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Martinez visits county, fire area

Governor offers to make resources available to county to fight fires

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Citing the loss of nearly 80,000 acres, one primary residence and five other structures to the Donaldson Fire since June 28, Lincoln County commissioners approved a disaster declaration

Friday as New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez listened.

A disaster declaration allows the county to exercise necessary emergency powers and to expend available resources, and to request assistance, relief programs and money from the state. The governor arrived at the

■ Hondo woman serves seniors while her house is threatened by blaze, Page 5A.

Hondo Senior Center about 3 p.m. Friday after flying over the fire area south of U.S. Highway 70 extending from Picacho Road

nearly to Glencoe, including the charred hillside behind the Hondo School and 80 homes threatened in Alamo Canyon.

"With the loss of 80,000 acres of ranchland, a serious drought and on-going fires," every possible resource is needed to help people reclaim their lives," said

Commissioner Jackie Powell as she offered the motion to approve.

Martinez said, "I thank everyone for working together to bring this fire under control. If you need any resources, I will be happy to provide them, the

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Rally for water

Neighbors come together in fight against fire

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A plea Friday for more water resources was answered by several residents in the valley along U.S. Highway 70 where firefighters were battling the Donaldson Fire ignited June 28 from lightning.

New Mexico Type II Incident Commander John Pierson told Gov. Susana Martinez and others attending a briefing at the Hondo Senior Center Friday afternoon that a storm over Ruidoso was expected to move north, not east, and probably wouldn't deliver much moisture to help calm the fire.

"New Mexico is in a drought and water is a critical resource," Pierson said. "We're having challenges finding any sources and we're looking for any sources of water we could use.

"We welcome suggestions."

An agreement would be

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Fire 75 percent contained

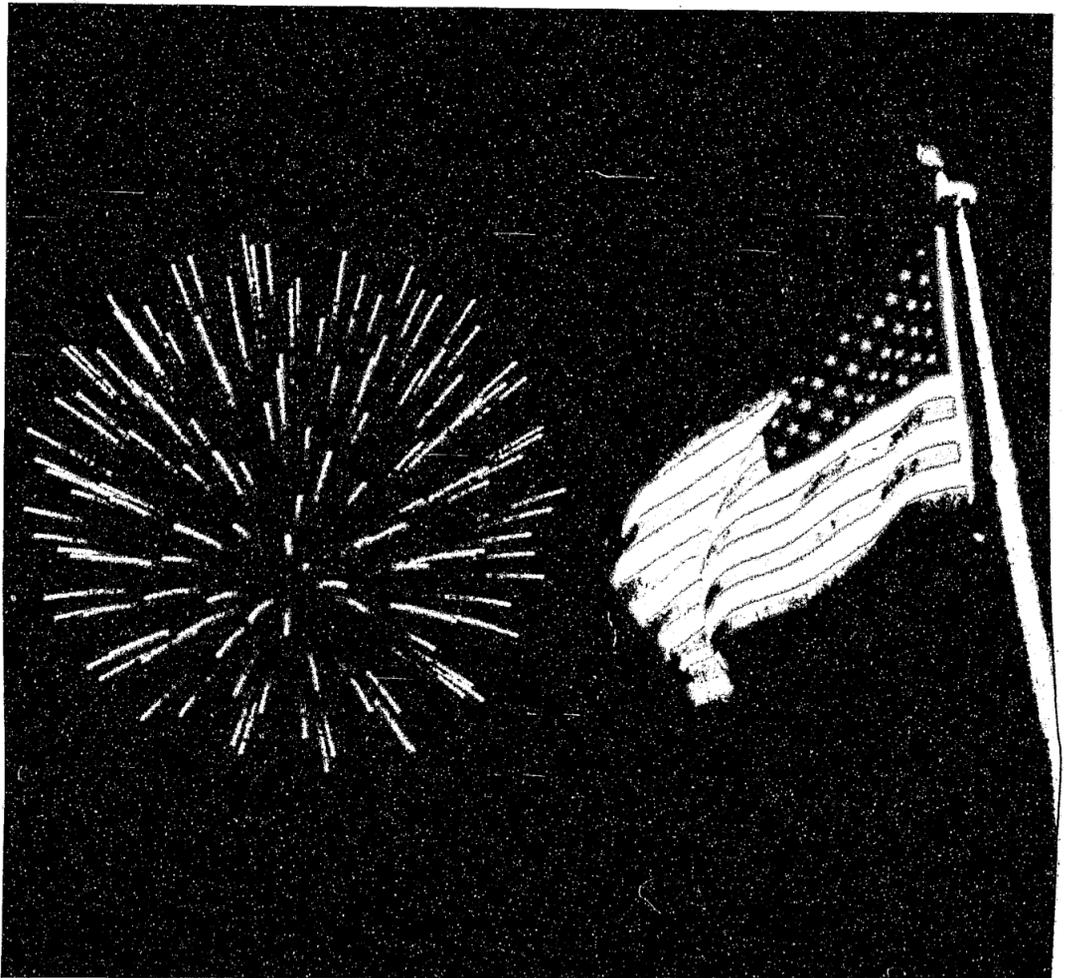
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Containment of the Donaldson Complex Fire has reached 75 percent as crews continue to build fire-break lines and burn-out operations around the fire burning south and west of Hondo.

The Type III Incident Management Team reported Tuesday morning that the fire has now consumed 101,513 acres of private, Mescalero Apache Reservation, state Forestry and National Forest lands.

The fire started June 28 by lightning and has burned five structures.

A BLAZE OF OLD GLORY



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Exploding fireworks serve as a backlight to the flag flying at the July Fourth celebration in Carrizozo Monday.

Area rain so far no 'drought buster'

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Drought conditions held tough during June as the summer rainy season remained at bay. Ruidoso received 0.21 inches of rain last month, 10.4 percent of the average 2.02 inches. The dismal amount of precipitation was a continuation of a weather pattern that began in late 2010.

Since the water year began on Oct. 1, 2010, Ruidoso has recorded 2.19 inches of precipitation, or 22.7 percent of the average of 9.66 inches for the nine-month period.

The lingering dry conditions have resulted in the development of widespread drought conditions in New Mexico. Currently, nearly 80 percent of the state is classified as being in

extreme or exceptional drought. All of Lincoln County, along with almost 50 percent of the state, was in the exceptional category, or worst drought category, as of the end of June. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climatic Data Center reported the first half of 2011 has been the driest start of a calendar year on record for many locations in New Mexico. Statewide, precipitation was only 37 percent of normal. Both Albuquerque and Roswell had recorded the driest start to any year since 1900.

"January through June of 2011 was the driest start to any calendar year on record going back as far as records go," said El Polasko, a hydrologic meteorologist with the National Weather Service in New Mexico. "There are a couple of places along the southern bor-

der of the state that may have not had measurable precipitation this year so far. That's about as ridiculous as you can get. How dry has it been? You know it's been as dry as can be."

Rain did fall in the Ruidoso area to open the month of July. And scattered showers occurred at other points in the region over the Independence Day holiday weekend.

"The monsoons kind of got going and then almost came to a screeching halt yesterday and that's pretty much continued today," Polasko said Tuesday afternoon.

"These certainly aren't drought-buster numbers," weather service meteorologist Todd Shoemake said of the holiday rains. "But they certainly

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NASA monitors state's air quality

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With winds traveling east to west on a number of days during the Donaldson Fire, smoke was evident in the Ruidoso area. NASA's Aura Satellite provided a display of nitrogen dioxide levels coming from several fires in Arizona and New Mexico, including the conflagration that has burned for a week in the Hondo Valley. NASA said detecting nitrogen dioxide is important tool because it reacts with sunlight to create low-level ozone or smog and poor air quality.

The fires near Los Alamos, in eastern Arizona, and east of Ruidoso Downs created nitrogen dioxide levels detectable by the ozone measuring instrument that flies aboard NASA's Aura Satellite.

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Fire scam

Consumers have reported to the New Mexico Attorney General's office and the American Red Cross in New Mexico that they recently received "robo-calls" seeking financial contributions to benefit fire victims. Personal information was requested during the phone calls.

The Red Cross-New Mexico confirmed it is not soliciting funds using automated phone calls.

Consumers who receive the fraudulent calls should not share any private and personal information that is requested, the attorney general's office said.

Scam calls and phone numbers related to the calls can be reported to the attorney general's office and Red Cross-New Mexico.

Animal impact

The impacts of human settlement on wildlife will be presented on Saturday, July 9, at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

The program will be conducted by Ray Pawley, a former curator of herpetology at the Chicago Zoological Park and a noted expert in the fields of zoology and herpetology.

Pawley, who resides in the Hondo Valley, will discuss the impacts of settlement on wildlife in North America and the world.

The migration into the "wild west" by explorers, settlers, ranchers and gold-seekers transformed the entire region. Not so well known are the ways in which some of the disasters that people inflicted on native wildlife has come back to affect us today. Pawley will take visitors on a detailed journey of the good and bad impacts.

The presentation will begin at 2 p.m. in the museum's Johnny and Party Cope Learning Center.

There is no additional charge for the program other than regular museum admission.

Museum members receive free entry to the

facility and associated programming.

Weed warrior

After 10 years at the helm of the Weed Warriors, a volunteer group battling the invasion of musk thistle in the Ruidoso area, Carolyn Felder is looking for her replacement.

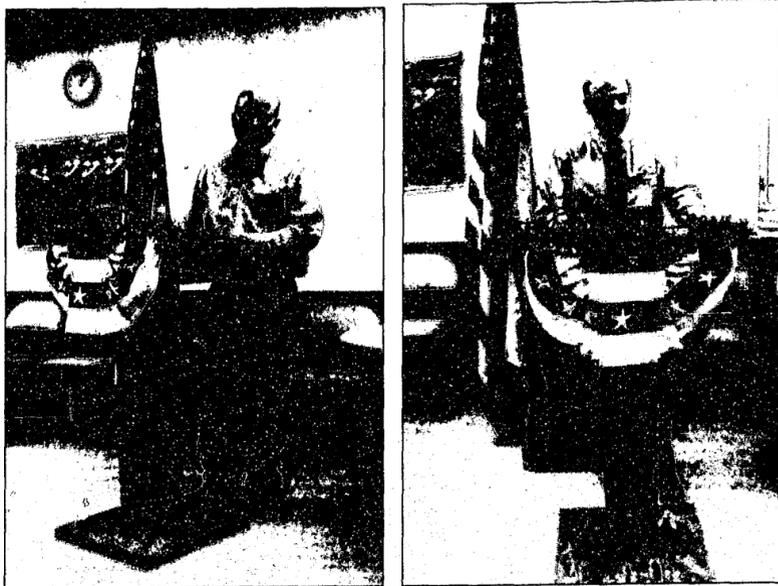
"I will continue helping to maintain the controlled areas around White Mountain Meadows, and the Gavilan and Hull Intersection, but it is now necessary for me to resign as the head," she said. "I'm giving the photo book of previous infestations and the notebook of correspondence and publications to Pat Greener who will give them to Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department (if the director) desires."

Volunteers also are needed at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 7, at the First Baptist Church on the south end of the property across from Cree Meadows.

They will pick heads off the plants before the seed spreads.

Call 575-937-3798 for

MEETING SPEAKERS



COURTESY

Guests at the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County's June meeting were state Rep. Zach Cook and Al Santos, CEO of the Lincoln County Medical Center. Cook reported on the 2011 Legislative session and the upcoming special session and Santos gave a slide presentation on the federal and local perspectives for LCMC.

more information or to join the effort.

Republican Party

Randall Camp, director for utilities for the Village of Ruidoso, and Bill Midkiff, Ph.D., of the Eagle Creek Conservation Association will be the featured speakers at the regular monthly meeting Monday, July 11, of the Republican Party of Lincoln County.

Dinner is set for 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso.

The two men, who represent different sides of the issue of water rights tied to the Eagle Creek watershed, will discuss those rights from their perspectives, according to Jack Shuster, first vice chairman of the Republican Party of Lincoln County.

To help with a head count for the optional \$14-per-person dinner, contact Barbara Dickinson at 336-7822 by 6 p.m. Saturday, July 9.

In addition, party Chairman John Billingsley

will brief members on what is happening in New Mexico's United States Senate race and upcoming events with the Republican Party of Lincoln County, the Republican Party of New Mexico and nationally.

Officials with the Republican Party of Lincoln County seek to inform the electorate on issues of the day as well as political party activities and invites the concerned community to become involved. Al Santos, administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center, will speak to Lincoln County Republicans on Aug. 8.

For information about the Republican Party of Lincoln County, call 258-2570 or e-mail office@rplcnm.org, or stop in at Room 313 in the Lincoln Tower at 1096 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso.

Airport award

Ruidoso's Sierra Blanca Regional Airport has been awarded a \$697,810 federal grant to purchase aircraft rescue and fire-fighting safety equipment.

The funding also will be

used for apron rehabilitation.

Sierra Blanca Regional was one of nine New Mexico airports that captured a combined \$2.448 million.

"I'm glad that this funding is coming to regional airports throughout our state," said U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M. "These grants are vital to keeping our airports in the best condition possible and improving safety for air travelers across New Mexico."

Udall is a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

The funding is being distributed through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration.

Tons of texts

The June 6 through 10 regional textbook recycling event has collected an estimated 12,800 pounds of discarded textbooks for recycling through paper products manufacturer Bio-Papel Inc. of Thoreau.

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www.DiWuPiano.com

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www.lindenquartet.com

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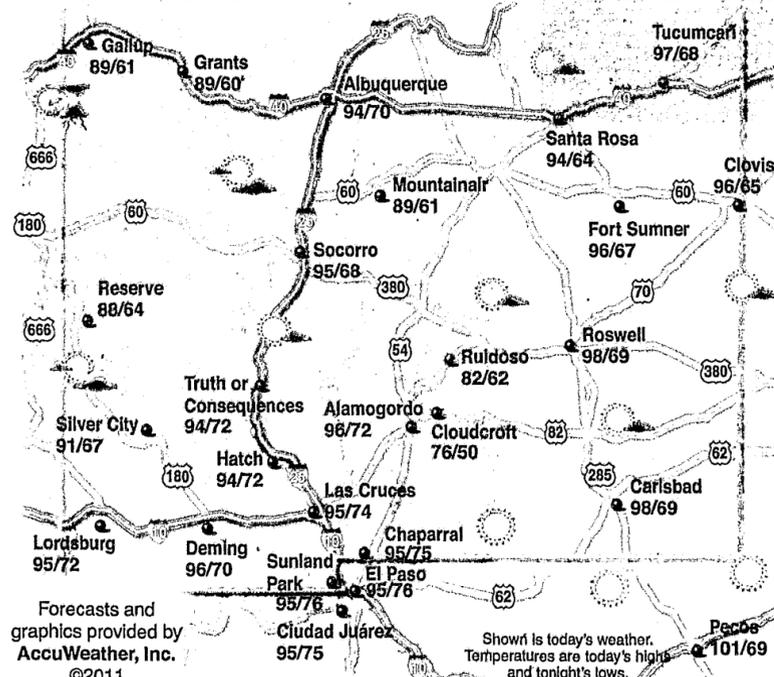
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RealFeel 89° Humidity 36% Mostly sunny Wind: SE 7-14 mph	RealFeel 90° Humidity 33% Sunny much of the time and nice Wind: W 7-14 mph	RealFeel 89° Humidity 24% Pleasant with sun and some clouds Wind: S 8-16 mph	RealFeel 89° Humidity 25% Mostly sunny and nice Wind: SSW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 82° Humidity 30% Partly sunny Wind: S 7-14 mph	RealFeel 87° Humidity 41% Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m. Wind: S 7-14 mph	RealFeel 83° Humidity 51% Mostly cloudy, a couple of t-storms Wind: S 4-8 mph

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Regional Cities



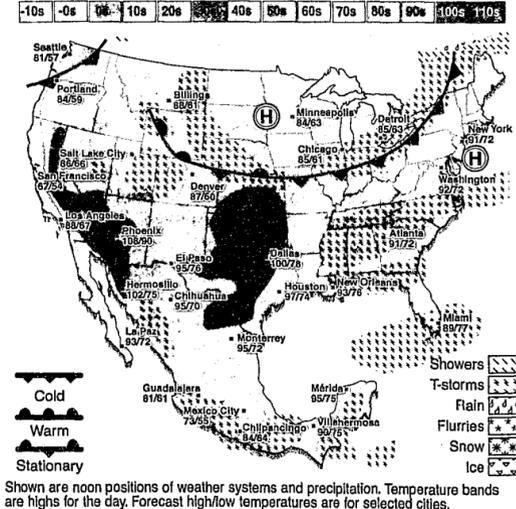
Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 82°/59°
Normal high 81°
Normal low 47°
Record high 93° (1957)
Record low 37° (1969)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 1.46"
Normal month to date 0.40"
Year to date 2.34"
Normal year to date 7.82"

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 94°/67°
Normal high 94°
Normal low 66°
Record high 109° (1957)
Record low 58° (1995)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.22"
Year to date 0.83"
Normal year to date 3.89"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: What might occur just after a late-day thundershower?
A: A rainbow.

National Forecast for July 6, 2011



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

National Cities

City	Today H/L/W	Thu. H/L/W
Abilene	102/72/s	96/73/pc
Anchorage	68/53/s	65/54/s
Atlanta	91/72/t	91/73/t
Austin	100/70/s	95/70/pc
Baltimore	90/70/pc	92/70/t
Boston	90/68/s	84/66/t
Chicago	85/61/t	82/62/pc
Dallas	100/78/s	100/77/s
Denver	87/60/t	88/63/pc
Des Moines	84/68/t	84/64/pc
Detroit	85/63/t	80/60/pc
El Paso	95/76/s	98/78/s
Las Vegas	102/89/pc	104/88/s
Los Angeles	88/67/pc	80/66/pc
Minneapolis	84/63/pc	85/68/pc
New Orleans	93/76/t	93/75/t
New York City	91/72/s	88/73/t
Philadelphia	91/72/pc	90/72/t
Phoenix	108/80/pc	107/80/s
Reno	97/65/pc	93/69/s
San Francisco	87/54/pc	87/54/pc
San Diego	74/68/pc	72/67/pc
Seattle	81/57/pc	73/54/s
Tucson	100/80/t	101/82/s
Tulsa, OK	100/74/pc	95/74/pc
Wash., DC	92/72/t	90/73/t
Wichita	101/72/pc	93/71/pc
Yuma	103/84/pc	103/84/pc

Regional Cities

City	Today H/L/W	Thu. H/L/W
Albuquerque	94/70/pc	95/72/pc
Artesia	95/71/s	97/71/s
Chama	83/50/t	84/52/t
Clayton	96/65/pc	92/64/pc
Cloudcroft	76/50/s	85/55/s
Farmington	94/66/t	96/65/t
Hobbs	100/65/s	96/65/pc
Los Alamos	84/59/pc	86/61/pc
Portales	95/65/s	97/66/pc
Raton	90/59/pc	89/58/t
Red River	74/45/t	77/54/t
Ruidoso	82/62/s	84/64/s
Santa Fe	93/62/pc	94/63/pc
Silver City	91/67/pc	91/69/t
Taos	89/53/t	90/57/t

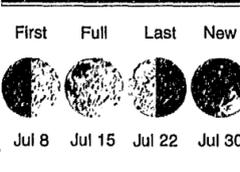
Mexican Cities

City	Today H/L/W	Thu. H/L/W
Acapulco	90/75/t	90/75/t
Cancún	88/73/t	86/73/t
Chihuahua	95/70/s	95/72/s
Ciudad Juárez	95/75/s	99/79/s
León	84/63/t	86/61/t
México, DF	73/55/t	73/55/t
Monterrey	95/72/pc	95/73/pc
Morelia	83/60/t	82/63/t
Oaxaca	82/59/t	82/59/t
Pto. Penasco	97/79/t	97/81/pc
Tijuana	79/65/pc	79/66/pc

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:00 a.m./8:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 11:42 a.m./11:45 p.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 111° in Bullhead City, AZ
Low: 32° in Brusett, MT
Monday's World High/Low:
High: 117° in Ouargla, Algeria
Low: 3° in Summit Station, Greenland

LIFETIME LION



COURTESY

Lions Club MD 40 Council Chair Kitty Callender, right, presents Ruidoso Noon Lion Don Blair with a Lifetime membership June 21 at the annual Noon Lions picnic at the White Mountain Complex. Blair received the recognition for more than 50 years of service to Lions International. Blair was a member of the Dumas, Texas, Lions Club for more than 35 years before he and wife, Betty, relocated to Ruidoso.

EVENTS

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New Mexico.

The volume is down somewhat from a similar event in June 2010 which collected 10.0 tons of books. Ruidoso High School, the Corona Schools, the Capitan Public Library and Roswell area bookstores participated in the event along with several private individuals.

The Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center continues to accept discarded textbooks and library books during regular operating hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. across from Duds and Suds on Highway 70.

For more information on textbook recycling, contact Debra Ingle at the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, toll free at 877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org. The Solid Waste Authority website is www.greentreeswa.org.

Planning meeting

The regular scheduled meeting of the Lincoln Planning Commission scheduled for today was rescheduled to 1 p.m., July 13, at the County Sub Office, 115 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso.

On the agenda under old business is a discussion regarding a Comprehensive plan recommenda-

tion from the planning commission to the Lincoln County Commission, and an update on the Ruidoso extraterritorial zoning district.

Budget workshop

Ruidoso village councilors will meet at 1 p.m. July 12, for a budget workshop at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The session will be followed by the council's regular meeting at 3 p.m.

Meeting change

The Lincoln County Health Councils' regularly scheduled monthly meeting has been rescheduled for July due to the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

The meeting is rescheduled for 8 a.m. July 12 at the Community United Methodist Church at 220 Junction Road. Health Council meetings are open to persons interested in shaping Lincoln County Health. Contact 973-1829 for more information.

Summer rodeo

Sixteen teams from three states will compete in the seventh annual Fort Sumner Ranch Rodeo July 8 and 9 at the De Baca County Fairgrounds.

Sanctioned by the Working Ranch Cowboys Association, the event will feature performances at 7 p.m. each night. A trade show accompanies the rodeo

and the De Baca 4-H Clubs will host a concession stand. As a sanctioned WRCA event, the winning team automatically qualifies for the WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo, TX, Nov. 10-13.

An open cowboy team roping is also planned for Saturday at 9 a.m., with entries beginning at 8 a.m.

The ranch rodeo, which is a 4-H fundraiser, is hosted by the Fort Sumner Ranch Rodeo Committee and De Baca County 4-H. Events will include ranch bronc riding, wild cow milking, stray gathering, team branding, and team penning.

Admission is \$5 with children six and under free. De Baca 4-H will host a free dance on Friday night at 9 p.m.

Auditions set

Children ages 6 to 17 who want to participate in a free, week-long acting workshop at the Spencer Theater are invited to audition for this summer's theatrical adventure "Pinocchio." Auditions are at 9 a.m. Monday, July 11, at the Spencer. Those who want to try out are advised to arrive by 8:30 a.m. to complete a sign-up sheet. No experience is necessary; wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.

This fun-filled musical journey about a wooden puppet who longs to become a real boy is conducted under the expert direction of the Missoula Children's Theatre. All children selected for the 60+ parts will be given their rehearsal schedules after the two-hour auditions. Rehearsals are once a day and run about two to three hours long. All your hard work culminates in a public performance at 7 p.m. Friday, July 15. Show tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 12 and under. Call the Spencer Box Office, (575) 336-4800, for details. The workshop is sponsored by Ruidoso Ford Lincoln.

'Zozo meeting

The Town Council of Carrizozo will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the Town Hall.

Road program

The Van of Enchantment, a statewide museum outreach vehicle operated by the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, will present Road Trips, a free traveling exhibition from 10:40 a.m. to noon July 18 at Capitan Public Library located at 101 East Second Street.

A mobile museum, the Van of Enchantment is a converted RV that tours New Mexico carrying exhibi-

tions and educational material from the collections of the state museums and monuments. In addition to cabinets and drawers filled with artifacts, the Van of Enchantment brings its contents to life with complementary activities and audiovisual programs. There is never an admission fee for the Van of Enchantment.

The Van of Enchantment's current exhibition, Road Trips, is the product of a partnership between

New Mexico Department of Transportation and two divisions of the Department of Cultural Affairs; The New Mexico History Museum and the Statewide Outreach Department.

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OUR OPINION

**Surviving the
 fire season**

Pulling together amidst the tragedy

While New Mexico is seeing one of the worst fire seasons in its history, one positive trait is appearing through the haze.

When the going gets tough, neighbors pull together.

Such has been the situation throughout New Mexico. While fire raged around Los Alamos, residents in Albuquerque and Santa Fe and other towns not only volunteered to take in those who were driven from their homes but their pets and even livestock as well.

Closer to home, on Friday, with resources lacking, the call went out for water to fight the Donaldson Fire.

And the neighbors of Hondo came through, offering access to wells and ponds and other sources of water.

The past weekend encompassed the Fourth of July

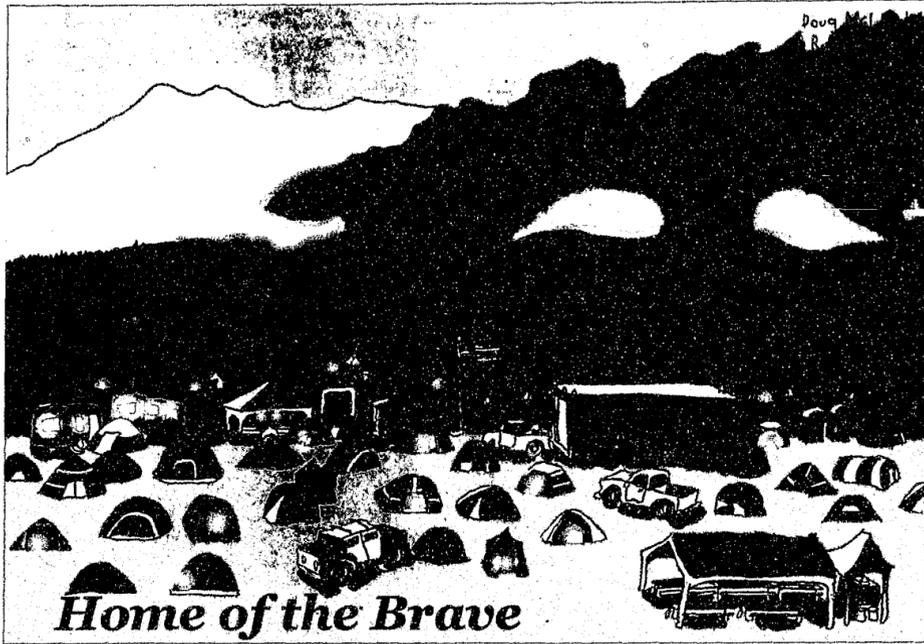
holiday that might have been taken as a cue to the more careless to show a lack of respect for their neighbors.

They did no such thing.

Area visitors and residents apparently chose to take in the fireworks display in Carrizozo and there were no reports of any serious blazes that were fireworks related.

With the monsoon season looking like it might hit late next week, finally, let's build upon this renewed sense of camaraderie and work toward a thinner forest, more defensible spaces around homes so communities will be less vulnerable to wild fire.

For like spring and winter, fire season is indeed a season. And with the apparent close of this one, we can hardly say that we're out of the woods just yet.



GUEST COMMENTARY

Why the hearing examiner got it wrong

Last week, the PRC hearing examiner presiding over the PNM Rate Case hearing recommended to the commissioners that they approve the \$85 million rate increase requested by PNM. The hearing examiner concluded that, with two modifications, the Stipulation, including its \$85 million base rate increase, was "fair, just, and reasonable."

For many New Mexicans, however, a third PNM rate hike since 2008 feels anything but "fair, just and reasonable." And before customers are required to hand over any more of their hard earned money to PNM through ever increasing utility bills, the commissioners would do well to look beyond the hearing examiner's recommendation and take a hard look at how PNM is spending its cascading financial windfall.

Out-of-control spending

It's not a pretty picture. In the past year alone, PNM has squandered at least \$10 million lobbying the PRC for rate increases and compensating its top five executives. Breaking that down, so far PNM has spent an astonishing \$3.7 million dollars to pay for attorneys and expert witnesses in this rate case! That's three times more than the \$1.2 million PNM will contribute to the Good Neighbor Fund under the Stipulation. PNM paid one of its many witnesses, Mr. Gary McCutchen, \$550 per hour for his work, including the hours he spent preparing his testimony, flying to New Mexico from North Carolina, as well as the time he sat in the hearing

observing. Another example, at the end of everyday of the eight-day hearing, PNM paid thousands of dollars daily to purchase an expedited transcript of the day's events so that it could better prepare arguments for the next day at the hearing. No other party could afford that luxury. That's your money New Mexico. You are hiring the most persuasive experts in the country and funding, or better yet, buying your own utility bill increase.

Meanwhile, as PNM is shelling out \$550 per hour to one witness, many New Mexicans are lucky to take home \$550 a week. Some fixed income elderly folks out there are living on that much per month! When you also factor in the millions PNM gave in bonuses this year to its top executives, you are at the ten million dollar mark. And that's just one year. No wonder PNM needs to raise our rates.

Both the law and good public policy support denying PNM's latest rate increase request.

Recently, someone suggested that placing the consumers' interest over that of the investors' interest would violate state law. But the fact is, demanding that PNM run its company in a more fiscally responsible manner is in the interest of both the consumer and the investor.

The commissioners can rely on the law to deny PNM's rate increase. New Mexico adheres to the "end result standard" as described in Supreme Court case Federal Power Commission v. Hope Natural Gas Co., 320 U.S. 591 (1944). Simply put, "it is the end

result reached, not the method employed, which is controlling" when setting rates. As ratepayers, perhaps it is now our duty to explain to the commissioners what this "end result" will look like for New Mexico.

The end result

Ratepayers have seen their bills rise by about 21 percent in base rate increases between 2008 and now. But that 21 percent doesn't reflect what the hearing examiner called "The Big Picture" in her decision. Even she acknowledged that the stipulation's impact goes far beyond the 10.8 percent rate base increase PNM has been reporting. According to the hearing examiner's findings, "the cumulative revenue increase would be 21.57 percent from 2010 to 2013."

Combine that with the rate increases from cases in 2008 and 2009 and the end result for ratepayers is approximately a 45 percent increase in the cost of electricity since their 2008 PNM bills. That 45 percent increase "end result" does not fall within a zone of "fair, just and reasonable" as demanded in the Public Utility Act and it is our duty as constituents to tell the commissioners to finally hold PNM accountable.

Demand a fair decision

Denying the rate increase makes sense. When a utility is a regulated monopoly, affordability should be a key issue during a rate case.

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**Burning the
 (roman) candle at both ends**

New Mexico didn't just become an arid state, and drought isn't exactly new here. So how did we manage to strip everyone from local fire chiefs to the governor of the authority to ban fireworks? In the last ten years, lawmakers made three attempts to reform fireworks laws and one to liberalize them. Guess which succeeded?

In 2007, SB 267, by Sen. James Taylor, pretty much made the sky the limit for fireworks. The bill, signed into law, permits everything from rockets to fire crackers, fountains to spinners, roman candles and eight kinds of flying devices.

It prohibited just three: stick-type rockets with tubes smaller than five-eighths inches by 3.5 inches, fireworks with sounds other than a whistle, devices with a charge of more than 130 milligrams of explosive composition per report.

Worse, the law prohibited local governments from passing ordinances to regulate and ban any permissible fireworks except aerial devices and ground audible devices.

In 2005, SB 841, by Sen. Leonard Lee Rawson, would have allowed local governments to regulate fireworks

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SHERRY ROBINSON
 ALL SHE WROTE

THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: Do you think the state does enough to protect and screen foster parents and children?



Pat Shehan
 Canyon, Texas
 "We're not familiar with the laws here on fostering, but we pray every day for neglected children."



Claude Lineley
 Pipe Creek, Texas
 "I think when a family takes a foster child in, you need to make sure that they're respectable and good people."



Harry Cole
 Ruidoso
 "I've never heard anything bad about foster parents. We have some neighbors who foster kids, and they're really great people."



Wendy Evans
 Pipe Creek, Texas
 "There are classes and training offered to foster parents — they're really important for families taking in troubled kids."



Kevin Flaherty
 Ruidoso
 "The state should be a bit more hands-on throughout the process to stop kids and parents from falling through the cracks."

FIRE

FROM PAGE 1A

National Guard or the State Police.”

On June 28, she signed an emergency declaration for the state, which also opened it to federal aid, Martinez said. A Fire Management Assistance Grant already was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Martinez took a few minutes to explain why she cannot ban fireworks statewide, only on state land, and she congratulated Lincoln County officials for thinking ahead to enact county-level fire restrictions. Fireworks also are banned in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

Because of the extreme fire danger, several businesses such as Walmart, Smiths and Albertsons voluntarily are pulling fireworks from their shelves, she said.

The American Red Cross is working out of the Los Alamos area in northern New Mexico when a fire burned 103,000 acres, but can be contacted to shift resources directly where they are needed, she said. Do not respond to



Gov. Susana Martinez attends an emergency meeting with county commissioners Kathryn Minter, Eileen Sedillo and Jackie Powell and County Manager Tom Stewart at the Hondo Senior Citizens Center Friday.

fraudulent telephone calls asking for Red Cross donations, she urged. Instead call Red Cross directly at 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to the Website redcross.org.

“If you need boots on ground to help with orderly evacuations, I would be happy to provide them,” Martinez told commissioners.

State Sen. Tim Jennings, D-Roswell, said New Mexico can't afford to forget the lesson it should have learned 10 years ago with similar destructive

fires. The national forest must be thinned more aggressively.

“There's not a sawmill left in New Mexico,” he said.

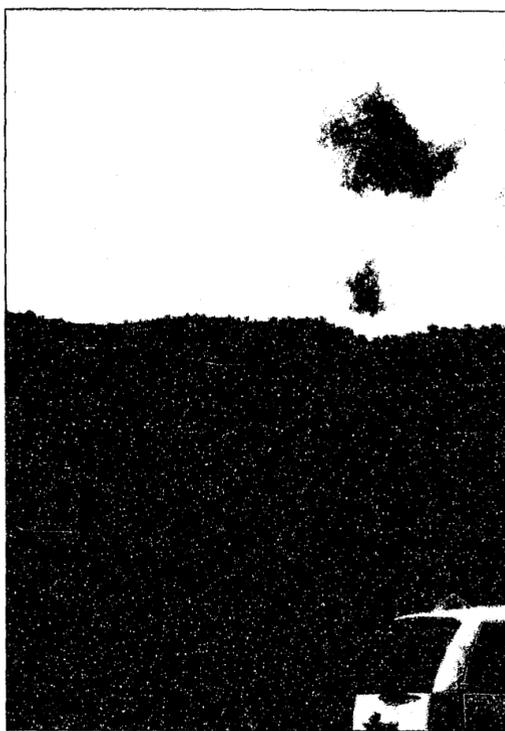
During the briefing, Pierson complimented Pecos Zone Type II Incident Commander Eddie Tudor for protecting roads and the river.

The fire on the West Branch of the Mescalero Apache Reservation continues to present problems with flames hitting their lines, he said. “The fire slopped over earlier today

and recently was spotting too much, so they were bringing their fire operation back to Forest Road 443,” he said.

Resources on the fire include 10 crews, 5 bulldozers and multiple engines, but aerial operations were stalled Friday, because of the thunder and lightning.

“We'll reassess that after the storm moves out,” Pierson said. Heavy concentration will remain on the southwest flank to prevent the fire from moving into more populated areas.



Plumes of smoke around Hondo throughout the weekend was an eerie reminder that the threat of fire was uncomfortably close.

Resident serves seniors while fire threatens home

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While the Donaldson Fire threatened dozens of homes in Alamo Canyon, including her own, Renee Montes reported to work each day to keep the Hondo Senior Center open for residents.

“Her house is still the one in the way of the fire, but she's been working straight through, not knowing if her house is there or not,” said Lincoln County Commissioner Jackie Powell, during a fire briefing Friday at the senior center.

Montes said she had full confidence in the firefighters, who already saved at least 25 homes in the canyon.

“I went up there this morning to see and they had slurred on the hill behind me,” she said of the home she's owned with her husband, Thomas, for the past 20 years.

“They're circling us on all side (fighting the fire), but I feel pretty good,” she said.

Their land is part of a family ranch divided among heirs, she said.

“I can't complain,” she said. “They've saved all of Alamo Canyon and done an excellent job.”

The fire crept dangerously near the settlement of Hondo, burning the whole mountain behind the school on U.S. Highway 70, she said.

The Hurd Ranch appar-

ently lost an apple barn, but the historical home of the late Peter Hurd and his wife, Henriette Wyeth, both renown artists, survived.

Powell said corrals and structures were burned on Tully land and a ranch bordering the national forest and the Mescalero Apache Reservation owned by attorney Gary Mitchell. And in a push to save livestock, an impromptu cattle drive formed, not for show or for a film. This was a real cattle drive, racing against an advancing fire.

“Gary lost 90 percent of his corrals (and some other property),” she said. “They rounded up the cattle the old-fashioned way and drove them 12 to 14 miles.”

Two big trailers also were used to bring out other livestock just before fire retardant was dropped, she said.

“It started on Picacho Road and burned on the Skeen Ranch,” she said. “That's rough country and hard to get a hold of. In one day it burned to Hondo and in a day and a half to Glencoe.”

The wind was headed west, an unusual pattern in the valley.

Firefighters told her the wind-driven fire “ducks, dives and moves,” she said.

“It's one of 24 fires in the state right now, but this one is really big. I never thought in my lifetime that Hondo would be threatened. It was just five minutes away.”

BURN

FROM PAGE 4A

more stringently than the state, including prohibition of fireworks allowed by the state. During severe droughts, local governments could have banned fireworks or limited them to paved or barren areas or places with readily accessible water. It died in committee.

In 2004, SB 173, by Sen. Dede Feldman, would have banned fireworks sales in riverside cottonwood forests. It also tried to provide steps for local governments to ban fireworks during droughts and give the governor authority to temporarily ban fireworks and impose other restrictions. Feldman said recently that the fireworks lobbyist made

such a dramatic presentation the bill died in her own committee. Every summer all the legislators get a bag of free fireworks.

In 2003, HB 454, by Rep. Manuel Herrera, would have allowed local governments to ban or restrict the sale or use of fireworks and limit times that fireworks could be sold. SB 204, a similar measure that year by Sen. Richard Martinez, also allowed local governments to ban fireworks on wild lands. Both died in committee.

So there you have it. Meanwhile, we read anxiously about new fires reported in the paper. We now learn that the Donaldson Fire in Lincoln County is eligible for fire management help from FEMA. Before you start with the FEMA jokes, remember that

before Katrina the agency was actually pretty efficient and hopefully has learned a few things since then.

The fires are dreadful enough without thinking about people who've been driven from their homes a second or third time. There's another fire victim here — the tourism industry.

If I might mention an up side, it's the generosity we see at times like this. Never mind the heat and smoke, people open up their hearts, their homes — and their barns. One of the more interesting developments is the website helposalamos.com. Late last week, there were 81 offers of housing in Santa Fe and 104 outside of Santa Fe. The most interesting gestures were the animal lovers: 31 posts from people who will happily take in dogs, cats,

horses, exotic birds, goats, rabbits, and reptiles.

A woman in Portales offered space for eight horses and two people. A Taos woman was willing to transport and care for exotic birds. From Alamogordo was an offer to meet people in Socorro and care for their dogs. A number of people with horse paddocks were willing to provide feed. And in Estancia residents would take large and small livestock and even provide their trailers for hauling.

I'm sure these same folks would extend a hand to those displaced from other fires.

This summer, when your state legislators are out hobnobbing at picnics and ball games, thank them for their hard work. And then ask them to get real about fireworks legislation.

PNM

FROM PAGE 4A

In an environment where residents have no choice in their electric provider, public utility policy dictates that all residents, regardless of

income level, must have reasonable access to that service.

Reasonable access to electric service demands that bills are affordable.

Before the commission awards one more penny to PNM, it should demand that the utility

company begin to manage its money it gets from ratepayers more wisely.

In these devastating economic times, even PNM should be accountable for how it spends the money it receives from hard working New Mexicans across

the state.

Carmela Starace serves as lead council for Prosperity Works. Her law practice focus primarily on legislative and regulatory advocacy for low income New Mexicans.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Katie O'Toole graduated from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro in December 2010 and returned to walk in the graduation ceremony May 14, where she received a BS in biology. While at Tech, she helped start the chapter of the national sorority Alpha Sigma Kappa, worked in the school's Office of Advancement, and spent four years as a Hi-Tech ambassador to assist potential students to take an interest in attending Tech. Katie O'Toole, a 2005 graduate of Ruidoso High School, is currently working at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center as a recruiter for funding efforts. She plans to return to school at Worcester State College in Massachusetts to complete a BS in chemistry and then pursue a doctorate in pharmacology.



COURTESY PHOTO

Dana O'Toole received a leadership award from Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Stoddard during the June 28 Ruidoso Village Council meeting to recognize her leadership. Dana O'Toole will begin her senior year in August and will be the president of the student organization Students Against Destructive Decisions. "Dana is a great student," said SADD sponsor Linda Tobkin. "She's energetic and water to really help her peers make good choices." Many of her activities speak to her concern about her peers and her community, Tobkin said. She attended the Light the Fire Youth Leadership Summit this year and worked with Big Brothers/Big Sisters to form a mentoring program at Ruidoso High School. She is currently attending classes at ENMU and after graduation from high school will complete undergraduate studies and attend medical school in pursuit of a career as a cardiovascular surgeon.

Class to focus on Chamber Music

FROM REPORTS

Don't know much about classical music?

No worries-join Dr. Larry Wolz for a brief, entertaining introduction to classical music, with a focus on the performers and pieces that will be featured during the Chamber Music Festival July 30 at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

The class meets two evenings, July 27 and 28, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at ENMU-Ruidoso.

Wolz entertained last year's festival audiences with his humorous and insightful pre-concert talks.

Wolz is a professor of music history and head of the music history and literature department at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas.

Performers at the sixth annual festival are violinist Ray Chen, the Jasper String Quartet and Mariangela Vacatello, finalist in the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

"When teaching my music history students how to write interesting program notes, I share with

them the fact that the audience doesn't want a detailed analysis of the work they are about to hear," Wolz said. "They want to know some interesting facts about the composer's life, his place in music history, and when, why and for whom he wrote the work. The lives of some of these composers would make good soap opera plots."

The first session will focus on the world of the concert pianist and the importance of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition over the last 50 years.

The second session explores the history of the string quartet and the piano quintet.

"Chamber music has been described as 'the music of friends,'" Wolz said. "There is a special interaction among members of a small musical group that adds spontaneity to the performance."

Performers at this year's festival are pianist Di Wu, finalist at the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition and the Linden String Quartet, winner of the 2010 Concert Artists Guild competition.

The cost of this community education class is \$30.

Hospital board awards scholarships

FROM REPORTS

Two local students, pursuing careers in healthcare, have been awarded scholarships by the Lincoln County Medical Center.

Ruidoso High School graduates Alaitia Enjady and Francesca Gavin were presented with the awards at the hospital's board meeting on June 27.

Enjady will receive a \$4,000 scholarship that will be distributed at a rate of \$1,000 annually for four years. Gavin will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

"The board and I wish these two young women the best of luck during their college careers and hope they come back to us to practice in their respective fields," said Al Santos, the hospital's administrator. "I think it's wonderful that our community hospital board has remained committed and supportive throughout the years to area graduates pursuing healthcare degrees."

Enjady indicated a desire to pursue a degree in health sciences, according to her scholarship application. She plans to attend the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She finished high school



COURTESY PHOTO

Lincoln County Medical Center Community Board of Trustees chairman Gary Mitchell, back center, presented a certificate of recognition and first installment to hospital board scholarship recipient Alaitia Enjady, second from left, at the board meeting June 27. Joining Alaitia Enjady at the presentation were: her mother, Diana, and grandparents Bill and Julia McNutt.

with a 4.2 grade point average and ranked fourth out of 139 students. Enjady played on the Lady Warrior varsity volleyball and softball teams and was also a member of the National Honor Society and Knowledge Bowl.

Gavin wants to obtain a nursing degree from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Her specific interests are in pediatric nursing. She graduated

from Ruidoso High School with a 4.0 GPA and ranked seventh out of 139 students. Gavin was a student council president during her senior year.

The Lincoln County Medical Center's Scholarship Committee begins work each spring to determine scholarship awards. Students interested in applying for future scholarships can contact Cindy Wolfel at 575-257-8250 for

an application and complete information.

Scholarship recipients must be a Lincoln County high school graduate, enroll in at least 12 credit hours per semester toward a healthcare major, and maintain a minimum 2.8 GPA.

The scholarship must be used within the academic year at either a two- or four-year institution following high school graduation.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Dean's List

A Ruidoso student has been included on the dean's list at Norwich University in Northfield, Vt. Thea Evans is a communications major at the school.

Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students in a Corps of Cadets, as civilians, and adult students. The school was founded in 1819 and is the oldest private military college in the United States. It is the birthplace of the nation's Reserve Officer's Training Corps.

School beat

A Ruidoso police officer will again be assigned to schools for the 2011-2012 school year.

Both the village council and the Ruidoso Municipal School District's education board earlier have approved a joint powers

agreement to place a school resource officer in the district's schools.

A police liaison officer was first placed in the schools in 2006. During 2009-2010 there had been two cops assigned to the district. Since August 2009, Sal Beltran has been the resource officer.

While the officer remains an employee of the village, the school district pays for one-half of the officer's salary and benefits for the school year.

The school resource officer's goal is to provide a safe learning environment and improve relationships between police and today's youth, according to the agreement. The officer is not a school disciplinarian and does not take part in any school disciplinary actions. The officer is expected to be present at school functions such as athletic events, dances and PTA programs.

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Ruidoso debates forestry fees

Firewise compliance could mean break in rate

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Rates for clearing forest debris off lots in Ruidoso will be going up but owners of property in compliance with Firewise regulations will receive a substantial break on the fees.

The motion to approve five recommendations from the Forestry Task Force passed 3-2 last week. Councilors Denise Dean and Gloria Sayers disagreed, and voted against the motion. Sayers called it premature until a completed database of all property receiving service and being billed is assembled.

"I feel like we are being bombarded," Dean said. "The task force itself is divided."

But Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Stoddard said, "Obviously, this needs to be fixed and the task force recommendations will lead us there."

The recommendations of the task force were that:

- the Forestry Department continue as a general fund department for two years and then be re-evaluated before the beginning of Fiscal Year 2012-2014 for conversion to a self-supporting enterprise fund.

- the forest waste revenue be assigned to the Forestry Department and dispersed to the village Solid Waste Department as an accounts payable for services rendered.

- rates and revenues be adjusted using the original rate design as defined, which includes reduced

rates for properties awarded certificates of compliance.

- fees charged to non-compliant property should be three to four times higher than for lots in compliance to produce revenue comparable to the original rate design.

- with completion of the Forestry Task Force fee database, a midyear adjustment be submitted in December to implement the original rate design with approved increases.

Councilor Rafael Salas, who pushed for a re-examination of fees when constituents complained they were paying too much, especially for lots in compliance with regulations, said the process of developing a new fee schedule is complicated.

"The database still is not complete," he said. "That is delaying any kind of recommendation until we know how many are to be charged."

Village attorney Dan Bryant said when a fee schedule is ready, it could be adopted by resolution with one public hearing, as set out in the forestry ordinance.

Jim Townsend, speaking for the task force, said with the council's approval and as soon as the database is completed, the task force

will design a new fee structure to support a forestry enterprise fund.

"People from my area were told they would get lower rates if they complied," he said. Somewhere down the line, that discount was abolished. It's a matter of honoring a contract, he said.

Village Manager Debi Lee said many of the questions raised by residents were covered at a previous public session on the subject. The reason rates were changed a year ago under a recommendation from Director Dick Cooke was because the Forestry Department is funded out of the general fund, which

had to be cut by \$3 million to come up with a balanced budget without dipping into reserves.

"We need to look at forestry and all the solid waste costs associated with it," she said. "Forestry brings in a lot of cost-sharing money for citizens. There was no unethical effort. There was an error, because we were concentration on numbers and were not thinking of the compliance."

Having actual budget year-end figures for the past three years will show what belongs to the forestry department and to solid

waste, Lee said.

In asking for a delay on a vote, Sayers said she served on the task force and is aware of the billing problem.

"One third of the (property owners) are not paying anything," she said. "How can we pass anything until we know. I'm asking instead of piece-mealing, we wait until we have everything."

She has been informed of discrepancies, the councilor said without being specific. Enforcement also will be a problem. "How will you collect if they refuse to pay? I think it would be better to wait and do it correctly."

But Salas offered the motion to approve the recommendations, seconded by Councilor Angel Shaw.

Sayers took one more shot. "I encourage the council not to pass this today," she said. "We're not in a hurry. The task force was formed to fix the problem. We're dealing with incorrect and unfair billing. Let's stop before (we find) ourselves in any deeper."

Townsend said Sayers "has a point," but said approval would provide a "structure" for designing the fee schedule.

Lee later said she's not a fan of fees. "We need people to really buy into the 60 feet of defensible space around structures and we're looking for partnerships with the community."

"People from my area were told they would get lower rates if they complied."

Jim Townsend
Forestry Task Force

NEWS BRIEFS

Lightning starts fire

A Sierra Blanca Regional Airport employee was sitting at her desk Friday when a lightning flash hit outside her window in a ravine.

A few seconds later, she saw smoke and fire, said Ruidoso Utilities Director Randall Camp. The airport crew jumped into their fire-fighting vehicles and headed out immediately.

Camp said at about the same time, the storm hanging over the village decided to let loose with some rain. Help also came from the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department and the blaze was quickly extinguished, he said.

FEMA assistance

Officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency last week approved New

Mexico's request for fire management assistance declaration for the Donaldson Fire burning in Lincoln County.

The fire started on June 28, and burned more than 100,000 acres of public and private land by Monday. Evacuations were issued for about 50 people.

Under the declaration, the state is now eligible for funding through the Fire Management Assistance Grant Program, which provides for the "mitigation, management, and control" of fires burning on publicly or privately owned forest or grasslands which threaten such destruction as would constitute a major disaster.

"New Mexico is battling several devastating fires at once, said U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-NM. "This FEMA designation will provide much-needed support to put these fires out."

Susan Schwarzenegger "Capece"

1947-2011

Susan passed away a day before her birthday after a short 3 week battle with cancer. Susan had just retired from 12 yrs at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino. Susan enjoyed traveling to Austria, Italy and Rome learning the cultures and bringing them home to her family and friends. She cherished her gardening.

She is survived by her daughter Kelly Capece and grandson Christopher (8). Memorial services will be held on July 11th at 5:30pm at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Church located at 1035 Mechem.

Should friends desire, contributions can be made in her name at any City Bank of Ruidoso.

Daughter Kelly and grandson Christopher would like to thank friends and co-workers of Susan for all their act of kindness during this trying time.

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

June 14

2:49 p.m. - Sgt. Dale Harrison reported a landowner on Alpine Village Road contacted the police about a road that was built across his property.

Harrison reported someone cut a road from the back of 120 Sequoia to the Alpine Village and Sequoia intersection.

Harrison reported that he investigated and found that the owners of the Sequoia property live in El Paso, but he was unable to contact them.

The victim estimated the damages to be \$5,000.

June 16

4:44 p.m. - Officer Tilman Freeman responded to the 100 block of Pippen for a report of a residential burglary.

Freeman reports a window was broken and the sliding glass door open. Silverware was scattered across the kitchen floor, beds thrown upside down, items scattered around the bedrooms, busted soda cans were on the floors and the attic door was open.

Two televisions, a television mount, Playstation II, Playstation games, DVD/CDR player, Hot Link remote, and two drills with chargers and batteries were reportedly stolen.

June 18

12:27 p.m. - Officer Jon Lund responded to the 400 block of Walnut for a report of a rock thrown through a window.

The victim reportedly said he was downstairs, heard a crash and went upstairs to find a window broken and a rock lying in the floor.

Damage was estimated to be \$200.

June 21

1:54 p.m. - Officer Sal Beltran responded to the Horton Education Complex (old Ruidoso Middle School) in response to a call from the custodian.

Beltran reported a window broken, a fire extinguisher discharged on the floor and the tracks of several people in the mess.

The custodian estimated clean up would take two days and cost about \$400.

June 23

2:42 p.m. - James Seno, 56, reportedly called the police and asked them to write him a citation for illegal watering.

Code Enforcement officer Robert Simpson had responded to a complaint the previous day about Seno watering in violation of the water restrictions and told Seno Municipal Code require posting a sign. Seno reportedly said he did not agree but would comply.

Simpson reports Seno signed the citation "under duress." Seno reportedly said he wanted to take it to court to get the ordinance changed.

June 24

10:59 a.m. - Officer

Chris Bryant responded to the 100 block of Monjeau Road for a report of a burglary and larceny.

Bryant reported the victim said a television valued at \$300 was taken. There was reportedly no sign of forced entry and no physical evidence.

9:53 p.m. - Officer Curtis Rodgers responded to the 2700 block of Sudderth Drive for a report of a male exposing himself.

Four girls, ages 13-15 years old, reported a white male with blond hair and blue eyes, wearing a Royal blue shirt and plaid shorts had exposed himself to them in separate incidents in the area. The victims reported the man was driving a yellow mustang with a hood scoop and wide rear tires.

June 26

9:16 p.m. - Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to Win, Place and Show for a report of a found purse.

Tyson reports a bartender told him a woman brought the purse in and said she found it on 5th Street. Another woman reportedly told Tyson who the purse belonged to and that it had been stolen from a car parked in the 2600 block of Sudderth.

Tyson contacted the owner of the purse. She claimed it and reported that a checkbook and cell phone were missing.

June 27

2:16 p.m. - Beltran responded to a call to the

Warrants issued for stabbing, beer theft

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Tularosa police have obtained arrest warrants for two Mescalero men after they allegedly stabbed an elderly man and stole his beer, a Tularosa Police Department spokesman said.

Tularosa Police Department Cpl. Matthew Mirabal said Blaine Robinson, 32, and Benny Kaydahzinne, 33, are charged with one count each of third-degree felony armed robbery, fourth-degree felony conspiracy to commit armed robbery, third-degree aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and fourth-degree receiving or disposing of stolen property.

Mirabal said Tularosa police are working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Otero County Sheriff's Department to serve arrest warrants on Robinson and Kaydahzinne on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

He said the 72-year-old man was in the front yard of his home in the 1200 block of Swanson Circle in Tularosa around 5:43 p.m. June 18 when Robinson and Kaydahzinne struck up a conversation with him.

Mirabal said the three men entered the elderly man's house and an altercation occurred, with the two men allegedly assaulting the elderly man with a knife. They then allegedly stole about 11 containers of

beer from him. He said the elderly man was transported to Gerald Regional Champion Medical Center for treatment of his wounds.

Mirabal said the man was released from the hospital and is recovering from his wounds.

He said when officers arrived in the area of Swanson Circle, the men were running toward the east side of a trailer park. Mirabal said officers were able to detain and arrest them on previous outstanding warrants.

He said Robinson and Kaydahzinne posted bail on those outstanding arrest warrant charges before officers could serve the warrants from the June 18 incident.

Horton Complex for a report of broken windows.

Beltran reported three double-paned windows broken and damage estimated at \$423.

June 28

2 a.m. - Cpl. Lawrence Chavez reported observing a man smoking a cigarette outside The Quarters nightclub in Midtown Ruidoso.

Chavez reported Julian Lyons, 22, said he was aware of the fire restrictions.

Chavez issued Lyons a

non-traffic citation for improper handling of fire.

2:22 p.m. - Cpl. Steve Corbin responded to a business on Center Street for a report of shoplifting.

Corbin reports a \$280 necklace was reportedly missing from the business.

2:57 p.m. - Officer Sal Beltran met with a victim at the police department for a report of a stolen UPS package.

Beltran reported the victim said the package had been left on the porch June 13 and when they returned home June 15 it was gone.

The victim reportedly said they needed a police report to claim the loss.

someone kicked the door.

11:04 p.m. - Sgt. Mike Weaver reported observing a passenger in a white Chevrolet S-10 pickup southbound on Mescalero Trail without a seat belt.

Weaver reported when he stopped the vehicle on Highway 70, he observed the driver and passenger appearing to try to hide something.

According to Weaver's report, the driver did not have identification, but gave his name as Aristeo Chaves, 19. Ruidoso Police Dispatch advised there was an arrest warrant for Chaves.

Weaver arrested Chaves on the warrant.

While conducting an inventory of the vehicle, Weaver reported finding a syringe, metal spoon and white powder in the console. He also reported finding a syringe behind the seat.

The white powder tested positive for amphetamine.

Weaver charged Chaves with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

July 2

10:25 p.m. - Officer Lance Ledford responded to the 200 block of Paradise Canyon for a report of a domestic issue.

Ledford reports the couple told him they were not arguing with each other, they were yelling at their dog because he wouldn't listen and was hyper.

While talking to the couple, Ledford reported observing a bong with residue clearly visible in the living room.

Ledford issued Robyn Ancona, 23, and Michael Ancona, 23, non-traffic citations for possession of drug paraphernalia.

- From Ruidoso Police incident reports.

June 30

12:45 a.m. - Officer Lance Ledford responded to 319 Sudderth Drive for a report of a barking dog.

Ledford issued Frazuio Silva, 28, a non-traffic citation for unreasonable noise.

Ledford reports Silva was uncooperative and rude and refused to take the dog inside.

Sgt. Steve Corbin reportedly had contact with Silva June 8 and reported Silva refused to take the dog inside and was rude and uncooperative with him also.

5:32 p.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to the 300 block of LL Davis for a possible burglary.

Snodgrass reported a window broken and a camera, television and pistol reportedly stolen from the residence.

While responding to this call, Snodgrass reported finding an open door at another home in the neighborhood.

Snodgrass reported the sliding glass door open but no sign of forced entry. There were, reportedly, obvious signs of someone looking through drawers and closets and a footprint on the garage door where

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WATER

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drafted for anyone who offered a well, pond or other water resource, he said.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart said Tuesday that at least two people responded by offering wells or ponds for use by helicopters that needed to load their baskets to drown flames on the 101,513-acre fire declared 75 percent contained.

Mary Ann Moorhouse who manages the historical Coe Ranch owned by Ken

and Jaye Huseman of Midland, Texas, said the owners offered the use of an irrigation ditch directly across from the burning mountain.

"The fire still is behind us," she said Tuesday. "The 25 percent that is not contained is around us. They still have dozer lines back there. They had the dipper out there, but they're not taking water today. If they start, that could mean the fire has kicked up and is moving again."

Despite the fire, many of the Huseman's friends came up to the ranch for a roping get-together and numerous

firefighters also posed in front of the famous Coe Ranch Barn, one of the most frequently photographed historical structures in the state.

"We had lots of firefighters from all over, Idaho, California and Arizona, and they wanted to pose there," she said.

However, during the Friday briefing, Jane Tully, a valley resident, said she and her husband offered some firefighters the use of a well if they would help put out a spot fire with water carried on their truck, but they refused. Tully asked Pierson if sav-

ing homes was the only emphasis in a fire, not facilities such as corrals or ranch land. "What are the objectives?" she pressed as she stood at the back of the briefing room.

Pierson said values at risk could include property, livestock, electrical lines, communities and houses.

"Strategically, we have to anchor a fire," he said. Once a fire is considered safe to work around, firefighters try to get out in front of it to limit its spread, he said.

"We try to cooperate with landowners when we can," Pierson said. "We allow

them to get back in to feed and water livestock."

Tully said when the fire broke out June 28, she and her husband didn't see any firefighters.

"Now the whole thing is gone," she said of the family ranch.

Eddie Tudor, Pecos Zone Type II Commander who initially took charge, said his first emphasis was to try to keep the fire small, but that soon became impossible, because the flames moved too fast.

"We had a lack of resources so structural protection came first," he said. "They worked all night long

(and saved many structures)."

That might explain why the Tullys didn't see anyone, early the next morning either, he said.

Tully then related the conversation she said occurred with firefighters about using their well. When the firefighters they encountered didn't seem interested, her husband used a hand sprayer to put out the flames, she said.

"I'd like some answers," Tully said.

Tudor said he would meet with Tully after the session to hear more details and follow up on her complaint.

NASA

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An image showing nitrogen dioxide levels from June 27 - 29 was created from the ozone measuring instrument by Dr. James Acker at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

The highest levels of nitrogen dioxide were from the Las Conchas Fire near Los Alamos. The Donaldson Fire provided the second highest levels.

Emissions from coal-burning power plants located in northwest New Mexico were also detected in the image.

The gas is measure by the number of molecules in a cubic centimeter.

Low-level ozone is hazardous to the health of both plants and animals. It can cause respiratory problems in humans.

"The wildfires burning in New Mexico can have a severe impact on air quality in several areas of the state, so I am urging everyone to take precautions," said New

"We should not underestimate the effects that evacuation and displacement can have on our friends and families."

Catherine Torres
New Mexico Department of Health,
Secretary

Mexico Department of Health Secretary Dr. Catherine Torres. "Poor air quality conditions associated with smoke are especially important for people with underlying health condi-

tions such as asthma, emphysema and cardiovascular disease. If symptoms associated with these conditions do not respond to the usual recommended medications, see a health care provider immediately."

Officials with the New Mexico Department of Health reminded residents that toll free numbers are available to discuss health-related or mental health concerns connected to wildfires burning in New Mexico.

People who have ques-

tions about smoke health-related issues can call the New Mexico Nurse Advice Line at 1-877-725-2552. People who want to talk to a mental health professional can call 1-866-HELP-1-NM.

"The wildfires burning in New Mexico can have an adverse affect on both your physical and mental health, so I want to remind everyone that there are resources to help people in need," said Torres. "Smoke can cause health concerns for anyone. It is perfectly normal

right now to feel anxiety. Our friends and neighbors were forced to evacuate, and many had to make decisions in minutes on where to go, when to leave and what to bring with them. We should not underestimate the effects that evacuation and displacement can have on our friends and families."

Health Department officials also reminded residents to be aware of the air quality in areas affected by the wildfires. Visibility can serve as a good substitute in determining air quality.

FIRES

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are nice to see after such a dry and windy spell that we had."

Monsoon season

"An area of high pressure aloft is basically parked over the northern part of New Mexico," Shoemaker said. "Along

with that area of high pressure, we actually see a decreasing or relaxing of those westerly winds aloft. We had been seeing those frequently during the spring months and even the early part of the summer almost all the way through June. That basically is the textbook definition of monsoon. We've seen the change in a seasonal pattern shift. We do see the gentle up-tick in low- to mid-level moisture."

Shoemaker said most people

associate high pressure with clear skies and no precipitation, but in the intermountain west moisture can occur with high pressure.

A cold front from the northeast could usher in moisture Thursday and Friday to help "prime" the atmosphere.

"We're looking for the moisture to come from the 'back door' direction to get us back into the shower and thunderstorm regime by the end of the

week towards Friday," Polasko said. "Essentially that's how we're going to recharge the moisture source for New Mexico and bring at least some chance of showers and thunderstorms everywhere. And then after that we're going to look for the synoptic scale to change and move that high from central New Mexico further to the east which will allow better south to north moisture seepage, or if we get real lucky a moisture burst,

sometime late in the weekend, or early next week. That would really supercharge the atmosphere with some moisture and give us what we would normally think of as our monsoon pattern."

Shoemaker said forecasters at the weather service are "getting a little bit excited" about the likelihood of high pressure shifting into Texas next week, opening the door to allow better moisture to flow in from the south.



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Village renews water contracts for consultants

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Contracts for three of Ruidoso's water consultants were renewed for another year after village officials assured councilors the action was critical to stay within state limits on use of water rights for a five-year period.

"We have the most complicated water rights in the state," Utilities Director Randall Camp told councilors at their meeting last week. "It's critical (contracts are renewed) because we are making headway with the Office of the State Engineer to repair our relationship. They've trained the state to understand (the water accounting system), instead of throwing up their hands and walking away.

"Eagle Creek water is critical to the survival of the village. (Cutting the use of water rights from Eagle Creek) would eliminate 50 percent of Ruidoso's water with a stroke of the pen and that's untenable," he said. "We've been meeting to work out our strategy as we near the

end of the five-year water rights period" on Oct. 31.

The State Engineer settled on a five-year accounting period to adjust for year-to-year variability and seasonal variations, he said.

"We're watching very closely" Camp said. "The reservoirs are our savings account, (The Rio Ruidoso) is our checking account. We're putting a management strategy in place with the help of the team to make sure we end in the black and are not penalized Nov. 1 for exceeding our rights."

In three motions, councilors approved a second one-year renewal at \$50,000 for Henninghausen & Olsen, the legal firm that handles water rights issues; a second, one-year renewal for water planning with Atkins Engineering for \$75,000; and a second one-year renewal for geologic and hydrogeologic work by John Shomaker & Associates Inc. for \$50,000. Money is to be expended only with council-approved task orders.

"I'd hate to change horses in midstream, especially when we're riding the

fastest horse," Camp said.

Councilor Gloria Sayers asked how long the consultants have worked for the village. But Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Stoddard said they were in place when he joined the board in 2006, along with a Santa Fe-based firm.

"If we've had all this assistance since the 1980s, how are we in so much trouble? It's their job to protect us."

Stoddard said with full-time residents, seasonal and tourism growth, supply had trouble keeping up with demand. Efforts to purchase more water or water rights were thwarted by protests and lawsuits filed by groups such as the Forest Guardians.

"Everyone downstream protests," Camp said. "There's more litigation over water in new Mexico than whiskey. It is a statewide situation."

Camp explained that the water rights on the Rio Ruidoso are the ones that are limited, not on Eagle Creek, which supplies 70 percent of the village rights. "Essentially we pull from Eagle Creek to supplement the Rio Ruidoso," Camp

"Five years ago we ran out of water rights and had to purchase some to make it to the end."

Jim Stoddard
Mayor Pro Tempore, Ruidoso

said. "Hollywood Well comes out of the Rio Ruidoso accounting and we're hoping to stay off of that except for high demand days, because it counts against us on the river."

The river is the only source of water for Grindstone Reservoir, he said. Water can be diverted into the reservoir only if the flow on the river is 6 cubic feet per second or better.

"We using Eagle Creek and Alto Reservoir to acquire credit," Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Stoddard clarified. Water added from that system into the Rio Ruidoso system results in an effluent or flow return credit for the village for putting more water into the river.

Camp said Alto Reservoir should give the village the needed five-months supply.

"Five years ago we ran

out of water rights and had to purchase some to make it to the end," Stoddard said. Village Engineer Dan Bryant backed up Stoddard, saying in July 2006, "We already were using water we didn't own, but with new accounting tools and a better use of Eagle Creek water, we are not this time."

"Finding water rights is not an easy thing," Stoddard said.

"That's why citizens need to write the U.S. Forest Service to fight for the village to be able to use the rights we purchased in good faith," Camp said. "There is a group of people who want to take away our rights on the North Fork wellfield. That would alter our lifestyle."

"The long-term viability of the village depends on Eagle Creek water rights and judicious use. People come up to their summer homes and see dry grass. It's better to wait for the monsoon (summer rains). They don't need to water now. The grass is dormant. It's better to let it come from the clouds."

Complicating the situation, the village's A1 Well took months longer to repair than anticipated and because of a rock formation, the drill was off-center and the well is not as deep as hoped. Then an electric surge last week damaged the Green Well, which was producing 250 gallons per minutes. Camp said a computer chip went out that handles energy management of the well.

To keep water flowing, the pump was adjusted to a simple on-off approach. Two "O" rings and a pitless adapter also went out on the Cherokee Well, although that should be a one-day turn-around, Camp said. The water level in Grindstone Reservoir sits at 26 feet below the spillway now. The lowest recorded was 29 feet in 2006.

"Water from the dam is a savings account," Camp said. "It doesn't count against us."

The village on the Fourth of July weekend traditionally uses from 2 million to 2.5 million gallons of water a day. "We need locals and visitors to conserve water," he said.

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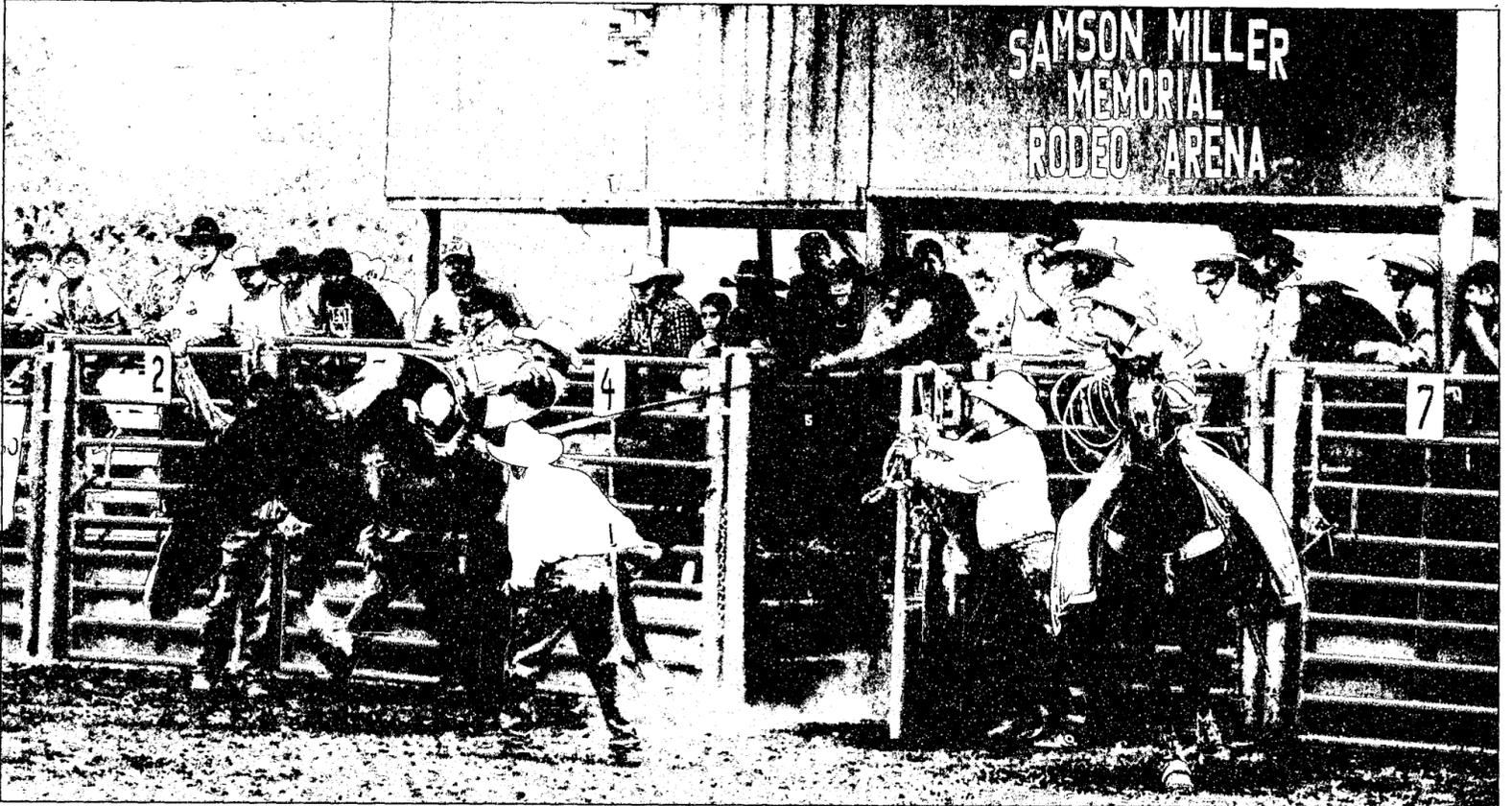
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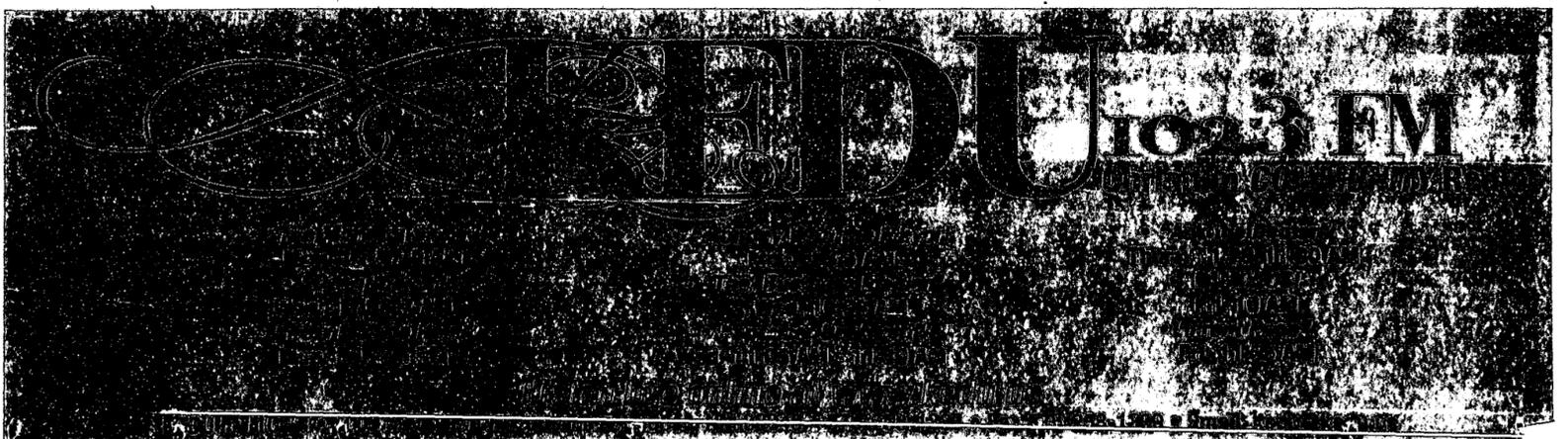
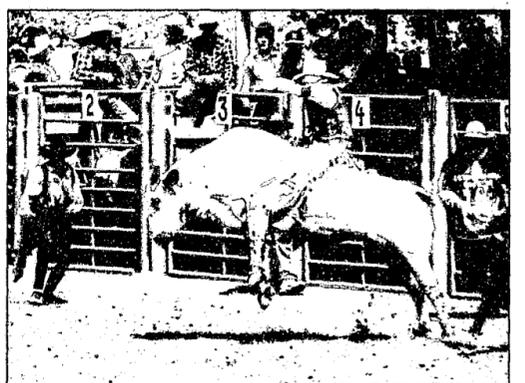
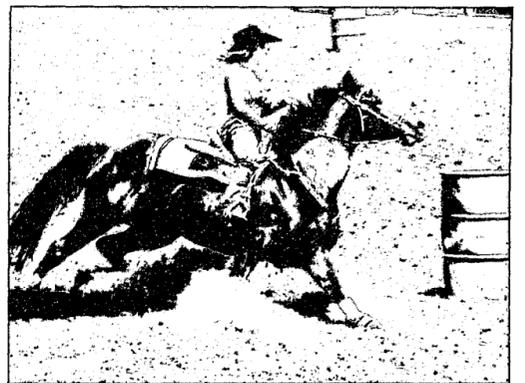
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The 32nd annual Mescalero Rodeo



Clockwise from top: The final day of the Mescalero Rodeo commenced on the Fourth of July at the Samson Miller Memorial Rodeo Arena Monday as Mescalero's J.R. Chino comes out of the chute in the bareback riding event. Young Roman Rocha collects 50 points in bull riding. Cowgirl Cheyenne Erwin attempts the last obstacle in the barrel riding event. Gary Thorn shows good form in bull riding. Cooper Wimberly (left, the header) and James Gilliland (heeler) were the winners in Monday's calf roping event with a time of :4.41. The rodeo clown actually believes he has captured a gorilla, which ran through the grand stand terrorizing spectators. Riley Lambert hits the mark in calf roping.

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RUIDOSO OSOS TAKE THREE OUT OF FOUR FROM CARLSBAD



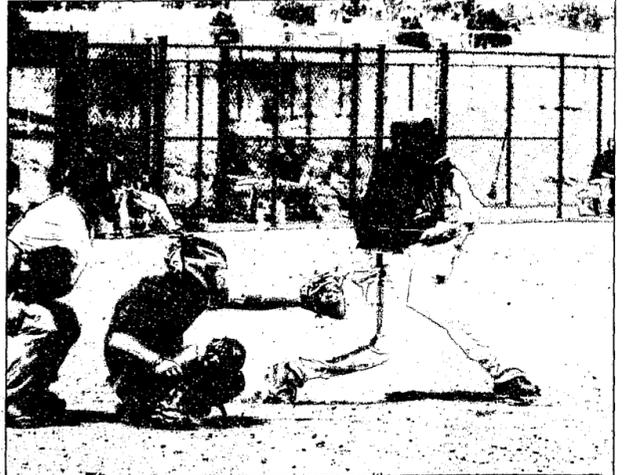
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Courtney Nelson shows a very good left-handed pick-off move to first base in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, which helped him nab two Carlsbad runners off the bag. The Osos won the first game 14-0 and lost the second contest, 10-4. Ruidoso won Wednesday's game over the Bats, 25-8, and Thursday's contest, 12-8, to take three-out-of-four wins against the visitors.



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Alan Gatz went the distance in Saturday's first game scattering five hits over seven innings for a 14-0 win.



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Chris Juarez singles in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader.

Champion Noconi comes on for second Higheasterjet win

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Race Track

R.D. Hubbard and Johnny T.L. Jones Jr.'s homebred Noconi, the 11-10 favorite, showed his championship class in the final 150 yards to win the Grade 3, \$30,000 Higheasterjet Handicap for the second time in three years on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

Champion Jacky Martin was aboard two-time champion Noconi for the win in a quick :17.158 for the 350 yards, a distance shorter than the six-year-old gelding prefers.

Honor Me Good, an 18-1 longshot, was second and Separate Bet finished third. Noconi and Separate

Bet are each from the Paul Jones stable.

Noconi drifted in during the Higheasterjet, but pulled away from Honor Me Good to get his sixth win from 14 starts at Ruidoso Downs.

He also has three seconds and three thirds at the mountain track. His local wins include the 2008 All American Derby, 2009 Higheasterjet Handicap, 2009 Mr Jet Moore Handicap and the 2010 All American Gold Cup.

A son of Mr Jess Perry and broodmare of the year My Dashing Lady, Noconi has been honored by the American Quarter Horse Association as the 2008 champion three-year-old gelding and the 2010 cham-

pion aged gelding.

He wrapped up his championship run last year with grade 1 wins in the \$150,000 Zia Park Championship and The Championship at Sunland Park.

He has earned \$1,248,565 from 28 starts with only three starts (no wins) outside of New Mexico. His best effort was a second in the 2009 Refrigerator Handicap at Lone Star Park.

"He is comfortable here in his own space. It's his comfort zone here in New Mexico, no lights and no shipping," said Lisa Saumell, who oversees Jones' New Mexico operation.

"Three hundred and

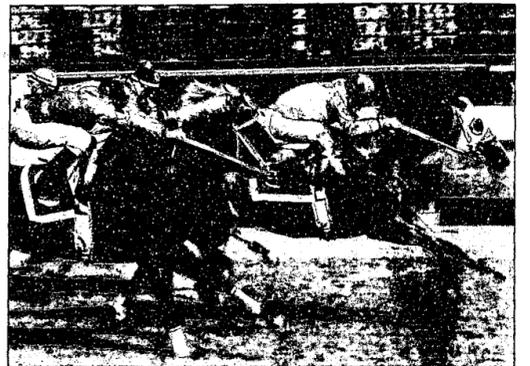
fifty yards is not his thing, 440 is. We'll go to the (440-yard) All American Gold Cup next."

Martin, last year's national champion jockey, was unseated after the Higheasterjet when Noconi shied on the turn after the race and the veteran rider suffered a leg injury.

He returned to the jockeys' quarters and was walking with some discomfort.

Runner-up Honor Me Good, owned by Rancho Los Dos Portillos, raced to his second stakes runner-up finish this year.

The gelding from the Ralph Muniz stable was a neck behind A Tincup Cocktail in the West Texas Maturity last April.



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Noconi wins Sunday's \$30,000 Higheasterjet Handicap.

Third-place finisher Separate Bet continues to amaze as a seven-year-old graded-stakes campaigner.

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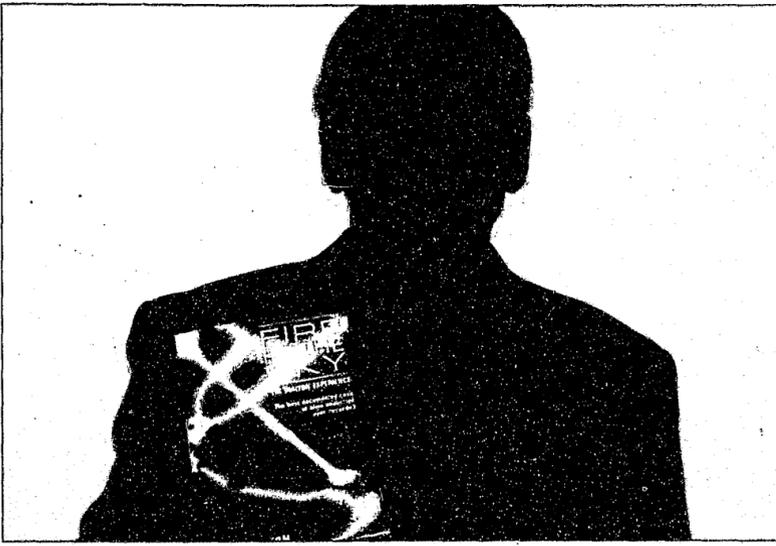
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<p>TRISTAN</p> <p>is a spunky doxie/terrier mix, about 6 months old. He loves attention and playing with other dogs. Tristan weighs around 10 pounds, has short black fur with some white on his chest and paws. He also has a very faint white stripe down the middle of his face.</p> <p>SPONSORED BY ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY</p>	<p>MANGO</p> <p>was found on the side of the highway with his littermates all trying to fend for themselves. He has been at the shelter for over a month now and still needs a permanent home. Mango has short hair, is an orange/red tabby and boasts an attention-grabbing attitude. He loves human contact and is very social.</p> <p>SPONSORED BY ruidoso.net It's where to go!</p>
<p>GYPSY</p> <p>is a very sweet Catahoula mix, about 7 months old. She has a beautiful brindle coat with white on her chest and paws. Gypsy is friendly, walks very well on a leash and did come from a home with other dogs.</p> <p>SPONSORED BY JUANITA MOTE</p>	<p>KATE</p> <p>is a sweet, reserved border collie/heeler mix about 8-10 months old. She will likely bond very well with her new owners, but since she has been at the shelter she has had her guard up with the staff and volunteers. Kate weighs about 45 pounds and is still perfecting her leash skills.</p> <p>SPONSORED BY EARL & JEAN GREMILLION</p>
<p>CALLAHAN</p> <p>is a handsome shepherd/husky mix. He loves going on walks and being around people. Callahan weighs about 65 pounds.</p> <p>SPONSORED BY PAT BREEDING</p>	<p>JONAH</p> <p>is a good looking Boxer mix, about 9 months old. He is very friendly, weighs about 38 pounds now, and does well with other dogs. Jonah loves going to the dog park and is great with everyone he meets there. He is quite the ball fetcher and would love to show off his skills in a permanent home!</p> <p>SPONSORED BY RUIDOSO NEWS</p>
<p>LEXI</p> <p>is a very sweet shepherd mix, about 2 years old. She weighs about 40 pounds and is absolutely excellent with people and very eager to please. Lexi was picked up by Captain animal control on May 30 and brought to the shelter after she had been found running loose. She walks very well on a leash and is quite gentle.</p> <p>SPONSORED BY MIKE & PJ SCHUSTER PROPERTIES 575-257-4345</p>	<p>STORMY</p> <p>is about 10 weeks old, short haired and solid gray. She is friendly, just a little cautious with strangers. Stormy is very playful with other cats and kittens as well.</p> <p>SPONSORED BY WILLIAM HARALSON & ASSOCIATES WWW.WLHA-INC.COM 575-808-1522</p>
<p>PETEY</p> <p>is a very handsome kitten about 10 weeks old. He has short hair and orange tabby and white markings. Petey loves to race around the cat room with all the other kittens!</p> <p>SPONSORED BY LINDA LUCKE INTERIORS, LLC 575-258-5881</p>	<p>CHLOE</p> <p>is an absolutely adorable kitten, about 10-12 weeks old. She is very friendly and playful. Chloe is sure to bring a smile to your face!</p> <p>SPONSORED BY MARY BETH FOWLER</p>
<p>SOLDIER</p> <p>is a handsome red tabby, about 10 weeks old. He was found in Carrizozo with his littermates back in April. Soldier has great markings and a sweet disposition.</p> <p>SPONSORED BY </p>	<p>ELMO</p> <p>is a very outgoing and curious kitten. He was found in April with his littermates abandoned and starving in Carrizozo. Elmo is extremely affectionate, likes his belly scratched and all the attention he can get!</p> <p>SPONSORED BY JOANIE HOLT</p>

UFO Festival, Roswell NM



Referred to as the most truthful alien abduction account, Travis Walton, author of *Fire In The Sky*, gave a lecture on his experience after being abducted by aliens on November 5, 1975, while working as a lumberjack near Snowflake, Arizona. When asked if he had any further encounters with aliens since 1975 Travis commented, "if I did, I am not sure I would report it. It robbed me a lot of my life."



There were all kinds of UFO enthusiasts during the 2011 Roswell UFO Festival held Friday, July 1, through Monday, July 4. Celebrity guides, UFO researchers, nuclear physicists and vendors a plenty made the event fast moving and fun along North Main Street in Roswell.



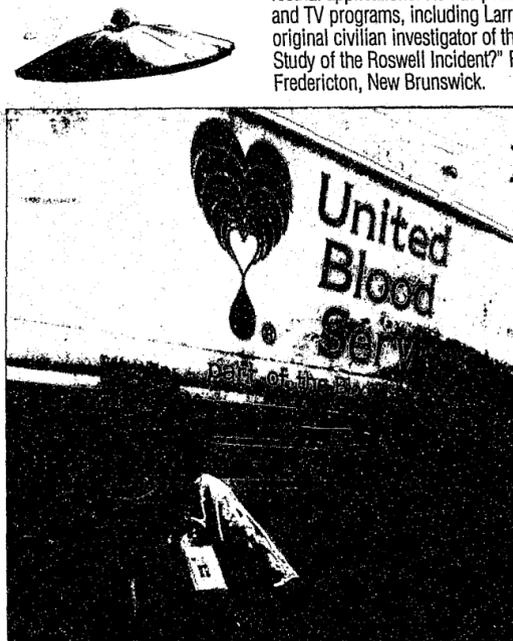
Left to right, Gary Wilson, author of the "Defense Force" series and his wife, Maria, greeted fans and soon-to-be fans with their display. Wilson currently lives in New Mexico and has a small company called Nightstalker Press, which publishes all of his novels.



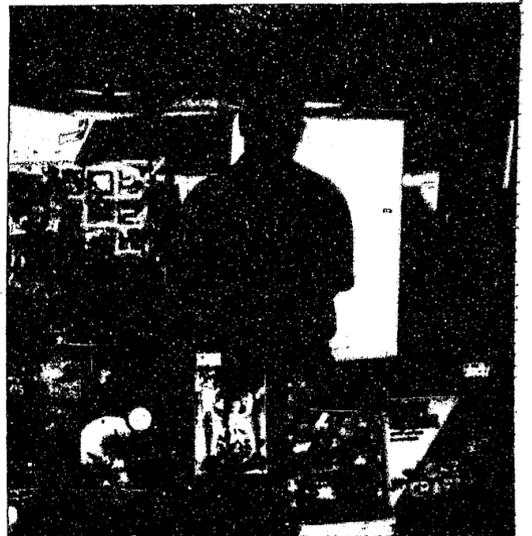
Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist and lecturer, delivered an impressive display of all his books and lectures inside the UFO Museum Saturday afternoon. Friedman graduated with a BSc. and MSc. in physics from the University of Chicago in 1955 and 1956. He was employed for 14 years as a nuclear physicist by such companies as GE, GM, Westinghouse, TRW Systems, Aerojet General Nucleonics and McDonnell-Douglas, working in such highly advanced, classified, eventually cancelled programs as nuclear aircraft, fission and fusion rockets and various compact nuclear power plants for space and terrestrial applications. He has published more than 90 UFO papers and has appeared on hundreds of radio and TV programs, including Larry King in 2007 and twice in 2008, and many documentaries. He is the original civilian investigator of the Roswell Incident and co-authored "Crash at Corona: The Definitive Study of the Roswell Incident?" Friedman is a dual citizen of the USA and Canada and resides in Fredericton, New Brunswick.



Yvonne R. Smith, C.Ht and abduction researcher, has made more than 100 television/radio appearances and thousands of hypno-regression sessions in the U.S. and Europe. She is the founder and president and Close Encounter Resource Organization abduction support group. Her new book is out February 2012 and deals with a mass abduction in San Diego, Calif. Smith recently wrote the book "Chosen, recollections of UFO abductions through hypnotherapy."



Erin Smith, senior donor recruitment representative for United Blood Services, was enjoying the festivities and keeping up with a good pace of blood donors who decided to do some good while they were canvassing the vendors. Smith resides in Roswell.



David J. Corwell y Chavez pleased fans with a wide array of his fiction. A New Mexico Book Awards double finalist for "Legacy of the Quedana." He was born in Albuquerque and enjoyed meeting many people during the festival.

Fourth of July in Carrizozo



Left to right, Dave Thomas, Gary Smith of White Oaks, and Lerry Bond of Ancho.



Burdie and Chavez grandchildren Capitan, Carrizozo



Lilly and Brodie Scruggs of Capitan.



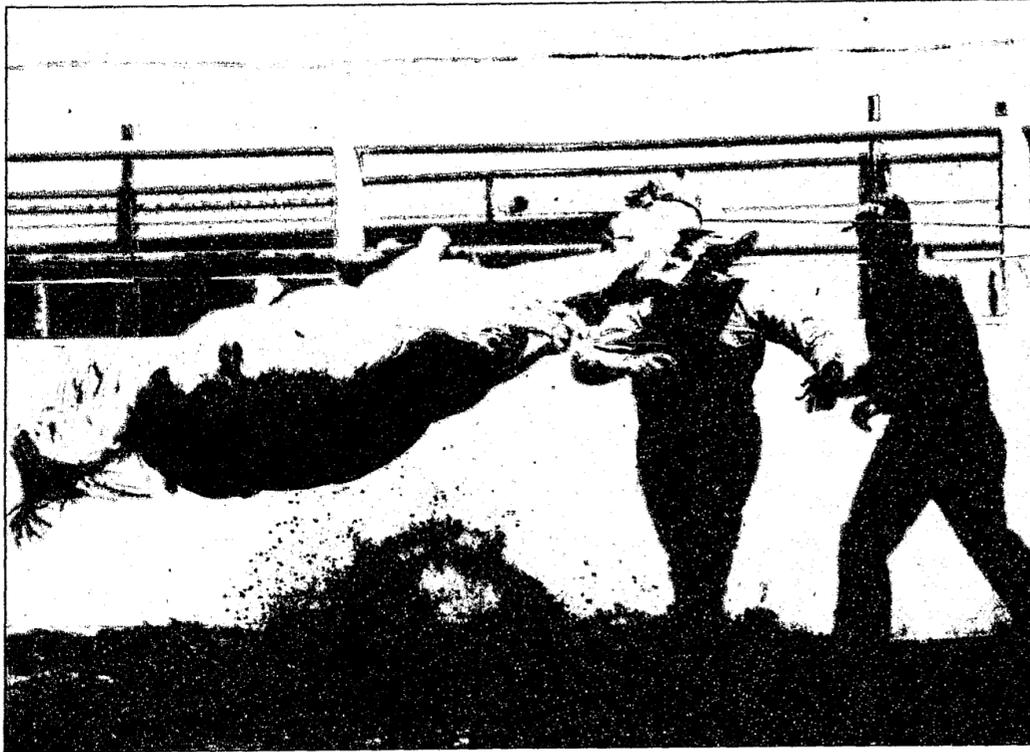
Fred Padilla, left, is the Carrizozo assistant fire chief and Tim Brazie is the Nogal assistant fire chief.



Sheriff's Posse

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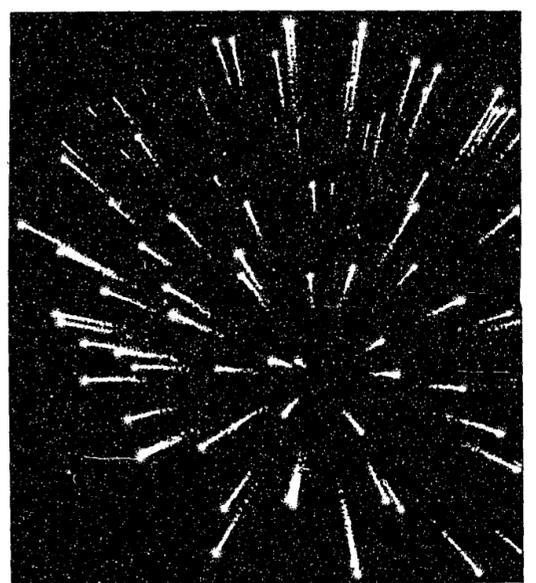
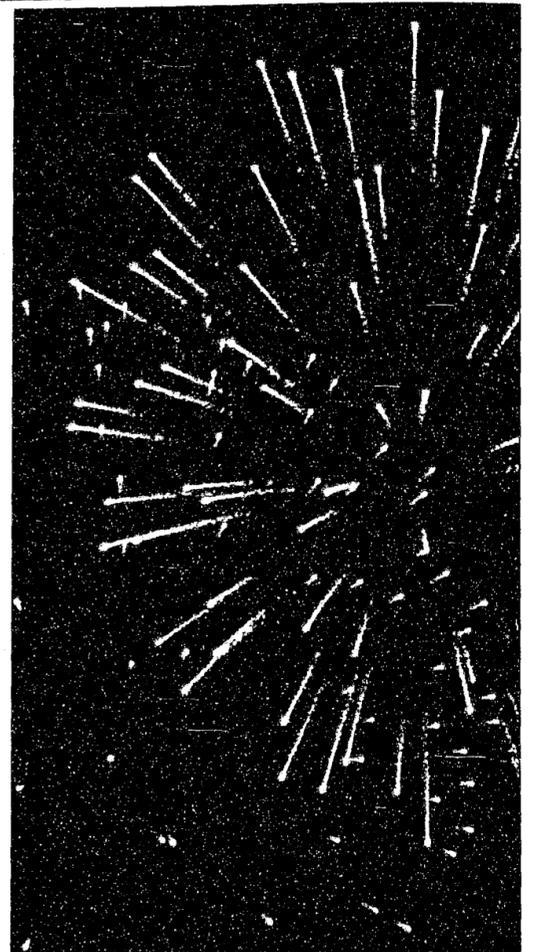
INDEPENDENCE DAY IN LINCOLN COUNTY



DANA TERLECKY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Top, cowboys chase an airborne horse during the wild horse race on Sunday at Capitan's rodeo.

Left, finally saddled, the wild horse race continues as riders try to stay on top of the unbroken broncos.



ERIK BEARER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Fireworks in Carrizozo light up the sky, but fortunately not the lawn, during the July Fourth celebrations at Valle del Sol.

Bandelier National Monument

Ruidoso News owner and publisher Lloyd P. Bloodworth began his newspaper in 1946. October 18 of that year, the newspaper's editor, A.W. Von Struve, told readers about Aztec Ruins National Monument in San Juan County. (In 1923 by presidential proclamation, Aztec Ruins was designated a national monument. It is about one mile north of the town of Aztec in the lower Animas Valley.)



Historical Potpourri
 By Polly E. Chavez

Von Struve described the pre-historic wonder of northern New Mexico. He and his wife had toured the site in 1946 and encouraged Ruidoso News readers to visit the historic ruins. The editor explained that some people were under the impression that the ruins had some connection with the Aztec of Mexico. The term "Aztec" is often mistakenly applied

in the Southwest to such ruins and Von Struve goes on to say that "those who built and occupied this great communal village were Pueblo Indians - sedentary, peaceful, agricultural people, whose descendants live in villages in the Southwest today." My plan to feature New Mexico historical content when "Historical Potpourri" initiated was due to the fact that in 2012 the state will celebrate 100 years of statehood. This week's column is about Bandelier National Monument in Frijoles Canyon near Los Alamos. These areas have been in national news daily because of the threat by the huge Las Conchas Fire in northern New Mexico. I was at Bandelier this year on a Carrizozo School field trip with teacher Carol Wilson's seventh grade New Mexico History class. Bandelier's main attraction is Frijoles Canyon, which contains ancestral



POLLY E. CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Carol Wilson's seventh grade New Mexico History class visits Bandelier National Monument. pueblo homes, kivas, rock paintings, and petroglyphs. The ancient dwelling ruins are among huge mesas and sheer-walled canyons. The National Park Service has several designated trails for tour groups and serious hikers. We walked past an area where a mother bear and her cub silently observed us. We stared back but kept walking and minded our business when the mother bear grunted at us. Bandelier National Monument preserves the homes of Ancestral Pueblo people and is named after Swiss anthropologist Adolph Bandelier, who researched the cultures of the area. Bandelier was designated a monument in 1910, while most of its backcountry designated a wilderness in 1976. The National Park Service co-operates with surrounding pueblos and states agencies to manage the park. By the way, the visitor's center and other monument original structures were built during the Depression by the Civilian Conservation Corps. (The Civilian Conservation Corps is another historic mention for a future Historical Potpourri.)

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Older better educated for the first time

MILAN SIMONICH
Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE — For the first time in state history, New Mexico's older residents are better educated than its younger ones.

A higher percentage of those 45 to 65 years old have an associate's degree or higher compared to those who are 25 to 44, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Jose Z. Garcia, cabinet secretary of the state's higher education department, said this troubling statistic is the main reason he wants to change the way New Mexico runs its colleges and universities.

"The baby boomers are better educated, they are aging and they are retiring," Garcia said in an interview. "How are we going to replace them?"

New Mexico, Garcia

said, has always had a deficit of physicians, dentists, nurses and those with at least master's degrees. These shortages will worsen because of the demographic trend unless the state revamps its higher education system, he said.

A Democrat who had taught government at New Mexico State University since 1975, Garcia joined Republican Gov. Susana Martinez's cabinet in January.

Party differences aside, they were in synch on an important point. They say New Mexico's government wrongly rewards colleges and universities for enrollment and construction of buildings.

The state's existing funding formula has been in place for 35 years. In the '70s, enrollments were growing and campuses needed to expand to keep pace, so the funding system

"We need to be more cost-efficient."

Jose Z. Garcia
Education Secretary

made sense, Garcia said.

Now, with enrollments flat, campuses overbuilt and fewer younger people receiving degrees, change is essential, he said.

A bit of it already has begun. At Martinez's urging, college and university presidents in May agreed to a two-year moratorium on new construction of branch buildings and campuses.

Martinez said the moratorium would save money and allow state government time to rework the funding formula for New Mexico's seven public universities, 10 branch campuses and eight community colleges.

The existing formula rewards campuses with \$6 a square foot for construction. This system encouraged expansions, even after enrollments leveled off, Garcia said.

Another important part of the equation, he said, was that the taxpayers spent \$53,000 per bachelor's degree. That ranked 17th nationally in terms of cost of education, he said.

"We need to be more cost-efficient," Garcia said. His idea is to change the funding system in two fundamental ways.

One would put a premium on certain degrees. Students who graduate in the sciences, technology, engineering and math would get their schools a bigger share of money.

"The highest-paying jobs will be in those areas. They are the wave of the future," Garcia said.

A second component

would be to increase the pool of college graduates by getting more low-income students onto campus and through degree programs.

Garcia said this aspect could be modeled after federal Pell Grants, which go to needy students.

But the concept would be tweaked. The state formula would reward colleges and universities that graduate low-income students, thereby building up the number of well-educated people in New Mexico's workforce.

"We're trying to move from a system that rewards institutions to a system that rewards educational policy," Garcia said.

A funding system for higher education is not codified in state law. Garcia said he hoped to make the changes administratively in concert with the governor, college presidents and legislators.

He has set an Oct. 15 deadline for creating a new system. Garcia said he hoped the changes would go into effect next year.

New Mexico will need to increase its college graduating classes by 7 percent a year simply to keep pace with the retirements of well-educated baby boomers, Garcia said.

Creating a better-educated society means the state also will need to improve its high school graduation rate. It stood at 67.3 percent for 2010, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

Garcia said his staff was working with the Public Education Department to get more students ready to enter college and succeed.

Increasing the number of college graduates in New Mexico is one of the state's more critical problems to be addressed by the administration, Garcia said.

State unable to locate many bus GPS systems

MILAN SIMONICH
Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE — Taxpayers spent \$966,000 to equip school buses in New Mexico with Global Positioning System units, but the state's business practices were so shoddy that some of the equipment cannot be accounted for and much of it is not useful, a legislative report has concluded.

The Legislative Finance Committee's review of public school transportation found waste, funding formulas that made no sense and a lack of accountability on items as simple as equipment purchases.

The state Public Education Department in 2009 awarded a contract to Zonar Systems for 2,350 GPS units that were to be installed in school buses. With this technology, the state's 89 school districts and the Public Education Department should have been better able to account for mileage and how much taxpayer money was needed for transportation programs.

It has not worked out that way.

The finance committee found that 100 of the units are missing two years after they were supposed to be installed.

Those units were supposed to go to a company that Zonar subcontracted with to serve as the installer. The job should have been completed in June 2009.

"There is no evidence of receipt, and the shipment used an address that was different from the subcontractor's address," the committee said in its report.

As for the other 2,250 GPS units, some of them may not have arrived either.

That was because billing records only described "the size and weight of seven pallets" delivered to the Public Education Department.

The contractor was supposed to submit an inventory to the state for its review and acceptance of the GPS units. But that basic protection for taxpayers did not happen.

Staff members of the Public Education Department "reported that they counted all the pallets but did not document veri-

fication of the inventory of the actual units."

All these problems occurred during the administration of former governor Bill Richardson, a Democrat.

The comedy of errors continued after the bulk of the GPS units arrived, though none of it was funny.

Zonar hired a subcontractor to handle installation. But state overseers "could not provide any concrete documentation that all the units were installed," the legislative report said.

In a separate billing, Zonar charged the state \$306,000 for installation of the GPS units on school buses.

In May 2010, Zonar began charging the state an annual subscription fee of \$212.25 for every GPS unit. The total price was calculated at more than \$498,000, the legislative committee said.

But the fee was for all 2,350 units. Some, as we know, were not installed.

In addition to those units that did not arrive, there were other problems.

The report said GPS units are not installed on buses that were built in 1999 or earlier. How many models fell into that category was not specified in the legislative report.

Worse still, a school bus runs a maximum of 187 days in an academic year. Taxpayers, though, were

charged fees for more buses and more days than schools were using them.

To this day, the legislative committee said, the state's school transportation division does not have "a definite number of uninstalled GPS units."

Another bookkeeping problem involves the Deming Public School District and the state.

Deming pays Zonar the annual fee through an existing account for transportation expenses.

"It is unclear why the Public Education Department did not set up its own account for this transaction," the committee's report said.

Instead, Zonar bills Deming. Deming forwards the bill to the state, which then disburses the payment to Deming.

All the maneuvers resulted in another error.

The committee said the Deming district overpaid Zonar by more than \$38,000 in 2010.

This happened because of an invoice mistake listing 2,530 GPS units. The number of units purchased was 2,350.

Zonar in March gave Deming a \$40,200 credit for the overcharge.

Perhaps worst of all, the committee concluded that the state is not using the system to properly monitor busing programs.

"It appears the division did not develop a transition plan before purchasing and

"There is no evidence of receipt, and the shipment used an address that was different from the subcontractor's address."

Legislative Finance
Committee report

implementing the GPS technology. The division only monitors buses with mileage over 200 miles per day," the committee said in its findings.

But the GPS system is capable of "capturing daily mileage and the number of buses, eliminating the need for contractors and districts to report the information while improving the reliability of the data."

The bottom line: expensive technology that should have made it easy and accurate to track school

buses has failed because of human errors, incompetence or both.

Fixing all the problems falls to a new cast led by Hanna Skandera, secretary-designate of the Public

Education Department.

Legislators on an interim education committee said they too would push for reforms to make school transportation an efficient program.

For Immediate Release:

Hubbard Museum of the American West To Host "Wild Animals in the Wild West"



(June 30, 2011 - Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico) — The Hubbard Museum of the American West will present a unique educational program by Ray Pawley, former curator of herpetology at the Chicago Zoological Park and noted expert/consultant in the fields of zoology and herpetology on Saturday, July 9, 2011 in the Museum's Johnny & Marty Cope Learning Center. Mr. Pawley's presentation will begin at 2:00 PM and there is no additional charge for this program other than regular Museum admission fees. Museum Members always receive free entry to the Museum and associated programming.

weaponry) spread across the land in their zealous search for opportunity and riches.

But it didn't end there. Not so well known are the ways in which some of the disasters that people inflicted on native wildlife, has come back to affect us today. Pawley will take visitors on a detailed journey of the impact humans have made of the wildlife; some good, some bad.

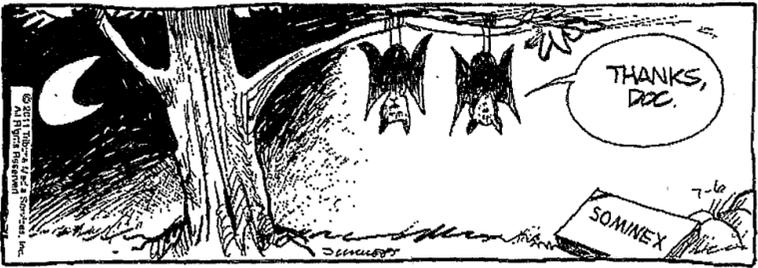
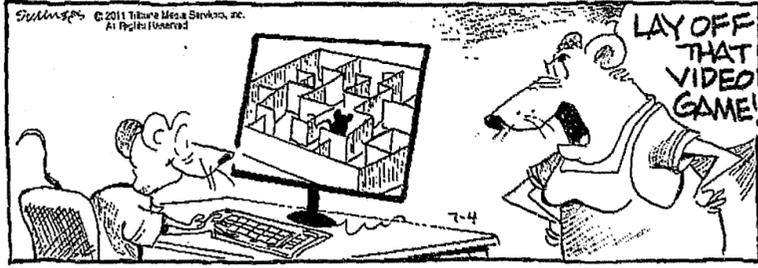
In this program, Pawley, who resides in the Hondo Valley, will discuss the impact of settlement by humans on wildlife in North American and the world. We all know about the migrations into the "Wild West" by American and Mexican explorers, settlers, ranchers and gold-seekers who completely transformed the entire region. Native peoples were forced ever westward, creating conflict when one tribe encroached on a neighbor's territory, while the new-comers with their advanced technology (especially their

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 26301 Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs and is open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission to the Museum is \$6.00 for adults, and reduced admission is available for senior citizens, military personnel, and youth. Visit www.hubbardmuseum.org or call 575.378.4142 for information about other events, exhibits, and activities at the Museum. The Hubbard Museum of the American West is owned and operated by the City of Ruidoso Downs.

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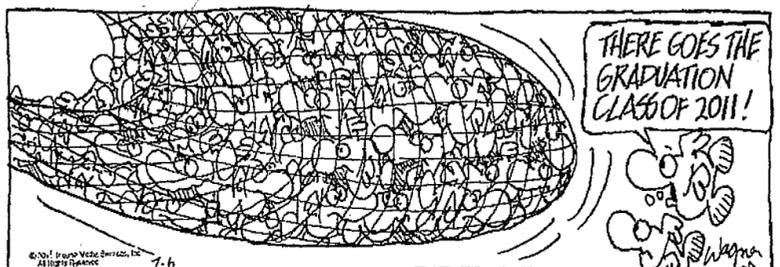
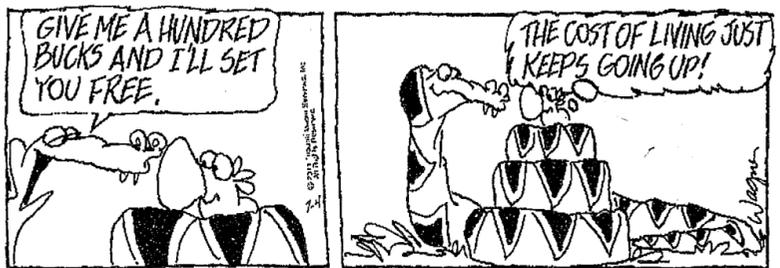
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Lincoln County

Clubs/Associations

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

Mountainop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Car Club: Cruise on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to various restaurants; Denise Dean, 257-4966.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, dancing, games. Info: Linda, 575-258-5863, or Martha, 575-430-9808.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/cards games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/cards games. 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 973-0953.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem.

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles: Attitudinal Healing study group: Each Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

A Course in Miracles study group: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8 p.m. Free. Drop-ins welcome. The Wisdom Study Group. At The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., #207, (upstairs to right of and above Schlotzky's) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at Methodist church in Carrizozo. Come to back door; bring your lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Arid Group. Daily 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Fri, Sat, Sun, 8 p.m. 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, (ground fl) Ruidoso. Info: 258-8885.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Sunny Spirit Group. Mon. & Thurs. at noon, Fri. at 5:30 p.m., Women's group meets Wed. at noon. Parish hall of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount at 121 Mescalero Trail.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

COPE: Center of Protective Environment -1204 Mechem Drive, Suite 12, Ruidoso, NM. 575-258-4946. M-Thur. 8:00-5:00, Fri. 8-12n.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

H.E.A.L. and the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter: 515-378-6378; 24 hr Hotline: 866-378-6378.

Holiday Grief Support: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - noon, Ruidoso Public Library conference room. Sponsored by Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation, 575-258-0028.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Sallie Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Afflicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Sanctuary on the River: Life enrichment classes, seminars. 207 Eagle Dr. 630-1111. sanctuaryontheriver.com.

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Working Disabled Health Insurance: State of N.M. Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program; call Jeanie White at 575-622-4169

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month at K-BOB's. Info: Dick Mastin 336-2170.

Democratic Women Sacramento Mountain Area: Third Saturday at Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem, 11:30 a.m. For information call 808-1133 or 257-6078.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Meets 4th Monday monthly, 11:30 a.m., Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring sack lunch. For information, call 430-7258.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; Info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 5 p.m. every third Tuesday, First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. Info: Deb 336-1486 or www.altrusaruidoso.com.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. Highway 70.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.tbcruidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raylene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Gavilan Canyon Rd. shelter open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of service dogs seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling, socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising, kennel upkeep. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lakennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday monthly, 2 p.m. at Posse building, Hwy. 54, Carrizozo. Groups needing volunteer security services, notify by mail one month prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Gary 258-0059, Georgia 937-0564.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Needle Crafters Club: Every Sunday at Books, Etc., 2340 Sudderth Dr., 2-4 p.m. 575-257-1594.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:00 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cattle Baron Sudderth. 336-2541.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; Info: 258-1345.

Sacramento Mountain Village: Senior service & activity group, open to 55 years and older; meets 4th Sat. of month, 9:30 a.m., Cree Meadows CC. 258-2120 or sacmtrivillage.org.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church. Info: email whitemountainsearch@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsearch.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, SE corner Spring St. & Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs. Info: 973-1719.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

VFW Post 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at Evening Lions Hut at 106 Overlook (behinds Chef Lupe's) at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join. For more information call: 575-808-1227.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at 1200 Sudderth (across the street from In-Ka-Hoots) at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters, and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join. For more information, please call: 575-258-1345.

Otero County

Clubs/Associations

Alamo Squares: Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets

every third Friday, Mike Mosler, 437-8260.

Alamogordo Mustang Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" barbershop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th & Washington; every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Holloman AFB Comm.Ctr. Guests welcome. Www.desertbasin.freestashost.com or call 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets third Tue. of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7-9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Solar Energy Association: Meets 6 p.m., every third Thursday (except summer) at Alamogordo Public Library. Public welcome. 682-6027.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delilah at 442-8750.

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallagos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

Alamogordo City Disability Council:

Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: Mon. & Tues., 1 - 4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt.; 1212 E. 9th St., Ste. E, trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. Free services. 575-437-6176, 430-1530, 437-0690.

Blood Pressure Screening: 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet: Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email paintedladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093

COPE: Center of Protective Environment - 909 S. Florida Alamogordo, NM 88310

COPE: is a non profit organization founded in 1980 to address the problems of family and relationship violence by offering a range of services including: Crisis intervention, Shelter, Advocacy, Support, Outreach, Education, Counseling. 24 Hour Crisis Line - 575-437-2673 Toll Free 1-866-350-COPE 2673.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd, Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for \$1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamosa, Tularosa and Mescalero. 439-4971.

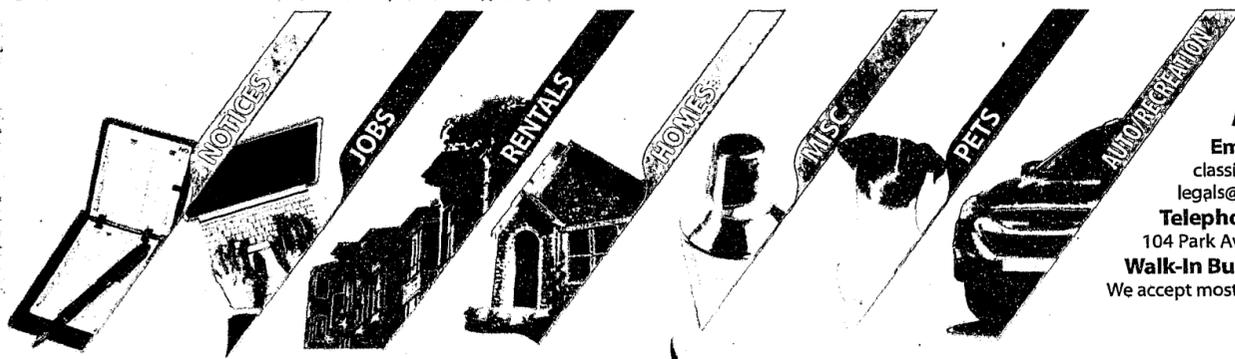
Zia Thrift Store: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., Monday - Saturday; Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

Zia Transportation Services: For work, work-related activities, education, training and child-care. Contact Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

Ongoing Activities

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. 575-437-1302.

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome



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- Paint: 3 years/36,000 miles
- Battery: 3 years/unlimited miles (100% covered 2 years/unlimited miles; after 2 years and within 3 years, 25% cost of battery and 100% labor cost covered)
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HONDA	5 YEARS / 60,000 MILES	3 YEARS / 36,000 MILES	UNLIMITED MILES	N/A
NISSAN	5 YEARS / 60,000 MILES	3 YEARS / 36,000 MILES	UNLIMITED MILES	N/A
CHRYSLER	5 YEARS / 100,000 MILES	3 YEARS / 36,000 MILES	5 YEARS / 100,000 MILES	5 YEARS / 100,000 MILES
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#9419 3T (7/11,6,8) ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Owner 214 Lakeshore Drive...

Separate sealed bids for the construction of the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation System...

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Construction Reporter, 1609 2nd St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 243-9793

Builders News and Plan Room, 3435 Princeton Dr. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 884-1752

Souder, Miller & Associates, 401 N. 17th St., Suite A, Los Cruces, NM 88005, (575) 470-0799

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the website...

PRELIMINARY BIDDING will be held at 214 Lakeshore Drive, Alto, NM 88312 on July 20, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

The original copy of Resolution has been filed with the Lincoln County Clerk...

Gary Parker, Secretary Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District

#9413 4T (6/29, 7/16, 7/13,20) ALTO LAKES WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BIDDING AND ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District...

ORDINANCE An Ordinance of the Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District amending Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District Ordinance providing a revised schedule of conservation levels...

Following the Public Hearing, the District Board may choose to adopt or table the proposed Ordinance.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available at the District Office located at 214 Lakeshore Drive, Alto, NM during business hours...

Gary Parker, Secretary Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District

#9415 2T (6/29, 7/16) STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN DISTRICT COURT

In the matter of the Petition of D.L.W. MERCER

For change of name of the minor child DYLAN PATRICK HEFFELINGER MERCER

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

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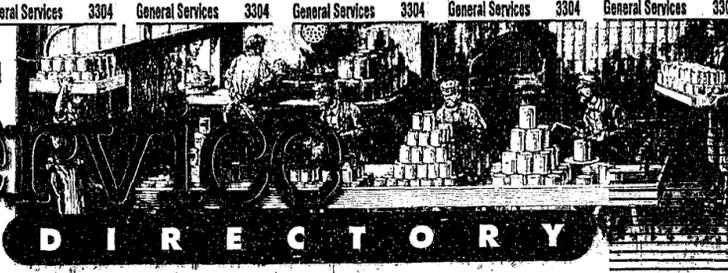
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