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Forest may close

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Lack of moisture, erosion potential in the White Fire zone cited

With no rain and the fire danger in Lincoln County elevated to extreme by the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, county commissioners Tuesday approved a fire danger emergency declaration that authorizes restrictions for the next 30 days.

Smokey Bear District Ranger Dave Warnack also warned that without some moisture, closure of the district in the Lincoln National Forest could be ordered. More immediately, he may close the area affected by The White Fire to ensure erosion prevention

and vegetation recovery work is not disturbed, and to protect citizens from potential dangers.

The White Fire, which burned nearly 10,500 acres from April 3-5, killed most of the vegetation on the mountain ridge above U.S. 70 from Ruidoso Downs east for eight miles, from Gavilan Ridge to Forest Road 120. Commissioners said that area would be ripe for flooding and mudslides, if a significant storm hits.

A Burned Area Emergency Response Team was formed April 5, at the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, headed by Mike Natharius, to assess the flooding potential of the fire area with the coming of the summer monsoon season. The potential hazard at each of the canyons leading out of the fire area was assessed and a model was created to predict damage from a flood. Some home-

owners are being urged to purchase flood insurance immediately, because of a 60-day delay in some approvals, County Manager Tom Stewart said.

Efforts to mediate the damage from a massive run-off are being coordinated by the U.S. Forest Service in conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. John Hartung and Rick DeJaco will be the local leads in the assistance, Stewart said.

"NRCS is looking to the county to be a 'cooperator,' with a potential 25 percent cost to match their efforts," he said. But that percentage is not a hard match of dollars, it could involve some private land owners and labor or equipment.

Warnack, who took over as Smokey Bear District ranger earlier in the year, told commissioners, "I don't really feel like the new ranger anymore," after going through The White Fire baptism.

"But I'm not facing it alone," Warnack said. "This room is full of people facing it together. That was evident on the White Fire."

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EARTH TO RUIDOSO



Eric Ferguson enthusiastically greets everyone to the Earth Day Picnic held at Granddaddy Park Sunday.

Education cuts to be felt

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Reduced education funding from the state will squeeze the Ruidoso Municipal School District. But it will not be a boomerang's clamp because of budget cuts already made, said Yvonne Perez, the district's finance director.

"We're still going to have to make some tough decisions," Perez told the district's education board on April 12. "I'll be working really hard the next two months with the budget due towards the end of May. I think we'll get there. We'll have to decide how far are we willing to go on reducing the cash balance. We've been very fortunate because we do have what I consider a healthy cash balance. And I think we'll end the year with a decent cash

balance as well because we've been making savings throughout the year."

During spring budget workshops conducted by the New Mexico Association of School Business Officials earlier this month, Perez said funding numbers for the next school year were discussed.

Per student funding will decrease by \$126 under the new state budget. The amount will be \$3,585.

"In terms of percentages, it's a 3.3 percent cut," Perez said. "If we look at what it was on July 1st of this fiscal year, it's a 5.9 percent cut because there was mid-year reduction. In July, the combined unit value was \$3,814."

Perez said off the top of her head, the cut approached

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Another option floated for repairs to Grindstone Dam

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Another option may be possible that will allow the Village of Ruidoso to maintain Grindstone Reservoir at full capacity without drilling holes in the dam wall and filling soft spots with grout.

Capital Projects Manager Randall Camp reported Tuesday that staff is examining placing a liner on the top portion of the upstream face of Grindstone Dam to stop seepage and allow the dam to be used to its full capacity. With the liner, at a cost of about \$1 million, the village would not have to bore and grout, actions that could cause cracks to move and worsen the condition of the wall, and would cost \$3 million.

He told councilors that staff is determining if work could be accomplished fast enough to use Dam Safety Bureau money for part of the project. He noted that some of the calculations about dam wall safety based on surviving an earthquake were later found to be exaggerated.

Full reservoir helps

The fuller the reservoir, the better for the dam wall, which deteriorates faster when exposed to sun, wind and rain, he said. However, he still would like the input of John Lommler, Principal Geotechnical Engineer at AMEC Earth & Environmental in Albuquerque, and a consultant on

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Altrusa show

Altrusa's Fashion Show and Tea is a popular annual event in Lincoln County. This year it took place on Saturday, April 9, and was the most successful show to date.

The annual fundraiser was held at Alto Lakes Country Club and narrated by MC Jill Van Gilder. Barbara Dickinson supervised the decoration of the tables with a lovely pink

and white motif, symbolizing Altrusa's involvement in the fight against breast cancer. Pink and white flower centerpieces from Casa Feliz and Flowers completed the setting. Susan Luterman decorated the runway with baskets of beautiful spring flowers donated by Season's Nursery.

Attendees enjoyed tea and a light lunch as Altrusa Club members and friends modeled the latest

fashions (above photo). Model coordinator Helen Woodfin worked with popular local clothing stores to show designs from Brunell's, Michelle's, The Bay Window, Chic Boutique, Rebekah's, St. Bernard's and Alto Lakes Pro Shop.

Event chairs Deb Sturtevant and Barbara Gentry were very pleased to report that the event raised over \$10,000 to support Altrusa's many community service projects.

Ticket Chair Terri Trotter was kept very busy selling and delivering tickets in the weeks before the show.

Fundraising activities included a silent auction chaired by Tanya Hargrave and Doris Wallace, featuring jewelry, art, and other exciting items. Many door prizes were assembled and distributed by a team led by Andra Solomon. Local merchants and artists were very generous in donating items for the auction and

for door prizes. Altrusa Club of Ruidoso is very grateful for all the support of this wonderful community.

All proceeds from this annual event are used to support Altrusa's many community service projects, including scholarships, literacy projects and donations to several Lincoln County charities.

Altrusa Club of Ruidoso is perhaps best known for the popular Low-Cost

Mammogram program offered each October in cooperation with Lincoln County Medical Center.

Altrusa Club of Ruidoso is part of an international service organization with clubs throughout the United States and in many foreign countries.

For more information about Altrusa, contact Membership Chair Deb Sturtevant at 336-1486 or visit www.AltrusaRuidoso.com.

Preservation board

The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, in the old Community Church in Lincoln.

Items on the agenda include a request for approval of a new exterior sign by Kathleen Katelin, a request for new house construction by Joe and Frances Fonseca and a discussion of the Rio Bonito Project by Chuck Schmidt and Howard Parman from the Roswell office of the Bureau of Land Management.

Old business that may be covered includes a deteriorating building letter update by Renee Santos, Lincoln County ordinance administrator, and monthly reports.

Sonic booms

Officials with the 49th Wing have announced the flying schedule for the week of April 18-22.

Sonic booms occur Wednesday, April 20, from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At this time no flights are scheduled for Thurs-

day, April 21; Wednesday, April 22; Friday, April 23; Saturday, April 24 or Sunday, April 25.

Schedules can change based on a variety of reasons and scheduled times do not always mean sonic booms will occur.

For additional information, visit the Holloman Web site at www.holloman.af.mil.

Alpine Village

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at 4 p.m., May 2, in the district's

building at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail.

This meeting is being held to conduct regular business for the district, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system.

The agenda also may contain discussion regarding committees to address the Conservation and a Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, and revising the Bylaws and Regulations.

Residents of the district are welcome to attend. Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to

meeting time. All regular monthly meetings are conducted at 4 p.m., the first Monday of the month.

Pearce to visit

Congressman Steve Pearce will attend a Rotary meeting in Ruidoso on Tuesday, April 26. The meeting will be held at noon at Cree Meadows Country Club, at 301 Country Club Dr.

Congressman Pearce plans to discuss the ongoing budget and federal funding negotiations in

Congress, the national debt, and jobs in New Mexico.

He also plans to address the proposed listing of the Sand Dune Lizard as an endangered species. This listing would have a devastating effect on jobs and economic growth across southeastern New Mexico.

Congressman Pearce will also answer questions from attendees. The visit is part of a two-week district work period during which Pearce is meeting with constituents and updating

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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 81° Humidity 78% 77°-52° 18% Mostly sunny Wind: SW 7-14 mph	RealFeel 78° Humidity 17% 77°-51° 17% Sunny and windy Wind: SW 12-25 mph	RealFeel 76° Humidity 15% 73°-52° 15% Breezy with bright sunshine Wind: W 15-25 mph	RealFeel 73° Humidity 17% 70°-50° 17% Times of clouds and sun Wind: WSW 15-25 mph	RealFeel 70° Humidity 21% 68°-45° 21% Partly sunny and windy Wind: SW 15-25 mph	RealFeel 71° Humidity 21% 69°-42° 21% Windy with a full day of sunshine Wind: WNW 25-35 mph	RealFeel 51° Humidity 22% 57°-37° 22% Sunny and windy Wind: WNW 20-30 mph

Regional Cities

Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/Low: 73°/50°
Normal high: 66°
Normal low: 30°
Record high: 80° (1987)
Record low: 15° (1956)
Precipitation:
Monday: 0.00"
Month to date: 0.07"
Normal month to date: 0.43"
Year to date: 0.83"
Normal year to date: 3.94"
Pollen:
Grass: Absent
Trees: Moderate
Weeds: Absent
Mold: Low
Predominant: Mulberry Tree
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/Low: 87°/53°
Normal high: 76°
Normal low: 46°
Record high: 97° (1987)
Record low: 78° (2008)
Precipitation:
Monday: 0.00"
Month to date: Trace
Normal month to date: 0.16"
Year to date: 0.46"
Normal year to date: 1.94"

Sun and Moon
Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:28 a.m./7:37 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 11:01 p.m./8:16 a.m.

Extremes
Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 103° in Laredo, TX
Low: 10° in Grand Marais, MN
Monday's World High/Low:
High: 112° in Matam, Senegal
Low: -53° in Summit Station, Greenland

Moon Phases
Last New First Full
Apr 24 May 3 May 10 May

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Most weather occurs in the troposphere, how thick is that layer?
A: Only about 10 miles.

National Forecast for April 20, 2011

National Cities

City	Today H/L	Thu H/L
Anchorage	49/37/pc	48/37
Atlanta	82/64	83/63
Austin	90/71/pc	87/70/pc
Baltimore	88/52/pc	85/40/s
Boston	50/42/r	59/37/s
Chicago	48/32/c	50/38/pc
Dallas	78/66/pc	83/71/c
Denver	59/38/pc	73/35/pc
Des Moines	52/34/pc	52/44/r
Detroit	54/29/r	53/38/s
El Paso	86/62/s	88/59/s
Las Vegas	85/62/pc	82/60/pc
Los Angeles	67/54/sh	65/53/c
Minneapolis	48/34/sf	52/38/c
New Orleans	85/71/pc	84/69/pc
New York City	69/49/r	60/42/s
Philadelphia	80/51/pc	64/42/s
Phoenix	89/66/s	80/63/s
Reno	63/44/c	59/38/r
San Francisco	61/53/c	58/48/pc
San Diego	62/56/sh	64/57/c
Seattle	57/37/pc	53/39/pc
Tucson	89/59/s	88/57/c
Tulsa, OK	67/49/pc	69/67/r
Wash., DC	82/58/pc	65/43/s
Wichita	65/42/pc	63/59/c
Yuma	89/62/s	88/59/s

Regional Cities

City	Today H/L	Thu H/L
Albany	76/49/pc	78/48/s
Albuquerque	92/56/s	15/59/s
Alto Lakes	83/35/pc	61/77/pc
Clifton	68/40/pc	79/44/s
Cloudcroft	68/39/pc	68/28/s
Farmington	76/41/pc	74/38/s
Hobbs	88/53/s	92/51/s
Los Alamos	57/38/pc	66/35/s
Portales	81/48/s	88/48/s
Raton	70/34/pc	77/34/s
Red River	56/31/pc	59/28/pc
Ruidoso	77/52/s	77/51/s
Santa Fe	74/40/pc	76/38/s
Silver City	83/49/s	80/48/s
Taos	70/32/pc	69/32/pc

Mexican Cities

City	Today H/L	Thu H/L
Acapulco	80/73/pc	81/75/s
Cancun	90/70/s	90/70/s
Chihuahua	90/54/s	93/54/s
Ciudad Juárez	86/61/s	89/59/s
Leon	81/55/s	86/54/s
México, DF	81/52/r	81/52/r
Monterrey	102/70/s	100/70/s
Morelia	90/56/s	88/57/pc
Oaxaca	93/61/r	93/59/r
Pto. Penasco	88/61/s	86/60/s
Tijuana	86/54/pc	86/52/pc

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them on his work in Washington, D.C.

For more information about the meeting, telephone 1-855-4-PEARCE, (1-855-473-2723), or visit www.pearce.house.gov.

Cemetery board

A regular meeting of the Village of Ruidoso Cemetery Board is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., today at Village Hall located at 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso.

Items on the agenda include discussion and possible action on an update on Forest Lawn Cemetery expansion, possible property for a new cemetery, a change in cremation rule and a review of the cost of opening and closing graves.

The Village of Ruidoso Public Library will be closed Saturday, April 23, and will open again Monday, April 25, with regular hours and days.

Located at 107 Kansas City Rd., the Ruidoso Public Library regular 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.

Human trafficking

Healthy World, the NM-OATH Information Center, operated by the nonprofit NM Organized Against Trafficking Humans, currently books presentations for groups and organizations interested in learning more about the local, statewide and global impact of human trafficking.

To schedule a presentation, phone Dr. Susan Travis at 575-630-0015 or email healthyworld@nm-oath.org.

Burroughs to speak

Rhonda Burroughs, Lincoln County Clerk, will be the featured speaker at the April meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County.

The meeting is Monday, April 25 at 11:30 am at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring a sack lunch. For more information: 430-7258.

Renewable energy

The 2nd Annual Renewable Energy Conference and Trade Show will be the cornerstone event of the upcoming three-day Lincoln County Renewable Energy Weekend April 21-23 in Ruidoso and across Lincoln County.

Kicking off the three-day event will be a Ruidoso Board of Realty "Green 101" continuing education course for realtors, lenders,

title company and appraisal industry personnel in Lincoln County and south-central New Mexico.

Friday, April 22, "Earth Day," is highlighted by the 2nd Annual Lincoln County Renewable Energy Convention and Trade Show at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The Conference, a valuable and resources for businesses and residents in Lincoln County, will host a trade show with workshops and speakers. The trade show, free to the public, is open to organizations that have renewable energy products for sale, jobs available in the renewable energy field and training for those needing to select or switch to a new career field.

New Mexico State Land Commissioner Ray Powell is scheduled to be a panelist Friday.

Powell will join speakers from the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, PNM, Energy Concepts Inc., and the New Mexico Energy Conservation and Management Division, addressing the impacts of emerging technology. The panel discussion will begin at 3 p.m.

Powell will talk about the development process of sustainable energy in the state and how New Mexico attracts renewable energy projects such as wind, solar, biomass and transmission to produce the optimal benefit to the state trust and local communities.

With over 60 booths and speakers, the event will address the energy needs of individual residents, the military, business professionals and land owners. Booth spaces are available for \$50. For more information call ENMU-Ruidoso Continuing Education at 575-257-3012.

A new conference activity this year will award two \$500 scholarships to one Region IX and Mescalero secondary school student, and one current ENMU-Ruidoso college student who attends, registers and spends at least half day involved in the conference.

"It's no surprise that education is the key to developing more renewable energy economic base," states Jim Miller, conference coordinator.

"This informative conference is designed to highlight those that have already begun to expand into this emerging technology and also to educate the public about probable impact high performance building will have on us all."

He continued, "Lincoln County is well-positioned for renewable energy. We've got more than six

wind energy farms in various stages of development in the northern portion of this county. Two others were announced this past week in Roosevelt and Curry Counties.

Others are in development in western Chaves County. It is imperative we aggressively support this type of development in Lincoln County in order to broaden our economic base.

It also strengthens our energy security as a nation in all forms of regionally-produced energy, resulting in economic development, job growth and wealth creation."

Saturday, April 23, features the 3rd Annual Solar Tour of Lincoln County, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The tour is self-guided, of homes, schools and businesses with PV solar systems, solar thermal systems, or solar hot water systems from Ruidoso Downs, to Capitan, onto White Oaks and Corona. Rainwater harvesting, greywater use and other sustainable features for homes and businesses are also featured.

The tour is an opportunity to talk with Lincoln County home and business owners about the process of designing, installing and paying for solar and other sustainable systems.

Maps are available at the Chambers of Commerce in Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso and Carrizozo.

For more tour information, contact Dan Ray at dayray1970@yahoo.com or Jim Miller at jamespmiller@windstream.net.

For additional information on the Lincoln County Renewable Energy Weekend, contact Coda Omness at ENMU-Ruidoso Continuing Education, 575-257-3012 or Jim Miller at 575-937-2873.

Eating Smart grant

The New Mexico Alliance for Children (NMAC) has received a \$20,000 grant from PNM Resources to support its Eating Smart Summer Food Program in New Mexico.

The funding from PNM Resources will enable the New Mexico Alliance for Children to continue valuable youth services at Eating Smart locations in

Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, and Alamogordo.

NMAC's commitment at each location is to provide weekly take-home food and an on-site garden, plus nutritional guidance and fitness lessons, art/music, and literacy activities, and healthy snacks.

Another enrichment activity that NMAC is developing this year for Eating Smart is a garden apprentice program for older students, with math, science, and financial literacy lessons.

The PNM Resources Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, has established generous contributions to non-profit organizations and educators across the state.

PNM Resources was a founding member of the New Mexico Collaboration to End Hunger and has been a major contributor over the years to programs that distribute food to children during the summer months, when food insecurity is at its highest.

"This grant will enable our organization to provide healthy snacks, a community gardening experience, and full enrichment programming for a growing number of children throughout our part of the state," said, Julia Price, executive director of NMAC.

The New Mexico Alliance for Children is an educational non-profit organization based in Ruidoso. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for children in high-needs areas of the state through effective food distribution, nutritional and health-related programs. NMAC is committed to the goal of helping all children and their families in the communities we serve reach their full potential through effective outreach programs.

Eating Smart is a food distribution/enrichment program that was implemented in Lincoln and Otero Counties in 2007. It will serve about 1,600 children in 2011.

For more information about Eating Smart or the New Mexico Alliance for Children, contact Julia Price at 575-336-1933 or visit www.nmhealthykids.org.

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OUR OPINION

More need to comply with grease trap rules

New wastewater treatment plant needs TLC

About two-thirds of area businesses that operate kitchens are in compliance with rules that require the installation of grease traps.

The traps and their proper maintenance are essential in order to prevent oil, grease and fats from entering the lines to the new \$36 million Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant east of Ruidoso Downs that will be coming online shortly.

Until now, the Village of Ruidoso has used incentives and encouragement to bring everyone into compliance. The resulting two-thirds rate, says Village Engineer Bob Decker, is "ridiculous."

At some point, the village might have to act tough and levy threats, such as a water

shut-off, to "convince" scoff-laws it means business. That's an expensive treatment plant out there, and it needs to be taken care of.

Ruidoso restaurants are not the only factor here. We're also talking about portions of the Mescalero reservation, Ruidoso Downs and a couple of casinos. They must all come into compliance.

Absent that, another option, suggests Decker, is the introduction of chemicals to the wastewater stream to dissolve the grease. That sounds awfully complicated and expensive.

So for those who are yet in compliance on grease traps, we urge you to get with the program. The village will talk softly for only so long; then it will carry a big stick.

YOUR OPINION

Thanks, fire fighters

To the editor:

I WOULD LIKE to take this opportunity to commend our local fire fighters for the quick response to the fire on Camelot Mountain on Tuesday, April 12. I was amazed at how quickly they arrived and got the fire under control.

Our firefighters need to be recognized and rewarded for the dedication they have to making our world safer for all of us.

I cannot stress enough the importance of being prepared ahead of time, because if you are told to get out immediately, that is what you do!

If you are fortunate enough to "dodge the bullet," as we did, you understand how it could change your life in minutes!

While the fire on Camelot Mountain was small by comparison to the devastating White Fire, it was still very terrifying and potentially as devastating to those of us who live there.

With the high fire threat this season, no area of the community is immune.

Victoria Mauldin
Ruidoso

To the editor:

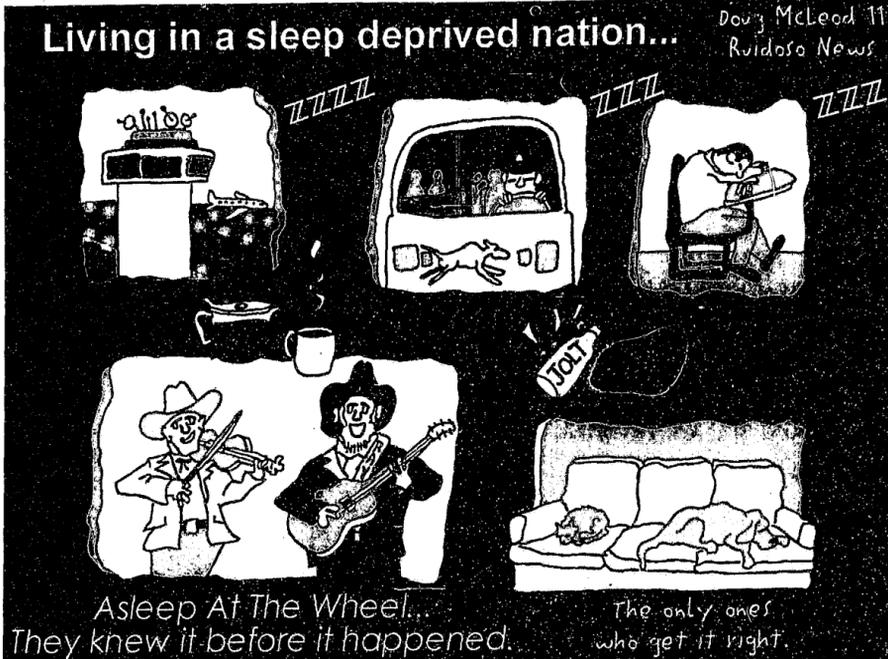
TO EVERYONE WHO saved our community from the big fire on the Sunday afternoon of April 3, we saw a lot of smoke coming from the west side of the Hondo Valley. We were scared!

Some of us were in Ruidoso at the time and had to go the long way home. Some of us saw the fire when we came out of Walmart! It was so big!

Some of us had to leave our homes and were very thankful to see our houses still standing when they allowed us to return. If it had not been for you, many more people in Ruidoso Downs and the surrounding area could have lost their homes.

We appreciate all the hard work you do. You risked your lives to save ours, our homes, our livestock and our beautiful valley and forest! You are so brave, strong and helpful. We hope you continue to serve our community because no one can do it better than you! We will continue to pray for you.

Our Best Thanks,
The Students From Hondo Elementary



GUEST OPINION

The governor's report card from A to F

Gov. Susana Martinez entered a room packed with Navajo leaders from New Mexico, her first such meeting. As each person spoke about needs, the governor took notes. She listened, she was gracious, and her visitors left feeling they were heard.

I give the new governor an A for finessing the meeting alone, with no underling to take notes. Imagine her male predecessors doing that!

Martinez has gotten through her first 100 days with a few wins, a few losses and a few questionable decisions. Her report card would include most of the letters, plus "needs improvement."

Let's begin with the A's. While Martinez wasn't a commanding presence during her first legislative session, her message certainly was. No New Taxes resonated through the session, and even though it meant brutal decision making, the mandate stuck. Good thing. As employers struggle to emerge from the recession, a heavier tax burden would only delay our recovery.

It's also fine that she didn't hand legislators a long to-do list, as Gov. Bill Richardson always did. The budget alone devoured weeks, and there was plenty more to think about.

Martinez gets a B for her appointees, who are mostly competent professionals. Despite the fuss over Hanna Skandera's credentials, we should give the education nominee a chance. The

one dud was Harrison Schmitt, although a second dud is shaping up. Regulatory and Licensing Superintendent J. Dee Dennis Jr. fired Bill Verant, the state's respected chief banking regulator for 16 years. We now have no experienced financial regulators and nobody standing between community banks and federal regulators, who can be capricious.

In getting her initiatives passed, Martinez should get a D, but it's her first session, so we're grading on a curve, and we'll give her a C.

Katie's Law and letter grades for schools passed. The governor gets credit for compromising on film incentives - going from a percentage reduction to a cap the industry can probably live with. The locomotive fuel tax exemption she claims would have passed with or without Martinez's support.

Driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants. She needs to learn some vocabulary words: "negotiate" and "persuade." Instead, she resorted to the despised robo call and amateurish filming of floor speeches that appeared on the governor's Web site. Rookie move. In an already tense session, it added a layer of acrimony.

Martinez walked away from government restructuring, another campaign promise. She didn't support proposals drafted by a legislative interim committee, some of her appointees said

they wanted time to study them, but then blamed lawmakers for the failure.

She gets another C on her vetoes. She wasn't reckless and haphazard like Gary Johnson or vindictive like Richardson. At times we could see the legal mind in her vetoes. But any bill with a whiff of taxes or fees drew a veto, even if it simply corrected language in existing law. Because she doesn't understand public finance, she'll be surprised at the unintended consequences.

In speech and rhetoric, Martinez gets an F. Out of ignorance or political spin (or campaign fodder), she says film incentives "subsidize Hollywood." If true, then Martinez's prized tax exemption for Union Pacific subsidizes railroads.

Same with "unemployment taxes." Unemployment is insurance; employers pay premiums into a fund that's skidding toward insolvency. You will never hear the business community say to government, "Please take our money," but two major business groups supported an increase in unemployment premiums to stave off a bigger increase later on.

So we have the spectacle of a Republican thumbing her nose at business constituents - people who create jobs. Her Achilles heel will be her inexperience in all things economic.

If you think these grades are subjective and unfair, you might understand why educators feel the same way about grades for schools.

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SHERRY ROBINSON
ALL SHE WROTE

THE STREETER, BY ERIC BEARER

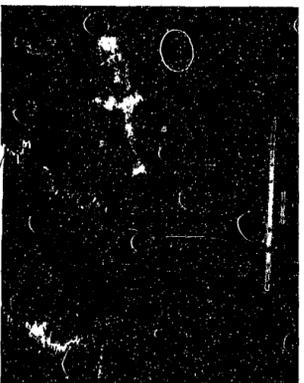
Q: Are you ready to offer discounts to the military families that are coming the weekend of April 29?



Dean Fowler
Quarters Nightclub & Bar
"We're offering a military discount of 25 percent, a safe and fun environment, and our thanks for everything they did to defend our country and freedom."



Debbie Gomez
Cornerstone Bakery
"We truly appreciate our troops and are pleased to offer a discount to them."



Jared Vity
Café Rio
"We always give 25 percent off to active & retired military."



Kathy Millar
Mitchell's Silver & Gifts
"Mitchell's has always given military discounts and will continue to do so."



Sally Wimberly
Red Raccoon
"We're participating in Military Appreciation Week and we're offering a 15 percent discount to soldiers and veterans."

Water line break gives RMS the afternoon off

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A water line break Monday provided Ruidoso Middle School students with an afternoon off.

The leak, next to the intersection of Hull Road and Warrior Drive, was detected shortly after 8 a.m.

"The valve head blew off from a cutoff valve," Ruidoso Public Works Director Randall Camp said. "More than likely it was stressed by the cold, the freeze."

In early February, temperatures that remained below zero for 40 hours, with a low of negative 27 degrees on Feb. 3, put the area in the deep freeze. The arctic cold caused pipes to burst, mostly in buildings. But the village's water system also realized impacts.

"We're still dealing with aftermaths of the freeze," Camp said. Everything has been stressed. Continually up and down the lines we have pressure surges, and things had been weakened, and weak links are letting go. We've got crews going all over."

Camp said the break did not create a geyser, but rather water that surfaced and puddled up. An estimated 50,000 to 75,000 gallons were lost.

Impacted were much of Warrior Drive, Hull Road from White Mountain Drive to Paradise Canyon Road, Country Club Estates, Ruidoso Village Hall, and surrounding areas. Because of the leak, the water supply to Ruidoso Middle School was shut off.

Principal George Heaton said the school was notified by the village about 10 a.m. that the water would be turned off.

"We contacted them on how long it would be, if it was going to be an hour or longer, and they could not give us a timeframe," Heaton said. "They thought it could be all day."

The decision was made

to send students home.

"I can't run the school without toilets and water fountains. We already had lunch made and we got an OK from the health department to go ahead and serve it without water because technically we cannot without an OK. We called for the buses and had kids on the buses by 12 o'clock to go home."

Efforts began to inform parents of students that their children would be released early.

"I have an email list of probably 75 percent of my parents and they know I email when things are happening," Heaton said. "So I sent an email out to my parents at 11:05 saying that we are going to be shutting school down and that if you want to pick up a child pick them up within the next 40 minutes or they would be sent on the bus."

With two instruction days to make up on Good Friday and Easter Monday because of an extra snow day this past winter and a day off because of the White Fire, Heaton said he did not think students would now have to make up a half-day of instruction.

"We went until noon," the principal said of Monday. "But they do count hours also. But I believe we have some hours to give. But I don't know that positively."

Camp said the break was repaired and water to the school restored about 7 p.m. Another four leaks, considered much smaller, are receiving attention.

"We're geared up for Cree Meadows and Mecham," Camp said. "The problem is it's in the road, a slow leak, but a leak nonetheless so we're going after it."

The sub-pavement repair was expected to result in at least one lane closure.

"Depending on what they find. When you start digging you never know what you're going to find."

Commissioners test Reverse 9-1-1 system

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They weren't being rude Tuesday.

Lincoln County commissioners answered their cell phones at 9 a.m., during their regular meeting as part of a Reverse 9-1-1 test of the county's new Code-RED system.

The call went out to 25,428 homes throughout the county using the Code-RED Emergency Notification System to evaluate the local telephone infrastructure to match its capacity with the number of lines called per minute.

The message also directed residents to the Community Notification Enrollment web page on the county's web site to list additional contact telephone numbers, cell phones, e-mail and text addresses.

"Residents are urged to

precisely locate their home or place of business on the associated map and to provide a valid rural address," said County Manager Tom Stewart. "Since we put the site up last month, we've had 440 sign up."

He explained that the system will try to contact each number up to three times. Once a call is answered, that number drops out.

Next week, another process called Validata will be performed, a test to call all of the telephone numbers that were non-connects each time they were called, and a slow dialer will try again during the course of three days to verify non-working numbers, Stewart said.

By removing nonvalid numbers, "We will increase our connecting percentages on future calls and thus, increase efficiency," he



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

County Commissioner Mark Doth receives his 9-1-1 call Tuesday.

said.

On cue, cell phones began ringing.

"Everything is being called, land lines and cell," the manager said. Some confusion arose tied to the change in the 505 local prefix to 575 in October 2007. Stewart said he told the company to trust the county-approved numbers.

During the White Fire April 3 that burned 10,356 acres, five homes and several out-buildings, and cost

\$2,300,073 to suppress, calls went out to 1,100 residents shortly after the outbreak. Feedback generally was positive, Stewart said.

County staff identified 168 phone numbers based in the potential flood and mudslide area that could result from thundershowers, because the fire denuded mountain tops of vegetation. Stewart said the numbers were segregated to speed the Reverse 9-1-1 notification.

Ruidoso chosen as site for military summit

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Ruidoso beat out several cities for a scheduled military summit to develop a five year plan for Fort Bliss Army base in El Paso.

But budget cuts resulted in the entire conference being shelved, a base representative said during a recent meeting of the Military Appreciation Weekend Committee.

Several generals were scheduled to attend and Ruidoso was chosen because of the hospitality extended through MAW, he said.

"The only things not cut were in direct support of the soldiers and military salaries," the official said, adding, "I've stopped military flyovers." The base experienced a partial closing for one day on the civilian side, as Congress debated a possible budget extension or government shutdown, he said.

Millie Woods, founder and president of MAW, had

planned to announce the village's selection at the meeting.

"Just yesterday I was looking for a Greyhound for a couple of hundred military wives for the first weekend in May," she said.

Despite the tighter military budget, the MAW event set for the last weekend in April promises to be something special with a Covenant Signing, establishing the relationship between the military and the civilian community in Ruidoso.

"The Army came to me first," she said. "There will

be at least 22 signers, five of them mayors, and the base commander and senators. A 30-foot long signing table will be set up at Ruidoso Middle School (the night of the banquet) and each entity will take one of the covenants back with them to be displayed."

An honor guard will herald important guests to the evening banquet, including two survivors from the Bataan Death March and the first American to escape from a Vietnam prisoner of war camp. A table for those missing in action will be commemorat-

ed and Silver Taps will be played. The catered dinner is \$12 per person.

Plenty of military vehicles and equipment such as mine detectors and a buffalo, an armored vehicle that protects soldiers from improvised explosive devices, will be on display during the daytime activities of the April 29-30 event. Paintball battles, a virtual convoy trainer and game simulators should entertain all comers. Rappelling will be offered off a short tower for the more physically adventurous.

MESCALERO APACHE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Mescalero Apache Housing Authority ("MAHA"), a Tribally Designated Housing Entity is requesting proposals for qualified Information Technology (IT) services.

The work to be performed under the proposal is on a project subject to section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e(b)) and section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (1) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (2) preferences in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. All firms submitting proposals and claiming Indian Preference must include documentation satisfactory to show that they are Indian-owned. Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible opportunities for training and employment be given to lower income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns that are located in, or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the areas of the project. All subcontracts executed between the proposer and its subcontractors, if any, also are subject to these provisions and language requiring such compliance will be included in all subcontracts.

In addition to the §§ 7(b) and 3 compliance requirements, the successful proposer must comply and ensure subcontractor compliance with the terms of the Copeland Act Requirements (29 C.F.R. Part 3) ; 24 C.P.R. part 85 Certifications, including but not limited to mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency contained in the state energy conservation plan Issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub.L. 94-163), and HUD requirements related to reporting, patent rights, and/or copyrights and other rights to data; HUD procurement regulations; MAHA Procurement Policy; and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Interested entities may request full RFP from Althea Palmer. Inquiries related to submittal of proposals may also be addressed to Althea Palmer, MAHA Chief Finance Officer at (575) 464-9263. Proposers shall submit an original and four (4) copies of the proposal in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Information Technology Services Proposal". All proposals shall be submitted to Mescalero Apache Housing Authority, Attention Alvin Benally, 101 Central Ave., Mescalero, New Mexico, 88340, and received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 13, 2011. Proposals not received by that time and date shall be rejected. MAHA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any and all deficiencies.

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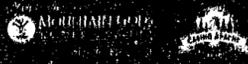


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EDUCATION

School literacy overhaul approved

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The continued struggle to achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and the need to prepare for the end of social promotion from the third to fourth grade, have the Ruidoso Municipal School District re-structuring kindergarten through second grades with a goal of producing fluent readers.

AYP, part of the nearly nine-year-old federal No Child Left Behind Act, requires students to become more proficient. A new state law will require retaining third grade students who are unable to read at a proficient level.

The school board last week adopted a K-5 literacy proposal to revamp reading instruction in the early grades.

The two-pronged program will provide a balanced literacy initiative from kindergarten through second grade with literacy focused teachers supported with reading coaches and training.

A literacy focus continuum in grades 3-5 will include guided reading and matching texts to readers.

"Right now we don't have more money to do something creative," said Lois Whitmire, the district's instructional facilitator and reading specialist. "We've got to be creative with what we have. As we look at our reading scores across the board we need to do something different."

For school years 2005, 2006 and 2007, about 50 percent of third graders were reading proficient.

The percentage had increased the next three years, but failed to reach a goal of 80 percent or better.

Whitmire agreed with education board member Curt Temple, that a 50 percent third grade reading proficiency was dismal.

"We don't need the state to come in and say 'You guys need to do something.' We want to do it."

Whitmire said the district will look for teachers who are dedicated to the initiative.

"Matching people to the right positions will be critical in making this a successful initiative with rapid impact to student learning and performance outcome. We want teacher commitment in this initiative."

The commitment was

called "intense," and for a minimum of two years.

K-5 teachers who want to be considered are to have letters of interest turned in by April 21 with selections made next week. Initial training would begin next month.

"K-through-two teachers are going to have intense training in the following components," Whitmire said. "Phonics. That has always been embedded in our reading program but teachers haven't had a real good dose of 'how is this done.' So that's one of the things we're going to chase after."

"And the writing is so left out of the Reading First initiative. And writing and reading are so connected. Independent reading. And the one that's actually left out the most is guided reading. A lot of our students spend their whole day in shared reading experiences. If the reading is too hard, they don't get much practice. So it's forcing us to learn about guided reading."

Other areas of focus will be shared reading, read-aloud, independent writing. In addition to teachers, instructional assistants

will be training extensively in literacy.

A continuation of the literacy effort will focus on grades three through five.

"More guided reading training needs to occur there," Whitmire said.

Whitmire said she truly believes the program can make a difference in two years.

School board member Rhonda Vincent said she has a lot of faith in Whitmire.

"And I think she is right," Vincent said. "We can improve the percentage. We can improve those numbers. And we need to be proactive instead of reactive. We need to have this in place and already be doing this."

Temple said he agreed.

"When you look at the numbers, I think this program is going to be a step in the right direction to help these kids when they go onto the higher levels of school," Temple said.

"And I think it will keep them in school. If they're a better reader they're going to be more excited to be in school and they'll be less likely to drop out when they get to the high school level."

OUTDOOR ED



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Kevin Magana, 8, holds a corn snake provided by Angus Outdoor Education Saturday morning during the Community Celebration of Young Children at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center. Kids were able to participate in numerous activities during the annual celebration.

No school audits in Lincoln County

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Nearly two out of every five public school districts in New Mexico were targeted for audits by the New Mexico Public Education Department after districts turned in figures that will be used to determine funding for the 2011-2012 school year.

No school districts in Lincoln County were included among the 34 districts that received letters late last week explaining the next steps in the audit process.

In an April 12 memorandum to public school superintendents, education board presidents and district business managers, New Mexico Education Secretary-designate Hanna Skandera said there was a 116 percent increase in student funding units reported by districts statewide.

Much of that involved a big jump in the reported number of special education students.

Special education receives a higher level of funding.

The Public Education Department called the increases "unusual spikes."

Skandera said there might have been some intentional fudging of the numbers.

"I know there are not 34 districts 'gaming the system' in New Mexico," Skandera said after the audit letters went out. "This audit is designed to clear those who turn in honest data and put the spotlight on those who don't."

"And above all, this audit signals a new era of transparency and accountability in New Mexico schools."

The initial findings in the reviews have found almost \$18 million in funding claims from the 34 districts that the department will further scrutinize.

Two school districts in Otero County, Alamogordo and Tularosa, received letters stating they were being audited.

The Roswell Independent School District was also among the 34 targeted districts.

The state's largest district, Albuquerque, was included on the list.

The second largest, Las Cruces, raised more "red flags" than any other district, said Skandera.

One Book, One Community at RMS

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Ruidoso Middle School students and teachers, as well as interested community members, are reading the book *Touching Spirit Bear* as part of the school's One Book One Community event.

The program, used by various types of organizations across the world, encourages all to read the same book and then discuss issues raised in the book.

"*Touching Spirit Bear* is the story of Cole Matthews, an angry young man who has made a habit of stealing and fighting," said Mike Sinkovitz, the school's li-

brarian. "His penchant for fighting leads to tragedy when he smashes another boy's head against the sidewalk and leaves him with brain damage. To pay for his crime, Cole is offered jail or an opportunity to mend his ways through Circle Justice - a system founded on Native American traditions that try to provide healing for the offender.

Cole chooses the latter and is sent to an isolated Alaskan island to repent and be healed. While on the island, he is attacked by a mysterious white bear of Native American legend.

He is so badly injured he approaches death. It is on this journey to near death

that he turns from his anger, stops blaming others for his situation, and begins accepting responsibility for his actions."

Sinkovitz said while a wonderful adventure story, the book will provide teachers with opportunities to develop lessons and lead classroom discussions on the importance of responsibility, tolerance, respect for others and the tragic results of violent behavior.

Students will read the book in upcoming language arts classes.

Then, on May 16, author Ben Mikaelson will visit the middle school to talk to students, staff and residents about reading, writing and issues presented in

Touching Spirit Bear and his other works.

Middle school art students will design posters for the event. A group of students and teachers will publish a brochure. The drama class will perform a scene from the book that will be presented about 9:45 a.m. on the stage in the school's commons area.

The Ruidoso Middle School Jazz Band will also perform. The author's presentations will take place at approximately 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

All are invited to attend Mikaelson's discussions and student performances.

The public can purchase copies of the book for \$5 at the middle school.

ENMU Ambassadors

Amber Tomas and Jarret Lovelace, 2008 graduates of Ruidoso High School, are serving as a President's Ambassadors

at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Tomas, a senior English secondary education major, is also active as the president of the History Guild, a VOICES member in the

College of Education, an Alpha Xi Psi member, and is active in intramurals. She is the daughter of John and Robyn Tomas

Lovelace, a senior communication major with an

emphasis in public relations, is also active in Associated Students of ENMU and the Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is the son of Jerry and Robin Lovelace.

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- Lincoln Co. Auditions April 22nd, 5PM Ruidoso Youth Warehouse
- Otero Co. Auditions April 23rd, Noon to 5PM Boys & Girls Club of Alamogordo
- Semi-Finals April 29th, 7PM Elks Club of Alamogordo
- Grand Finale May 13th, 7PM Willie Estrada Civic Center

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TEEN SPOTLITE

Teen Spotlight features area teens that have made a difference in their community. Rinku Bhakta is the next teen in the Spotlight.

Rinku is the daughter of Satish and Bharna Bhakta and is currently in her sophomore year at Ruidoso High School. She is involved in a variety of activities at her school and in her community.

At Ruidoso High School, Bhakta's dedication to academics is evidenced by her membership on the High Honor Roll, the Principal's List, and being awarded a Ruidoso High Academic Award.

Leadership is a quality that Bhakta displays and works to further develop.

She has attended the Light the Fire Leadership Summits and worked on their projects as well as being named a National



RINKU BHAKTA

Young Leaders Conference nominee.

Bhakta has been involved with the Sierra Blanca Steppers since its inception and currently serves as captain of the group.

She is also involved with the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) group at RHS.

Bhakta is also involved in the community. She has

volunteered at the Relay for Life, the River Cleanup, the Balloon Fiesta, and the Light Parade.

Also, the Community Youth Warehouse is lucky to have Bhakta volunteer time there as a tutor.

When asked about positive influences in her life, Bhakta says all of her friends and family fit this description. Even though she is just finishing her sophomore year, Bhakta already has plans for the future. These plans include going to college and then pursuing a career in the medical field. Possibilities include a pediatrician, physician assistant, or surgeon. She has time to decide before she enters this phase in her life, and for now, Lincoln County is honored to have her here.

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Energy grants

Teachers full of ideas and short on classroom funding can now apply for Energy Exploration Grants of up to \$2,000 from the PNM Fund, a division of the PNM Resources Foundation. The grants for the 2011-2012 school year

opened on April 15, and applications can be made by New Mexico teachers until October 15.

"Our Energy Exploration Grants encourage teachers to ask students a question about energy or energy-efficiency and share with us their creative ideas to address that question in

their classrooms," said Diane Harrison Ogawa, executive director of the PNM Resources Foundation. Sample questions are available at www.pnm.com/foundation/docs/energy_questions.pdf, though the fund encourages teachers to create their own, innovative questions.



'Thalia' Daffodil

Daffodils are cheery, yellow, early—but not sniff-worthy. Right? Wrong. Meet 'Thalia', one of many daffodil cultivars known for having a lovely fragrance. In addition to being perfumed, 'Thalia' runs counter to the daffodil stereotype by being not yellow but pure white. The small, bell-shaped flowers, with slightly reflexed petals, bloom March to May, depending on climate. Each short stem carries one to three gracefully nodding blossoms. This elegant beauty will slowly naturalize in the right spot, and it is usually ignored by both squirrels and deer.

Common name: 'Thalia' daffodil, triandrus daffodil
Botanical name: Narcissus 'Thalia'

Plant type: Bulb
Zones: 3 to 8
Height: 12 to 18 inches
Family: Amaryllidaceae

Growing conditions

- **Sun:** Full sun to part shade
- **Soil:** Average, well-drained
- **Moisture:** Average

Care

- **Mulch:** Mulch to retain moisture in the soil.
- **Pruning:** None needed.

- **Fertilizer:** None needed. If your soil is poor, add organic fertilizer or compost in the fall.

Propagation

- **By bulb division**

Pests and diseases

- Not vulnerable to most pests.
- If drainage is poor, bulbs may rot.

Garden notes

- Grow 'Thalia' near a path or patio, where you can enjoy its perfume.
- 'Thalia' does well in rock gardens and at the front of the border.
- You can also plant 'Thalia' under deciduous trees. It will flower in the spring, before the tree's leaves fill out. If you've got grass under your tree, just plant through it. But be prepared to hold off on the season's first mowing until the foliage dies back. That way, the leaves have a chance to gather energy for the next year's growth before they're cut down.
- Plant bulbs in the fall, 3 to 5 inches deep.
- 'Thalia' is a good cut flower and a good bulb for forcing.

- Plant 'Thalia' with grape muscari for a lovely color combination. Or combine it with other spring bulbs.

All in the family

- From about 50 species in the genus Narcissus (originally from Europe and North Africa) have come hundreds of daffodil cultivars. They're divided into 13 groups, based primarily on the shape of their blooms. 'Thalia' is a triandrus daffodil, meaning it has two to six nodding flowers on each stem.
- Other familiar garden flowers in the amaryllis family include rain lilies, belladonna lilies, spider lilies, and, of course, amaryllis (Hippeastrum hybrids).



1,500 Deodorant Sticks: When Couponers Go to

Extremes

By Jill Cataldo

CTW Features

Extreme coupon shopping is much in the news. After the first installment of the new TLC series "Extreme Couponing" aired early this month, my in box quickly filled. Here's a sample:

"I saw a television show about extreme couponing recently and everyone was saving a lot of money. But I told my husband that I would never go in someone's trash looking for coupons. Have you seen this? Is it right for one person to buy 1,000 boxes of cereal at one time?"

And from another reader:

"We watched the show "Extreme Couponing" the other day and half expected to see you on it! A lot of what they showed looked like hoarding. Who needs 1,500 deodorant sticks? We were really turned off by some of the things we saw, especially women climbing into dumpsters with a small child to look for coupons. What did you think of the show?"

Some of the shoppers profiled on the show definitely push their couponing and stockpiling skills to the limit, stocking up on several decades' worth of toilet paper and buying so many groceries in one trip that the cash register freezes. One episode showed a shopper purchasing multiple cartloads - including 62 of the store's 63 bottles of mustard - worth more than \$1,200.

Super-C Tips

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While I think that any catalyst for people to become coupon shoppers is generally a good thing, I don't think that "Extreme Couponing" does much to help people actually learn how to save big using coupons.

For many of the people profiled on the show, couponing is a full-time job. Some said they spend 30 to 40 hours a week obtaining and organizing coupons, planning out their trips and shopping. Then again, the name of the show does contain the word "extreme."

It's important to remember that much of what appears on "reality" television isn't real. A typical supermarket does not have room to stock 1,000 units of the same item. When you see extreme shoppers purchasing massive amounts of products on TV, remember this: stores ordered all that product ahead of time in order to stage these dramatic shopping trips. While there's nothing wrong with this - the store, of course, receives reimbursement for all of the coupons an extreme shopper uses - it's certainly not a typical shopping trip. It's a made-for-reality-TV moment.

What concerns me more is that the glorifica-

tion of extreme shopping techniques, some of them questionable, reflects badly on couponers. When manufacturers pay for a coupon campaign, it's certainly not their intent for a single person to use 1,100 or 2,500 of the same coupon. In fact, soon after the first "Extreme" segment appeared, one manufacturer added the terminology "Limit 4 like coupons per transaction" to its coupons.

"Extreme Couponing" also seems to be influencing some stores to change coupon rules. Since the show aired I've received lots of mail from readers who say their stores have started limiting shoppers to the use of certain number of identical coupons per transaction.

Patrons of the same stores shown in the show have written to say they are puzzled that the stores impose limits on them but not on the extreme shoppers. One woman wrote "Are they bending the rules for TV? I can't go to that store and use more than two of the same coupon in the same trip!"

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FOREST

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He complimented the numerous agencies that kicked in resources to fight the blaze, specifically mentioning Eddie Tudor of the State Forestry Division, and Stewart, who he said provided leadership and was present throughout the entire incident.

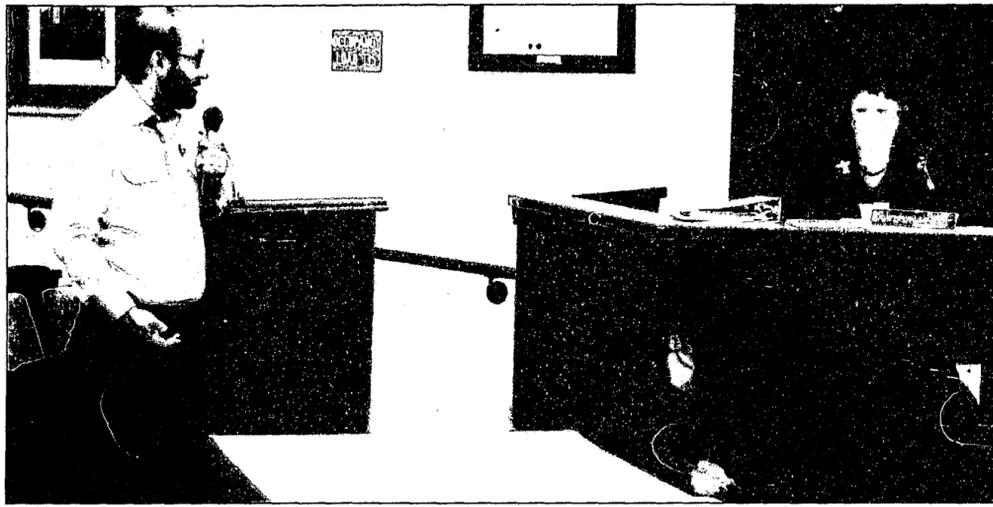
Warnack unrolled a map on a table in front of the commission dais, noting that the red markings showed the most intense area of the fire.

While forestry people worked on suppression, others took measures to lessen the impact of the first significant storm, he said. "We still have some challenges to face here with erosion. We do have time between now and the traditional start of the monsoon season. All the mitigation measures are to be finished by July 1."

Public information workshops will be scheduled to warned people of the dangers ahead, he said.

"Just like a fire, it must be a cooperative effort of several agencies and private land owners and government all working together for a common cause," Warnack said.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said, "The drainage on this could be horrible." She said the area looks like a moonscape. While the



Smokey Bear District Ranger Dave Warnack brings maps to the County Commission meeting Tuesday. Leaning over one is Commissioner Jackie Powell.

recovery team does a tremendous job, everyone needs to be aware of the danger, especially around the bottom of arroyos and canyons.

"Most of the damage was in the highest terrain where the soil doesn't hold well," she said. "This is what happens with these types of events. Every bit of drainage comes to the Rio Ruidoso somewhere."

"Usually when there is no snow, we get one big (rain) event and the soil is too dry to hold and with no vegetation, it will be worse."

Stewart said he called Gary Shubert with the District 2 office of the state Department of Transportation right after the meet-

ing of the recovery team, urging him to send someone to evaluate the potential effect on U.S. 70.

Lookout Canyon behind the Tommy White property will hit 401 Gavilan Canyon, he said. Johnson Canyon drainage will go east to the barns where horses are kept for the racing season and where many people live around the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, and also west to some stables. Salsbury and Allison Canyons also will be affected.

"We don't need citizens in the burn areas, not hiking or horseback riding," Warnack said. "I'm considering closing the whole area for public safety from the potential runoff and

because we will be doing aerial drops of seed and mulch."

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo said that was a good idea.

"After the rains and by fall, we should see a whole different scene there," Warnack said.

Commissioner Mark Doth said, "Every day we don't get a drop of moisture, I become more and more concerned. I'd like to see the Forest Service work with others to increase awareness of how dry we

are with signs letting people know restrictions are in place. I understand the day before the White Fire, an out-of-towner build a bonfire. We have a lot more people coming in soon for the racetrack."

No open burning is allowed in the national forest except in designated areas of developed campgrounds. County restrictions ban all open flames, except by permit.

Commissioner Tom Batin asked Warnack if closure of the Smokey Bear District of the national forest is anticipated.

Warnack replied possibly. The last time a closure was initiated was in 2006.

"We don't like to close, because the forest is an attraction to bring people to the county," Warnack said. "But if no rain continues, we will. It's a (vegetation moisture) index determination. It's not a decision made lightly. We look at history and the latest scientific information."

State imposes its own fire restrictions

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Every part of the region now has fire restrictions in place.

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department's Forestry Division has imposed smoking, fireworks, campfire and open-fire restrictions for the majority of the state, including Chaves, Lincoln and Otero counties.

The State Forester's restrictions apply to non-municipal, non-federal and non-tribal lands. Federal lands, the Mescalero Apache Reservation, and municipalities in the region also have fire restrictions in place, typically more stringent than the state regulations.

Under the state order, smoking is prohibited except in enclosed buildings, within vehicles equipped with ashtrays, and on paved or surfaced roads, devel-

oped recreation sites, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

Fireworks are prohibited in wildland areas, which are described as lands covered partially or totally in timber, brush, grass, grain or other flammable vegetation.

Campfires are prohibited except where cooking or heating devices use kerosene, white gas or propane as a fuel in an improved camping area that is cleared of flammable vegetation for at least 30 feet or has a water source. New Mexico State Parks are included in the prohibition.

The State Forester said abnormally warm temperatures, low humidity, high winds and the abundance of dry fine fuels brought the restrictions.

An increasing number of fires also prompted the restrictions.

Attorney questions 'open-space' desires of Agua Fria association

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The attorney representing the owner of the Country Club Tract in the Agua Fria Subdivision in Ruidoso Downs said the only issue remaining in a several-year running land use case is whether or not restrictive covenants could be extinguished by the developer.

"If they cannot be extinguished, it means that the land can still be developed, but only in the way set out by the restrictive covenants," said attorney Adam Rafkin.

"Those covenants allow a restaurant, hotel, bar, dance hall, tennis courts, etc. to be built. Thus, the land will clearly be developed as the jury rejected the 'open space' argument."

The Agua Fria Save the Open Space Association, made up of residents and property owners in Agua Fria, filed a lawsuit to prevent development on the Country Club Tract.

Townhomes had been proposed in the development called Escondido Hills.

"We had a jury trial on that issue and the jury rejected Agua Fria's claims,

specifically finding that it was not meant to remain an 'open space,'" Rafkin said.

The attorney said the only issue question remaining is whether developer James Rowe is limited to the uses spelled out in the covenants (activities associated with a hotel or club house) or whether he can put other developments on the 7.23-acre property.

The New Mexico Court of Appeals last week reversed a partial judgment in favor of the developer, telling the district court that there were "genuine issues" that remain.

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— Village manager's report —

Air travel takes off at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport

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Under the steady hand of Airport Manager Justin King last year and his staff, the airport posted more than 10,000 operations. That mark puts the municipal airport into a \$1 million discretionary fund with the Federal Aviation Administration, a big jump from its previous status in a \$150,000 discretionary fund.

King currently is working with the New Mexico State Aviation Department and the FAA to develop a

scope of work for an \$800,000 grant from the FAA this fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Work to be completed will be crack seal of the ramp area, surface sealing the entire ramp area, new striping on the taxiways and runways, new surface painted hold signs for the runways, new signs for the intersections and design for reconstruction of an area of the ramp now degrading. The grant also will cover some new proximity gear for employees and a master plan for the airport.

In some negative news

for the village, Library Director Beverly McFarland will retire May 31, Village Manager Debi Lee said Tuesday at a council meeting. "She does a fabulous job," the manager said, lamenting the loss.

In other news contained in Lee's report:

- The Wilderness Pacers, a walk, jog or run group, continues to meet each Wednesday at the Links. The concept is to predict the time it will take a person to walk, jog or run a short course of one mile or a long course of 2.5 miles to 4 miles, without wearing

a watch. The person who comes closest to their predicted time will get a Wilderness Pacers t-shirt.

- The annual Easter Egg Hunt of the Parks and Recreation Department is set for 10:30 a.m., April 23 at Cedar Creek. The eggs usually go within five minutes.

- To date, 574 applications have been received under the new short-term rental registration process. Building inspectors are assisting the Fire Department in completing the inspections.

- During March, he Police Department answered 924 calls, wrote 533 citations and made 69 arrests compared to 941 calls, 480 citations and 44 arrests in the same month in 2010.

- A total of \$66,010.17 has been collected in the sale of surplus equipment from an Internet auction.

- Work is winding up on chipseal surfacing of Country Club Drive, under the state's municipal arterial project program

- Business registrations were processed for 23 new businesses during March.

- The village was infor-

med by the New Mexico State Forestry that grant money for 2012 will be reduced, if not eliminated, because of Congressional action to reduce the federal budget deficit. The village currently has \$400,000 in cost share money from grants that will expire in the fall of 2013.

- An assessment center April 1, narrowed applicants for Community Development Director down to two finalists, and references are being checked. A final telephone interview with those two candidates will assist in the selection.

CUTS

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\$800,000 for the Ruidoso district.

Transportation funding will again decline for Ruidoso schools. And instructional materials for the district were cut about \$2,000.

"But keep in mind, it has been reduced by about half over a two or three year period," Perez said. "We used to get about \$200,000 and now we're getting about \$85,000."

She said there was a huge concern at the workshop about the legislative stand on funding for schools. And Hanna Skandera, the state's education secretary-designate, will be watching the money.

"She referred in her

speech often about the goal of instituting a laser focus on spending," Perez said Skandera told those at the workshop. "And she said she believes there is a real commitment to kids in New Mexico—that educators are committed to children and superintendents are committed to kids. And she said that she felt like there's been an unbelievable amount of effort and work that has gone into our school system in New Mexico. But she says they're not getting results. She said that she's committed to serve alongside district leaders and that she's committed to change."

Lawmaker Sen. Cynthia Nava (D-Las Cruces), warned about the education budget.

"She said we will not be doing more with less,"

Perez told the school board. "She said we're in a situation now where we will be doing less with less. And she said that's a scary situation."

Nava is also the superintendent of the Gadsden Independent School District in southern Doña Ana County.

Perez said the superintendent of the Artesia Public Schools, Mike Phipps, also denounced the situation. "He got up and just gave an impassioned statement about how the budget has been balanced on the backs of teachers," Perez said. "They haven't had raises in three years. On top of that, insurance costs have gone up. And now the retirement percentage is going to go up. And so teachers will be taking home less."

Ruidoso Schools Superintendent Bea Etta Harris said she and other superintendents met with Skandera for two hours.

"I was shocked by the hostility of the superintendent about the financial predicament the state is in," Harris said. "Two concerns. She talked a lot about flexibility with Title I (improvement in the academic achievement of disadvantaged students). The superintendents fear that she wants to take part of the Title I money to fund the A, B, C, D, F (to grade individual public schools on student performance). In Florida, when they passed that law, they added \$16 million to the schools to fund it. The grades didn't work. So the superintendents said, 'How are you going to make it work here?'"

You're not adding anything.' And her response was that flexibility with Title I and Title II (preparing and training high quality educators). The only way you can be flexible with those two funds is to take money from locals."

Harris said some feel as much as 40 percent of Title

II funding could be cut. "Superintendents are on guard across the state to protect their locals."

Harris said the Ruidoso School District can work with what is available.

"But if the secretary gets her finger in our pot, every district in the state is going to be in more trouble."

OPTION

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the project.

Before proceeding with any design work for a rebuilt or new dam at Alto Reservoir, a Water Supply study is needed to document the long-term availability of water in Eagle Creek. A request for proposals is being prepared and the project is driven in part, by the U.S. Forest Service's Environmental Impact Statement process.

Upgrade needed

To use all of the water in the Alto Reservoir, Plant 3 must be upgraded. An RFP is being prepared to conduct a pilot test of new technology with ceramic membranes that would allow use of the lower quality water in the lake. A smaller pump could be installed to mix the water with sediment and algae found in lower levels of the reservoir with well water, bringing it to a level the plant could treat.

The contractor deep-

ing the A-1 Well lost a bit at 1,061 feet, which will delay completion of that project, Camp reported.

In Village Manager Debi Lee's report to the council, she wrote that after the early February prolonged subzero freeze, the Grindstone raw water feed line lost capacity to deliver water, either from debris in the line or a collapsed line.

The village is hiring a contractor to examine the line with a camera to identify the location and cause of the problem.

Some of the lines in Upper Canyon froze and likely are damaged, she wrote. Camp is developing a cost estimate for line replacement. Because much of the system is asbestos cement pipe, it will be extremely expensive to replace, Lee wrote. The old lines must be removed and disposed of in compliance with hazardous waste requirements.

Staff met with Federal Emergency Management Agency representatives on April 7 to begin the process of accessing FEMA funding for the project.



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Wednesday Evening service	April 20 th	Worship (with communion) 6:00 Bible Study, Choir & Drama 7:00
Friday: Easter Sunday	April 22 nd / April 24 th	Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM in Sanctuary Community Sunrise Service, in Two Rivers Park 6:30 AM
Wednesday	April 27 th	Easter Morning Services in the Sanctuary 8:30 & 11:00 AM Wednesday Eve Services: Dinner 5:00 Worship "Goliath's Study" 6:00 Bible Study, Choir & Drama 7:00
Sunday	May 1 st	Sunday Morning Services 8:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Children's program "L.O.S.T." in the Warehouse after Pot-luck at 12:15

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Baseball

Friday, April 15
Capitan 29, Dora 1
Capitan 15, Dora 5
Saturday, April 16
Portales 2, Ruidoso 0
Portales 7, Ruidoso 3
Monday, April 18
Capitan 14, Valley Christian 2

Softball

Friday, April 15
Capitan 40, Mesalero 0
Capitan 17, Mesalero 2
Saturday, April 16
Cobre 19, Ruidoso 2, 3 innings
Cobre 19, Ruidoso 2, 5 innings

Football (Ruidoso alumni)

Friday, April 15
Deming 34, Ruidoso 14

Sports On Tap

Baseball

Friday, April 22
Capitan at Gateway, double-header, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
Lovington at Ruidoso, double-header, 1 & 3 p.m.
Monday, April 25
Elda at Capitan, 3 p.m.

Softball

Thursday, April 21
Capitan at Dexter, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
Mesalero at Capitan, double-header, 3 & 5 p.m.
Ruidoso at Lovington, double-header, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

On Deck

Hershey's Track Meet

Hershey's Track Meet, 2011, is for all kids between the ages of 9 and 14. Saturday, May 7, 2 p.m. is the time to come to the Ruidoso Warrior track on Warrior Drive to run, jump and throw for ribbons, health and a chance to qualify for the State and National Meet. And it's all Free. Watch for flyers and posters at school. For more info call 257-5030.

Ruidoso Junior Golf

The Ruidoso Junior golf Association in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the final of six scrambles at the Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course on Saturday, April 23 at 1 p.m. To sign up and for more info call Melissa at Cree Meadows at 257-5815.

Senior Olympics

The Lincoln County Senior Olympics will hold bowling qualifiers April 19-21, at the Ruidoso Bowling Center. Billiards qualifiers will be held April 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center. All persons 50 years of age (as of 12/31/11) or older may participate. An entry fee of \$5 is required, which entitles the entrant to enter all events offered. Country participation is required to enter the state meet. For more info or directions call Sandee Jourden at 257-4565, 937-4416 or Bart Young at 257-3193.

SADSP Tennis Fundraiser

The first annual "Raise a Racket" Senior Doubles Tennis tournament will be held June 27-July 1 to benefit the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program (SADSP). The tournament will be for players over 50-years-of-age and will be played at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, Kokopelli Golf, Tennis and Social Club and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation courts. Competition matches will feature women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fee is \$40 per event and all proceeds go to SADSP.

Old-school players perform?

Former RHS football athletes suit up for one more battle

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The Alumni Football USA phenomenon that has recently gained popularity across the country was on display Friday evening at Horton Field when past players at Ruidoso High School took on their Deming Wildcat counterparts.

These 18- to 40-year-old athletes hit the gridiron one more time to relive past glories, attempted to show spectators how the game is played and prove to themselves they had the grit to compete in a body-contact sport.

How many of us would have the courage to do the same?

Adrenalin pumped freely as the former RHS players, and their opposites from Deming, ran on to the field of play.

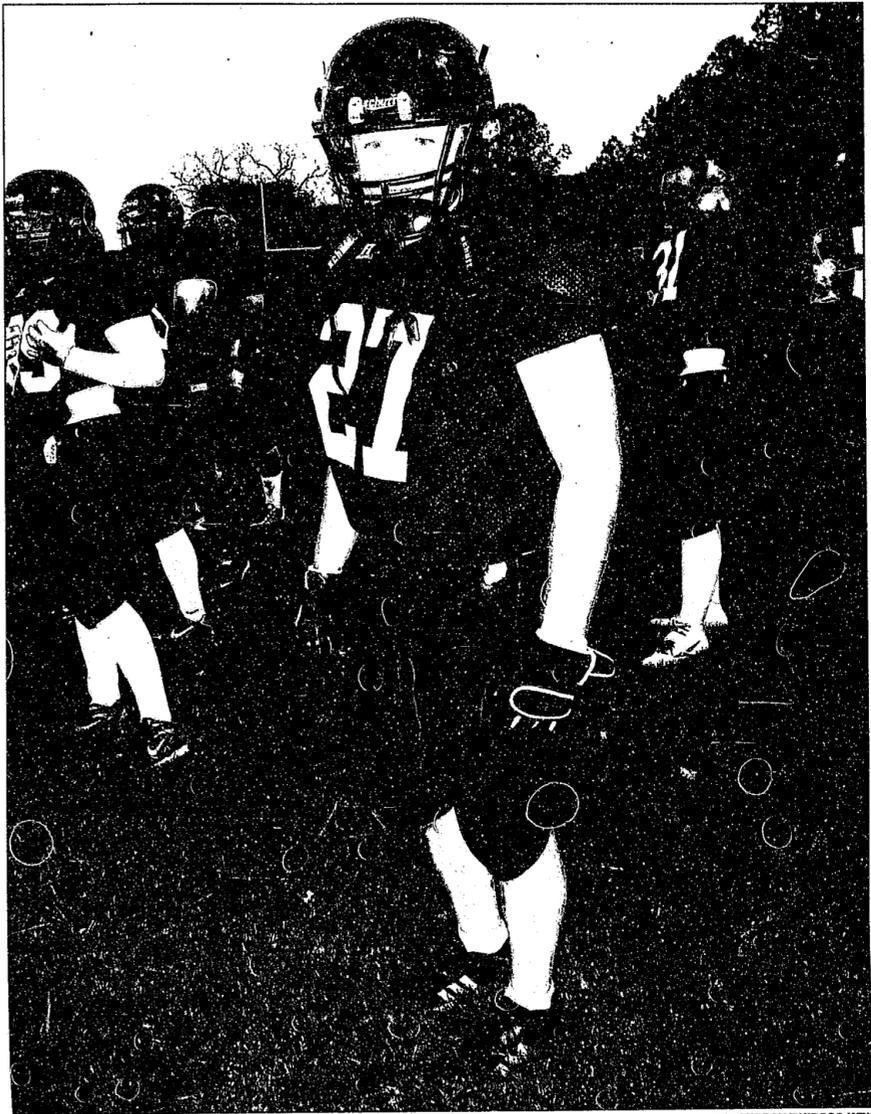
With barely five minutes gone in the first 12-minute quarter, Ruidoso quarterback, Corey Saenz hit No. 2, Thomas Schiele, with a tight-spiraling, 50-yard bomb in the right corner of the end zone for a quick six points. The extra point try split the uprights and the RHS veterans led 7-0.

Deming answered with six points of their own on a short off-tackle run to the right in the first quarter and a successful conversion knotted the score at seven.

Both teams hit the locker rooms at half-time deadlocked and in search of some miracle, elixir of youth.

The Warriors of old struck for another seven points at the 7:28 mark of the third period of play on a 47-yard missile and took a 14-7 lead.

The Wildcats tied the score with 12 seconds left in the same quarter on a 2-yard off-tackle run and successful extra-point



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

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Kief Johnson, 38-years-young, takes a "breather" during the Ruidoso alumni football game Friday evening.

Baseball should police its own

Barry Bonds federal conviction this week for obstruction of justice is just another ridiculous waste of taxpayer money.

Put it in the trash bin next to the hypocritical Tom Delay/Terry Schiavo right to die case-Senate farce, or with Monica-gate. The government, especially Congress has bigger fish to fry and should not have gone there.

Federal intervention with Bonds and with the upcoming trial of Roger Clemens shows how illegitimate Americans now see our elected leaders to be. Clemens and Bonds have responded with a disdain for authority the way most would feel after getting ticketed in a small town speed

trap.

The real perpetrators in the Barry Bonds case are everyone who profited and we the people. His agent, general manager, scouts, and team owner all made millions on gate attendance due to Bonds and his hitting ability.

Baseball looked the other way as he bulked up in such a short time span.

As for the fans we willingly went to see him play. Nobody wanted to listen to the whispers of drug use.

Commissioner Bud Seelig gave the Clemens case to Senator George Mitchell and his sub-committee

because of his prior baseball experience when it should have been handled in house.

Judge Landis comes to mind.

After the 1919 Black Sox Scandal Landis was summoned by baseball team owners to restore the credibility of the game. He did.

Landis ruled with an iron fist. He even fined and suspended Babe Ruth for barn raising which was the practice where players traveled to little towns during the off season and had exhibition games which brought in additional money.

Landis wanted the World Series to be the pre-eminent event so he forbade players from participating in barn raising games.

The BALCO case lead baseball to institute a steroid policy. The right policy is to grandfather players in.

Ex post facto laws do not serve the players or the public. Baseball should fire players that abuse drugs-plain and simple. It

should be noted that Clemens is under the microscope even though throughout his prolific 24 year career he had not once failed a drug test.

There is also talk of adding an asterisk to the accomplishments of Bonds, Clemens, and the other players such as Rafael Palmeiro and others that were caught using drugs. We must take into consideration that baseball was never a level playing field. During Ruth's day the ball was bigger and fences were further out, the height of pitching mounds changed the game, and today we have livelier balls, and better bat technology.

One might look at 1947 and the first black player admitted to Major League Baseball-Jackie Robinson. Before that time black players languished in the Negro

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Valiant War Hero wins West Texas Futurity

ERIC ALWAN
Sunland Park Track Publicist

The imposing gelding by Valiant Hero went into the gates as a 19-1 long shot but ran like a horse with a big future.

Under jockey Oscar Rincon, Valiant War Hero broke like a bullet in the 300 yard classic and pulled clear in deep stretch under a hand ride.

The talented two-year-old won with plenty in

reserve and still set a new track and world record in 14.594 seconds with a tail wind blowing. The Oklahoma-bred was never in danger and seemed to be finding his best strides late in the race. He earned a 109 speed index.

Valiant War Hero bested the former Sunland Park track record for 300 yards of 14.667 seconds.

Winning trainer Trey Wood commented on his horse in the winner's circle,

"He really has matured in the last month. He didn't make any mistakes today. We are going to take him to mountain and run in the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity."

Rincon praised his mount. "He did everything perfect. We were clear. It was awesome. Today was my day." Valiant War Hero paid a generous \$41.60 on a \$2 win ticket.

In winning his second start from as many starts,

Valiant War Hero took home a paycheck of \$118,912 for the Texas Broads of Burkburnett, Texas.

The victory places him in the national conversation for leading two-year-old Quarter Horse. He should be a major force at Ruidoso Downs this summer.

Get Gone Gol surged late under jockey Carlos Madeira to secure second place. The son of Gol was

coming off two straight victories. He raced as a 5-1 shot for trainer Jackie Riddle. The runner-up found his best strides too late and was no threat to the winner. He earned \$45,541 for the B and B Electric Co.

Twilight B, another Jackie Riddle trainee, finished a nose back in third place under jockey Juan Vasquez.

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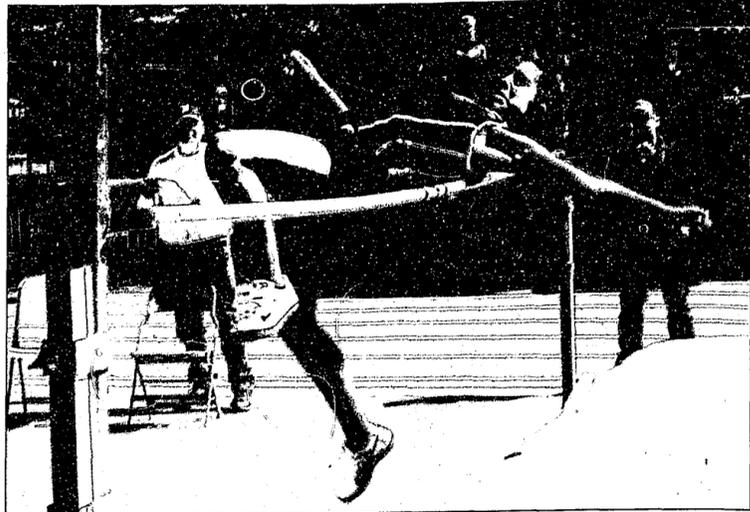
LADY WARRIORS SOFTBALL



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

A **Cobre** runner makes it to second as the visitors beat Ruidoso 19-2 in both games Saturday.

CARRIZOZO TRACK MEET



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Corona's Taylor Huey goes up and over the high jump bar on her way to a win in the Carrizozo High School Track & Field event Friday, April 15. Huey cleared 5 feet and has qualified for five events in state.

ALUMNI

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attempt.

Going into the last 12-minute period it was anyone's game to win.

Alas, the "senior" Warriors ran afoul of the referees when a pass out to the right flat was judged a lateral after an alert Deming player scooped up the dropped ball and bounded 40-plus yards for the go-ahead six points. The extra-point try was blocked and the visitors grabbed a 20-14 advantage.

From that point on the "seasoned" Deming players seemed to gain a second wind and went on to score two more unanswered TDs on a smart 10-yard scoring pass and a 50-yard run to take a 34-14 win in Ruidoso's first-played alumni football game.

RHS head football coach and Athletic Director Kief

Johnson was one of 30 former Ruidoso players to suit up for the inaugural football contest. At 38-years-old, this fine-tuned athlete appeared to still be "in the pink." Either that or he took deep, oxygen-rich breaths when no one was looking.

"My son Parker, and some other players that I once coached, talked me into the whole thing," he said. "I figured if Pat Ventura (head Carrizozo football coach) could do it at the age of 48 last week against Capitan, I could, too. If I could go back — with the football knowledge I now have — and have a pair of 18-year-old legs, I might consider doing it in my dreams."

As one might expect, alibis for the RHS loss abounded afterwards.

"We heard the Wildcats had some 2009 Deming graduates on their team Friday night," one anonymous local player said.



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Ruidoso's **Thomas Schiele** hauls in the first score of the game.

"Our youngest player was Adam Gonzales (a 2007 RHS graduate). Rumors have already

begun to spread that next year's alumni game could pit Ruidoso against Tularosa.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Roy Gerela, three-time Super Bowl champion place kicker for the Pittsburgh Steelers, attended Friday's alumni game.

POLICE

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League.

In fact, Josh Gibson, a black player was said to

be a better hitter than Ruth but he never played in the Major Leagues. According to his plaque at Cooperstown it lists him as hitting 800 home runs over a 17 year career with a .359 average.

A box score analysis since records were not accurately kept indicates he may have only had 250 homeruns.

Nevertheless, with a homerun every 15 at bats he rates as one of the most prolific home run hitters of all time, albeit asterisk.

While I would love to see baseball go back to the

era where players willingly gave autographs without being paid for them at baseball card conventions; where players were playing for the love of the game and for the fans and not simply money, it simply is not happening.

Baseball players like Bonds and Clemens are partly a microcosm of a sub-set of Americans-ego

fed, vane, and self-righteous.

In closing I would like to see both parties in this case police themselves and serve the public interest.

The Congress should be investigating entities that stifle the American dream. The Fed and the banksters comes to mind. While we are at it why

doesn't Congress take a hard line towards there own?

Congressman Rangel is a tax cheat and censure was just a slap on the wrist to him. Baseball can also police its own.

It starts with implementing and enforcing policies where players become true ambassadors of the game.

A CALL TO THE COMMUNITY!

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They lost their home and possessions in the White fire. There is an account set up for donations at First National Bank, account #0127526720

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TEXAS

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Valiant Valor, Mighty Famous Vic, Stolis Rogue, Wolf Lake, Rc Black

Mamba and Executive Brass rounded out the order of finish.

In stirring stretch run, Black Hills won the \$100,000 Sunland Park Handicap at 1 and 1/8 miles.

The region's top router cemented his superiority with another classic performance.

The double winner of the Winsham Lad Stakes inhaled his opponents in upper stretch and romped

on home to win by 5 lengths in a fast time of 1:48.59.

The winner was full of run under jockey Miguel Hernandez.

The 3-2 favorite won for the 10th time in 22 starts. Bart Hone trains the seven-year-old gelding by Judge T.C. Black Hills earned \$60,000 for the Class Racing Stables.

Hone said, "It was nice to get back home today. When I saw the first quarter mile in 22 and change, I thought we might be in good shape. We are looking at taking him to the mid-west and try some stakes races at Prairie Meadows.

Black Hills ends the Sunland Park meet as the unanimous choice for top router. He has earned over \$444,000 in his brilliant career.

Schramberg generated a late move to earn second place with jockey Martin Bourdieu.

The Grade 3 stakes winner is a son of Storm Cat and Serenas Song.

The well-bred stallion finished a half length behind Quiet Again. Imco Spirit faded into sixth place after forcing a fast pace.

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Zozo's Wade Sultemeier gives a mighty heave to the shot put.



Shayna Gallacher, representing Carrizozo, makes her first attempt over the bar in the pole vault event at the Ruidoso Invite.



Derrick Montelongo pounds away at the 1,600-meter run.

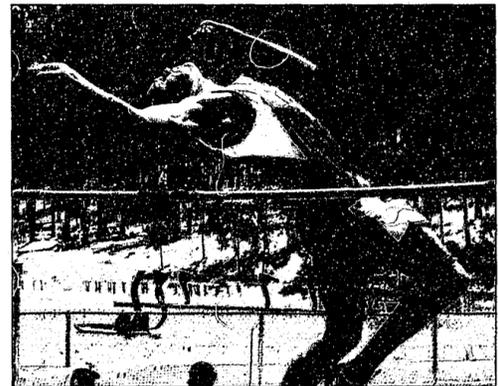
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Ruidoso's August Bush (left) and Harley Bonnell stay neck-and-neck in Saturday's annual Ruidoso Invitational meet.



Tylynn Smith gets to the line first in the 100-meter hurdles at Saturday's Ruidoso Invite.



Carrizozo's Mark Vigil easily clears the high jump bar at the Ruidoso Invitational track meet.

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Kristy is a small, beautiful, jet black lab mix. She is about 6 months old and weighs about 30 pounds. She is very outgoing, plays well with other dogs, walks well on a leash and is quite playful. Kristy is an ideal family pet.

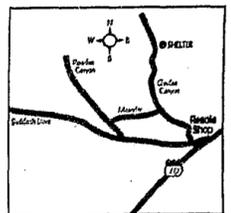
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London is a beautiful Ragdoll mix, and is about 2-3 years old. He is very sweet and loves other cats. London has beautiful blue eyes and a long coat. He is a little on the small side as far as Ragdolls are concerned, but regardless of his size he is sure to make an excellent pet.

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Bardo is a happy-go-lucky shepherd mix, about a couple years old. He weighs about 40 pounds, is very social and friendly. Bardo loves going for walks and getting his daily exercise.

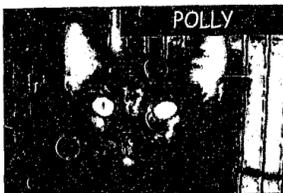
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MEADOW

Meadow is a pretty red/black shepherd mix. She weighs about 33 pounds and is about 8 months old. Meadow walks well on a leash, loves other dogs and is an all around sweetheart.

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POLLY

Polly is a pretty, solid black cat with short hair. She is pretty laid back and quite friendly. Polly is about 8 months old.

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Renaissance Faire



The first annual Carrizozo Renaissance Faire brought food, fun and frolic to 12th Street in Carrizozo on Saturday. Jousting, music, a solar-powered computer, temporary tattoos and weavers were a few of the sights greeting visitors to the event. Top left, Amy Hull (Pipsqueak) and Kimmie Cherry (Star) were with the group from Ruidoso called Savage Highlands. Center, l-r, Jamie Geib, event organizer; Julia and Marc Cohen; Shane Brinkley, Mountainair; at left, Sue Maness with her spinning and Paula Wilson. At right, Mabel Vega cooks homemade sopapillas.

POLLY CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS



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A Honor Roll

8th Grade: Olivia Bertrand, Cheyenne Dowdell, Kalyn Hazen, Robbie Richardson, Kaydn Traylor, Angel Whitlock;

7th Grade: Ryan Dement, Emily Dirks, Brayden Hall, Nicole Hardin, Jacob Morrow, Mackey Muller, Bryanna Parker, Cherish Payton, Hannah Perry, Evan Sabo, Oliver Schultz, Mary Jane

Swanson, Arianna Thoksakis;

6th Grade: Alizabeth Autrey, Terren Brown, Aubrey Closson, Sophie Dirks, Christian Newell, Phoenix Payton, Magdelyn Rich, Dominique Silva;

A-B Honor Roll

8th Grade: Elise Coakley, Jace Davis, Cheyenne Eldridge,

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7th Grade: Lauren Bason, Kylie Carpenter, Kaleia Dixon, Jessicalee Downing, David Ellison, Ulises Guereca, Tyler Jobe, Tell Lowrance, Kohlby McInnes, Collin Parks, Regan Pruett, Wade Stearns, Chyanne White;

6th Grade: George Berryhill, Alyssa Chavez, Karina DeYoung, Mitchell Edington, Felica Haake, Abby Lakeman, Brontson Leach, Adriana McWilliams, Lizbeth Quiroz, Torri Trapp, Zackary Wilson, Tyelynn Woodall.

As report by CMS

Sharing great memories

It has been a busy two weeks. Twenty-one ladies met at the Fort Lone Tree Creative Memories retreat.

In spite of the wind, everyone had a good time. There were a number of new participants.

Family and many friends attended the memorial for Leota Pfingsten at the Capitan Schools Traylor gym.

Music was provided by Colton and Betsy (Hobbs) Boyles. The display of many of her second graders was enjoyed by all and brought back many memories and identifying the photos.

Everyone was invited to take their photo home. Two of Leota's carved Indian heads were also on display.

Following the service, a bountiful potluck dinner was served

with lots of memories being shared and seeing old friends. And it was a beautiful day.

The Dunlap's family worked to get the garage floor ready for cement.

How does one get so much stuff? I got through some of mine but there are still lots more to go through.

Somehow my energy goes bye-bye. David, Wayne, and Gene did a fantastic job

Late and out of time so hope this gets in the paper.



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Victim shot multiple times

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CARRIZOZO - According to a document filed in Magistrate Court, the man shot and killed in Oscura April 11 was shot multiple times with a shotgun.

The statement of probable cause filed April 12 in Carrizozo Magistrate Court by Lincoln County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Ken Cramer said that James Luke Miller, Jr. admitted shooting Scott Markant multiple times with a shotgun.

Markant's body was reportedly found lying on the ground near the garden at the rear of the property on the corner of Highway 54 and the Oscura

Bombing Range Road, about 15 miles south of Carrizozo, when officers arrived in response to a telephone call reporting a homicide Monday at about 5 p.m. According to Cramer's statement, multiple shotgun shells were found a short distance from Markant's body.

After shooting Markant, a man Miller allegedly said he knew as "Sean," Miller allegedly drove away from the scene,

but then returned to the scene of the crime.

Cramer charged Miller with murder and tampering with evidence.

Miller is scheduled to appear in Magistrate Court for a preliminary hearing on the charges April 26.

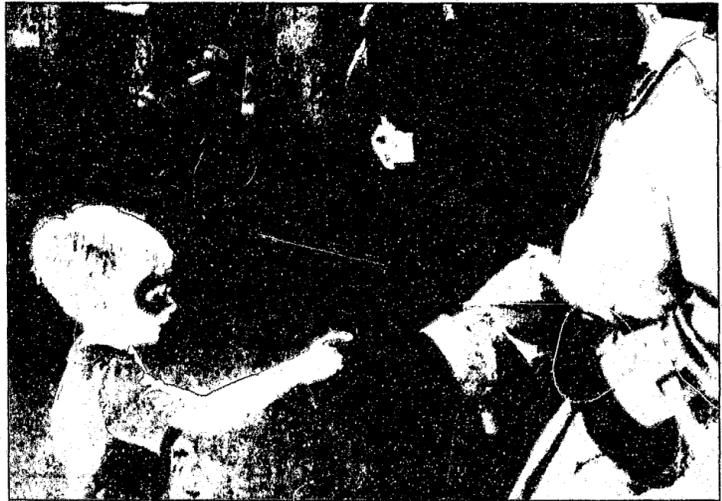
Miller, a 26-year old resident of



James Luke Miller, Jr.

Carrizozo, is being held in Lincoln County Detention Center on a \$100,000 cash only bond.

TAKE A BITE OUT OF THIS



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Jacob Light, 3, shares his trail mix with McGruff, the crime dog, at Nob Hill Early Education Center Saturday during the Community Celebration of Young Children.

Downs to test sirens

Testing of emergency sirens in Ruidoso Downs will now be done in harmony with siren tests in Ruidoso.

Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Doug Babcock said the city's three sirens will be activated on the 1st and the 15th of each month at 5 p.m. Ruidoso sounds their sirens at the same time.

"We're going to start that schedule on the first of May," Babcock said.

In the past the city had been testing the sirens on the first of each month at noon.

Ruidoso Downs has three sirens in the city. In the village there are six sirens

DISTRICT COURT CASES

Possession deal

Bruce Allison, 48, appeared in court March 4 for a change of plea and imposition of sentence.

Allison pleaded no contest to two counts of possession of a controlled substance and a count of possession of marijuana under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Todd Holmes and Assistant District Attorney Kirby Wills.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed charges of possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute, trafficking in heroin, driving on a suspended or revoked license and concealing identity.

Judge Karen Parsons sentenced Allison to three years and 15 days of supervised probation, with credit for time served in jail from Sept. 24, 2010 to March 4, 2011.

The charges were filed against Allison in April 1997 for an incident March 8, 1997.

The court issued a warrant when Allison failed to show for a Sept. 17, 1997 pre-trial hearing.

A Sheriff's Deputy in Comanche County (state not listed) arrested Allison on the warrant Aug. 7, 2010 and he was extradited to New Mexico.

Restitution ordered

Jeremy Wood, 24,

appeared in court March 18 for a change of plea and sentencing.

Wood pleaded no contest to a charge of misdemeanor larceny under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Gary Mitchell and Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charge from felony larceny of over \$500 but less than \$2500 and Judge Karen Parsons sentenced Wood to 364 days of supervised probation.

The agreement also included Woods paying \$630 in restitution to the *Albuquerque Journal* for a newspaper machine Woods stole.

Kids playing with matches started fires

Fire fighters quickly extinguish grass fires

Kids playing with matches started one grass fire April 12 and may have started another.

Ruidoso Police detective Art Nelson determined that two 11-year old boys playing with matches started the fire in the area of Merlyn Street and Avalon Court at about 5:30 p.m. that burned about a third of an acre. The two boys were released to their parents.

A second fire occurred at about 6:15 p.m. that day in the area of Lookout Estates on Lookout Drive.

Witnesses reported seeing two boys, ages 8 to 11, running from the scene and Ruidoso Police report they appear to have been playing with matches also.

Minor damage

Fire fighters quickly extinguished the fire, which caused minor damage to private property.

Anyone with any information about this incident are asked to call Nelson at 575-258-7365.

Ruidoso Police and Fire officials are asking parents to remind children about the danger of playing with matches.

- From reports



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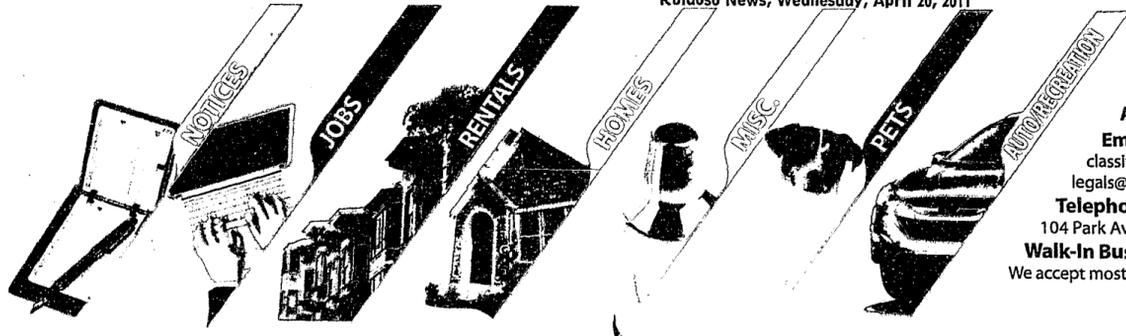
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