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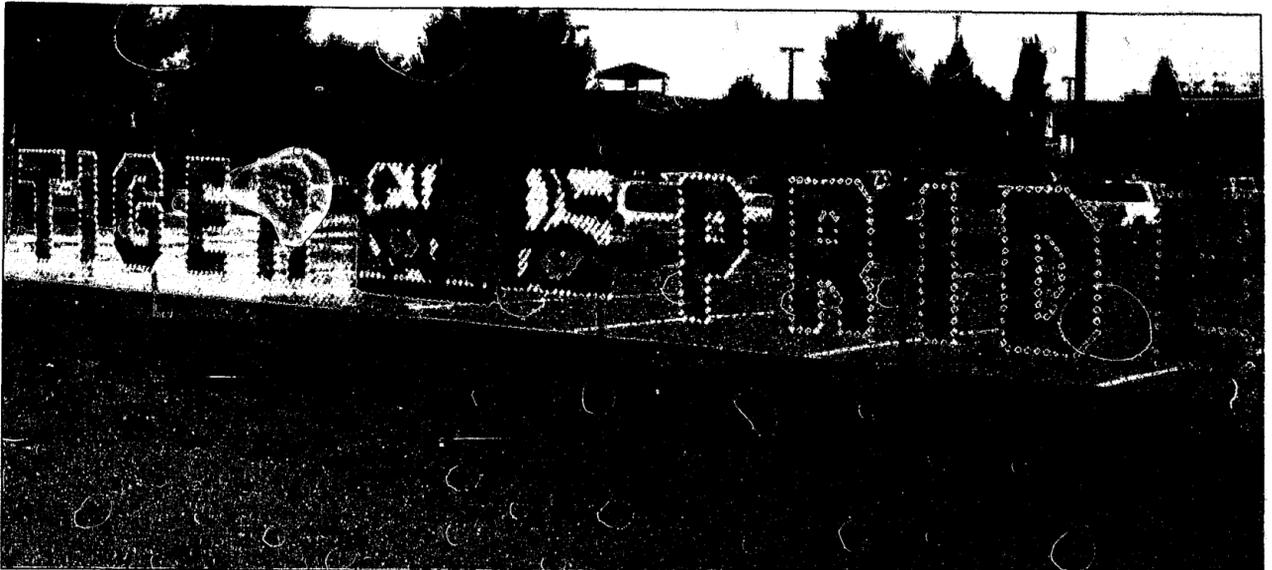
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Capitan Schools celebrated the new school year with an Open House event Monday evening. Hot dogs and the trimmings were served to everyone who came to find their classroom, visit with the teachers and get ready for today's "first day of school." The fence at the entry to the school parking lot was decorated artistically with the watchful eyes of a tiger and theme of the school, "Tiger Pride."

6A EDUCATION

Mescalero
teacher feted

ON TRACK, PART 5: R.D. HUBBARD'S LIST OF OPTIONS

Move must be 'quick'

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If Lincoln County voters reject passage of a Business Retention gross receipts tax in a Sept. 21 mail-in election, track owner R. D. Hubbard's future options seem wide open.

Two cities, Clovis and Alamogordo, are openly courting relocation of the race track and casino to their areas. Or Hubbard could choose to select a site beyond the 80-mile limit from Sunland Park Race Track which is adjacent to El Paso.

The 80-mile separation between tracks and casinos that offer simulcasting and associated betting is required by the state.

But a decision to move would

need to come quickly, contended the powerful chairman of New Mexico's Senate Finance Committee and vice chair of the Legislative Finance Committee, John Arthur Smith (D-Deming).

"My assessment is it better happen quickly under this governor because the chances of moving that will be greatly diminished with the next governor," said Smith.

He said he thought neither Diane Denish nor Susana Martinez, the Democratic and Republican candidates for governor, favored moving the racetrack from Ruidoso Downs.

The governor appoints the members of the New Mexico Racing Commission, which is the agency that Hubbard's company, Ruidoso Downs Racing Inc., applied to last year for permission to move the track to Las Cruces for the 2011 racing season. Racing

Commission Deputy Director India Hatch said that historically new governors usually appoint new commissioners.

In an interview last week, Hubbard said a new track-casino probably would cost between \$40 million and \$50 million to build and would realize annual profit of from \$10 million to \$15 million at a location not fighting competition from two nearby Indian gaming casinos, which is the situation faced by Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino with the Casino Apache Travel Center and the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino.

Although Hubbard said he can't imagine someone offering to buy his racing license to keep it at Ruidoso Downs, when the track and Billy the Kid Casino combination already is losing money, he didn't close the door to that possibility either during that interview.

While a racing license in New Mexico costs \$5,000, no more licenses than the approved five existing and the sixth floating are scheduled to be considered until 2039. La Mesa Racetrack and Casino was issued a license to build in Raton, but it was revoked by the New Mexico Gaming Control Board for missing deadlines. That decision is on appeal.

With the cap on the number, the real value of an existing license, therefore, is substantial.

According to Hubbard, his lease with the Miller Family Estate, which owns the bulk of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track land, runs to 2044 and no penalties are built in, if he chooses to leave before that date. The track sits on about 200 acres and his corporation, Ruidoso Downs Racing Inc., leases 137

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Maddening,
necessary

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State: Local airport a 'jewel'

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New Mexico Aviation Department officials called Ruidoso's municipal airport "a jewel," and congratulated staff for its high level of maintenance and operations.

Reporting last week to village councilors, Dave Ploeger, director of State Aviation, said he and Airport Development Administrator Jane Lucero completed a New Mexico Airport Systems Plan Update, summarizing the needs of the state's airports and providing information about the economic importance of each airport, land use protection issues, project and funding needs and the value of each airport as an asset.

"New Mexico's system of public use airports generates billions of dollars in economic activity and supports thousands of quality jobs," according to the report passed out to councilors.

Lucero said Sierra Blanca Regional Airport is identified as a regional general aviation airport serving primarily general aviation with a focus on business, including jet and multi-engine aircraft.

It pulls in large numbers of visitors during fly-ins and other events, necessitating a temporary control tower being set up for special events. The airport also

receives heavy use each year by fire-fighting organizations, the Border Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation, Lucero said.

"To build the same airport from scratch today in 2008 dollars would cost \$28 million," she said. "That's a 12 percent increase since 2005. You guys have quite a jewel out there. Justin and staff are doing a great job. It's clean, mowed."

Ploeger explained that his agency encourages advance aviation in New Mexico, deals with the Federal Aviation Administration in securing dollars and is responsible for registering all planes in the state. The NMASPU looked at asset analysis, land use drawing, economic impact analysis and the state airport system plan.

New Mexico has 51 public-use airports that fall into six categories. Ruidoso's airport is one of 13 ranked as a regional service general aviation airport a C3 rating. That rating means the airport can handle 75 percent of aircraft types flown. The designation considers the strength and length of runways, visual and rotating beacons and opens use for scheduled commercial service.

Lucero said Ruidoso meets all criteria, except the number of hangars. That fail-

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No grease zone

■ Village concerned about fats reaching new treatment plant

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The search is on to ensure fats, oils and grease are eliminated from Ruidoso village sewer lines.

To accomplish that feat, village officials must ensure that businesses with kitchens have functioning grease traps that are sized adequately, said Bob Decker, village project engineer.

If the fat, oil and grease reaches the village's new \$36 million wastewater treatment plant, they could foul up expensive membrane filters and other equipment, he said.

"A lot of businesses that have units that are too small have to have them pumped every two weeks at \$150 each time," he said. "With a larger one, it would be every three months or more." Installing the right

size is a reasonable cost of doing business, he added.

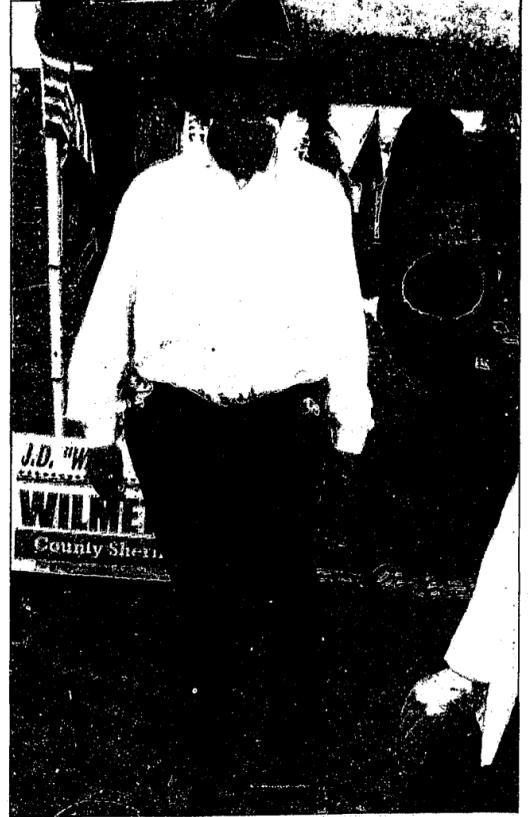
"Letters recently were sent to businesses requiring them to install a grease trap," Decker wrote in a memorandum to village councilors for their meeting last week. "Fats, oils and grease in sewer systems are a national problem that is being aggressively addressed locally by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Mexico Environment Department. FOG in a sewer system contributes to sewer stoppages, odor complaints and increased treatment costs."

Grease attaches to sand and silt in the sewage flow, and those items do not settle where they are supposed to at the beginning of the treatment process, Decker said. They continue on through the plant and fill up treatment basins, creating blockages in pipes and increasing wear in

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**RHINESTONES
& WRANGLERS
RAFFLE**



Restore the Constitution Western Rally

The first Restore the Constitution Rally was held Saturday eight miles north of Capitan. About 350 people attended, many of them armed in support of the 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms. Above, Congressional Republican candidate Steve Pearce addresses the crowd. Below, rally organizer Ray Seidel of Capitan on stage. Top and bottom right, various weapons were on display. (Marty Racine/Ruidoso News)

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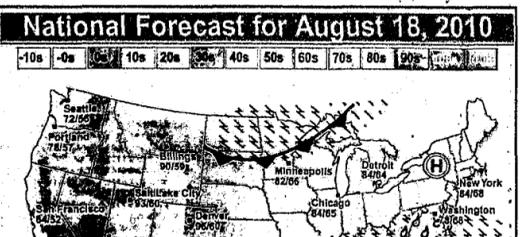
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RealFeel 93°	RealFeel 94°	RealFeel 90°	RealFeel 87°	RealFeel 85°	RealFeel 85°	RealFeel 88°
Humidity 43%	Humidity 40%	Humidity 51%	Humidity 59%	Humidity 58%	Humidity 51%	Humidity 57%
88° 64° Mostly sunny	86° 64° Sunshine and patchy clouds	85° 62° Partly sunny	82° 60° Sunny to partly cloudy	84° 62° Partly sunny	80° 61° Mostly sunny	79° 57° Partly sunny
Wind: ESE 4-8 mph	Wind: W 6-12 mph	Wind: NW 6-12 mph	Wind: SE 7-14 mph	Wind: SE 7-14 mph	Wind: SSW 6-12 mph	Wind: E 3-6 mph



Regional Cities

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Shows today's weather. Temperatures are today's high and tonight's lows.

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:28 a.m./7:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 3:47 p.m./12:54 a.m.

Moon Phases

Full Last New First

Aug 24 Sep 1 Sep 8 Sep 14

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 118° in Death Valley, CA
Low: 32° in West Yellowstone, MT

Monday's World High/Low:
High: 118° in Death Valley, USA
Low: 15° in Summit Station, Greenland

Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 73°/57°
Normal high 79°
Normal low 49°
Record high 90° (1958)
Record low 36° (1968)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.47"
Month to date 1.07"
Normal month to date 1.27"
Year to date 9.29"
Normal year to date 13.50"

Pollen:
Grass High
Trees Low
Weeds High
Mold Low
Predominant Amaranthus

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

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 86°/66°
Normal high 91°
Normal low 64°
Record high 104° (2002)
Record low 52° (1955)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.49"
Month to date 1.14"
Normal month to date 1.27"
Year to date 9.29"
Normal year to date 7.12"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: The greatest number of these storms form in the Pacific Ocean?
A: Hurricanes and typhoons.

National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Abilene	98/73/s	99/75/s
Anchorage	67/52/pc	68/52/s
Atlanta	92/76/pc	90/76/t
Austin	102/75/t	102/77/s
Baltimore	78/68/r	88/68/r
Boston	83/65/pc	78/66/sh
Chicago	84/66/pc	88/69/pc
Dallas	104/80/s	105/81/s
Denver	98/60/pc	97/58/t
Des Moines	84/68/s	87/70/pc
Detroit	84/64/pc	86/68/pc
El Paso	99/74/s	99/74/s
Las Vegas	102/81/pc	103/79/s
Los Angeles	86/64/pc	84/62/pc
Minneapolis	82/66/pc	84/68/t
New Orleans	92/78/t	93/79/t
New York City	84/68/pc	85/70/r
Philadelphia	84/67/sh	86/70/r
Phoenix	106/86/t	108/88/s
Reno	89/51/s	91/54/s
San Francisco	64/52/pc	67/53/pc
San Diego	78/68/pc	72/65/pc
Seattle	72/56/pc	69/52/pc
Tucson	101/77/t	103/77/s
Tulsa, OK	90/69/s	97/77/s
Wash., DC	78/68/r	89/72/r
Wichita	90/69/s	95/72/s
Yuma	106/85/t	108/85/s

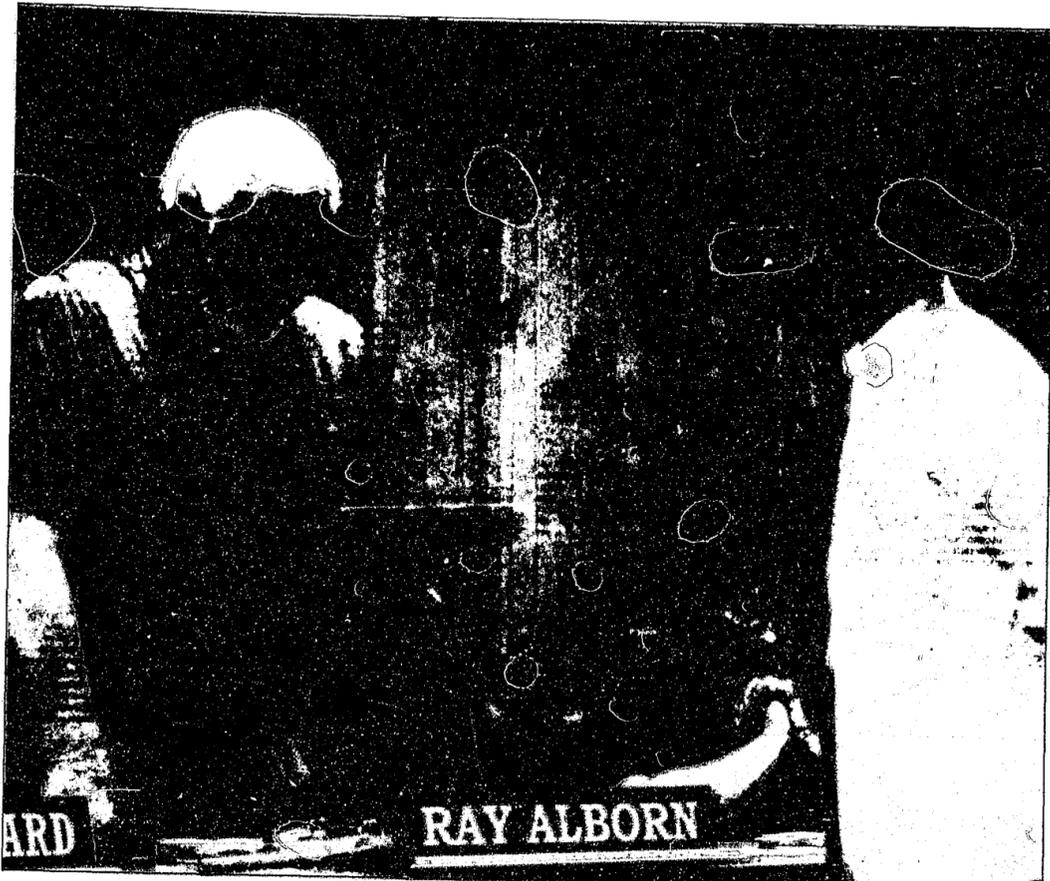
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City	Today	Thu.
Albuquerque	92/67/s	91/66/pc
Artesia	100/73/s	102/72/s
Chama	85/49/t	82/45/t
Clayton	93/64/s	96/62/t
Cloudcroft	83/51/s	83/44/s
Farmington	92/68/t	89/66/t
Hobbs	98/67/s	100/67/s
Los Alamos	87/65/t	86/52/pc
Portales	84/66/s	98/66/s
Raton	90/56/s	94/53/t
Red River	83/51/s	83/44/t
Ruidoso	86/64/s	88/64/s
Santa Fe	90/59/s	90/56/pc
Silver City	92/66/t	93/67/t
Taos	87/53/s	87/47/r

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Acapulco	84/75/t	84/73/sh
Cancun	91/75/pc	90/75/pc
Chihuahua	83/66/pc	81/68/pc
Ciudad Juárez	99/73/s	99/73/s
León	82/63/t	85/62/t
México, DF	73/59/t	75/59/t
Monterrey	89/75/pc	89/75/pc
Morelia	77/64/t	82/63/t
Oaxaca	79/61/t	77/63/t
Pto. Peñasco	99/81/t	103/80/pc
Tijuana	82/64/pc	79/63/pc

CANCER FUND MONTH



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Marita Hynes, right, listens as Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn reads a proclamation declaring the month of August as the Kay Yow/Women's Basketball Coaches Association Cancer Fund Month. Sitting is Ruidoso Councilor Angel Shaw. Alborn said the charitable organization is committed to finding a solution in the fight against women's cancers through raising money for scientific research. Kay Yow spent 38 years as a head basketball coach at the college level, and was one of six division I head coaches to achieve 700 career victories, he said. She also was head coach of the 1988 U.S. Olympic Team that won the gold medal in Seoul, South Korea. She was diagnosed in 1987 with breast cancer and died on Jan. 24, 2009, after her third bout with the disease. In addition to scientific research, the Kay Yow WBCA Cancer Fund also is dedicated to raising money for clinical trials and on Dec. 9, 2009, along with the V Foundation, donated \$100,000 to the University of Texas San Antonio Health Science Center.

Alto Lakes

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will meet at 9 a.m., Aug. 19, 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 at least 24 hours before the meeting and will be posted on the bulletin board of the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Recycling news

Lincoln County and Mescalero residents can

now recycle paperboard — cereal boxes, rice and pasta boxes, fast-food packaging, etc. — with office quality paper.

Paperboard is different than corrugated cardboard which also can be recycled in blue recycling dumpsters across the region.

While cardboard is a type of paperboard, other examples include drink boxes, cereal containers, detergent packaging, shoe boxes and tissue containers. It should be recycled with paper, not with corrugated cardboard.

More than 85 percent of the U.S. population has

access to paperboard recycling. Paperboard had a recovery rate of 72 percent in 2006 — the second highest of all paper products, behind newspapers.

Recycled paperboard represents the largest market for recycled paper in the U.S. Paperboard can be produced from 100 percent recycled paper or entirely from virgin wood sources, depending on the product for which it is used.

Tips for recycling paperboard:

- Remove the plastic

liner. Many of your food packages will have a plastic bag separating the food from the paperboard. This helps keep the paperboard clean, but the plastic bag should be removed prior to recycling.

- Remove Styrofoam or another other material.
- Flatten the paperboard. It makes processing easier.
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Sarah Lynn Di Paolo

died August 13, 2010 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. She was born and raised in Ruidoso New Mexico on June 27, 1989. She attended ENMU College after graduating from Ruidoso High School. She loved art and jewelry making, which after learning she had cancer, she sold to raise money for awareness for other cancer patients. She was an active member in the Relay for Life and raised money for research for the treatment and cure for cancer. Sarah had an immense compassion for people and animals. She did volunteer work at the Humane Society where she tried to help less fortunate animals find homes, including many to her own home.

Sarah was a selfless individual and was always thinking of others before herself. Her sweet smile and kind spirit will forever be missed and will always be remembered by her countless friends and family. She is survived by her parents Jill and Phil Di Paolo; her sisters Stephanie Di Paolo and Susanne Herbst; her niece Hanna; her grandparents Sue and Jeff Chapman and Shirley and Phyllis Smith. She will also be missed by her many aunts, uncles and cousins who loved her dearly. We will all miss the ray of sunshine that she brought into our lives and her beautiful smile that touched us all.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday August 18, 2010 in the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso at 1:00 P.M. with burial to follow at the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Cemetery at Ruidoso Downs.

The family has requested memorials to the American Cancer Society or the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

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OUR OPINION

'Blogs' are maddening – and necessary

We're still figuring out this useful tool

Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn last week decried Internet "blogs" for their anonymity and less-than-civil tone.

Needless to say, he was mercilessly slammed on the Ruidoso News website, which offers online readers a comments service.

Blogs, which are generated by an individual or organization, differ from readers' comments, which are linked to a specific news story or commentary.

In effect, however, they serve the same purpose – offering those who might not otherwise have a voice a

forum to help shape the public dialogue and expose secrets.

That is good, though it understandably makes some uneasy.

And when it comes to "whistle-blowing" by those in the know, anonymity is a necessary cover.

We do, however, share Alborn's concern for "mean-spirited" remarks. Such posting simply hijacks threads and does not further the dialogue.

The Internet can be a rather lawless terrain. Going forward, we will try to better police personal attacks, but you can help by aspiring to a higher form of debate.

Candidates have differing solutions to corruption

Standing before the Bernalillo County Courthouse, scene of the state's biggest corruption trial, Susana Martinez announced her ethics plan. Seven days later the Doña Ana district attorney found herself defending the no-bid purchase of office supplies from a subordinate and political ally.

The lesson here, besides the old saws about glass houses and Caesar's wife, is that ethics is a muddy field that will suck the boots off everyone who crosses it. So let's stipulate that many fine folks have made a decision or two that seemed reasonable at the time but

wouldn't look good in headlines. The recent flap about office supplies is a good excuse to look at the ethics plans offered by both candidates.

Martinez, the Republican candidate, would permanently ban any lobbyist convicted of a crime related to public trust, prohibit state agencies' hiring their own lobbyists, create a new Public Corruption Division in the New Mexico State Police, require convicted state officials to serve time and give up their public pensions, and provide ethics training for state employees, among other measures.

Diane Denish, the Democratic candidate, would create an ethics commission with subpoena powers to investigate state officials, employees, lobbyists and contractors. An online Sunshine Portal of state government information, which she advocated a year ago, is in the works. She also called for more frequent campaign finance reporting and stronger reporting requirements for lobbyists.

An independent ethics commission topped the list of 2006 recommendations by the governor's nonpartisan Ethics Task Force, chaired by former Gov. Garrey Carruthers and UNM Law School Dean Suellen Scarnecchia. Denish has emphasized the need for both independence and teeth. The commission is also a concept favored by Common Cause, a good-government group with a long interest in ethics.

Martinez assumes any commission would be Butch Cassidy guarding the Sundance Kid. Like a good prosecutor, her focus is punishment. "Ending corruption means there must be real consequences for violating the public trust, and real consequences, frankly, means prison," she said, standing before the courthouse where former Democratic powerhouse Manny Aragon was convicted and sentenced to prison.

Which means we have consequences, and Aragon certainly knew what they were.

But like most crooks, he never expected to get caught. In fact, he didn't get caught for a long time. I asked the U.S. Attorney if he thought Manny & Co. had done this before. He couldn't prove it, he said, but it was his impression they had.

Ethics plans should have to pass the Manny Test. Stiffer punishment? You have to catch them first.

Commission? To begin investigating, you need a tip. This is usually not a problem, given the number of conscientious or disgruntled employees, vindictive ex-spouses and losing bidders. But could this commission expose the next Manny?

I'd like to see a good watch dog. That would not be a new State Police unit; I've heard too many complaints over the years that cops would rather chase killers and drug dealers than mess with white collar crime.

Former U.S. Rep. Heather Wilson has proposed an Office of the Inspector General, which would probe state and local governments. Currently, the State Auditor examines finances; an IG could do more, like checking compliance with procurement and personnel policies.

This is an idea straight out of Wilson's Air Force background. Every base has an inspector general who handles complaints about fraud, waste and abuse. The Air Force Inspection Agency assesses programs during surprise visits, examining documents, observing operations, and interviewing staff. Agencies hate to see them coming. And that's exactly what we need.

FOR THOSE WITH AN AXE TO GRIND, the internet is the perfect tool...



YOUR OPINION

Arts situation disheartening

To the editor:

I'M ALARMED AT the budget cuts and, most specifically, the recent slide into oblivion of the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, which recently fired its executive director, Ed Spurr.

This situation pertaining to an entity dedicated to coordinating all of the art disciplines in Lincoln County, and the strangulation and stilling of its voice, by budget cuts from the village and the apathy of its board, have prompted me to speak out.

There is plenty of blame to spread around. But, as an artist who gives time, talent, and money, this is deplorable. I have seen so many wonderful and accomplished people leave Ruidoso over these scant 21 years I have resided here. The past few weeks have amply exemplified why: Cut the arts, but heaven

forbid, not football.

Ed Spurr was brought here to Ruidoso by Jackie Spencer, from Chicago, because of his expertise in the theater in lighting, sound, and the general running of a theater. Jackie Spencer knew an immensely gifted and credible man when she saw one. My experience has been – and this is just an observation/opinion – that the more gifted you are, the more uncomfortable the general public is and they eventually get rid of you.

Look at what is happening to your own profession these days. The giant thinkers and writers are scarce as hen's teeth. And newspaper people are suffering from the public's apathy and malaise.

So, too, the Ruidoso Regional Arts Council's demise of its executive director and the fact they

are now rudderless and without a credible face and direction, a ship without a captain, going nowhere.

I salute the quote by Gamal Abdel Nasser, "The genius of Americans is that you never make clear-cut stupid moves, only complicated stupid moves which makes us wonder at the possibility that there must be something to them which we are missing."

Killing another promoter and contributing to the demise of another effort to promote the arts, which only adds panache and good imaging for Ruidoso, might come under the heading of another bonehead, stupid move. No wonder people leave here after five years. This is very disheartening.

Barbara Westbrook
Ruidoso

Appreciate the effort to educate the voter

To the editor:

THE AUG. 13, 2010 edition of the Ruidoso News is among the best ever written. Timely articles. Thought-provoking material.

The interview with R. D. Hubbard covered many of the questions the community has sought to be answered. Thanks Dianne and Jim!

Editor Marty Racine's opinion column was balanced and underscored the key issue: getting our community prepared for a possible loss of the racetrack.

The beautiful picture on the front page also sent a positive message for our visitors, and "Pigskin preview" was a great opening for football season.

Thanks to all of you for your production of an outstanding issue. I appreciate the sincere effort all of you are making in offering fair coverage of the divisive track issue. You are doing the best possible thing: educating the voter.

Greg L. Cory
Regional President
New Mexico/West Texas
Southwest Securities, FSB

Our fantastic gem

To the editor:

THANK YOU to all our friends who love history and paid a visit to Fort Stanton Live this past week end. We hope everyone came away with a better understanding of the fantastic gem you have here in Lincoln county.

A very special thank you goes to Gwen McCausland, without her leadership this event would not have been the success it was this year.

There were over 60 docents and friends of the fort who worked

night and day to help make this the rousing success that it was in celebrating our local history.

I hope to see everyone again next year when we bring you Fort Stanton Live 2011.

Clinton Smith
President,
Fort Stanton, Inc.

Respects the electorate

To the editor:

I WOULD LIKE to thank the voters who put me in the position of first runner-up for a council seat in the March election.

My thanks to Mayor Alborn and the council members for their recommendation and appointment. Their action demonstrated respect and support of our electorate.

Sincerely,

Gloria Sayers
Village Councilor

A good camp

To the editor:

PEACE VILLAGE-Ruidoso completed its seventh annual kids' day camp on July 30. We appreciate all the campers who joined us.

We would very much like to thank all the individuals who made monetary donations. Special thanks for monetary donations from the Ruidoso Noon Lions Club, the Kiwanis Club, Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club, Ruidoso Home Health Care and Hospice, Capitan Woman's Club, Ruidoso Veterinary Clinic and the Sacramento Mountain Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Our camp could not happen without the generous contributions of both individuals and

businesses. Twenty-six out of 34 of Peace Village personnel are volunteers. A very special thanks to Brandon Hutchison from Angus Outdoor Education; Stephen Carter and Eco-Servants; Misty McArthur and Andrea Reed from the Dance Gallery; Kathy Goughly, Klaus Zoller, Lea Zoller, Ben Zoller, Melissa Gebhart, Linda Hand, Wayne and Lou Ann Ellison, Thomas Radcliffe, Cheryl Gnatkowski, Mike Mauldin, Taryn McCain from Laughing Eyes Kennels, Jamie Slack, Robert Campbell, Phil and Linda Schreiber, Chuck Maly, Angie Fernandez, Lacy Jones (photographer, www.lakamera.com), Lesah Silva, and Marlee Parks.

We additionally would like to thank local restaurants for providing food: Can't Stop Smokin', Café Rio, Ruidoso Jockey Club, Paso Monte Grill, Schlotzsky's, and LaSierra.

We are especially grateful to Victor Montes from the Warehouse for providing food for the campers.

Thanks to Walmart for the \$100 donation to purchase one new portable gazebo. Thanks to Joe Vargas for the use of the 20-by-20-foot tent, Kate Winner and Joel Carrothers for the EZup gazebo, and Boyd Sibley for providing sound equipment.

Thanks to age group leaders, teacher Christi Richardson, and assistant teacher Heather Hixon. And most of all, thanks to Barbara Mader and High Mesa Healing Center for providing the beautiful home for Peace Village.

Kaylah Glasgow and Susan Finch
Co-Directors
Peace Village-Ruidoso
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OPTIONS

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acres. He owns the remaining 60 acres, which contains mostly barns and related structures.

No doubt if he pulls the track license from Ruidoso Downs, the futurities and derbys will go with him, Hubbard said, emphatically. He owns them.

Another element that would go with him are summer racing days, which could pose a problem for horse owners.

One prominent trainer said a major reason he comes to Ruidoso Downs is that summer racing temperatures are less stressful on his horses. "I wouldn't ever run a horse in the summer in a place like Clovis," he said "It's too hot. It would kill them."

Ann McGovern, president and general manager of Ruidoso Downs Racing Inc., said night racing could be considered, if the summer racing schedule was moved to an area such as Las Cruces, to avoid heat stress.

"As you know, our goal is to stay in Ruidoso," she said Monday. "However, if we do move, we would look at all options available to maximize our racing program, which may or may not include night racing."

In an interview last week, Hubbard said night racing turned out to be a big success when he led the Hollywood Racing Park in California. Friday night racing spawned a whole new group of horse racing fans, he said.

Patrick Bingham, executive director of the New Mexico Horsemen's Association, wrote a letter stating that his group supports the track staying in Ruidoso, although the members are well aware that a move to a more populated area could increase the purse they race to win.

Bingham, who put together economic impacts of racing on the state and local economies, said the endorsement of staying in Ruidoso Down was based in part on "timing and tradition."

'Mighty fine place'

"There is one more track approved for New Mexico granted to Raton and it's not happening and we have a void in that regard," Bingham said Monday. "Nobody has come out and said exactly what (Hubbard's) options are. Las Cruces would be hard to support, because of its proximity to Sunland. No one has come out with an exact location to take a look at and Ruidoso is a mighty fine place to race.

"Obviously, we're inter-

ested in better purses. It's a timing issue, an uncertainty issue and the sixth race track and where it could go - Raton, Tucumcari? Obviously, the horsemen want to do what is the best for the industry."

Marty Cope, chairman of the Racing Commission, wrote a letter clarifying that Hubbard has the right to move. The Racing Commission in approving a new site or rejecting the application would look at what is in the best interests of the racing industry, as state law directs, she wrote.

"There are a limited number of racing licenses available for the state an additional ones won't be considered or issued until 2039," Cope wrote. "If the commission does approve a different location for the present owner, Ruidoso Downs will be an abandoned facility."

Abandoned, that is, to any horse racing and gaming activities. Many local officials contend the time may be right to think about motorized competition at the track, such as extreme sports events.

State Sen. Mary Kay Papen, (D-Las Cruces), offered a different view in an interview with the *Las Cruces Sun-News*. A state law that prevents simulating at horse race tracks and casinos from being within 80 miles of each could delay plans to move. Hubbard would have to look for a site beyond that limit to avoid Sunland Park. The distance between Las Cruces and Sunland Park is about 30 miles. The Legislature would have to change state law to shorten the distance, she said.

"Sunland Park is the most profitable race track and casino in the state, Papen said. "We would be compromising what the state is already getting in profits. It's all about common sense, and it just doesn't make sense to favor one over the others."

Stan Fulton and other officials at Sunland Park Race Track and Casino have declined to publicly comment about Hubbard's plans to move his racino to Las Cruces. But before the application to move to Las Cruces was filed last year, Fulton offered to leave New Mexico State University a sizable portion of his estate when he dies, provided no other racetrack and casino moves into the area.

Nick Franklin, executive director of the NMSU Foundation, disputed the exclusive language for the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino.

"There are no agreements in place between the NMSU Foundation and Mr. Stan Fulton that have any stipulations placed on

them. Mr. Fulton's generosity to this institution has been tremendous and we appreciate all he does for NMSU," Franklin said Tuesday.

Published reports four years ago stated that Fulton, using campaign contributions, had worked to thwart a proposed tribal casino in Anthony, less than 20 miles up the Interstate from Sunland Park.

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima said in interview in 2008 that he was aware of Hubbard's interest and would be more than happy to see the track move to the state's second-largest city. He was unavailable for comment this week, but Christine Logan, economic development administrator for the City of Las Cruces, said during a recent public hearing the mayor mentioned he still was in discussions with Ruidoso Downs Race Track officials.

"I know the mayor has been in discussions and has made comments recently, but I'm not sure exactly what direction those discussions are taking," she said.

Julian Luna, executive director of the New Mexico Racing Commission, said there are other issues that would have to be resolved before Ruidoso Downs moved to Las Cruces. The process to do that can be a lengthy one, partly because state officials would have to notify all Native American tribes in the state about the proposed move. The tribes would be allowed to comment on the proposal and public meetings would also likely be conducted before the racing commission would make a final decision.

But attorney and race horse owner Freda McSwane, spokesman for The Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development, a political action group that paid for a voter attitude telephone survey and the special election, says the commission already set a precedent.

"I keep hearing so many things about whether the track could move or not. I hear racing commissioners say they never will approve, but the New Mexico Racing Commission already set a precedent for a license moving when they approved the Downs at Albuquerque going to Moriarty for similar circumstances of struggling financially," she said.

"It never came to fruition, but they set the precedent. From a legal standpoint, I don't think they would have a leg to stand on.

"It's crazy for us to imagine that a business person would continue to infuse \$1

million a year into a track without help. He could build another track and sell it in a few years and make another \$200 million (the reported sale price for the racino he built in Hobbs). We have to determine what having this business in our community is worth.

"Is it worth paying a small amount to have it here?"

She continued, "I don't think anyone relishes higher taxes, but we have to be realistic about what the loss of the track would do to this community. I don't think I spend \$10,000 a year, but I know my business would suffer more than \$19."

With Clovis and Alamogordo, a city within a short drive from Hubbard's 309-acre horse farm north of Tularosa, declaring their interest in Hubbard moving his track and casino to their areas, the Racing Commission may be hard pressed to oppose a move.

Clovis

The opening paragraph on the Develop Clovis website of the Clovis Industrial Development Commission states that, "Clovis and Curry County have a distinct advantage in New Mexico, because the city and county governments can offer carefully controlled land, buildings or infrastructure incentive packages to qualified companies."

Some of the incentives are listed as general tax credits and industrial revenue bonds.

Clovis officials are especially receptive because Curry County was looking at a decrease of up to 26 percent, about 7,000 jobs, when Pentagon officials contemplated closing Cannon Air Force Base in 2005. The base stayed, but a fighter wing was lost.

They know how it feels to see their local economy threatened, said Chase Gentry of the CIDC.

"On behalf of Clovis Industrial Development Corporation I have the following comment regarding the race track and casino," Gentry said last month. "CIDC has presented a business proposal to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino for their review, if moving the racetrack and casino becomes one of their options. When Clovis went through the military Base closure process, we learned first-hand what the potential impact would be to our local economy through the loss of an existing industry.

"Clovis and Curry County do not wish Ruidoso any ill will or want to hurt Ruidoso in any way."

Reportedly, Clovis officials have offered Hubbard some land and to pay electricity costs for five years.

But CIDC's economic development specialist Gene Hendrick said Monday he was unaware of such incentives.

"I don't know where anything like that could have come from unless somebody was just throwing out possibilities saying 'we might be able to assist with this and we might be able to assist with that,'" said Hendrick. "But we've had no official meetings where we decided that this is what kind of a package we would offer."

While stating the CIDC would never try to steal a business from another New Mexico community, Hendrick said that in the case of a business that wants to relocate, the economic development organization will swing into action.

"We think it would be very successful here because we're so close to Lubbock and Amarillo," said Hendrick. "We have a large military base here and it's getting bigger every day. One of the things, especially with the people here complaining about, there's not enough local entertainment for them. And we think this would be another recreational outlet."

CIDC was successful in luring a much larger enterprise to Clovis when Southwest Cheese Company began production in October 2005. Hendrick said that was a \$300 million facility.

Alamogordo

When Ron Griggs, the mayor of Alamogordo, saw Clovis was interested, he spurred his city council members to direct the city manager to put together an incentive package in case voters on Sept. 21 in Lincoln County reject the tax aimed at reducing Ruidoso Race Track's tax liability.

"The community years ago passed an economic development gross receipts tax equal to 1/8th of 1 cent to use only for economic opportunities," Griggs said Monday.

The tax was used four times, and scored some successes and a few disappointments.

"It was successful with 1-800 Flowers, which received assistance to be paid back over five years and it stayed seven or eight," he said.

"The next one was Sunbaked Biscuits, which became Marietta Biscuits. Right now they are not baking cookies. However, PreCheck was based in Houston and moved its corporate office here and it's a going concern. And we gave a little bit of funding to Premier Pellets outside of Tularosa. The jury is out on that. We hope it was a good

investment."

When he read that Clovis made overtures to Hubbard, "Alamogordo felt we needed to get with our economic development arm to see what was available to bring the track and casino to Alamogordo, if the tax election failed," he said.

"It's clear, it's all up to Lincoln County. If the tax is successful, we're all right. Alamogordo benefits from having it in Lincoln County. If Alamogordo, Tularosa, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs lost the racetrack to the east side of the state, there's an impact to us. We can't measure it exactly, but we don't want that to occur."

Griggs said he can't speak about specific offers, but a package is being put together that city officials hope will be attractive to Hubbard, something competitive with other areas that are interested.

"I don't know what it will be," the mayor said. "Certainly, it will be his call. When we look at things, we're similar to Clovis in many ways (both have military bases). He has a substantial investment here (Crystal Springs Horse Farm north of Tularosa) and lots of other (horse) people do, too. He brings people from Texas to see the horses run and to enjoy the cool climate. A lot are his friends and they invest in the area. We're fooling ourselves to think there would be no impact to real estate and businesses in and around Otero and Lincoln County (if the racino) moved."

Griggs emphasized his first preference is for the track to stay put.

"But we're a fall-back. We want it to stay."

Jim Bret Campbell, senior director of marketing and publications for the American Quarter Horse Association, said while his group has taken no official position on the tax election or the track moving, most members have a sentimental attachment to Ruidoso Downs.

"In the overall scheme of quarter horse racing, obviously Ruidoso Downs has a huge historical significance to the sport and breed. I think everyone would regret if it moved, but as far as an official position, we're interested in growing the sport as a whole and support quarter horse racing in New Mexico," Campbell said.

"For sentimental and historical reasons, we'd sure hate to see the track move from Ruidoso Downs, but we support whatever Mr. Hubbard has to do to keep (racing) viable and to do what is best for his operation."

A Ruidoso News exclusive



Mexican Consulate assists Mexican nationals for IDs

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The Mexican Consulate assisted more than 100 Mexican nationals in Ruidoso on Saturday, providing assistance with visas, passports and identification cards.

The identification services rendered by staff from Albuquerque office of the Mexican Consulate can be helpful for renting or banking.

Former Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department Director Rafael "Rifle" Salas said similar consulate services were

provided at the Ruidoso Senior Center in 2007 and 2008.

"My role was to open the door for them," said Salas. "There were about 120 adults that showed up. I didn't count the kids."

Previously, a room at the center was provided to the consulate delegation without charge. This time the village charged a rental fee. Questioned, Salas said he paid the \$100 fee.

The event drew a handful of demonstrators protesting illegal immigration.

EDUCATION

Mescalero teacher appointed to state PED council

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A July 29 letter from the New Mexico State Secretary of Education confirmed Ashley Ivins as a full council member of the Public Education Department's Math and Science Advisory Council for a term of four years.

Ivins began this school year teaching Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Physical Science at Mescalero Apache Schools.

"I am humbled and honored to serve on the New Mexico Public Education Dept. Math and Science Advisory Council," said Ivins.

"The Council is made up of very respected people in Math and Science - Toney Begay, the director of the New Mexico MESA Program; Ray Nance a 2009 SSP Fellow and innovative teacher; and representatives from higher education, Sandia National Labs and Intel, just to name a few. It is a great honor for me to represent classroom teachers in the goal of improving education for the students of New Mexico during the next four years."

"The MSAC Council is responsible for creating a strategic action plan for the

direction of Math and Science Education in New Mexico and how as a state, we can achieve the goals in the strategic planning," Ivins explained. "Currently the Council is focused on making New Mexico a national leader in math and science through better teacher preparation, increasing the numbers of math and science teachers, improved teacher professional development, adopting instructional materials that foster inquiry skills and problem solving, improving school laboratory facilities, and creating partnerships between schools and career scientists, engineers and corporations in the state."

Ivins taught for six years in the fields of Science, Agriculture, Special Education and Technology at Lake Arthur High School, Artesia Junior High, Hatch Valley Middle School, Carrizozo Schools and Mescalero. She has a Bachelor's of Science in Agriculture Education and Master of Arts in Curriculum Instruction. She is in the process of securing her Master of Arts in Science Teaching from New Mexico Tech and Administrative Credentials from New Mexico State University as well as applying to several

Doctor of Education programs.

"Part of what I hope to do as part of the MSAC is to promote NM MESA (Math, Engineering, Science and Technology Achievement) and the inception of other programs like it," Ivins said. "I think it is so important for students to have experiences beyond the classroom to generate interest in math and science and get them thinking about careers. MESA is a great program that provides funding and opportunities for students to participate in extra-curricular STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities. I am excited to bring the program to the students of Mescalero Schools because I know it is a program that works. Through MESA I have had students learn not only about math and science but also engineering, business, marketing, robotics, creativity and technical writing."

Statistically MESA students are more likely than the state or national average to go to college and major in STEM fields. Based on a 10-year longitudinal study, 78 percent of NM MESA students attend college, more than twice the 30 percent average for New Mexico and the 34

percent nationally.

Of those, 86 percent of the NM MESA students obtain a B.S. or higher with the average for New Mexico to achieve that is 26 percent and nationally at 29 percent.

Currently more than 5,000 New Mexico students are enrolled in MESA from 40 school districts and 111 schools.

"In addition to getting kids to graduate high school, go to college, graduate from college and many go into the STEM fields, we draw those average students who would not normally be attracted to Math or Science, said Betty Chancey, the Southeast Region Coordinator for NM MESA.

"Kids find out these subjects can be fun as well as rewarding. We provide STEM enrichment through field trips, competitions, community service, tutoring and college visits, etc."

Chancey said Ivins is one of the best teachers and MESA advisors she has had the privilege of working with. "She has the enthusiasm needed to get kids motivated and involved," Chancey said. "I am not sure how she does everything she does. She has an enormous amount of energy when it comes to helping kids. NM MESA is



COURTESY

Ashley Ivins met with Senator Jeff Bingaman on a recent trip to Washington, D.C., where she attended the Fellows Institute as part of an award for being named one of the top 10 Math and Science teachers in the United States.

proud to have her as an advisor for the Mescalero Apache Schools MESA program."

"I'm very excited to have the support of the superintendent, Ms. Saenz and the principal Mr. Cavazos as well as the Mescalero Apache Schools Board of Education who are interested in students at MAS having access to the best education possible," Ivins

said. "And I will also be co-advising the NM MESA program with math teacher Eleanor Pedraza."

Ivins said her return to Mescalero Apache Schools has been wonderful.

"I feel very welcomed by the administration, staff and students and I am looking forward to improving student achievement with my excellent team members," she said.

TEEN SPOTLITE

Maribel Villegas is the next teen in the Spotlight. Maribel is the daughter of Raul and Lorena Villegas and will begin her junior year this fall at Capitan High School.

Villegas is involved in a variety of activities at her school, church, and in her community.

At Capitan High School, Villegas is a dedicated student who has been on the "A" honor roll since her freshman year.

She is an active member in National Honor Society, is enrolled in several honors classes, and takes part in a Bible study group at CHS.

Villegas has been involved in sports throughout high school. She is a member of the softball team and is proud of their success.



MARIBEL VILLEGAS

The Tigers were first in district the last three years, placed third at the State Tournament in 2009, and second at the 2010 State Tournament.

Community is also important to Villegas. She has attended the Light the Fire Youth Leadership Summits, an annual event designed to foster leadership and encourage youth to give back to their communities.

Villegas is also involved in church activities as she sings in the youth choir and is a children worship ministry leader.

While Villegas is certainly busy, she still finds time to pursue her desire to master the guitar.

Villegas lists her parents as "greatest" influences in her life.

She said, "They teach by example and have taught me to love God with all of my heart. They encourage me to pursue my goals and dreams with everything I have."

Taking her parents' advice to heart, Villegas has already started making plans to attend college and pursue a degree that will lead to a career as an architect.

School busses

line up and students head in for the first day of classes Tuesday at the White Mountain schools campus in Ruidoso.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

ENMU BRIEFS

Entrepreneur

Richard Aguilar teaches a hands-on business development program for those interested in starting a business. Topics include how to identify target markets, plan operations, set financial goals, and finance the business.

The class is every Wednesday, 6-9 p.m., Aug. 18 through Sept. 22. The fee is \$299 and financial aid is available. For more information or to register,

call 257-3012.

Tai Chi: Fit Over 50

Patti Gray begins a 12-week class beginning Aug. 18 on Tai Chi for seniors. The class is based on a program developed by the Oregon Research Institute that demonstrated a decrease in falls and fear of falls by students participating in the class for at least 12 weeks. The class is Wednesdays and Fri-days, 9:30-11 a.m., at The Dance

Gallery. The fee is \$120 for the series or \$5 a class. To register, call 257-3012.

History Talk

The final talk by Herb Marsh, Jr., president of the Lincoln County Historical Society, is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 18, from 6-7:30 p.m., in Room 103 at ENMU-Ruidoso. Topic is Lincoln County WPA writings. The fee for the talk is \$10 or \$5 for seniors. Call 257-3012 to register.

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POLICE & COURTS

Judge dismisses suits over Geronimo remains

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Despite recent legal setbacks, efforts will continue to return Geronimo's remains to his birthplace at the headwaters of the Gila River, according to former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, attorney for a group of relatives of the legendary Apache leader.

On Feb. 17, 2009, the 100th anniversary of the death of Geronimo, a lawsuit seeking repatriation of Geronimo's remains was filed in Washington, D.C., by Clark on behalf of 20 descendants, including Harlyn Geronimo of Mescalero, who identified

himself as the great-grandson of Geronimo.

The lawsuit claimed that his remains were stolen in 1918 by members of Skull and Bones, a secret student society at Yale University, from a burial plot at Fort Sill, Okla., where Geronimo died in 1909.

According to an Aug. 10 Associated Press story, Federal Judge Richard Roberts last month granted a Justice Department motion to dismiss the lawsuit, saying the plaintiffs failed to establish that the government waived its right not to be sued.

The judge also dismissed the lawsuit against

Yale and the society, saying the plaintiffs cited a law that only applies to Native American cultural items excavated or discovered after 1990.

Lariat Geronimo of Mescalero, a great-grandson of Geronimo who disputes Harlyn Geronimo's family ties to the historical figure, said his family learned of the dismissals about two weeks ago. He said he was pleased with the news.

"It's going to stay there," he said of the Oklahoma gravesite. "If they want to keep throwing their money around, go ahead."

Lariat Geronimo's family has opposed the repatri-

ation attempt.

Those who filed the lawsuit have not given up their fight, Clark said Tuesday in a phone interview from his home in New York.

"We're committed to trying to return Geronimo's remnants to the headwaters of the Gila and there is new hope that we can find ways to do it. This judgment does not preclude other efforts," Clark said.

"It is shameful that Geronimo's remains would be in Fort Sill in an Apache prisoner of war cemetery in contradiction of his wishes to live and die and be buried in the mountains where he was born."

"We have asked the

court for an order causing the exhumation of remains to determine that they are Geronimo's and whether all the remains are there," Clark said.

Rumors have persisted for decades that members of Skull and Bones used Geronimo's remains in their ceremonies.

The secret society claims many prestigious members, including Presidents George H.W. and George W. Bush, whose grandfather Prescott Bush allegedly dug up Geronimo's grave when a group of Army volunteers from Yale was stationed at the Ft. Sill during World War I, taking his skull and some of his bones.

Phone calls Tuesday to Harlyn Geronimo were not immediately returned.

Clark said he has been in touch with the group of Geronimo descendants who filed the lawsuit and plans are in the works.

"We have discussed other strategies but no decision has been reached," on best ways to continue to seek return of Geronimo's remains to New Mexico, Clark said.

Sun-News reporter Diana M. Alba contributed to this story.

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Banking fraud cases found in Ruidoso

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In separate cases, two Ruidoso residents found their debit cards had been used for out of state purchases. And another accepted a check that later turned out to be a phony.

A woman went to police after her debit card was turned down at the post office in Ruidoso.

She went to her financial institution and was told a number of unauthorized charges had been made to her account. The charges added up to \$1,273 plus overdraft fees. Several of the charges were from stores in San Mateo and San Bruno, Calif. The bank closed the woman's account.

Another woman told police that she tried to use her debit card at Club Gas but it was rejected. Another effort to use the card at the Ruidoso post office was also denied.

After contacting her bank, the woman said she was told her account was "flagged" because of unusu-

al activity. Two charges had been made at a store in Stuart, Fla. The charges totaled \$493.02.

A shop owner told police a check, written by a man who purchased \$268.54 in goods, was returned as a fraudulent check. The owner of Hearts Delight said the financial institution does not exist. The case was turned over to the police department's Criminal Investigation Division.

The New Mexico attorney general's Consumer Protection Division's announced Monday that their counterfeit check database was recently updated to help consumers identify fraudulent checks that are currently circulating in the state.

The database can be accessed at www.nmag.gov/checkscams/default.

The Consumer Protection Division has staff that is trained in identifying fraudulent checks.

Consumers can protect themselves if they receive a counterfeit check by simply not cashing the check, the office said.

Former scout leader may face charges

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A former Capitan area Boy Scout leader can face charges that include sexual contact of a minor.

In a memorandum opinion the New Mexico Court of Appeals reversed a May 2008 ruling from the District Court of Lincoln County that dismissed the case on grounds of lack of a speedy trial.

Martin B. Grier had originally been indicted by a grand jury in October 2004, when he was 50 years old.

A superceding grand jury indictment replaced the original charges almost a year later.

A criminal complaint charged Grier with one count of criminal sexual penetration of a child, three counts of sexual contact of a

minor, one count of attempted sexual contact of a minor, a count of bribery of a witness, five counts of distribution of a controlled substance to a minor, and two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

But in March 2006 the first indictment was quashed after the state provided the grand jury with the testimony of one witness, then Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Robert Shepperd.

He had investigated the case but was not an eyewitness.

Neither the victims nor other material witnesses were called to testify.

Two months later a separate grant jury issued a new indictment charging Grier with crimes identical to those previous dismissed.

And prosecutors presented new evidence to the grand jury to support the second indictment.

Grier had moved to Colorado, married, and started a new job.

When the case came to trial on May 8, 2007, the defense claimed a violation of Grier's right to a speedy trial. District Judge James Waylon Counts agreed after calculating that the time period started with the first proceeding when Grier had originally been indicted on Oct. 4, 2004.

In dismissing the case, the judge said the delay exceeded a 12-month threshold.

But the New Mexico Court of Appeals determined the calculation of a 31-month delay was incorrect.

The justices said while the second indictment

charged Grier with identical offenses as in the first case, the second indictment was based on independent, non-hearsay testimony of one of the alleged victims.

"For the purposes of determining a length of delay in Defendant's case, the period begins on May 16, 2006, when the second grand jury indictment was issued and Defendant became an 'accused.'"

The period ends on the first day of trial which was May 8, 2007," the three appellate judges wrote. "There was no violation of Defendant's right to a speedy trial."

The recalculated timeline was 11 months and 22 days.

Shepperd, who is now the Lincoln County undersheriff, said the district attorney's office will decide if Grier will now be tried.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Aug. 6

2:08 p.m. - A woman reported her 17-year old daughter as a runaway. The woman said the last time she had seen her daughter was on Aug. 2.

A police officer talked to the daughter after he dialed her boyfriend's cell phone number. She said she was OK and had permission from her father to go on the trip.

The father's girlfriend told police permission had not been granted.

The 17-year old was entered into the National Crime Information Center.

Aug. 8

1:17 p.m. - An officer was dispatched to Walgreen's, 138 Sudderth Dr., on a report of trouble with a man.

An employee told police

the man came in, began threatening customers and punched a wall. He then went outside to the back of the building.

After police learned that Alley M. Hosetosavit, 31, of Mescalero had an order prohibiting him on the Walgreen's property, he was arrested and transported to the Lincoln County Medical Center.

2 p.m. - Three men was cited into municipal court for swimming in Grindstone Reservoir.

The three, Nicholas C. Womack, 21, Jacob R. Martin, 20, and Jacob Hyslop, 17, were all from Tucumcari.

When told signs listing the regulations for the reservoir stated swimming was not allowed, the three said they did not read the posted rules.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

Aug. 2

4:43 p.m. - A Ruidoso Downs man was arrested on charges of aggravated assault, battery against a household member and tampering with evidence. Police received a 9-1-1 call about a two men fighting at a location in the Willow Trailer Park. After separating the two police arrested Christian Maldonado, 18. In addition to two officers from the Ruidoso Downs Police Department, an officer with New Mexico State Police responded to the location.

Aug. 5

11:30 a.m. - A traffic stop netted a woman wanted on an outstanding warrant. Veronica Sanchez, 35, no hometown provided, was taken into custody by an officer on the warrant issued by magistrate court at Ruidoso.

2:49 p.m. - An officer was dispatched to the parking lot of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track to write

a report of a hit and run incident. The reporting party said he needed a report because his parked vehicle was hit by another vehicle.

4:14 p.m. - A Ruidoso Downs officer responded to McDonalds following a request from Ruidoso police to write a crash report. No one was injured in the fender bender.

Aug. 7

2:49 a.m. - A traffic stop resulted in an arrest for an outstanding warrant. Garret Bondurant, 23, no hometown provided, was taken into custody on the warrant issued by Ruidoso Municipal Court.

3:44 a.m. - A traffic stop resulted in an arrest for an outstanding warrant. Andrew Salas, 22, no hometown provided, was taken into custody on the warrant issued by the Downs Municipal Court.

No time provided - While at the Billy the Kid Casino, an officer found

Henry E. Kayitah, no age or hometown provided, intoxicated at a gambling establishment. He was arrested for a probation violation and transferred to the Lincoln County Detention Center because he was unable to post bond.

Aug. 8

4:30 a.m. - An officer took Vanessa Edwards, 22, into custody. She was wanted on a warrant issued by magistrate court at Ruidoso.

No time provided - A traffic stop resulted in an arrest. Hector Gomez, 57, no hometown provided,

was arrested on charges of selling or giving alcoholic beverages to minors and negligent use of a firearm.

No time provided - Police arrested a man following a traffic stop. Federico Cabazos, 26, was taken into custody for violation of the conditions of his release.

No time provided - While on patrol, an officer came across a motorist needing assistance on U.S. Highway 70 in front of Champions Run. There had been an accident without injuries involving a vehicle and a deer.

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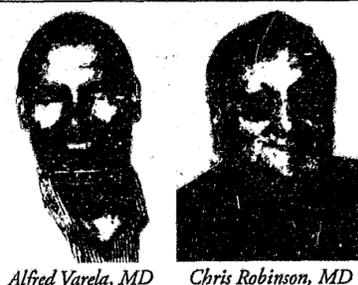
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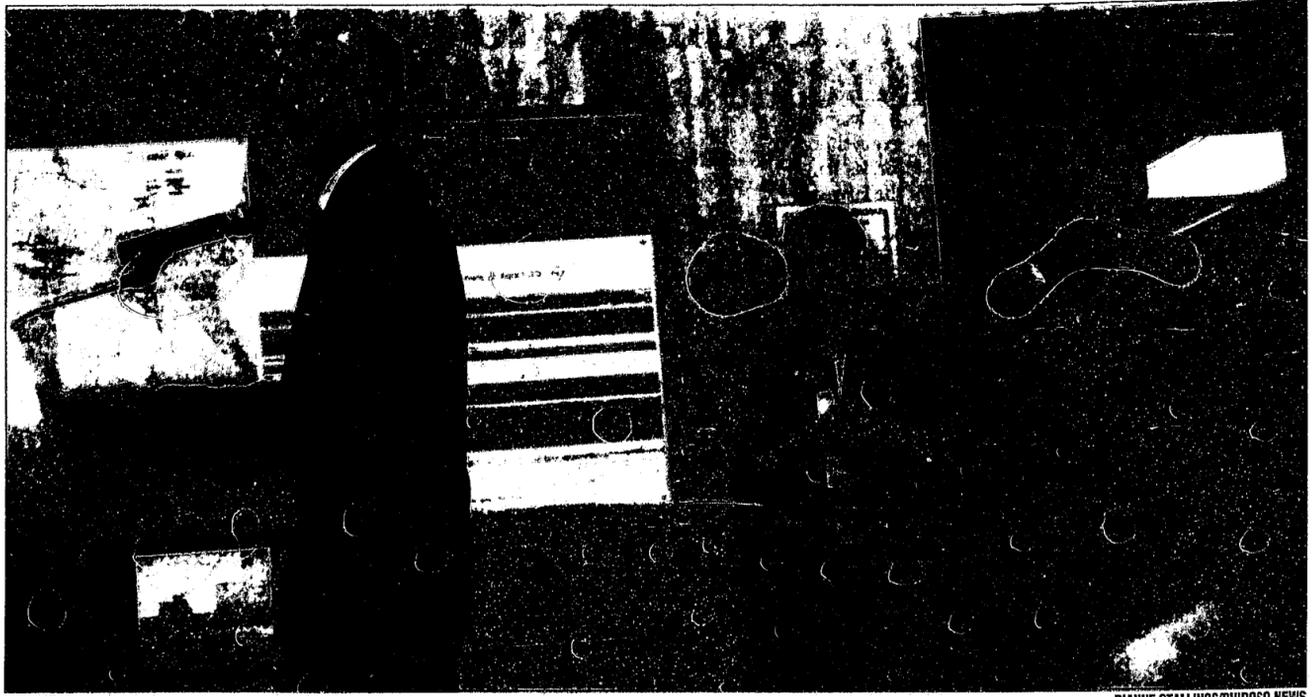
ing also is common, because FAA will not pay for hangars, she said. Private investors pay.

Ruidoso needs an airport layout plan if village officials want to continue to collect federal funding, Lucero said. "You need a master plan looking out 20 years to know what you need. This is a great location, no noise, but still there is some development coming around the airport. I think of noise zoning to protect the future," she said.

About \$510,000 of capital improvement projects were identified in the study. Airport Manager Justin King laid out \$8 million in projects for the next five years, but without a master plan, no long-term projects can be undertaken, Lucero said.

The last economic impact study on the airport was prepared in 2003.

"I'm a planner, not an economist," Lucero said, adding that a new study needs to gauge direct impact associated with airports such as number of employees, concessionaires, fuel sales, as well as indirect ties to spending by visitors. Those dollars then



Dave Ploeger, director of State Aviation and Airport Development Administrator Jane Lucero address Village Council.

are multiplied for the second round as employees spend their salaries in the community.

Councilor Jim Stoddard asked if Lucero's office had a guide to develop a master plan. She replied that King intends to do one in 2011, to coincide with the next round of funding.

King said he has a waiting list for hangars. Each structure costs about \$350,000 to \$400,000, but it

doesn't take long to pay back the investment with rental income earned off the space.

Ploeger said he's trying to visit all of the publicly-owned airports within his first year on the job and is down to eight out of the 50 plus

He said when he arrived unannounced at Sierra Blanca, he thought the airport "looked wonderful." The grass was mowed, the

pavement was in good shape, all the lights worked and the buildings looked well-maintained.

"It's hard to explain to the public (the importance of aviation)," he said. "They see it as a rich man's pursuit. They don't understand the value to a community.

When someone flies in to do business, the first thing they see is the airport and if it looks like a mess, it doesn't make a good first

impression. Yours is a good piece of advertising."

While it costs to keep up a FAA Part 139 license to accommodate larger planes and commercial service, "don't give it up," he advised councilors. "Once you do, it's tough to get it back."

Lucero said three other airports gave up their designations two years ago and two of them are trying to earn it back.

Their only criticism was the lack of a shuttle to provide transportation into the village. For a casual visitor, that could be important, Ploeger said. Corporations probably would send a car for a client or company official, he said.

Lucero said having 24-hour on call car rentals covers most transport needs, along with the helpfulness of airport and village officials.

FAT

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pumps, he said.

"Various types of bacteria grow in grease. Some cause foaming that can freeze in the winter and be hard to remove, or the foam can pass through the plant

into the effluent," Decker said. "Foam in the effluent increases the total suspended solids and interferes with disinfection."

The June 2010 Discharge Monitoring Report showed (total suspended solids) and E coli readings that were barely within permit limited because of foaming, he said.

"High winds can blow foam around, creating a potential infection hazard for plant workers and nearby residents," Decker said.

"Foaming increases the potential for odors. All of these issues are present at the existing treatment plant and will continue when the new treatment plant becomes operation."

An additional issue at the new plant is the fine screen sizes at the headworks and the filters, he said.

"Grease molecules are large and will plug both the headworks screen and the filter media. If the headworks screens plug, the untreated sewage will back up and overflow into the

river. If the filter media plug, the sewage will not be fully processed and the treatment plant will violate its discharge permit," he said. "Both of these events carry heavy fines."

Decker said grease traps are the first line of defense before it enters the system.

"Many properties within the village that have food preparation facilities have no grease trap," he said. "Others have severely undersized units. Others have poorly located units that are hard to access. Properly sized and located grease traps require less frequent maintenance and thus less cost to maintain."

Village sewer maintenance personnel and the treatment operators have dealt with grease issues for years, but the imminent completion of the new treatment plant adds an urgency for reducing the amount of grease entering the system.

"What's our enforcement? How are we going to guarantee compliance?" Councilor Angel Shaw asked.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said through code enforcement.

"We have compliance fines," Decker added.

Councilor Jim Stoddard asked if the village was acting in concert with Ruidoso Downs, a partner in the treatment plant with lines that connect to the village sewer main east at the village boundary.

Morris said Ruidoso Downs has a program already established, but he wasn't sure about the scope of that city's enforcement.

Decker said Ruidoso also has a program in place, but is "ramping up" its enforcement to ensure compliance. The first round focused on businesses that should have, but lacked, traps. This next round zones in on undersized traps, he said.

"So we have some teeth in it now?" Shaw pressed.

"By formally advising them of the requirement, not just somebody asking," he said. "We can pull their business registration if we need to."

Councilor Gloria Sayers

was worried about more expense for restaurants that already may be struggling. She asked if the village could help in any way, such as buying traps in bulk to obtain a better price.

Decker said he can supply the contact information of proper vendors to businesses. The cost isn't that huge, but a licensed plumber and a permit are needed to install a properly-sized trap. The reward is having to pump out the trap less often, he said.

The cost of hauling for septic waste collectors has been significant, about \$800 a load, because trucks had to travel to Tatum. But a new facility is being built in Otero County, which will cut that expense in half, he said.

Plant Manager Bobby Snowden told councilors the village is way behind in compelling compliance. "Especially in a tourist town with this many restaurants per capita, you're asking for problems," he said. "Ruidoso Downs is a bit ahead, but look at the number of restaurants compared to ours."

"But we have the larger investment in the plant, 85 percent compared to 15 percent," Shaw said. "We should have been there first."

Decker said the new plant will be on line within six months.

Some of the first round of letters went to churches and other places without any traps, "because we weren't sure if they were serving big meals on a daily basis," he said. They became suspect because of water flow, he said.

Letters going out now target undersized traps and a third list will go to places where officials believe maintenance may be a problem. The village plumbing inspector is working with him on the project, he said.

Morris said in some cases, only a retrofit will be needed.

Stoddard said the council wants to revisit the issue in one month, "so we know we're headed in the right direction, and we don't fall behind further."

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Council, landowner unable to rendezvous on 'problem'

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To stage an event last weekend at River Rendezvous, owner Dolly Folmer was trying to move fast on solving a traffic congestion and pedestrian safety problem, and obtaining the required permits.

She apparently missed those deadlines, but organizers of "Taking it to the Streets," a weekend event at Wingfield Park offered to allow vendors to set up there and reap the benefits of live music from "Road Map," a Christian rock band.

At a Village Council meeting last week, Councilor Denise Dean clarified several times that Folmer relinquished a previous permit and must start from scratch on meeting requirements for a new one.

Parks Director Debbie Jo Almager, who supervises special events, said Thursday that the Rendezvous owner submitted for another permit and was working hard to meet all requirements, but the permit for an event this weekend had not yet been approved.

"The biggest thing for her is to find a certified crossing guard," Almager said. "Our school district doesn't have any. A uniformed police officer is ideal and what (New Mexico

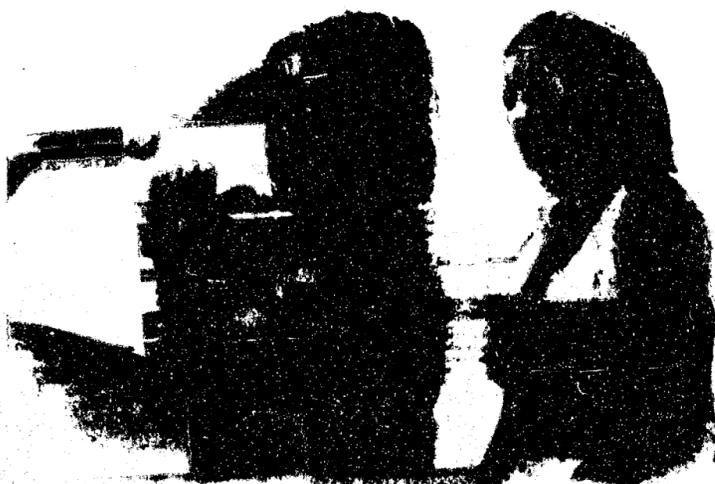
Department of Transportation officials) are advising. We're hoping everything works in her favor, as long as the safety of the citizens is protected."

Under the Manager's Report dealing with the Parks and Recreation Department, an absent Village Manager Debi Lee wrote that the council expressed concern over traffic-pedestrian conflicts and safety connected to event at Folmer's property on Sudderth Drive across from Schoolhouse Park and the Ruidoso Senior Center.

A letter from the state DOT offered three options, the manager wrote. They were to provide temporary traffic control utilizing uniformed officers, or to require all pedestrians to cross at a designated crosswalk or to post no parking signs.

Kimber Ware, Folmer's daughter, said during the council meeting that they were considering using orange barrels every 10 feet for 50 feet in front of the business, and to post crossing guards with signs and vests to assist pedestrians across Sudderth.

Councilor Jim Stoddard asked if it would be more appropriate for the council to discuss solutions and decide, but Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said usually a special event process is handled adminis-



DOLLY FOLMER AND KIMBER WARE

tratively. Because of past problems and citizens complaints, he thought councilors might want to look at modifications for the future.

"They have no permit right now," he said. "The DOT doesn't have the final O.K., because the event doesn't occur on state right of way."

In reference to the possibility of eliminating street parking to improve visibility of pedestrians," Morris said, "We have other 'thin' parking spots in the village and could request those be eliminated too. All DOT would need would be a request by the village. There could be a temporary closing of the parking and a request for a permanent action to stripe out the

parking."

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said Folmer should meet with the DOT representatives to discuss the alternative she is contemplating, because that would involve being in the right of way with barrels and personnel.

Councilor Angel Shaw stopped the discussion, pointing out that the item was not on the agenda, no action could be taken and it was inappropriate to entertain a full discussion.

"I'm uncomfortable," she said. "It's not on the agenda and they're giving a full presentation. It may be an internal process, but we have citizens calling us."

Folmer told councilors, "We don't want anyone hurt and a flashing light

will slow down the traffic."

Dean said as a former business owner, "I'm all for business, but this is an ongoing problem."

"We're getting letters, calls and e-mails by citizens," Shaw agreed. "We should be concerned, because they are the people who elected us."

Almager said a scheduled workshop on the issue was canceled.

Dean told Folmer without a permit application for staff and DOT officials to review and approve, the event can't occur.

"Weren't you asked to go to Wingfield Park (for future events)?" asked Mayor Ray Alborn.

Ware said eight different owners operate on the River Rendezvous proper-

ty. The events in part are to show off their permanent businesses, such as the restaurant. "We need the events at our property," she said.

Folmer added that she was told by other event stagers there isn't enough parking at the special events plaza on Wingfield Street.

Shaw interrupted again with her contention that discussion in depth was inappropriate and that it appeared Folmer was asking for a decision. Bryant responded that he can't muzzle people who come to the podium and Folmer will have to meet the criteria before a permit can be approved. The item is part of the manager's report and the council is receiving information. No action could occur.

Almager reiterated that Folmer does not have an approved permit and a permit she previously was issued for an Aug. 6 event was canceled, because it was a busy weekend in Lincoln and Fort Stanton.

"I'm disgusted that this isn't an action item," Stoddard said. "Someone has to make a decision and it won't be us, because it was not on the agenda. We're whistling in the wind. This is a serious issue and we need a workshop."

A Ruidoso News exclusive

Power outage halts service

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A brief electric interruption Wednesday afternoon created problems, especially for some computer networks and telephone systems in the area.

PNM said a transmission line momentarily tripped shortly after 2 p.m.

"They don't know the cause for sure but most likely the cause was lightning," said PNM's Susan Sponar. "It would have affected everybody in your area and Alamogordo."

The blip also affected those supplied by Otero County Electric Cooperative, and for some areas the power stayed off for a while.

"Our power supplier had a fuse go out in a substation in Alamogordo and it kicked out the line that feeds us," said Gardner. "That then caused a fuse to go out in our Biscuit Hill substation (east of Ruidoso Downs). So the Alto area was out for 20 to 25 minutes. But we got it back on pretty quick."

Gardner said much of the coop's territory, including Cloudcroft and Mescalero, was impacted by the initial interruption that lasted about five seconds.

Grocery stores and merchants in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs had computerized checkout terminals shut down. When the power was returned it took some extra time for the systems to reboot. In some cases terminals required an extended period to reconnect with their systems.

At the ENMU-Ruidoso campus the impact lingered into Thursday.

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Sports On Tap

Race Track

Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 19-22 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.

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.

Parks Dept. Open Gym

OPEN GYM at the Auxiliary Gym of the Horton Athletic Complex is here. Starting Monday, Aug. 23, the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department will have the lower gym at the old Middle School open for basketball and volleyball. Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. will be co-ed volleyball and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. will be for adult men's basketball. It's time to start your tune-ups for the adult leagues starting soon. Get in shape and begin filling your rosters. We are presently looking for referees, timers, scorers, and sponsors. For more info call 257-5030.

LCUSBC Starts Bowling

LCUSBC Bowling Association announces the start of the fall/winter bowling season. Leagues for men only - MXD - Senior - and, if enough interest, women only, youth and high school. Starting Sept. 7. For more info call RBC (Harris) at 258-3557 or LCUSBC (Linda) at 258-4047.

It's official: Stolis Winner wins

After nearly two years of legal wrangling the 2008 winner of the All American Futurity is again awarded the No. 1 spot

PETE HERRERA
For SureBet Racing News

ALBUQUERQUE - The New Mexico Racing Commission on Monday agreed that Stolis Winner should be reinstated as the official winner of the 2008 All American Futurity.

The Commission went along with the recommendation of a three-member panel of hearing officers.

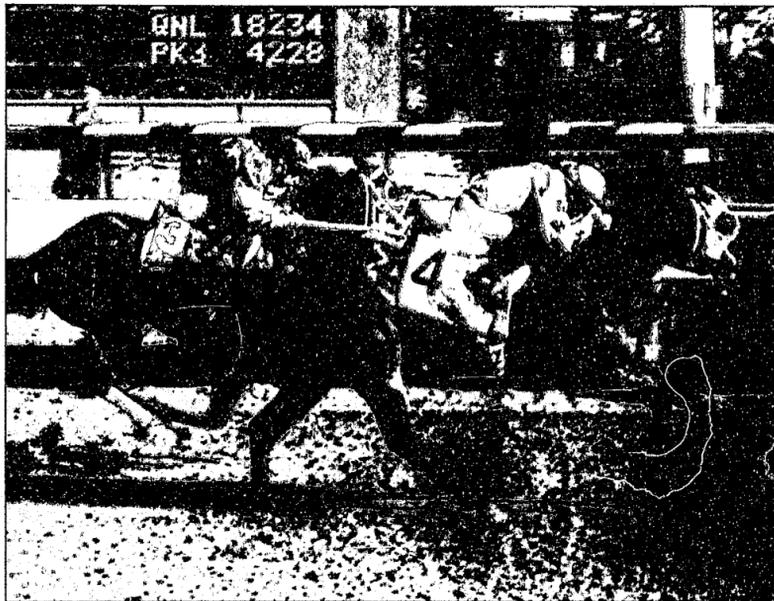
Those hearing officers heard extensively testimony in the case earlier this summer and then recommended that Stolis Winner's disqualification because of a positive test for caffeine be overturned.

Stolis Winner was disqualified by a Board of

Stewards on the basis of a small amount of caffeine found in urine and blood samples taken from the gelding after his win in the \$2 million race.

At the time, the Board of Stewards also suspended trainer Heath Taylor and ordered that the purse money be redistributed.

Taylor and Stolis Winner's owner, Jerry Windham, appealed and the case eventually was heard by the three hearing officers. Taylor's attorneys, Cody Kelley and Billy Blackburn, contended that the small amount of caffeine found in Stolis Winner resulted from environmental contamination at Ruidoso Downs on the day



FILE PHOTO

Stolis Winner takes the 2008 All American Futurity by a half-length over Jet Black Patriot.

of the futurity and more specifically inside the test barn. The hearing officers agreed.

According to Kelley, the

connections of the runner-up horse, Jet Black Patriot, can appeal the Racing Commission's decision to a state District Court in New

Mexico.

Kelley said it would be a difficult process to get the

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Mescalero mountain melee a hit at IMG

King of the Cage event again draws packed house for an 11-bout frenzied fight card

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King of the Cage (KOTC) made its seventh appearance Friday at the Inn of the Mountain Gods to the delight of cage-fighting fans in the area.

HDNet was on hand, once again, to nationally televise the 11-bout fight card.

When the doors opened at 6 p.m., spectators were slow to fill the seats and it looked as though it might be a sparse crowd in attendance for the night's knock-down-drag-out fisticuffs in the 21-foot octagon cage.

By 7 p.m. fight time the seats were filled with boisterous onlookers who read-

ily shouted encouragement to the fighters of their choice.

KOTC President Terry Trebilcock crafted a well-produced evening of mayhem with 11 fights, including a heavyweight title bout, a junior welterweight championship fight and a welterweight title showdown.

Local fighters, Javier Rubio and Casey Saenz, were on the card and acquitted themselves well.

The first fight ended at the 1:11 mark of the first round when Grant Hobbs of Colorado took out Jonathan Ortega of Roswell with a choke-out.

Ruidoso resident Casey Saenz entered the octagon in the 155-pound class to face down Jacob Ortega of



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King of the Cage President Terry Trebilcock, left, congratulates Javier Rubio, center, on his victory.

Roswell. The two went to ground after a few seconds of upright sparring.

While on the canvas, Ortega delivered an illegal

right knee blow to Saenz' left temple which immediately opened up a bleeding gash which washed down into the Ruidoso fighter's

eye. The referee instructed the judges to deduct a point

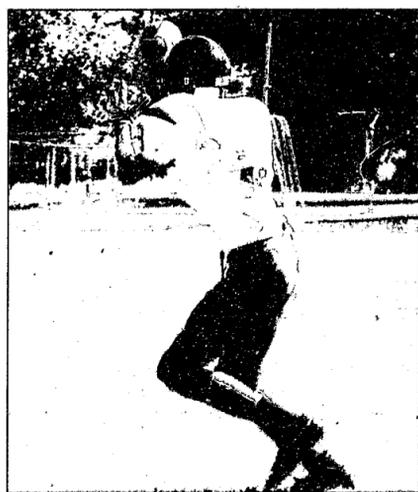
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CAPITAN KICKS OFF WITH NEW COACH AND NEW CLASSIFICATION



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Freshman Reuben Mendoza hits the open field in Saturday's intra-team scrimmage. Capitan moved down to the 1A division for the 2010 season.



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Logan Eshom hauls one in in Saturday's scrimmage. Capitan will host a three-way scrimmage with Cobre and Eunice at 4 p.m. Friday.



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Johnny Carson takes over the head coaching chores at Capitan for the upcoming season.

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Lobos football team continues practice in Ruidoso

CHRIS DEAL
UNM Athletic Communications

The University of New Mexico football team continued training camp Monday with a two and half hour workout at the White Mountain Athletic Complex.

The Lobos have four practices remaining in Ruidoso including a final scrimmage on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 5-7:30 p.m. UNM wore full pads Monday as it continues to

prepare for the 2010 season opener at nationally-ranked Oregon on Sept. 4.

A lot of players are getting multiple reps to help create depth and competition.

The intensity level of practice remains high as camp enters its final week.

Some of the newcomers who have made an impact to this point are DB Ravonne Carter, DT Calvin Smith, LB Toby Ball, TE Brad Miller and WR Martize Barr.

Albuquerque native Mike Muniz, who is in his junior season, has started mixing up reps at guard and center.

Muniz is in a battle for the starting spot at center with redshirt freshman Dillon Farrell. Muniz could also provide a backup role for Karlin Givens or Mike Cannon.

Seniors Byron Bell and Maurice Mears have handled tackle spots to this point.

Redshirt freshman TE

Andrew Aho had an impressive practice Monday.

Aho, who is from Roswell, was praised for his blocking during drills and later had a touchdown reception.

Aho made a nice catch on a pass from freshman QB Stump Godfrey in the corner of the end zone.

Aho is in a battle for playing time at tight end with sophomore Lucas Reed, true freshman Brad Miller and junior Steve

Siciliano.

A common combination this fall has been sophomore QB B.R. Holbrook connecting with sophomore WR Ty Kirk.

They hooked up Saturday for a touchdown during the scrimmage and repeated that performance against today during practice.

Kirk has been the most impressive wide receiver on the roster and continues to show his athletic ability.

Kirk led all MWC fresh-

men in receiving last year.

For more information about Lobo football and to purchase your 2010 season tickets visit www.GoLobos.com.

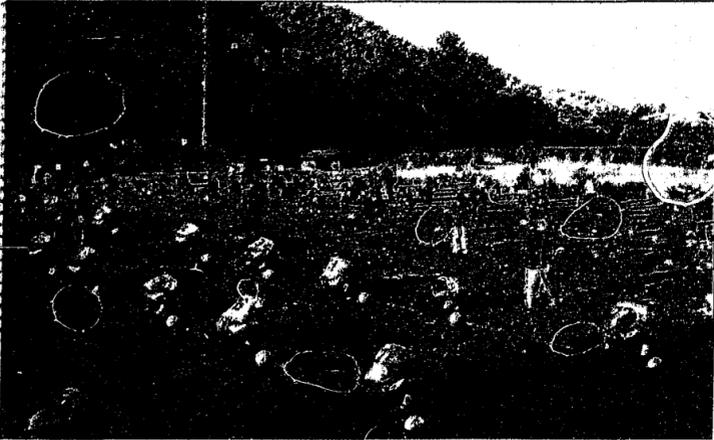
Training Camp Schedule:

Wednesday, Aug. 18 – 8:05-10:20 a.m., 5:15-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 19 – 3:30-6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 20 – 4:10-6:40 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 21 – 5-7:30 p.m. (Horton Stadium)



The UNM Lobos do calisthenics at Horton Stadium before their 6 p.m. Saturday scrimmage at Horton Stadium.



Quarterback Stump Godfrey fires a pass at Monday's workout at the White Mountain Recreational Complex.

Photos by John T. Soden



Ruidoso Steppers perform at Sunday's community barbecue.



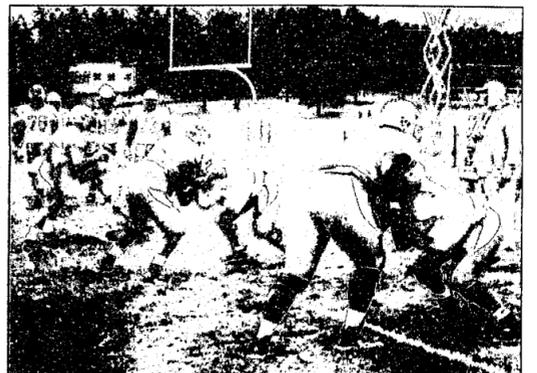
UNM head coach Mike Locksley presents R.D. Hubbard with a player-signed Lobo helmet at the Sunday community barbecue at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca. Hubbard was instrumental in bringing the University of New Mexico football team to Ruidoso.



The hometown crowd enjoys the UNM scrimmage Saturday.



Defensive back A.J. Butler moves the ball at Monday's practice.



UNM linemen hold the line during Monday drills.

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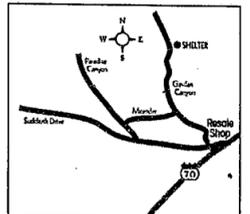
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EDDIE

Eddie is a good looking brindle and white St. Bernard MIX puppy. He is about 3 months old and weighs just under 30 pounds. Eddie is very spunky and playful.

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COURTNEY

Courtney is a sweet blue heeler mix about 6 months old. She is very friendly and excellent with other dogs. Courtney walks well on a leash and is quite gentle as well. She weighs 30 pounds.

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STOLIS

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Racing Commission's decision thrown out.

"You would have to show that the decision by the Commission was arbitrary and capricious," In non-legal terminology, said Kelley, arbitrary and capri-

cious means "there is no set of facts that would satisfy the Commission's decision."

Stolis Winner remains No. 2 behind Refrigerator on the all-time earnings list for quarter horses. Stolis Winner, who has earned more than \$2 million, had a chance to surpass Refrigerator with a win in the Sam Houston Classic last week but stumbled

badly leaving the gate. That led to a trouble-filled trip and a fifth place finish.

Taylor, contacted after the Racing Commission announced its decision, said the process of trying to prove he did nothing wrong has been long and extremely expensive for him and Windham.

"It was a phenomenal financial burden," Taylor

said. "It has cost us both an enormous amount."

Taylor also said it was not a foregone conclusion that the Racing Commission would go along with the recommendation by the hearing officers.

"The Commission studied it hard. There was some sentiment that this was going to happen, but these people (Commissioners)

acted on their own," Taylor said.

The Racing Commission voted 4-0 to adopt the recommendation. Commissioner Ray Willis, who had a partial ownership in one of the other horses in the race, Calif Fugitive, recused himself from the voting.

Taylor will be back in Ruidoso on Thursday for

the trials for this year's All American Futurity. He has four horses entered.

Pete Herrera writing for SureBet Racing News is a former AP sportswriter and now freelance journalist who covered sports and news for 39 years. His credits include four Summer Olympics and coverage of 40 All American Futurities from 1968 to 2008.

FIGHTS

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from Ortega's total and after a brief inspection by the ring physician the fight was allowed to continue to the end of the first round.

With 30 seconds left in the subsequent round the fight was stopped when the referee determined that Saenz was unable to fully protect himself and the Roswell fighter was awarded the win.

This was Saenz' second loss as an amateur but make no mistake, the Ruidoso cage-fighter is a game warrior and easily underestimated.

The third bout of the evening, in the 160-pound class, between Fabian Vasquez of Artesia and DC Dupree of Albuquerque ended in a 29-28 Vasquez, 29-28 Dupree, 29-29 draw.

Trevar Mellen of Utah took out Gerald Lovato of Albuquerque in a unanimous decision after three 5-minute rounds of combat in the 135-pound division.

The fifth bout of the evening featured two fearless heavyweights. Esteves Jones, of Arizona, entered the octagon with an impressive 5-0 record and faced off against 235-pound

Tyler "The Beast" East of Albuquerque who sported a 9-3 record.

The well-conditioned East always gives a good account of himself and Friday's professional bout was no different.

The Albuquerque warrior came out of his corner at the opening bell and carried the battle to Jones.

East delivered a remarkable spinning back hand to Jones' head and followed that blow up with a series of knees to Jones' stomach and head.

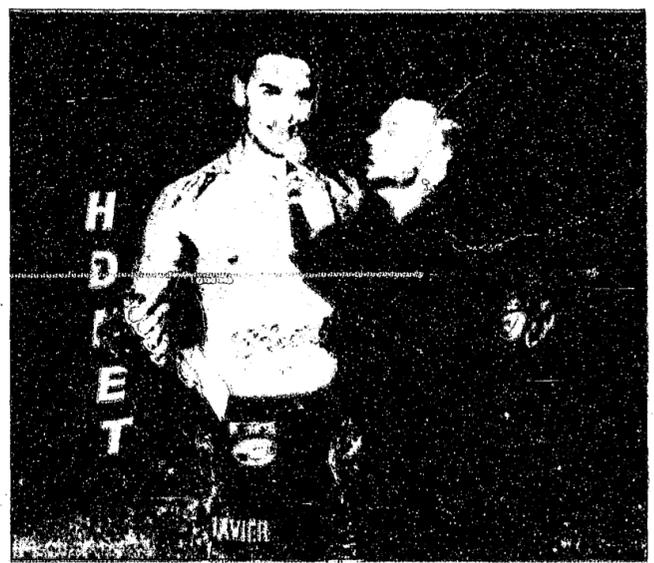
The Arizona fighter went to the ground and East pounced upon him dishing out multiple fist shots until referee Tony Rosales stopped the bout and awarded East the TKO.

In the welterweight title fight, the challenger, Levi Stout (6-0) of Aztec, New Mexico, squared off the champion, Quinn Mulhern (12-1) of Santa Fe. Mulhern, at 6-foot 3-inches and 169 pounds, is a class athlete and as tough as they come.

The nationally televised bout was scheduled for five 5-minute rounds but ended in the first round when Stout missed a hold on the ground and Mulhern quickly capitalized on the mistake and secured a tap-out



"Big Poppa Schnake" hams it up for the camera.



Javier Rubio is interviewed in the octagon after his big win Friday night.

choke hold on the Aztec fighter.

In the HDNet junior welterweight championship fight, belt-holder Bobby Green of California put his title on the line against Michigan's Daron Cruickshank (5-0). Green, with an overall professional record of 13-3, finished off Cruickshank with a guillotine choke hold at the 2:39 mark of the second round to retain his belt.

In the much-anticipated, televised heavyweight title bout of the night, 248-pound Daniel Cormier of

California, met challenger Tony Johnson (4-0, 264 pounds) of Miami in the ring for the right to wear the championship belt.

Cormier retained his belt when the challenger tapped out midway through the first of five, 5-minute rounds.

In the after-card, Junior Sotelo was awarded a TKO over Boy Morgan of La Luz, New Mexico in the 155-pound class and Frank Baca of Albuquerque put down Mike Chupa of El Paso with a leg triangle in the 135-pound division.

The final battle of the night was eagerly anticipated by most of the spectators in the hall.

Ruidoso resident, Javier "Sweet Face" Rubio was pitted against Jerome Sierra of El Paso in the 175-pound weight class. As a professional, Rubio, at 1-1, was looking to win this fight in an impressive manner. Sierra was ranked in the top 10 but Rubio came out of his corner like a whirlwind and destroyed the El Paso fighter in 1:37 of the first round on a tap-out.

The Ruidoso resident was relentless from the opening bell and Sierra was never had a chance to counter Rubio. All the more impressive was the fact that Sierra is a seasoned veteran with 10 years of experience under his belt.

While awarded the win in the center of the ring it was announced that Rubio had earned his way back to contender status and would be on the Nov. 27 fight card when KOTC returns to the Inn of the Mountain Gods Thanksgiving weekend.

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LINCOLN COUNTY

Who put the flags out?

JULIE CARTER
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The Village of Capitan's board of trustee meeting on Aug. 10, began with a short heated discussion between Municipal Judge J.D. Roehrig and Capitan Chamber of Commerce President Lee Arnone.

Item No. 4 on the agenda listed discussion and possible action "on the American Legion flag display." Roehrig introduced himself as the executive chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Legion Post 57 of Capitan.

"Post 57, for the past 20-plus years has posted the American Flag in Capitan on holidays and special occasions," he said. "They are placed on Village Hall, Senior Center and 17 poles throughout the village. If the Village is willing to consider a contract, the cost factor would be \$15 a flag/per year or a total of \$285. The posting of the flags for 13 days throughout the year and the maintenance would be the responsibility of Post 57."

"The legion is not going to do it anymore? Is that what you are saying?" asked Trustee Diane Riska.

"No," said Roehrig. "The legion is willing to do it, they are just looking to have someone pick up the cost factor. Our previous patron is not acceptable to us anymore so we are looking for someone else."

Trustee Jim Davis asked, "So what you are saying is, somebody else was paying for it up until now, and now you want the village to pay for it. Your previous patron isn't going to pay for it anymore?"

"We aren't going forward to ask them to," said Roehrig. "We are asking you (the Village) if you would like to take the contract. You have a decision to make if you want to. I brought the proposal, you all do with it what you wish."

Davis and Riska, in further questioning of Roehrig, determined that the flags placements listed in the contract were public domain locations, not private businesses. The private businesses pay for their own Roehrig told them.

Chamber President Arnone requested to ask a couple of questions. "The Capitan Chamber of Commerce, for over 25 years, has been given the contract from the American Legion at a cost of \$234. So whose decision was this? Was this the Post's deci-



J.D. ROEHRIG

sion?" he asked.

"This was the Post's decision," replied Roehrig.

"No, it is not either," said Arnone, "I talked to Samuels. You haven't been to a meeting in over four months. Nobody's been to vote...."

"Excuse me," said Roehrig. "The deals here, it's out here...."

When Roehrig and Arnone began to argue loudly, Mayor Sam Hammons hit the table with his gavel and said, "Let's shut up here."

Roehrig said, "Excuse me, if you would ask Mr. Samuels for the minutes from February of this year, this matter was voted on." With that parting comment he left the meeting room.

Trustee Davis said he'd like the matter to be tabled until the next meeting "until we can sort it out," and with that, he made a motion stating that and it passed unanimously.

Water billing late fees

The due date, by ordinance, for the water bills in Capitan is the 15th of each month. "The way the ordinance reads now," said Dana Johnson, Village utilities clerk, "that makes past due on the 16th or the closest regular business day to the 16th. If a bill is not in by that date, the ordinance states that we will assess a \$10 late fee. It's not being done now and never has been done."

Johnson said prior to "a couple years ago," it (the late fee assessment) was done on the 25th of the month. "I don't think, at the time, anyone realized it was in violation of the ordinance. The way I've been doing it is rather sporadic. It's not on the 16th or 17th, it's according to the day of the week a lot, the 20th or the 22nd."

She presented a list of one year of late fee assessments totaling \$19,200. "That is late fee assessments that were collected

and the earliest assessed was on the 20th of the month," she said. "If we follow the ordinance, I do need to assess the late charges on the 17th or the closest working day. A lot of our people are trained to get them in here by the 16th, however the out-of-town people have a harder time with them being mailed out the first, receiving them and then getting them back in that two-week period."

"I want to know if you want me to follow this ordinance as it is written, or do you want to change the ordinance to a due date for the late fee assessment that may be a little practical for out-of-town people," she asked the council.

Johnson said there is a group that will be late no matter the date for late fees, but most are very cognizant of the 15th of the month due date. She said about a quarter of the billings go to out-of-town property owners. The bills go out the last day of the month but always on the first.

Trustees voted to hold a public hearing to change the ordinance to accommodate a 20th of the month for late fee assessment. The water bill due date will remain on the 15th.

Capitan trustees voted to place a number of items in the Lincoln County Public Auction. A list of the items offered will be presented for approval by the trustees at the September meeting.

In other business the council:

- approved authorization the resolution for a Rural Infrastructure loan for \$205,000 to complete the Wastewater Project. The engineering for another lagoon is complete and a \$276,000 grant pays for the remainder of the project.

- gave permission to Shirley Pavlovic, financial clerk, to pursue the refinancing of two 40-year RUS loans if lower interest rates can be found. Pavlovic said the Village has been paying on them for 10 years and all the payments are going to interest only and not lowering the principle balance. She reported that New Mexico Finance Authority has a refinancing program that might improve that situation.

- After a short executive session, the trustees voted to accept the evaluation of Steve Sanchez and granted a 50 cents/ per hour increase in pay.

CAPITAN BACK TO SCHOOL



Capitan School Board member James Fields and Capitan PTA President Gayla Skeen cook hot dogs for the parents, students and staff attending the Capitan Schools Open House Monday evening.

Labor Day fun for all in 'Zozo

The Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair activities will start on Saturday, Sept. 4, with a golf scramble and an art auction at the Valle del Sol Golf Course Complex.

The golf scramble will start at 8 a.m. The 10th Hole Restaurant will have fresh coffee and an expanded breakfast menu for those who arrive early with appetites.

Prizes will be given to first, second, and third place winners as well as whoever gets closest to pin, has the longest drive, and makes the longest putt.

Registration is available on the Fair's website at www.carrizozostreetfair.org or by calling J'Lane Zamora at 575-648-2802.

The cost is \$160 for a team of four, or \$40 per person. If you are not currently on a team, we can match you with others.

For non golfers, an art auction will be held later that Saturday at Valle del Sol's 10th Hole Restaurant.

Auctioneer Frank Walker will do the honors as an auction of innovative items made from recycled materials and artists' imagination are offered starting at 6

p.m. Come see the transformation from trash to treasure as the Street Fair goes green this year.

Concessions will be available while previewing the items for auction starting at 5 p.m. The more serious side of the Fair is to raise funds for scholarships for Carrizozo students.

Join the fun on both days, and be sure to enjoy the parade on Monday starting at 10 a.m.

For more information, check the website at www.carrizozostreetfair.org or call J'Lane at 575-648-2802.



Lincoln County Fair Horse Show buckle winners, l-r, Maggie Rich, Angelina Romero, Judge Jacinda Hinkson, Jessica Leibold and Kaleb Cleckler.

COUNTY FAIR HORSE SHOW RESULTS

Mares
Junior Mare: 1. Maggie Rich; Senior Mare: 1. Royce Black 2. Carmen Tate;
Grand Champion Mare: Maggie Rich
Reserve Champion Mare: Royce Black
Geldings
Junior Gelding: Jessica Leibold; Senior Gelding: 1. Jessica Leibold 2. Maggie Rich 3. Tyler Jobe 4. Kaleb Cleckler 5. Kirsten Wilson
Grand Champion Gelding: Jessica Leibold
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Leibold; Senior, Kirsten Wilson.
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Reining
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Novice: Angelina Romero; Junior: Jessica

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Novice: 1. Maggie Rich 2. Angelina Romero; Junior: 1. Jessica Leibold 2. Tyler Jobe; Senior: 1. Caleb Cleckler;
High Point Buckle winners: Novice: tie - Maggie Rich and Angelina Romero; Junior: Jessica Leibold; Senior: Kaleb Cleckler.
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St. Rita's Parish will be crowning their queen during the 7 p.m., Mass at St.

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St. Rita's Dance

The Dance will be held at the Nike Hall. Admission is \$3 for 12-15 years, \$5 for 16 and up. Music is by DJ. Burritos and sodas for sale.

Blood drive

There will be a United Blood Services blood drive,

Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Carrizozo Schools in the Multipurpose Room from 1:30-5:30 p.m., sponsored by the Student Council.

Call Carol Wilson at the school at 648-2347 to make an appointment.

Everyone who donates blood will be entered into a drawing to win an expense paid trip to a Dallas Cowboy game.

Carrizozo Schools

A student athlete and parent meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 19, at 6 p.m., in the Old Gym. On Saturday, Aug. 21, there is a Grizzly Varsity Football Scrimmage vs. Cloudcroft, on home at 10 a.m.

According to Principal Patti Nesbitt, Carrizozo High School was rated one

of 21 New Mexico High Schools making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Math and Reading. The Middle School was ranked one of seven middle schools making AYP in Math and Reading. The Elementary School designation is Progressing. As a District, all additional indicators were met and its designation is Progressing.

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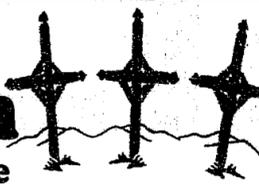
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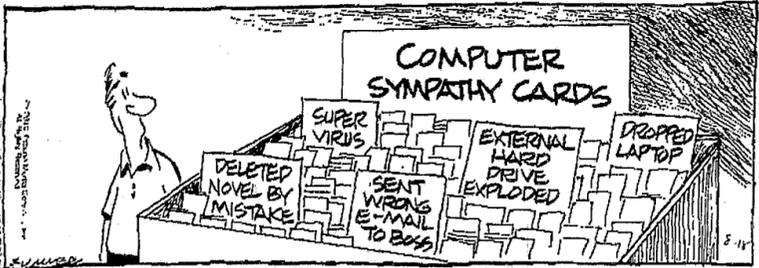
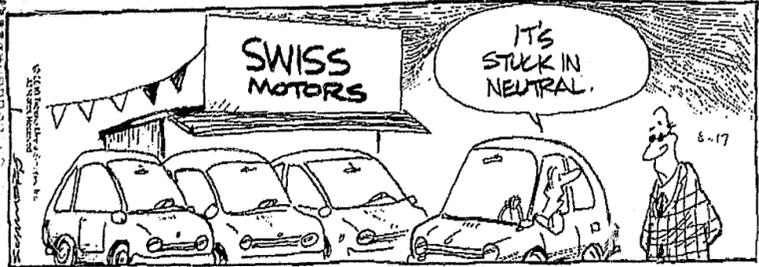
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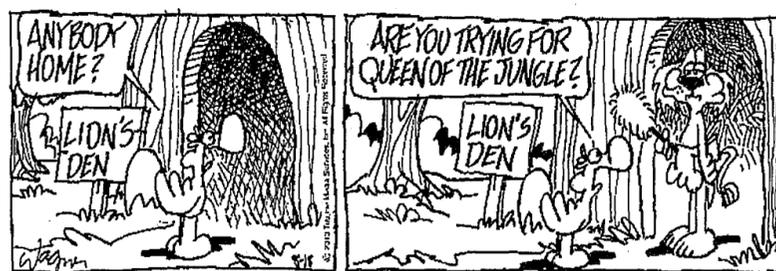
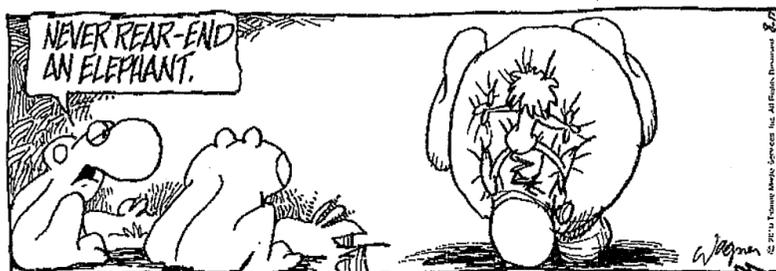
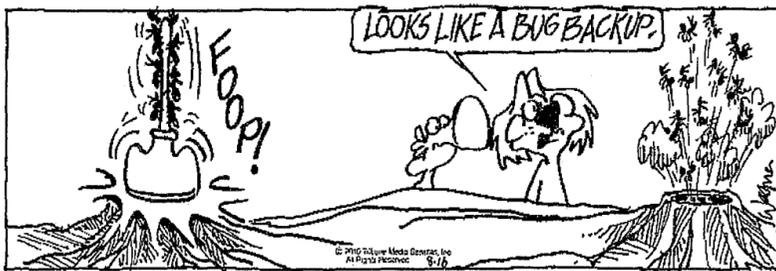
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SOLUTION TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

8/18/10

9	7	1	4	2	8	5	6	3
6	8	2	5	1	3	4	7	9
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4	6	7	3	9	2	1	5	8
8	1	9	7	5	4	3	2	6
2	4	6	1	8	7	9	3	5
7	3	5	6	4	9	8	1	2
1	9	8	2	3	5	6	4	7

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2nd Letter Double RACK 1

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FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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RACK 1 = 62							
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RACK 2 = 13							
P ₃	L ₁	A ₁	Y ₄	F ₄	U ₁	L ₁	
RACK 3 = 95							
S ₁	L ₁	A ₁	C ₃	K ₅	E ₁	N ₁	
RACK 4 = 63							



