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**ON TRACK, PART 7: THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

## Books remain closed

■ Limited details of documents filed with state show red ink for Ruidoso Downs Racing

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The Ruidoso Downs Race Track has never made a profit, says its owner.

And while the adjacent Billy the Kid Casino has made money based on casino revenues and costs of operations, the bottom line has been seriously going in the wrong direction, according to financial statements filed with state regulators by Ruidoso Downs Racing's auditing firm.

But a more detailed analysis of the finances of the R.D. Hubbard race-track enterprise, beyond just statements of operations and cash flows, remained a closed book.

A last-minute email from the corporate offices on the second floor at the track cancelled an interview scheduled with the *Ruidoso News* 90 minutes before it was to begin Tuesday morning.

The correspondence stated, "Ownership here at the track does not wish to provide any additional financial information at this time."

The limited details of the publicly available financial statements, audited by the Dallas accounting firm BDO Seidman, show red ink.

Overall, Ruidoso Downs Racing posted a net loss of \$1.5 million for 2009. All revenues — from the casino, track wagering, food and beverage and other sources — were \$16.3 million. But the cost of operations was \$17.8 million.

During 2008, total revenues were \$16.2 million, while expenses added up to \$17.9 million. And there was a separate extraordinary cost of almost \$595,578 to repair and clean up the track after the Hurricane Dolly flood. The 2008 loss was \$2.3 million.

For 2007, operating costs of \$17.6 million exceeded revenues by \$373,541.

The general and administrative costs at Ruidoso Downs, at more than \$4 million each of the past three years, have been nearly 25 percent of annual expenses. The three other

tracks where financial statements were acquired had general and administrative costs between roughly 5 and 10 percent of expenses.

Hubbard disputed the

calculations.

"If you want to talk about the overall operating costs in the audited financials, then you take Ruidoso, our total operating costs, that is taking out

the statutory taxes we pay and the purses we pay, we run about 69 percent of our revenues and the Downs at Albuquerque runs about 63

See BOOKS, page 9A

## Track president resigns

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President and General Manager Ann McGovern announced Friday that this racing season at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino will be her last.

McGovern began working at Ruidoso Downs in February 2008. Prior to that, she spent 13 years as vice president of operations for Sam Houston Race Park and 10 years with DeBartolo Racing Division's Remington Park and Louisiana Downs.

"Anyone involved in racetrack management knows how all-encompassing this business can be," McGovern said in a prepared statement. "After 27 years, my family and I would like to spend more time together. R.D. Hubbard and Bruce Rimbo have been tremendous individuals to work with and I have truly enjoyed my time here."

"The staff is amazing and being part of the world's best Quarter Horse racing has been a dream come true. The Race Track is a special place and an incredible asset to the Ruidoso communities. I know the residents recognize its importance and that I will enjoy being a customer for years to come."

Commenting on McGovern's departure at the end of the racing season, Bruce Rimbo, vice president and owner, said, "Ann has been a great asset to this race track and the community. Her abilities and knowledge will be sorely missed. We thank her for all her hard work at Ruidoso Downs and wish her and her family well in the future."

Jean Stoddard will serve as Acting General Manager, according to track officials.

Stoddard has been assistant general manager since 2004, and is a former director of the Hubbard Museum of the American West. She also has extensive experience in the banking industry.

"I look forward to continuing to work with the great team at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino," she said Friday.

The resignation will take effect before a scheduled mail-in Lincoln



Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino President and General Manager Ann McGovern surveys the damaged track after the historic 2008 flood. The racing schedule resumed.

County election Sept. 21, on the question of whether a local 3/16th of 1 cent gross receipts tax should be enacted to grant tax parity to the track and casino competing with two nearby Indian casinos.

Tax proponents contend the extra \$750,000 cap generated by the tax for Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino would improve its bottom

line as it competes with Mesalero Apache casinos. By compact agreement, Indian gaming establishments pay up to 9 percent on a sliding scale based on net slot machine earnings, compared to 26 percent by non-Indian casinos.

Tax opponents argue the attempt is a corporate bailout for one of the wealthiest individuals in the state.

## Veteran Ruidoso Downs planner resigns

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The longtime chair of the Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Commission has called it quits.

In an Aug. 7 letter of resignation to Mayor Tom Armstrong, Paul van Gulick also dropped his positions on the Ruidoso Downs Economic Development Commission and his city membership on the Rio Ruidoso Restoration Committee.

Without elaborating further, Van Gulick told the *Ruidoso News* in an email Monday that there had been an "unfortunate exchange of memos" with



Ruidoso Downs Public Works Director Cleatus Richards.

"Having purposely offended your public works director was uncalled for regardless of my personal

van Gulick: "An unfortunate exchange of memos" with Public Works Director Cleatus Richards.

feelings or opinions on the matter," van Gulick wrote Armstrong in his resignation letter. "This obviously puts you in a difficult situation in which you will have to ask for my resignation anyway — so my apologies for that."

The resignation was to take effect immediately.

"We had some general disagreements on the standards for a subdivision," Richards told the *Ruidoso*

*News* Tuesday. "Whether that was it, I really don't know why he resigned. He indicated he was burned out from so many committees."

Armstrong said he was unaware of a situation that, as van Gulick indicated in his resignation letter, would have warranted a request for a resignation.

"I was surprised at the letter," said Armstrong. "They (van Gulick and

Richards) just didn't agree on stuff. I don't know what it was. Maybe there was some conversation that I'm not aware of."

Armstrong said van Gulick's role in city government will be missed.

"He had a lot of energy and a lot of knowledge. He was here for a long time."

Van Gulick had been on the Planning and Zoning Commission for 12 years. The Ruidoso Downs Economic Development Commission has been in existence for five years, while the Rio Ruidoso Restoration Committee was formed two years ago.

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Larry Schneider, Gary Vogel, Clark Collier and Mark Harris were among the 180 folks savoring lobsters at the Spencer's LobsterFest Fundraiser on Saturday.

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**ALLEN THEATRES**

THESE TIMES ARE GOOD FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG-13)  
4:55 7:20 9:45

NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG)  
4:50 7:15 9:40

VAMPIRES SUCK (PG-13)  
5:00 7:25 9:50

**Controlled burn**

Officials with the Bureau of Land Management plan to begin a prescribed burning operation today in the Fort Stanton area of Lincoln County.

Recent rain and the subsequent greening up of grasses help diminish control issues. Burning will occur behind Ruidoso's Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and in the Rio Bonito drainage behind Fort Stanton. Smoke from both sites will be visible

from communities that surround the areas.

Signs will be posted along roadways potentially affected by the smoke. Motorists are urged to use caution.

The project will continue until projects are completed. They consist of slash piles created from tree thinning work in the fort area. The aim is to increase the health of the native woodlands and improve riparian (streamside) habitat, as well as reduce fire hazard potential.

Weather conditions will dictate if the project moves forward. Operations will be suspended early enough in the day to allow smoke to dissipate before nightfall, officials said.

To report a wildfire on public land, call Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch at 1-877-695-1663.

**Film symposium**

A Film Industry Symposium is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, at the Spencer Theater for Per-

forming Arts north of Ruidoso.

Film Lincoln County NM, the newly formed county wide film commission, put together the film industry symposium with speakers from the State Film Office, the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, Screen Actor's Guild, New Mexico Women in Film, Crew New Mexico and more.

Officials with the agency said the purpose of the film industry symposium is to

inform county residents about the state of film making in New Mexico and how that can affect Lincoln County. It also will allow people in the industry to see what Lincoln County has to offer the film business.

Speakers from the New Mexico State Film Office will present the facts about the state's tax incentives that are offered to the film industry and what financing is available to film mak-

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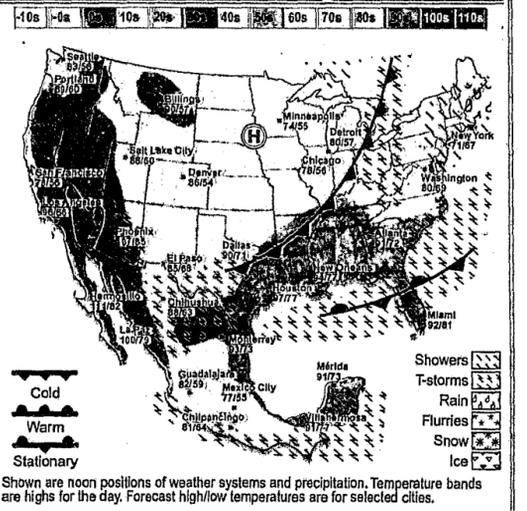
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**AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso** [AccuWeather.com](http://AccuWeather.com)

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 83° Humidity 40%	RealFeel 86° Humidity 42%	RealFeel 79° Humidity 57%	RealFeel 80° Humidity 51%	RealFeel 84° Humidity 59%	RealFeel 81° Humidity 60%	RealFeel 81° Humidity 62%
78° 51° Times of sun and clouds Wind: E 7-14 mph	78° 54° Partly sunny Wind: E 4-8 mph	74° 58° Mostly sunny Wind: S 7-14 mph	77° 58° Mostly sunny Wind: SSW 7-14 mph	81° 60° Intervals of clouds and sunshine Wind: S 7-14 mph	77° 57° Some sun with a t-storm possible Wind: S 7-14 mph	74° 57° Mostly cloudy with showers around Wind: WSW 3-6 mph

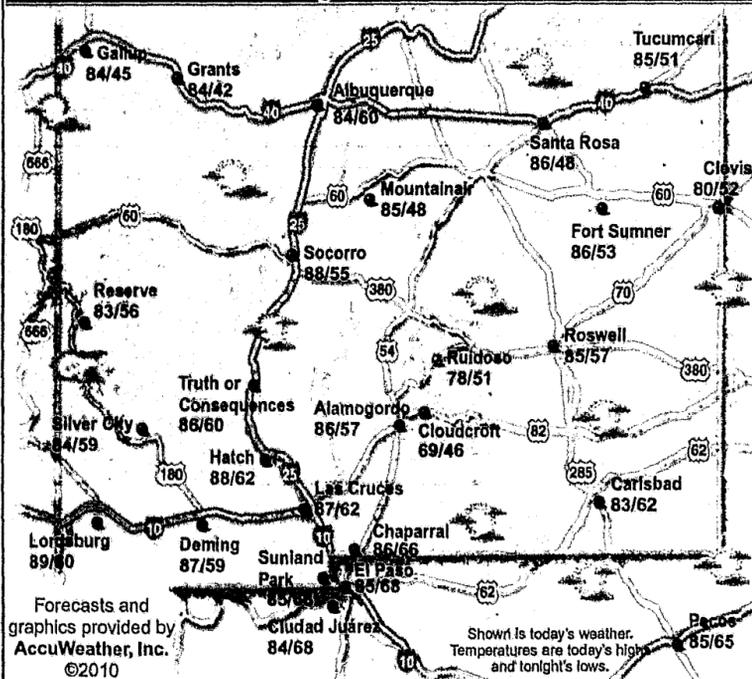
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**National Forecast for August 25, 2010**



National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Abilene	81/65/pc	87/65/s	Albuquerque	84/60/pc	87/59/pc
Anchorage	70/51/s	67/53/pc	Artesia	85/60/pc	87/64/pc
Atlanta	91/72/s	92/72/s	Chama	79/43/pc	81/42/pc
Austin	97/69/s	97/70/pc	Clayton	80/50/s	86/57/s
Baltimore	80/64/pc	86/58/pc	Cloudcroft	69/46/pc	73/39/pc
Boston	69/62/f	82/61/pc	Farmington	90/52/pc	90/54/pc
Chicago	78/56/s	77/56/s	Hobbs	85/60/pc	87/58/pc
Dallas	90/71/pc	93/70/s	Los Alamos	78/50/pc	82/45/pc
Denver	86/54/s	96/58/s	Portales	83/51/pc	87/57/s
Des Moines	79/56/s	80/59/s	Raton	80/43/s	86/47/pc
Detroit	80/57/pc	78/54/s	Red River	73/37/pc	75/39/pc
El Paso	85/68/pc	87/67/pc	Ruidoso	78/51/pc	78/54/pc
Las Vegas	108/80/s	108/83/pc	Santa Fe	83/51/pc	86/51/pc
Los Angeles	96/66/s	92/66/s	Silver City	84/59/pc	85/59/pc
Minneapolis	74/55/s	80/62/s	Taos	79/42/pc	84/42/pc
New Orleans	94/77/pc	92/76/pc			
New York City	71/67/f	83/67/pc			
Philadelphia	74/66/c	84/61/pc			
Piñonix	107/85/pc	107/83/pc			
Reno	100/62/s	96/58/s			
San Francisco	78/56/pc	68/53/pc			
San Diego	88/67/s	83/68/s			
Seattle	83/56/pc	87/52/pc			
Tucson	99/76/pc	100/76/t			
Tulsa, OK	85/58/pc	87/60/s			
Wash., DC	80/69/pc	87/62/pc			
Wichita	84/57/s	85/60/s			
Yuma	112/87/pc	110/86/pc			

**Regional Cities**



**Almanac**

**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:  
High/low ..... 81°/61°  
Normal high ..... 78°  
Normal low ..... 48°  
Record high ..... 87° (1977)  
Record low ..... 37° (1948)

Precipitation:  
Monday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 1.64"  
Normal month to date ..... 3.37"  
Year to date ..... 12.66"  
Normal year to date ..... 14.50"

**Alamogordo**  
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:  
High/low ..... 98°/70°  
Normal high ..... 90°  
Normal low ..... 64°  
Record high ..... 98° (2010)  
Record low ..... 53° (1953)

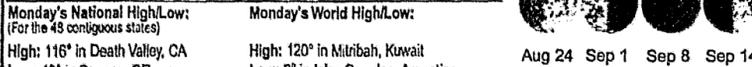
Precipitation:  
Monday ..... Trace  
Month to date ..... 1.14"  
Normal month to date ..... 1.76"  
Year to date ..... 9.29"  
Normal year to date ..... 7.61"

**Weather Trivia™:**  
Q: Are hurricane names ever repeated?  
A: Yes, but not in the same year.

**Sun and Moon**

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:33 a.m./7:37 p.m.  
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 7:55 p.m./7:24 a.m.

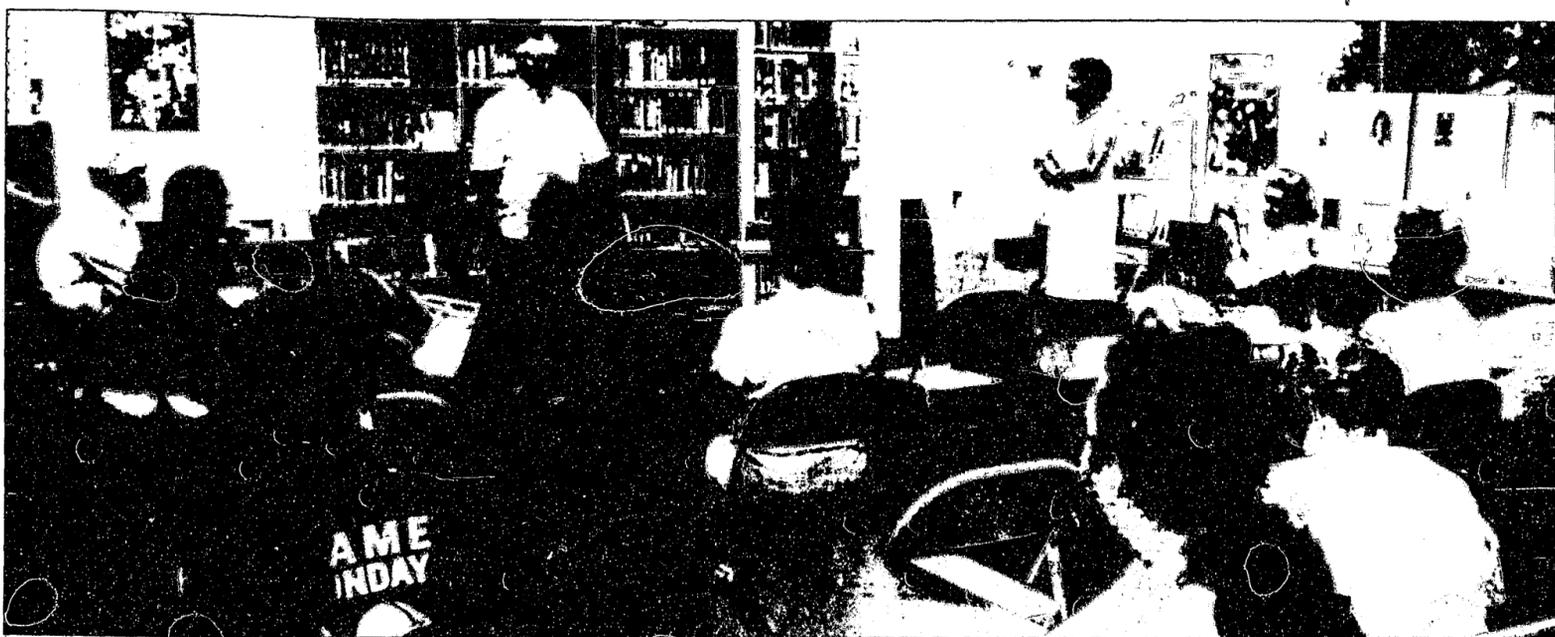
**Moon Phases**



**Extremes**

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 116° in Death Valley, CA  
Low: 19° in Seneca, OR

Monday's World High/Low:  
High: 120° in Mitribah, Kuwait  
Low: 3° in Islas Orcadas, Argentina



COURTESY PHOTO

**Cynthia E. Orozco**, standing at right, spoke about her new book, "No Mexicans, Women or Dogs Allowed," and signed copies recently at the Tularosa Public Library. Dr. Orozco obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and a masters and doctorate from the University of California-Los Angeles. She teaches World Humanities, Western Civilization and Lincoln County history at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, and was appointed to the New Mexico Humanities Council by Gov. Bill Richardson.

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ers. Other speakers will be talking about the potential for jobs in the film industry. Representatives from ENMU-Ruidoso will be on hand to talk about the new supercomputer gateway at the University that will be available to film makers.

Box lunches will be available for \$13, but they must be paid for in advance and can be ordered by calling the Spencer Theater at 575-336-4800.

The symposium is open and free to the public.

Film Lincoln County NM was formed in March and has a representative from each of the municipalities and one from the county. The group is applying to become a member of the AFCI, which is an international film liaison organization.

The organization's mission is to "promote Lincoln County as a film location, and to foster the art and education of film making in Lincoln County."

Several question-and-answer sessions will be conducted throughout the day. The schedule begins at 10 a.m., with a welcome, introduction of Film Lincoln County NM Committee members, Chairman Dirk Norris, special guests and Curt Temple, Lincoln County film liaison.

The first session will be headed by Denise Williams as moderator interacting with Lisa Strout, Tobi Ives and Trish Lopez, all of the New Mexico State Film Office.

A lunch break is scheduled from noon to 12:45 p.m., and Temple tentatively is set to be moderator until 2:15 p.m., with Amanda Decker of the Screen Actors Guild, Jon Hendry of the IATSE 480, Trish Lopez of New Mexico Women in Film and Daniel Taras, founder of crewnewmexico.com.

From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager is scheduled to step in as moderator with Stephen Miller of Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso (Gateway to State Super computer), Alan Trever of ENMU/Roswell

Media Arts Center and Jan Wafful of Film Otero County and the Desert Lights Film Festival.

**Tree planting**

A tree will be planted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sierra Vista School by classmates as a memorial to Jacob Yeager, who lost his battle with kidney disease July 5.

His mother, Sara Yeager, invites everyone who knew 11-year-old son or read about his situation.

A fund, the Jacob Yeager Memorial Fund, was established at First National Bank to help defray burial expenses.

**GOP headquarters**

Members of the Republican Party of Lincoln County will officially open their 2010 Election Headquarters at 1 p.m., Aug. 27, at 1092 Mechem Dr., between Lincoln Tower and the Post Office in Ruidoso.

According to John Billingsley, Political Director for the Republican Party of Lincoln County, the featured speaker for the event will be John Sanchez, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Sanchez is a native New Mexican who advocates hard work, reaching for difficult goals and the basic values of integrity, trust, faith and service.

Republican Party of Lincoln County Chairman Roger Allen extends an invitation to all county residents to meet Sanchez and to enjoy a few hours of fun, food and musical entertainment at the official kickoff of the countdown to the general election.

**Alto Lakes**

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD Office at 214 Lake Shore Dr., Alto.

**Building permits**

Building permit fees collected in July in the village of Ruidoso topped the previous month by \$6,000.

Village Manager Debi Lee reported to councilors at their meeting this month that 148 building inspections were performed in July, 68 plumbing/mechanical inspections and 72 electrical for a total of 286 inspections.

During that month, 143 permits were issued for a collective fee of \$30,057.50 and a building valuation of \$2,855,332.26.

Several new housing starts also occurred in July, compared to remodels and expansions of existing dwellings that have dominated previous months, she pointed out.

**Council cancels**

The Aug. 31 meeting of the Ruidoso Village Council is canceled to allow village staff and councilors to attend a meeting of the New Mexico Municipal League.

The next meeting is set for 4:30 p.m., Sept. 14, at the Village Administration Center, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

**Forester visits**

Corbin Newman, Regional Forester of the Southwestern Region, stopped in the Lincoln National Forest to visit with employees, meet with the Mescalero Apache Tribal President Chino and see partnership project areas funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

The first stop was the Mescalero Apache Forest Products Sawmill, where money was used to re-engineer the mill to process smaller diameter material, develop and improve business management systems and capabilities through training and improving workforce skills.

The 16 Springs Forest Health improvement project was next, the first U.S. Forest Service stewardship contract under the Tribal Forest Protection Act, aimed at reducing the threat of fire adjacent to tribal lands.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is a \$787 billion economic stimulus package

signed into law by President Barack Obama on Feb. 17, 2009.

**Relay For Life**

This year's Lincoln County Relay For Life raised over \$45,000 with 38 teams that had over 520 participants registered and ready to walk around a track all night.

If you would you like to be a part of this community event to fight cancer, you are invited to a Relay For Life Committee Retreat at the La Quinta Hotel, 2115 US Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday.

Contact Sashay at 575-937-2775 or sashay@zia-net.com with your decision to attend. We are trying to get a headcount for how many will attend.

It will be an opportunity to understand the mechanics of the relay, to get the training necessary to pull off a community-wide event, and to get motivated about the mission of eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing the suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

**Free movie**

A free movie, *Coral Reef Adventure*, is showing in the Village of Ruidoso Public Library Downstairs Classroom today at 2 p.m.

McGillivray Freeman's *Coral Reef Adventure* is a vivid, vast and colorful IMAX-produced film that presents a more serious agenda of warning its viewers that the natural magnificence of the world's most impressive coral reefs is possibly a mere 30 years away from extinction due to the devastating effects of global (and oceanic) warming.

The world is in the process of losing entire ecosystems that cannot be replaced.

This 43-minute film is narrated Liam Neeson and features songs by Crosby, Stills & Nash.

This and one more film, *Mystery of the Nile*, on Wednesday, Sept. 1, are

the final films for the adult summer reading program: *Water Your Mind - READ*, provided through a grant received from the NM Humanities Council and the NM State Library. Friends of the Library facilitated the grant.

Visit the Library News tab on our website at

<http://www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/> to learn more happenings @ the Library.

**Correction**

The owners of Copper Mountain Auto Body are Eddie and Diane Finch. An incorrect name was included in a story Friday.

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### OUR OPINION

## Cold front ushers in thoughts of fall...

...While Lobos leave behind vision of the future

A few days after the University of New-Mexico Lobo football squad departed for home, a cold front blew through town with a hint of fall in the air.

Yes, school and autumn sports are in, the apples are sweet on the tree, and summer is winding its way to a close, though the calendar gives it three more weeks.

The summer was marked by the track issue, to result in an election in less than a month; and the Lobos, who gave this area a lift with their presence and economic impact, at a time when the national recession and worries

about our local economic future conspired to depress spirits somewhat.

Plans are afoot to have UNM, which arrived in a state-wide initiative to raise the profile of its program, return here next year. We trust that the facilities, hospitality and climate were to their liking.

In return, their stay here, along with a noticeable uptick in bicycle activity, presents the obvious: Ruidoso as a high-altitude training center for serious athletes and recreationists, alike. The possibilities for a new industry blew in with the weather.

## Energy changeover is blowing in the wind

South of Socorro last week, I saw a semi approaching with what appeared to be a warehouse-sized piece of structural steel. When it got closer, I could see the long, gracefully tapered blade of a wind turbine carried on two trailers.

The fact that everybody on the highway took a good look at the blade means wind is not yet a mature industry. In oil and gas country, passing chunks of steel are an everyday sight. I wonder if wind will become a mature industry?

We've seen two projects in a row bump up against public opposition. In San Miguel County, Invenergy wants to build a 50-turbine wind farm on 7,000 acres of state trust land at Bernal, near Las Vegas. Taos Wind Power would build 27 turbines near Tres Piedras.

The arguments have become familiar: They'll spoil my view. They're noisy. They kill birds and bats. They're ugly. They'll hurt land values.

Opponents always say they like the idea of wind power — just not the machines that actually make electricity. San Miguel County's proposed requirement that the turbines be three miles from any homes will kill the project, said a company representative.

One noteworthy fact: San Miguel County and Taos County are, year in and year out, two of the poorest counties in the state. Do they ever wonder why?

Another fact: A major reason for the chosen location in San Miguel County is its proximity to PNM's transmission lines. Renewable-energy advocates have said for some time that the grid must expand to reach these projects. In June, the Western Governors Association began thinking about how to fast-track these lines. "You can't put electricity in a bottle and send it down the river," said Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

The following month Gov. Bill Richardson formed a task force to plan development of transmission lines in New

Mexico to serve renewable energy projects.

Opposition and obstacles seem discouraging unless you remember that six other New Mexico communities said yes to wind farms. We can brag that we're 14th in the nation in electricity produced from wind, in the same breath that we brag we're third in natural gas, fifth in oil production, and 11th in coal production. So far, these wind farms sell their power to big public utilities, but soon electric co-ops will be on the wind bandwagon.

Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari knew a trend when it saw one and built its own 1.5 megawatt turbine to use in training technicians. Sale of electricity will help the school offset its costs.

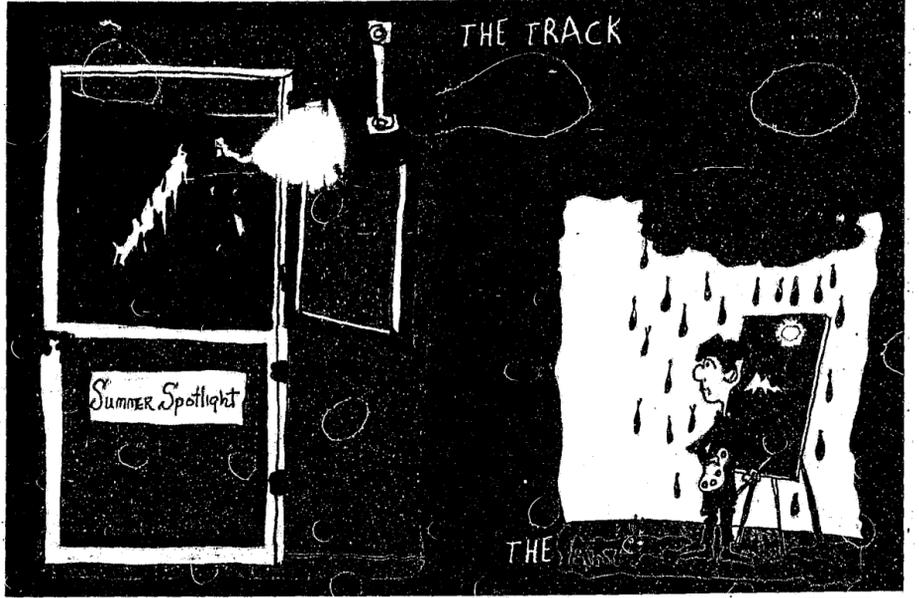
A recent op-ed writer referred to wind and solar farms as "this onslaught by the developers and their investors." Whatever happened to concern about clean energy and global warming? Who does he think is consuming this power?

Move over, oil and gas. Renewables have joined you in the dunk tank.

The facts are still the facts: Whether you love or hate oil, they're not making any more of it, and the alternatives keep dropping by the wayside. Ethanol, still not viable after 30 years and billions in subsidies, is losing support in Congress.

That leaves wind, solar, clean coal and nuclear power. We're not likely to see much progress here if the state and individual counties erect a regulatory obstacle course — the same obstacle course conventional energy companies now face to do exploratory drilling.

Despite the NIMBY stories, there's quiet progress. SunZia Southwest Transmission Project is trying to build a line from the wind farms and finding support among area ranchers. In June they testified that the additional income from leases will help them stay afloat. The *Ruidoso News* quoted one rancher: "It's good for our community. It's good for our country. It's good for our schools."



### YOUR OPINION

## PNM's business model fails the public

To the editor:

ATTN: MONA VARELA, Director, Consumer Relations Division, State of New Mexico, Public Regulation Commission

Re: Rate Opposition (Case # 10-00086)

First of all, I would like to point out that this is not the first time that PNM Resources (holding company) made risky business decisions that placed the corporation in financial jeopardy, and as a matter of fact, the holding company, itself, was born out of a need to reorganize substantial unregulated losses that occurred in the '80s

Second, the assistant state attorney general pointed out the risk of paying too high a price for TNMP prior to the purchase, but the lure of unregulated profits in Texas was too much to resist.

Third, PNMR had to have known that additional investments would have to be made in New Mexico to provide for population growth and systems

upgrades before they allocated those funds to the purchase of TNMP.

Fourth, one of the three ratings agencies, Fitch is very concerned about the losses that have been and are still being experienced by PNMR subsidiaries, doing business in the unregulated energy markets in Texas (approximately 300,000 customers).

How is it possible that PNM can offer renewable energy for 1.1 cents per KWH, to their Lewisville Texas, customers at the same time that they are asking us to pay 13.5 cents, plus a fuel cost adjustment, a purchased power adjustment and a renewable energy surcharge, with no known cost?

Fifth, very little attention, if any, has been paid to the fact that GRT revenue collections will suffer dramatically if this much disposable income is removed from our local economies (\$165 million year statewide).

There is little doubt that PNMR's contribution to state coffers will pale in comparison to revenue received from local businesses and communities, as those funds circulate through our local economies six times on average. Has the New Mexico Board of Finance submitted their analysis for Review?

Sixth, the perfect storm, as state, county, and local governments grapple with budget cuts and revenue shortfalls, it seems inconceivable that those same institutions are being asked to compensate for a rate increase that drives up the cost of service, while simultaneously driving down revenues.

Finally, 20th century business models that rely on public losses to produce stockholder gains will never offer the hope of economic recovery that every New Mexican deserves.

Respectfully,

Rick Albers  
Ruidoso

## A case of righteous gluttony

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Writers on the Range

In the produce section of the grocery store the other day, I saw apricots on sale for 99 cents a pound. They sat in a bin between grapes from Chile and cherries from Montana. I don't know where the apricots came from. I selected six and put them in the shopping cart, but I was thinking what a sterile exercise it was.

Less than a week earlier I had camped on a sand beach along the lower Salmon River in Idaho. It was our first night out, and somebody noticed apricot trees on the rocky bench above our tents. The fruit was ripe. Three of the kids went up with a big cook pot and filled it over the top in five minutes. They brought it back and set it on the table, this free, luscious bounty. Everyone gorged. I'll bet I ate 30 apricots in an hour, easy.

It made me think about how we live, making weekly runs to the store where food is laid out, packaged, refined, modified, some of it so altered that it hardly qualifies as food, all of it brought in by way of labyrinthine transportation networks and convoluted business transactions. It made me think of the way all creatures, save humans in developed countries, live; and how, not so long ago, we used to live.

I thought of eagles gorging on salmon carcasses along Alaskan rivers until they are too heavy to fly. Blue whales gulping down clouds of plankton by the ton. Fish roiling the surface of a Montana river during a caddis hatch. Wolves following herds of

caribou on the tundra, picking off calves and weak adults, their bellies sagging to the ground. Elk grazing the lush grass until their coats glisten in the sun. A ruby-throated hummingbird moving from columbine to columbine in an alpine meadow, sucking nectar with the ferocity of a metabolism that demands its body weight in food several times each day.

That's what it felt like to eat one sun-warm apricot after another with the Salmon River charging past. It's what, I imagine, it felt like to spear salmon out of the Columbia when the water surged with fish beyond counting and baskets brimmed with their bodies. What it felt like to stand in the carnage of a bison below a jump, and to wade in to the butchery fueled by a fierce exultation of wealth and gratitude. What it felt like to gather the seasonal harvest of fruits, roots and vegetables, to cure them and store them and eat them until you could eat no more.

That surfeit joy is so intense because the anguish and desperation of its opposite is equally intense. When winter weeks drag on past the end of supplies. When elk paw through the snow for brown, withered grass. When fish lie in torpor under thick layers of ice, hearts barely beating. When the stores of caribou meat are long gone and the bodies of your sons and daughters grow gaunt and listless. When the bear emerges from its winter den, hunger an insistent ache.

I remember watching a black bear feeding on alder catkins on the shores of Lake Athabasca one May. The bear reared up in

front of a stand of shrubbery, waded forward into an embrace with a group of alders twenty feet tall. It wrestled the armload of vegetation to the ground, stood on top of it. Through binoculars, I watched the bear's mobile, pink tongue ravish the buds and catkins, gleaming the food in an efficient, almost brutal assault. Again and again the bear tackled sections of shrubs, took them down, ate them clean. The harvest was languid and efficient and voracious, the same way that same bear would take on patches of blueberries and cranberries in the fall, or the carcass of a moose, or a nest of ants in a rotten log.

In my town, every fall, there are apple trees everywhere that drop fruit to the ground where it rots away. There are plum trees weighed down with fruit that withers and dies. Sometimes we get motivated to press cider or make jam from the neighborhood. More often we are too preoccupied with the busyness of life, and the work of hunting and gathering money, to notice. Instead we go to the store at the end of the week, and stand in front of the choices, making our selections, eating in that steady moderate way that has come to be our habit, and forgetting the hot ecstasy of connection to the earth and its seasons, that joy of biting into one luscious apricot after another, throwing the pits over our shoulders, the nourishment of the harvest warm as fire inside.

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— Lincoln County Commission —

# Rural community forester introduced to commission

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Mike Caggiano, who moved to Lincoln County to fill the job of rural community forester, was introduced to county commissioners last week.

A New Yorker, he said he's excited to be in New Mexico and looking forward to the challenge. "There's a lot of work to be done," he said.

Introducing Caggiano was Rick Delaco with the South Central Resource Conservation and Development District, the agency employing Caggiano through a cost-sharing arrangement with the county. His first day was Aug. 2.

In another county service and adding to their other responsibilities, County Emergency Services Director Travis Atwell and Emergency Services Coordinator Joe Kenmore recently became certified emergency vehicle driver instructors.

On Aug. 14, they conducted their first class for volunteer firefighters, with 32 students attending. They are planning two more classes for the volunteers.



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Rick Delaco, a former urban forest for the Village of Ruidoso, right, introduces new rural community forester Mike Caggiano.

County Manager Tom Stewart reported to commissioners that when the delivery date for a replacement "chiller barrel" slipped to October, he canceled the order and the county contractor found a new refrigeration unit for the county courthouse for \$58,850, with a delivery date this week as an emergency procurement.

"The damaged chiller barrel continues to fail and our contractor continues to repair it with little success," the manager said.

In other reports to commissioners, Stewart:

• said officials with The Accounting and Consulting Group visited the county July 26-28, to begin the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 audit. Commissioners

Jackie Powell and Dave Parks, County Treasurer Beverly Calaway, her Chief Deputy Glenna Robbins, County Finance Director Charlene Schlarb, Finance Officer Rachel Monreal and Stewart participated in a briefing from the firm. The next visit is scheduled this week and the report of the audit is due to the State Auditor Nov. 15.

• told commissioners that after much delay on Aug. 3, the county received the final reimbursement from the state for the legislative appropriation covering improvements at the county fairground in Capitan for \$49,291.73.

The reimbursement was held up for a review of anti-donation prohibitions by the legal staff at the

Department of Finance and Administration. Stewart said no anti-donation issues exist, because the fairground and the work done there belong to the county.

• said on Aug. 13, following a comment period in which no additional comments were received, as certifying environmental official, he declared a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Capitan Clinic Community Development Block Grant project. The FONSI documentation will be sent to DFA for approval to release federal funding for the project. The architect is finalizing his plans for the request for proposals that need DFA approval. He anticipates having the construction RFP in hand for the commission's September meeting.

• said JRP Master Builders completed work on the county's Emergency Operations Center at Copper Ridge Aug. 2, and the emergency services director moved in that week.

• said that as of Aug. 11, 147 acres of forested land were thinned in the Alto Mesa project, which added 27 jobs in the county.

# County adopts changes in its purchasing policy

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To avoid future criticism by the auditor, Lincoln County commissioners last week adopted four changes in the county's purchasing policy.

The first change provided for submission of purchase requisitions either in writing or electronically, correcting an omission to be in line with state law.

The second increased the small purchase amount, but not to the maximum of \$10,000 allowed by state law. Instead, County Manager Tom Stewart recommended that purchases of \$2,500 or less, an increase from a figure of \$1,500, "shall be made at the best obtainable price."

Purchases from \$2,501 to \$5,000 will be at the best obtainable price after three bona fide written or telephone quotes from different vendors are solicited. A form detailing that effort must be submitted to the purchasing department to support the purchase.

To avoid a "frivolous finding in the future," Stewart recommended changing the last sentence of the policy dealing with purchases of \$20,000 or more.

The old policy stated that such purchases required commission approval before advertising for bids. But Stewart said when an item is listed in an approved fiscal budget, there have been times when he may not have

received specific approval before advertising.

The line in the policy was changed to, "If deemed appropriate, the county manager may request approval of the commission to go out for bid."

"The only problem I have with that is you may not always be the manager and the commission might want control," Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said. "You always notify us by e-mail."

Stewart pointed out the policy amendment was being adopted by resolution, not as an ordinance, and could be changed easily.

"You could change it when I leave," he said. "It takes a lot off my mind, instead of (second guessing) 'Did I do that or not?' I just don't want a stupid audit finding, an 'Oops, we got you.'"

Sedillo said she wasn't against the change, but just wanted to be sure commissioners were reminded they had approved a purchase in the budget.

"You're not at the age where you forget things," she told Finance Director Charlene Schlarb. "He always lets us know what he's doing with the money."

"But we might want to change, if we get another manager later," Commissioner Don Williams said.

The last purchasing policy change was in line with state statutes and tied to obtaining professional services having a value not exceeding \$50,000 by

procuring at the best negotiated prices. The previous policy specified \$30,000.

Stewart said most of the professional services used by the county fall under

\$30,000, but the county attorney frequently refers to the state statute's higher amount when discussing attorney-related items.

"If you want to stay

stricter, we could have to go out for bid over \$30,000," Stewart said. The state law says if the amount is under \$50,000, the professional service can be renewed four

times in a row for up to 10 years.

"I wouldn't advocate that," Stewart said. "In the past, we had to go out every four years."

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# EDUCATION

## Capitan Schools Striving for technological and academic excellence

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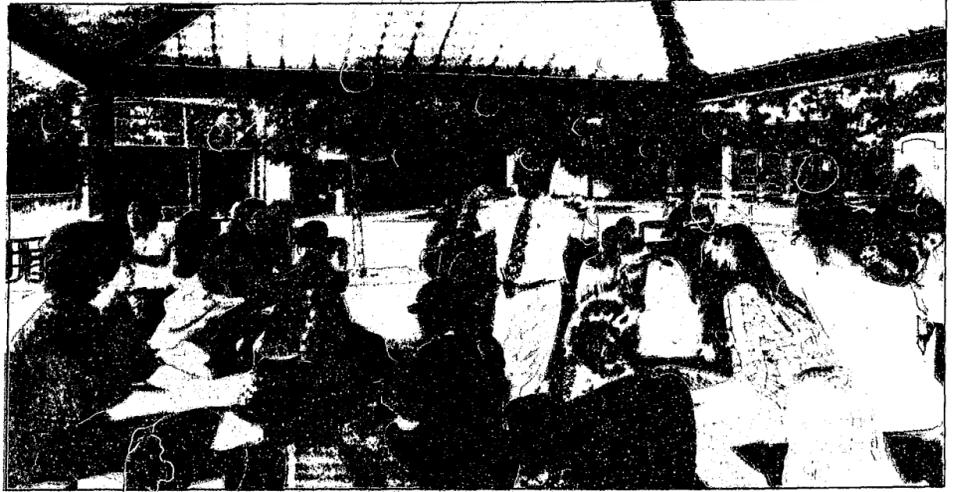
When the student count was tallied mid-morning Monday, Capitan Schools' head count for grades K-12 was at 522. They finished the school year in May with 506, up from 488 at the close of 2008-09 year.

The campus is bustling with positive energy, activities and the fresh faces of students eager to get on with the next year in their education process. Similarly, the staff and administration are in a "raring-to-go mode" that enhances the start of the 2010-11 school year.

Summer construction lingers as the completion of a new infrastructure is put in place to sustain the new technology to be incorporated throughout all the buildings. New wiring and outlets in all the schools and administration has been an ongoing process.

"You are going to hear a lot of terms in the near future like Smart-Board technology, Black-Board technology, Skype, Droid and variations of things like that," said Capitan Schools Principal Jerrett Perry. "Touch-screen iPods will be used throughout the district. There are lots of adaptations for iPods, lots of free apps out there that are educationally based and tie their use into the curriculum. You can solve problems together with using the technology. That's the way of the future. We will have Smart Boards in every single classroom in the mid-school and high school. Our teachers are very excited about the new technology because that's how kids want to learn."

Perry said they aren't



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**Capitan Schools** Superintendent Shirley Crawford, above left, expressed solid confidence in her administration and staff's goals for the upcoming school year. Above right, Principal Jerrett Perry speaks to the 45 Capitan seventh graders on the first day of school. "Be proud to be a Tiger," he told them. "Take pride in your school, in your work, in your sports and in your community."

going to fight the technology wave but instead use it to prepare students for the real world, a world full of technology.

The funding for the technology process comes from the Ed Tech Notes which is a bond source of income specifically targeted for educational technology.

"Education is under the gun in this time of financial crisis both at a federal and state level," said Perry. "So what we have done in Capitan, is we've been creative with the resources we have been given. We are truly a cutting edge school district in New Mexico. That Blackboard technology is kind of a new technology and I think there is only one high school in the state that is using it and New Mexico State University is using it, but not at the level that we are."

In December 2009, U.S. News ranked America's best high schools for a third year, with Capitan High School making the list of New Mexico schools.

"I think there isn't any one reason that Capitan Schools are so successful," said Perry. "It's a multitude of things. We have great kids and we have parents who expect them to do well. With that, there's a sense of responsibility with the teachers to make sure they teach at that high level."

"We've come together as a team here at Capitan Schools and decided what we need to do, in spite of all the pressures and requirements coming at us from the outside, is we need to take care of kids. So we are going to set them up for success. One of the ways we are going to do that is we are going to close that achievement gap. We are going to target those kids that need the extra help and get them where they need to be."

A focus on credit recovery and dual credit is part of the strategy as well. Perry said there are 30 students enrolled in dual-credit classes through Eastern New Mexico University. Perry said he put a goal

before the new freshman this year to have at least 15 college credits by the time they graduate. "It lets them start college ahead of the game, and it's paid for while they are in high school," he said. "We've actually built the dual credit into the daily schedule, building a school within a school. I'm really excited about that."

Ultimately, after closing the achievement gap for the students that struggle, the focus will shift to promoting the exceptional students. "That will eventually turn into what we call an academic academy. We'll start pushing those AP classes and the dual credit to a level where we are truly elite. In Capitan, we have all of the ingredients. We just need to put it together."

Perry said having a superintendent with great vision makes it all work. "Shirley Crawford is not just one of those people that talks about it. She actually is able to go out and do it. She is the perfect

one to head up a great team. We make a good team."

One of the strategies for focusing on the education during the financial crisis and budget crunch was a reorganization of the administration. No staff eliminations were made this year but the vacant positions of a principal in the elementary and middle school were not filled.

Perry serves as the principal over all the schools while some of his previous duties have been allocated to others. Jason Hightower is the Athletic Director and Dwight Menix, fourth grade instructor, is doing his Administrative internship.

Another upgrade is a major transformation of Traylor Gym paid for by SB-9 funds. Also, with the technology improvements, an updated website is in the works.

"We are going to stand up and do what is right for the kids," said Perry. "We are not going to stand back and let our values and our



JERRETT PERRY

beliefs be trampled on by political forces that diminish what we are trying to do in education."

Taking "Tiger Pride" to a new level, the staff and administration at Capitan Schools has kicked off the new school year with a tsunami of positive planning and the wherewithal to implement it.

## Ruidoso Middle School gets photovoltaic solar system

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The one-year old Ruidoso Middle School will move forward with generating some of the facility's electricity from the sun.

The school district board last month approved establishing a budget to accommodate grant funding for the project.

Earlier this summer the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED)

announced the middle school would receive \$300,000 to purchase and install a 50-kilowatt photovoltaic solar energy system.

The Ruidoso district was one of 15 around the state to receive a grant made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Before tapping into the funding, the district must first submit building plans and a request for school related construction with

the state's Public School Facilities Authority and PED.

"It's on our shoulders right now," said district finance director Yvonne Perez.

"There's a price agreement. There's been eight vendors selected by the state that you can use. So what school districts are doing, and that we need to do to, is have those vendors give a presentation and choose who would do the

best job for us."

The solar equipment installation vendors could make a presentation to the district in early September. Perez said an award would need to quickly follow because the equipment must be installed and paid for by Dec. 21.

There is an educational component of the renewable energy system for students and teachers, involving installation to monitoring the energy and cost sav-

ings.

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson had said the state wanted the 15 projects to inspire students to pursue education and jobs in the state's green economy.

Perez said a location on the roof of the middle school has been suggested.

"Part of the requirements is that it's visible to the public. That was one of the governor's requirements," said Perez. "So it

will be on that flat, southern facing roof."

The state's Public Education Department will manage the projects and the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department will provide technical assistance.

Two other school districts in Lincoln County, at Carrizozo and Corona, were also among the 15 districts awarded grants for the solar photovoltaic systems.

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# Redistricting to draw new Congressional lines

■ Action is mandated by the U.S. Census every 10 years

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Every 10 years, based on new national census data, counties, legislative and congressional districts are redrawn to maintain population balance and reflect growth that might trigger the need for more elected representatives.

Officials in the Lincoln County Clerk's office with the help of New Mexico State Sen. Rod Adair (R-Roswell), who also heads New Mexico Demographic Research, drafted some new precinct lines, eliminated now prohibited sub-precincts and added some new voting precincts.

The more precincts, the more flexibility in drawing county commission, state legislative and national congressional district lines, County Clerk Rhonda Burrows told county commissioners Tuesday.

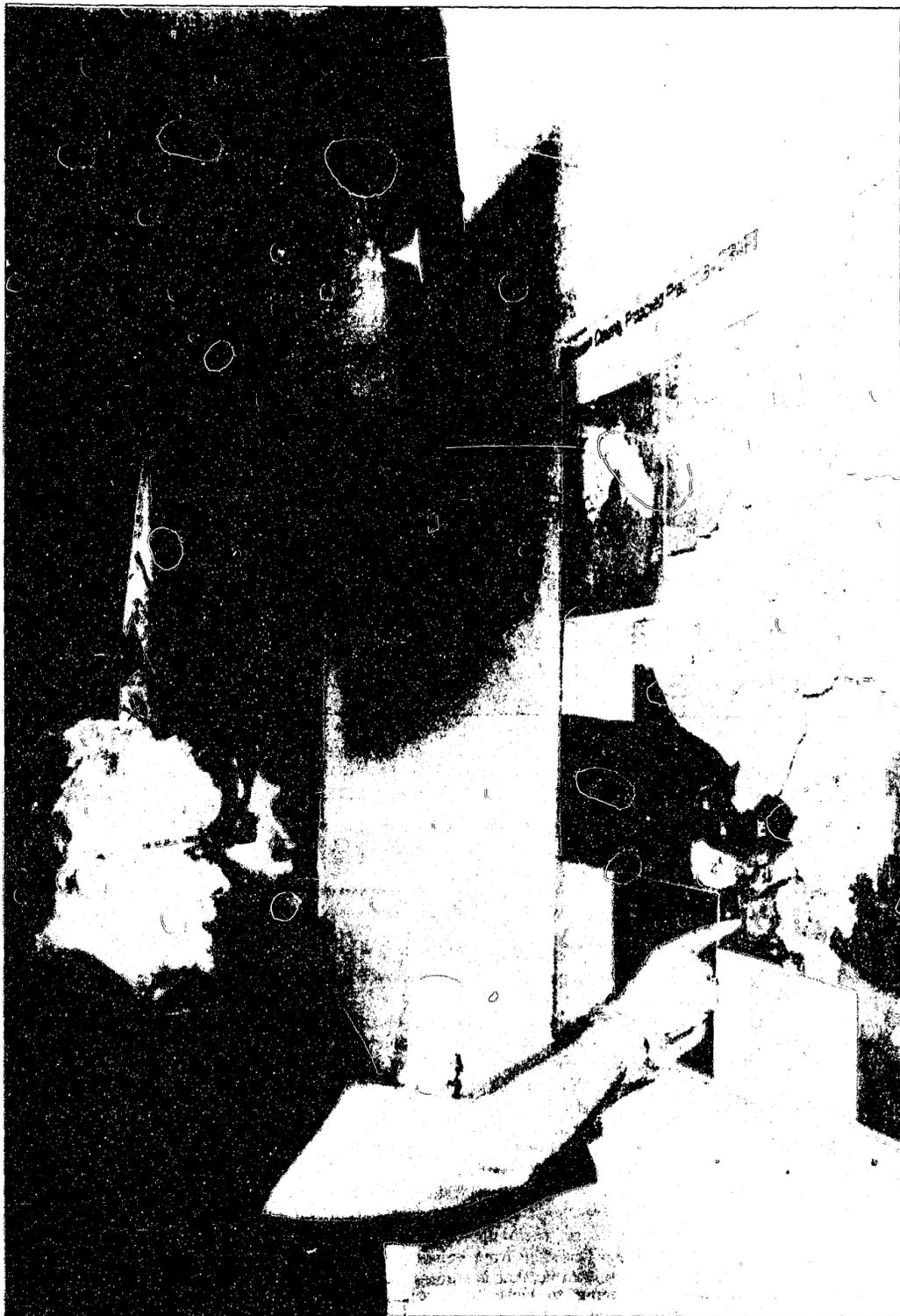
Adair said he handled the county's 2001 redistricting. The only reason for the census is for reapportionment to guarantee equal representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, he said. But subsequent court decisions extended the requirement down to all elected levels, such as school boards and village councils, although some exceptions are allowed for smaller populations.

Lincoln County showed a population of a little more than 19,000 in the last census. But he used an example of a county with 25,000 people, in which no district could have fewer than 4,750 residents and no more than 5,250.

The new 2010 Census began in April. Although final numbers may not be available until May 2011, preliminary work shows New Mexico did not gain a Congressional seat, Adair said. The state is not growing at the rate of the rest of the country, he said.

The population shift in the state is toward the Rio Grande Valley corridor with Belen, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe and Albuquerque in the north, Las Cruces in the south. Population is bleeding from Clayton, Tucumcari and Clovis, Adair said. The corridor will gain three to four seats in the state House and two Senate seats at the expense of the east side of the state, he said.

As for Lincoln County, the population concentration increased in the extreme south covering Ruidoso, Alto and Ruidoso Downs, he said.



Lincoln County Commissioner Eileen Sedillo and Lincoln County Deputy Clerk Tammie Maddox look at a new district map hanging by the podium in commission chambers.

"In 2000, there were only 13 precincts and you couldn't redistrict without creating separate polling places or separate subsections," he said. "Most of the precincts remained whole for the Congressional redistricting. You could carve out part for the county commission or school as sub-precincts. That's what led to Tinnie, San Patricio and Capitan being sub-precincts."

But for the new map in 2011, Burrows said the county will increase to 21 precincts to give more flexibility to meet the population goals and move away from subprecincts when final commission district, legislative and Congressional lines are approved.

"Some precincts don't have very many people," Adair said. "It's to give you greater building blocks to meet the goal."

The state Legislature probably will call a special September session in 2011 to handle adoption of new lines for state representation, he said.

When drawing lines, the law also states that ethnic minorities must be given an opportunity to elect someone of their choosing, Adair said.

Burrows said under the precinct plan already put together, precinct 6 will be divided, changing the edges of precincts 6 and precinct

21. The new precinct 8 was drawn with only 10 voters.

"I hope to make precincts more square and blocky," she said. "I'm attempting to change to that. When people see little fingers going out here and there, they say it's gerrymandering. But that's not necessarily true. They were simply trying years ago to pick up enough population. Some (configurations) can be very crazy."

Preliminary estimates indicate new census numbers in Lincoln County will have zero impact on redistricting at higher levels, but will affect government distribution of money for

projects and programs. "You'll know in April 2011," Burrows said, along with the updated demographics of the county, such as education and income levels by precinct.

Adair said the census counts everyone in the county at the time, whether or not they are legal residents of the county, state or the United States.

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said with more illegal immigrants migrating

to Ruidoso, that could mean a big impact on the population. Adair said some people have lived in the area 50 years and never became citizens.

He reminded commissioners that the census counts people, not registered voters, a common misconception.

Adair said every sixth person received a long-form questionnaire asking for more than the basic information for the census.

In New Mexico's 33 counties, some commissioners take an active role in redistricting, but in most, the job is handled by the county clerk. A final decision occurs after a few public hearings and official adoption by the commission.

Former county clerk Martha Proctor, now a magistrate judge in Carrizozo, urged commissioners to do as much of the work in-house as possible to keep down the cost, as she did in 2001.

Ranches of Sonterra resident Tony Davis asked if the most objective approach might be a computer program or to turn to "academics" for more unbiased input.

Burrows said the new map hanging on the wall next to the commission podium was created by Research and Polling, which has a statewide contract and is based in Albuquerque. Precincts were drawn by June, because the U.S. Census Bureau required it.

"We go more with geographical lines than counties do with flat land," Burrows said. "Lincoln County is a huge challenge. It's not flat. We follow a creek or road. But in some cases, I tried to unite areas such as Eagle Creek, where one side of the road was in one precinct and the other side had to drive miles to another polling place in another precinct. So I tried not to use roads and not to divide communities."

She also kept in mind bringing together areas with common interests, Burrows said. She tried to adjust to keep all of the settlement of Nogal together, but failed and it remains split, she said.

In precincts, such as 8, with small populations, mail ballots could be used to avoid the expense of setting up a separate polling place, Burrows said.

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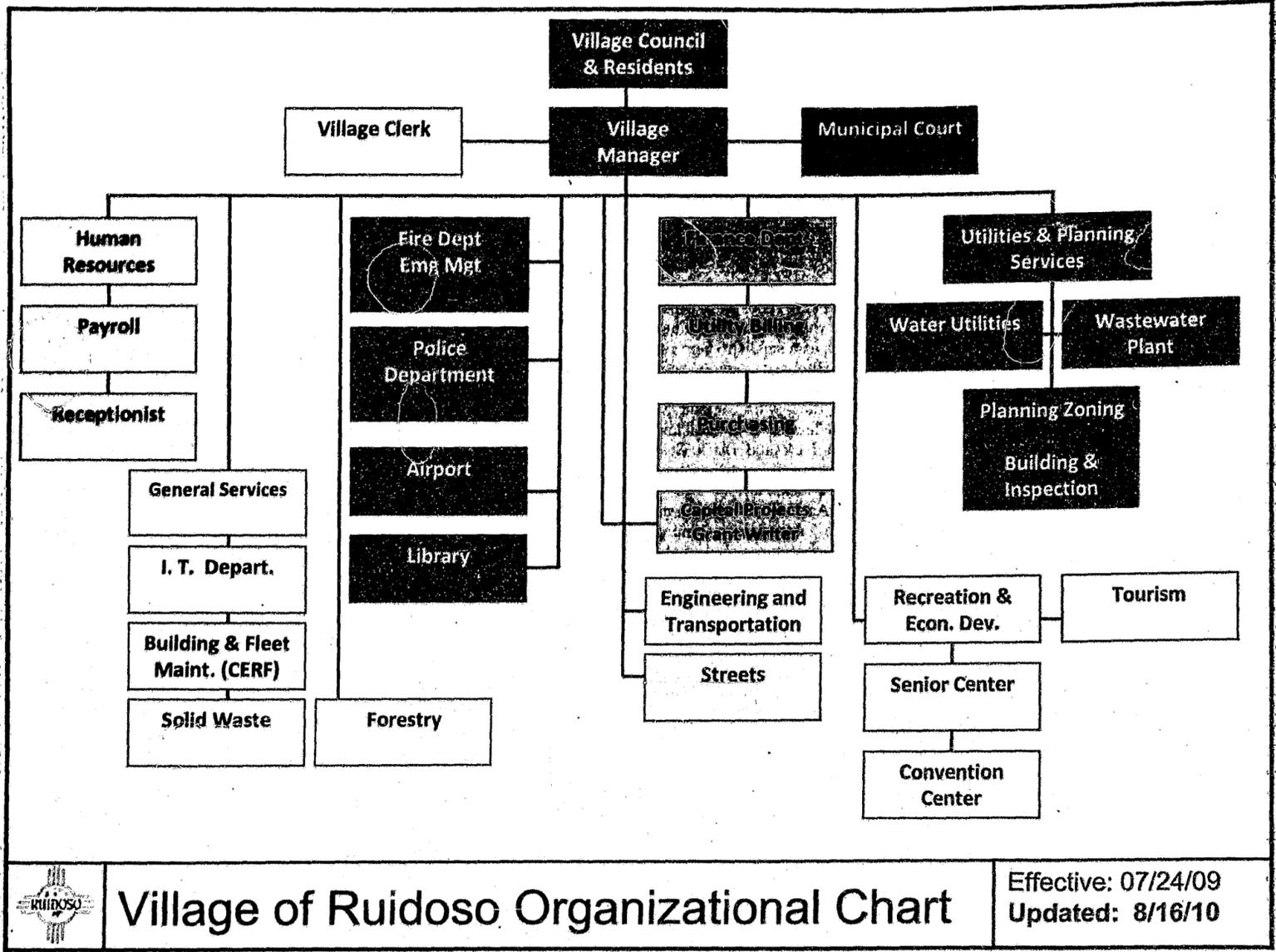
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# Village Hall undergoes major reorganization

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Reacting to projected cuts in state money and a possible major drop in gross receipts tax support, Ruidoso Village Manager

Debi Lee announced a major administration reorganization for the village Monday.

She wrote department directors that as she discussed in a meeting with them, "It is imperative that

we transition our daily functions to be more effective and efficient."

A copy of her memorandum supplied by Lee to the *Ruidoso News* showed that she wrote, "It has been reported to us through the

New Mexico Municipal League that the State of New Mexico is facing an even greater shortfall in their financial picture for next year and it is possible that the Gross Receipts Tax 'hold harmless' provision on food for municipalities reflected in state law may be eliminated, causing the Village of Ruidoso to see a significant decrease in general fund revenues.

"If this does in fact occur, or any other reduction in revenues from the State, the Village will be forced to evaluate personnel and may have to consider reduction in force, furloughs, or other means to absorb the impact."

In a proactive effort to absorb the negative impact that may occur during the legislative session, Lee wrote that she changed the organizational chart reflecting a more concentrated effort on:

- working efficiently and reducing personnel when possible
- seeking outside grants and funding resources to support capital needs
- scheduling directors meetings in groups to discuss operations and projects that apply to that

*"The village (may) be forced to evaluate personnel and may have to consider reduction in force, furloughs, or other means to absorb the (budget) impact."*

group.

"I have attached a copy of the revised organizational chart which is color coded and will reflect how the groups will be scheduled to meet," she wrote. "We will begin these meetings next week and I will call to schedule dates and times."

"Please understand, we are facing some challenging times and must work cooperatively to ensure that the delivery of services is not negatively affected. I appreciate everyone's support."

Under the chart, the manager, village clerk and municipal court are responsive directly to the village council and residents.

Reporting to the manager under one meeting cluster are Human Resources, Payroll and the Receptionist. Another cluster is

General Services, Informational Technology, Building and Fleet Maintenance and Solid Waste.

Forestry is listed separately.

Another cluster consists of the Fire Department, Police Department, Airport and Library. A fifth cluster is composed of the Finance Department, Utility Billing, Purchasing and with Capital Projects Grant Writer. Engineering and Transportation are listed with the Street Department.

Recreation and Economic Development, the Senior Center, the Convention Center and Tourism Director are in a separate cluster and comprising the last grouping are Utilities & Planning Services, Water Utilities, Wastewater Plant and Planning Zoning, Building & Inspection.

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percent." Hubbard said Ruidoso Downs Racing has trimmed costs, but there is only so much that can be cut.

"I think if you went back, you would find we were very competitive and actually probably percentage-wise, we had the smallest operating costs of any track in the state, going back before we lost 58 percent of our business."

The red ink is not flowing at all the racinos in the state. While the Downs at Albuquerque also posted losses the past three years, SunRay Gaming of New Mexico, which operates a horse track and casino at Farmington, and Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino near El Paso, both reported solid profits during the same period.

After New Mexico allowed the horse tracks in the state to operate casinos, the \$5 million Billy the Kid Casino opened in 1999. The casino was touted as a way to help secure Ruidoso Downs' future by contributing cash to race purses.

But several years later the pot of gold was starting to lose some sparkle.

Annual revenues at the Billy the Kid Casino in Ruidoso Downs have fallen by more than half since 2002, from \$15.5 million in 2002, to \$7.4 million last year, according to figures

provided by Curtis Hilling, vice president of finance for Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc..

"As you can imagine, when you give up half of your income, it doesn't leave a lot to try to cover your fixed and variable overhead," Hilling said during an interview earlier this year.

The casino revenues are called "net-win," or the amount of money taken in by slot machines minus winnings. Food, beverages and other items are not included in the casino numbers, nor are any aspects of the racetrack.

Between 2005 and 2009, Billy the Kid Casino revenues dropped 32 percent, while all five of New Mexico's non-tribal casinos collectively posted a 16.7 percent gain.

Hilling noted one of the Mescalero Apache Tribes gaming facilities, the Apache Travel Center Casino, opened six years ago.

"Every year since 2004 we've had a net loss in market share. There are three casinos in this tiny, little area, and that's a lot."

Hilling believes the tribal casino along U.S. Highway 70 and Billy the Kid Casino compete for the same customer to a large extent.

"So as we've lost market share to the Travel Center, trying to get that back is hard to do. It has been that addition of a third casino into this area that has really changed the dynamics."

Hilling said as casino revenues have dropped, the bottom line has really been hurt because of many fixed costs.

From May 2003, when the travel center casino opened, to November 2004, Hubbard said the Billy the Kid Casino's revenues dropped 28.3 percent. Between November 2004, when the Black Gold Casino opened in Hobbs, and May 2006, the Ruidoso Downs casino's revenues dipped a smaller 6 percent.

Hubbard said that shows the error in thinking by those who contend he did himself in by building Zia Park and Black Gold Casino in southeastern New Mexico.

An annual report from the American Gaming Association pointed to the worst recession in a generation for a consumer cut-back in discretionary spending. Shrinking travel and leisure budgets led to a nationwide decline in gross gaming revenues during 2008 and 2009.

"The recession impacted employment levels at racetrack casinos, as many states exhibiting decreases in gaming revenues also saw declines in employment levels," an executive summary in the annual report stated.

Last year was the first year that the racetrack casinos in the state, as a whole, posted a decline in revenue.

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## Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc. Statements of Operations.

Year ended December 31,	2009	2008	2007
<b>Revenue (in millions)</b>			
-Casino	8.834	9.148	10.006
-Pari-mutuel commission	3.286	3.153	3.413
-Food, beverage, sales	1.979	1.805	1.768
-Admission and seating	1.120	1.105	1.023
-Other, mostly race related	1.100	1.017	.850
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>16.319</b>	<b>16.228</b>	<b>17.060</b>
<b>Cost of operations</b>			
-Casino	6.015	6.129	6.650
-Pari-mutuel	3.707	3.689	3.448
-Purses paid to horsemen	1.198	1.150	1.262
-Food, beverages, sales	1.913	1.715	1.262
-General & administrative	4.165	4.467	4.023
-Depreciation-amortization	.767	.773	.690
<b>Total cost of operations</b>	<b>17.765</b>	<b>17.922</b>	<b>17.575</b>
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b>(1.447)</b>	<b>(1.694)</b>	<b>(.515)</b>
<b>Other income (expense)</b>	<b>(.011)</b>	<b>(.034)</b>	<b>(.141)</b>
<b>Extraordinary item *</b>	<b>(.596)</b>		
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>(1.458)</b>	<b>(2.256)</b>	<b>(.374)</b>

\*The extraordinary loss involved repair and losses resulting from the July, 2008 flood damage from the remnants of Hurricane Dolly.

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# Stormy Monday Blues – and Tuesday, too

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Rain triggered by a strong, back door cold front sent some creeks briefly over their banks Tuesday.

Showers and thunderstorms developed across the entire area during the morning and lingered through the afternoon.

The Rio Ruidoso more than doubled its flow in six hours, moving at 70 cubic feet per second for a time at mid-afternoon. In Ruidoso, Cedar Creek spilled over Hull Road and nearby Royal Drive.

The National Weather Service said an observer in Ruidoso recorded 1.12 inches of precipitation by 3:20 p.m. Tuesday. Another observer in Midtown had .97 inch as of 2:20 p.m.

Outside the village, Lincoln County road crews have been busy, but not so much from washouts.

"We've been doing real good," said Albert Hernandez, the county's road superintendent. "I checked Spring Canyon and Cedar Creek (west of Ruidoso). It's not flowing that big. It's not coming down so hard. But if it comes real hard, then we'll have a problem."

On Monday, parts of southeastern Lincoln County were hit with very heavy rains. The National Weather Service had issued a flash flood warning because of a slow to move thunderstorm. The service said water was reported to be flowing into the Tinnie Silver Dollar Mercantile and Restaurant at Tinnie shortly after 1 p.m. A spokesperson at the restaurant said Tuesday they were open.

Hernandez said about an inch of rain fell Monday



Vehicles on Hull Road approach a very evident Cedar Creek with caution Tuesday afternoon as Ruidoso Police Chief Joe Magill assesses the situation.

JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

in Alamo Canyon near Hondo.

"We had a blademan in Alamo Canyon. And he also smoothed out some ruts in San Patricio."

Other parts of Lincoln County were also impacted by stormy weather. A nearly stationary storm, near Carrizozo, delivered pea-size hail. Larger hail was reported in parts of the Hondo Valley.

"We had one-inch hail around Tinnie," said Travis Atwell, director of Lincoln County's Office of Emergency Services. "And we had a funnel cloud southwest of Tinnie. It never touched the ground."

The funnel cloud was detected about 2 p.m. Monday, a mile southwest

of Tinnie.

Tuesday's rain chances were at 60 percent for the Ruidoso area. The forecast called for reduced odds of

rain the rest of the work-week.

"Wednesday will see isolated showers and thunderstorms with a 10 percent

chance of precipitation. Thursday we're looking for mostly sunny. Friday we're showing another 10 percent chance of showers and

thunderstorms," said Earl Breon, the observation program leader with the National Weather Service in New Mexico.

## Exploratory mining sought

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Officials with a mining exploration company want to drill five exploratory holes on two drill pads in a portion of the Cibola National Forest that falls within Lincoln County.

Cibola District Ranger Karen L. Lessard notified the county by letter July 19, that the U.S. Forest Service proposes to approve a Plan of Operations submitted by Red Basin LLC in search of rare earth metals within the Gallinas Division of the Mountainair Ranger District. The area is about 1.5 miles past the Red Cloud Campground on Forest Road 99, about 9.5 miles southwest of Corona.

The holes would be drilled to an average depth of 400 feet to 500 feet, and the exploration should take right days.

"In examining our ordinance, this appears to be under the category of exploration, which if minor disturbance is indicated, may not require a full Mining Operations Permit, as indicated in our ordinance," County Manager Tom Stewart told county commissioners at their meeting last week.

Stewart said he sent a letter back to Lessard saying the county would follow the lead of the state and if a permit was granted, the county needed to be assured of minimal disturbance.

"You might recall the last time this company submitted for an exploration

permit, the state rejected it," Stewart said. "I'm waiting to see what happens with this. Our ordinance is not strong on exploration. It is aimed at actual mining."

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said, "We do have in the ordinance that only minimal ground disturbance (occur)."

Commission Chairman Tom Battin asked if the company would be required to pay for a bond or put money into an escrow account to guarantee reclamation.

Stewart said he seemed to recall that requirement, but he would check. He also reminded commissioners that a representative of Red Basin appeared at a commission meeting about a year ago, after an application was filed to explore in an area about 2 miles north of former chairman Rex Wilson's ranch. No permit was granted and no notice to proceed was issued, but Stewart said he needs to continue monitoring both of the company's applications.

Rare earth metals, a collection of seventeen chemical elements including scandium, yttrium and the 15 lanthanides, are used in superconductors, high-flux rare-earth magnets, electronic polishers, refining catalysts and hybrid car components such as batteries and magnets.

The term "rare earth" comes from the rare earth minerals from which they were first isolated in the village of Ytterby, Sweden.

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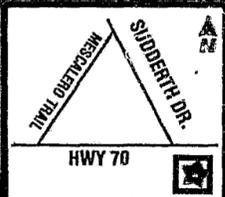
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Running back Brandon Lewis comes to the end of the line.

UNM head coach Mike Locksley confers with his team at the close of Saturday's scrimmage at Horton Field.

## Lobo football team heads home

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The geographical focus now shifts in a snap for Mike Locksley's University of New Mexico Lobos. The good times of Ruidoso were left behind in a Saturday evening scrimmage and the eyes of the Lobos now look West.

The Lobos look to the Pac-10, to Eugene, to the Oregon Ducks, to a season opener as tough as wet leather.

That opener followed by Texas Tech and Utah is one reason the Lobos migrated Southeast to this high-air mountain town.

The Lobos need to get better in a hurry and the all-football focus that came from this Lobo retreat looks to be pure necessity.

"I think the team really

**"The village of Ruidoso provided us with a great environment to concentrate on football."**

Mike Locksley  
UNM Head Coach

came together," said Lobo quarterback B.R. Holbrook. "We are working on having a complete package out there and I'm happy with what I'm seeing."

On offense, the complete package ideally is a balanced attack that threatens defenses both with a rushing attack and through the air. Locksley hasn't stamped his No. 1 quarterback into stone just yet, but Holbrook's performance in Ruidoso might be stamp enough. He has looked good.

"I don't think he has

done anything to lose the job and not just tonight," said Darrell Dickey, UNM's offensive coordinator. "He continues to grow and get better and the guys believe in him. But we have some really good young guys and we'll have to sit down and decide how we want to work that position."

Holbrook went 12-of-24 Saturday night for 183 yards and a lone touchdown. His longest pass was 60 yards to Chris Hernandez. "I think I've done all I can," he said about locking down the huddle for 2010. "Now, we'll see how Coach Locksley feels about it."

Locksley isn't yet ready to name his starter for Oregon, but he wasn't exactly thrilled with the energy he saw in UNM's final Ruidoso scrimmage.

"I didn't see the energy I



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Junior quarterback B.R. Holbrook hands off to a running back in Saturday's scrimmage. Immediately after, the entire team left for Albuquerque to prepare for their Sept. 4 opener at Oregon.

wanted to see," said the second year Lobo coach. "Things started off slow. I think the guys were thinking about going back home

to Albuquerque. "I think the defense picked up the energy as we went along, but I don't think the offense executed

like they had through most of the camp."

A huge key for the UNM

See **LOBOS**, page 2B

## CARRIZOZO PREPS FOR UPCOMING GRIDIRON SEASON



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Cole Hubbard hits the open field in Carrizozo's Saturday morning scrimmage against Clouderoit. The Grizzlies will open their season at Roswell JV this Saturday at 2 p.m.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

'Zozo head coach Pat Ventura goes over tactics with his team. Of 28 total male high school students, 19 came out for the football squad.

## Area Senior Olympics participants excel in Las Cruces

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Twenty-three local seniors competed in the 32nd Annual New Mexico Senior Olympics games conducted in Las Cruces, July 28-31.

All of the area participants entered in the over-60 age groups although the Olympics are open to any state resident 50-and-over.

Multiple medal winners included Bart Young, with six gold and one bronze, June Hence, five gold, Alice Burnett, two gold,

Rose Bivens, two silvers, Galen Farrington, two silvers and three bronze and Bob Koenig, two silver.

Young won medals or ribbons in 10 of the 11 events he entered.

### Gold winners

Burnett won her two gold medals in the basketball free throw and 3-point competition. Tom Douglas and Gene Nitz each took a gold in bowling doubles.

Hence won her five gold medals in the 100- and 200-meter swimming breaststrokes and the

100-, 200- and 500-meter freestyles.

Young won his gold in the basketball free throw, 3-point competition, softball throw, Frisbee distance and accuracy and the 400-meter estimated time walk.

### Silver winners

Hugh Amos took a silver in horseshoes, Bivens, in bowling doubles and team, Chris Carusona, the 1,500-meter race-walk, Linda Clements, bowling team, Farrington, in the 1-mile and 20-kilometer cycling,

Koenig, the 400-meter and 5K runs, Lucy Servies, bowling team, Donna Viitanen, bowling doubles and Janice Wilson, bowling team.

### Bronze winners

Douglas, Tom Bivens, Larry Caywood and Jim Clements won a bowling team bronze medal, Farrington took bronze in the 5-, 10- and 40-kilometer cycling, Larry Hines and Nitz, bowling team, Jerry Wilson, 8-ball and Young, discus.

Everyone who placed one-

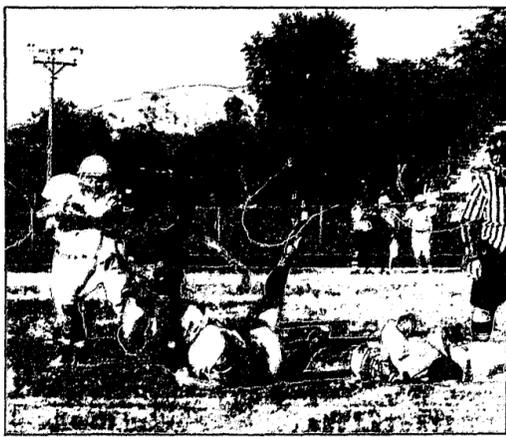
through-four at the state games is eligible to register for the National Senior Games held in every odd numbered year with the 2011 games scheduled for Houston, June 16-30.

The competitions are by gender or mixed in 20 events.

New Mexico conducts 32 events, including team competition in basketball, softball and volleyball.

The Lincoln County coordinator is Sandee Jourden and she may be contacted at the Ruidoso Senior Center at 257-4565.

# CAPITAN IN THREE-WAY SCRIMMAGE WITH COBRE AND EUNICE



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**Reuben Mendoza** breaks for yardage before being stopped by a Eunice defender. Capitan opens their season Friday at home against the No. 1-ranked D3-1A Hagerman team.



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**Jacob Wilcox** goes head-to-head with a Eunice player. Capitan is ranked No. 2 in their district.



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**Warrior head** coach Kief Johnson, right, visits with Capitan Schools Principal Jerrett Perry, center, and Capitan Athletic Director Jason Hightower. RHS opens at Cobre Friday.

# Theresa Massey wins Alto Lakes Ladies Championship

Theresa Massey won the Alto Lakes Ladies Championship with a gross score of 241 for the three-day tournament which began, Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club. The Senior Ladies Championship was won by Ella McGaughy who finished with 244. Other prizes were:

### Championship Flight

1st Gross - Susan Bryck	243
2nd Gross - Kathy Choice	249
3rd Gross - Betty Jean Dobbins	257
1st Net - Bev Reynolds	207
2nd Net - Cissy McAndrew	214
3rd Net - Christine Citarella	215
<b>First Flight</b>	
1st Gross - Linda Russell	268
2nd Gross - Sandi Ziegler	275
3rd Gross - Lauren Zelt	282

1st Net - Nan Ellis	197
2nd Net - Marilyn Ragland	208
3rd Net - Diane Peebles	213
<b>Second Flight</b>	
1st Gross - Eve Bayless	285
2nd Gross - Marjorie Hirsch	290
3rd Gross - Stuart Blackshear	292
1st Net - Kathy Nelson	210
2nd Net - Sherron Carroll	214
3rd Net - Sandy Carroll	216
<b>Third Flight</b>	
1st Gross - Jane Hoover	301
2nd Gross - Gladys Labelle	305
3rd Gross - Linda McLaughlin	315
1st Net - Pat Martin	211
2nd Net - Cheryl Knobel	219
3rd Net - Suzanne Fightmaster	224



COURTESY

**Theresa Massey**, left, won the tournament with a gross score of 241. Ella McGaughy won the Senior championship with a 244.

# LOBOS

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defense during the season is the play of the front line. It has had some good moments and some bad moments.

It did force a few turnovers on Saturday, Brett Kennedy rambled 77 yards with an interception and that unit did a decent job keeping the offense out of the end zone.

"We progressed," said assistant coach Ruben Carter, who is in charge of the defensive line. "But we are still looking to develop some continuity, a feel for each other."

"On defense, there has

to be a trusting environment. I think we need to continue to work on being physical and having that physical mentality we need up front to stop the run."

Said Dickey: "I thought the defense had a good effort tonight and put us in some tough situations."

The offense ran for 179 yards on 61 carries and officially had three rushing TDs. The offense went 28-of-53 through the air for 324 yards.

Doug Mallory, UNM's defensive coordinator, said he has been impressed with the Lobo offense throughout fall camp.

"I think the offense has really executed well this fall," he said. "They got the best of us more than we'd

like to see. We are improving, but we need to get better."

Dickey said one thing that was exposed in Ruidoso was the depth of Lobo talent.

"Last year, we were kind of going with who we had," he said. "We didn't have a lot of choices to make."

"A lot of guys got to play tonight and our recruiting leaves us with some tough decisions to make. We have a lot of guys who can participate and contribute."

"Ruidoso exceeded my expectations," Locksley said after the scrimmage. "We came here to work on three main things - running the ball, third down situations and turnovers

on both offense and defense. The village of Ruidoso provided us with a great environment to concentrate on football. And to that end I say mission accomplished."

Mike Locksley and company are already planning to return to Ruidoso next summer for their fall practice workouts.

Some unconfirmed reports have them planning on a three-week visit.

"We are currently in talks with Mayor Alborn, R.D. Hubbard, Parks and Recreation and other town officials to lock in a Lobos fall practice in Ruidoso for at least the next two years," Locksley divulged. "We are looking forward to coming back."



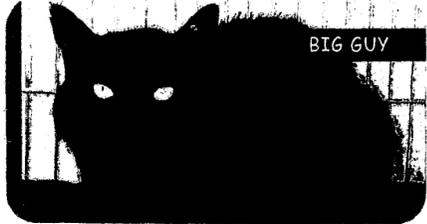
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**Wide receiver** Bryant Williams looks for daylight.

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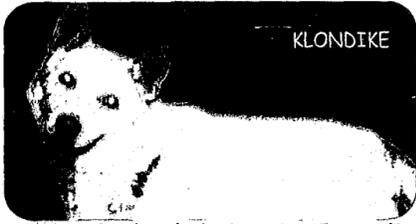
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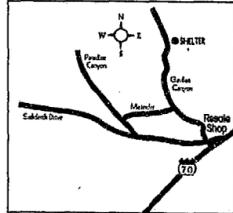


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MARSHALL

Marshall is a very good looking cat, about 1 year old. He is good with other cats and loves to be brushed. Marshall is calm and easy to get along with.

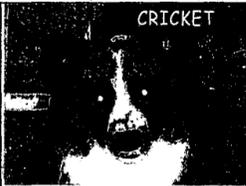
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DANA

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Cricket is a pretty Red Heeler/Aussie mix. She is very attentive and eager to please. Cricket weighs 35 pounds and is about 2 years old.

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CHITO

Chito is a very handsome black lab mix. He is tall and lanky and has white on his paws and chest. Chito is housebroken and great with other dogs. He weighs about 55 pounds and is about 2 years old.

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Trooper is a handsome shepherd mix and is about 1 year old. He weighs just over 40 pounds. Trooper is very sweet and well behaved.

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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Carrizozo approves Phase IV of Valle del Sol

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Carrizozo trustees approved the acceptance of 22 lots in Phase IV of the Valle del Sol development.

Leon Ivey, representing Valle del Sol, told the council that to date, 316 lots in Phase I-III had been sold leaving only 15 in inventory. "What we are requesting is Phase IV which has been adjusted to 22 lots. There is another 1,500 acres there, but this part will only entail 67 acres."

Ivey said sales in May, June and July had been better than he'd anticipated, so it was necessary to bring more into inventory. He reported that the water installation was complete in Phase III, the electrical was being brought in and



LEON IVEY

plus lots, it wasn't that situation and the sense of urgency wasn't the same."

Ivey addressed the commercial entrance and how when that was developed, it would take the commercial traffic away from the main entrance to the development.

The FEMA Flood Plain plan for Carrizozo was discussed by Curt Temple, Carrizozo's flood plain coordinator, and he told the council the maps are out. October 6 is the end of the 90-day appeal period. Temple said there are some issues in Carrizozo where the flood plain map does some strange jogs on Airport Road. The maps are available in the Town Hall for the public to view. Questions or protests should be directed to



CURT TEMPLE

Temple at 258-5934.

Lodgers Tax funds were approved for the Carrizozo Street Fair. In the request, the Street Fair committee noted that they had asked for and received \$750 last year, but because they

were not planning a Bike Rally this year, they were requesting only \$600.

The Street Fair's success allowed them to grant \$4,250 in scholarships this year to five applicants.

The activity report from the Carrizozo Police Department showed 49 calls were responded to and 51 citations issued in the month of July. Seven cases were logged with six of those as misdemeanors, one felony and one arrest.

The Carrizozo Airport report presented by Bill Hayes showed an increase in activity with 229.5 gallons of fuel sold for \$1,025.25 and total inventory at 685.5 gallons.

The Municipal Court report showed nine trials were held in July with 51 citations received, three

marriages performed and 11 subpoenas issued by the court. Twelve bench warrants were also issued. Total disbursement to the town from the court was \$4,194.33.

In other business the council approved:

- the P&Z recommendations for Zia Senior Center to place a new shed behind the facility with a variance granted on the set-back allowance;

- a resolution for the FEMA National Floodplain Insurance program;

- agreement with and Resolution for the South-eastern New Mexico Economic Development District.

The next regular meeting of the Town of Carrizozo board of trustees will be Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.



The Grand Champion Market Hog at the Lincoln County Fair, above, was shown by Shayna Gallacher, Carrizozo FFA and was purchased the sale by Roswell Livestock & Farm Supply, Lincoln County Mercantile and Hi Pro Feeds for \$1,200. At left, the Reserve Champion Hog shown by Ethan Johnson, Corona FFA, was purchased by Smokey's Country Market for \$1,200.

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

### COUNTY FAIR MARKET HOG RESULTS

**Durocs 213-257 lbs.:** 1. Dominic Barela 2. Cirsten Barela 3. Mason Huston, 4. Jade Roper 5. Cabel Cox 6. Ryan Guevara;

**Champion Duroc:** Dominic Barela; Reserve Champion Duroc: Cirsten Barela

**Light Hampshires 190-215 lbs.:** 1. Conner Cox 2. Conner Cox 3. Mason Huston 4. Conner Cox 5. Gabriella Barela 6. Cirsten Barela;

**Heavy Hampshires 218-255 lbs.:** 1. Haleigh Erramouspe 2. Arturo Najera 3. Cabel Cox 4. Kirsten Wilson 5. Kristie Gallacher 6. Ryan Guevara;

**Champion Hampshire:** Haleigh Erramouspe; Reserve Champion Hampshire: Conner Cox

**Other Pure Breeds 202-260 lbs.:** 1. Nicholas Chavez 2. Jim Racher 3. Harrison Moore 4. Cutler Cox 5. Conner Cox 6. Wade Stearns;

**Champion Other Pure Breeds:** Nicholas Chavez; Reserve Champion Other Pure Breeds: Jim Racher

**Light Crosses 190-206 lbs.:** 1. Shayna Gallacher 2. Ryan Guevara 3. Mikhail Barela 4. Jim Racher 5. Dustee Rae Eldridge 6. Irving Gomez;

**Medium Crosses 208-221 lbs.:** 1. Haley Montes 2. Haleigh Erramouspe 3. Jade Roper 4. Casey Vega 5. Cabel Cox 6. Cody Carter;

**Medium Heavy Crosses 224-248 lbs.:** 1. Jared Guevara 2. Shayna Gallacher 3. Cutler Cox 4.

Kristie Gallacher 5. Haleigh Erramouspe 6. Haleigh Erramouspe;

**Heavy Crosses 250-270 lbs.:** 1. Shayna Gallacher 2. Ethan Johnson 3. Arturo Najera 4. Jared Guevara 5. Jayda Silva 6. Jim Racher;

**Champion Cross Breed:** Shayna Gallacher; Reserve Champion Cross Breed: Ethan Johnson;

**Grand Champion Market Hog:** Shayna Gallacher

**Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog:** Ethan Johnson  
Showmanship: Novice, Haleigh Erramouspe; Junior, Cutler Cox; Senior, Haley Montes; Student Supt.: Haley Montes; Supt.: Gerald Montes; Judge: Chris Flanagan

### PASTRY CHAMPS



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The Grand Champion 4-H Cake at the Lincoln County Fair was made by Alyssa Gomez, Hondo 4-H, above left, holding the cake and sold to Peñasco Valley Telephone for \$1,000. The Grand Champion Pie was made by Sara McNatt, Mal Pais 4-H, and bought by Barham Show Steers for \$550.

### COUNTY BRIEFS

#### No Parking

Word was sent to the Lincoln County manager's office from the state Department of Transportation for people not to park on U.S. 54 through the center of Carrizozo Thursday, Aug. 26.

"The highway department will be coming through with equipment to patch the road," Manager Tom Stewart said. "If you don't want material to damage your vehicle, please stay off and do not

park on Highway 54 on these days. You will probably be asked to move your vehicle."

Originally, DOT crews were scheduled to begin the work today, but 12th Judicial Judge Karen Parsons was scheduled for a large jury selection and the project was delayed until Thursday.

#### CPL Book Sale

Saturday, Sept. 4 at the Capitan Public Library: \$5-a-bag book sale. Complimentary coffee and cookies served.

#### 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.

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.

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# Steak-knife threat lands Ruidoso woman in jail

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A Ruidoso woman, accused of threatening a couple with a steak knife, was scheduled to make a court appearance today on a charge of aggravated assault against a household member.

Victoria A. Curtis, 49, had been arrested by Ruidoso Police about 3 a.m. on Aug. 10 following an incident at a mobile home at 200 Gavilan Canyon Rd. A call to police had said a woman, armed with a knife, had threatened a couple that had been asleep in a bedroom.

According to a criminal complaint, Curtis and her boyfriend had been report-

edly arguing earlier in the evening and her boyfriend had gotten away by going to sleep in his truck.

The sleeping couple was awakened shortly before 3 a.m., when Curtis came into the bedroom with a steak knife clutched in her right hand. A police report said Curtis was demanding to know where the phone was.

The woman in bed said Curtis stood over the bed and began thrusting the knife at her in a downward motion. A struggle ensued, the knife was taken from Curtis, and the couple was able to get her out of the bedroom and barricade themselves inside to call police.

While waiting for offi-

cers to arrive, the couple said Curtis was outside the residence, yelling and banging on the windows. A living room window was broken as a result.

Curtis appeared to be extremely intoxicated and refused to answer any questions, an officer noted in his report. Asked if she had consumed alcohol, Curtis reportedly said "Enough to be drinking."

After her arrest, Curtis was unable to post a \$5,000 cash only bond and taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

If a magistrate judge determines there is enough evidence during today's scheduled preliminary hearing, Curtis could be bound over to district court.

# Silva faces judge today for assault and harassment charges

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A man arrested earlier this month after Ruidoso Downs police responded to a 'shots fired' complaint, may find out today if he will be bound over to district court.

Gary A. Silva, 44, of Glencoe is scheduled to appear before Magistrate Court Judge Lorena LaMay for a preliminary hearing.

Silva was charged with aggravated assault and harassment for an Aug. 12 incident at a home in

the 300 block of Riverview Lane in Ruidoso Downs.

According to a probable cause statement by an officer, a resident heard a vehicle pull up into his driveway revving the engine.

Stepping outside he saw Silva outside of his vehicle holding a knife and yelling at him.

The resident's girlfriend told Silva to leave because that kind of behavior was unwanted at their home in front of children.

After Silva refused to leave, the man at the resi-

dence went back inside and returned with a rifle to press Silva to leave.

When the unwanted man still remained, the resident shot five to seven times at the ground. Silva returned to his vehicle, but before departing he told the resident he would be back, according to the police report.

Silva was arrested on Aug. 15 and ordered held in jail in lieu of a \$10,000 bond.

The aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charge is a fourth degree felony.

Police reports are collected weekly from the Ruidoso Downs and the Ruidoso Police Department incident logs. All briefs are written using information taken directly from the blotter report provided by both departments. — Jim Kalvelage

## RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

**Aug. 3**  
9:45 p.m. — A Ruidoso police officer went to the Ruidoso Downs police station, where a woman wanted to report that she had been struck by her ex-boyfriend.

The woman thought because the man lived in Ruidoso Downs, that was the police agency to write the report. She said while at work in Ruidoso she had been punched in the face. An officer took photographs of the injuries. An arrest warrant was issued for Tereso J. Herrera-Gomez, 40, for battery against a household member.

**Aug. 6**  
12:09 a.m. — A report of a possible domestic disturbance sent police to a residence in the 100 block of Monica's Court.

A woman at the location said "rough play" in bed scared her. Police found no signs of physical violence. Her boyfriend left the residence for the rest of the night.

12:46 a.m. — Police were called to Hotel Ruidoso, 110 Chase St., on a report of a fight in progress in a room.

There was no fight, but an intoxicated man had destroyed two lamps. Brysen Platto, 18, of Ruidoso was cited for being a minor in possession of alcohol, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct.

A woman among the three people in the room said she would pay for the damages because the room was rented in her name. The hotel put the repair costs and loss of rental because the room was out of service for the next night at \$810.

**Aug. 9**  
7:45 a.m. — An off-duty officer notified the police dispatch center that a person with outstanding warrants was driving north on Mechem Drive.

Another officer stopped the vehicle and arrested Edmond Herring, 41, of Ruidoso. He was wanted on five warrants.

Police also found a medicine bottle with small plastic bags. Seven of the bags had a crystalline like substance. Another bag was found in Herring's pocket.

The substances tested positive for methamphetamine.

Herring was subsequently charged with possession of the illegal drug. He was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo.

3:33 p.m. — Police were

sent to the parking lot of Otero County Federal Credit Union, 211 U.S. Highway 70, after a woman said a man she had a protection order filed against violated the order.

She said she had gone to the credit union to ask about a vehicle loan and the man parked his vehicle next to hers.

Police talked to the man, who said he had gone to the credit union to withdraw some money and decided to wait in his car for the woman to leave the credit union.

Bank personnel told police the man did not have an account. The man was initially arrested, but was then taken to the emergency room of the LCMC where it was revealed the man had dementia. Because of the condition, an assistant district attorney advised that the charges be dropped and the man released.

3:56 p.m. — A report of a domestic incident in the 300 block of Lancashire Lane was determined to have been just a verbal disagreement. A woman and her young daughter from Roswell had come to Ruidoso, where they stayed with a former boyfriend.

The woman reportedly had become incensed when she learned the former boyfriend had a new girlfriend.

A police report said there were no signs of physical abuse.

**Aug. 11**  
4:11 p.m. — A shoplifting incident was reported at Norj's Apparel, 2812 Sudderth Dr.

The shop owner said three women came in together, while she was busy with another customer.

A yellow tank top was discovered missing with just its hanger on a rack. The clerk provided police with a license plate number of the vehicle the women drove off in.

A surveillance recording of the women was also given to police. Later the owner of the vehicle was contacted by police and he said he knew the women based on a description. Several days later police met with BriAnna Sanchez, 19, who admitted taking the \$38 garment. She returned the shirt and was cited for shoplifting.

**Aug. 12**  
7:30 p.m. — Officers responded to the 100 block of Mosley Road in reference to a reported battery. A 33-year-old woman with a three-month-old baby, and several other people were at the location. A woman had gone into the residence to retrieve the baby because the infant was crying and the 33-year old woman's eyes were closed.

A "tug-of-war" briefly occurred. A third woman was reportedly then kicked in the stomach by the 33-year old. Both the New Mexico CYFD and the district attorney's office were notified of the incident.

9:53 p.m. — Police returned to the 100 block of Mosley Road (previous incident) because of an argument over what had earlier occurred. The baby's father said he was concerned that his girlfriend might lock herself and the infant in a bedroom.

The 33-year-old woman said her boyfriend had struck her in the face, threw her on the bed and tried to smother her with a pillow.

A police report stated there were no signs of physical violence to back up the woman's statements. The couple was separated for the night with the father taking care of the baby.

**Aug. 13**  
9:52 p.m. — A woman went to police to report her 16-year old son had gone with his older sister to spend three weeks at her home in Las Cruces. After the three weeks she said she talked to the boy on

Aug. 10 and he told her he was not ready to come home and go to school. Information about the teen was sent to the Las Cruces Police Department and the Dona Ana Sheriff's Office.

9:02 p.m. — A report of an assault in the parking lot of Walgreens, 138 Sudderth Dr., involved a situation between two teens. An 18 year old told police she was threatened by a 15 year old girl.

The victim said she locked herself in her vehicle, and the 15 year old then kicked the driver side door, causing slight damage.

The 15 year old claimed the older teen had been threatening her with text messages, so she confronted her and struck her vehicle. The younger girl was told charges would likely be filed.

**Aug. 15**  
5:27 p.m. — A woman who lives in the 100 block of Meander Drive called police, claiming her boyfriend took \$300 from her purse and a set of tools from her garage. She had earlier told the boyfriend to leave that day.

The man told police the tools were his. He said she had given him \$100 to purchase alcoholic beverages and he delivered the alcohol and the change from the \$100. The woman was told the issue was a civil matter.

10:29 p.m. — Police were called back to the same location in the 100 block of Meander Drive (previous incident) for a civil standby. The man's daughter told police she was removing some of her things from the woman's residence when she was assaulted. The property owner told police she wanted charged lodged against the daughter because "she pushed me." A witness claimed the woman had charged the 16-year old daughter and she pushed the woman down in self-defense. Police returned

again the next day because the woman said she had bruises from the incident. But police said the bruises were not consistent with

what reportedly happened. Later the teen said the two were getting along better, which was confirmed by the woman.



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Robert (Bob) Earl Plor entered through Heaven's gates from the home of his son, Russell in Azle, Texas, Tuesday, August 17, 2010 after a prolonged illness. Bob was the third of four children born to Earl T. and Martha Plor in Upland, California on July 29, 1939. After moving from Arizona to Ruidoso following his freshman year in high school, Bob helped to lead the Ruidoso Warriors win two state high school football championships in 1955 and 1957 during his sophomore and senior years as quarterback, and making it to the State Championship again in 1958 during his junior year. Bob also excelled in basketball during high school where his team won runner up in 1957. After graduating from Ruidoso High School in 1957, Bob played football for the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs. Shortly thereafter he returned to Ruidoso to marry his high school sweetheart Carol Ann Harris of Ruidoso Downs, NM in March of 1960 at the Ruidoso Downs Baptist Church, where they were also members.

Bob joined the Army in November 1961, and proudly served as an E-4 at Fort Bliss until his honorable discharge in November 1964. He continued to serve in the Army Reserve USAAR Control Group (Flight) VII US Army Corps until November 1967. Achievements include Merit Award in Mexico and Carbine, along with three letters of commendation. Bob's oldest son Russell was born in 1963 while stationed at Fort Bliss. Electronics became Bob's passion during his stint in the Army. Bob took many courses in the Army and in college to broaden his knowledge in the field. After being discharged from the Army, Bob moved his family to the DFW metroplex where he excelled in electronics working for Telex Instruments, Collins Electronics, and Recognition Equipment. It was during this time that Rodney Charles, the second of two sons was born in 1972. Bob began working part time and weekends building fences in the DFW area. Shortly thereafter, Bob bought out the individual for whom he worked part time to start up his own fencing company. It was then that R&R's Fencing Co. was established. Bob and Carol Ann decided to relocate to Ruidoso in 1974, where it simply became known as R&R Fence Co. Bob and Carol Ann became the prominent fencing company in Lincoln County and the surrounding areas for over thirty years.

Bob was an avid hunter and fisherman, where he spent his younger years bow fishing and bow hunting at such places as Grasa Little Elm, Possum Kingdom, Weatherford, and the Trinity and Grasa Rivers. Bob continued his love for hunting and fishing in Ruidoso and surrounding areas throughout his life. Bob is survived by two sons, Russell and his wife Tracy, Azle, TX, and Rodney and his wife Trista, Las Cruces, NM; two grandsons, Aaron and his wife Taylor of Azle, NM and Joshua Plor of Azle, TX; two step granddaughters, Ashley and Faith Ann of Azle, TX; one brother, Jack Plor and his wife Carol; two sisters, Jeanne Dean and her husband Dave, and Margie Kelly; two nephews, Andy Kelly, Jr. and Steven Kelly; four nieces, Rachel Plor, Linda Phillips and her husband Don, Cheryl Joseph and her husband Steven and their children Brandon and David, and Cindy Cegla and her husband Timothy and their children Jeffrey and Brian.



Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Ann and parents, Earl and Martha Plor. Services for Bob were conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 21, 2010 at Ruidoso Downs 1st Baptist Church with Pastor Randal C. Widenor officiating. The family greeted friends prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the church. Pallbearers included Tommy Quinley, Ken Mooney, Jack Plor, David Deed, Perry Hiseaw and Aaron Plor. Interment was followed at Angus Cemetery. Though flowers and plants were truly welcome, the family would like those wishing to remember Bob in memorial to consider donations to the following organizations that were dear to Bob's heart, The First Baptist Church Ruidoso Downy Bell Fund, to your local hospital, and the Empyrea Foundation. The Plor family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home to direct the arrangements. To sign the online register book, please visit www.hamiltonodell.com

## Lester B Sharp Born May 28, 1916. Died August 17, 2010

With his children by his bedside, Lester passed away at the age of 94 years after three months. He was the son of Henry Arthur Sharp and Annie Haude (McElroy) Sharp. He was born in Leesburg, Texas. During his youth, Lester moved frequently, but finally settled in New Mexico where he became a master carpenter, which trade he practiced for over 40 years. In addition, he became skilled in all facets of construction and was renowned for beautiful stone fireplaces many of which still exist and continue to be talked about. In addition to being a master homebuilder, Lester was an accomplished musician both on the piano and guitar and played in a 7-piece band in Carlsbad during his late 20's (about the end of WWII in 1945). Also included in Lester's many talents was skill as an expert silversmith. He fashioned many beautiful pieces of jewelry in turquoise and other precious stones. Another of Lester's many skills was woodcarving and is remembered for beautiful figurines and woodshop creations. Throughout his life Lester had a deep appreciation for the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and beautiful scenery. He was also an amateur archaeologist and unearthed and found numerous ancient Native American artifacts. Many remember Lester for his kind heart and generosity. Cashiers and others at the grocery store recall Lester sharing his baking and other culinary creations with them. On one occasion, Lester built a beautiful casket and upholstered the interior with cloth for an unfortunate family who could not afford an elaborate funeral for their lost loved one. The family very much appreciated Lester's kindness for which he refused any compensation. Lester will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him and will continue to live in their memory and hearts of all whose he touched and leaves behind. Lester was preceded in death by his wife Grayce, son Victor Lester and sister Ruby Buckner. He is survived by children, Henry Alvin Sharp of Captain, Gail Shaw of Captain, Regina Lane of Magdalena, New Mexico, Rebecca Ward and husband Robert H. Ward of Captain, Ed Monica G. Champion and husband Philip of Yukon, Missouri, and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. The graveside service will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday August 25 at Forest Lawn cemetery, Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM.

**VALERA "MOM" YERBY NEFF**

Funeral services for Valera "Mom" Yerby Neff, 93 of Alto, were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday August 24, 2010 at the First Christian Church in Ruidoso with Rev. Max Jones and Rev. Frankie Jarrell officiating. Visitation for Mom will be from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday August 26, 2010 at the Byrum Funeral Home in Lancaster, Texas and graveside services will be at 10:00 AM on Friday August 27, 2010 at Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster.

Mom was born on August 13, 1917 and passed from this life on August 21, 2010 to be with her husband of 42 years, Isaac Neff. She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Ernestine Alexander, Evelyn Parnell, and Ina Faye Yerby, two brothers, Marvin Yerby and Bud Yerby, and one step-son, Don Neff. She lived in the beautiful mountains of Ruidoso for the past eleven years with her daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Paul Ragland. She is also survived by one son, John, two grandsons, David Cason II and David Neff and his wife Barbara, two great grandchildren, Nicholas and Katie Neff, many nieces, nephews, and friends. She led a long, full, and loving life and will be dearly missed. Condolences may be made at [www.lagronefunerals.com](http://www.lagronefunerals.com).

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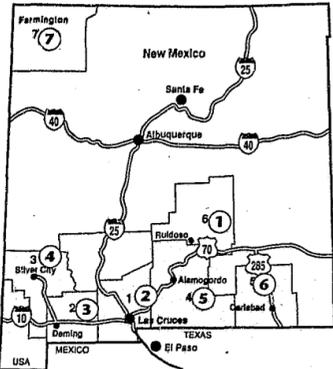
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Karen Payton
Secretary

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Legal Notice

Notice of Lien Sale
Ruidoso Self Storage
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Owner: Anthony Sa-go

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Lien Sale will held
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Time: 10:00 a.m.
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OFFICE OF THE
JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-391
U.S. BANK NATION-
AL ASSOCIATION, et
al. Trustee for J.P.
Morgan Mortgage
Acquisition Trust
2006-CW-1
Plaintiff,

vs.
BILLY G.
MCDONALD, aka
BILL G.
MCDONALD, DIXIE
L. MCDONALD, DE-
FAUTEMAN, et al.
WORKFORCE SOL-
UTIONS OF THE
STATE OF NEW
MEXICO, JOHN
DOE and JANE
DOE (true names
unknown), tenants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that on
September 22, 2010,
at the hour of 10:00
a.m., the undersig-
ned Special Master
will, at the north-
east entrance of the
Lincoln County
Court House,
Carrizozo, New Mex-
ico, sell all the right,
title and interest of
the above-named De-
fendants in and to the
hereinafter described
real estate to the
highest bidder for
cash. The property
to be sold is located
at 241 Sunny Slope
Drive, Ruidoso, and
is situated in Lincoln
County, New Mexico,
and is particularly
described as follows:

LOT 9, Block 3 of
LINCOLN COUNTY,
Ruidoso, Lincoln
County, New Mexico,
as shown by the plat
thereof filed in the
Office of the County
Clerk of Lincoln
County, New Mexico,
on January 26, 1984,
in Cabinet D, Slide
No. 212.

THE FOREGOING
SALE will be made
to satisfy a judgment
rendered by the
above Court in the
above entitled and
numbered
cause on August 9,
2010, being an action
to foreclose a mort-
gage on the above de-
scribed property. The
Plaintiff's judgment,
which includes inter-
est and costs, is
\$209,593.12, and the
same bears interest

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at 9.550% per annum
from July 1, 2010, to
the date of sale. The
amount of such inter-
est to the date of sale
shall be \$170,624.33.
The Plaintiff and/or
its assignees has the
right to bid at such
sale and submit its
bid verbally or in
writing. The Plaintiff
may apply all or
any part of its judg-
ment to the purchase
price in lieu of cash.
The sale may be
postponed and res-
cheduled at the dis-
cretion of the Special
Master.

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cerning the property,
if any.

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that the purchaser of
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scribed real property
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Peter Baca, Special
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF LIN-
COLN

TWELFTH JUDI-
CIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-91

BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING LP, aka
Countrywide Home
Loans Servicing LP,
Plaintiff,

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TAMMI K. GOFF,
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RANCHETTE SUB-
DIVISION, LINCOLN
COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS SHOWN
BY THE REPLAT OF
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10, PALO VERDE
RANCHETTES SUB-
DIVISION, PREPARED
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THE CLERK OF LIN-
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1997, IN CABINET F,
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Lease/purchase
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-Bathrooms: 3
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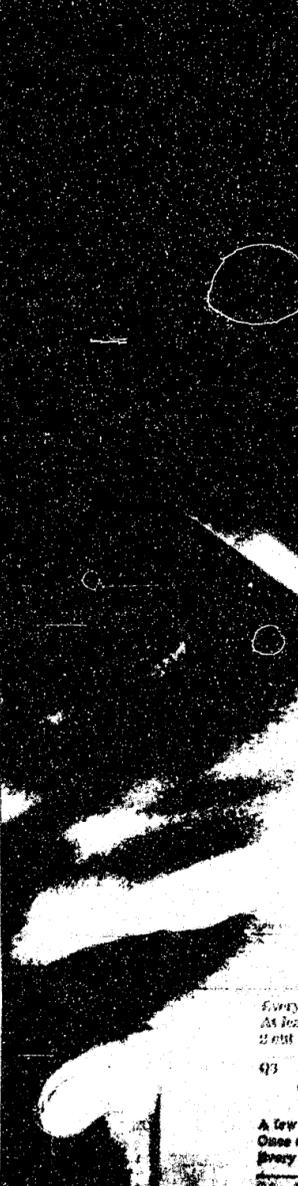
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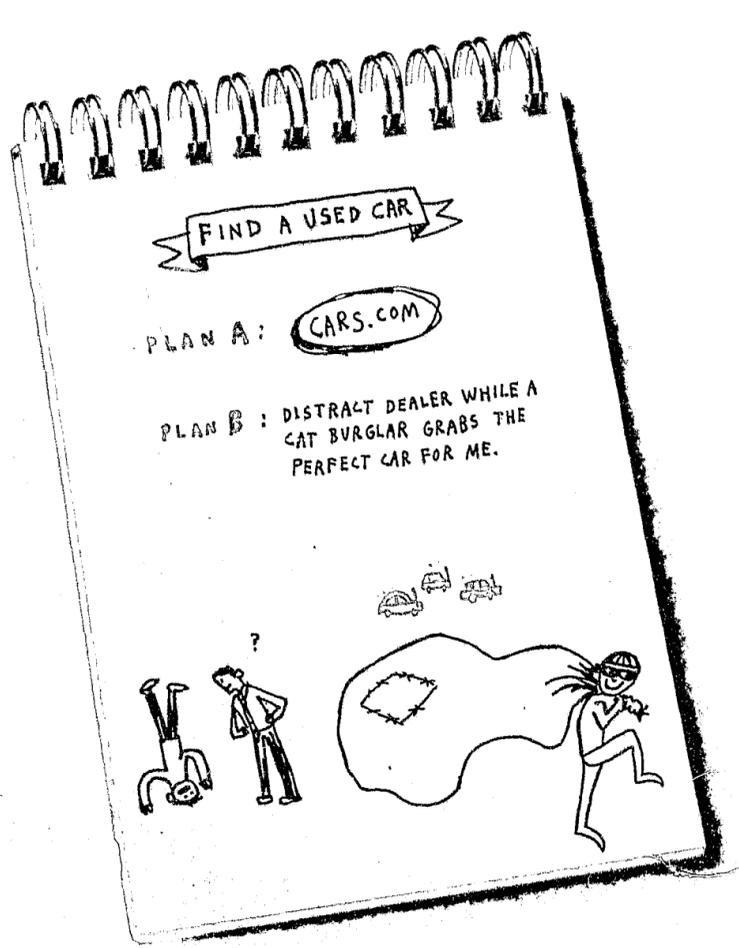
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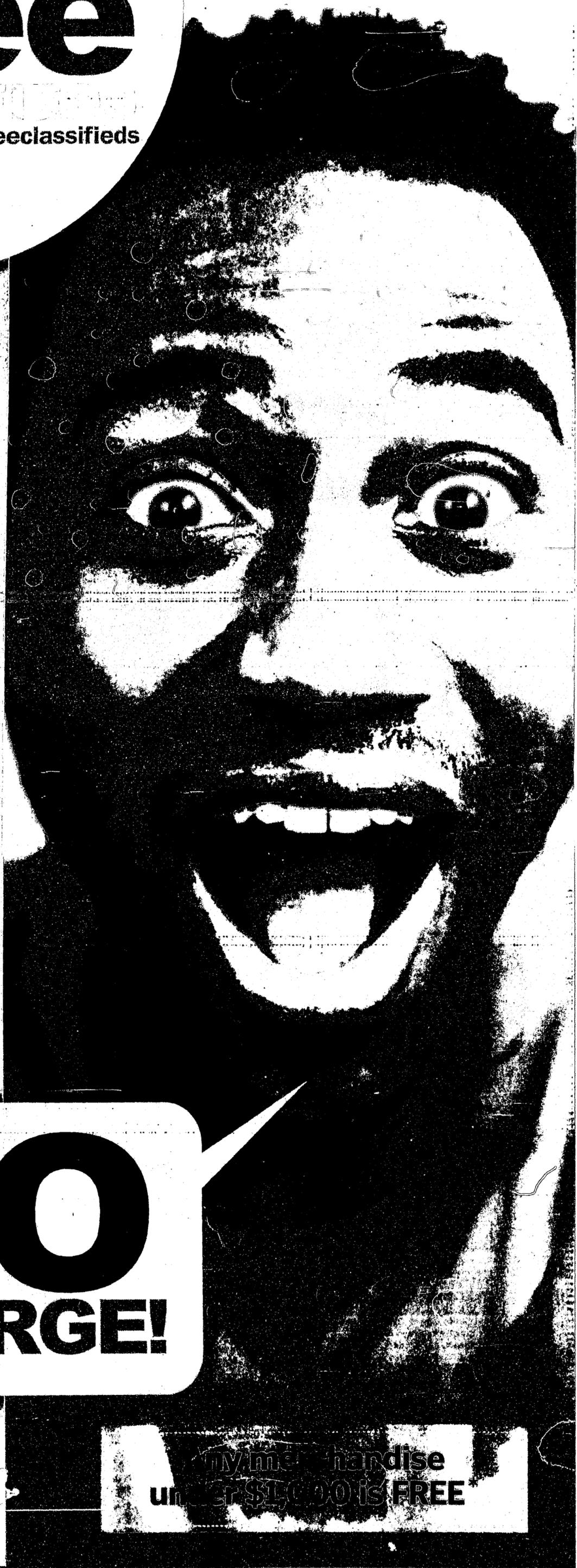
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