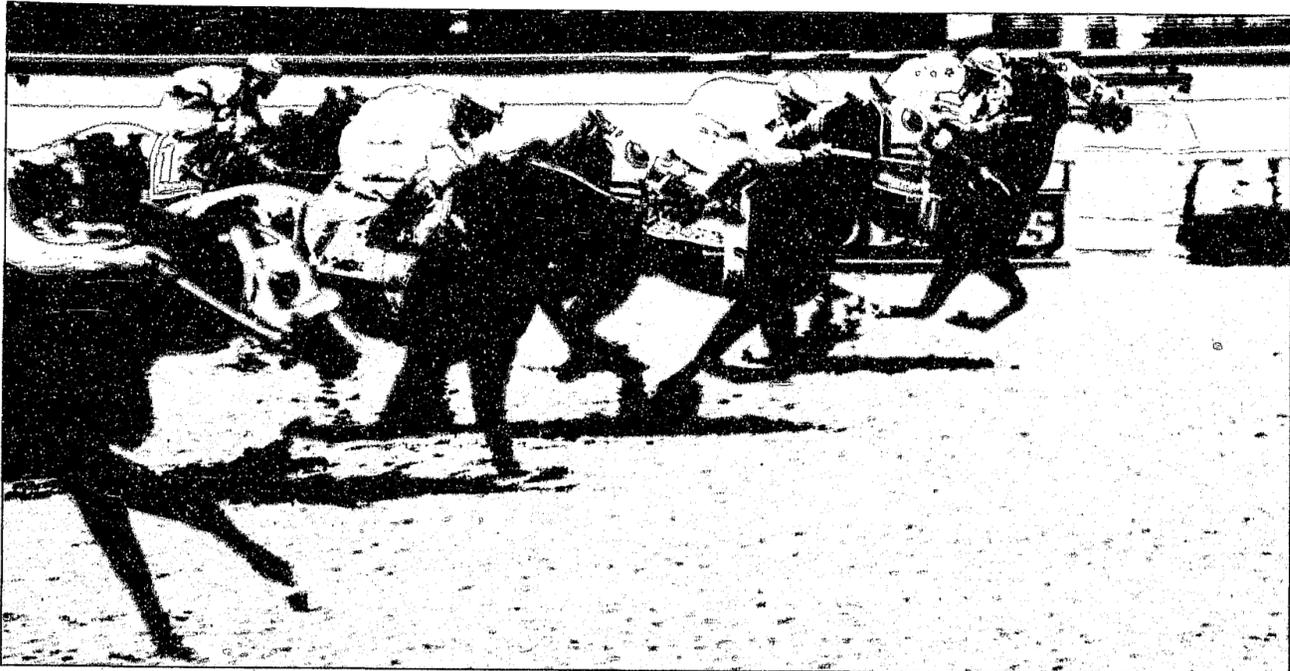
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Farmington, and Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino in Sunland Park, however, have both reported solid profits during the same period.

Appealing to a younger generation enthralled with auto racing is a key to the industry's future, Fowler said. "This (racing) commission wants to create a family atmosphere. Get the younger people to the tracks. It gets burned into them. We've got to the younger generation involved."

The 20-25 minutes between races could also be a time to provide activities for young people. Fowler said parents can drop into the casino or simulcast wager at other tracks, something unavailable to minors.

The area's wagering options have other enterprises that are also struggling.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe's gaming enterprises have realized reduced net wins the previous two years, as well. But the two-year decline of 8.7 percent over 2008-2009 at both the Travel Center Casino and the Inn of the Mountain Gods, was softer than what the Billy the Kid Casino reported.

Net win is the total amount wagered at the casinos less what is paid out in prizes. Tribal net win in New Mexico represented nearly 75 percent of total net win among tribal casinos, racinos, nonprofits and bingo/raffle net proceeds.

The New Mexico Gaming Control Board reported the net win from racetrack racinos' gaming machines went from \$76.318 million in 2000 to \$257.236 million in 2009.

The gaming taxes, from four racetrack operations in 2000, totalled \$19.08 million for the fiscal year. In 2009, the tax revenues had grown to \$66.882 million, a three-fold jump. A fifth track and casino, Zia Park and Black Gold Casino in Hobbs, opened in 2005, adding to the revenues.

That has added to horse racing purses over the past decade, which have climbed from an initial \$15.264 million to \$51.447 million by 2009.

Revenue sharing to the state from tribal casinos has risen from \$12.227 million in 2000 to \$65.939 million most recently. Over the decade additional tribal casinos were added in New Mexico.

Political action committee funds track survey

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For the second time in six months, Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart sought to clarify that the county is not paying for a telephone survey on the issue of a business retention gross receipts tax to benefit Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

"There is apparently being conducted by phone a survey of county residents asking if they favor the GRT for business retention," Manager Tom Stewart wrote county commissioners. "The solicitors are reportedly saying that the survey is being conducted on behalf of the County of Lincoln. I would like all sources to know that the County of Lincoln has solicited no such survey."

Realtor Cindy Lynch, who with attorney H. John Underwood formed the The Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development to pay for a special mail-in election Sept. 21, said the PAC also is paying

for the survey. The estimated election cost is \$25,000 on the question of whether to impose a 3/16th of a cent tax on goods and services to grant the race track and casino "tax parity" with two nearby Mescalero Apache casinos.

The poll was a committee decision and the approach is simple, she explained.

"If the person answering supports the tax, the caller asks them to help spread the work and encourage others to register to vote," Lynch said. "If they are in the middle, they are offered more information, and if they are against, the caller says thank you very much" and ends the call.

"The Lincoln County Commission voted to proceed with a special election and the money for that election comes from the PAC," Lynch said. "The list of contributors is growing daily. The effort will be ongoing, because there will be other expenses."

She said a website on the election and its impact

on the county is under construction and should be ready this week at www.fightforlincoln.com.

Joan Zagone, former executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and a former candidate for mayor, said she received a call on her cellular phone from a 505 area code, placing it outside of Lincoln County.

"A pleasant woman asked me to consider voting for the business retention tax," Zagone said. "She asked me if the issue had my support. When I said I hadn't made up my mind, she asked if she could read me some information and I agreed. It was the same information I'd heard before."

"I asked her of what interest would this issue be to someone in the 505 (seen on the caller identification) area code and she said she works for a company (handling the survey). I asked her who was paying for the survey and she said the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation."

Although a few other residents also reported to the *Ruidoso News* they were told by the caller on the other end of the line that the survey was paid for by the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation, Eugene Heathman, president of the corporation, said Monday his organization did not pay for the survey and Lynch confirmed Tuesday the PAC is footing the bill.

"The Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development (Political Action Committee) was recently formed and thus raised the money for the special election, naturally in the name of business retention, education and 'economic development,' Heathman said. "Lately, 'economic development' has been quite a 'buzzword' particularly surrounding the GRT issue. The name chosen for this organization may unfortunately be perceived as a narrow parallel to The Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation."

"The RVEDC is a registered 501c3, non profit organization. RVEDC does not and will not solicit votes nor openly endorse and/or fund a political candidate or campaign in the name of RVEDC."

Zagone said she isn't comfortable with the situation.

"This is beginning to smack more and more as a privately paid-for election," she said.

Of the \$26,000 collected to cover the special election expense, \$5,000 came from the Ruidoso Jockey Club as one of nine entities or individuals who paid the bulk of the contributions, according to a copy of the list of contributors to the PAC.

"As a Lincoln County resident and taxpayer, I am uncomfortable with the precedent," she said. "I know it is legal, but I just don't know if it's right."

Lynch said Underwood, who was out of town and could not be reached for comment, handled the contact for the survey and she

did not know the name of the company nor the cost. Attempts to reach the survey callers for more information were unsuccessful.

In March, Stewart wrote county commissioners in reference to another survey on the question of conducting an election to enact the tax. He complained then that, "The County of Lincoln's name is being used as the initiator of the survey. This is not true, and the county has commissioned no such survey and has not been consulted."

Shortly after, he reported back to commissioners that, "The aforementioned telephonic survey was commissioned by Ruidoso Downs Racing." Stewart said Commission Chairman Tom Battin tracked down the information. To ensure the county's name will not be associated with the effort, "They will retrain their people who are asking the questions," Stewart said.

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EDUCATION

AYP failures push area schools to the limit

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Every school in the Ruidoso Municipal School District failed to meet adequate yearly progress (AYP) for 2010 under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The New Mexico Public Education Department released 2010-11 School Accountability Reports for districts around the state on Monday.

"We knew it would go up every year," said Bea Etta Harris, superintendent of the Ruidoso district. "In a couple of years every school in the state will be on the list."

The White Mountain Elementary School and Ruidoso Middle School were designated R-2 (restructuring) for missing APY for a number of years. With the R-2 status, the state education department requires schools to implement an alternative governance plan that was to have been developed after the elementary and middle schools fell into the R-1 category a year ago. The alternative governance planning process spelled out by the state could include replacement of all or most of the staff as allowed by law, turn over management of the school to the state education department, or make other governance changes.

The schools must also notify parents of the designation at a public meeting, provide public school choice to students, and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students.

"Where are we going to get the teachers to replace the staff?" questioned Harris. "How can I replace principals? Why would I remove George (Heaton) at the middle school? He is just in the new school with an added grade last year. We have great leadership in every school and are providing the resources for the

teachers."

Harris said alternative governance plans would be implemented.

At Ruidoso High School, a corrective action designation was issued, which requires implementation of a school improvement plan and the offering of supplemental educational services to eligible students. Other measures could include replacing staff, establish a new curriculum, change the school's internal organization structure, and extend the school day or year.

And the district's Sierra Vista Primary School is in the school improvement 2 category.

The designations, in order of increasing significance, are: school improvement 1, school improvement 2, corrective action, restructuring 1, and then restructuring 2. Schools that have met AYP are classified as progressing. The categories are spelled out in the No Child Left Behind Act.

"The feds can go fly a kite," said Harris. "We are perturbed that they do an artificial score thing basing it on a test score."

On top of the No Child Left Behind Act's requirements, Harris noted the state cut some \$2 million from the Ruidoso district's current budget.

"We're supposed to do magic with less. And we will."

Other schools

At some other locations in Lincoln County, the Capitan Municipal School District's elementary, middle and high schools all achieved AYP again, and were listed as progressing.

Carrizozo Elementary and Carrizozo High schools are also progressing, though the elementary school at the Carrizozo campus failed to meet APY based on testing this past school year. The school had, in previous years, achieved

AYP. Carrizozo Middle School was school improvement-1-delay after most recently meeting AYP. The previous year the middle school missed AYP.

At the Hondo Valley Public Schools, the high school slipped into the school improvement-2 designation. The elementary grades were in school improvement-1.

New Mexico Public Education Secretary designate Susanna Murphy agreed with Harris, noting fewer schools in the state achieved AYP in 2010.

In addition to testing all students in the areas of math and reading, the results also rated proficiency based on ethnicity, as well as indicators for English language learners, students with disabilities and economically disadvantaged.

Moving target

AYP is a moving target. In 2008, 39 percent of students needed to be proficient or above in math and 56 percent in reading for schools to make AYP. In 2010, 52 percent of pupils need to be proficient or above in math and 64 percent in reading.

"If schools were still held to the 2008 proficiency goals, an additional 112 schools would have met AYP," said Murphy. "Additionally, of the 37 ways to miss AYP, 438 schools only missed between one and three indicators. Because all schools progress the same, whether they miss one or all 37, it is critical that parents, businesses and municipal leaders look at the progress and proficiency rates at each school to determine school performance."

In 2006, 45.9 percent of New Mexico's public schools made AYP. The 2010 testing, with the higher threshold, had just 22.1 percent of schools make the grade.

RHS reminds students of dress code

As the new school year will soon begin, officials at Ruidoso High School are reminding students about the school's dress code.

The 'respectful attire' code requires that shirts reveal no bare midriffs, no cleavage and may not be sleeveless.

Pants may not be excessively saggy or baggy and may reveal no visible underwear or skin. Skirts, dresses and shorts may be no shorter than the top of the knee. Trench coats are unacceptable. Hats and sunglasses may not be worn in the school build-

ings and will be confiscated if they are. Confiscated items will be returned to parents.

Shoes must be worn at all times. Spiked jewelry is prohibited. Sleepwear is unacceptable. A not all-inclusive list of inappropriate items includes belt loop or chain wallets, Heelies (roller skate shoes) and bandannas. The principal has the final approval of appropriateness of dress and hairstyles.



COURTESY

Alto Lakes Scholarship winners are, l-r, Bottom row: Alex Ellis, Jordan Chavez, Karen Wilson and Kallea Wilkinson. Middle row: Michelle Elwell, Leigh Bishop, Teresa Goodman, Angela Gardner, Tabitha Sportsman and Amber Gardner. Back row: Carlos Samora, Christian Quiroz, Teresa Woodard, Andrew Ehat, Erick Henderson, Jorge Diaz, John Fuller and Butch Walters. Not pictured: Meagan Finnell, Kerra Carver, Mary Perez, Clarissa Silva and Ashley Pruett.

Alto Lakes scholarship party raises \$40,000

More than \$40,000 was raised by the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club for scholarships.

The 10th annual scholarship fund party on July 30, had a standing room only crowd of members and guests who enjoyed a fun carnival theme. Funds raised will provide 23 scholarships to students from Ruidoso and Capitan and other New Mexico high schools and colleges living in the area for the summer.

Recipients are either summer employees at ALG&CC and have worked a minimum of 300 hours during the summer season, or are full-time employees eligible for tuition reim-

bursement.

An additional scholarship was awarded to Capitan High School, based on school recommendations.

The Alto Lakes Scholarship Fund began in 2001 with the purpose of providing financial assistance to post-secondary students who wish to continue their education, and to provide recruitment incentives for Alto summer employees.

Funds are raised through donations by Club members through Silent Auction, Live Auction, casino games, raffle, cash contributions and sponsors.

Since the program began in 2001, nearly

\$350,000 has been distributed for tuition, books, room and board, and other college fees.

The Alto Lakes scholars are:

Leigh Bishop, Kerra Carver, Jordan Chavez, Jorge Diaz, Andrew Ehat, Alex Ellis, Michelle Elwell, Meagan Finnell, John Fuller, Amber Gardner, Angela Gardner, Teresa Goodman, Erick Henderson, Mary Perez, Christian Quiroz, Carlos Samora, Clarissa Silva, Tabitha Sportsman, Butch Walters, Kallea Wilkinson, Karen Wilson, Teresa Woodard and Ashley Pruett from Capitan High School.

TEEN SPOTLITE

Teen Spotlite features area teens that have made a difference in their community.

Taryn McAlister is the first teen in the Spotlite for the upcoming school year.

Taryn will enter her senior year this fall at Ruidoso High School.

She is the daughter of Rutalee and Sam Jernigan. Involvement in school activities is important to Taryn.

She is an active member of the RHS Chapter of the National Honor Society, has been on the Principal's List, and participates at the Knowledge Bowl competitions.

Taryn is also involved in SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions).

While Taryn is obviously active at her school, she gives a large amount of time to bettering and representing her community.

She served as an honorary page for Senator Adair and was a guest speaker at Ruidoso Day in Santa Fe. Active in 4-H, she is president of her club, is a member of the County Council, and has held offices for that Council.

Taryn is also active in her church youth group.

In addition to all of this, she finds time to participate in Light the Fire Youth Leadership Summits and spent part of her summer working as an "Age Group Leader" for Peace Village at High Mesa Healing Center.

Melissa Gebhart, one of the Light the Fire sponsors, said, "Taryn



is a very mature young lady who is a great role model to younger students. It is rewarding to see young adults who will step up and take a leadership role when needed."

Taryn credits her parents with being positive influences in her life and teaching her the value of hard work.

As she enters her senior year, she is thinking about her future plans. She plans to attend college at New Mexico State University and pursue a degree in elementary education. Her future plans reflect her dedication to making Lincoln County and beyond a better world.

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Ex-Hubbard director lands in Silver City

■ Jay Smith takes a temporary job at Silver City Museum

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Resigned as of July 30 from the Hubbard Museum of the American West, former museum director Jay Smith has landed a temporary stint in Silver City.

Following the July 4 retirement of Susan Berry, the Silver City Museum hired Smith as an interim director.

While he did not know a lot about Silver City, Smith had been there in 2007 for a New Mexico Association of Museums conference, he like the area.

"I had been here enough to know that it's a nice community, the college is here, and the landscape is beautiful," Smith said.

The interim director's position is a nine-month contract, Smith said. His job is to keep the museum running smoothly and help staff maintain the museum's programs, exhibits and outreach activities, as well as help oversee the search process for a new director.

The contract stipulates that Smith will not be in the running for the permanent director's job.

"Susan Berry was an institution into herself within the institution," he said. "She had an encyclopedic knowledge of Silver City. Without her being here, everyday, it's a transition for the board, the staff and the community. To have a new set of eyes with experience come in



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Jay Smith, who resigned from the Hubbard Museum of the American West before Ruidoso Downs City Council just days before his resignation.

during the transition period, it makes it easier on everyone."

Berry had been with the museum for the past 36 years.

Smith's position is part-time, three days a week,

but he said he will regularly volunteer an extra day or two a week, as needed, with the staff that is at the museum.

The Silver City Museum has three full-time city employees, four part-time

museum society employees, and approximately 40 volunteers.

In addition to serving as interim director, Smith's past experience includes having served on several executive search boards for

museums and he is also the current president of the Mountain Plains Museum Association, which oversees a 10-state network.

Smith served 10 years - from 1995 to 2004 - as the director of the Reno County Museum in Hutchinson, Kan. From there he spent a year as the director of the Kansas City Museum, and then five years as the director of the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. He had put in his resignation at the Hubbard Museum in April.

He said he was looking forward to doing some consulting work, helping to promote museums around New Mexico, when he heard about the interim director's position in Silver City.

Right now Smith said he was in the information-gathering stage.

"I'm meeting with the board, staff, city councilors and city and community leaders, seeking input," he said. "I've been doing a lot of reading about the history of the organization and trying to make sure I'm aware of all the assets, because what you really want to do is put together a profile of the person you are looking for and as part of that, you want to do an assessment of the organization, and part of that is thinking about the future. When you are replacing someone like Susan Berry, you don't just do it willy-nilly. You have to take time to make sure that person can walk in the door and be successful and that the museum can be successful."

Alborn seeks meeting on PNM rates

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Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn plans a meeting with mayors from communities across southern New Mexico that will be impacted by a proposed PNM electric rate increase.

"I think everyone is aware that PNM is doing a rate increase in their southern territory that includes Ruidoso, Alamogordo, Silver City, Truth or Consequences and several other communities," he said to the people attending a village council meeting last week. "I'm trying to get all the mayors together and discuss what we can do to mitigate that."

About 51,000 customers in the southern service region would be affected by the rate hike, if it is approved.

Alborn is aiming for a late-August or early September session.

According to documents filed with the New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission, PNM is proposing a 21 percent increase for the average customer.

The mayors won't be the only people offering input. PNM plans to conduct more public meetings to discuss the details of the rate case filed June 1. They are scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Aug. 11, at First National Bank in Alamogordo and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Aug. 12, at the Village of Ruidoso Council Chambers at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

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Builders balk at new codes

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The New Mexico Construction Industries Commission adopted some of the country's most energy efficient codes in the country last week, but some builders say the timing and economy are not right for implementation in January.

The Construction Industries Division staff presented recommendations to the CIC to adopt new state construction codes that include energy conservation and green building components for both residential and commercial buildings. But a few rules connected to sprinkler systems, and heating and cooling were put on hold for tweaking and a subsequent public hearing on the changes.

New Mexico is the twelfth state in the union to adopt the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, developed by the International Code Council. The ICC develops construction codes to provide minimum standards for building safety and fire prevention. All 50 states have adopted the codes at the state or jurisdictional level.

The proposed codes call for including improved indoor air quality and increased energy and water

efficiency. Each component of the proposed codes has undergone a cost-benefit analysis to demonstrate cost effectiveness.

Adoption and enforcement of the 2009 IECC is a requirement to receive a portion of the more than \$35 million in federal recovery money received by New Mexico. Failure to adopt the new codes could necessitate that portion of funding being returned to the federal government, they say. CID will receive American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funding to develop a comprehensive education and outreach effort for a statewide training program for inspectors, contractors, design professionals and others in the construction and finance industries.

"The code committees made sure that the costs of the new codes would not outweigh their benefits and that they would not negatively impact New Mexico's crucial construction industry," said Regulation and Licensing Department Superintendent Kelly O'Donnell. "This new code is energy efficiency for the long run and at the right price. The built environment is our legacy to our children; but a healthy construction industry means a healthy economy today."

Under the proposed 2009 NM Energy Conser-

vation Code, New Mexico buildings would see a 20 percent energy efficiency increase over 2006 codes.

By implementing these codes, homeowners could save an average of \$25 a month in energy bills. Energy savings in commercial buildings could range from \$1,000 to \$6,000 a year, depending on building type and size, proponents contend.

More than a year of collaboration occurred between CID, industry, consumers, environmental advocates and other interested parties to develop the codes.

In June, CID conducted five public meetings throughout the state to get public feedback on the codes and proposed altering some components of the code based on that feedback.

The commission adopted the residential code updates as written and most of the proposed commercial changes. But action was delayed for heating and cooling systems, and sprinkler systems, possibly until September.

The CID proposed changes to those sections, although the final version is not expected to significantly reduce the energy efficiency.

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Richardson orders trapping ban

A six-month ban on trapping in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area was ordered by New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson in an effort to protect the Mexican Gray Wolves reintroduced in the Gila and Apache National Forests beginning in 1998.

In an executive order, he directed the State Department of Game & Fish to initiate the temporary trapping ban, while it conducts a study on trapping to determine the level of risk to the Mexican Gray Wolf associated with the various traps and snares.

The Department is to "undertake a study of the various types of traps and snares allowed in New Mexico and to determine the level of risk to the Mexican Gray Wolf associated with the various traps and snares. The Department shall then pursue appropriate regulations to allow trapping within the Recovery Area only by use of traps and snares that pose minimal risk of harm or injury to the Mexican Gray Wolf."

"The indiscriminate traps and snares in the Recovery Area are harming efforts to reintroduce the Mexican Gray Wolf to its native habitat," Richardson said. "I am ordering this temporary ban to protect the wolves and increase the likelihood for the wolves to

survive and flourish."

He also directed the Department of Tourism to undertake a study on the potential economic benefits of ecotourism related to recovery of the Mexican Gray Wolf in the Recovery Area.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's goal was to restore at least 100 free-roaming Mexican Gray Wolves in the Recovery Area by 2005, but as of 2010, only 39 individual Mexican Gray Wolves are surviving in the wild, according to the executive order. Under the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act, the State Game Commission enacted rules that make it unlawful for any person to attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill any threatened or endangered species or subspecies in the State of New Mexico; and endangered species may only be removed, captured, or destroyed with prior authorization by permit given by the Director of Game and Fish where necessary to alleviate or prevent damage to property or to protect human health.

In the last eight years, in the Recovery Area located in New Mexico, six confirmed and three probable Mexican Gray Wolves have been trapped, five of which have sustained injuries

from traps or snares, including two Mexican Gray Wolves that had injuries severe enough to result in leg amputations. Missing toes, claws, or other injuries can inhibit the Mexican Gray Wolves' ability to catch prey and may actually increase the risk of livestock predation, as domestic livestock are easier to capture than native prey such as elk or mule deer.

Richardson stated in his order that tourism for watching the Mexican Gray Wolf had nearly no chance to develop in New Mexico, because the Mexican Gray Wolf population has not grown as planned.

The order specifically prohibits:

- Trapping by persons licensed to trap pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 17-5-5 and youth under the age of twelve years. This prohibition should not affect the right of a resident to trap animals in order to protect livestock, domesticated animals, or fowl. The ban shall be in effect for six months starting on November 1, 2010, while the two studies are completed.

- All methods of capturing a furbearer on land or in water, including leg-hold traps, neck and leg snares, Conibear kill traps, body-crushing traps, natural and man-made cubby sets, and other methods of trapping specified in 19.32.2.10 NMAC. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and the government of the United States and its agencies are exempted from this closure, if the Mexican Gray wolves require capture for medical treatment, monitoring or relocation.

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REPORT

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team provided contingency plans and proved the operation would be safe, the consultants said.

In another report to councilors, Lee said staff was gearing up for an enhanced Fats, Oil & Grease program.

"This FOG program will ensure that all restaurants and coffee shops have appropriate grease trap systems in place to prevent these contaminants from adversely affecting the new wastewater treatment plant by binding up the pores on the Membrane Bioreactor filters," Lee said. "This is a very significant problem for the upcoming sewer plant, so the program must go forward. Staff has prepared a letter that will be sent out in this initial phase, to known entities that do not have a grease trap at all, but do produce fats, oil and grease, as a result of kitchens."

A second phase will focus on entities that have traps, but are not maintaining them correctly, she said. The third phase will be entities that have traps and are maintaining them, but the traps may be inadequate for the volume being produced.

"This is very important," she said. "The (state Environment Department officials) want us to get this going. It's critical that we keep oils, fats and grease from going into our sewer system, but you may get calls from businesses (complaining or questioning)."

Ruidoso to team up with Roswell on hazard study

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Ruidoso will piggyback on a contract for a wildlife hazard assessment study already arranged by the City of Roswell, because of time constraints connected to a "last minute" notice that a study is required.

Airport Manager and Projects Director Justin King told village councilors Tuesday that the Federal Aviation Administration is requiring studies at airports with a 139 certification, because some planes in the East ran into wildlife on runways.

The village maintains the certification that allows airlines to use the airport in part because Sierra Blanca Regional Airport then qualifies for federal funding on improvements with 95 percent coming from federal sources and 2.5 percent each from state and local entities. Losing the certificate would be a major blow, King said.

In his memorandum to

the council, Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris wrote that the FAA mandated Part 139 airports must conduct a Wildlife Hazard Assessment. The city of Roswell issued a request for proposals in April and awarded the proposal to Airport Wildlife Consultants from Arizona in June. The city is allowing the village to piggyback off its proposal and award.

The contract for Roswell was signed for \$84,255.

"We have been in contact with Steven Fairaizi, senior biologist with Airport Wildlife Consultants, and his company has agreed to negotiate with the village for (an assessment)," Morris said. Village staff proposed setting aside \$100,000 to cover the expense.

Councilor Jim Stoddard's first question to Village Manager Debi Lee was if the piggyback situation is legal and his second was why Roswell's contract was for \$84,000 and the village designated \$100,000.

Lee replied that the piggyback process is used around the state, more commonly for purchases such as vehicles, and specifically allows municipalities to use the process for identical or similar services.

Included in packets

She noted that all approvals from the company and Roswell were included in the councilors' packets. The \$100,000 figure is the amount of money available for the project with federal funding, but an agreement would be negotiated with the company setting an exact price. Considerations will include the specific terrain and general location of the airport.

If the study isn't completed, the airport could lose its 139 certificate and its federal funding, King said.

"They've thrown us two curves this year, the study and markings on our runways," he said.

Councilor Angel Shaw said while she appreciated King's innovative approach to solving the problem and she sympathizes with the airport receiving last minute notice, the village's procurement policy does not allow for piggybacking.

King said only a half dozen firms in the entire country perform wildlife hazard assessments. If the village goes out for separate requests for proposals, responses probably would be limited.

He must have a grant agreement signed within five weeks, he said. He spoke with an FAA official, who said he would accept an estimate on a contract if the village exceeded the five week deadline for signing.

An engineer is drawing up an RFP in case the council was not comfortable with the piggyback.

Lee said by advertising for RFPs now, the village could have an award in five weeks. Piggybacking is not preferred, she said, recom-

mending the village follow the regular RFP process. She added that would ensure any local company able to perform the work would have a chance to submit a proposal.

"The village attorney says it is legal, but it is not specified in the village's financial policy," Lee said.

Councilor Don Williams said the approach is commonly used to purchase vehicles and has occurred in the village previously. Shaw said if the policy was changed to reflect that piggybacking is allowed, she would have no objections, but she couldn't vote for something that is not part of the procurement policy.

Councilor Rafael Salas, formerly director of the village Parks and Recreation Department, said he often used a state contract to purchase park tables and benches.

Williams said by going with a new RFP the village would run the risk of receiving no responses. Lee said the company sent a

letter indicating it was willing to work with the village either by a separate RFP or piggybacking. As she began to repeat her preference for a separate and new RFP, Stoddard interrupted.

Legal, but...

"Is it legal?" he asked again.

"It is," Lee replied. He offered a motion to approve using the Roswell contract to negotiate an agreement for the village with the Cave Creek, Arizona firm.

New Village Councilor Gloria Sayers asked if piggybacking is legal, what is the point of not approving it. Shaw responded the approach is not included in the procurement policy of the village.

"But we've done it before," Councilor Denise Dean said.

"For vehicles, but this is entirely different," Shaw contended.

The motion passed 5-1, with Shaw voting against.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

Legislation allocates money for NM military installations

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Two military installations with impacts on the counties of Lincoln and Otero are slated to receive nearly \$90 million as part of a new federal allocation.

The legislation moving through the U.S. Congress contains more than \$292 million to support New Mexico's military installations and National Guard facilities.

The Senate's version of the Fiscal Year 2011 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations bill cleared the Senate Appropriations Committee and is ready for full Senate consideration, according to information from U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman and U.S. Rep. Tom Udall, Democrats from New Mexico.

Holloman Air Force Base will receive \$15.47 million to repair, renovate and expand the existing maintenance hangar. The project will include renovation, reinforced concrete foundations and floor slabs, masonry walls, metal roof systems, updating electrical systems and lighting, fire detection/suppression, utilities, site improvements, communications support, and all other necessary support.

The base also will be allocated \$22.5 Million to construct an Unmanned Aerial Systems Maintenance Hangar to accommodate additional MQ-1 and MQ-9 airframes, which require covered parking and maintenance space.

White Sands Missile Range is marked for \$29 million to construct a group of new living quarters totaling about 108,336 square feet.

The facilities will improve the quality of life for soldiers by providing new living quarters within walking distance to work areas, headquarters, and the dining facility.

Another \$22.9 million is targeted to construct a new 29,353-square foot Health Clinic and a new 5,422-

square foot Dental Clinic.

The measure contains funding for important projects requested by Bingaman and Udall, including \$14 million for the construction of a new airmen dormitory at Cannon Air Force Base, where recent growth has led to a shortage of available, affordable housing either on base or in the surrounding community.

"New Mexico's military installations play a key role in supporting our county's national security objectives," Bingaman said. "This funding will help ensure our facilities are in top shape and also help make quality of life improvements for the men and women who serve our nation proudly."

The MilCon/VA appropriations bill also contains:

- for the National Guard and Reserve, \$19.9 million, including \$8.5 million to renovate and expand the existing Army Guard Readiness Center to provide a larger, modernized facility for training of unit personnel and maintenance and readiness of unit equipment, and \$11.4 Million to acquire land and construct a new Army Reserve Center training building, Organizational Maintenance Shop (OMS), unheated storage building, and organizational parking in Las Cruces.

- for Cannon Air Force Base, \$154 million, including \$14 Million to construct a three-story, fourplex style dormitory with 96 rooms at the base; \$20 million to construct a facility for Unmanned Aircraft System Squadron Operations at the base; \$24.622 million to construct a hangar of adequate size and configuration to house new MC-130J tanker-style planes; \$12.636 million to pave a parking apron that provides parking space, tie-down points, service points, and line maintenance areas for aircraft to create room for the MC-130J aircraft that become a part of Cannon's force as the 27th SOW continues to expand

its presence on the Cannon base; \$26.006 million to pave a parking apron for large aircraft up to the C-130 size; \$39.674 million to construct a training and operations complex for the Special Operations Forces, whose mission on the base will increase dramatically over the next few years; \$13.287 for additions and alterations to the new Simulator Facility for the MC-130J aircraft prior to the arrival of the aircraft to

Cannon in coming years; and \$4.05 million to construct a new family support center that provides essential financial and family counseling/education, relocation information, and employment/transition assistance to airmen and their families.

- at Kirtland Air Force Base, \$28.8 million, including \$3.8 million to construct a 600 square meter addition to the Aerial Delivery Building, which is

currently near maximum capacity and insufficient to support the projected increased workload; \$6.46 million to construct a 1,000 square meter armament shop, which services weapons systems in aircraft flown by the 58th Special Operations Wing and transient aircraft; \$14.142 million to construct a new H/MC-130 Fuel System maintenance facility, because the existing is at maximum capaci-

ty; and \$4.4 million to construct a military working dog (MWD) facility, including 14 indoor/outdoor kennels and 4 isolation kennels, exercise facilities, and necessary infrastructure. The existing MWD facility is a worn-out, undersized, and outdated structure built in 1954 and converted to a kennel in 1978.

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Youth program restores Nogal Mesa Ranger Station

SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Youth Conservation Corps members Kiley Gaines, Nicole Apodaca and Dakota Lovelace, and crew leader Randall Robbins were assigned the unique mission of beginning restoration of the historic Nogal Mesa Ranger Station's barn.

The crew custom built and installed 11 doors into the original openings on the north side of the barn after Diane Prather, Heritage Program Manager for the Lincoln National Forest, put the crew into the field in July. The last door was installed on Thursday.

Fuels Specialist Dan Ray, Smokey Bear Hotshot Roy Hough and Range Technician Aaron Mendonca also assisted in installing the doors, which each weighed more than 100 pounds. Randall Robbins supervised the girls.

"Mesa Barn is the only remaining structure of the original Nogal Mesa Ranger Station," Prather said. It was built in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, which also built the rock check dams in the area. The ranger station functioned from 1908 to 1971. The staff quarters were sold and moved to Ruidoso in 1976, leaving the barn as the lone reminder of an era when rangers did most of their work on horseback.

Apodaca said the summer project was not just a chance to earn money, but to do a job with more meaning than "flipping burgers."

"Before I started on the Mesa Barn project, I was in



COURTESY DANIEL F RAY

Kiley Gaines, Nicole Apodaca, Dakota Lovelace and crew leader Randall Robbins custom built 11 doors and installed them on the Mesa Barn, which marks the original ranger district of the Lincoln National Forest in Lincoln County.

the dark about careers in natural resources," she said. "This summer really clued me in about opportunities to work outside and with my hands and to have an impact on the community and the environment."

Gaines is a senior at Carrizozo High and Apodaca is a senior at Capitani High. Dakota Lovelace is an entering freshman at the University of New Mexico. All three said that

after this summer's experience, they may take a serious look at outdoor careers, such as forestry and fire science.

The Forest Service and its partners, the Region IX Education Cooperative and New Mexico State Forestry Capitan District, sponsored the youth program that also included fire training, horsemanship classes and career exploration.

Since the first doors

went into place on the Mesa Barn, the renewed interest in restoring this historic site sparked discussions about the barn's future. An interpretative center, an engine crew site or office space for summer interns are ideas about how the barn could be used in the future, Prather said.

"It has also been suggested that the old barn be used as a 'green center,' including a People's Gar-

den, solar applications and rain catchments," she said. "Whatever is in store for the old barn, it stands today with new doors and as a testament to the will of the citizens to hold on to their heritage and the ability of federal and state governments to make that will a reality."

The three YCC members left the Smokey Bear District YCC program Monday, when a new pro-

ject took over with a contractor scrapping and painting the barn.

For a more complete history of the Nogal Mesa Ranger Station and to find a blog about the YCC's adventures in historic restoration during the summer of 2010 log on to: [webme.com/gcozzens/Nogal-Mesa_Ranger_Station/Wel](http://webme.com/gcozzens/Nogal-Mesa_Ranger_Station/Welcome.html)

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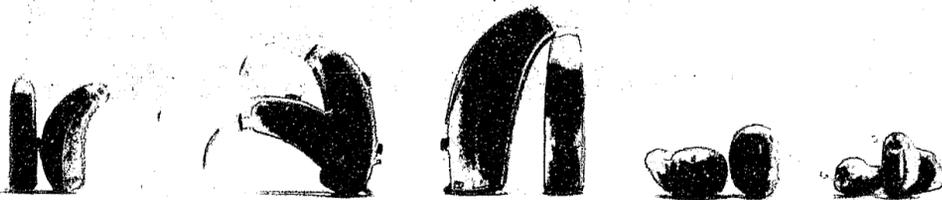
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ENMU-Ruidoso's fall semester begins Wednesday, August 18. Classes run through December 11. The last day to register for fall classes is August 20.

Several new classes are offered this semester. "Network Security Fundamentals," "Firewalls and How They Work," and "Guide to Disaster Recovery" are required courses in the new online "Computer and Network Security Certification Program."

The program is designed to address the increasing national and international computer security crises by training

response to the growing demand for sustainable building methods, and the Hospitality and Tourism department continues to develop classes in management and culinary arts with the aim of augmenting Ruidoso's tourist economy.

Community Education is also offering new classes in addition to perennial favorites. Kathy Katelin is teaching several short, specialized art classes, and Madhava Das, who holds a Certificate in Plant-based Nutrition from Cornell University, will teach two nutrition classes.

Ruidoso Community Education offers customized training classes.

On-campus classes include monthly alcohol server certification, a class on the regulations governing service as a Notary Public, lead removal certification, motivating volunteers, an introduction to social networking, customer service, and mediation classes. Classes designed for specialized training within a business and taught on location are also available.

More and more students are taking classes at home. ENMU-Ruidoso's online capabilities enable

each month and last approximately six weeks.

The tuition for these classes is \$89.00 or \$69.00 for seniors. A list and further information on these courses are available on ENMU-Ruidoso's website, ruidoso.enmu.edu. Click on Community, Community Education, and Online Instruction Center for information on Ed2Go classes.

Partnering with New Mexico Workforce Connection and WIA, ENMU-Ruidoso now offers certificate programs through Gatlin Educational Services.

Financial aid is available for employees retraining in order to reenter the workplace. Programs in medical coding, software development, web design, home inspection, wind energy, veterinary assistant, and other professional services are offered to prepare students for a new career in a relatively short period of time.

Whether it is a new career, a



course for fun, or customized training, ENMU-Ruidoso is committed to offering affordable, easily accessible, and up-to-date information through classes, degree and certificate programs, and seminars. ENMU-Ruidoso is an open admission college. A high school diploma or GED is the only requirement for admission. An appointment with an advisor is required before registering for credit classes. Appointments may be made by calling Student

Services at 257-3007. There are no enrollment restrictions for Community Education, Ed2Go, or Gatlin classes. Class information is listed in the Fall 2010 Schedule. Schedules are free and available at the ENMU-Ruidoso campus at 709 Mechem, local businesses, and online.

For more information on classes, registration, online, and Community Education classes, call ENMU-Ruidoso at 257-2120 or go to ruidoso.enmu.edu.



students and current Information Systems professionals to plan, analyze, develop, and maintain security programs, policies, and procedures.

The Construction Trades department is offering "Alternate Energy Solution" and "Green Building Renovation" in

Patti Gray's tai chi class for seniors aims to reduce the risk of falls, and Brendan Gochenour brings his culinary expertise to Community Education with "High Altitude Baking" and "Easy New Mexican Cuisine."

For area businesses and employees, ENMU-

counseling, management, psychology, and religion classes are offered online. Non-accredited online classes are available through Community Education and Ed2Go.

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Race Track

Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 5-8 Ruidoso Downs Race Track continues with its normal Thursday through Sunday operation with a 1 p.m. start time. For race results go to www.equibase.com.

Ruidoso Wilderness Camp

Aug. 9-13 The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department will present their seventh and last week of activities starting Monday, Aug. 9, and continuing through Friday. For info call 257-5030.

LC Little League Football

Lincoln County 2010 Little League Football will hold two days of registration on Wednesday, Aug. 18, from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 200 Resort Dr. (A Secure Indoor Self Storage). Players from 7-12-years-old may apply. Registration fee is \$85. All players who did not play in 2009 must bring a valid proof of age. There will be no late registrations. For further info call Kalama Davis at 378-5678.

LC Youth Soccer League

The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League will hold registration for the 2010 season on Saturday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Tuesday, Aug. 24, from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. at White Mountain Elementary cafeteria. Ages 4-12 may apply but 4-year-olds that age by 7/31/10. Interested parties may also register online at www.RuidosoSoccer.com. A birth certificate must accompany (for verification purposes only); all first-season players. The registration fee is \$55 and there will be no late sign-ups. Coaches and referees are needed. There will be a coaches meeting Aug. 18, at the White Mountain Elementary cafeteria. The first games are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11 and the season will run through Oct. 23. For info call Kim at 937-0004, Anna, 808-5168 or Mike at 808-2195.

RHS Cross Country

The Ruidoso High School cross country team will begin practice on Monday, Aug. 9. Practice is scheduled from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Those interested in participating on this year's team need to meet Coach Rabourn at the West end of the high school track with a current physical and dressed in proper running attire. For additional information please contact Coach Rabourn at 973-2698.

Duck Race Tournament

The Deming High School boys' basketball program will host an men's open slow-pitch softball tournament and a coed tournament on Aug. 22-29, during the Great American Duck Races in Deming. Games will be played at E.J. Hooten Recreational Complex on South Nickel St. The entry fee is \$200 per team, per bracket and the deadline for entry is Wednesday, Aug. 25. Each team must provide their own softballs. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place teams and a most valuable player award will be handed out in the men's bracket and female and male MVPs will be awarded in the coed division. All profits from the tournaments will benefit the DHS Wildcat boys' basketball program. For more information, call Paul Maynes at 575-546-5292, or Melanie Maynes Alfaro at 575-545-1116.

Lobos descend upon Ruidoso

Head Coach Michael Locksley and R.D. Hubbard team up to bring UNM football here

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As of Friday it became official: The University of New Mexico Lobos will hold alternating one-a-day/two-a-day practices in Ruidoso beginning Aug. 10, the day they arrive in town.

The workouts will be held at the White Mountain Sports Complex, mornings and afternoons, while two Saturday scrimmages are also slated to take place at Horton Stadium on Aug. 14, at 6:30-8:45 p.m., and again Aug. 21, from 5:10-7:30 p.m.

The off-campus practices in Ruidoso were initially pitched to Head Coach Michael Locksley back in April by R.D. Hubbard who suggested UNM come to Ruidoso to hold their fall drills.

Choosing this area could mean another favorable economic impact for retailers in the village.

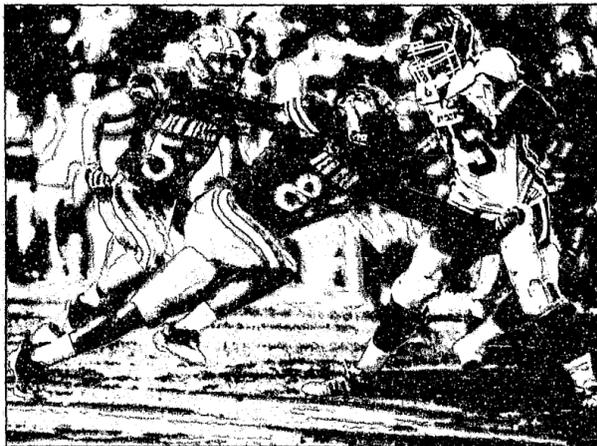
"This year we began looking to hold practices off-campus," Locksley said. "That's what I was used to when I was at Illinois. The obvious benefits to this are exposing the Lobos football team to different parts of the state and saving wear-and-tear on our own fields."

"When my assistant and I flew down in April we liked the setup that was presented to us," the Lobo coach said.

"We were offered a package of hotel rooms at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca and meeting facilities at the Ruidoso Convention Center next door."

R.D. Hubbard is a partner in the Lodge and that business entity (Leisure Hotels, LLC) is contracted to handle the marketing aspect of the Convention Center.

"The third thing that attracted us was the close proximity of the potential practice fields at the white Mountain Sports Complex," Locksley explained.



UNM player Johnathan Rainey, No. 88, was voted Preseason All-Mountain West Conference this year.

"It was within walking distance of the hotel and Convention Center."

In May, Locksley brought his entire staff to Ruidoso.

"We all decided, at that time, this area would work well for the team and coaches," the head coach said. "Of the places we considered, Ruidoso had the best setup. The hotel cost was attractive and the convention center

was perfect to act as our headquarters. The practice fields were close by and convenient. R.D. Hubbard really helped to make it happen."

Locksley and his staff are looking forward to high altitude training in Ruidoso. They also would like to have an ongoing NFL-style football camp on a

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RHS to practice around UNM workouts

Warriors football starts in earnest and will adapt to Lobos practice schedule

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Football is gearing up in more ways than one in the Ruidoso area.

With the announced arrival of the University of New Mexico Lobos on Aug. 10, the RHS Warriors will begin to prepare for the start of their season.

Head Coach Kief Johnson and his staff are meeting this week and Wednesday, equipment is to be issued to seniors at 8 a.m., juniors at 8:30, sophomores at 9 and freshmen at 10 a.m.

A new addition on Johnson's coaching staff this year as offensive line coach will be Patrick

Hodges, an 2002 RHS graduate. Hodges also played on the UNM offensive line and graduated from there in 2006.

Johnson is currently carrying approximately 45 athletes on his roster.

Sunday, at 12 a.m. the Warriors officially began their season at the high school practice field.

Last season RHS posted a 3-7 record and Johnson and his coaches are wasting no time in preparation for this year's coming battles.

"The kids are excited and can't wait to get the season started," Johnson said.

The Warriors look good at the



The RHS Youth Football Camp was held July 19-21. 'Keeping Your Head Up' was stressed to coincide with the new state law concerning concussions - 'not leading with your head.'

skilled positions with Brendan Flack, Kayle Frierson, Jesse Scariffiotti, Kalama Davis, J.B. Lewis, Armando Baca, Gage Whipple and Forrest Sanchez returning.

"The offensive line has worked hard this summer," Johnson explained.

"It will include Ascencion

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USSSA Women's State tournament at Eagle Creek

Forty slow-pitch teams from around the state compete in Ruidoso

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Once again, USSSA slow-pitch softball took center stage in Ruidoso when 40 women's teams converged upon the Eagle Creek Sports Complex to determine the best of the bunch in the C- and D-class divisions.

Four local squads competed in the tournament, including the Lady

Quarters Softball Club (D-class, tied for ninth place), Haterz (D, tied for ninth), Kool-Aid (D, 17th place) and the Crush (C, tied for seventh).

Two E-class teams from Alamogordo, the Hillfills and Jackees, chose to play up in the D-class tournament division and finished tied for thirteenth and seventeenth, respectively.

Get Dirty, from Albuquerque, won the women's

C-class title Sunday (4 p.m. start) afternoon, while the Lady Astros from Hobbs took the D-class championship (5 p.m. start).

Rain briefly delayed the start of the tournament Friday until 9 p.m. but once the competition was underway the weather cooperated through Sunday.

Once the midnight games were over the teams started again at 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings. Each squad was given a three-game guarantee.

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Abby Cummins of Snijder Electric bangs a single Sunday.



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Zia Festival celebrates with NM-bred stakes-filled cards

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

The longest shot on the tote board, A Streak Again, defeated the short-priced favorite Streak Of Sixes in the Grade 1, \$351,963 Zia Futurity, the richest race of the Zia Festival program, on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The Zia Festival celebrates New Mexico-bred racing with a stakes-filled 10-race card offering more than \$1.1 million in purses.

A Streak Again finished a neck ahead of Streak of Sixes with a :19.897 time for the 400 yards.

A Streak Again led a 1-2-3 sweep in the Zia Futurity for horses from the Juan Gonzalez stable.

The Gonzalez-trained Moro Moon crossed the finish line in fourth position and was moved up to third place following the disqualification of Six Gun Regard, also trained by Gonzalez. Six Gun Regard was disqualified to seventh place by the stewards.

If there would not have been the disqualification, Gonzalez-trained horses would have taken the top-four positions in the nine horse field.

Sent off at 52-1 odds, A Streak Again held the lead in the Zia Futurity under Cody Jensen and was able to withstand a closing rush from the Tony Guymon-ridden Streak Of Sixes, the 2-5 favorite.

Streak Of Sixes broke outward at the start from his outside post position and raced down the outside rail for most of the race.

Owned by KH Logax Inc, A Streak Again was winless in his previous five starts, but showed promise with a second-place finish in his Zia Futurity trial.

Peter and Marjorie Gallegos' Streak Of Sixes was sent off as the prohibitive favorite after winning the New Mexican Spring Futurity at Sunland Park

and the Mountain Top Futurity at Ruidoso Downs.

Rio Grande Señorita Futurity

Helen Nave's homebred Comicsperfectstorm ran to her 3-5 odds while drawing away from her rivals to win the \$198,322 Rio Grande Señorita Futurity by and easy four-and-one-half lengths.

The Todd Fincher-trained filly raced the five-and-one-half furlongs in 1:04.62 to gain her third impressive win from four starts.

The daughter of Comic Genius rushed to the lead under leading rider Juan Ochoa and then played with her rivals to affirm her dominance of the New Mexico-bred freshman filly division.

Comicsperfectstorm won her maiden at first asking by nearly 11 lengths and dominated her Rio Grande Señorita Futurity trial by nearly seven lengths.

Second-place finisher Colors of Pompeii finished two-and-a-quarter lengths ahead of third-place runner Squall Wilbud.

Rio Grande Señor Futurity

William Stradley's homebred Running Squall raced like a prospect who should prefer longer distances with a late-charging victory in the \$189,633 Rio Grande Señor Futurity over five-and-one-half furlongs.

The Fred Danley-trained Running Squall powered through the stretch past Spartan Warrior and Texas Silver to get with victory by a widening one-and-three-quarter lengths in 1:05.20 under Enrique Garcia.

Pacesetter Spartan Warrior finished second in his second career start while Texas Silver, the Mountain Top Futurity runner-up, was a close third.

Sent off at 8-1 odds in his seventh career start, Running Squall came into

the Señor Futurity off two wins and a third-place effort in the Totah Futurity.

The gelding made a 3-wide move to win his Señor Futurity trial by one-and-one-half lengths.

Land Of Enchantment

Joe Allen and Michael Stinson's Fullofenergy set the early fractions with Lesters Secret and then pulled away to win the \$50,000 Land Of Enchantment Stakes for the third-straight year.

Fullofenergy was timed in 1:32.13 for the seven-and-one-half furlongs with Carlos Madeira aboard.

A 7-year-old gelding from the Joel Marr barn, Fullofenergy won the 2008 Land Of Enchantment by nearly three lengths and then took the 2009 running by more than five lengths.

Fullofenergy secured his three-peat by one-and-one-half lengths.

The winner of 11 of 37 career starts with earnings of more than \$502,000, Fullofenergy won the \$100,000 Jack Cole Handicap at SunRay Park in his previous start.

Runner-up Lesters Secret was third in the Jack Cole Handicap and then raced to a third-place finish in the Sierra Blanca Handicap at Ruidoso Downs.

Zia Handicap

R.D. and Shaun Hubbard's homebred PB And Crackers defended his title with a convincing victory in the Grade 2, \$50,000 Zia Handicap over 400 yards.

Jockey Cody Jensen quickly hustled PB And Crackers, the 125-pound high weight, out of the gate in good order and the race was in hand within the first few strides. The gelded son of The Down Side and Zany Saltine drew away to win by an easy one-and-three-quarter lengths with a :19.379 time for the 400 yards.

Miracle Snow charged through the last half of the

race to grab second place. In Famous Caper finished third, another neck back.

The Paul Jones-trained PB And Crackers won a stakes at Ruidoso Downs for the third-straight summer. He won the 2008 Ruidoso Juvenile and was then second in the Grade 1, \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity. Last summer, he defeated older horses in the Zia Handicap.

PB And Crackers has six wins and five second-place efforts from 13 starts. He was sent off as the 9-5 favorite after an impressive allowance win at Ruidoso Downs.

Zia Derby

Jay and Mary Lou Standefer's Here Kittykittykitty pulled away from 5-2 favorite Corona Memory Crest to take the Grade 2, \$126,924 Zia Derby.

Trained by Wes Giles and ridden by Bonifacio Perez, Here Kittykittykitty scored his second stakes win in his latest three starts. The gelding won a state-bred stakes at SunRay Park on June 12.

A son of Genuine Strawfly, Here Kittykittykitty was second in the 2009 New Mexico Classic Cup Futurity at Zia Park.

Here Kittykittykitty raced the 400 yards in :19.741 to win by a neck at 4-1 odds.

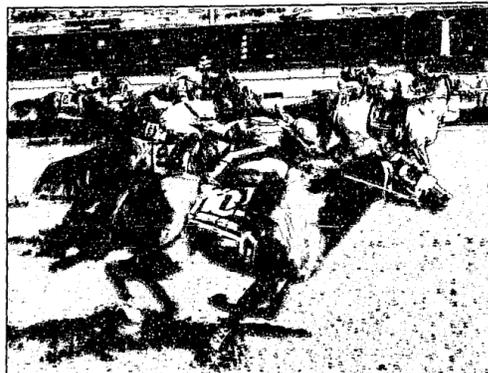
Runner-up Corona Memory Crest, the 5-2 favorite, finished one-half length ahead of third-place finisher Jess A Chicks.

Road Runner Handicap

Freda McSwane and Joe Walters Train Rider Blues rolled through the stretch to win the \$50,000 Road Runner Handicap by an expanding one-half length under Joe Martinez.

Train Rider Blues, the 19-10 favorite, raced the five-and-one-half furlongs in 1:04.05 for his second-straight win. He won the Dine Stakes at SunRay Park in his prior race.

The 3-year-old Train



COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

A Streak Again, No. 6, went off at 52-1 odds and captured Sunday's \$351,963 Zia Futurity.

Rider Blues, who was second in the Norgor Derby on May 30, has earned nearly \$290,000 from 15 starts.

The late-running Train Rider Blues raced from the outside post position in the 12-horse field, rallied on the turn and rallied between horses at the top of the stretch to secure a striking position. He passed Lester's Echo in the final 100 yards to take the lead. My Picasso rallied to catch Lester's Echo to finish second.

Lincoln Handicap

Maria Gonzalez's Diamonds N Bling raced past the frontrunners on the turn and held off Wild Alaska to win the \$50,000 Lincoln Handicap for distaff sprinters.

Diamonds N Bling raced the six furlongs in 1:11.35 for her first win since November, 2008. Jorge Martin Bourdieu was aboard for trainer Andres Gonzalez. The filly was well respected at 4-1 odds in the wide-open field after finishing second in a SunRay Park allowance race on June 24.

Second-place finisher Wild Alaska started from the inside post position, moved to the outside and then returned to the rail in the stretch to finish second, beaten by three quarters of a length. Dream Kin was well back in third.

Sierra Starlet Handicap

BLM Racing Stables' If I Had A Bull powered past

three rivals in the final strides to score her first win in nearly a year in the \$50,000 Sierra Starlet Handicap for 3-year-old fillies over five-and-one-half furlongs.

Mark Villa guided If I Had A Bull to the increasing one length win in 1:04.48.

The James J. Gonzales II-trained If I Had A Bull scored the 8-1 mild upset after finishing third in her two most recent starts, including the Aspen Cup on June 10.

Runner-up Ambers Pride, making just her third start, finished in second place by a neck over third-place finisher Awintersdream.

Zia 870 Championship

The Martin Orona Sr.-owned and -trained BRT Opulence ran down the tiring pacesetter To Shay to win the \$50,000 Zia 870 Championship by an expanding one-and-one-quarter lengths.

To Shay, with Martin Bourdieu aboard, raced the 870 yards in :45.081.

Key's Band, the only thoroughbred in the field, rallied for second and the late-running Heza Bold Color finished third. To Shay faded to fifth place.

The 3-1 second choice, BRT Opulence came off a win in the \$75,000 New Mexico Horseman's Handicap over 870 yards at SunRay Park. The 6-year-old gelding now has three wins from six 2010 starts.

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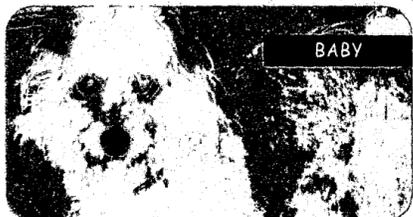
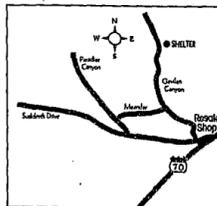


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Athena - On June 5th, shelter staff arrived to work to find 14 cats and kittens abandoned on the property. Athena was one of these poor cats, and she was in a small kennel with her 5 kittens. Almost 2 months later, Athena has now finished taking care of her kittens and it is her turn to be taken care of. She is an exceptionally affectionate and sweet cat, about 2 years old. Please consider giving her a second chance and a permanent home!

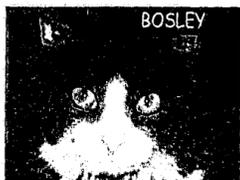
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Gomer is a very happy black lab mix. He weighs 67 pounds and loves to go on long walks. Gomer is outgoing and loves people

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WHISKEY

Whiskey is a handsome yellow lab mix. He is housebroken, good with other dogs and walks well on a leash. Whiskey weighs about 54 pounds.

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consistent basis where fans may witness their progress from year to year.

"We wanted to go somewhere where the athletes could focus on their football 100 percent with no distractions," he said.

"As the flagship college team in New Mexico we want fans in areas outside Albuquerque to have a chance to see the team. We're hoping this could become a yearly thing. Fans could come to Ruidoso to see us and enjoy the climate."

About 110 athletes, coaches and trainers will be on hand for the Ruidoso fall drills.

Locksley and his staff decided they would save money by being able to drive to Ruidoso. What really made it economically viable were the numerous donations in services and products made by supporters, boosters and fans.

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department anticipated the Lobos visit and began preparing for their arrival.

"We began prepping the field in early June, filling in the holes and over-seeding," Parks Director



COURTESY

Carmen Messina was an All American linebacker last season with 162 stops.

Debbie Jo Almager said. "The Parks' maintenance crews will have the fields ready in time."

Two football fields will

be laid out from the potential three-and-a-half field acreage. Temporary goal posts (donated) will be installed at the ends of the

two fields.

When the Lobos roll into town on Aug. 10, they'll waste no time and hit the practice field at

White Mountain Sports Complex at 3:30 p.m.

The following day they will hold a two-a-day workout in the morning



COURTESY

Bryant Williams is expected to be one of the Lobos top receivers this season.

and afternoon. Their 12-day visit will culminate after the Aug. 21, scrimmage at Horton Stadium.

RHS

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Orosco, Tanner Desoto, Warren McCracken, Jacob Rodriguez and Mikeal Montoya.

"We're gratified to have Daniel Salazar back at the tight end position."

Scariotti, Davis and Frierson are vying for the

starting quarterback position.

Twenty-five players showed up consistently at summer workouts and according to Johnson, "showed a dedication to improve from last year."

The Warriors lost 13 seniors last season but many of the returning players on this year's team have varsity experience.

With the UNM visit, RHS will work around the Lobos drills as their two-a-day practices will start Aug. 9.

The Ruidoso boys and girls soccer teams will practice at Horton Stadium and on the baseball field.

The RMS football squad will adapt to the UNM practices. Their practice

field on the hill will not be completed until 2011.

The annual Ruidoso Blue/Gold scrimmage game will be moved up to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, as the UNM scheduled scrimmage will begin at 5:10.

The Warriors will scrimmage at Tularosa at 5 p.m. on Aug. 19, and head for their season opener at Cobre on Aug. 27, at 7

p.m.

Their first home game is to be against Socorro on Sept. 3, at Horton Stadium at 7 p.m.

Youth Camp

Coach Johnson held the yearly youth camp, for players third-grade through eighth-grade, July 19-21.

Forty athletes reported to the seminar which was

considered a good turnout. "We stressed 'Keeping Your Head Up' which coincided with the new state law concerning concussions - not leading with your head."

Free Physicals

There will be free physicals for all athletes, Thursday, Aug. 5, at Ruidoso High School.

USSSA

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(a family effort) sponsored the tournament and Ruidoso has hosted this tournament three times in the last 11 years.

This year's participation of 41 teams was the largest in that time frame. In 2007, when the tournament was played here, 34 teams competed. In 2001, 25 squads attended.

"The last two times Ruidoso has hosted the tournament we've broken the team participation record," Billy Page said. "During the event we heard about players and their families visiting the race track and casino, the Inn of the Mountain Gods, and local restaurants, hotels, retailers and convenience stores."

After a slight delay Friday evening, the tournament ran smoothly.

The Parks and

Recreation maintenance crew kept all three fields playable and the weather saw fit to oblige. Both factors allowed the event to finish on time.

"We were also fortunate to have some of the best umpires in the state at Eagle Creek," Page said. "Of the 11 officials we had on hand, three of them have over 100 years of experience between them and five of the crew were females."

Page Sports Promotions gives a big hat tip to Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager who acted as tournament director and Rhiny Williams the umpire crew chief.

KFC, Pizza Hut and Schlotzsky's once again provided food for the officials and Quarters hosted the team and umpire meeting Friday evening.

Interested parties who wish to donate product and services to future such events may contact pageports@valornet.com.



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Tasha Riley, left, daughter of Grace Trujillo, played against one another in the Snider/Affliction game.

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LINCOLN COUNTY

'Zozo rejects paving bid; will move municipal court

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In a special meeting held July 27, Carrizozo town trustees rejected a bid received for the paving of Airport Street. The bid received for the project was \$79,000 more than the amount budgeted for the project.

"I recommend we reject all bids and go out for bid again," said Mayor Mike Petty.

Petty said the project was already running \$24,000 short on funds that had been promised by the state, but "taken back" in the budget deficit problems at the state level. "We've been assured something would happen, but we are still trying to get that

money."

Trustees approved the adoption of the 2010-11 Budget Resolution as well as the annual resolution for the Procurement Policy.

During the discussion on the budget before them, Trustee Dennis Vega suggested that the council look at moving the Municipal Court back to the building that was designed to house it and where it had been previously.

The Municipal Court formerly shared the offices of the Carrizozo Police Department.

"The personality problems need to be set aside," said Vega. "We have to look at this budget and where we can save money."

Vega noted that the court is currently paying

\$4,200 a year in rent and another \$3,020 in utilities.

Carrizozo attorney JulieAnne Leonard recommended that the council pass a resolution to move the court, then allow a 90-day time period for the actual move. "You can't start the process without the resolution, so that would be your first thing to do."

A resolution to amend job descriptions passed unanimously. The amendment provided the wording "all job descriptions will state: 'and all other duties as assigned.'"

Vega made the motion for approval, saying he really liked this addition. "It says that work can be done by employees from other departments and the

'that's not my job' is not a reason to not do the work."

On the municipal clerk, chief of police and maintenance foreman job description, it now states: "The employee shall serve under the direct supervision of the Mayor. The Mayor shall maintain professional knowledge and control of work being done through written documents, observation, verbal and non-verbal communication. The Mayor shall also advise and direct departmental operations as required."

A public hearing was held for an ordinance to amend the "on-call pay" for all departments. There was no "public" present so the meeting moved back into the regular portion in two minutes.

The ordinance amendment lists both the maintenance employees and the non-exempt police officers required to be on-call be paid one straight hour for each 16 hours of on-call time completed.

The trustees approved retroactive pay totaling \$786.69 for the police department for on-call pay that had been paid incorrectly in April, May, June and July.

"Due to a misunderstanding in the personnel policy," Mayor Petty said, "the officers were paid for a period of time the same on-call rate as the maintenance department. With the passing of the ordinance today, that will be the case, but in the period of time prior, the on-call

pay rate was understood to be different for the police department."

"The reason I recommended this ordinance," said attorney Leonard, "was because during the period of confusion, the officers were paid at \$3/hour for on-call and not the one hour for 16 hours of on-call."

"The mayor adjusted it to the one in 16, the same as the maintenance department when he read the personnel policy. Now that it is clearly stated in the amendment for the police department as well, you can go back and make adjustment to the pay up to this point. I propose to avoid any complaints, that you pay the retro-amounts and avoid any possible litigation."

Events to remember this week

This week is the beginning of the Lincoln County Fair. The Billy and the Kid Pageant starts Friday and runs through Sunday.

There will be vendors, demonstrations and many other activities going on in Lincoln.

The parade will be Sunday morning with Kent and Laura McInnis as the Grand Marshalls.

They have been so active and leaders in the pageant since they were small. Kent has been the president and Laura the secretary for many years.

Diane Latham is the director again year.

All the participants are volunteers and most come from the Lincoln and Capitan area.

My brother in Nebraska, who had surgery recently, had to be go the hospital last week with abscesses in his

incision and a stopped up drain tube. He is doing better and may get to home Tuesday.

Our son-in-law David will start to work next week. He has recuperated so well from the car falling on him.

It brought so many members of my family together that had lost contact through the years.

The streets of Las Cruces have been cleared of sand, flood damage being repaired from the heavy rain last weekend.

It was one of the heaviest rains they have had since the 1960s.

If you go to the Cracker Barrel to eat, you may see Aimie Hobbs working. Tell her "Hi!"

Zack Christman is visiting his grandparents, Carolyn and Gene Christman. Zack lives in Hooper, Colo.



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COUNTY BRIEFS

Bible School

A combined-church Vacation Bible School will be held 5:30-7 p.m., Aug. 8, 9, 10 at the First Assembly of God Church, 1010 13th St., Carrizozo.

The program is called "Transformed" and will be presented by a First Assembly of God team from Alamogordo.

The program is for ages 3 and up. Dinner will be served to the kids before the program.

For more information, call Barbara Bradley at 648-3025 or Hayden Smith at 648-2107.

First Friday at CPL

Join the Capitan Public Library for the First Friday Adult Lecture on Aug. 6 at 7 p.m.

Jim Miller will present information on renewable energy including: geothermal, biomass; home weatherization, bio fuel, solar and wind.

Renewable energy is energy energy that comes from natural resources such as sunlight, wind, rain and geothermal heat

In 2008, about 19 per-

cent of global final energy consumption came from renewables, with 13 percent coming from traditional biomass, which is mainly used for heating and 3.2 percent from hydroelectricity. New renewables accounted for another 2.7 percent and are growing very rapidly. The share of renewables in electricity generation is around 18 percent, with 15 percent of global electricity coming from hydroelectricity and 3 percent from new renewables.

Refreshments will follow.

The Capitan Public Library is located at 101 E. 2nd St. For more information call 575-354-3035.

CPL happenings

Saturday, Aug. 7, is the monthly \$5-a-bag book sale at Capitan Public Library. Come early for the best selection. Sale is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Complimentary coffee and cookies.

The adult reading group will meet Thursday, Aug. 12 at 10:30 a.m., at the library. New readers welcome.

Saturday, Sept. 11, is

the Capitan Village-wide yard sale. It will start at 8 a.m. Registration forms will be available Sept. 1 at the Chamber or the Library. A fee of \$5 will cover advertising and a sign for your sale.

Enter the parade

The Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair is taking entries for the parade to be held on Monday, Sept. 6, at 10 a.m., sharp. Line-up starts at 8:30 a.m., behind the Four Winds Restaurant on 12th Street.

Last year, the parade was the best ever and even included Mountainair's School band. This year, we hope to have more entries as well as the band, so come join us.

Entries must be received by Saturday, Aug. 21. To enter, call Laura Rose at 575-648-2855 to register.

Immediately following the parade, the 17th Annual Street Fair will start in McDonald's Park with music by Paul Pino & the Tone Daddies.

Additional music will be provided later in the day by local band called No One Cares.

Rockin' H 4-H elects officers

The Rockin' H 4-H Club of Capitan held it's election of officers on Tuesday, July 27.

Outgoing President Jenna Cleckler led the elections and they went fast since only seven people ran for the seven available offices.

The new officers are: President Kirsten Wilson, Vice President J'Nae Wood, Secretary Kaleb Cleckler, Treasurer Robbie Lee Richardson, Reporter Wade Stearns, Parliamentarian Kylie Minter-Carpenter and Song and Recreation Leader Alyssa Juarez.

Family fun night

The officers were installed immediately after elections and then had a very fun night playing games.

Before they started

games, all the members and CloverBuds got to throw whip cream pies at the new and old officers of their choice.

The whip cream was great! Everyone put on shower caps covered with shaving cream and competed to see which team could get the most cheetos to stick to their partners shower cap by throwing the cheetos.

Then we had a water balloon toss followed by a cool water balloon fight.

We had a soda pop race but had to do an obstacle course to get to our sodas before we could drink them.

Then we all went out to the rodeo arena and had a tug-of-war contest in a huge muddy mess.

Everyone got really muddy and dirty and stinky but it was so much

fun.

Then we all got Marshmallow guns that our former President Jenna made for us and got to have marshmallow fights in the arena.

Jenna is leaving Capitan to go to New Mexico State University and be a State 4-H Officer. We are sure going to miss her.

I think 4-H is fun and exciting. It's an amazing time to spend with your friends having fun but learning at the same time.

Now as we all get ready for the Lincoln County Fair, we remember that the 4-H Motto is "To make the best better," and we try to do this all the time in Rockin' H!

Good luck at the fair everyone.

-Wade Stearns, Rockin' H Reporter

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9 a.m.: Exhibitor's Breakfast

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11 a.m.: Stick Horse Race and sign up for Lead Class

Lead Class follows immediately after the Stick Horse Race

11:30 a.m.: Sign up for Pet Show, which follows the Lead Class

Dog Demonstration immediately following Pet Show

3 p.m.: Inside exhibits and livestock released.

The fair is free and there are concessions on site.

DIXON

FROM PAGE 1A

"I got some criticism for not applying for an internship," Dixon said. "But I knew what I wanted and it was what this clinic does. The diversity of what we do here, everything from small animals of all kinds to horses of all kinds and the ranch work as well. I grew up here. I like the people here and I like how people here care about their animals."

Dixon is the fifth of six children in the Dixon household. Originally from Nebraska, his parents, Mark and Lisa Dixon, moved to Lincoln County and stayed until after their youngest son Brent graduated. They now currently reside on a ranch that Mark Dixon manages in Oklahoma.

While working for Dr. Franklin, Dixon met his wife Rebekah, a Ruidoso native.

They have been married three years and Rebekah graduated from NMSU with a Health and Exercise Science degree in May. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree from ENMU-Portales.

The addition of Dr. Dixon to the Franklin Clinic makes for better service to customers. "Now there is always one of us available locally," said Dr. Franklin, who said his patient list and business have grown beyond Lincoln County to Chaves, Otero and down into the Carlsbad area.

Franklin said they are planning to expand locally, at the current facility, and perhaps relocating the clinic closer to the Downs to establish a surgical suite.

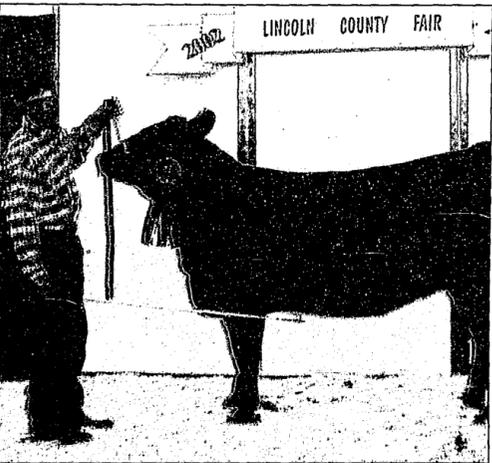
Many clients of the Franklin Clinic have known Dixon since he began working there as a teen and find it a little awkward to call him Dr. Dixon. They do easily call him Dr. Lane.

A grateful dog owner, who happens to be a professional chef, delivered an "all natural strawberry cheesecake" to the clinic on the day of the interview. Joe Quinonez was so pleased with how Dr. Lane had helped his "Rio" that he wanted to give him something to show his appreciation.

Dr. Dixon shared that doing the routine things at the clinic are now a little harder only because his education taught him about all the things that could go wrong with any given procedure.

"Before, we just did it and it worked and I took all that for granted," he said. "Now I realize there is so much that goes on that you can't see when you give a shot, do a procedure, so I'm more cautious and caring."

Loving the atmosphere of the clinic that helps both large and small animals, Dr. Dixon said he also enjoys Dr. Franklin's appreciation for his family and interests outside work. While Dr. Dixon's passion



in rodeo has always been bull riding, which he still competes in, Dr. Franklin has steered him to calf roping. Dr. Dixon said he likes it and has even won some money at it.

"I roped at the ranch and I team roped a little with my brother in high school, so it wasn't completely foreign to me, but calf roping is Warren's specialty, so he's fine-tuned me and made me a much better roper."

"I still really love the

bull riding, even if I'm not that good at it," he said with a grin.

With the Lincoln County Fair taking place this week, Dr. Dixon recalls his days of participating in the 4-H, FFA and the county fair showing livestock.

"Everything I am today," he said emphatically, "started with roots in those programs. They taught me so many things and built the very foundation for a good life. The things both 4-H and FFA teach are



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Dr. Lane Dixon and his wife Rebekah are both back at home in Lincoln County, top left. (courtesy photo). Top right, Dr. Dixon gives a first-time examination to Booty. Middle left, Lane's official graduation photo from Colorado State University upon receive his doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. Above left, Dr. Warren Franklin and Dr. Dixon confer on a patient's treatment. At left, Dr. Dixon spent his youth competing in livestock shows through FFA and 4-H programs His last year to show was 2002 at the Lincoln County Fair. Above, right, Joe Quinonez and Rio came by the clinic to thank Dr. Dixon for his kind help in making Rio better. Quinonez delivered a homemade cheesecake as a token of his appreciation.

lessons you take with you into life. I love those programs and I love what they do for the kids.

"I feel like I can now give back to the people and community that gave so much to me," he said. "I came back to give back."

Franklin Veterinary Clinic, which has mobile services, as well, is located seven miles east of Ruidoso Downs at 27028 Buckhorn Loop.

The phone number is 575-378-4708.

Bruce Bartling (Bart) Parsons

Bruce Bartling (Bart) Parsons, 49, of Odessa passed away Friday, July 30 2010, in Odessa. Bart was born February 8, 1961, in Hobbs, NM, to Bob and Mary Lou Parsons. He attended Odessa schools and graduated from Permian High School in 1980.

He worked with his father at Parsons Inspection Company in the oilfield. After leaving the oilfield, Bart went to Dallas and enjoyed working as a chef. He later moved to Minnesota. He worked as a carpenter and enjoyed fishing. He said "too many lakes and not enough time." He had hoped to someday return to Ruidoso, NM, and fish every lake. The lure of the mountains drew him back to Ruidoso, NM, where as a kid he loved to ski, hike and camp. He worked for several years at the Inn of The Mountain Gods where he had many loyal friends and customers. He also worked as a carpenter and enjoyed fishing, tree climbing and roaming Lincoln National Forest.

He returned to Odessa two years ago to recover from a near fatal accident. He is preceded in death by his father, Bob Parsons and an older brother Bobby. He is survived by his mother, Mary Lou Parsons of Odessa, his beloved daughter, Josie Parsons of Ruidoso, NM, his only niece, Cheryl Dee Parsons Gerthe of Ruidoso, his "like a sister" Pat Kelley and her husband Quinton and their family, aunts and uncles, Lolly and Jim Stewart, Bruce and Patsy Burnett, close cousin, Walker Ryan and his wife, Linda, his companion, Margaret Manzek, and many other friends and his beloved dogs, Mouse and Little Yellow. They helped fill many long days of recovery with their faithful companionship.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Ryan, Okla. Officiant will be Rev. Steve Digby of Odessa, TX. As were his wishes his ashes will be released over the Lincoln National Forest by his daughter, Josie.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Ryan, OK. Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Prayer service for Geno Chavez, 63, of Carrizozo will be Sunday, Aug. 8, at 7:00 PM at Santa Rita's Catholic Church in Carrizozo where the funeral mass will be on Monday, Aug. 9, at 10:00 AM, burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Mr. Chavez passed away on Friday, July 30, 2010 at his home. He was born March 5, 1947 at Carrizozo and had lived there all of his life. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War, he was a retired foreman from Southern Pacific Railroad. He loved to hunt and spend time with his family and friends. He married Donna on March 25, 2006 in Carrizozo.

He is survived by his wife Donna; two sons, Sam Chavez of Alto and Nikko Chavez and his wife Diane of Carrizozo; his mother, Rosa Chavez of Carrizozo; sister, Lorena LaMay of Captain; 3 step-children, Craig Koroscil and his wife Amber of Maryland; Eric Koroscil and Troy Koroscil both of Carrizozo; 4 grandchildren, Nicholas Chavez, Lindsay Chavez, Noah Koroscil and Connor Koroscil; and his beloved sidekick "Smoky".

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com. Cremation is under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

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Tribe sues George Jones

MESCALERO - The Mescalero Apache Tribe filed suit last week in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of New Mexico in Alamogordo against Country-Western entertainer George Jones.

The lawsuit stems from Jones' recent appearance at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, a Mescalero Apache Tribal Enterprise.

The lawsuit alleges that Jones refused to appear at two recent concerts at the Inn of the Mountain Gods for the originally agreed upon contract amount, insisting instead on an

additional \$55,000 payment days before the show.

The lawsuit claims that Jones refused to credit the first \$55,000 down payment that the Inn of the Mountain Gods had made to Jones' long-time agent Brian Martin, demanding that the Tribe pay another agent an identical down payment.

Although Martin had acted as Jones' agent for many years, Jones told the Tribe that Martin lacked authority to accept the down payment on his behalf and that the Tribe would have to pay the additional amount.

"It is unfortunate that the Tribe finds itself in the position of having to sue George Jones, but we have exhausted our other options," said Mark R. Chino, president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe. "We hope that this dispute can be resolved amicably, but I will not allow the Tribe to be taken advantage of in this fashion."

The lawsuit alleges breach of contract, fraud, and unfair trade practices on the part of Jones. The Tribe's general counsel, John D. Wheeler of Alamogordo, is handling the case on the Tribe's behalf.

Ruidoso couple injured in cycle accident

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A Ruidoso man and woman were seriously injured in a motorcycling accident Sunday evening near White Oaks.

William Beveridge, 56, and his wife Sharon, 52, were both air transported

to UNM-Hospital in Albuquerque.

William was taken by a medical helicopter which had landed in the vicinity of the accident.

Sharon was taken to the hospital on a fixed-wing air ambulance.

The extent of their injuries was unavailable.

According to a New Mexico State Police report, William was operating the motorcycle and his wife was a passenger.

The bike was westbound on New Mexico State Highway 349 when it left the road, went onto the shoulder, and flipped three times.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

July 21
6:22 p.m. - A man went to the police station on a concern over possible identity theft.

He said he had applied for a loan and was told his credit record had a negative mark. He also said he had received a letter a month earlier from an Arizona court stating he was responsible for a debt.

He said he has never lived in Arizona.

The man said he wanted a police report to be part of his effort to clear up his credit report.

July 23
3:05 p.m. - Police responded to a report of shoplifting at Norj's Apparel, 2812 Sudderth Dr. An officer was told by the shop owner that a woman stole a \$16 skirt. After taking the skirt into a changing room the woman exited the store wearing the skirt.

Police were unable to find the woman though surveillance video was viewed.

10:01 p.m. - A larceny

report was written after a 1.75 liter bottle of whiskey was reportedly taken from a residence in the 100 block of East View Drive.

The reporting party said someone had entered the unit he had rented for the weekend. There was no sign of forced entry.

11:26 p.m. - A call of a noisy party, possibly involving juveniles, sent police to a residence in the 100 block of Granite Drive. Looking through a window an officer saw liquor bottles in the residence.

The officer discovered that none of the people in the residence were of legal drinking age. Fourteen teens, all from El Paso, were cited.

A police report listed the juveniles as: Jose Adrian Rodriguez, 18; Michelle Childress, 19; Maria Navar, 18; Bethany Tapia, 18; Efran Diaz-Sigala, 19; Bethanie Lester, 18; Luiz Rodriguez, 18; Samatha Saucedo, 18; Perla Apodaca, 18; Michelle Gonzalez, 19; Christopher Villanueva, 18; Jonathan

Armas, 19; Christian Maese, 17; and Diego Valdez, 17. One of the teens was asked by an officer to pour the liquor down the drain.

July 24
2 p.m. - An officer responded to the El Paraiso Restaurant in the Sierra Mall for a possible counterfeit \$20 bill. A special marker suggested the bill was possibly a fake.

But another check with a counterfeit detection machine showed the bill was good. The man who presented the \$20 said he had gotten the bill from a bank ATM. The case was turned over to the department's Criminal Investigation Division.

9:13 p.m. - A missing person report was made by a woman in the 100 block of Meander Drive. A 72-year old man, recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, had left in his car before 5 p.m.

Later that night the woman called police to report the man returned home "safe and sound."

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

July 21
7:36 p.m. - An officer responded to a call about a minor who had been molested about a month ago. The minor was out of town and unavailable for an interview. A report was started and the case will require additional investigation.

9:10 p.m. - A Ruidoso Downs officer was assisted by an officer from Ruidoso following a 9-1-1 call of shots fired.

The reporting party, in the 200 block of N. Parnell Drive, said he did not see who fired the shots but advised the incident might be related to an altercation earlier in the day. The case was to receive further investigation.

July 22
8:03 p.m. - A report of a fight in progress at the parking lot of Walmart brought police to the location.

One group reportedly left in a blue Jeep, which was located and the occupants identified. Police were unable to find the other parties.

July 23
No time provided - A call of a private vehicle crash in the Walmart parking lot resulted in the arrest of one of the drivers. Filbert Herrera, no age or hometown provided, was taken into custody for driving without having an ignition interlock device in his vehicle as a condition of a previous drunk driving conviction. Herrera was booked and later bonded out at the police station.

July 24
No time provided - An officer arrested Victor Marmolijo, no age or hometown provided, for driving on a suspended or revoked license that included an arrest clause. He was also cited for failing to provide proof of liability insurance and for not having a current registration.

Marmolijo was booked and later bonded out.

No time provided - A man was arrested for a warrant that dated back to 2007. Mike R. Harrell, no age or hometown provided, promptly posted bail. Harrell also reported that property had been stolen from his truck, possibly while it was parked at the Billy the Kid Casino.

7:14 p.m. - A man wanted on a warrant that had

been issued by a magistrate court was taken into custody. An officer arrested Aaron Ortega, 19, no hometown provided.

9:28 p.m. - A 9-1-1 call about a possible drunk driver resulted in the arrest of the driver. Jeremy Gibson, 28, no hometown provided, was charged with DWI, driving on a suspended license, two counts of child abuse, and driving left of center.

July 26
No time provided - A woman reported to police that her vehicle had been burglarized while at the White Mountain Mobile Home Park. A backpack had been taken which contained a laptop computer, along with several other items.

No time provided - A city employee with the Public Works Department reported graffiti in the public restrooms at All American Park. A report of criminal damage to property was taken.

No time provided - While delivering paperwork to Lincoln County Magistrate Court, an officer was asked by the court to arrest David J. Lopez, no age or hometown provided. Lopez, who was at the court, had an outstanding warrant.

Booked at the police station, Lopez was later transferred to the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo.

July 27
11:08 a.m. - After checking the driving status of a man, an officer learned Johnny M. Baca, 54, no hometown provided, had a suspended license.

He was also wanted on a warrant from New Mexico State Police in Alamogordo. Baca was arrested in the 100 block of N. Central Drive.

July 28
No time provided - An officer arrested a woman who the officer said was driving on the wrong side of the highway and was unable to stay in her lane. Sharon Monk, no age or hometown provided, failed to complete field sobriety tests and was arrested.

A subsequent alcohol breath test resulted in a reading of .23, almost three times New Mexico's legal limit.

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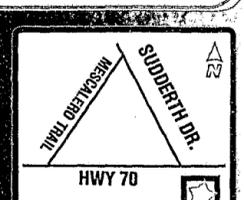
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DOWNNS

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July 29

8:51 a.m. - A couple went to the police station to report their home had been damaged while they were out of town.

Some windows were shot out by a BB gun and

graffiti placed on the home. 10:30 a.m. - In a case of video voyeurism, a woman reported an invasion of privacy after she found a camera device in her room.

A search warrant at a neighboring residence was obtained and executed. Charges are pending further investigation of the case.

10:45 a.m. - An officer

responded to the 400 block of Parker Road for a theft. Cedar fence posts were stolen from a residence.

1 p.m. - A police officer was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a call of a larceny.

The incident reportedly happened two days earlier.

July 30

11 a.m. - A woman was taken into custody on a

warrant that had been issued by a district court. Betty Herrera, 48, no hometown provided, was arrested.

July 31

5:48 a.m. - A check of two men walking in the area of U.S. Highway 70 and Heights Drive revealed one of the men was wanted on an outstanding warrant. Mario A. Escobar, 19,

was arrested and later posted bond.

11 p.m. - Police took a man into custody on three outstanding warrants from a magistrate court in Dona Ana County.

Marvin Morris, 19, was arrested by the officer.

No time provided - A motorist went to the police station to report his car was hit in the parking lot of

Walmart. The damage to a bumper happened while the person was shopping in the store.

No time provided - A man went to police to report while he had been shopping at Walmart some of his prescribed pain medication was taken from his vehicle.

A report of larceny of medication was written.

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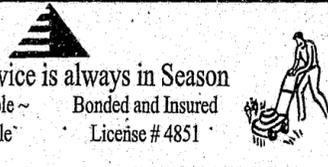
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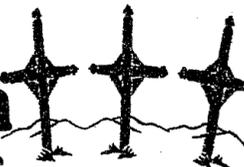
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95% of U.S. adults report that the recession has impacted their shopping in some way. 76% report doing fewer shopping trips. Adults also plan purchases more (67%). Actual purchases continue to be predominantly made in stores (79%) though shopping information channels have dramatically expanded.

59% of adults rank newspapers first as the media used to help plan shopping or make purchasing decisions in the past 7 days. 80% of newspaper readers report looking at advertising when reading the paper.

41% say newspapers are the medium used most to check out ads, more than all electronic media combined. (TV, radio, Internet)

77% of newspaper readers took an action as a result of a print newspaper ad in the past 30 days. 59% clipped a coupon, 52% bought something advertised and 45% visited a store.

60% of newspaper readers followed up a newspaper ad online in some way. 44% went to a website after seeing a print newspaper ad and 28% conducted an online search after seeing a newspaper ad.

82% of readers used a preprinted insert in the past 30 days. On average, adults keep inserts 4.4 days. 59% used to compare prices, 55% used to compare one circular to another, 52% saved until visiting the store and 43% used to make an unplanned purchase.

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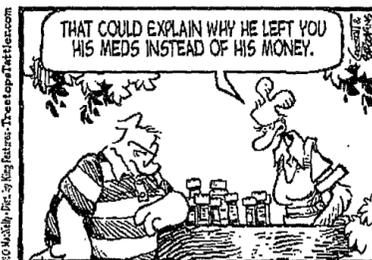
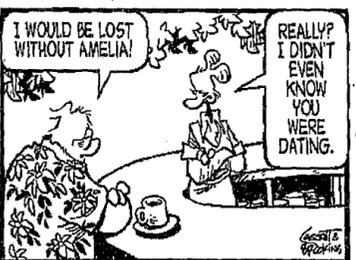
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2nd Letter Triple
Double Word Score

PAR SCORE 195-205
BEST SCORE 263
FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRIBBLE™ Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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JUMBLE
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

E K R I P
L A R N S
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Ans: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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Roll up those sleeves!
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

	7						1	
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SOLUTION TO TODAY'S PUZZLE 8/4/10

2	7	3	9	8	5	4	1	6
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Answer: What recruits do when they line up for shots — PRESENT ARMS



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RACK 1 =	S ₁ P ₁ O ₁ T ₁ L ₁ I ₁ T ₁	59
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ATV-150cc. Grandma wants to sell her ATV, less than 50 miles, less than 495. New. See at 108 Mountain Dr. 257-9633.

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★ ★ ★ ★
Friday & Saturday Aug 6th & 7th 7am - Noon 102 Jackrabbit acreage WME school, Furn, equip, kids and women's clothes, toys, misc items.

Garage Sale

109 Sandesta Dr Ranches of Sonora Saturday Aug 7th 8 am - 2 pm misc household furniture, beds, kitchen items, new double entry doors, 1,000 sq ft of new hardware flooring. Call 575-336-2996

Moving Sale

Friday August 6th 431 Barcus Rd. 8:30am-1pm No Entry Birds Some furniture, (indoor & outdoor) freezer, mower, garden tools, etc.

Sale 07 Some thing for every one Tamarack 806-215-2536 for directions

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AUCTION CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

Date: Friday, August 6th Time: 8 AM until 4 PM Location: 150 Forest St. Capitan, NM Barn southwest of Football Field

Items: Copiers, Washers, Dryers, Food Service Equipment, Desks, Chairs and many more items.

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