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It's 'yes'

BUSINESS RETENTION TAX PASSES BY 420 VOTES OUT OF 7,018 CAST

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In what many characterize as the most divisive election in Lincoln County's history, voters approved imposing a 3/16th of a cent business retention gross receipts tax by a slim margin of 420 votes to offset a portion of the annual state tax debt of Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino.

Voting for the tax were 3,719, while 3,299 cast their ballots against passage of the tax. County Clerk Rhonda Burrows said 110 ballots were rejected. The votes are unofficial until they are canvassed Friday.

The business retention tax, estimated to generate about \$1.2 million annually, with \$750,000 going to the track, sunsets in five years. Ballots were mailed out to 13,095 voters at the beginning of the month and were accepted until 7 p.m. Tuesday. About 54.7 percent returned their ballots for the all mail-in election.

Adding another 3/16th of a cent or 0.1875 percent gross receipts tax on goods and services will bring Ruidoso to the second highest GRT in the state on Jan. 1, at 8.6250 percent compared to Taos Ski Valley at 8.6875 percent. The additional tax will cost a \$19 for every \$10,000 spent on taxable goods and services.

Track owner R. D. Hubbard last year submitted an application to move the racetrack and casino to Las Cruces, although some obstacles could have derailed or modified those plans. The cities of Clovis and Alamogordo also expressed an interest in bringing the track and casino to their areas.

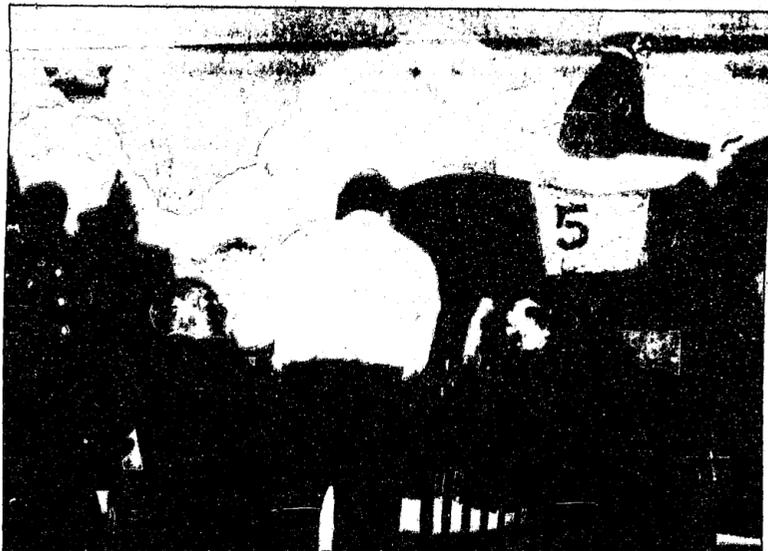
Supporters of passing the GRT said they will work toward finding another long-term solution, possibly through the New Mexico State Legislature during that five-year period, to bring tax parity for non-Indian gaming such as Ruidoso Downs track and casino, which pays 26 percent of its take, competing against Indian gaming that pays 9 percent on a sliding scale, depending on total revenues. But past efforts to persuade legislators to handle the issue on a state level failed as proposed bills stalled in committee.

The best that track supporters, including the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, could do was walk away in March with a bill allowing a county vote on the issue for a self-



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A victory party, above, took place Tuesday at Billy's Sports Bar at the racetrack, attended, at right, by County Commissioners Tom Battin, Don Williams and Dave Parks (all seated). Below right, an expectant crowd waits for results in the hallway of the county courthouse.



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imposed tax. Others say they will use the time to develop more attractions, activities and businesses in the county and especially Ruidoso, to lessen the area's dependence on the track and casino.

Initially, county commissioners stated they would allow voters to voice their opinions on the tax question, but they were against spending public money on a special election and talked about timing the question with the November general election. But when a political action group formed, The Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development, and offered to cover all special election expenses, commissioners in a 3-2 vote approved a special mail-in election for Sept. 21. The price tag probably will come in at about \$27,000.

The timing was important for track supporters, because approval of the GRT in September would allow the tax to be implemented Jan. 1. Delaying until the November general election would have moved the tax effective date to July 1, 2011.

The concept of a political action group paying for the election didn't sit well with Commissioners Eileen Sedillo and Jackie Powell, who voted against the special election. Commissioners Dave Parks, Don Williams and Chairman Tom Battin voted to approve a special election and attended a celebration party election evening at the Billy the Kid Sports Bar.

Tax proponents such as attorney H. John Underwood, who heads the PAC, warned that without the tax relief, Hubbard would move the business, because he is losing more than \$1 million a year. Hubbard did not open his books to a breakdown of administrative costs, but according to audited track financial statements, a net loss of \$2.25 million was recorded in 2008 and \$1.46 million in 2009.

The tourist industry in Ruidoso and many other businesses in the county are tied to the track, he contended, estimating a negative impact of about \$45 million. A more conservative estimate from the New Mexico Horsemen's Association placed the impact at \$36 million.

Opponents countered that public money should not bail out a private enterprise and they questioned why a savvy businessman like Hubbard would find himself in this situation. If



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the horse racing industry is declining nationally and statewide, they wondered aloud if the tax could really save the track or only delay its demise or eventual relocation. After all, they point out, casinos at race tracks were approved in New Mexico with the express purpose of bolstering purses and the racing industry, which already was in trouble.

Then there's the question of what happens to any excess tax money generated over the \$750,000 cap for the race track. The tax language specifies it can be used for economic development or for higher education. But Eastern New

Mexico University officials are adamant the Ruidoso campus is a two-year institution and a four-year college is not in the picture.

Concern surfaced during the election that Texas-based owners of second homes in Ruidoso might switch their voter registrations to be able to vote on track tax question, then try to make the deadline to change back to their home counties to vote in the general election.

Opponents worried the majority would side with the track, but many said they purchased homes in the area because of climate and outdoor recreation, and didn't back the tax.

County meets

A special Lincoln County Commission meeting is set for 9:30 a.m., today to gain approval of an additional supplemental Sole Community Provider Payment for the county hospital in excess of the amount previously authorized.

The session will be conducted in the commission chambers of the county courthouse in Carrizozo. The county's payment portion is due in Santa Fe today. Other items on the agenda include an executive session closed to the public.

Mini cleanup

Volunteers are being sought for a mini cleanup on Saturday.

Keep Ruidoso Beautiful will organize the pickup that will focus on the Rio Street, Eagle Drive, Country Club Drive and North Street loop.

Volunteers are asked to meet in the public parking lot on Rio Street behind Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant. The mini cleanup will take place from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Refreshments, trash bags and gloves will be provided by Ruidoso's Parks and Recreation Department. For more information call the department at 257-5030.

Museum Day

On Saturday, Sept. 25, the Hubbard Museum of the American West will participate in the sixth

annual Museum Day, presented by Toyota on behalf of the redesigned 2011 Avalon. The Hubbard Museum of the American West will join participating museums and cultural institutions nationwide to open their doors free of charge to all visitors who download the Museum Day Ticket from Smithsonian.com. A journey to celebrate our world's dynamic heritage and cultural life, participating Museum Day venues emulate the free admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, D.C.-based facilities.

Museum Day 2010 is poised to be the largest to date, outdoing last year's record-breaking event. Over 300,000 museum-goers and 1,300 venues in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico participated in Museum Day 2009. Last year, two million visitors logged on to www.smithsonian.com/museumday to learn more about the program.

The Museum Day Ticket is available to download at www.smithsonian.com/museumday. Visitors who present the official pass will gain free admission for two people to participating museums and cultural venues. One ticket is permitted per household, per email address. Listings and links to participating museums' and sponsors' sites can be found at www.smithsonian.com/museumday.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 841 Highway 70 West, and is open seven

days a week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission to the Museum is \$6 for adults, and reduced admission is available for senior citizens, military personnel, and youth.

Visit www.hubbardmuseum.org or call 378-4142 for information about other events, exhibits, and activities at the Museum.

Tour de Ruidoso

The Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Equestrian Committee, which advises the New Mexico Department of Transportation on non-motorized transportation issues, endorses Tour de Ruidoso, a 20-mile, 100-kilometer, or 100-mile bicycle ride to support Ruidoso Hospice Foundation, a non-profit company providing end of life care to residents of Lincoln County. Information on this event is available at www.bicycleruidoso.com.

Bicyclists are traffic too and bike rides from solo efforts to large group events occur daily in New Mexico. The Department would like to remind motorists to share the road with cyclists to increase the safety for all on state highways. For more information on bicycle safety, visit the NMDOT Bicycle, Pedestrian, Equestrian Advisory Committee website at www.nmshtd.com.

The races take place this Saturday, Sept. 25, beginning at 8 a.m. from the Ruidoso Soccer Field parking lot.

Highway 70 project

The New Mexico Department of Transportation is scheduled to begin an eight-mile pavement preservation project on U.S. Highway 70 on the Mescalero Apache Reservation today.

The work will take place from Carrizo Canyon Road (the turn-off to the Inn of the Mountain Gods) to Apache Summit.

The eight miles of maintenance is a hot in-situ recycling project. The process recycles the existing pavement and then overlays the roadway with

new asphalt. The project will be completed in five to six weeks, depending on weather and temperatures.

The work will require one land closure in each direction. All work will be done Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The hot in-situ recycling process is a common maintenance activity that prolongs the life of the highway and reduces maintenance costs in the future.

Motorists are urged to watch for construction personnel working in the area, observe temporary detours and obey reduced speed limit signs in the work zone.

Resurfacing project

The New Mexico Department of Transportation District Two will continue surface maintenance work of nearly 24 miles on U.S. 70/380 just west of Roswell. Crews are working from mile marker 326 to mile marker 302.

The maintenance work is in an effort to seal the surface of that section of U.S. 380. Overall maintenance work includes usage of recycled asphalt millings, a pavement surface engineering technique, in an effort to keep water out the surface structure and extend the life of the highway.

Work is anticipated to be complete by the end of the month. Reduce speed signs, loss gravel signs, and message boards are being utilized to alert motorists of work.

Motorists are encouraged to slow down, and proceed with extra caution when driving through the work zone.

Computer class

The Ruidoso Public Library will offer a class on basic computing skills Saturday, Sept. 25, at 9 a.m. (before regular hours).

This is a small class (10 people) with time to focus on your specific skill set.

Come ask your questions, learn a new skill, or just get better acquainted with a computer.

This is a special event, doors will open once at 9am, so don't be too early or late. Call 258-3704 or drop by the library, next to Village Hall, for further information.

The Ruidoso Public Library is a department of the Village of Ruidoso, located just behind Ruidoso Village Hall, at 107 Kansas City Road. Hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The website is www.youseemore.com.

Tire recycling

Lincoln County residents and small businesses knocked the treads off tire recycling again this year at the September 10 and 11 tire amnesty recycling event at Ruidoso's Schoolhouse Park, topping the 1,000-tire mark.

More than 1,156 tires were dropped off at no charge by 50 participating residents or small businesses from Nogal, Alto, Hondo Valley, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, and Capitan.

The figure was up 25 percent from the 869 tires collected at a similar event earlier this year.

The event was staffed by volunteers from the Greentree Solid Waste Authority and the Village of Ruidoso Solid Waste Department with site support provided by Keep Ruidoso Beautiful. The donated tires will be recycled into retaining walls at the new Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center east of Ruidoso Downs.

"The twice-a-year event helps reduce illegal dumping of tires across the county, stated LCSWA Supervisor Debra Ingle. "It also reduces rodent and mosquito habitat which contribute to diseases such as bubonic plague, Hanta virus and West Nile virus. Moreover, it helps small businesses and residents by keeping costs down during the recession."

Between events, discarded tires may be dropped off for a modest fee at the LCSWA yard, 222

2nd street in Ruidoso Downs.

The next recycling event will be Electronic Waste Recycling on Saturday Nov. 6, at the Sierra Ma in Ruidoso.

For more information contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378 4697; toll free at 1-877-548 8772 or via email a gswa@greentreeswa.org General solid waste disposal and recycling information is available at www.greentreeswa.org.

Blood drive

United Blood Services will conduct a blood drive Thursday and Friday at Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Drive, in Ruidoso.

The drive, sponsored by the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary, will take place Thursday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donors are asked to bring a photo ID and donor card. Free cholesterol testing will be provided with each donation.

Donors will be entered into a drawing for two tickets to the Dallas Cowboys/Detroit Lions football game on Nov. 21. The package includes airfare for two from Albuquerque to Dallas and two nights of lodging. Winners must be 18 years of age or older.

To schedule a donation appointment call United Blood Services, 888-676-LIFE or online at www.unitedbloodservices.org.

Resource fair

A Community Casework Resources Fair, to provide residents with an opportunity to meet directly with representatives of some federal and state agencies, will be held in Ruidoso next week.

Agencies that have confirmed they will be in Ruidoso for the fair are the Small Business Development Center, COPE Incorporated (domestic violence shelter), the New Mexico Income Support Division, Social Security Adminis-

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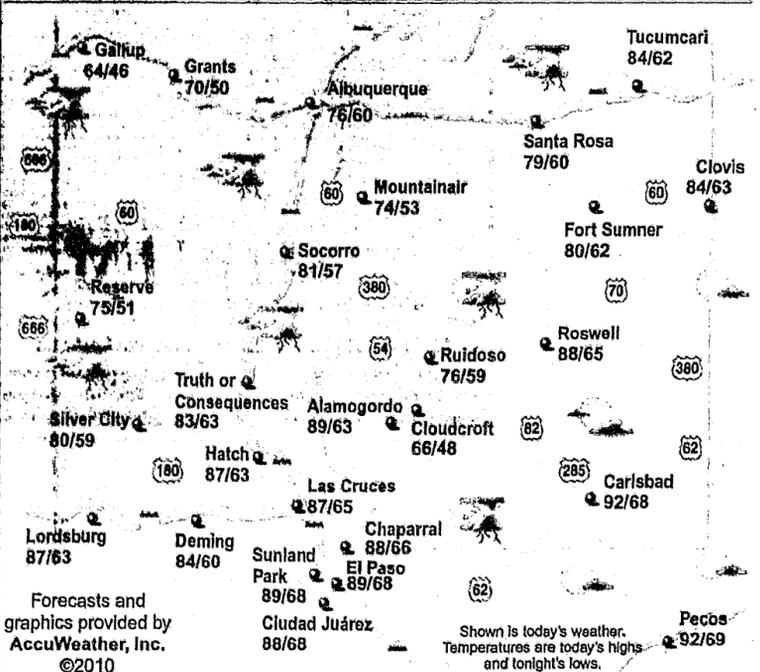
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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

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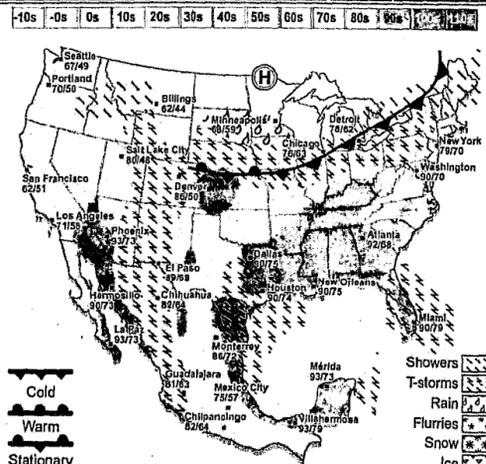
Regional Cities



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Ruidoso Statistics through Monday. Temperature: High/low 73°/50°, Normal high 74°, Normal low 42°, Record high 86° (1954), Record low 21° (1971). Precipitation: Monday 0.00", Month to date 0.31", Normal month to date 1.94", Year to date 13.04", Normal year to date 17.47".

National Forecast for Sept. 22, 2010



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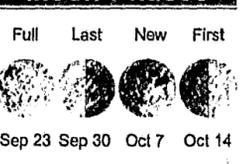
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Sun and Moon

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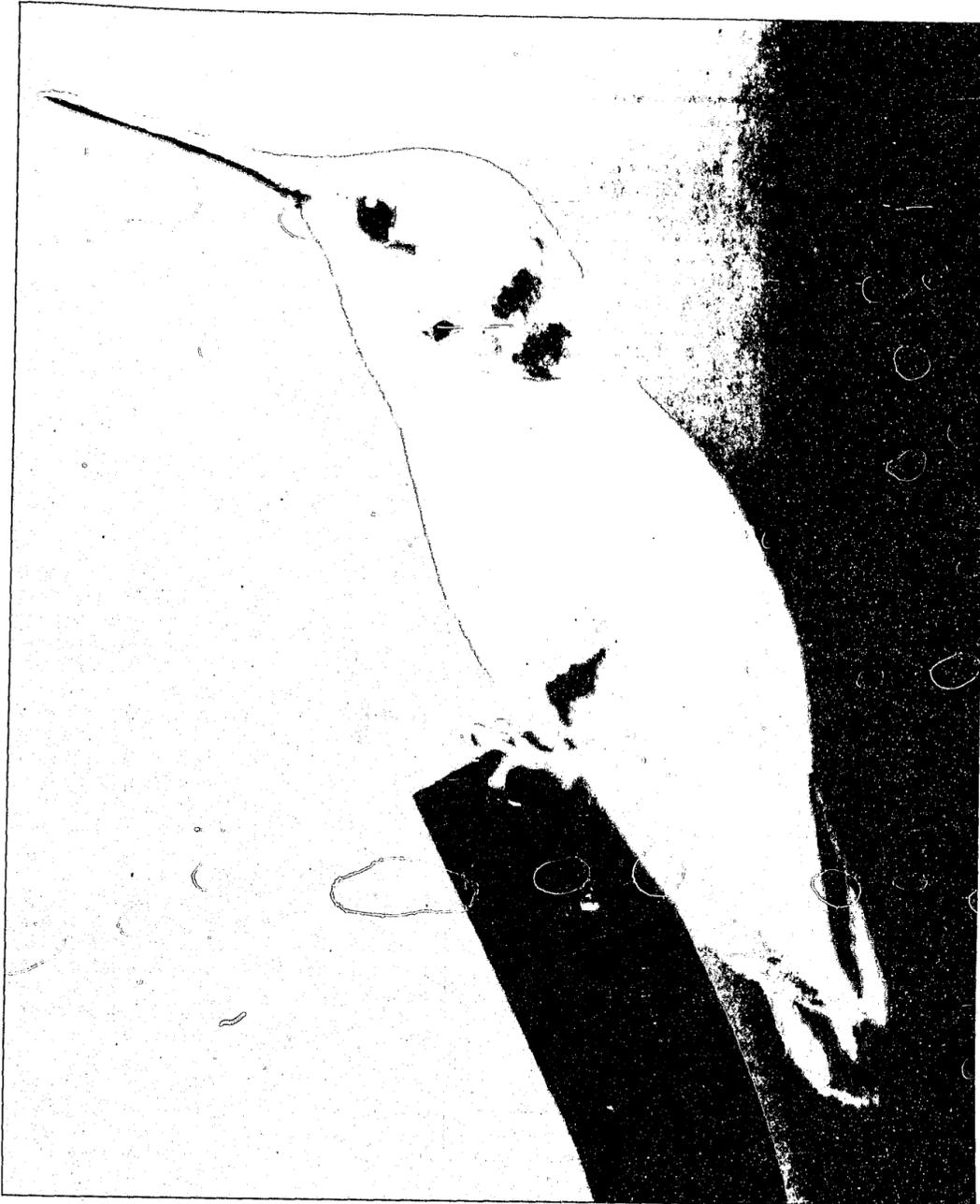
Moon Phases



Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 111° in Gila Bend, AZ Low: 14° in Bodie State Park, CA. Monday's World High/Low: High: 112° in Makkah, Saudi Arabia Low: -13° in Summit Station, Greenland

RARE BIRD



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

When Ruidoso homeowner Karen Joyce noticed an albino hummingbird at her feeder, she reached for the phone to call photographer David Tremblay. "I was gone immediately," Tremblay said. "A true albino hummingbird, one that has white feathers and pink eyes, feet, and bill is extremely rare, like this one." Leucistic hummingbirds still are rare, but are seen more often than true albinos. Like "normal" hummingbirds, leucistic forms have black eyes, feet, and bills, but their feathers may be pure white, buff, tan, or gray instead of green or some other "normal" color.

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tration, and New Mexico's Aging and Long-Term Services Department.

"One of the most important things our office can do is help our constituents resolve issues with federal agencies and connect people with the many resources available in their own communities," said U.S. Representative Harry Teague (D-Hobbs). "Too often people don't know who to reach out to for help. We want to change that. These events will provide a forum to ask questions, resolve outstanding issues, and discover new resources."

Teague's office scheduled a series of the fairs across southern New Mexico.

The Ruidoso event is scheduled for Sept. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

at the Ruidoso senior citizens center, 501 Sudderth Drive.

HSLC pot luck

The Humane Society is holding its Annual Member Meeting at a Pot Luck Picnic event for members, staff and volunteers on Sunday, Sept. 26, at School House Park in Ruidoso from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

If you plan to attend, RSVP by calling the Shelter at 257-9841 and plan to bring your favorite picnic dish. The HSLC Board of Directors will be providing the hamburgers and hot dogs.

FCC open house

First Christian Church Child Development Center (CDC) invites the community to an open house after worship at 11:45 on

Sunday, Sep. 26.

The CDC is located in the lower level in the Christian Education wing of FCC, and everyone is invited to stop in to meet the teachers, see the classrooms and learn more about the center.

The CDC, which serves some infants and young children, has achieved level three status through the AIM HIGH, an initiative of the New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department.

CDC Director Jamie Estes and her staff are proud to uphold the AIM HIGH motto "Working toward high quality care and early childhood education for our children."

The CDC was founded by the First Christian Church, and continues to be a major mission of the church.

Refreshments will be

served in the classrooms where visitors will have a chance to meet the teachers and learn more about the curriculum used in teaching the young children as they progress through each age level in preparation for graduation as they move on to kindergarten.

For more information about the CDC, call Jamie Estes at 258-1490.

Mrs. Ruidoso

Sheree Channel, Executive State Director for the Mrs. New Mexico Pageant, states the pageant is seeking applicants for the title of Mrs. Ruidoso.

Once selected, the lucky lady will advance on to represent her community in the 2011 Mrs. New Mexico Pageant to be held on March 13, 2011 at the Albuquerque Journal Theatre located in the Roy

E. Disney Center for Performing Arts.

Local titleholders will compete to win a prize package valued at over \$8000 including an all expense paid trip to the nationally televised Mrs. America Pageant. Applicants must be at least 18 years old (no age limit), married at the time of competition and a New Mexico resident, no performing tal-

ent required.

Celebrating its 35th year, the Mrs. America pageant is the only competition to recognize the one person who contributes so much to modern-day life... America's married woman.

To request an application, call Sheree, New Mexico's state director, at 970-674-0944 or go to www.mrsnewmexicoamerica.com.

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OUR OPINION

Workshop quickly tackles vendor issues

Set for Thursday at Village Hall

We'll give the village credit for responding quickly to complaints about itinerant vendors operating without much oversight during last weekend's annual Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally.

We wonder, however, if a workshop scheduled for Thursday, with written input from the public due to the village clerk by noon today, is enough lead time to gather comprehensive public input to an issue with myriad nuances and complicated ordinance regulations.

Clearly, something must be done before next year's rally –

or prior to any similar civic event – to protect merchants and event-sponsored vendors who play by the rules and pay requisite fees and taxes as the price of doing business.

The workshop, which will tackle issues of itinerant vendors, sidewalk sales, business registration and special events, is set for 4:30 p.m., Thursday, at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

"We're going to get it straight once and for all," says Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn, referring to what village code currently requires or should require in the future. Let's hope they do.

MainStreet program behind revitalized downtowns

In the 1980s I drove into downtown to Tucumcari for the first time. Other than a few lawyers' offices, its lifeless main street was a canyon of vacant storefronts and hollow buildings.

A Kmart had opened on the outskirts of town, and one business after another abandoned downtown to be close to the action. The only retail was a place that sold Bully Bags, little bags made of bulls' testicles, and business wasn't exactly booming.

Tucumcari's scene was playing out in many small towns.

When the National Trust for Historic Preservation created the MainStreet program in 1980, its mission was to stem urban decay. The organization soon discovered that the nation's small towns were losing the battle against another kind of blight. The New Mexico Economic Development Department launched its MainStreet program in 1985 to stimulate local economies and preserve historic buildings.

This week, I'd like to pause amidst the nastiness of the political campaigns and the vitriol aimed at "big government" and "big business" to celebrate the success of a partnership between government and business. New Mexico MainStreet is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

MainStreet didn't just sprinkle money on towns for local improvements but began by providing tools – an organizational structure and expertise in planning, marketing and fund-raising. With know-how and a core of citizens, business owners and property owners working together, it's surprising what can happen.

The first town to sign up was Silver City, which in 1985 was a down-at-the-heels mining town; its core was largely boarded up, deserted and forgotten. A few weeks ago, I walked up and down streets packed with cafes, galleries, and retail stores. By the numbers, Silver City's MainStreet program parlayed \$500,000 in funding from the town into \$5.1 million in

improvements.

Government seeds the effort, but once private sources see momentum, they're more likely to rehab their buildings and open new businesses. Similarly, when legislators see the MainStreet label, they can be more assured they're spending on a well-thought-out project and not just another questionable piece of pork.

Another success story is Artesia, where locals organized their MainStreet program in 1998. What followed was another step-by-step revitalization that would transform the main street into a landscaped, well-lighted, and downright pretty hive of activity.

Proving that northern New Mexico doesn't have a corner on the arts, Artesia boasts what I believe is the greatest concentration of public art in the state, from the tile images by Shel Neymark to the series of History in Bronze sculptures.

A friend and I were passing through during one of the year's worst dust storms and thought we'd look at Artesia through the car windows. But when we got to "The Derrick Floor," a multi-sculpture work by Vic Payne, I had to get out and take pictures. It's an amazing tribute to all the people who work in the oil industry. There are plans to continue creating streetscapes.

Obviously, the downturn has affected MainStreet, but organizers note their downtowns are more resilient, and they've become more resourceful in identifying funding sources. But not every effort requires funding. Tucumcari, the newest member, confirmed that its loss to out-of-town grocery shopping exceeded the revenues of its grocery store. It's now creating a network of local food producers and buyers who want to buy local.

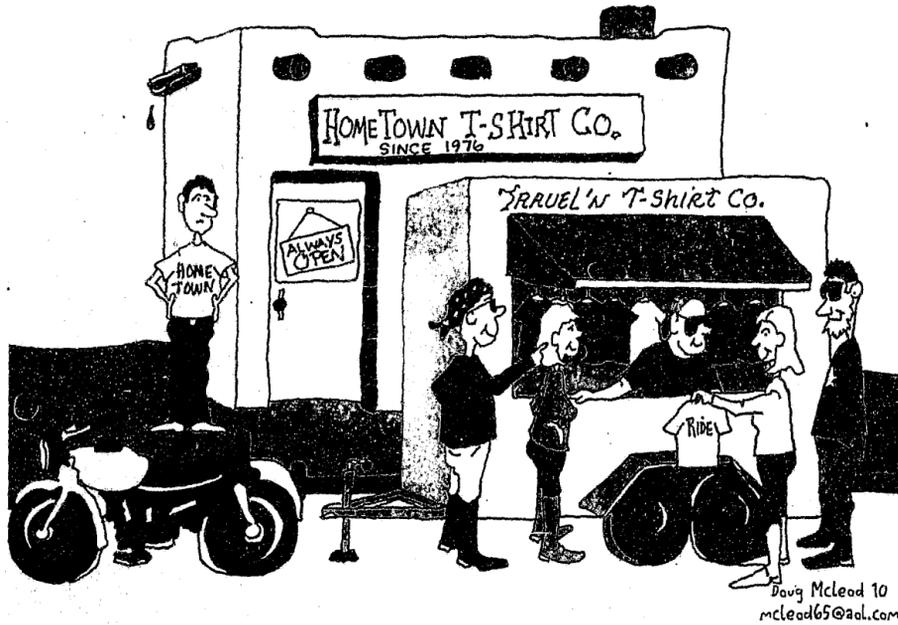
Currently, MainStreet has 23 member projects and eight arts and cultural districts. Over its history, it's served more than 45 communities and created 2,772 new businesses. It's also been involved in 2,512 building renovations and drawn \$224 million in private investment.

Happy Birthday, MainStreet!



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YOUR OPINION

Shame on Carrizozo mayor, trustees

To the editor:

I AM RESPONDING to the article in the *Ruidoso News* of Friday Sept. 17, where Carrizozo Trustees Dennis Vega and Dusty Voss call for the resignation of Trustee Lee Gross.

First: shame on Mayor Mike Petty for allowing such outrageous outbursts from Trustees Vega and Voss. Trustee Gross was blindsided. This was not an item on the agenda, so Trustee Gross did not know what was coming.

Second: Shame on Mayor Mike Petty for not giving Trustee Gross an opportunity to respond to these accusations.

Third: Shame on Trustee Voss for saying anything. The incident referred to happened at the annual Municipal League Conference in Taos. Trustee Voss was not at that conference so all his information comes from what Trustee Vega told him. For Trustee Voss to say anything is nothing more than rumor.

And Fourth: Shame on Trustee Vega, who is only voicing an opinion, where he is quoted as saying "... it seems Trustee (Lee) Gross embarrassed the town of

Carrizozo I believe." Where is this letter? Do the citizens of Carrizozo get to decide for themselves if Trustee Gross embarrassed the town?

I just want to remind people that Vega and Voss are the two that called for Carrizozo Chief of Police Carrie Spencer to be fired and put the Town of Carrizozo at risk of a lawsuit because they had not done their homework. And for Trustee Voss to tell people to move from Carrizozo because they are critical of what has gone on is reprehensible.

I specifically asked Trustee Voss for an explanation about the Spencer issue and was told "that is something I will not talk about." So when he says people just need to have the guts to come down and ask questions is an empty offer, it seems.

And when Trustee Vega says he represents all of Carrizozo, I guess that means never showing up to public events like a "Music in the Parks" concert, never showing up to a gallery opening, never coming to a Chamber of Commerce meeting, and not attending meetings of Carrizozo Works even though he was a

board member.

And at one town council meeting during a discussion of changing meeting dates he said, "I can't do that. I am going turkey hunting."

Representing all of Carrizozo? In the article it mentions 200 people. These are the people who voted for Trustee Gross. I wonder how many of them feel like Dennis Vega is representing them?

As a matter of fact, Trustee Lee Gross is the only one on the town council that I ever see around town. And that includes the mayor. If you support Trustee Gross, show him. I challenge the people of Carrizozo to start caring about what is going on in their town, to show your support of Trustee Lee Gross at the next town council meeting. Let Trustees Vega and Voss know that you are not going anywhere and you are tired of this "I-have-been-in-Carrizozo-my-whole-life-so-I-know-better-than-you- good old boy" system of government.

Dirk Norris
A non-Carrizozo resident of Lincoln County

Biker turned off by price gouging

To the editor:

FIRST, LET ME say that both the weather and most of the general populace of Ruidoso were great this year. As bikers, our complaints lie with the business community and the sponsors of the rally. Let's start with the fact that they charge us to enter the trade show to spend our money buying things.

On top of that they make us pay for two days when we will only be going once. How many times would average people shop at Walmart if they had to pay to go inside and make purchases. The greed that has the vendors

paying fees to be there topped by the two-day entry fee per person entering to shop has just plain become too much.

Then there is the tripled room/cabin rental rates that are charged just because they can. We would gladly come and pay normal rates, but to be gouged like this?

Then there is the tremendous show of police "force" with Ruidoso, county, state, Alamogordo, etc., police standing in groups of five and six. Yes, sometimes we get rowdy and deserve some attention. Overall we just want to have fun and a good

time. Maybe these officers could be put to better use facilitating traffic.

Bottom line: Myself and some of the other motorcycle coalition members are going to campaign to take our money to another location when the next Ascencade is held. Somewhere where they want us and our money not just the maximum amount of money they can squeeze from us.

"BabyApe" – a biker for 40-plus years and twice annual attendee to Aspen motorcycle rallies in Ruidoso.

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Riordan acquitted

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After more than five hours of deliberation, a panel of 12 Lincoln County jurors found J. Tyrone Riordan not guilty Friday of 2nd degree murder in the 2006 death of Johnathan Lopez.

Riordan, 26, was found guilty on one count of tampering with evidence and one count of conspiracy to tamper with evidence. The verdict was delivered after five days of trial proceedings in Carrizozo District Court before Judge Karen Parsons.

At 5:45 p.m., some 5 1/2 hours after they had begun, the jury returned with the verdict.

"In the matter of the State New Mexico, plaintiff, vs J. Tyrone Riordan, defendant, we find the defendant J. Tyrone Riordan not guilty (of second degree murder) as charged in count one," Judge Parsons read from the verdict handed to her from the jury. "We find the defendant J. Tyrone Riordan guilty of tampering with evidence in count two."

The jury also found Riordan guilty of conspiracy to tamper with evidence in count three. When polled by the judge, the "not guilty verdict" was unanimous.

"We carry the burden of proof," said District Attorney Diana Martwick after the trial. "It was a tough case with many conflicting stories. We gave the jury the evidence and put it in their hands. We felt Mr. Riordan was guilty on all counts. Obviously the jury did not feel that way, but they worked hard and we respect their decision. It was a challenge even getting a jury panel is this case who were not familiar with it because of the publicity and who had not already made up their minds."

The case opened on Jan. 11, 2007, when Lincoln County Sheriff Office deputies were told of a grave site in a wilderness area near the Hondo Valley. The following day they discovered the highly decomposed body of Johnathan Lopez, 19.

As a result, Michael Woodall, 19 at the time, was arrested and charged with tampering with evidence in a capital crime. On Feb. 1, 2007, his brother, James Woodall, 18 at the time, was also arrested. Two weeks later both were indicted by a Lincoln County grand jury.

Riordan, identified by the Woodalls to be present at the scene of the murder and subsequent events, was charged with the same counts of murder and tampering. He had left the state but was picked up in Eugene, Ore., on April 4, 2007 and extradited to back to Lincoln County.

Murder charges against the Woodalls were dropped by District Attorney Scot Key in November 2007. In February 2008, the Woodalls pleaded no contest to the tampering charges filed against them and were released on probation. Both have since violated probation a number of times, been back to jail, but appeared in court last week to testify on their volition.

With the Woodalls free, that left Riordan to stand



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Tyrone Riordan, in white shirt, stands with his defense co-counsel Jeffrey Van Keulen, at right, as the verdict in his murder trial is read Friday. In the rear is a security man from the Lincoln County Detention Center. Riordan was found 'not guilty' by a jury.

trial for the murder of Lopez. The case languished in the court system through a series of stays and motions filed by both sides, including many by Riordan himself when he opted to dismiss defense attorney Gary Mitchell and represent himself pro-se.

That ended in July of this year, when Judge Parsons directed that Riordan would be represented by public defender Jim Walker and a court date was scheduled.

The crime

According to court docu-

ments filed at the onset of the case, Riordan and the Woodall brothers had gotten into a confrontation with Lopez the night of Aug. 27-28, 2006 at a residence in the Biscuit Hill area of Ruidoso Downs.

Lopez reportedly had a rifle pointed at James Woodall. Woodall's brother Michael then struck Lopez on the head with a liquor bottle causing him to fall. James Woodall was accused of repeatedly striking Lopez and when he tried to get up Riordan allegedly choked the victim until he went unconscious.

Documents filed in court at the time stated that Riordan then tied cloth over Lopez's mouth and nose to keep blood from getting on a carpet. One of the men, Michael Woodall, next put a plastic grocery bag over Lopez's head and taped it shut with adhesive tape so he could not breathe.

Lopez's body was placed in a large duffel bag and put in the bed of Riordan's pickup truck for disposal.

The trial

The prosecution built their case around the

weakness of Lopez, who was tested to have the mentality of a 10-year-old, and the testimony of the Woodalls, Juana Martinez, a girlfriend of Riordan's at the time, and several others that testified Riordan had told them he had murdered Lopez.

The defense in closing arguments expounded on the inconsistency of the stories as they were told and retold, saying that testimony was remindful of the song, I've got my story and I'm sticking to it.

"There are just a whole bunch of inconsistencies,"

Walker said as he continued to suggest what some of the most glaring ones were. "And as we all know blood is thicker than water, and testimonies of the brothers had to protect each other. So T.J. was painted as the villain."

Walker pounded on the lack of physical evidence to tie his client to the crime and repeated what he had said earlier in the week, "No evidence, no crime."

Two hours into deliberations, the jury sent a question to Judge Parsons asking for clarification on reasonable doubt, asking if the three points of criteria outlined by the law must all be met or only one of them. They were instructed that all three must be met.

After the verdict

"The deals with the Woodall brothers were made, obviously before my time, so we had live with that agreement," said Martwick of the trial.

"We do believe that they were involved somewhat, but were not the main perpetrator of the crime. We got in more evidence than we ever anticipated because this case was so old, and we had so much difficulty locating the witnesses and some witnesses were very reluctant to come to court.

"My heart goes out to the victim's family," Martwick added. "They lost a loved one and that didn't change."

Sentencing will take place at a later date, as Riordan faces two court dates in October before two other District 12 judges as well as two more settings before Judge Karen Parsons for a range of infractions including threats on the life of the judge and assistant district attorney, numerous escape from jail charges and battery charges on jail employees.

The court dates with Judge Parsons won't take place until January at the earliest when a fresh jury pool is available.



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DA Diana Martwick (holding photo of the victim, Johnathan Lopez): "My heart goes out to the victim's family. They lost a loved one and that didn't change."

EDUCATION

Mescalero students excited about MESA competitions

ASHLEY IVINS
For the Ruidoso News

At 6 on a Saturday morning, most teenagers are sleeping. On a recent Saturday, Sept. 11, at 6 a.m., 33 students from Mescalero Apache Schools brand new MESA (Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement) program were on a bus and headed to Las Cruces.

The Mescalero MESA students attended the BEST (Boosting Science Engineering and Technology) Robotics Kickoff at the New Mexico State University College of Engineering.

The 2010-11 school year will be the first time that Mescalero Apache School students have participated in robotics competitions and the enthusiasm for their opening competition isn't hard to see considering that Mescalero Schools had the largest group of students in attendance for the kickoff this year.

The students were eager to get started on the actual design, but first they had to learn about the basics of the competition which doesn't only require build-

ing a robot but also creating an engineering report, a display booth, a presentation and preparation for interviews during the competition.

This year the competition theme is called "Total Recall" and the robot, which is remote-controlled and built from scratch with only the provided materials, has to package gizmos and gadgets in a factory production-type scene.

To make things more challenging, the students have only five weeks to complete the robot before attending a practice day and then an additional week to make any adjustments before the final competition in Las Cruces.

During their visit to NMSU, the students also got to learn about some of the activities that NMSU engineering students participate in such as the Crimson Flyer team that had to perform three different tasks for competition.

A demonstration by the Mini Baja team really got their attention when the driver showing the Baja buggies abilities made an

"analysis error" going into a ramp that ended in a roll. Thankfully the driver was safe and engineering instantly became more interesting to many students.

The vision of the BEST Robotics organization is to excite our nation's students about engineering, science and technology to unlock their imagination and discover their potential.

Their vision is to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, technology and math through participation in a sports-like science- and engineering-based robotics competition.

Team leaders emerged as senior Laramy Baca, and juniors Danny Rios and Godfrey Enjady took the reins during inventory time to ensure the high school team had all of the supplies on their equipment lists.

On the middle school team Jaylen Duffy, Desi Cervantes and Timothy Enjady took command.

The middle school team also came up with the team name "Robo Chiefs" at the kickoff.

These students and



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MESA Advisor Eleanor Pedraza looks at the "Crimson Flyer" with Mathew Naiche.

their dedicated teammates are currently looking for volunteers/mentors to assist them with design and fabrication as well as programming.

The teams are also seeking organizations that would be interested in allowing them to present

their project to them as part of the outreach component of the competition during the next five weeks.

Last but not least, the teams need corporate sponsors to help finance travel, lodging and meals for competition, team shirts, and a laptop computer to use for

programming.

If you are interested in volunteering, sponsoring or hosting a presentation, contact advisors Ashley Ivins aivins@mescaleroas.org Eleanor Pedraza, epepedraza@mescaleroas.org or Rosalinda Baeza-rbaeza@mescalero-as.org.

Local educators present scholarship options

Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators-ETA Chapter, held their September meeting recently at Carrizozo Schools.

The members of ETA chapter are from Lincoln County towns including Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Hondo, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

The group is preparing for their Founders' Month Celebration to be held on Oct. 23, in Ruidoso.

Members will be hosting the event for the New Mexico Southern District which includes chapters from Las Cruces, Silver City, Roswell, Hobbs, Carlsbad, and Lincoln County.

The October luncheon will honor the women educators who founded the organization 63 years ago in Kansas City, Missouri.

The September meeting was highlighted by a review of scholarships and grants presented by Donna Sisneros.

The international organization awards as many as seven scholarships and grants bi-annually to eligible members and students. Most prominent is the Fine Arts Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for promoting the study and awareness of the Arts



COURTESY

Members of ETA Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators gathered in front of the new gazebo on the campus of Carrizozo Schools following their September meeting. Back row, l-r, Dottie MacVeigh, Becca Ferguson, Joyce Davies, Connie Forrest, Martha Sanchez, Sydney Tregembo, Linda Field, Cheri Goad, Ruby Johnson, Nellie Ruth Jones, Donna Sisneros, Eva Clark. Front row: Sarah Ball, Martha Bond, Debbie Myers.

including dance, music, theater and visual arts for students.

Applicants must be members of Alpha Delta Kappa who are actively teaching or retired.

Closer to home, New Mexico-Alpha Delta Kappa members may apply for a \$500 scholarship bi-annually to be used for continuing study.

In addition, Eta Chapter award \$500 each year to Lincoln County graduates

who continue their post-high school study in the field of education.

Presently holding an ETA scholarship are Monica Sanchez and Morgan McMakin of Ruidoso, Elizabeth McConnell of Corona, and Haley Montes, a graduate of Capitan High School.

Funding for the local scholarships is provided by the annual sale of pecans by ETA members which begins in early October.

Along with promoting the field of education, altruism is a goal of the organi-

zation. Nellie Ruth Jones, ETA Altruistic Chairman, reported participating in the "Soldier's Smiles" project by helping to compile 25 comfort packets to be sent to service men and women.

Also receiving 25 of the packets and a monetary donation from the chapter, is H.E.A.L. of Ruidoso.

State-wide, the ETA Chapter and New Mexico Alpha Delta Kappa together support the New Mexico Boys and Girls Ranches as their State Altruistic project.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Garden colors

Madhava Das, a certified plant-based nutritionist from Cornell University, will be teaching two classes aimed at using food to reduce the risks of disease. The first class on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., covers nutrition fundamentals, diseases of affluence, and the principles of this science-based approach. A \$10 book is required and may be purchased from Das at the class. The second class will be held on Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The fee for each class is \$59 or \$49 for seniors.

Firearms safety

Rick Simpson covers all types of firearms including handguns, shotguns, and rifles in the class. Emphasis is on technique and safety. Ownership of a gun is not required. The class will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The fee is \$125 or \$99 for seniors.

Photography

Leland DeFord and guest lecturer M.L. Pearson will teach a class for high school and middle school-aged students on beginning outdoor photography. The one-day, afternoon class covers basic handling techniques of a digital camera. Topics include shutter speeds,

apertures, exposure relationships, ISO speeds, compositional tools, natural and reflected lighting, and creative focusing. A digital single-lens reflex camera is preferred, but any current type of digital camera is acceptable. The class is Sept. 25 from 1-5 p.m., at the college. The fee is \$25.

Punched Tin

Cynthia Prelo-Riedling er's punched tin class has been rescheduled for Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Riedling teaches both the history and the techniques of punched tin. Stamping, punching, and scoring tin is taught and students will take home a project made in class. A lab fee of \$50 is required on the day of the class and covers all materials and use of tools. The fee for the class (in addition to the materials fee) is \$95 or \$75 for seniors.

Conflict Resolution

Learn to resolve conflicts to the satisfaction of all parties and how to be supportive while remaining neutral with Richard Aguilar. The class focuses on productive and lasting solutions while facing myriad emotions and personalities. The class takes place on Monday, Sept. 27 from 6-9 p.m., and the fee is \$30.

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Itinerant vendors at rally irk merchants, officials

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While Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally organizers and village merchants fumed Saturday, roadside vendors sprung up on corners throughout Ruidoso selling T-shirts, motorcycle accessories and detailing designs.

"We're going to get it straight once and for all," Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn said Monday, referring to what village code currently requires or should require in the future. He called a workshop on itinerant vendors, sidewalk sales, business registration and special events for 4:30 p.m., Thursday, at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

"The whole problem is that we have merchants who pay rent, utilities and taxes here to do business,"

Alborn said. "The others come in for a weekend, collect their money and leave. The biggest question is are they paying the gross receipts tax on sales. We had a councilor the week-end before last who asked a vendor about a piece of jewelry and when she was told it was \$25, she asked if there was any tax and was told there wasn't."

Ron Andrews, one of the organizers of the motorcycle rally, said when he saw a booth at the service station in Ruidoso, he called the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Department for enforcement.

"It turned out the booth belonged to the service station owner, who also owned a station in Ruidoso Downs with a booth, but they were selling the same T-shirts outside Lawrence Brothers," Andrews said.



Such sales bleed off business from vendors who pay to set up at the annual rally staged at Ruidoso Downs Race Track, he said.

Friday evening, a white trailer pulled into a parking lot at the corner of U.S. 70 and New Mexico Highway 48/37. The next day, the owners were selling custom lights for motorcycles, Andrews said. He turned them into code enforcement, but nothing was done. They were at the same spot last year, he

Alborn: "We're going to get it straight once and for all."

said.

"They're coming down on us for not licensing individual vendors, but they let these set up all over town," Andrews said. The rally's special events license should cover the vendors signed up with the rally, he contended.

Alborn said Village Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager checked out the booth at the service station and it was properly licensed on private property.

"I just got a copy of the mobile vending law, and I

question the definition of mobile vending," the mayor said. "The whole problem is enforcement. If it hurts feelings, so be it. Enforcement has to be across the board. If we get out of that approach, we'll be in deep trouble."

Under the rules for workshops, only staff, the mayor, councilors and consultants may speak. But Alborn invited the public to attend and to participate through written comments about business registration fees, itinerant vendors, sidewalk sales and special event vendors.

A fact sheet prepared by Village Manager Debi Lee that reflects current ordinances governing the issue will be available for public review at the workshop.

Written input must be submitted to the office of the Village Clerk, 313 Cree

Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, no later than noon Wednesday. They will be reviewed by the mayor and may be read for the record and/or the author may be invited to speak at the workshop.

Written comments should include name, address, contact phone number and comments on the four subjects. Submitters are asked to cite the section of the Village Municipal Code of Ordinances that supports the comments, and if appropriate, recommend changes. Lee asked they also indicate if they want to speak at the workshop in representation of a group from the community.

Copies of the relevant ordinances will be available at the Village Clerk's office in Village Hall upon request.

Village prepares fact sheet for workshop on vendor laws

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A fact sheet prepared by Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee for a workshop Thursday groups state and local laws into four issue areas for business registration, sidewalk sales, itinerant mobile vendors and special events.

State law clearly authorizes the village to charge up to \$35 annually for business registration on each place of business within a municipality.

Under exemptions from business registration fee, "No business registration fee shall be imposed on any business which is licensed under any other provision of this article or which is specifically exempt from paying a business registration fee pursuant to state law. Any business which is exempt from paying a registration fee shall be registered, and at the time of registration shall provide proof of its exemption from fees to the clerk or her designated deputy."

Under Sec. 26-34, Prerequisites for engaging in business, "Any person proposing to engage in business within the municipal limits of the village shall apply for registration and pay a business registration fee for each outlet, branch, or location within the municipal limits of the Village prior to engaging in business. The application for registration shall be

made ten days prior to the commencement of business or ten days prior to the opening of any outlet, branch or additional location within the municipal limits of the Village.

Section 26-67, Inspection of license and licensed premises, allows the Chief of Police, code enforcement officer or other designated official to inspect the license at any reasonable time.

Under village code governing sidewalk sales, Sec. 26-70, Outdoor displays or sales, "Outdoor displays and sales shall be conducted only in connection with a business which is otherwise licensed or registered under this article. A separate license need not be obtained. Outdoor sales shall be subject to the following requirements: Outdoor sales shall be limited to three consecutive days in duration; only items of normal inventory of that business shall be sold or displayed outdoors; merchandise shall not be displayed within any public right-of-way, or impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or obstruct any clear sight triangle required under the village zoning regulations; the display area shall not reduce the parking on the premises below that required by the village zoning regulations," all other requirements of the village zoning regulations shall be met; and outlines specific conditions for

displaying items, including the distance from the origin store.

Under Sec. 26-1, Itinerant vendors, may need a conditional use permit issued for a specified period of time, with automatic cancellation at the end of that time unless it is renewed, or conditions may be applied to the issuance of the permit and periodic review may be required. The permit shall be granted for a particular use and not for a particular person.

The person applying for a conditional use permit shall fill out and submit to the planning administrator the appropriate form, together with the required fee. A public hearing is required to ensure that, "No conditional use permit shall be given for a use which is not listed in this article as a conditional use in the particular district in which it is proposed to be located. The planning commission shall consider the effect of the proposed use upon the health, safety and general welfare of occupants of surrounding lands, existing and anticipated traffic conditions, including parking facilities, on adjacent streets and land, the impact upon the natural environment, and the effect of the proposed use upon the comprehensive plan."

Mobile vending stands are permitted subject to the following conditions:

- Vending operation shall be so located as to pre-

vent any pedestrian and vehicle conflicts within parking, driveways and walkways and not interfere with vehicle ingress and egress to the property.

- Vending operation shall not create any additional pedestrian congestion on sidewalks within the public right-of-way. All vending and patron service and waiting areas must be entirely on privately property and shall not interfere with pedestrian ingress and egress to any business, building or facility on the premises.

- Operators and employees of the vending operation must have access to restroom facilities on the same site as the vending operation during all hours of operation.

- Operators of food or beverage mobile vending stands shall provide handicapped accessible restrooms on the site with running water and approved liquid waste disposal. For purposes of subsection 54-67(f), a food or beverage stand shall not be considered as being in substantial compliance with an existing site plan unless that plan includes food or beverage services.

- Signage and size are

dictated in village code. No mobile vending stand shall be operated until business registration is obtained from the village, and they are subject to the parking requirements for drive-in or walk-up food or drink services.

- No walk-up mobile vending stand shall be permitted in any parking lot.

- No mobile vending stand shall be operated until business registration is obtained from the village.

Special events not located at the Ruidoso Convention Center are limited to five or fewer consecutive days, and include any trade show, flea market or exhibition of goods and services by multiple exhibitors; or any event for which a special dispenser's license for the sale of alcoholic beverages is required.

An application for a special events license must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the special event, and must include an estimate of the number of guests or patrons that are expected to attend the event; a diagram of the location of activities, emergency access, and a description of how access to the event is to be controlled;

and if alcoholic beverages are to be served, the identities of both the sponsor of the event and the alcoholic beverage licensee who will cater the event.

If the event is to be held outdoors, the application shall be accompanied by a cashier's check in the currently required amount or other equivalent security as a guarantee of compliance and \$1 million in liability insurance coverage. The applicant shall obtain the review of the police, fire and planning departments before the clerk approves or recommends denial of an application for a special event. If the event is to be staged in the Ruidoso Convention Center this section does not apply. Several other rules are listed.

The fact sheet also goes over rules for using the convention center, defines vendors and sanctioned events, and reviews priority scheduling.

Village code required that each special event sponsor "Must provide a list of tentative vendors to the Taxation and Revenue Department in Roswell and the Village of Ruidoso, no less than one week prior to the commencement of the event."

State water report flows into cyberspace

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The 2008-2009 annual water report by the New Mexico State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission is posted on a website for public review.

The report includes key accomplishments and challenges faced by the engineer and commission. In an effort to save on printing and mailing costs this year, fewer copies of the annual report were printed and the Web was used as an alternative, said State Engineer John D'Antonio.

Key legislation

"The report highlights the passage of key legislation, public outreach activities associated with updating the State Water Plan, the status of adjudications and basin-specific activities that were important last

year," he said.

The report can be found on the State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission website at www.ose.state.nm.us under the

"publications," heading, then "annual reports," and specifically the "2008-2009 annual report" headings.

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Ruidoso woman in quest for truth about husband's killing

MAGGIE YBARRA
El Paso Times

JUAREZ — Six bullets and a case of mistaken identity are all the details Jacqueline Benavides knows about her husband's death.

Her husband, Cuauhtemoc Montelongo, 34 and a part-time resident of Ruidoso, was shot six times in Juárez on May 21 while making repairs to his business, Salon de Fiestas Jungla, on Simona Barba street.

Montelongo, who was born in Mexico, married American-born Benavides in 1996. Benavides thinks her husband may have been killed by mistake.

But Benavides cannot prove it and Mexican homicide detectives cannot help her, she said.

Unsolved murders are a growing side effect of a savage drug war that is responsible for the slayings of 6,400 people in Juárez since it began in 2008.

Americans who have had relatives killed during

kidnappings, shootouts and extortions are realizing that their pursuit of justice in a country engulfed in chaos is futile.

Benavides, 30, said she has not been to Mexico since Montelongo died and has given up on finding his killers.

"Over there, especially now, you're never going to find out who really killed him ... They say that if you start asking questions that you're putting yourself at risk, but trust me, I have been wanting to because I really do want to know who did it and why," she said.

Of those 6,400 people slain in Juárez, 39 were Americans and their deaths are listed as homicides on a U.S. Department of State report. The department report covers 2008-2009. The report does not include the number of Americans who have been killed in 2010.

According to *El Paso Times* archives, at least six Americans have been killed in Juárez this year, including U.S. Consulate worker

Lesley Enriquez Redelfs; her husband, El Paso County detention Officer Arthur Redelfs; and Irvin High School teacher James Patrick Barnes.

It is not known how many of the homicides of U.S. victims have gone unsolved.

For Benavides, it was discouraging to know her husband's name would be added to that report — that he would be just another statistic.

In the days leading up to his death, Montelongo had been conflicted about going to Juárez after someone set fire to the building he rented on Simona Barba. He ran a party hall business, Benavides said. Montelongo said he had a bad feeling about it, Benavides said.

At the time, Montelongo and Benavides were living in Ruidoso with their two children. Montelongo had a job at the racetrack but ran the business in Juárez to provide his family with jobs. He had been renting the building for a year and a half and had not received extortion threats, Benavides said.

Family members told Montelongo that someone set fire to the place May 19, which was a Wednesday. On Thursday, Montelongo said he was going to stay in Ruidoso and send his relatives money to repair the

building. But on Friday, he changed his mind and drove to Juárez, Benavides said.

"These are people who are becoming killers for less than \$45 a week."

"On Friday, he decided he was going to go down there ... He had not even been there for two hours before they went in there and killed him," she said.

Benavides said Montelongo was at the business doing electrical repairs and helping his family clean the place when two young men walked in and shot him. They shot him six times with .40-caliber and 9 mm weapons, according to a Mexican police report. He was taken to a hospital where he died, the report said.

The building has since been abandoned. The windows are broken, two large boards have been nailed over its front door and piles of dust and debris have accumulated on the tile floor.

Business owners who work on the same street where Montelongo was

shot said the men had been hired to kill the owner of the building, not Montelongo. They theorize that Montelongo died because he was misidentified as that owner. The business owners did not want to be identified for safety reasons.

The real owner of the building is from Mexico and is reportedly in the U.S. and "knows they're looking for him," they said.

Juárez Mayor José Reyes Ferriz said the killings that have become commonplace in Juárez are fueled by the city's deteriorating economy. People who have gone without jobs for months are being lured by the money that the cartels can offer.

"We are seeing a lot of people doing killings and when we catch them and prosecute them, we ask them and they tell us that they're making \$500 pesos a week to be killers," Reyes Ferriz said. "These are people who are becoming killers for less than \$45 a week. That's not somebody who is doing it because they want to get rich, that's somebody who is doing it because they want to put food on the table."

The killings in Juárez have been steadily increasing during the past six months, he said. In March, the crime rate was down to about four killings a day.

Now, there are about 10 killings a day, Reyes Ferriz said.

On Sept. 9, 25 people were killed within a matter of hours. Prior to that, 322 people were slain in August — the highest number killed in a single month since the drug cartels began fighting in 2008.

"The worst part of it is that there has been a lot of killings of families, daughters, kids of people mostly involved in the organized crime business, but at any rate ... it has become such an issue that the criminals themselves are putting signs in the city at night saying, 'Hey, we're the guys who don't kill kids and families,'" Reyes Ferriz said. "They're sort of promoting themselves as the good guys by saying that the other guys are the bad guys."

Benavides said she may never know what side of the drug war the people who killed her husband were fighting for but she will always wonder who they were and why they shot him.

Montelongo's remains, now cremated, are kept at the family home in Ruidoso. Their presence is a permanent reminder of how painful life without him is, Benavides said.

"It's hard — especially not having him around to help," she said. "It's hard."

— County manager's report —

PAC on the hook for mail-in special election costs

■ Expense for vote on track tax stood at \$26,349 last week

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Any costs in excess of \$25,000 associated with the special election on whether to impose a 3/16th of a cent business retention gross receipts tax in Lincoln County will be requested for payment from The Committee for Lincoln County Economic Development.

County commissioners were told last week that the expense to date then was \$26,349.21. The political action committee advocating the tax already paid \$25,000, but committed to pay all expenses, said County Manager Tom Stewart. "We'll request the difference as soon as I know the total."

The mail-in ballots were to be tallied Tuesday.

Under the county manager's report, Stewart said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a waterway permit for the proposed work in the Deer Park Special Assessment District.

Stewart said 34 lot owners already paid their \$13,992.70 assessments in full and two others paid half, out of 238 lot owners. The county received \$467,755.45 and that will

reduce the amount of loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority and bonds needed for the project from \$3.33 million to \$2.86 million.

Commissioner Dave Parks pointed out that when the total to be borrowed is less, the amount of interest will be less. "I kept telling the guy that, but he kept saying no," Parks said, referring to one of the project engineers.

Stewart said Cannon Air Force Base officials are seeking input on a proposed Low Altitude Tactical Navigation training area for special operations units in northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado.

"While the area does not involve Lincoln County to any great extent, it should be interesting to see how the proposal develops with wind energy turbines in the area," Stewart said. "The proposed training area will see C-130s and CV-22 Ospreys operating at night at elevations of about 200 feet above the ground."

He said military authorities are trying to accommodate all parties and work out protocol. The Department of Defense is supportive of the wind turbine projects.

In other reports, Stewart said:

• The Roswell Field Office of the Bureau of

Land Management notified the county of a "finding of no significant impact" on 16 grazing allotment renewals in the county area. The grazing primarily involves cattle.

• Ada Hendryx, director of the county's Senior Citizens Program, was asked to participate on a state committee to draft a state senior citizens Direct Purchase of Service manual.

• A letter was received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency commending the county's proactive commitment to flood plain management through Flood Plains Manager Curt Temple and noting the successful closure of the FEMA Community Assistance Visit May 4-5, on new flood plain maps.

• As of the meeting, 182.5 acres on Alto Mesa were treated and vegetation reduced, employing 33 workers. About 300 acres total is targeted. The project will extend in the future to Moon Mountain in Ruidoso and Fort Stanton. The Forest Thinning dollars come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

• A new refrigeration unit arrived Aug. 31 and was installed in the county courthouse in Carrizozo during the Sept. 2 through Labor Day weekend.

Despite a problem with two connecting parts not being the correct size, the contractor placed the chiller into service the night of Sept. 7. Stewart said the unit is smaller than the one replaced, but more efficient, and he expects to see power savings.

• On Sept. 3, the county received word that the 2010 supplemental sole community provider payment would be \$133,263.26, well within the \$226,024 remaining budget authorized by the commission. However, he later was told more money would be available and the amount exceeded the \$92,000 remaining. A special meeting was called for today. The sole community provider payments go to a single hospital in a county to help offset unpaid health care. For every \$1 from the county, the federal government through the state contributes \$4.

• On Sept. 2, the county received a packet and approval of its enrollment in the Cooperative Education Service program. A book was provided with more than 200 contractors available, including Basic IDIQ, which would put together plans and find contractors within budget on smaller projects.

Stewart envisions the cooperative approach working in about 15 percent of the construction projects for the county, such as the \$31,000 to build an addition to the Glencoe Volunteer Fire Department station. Larger projects requiring architectural or engineering services would be handled by the county as regular requests for proposals. Commissioners said they want to see an emphasis on using local contractors and Stewart said he will keep track of active contractors and ensure new names are added to the selection list.

**ALTO LAKES SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will hold a public hearing on Oct. 7 2010, 2011 during its Regular Meeting which begins at 9:00 am in the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club clubhouse to hear public testimony and vote on the application of Bobby Walker (name) for the granting of a Variance (variance) (conditional use permit) (variance appeal) applicable to the property located at Lot 132 (lot and block number) commonly known as 112 Bob Cat Lane (street address)

Ron Duncan, Secretary

Downs project in floodplain still on

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A street and drainage improvement project in Ruidoso Downs that includes an area located in a Federal Emergency Management Agency 100-year floodplain will proceed as planned.

Earlier this year the city was awarded a \$473,000 Community Development Block Grant to help fund the work along North Central Avenue and River Lane.

"A portion of River Lane is in a 100-year floodplain zone," said Dora Batista, the program coordinator for the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District.

"When that happens, by law, we have to hold a public hearing such as this to alert the public that funding may be spent in the floodplain zone," Batista explained to the city council and others at the Sept. 13 council meeting.

"We have to allow the public the opportunity to comment and suggest any alternatives. The repairs are to fix the street, to install storm and drainage improvements on there. Rip-rap, curb and gutters. Usually, like if you're going to locate a new community center, a senior center, or some other type of center, there's a lot of opposition like we don't think we should be building right here because it's in a floodplain zone or maybe a low spot.

"In this particular case the streets are already there and there's nothing we can do about that. Because they've had flood-



Batista: "In this particular case the streets are already there and there's nothing we can do about that. Because they've had flooding before, I went and took pictures myself and I know it's really patched up and the gravel's been washed off the road."

ing before I went and took pictures myself when I was doing the environmental and I know it's really patched up and the gravel's been washed off the road."

Batista said the only real alternative is to improve only North Central Avenue and forget about

River Lane.

"I mean, we don't want to do that because we have the funding," she told councilors.

There were no comments opposed to the project and no alternatives offered by those attending the public hearing.

Bike rally victim clings to life after accident

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A handful of accidents during the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally resulted in injuries, including one incident in Ruidoso that has a victim clinging to life.

John Jones, 33, of Artesia, received life-threatening injuries when his motorcycle went down in an effort to avoid a pickup truck that was turning onto Mechem Drive.

According to Ruidoso police, the accident happened Friday at 9:10 p.m. The pickup truck was making a left turn from Terrace Drive onto Mechem Drive. Jones was operating the northbound motorcycle when he braked hard and the bike went down. The motorcycle and its two occupants skidded to a stop before striking the truck.

Jones, and a passenger, Elsa Munoz, 25, of Roswell, were taken by ambulance to the Lincoln County Medical Center. Munoz medical attention in the emergency room and was later released. Jones was transferred by an air-ambulance to University Medical Center of El Paso with critical head injuries. Ruidoso police said he was still alive Tuesday. Jones and Munoz were not wearing helmets.

The accident is still being investigated. Citations are pending against the driver of the pickup truck, H.P. Hale, 80, of Ruidoso Downs.

A Saturday accident, involving a three-wheeled motorcycle, resulted in injuries to a passenger on the trike. The unidentified victim was thrown from the trike when it turned over. The victim was taken by ambulance to an awaiting medical aircraft at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and flown to a hospital in Albuquerque. The extent of the injuries were not available. The accident happened on Wolf Springs Loop, off of New Mexico Highway 37, around 4:20 p.m.

Another nearby motorcycle accident happened several hours later on New Mexico Highway 37. A passenger received minor injuries in the incident. The driver, Claude Cheatham, 51, of Hobbs, was charged with driving while intoxicated.

Sunday at 11:50 a.m. passengers on two motorcycles were taken by ambulance to the hospital in Ruidoso after the bikes collided at New Mexico Highway 48 and Gavilan Canyon Road. One of the two northbound motorcycles attempted a right turn onto Gavilan Canyon Road from the left side of the northbound lane.

The trailing motorcycle, on the right side of the northbound lane, clipped the turning bike. The injuries were listed as minor on a Ruidoso police report.

The driver of one of the motorcycles, Victor H. Perez, 46, of Sunland Park, was cited for driving on a suspended license, having an expired registration and not having liability insurance.

A late-Sunday night incident on U.S. Highway 70 east of Hondo involved an eastbound motorcycle that struck a deer that was crossing the highway. The driver, John Pineiro, 44, of Artesia, was transported to the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. The extent of his injuries were unknown.

As far as the rally itself, fewer motorcycling fans were a part of event this year.

Rally promoter Ron Andrews estimated the crowd at between 22,000 to 23,000 cycling enthusiasts.

Police said except for accident injuries, there were little in the way of other problems.

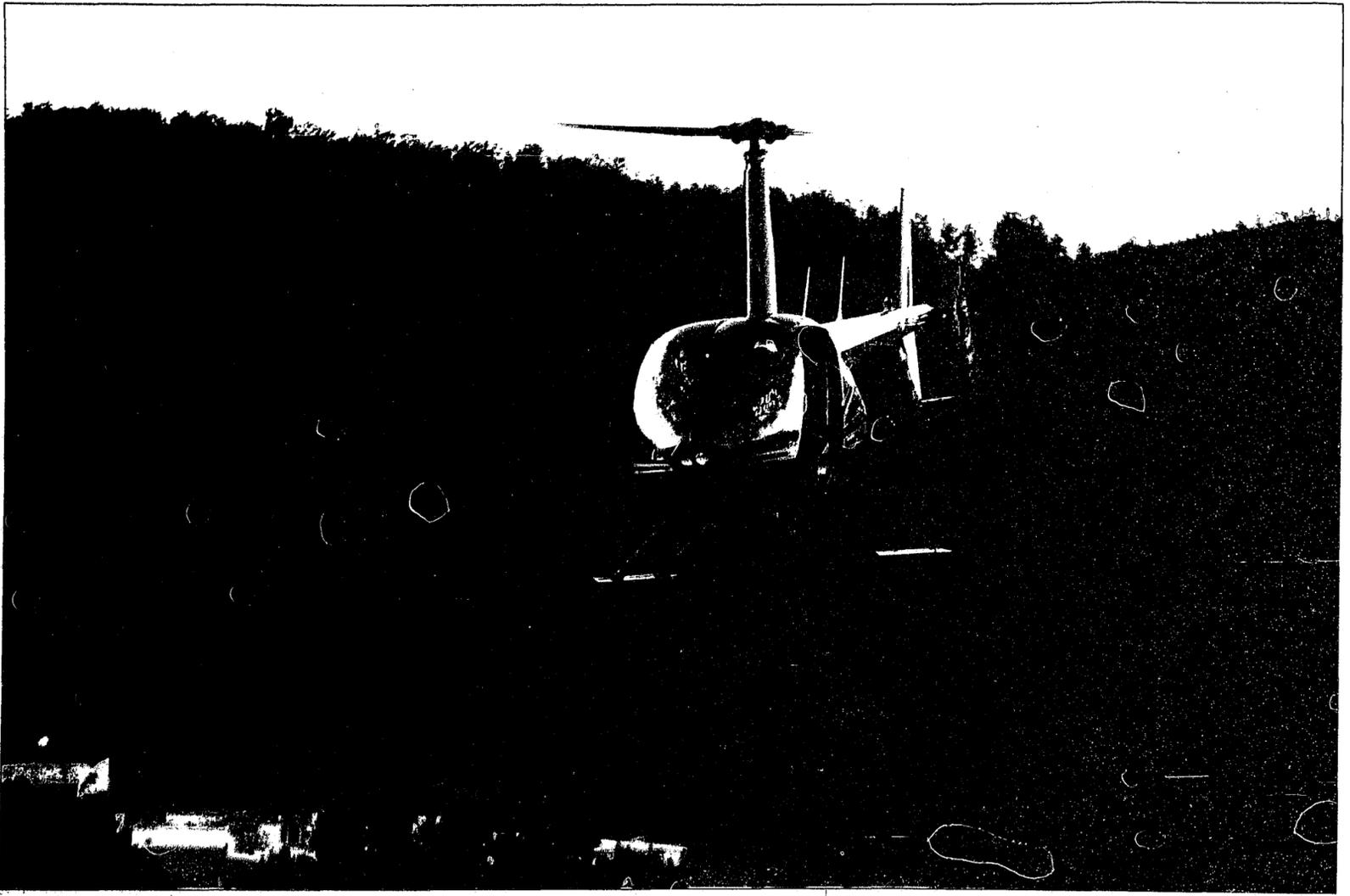
For a time on Saturday a group of people at the Budget Lodge at the intersection of Sudderth Drive and Paradise Canyon Road, by raising a cardboard sign, prompted women on motorcycles to bare their breasts. Some of the women obliged.

The rally dates were Sept. 15-19.

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New at this year's Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally were helicopter rides. Enchanted Helicopter of Albuquerque offered rides on their helicopter for not only rally participants but for the general public as well. Enchanted Helicopter Company offers a training program for helicopter pilots to become certified, and allow hands-on training. For example, this past weekend they had a certified helicopter pilot flying the chopper and a student as his copilot. For \$50 per person, passengers took off from the open field near the entrance to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track on Highway 70. The excursion flew over the race track, the Links Golf Course, Ruidoso and back to the track. The trip took 10 to 12 minutes. The rides were such a hit, the company was invited to participate in the Pine Top Car Club Fly In Oct. 16 and this year's Oktoberfest.

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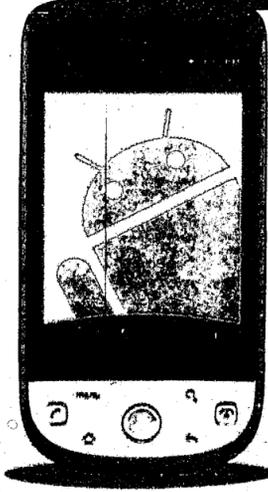
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State to create a wild horse sanctuary

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Gov. Bill Richardson is using \$2.8 million in federal stimulus money to purchase 12,142 acres of land known as the Ortiz Mountain Ranch to expand Cerillos Hills State Park and create a wild horse sanctuary.

"The Galisteo Basin is one of New Mexico's crown jewels," Richardson said. "I am pleased that the Recovery Act has provided the means for a long-term investment in the land that will provide the public with opportunities for recreation, and support our local economy by supporting jobs, and promoting tourism."

The state has entered into a purchase agreement with the Nature Conservancy and a private owner. Ensuring the availability of ample, accessible open space and recreation opportunities is a major factor in quality of life considerations, and in promoting healthy lifestyles that can reduce long-term health-care costs to society.

The pristine land located three miles south of Madrid on both sides of N.M. Highway 14 in the Galisteo Basin is being purchased for less than \$224 per acre. Richardson said it will provide extraordinary outdoor recreational activities and stimulate New Mexico's active outdoor recreation economy.

The discretionary award from the Government Services Fund will allow Cerillos Hills State Park to broaden its appeal by offering diverse recreation opportunities, including hiking, biking, equestrian, birding, specialized tours and activities related to wild horses.

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Sports On Tap

Football

Friday, Sept. 24
Hatch at Ruidoso, Homecoming, 7 p.m.
Mescalero at Capitan, 7 p.m.
Clovis at Hondo, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 25
Bataan Military at Zozo, 2 p.m.

On Deck

Golf Benefit Tourney

The Capitan Tiger golf team will hold a four-person scramble benefit tournament Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Links at Sierra Blanca at 1 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person which covers greens fees, cart and range. Please pay at the golf course. Credit cards are accepted. Prizes will be awarded for place finishes, long drive and closest to the pin. Contact Royce Brown with player names at 354-8589 (work), 336-9955 (home), or 937-4686 (cell) by Saturday, Oct. 9.

After-School Program

Parks and Recreation is now taking applications for the After-School Wilderness program in the Village of Ruidoso. This is a continuation of the Summer Wilderness Camp. There will be archery, hiking, nature education and crafts, horseback riding, boating on Grindstone Lake, golf and exploring new places. Boys and girls in grades 1st through 5th, are encouraged to sign up now for the activities starting on Monday, Sept. 27 at 3:15 p.m. Transportation is provided in Ruidoso's new van. Your child will be picked up at their school and transported to the day's activity, then picked up by a parent at 5:30 p.m. at the office of Parks and Recreation. Cost is \$50 per week and \$40 for the second child. First time sign-ups get \$10 off per week. Volunteers needed. Possible discounts for program - call Brady Park, Recreation Coordinator for details. Applications are available at our office at 801 Resort Drive or online at www.ruidoso-nm.gov under Parks & Recreation. Call 257-5030 for more information.

Football recap: RHS, Hondo, Carrizozo rock; Chiefs falter

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The weekend's gridiron battles yielded three winners and one defeat among the four area teams that competed. Ruidoso collected a big win at West Las Vegas, 42-0, Hondo got back on the winning path, nudging House, 44-36, and Carrizozo took down the Ruidoso JV, 52-20. Mescalero was stymied at Zuni, 46-6.

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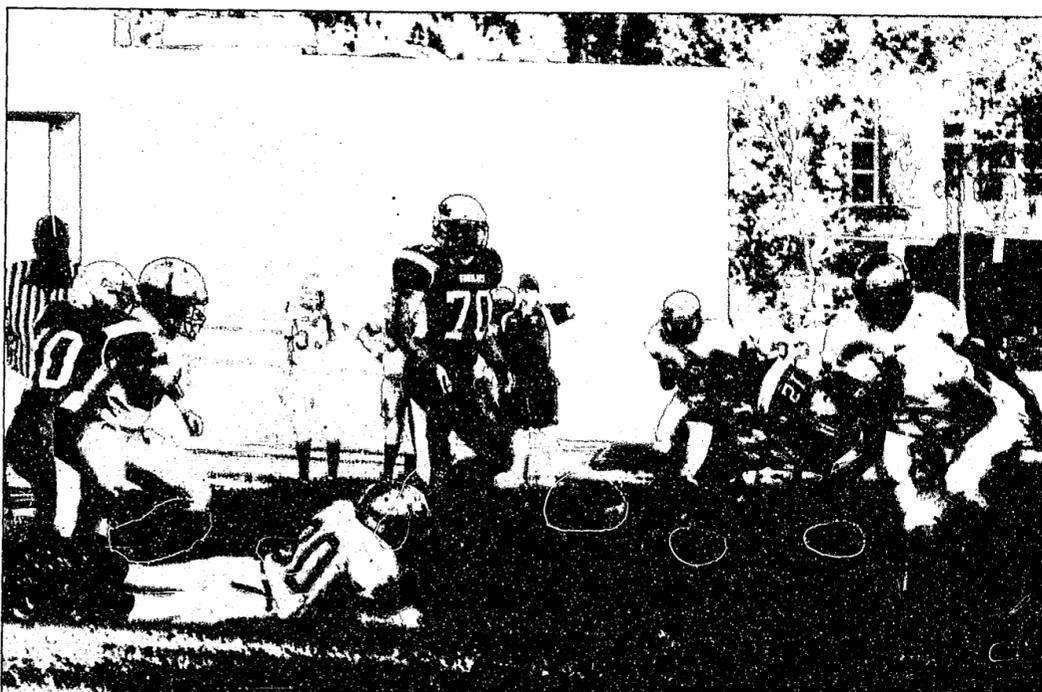
The Warriors lost a tough one to Hot Springs, 18-15, the week before but bounced back in a big way Friday to trounce West Las Vegas by a 42-point margin.

"The kids played more mistake-free football than they did the week before," Ruidoso head coach Kief Johnson said. "And the final score speaks to that."

"Armando Baca had a great game (with eight tackles, 17 assists and one sack) as did his linebacker counterparts, Jesse Scarafiotti, Gage Whipple and Elijah Ross.

"Daniel Salazar was exceptional on both sides of the ball at defensive end and tight end (scoring on a pass)."

In the rushing department, Scarafiotti and Brendan Flack led the way with 392 yards.



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'Zozo's Cole Hubbard gains yardage in Saturday's 52-20 win over the Ruidoso JV.

Scarafiotti had 27 attempts for 261 yards and Flack's 19 efforts yielded 131 yards.

"Scarafiotti had a nice 50-yard accelerated scamper up the middle due to the offensive line," Johnson said. "They opened up a hole big enough to drive a truck through."

Rushing-wise, the Warriors put up 512 yards of offense.

"The offensive line controlled the line of scrim-

mage all night long," Johnson said. "Warren McCracken, Dakota Buurma, George Morgan Ascencion Orasco, Kaylen Chavez and Keenan Kane gave workmanlike efforts throughout the game."

Quarterbacks, Scarafiotti and Sam Williams were 21 for 27 and 19 for 28 respectively, for a total of 521 yards.

On kickoff returns, Flack chalked up 152 yards on five carries.

Defensively, Ismail Cook scored on a 40-yard interception. Julian Lopez also pulled down an interception.

The 3A 2-2 Hatch Bears come to Horton Field Friday (7 p.m.) for Ruidoso's homecoming weekend. There will be a bonfire celebration Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the Eagle Creek Sports Complex. All are invited.

Hatch won the battle last year and Ruidoso was

victorious the year before that. It should be the Warriors turn this season.

"The Bears are big up front," Johnson explained. "They've got senior Chance Carson, 6-foot 4-inches and 285 pounds, who will be a force to be reckoned with. Ruidoso looks to be on a potential roll."

The RMS eighth-graders put a thumping on their Dexter counterparts

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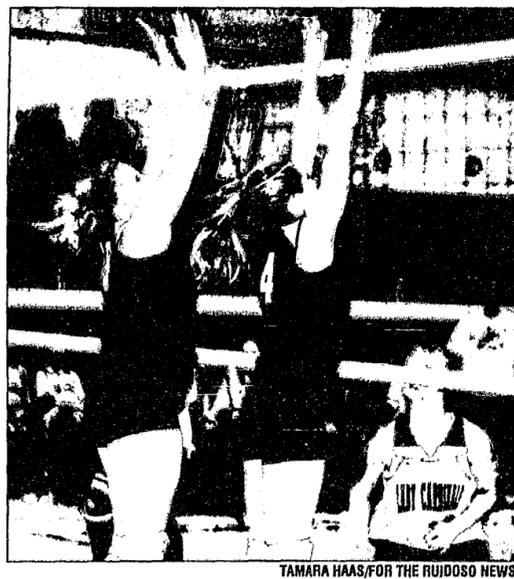
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Harley Bonnell watches for a return shot from her teammates. The Lady Warriors lost to Eunice, Mesilla Valley and Capitan in regular tournament action but gained valuable experience.



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Alex Romero sets up for a shot while two of her teammates stand by to help. The Lady Warriors lost in pool play to Tularosa (25-7), Mescalero (25-13) and Mesilla Valley (25-9) Friday, all of which were varsity teams.



TAMARA HAAS/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Marikka Temple and Harley Bonnell go up to block a shot from the Eunice Cardinals at the Cloudcroft Mountaintop tournament Friday in pool play. The Lady Warriors, made up of one sophomore and the rest freshmen, were the only C team on hand.

Regulator 'Bad Girls' to hold shootout in Ruidoso

JACK SHUSTER
For the Ruidoso News

The Lincoln County Regulators' "Bad Girls" Annual Ladies' Cowboy Action Shooting match will be held at the Old West Town of Justice, located at the Ruidoso Gun Club Range on Hale Lake Road in Ruidoso Downs, on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Ladies of all ages and shooting skill levels are invited to shoot at, no

charge. The Lincoln County Regulators will show the gals what to do, how to do it and they will even lend their guns.

This Western event in Ruidoso is open to the public and cowgirls, cowboys, and buckaroos, as well as guests are urged to dress Western, bring lawn chairs, sun screen and non-alcoholic beverages, and get ready for some rip-roarin' fun. Ear and eye protection is highly recom-

mended. Ear plugs and sunglasses should be sufficient. Ear and eye protection will be available for purchase. It will also be a great opportunity for folks to learn about Cowboy Action Shooting, the fastest growing family shooting sport in the world.

Competitors, armed with six guns, lever guns, and scatter guns, will shoot a total of four Cowboy Action Shooting stages based on the movie "Bad

Girls," starring Madeline Stowe, Mary Stuart Masterson, Drew Barrymore and Andie McDowell. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and shooters are asked to pick a Single Action Shooting Society age-based, standard or costume shooting category when they register.

The usual \$10 match fee will be complimentary for the ladies. "Bad Girls" will begin officially at 9:30 a.m. with

Presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a mandatory safety briefing. The shooting starts at 10 a.m. John Steele will be Match Director and Rowdy Lane will handle scoring. Stages are designed by John Steele with scenarios written by Sgt. Shuster based on the film.

The first stage takes place in the saloon, where Cody Zamora, leader of the bad girls, shoots the abu-

sive Colonel in self-defense. The Colonel fires first but the shoot-out begins with her warning, "You touch her again you're a dead man." On the run in the second stage, the girls are in the wrong place at the wrong time in the bank at Agua Dulce, Texas and end up in the middle of a bank robbery. Cody says "I'd like to close out my account," and the shooting starts.

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RECAP

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last Thursday at Horton Field.

Hondo

The Eagles have been one of the premier 6-Man squads in the state.

This season there are no seniors on the team and that factor was utilized by Roy at Hondo as the Steers downed the hometown boys 51-6 on Sept. 10.

Eagles head coach Brandon Devine knows the score in more ways than one.

"We're young and hope to get seasoned in short order," he explained.

The Eagles may be getting there as they squeezed by at House Friday, 44-36.

"We had a long bus ride to House and got there five minutes before game time," Devine recounted. "We didn't expect them to come out with the ferocity they did. We were flat and they set us back on our heels."

The Eagles found themselves behind by two touchdowns in the first quarter.

"We had to pick it up and we did," Devine said. We moved personnel around on defense."

It was a dogfight but Hondo took the lead into the locker rooms at half-time, 22-18.

In the fourth quarter the Eagles were up by two TDs but let the Cowboys come back.

"We missed at least 16 tackles and numerous blocks," Devine said. "Fortunately, we held on and won this district contest."

The 2-1, 1-0, Eagles will face the No. 1 team in the state at Chavez Field Friday at 6 p.m. - 4-0 Clovis Christian.

"We're going to focus on defense this week in practice until we get solid on it," Devine revealed. "We need to get better quickly on that side of the ball. It will be a huge part of this game."

Carrizozo

The Grizzlies opened the

season with a loss at Roswell JV.

The next week they entered the Foxes den at Fort Sumner which is never a treat. They came out of there, not only with a 20-6 loss, but they were beat-up and banged-up.

The next week they had an open date ... which is just what the doctor ordered.

Last Saturday they entertained the Ruidoso JV and came away with a 52-20 win. More power to the JV team for going to Zozoland.

Saturday, the Grizzlies will host 1-0 Bataan Military Academy who won at 0-2 Magdalena last Saturday, 26-16.

Carrizozo is short on players but head coach Pat Ventura and company should do OK in front of a hometown crowd.

Mescalero

The Apache Chiefs opened their season with a gutsy 6-0 OT win at Cloudcroft. Since then they have lost three straight.



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Marshall Ventura is tackled by a Ruidoso JV defender as Mark Vigil (NO. 80) tries to help.

Saturday they took it on the chin at Zuni, 46-6. Friday they travel to Capitán, who had an open date last weekend.

The Chiefs are a hard team to figure. They showed what their poten-

tial is against Cloudcroft. If the Tigers get lackadaisical against the Chiefs, and decide to get a late start in the game, it might be all over but the crying. Both teams have good first-year coaches and

should have their squads fired up. Capitán shouldn't be looking ahead. Oct 1, they will host 0-4 (at this report) NMMI.

Seems like it's up to whoever really wants the win.

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GIRLS

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Knowing the outlaws plan to rob an Army train in stage three, the girls decide to rob the robbers.

They fight off the outlaws with some pretty fancy rifle shooting and stop the wagon with dynamite. The plunger is pushed when the girls yell, "Now!" In a final confrontation with the outlaws on the fourth stage, the girls are willing to trade the army's Gatling gun for the cash stolen from them at the bank but the pistols start blazing when the order comes, "Lily, shoot'im!" There will be a break for lunch and vittles will be available at the Old West Town of Justice.

The shooting competition is staged in a unique, characterized, Old West style. Contestants shoot in several one-to-four gun stages in which they engage steel targets. Scoring is based on accuracy and speed. The truly unique



COURTESY

Scarlett Lane, running registration but letting the gals shoot for free with the Lincoln County Regulators.

aspect of Cowboy Action Shooting is the requirement placed on authentic period or Western screen dress.

Each participant is required to adopt a shooting alias appropriate to a character or profession of the late 19th century, or a Hollywood Western star, and develop a costume accordingly.

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Regulators are the Cowboy Action Shooting arm of the Ruidoso Gun Club and are affiliated with the Single Action Shooting Society.

They dress Western, shoot western and never use their real names. For information about "Bad Girls," the Annual Ladies' Cowboy Action Shooting Match when the ladies shoot for free, click on www.LincolnCountyRegulators.com

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FELLA

Fella is a happy-go-lucky dog, about 1-2 years old. He gets along well with other dogs and loves going for walks with his buddies. Fella weighs about 15 pounds.

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BENTLEY

Bentley is a large, good looking pit bull mix. He is extremely outgoing and friendly with people. Bentley weighs about 65 pounds.

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Freckles is a unique looking Gatahoula mix and is about 3 years old. Freckles is housebroken, good with cats and good with some other dogs. He knows how to sit, shake, lie down, speak and also walks excellent on a leash. Freckles weighs about 70 pounds.

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ATHENA

Athena is a beautiful silver/grey tabby with very short hair. She is very friendly and laid back. Athena is about 2 years old, spayed, current on her vaccinations and ready to find a permanent home.

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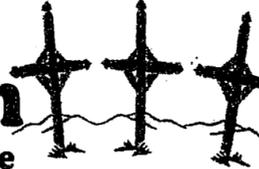
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Capitan council addresses county ultimatum

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Resolving the addressing and 9-1-1 compliance requirements in the Village of Capitan were front and center at last week's Capitan council meeting with two county commissioners present to help work out a plan.

County Commissioners Eileen Sedillo and Dave Parks attended the meeting to hear Capitan's report of what is being done to comply with the county's addressing requirements.

In a county commission meeting earlier in the month, County Manager Tom Stewart said that if Capitan did not resolve its street addressing issues, he would recommend that the village find a way to handle its own dispatch system and assume liability for any problems experienced by emergency responders.

The county's central dispatching through the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office currently serves Capitan along with other communities and the unincorporated area of Lincoln County.

Capitan police officer Kevin Kennedy addressed the council, commissioners and guests. "I do about three jobs and about every other officer in this village

does about three jobs, so it's going to take a little time to get it done, but the ultimate goal is to get a number on every house. And we will achieve that goal. They still don't have that in the county."

Parks said he agreed that Capitan was ahead of the county as far as providing numbers for houses.

Kennedy said that Mayor Sam Hammons had said earlier in the day that employees from all the village departments would help in erecting the new address markers for residents.

Kennedy, who also serves as the village's code enforcement enforcer, EMT and volunteer with the Capitan Fire Department, said there are some problems with addressing on the east side of the village with the odd and even numbers on the wrong side of the street.

"The plan is to begin notifying residents in those areas that they will have to have an address change," he said. "This has been backwards since the '70s, when they were put in. It does get pretty confusing when you are going down the road. We still have a problem out in the subdivision where there are no numbers. It is a life-saving problem."

Parks told the council it would be a long time before the county gets a number on every house.

Kennedy acknowledged that the difference between the village and county is that the village has enforcement capabilities and the county does not. Capitan ordinances allow for a fine for failure to comply.

Capitan Chief of Police Randy Spear said he took "exception" to a recent article published in the newspaper from the county commission meeting where Tom Stewart thought "Capitan was sitting back not doing anything."

"As a resident of Capitan and knowing better, Kevin has been working on it. I'm his supervisor, I know what he's been doing," said Spear.

"Before people start opening their mouths, I wish they'd come and ask questions. They don't have a clue when they listen to one person."

Parks said that was probably his fault because at the time, Stewart didn't know that he'd been talking to Mayor Hammons.

Trustee Dianne Riska said she thought it would be nice if there were some sort of retraction. "That hurt Capitan," she said. "But I guess it was our



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Capitan police officer and code enforcer Kevin Kennedy, left, explains to county commissioners Dave Parks and Eileen Sedillo, above, what efforts the Village of Capitan is making to get their streets and residences named and numbered.

responsibility to see that that was on the agenda, that was going to come up."

Parks said that he and Commissioner Sedillo told the other commissioners that it was not all that bad, and asked to let them address with Capitan.

"I would just like to say as a commission board, the five commissioners, that we do understand and what went on was not right. I disagreed with it and we told Tom Stewart to re-write the letter," said Sedillo.

"We should have had

him write it the third time. As far as the press, that was just their report on what was being said at the meeting, and so that's what they printed. But that's not what the commissioners thought."

Mayor Hammons said Capitan has been working on road name changes since he took office the first time.

Kennedy said that information will be passed on to residents in water bills during October and November and said it was very important for residents to notify

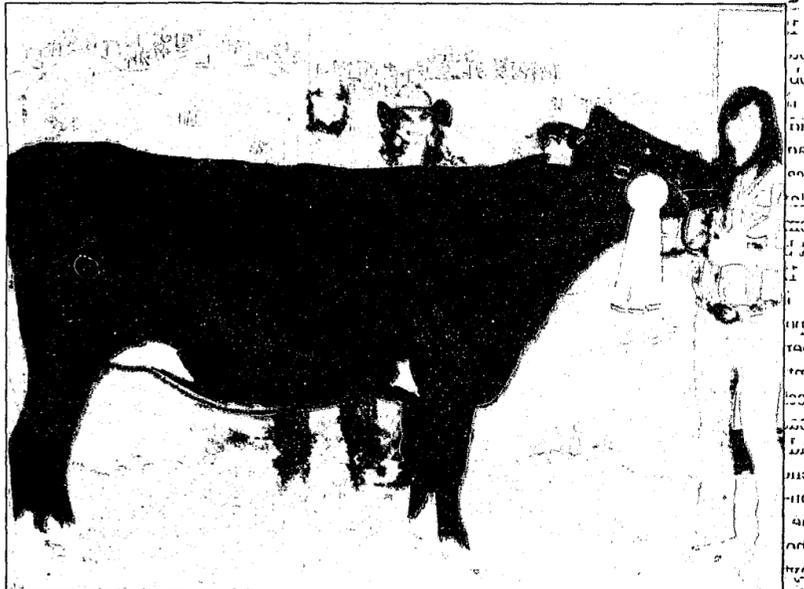
their phone service providers of the new addresses. The dispatch center gets addressing information from the phone companies.

Residents of Capitan will not be required to install the new address markers. Village employees will do the work and the residents will be billed for the signage through their water bills.

Kennedy anticipated that the placement of the signage will begin by December or possibly sooner.



James Chavez, Honda FFA, above left, showed the Grand Champion Dairy Heifer at the 2010 Lincoln County Fair. Georgia Lynn Eldridge, Capitan 4-H, show the Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Heifer.



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COUNTY FAIR DAIRY CATTLE SHOW RESULTS

Spring Heifer calf born Jan. 1, 2010 or later: 1. Madison Blanton 2. Alyssa Gomez;

Winter Heifer Calf born Nov. 1, 2009-Dec. 31, 2009: 1. Sarah Ferguson 2. Robbie Robinson 3. Wade Sultemeier 4. Mason

Huston 5. Suzanne Blanton 6. Sheldon McKibben;

Fall heifer calf born Sept. 1, 2009 to Oct. 31, 2009: 1. Gracie Hooten 2. Suzanne Blanton;
Summer Yearling born July 1, 200 to Aug.

31, 2009: 1. Wade Sultemeier 2. Sheldon McKibben 3. Kaleb Cleckler;

Spring Yearling born May 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009: 1. Harley Bonnell 2. Georgia Lynn Eldridge;

Winter Yearling born Jan. 1, 2009 to April 30, 2009: 1. Wade Sultemeier;

Fall Yearling born Sept. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2008: 1. James Chavez 2. Georgia Lynn Eldridge 3. Dustee Rae Eldridge;

Grand Champion Dairy Heifer: James Chavez
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Novice: Madison Blanton;
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The Carrizozo Flea Market will have one final market before closing for the winter. On Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Central Station/Sign Studio, across from Roy's Ice Cream Parlor, the last market of the season will be held from 8 am. until 2 p.m.
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Four of five in jail for shooting Alcohol sidelines former teacher

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Four of the five people wanted in connection with a Labor Day shooting in Ruidoso have been arrested.

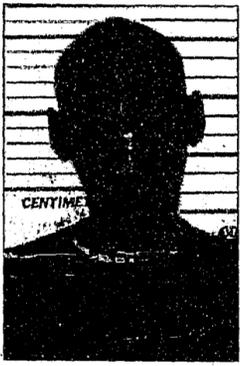
Tomas Guilez, 19, of Ruidoso Downs turned himself into Ruidoso police last Thursday.

He had been charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated battery and conspiracy to commit a crime of shooting at or from a motor vehicle.

Police had been called to the 100 block of Robin Road about 10:20 p.m. on Sept. 6 after calls about shots being heard.

Three people were wounded in an apparent exchange of gunfire. Two of the injured showed up at the Lincoln County Medical Center shortly after the shooting with leg wounds.

Another wounded person, shot in the chest, was later found on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.



Ruidoso police are still looking for Anthony Arauz in connection with a Labor Day shooting near Two Rivers Park.

Police are still looking for Anthony Arauz, 21, of Mescalero. He is wanted on conspiracy to commit a crime of shooting at or from a motor vehicle, conspiracy to commit aggravated battery and child abuse.

His wife, Victoria Arauz, 21, was arrested, two days after the shooting, as was William Lothridge, 20, of Tularosa. Victoria Arauz was charged with child abuse. Lothridge was charged with aggravated

battery, shooting at or from a motor vehicle and conspiracy to commit a crime. Ricci Granado, 18, of Ruidoso Downs was charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated battery and conspiracy to commit a crime of shooting at or from a motor vehicle.

Granado is being held in jail on a \$10,000 bond. Bond for Lothridge was set by Magistrate Judge Lorena LaMay at \$25,000. Guilez was being held on a \$40,000 bond. Arauz's bond was set at \$5,000.

Ruidoso detective Doug Babcock said there are possibly two more people that police would like to talk to. And a Ruidoso-Lincoln County Crimestoppers reward will be offered for any information that leads to the arrest of Anthony Arauz, said Babcock.

Police found one of the bullets from the exchange of gunfire had gone through a window and out a rear wall of a home on Robin Road.

"Thank God no one was home," said Babcock.

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A student teacher, arrested on April 19 after being told to leave the Ruidoso Middle School about 9 a.m. because he smelled of alcohol, has been convicted of driving under the influence of liquor.

Daniel Deal Draughon, 43, was arrested after getting behind the wheel of his vehicle. Ruidoso police had been called to the school.

An officer had told Draughon not to drive and instead call for a cab. Police watched the man walk to his vehicle in the school's parking lot and was asked by an officer if he had called a cab. Draughon reportedly said he had called for a taxi.

Police later observed Draughon leave the parking lot driving his vehicle and he was stopped on Hull

Road near Ovella Estes Way.

Questioned about how much he had to drink, Draughon reportedly replied he had consumed two glasses of vodka.

After being taken to the police station for booking, Draughon's blood alcohol level had a concentration of .24, three times the state's legal limit.

Draughon was charged with aggravated DWI, second offense.

He had been a student-teacher as part of a practicum phase of his teaching instruction.

A practicum is designed to provide college students supervised work experience before receiving a degree.

Ruidoso Middle School Principal George Heaton had said at the time that Draughon was not an employee and would not

continue his practicum at the school.

After pleading no contest to a reduced charge of driving under the influence of alcohol first offense, Draughon was placed on supervised probation for 364 days, which could be changed to unsupervised if the probation officer makes the recommendation.

He was also ordered not to consume or possess alcohol, to attend DWI school, to perform 24 hours of community service by Oct. 15, and to install an ignition interlock for one-year.

In addition to \$721 in fines and court-required fees, Draughon must pay \$35 per month for probation costs.

Draughon had been scheduled to graduate in May with a bachelor in special education in elementary education.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Sept. 6

12:04 a.m. - Officers were sent to a residence in the 300 block of Mechem Drive for a domestic incident in progress. A woman left the Inn of the Mountain Gods after an argument with her boyfriend. He walked back to the Mechem Drive address. There was no arrest as police were unable to determine who was the aggressor.

Sept. 7

12:52 a.m. - A report of trouble in the 100 block of Nob Hill Drive sent officers to the location. A woman said her ex-boyfriend was mad with another woman because of the two women's relationship. The other woman said she had been hit by the man.

12:05 p.m. - A man went to the police station to report household items had been removed from his rental property in the 200 block of Paradise Canyon Road. A man and a woman had been renting the residence but were evicted for non-payment. Police found one of the former renters who said he did not steal anything. The value of the missing household items was \$640. The case was forwarded to the department's Criminal Investigation Division.

Sept. 8

1:06 p.m. - A woman reported to police that she had received a disturbing voice mail on her cell phone. A man's voice, which sounded sexually aroused, repeatedly said "Denise," and mentioned Denise was 12 years old. She said her aunt's cell phone also had the same voice asking for Denise. The department's school liaison officer will check for 12 years olds named Denise.

2:48 p.m. - Police are looking for a Capitan man, who was accused of striking a woman. Officers were called to a home in the 100 block of Mustang Drive for a domestic incident. The woman said Ferny Patterson, 37, attacked her and broke her cell phone when she tried to call 9-1-1. A police report said an officer did not see any wounds on the woman. Asked permission to look in the woman's purse, Sue A. Nielson, 41, of Ruidoso, said the officer would find a pipe inside. She was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. An assistant district attorney approved charges of battery and interference with communications against Patterson.

4:19 p.m. - A custody dispute in the 100 block of Skylane Road involved a father, who has court custody of his two children. The man said he saw his ex-wife with their three-year old son, in violation of a supervised visitation requirement. The woman said she had picked up the boy at Head Start after the school called to report he was sick and the school was unable to contact the father. A police report will be forwarded to district court.

Sept. 9

6:49 p.m. - Officers responded to a residence in the 1200 block of Mechem Drive for a possibly physical domestic. Two people were arguing, and looking through a window, police observed a man spit in a woman's face.

The woman said "You hit me Charlie," and the man responded, "You hit me first." The two were separated. Charles E. Martinez, Jr., 30, of Ruidoso, was cited for battery

against a household member for grabbing and spitting on the woman. Resa Adele Mercado, 28, of Ruidoso, was cited for assault against a household member for charging at the man.

Sept. 10

9:12 a.m. - A report of a domestic disturbance at a home in the 100 block of Chiracahua Lane apparently involved two sisters that were fighting. One of the sisters had left before police arrived. The remaining sister said she had been hit but did not want to press charges.

10:30 p.m. - An argument in the 100 block of Meander Drive will be reported to New Mexico's Juvenile Probation Office. When police arrived a woman said she had an argument with a man and a girl and she was pushed to the ground and slapped by the girl.

Sept. 11

6:40 p.m. - Police were sent to a residence in the 300 block of Walnut Drive on a report of a battery. A woman told police that her son had struck his sister during an argument. The 13-year old boy admitted he had hit his older sister. The case was turned over to the New Mexico Juvenile Probation Office for their review.

Sept. 13

10:37 a.m. - A Ruidoso man went to police to report stolen mail. The man said his brother had sent a \$100 money order but he never received it. He said he had been out of town over the Labor Day weekend and when he returned home his unsecured mailbox door was open. The money order had been cashed at a convenience store on an Arizona military installation.

Two structure fires squelched quickly

Firefighters were called to 590 Gavilan Canyon Road about 10:55 p.m., Monday, on a report of flames coming out of a rear window at the Ruidoso Home Care Hospice office building.

Lincoln County Emergency Services Director Travis Atwell said while the fire was limited to one office but there was heavy smoke damage throughout the building. The office contained a large number of files. "We had a quick response and knocked the fire down quickly. That kept it from destroying the entire building," said Atwell. About a dozen firefighters from the Bonito

Volunteer Fire Department, several Ruidoso firefighters, and the Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services responded to the fire.

The building was unoccupied at the time. No one was injured in the suppression effort. The New Mexico fire marshal's office was brought in Tuesday to do a follow up investigation. Atwell estimated a damage amount of at least \$20,000. The nurse-owned operation will be moved to a neighboring building that is also owned by Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice.

Loma Grande fire

A fire on Sunday caused

an estimated \$500 to a home in the Loma Grande Subdivision. The Bonito and Nogal volunteer fire departments responded to the fire about 3:30 p.m. The flames were limited to an area of the attic.

The fire spread through some insulation and pine needles that were in the attic, said Travis Atwell, the director of Lincoln County's Office of Emergency Services. A saw, used to cut a hole in the ceiling, hit metal, causing a spark.

Atwell said a fast response by firefighters limited the spread of the fire.

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

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

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

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

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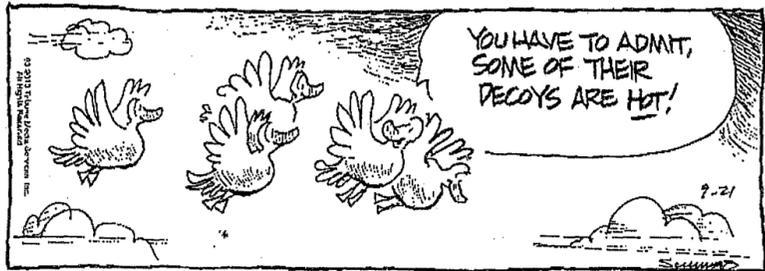
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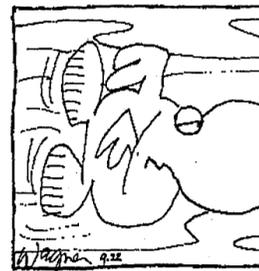
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