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Freedom Rally

Kalsang Lungtok holds a photo of the Dalai Lama as he and about 50 others rally outside the state Capitol in Santa Fe on Wednesday. The rally marked the 51st anniversary of the 1959 Tibetan uprising against China's occupation of the country.

4 Corners Monument Renovated

FARMINGTON — Big changes are coming to the Four Corners Monument as crews turn it into a more tourist-friendly place.

Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation parks manager Martin Begaye said blueprints call for a $2.4 million renovation of the monument, which is expected to include an interpretation center, indoor plumbing and other upgrades.

Construction crews demolished the old Four Corners monument Feb. 1.

They dragged the heavy granite marker off-site, and in its place is a giant dirt bowl.

Begaye said visitors will still be able to see the location where the four states meet and they can still stand on that marker.

Stairs and ramps will lead into the bowl, allowing visitors who wish to stand on the marker easy access.

Bill OK'ing Racino Tax Signed

Legislation that would allow the imposition of a new gross receipts tax in Lincoln County has been signed into law by Gov. Bill Richardson.

The County Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax bill had been unanimously approved by the New Mexico House and Senate last month. Revenues from the potential tax would finance a gaming tax credit for the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino. Under terms of the legislation, the Lincoln County Commission can vote to set an election date and a gross receipts tax rate. The question could go to voters as soon as September.

Sex Offender Program Lagging

SANTA ANA PUEBLO — Only two groups of Native American tribes and one state have implemented sex offender registration and notification systems that comply with a federal law passed nearly three years ago to coordinate and expand sex offender registration nationwide, a U.S. Justice Department official said Wednesday.

The deadline to implement registration programs that comply with the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 is this summer, but many tribes and states are expected to file for extensions, said Stephanie LoConto, a senior policy adviser with the agency's office that coordinates sex offender registration and tracking.

"It's frustrating because the law was passed with no money, really, and we have these connectivity issues with DNA and fingerprints. So we're just trying to be the little engine that could and do the best we can," LoConto said.

Sex offender registration was among the topics at a three-day national symposium focused on the protection of children in Indian communities. About 300 tribal representatives, law enforcement officers, social workers and others from across the nation are attending the symposium.