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Poll: It's a horse race

RAMON BRACAMONTES
El Paso Times

Lincoln County voters are in favor of raising the region's sales tax as a way to help keep Ruidoso Downs Race Track operating, according to an *El Paso Times* poll.

But the election right now is a statistical tie because a good number of voters remain undecided and because of the poll's margin of error, said pollster Russell Autry, chief operating officer for The Reuel Group.

The poll was conducted Aug. 27-28 by The Reuel Group for the *El Paso Times* and the Texas-New Mexico Newspaper Partnership, of

Scientific survey shows support for the track tax leads slightly but that election is a statistical tie

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which the *Ruidoso News* is a member.

The Reuel Group has been conducting polls for the *El Paso Times* for five years.

"It will come down to which ever side works the hardest in the next three weeks," Autry said. "Support for the increased tax is there."

The *El Paso Times* poll of registered voters in Lincoln County shows that 47.9 percent of the voters favor increasing the business retention gross receipts tax in

Lincoln County by three-sixteenths of one percent. The poll showed 42.9 percent of voters against it, and 8.1 percent remain undecided. One percent of the voters said they will not vote.

The poll's margin of error is plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.

Autry said support for the tax increase is stronger within the municipal limits of Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Alto.

Lincoln County election officials said that more than 13,000 ballots

will be mailed to voters starting on Thursday and Friday. All ballots must be returned by Sept. 21 to be counted. Ballot counting will begin at 7 p.m. that day.

Village of Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn said he was not surprised at the poll's results.

"This election has divided this community," Alborn said. "It's a hot button issue that is very hard to talk about because both sides are passionate about the issue. I'm just glad the public will be able to decide."

Ruidoso lawyer H. John Underwood, president of the political action committee that is work-

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ON TRACK, PART 9: CONTINUED, A PROFILE OF R.D. HUBBARD

Wheeling and dealing

Lincoln County voters will mail in their ballots next month, deciding whether a 3/16th of a cent gross receipts tax, called a Business Retention Tax, will be imposed on the sale of goods and services in the county to offset a portion of the annual tax debt to the state of New Mexico of Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino.

This is Part 2 of a two-part series taking a look at R. D. Hubbard, the man behind the racetrack and a pivotal figure in racing and gaming activities across the country.

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Tracking Randall Dee Hubbard's relationship with various corporations, racetracks and casinos is daunting, as he moves in and out, buys, sells and merges, and shifts roles.

Biographies written for The Breeder's Cup, for awards he's received, by business magazines and newspapers help piece together his activities over a half century of dealing, but finding a peer who feels comfortable talking about Hubbard the man was a bit more difficult.

The key word is "peer." Jim Colbert, former professional golfer inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1998, was the exception. Colbert designed The Links at Sierra Blanca public course in Ruidoso for Hubbard, a Scottish-style course consistently ranked as one of the best courses in New Mexico by *Golf Digest* magazine. He's worked as a golf analyst for ESPN and has his own golf course management company based in Las Vegas. He also helped design a golf course in Manhattan, Kan., named Colbert Hills, which is ranked by *Golfweek* as the best public course in

Kansas, and by *Golf Digest* as the sixth-best course overall in the state.

"As far as golf is concerned, he is the fastest man on the planet," Colbert said of Hubbard. "He doesn't waste any time and he takes his golf very seriously. He's always trying to improve. He couldn't break 100 when he started and now he breaks 80, or occasionally 70.

"He never does anything halfway if he gets involved in something. Once he decided to play, he made dramatic advances. That's how he does things. He's off (the tee) first every morning so he doesn't have to wait on anybody. His personality is reflected in his golf. If he's going to do something, he'll take long hard look, but once he decides, he jumps in with both feet."

Colbert called Hubbard, "a common man with an unbelievable talent. He'd rather be with the jockeys and trainers and starters. He's comfortable with those people and gets to know them and care about them. He could travel with kings and queens. He doesn't waste money. He invests in things that are good for everybody."

'Best partner'

"I've been a partner with him for 30 years. He's the best partner you'll ever have, anyone can tell you. When things are great, it's no problem for anyone, but when they aren't, you want R.D. He doesn't bail out on you."

As far as Hubbard's feelings about Ruidoso, Colbert said, "He's been there since 1969, and look what he's done for the community. He's spent more than he's ever got. He's trying to keep the racetrack and the whole area going. I think it's time people help. He loves it there. He's not there to make a lot of money. But he has made a



R.D. AND JOAN DALE HUBBARD

lot of people a lot of money. He's obviously a super businessman. A deal has to be good for both sides or it will never work, and he tries to do a deal that's good for everybody."

But sometimes he has to fight first.

In 1993, Hubbard through Midpointe Racing Inc. was battling for a racetrack license in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, where Grand Prairie voters approved a half cent sales tax to pay off \$65 million in sales tax bonds to help finance the 600-acre project.

In January 1993, three losing license applicants, Trinity Meadows, Hubbard's Midpointe Racing and Pinnacle Park, filed suit to reverse the Texas Racing Commission's decision to award a Class I

license to the Lone Star Jockey Club. At the urging of the Grand Prairie Sports Development Corporation, Lone Star and Midpointe Racing Inc. merged in October of that year, information from the racing commission's annual report stated.

Lone Star went on to build one of three Class I race track in Texas for \$95 million. It's considered one of the state's premier tracks, said Bill Childs with the Texas Racing Commission.

Indiana scandal

By 2001, Hubbard was chairman of the Board of Directors of Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., an association that led to a well-publicized run-in with the Indiana Gaming Commission in 2002. Pinnacle was the parent company of

Belterra Entertainment, which operated a casino.

A scandal erupted after a June 2001 golf tournament at which high-rollers were entertained by at least eight "imported women, who have been labeled prostitutes," according to a transcript of a gaming commission hearing.

When the dust had settled, Hubbard was fined \$740,000, plus \$10,000 to cover investigation expenses, and his company paid \$2.26 million in a settlement agreement, reportedly the largest "fines" to date at that time. Pinnacle also put up another \$5 million as a guarantee it would expand its 308-room hotel at Belterra and the casino was closed for gaming for a

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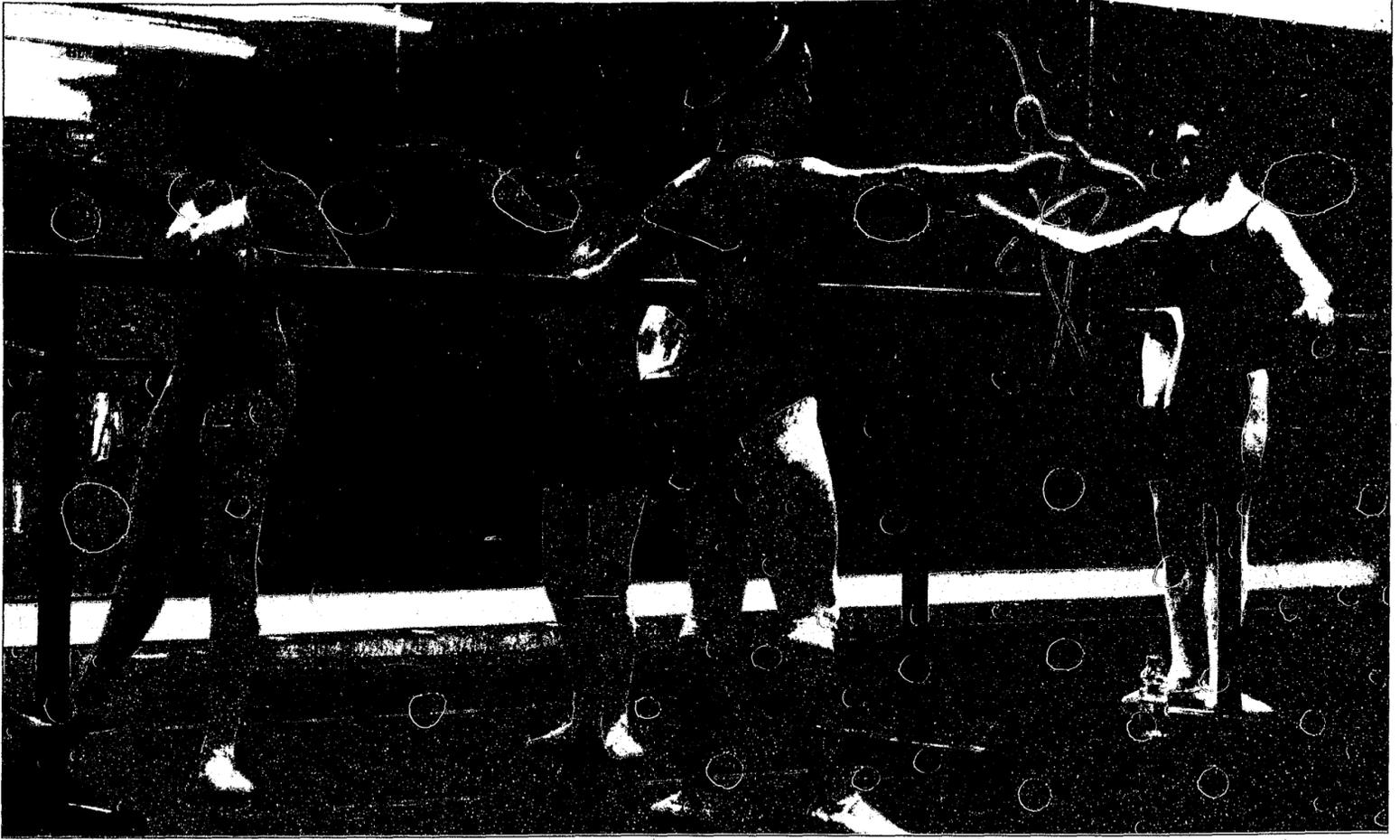
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THESE TIMES ARE GOOD FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Dance Conservancy school this summer. Students and parents volunteered with paint and other improvements at the non-profit school.

"We made it look classed up," said parent Cathleen Romero. "It was a lot of work, a lot of clean up."

The Ruidoso Dance Ensemble (with students pictured above) has provided dance education since 2001, said artistic director and teacher Deborah Rogers. The school includes two dance floors to provide classes in tap, ballet, jazz, Pilates, body conditioning and point technique. About 65 children and adults are currently enrolled at the

dance school located at 1713 Sudderth Dr. Students come from as far away as Corona and Roswell. Placement in a class is not decided so much by age but by aptitude.

The Ruidoso Dance Ensemble performs annually at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts in Alto. The school is most noted for its performances of The Nutcracker and Don Quixote.

Alto Lakes

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will meet at 9 a.m., Sept. 2, in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and

Country Club, 1 Mulligan Drive, Alto.

The final agenda for the meeting will be published at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and will be posted on the bulletin board of the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Election forum

The Democratic Party of Lincoln County will sponsor a BRGRT Forum on Thursday, Sept. 2, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Dr.

The event will be moderated by County Chair Maria A Quintana, and will be a non-partisan effort to

provide residents an opportunity to ask questions to individuals from agencies and organizations having to do with the BRGRT and Special Election in September.

Representatives from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Lincoln County Clerk's office, the NM Gaming Commission and others will form the panel.

The DPLC encourages participation from all Lincoln County residents and has set up an email address to collect questions in advance of the event. To submit questions go to: grtquestions@gmail.com. Forms will be provided at

the event and questions will be submitted to a panel who will organize and prioritize questions for the best utilization of time.

The DPLC is not promoting a position on this matter, and as a Party remains neutral but would only like to promote information to encourage individuals to vote at each and every election.

For questions on the event, contact Quintana at 575-937-8394.

Lemay speaks

Ruidoso Magistrate Judge Lorena Lemay, a candidate for election in November, will be the fea-

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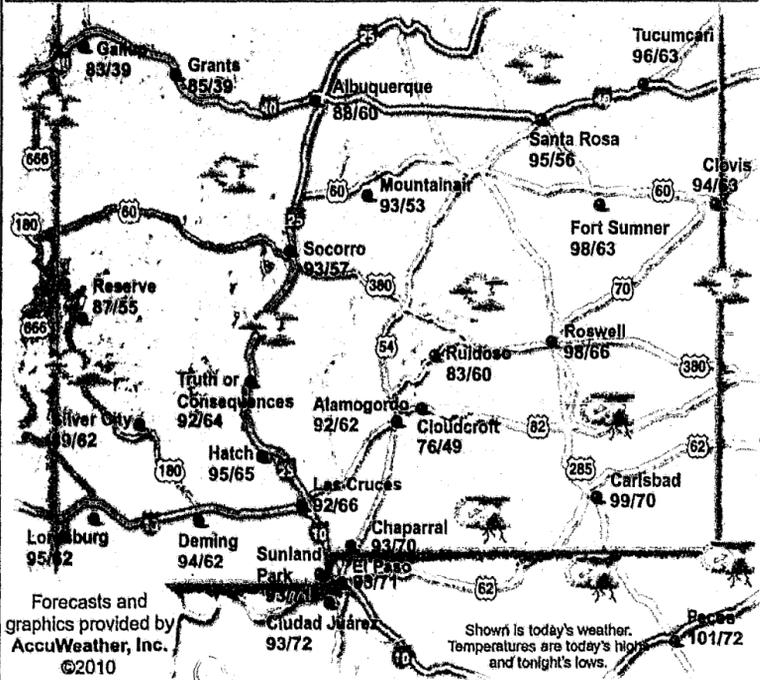
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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso AccuWeather.com

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 89° Humidity 83° 60° 44%	RealFeel 93° Humidity 85° 51° 34%	RealFeel 76° Humidity 73° 52° 55%	RealFeel 78° Humidity 74° 54° 50%	RealFeel 81° Humidity 78° 56° 57%	RealFeel 81° Humidity 78° 55° 53%	RealFeel 79° Humidity 73° 56° 55%
Times of clouds and sun Wind: W 4-8 mph	Mostly sunny Wind: N 4-8 mph	Sunshine with a t-storm possible Wind: E 6-12 mph	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible Wind: SSW 7-14 mph	Partly sunny Wind: SSW 7-14 mph	Mostly sunny Wind: SW 7-14 mph	A couple of afternoon thunderstorms Wind: SW 4-8 mph

RealFeel Temperature™ is AccuWeather's exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation and elevation on the human body. Shown are the highs for the day.

Regional Cities



Sun and Moon
 Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:37 a.m./7:28 p.m.
 Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset none/2:01 p.m.

Moon Phases
 Last New First Full
 Sep 1 Sep 8 Sep 14 Sep 23

Extremes
 Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
 High: 105° in Laredo, TX
 Low: 25° in Tuolumne Meadows, CA

Monday's World High/Low:
 High: 117° in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
 Low: 6° in Islas Orcadas, Argentina

Almanac

Ruidoso
 Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
 High/low 75°/55°
 Normal high 77°
 Normal low 47°
 Record high 88° (1962)
 Record low 37° (1976)

Precipitation:
 Monday 0.00"
 Month to date 1.71"
 Normal month to date 4.28"
 Year to date 12.73"
 Normal year to date 15.41"

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

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

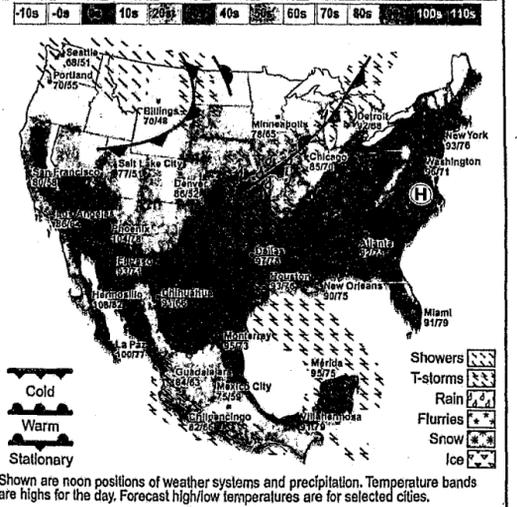
Alamogordo
 Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
 High/low 89°/66°
 Normal high 88°
 Normal low 62°
 Record high 100° (1962)
 Record low 52° (1964)

Precipitation:
 Monday 0.00"
 Month to date 1.33"
 Normal month to date 2.25"
 Year to date 9.45"
 Normal year to date 8.10"

Weather Trivia™:
 Q: Has there ever been a season without an Atlantic hurricane?

National Forecast for Sept. 1, 2010



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

National Cities		Regional Cities	
City	Today HI/LO/W	City	Today HI/LO/W
Albany	95/74/pc	Albuquerque	88/60/pc
Anchorage	62/50/pc	Artesia	101/70/1
Atlanta	92/71/s	Chama	80/40/pc
Austin	97/75/pc	Clayton	90/59/pc
Baltimore	96/64/s	Cloudcroft	76/49/pc
Boston	93/73/s	Farmington	86/46/pc
Chicago	85/70/t	Hobbs	97/68/t
Dallas	97/78/pc	Los Alamos	82/50/pc
Denver	86/52/pc	Portales	86/63/pc
Des Moines	84/70/t	Raton	88/47/pc
Detroit	92/68/t	Red River	75/38/pc
El Paso	93/71/t	Ruidoso	83/60/pc
Las Vegas	98/69/s	Santa Fe	87/48/pc
Los Angeles	86/64/pc	Silver City	89/62/pc
Minneapolis	78/65/pc	Taos	84/41/pc
New Orleans	90/75/pc		
New York City	93/78/s	Mexican Cities	
Philadelphia	97/75/s	City	Today HI/LO/W
Phoenix	104/78/s	Acapulco	88/75/t
Reno	87/55/s	Cancún	90/75/t
San Francisco	80/58/pc	Chihuahua	91/66/t
San Diego	75/64/pc	Ciudad Juárez	93/72/t
Seattle	68/51/pc	León	84/58/t
Tucson	99/72/pc	México, DF	75/59/t
Tulsa, OK	93/74/t	Monterrey	95/73/s
Wash., DC	96/71/s	Morelia	83/63/t
Wichita	92/73/t	Oaxaca	81/61/t
Yuma	104/78/s	Pto. Penasco	99/77/s
		Tijuana	79/61/s

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, an-snow, Hice.



Dave Bishop, former Sierra Vista Primary principal, joins in planting a memorial tree at Nob Hill School in memory of 11-year-old Jacob Yeager, who died July 5 after a battle with kidney cancer. Friends and family gathered to commemorate Jacob's life and some of the students left stuffed animals and other mementos.

Our hero

On July 16 David Seferino Esquibel graduated basic military training of the United States Air Force, with the rank of Airman 1st class, at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Airman 1st class Esquibel was born and raised in Ruidoso and graduated from Ruidoso High School in 2006.

There he played football for the fighting Warriors all four years of high school. After graduation he attended Western New Mexico University in Silver City and worked as a customer service manager for Walmart.

In 2008 he moved to Alamogordo to live with his father and stepmother, Pete and RoxeAnne Esquibel. In Alamogordo, he continued working as a customer service manager for Walmart, until deciding to dedicate his life to honorably serve his country in the United States Air Force.

He was also active with the Otero County Republican Party and helped with Susana Martinez's primary run for governor of New Mexico.

Esquibel is now stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., where he is training to operate and repair ground radar equipment.

His mother and stepfa-



ther, Rita Robertson Blair and Ronny Blair live in Granite Shoals, Texas. His sister and her husband Amber Esquibel White and Johnnie White reside in Albuquerque. His stepbrother Joe Matise resides in Chicago.

His stepbrother Jimmy Matise resides in Tularosa and his stepsister Sarah Theres resides in Colorado Springs, Colo. His maternal grandparents Floyd and Patsy JoAnn Robertson reside in Silver City. His paternal grandparents Pete and Juanita Esquibel Sr. reside in Roswell. His fiancée, Chelsea Taylor-Rose May, resides in Ironton, Minn.

His family and friends could not be more proud to call him their hero.

tered speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Republican Party of Lincoln County.

Aubrey Dunn, vice chair of the party, said the meeting is set for 6:30 p.m., Sept. 13, at Cree Meadows Country Club, with dinner at 6 p.m. The optional loin of pork dinner is \$14 per person.

Magistrate judges are elected at large for a four-year term. With more than 20 years of experience in the Administrative Office of the Courts, Judge Lemay was appointed in 2009 to finish the remaining term of Judge William Butts, who retired. She is a lifetime resident of Lincoln County.

The Republican Party of Lincoln County seeks to inform the electorate on issues of the day and holds regular public meetings on the second Monday of each month at Cree Meadows Country Club.

Notify Karen Clontz at 336-1360 for the dinner head count. Memberships

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

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

Miss Ruidoso

Mountain Annie's and local director Barbara Westbrook announce that the Miss Ruidoso 2011 Scholarship Pageant will occur Nov. 7 at Mountain > Annie's Dinner Theater, with dinner at 6:30 and the pageant at 8 pm.

Last year's Pageant was held in January during a blizzard, so the state director suggested Cloudcroft and Ruidoso hold their events in the early fall.

The contestants for the Miss Ruidoso 2011 title must be 17 to 24 years old, a senior in high school or enrolled in college.

The history of the Miss America program is centered on scholarship, and

most of the young women have a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Contestants will compete in interview skills, talent, physical fitness, and evening wear. The judges will not be announced until the actual Pageant. There will be one crown for the winner of Miss Ruidoso 2011.

Attendance at the Miss Ruidoso's Scholarship Pageants has steadily grown, and there will be a seminar in September for all new Miss Ruidoso contestants, and a rehearsal schedule will be announced.

The present Miss Ruidoso 2010, Kendra Martin, is entering her senior year at UNM. This is our 4th year to hold a Miss Ruidoso.

To enter Miss Ruidoso 2011, contact the director, Barbara Westbrook at 630-0275.

The initial meeting of contestants will be held at the First Savings Bank boardroom at 4 p.m. on Sept. 24. The staff of Miss Ruidoso 2011 will be

announced at that time.

St. Eleanor Day

The annual St. Eleanor Day in the Park fundraiser will be held Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at School House Park in Ruidoso.

Arts and crafts, a white elephant sale, jewelry and food will be available.

A raffle, with a grand prize of \$2,500 and 11 other cash prizes, will be conducted. Raffle tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at St. Eleanor Church, 120 Junction Rd.

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OUR OPINION

Healthcare briefing raises eyebrows

Bingaman representative seemed clueless

Let's see if we have this straight: A representative from U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman's Roswell field office briefs the Lincoln County Commission on the "benefits" of the new national healthcare bill.

And she — like Bingaman and other D.C. lawmakers who passed the measure — hasn't read the legislation?

In response to whether she's read the bill, Diane Ventura replied, "If I had time to read, it would be my Bible."

That's not all Ventura raised eyebrows over during her presentation at the August commissioners' meet-

ing. She wasn't sure how the new programs will impact the existing state self-insurance program other than to muse, "I believe eventually it will go away."

Ventura said that, by 2017, we will know whether or not federal health care is working — which begs the question: It's going to take us seven years to realize we may have a failure on our hands?

"Something needed to change," is all she could say to justify — change.

So these are our tax dollars at work, sending out supposition about a mystery bill that may or may not work.

Governor candidates should heed Colorado race

During a visit to the relatives in Colorado, I found their governor's race far more entertaining than ours. In fact, the political theater doesn't get much better, and it sheds some light on why ours is so frustrating.

Democrat John Hickenlooper, Denver's popular mayor, was about to face Republican Dan Maes, a businessman affiliated with the Tea Party. Then former Congressman Tom Tancredo, after earlier urging tea partiers to work with Republicans, jumped the fence. Before the Republican primary, he asked both candidates to step aside so he could run. They didn't, so he declared his candidacy on behalf of the Constitution Party. Except that it already had a candidate. He may not have consulted the Constitution Party about the honor he was about to bestow.

As I was leaving the Mile-High City, conservatives were pleading with Tancredo to honor his own advice and not divide the Republicans. In a three-way race of Hickenlooper, the party pooper, and Maes, polls show Hickenlooper waltzing to the governor's mansion. Meanwhile, back in New Mexico we have a muddy, plodding contest in which two smart candidates made snippy remarks about each other in their first debate. The only theatrics here: Republican Susana Martinez wants to debate the governor, which is like going into battle and shooting at dead people. It's one of those ideas sleep-deprived campaign workers hatch at 3 a.m. Good theater isn't necessarily good politics.

Hickenlooper offers an interesting study to would-be candidates. I heard him speak three years ago at the National Federation of Press Women convention in Denver, when he gave the mayor's traditional welcoming address. We were impressed with how down-to-earth and unassuming — how unpolitician-like — he was.

That's probably his greatest strength; people see him as a regular guy. He jokes around.

He doesn't take himself too seriously. Political analyst Eric Sondermann has called him authentic: "He's not an assembly-line politician. He's his own guy." Hickenlooper hasn't strayed far from the young guy who in 1988 founded a restaurant that became highly successful.

On the campaign trail, Hickenlooper has staked out the middle ground. "I'm an entrepreneur on loan to the government," he likes to say. He describes himself as a fiscal conservative and social liberal who would shrink the size of state government while increasing efficiency.

And he has the track record to back that up: The City of Denver has 7 percent fewer employees than when he started seven years ago.

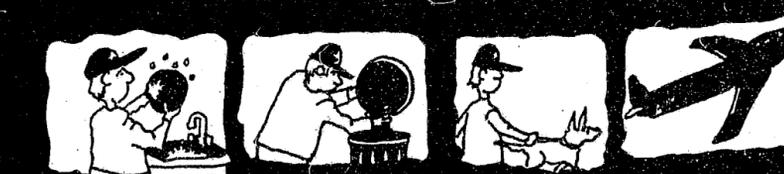
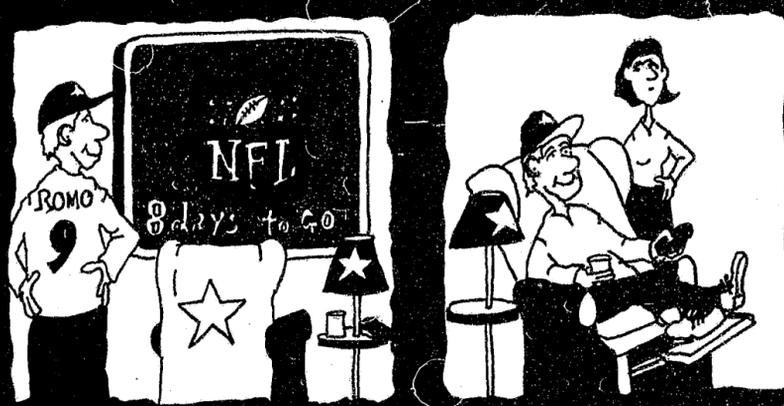
By comparison, New Mexico's race has a slightly surreal quality. That's because Hickenlooper has run a government. He has a track record that he can brag on and his opponents can rag on.

Neither of our candidates has governed, so we have dueling talking points. Diane Denish is the best and most active lieutenant governor in memory, but the buck doesn't stop at her desk. Other than the programs in her charge, she can neither claim credit nor receive blame for the administration's actions. We're getting a better idea of how Martinez has run her office, and not all of it is good.

The thinking voter who looks at experience and platforms will find nuance and very different styles. Martinez, the feisty prosecutor, vs. the deliberate, focused Denish. As a newbie, Martinez can charge in and promise "bold change." Others have made such promises before, and in time the sandstorms of politics, budgets and public scrutiny tend to blunt their swords. Denish, who has lived in the belly of the beast for eight years, avoids sweeping declarations and offers, instead, plans.

In a year when voters are likely to make emotional choices about which candidate to trust, both could take a cue from the regular guy to the north.

IT'S ALMOST HERE, BUT IF YOU EXPECT TO DO THIS...



plan to do this. Remember, "Happy Wife, happy Life."

YOUR OPINION

Newspaper created negative impression

To the editor:

I AM WRITING in order to express my profound disappointment in Jim Kalvelage's story "Books Remain Closed." I believe I have a right to, because I am the person who cancelled the tentatively set interview with Mr. Kalvelage.

Contrary to the negative perception Mr. Kalvelage clearly wished to create, I did not cancel our appointment because I didn't want to speak with him, I did it because I needed to reschedule for personal reasons, and I also wished to inform him of ownership's wishes. Mr. Kalvelage had contacted me Friday afternoon, wishing to obtain more detailed information for his next installment on the track. I asked him to put his request in writing, so that I could run the same by the owners of the track.

I received his message over the weekend. After a weekend of racing and horse auction activity, owners were able to get back to me early Tuesday with their recommendation: As Mr. Hubbard

said in his interview, we do not wish to go into any greater detail that has already been provided, and what is already available through the state. Just as soon as I had that information from those that I report to, I informed you of this fact.

I apologized to you for the late notice, but would have been very willing to reschedule the meeting. Perhaps you owe me the same apology for requesting an interview on the Friday afternoon before your article was to run on Tuesday. Perhaps you should have made your request at an earlier time, so as not to put yourself in such a bad position leading up to your deadline.

However, after the article that appeared [Aug. 25] it is clear to me (and many others that I have heard from) that the *Ruidoso News* is more interested in twisting a mundane situation into some sort of devious plot in order to skew the outcome of the Special Election. The fact is that I have, and we as a company have, provided quite a bit of con-

fidential and private information so that the citizens of Lincoln County could make an informed decision.

However individuals, and now a newspaper have chosen to twist this information sharing to suit their own agendas and/or create sensationalized issues that do not exist in reality. When you consider this, can you really blame Mr. Hubbard for not wanting open himself and the business up to more of this ridiculous misinformation?

While claiming that the books are closed at the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino, the paper created a full-blown expense comparison for this story that ran on page 9A. If the books are "closed", where did these figures come from?

With that in mind, perhaps a better headline for this story would have been, "The *Ruidoso News*: Facts don't change our opinions."

Curtis Hilling
Vice President - Finance
Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc.

This was healthcare information?

To the editor:

THIS IS IN reference to the Aug. 27 article on the "messenger" (Diane Ventura) from Sen. Bingaman. Had I been one of the Lincoln County Commissioners, I would have left that meeting highly insulted by the attitude and lack of knowledge by the "messenger" and her boss.

She does not have time to read the healthcare bill but if she had the time to read, she'd read her Bible instead? At that response, I would have left the meeting, period. In response to a question on

taxes, Ventura admitted that several other people in other counties and cities had similar questions, but she wasn't sure "how it works." One would think that if you had that many questions on one subject, you might find out the answer.

What the article is telling me is that the senator had an agenda to push the "benefits" of the health plan (that he probably hasn't read either), and for his "messenger" to not be prepared to address the negative aspects of this bill and what it is really

going to cost us, both in health coverage and tax dollars. As to the points that are repeatedly advertised, are the Health Centers losing money because of Medicare payment caps, or are they losing money because of all the illegals that use them? Or are there other issues causing these deficits?

The bottom line of the information tour is it appears to be just another waste of our taxpayer dollars.

John Hawker
Ruidoso

Panthers 'done good'

To the editor:

ALL OF LINCOLN COUNTY should be proud of the Panthers, our New Mexico South Division Men's Softball team, all of whose members are from Capitan. This team took 5th place out of 16 teams competing in the Men's E South State Softball Tournament on August 14th in Alamogordo.

A group of schoolmates stayed friends all these years, had young families, and then six years ago, formed a softball team. We, as the Village of Capitan should be extremely proud of this team; as they say in the South, "They done good!"

We had a pizza party, with pizza provided by the TGFP Pizzeria in Capitan at Capitan's Smokey Bear Park last Sunday, and the team presented me with

the five foot trophy they won which will be displayed in the Oso Art Gallery in Capitan.

The Panthers also took second place in the "King of the Hill" Tournament in Roswell in July of this year.

This terrific local team, coached by James Robinson, is under the direction of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department. They play every season in Alto at the Eagle Creek Sports Complex on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting in late April through August.

We are so lucky to have these folks in our town. Capitan, support them!

Many thanks to this great team. Go Panthers!

Gregg Russell
Capitan

BBQ was a success

To the editor:

I WANT TO THANK once again those that contributed to the Community Bar-B-Que on Sunday, Aug. 15.

It was a huge success, the children and adults were able to interact with the staff and players.

Thanks again to the following: Chris Carusona, Ruidoso Ford; Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Miller, Ruidoso Women's Club and Dennis Haskell.

Again we appreciate your generosity for a great community event.

Gus Raymond Alborn
Mayor
Village of Ruidoso's

YOUR OPINION • RACETRACK LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The debate enters the home stretch

Chamber spreads fear

To the editor:

I DON'T HAVE a problem with the business decisions of Mr. Hubbard or the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. What I do have a problem with is the shenanigans of the Chamber of Commerce.

This self-interested and tunnel-visioned entity has hit the streets, the airwaves and the newspapers with fear-mongering tactics and threats. Even though the vast majority of people polled at KEDU and in conversation oppose the tax, a special election paid for by people associated with the track, unethical election games with Texans and the assumption that the residents are too lazy to turn in their ballots has proven that the Chamber of Commerce has a serious game plan and has put it into affect.

Walk down Midtown and look at the overwhelmed and frightened storeowners. Have pity on them as they are getting harassed and threatened every day by the Chamber. Threats of their life savings disappearing and their businesses failing and who knows what else for the more reluctant storeowners that have not gotten on board.

The Chamber paid a lobbyist to go to Santa Fe on behalf of the track and lost. So, they have come back to Ruidoso ready to "Fight Back." But look at who they are fighting. Us. Residents. Business owners. That's their strategy. Like a person that has lost their pride in a fight they are attacking a "weaker" person to make themselves feel good.

The Chamber of Commerce has an agenda based on fear, threats and coercion.

Lane Bee
Ruidoso

A bad scenario

To the editor:

LET'S CONSIDER the likely consequences if the track referendum fails and the track is moved to another location.

- Taxes will go up. Without the track's taxes and with the loss of hundreds of employees, fewer tax monies will be collected. To maintain government services, your taxes will need to be increased.

- Unemployment will rise. Unemployed persons will obviously spend less yet will need more services.

- More properties will be for sale. Your current property values will decline.

- The local economy will suffer. Empty stores, restaurants, motels and shops will multiply.

- There will be fewer stores and restaurants to patronize or to attract visitors.

The proposed tax is only about \$1.90 for each \$1,000 spent and does not apply to groceries or other exempt purchases. Out-of-town visitors will pay a significant portion of the tax. With the current uncertain economy, now is not the time to risk losing a great asset like the track.

The loss of the track means a potential loss of \$45 million a year. I have no ties to Mr. Hubbard and this vote is not about Mr. Hubbard; it's about the economic future of Lincoln County and everyone in it.

Don Jugenheimer
Alto

Questions for the track

To the editor:

THERE WILL BE A non-partisan forum held to discuss the "Business Retention Tax," AKA racetrack bailout, at the Gateway Church, 415 Sudderth, on Thursday September 2 at 6pm. The audience will be able to submit written questions to a panel. I don't know who will be on the panel, but I plan to be there and I do have some questions.

- I have seen a copy of the sample ballot. Why doesn't it mention that Hubbard will get \$750,000 total each year? Yes,

the bean counters say the money actually goes to the state and is a tax credit for the racetrack, but money Hubbard doesn't have to pay in taxes is money in his pocket.

- How much do Lincoln county residents have to spend so that Hubbard will get this amount of tax credit? (My calculations, based on the 3/16 percent rate, show \$400 million).

- If Hubbard is going to get taxpayer money, shouldn't he be required to provide more information about his administrative costs, which seem to be rather high? He refused to give any details about the racetrack administrative salaries when asked by the *Ruidoso News*. In fact he got rather huffy about it. If he wants taxpayer money, he should get used to public scrutiny.

I notice that Hubbard and his wife Joan Dale donated \$500 to Republican legislator Nora Espinoza's reelection campaign on May 28, 2010. I don't live in Lincoln county, but I shop there occasionally. I don't want any of the money that I pay for a gallon of milk to be donated to my opponent's campaign.

By the way, although Hubbard stated in his interview with the *Ruidoso News* that he and Joan Dale are Lincoln county residents, the address listed on the financial form along with that donation is 72-980 Fred Waring Dr B, Palm Desert, CA.

So I guess another question would be, how many homes does this millionaire couple own, where are they located, and which one is really their primary residence?

Ellen Wedum
Democratic candidate
NM House District 59
Cloudercroft

Let's work together

To the editor:

IT WAS STATED in the Aug. 20 letters that countless individuals and organizations depend on the generosity of R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard and the financial support of the Hubbard Foundation.

Perhaps instead of passing a business retention tax or, as it has been called by some, "a government bailout" for the racetrack owned by Hubbard, we pass a "quality of life" tax or a "community enhancement" tax.

Maybe it is time the citizens of Lincoln County support their own community, relieving Hubbard of the burden. He could use his charitable contribution revenue to help fund the track. Then we can all feel better about the tax and ourselves, and the racetrack can remain at Ruidoso Downs.

I have seen other ideas mentioned in your editorials. Let's take it one step further: Instead of constantly having these meaningless "best of" Lincoln County" contests, how about having a contest on the best ideas to make our community a better place to live. For example: best idea for recreation, green energy, event to bring locals together, public transportation, economic development and recovery, environment, education, ideas for the racetrack facility if it closes, and so on.

Or best idea for your tax dollars to be spent on. Example: Humane Society, arts, education, health and welfare, infrastructure, subsidize racetrack and/or subsidize ski industry. Let's stop dividing the community and work together to find the best solutions for everybody in Lincoln County.

Vicki Eckerdt
Lincoln County

We need to plan better

To the editor:

THE HISTORY of the racetrack is that it brings a lot of business to Ruidoso, and its loss would be a serious economic blow.

However, a lot of people's finances are not in the greatest of shape, and they certainly are not

getting a bailout.

So as usual, we get the business people on one side, and the taxpayers on the other side. The actual cost of the increased tax does not seem to be very large, it would be in the gross receipts tax, and thankfully, some of the tax monies would be generated from tourists.

But my thoughts about this situation are coming from a completely different perspective. I was recently asked, by out of town guests, to go to the Billy the Kid Casino, for one of their prime rib dinners. I hadn't been there for a couple of years, walked into the place, and noticed immediately, that it was not very clean.

We sat down and unfortunately had not a good dinner. I was embarrassed for the out-of-town guests, myself and the community of Ruidoso. I felt that, if this was the best that could be done, they should shut it down, and I'm certainly not going to make a repeat appearance at that bistro.

My thoughts then harked back to a decade ago, when the owner of the racetrack let an option expire on a piece of land, by the convention center. A group of investors from Santa Fe came to Ruidoso and presented a plan for a boutique hotel. They were going to build a hotel, a restaurant and a night club, and *whoa*, maybe little ol' Ruidoso might have a place where the boot scootin' boogies wouldn't reign supreme on the dance floor.

Within a week, the owner of the racetrack, threatened a lawsuit, and *voilà!*, we have the current facility. Not a bad-looking place; but a self-service place, where you slide your tray through on rails, for a self serve meal, with no restaurant, no night club. The local school cafeteria, where my child was interned, had more service than that. Again, the people of Ruidoso were not given the type of a facility that this community deserves.

Overall, on balance, because of the current economic circumstances, I would like to see the measure hopefully pass. I would hate to see the economic situation (for the local merchants) turn any worse.

At the same time, this community should require that the racetrack owner clean up the place, upgrade the restaurant, promote the facility, and for it to just not be a carcass to be ravaged. This should be a two-way deal, where something is given by both sides.

Unfortunately, the sport of horse racing, in terms of attendance and interest, seems to be dying; the next generation is into auto racing, motocross races, and other such activities. If the measure passes, the merchants will be given a five-year reprieve, but they should not stand still. This community should start preparing now, for the day that the horse racing sport might leave.

The last thing we need are a bunch of Chicken Littles running around (as they currently are) claiming that the sky is falling (which it might).

Bill Hodges
Ruidoso

No-win situation

To the editor:

THE GRT is an issue that will remain for quite awhile. No matter how the vote goes, it will be talked about for a long time. This issue has pitted neighbor against neighbor and friend against friend. Some people's vote will be based on whether they are pro-life or pro-choice. Other people's vote may depend on whether they are the owner of the house, or the renter of the house, seller of a house, or buyer of the house.

This vote will pit poor against rich, rich against poor. It will pit the buyer against the businesses, and the businesses against their workers. Businesses have told their workers that if this bill fails, you may lose your job. Is this true, or, just a scare tactic? It is easy to scare a person when they

live from pay check to pay check.

Some people think Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Allred are people with high morals. And think their morals flat stink. I will be reminded every time I buy merchandise that I will be paying a tax to help an abortionist and a greedy money grabber. Some people will be paying the tax thinking it has saved their job, and these two guys are their savior. Only time will tell the truth.

No matter how this vote goes, some people will be happy, others sad. This election may be a no-win situation that should have never have come to pass.

Jack Hemby
Ruidoso Downs

The billionaire blues

To the editor:

I'VE BEEN READING a lot of letters from people who don't feel we should raise the taxes of the good folks in Lincoln County to pay R.D. Hubbard's bills at the racetrack.

I think those people aren't being fair to good old R.D. and I'd like to make a case as to why we ought to all pitch in and help him out.

Consider this. Hubbard is the sole billionaire we have here in Lincoln County. Imagine how lonely and isolated he must feel being the only one. Just think how hurt he'd be if we don't all pitch in and give him millions over the next five years.

Secondly, it's tough out there in today's economy. The \$225 million he got when he sold the Hobbs track doesn't go too far nowadays.

Also, just think of all the overhead he has. It costs a lot of money to have those private Gulfstream jets that he and Mrs. Hubbard fly around in. What about the helicopter? Those don't come cheap. How about the fleet of customized golf carts he keeps so he and all his minions can have for their personal use when they play on the golf courses he owns? Those cost a lot.

What about the 150, 200 race horses he owns? The expenses for all those can really mount up.

Plus, he's bound to have lots of payroll incurred for private pilots, private chefs, pool boys, cabana boys, chauffeurs, valets, maids, landscapers, horse trainers and stable hands, not to mention a whole host of lawyers and plastic surgeons.

Let's don't forget his newspaper holdings or the radio stations, the hotels, the land developments, the commercial buildings, the banks, the mansions in multiple states, the ranches, the limos, the priceless art collection, the extensive wine cellar, the custom-made \$10,000 pool cues or the trips he takes yearly throughout the world. Can't you little people understand how expensive all those are to own?

All in all, I think we owe R.D. a second look at raising our gross receipt taxes so we can help him get through these tough economic times. Hey, sometimes billionaires need a handout too.

Besides, if Hubbard takes his toys and leaves town, who will tell Tom Battin what to do?

J. Williams
Dallas/Ruidoso

Getting the figures real

To the editor,

THE AMOUNT of misinformation and half-truths that have been spread by some of the more extreme opponents of the Business Retention Plan requires a response. In particular, Les Olson's recent claim that a "Yes" vote will cost county residents "\$114 a year".

Mr. Olson must assume the following to get to the \$114 figure: the "average" Lincoln County family spends approximately \$68,000 on items subject to the GRT. My guess is that the "average" Lincoln County family doesn't earn \$68,000 per year, so his figures must be false

We know that the Business Retention Plan will not increase a person's mortgage, their rent, the cost of their health care, prescription medicine or basic groceries, because none of these are subject to GRT.

The percentage increase is .001875 - or \$18.75 for every \$10,000 spent on GRT items. Also, the tax has a sunset clause. This means it goes away in five years or after the state addresses the parity or disparity issues that exists between the racetrack and the tribes.

Some may choose to live in the fictional world of Les Olson but they shouldn't vote that way based on phony figures. Personally, I believe the people of Lincoln County will stand up for our jobs, our economy - and yes, our racetrack - and vote "Yes" this election.

Wayne Metcalfe
Ruidoso

Buying out of county

To the editor:

IT'S INTERESTING to note that a number of local businesses which sell big-ticket items (such as vehicles) to mostly permanent local residents are vocal supporters of the taxpayer subsidy for the privately owned Ruidoso Downs racino.

Should this outrageous bailout pass, I've decided what my protest will be: The next time I purchase a big-ticket item - vehicle, appliance, furniture, TV set, etc. - my purchasing power will be exercised in Otero or Chaves counties. I will not give a nickel of my tax money to a racino (aka, "money pit").

I'll spend the \$56 GRT for my \$30,000 vehicle purchase outside of Lincoln County. I wonder how many other county residents, especially those like me who are still driving on the unpaved county Cora Dutton Road, plan to do the same thing?

Sue Moeller
Nogal

Ruidoso is expensive

To the editor:

WE MOVED here six years ago because we loved it here. I don't know what happened to this town. I can't believe this town is letting R.D. Hubbard blackmail us.

Our houses will go down in value? I think it's the other way around. There are houses for sale everywhere, some because of our high water bills and expensive town. I don't want to move, but I can't see paying more than we do now.

L. Hall
Ruidoso

An out-of-town view

To the editor:

AS A RESIDENT of Texas, I cannot vote in the upcoming election, but I have a vested interest in its outcome. I have owned a home in Ruidoso for over 30 years. I spend a lot of time and money in this community, as do many other summer Texans.

We enjoy the tall pines and the cool weather, but the primary attraction has always been the racetrack.

Jobs are the lifeblood of every community. As a Texas state senator, most of my focus is on trying to not only attract new jobs but to maintain existing jobs in my district and my state.

I think some of us in Ruidoso overlook the impact of visitors who come to enjoy the racetrack. We don't realize the amount of money they spend at places like Cattleman's, Farley's and even Mr. Burger. And, the jobs created by that out-of-town money.

As out-of-town property owners we are concerned about what would happen to property values if we lost the racetrack. I would urge a yes vote to preserve the jobs and the economy in Ruidoso.

Troy Fraser
Texas State Senator

EDUCATION

Art in Public Places comes to ENMU-Ruidoso

Tom and Jean Latka, of Latka Studios in Pueblo, Colo., were chosen to contribute art to ENMU-Ruidoso through New Mexico Art in Public Places.

The piece, titled "Chispa," will be permanently installed on the front of the building at 709 Mechem.

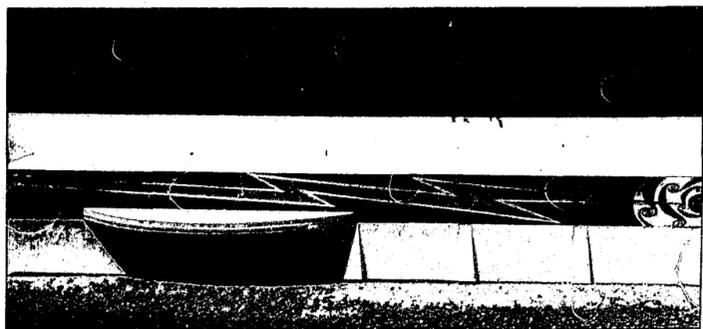
The Latkas have created several public art installations.

Past projects include sculptures for the City of Aurora, Colo., and Best Buy computers, murals for Grand Junction and Northern New Mexico Community College, and fountains for the Gandhi Peace Park in Pueblo, S.C.I.A.R.C. in Santa Monica, Calif., and the Chicago Botanical Garden.

Their aim is to connect people with their urban surroundings by using vibrant, expressive, and organic shapes.

The New Mexico Art in Public Places Act was passed by the New Mexico legislature and signed into law by the Governor in 1986.

More than 2,500 pieces of art have been placed throughout the state. The goal of the program is to



celebrate the diversity of the arts, cultures, and viewpoints of New Mexico. The program is funded through a provision of the law requiring all agencies to set aside 1 percent or \$200,000 (maximum) of the money appropriated for new construction to include public art.

When the new construction of the ENMU-Ruidoso expansion was complete, \$43,000 was set aside under the requirements of the New Mexico Art in Public Places Act. Ninety-two artists bid on the project.

The act stipulates that artists must live in the region; in this case, artists bidding were required to live in New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Utah, Arizona, or Oklahoma.

Another stipulation of the act requires the local selection committee be comprised of two representatives from the college, an architect, an artist, an arts professional, and two community members.

Dr. Cynthia Orozco, a member of the committee, summed up the intent and importance of the act: "Artists are cultural workers, and art has value."

The piece is made of clay and fused glass. The center of the circle uses dichromatic glass that changes color depending on where the viewer stands.

Similarly, color appears to move in the lightning bolt section due to the rippled texture and cracked nature of the glass as it is fired onto the clay.

Chispa means spark.

The mural is 160 feet long and seven feet high. Images associated with Native American tribes are represented, included the Mimbres culture.

One image is the interpretation of a bowl used in funeral rites. The Mimbres made a hole in the bottom of a bowl and placed the bowl on the head of the deceased to allow the spirit to leave the body. The hole also signifies the transition and enlightenment a student experiences in the learning process.

The lightning bolt reinforces this transition. As Tom Latka states, "The long lightning strike that runs the length of the building accomplishes two things: it is a dramatic gesture that covers a large amount of area while, sec-



commercial art world," noted Dr. Orozco.

Judy Pekelsma, ENMU-Ruidoso art instructor and students Barb Morrison and Bill Duttweiler went to Pueblo to assist in the tile-making process.

MA wood form was secured to the floor of a large, empty, brick building in downtown Pueblo. Clay was pounded into the form. Texture was applied using wire tools, and the clay was cut and prepared to be glazed and fired. Once finished, the piece will be transported to Ruidoso and installed.

"I really believe the Latkas are making a piece that will not just be beautiful, but will be inspirational for the college," Pekelsma said. "I can't wait to see it."

RMSD sets goals

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Four goals for the Ruidoso Municipal School District board have been renewed for the now under-way school year.

"We did not change our goals this year," said education board president Susan Lutterman. "I still think we have great goals."

Goal one seeks to ensure a respectful, safe, clean, green and healthy school environment by creating a culture where all members of the learning community - staff, students and parents - are valued.

The second goal aims to expand educational opportunities to increase student achievement in reading and math by providing professional development, programs and curriculum that support the district's EPSS (Education Plan for Student Success).

Students will achieve at or above grade level, all

schools will meet or surpass Adequate Yearly Progress, and graduates will acquire necessary skills to meet career goals.

Goal three will encourage open and collaborative communications between staff, students, parents and community through mutual respect and trust.

Goal four stated that in collaboration with staff, parents and community develop a comprehensive Facility Master Plan that reflects being good stewards of all our resources and includes maintenance, playgrounds and future needs.

The board's vision statement said the Ruidoso Municipal School District and community believe that all children can learn.

Through a positive, caring, nurturing and safe environment, our students will develop the social, ethical and academic skills to set and achieve goals to fulfill their dreams.

Nob Hill wants to win \$5,000 grant

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The Ruidoso Municipal School District's Nob Hill Early Childhood Center failed to capture a \$25,000 grant from Windstream Communications, an area phone and Internet provider. But the school is now hoping to capture a \$5,000 grant. And Nob Hill is asking for help from the community.

Windstream announced earlier this year it would again award \$100,000 for technology-related up-

grades to public schools throughout the company's service territory that covers locations in 21 states. Public schools in the areas where Windstream offers residential phone and high-speed Internet services were eligible to apply for the Classroom Connections awards.

Those four awards were already granted.

In addition, Windstream will distribute \$50,000 in Spirit Awards, with up to 10 awards worth \$5,000 each, based on public online voting. Those will be

announced later this month.

"We want as much of the public to vote so we can get the \$5,000," said Nob Hill kindergarten teacher Misty Hightower. "Nob Hill was the only school in New Mexico to make it in the top 30."

Hightower is asking for the online votes at www.lifetimeour.com. Once you are on the webpage, click "Classroom Connections," then "Spirit Award Finalists - View and Vote." Find Nob Hill Early

Childhood Center and cast a vote.

Hightower said people can vote one time each day until the voting is closed on Sept. 7.

"The one vote per day is every computer, every device," said Hightower. "I use my computer and my I-Pod each day."

The Nob Hill effort was in 15th place for the Spirit Award on Monday.

The school submitted a required video to make the application. The video can be viewed on the lifetime-tour website.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Internships

Congressman Harry Teague (D-Hobbs) is currently accepting internship applications for the fall in his Washington, D.C., office and district offices located across Southern New Mexico in Las Cruces, Socorro, Hobbs, Los Lunas and Roswell.

Interns, New Mexico students and recent graduates, in the Washington, D.C., office have the oppor-

tunity to learn about the legislative process and the federal government by working closely with legislative, communications and constituent services staff members.

Duties include attending a Congressional committee hearings and legislative meetings, conducting tours of the Capitol, assisting with research, and drafting correspondence.

In addition, administrative tasks such as mail pro-

cessing, data entry, answering telephones, and assisting our legislative staff when needed will also be necessary.

District interns have the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge on how a Congressional office serves constituents and interacts with the community while serving as a liaison to Congressman Teague's Washington D.C. office.

All internships in Congressman Teague's office

are unpaid and candidates who are chosen for the Washington, D.C., office are responsible for paying their travel and living expenses.

However, the office gladly assists interns who wish to petition for academic credit. Interested candidates should email their cover letter, resume and writing sample to Michael O'Grady at michael.ogrady@mail.house.gov or call 202-225-2365.

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County getting impatient with Capitan over addressing, 9-1-1

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Before sending the Village of Capitan a 30-day termination notice of a memorandum of understanding related to rural addressing and Enhanced 9-1-1 requirements, two Lincoln County commissioners will try to convince the mayor and trustees of the wisdom of cooperation. Commissioners Eileen Sedillo and Dave Parks at the commission's August meeting argued to give Capitan another chance before ending the MOU and handing the village total responsibility for dispatching emergency services and any related problems in pinpointing exact locations.

The two commissioners will attend the Sept. 14 meeting of the Capitan Board of Trustees to emphasize the life and death importance of aligning addresses, handling reviews and updates and eliminating confusing names and directional address suffixes such as "east" or "west street."

An exasperated County Manager Tom Stewart, who sent multiple letters to the village asking for cooperation and specific action, was ready for a more drastic step, because of the risk to citizens.

He recommended the county commission recognize Capitan officials' desire to run their own addresses and street name program, and that the MOU for county assistance be terminated with the understanding that Capitan must establish its own dispatch. Until that occurred, village officials must acknowledge that any confusion in addresses while responding to emergency calls within the municipality are the responsibility of the village.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin struck the compromise, saying he will sign a letter notifying Capitan administration officials the time is approaching when the county might have no alternative than to cancel the MOU, but that two commissioners will attend the trustees meeting to see if the issue can be resolved. "Let's try to work with them, and if that doesn't

work, then we can deliver an ultimatum," Sedillo said.

Battin agreed that he didn't want to build a wall between the county and the village, but Commissioner Don Williams said it would be village officials building the wall because of their lack of cooperation.

Connie Stone, who heads the county Rural Addressing and Geographical Information System Division, said the MOU pledged county assistance to Capitan in setting up an

efficient 9-1-1 system with identifiable addresses, but that without serious commitments from village administration, that goal is nearly impossible.

The village has neglected to provide road centerline address range information, to rename the numerous continuing loops and roads, and is unreliable at handling telephone extracts that require verification, Stone said.

Sedillo: "If that doesn't work then we can deliver an ultimatum."

She continues to attempt to work with Capitan Village Clerk Kay Strickland and Police Officer/Emergency Medical Services Kevin Kennedy to resolve some of those items, she said.

But the database for 9-1-1 is very specific and if someone uses Smokey Bear Boulevard, it won't be recognized without the exact numbers or direction, she said. The dispatch need the road and the range of the road, corresponding to the numbers that would be based on 100 per mile in rural areas.

In Capitan, occasionally odd and even numbers are mixed on the same side of the road, Stone said.

"That's why the county in 2005, revamped our ordinance to reflect they we no longer use north, south, east or west or duplication of roads," she said. "That has worked in our favor in unincorporated areas. When people call, they are anxious and often can't remember east or west of a street. Precious time can be lost in a situation like this, when an ambulance driver

doesn't know whether to go east or west."

County Attorney Alan Morel said the commission has no jurisdiction in a municipality and its only recourse is to terminate the MOU based on the village's failure to meet its obligations and to comply with its terms. Even then, the effect will be to shift liability, not totally eliminate it, he said. "We will get sued anyway, but it places on the record that we saw a problem and shifts liability to someone else," Morel said. "We can

provide service, but only with their assistance and must think how to do that. Terminating the MOU will shift liability back their way."

The towns of Carrizozo and Corona also signed the agreement with the county, but would not be affected by dropping Capitan, he said.

Stone said the village is supposed to maintain a master guide with road names and ranges, and to go through telephone extracts on quarterly basis to maintain system integrity and accuracy.

Besides emergencies, services such as overnight mail and parcel deliveries, or global satellite positioning web sites often are affected by incomplete information, she said.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said no one seems in synchronization on the system and asked, "Are we chasing our tails on this?"

Stewart said people trying to use a GPS to navigate the county find only a few main roads pinpointed. For the rest, the GPS tells a user, "Sorry, entering unconfirmed roads" the manager said. "But we're working on that. The sophistication of the 9-1-1 system has been relatively recent."

"I'm recommending acknowledging the village wants to run the system the way they want to run it, but just don't hold the county responsible when an ambulance can't find a home," he said. "This is very hard stuff. It's hard to tell someone to change

their address. I listened to a call the other day and a woman gave her address as 577 and what was on her actual mailbox was 609, so the deputy thought he had to go further. He didn't see two addresses posted on their house. That's the kind of thing that can harm people."

Capitan resident Raylene Greer told commissioners she lived 17 years on Second Street and never knew there was an east and west delineation until someone was trying to deliver a package.

"I'm concerned about ambulance calls," she said. "When I moved here, I knew every (emergency medical technician)," but today an ambulance may come from Carrizozo or Ruidoso."

That makes correct addressing all the more important and the county should use whatever leverage it can to ensure the village complies, she urged.

Stone said according to the last letter from Strickland, "They were adamant the mayor didn't want a change in Smokey Bear Boulevard." Numbering is important, because while it may begin in a village, it continues out into the unincorporated portions of the county, she said.

"We've attempted to help them, offering to GPS and give excel spreadsheet, so they can implement, and we've been shot down," Stone said.

Influx of troops to attend MAW's 'heroes weekend'

Millie Woods said she didn't understand why she was receiving so many phone calls from Ft. Bliss wives for complimentary rooms over the weekend of Oct. 15-16.

"Then I learned that a battalion of 400 soldiers arrived at Ft. Bliss from Iraq last Thursday," she said last week. "There is going to be an influx of troops in town that weekend for Military Appreciation Week Heroes Weekend, and we need complimentary rooms."

Woods explained that officials from Ft. Bliss made an offer to the Ruidoso community last March, for the area to provide a recreation spot for the 45,000 troops expected in El Paso by the end of 2011.

Up to 4,500 troops will be off duty 365 days of the year, she said. "Add wives and children, and this area could see a huge influx of military visitors year round," she said.

"The Post Commander agreed to promote Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs/Lincoln County as a safe and friendly-to-the troops area that will take care of his troops."

"MAW Heroes Weekend is this area's first opportunity to show evidence that we really do 'Support Our Troops.' The Oct. 15-16 weekend was chosen as the troops' fun weekend to coincide with October-Fest and

the Mountain High Fly-In. Troops will be on per diem during MAW 2011, and there will be no solicitation again for military hospital-ity until October of 2011."

Woods said complimentary rooms, dining vouchers and entertainment coupons are needed for the October visit.

"MAW is not asking lodgers to contribute rooms that they know they can rent," she said. "MAW is asking that you contribute rooms to the troops that weekend that, otherwise, will remain empty."

Restaurant and entertainment venue owners and general managers are being asked to offer vouchers for free and deeply discounted dinners to the troops that weekend.

"When those troops and their families return to their respective bases Oct. 17, we want them pleased and convinced there is no friendlier community to a military base that Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs/Lincoln County," Woods said. "Open your arms of welcoming hospitality and they will come. Thank you for participating, making MAW Heroes Weekend a success, and securing a future tourism base that will stabilize the economy of this area for decades to come."

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More work scheduled for wastewater treatment plant

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Additional work may be in store for the new Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs sewage treatment plant.

Ruidoso Downs public works director Cleatus Richards said there have been recent talks about converting the treatment plant facilities from propane to natural gas.

"I've provided Zia Natural Gas with copies of the piping plan for the plant so that they can determine how to route lines. The major problem will be how to coordinate that work so that we don't interfere with construction on phase 1B because they will be working in the same areas. It's going to have to be handled fairly promptly because the contractor for the treatment plant is planning on paving the roadways by October."

Richards said natural gas would be more efficient. "I know Bobby (Snowden, plant manager) has complained already about the amount of propane that he has had to use on the two new buildings."

Richards said he did not know why natural gas was not factored in when planning for the new plant.

"Gas has been available in that area. It would have been much cheaper for the

plant if that had originally been considered. We've had to purchase the large propane tanks for the first phase. It should not be a major problem to convert the plant."

Another matter under consideration is the potable water supply at the facility.

"Apparently the well has not been producing very well for some time. While they're planning on using reuse water for a lot of the plant wash down and system operations, it appears they're going to need a better water supply for drinking and restrooms and the like within the plant."

Richards said Ruidoso's water and wastewater director is looking at the water supply need.

"I've heard costs ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to rework that well to make it functional and serve the needs for the new plant. That is another thing we will be sharing costs on."

Richards said the new facility is getting closer to going into operation.

Phase 1B is on schedule, with spring 2011 targeted for operations. The contractor has been working overtime to make progress.

The two municipalities are required to build a new treatment plant to meet discharge standards for effluent put into the Rio Ruidoso.

Village eyes surplus property for revenue

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Struggling with budget issues, Ruidoso village councilors and staff again turned their attention toward property owned and unused by the municipality as a source of revenue.

In a motion at their meeting earlier this month, councilors declared more than 75 tracts of land surplus with the intent of selecting a real estate representative to market and sell the property.

All sales would be subject to final approval by the council.

The total area of the combined lots is about 50

acres in 76 parcels. Most of the land consists of lots in the Grindstone Canyon Resort subdivision, ranging in size from about one-third of an acre to nearly a full acre bordering Mountain High Circle off Resort Drive and a related cul-de-sac.

But also on the list is a cabin in Upper Canyon, several park areas, the 0.44 of an acre on which the Ruidoso Woman's Clubhouse sits on Evergreen Street and 9.187 acres behind T.R.'s Market in the Sun Valley subdivision.

Debbie Jo Almager, village Parks and Recreation director, said Wednesday residents and visitors will

not be losing any potential park property with the proposed sale of three parcels designated as "parks."

Taos Park, a 2.31 acre parcel off Sudderth Drive between Carrizo Canyon Road and Taos Trail, is enclosed by residential development and is hard to access.

Another 1.678 acre "park" was donated to the village on Leon Farrar Drive at the intersection with George P. White Drive, but it suffers from massive drainage problems.

A third park parcel, with no acreage listed, is on Santa Maria Drive off of Resort Drive across from

the Parks and Recreation Department office and is steep land.

The Upper Canyon cabin in located on two long, narrow lots off Seer Drive. A 1.9-acre parcel across from Palmer Gateway subdivision, owned by Street Department off Close Road.

The surplus declaration does not include about 60 acres on Ski Run Road, proposed for a swap with 200 acres along Gavilan Canyon Road, which is being handled separately.

Almager said she is developing a recreation plan for portions of the Gavilan land, which could include rappelling activities.

Village concerned about PNM rate hike on budget

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Based on staff calculations, Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn says if a requested rate hike by PNM is approved, the village will pay about \$119,032 more for electricity from that source annually.

Mayors from five southeastern New Mexico municipalities met in Ruidoso Aug. 25, to discuss how to protect the interests of their citizens against a 21.32 percent electricity rate increase request looming from PNM.

They settled on a strongly-worded letter to the New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission calling for an equitable decision and a transparent process.

"They came from Lordsburg, Silver City, Alamogordo and Ruidoso Downs," said Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn, who set up the session at the village police station on Mechem Drive.

Those attending were Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong, Lordsburg Mayor Frank Rodriguez, Silver City Mayor James R. Marshall, Alamogordo Mayor Ron Griggs and

Alborn, as well as Bill McCamley, a candidate for New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission; Alamogordo City Attorney Steve Thies; Silver City Attorney Robert Scavron; Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee an Administrative Assistant Tanya Lucero.

"We'll continue to work on it during the meeting of the New Mexico Municipal League in Taos," Alborn said Tuesday. "The letter will be sent to members of the PRC and we will follow the progress of the request. Our concern is not just for residents, but small and

big businesses."

Village Public Works Director Randall Camp calculated that the 21.32 percent hike would translate to a \$119,034.32 hit for the village. In response to a request from Alborn, he also projected what the impact would be, if the renovated wastewater treatment plant now served by Otero Electric, was under PNM. That boosted the impact to \$271,205.

The village budgeted \$561,483 for payments to PNM this year and \$717,785 to Otero County Electric Cooperative for a projected \$1,279,267. The amount would jump to \$1.55 million in Fiscal Year 2011, if the increase was across the board for both utilities. Just for PNM, the amount would increase to \$680,517, Camp figured.

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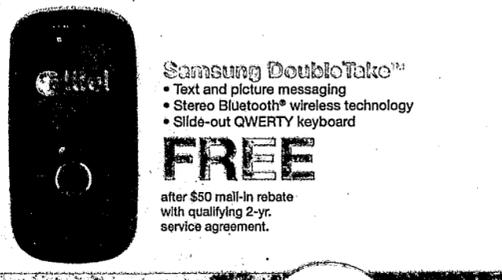
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Funds slated for animal protection

Two federal stimulus awards totaling \$250,000 will be used to protect animals in New Mexico, Gov. Bill Richardson said last week.

The first award of \$150,000 will go to the state Department of Public Safety to help law enforcement officers stop and prosecute illegal cockfighting, dog fighting and to respond to animal hoarding cases. The award will support an investigator, training, and a field manual for officers across the state.

The second award of \$100,000 will help help manage an overpopulated wild horse herd on the Jicarilla Apache Nation. The Jicarilla Nation reports a long-standing problem with wild horses on tribal lands, which damage natural resources and compete with wildlife and cattle for food.

The New Mexico Livestock Board will oversee contractor for the project which aims to assess the population, develop humane solutions such as relocation and adoption and other humane options.

"These Recovery Act awards will support our efforts to improve animal health and welfare across New Mexico," Richardson said.

The Jicarilla Apache Nation estimates that as many as 600 wild horses are roaming on tribal lands, and that the ideal number is about 5 percent of the current wild horse population. Wild horses also disrupt migration routes for native deer and elk populations.

Long-planned Downs subdivision may be doomed

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A Ruidoso Downs-approved subdivision, plagued by problems for years, may go away.

The city's Planning and Zoning Commission last month recommended the city council remove special zoning granted to Escondido Hills in 2005 and vacate the subdivision's plat. The issue is expected to go before the city council as soon as Sept. 13.

"This hearing is to recommend that approvals for a planned use development (PUD) for the subdivision be returned to the original zoning of R-1 (residential, single family) due to a lack of performance," Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Director Steve Dunigan told the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

A PUD allows for a mixture of land uses within a subdivision.

Dunigan said a performance bond, guaranteeing the subdivision would be completed with infrastructure, had expired in April. A grading permit also expired after several extensions.

"So from an original permit issued in '05 to an extension issued by me in May of '07, to the final extension in '09, I think that shows that there has been every effort to allow for the development of this Escondido Hills project. And since they have now expired completely and thoroughly, as far as I can tell, we, the city, would like to proceed with rezoning it to its original default, R-1, when it was brought in and

annexed."

What became the 7.23-acre subdivision within the Agua Fria area, as well as other lands to the east, were annexed into the city in 2004. Ruidoso Downs' zoning ordinance designates a R-1 zoning status for newly annexed lands.

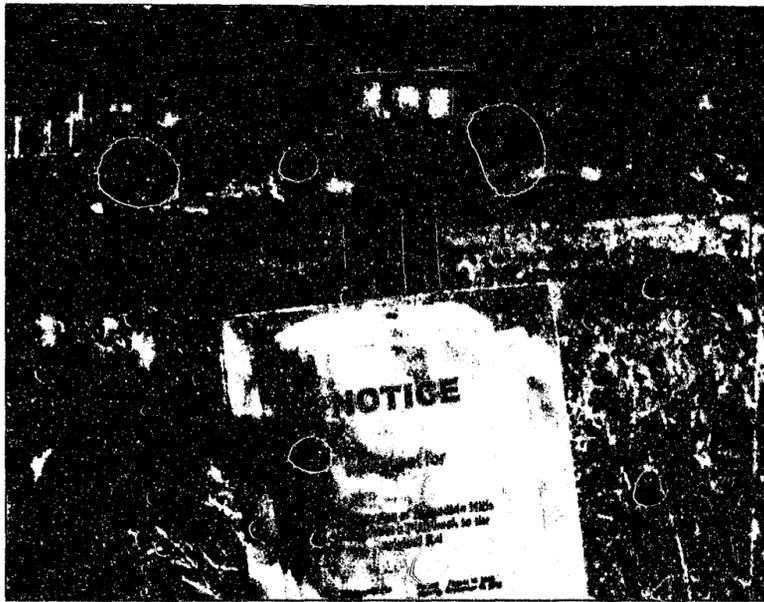
In addition to reverting to the default zoning status, recently resigned Planning and Zoning Commission chair Paul van Gulick had called for the cancellation of all permits and agreements pertaining to Escondido Hills. That included vacation of the individual lots and reverting the subdivision to a single tract.

City attorney Zach Cook concurred with the approach.

"The applicant, the developer, did not perform, therefore that application basically goes away two years after the performance bond expired," said Cook. "The city never officially said this is a R-1 zone. But under your ordinance, when you annex property, if the city doesn't officially classify it then, under the ordinance, it goes to R-1 zoning."

Cook said if the city council agrees some documents will likely need to be filed with the Lincoln County clerk's and assessor's offices.

A letter from an attorney representing a majority of lot owners in Escondido Hills, objecting to the proposed zoning change, had been received by the city in late July. The letter stated that restrictive covenants for the location were more stringent than



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A posted notice about a potential zoning change stands in front of the Escondido Hills subdivision in Ruidoso Downs.

the zoning.

"That's fine, but I think there's just a misunderstanding," said Cook. "Assuming you put it to R-1, there will probably be some issues with Escondido Hill's homeowners attorney. Restrictive covenants, that's not the city's issue."

Cook said restrictive covenants do not take away a municipality's ability to zone.

Ruidoso Downs resident Sharon Paul, who had questioned deadline requirements for Escondido Hills in the past, urged the Planning and Zoning Commission to delay action on a zoning change. She noted litigation by the group Agua Fria-Save the Open Space is ongoing.

"We're waiting for the court to tell us what uses

actually can happen on the property," said Paul. "And we're just asking that we don't believe the city had a right to zone it PUD. We were told in 2004 there was no zoning and that's why they went to PUD. And now they're saying they're reverting back to R-1. It was not zoned R-1."

Van Gulick said when the land was annexed it had to be zoned something.

"It's going to revert to something, even if it's through inaction," he responded.

Paul contended what became Escondido Hills was actually supposed to remain open space. But Cook said the city has no open space zoning.

Questioned about the city's green space zone, Cook urged caution.

"Be careful," Cook said. "That basically takes that property and makes it undevelopable."

The commission was reminded by Dunigan that the issue was not about lawsuits or green space.

"We're here tonight from a failed development to rezone it back to what it defaults to, and that's the issue on the table."

Dunigan said property owners have been notified and approvals have expired.

"There will be no Escondido Hills subdivision as originally approved. Am I correct on that?"

Cook agreed.

City Councilor Gary Williams, who resides near Escondido Hills, said the PUD designation destroyed his neighborhood.

"You have a big hole with houses surrounding it, with nothing there. It's an embarrassment for us. We have collateral damage because of the decision made prior to make this a PUD."

Cook said ending the PUD designation, and zoning the site R-1 would be favorable for those in Agua Fria.

City resident Michael Brillante said those who sold the property to the developer were at fault.

"They knew what our covenants were," Brillante said. "The people that sold that property should be here and held accountable for their actions."

Van Gulick noted the covenants do mention green space, but he added that is something for a court to decide.

For several years Paul and other residents have complained about the condition of Escondido Hills, with incomplete infrastructure, dust, and weeds. Dunigan said there still are code violations. He said he would again contact the developer, Cliff Rowe.

"It's a safety issue, too, with standing water. It's not just the weeds," said Dunigan. "It's been that way since day one. We've battled this over and over. We'll do it again."

On a 4-1 vote, with Planning and Zoning Commissioner Beth Miller opposed, the commission recommended the city council recognize that Escondido Hills' zoning has reverted back to R-1. The council will also be asked to take action to vacate the subdivision's plat.



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66-hour period, according to reports.

The transcript of the commission hearing shows that commissioners were especially concerned that Hubbard was accused of regulatory violations, including directing Belterra Casino employees to provide money to the invitees for gambling and to pay other fees without the necessary paperwork being provided in accordance with IGC rules and Belterra internal control.

Although Hubbard was not found unsuitable for other gaming licenses outside of Indiana, he voluntarily surrendered his Indiana gaming license and agreed to never apply for another one in Indiana. Before the hearing, Hubbard resigned as chairman of Pinnacle and he sold about \$7 million worth of his stock in the gaming company, according to reports by the *Los Angeles Times*.

But his brush-ups over the years did little to tarnish his business reputation. He was honored in 1997 as CEO of the Year by *Financial World Magazine*, and in 2007 was a John W.

Galbreath Award winner, an award from the University of Louisville's Equine Industry Program under the College of Business and Public Administration, for Outstanding Entrepreneurship in the Equine Industry. Hubbard and wife Joan Dale were 2009 recipients of a Major Contributor to the Arts Award from the New Mexico Governor's Excellence in the Arts program.

Dr. Allred

Along the way, Hubbard hooked up with Dr. Edward Allred, described in a Breeder's Cup biography as owner and medical director of Family Planning Associates, operator of small hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities.

The company was established in 1969, shortly after abortions were legalized in California. According to the biography, "Along with clinics in Chicago, FPA evolved into the nation's largest privately held chain of abortion clinics." Allred is president and CEO of the Los Alamitos Race Course in California, considered the quarter horse racing capital.

Together Hubbard and Allred formed Allhub Investments Inc., incorporated in New Mexico in September 1988, for the

purpose of owning and operating a golf course. The corporation is listed in state records as active and in good standing through March 5, 2010.

The Links

The partners built The Links at Sierra Blanca Public Golf Course with a lease on Ruidoso village land as a complement to The Lodge at Sierra Blanca and the village's convention center. A 3-mile plus pathway around the golf course is heavily used year-round by joggers, walkers, dog owners and cyclists.

The initial reason for Hubbard's investments in the small mountain village of Ruidoso was the purchase of Ruidoso Downs Race Track in 1988, after which Hubbard poured \$3 million into improvements there. He promoted the All American Futurity into the richest quarter horse purse in the nation and built the Billy the Kid Casino to boost attendance and other racing purses.

He also backed, and his staff continues to manage, the annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium at the track each October.

He became vice president of MTD Inc., incorporated in December 1988, to operate radio stations. The corporation was listed in



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good standing with the state through March 15, 2012. Bruce Rimbo is president and a director with Edward Burger, both also vice presidents of Ruidoso Downs Racing Inc.

The MTD corporation includes five radio stations with the call letters of KRUI and KIDX in the Ruidoso area, KNMB in Cloudfcroft, KWMW in Maljamar and KTUM in Tatum.

In November 2009, he expanded his media investments by publishing the first weekly edition of the *Ruidoso Free Press*.

The subdivisions

Hubbard turned his attention toward land development at the beginning of the new millennium with three high-dollar subdivisions along New Mexico Highway 48 between Alto and Capitan in Lincoln

County. Their names are Copper Canyon, filed in July 2004, by the Hideout of Lincoln County and encompassing 268.95 acres in 23 tracts; Copper Ridge, platted in June 2005 by Rio Bonito LLC, with 479.77 acres in 44 tracts; and Copper Mountain, divided into six units covering 1,046.8 acres in 89 tracts, submitted in June 2008 by Rio Bonito LLC and still under construction.

At Copper Ridge, he donated the land for a Bonito Volunteer Fire Department station and the land and structure for a Lincoln County emergency operations center and future sheriff's substation. Hubbard still owns about 1,600 acres north of his developments, said County Planner Curt Temple.

His luck or timing faltered when he submitted plans for Stone Mountain in an extraterritorial zone around the village of Ruidoso. While the County Commission approved the proposed 62.59-acre and 22-tract project in 2007, the village rejected the development on an appeal by surrounding lot owners, citing steep grades, drainage issues and too many lots for the terrain.

At one point, he also owned a ranch north of Capitan, which he sold to a man from Abilene, Texas.

One of his latest ventures was to move his entire Crystal Springs Farm stables in Paris, Kentucky, a 235 acre quarter horse breeding farm he owned for 21 years with Connie Sczesny and Allred. The operation reemerged on 320 acres in the high desert outside Tularosa in Otero County. It opened in September 2007 with 158 stalls.

R.D. Hubbard Enterprises Inc., based in Palm Desert, Calif., is listed in state records as a private company under the category of horse racetrack operation, with annual revenue of \$1 million to \$2.5 million and employing a staff of five to nine.

His Indiana encounter didn't end his interest in

racetracks. In 2003, the New Mexico State Racing Commission awarded Hubbard and partners a license to build Zia Park in Hobbs.

According to reports at the time, the Hubbard partners argued they should be awarded a contract to build and operate the new racetrack to benefit both Ruidoso Downs and Zia at Hobbs, while a new operator coming in could severely damage Ruidoso Downs.

Bruce Rimbo, vice president of Ruidoso Downs Racing Inc., told commissioners that awarding the Hobbs track to Hubbard would spare any cuts at Ruidoso Downs. He said economic studies commissioned by the track showed 25 percent of its customers come from West Texas and another 25 percent from southeastern New Mexico, where Hobbs is located.

"We'd have the opportunity to offset a lot of things," he said. "Our bottom line would be stronger and I think there are ways that we could co-promote the two so that we could improve some things at Ruidoso and the impact wouldn't be as great."

He also pointed out that Hubbard and Allred were the only applicants who were horse owners and breeders.

The Hubbard group built the Hobbs track and the Black Gold Casino for about \$43 million on 320 acres of land and sold it for reported \$200 million in 2007, to Penn National Gaming Inc. In an interview last month, Hubbard said the two racetrack operations continue to share equipment.

That same year, a fire destroyed the stallion barn at the JEH Stallion Station, where Hubbard was a partner with Jim Helzer. Six stallions died.

One of Hubbard's more recent "gifts" to Ruidoso was to invite Lobos Head Coach Michael Locksley and the University of New Mexico football team to try some high altitude training

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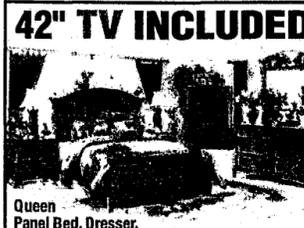
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Due to Hubbard, 'We flat got saved'

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R.D. Hubbard has maintained a low profile in the gross receipts sales tax Sept. 21 election to give Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino tax parity with two nearby Indian casinos.

He said he didn't want the result to be about him. "But for many, their perception of the man influences their view of whether the tax should be approved."

That's the case with Capitan residents Billy and Tery McEntire, who experienced Hubbard's compassionate and generous side firsthand.

Tery was diagnosed in 2005 with cancer of the liver.

"We didn't have any insurance or nothing," Billy McEntire said. "Mr. Hubbard came into where I worked and said he heard something was wrong and asked about her doctor. He said, 'I know the best and am going to send you to the best.' The next day he called me at home and told me where to send her records, to the Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, Calif."

While clinic staff began

her treatment, Tery also was placed on a list of patients waiting for a transplant. Finding a healthy liver took a year and by that time, hers was only working at 7 percent, Billy said. The day was May 10, 2006.

"We got on a medical evacuation plane here and flew to California and within 4 1/2 hours, she was on the table and the operation was 14 hours," Billy said. "She got a real healthy liver. We feel we owe a lot to Mr. Hubbard, but also to the girl who gave the liver. What do you say to a guy (who helps saved your wife's life)?"

McEntire's only association with Hubbard in the past was while he worked as chief of security at the track.

"Most of time when he came in, he'd have a celebrity or the governor and I'd coordinate security," Billy said. "That was the only way I knew him. I never really socialized with him. He came to me. Something about Scripps is dear to his heart. He pulled us out of a fog. I really thought I was going to lose her. Last month, we celebrated our 26th anniversary."

I call him on every anniversary to thank him for another year with her."

The prognosis for Tery McEntire looks good. "Between Mr. Hubbard and the community, we flat got saved," Billy said. "I've never seen people come together like that."

While his wife was undergoing treatment, Billy said he had a chance to talk to Hubbard's pilots and some other staff, and for the first time heard about the scholarships and benefits Hubbard provided to the community.

"A lot of people don't know that," Billy said. "When we put an article in the paper about him helping Tery, he was flying in from California and (his wife) Joan Dale met him at the airstrip with copy of the newspaper and they came straight to Win Place and Show, where I was working at the time. Tery was there waiting for me to get off. They came in and he had tears in his eyes. He's not used to being thanked on a personal level. As busy as he is, he calls two or three times a year to check to see how she is."

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time in the village, offering a package of rooms at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca and meeting facilities in the village convention center next door.

The Foundation

In 1986, the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation was created, which works to provide improve educational opportunities for students of all ages. Since then, the foundation has awarded \$29,174,000 nationwide, more than \$14,153,000 million in New Mexico to 232 entities and \$12,498,000 million locally, said foundation Executive Director Robert Donaldson.

More than 800 scholarship were handed out, the International Space Hall of Fame in Alamogordo received a grant to construct a building to bring the concept of space to New Mexico children, local elementary children were introduced to performing arts and various churches and groups such as Santa's Helpers benefited in seven southeast New Mexico counties from grants.

The Ruidoso Police Department also a recipient of Hubbard's generosity in donated equipment and patrol cars.

The Hubbards became deeply involved in the history and art of the Southwest, creating the Hubbard Museum of the American West, punctuated at the entrance by a bronze sculpture of wild horses running next to a stream molded by artist Dave McGary.

The black-tie opening of the museum included newscaster Sam Donaldson as one of the speakers. The museum was given to the city of Ruidoso Downs in 2005. About the same time, a visitors center and several other structures owned by the Hubbard Family Trust in the Lincoln Historic District were transferred to the Lincoln State Monument.

The couple launched an art competition in 1990 and continued it the next year. Called the Hubbard Art Award of Excellence, the top prize was \$250,000.

Colbert described Hubbard and Joan Dale as



HUBBARD AND LONGTIME FRIEND/PARTNER JIM HELZER

"unbelievably philanthropic in any place he's ever been involved with."

The former pro golfer pointed to R.D. Hubbard Hall at Wichita State University, at the School for Entrepreneurship; many donations to Kansas State University, especially in engineering, where Colbert is affiliated; and at an equine medical research facility for quarter horses, the only one located in that area.

"When a friend needed help and needed money back there (in Kansas), he

was first in line," Colbert said.

Hubbard is majority owner of the very upscale Bighorn Golf Club in Palm Desert and started a fund for employees and their children, raising millions through the club membership to support their education at, any age, Colbert said.

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Lincoln County business retention tax

How do you plan to vote in the upcoming special election for a Lincoln County business retention tax in support of Ruidoso Downs?

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Against	42.9%
Undecided	8.1%
Won't vote	1.1%

The El Paso Times/Texas-New Mexico Newspaper Partnership poll of 545 registered voters in Lincoln County was conducted Aug. 27-28 by The Revel Group. Margin of error is plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.

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Underwood: "I think that is great news. We've come a long way."

Minter: "It is not fair to tax people...to support a millionaire and his business."

POLL

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ing to get the measure passed, was pleased with the poll's findings.

"I think that is great news," Underwood said. "We've come a long way. In

this day and time it's tough to talk people into voting for a small tax increase. So, in this climate, that poll is great news."

Ruidoso resident and county commission candidate Kathryn Minter said she, too, was not surprised that the community is split on this issue. She is on the

committee that is working to defeat the tax increase.

She said those pushing the retention tax are scaring people into voting for the measure.

"I believe in the people and the free-market system," Minter said. "It is not fair to tax the people, people who have their own businesses, to support a millionaire and his business."

If approved, the Lincoln County business retention gross receipts tax will provide \$750,000 for five years to Ruidoso Downs Race Track and its owner R. D. Hubbard. Any extra money will be used by Lincoln County for economic development.

Hubbard has said that if the measure fails he may move the race track to another city in New Mexico.

It is estimated that 40 percent of the Ruidoso-area jobs are directly or indirectly connected to Ruidoso Downs and its casino. The race track's economic impact on the Ruidoso area is estimated at \$45 million per year.

In the past couple of years the racetrack has been losing business because of the Mescalero tribe's casinos.

On a separate poll question, 43.3 percent of the voters said they believe the county is moving in the right direction, while 28.6 percent thought the county was headed in the wrong direction. In that poll, 23.1 percent were undecided.

Also, of those polled, 98 percent said Lincoln County was their primary residence, according to result.

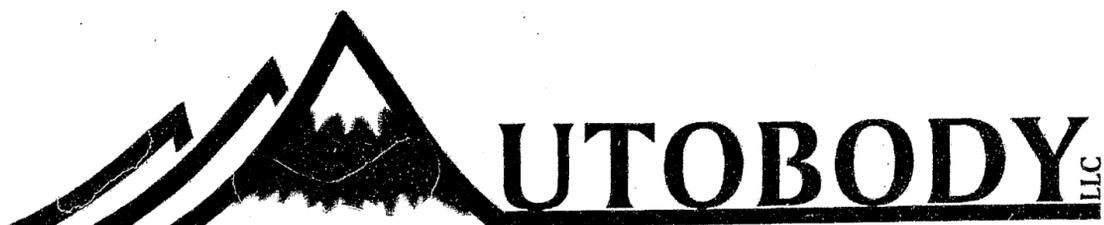
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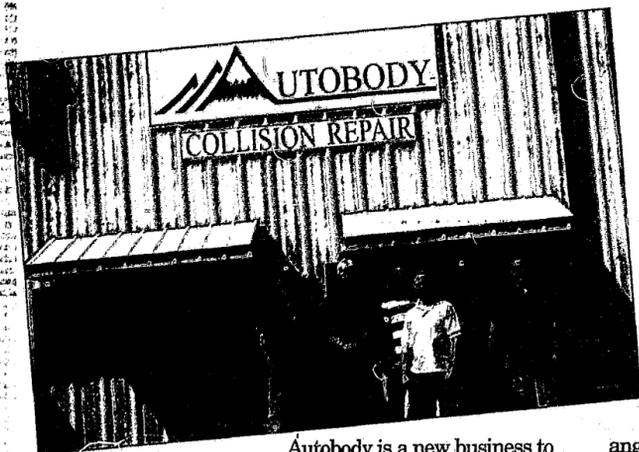
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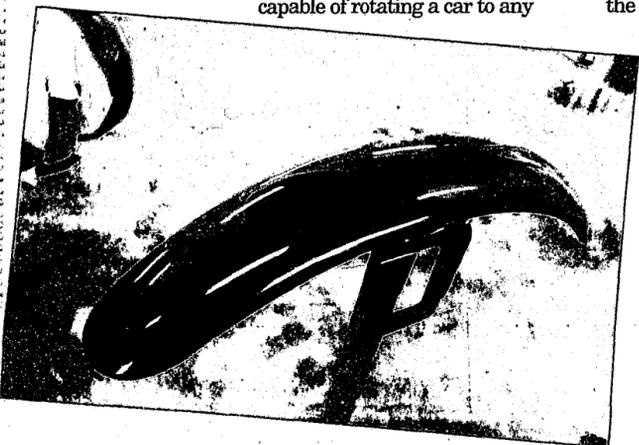
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Warriors, Chiefs win; Tigers, Grizzlies yield

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Two-out-of-three local football teams found traveling to their liking as Ruidoso won at Cobre, 22-14, and the Mescalero Apache Chiefs finally overtook Cloudcroft in overtime, 6-0. Carrizozo lost its gridiron contest at Roswell JV, 29-26. Capitan was defeated at home by No. 1 Hagerman, 41-13. The Hondo Eagles had an open date.

Ruidoso

The visiting Warriors drew first blood in rain-drenched Cobre-land Friday evening when an errant snap went over the Indians signal caller's head and was pounced on by RHS's Jessie Scarafiotti for a quick six points.

Brendan Flack ran a successful sweep around the right side to tack on two more to give the Warriors an early 8-0 lead.

The contest went back and forth for the remainder of the first 12 minutes of play but Cobre answered in the second quarter on a 10-minute drive which resulted in a TD.

The conversion attempt was nullified by Ruidoso and the Warriors maintained the lead, 8-6.

With one-and-a-half minutes left in the first half, RHS drove down to the Cobre 35-yard-line and attempted a field goal



Grizzly Marshal Wilson escapes the pack to get out in the clear with the pigskin. Carrizozo Grizzlies tangled with the Roswell Coyote JV on Saturday in the Wool Bowl in Roswell. The game ended with the Coyotes up 29-26.

which was no good. A roughing the kicker penalty gave the Warriors new life and Johnson and company made the best of it.

In what proved to be the last play of the first half, quarterback Scarafiotti fired a 35-plus yard pass to senior Forrest Sanchez in the back of the end zone for a 6-point score.

The 2-point conversion was unsuccessful and RHS took a 14-6 advantage into the locker rooms at the half.

"The offensive line of Warren McCracken, Ascencion Oroscio, Jacob Rodriguez, Dakota Buurma, along with George Morgan really made that TD play work," RHS head coach Kief Johnson said.

The second half of play was marked with intermittent showers and stellar defensive play by Tanner Chavez, Bruce Klinekole and Rodriguez.

Klinekole caused two fumbles and Sanchez stopped a Cobre scoring

threat with a big interception in the end zone.

In the fourth quarter, Scarafiotti flipped a nice 13-yard TD toss to Tanner Chavez and Flack, again, ran in the two-point conversion to give Ruidoso a 22-6 lead.

Cobre added a TD and two-point conversion later and Ruidoso left town with season-opener eight-point win.

Friday, Ruidoso will entertain D3-3A Socorro (1-0) who took down West Las

Vegas, 41-0, last Friday.

Mescalero

Surprise, surprise. The Apache Chiefs go to D2-1A Cloudcroft, battle the Bears for four scoreless quarters and come away with a 6-0 OT win. Well, on second thought, maybe it's not a surprise.

First year head coach Godfrey Cordova has a resume of experience (15 years as a defensive line

See PIGSKIN, page 2B.

All American weekend begins Friday afternoon

Ty Wyant
 Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

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Friday's 10-race program has Basin St. Heiress taking on the toughest competition of her career in the 6-furlong ninth race.

The Tommy Montes-owned and -trained filly

scored a mild upset in her most recent start when she drew away in the final strides to win by more than one length at five-and-one-half furlongs.

Joe Martinez rides Basin St. Heiress with the fifth post position in the 7-horse field.

Mountain Muzzleloaders hold first black powder shoot

JACK SHUSTER
 For the Ruidoso News

The newest arm of the Ruidoso Gun Club, the Mountain Muzzleloaders had their first organized black powder shooting event on Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Ruidoso Gun Club range on Hale Lake Road in Ruidoso Downs.

Seven black powder shooters gathered on the Pistol Range and unloaded a vast array of long rifles, powder horns, cappers, possible bags, black powder and lead balls, all from the 1800 to 1850 era.

Black powder muzzle loading firearms at the



Posting the Feather targets with the Mountain Muzzleloaders.



Paul "Scratch" Wenzel loads his flintlock with the Muzzleloaders.

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PIGSKIN

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coach and four years in Arizona as a defensive coordinator).

"Our defense played extremely well," Cordova said. "Even when their backs were against the wall, they held. We found success at the end of the game when we won the OT coin toss. We chose to go on defense because I thought they were up to it. I believed they could hold the Bears and I knew we had some pass plays we hadn't used in the previous four quarters."

"On our first offensive series we drove the ball down to the Cloudcroft 10-yard line. We then ran a double slant pass pattern. Quarterback Godfrey Cordova, Jr., dropped back, avoided pressure from Bears' right side, and hit receiver Kenneth Kayitah who scored the overtime winning six points."

Cordova only carries 21 players on his roster but has three returning seniors in the lineup. Two of the 12th-graders are on the offensive line but two juniors on the line, Sam Herrera and Danny Rios, tip the scales at 215- and 225-pounds, respectively.

The Chiefs also have talent at quarterback, tailback and the wideout position.

Additionally, Cordova convinced many of his players to cross-train on

Mescalero's track team last year when he was an assistant coach on the Chiefs' football team.

It's too soon to tell, but the 2010 Mescalero football team could cause some heartache for district adversaries such as Capitan, Carrizozo, Magdalena and Mesilla Valley down the line if they underestimate the Chiefs.

"I thought the Bears and Apache Chiefs were evenly matched," Cordova said. "On defense, Danny Rios, and linebackers, Sam Herrera and Craig Valdez played very well. Cordova had three interceptions. There were lots of Mescalero fans on hand, which was helpful to our cause."

The Alamogordo JV team comes to Mescalero Thursday for a 7 p.m. clash. Stay tuned.

Capitan

The Tigers moved down to the D3-1A ranks this football year. There is just one problem - they were rewarded with playing their season opener with the defending state 1A champs - the Hagerman Bobcats (with a No. 1 ranking currently). Once in a while you have to be careful what you wish for.

The Bobcats are a talented team this year, too. Quarterback, No. 10, Isaac Bejarano can run and pass with the best of them. Receiver, Michael Garcia, at 188 pounds is fearsome as a pass catcher and running back, Ryan Gomez,

runs like the wind.

Still-in-all, the contest was played Friday night in Tigers Stadium and it was expected Capitan would hold their own against the state champs.

In the opening quarter, the Tigers showed promise as they ran off 14 plays and burned 7:09 off the clock. There was just one problem - the hometown boys were stopped on the Hagerman 25-yard line and came away with no points for their efforts.

With 1:01 left in the period, the Bobcats struck paydirt on a pro-like 35-yard pass play for six. An unsuccessful PAT gave the visitors a 6-0 lead.

The ensuing kickoff to Capitan was hauled in by Rudy Chavez who promptly ran 65 yards for a touchdown ... which was called back to the Capitan 20 on an interference call.

The Tigers fumbled on the 5-yard line and the Bobcats scored on the next play on a straight-ahead dive play. A two-point pass play connected to put Hagerman up 14-0.

Capitan ran a series of plays and then punted down to the Hagerman 10-yard line where Isaac Bejarano pulled it in and ran off a 90-yard TD run. The PAT was good and the Bobcats took a 21-0 advantage at the half.

With 11:43 showing in the opening moments of the third quarter, Reuben Mendoza made a 55-yard TD run down the left side of the field for a much-

needed six points. An successful PAT cut the visitors lead to 15.

The Bobcats came back on a 17-play drive and took a 27-7 lead, and later, added another TD when No. 25, Gomez, scampered 55 yards on a punt return and Hagerman went up 33-7.

With 11 minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Bobcats struck again and went up 41-7.

The Tigers added a score of their own on a Jacob Wilcox to Tyler Neill 60-yard pass play around the right side.

As the clock ran out, Hagerman realized a 28-point victory margin.

Capitan suffered bobbles, penalties and fumbles, especially in the first 24 minutes of the contest, and it put them in an adverse position from the beginning.

"Offensively, on a positive note, we took the opening kickoff and burned a lot of time off the clock," first year head coach Johnny Carson said. "Unfortunately, we didn't capitalize on that drive. We didn't protect the ball and you can't do that against a team like Hagerman."

"Obviously, we will work on ball control and proper tackling techniques this week in practice."

Capitan will face 0-1 Cloudcroft Friday at home.

Carrizozo

The Grizzlies journeyed to Roswell JV for a Saturday afternoon tilt and



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Reuben Mendoza hits for a big gainer in Capitan's losing effort to Hagerman, 41-13.

found they were not only battling a 4A football team but high temperatures (110 degrees down on the turf).

"Mental mistakes cost us the game," head coach Pat Ventura said. Fumbles and two interceptions hurt us."

Carrizozo was never ahead in the game but the Grizzlies were tied with Roswell JV three different times. In the course of the contest, the Grizzlies lost two players - one went down to heat and the other suffered a dislocated knee.

"Zozo wound up playing the last quarter with three freshmen on the line.

"Our kids played hard," Ventura said. "This game was a real eye-opener for us. Out of 28 boys who are capable to play in high school we have 21 of them on the team (including two eighth-graders). Our kids, because of our circumstances, must learn to play at least two positions well on both sides of the ball."

Friday, the Grizzlies travel to Fort Sumner (1-0) who thumped NMMI last Friday in Fox-land, 32-17.

After that game, Carrizozo will have a needed open date the following week to recuperate and gird for the next battle.

SHOOT

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match included percussion, cap and flintlock rifles in calibers ranging from .45 to .50 from makers such as Connecticut Valley Arms and Thompson Center Arms.

There was even a hand-crafted flintlock in the competition. These are the historic long guns made famous by the mountain men, trappers and explorers of the frontier.

The Mountain Muzzleloaders match began with a mandatory Safety Briefing from Bob "Smokepole" Vickers of Alto, former Field Representative for the National Muzzle Load-ing Rifle Association.

The event featured four 30-minute matches of five rounds each, firing at targets placed at a distance of 25 and 40 yards and the smoke was thick.

Shooters posted their own targets for each match.

The first match, using

traditional bull's-eye targets at 25 yards, was won by Donnie "Peach" Pitts of Capitan.

Paul "Scratch" Wenzel of Ruidoso placed second with Ruidoso's Chuck Wynne coming in third.

The second match, a fun match using feather targets at 25 yards, was bested by "Scratch" Wenzel followed by "Peach" Pitts and Jim Shoop of Ruidoso.

"Peach" Pitts took first place in the third match, shooting from 25 yards at five flies printed on the targets.

Placing second was Chuck Wynne, followed by "Scratch" Wenzel.

The fourth and final black powder muzzle-loader match was won by "Peach" Pitts shooting at bulls-eye targets at 40 yards.

"Scratch" Wenzel took second place with David Helmke of Ruidoso and the Texas hill country in third. Overall top shooters for the day were "Peach" Pitts, "Scratch" Wenzel and Chuck Wynne.

If you are a skirmisher or a mountain man, a com-

petitive black powder shooter or a hunter, an historian or just someone who wants to learn more, you're invited to the next match on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m.

The Mountain Muzzleloaders arm of the Ruidoso Gun Club fosters the enjoyment of all shooting sports and wants to promote, support, nurture, and preserve our nation's rich historical heritage in the sport of black powder long rifle shooting.

In addition to competi-tion, the black powder

shooters who attend can discuss and plan every-thing from recreational and educational programs to historical and cultural activities.

The group could be active in match competi-tion, hunting, gun making and safety, historical re-enactments, exhibits, and other related programs

For more information about the Mountain Muz-zleloaders and the upcom-ing black powder shooting event on Sept. 25, contact "Smokepole" Vickers at 808-1329.

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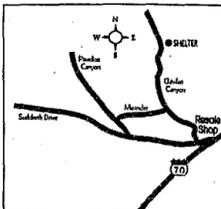


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Sally is a beautiful white cat with brown tabby markings on her tail and head. She is very sweet and friendly. Sally is about 2 years old.

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Bee informed

As a youngster growing up on an island in the Florida Keys, I cut my teeth in beekeeping surrounded by key lime groves and West Indian hardwood hammocks.

Robbing beehives was just another chore we took for granted. The aroma of fresh honey and lime blossom whiffing in the cool morning trade winds off the ocean was truly intoxicating.

Angry honeybees, clouds of mosquitoes, and a scorching tropical sun all seemed to fade away with that first mouthful of honeycomb and the sweet burst of nectar exploding between my teeth.

My Grand-daddy was never big on principles in the bee yard, as he let the bees teach the lessons one sting at a time. He did, however, have one hard and fast rule: never swallow the wax.

Beeswax is a kind of fat that the human digestive system does not metabolize and therefore offers no medicinal or nutritive qualities.

Ingesting it can, in fact, be harmful as the honeycomb serves as a cleaning mechanism for the hive.

The wax comb absorbs

insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and whatever else the foraging worker bees track into the hive.

This protects the honey from contamination.

Over time the wax comb turns color from transparent white to dark brown as it soaks up pollutants.

Good hive maintenance dictates that the beekeeper rotate the old wax comb out of the hives every three years and replace it with new wax foundation.

There are certain species of birds and fish that do metabolize beeswax including the Honey Guide bird of Asia and South Africa.

For years it was believed that this small drab-colored bird would lure people and animals to a beehive in order to forage on insects and grubs when the tree hives were torn apart to retrieve the honey.

We now know from scientific observation that they will in fact create a fuss to lead a person to a colony of honey bees but it is the wax comb they seek and not the honey or insects.

A number of folks are curious to know why most beekeepers don't bottle wax comb with the honey these days. The simple

answer is we recycle the wax.

It takes eight pounds of honey for the worker bees to produce one pound of wax.

In the honey room we separate the wax from the liquid honey by first slicing the tops off the wax cells with a hot knife.

The framed comb is then spun in a wire basket inside a drum called an extractor. The emptied wax frames are returned to the hive where the workers bees refill them without having to build new comb.

Old contaminated wax combs and wax capping are melted down in a solar heater, screened from pollutants and traded for new beekeeping supplies and tools.

Honey is the only food on earth that will not spoil or rot in its natural state. It will, however, turn cloudy if left in a cold place for too long.

The remedy is to vent the lid and place the container in a warmer location. Your honey will clear out and be as good as ever.

Never heat honey past 140 degrees F. as to do so will kill all the antioxidants it contains.

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What's the Buzz?

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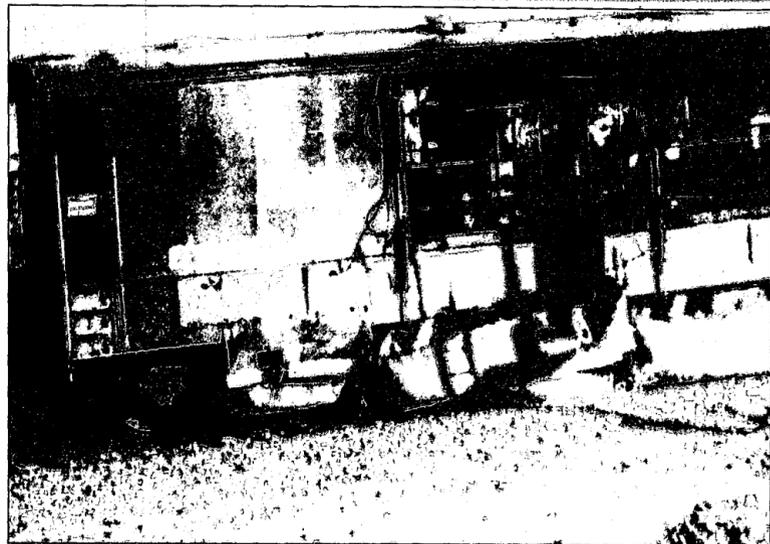
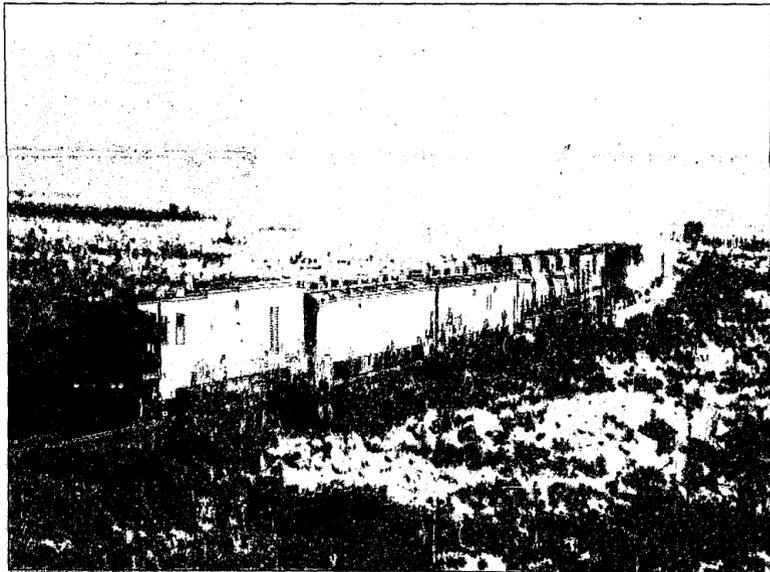
HAPPY 'ZOZO CUSTOMERS



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSONEWS

Carrizozo Market opened five months ago after the town had been without a grocery store for five years. On Saturday, Sept. 4, the Market is hosting a Customer Appreciation Day. All day Saturday, shoppers will receive a 10 percent Customer Appreciation Discount. Various vendors will supply freebie gifts for customers and refreshments will be available for those that wish to linger and visit. Monday, shoppers dropped in for an assortment of needs, each expressing gladness for finally having a grocery store in Carrizozo.

RAIL OF FIRE



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSONEWS

The train is not on fire, although from Highway 54 last week, it very much appeared to be the case. Railroad crews were grinding rails between Vaughn and Carrizozo with this special set-up that is made for the job. Hundreds of grinding wheels hone the rails, causing sparks, flames and an abundance of smoke.

Keeping up with family

September is here and it looks like the first hurricane is on its way to the east coast. We will all be watching it.

How many were able to watch Glen Beck's gathering at the Lincoln Memorial Saturday?

We were unable to watch it but it must have been very inspiring. Some of the photos were very touching.

There were also some great meteorite showers the first part of August.

The Creative Memories Group met at Fort Lone Tree over the weekend.

It is a great time to catch up on your photo albums.

Several of the women were working on family weddings. Somehow I left all my paper, etc, in Las Cruces so got to do a lot of visiting.

There are so many new papers and stickers, it is hard to choose what you want to have. The group will meet again Nov. 5, 6, 7.

It rained Saturday morning, but the weather was beautiful, especially after the hot weather in Las Cruces. The country is so pretty and green.

The grass is starting to mature, and of course there are also lots of weeds.

Hello Mark. Your son, Rev. Travis Bennett, tells me you are a reader of my

column and that you love Lincoln plus other areas of New Mexico.

Rev. Bennett is the new minister of the Morning Star Methodist Church and is new to New Mexico.

Thanks, Julie, for the new photo with my column. Several people have commented on it. In fact, people recognize me.

If Ralph is with me, it is "Oh, your the Dunlap's."

Isn't it nice to have spell check as you write the news? Even Facebook has the spell check as you write.

I have been able to keep up with my family through Facebook.

There have been so many near tragedies - two cousins hit by a SUV with minor injuries, another cousin in Iraq just missed being blown up in his Humvee, but the one behind him hit the mine.

Our son-in-law was back to work in two weeks, in spite of all the broken ribs. So we are thankful that in spite of all the accidents, all are well and doing fine.

The good Lord has been watching over the family.

The Oral History group will meet Thursday. It should be interesting program on the history of White Sands Missile Range.



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COUNTY FAIR SHEEP SHOW RESULTS



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Dylan Johnson, Corona FFA, showed the Grand Champion Market Lamb at the Lincoln County Fair. Johnson's lamb was purchased by Sun Zia Transmission Line, represented by Leon Porter, center, for \$1,700.

Breeding Sheep

Black Face Ewe Lambs: 1. Harley Bonnell 2. Wade Sultemeier;

Yearling Blackface Lambs: 1. Harley Bonnell 2. Maggie Rich;

Blackface Ewes, 2 years old and older: 1. Joel Ferguson;

Champion Blackface Breed Ewe: Joel Ferguson

Reserve Champion Blackface Breeding Ewe: Harley Bonnell

Mutton Cross Ewes, 2 years old and older: 1. Jenna Cleckler 2. Kaleb Cleckler;

Grand Champion Breeding Ewe: Jenna Cleckler

Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Ewe: Joel Ferguson

Market Lambs

Light Blackfaces, 80-101 lbs: 1. Wade Stearns

2. Wade Sultemeier 3. Joel Ferguson 4. Joyce Anne Cooper 5. Sarah Ferguson 6. Sarah Ferguson;

Medium Blackfaces, 103-114 lbs.: 1. Dylan Johnson 2. Harley Bonnell 3. Jessica Leibold 4. Jessica Leibold 5. Harley Bonnell 6. Ryan Davidson;

Medium Heavy Blackfaces, 115-112: 1. Haleigh Erramouspe 2. Ryan Davidson 3. Dylan Johnson 4. Ethan Johnson 5. Harley Bonnell 6. Lance Dale;

Heavy Blackfaces, 125-146: 1. Dylan Johnson 2. Ethan Johnson 3. Haleigh Erramouspe 4. Jenna Cleckler 5. Kaleb Cleckler 6. Ashton Nunez;

Champion Blackface Market Lamb: Dylan Johnson

Reserve Champion Blackface Market Lamb: Haleigh Erramouspe

All other Breeds & Crosses, 94-136 lbs.: 1. Kaleb Cleckler 2. Ethan Johnson 3. Jenna Cleckler 4. Harrison Moore 5. Ethan Johnson 6. Conner Cox;

Champion AOB & Crossbred Market Lamb: Kaleb Cleckler

Reserve Champion AOB & Crossbred Market Lamb: Ethan Johnson

Grand Champion Market Lamb: Dylan Johnson

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: Haleigh Erramouspe

Showmanship Novice: Joyce Anne Cooper;

Junior: Harley Bonnell **Senior:** Dylan Johnson **Supt.** Jack Davidson, **Student Supt.:** Dylan Johnson **Judge** Joel Laneir, Seminole, Texas.

COUNTY BRIEFS

PTA invitation

Capitan PTA invites you to a presentation given by Judy Warren, founder and executive director of Midland/Odessa Area AIDS Support Inc. (MAAS).

Warren's presentation is a deeply personal story with crucial lessons for surviving the realities of today's world.

For more than 20 years, Warren has been "fighting for our children's lives," and empowering them to make better and smarter choices.

She also educates parents and warns them of the dangers young people face in their world today. No one remains the same after hearing Warren speak about the realities of HIV/AIDS and STDs.

Warren was a 2004 Jefferson Award recipient for outstanding public service and has been named an "Unsung Hero" by the city of Midland, Texas.

Join the Capitan PTA for this life changing night beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the Cummins Gym of Capitan Municipal Schools.

Join with Warren and Capitan PTA in the fight for our young people and the future of us all.

Golf Scramble

The Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair activities will start on Saturday, Sept. 4, 8 a.m., with a golf scramble at the Valle del Sol Golf Course Complex.

The 10th Hole Restaurant will have fresh coffee and an expanded breakfast menu for those who arrive early with appetites.

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

Registration is available on the Fair's website at www.carrizozostreet-fair.org or by calling J'Lane Zamora at 575-648-2802. The cost is \$160 for a team of four, or \$40 per person. If you are not currently on a team, we can match you with others.

Bird Club

Everyone is invited to the Lincoln County Bird Club's first fall birding trip on Thursday, Sept. 9.

The drive will begin at Nogal Canyon and end at Bonito Lake. This is a wonderful scenic drive over Nogal Peak.

Among the birds may be migrating sparrows, seen in our area only in the fall, various flycatchers, as well as other bird species.

Migrating warblers may be present at Bonito Lake. Meet at the parking lot behind the Shell station on Ski Run Road at 7:30 a.m.

Bring snacks and drinks. For more information, call 257-5352.

First Friday

The Capitan Public Library will host Michael Oman, author of *I Love My Life*, at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3. Oman will tell about his book and his life, living with Downs Syndrome. First Friday Adult Lectures are held at Capitan Public Library, 102 E. Second St., Capitan.

They are free of charge. Following the lecture, refreshments are served. Join the community for an enjoyable evening of learning and a time to get to know others in the area.

For more information, call the library at 354-3035.

CPL Book Sale

Saturday, Sept. 4 at the Capitan Public Library: \$5-

a-bag book sale. Complimentary coffee and cookies served. Shop early for the best selection.

Flea Market

First Saturday Flea Market, Sept. 4, 8 a.m. - 2

p.m., at the Central Station Sign Studio across from Roy's Gift Gallery. Reserve space at 648-

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Local man using an alias has felony warrants in California

JIM KALVELAGE
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Ruidoso police said Monday that village resident David Van Dellene is actually Christopher Hix.

And, police are looking for the man and so have authorities in California for a number of years.

The two sides of Hix first came to light last Thursday, when New Mexico's Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) contacted police after Sergeant Dale Harrison referred a case to the department.

A CYFD official told police it was believed David Van Dellene had been concealing his true identity. The referral to the department followed a domestic incident that had been reported on Aug. 12 at a residence in the 100 block of Mosley Drive.

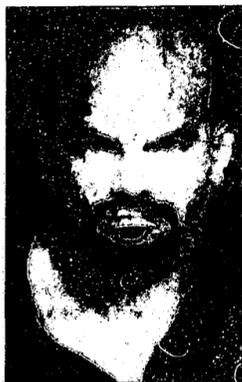
His girlfriend had been believed intoxicated while at home with her two-month old baby, triggering the CYFD referral.

The man's girlfriend, who is also the mother of his child, told Harrison that she had known him for two years as David Dellene.

Police went to his job at Cattle Baron's Restaurant and spoke with the man who was known as David Dellene.

He denied being Hix, but noted his stepfather's name was Hicks.

He provided an Oklahoma driver's license



David Dellene/Christopher Hix

issued in the name Dellene that included a date of birth and a photo.

Asked where he was born and Hix replied "Oklahoma."

He affirmed that he had lived in California. Hix was told if he was lying about his real name he would be charged with concealing his identity.

After contacting the stepfather, police were told the man was indeed Christopher L. Hix, with a different date-of-birth.

Investigators were told the 37-year old had legal problems in California in the past.

A check on NCIC (National Crime Information Center) database showed Hix had five outstanding California warrants for his arrest.

Four of the warrants were for felony violations.

Just a couple of hours after questioning the man police believed to be Hix,

they returned to Cattle Baron's to again talk with him. But they were told he had left work, possibly to go to El Paso.

Hix also worked at Santino's Italian Restaurant, where investigators were told he had called in to have someone else cover his shift that evening.

Hix had other run-ins with local police the past several years for things like traffic incidents and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Each time he used his Oklahoma driver's license which Detective Ray Merritt said must have been obtained fraudulently.

There were additional incidents, such as in court or at a pawn shop, where Hix used documents stating he was Christopher Dellene.

Hix was charged Friday with 24 counts of felony forgery and nine counts of concealing his real identity. The ID charges are misdemeanors.

In issuing an arrest warrant, Magistrate Court Judge Lorena LaMay assigned a \$500,000 cash only bond to the warrant.

It had been as recent as May 18 that police asked Hix for an identification after he was found "dumper diving."

A police report said he told police he could not find his ID and instead provided pay stubs for David Dellene.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Aug. 9

9:12 a.m. - An officer was dispatched Noisy Water Spas, 2809 Sudderth Dr. on a criminal damage to property situation. A 57-inch-by-78-inch window was shot out by a high-powered rifle or handgun. The officer found a small pellet projectile inside. The cost to replace the window was put at \$800.

Aug. 16

8:01 a.m. - An officer responded to the Whispering Pine Cabins, 130 Mountain Breeze Dr., for a reported burglary. A woman cleaning a rental home told the manager that items were missing. The items included a television, DVD player, stereo and a TV-DVD combo, with a combined value of \$1,050.

A neighbor said he had earlier seen a SUV near the residence and the vehicle left quickly and did not have its lights on for a time, after the driver apparently realized he was being watched.

The neighbor said the vehicle was back at the location several hours later.

2:15 p.m. - A woman went to the police station seeking a complaint about blogs that can be accessed from the website of the Ruidoso News.

The Ruidoso village employee said her character was defamed in the blog.

An officer said the blogs are a form of freedom of speech and unless there was a direct threat, police could do nothing because of the freedom bloggers have. The woman said she believed one of the bloggers was a former husband.

Aug. 17

3:57 p.m. - Police went to a residence in the 300 block of 3rd Street after a woman said she was being stalked by an ex-boyfriend.

She showed an officer text messages, including some that were threatening.

The officer called the man from the woman's

phone and advised him to stop calling and texting. The man said he understood and would stop.

Aug. 18

11:40 a.m. - A case of check fraud and unauthorized use of a debit card was reported to police. A man said a former girlfriend of eight years had used his debit card to pay \$410.72 to a cellular phone provider.

And one of his checks was written for \$149 in rent. He said later the former girlfriend deposited \$750 into his bank account. The case was given to a detective for a review and possible criminal charges.

6:48 p.m. - A report of harassing text messages and phone calls was made by a man who said his ex-wife was pestering him. He said his ex wanted to talk about child support, which was supposed to go through their attorneys. An officer was attempting to contact the woman.

Aug. 19

8:59 a.m. - Officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of Travel Aire Rd. on a call of a verbal domestic incident. A police report said there were no signs of physical violence. A woman said the argument was about finances and the amount of time her boyfriend is away from home.

4:36 p.m. - A report of a possible violation of a restraining order sent an officer to a home in the 100 block of San Juan Road. A woman said her former boyfriend drove up and parked in front of her residence.

He next walked to the outside edge of her property and then left. The restraining order had been issued earlier in the day.

Aug. 20

12:12 p.m. - Police were called to a domestic incident on the 400 block of Mary Drive. A man had left the location.

A woman said they had an argument over a dog and a water bowl. She said

she did not want to pursue charges but did want to obtain a restraining order.

Aug. 21

9:45 a.m. - A gas skip happened at the Allsup's Convenience Store, 127 U.S. Highway 70.

A man had gone inside and given a clerk a State of New Mexico credit card and then pumped \$41.48 worth of gas in an SUV. He then drove off without retrieving the credit card. The clerk swiped the card to complete the transaction, but the charge was denied.

Police learned from the credit card issuer that the plastic had been reported stolen on June 24. Surveillance footage of the man was being sought by police.

3:59 p.m. - A woman went to the police station to report her windshield had been shattered by a man she could identify. She did not want to press charges because the man's mother was a close friend. She said she and the man's mother would work out a payment plan to replace the windshield.

8:21 p.m. - A woman reported she had her prescription medication in a bag and placed the bag in her work locker after walking to her job.

When she returned home the medications were missing. The next day she notified police she retraced her steps between home and work and found the drugs by a dumpster.

Aug. 22

2:58 p.m. - A report of stolen jewelry was made by a woman who came into the police station. The woman said she had taken a nap on Aug. 20 and when she woke up she noticed a shadow in another bedroom of her home.

In addition to the jewelry, with an estimated value of \$7,000, a gold coin, worth \$150, was also missing.

The crime was forwarded to the department's Criminal Investigation Division for a follow-up.

Officer injured in motorcycle accident

A Ruidoso police officer was injured Saturday when his patrol motorcycle went down.

The incident happened about 9 a.m. at Sudderth Drive and Carrizo Canyon Road.

Officer Christopher Bryant, 36, was apparently trying to make a u-turn

when the 2008 Harley Davidson motorcycle encountered loose gravel and the bike laid down, according to New Mexico State Police, who investigated the accident.

Bryant received "road rash" to his left elbow and was transported to the Lincoln County Medical

Center.

There were no citations issued.

Ruidoso Police Chief Joe McGill said there was no damage to the motorcycle. McGill added Bryant's injury was "a minor scratch."

- Jim Kalvelage

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

Aug. 15

3:52 p.m. - Police responded to Walmart for a reportedly irate person who tried to leave the store without paying for dog food and beer. An officer arrested Benny W. Kaydahzinne, 31, no hometown provided, for shoplifting. He was also wanted on a warrant that had been issued by Ruidoso Municipal Court.

4:07 p.m. - A person reported a more than 200-year old rocker was missing, along with an ice chest and items from several ice chests. A report of a larceny was assembled by an officer.

8:19 p.m. - A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of Gary Silva, 44, of Glencoe. Silva was wanted on a warrant issued by magistrate court in Ruidoso.

Aug. 16

8:22 p.m. - An officer was dispatched to the Willow Mobile Home Park on a call of a break in of a

car. The officer met with the victim and wrote a report.

8:23 p.m. - A warrant arrest resulted in Robin Lovelace, 50, no hometown provided, being taken into custody. The warrant had been issued by the Luna County Magistrate Court.

8:44 p.m. - An officer responded to a location on Beavers Drive in reference to a call about a fence that had been cut. A report was written for criminal dam-

age to property.

Aug. 18

2:47 p.m. - A report of a vehicle that went through a fence, striking a building, and then another fence resulted in two runaways being taken into custody. The incident happened in the area of Southwest Wireless. The two girls were from Roswell. They and the vehicle had been the focus of an "attempt to locate" report.

Aug. 19

1:40 p.m. - An officer was sent to the Sweet Charity Resale Boutique for a private property accident report. A vehicle had backed into a VW parked at the location.

3:39 p.m. - A private property crash report was written for an incident that occurred near the gas pumps at Walmart.

Aug. 20

10:56 p.m. - Police responded to a room at the La Quinta Inn and Suites for a call of an argument or possible domestic incident. An ambulance was called for a woman who had cuts on a hand after she reportedly punched out a window. Gisele Reeves, 22, no hometown provided, was arrested on charges of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct.

No time provided - An officer responded to a call from Walmart and arrested

Donna M. Hunter, no age or hometown provided, for criminal trespass. While Hunter was being booked it was discovered she was wanted on a warrant. Hunter was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Aug. 21

No time provided - A report was written for a hit and run accident that occurred at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Aug. 22

3:27 a.m. - A traffic stop on U.S. Highway 70 in the area of the racetrack resulted in the arrest of Yvette Hernandez, 29, no hometown provided, for driving while intoxicated. The woman's car was released to another person.

3:39 a.m. - An officer pulled over a vehicle on Heights Drive that initially did not stop. Rebertha M. Trujillo, 25, no hometown provided, failed a standard sobriety test and then refused to allow a breath test. She was arrested and charged with DWI.

No time provided - A fence was found cut on Beavers Drive for the second time in a week. There were two cuts. As a result of the criminal damage to property a mule got loose.

Aug. 23

6:05 p.m. - An officer notified the police dispatch office that had come across

a private property crash where a vehicle had hit a fence. A report was taken.

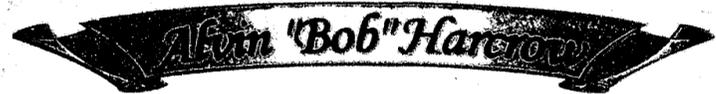
6:26 p.m. - A traffic stop resulted in an arrest. Steve Barajas, no age or hometown provided, was wanted on a warrant from Ruidoso police for failing to show proof of liability insurance on his vehicle. The vehicle was towed because police said there was still a lack of insurance and a valid registration.

Aug. 24

12:48 p.m. - An officer responded to the Horse Sale Barn at the racetrack after two computers had been removed from the barn. The officer wrote a burglary report.

12:52 p.m. - A man went to the police station to report a lost or stolen cellular phone. He said the night before he had left the phone on a table at the Billy the Kid Casino, and when he returned from the rest room the phone was gone.

No time provided - A call of a traffic accident on U.S. Highway 70 near Pinon Pottery involved a trailer that had unhitched from a truck and the trailer collided with a van. Police and fire responders went to the scene. An ambulance was initially dispatched but it was called back upon learning there were no injuries.



86, passed away peacefully at his home in Ruidoso on Saturday, August 28, 2010, after a long illness.

Bob is survived by his wife, Jan; daughters, Marilyn Lane and her husband Joe of Alamogordo, NM and Frances Traylor and her husband Hub of Capitan, NM; stepsons, Doug Perea and his wife Terr of Parker, AZ and Jory Perea of Carlsbad, NM; sister, Aliene Cooper of Roswell, NM; brother, Donald Harcrow and his wife Della of Artesia, NM; 6 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his father, Alvin Harcrow, his mother, Mary Lafferty Harcrow; brother Earl Harcrow; his first wife, Marjorie Latham Harcrow and grandson, Bobby Lane.

Bob was born June 19, 1924 in Roswell, NM to Alvin Harcrow and Mary Lafferty Harcrow. Bob was 6 years old when his mother died and he was raised by his grandparents. Bob grew up in Capitan, NM and graduated from high school there in 1942. As soon as Bob turned 18 he joined the Army Air Corps and served in the South Pacific as a nose gunner on a B29. He completed 35 combat missions and received the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Medal with 6 Service Stars (bronze) and 1 Service Star (silver), Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Service Star (bronze) and 1 Overseas Service Bar.

He married Marjorie Latham in 1945 and in 1949 went to work for the N.M. State Highway Dept. Marjorie died in 1975 and in 1978 he married Jan Perea. Bob retired from the N.M. State Highway Dept. in 1979 as the District Maintenance Superintendent.

Bob loved history and loved to read about New Mexico and Lincoln County, he was a rich source of information about the southwest and so many of the old timers who settled and ranched in this area. Right up to within days of his death, he was able to answer questions and tell stories about so many of the families that planted their roots here. Bob loved a good joke. He loved to visit with friends, listen to good fiddle music and spend time with Jan, their family and friends. He will be missed and remembered by many.

A memorial service for Bob will be held at the First Christian Church in Ruidoso on Friday, September 3, at 10:00 A.M.

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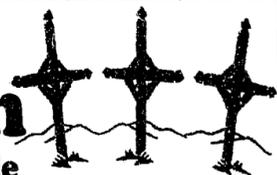
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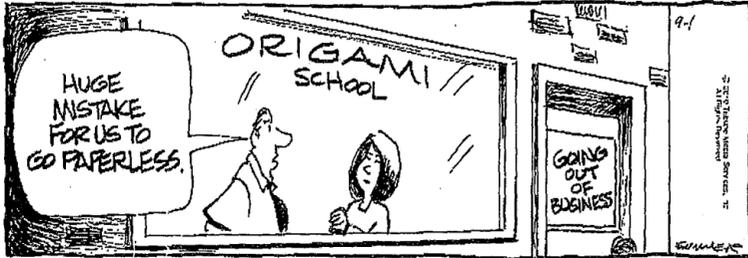
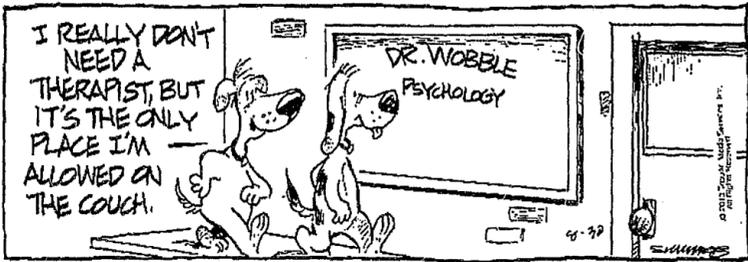
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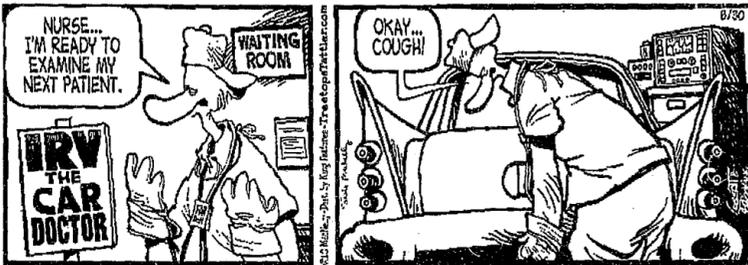
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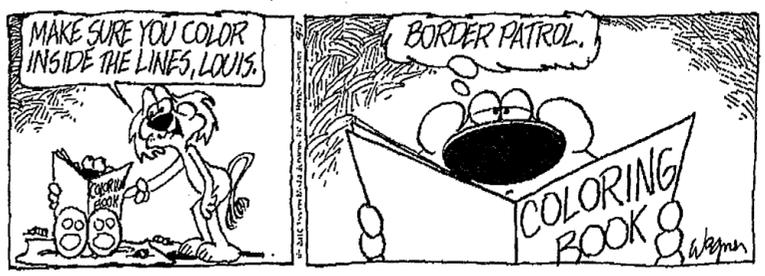
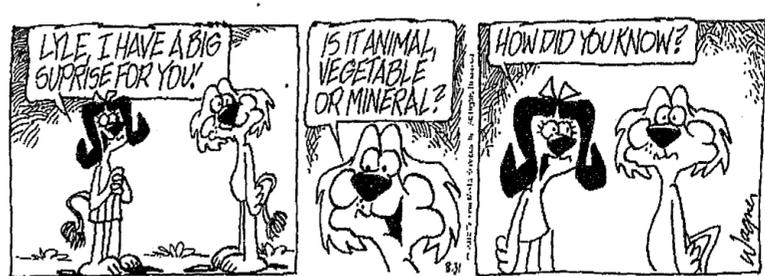
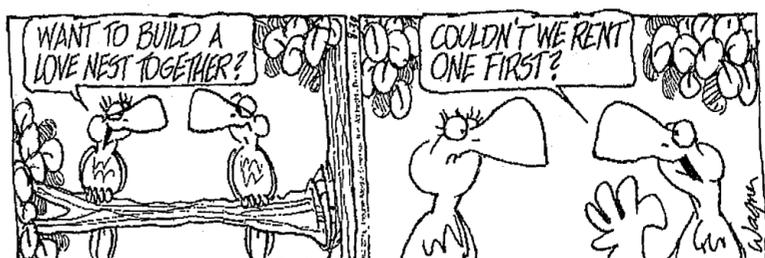
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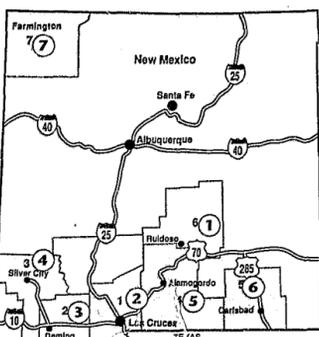
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General 242

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Aspen Lodge Apt. Utilities paid. Furnished 1 and 2 bed - room optional. No pets please! Mid town efficiency apt. available. Call Greg at 258-3888 or 937-2806

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Garage/Yard/Estate Sales 628

Big Yard Sale! Sat. 9/4/10 8am-2pm Rancho Ruidoso 1130 Little Creek Rd. Household, books, CDs, quilts, Barbie dolls, Rubbermaid storage, Fender guitar, microwave & lots of misc.

Capitan Village 629

Wide Yard Sale Sat. 9/11: Participants pick up entry forms from Chamber or Library. Fee is \$5. Forms must be returned by 9:30pm. Sales will be in the village or within a 2 mile radius of village limits. 324-3058/646-2278/640-5286

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Trailers, cars & much more. 525 Joe Welch Rd. Ruidoso Downs Starts Sept. 1 through Sept. 8 8am to 2pm???

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Garage Sale 629

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Follow the balloons Sun Valley rd turn right on Snow Park Sat Sept 4, 7:30-11:30 Please No Early Birds

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1998 Yamaha Vstar Paid \$3,000 in August '09 Will sell for \$1,700 firm. Run's great 575-973-5118 offer 4pm

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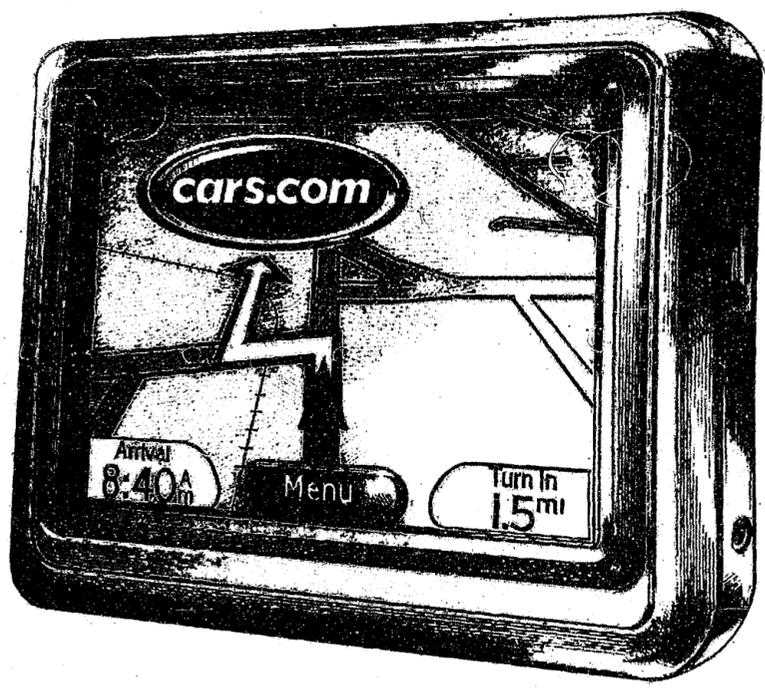
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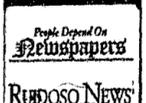
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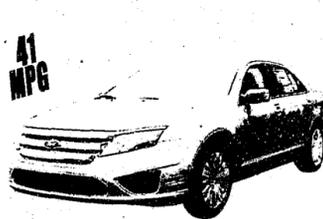
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