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## Hardeman tapped to serve on Village Council

Former councilor to complete the remainder of Don Williams' term

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Former two-term Ruidoso councilor Ron Hardeman was tapped by Mayor Ray Alborn to fill the seat on the village council of the late Don Williams.

The nomination was ratified Tuesday by the other councilors.

Williams died of a heart attack in June, but Alborn delayed appointing a replacement out of respect for his widow, Misti Williams.

The mayor said Friday that four or five people called or sent word that they would be interested in the appointment to finish out Williams' term, which

ends in March 2012.

"I've known Ron for the last four or five years and I respected what he did and how he worked on the council," Alborn said. "He and I had a conversation about the council and what it was facing and I decided he would be the best for what we needed. I respect his judgment."

Unlike a newcomer to the council, Hardeman will be able to look at the massive agenda packets and understand immediately what's happening, the mayor said.

"I was surprised he was interested, but I thought he could be helpful," Alborn said. "He's a stable guy and gives a

lot of thought to the issues."

Hardeman was a write-in candidate for the council in 2000 and fared well enough to convince him to run in March 2002 for a position on the non-partisan council. He won that election for a four-year term and

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## Former minister indicted

Pastor faces embezzlement allegations

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A former Ruidoso minister has been indicted for embezzling more than \$20,000 from area churches.

A grand jury returned the indictment against Kevin Krohn Friday for embezzlement of more than \$20,000 and conspiracy to commit embezzlement.

Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson said Monday that "\$20,000 is what we have to prove."

"There may have been as much as \$150,000," Thompson said.

The charge is a second-degree felony.

"Kevin Krohn has dedicated his life to the ministry and he maintains his innocence," attorney Angie K. Schneider-Cook said Tuesday. "Mr. Krohn is represented by the Bryant, Schneider-Cook Law Firm and we have faith that he will be exonerated by a jury of his peers."

Krohn is charged with embezzlement of funds from the Lincoln County Ministerial Alliance, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, where he served as pastor for more than 20 years, and numerous other area churches between Jan. 1, 2000, and Sept. 14, 2010. Krohn also is charged with conspiracy to commit embezzlement between March 26, 2006, and Sept. 14, 2010.

"Regardless of how any other person is charged, he (Krohn) is the primary person responsible," Thompson said.

## Fire and rain

Burn areas face flood danger

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The notice was issued late Sunday night - there is a heightened risk of flash flooding and debris flows in and near wildfire burn scars in New Mexico. The warning included sections of Lincoln County where large wildland fires occurred this spring and summer.

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong said the city is ready with materials in place to hold back flood waters, mud and liquid ash from the White Fire burn area north of the community.

"We have everything in place that we can put in place. The people that wanted the help, everything's there right now. We've got sandbags waiting. All of the jersey barriers are in place. All the ditches are there. We are totally ready as we can be so let it rain."



At top, rain clouds sweep across the mountains east of Carrizozo Monday. The storms brought rain to the mountains and fire to the valley as lightning ignited grass fires east of Carrizozo and on Loma Grande near Nogal.



At left, firefighters work to extinguish a lightning-caused grass fire east of Carrizozo Monday afternoon.

PHOTOS COURTESY DAVE SHULTZ

Armstrong estimated about 200 of the concrete barriers have been set. As many as 2,500 sand bags have been filled with another 500 bags that could have

sand added.

"They're free. Come and get them," the mayor said.

The National Weather Service in New Mexico stated that flash flooding almost

always follows large, intense wildfires. As the monsoon season grows, the flood threat will not be short term and the possibility for flooding will happen nearly

every day from thunderstorms that form over or near recent burn scars, the notice stated. Two areas, in

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## Commissioner sets sights on Moon Mountain plans

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Before the end of summer, New Mexico Public Lands Commissioner Ray Powell plans to visit with Ruidoso officials and residents about the future of Moon Mountain.

The state trust land consists of

630 acres and is surrounded by Gavilan Canyon, Paradise Canyon, Warrior Drive and Meander Drive. Some development occurred around the bottom rim of the mountain, but the upper reaches remain untouched.

During Powell's first time around as public lands commissioner he pledged that he would

seek community approval on any plans for the mountain, which at various times included a proposed Christmas Village and a large subdivision with multiple types of housing and shops. His successor, Patrick Lyons, attempted to sell the property.

Reached Monday while traveling on a bus with other elected offi-

cials to Mount Rushmore, Powell said he has no specific plans for Moon Mountain.

"But we are coming to Ruidoso in the near future, our intent is for this summer, to meet with the leadership and the community to find a win-win plan for school kids

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## LAUGHING SHEEP FARM



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**Court closure**

Ruidoso Municipal Court will be closed for a part of next week for court officials to attend a judicial conference. The court will be close July 20 to July 23, and will reopen at 8 a.m. July 25.

**American Legion**

American Legion Ruidoso Post 79's regular meeting is at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 16. The Legion hall is located at the corner of US Highway 70-East and Spring Road, in Ruidoso Downs. For more information please call the Post Adjutant, Vic Currier, at 575-802-5293.

**Camp cancelled**

The annual Ranchman's Camp meeting held in July at the top of Nogal Mesa has been cancelled because of the closure of the Lincoln National Forest. The forest is closed due to the drought-induced extreme fire conditions. The local committee has asked everyone to pray for rain.

The tentative date for next year's camp meeting is July 18 through July 22, 2012.

**Fairgrounds plan**

Lincoln County officials

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are developing a new master plan for the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, incorporating a move of the county road department in Capitan.

As part of the brainstorming process with architects, the public is invited to attend a community forum from 6 to 7:30 p.m. July 20 at the fairgrounds in Capitan. County commissioners welcome input on how the fairground could be improved, expanded or re-envisioned to better suit the needs of the community.

Contact Michele Caskey in the Lincoln County Manager's Office at mckaskey@lincolncountynm.net or 575-687-2705 extension 106 with any questions.

**'Zozo car wash**

A benefit car wash will take place in Carrizozo from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

A wash and a vacuum will cost \$10 with the proceeds benefiting the Mal Pais Colts 4-H Club. The event will be at the Carrizozo Fire Department.

**Theater cast**

Sixty-four area and visiting youth, ages 6-to-17 were cast to star in this summer's theatrical adventure "Pinocchio" at Spencer Theater at 7 p.m. Friday, July 15.

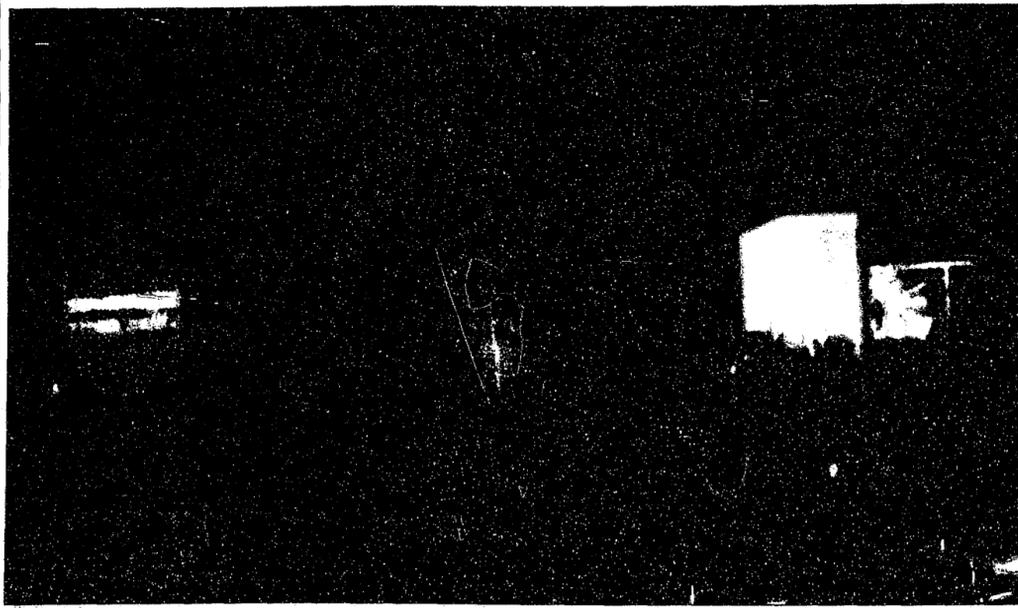
The young thespians, who were selected for their whimsical parts by the Missoula Children's Theatre's performance pros Katherine Clark and Hannah Bagnall, will rehearse their singing and dancing parts all week at the Spencer Theater.

The acting workshop is sponsored by Chris Carsona and Ruidoso Ford Lincoln.

The hour-long production will be at 7 p.m. Friday, July 15. Seats are available for \$15 and \$7 (for youth 12 and under).

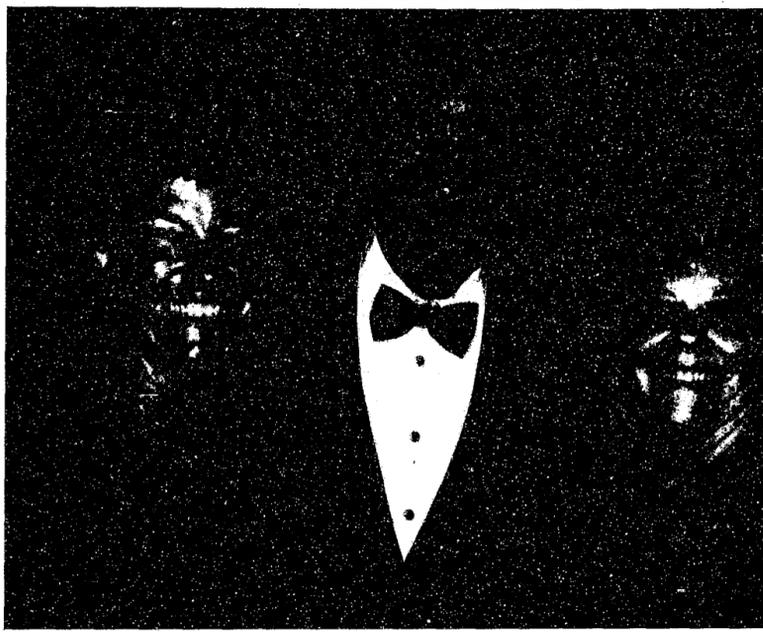
Call the Spencer Box Office at 575-336-4800 or go online to www.spencertheater.com for tickets and information.

**THE FURR BALL**



Among the 350 rich and famous and not-so-rich-and-famous of Lincoln County attending Saturday night's ninth annual Furr Ball was famed former ABC newsman Sam Donaldson, at top, who, like most in attendance at the Lincoln County Humane Society fundraiser, had adopted his beloved dog from the shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road. At right is Donaldson with Sharon Christiansen, an ICU nurse at Lincoln County Medical Center, and Patsy Parker, who heads the staff at the hospital's ICU. The festive ball, which featured a silent and live auction, dinner, drinks and dancing, was held at Alto Lakes Country Club.

COURTESY



**Community meets**

The Sacramento Mountain Village has scheduled its annual FriendRaiser and Auction from 2 to 4 p.m. July 24 at Cree Meadows Country Club.

There will be talk, music, door prizes and snacks.

There is no charge for this social event, where those who attend can learn how they can remain in their own Lincoln County home and

enrich their lives as they grow older.

The group is a network of independent seniors who provide physical, emotional and intellectual support by volunteering their time and talents to each other.

For more information call 575-258-2120, or go to www.sacmntvillage.org.

**Library book sale**

The Friends of Ruidoso Library is having a clear-

ance sale — nothing more than \$1.

Bring a bag to tote away some great bargains, all benefiting library programs.

The sale will be at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 18.

**Reading program**

Summer Reading programs at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library

are set from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday.

Chinese calligraphy for those 12 and older; simple origami for 6 to 11 year olds.

Sign-up continues for the Summer Reading Program until July 16.

**Business meeting**

Business After Hours at ENMU-Ruidoso's new White Mountain Annex will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday.

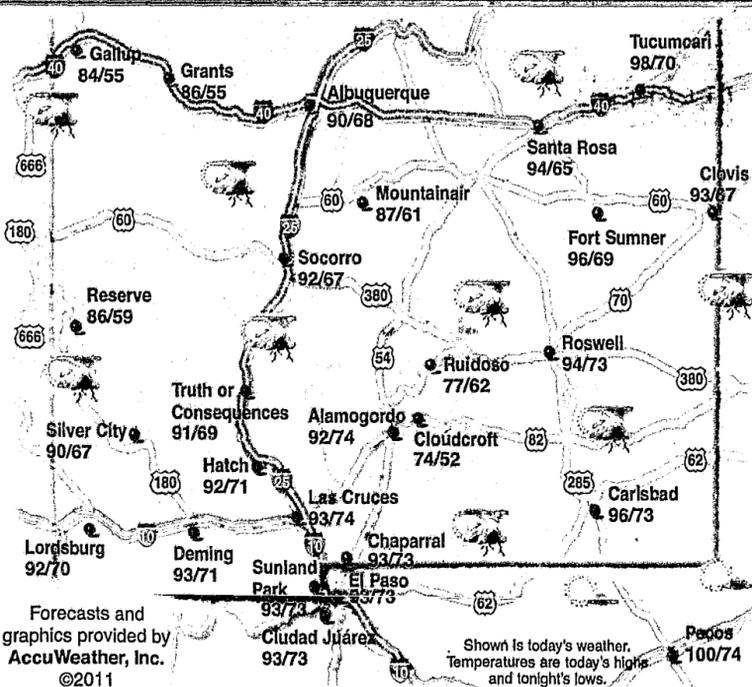
**AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso**

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 83° Humidity 56% Partly sunny Wind: S 6-12 mph	RealFeel 88° Humidity 46% Partly sunny Wind: WSW 7-14 mph	RealFeel 92° Humidity 24% An afternoon thunderstorm possible Wind: S 10-20 mph	RealFeel 87° Humidity 28% Partly sunny and breezy Wind: SE 10-20 mph	RealFeel 87° Humidity 29% Sunlit, breezy in the afternoon Wind: SE 10-20 mph	RealFeel 87° Humidity 23% Mostly sunny Wind: SE 8-16 mph	RealFeel 86° Humidity 45% Mostly sunny Wind: S 4-8 mph

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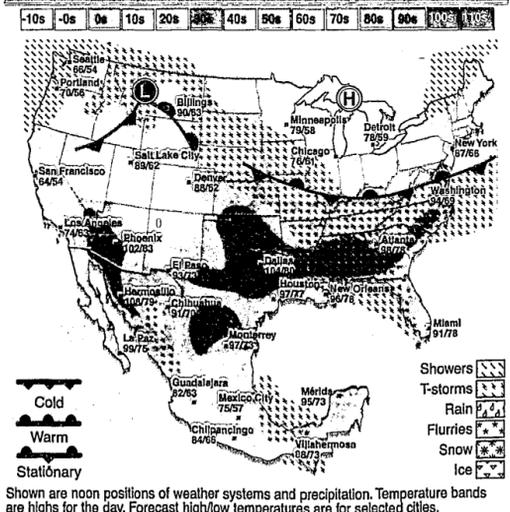
**Regional Cities**



**Almanac**

**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Monday  
Temperature:  
High/low ..... 82°/59°  
Normal high ..... 81°  
Normal low ..... 48°  
Record high ..... 93° (1958)  
Record low ..... 42° (1971)  
Precipitation:  
Monday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 1.46"  
Normal month to date ..... 1.15"  
Year to date ..... 0.63"  
Normal year to date ..... 2.34"  
Normal year to date ..... 8.57"

**National Forecast for July 13, 2011**



**National Cities**

City	Today	Thu.
Abilene	100/76/s	101/75/s
Anchorage	66/57/pc	68/55/sh
Atlanta	98/78/t	93/76/t
Austin	100/74/s	97/74/pc
Baltimore	90/64/pc	85/65/s
Boston	85/64/pc	84/63/s
Chicago	76/61/pc	78/64/pc
Dallas	104/80/s	103/80/pc
Denver	88/62/t	94/63/s
Des Moines	78/65/t	83/73/t
Detroit	78/59/pc	80/62/pc
El Paso	93/73/pc	96/79/pc
Las Vegas	97/80/s	95/81/s
Los Angeles	74/63/pc	74/61/pc
Minneapolis	79/58/pc	79/67/t
New Orleans	96/78/t	93/79/t
New York City	87/66/pc	83/67/s
Philadelphia	90/66/pc	84/66/s
Phoenix	102/83/s	102/80/s
Reno	84/58/s	79/58/pc
San Francisco	64/54/sh	64/55/sh
San Diego	70/65/pc	69/65/pc
Seattle	66/54/sh	70/55/sh
Seattle	97/73/s	98/72/pc
Tulsa, OK	98/75/t	98/76/pc
Wash., DC	94/69/pc	87/68/s
Wichita	98/75/t	104/75/pc
Yuma	98/76/s	99/78/s

**Regional Cities**

City	Today	Thu.
Albuquerque	90/68/t	92/70/pc
Artesia	96/73/t	99/74/s
Chama	82/49/t	82/46/t
Clayton	94/66/t	95/67/s
Cloudcroft	74/52/pc	75/48/pc
Farrington	89/59/t	90/58/s
Hobbs	96/68/t	100/68/s
Los Alamos	84/58/pc	84/56/t
Portales	95/67/t	96/68/s
Raton	88/56/t	92/57/pc
Red River	73/45/t	79/47/t
Ruidoso	77/62/pc	82/65/pc
Santa Fe	90/59/pc	88/61/pc
Silver City	90/67/t	90/68/t
Taos	86/50/t	88/51/t

**Mexican Cities**

City	Today	Thu.
Acapulco	90/77/t	84/73/t
Cancún	90/73/pc	88/73/pc
Chihuahua	91/70/t	93/70/t
Ciudad Juárez	93/73/t	97/79/pc
León	82/57/t	82/59/t
México, DF	75/57/t	73/55/t
Monterrey	97/73/pc	95/75/pc
Morelia	80/65/t	81/62/t
Oaxaca	81/61/t	73/59/t
Pto. Penasco	95/77/s	93/75/s
Tijuana	72/61/pc	72/61/pc

**Sun and Moon**

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:04 a.m./8:13 p.m.  
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 7:04 p.m./4:25 a.m.

**Moon Phases**

Full Last New First  
Jul 15 Jul 22 Jul 30 Aug 6

**Extremes**

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 107° in Fort Smith, AR  
Low: 28° in Bodie State Park, CA  
Monday's World High/Low:  
High: 118° in Al Hofuf, Saudi Arabia.  
Low: -4° in Islas Orcadas, Argentina

1/2 a million tons.

# Drought tests Pecos Settlement

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Extreme drought conditions are testing the ability of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission to pump groundwater fast enough to meet the targets contained in the Pecos Settlement for additional irrigation water to the Carlsbad Irrigation District.

The settlement was implemented in 2009 after the state spent about \$100 million to acquire water rights and develop pumping capacity to meet the terms of the settlement.

The settlement was heralded as a major step forward for water management in the Pecos River Basin, which includes the Rio Hondo and its tributaries the Rio Ruidoso and Rio Bonito.

Implementing the agreement was seen as helping to stabilize southeastern New Mexico's economy by significantly reducing the potential for priority calls against water rights.

Signed in 2003, the settlement addressed the Pecos River Compact with Texas to deliver river water to the Lone Star

State while maintaining a water supply in New Mexico's Pecos Valley. At the time it was called a significant milestone for the players.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1988 had decreed the Texas requirement.

This year is the first time augmentation pumping has been needed to help the Pecos River's supply.

"It's a tough first year to have pumping required," Interstate Stream Commission Director Estevan Lopez said. "We've gone from 2010 with generous surface water supplies to the driest year on record with no spring runoff or precipitation."

In addition to keeping New Mexico in compliance with its interstate company delivery obligations to Texas, the Pecos Settlement also was crafted to provide additional irrigation supply to the Carlsbad Irrigation District in

water-short years.

The Interstate Stream Commission owns two augmentation well fields and pipelines that were constructed to supplement the Pecos River's surface waters. Augmentation pumping began on March 1 and has been ongoing since. But not all of the systems have been available because of upgrades to increase their production and to protect the artesian aquifer.

From March through May, 5,000 to 8,000 gallons per minute were pumped. Currently about 21,000 gallons per minute are being pumped to the Pecos River. Additional volumes are expected later this summer when additional wells are online.

"Last summer, when we put in motion the upgrades we're completing now, we had no way of knowing that we would need every ounce of pumping capacity the following spring,"

Lopez said. "The NMISC is striving to pump 15,750 acre-feet of water from its augmentation well fields by Oct. 31."

An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons.

All of the water that will be pumped this year is to supplement the Carlsbad Irrigation District's supply. No pumping will be for interstate compact delivery to Texas.

"I've heard concerns that we are pumping water this year to send to Texas, and that is not true," Lopez said. "In a year like this, New Mexico farmers need every drop of water we can provide. The Pecos Settlement has since its signing in 2003 worked as envisioned, and has allowed New Mexico to build up a significant compact delivery credit with Texas."

As a result, New Mexico has increased flexibility to use a greater proportion of available water in dry years like this one without fear of a compact delivery shortfall.

The groundwater being pumped for river augmentation is from water rights the interstate stream commission purchased from willing sellers as a part of the settlement.

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Estevan Lopez  
Interstate Stream  
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# Sewage treatment plant settlement amended

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The agreement that settled a 2005 environmental lawsuit and spurred the construction of a new \$36 million sewage treatment plant for Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs has gotten its first modification.

The timeline for completing the plant was changed to reflect reality.

"They have agreed to extend that time from 39 months to what it actually was, 48 months, so we won't be held in violation of the

agreement because of the good faith effort that we exerted in getting the funding and then completing construction," Ruidoso Downs City Attorney H. John Underwood told city councilors Monday. "It's a matter of completing the legal loop to make sure that the technicalities of the previous settlement agreement are resolved to comply with what the months it actually took. It has been approved verbally by the attorney for the Environment Department."

The settlement was reached in

September 2007.

It required a new treatment plant that would dramatically cut pollution in the facility's discharge to the Rio Ruidoso.

It also required \$1 million in restoration work along the river and its tributaries.

The lawsuit filed in February 2005 by the environmental group WildEarth Guardians and Eagle Creek resident William Midkiff contended the plant had continually violated its discharge permit by polluting the Rio Ruidoso.

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### OUR OPINION

## Aging is good for steak, not state education

Possible crisis must be addressed now

This is more than a mere fact or statistic. It's more than interesting information.

This is a scary warning about the future of New Mexico.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development reports that New Mexicans 44-65 years old are better educated than those 25-44.

It's the first time in state history that this has happened.

Clearly the impact of this phenomenon will be felt in the future.

As the older, better-educated generation retires or dies, their places must be taken.

But by whom, a lesser educated generation?

A lesser-educated generation that will inherit an increasingly high-tech, science-rich state and world.

Jose Z. Garcia, an on-leave NMSU professor who heads up the New Mexico Higher Education Department, said, "The baby boomers are better educated, they are aging and they are retiring. How are we going to replace them?"

How, indeed?

Garcia sees an answer in how the state runs its colleges and universities.

He thinks that funding formulas for colleges and universities must change, getting away from rewarding the schools for enrollment and building construction.

He has a point worth consideration.

The current funding formula is 35 years old and was aimed at encouraging campus expansion to accommodate growing enrollment.

Three and a half decades

later, enrollment is pretty flat and campuses are overbuilt, Garcia said.

Garcia already is pursuing some changes, saying, "We're trying to move from a system that rewards institutions to a system that rewards educational policy."

That seems to be moving in the right direction.

But there's something else that must be considered.

Where do students receive their preparation for a higher education? K-12, of course.

Kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school.

There should be a constant and increasing emphasis on what higher education and career paths are demanding — science, math, engineering, technology.

Secondary education is vitally important to successful higher education and the career world beyond.

Garcia wants to have the money allocated to colleges and universities dependent in part on the awarding of certain degrees.

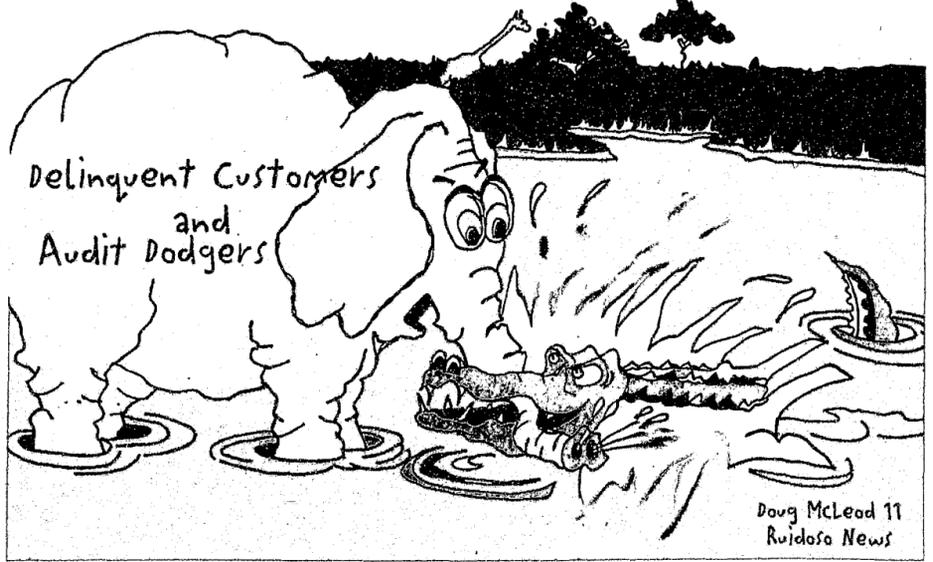
If a student graduates in math or science, for example, the school would get a bigger chunk of money.

Secondly, he wants to grow the number of college graduates by bringing more low-income students into schools and through degree programs.

The problem of the "aging educated" may not seem of great concern right now, when things are motoring along fairly smoothly. But the problem will become increasingly visible and will begin having greater effects as the 44-65 group leaves the earning arena.

So the time to start preparing is now, not when there's a crisis.

## Ruidoso considers cutting off water to ...



Doug McLeod 11  
Ruidoso News

### YOUR OPINION

## Life savers thanked

To the editor:

This letter is to all of the wonderful people who saved my life on April 29. Some of you, I didn't even have a chance to see or meet, were just there doing their jobs and caring about another person. I was out of it most of the time.

I was scheduled to have one of the recalled hip replacements on May 3 and was finishing up my school year with their graduation. At graduation, I collapsed and two wonderful ladies jumped right in and performed CPR for 10 minutes, refusing to let me go. Their names are Mary and Karen Wilson they saved my life until the Ruidoso Fire Department arrived and had to defib me twice and Lincoln County EMTs transferred me to Lincoln County Hospital and Dr. Leslie Carroll and her team.

After checking me out, the EMTs transferred me to Ruidoso Airport and the wonderful staff of Native Air airlifted me to Albuquerque Heart Hospital. EMT and good friend Sandy Nunnally was with me the whole way, calming and reassuring me that I would be okay.

When I arrived at the Heart Hospital, they took over right away where they put in a pace maker. They took great care of me for almost two weeks. When they tried to release me, Sandy jumped in again pointing out the altitude of Ruidoso and the fact I had a three story house with 26 stairs. She convinced them to transfer me to St. Teresa's Rehab for another two weeks, where she kept daily contact with, not only me

but, the doctors and staff. She literally saved me mentally and emotionally. This is true of all of you who called, sent cards, flowers, kids drawings, and words of encouragement. Some even drove that horrible drive to Albuquerque. You kept me sane, in touch and encouraged.

The bad hip had caused metal flakings of cobalt to be deposited in my blood and this was the cause of all of this. I am recovering wonderfully with lots of calls, meals and visits from all my wonderful friends. Especially my brother Tom Histen who is there daily to be my constant support as I wait for the rescheduling of my hip replacement due to the recall hopefully real soon.

How do I ever thank people like Mary, Karen, Dr. Carroll, LC EMTs, Native Air, my wonderful friends J'Iane and Daniel who finished off "school business," all of the wonderful staff in Albuquerque and my local children and families? I have been truly blessed by GOD to live in Ruidoso. All of my thanks and love to each of you. Hopefully, I will meet all of you some day.

Eileen Histen  
Ruidoso

This person went on to say in America the vast majority of wealth has been earned by the individuals that possess it. That wealth is theirs by right and only "they" should decide how or if to "dispose" of it.

The question I have for the person that wrote this letter is: "What about people that live on a fixed income of \$800 or \$900 a month?"

Do you think they should be forced to pay an individual tax on a casino and racetrack?

Do these taxpayers have a choice of how to spend the few dollars they may have left every month?

Can you give me a name of any casino in the United States that gets county taxpayers money to support it?

People can spin this BRT (Business Retention Tax) issue anyway they feel fit. But, the truth is, this tax is wrong and unconstitutional.

Mr. (R.D.) Hubbard is not forced to pay my tax, why am I being forced to pay his? The tax issue is not about being jealous of rich people, it is about what is right and what is wrong.

Jack Hemby  
Ruidoso Downs

### Tax is wrong

This letter is in reference to a letter in the (Ruidoso) Free Press July 5 ("Singling out wealth for scorn," Wayne Metcalf).

The person that wrote this letter said: "This is a very old attitude perhaps starting with the camel's difficulty in getting through the eye of a needle."

### ACLU responds

Recently, in a letter to the editor entitled "Pleasing the ACLU," Ruidoso Downs resident Jack Hemby laid out series of satirical tips for keeping on our "good side." While we thank Mr. Hemby for his consideration, we feel that it is necessary to point out a few

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## THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: What do you think of the Village's proposal to turn off water for those who don't pay their bills?



Angie Fernandez  
Ruidoso

"I wish they would specify which debts would be included on the list of what you could lose your water over."



Tracy Williams  
Ruidoso

"Some people are on fixed incomes and they may have to choose between medications and water."



Lee Randal Clement  
Ruidoso

"Why take water away from people already struggling to pay bills? I don't think it's right."



Jade Nelson  
Ruidoso

"I think it's wrong. With the economy as it is, people at least deserve the basics to survive."



Nicholas Giusti  
Ruidoso

"Shutting off water is different than shutting off another utility. The city should include a payment plan with the proposal."

# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4A

errors in his recommendations. The American Civil Liberties Union vigorously defends the right of all Americans to worship and practice their religion as they please. Just in the past year, the ACLU has:

- Defended the right of Christian high school athletes in Virginia to keep copies of the Ten Commandments in their personal lockers;
- Filed a suit on behalf of a Connecticut Naval officer who sought recognition as conscientious objector because of his Christian convictions against war;
- And filed a brief in the U.S. Supreme Court in support of a Texas state prisoner seeking damages after prison officials denied him the opportunity to participate in Christian worship services.

Right here in New Mexico we have helped Jewish prisoners gain access to copies of the Torah and Kosher meals, fought for a Christian minister's right to preach the gospel on the streets of Portales and defended Muslim football players at NMSU who were kicked off the team after they refused to participate in Christian prayers led by the team's coach.

As you can see, the ACLU is a zealous defender of religious freedom for *everyone*. Part of that defense includes our work to ensure that the government does not interfere with religion by endorsing one set of religious beliefs over another. Individual Americans have a First Amendment right to worship, pray and preach as they please; governments do not. So if the government ever tries to prevent Mr. Hemby — or anyone else — from practicing their religion (or no religion at all), they should let us know. We've got your back.

*Peter Simonson  
Executive director,  
ACLU of New Mexico*

## Billy the Kid is no hero

I've seen numerous kids suffering and many dying in refugee camps and war zones; therefore, unlike most parents I became a voice for the children. Over the years I've learned that the adults like me who speak frankly for our youth receive largely criticism. I must be more concerned about the kids' welfare than about the adults' opinions of me.

Years ago I became highly critical of Lincoln County's glorification

of Billy the Kid and outlawry, especially, after I learned that there had been 304 minors referred to the Juvenile Probation-parole Office during a one-year period. Our county commissioners were shocked by the above number. I felt that our county's touting of the so-called Kid, as an outlaw was one of the reasons for the high, juvenile delinquency rate.

"People often make heroes out of villains." Reader, how would you feel, if a killer was glorified, after he murdered one of your kin?

It's been said that children are exposed to worse things than the touting of the "Kid". "Bad behavior doesn't justify more bad behavior."

"The Last Escape of Billy the Kid Pageant," has been compared to reenactments of Civil War battles. How can anyone liken a hoodlum to a soldier? The so-called Lincoln County War was a gang war.

Although there were gangs, Lincoln County wasn't lawless during the Billy the Kid era. There were laws and most of the residents were reasonably law-abiding. I've been to Sudan — "lawless areas" like Darfur always experience famine and drastic reductions in their populations.

Money is the main reason that Lincoln County touts the Kid. "Avarice usually outweighs morality."

I've been told to get a life. I'm more concerned about the children having long, prosperous and respectable lives; therefore, I'll continue to criticize the glorification of the Kid and outlawry.

*Franklin L. Boren  
Tinnie*

## Better government

Why are some people calling for less government when what we need is better government? Reduced government almost allowed a full blown depression in 2008.

Because of lobbyist pressure and poor government some financial regulations had been removed and others weren't enforced allowing major banking and mortgage crises to occur.

Without new regulations and good government it could happen again.

I was an aircraft engineer before retiring. Airplanes have to be designed, tested, and operated per extensive government (FAA) rules. You may dislike government but I assure you that your government and its rules have made airplanes much safer than they would have been with fewer government rules.

Some people are calling for more free market and private sector control of health care.

But that's what we've had in the past and how well has it worked? My before retirement insurance policy was going up 15 to 25 percent per year in cost. The U.S. has had, by far, the most expensive health care system in the world. And health care in the U.S. is ranked 33rd in the world in quality.

But House Speaker Boehner says we have the best health care in the world. What planet does he live on? It's time to give our government a chance to design a health care system that we can afford and works. Other countries have done it.

People want less government because they don't want to pay for it. They would like the benefits of government to be free and a lot of people are already getting some of it free. Almost half of the American people pay no income tax. For those of us who are paying, income tax rates are the lowest since the 1950s. You just can't please some people.

*Dick Mastin  
Alto*

## Litter cleanup

Now that the excessive winds have subsided a bit, it IS time to clean up the litter that seems to be on most major roads. Paradise Canyon, Hull Road, Highway 48, Highway 70 not to mention several neighborhood streets.

IF the winds were the cause of trash being blown about, this excuse is past. IF we have littering visitors, we need to pick up after them as they do leave. IF locals don't feel the need to be neat, we have to pick up after them — bottom line, YES, we are a parched community but "to add insult to injury" — we can at least be neat and tidy communities.

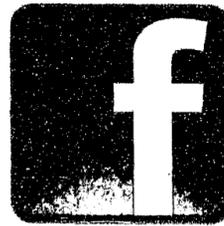
For the visitors still coming, even knowing we are in a severe drought, we NEED to show our communities off as the pristine areas of Ruidoso and Alto that they have been in the past.

Yes, I have called the city to remind them that additional attention is needed on the above mentioned areas — and eight days later, it remains, so Ruidoso's Street Department must be too busy to help at this time.

Let's all take pride in our lovely areas and pick up after others as it IS the right thing to do.

*Neva Sundvahl  
Ruidoso*

## FACEBOOK STREETER



We posed the same question on our facebook page as we did for our "Man on the Street" question on page 4A. The responses as of press time are as follows:

**Natona Martinez:** "some people just can't afford it! and can only pay so much! it's not like the "village" is doing anything to bring jobs there."

**Tee L Mackewich:** "I think it should be based on several things ... like making sure they aren't turning off services to the elderly...or homes with children."

**Amber LaMay:** "Times are tough right now ... Especially if people are going through life changes like having children or unexpected medical issues. The economy is horrible and folks are having enough trouble making ends meet. Homes with children and elderly folks especially need to be taken into consideration. Life circumstances at times are out of our control but water is a necessity no matter the circumstances."

**Sharon Cooper Foster-Cox:** "Pay or don't stay ... nobody gets a free ride!"

**Sarah Pullen-Wilson:** "I pay my water bill and in return I have water service ... It's a pretty simple concept ... I do agree that in certain instances there needs to be consideration of the household composition (kids, elderly etc) and ability to pay should be regarded ... maybe a sliding scale for certain families, but any household with able bodied working adults should pay like the rest of us!"

Join the conversation at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and go to the Ruidoso News page.

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The Ruidoso News is looking for qualified writers to work on a series of features on local businesses. Success Stories share "what works" for local businesses, in the world of those who make it work.

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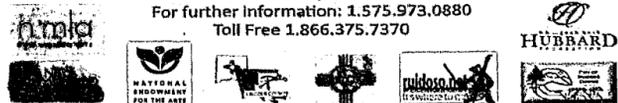
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# EDUCATION

## ENMU's plan gets OK

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A five-year capital projects plan for the Ruidoso campus of Eastern New Mexico University has gotten an approval from the university's board of regents. Ruidoso campus President Clayton Alred presented the plan to the regents in Portales on June 25.

"They were very positive about this," Alred said of the regents. "They recognized that for the next couple of years there's no possibility for acquiring property or buildings. We can make the best use of our buildings that we can and adding new programs to service our area better and they were very positive to that."

Capital projects plans are required by the New Mexico Higher Education Board and must be approved by the ENMU Board of Regents before consideration by the New Mexico Higher Education Department. Alred said the five-year plan is for 2011 to 2016.

Five priorities are focused on two broad areas — program development and the possible Cedars Campus near the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

"That's a long-term project with finances at the state level, or more accurately the finances that the State of New Mexico does not have," Alred said of the Spencer property.

Acquiring a partially constructed building and the 139-acre tract that once was going to be the home to Jackie Spencer would cost about \$2 million. The 17,000 square foot shell of a mansion would

become an extension facility for the ENMU-Ruidoso campus.

The ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation has set ambitious fundraising goals in the hope of providing up to 50 percent matching funds to purchase the property.

"We're looking to acquire that property but not before 2014," Alred said. "And the reason I say that is because colleges and universities in New Mexico have entered into a voluntary agreement with the secretary of higher education not to initiate any property acquisitions or building projects for the next two years. We wrote our capital projects plan consistent with what the State of New Mexico is asking all

**"That's a long-term project with finances at the state level, or more accurately the finances that the State of New Mexico does not have."**

Clayton Alred  
ENMU Ruidoso President

of us to do." Connected with the Spencer property is a component that would require \$400,000 for architectural and engineering planning and design of the campus 11 miles northeast of Ruidoso. That is envisioned for 2014-2016.

The actual Spencer campus renovation and construction, estimated to cost \$6 million, would renovate the Spencer building.

"The construction on that facility was halted at the point to where there is a slab, walls and a roof," Alred said. "So basically, as a building, it's a blank canvas. It could be configured into anything."

New programs under development for inclusion in the 2018-2020 campus catalog could include associate degree programs in the performing arts, recreation, public service, allied health, film and alternative energy.

The five-year plan noted that the current campus in Ruidoso has 37,393

square feet with no room to expand.

Another priority would look at infrastructure improvements at the school's Sierra Mall facility in Ruidoso. Installation of a college-wide energy management system, to provide greater efficiency, would include a photovoltaic array on the rooftop of the building. It would double as an instructional demonstration project. Remodeling of the Student Services Department would aim to improve the functionality of the area and could include a tutoring center and a career development center. The estimated cost would be \$800,000.

Another area would create a cyber security, SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition - systems that monitor and control industrial applications), renewable energy laboratory. It would deal with the school's rapidly expanding Cyber Security Certificate program. The program has been developed in collaboration with national labs located in New Mexico and Idaho. Additionally the instructional space would also provide for training for technicians moving into the renewable energy industry in Lincoln County. The estimated \$300,000 high technology learning area could acquire funding from grants and donations as well as state funding.

A several-year ago strategic plan for ENMU-Ruidoso noted enrollments were projected to outstrip the capacity of the Ruidoso campus in the near future. The so-called Cedar's Campus location along Airport Road in Alto was pledged to the state by the Jacqueline Spencer Trust in August 2008.

An agreement called for, in part, the creation of a performing arts academy at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts and an ENMU campus across the road from the theater.

## MESCALERO GRADUATE



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Felicia Frizzell graduated last month from the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry with a doctor of dental surgery. Frizzell is a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the daughter of Frizzell Frizzell and Roberta Frizzell. She was a 1999 graduate of Ruidoso High School, had received her B.A. from Stanford University, and her M.H.S. from John Hopkins School of Public Health. The June 12 graduation ceremony was held at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco and attended by several family members and friends. Frizzell will begin her dental practice with Indian Health Services.

## Capitan's teen star

Teen Spotlight features area teens that have made a difference in their community. J'Nae Wood is the next teen in the Spotlight.

J'Nae is the daughter of Jim and Shirley Wood and will enter her senior year this fall at Capitan High School. Wood is involved in a variety of activities at her school and in her community.

At Capitan High School, Wood has emerged as a leader. She is the Capitan FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapter president and also served as the District VI FFA vice president.

Through FFA, Wood is involved in wool judging, wildlife judging, job interview contest, extemporaneous speech, and showing goats. She also is an active member of National Honor Society and Spanish Club.

Wood is active with other activities in the community. She is a member of the Rockin' H 4-H Club where she serves as chap-



COURTESY PHOTO

J'Nae Wood is the Teen Spotlight.

ter vice president.

Another 4-H office she fills is Lincoln County 4-H Council reporter.

Wood also finds time to participate in her church's youth group and praise team.

Wood lists several individuals as positive influences in her life. She mentions her parents, Mr. Proctor - Chapter advisor,

Michelle Stearns - 4-H leader, T.J. Wood - brother, and Shannon Norris - FFA National Officer.

Future plans include attending New Mexico State University and pursuing a degree in Agriculture Extension and Education. Individuals like Wood are certainly an asset to Lincoln County.

-from reports

## Forest Service award

The U.S. Forest Service recently awarded more than \$71,000 to the Lincoln National Forest's Southern New Mexico Children's Forest (SNMCF) initiative.

The award will provide community children with opportunities to

experience the great outdoors through The Children's Forest program.

Work will begin during the 2011-2012 school year.

"The value of expanding our programs for children must not be underestimated," said Forest

Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "Young people are tomorrow's stewards of our public lands, and we have a duty to help them develop a lasting connection and compassion for conservation of America's great outdoors."

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DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

**Former Ruidoso Village Councilor** Ron Hardeman was appointed in a unanimous vote Tuesday to replace the late Don Williams on the council. Village Clerk Irma Devine administered the oath of office. Hardeman signed the written oath and then took his position next to Councilor Gloria Sayers, coincidentally seated in the chair Williams occupied when the two men served on the council together.

## COUNCIL

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was re-elected in March 2006. He didn't try for a third term and also retired from his teaching career.

"The mayor called me (about the possible appointment) and at the time, my wife, Terri, was out of town and I told him I would consider it

pending her blessing because it is kind of a family affair," Hardeman said Friday. "I'm retired and do have some time."

After consulting his wife, Hardeman said he told Alborn he'd be happy to serve, "but it wouldn't break my heart if I didn't get it because I do know what I'm getting into."

He saw two advantages to his appointment from the village's perspective.

"I thought I would be familiar with issues because it takes several months to a year to get your feet on the ground," Hardeman said. "And I thought it would be a plus that I would not seek office in the March election."

Alborn said although Hardeman mentioned to him that he would not run again, "In my mind that will depend on how much he enjoys the experience."

## Lincoln National Forest kept closed due to fire danger

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

Closed on May 12, the Lincoln National Forest remains off limits because of the ongoing extreme fire danger.

"It has been over eight weeks since I signed the Emergency Fire Closure Order that prohibits access to Lincoln National Forest System lands, and I am thankful for public cooperation during this closure by both community members and visitors to this area," said Robert Trujillo, the forest's supervisor. "Southeastern New Mexico continues to be dry with low relative humidity and above normal temperatures. Until the forest receives sufficient rains, we're determined to continue with the Forest Emergency Fire Closure Order for public and firefighter safety, first and foremost."

In issuing the order, Trujillo said the action was not taken lightly. He said fire restrictions and forest closures were necessary in

an effort to limit occurrences of human-caused fires. Officials said a significant amount of moisture will be required to reduce the extreme fire danger and allow the Lincoln National Forest to reopen.

The forest has three districts, the Smokey Bear centered in Ruidoso, the Sacramento headquartered in Cloudcroft and the Guadalupe with its district officers in Carlsbad. All three districts are closed.

There are four different levels of restrictions or closures in response to the fire risk.

Stage I prohibits smoking outside of vehicles or buildings. Campfires are only allowed in developed sites. Stage II expands the prohibitions in Stage I to include explosives, chainsaws, welding, and off-road use of motor vehicles. Stage III closes specific areas of the forest. The most severe, Stage IV, is the full closure of the forest.

Fireworks are never allowed on any national forest lands.

## FLOOD

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the Ruidoso and Hondo valleys, have been specifically mentioned in a special hydrologic outlook from the forecasting service.

The Donaldson Complex Fire, New Mexico's second largest on record at 101,523 acres, burned just south of U.S. Highway 70 in southeastern Lincoln County and far northeastern Otero County, from about Glencoe to Picacho. In the special report, the National Weather Service stated that locations along Alamo Canyon, Picacho Canyon and Picacho Road may see the main flood impacts. Areas immediately south of U.S. Highway 70, from Hondo to Tinnie to just west of Picacho may be impacted as well. The fire started on June 28.

April's White Fire burn area, which encompasses 10,536 acres north of Ruidoso Downs and just north of U.S. Highway 70 to the east of Ruidoso Downs, could create

problems for parts of Ruidoso Downs, the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, and along U.S. Highway 70 for about 10 miles to the east of the city.

"It does not take a heavy downpour to result in flash flooding on a burn scar," the service's warning forecaster Kerry Jones said. "Even a short period of moderate rainfall on a severely burned watershed can lead to flash floods or debris flows. After soils and vegetation have been charred, rainfall that would normally be absorbed will run off extremely quickly. Severely burned soils can be as water repellent as pavement."

The weather service said Monday afternoon's rain in Ruidoso totaled 0.43 inches. Some areas beyond the village received from 0.10 to 0.17 of an inch of rain.

Additional rain fell Tuesday afternoon with some heavy downpours from a thunderstorm that past immediately east of Ruidoso Downs. The National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning at 2:21 p.m. for Ruidoso Downs,

### "It does not take a heavy downpour to result in flash flooding on a burn scar."

Kerry Jones  
National Weather Service

U.S. Highway 70 and the Rio Ruidoso corridor. Police and emergency services officials said the locations were spared of any problems.

A flash flood watch for all of Lincoln County, which was issued for Tuesday by the weather service, had a chance of being renewed for Wednesday, a forecaster said.

A PowerPoint presentation indicated 0.30 inches of rain in a half-hour would create a "heightened concern." Receiving half an inch in 30 minutes would be "potentially devastating."

The hydrologic outlook noted that rapidly moving flood waters can pick up large amounts of debris that can damage or destroy culverts, bridges, roadways and buildings. The flash flood threat in and around

burn areas can be life threatening.

"Each wildfire burn scar poses its own unique risk of flash flooding due to many factors including proximity to population centers, burn severity, steepness of terrain, and the size of burned drainage basins," Jones said.

The National Weather Service said flash flood watches and warnings would be issued when warranted.

After declaring the area of the Donaldson Complex Fire a disaster on July 1, New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez followed up by issuing a state of emergency for all of New Mexico to provide flood mitigation resources.

"After a long drought and fires, conditions exist that could lead to increased flooding throughout the state," Martinez said on July 8. "This declaration allows the state to provide counties, cities and pueblos with additional resources in preparation for flooding. This assistance will help higher risk areas such as those surrounding Cochiti

Canyon, Ruidoso Downs or the Santa Clara Pueblo, but it will also allow for higher statewide preparedness."

The emergency flood mitigation assistance declaration allocated \$750,000 to help pay for the movement and placement of materials to reduce the flood potential and to provide technical assessment help. The New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management began coordinating efforts to clean ditches, culverts and debris in preparation for flood waters. A Federal Emergency Management Agency liaison was dispatched to assist the state efforts. Federal Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation teams are in New Mexico to help mitigate the increase flooding risks. A team worked to seed and mulch some of the burn area of the White Fire in recent weeks.

The gubernatorial declaration also would make the New Mexico National Guard available should a flood emergency occur.

## LAND

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and the community," he said. "We want as much sunshine with the community from the beginning of the process."

Powell said he doesn't envision Moon Mountain earning "a huge amount of money" to benefit higher education, but it can contribute to a healthy community and outdoor education, which are valuable

contributions.

Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn said Powell previously met with members of the Moon Mountain Conservancy and told them he thought the land could be used for a forestry project through Eastern New Mexico University and for recreation.

The mayor recalled that when a consultant reviewed the property for one of the development projects proposed there, he cited as negatives the

steepness of the terrain and the lack of water service or rights, and he questioned the suitability for septic systems.

"He thought the cost of development would be exorbitant," Alborn said. "In this economy, people should be running away."

At that time in 2005, councilors passed a reso-

lution against development of the mountain. Since then, the council also approved a resolution declaring its intention to hold for recreation 222 acres in the lower portion of the mountain off Warrior Drive and Gavilan Canyon acquired by the village in a swap with a private land owner.

Powell recently was quoted in an Albuquerque Journal article posted online as being critical of a 2005 land swap by his predecessor when 733 acres of public trust land in southern Doña Ana County was exchanged for \$28,000 in cash and 41 acres on another section of Moon Mountain. The

swap was justified based on the potential for residential and commercial development on the Moon Mountain land compared to the agricultural lease income on the Doña Ana County land. However, when the Moon Mountain property was advertised for sale, no viable offers were received.



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# City joins Anthony casino opposition

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Because of the area's reliance on tourists from regions such as the El Paso area, Ruidoso Downs city councilors Monday approved a resolution that opposes a proposed tribal casino in Anthony, New Mexico. The measure noted the impact to the local tourism economy would be felt from Alamogordo and Tularosa, to Hondo, Ruidoso and Capitan.

The Jemez Pueblo last year renewed a nearly decade-old plan to obtain federal approval for a casino

within miles of the El Paso metropolitan area. One requirement for off-reservation Indian gaming is the tribe or pueblo must have land placed into trust by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Concurrence is also required from the governor of the state where the gaming facility would be located.

The Ruidoso Downs resolution noted the nearby Mescalero Apache Tribe has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in their gaming and hospitality facilities and would be harmed by competition from another south-central

**"The casino in Hobbs, New Mexico, took away some of the customers from the east and the newly proposed casino would take some of the customers from the south."**

Ray Alborn  
Ruidoso Mayor

New Mexico casino.

And the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino would also be adversely impacted. The resolution additionally

stated that a decrease in business would negatively affect "all citizens of Lincoln County who supported a business retention tax through a public vote last September." The special gross receipts tax financially assists the Ruidoso Downs facility by covering some of its state gaming taxes.

The anti-Anthony casino measure was unanimously approved by city councilors.

Ruidoso's village council endorsed a similar resolution on June 28. And Mayor Ray Alborn has written a letter to New Mexico Gov. Susana

Martinez which voiced "strong opposition" to construction of a casino in Anthony.

"The Village of Ruidoso, Mescalero, Alamogordo and surrounding communities have suffered greatly economically, beginning with the flood in 2008, freezing temperatures in 2011, multiple poor ski seasons, multiple fires with losses," Alborn told the governor. "The casino in Hobbs, New Mexico, took away some of the customers from the east and the newly proposed casino would take some of the customers from the south."

Previously officials with both the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the racetrack and casino in Ruidoso Downs denounced the Anthony potential.

The U.S. Department of the Interior is currently reviewing the plans.

A similar effort to establish a Jemez Pueblo casino nearly 300 away from the tribe's homelands north of Albuquerque was turned down by the Interior Department in 2008.

But under the Obama administration, the Interior Department agreed to look again at the application.

## Help sought for fire victims

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Monetary donations are being sought for a Hondo couple that lost their home and all their possessions in the Donaldson Complex Fire.

Retired physician John Kiker, who resides in the Hondo area, said Steve and Peggy Miller lost everything.

"Early on in the Donaldson Ranch Fire, while it was moving down Alamo Canyon, slurry did not protect the place of Steve and Peggy," Kiker said. "It rapidly caught fire and their small home and outbuildings were destroyed. They had no insurance on their place."

Kiker said the Miller's

are in their mid 60s.

"Soon after the fire they were in a state of disbelief and bewilderment. Neighbors said that they would find the Millers sitting in the burnt rubble that used to be home, going through it with their bare hands, hoping to find something salvageable. People are trying to help them. He has a job at the race track, but it will not be possible on what he makes to begin to replace what they have lost. Fortunately, the race track and the race track chapel are in the process of passing the hat on their behalf. But this will not be enough."

An account has been established at Compass Bank in Ruidoso for the Millers.

## Powell calls for water planning

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Longtime residents of Hondo Valley are "preparing for the worst" as a drought drags on in the Sacramento Mountains and southeastern New Mexico.

"Looking at history, we can have several years in a row with no precipitation and more and more concentration on wells," said Lincoln County Commissioner Jackie Powell. "It's true that thinning (the number of) trees will help, but with 3,400 wells in an area like this county) the long-term impact could be devastating without more regional thinking."

Powell pointed out that without consultation, a 2,000 foot deep well was drilled to serve Alto Lakes Village, the Rio Ruidoso is down to "just a trickle," and both Eagle Creek and Bonito River are dry.

"We're depending 100 percent right now on pumping and we have no real information on the (effects of the) drawdown and (ability to) recharge," Powell said at a commission meeting late last month. "We need to ensure regional planning begins."

We need more information regionally. Secrets aren't going to help anyone. We have a lot of people with investments in the Alto Lakes area.

"I'd just like county to concentrate more on regional recharge and well drawdown. What good does reading gauges do when a stream has zero flow. How long does it take to recover? We know nothing about that in this area. We're up here all by ourselves. We don't have a Mississippi River, just little streams. Tularosa Creek still is flowing pretty good. The only difference is (it is not subjected to the type of pumping that occurs on the Rio Ruidoso). We need to stay informed about what all municipalities are doing."

She paused and added, "I hope the rains come tomorrow and they come softly."

County Manager Tom Stewart said officials with the U.S. Geological Survey will report to commissioners at their August meeting and may have some of the answers Powell is seeking.

They compare moisture on the mountain to recharge in wells, and there are some correlation, he said.

Powell said the county needs to know if the village of Ruidoso sinks a well at its Alto Lake Reservoir and how that will effect other areas. Right now, the Rio Ruidoso is barely a trickle as it leaves the Mescalero Apache Reservation and by the time it nears Glencoe, most of the water is effluent from the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, then it goes dry all the way down to Hondo.

"We must manage our water better when we have it and store it," Powell said. "Very few storage tanks have been put in. History shows the water won't always be there. (The village of Ruidoso) only has 500 acre feet (of water rights) to draw off of the Rio Ruidoso. It wouldn't matter if there was 10 million acre feet (of rights), if there is no water. It's dry at my house. What are they trying to transfer (in filing for transfer of other water rights), air?"

Removing trees lessens the demand on underground water, she acknowledged, but at 2,000 feet deep for a well, tree roots and canopies are not involved, she said.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter said she was told by a forester that removing of trees only benefits an area for a short time and then the remaining trees suck up the additional water.

"We're in a water short area," Powell said. "I was glad to see in the newspaper, they mentioned limits. I'm glad to read that for the first time in 50 years. We can't continue the way we are. The village is not even in Phase 5 water restrictions like they should have been since last (year). It's like this all over New Mexico."

Commissioner Tom Battin said he'd like to see the water plan designed for the region by the Office of the State Engineer. Powell said the main part of the regional plan deals with the Pecos Basin and its annual delivery obligations to the state of Texas.

"In 2006, they put us in there with a water master,

but there is no information about us there, just a reference to the upper reaches of Pecos Valley Watershed," Powell said. "They've depended on pumping there for many years and when they hit a limit, they have to stop."

Entities in the county should follow that model, she said, adding, "We can't just take and take and take without knowing the rate of recharge of the (underground water supply)."

The Hondo Valley is only a small portion of the Pecos and is not counted on to contribute much water to the compact settlement with Texas, Powell said. "They want the U.S. Forest Service to be more aggressive (in reducing the number of trees) and the water will come back to some extent."

However when Minter suggested finding someone with the State Engineer's Office to coordinate with the county, Powell was wary. She said she preferred a regional understanding rather than state enforcement and limits, "that could be even more destructive."

But Minter replied, "All I hear about is the problem. How do we move to find a solution?"

"I think Ruidoso doesn't want to include the whole county, because they want the water," said Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo.

"Alto does too," Minter said.

Battin said he thought the severe drought will encourage the different entities to get together and will increase sentiment for collaboration.

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# Only half way, fires way up in 2011

JIM KALVELAGE

Half way through 2011, Lincoln County has recorded almost as many wildland fires as all of last year. And the amount of land scorched so far is more than double last year's acreage.

"Obviously 2011 is far and above - the busiest fire season we've had in recent history," said Dan Ware, with the State Forestry Division of New Mexico's Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department. The division has responsible for wildland fire fighting on state owned lands and private property in counties.

"This year we're only

talking about the first six months because we're in the early part of July," Ware said. "We've had more fires this year than in total in years previous."

In Lincoln County, 118,142 acres have burned. The total includes the Donaldson Complex Fire as of Thursday. Last year 49,085 acres were damaged by wildfire in the county.

Across New Mexico, there have been 879 fire reports with 765,979 acres burned so far in 2011, Ware said. The amount of burned land does not include the Los Conchas Fire because it is still an active fire.

The cause of the Donaldson Complex Fire was lightning, fire officials said last week.

While lightning is typically the leading cause of fires, accounting for 37 percent of ignitions in 2010, so far this year the level is below 10 percent.

"We've had 84 lightning caused fires," Ware said. "The rest were either human caused or unknown. So New Mexico this year has bucked the national trend, because of the fire danger being so high and so many of our fires being caused by just everyday activities."

Ware said people must be ever vigilant about their activities from hot catalytic converters on vehicles to outdoor projects.

About 40 percent of wildland fires in the U.S. are started by lightning.

Last year in Lincoln County the split between human-caused and lightning-caused fires was close to even.

In New Mexico this year, 235 fires were sparked by equipment use, compared with 83 last year. Another 85, or almost twice as many as last year, were power line related.

"And I think that's a direct correlation with the amazing amount of wind that we've had this year," Ware said of flames started by power lines.

Smoking has been attributed to 43 fires up until now in 2011. For all of last year it was 25. Campfires have started 21 fires compared with eight last year.



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A firefighter takes a stand to stop the spread of the Swallow Fire that burned nine homes in Ruidoso June 16.

## Fire brought ranch neighbors together

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Although the Donaldson Fire that ignited June 28 burned more than 100,000 acres east of Ruidoso Downs, destroyed one home and some other structures, rancher and attorney Gary Mitchell said the experience proved once again how Lincoln County neighbors pull together in an emergency.

The situation also pointed out the need for more and earlier communication from firefighting agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service and State Forestry Division to allow ranchers time to plan for removal or protection of livestock, or to protect their own property, he said last week.

He and his neighbors understand that when a fire is moving fast or resources are stretched among many fires in Lincoln County and New Mexico, an incident commander may have to allow a blaze to burn largely unattended to a forest road or some other burn line, but if that approach is selected, ranchers in the area need to know in advance to help with their decisions, Mitchell said.

"We were being told the fire wasn't going to go beyond a certain point and we relied on that" he said. "Then it became clear they weren't going to stop it and we needed to move livestock. My family was lucky. We were on top of it and worked together."

Neighbors also pitched in to help one another. Some even joked as they watched the advancing smoke and flames, that this was the first time they had seen each other in a long time, he said.

"No one is angry," said Mitchell, whose ranchland burned, but not any structures. "Everyone understands the situation. We all

**"My family was lucky. We were on top of it and worked together."**

Gary Mitchell  
Attorney & Rancher

know the first priority is life and the second is homes, but we need a lot of communication.

"We can move more cattle if we have more time. We tried to help other neighbors."

Eddie Tudor, Pecos Zone Type III Incident commander from the State Forestry Division, who took initial charge of the fire and is handling the last vestiges of the blaze, said from his perspective, the team was trying to provide information as soon as possible to ranchers.

"The way the fire moved and trying to coordinate firefighters to protect structures was challenging as incident commander," he said while onsite at the fire Thursday. "We always try to keep everyone updated. But unfortunately, we didn't get the word out to all the people we needed to."

One rancher gathered his horses in an arena where he could try to protect them, Mitchell said.

Mitchell reiterated, "Not a single person is disputing the first thing is to protect lives and that they ran out of resources, but they need to communicate the plan of attack. Most ranchers are handy people" and can actively help in the overall effort and in protecting structures and removing animals. In this situation, many offered their water resources, volunteered the use of generators, safe places for refuge and unlocked gates for firefighter access, he said. They called to offer trailers and anything else needed.

"People here are really helpful," Mitchell said.

## Peddaling trails for young & old

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If Ruidoso hopes to appeal to families, fitness-minded retirees and younger generations to come, development of trails for hiking and biking should become a top priority, cycling advocates contend.

A \$112,562 grant for the Grindstone Mountain Bike Trails Project will pay for one of the first efforts toward that goal, eight miles of recreational trails around Grindstone Reservoir, said Ruidoso Parks and Recreation, Economic Development Director Debbie Jo Almager. Village staff is actively seeking funding sources to build

mountain bike trails, which also could be used for horseback riding and hiking, as an economic diversification for the community.

The project is part of the Ruidoso Bike Trail Master Plan that consists of 90 miles of trails designed by the International Mountain Bicycle Association surrounding the village, she said.

On her recommendation, village councilors accepted the grant, which was slightly under the original request of \$118,000, from The Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

"This grant is a reim-

bursable grant and is included in the (village's) Fiscal Year 2012 budget and approved recently by Council," Almager noted.

Cody Thurston, Ruidoso Bike Shop and Outdoor Adventure Store owner and a founding member of the Ruidoso Trails Coalition, encouraged the council's support and gave examples of cycling events that last five-days at a time and draw thousands of competitors and spectators. The biking industry brings in \$3 billion a year to New Mexico and it's time Ruidoso began carving out its share of those dollars, he said. Quality trails catering to different levels of expertise and different

uses will draw people year-round. Trails that are well-designed will not require as much maintenance and will keep erosion to a minimum.

Almager said the village will be given three years to complete the project with the help of Steve Carter and his EcoServants youth group. Maintenance will be low as the trails will be self-sustaining for the most part, she said. As designed by the international association, the full project would span three phases consisting of 2,000 acres around Grindstone, 2,000 acres in Perk Canyon and Cedar Creek, and 10,000 acres in the Bonito Lake area.

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# Alto thinning eliminates ladder fuels

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For many hikers and dog-walkers, the sudden disappearance of pines around Alto Lake was a surprise. But they will have a lot to look forward to, according to Dick Cooke, director of Ruidoso's Forestry Department.

"We wanted to leave the areas with a forested look," Cooke said that the thinning would reduce fire hazards for Alto residents as well as "returning it to the historic forest."

With work beginning in the summer of 2010, Cooke has worked with approved forestry contractors TLC Trees, Villaba Co., and Jr's Excavations & Utilities to thin out the pines crowding Alto Lake, many of which are infested with mistletoe, a parasite that causes trees to shed branches more frequently.

And those branches add up. "We wanted to eliminate ladder fuels to prevent fires," Cooke said, "this is mostly a fire break for Alto."

Cooke estimated that Alto Lake has 20 to 30 tons of fuel per acre waiting to burn.

Complying with ordinances requiring citizens, as well as the village, to thin and maintain forested areas to prevent fires has been keeping the contractors busy, though not during fire season. Cooke said that the contractors had temporarily halted work until there was some rain to avoid working in the dangerously dry conditions.

"We're operating a lot of equipment out there and I don't want to start a fire," said Robby Hall of TLC Trees.

Funding for the thinning comes from federal grants dispensed through the state, and Cooke said he stretches the dollar



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Village of Ruidoso Forestry Director Dick Cooke stands by pine logs harvested by public contractors during the thinning operations around Alto Lake. Below, fuel covers the ground behind Cooke, showing the necessity of the thinning operations.

a bit further by allowing contractors to sell logs to reduce costs, many of which end up in local woodworking shops, destined to be turned into carved bears.

"We sell everything we cut," Hall said. "I sell logs from Arizona to Texas. A lot of them end up with local artists."

The planned thinning will take place from the south side of Alto Lake and continues down Eagle Creek to the edges of private property, about 70 acres that has been divided into seven sections for the contractors.

Before beginning the project, Cooke spent two months planning the project with help from state Forestry, Northern Arizona University, and local residents in an attempt to accommodate them as much as possible.

"We kept most of the old

trees," Cooke said. "I mark them myself. We mark trees to be left intact, and not cut."

Cooke said he will leave at least 30 12 inch trees per acre in order to remain in compliance.

"When you start treating an area, you need objectives," Cooke said. "The objectives in this case were to maintain and increase meadows and riparian areas while reducing fuel (for fires)."

Cooke's riparian areas are a transition zone between stream and meadow, allowing the growth of more diverse trees, such as oaks, cottonwoods, and willows. The areas also will help prevent soil runoff in heavy rainfall and help spread moisture further up the hills, he said.

"Because of firefighting, we've got more trees than water," Cooke said, pointing to a recently cleared section of meadow. "Trees in an open area grow 50 percent faster than trees with competition."

Cooke said he also has considered the current ecology in his plans. Pointing out an area in hills above the stream, he mentions that a 10 acre area will be left untreated to provide shelter for elk and other reclusive wildlife.

"The area was invaded by pine trees," Cooke said. "The meadows will come back with grasses and wildflowers. The grant for thinning doesn't cover seeding, but we're looking to do that with a later grant, hopefully planting willows and other trees as well."

Cooke said he expects the work to be completed in the summer of 2012, and remains optimistic about the project. He said that though the areas aren't looking too scenic at the moment, residents and visitors could expect to be treated to a beautiful view as the area returns to its historic meadows.



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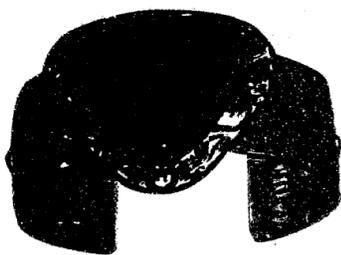
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## Rainbow Futurity trials evoke memories of Brooks' glory years

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Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Terry Bell and Bud Hill's You And Me Partners combined with trainer Raymond Vargas to evoke memories of trainer Jack Brooks' historic years at Ruidoso Downs when they qualified three horses — led by the top-two qualifiers Mighty Be Valiant and Jess Cuervo — to the Grade 1, \$700,000 Rainbow Futurity on Friday afternoon at the New Mexico mountain track.

The Rainbow Futurity field on July 24 will consist of the two-year-olds who posted the 10-fastest times from the 22 trials at 400 yards.

For many years, everybody's hall of famer Brooks winner of a record eight All

American Futurities at Ruidoso Downs trained for You And Me Partners while Vargas was Brooks' assistant for more than two decades.

Now, these three Rainbow Futurity qualifiers are horses Brooks selected and help start on their racing careers. Vargas then assumed the training duties and they will be among the favorites to win the Rainbow Futurity, the race that Brooks won four times.

His last win came 20 years ago with Steppin For The Moon and his four wins came within an eight-year stretch.

"It's great to be part of this," Brooks said. "I recommended the horses (when they were yearlings at the ranch) and now Raymond is

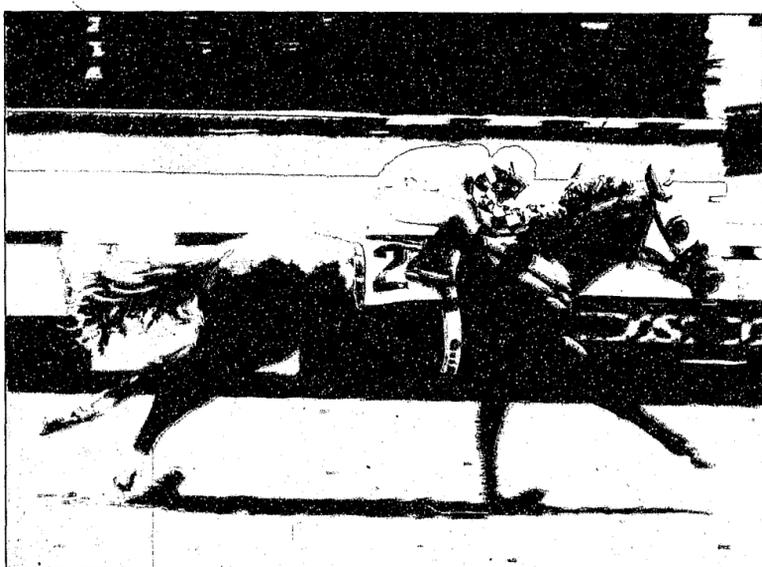
the trainer.

"It's unbelievable. Raymond is a hands-on trainer just like I was. I can go to the barn and sit on a bucket and watch him do things just like I did. It's the little things.

"I'm so proud of Raymond."

Mighty B Valiant races like a Brooks-trained champion from decades ago. He came to Ruidoso Downs with a grade 1-winning resume and in his first Ruidoso Downs' start he sprinted down the straightaway to a dominating trial win.

Racing in the eighth trial, Mighty B Valiant did not get a great start, but quickly asserted himself to



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Mighty Be Valiant, with GR Carter aboard, posted the fastest time (:19.414) in the Rainbow Futurity trials Friday afternoon.

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##### Pro Baseball

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Saturday, July 16

Alpine Cowboys at Ruidoso, 1:05 and 4:05 p.m.

#### On Deck

##### RHS Pass Hull Football

Thursday, the RHS football team will hold a seven-on-seven pass hull football scrimmage at Horton Stadium at 6 p.m. with Artesia (2010 4A state champs) and Mayfield (2010 5A state champs).

##### Wilderness Camp

Monday, June 27, the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department began their annual Wilderness Camp starting at 9 a.m. and lasting until 5 p.m. The Camp will run Monday through Friday and last seven weeks. The cost is \$95 per week with lunch provided. Activities included are horseback riding, swimming, nature hikes, crafts and field trips. For more info call 257-5030.

## Once upon a time

From the time we're born most of us are fed a never-ending diet of "Once upon a time" stories.

The "frog" will turn into a prince, the pumpkin into a coach, the ever-present enchanted forest, Snow White, Prince Charming will come and the evil queen will be vanquished. The list goes on Ad naseum.

I think this may have been an insidious invention of the Universe to keep us "in the game."

Fairy tales later on morph into our very own dreams, hopes and wishes and soon we find ourselves

before a movie screen rooting for two star-crossed lovers to merge as one and cross the finish line together some 60 years down the road.

"Love conquers all," we're told early in our lives. Never mind the couple — percentages say — will be flying into the sun upon conveniently forgotten wings made of multiple feathers stuck together with heat-sensitive wax.

Obviously, fairy tales are not concerned with any semblance of naked reality. After all, they have a hidden agenda.

Another crafty side effect these fantasy adventures teach us is to

cheer for the underdog and root for that which is seemingly unobtainable — even if it is attempted by accomplished people. And when the insurmountable feat is achieved we exclaim, "See, all is possible — even my own small dreams!"

Factual evidence is dismissed and intellectual honesty is placed within a box marked "Open at a later date." Those traits are just not appropriate in our day-dreams.

Why let reality interfere with ephemeral happiness? After all, the occasional breadcrumbs of enjoyment that are scattered before us should be savored, appreciated and remembered before we're obligated to face up

to the vagaries of life once again.

About the time we find ourselves bogged down with an interminable plethora of news headlines concerning the sorry state of the economy, war and murder, along comes some uplifting story that temporarily renews your faith in humanity — like a soldier coming home and being reunited with his family, someone, thought dead, found in the rubble of a crumbled building, or a lost dog traveling 1,000 miles over months and finding his misplaced family.

Even a sports story can prove to be inspiring — like Derek Jeter's 3,000th career hit on

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MIKE CURRAN  
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## Cold Cash nears record in Rainbow Derby trials

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Ruidoso Downs Race Track

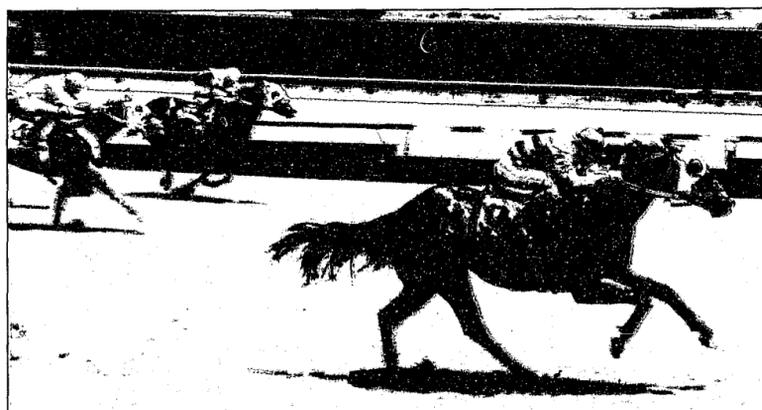
The 440-yard loving Cold Cash 123 knocked off two of the three 2010 champion juveniles with a near track-record time while racing to the fastest-qualifying time to the record Grade 1, \$899,523 Rainbow Derby on Saturday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The near \$900,000 purse breaks the record purse of \$873,441 set last year when the 440-yard fixture was won by Swingin Daddy.

The Rainbow Derby will be held on Saturday, July 23 and the horses with the 10-fastest times from the seven trials are eligible to enter the derby.

A homebred owned by Carolyn and Walter Bay's T. Bill Stables, Cold Cash 123 crushed the stellar trial lineup by two-and-one-quarter lengths. His quarter-mile time of :20.762 under jockey Roy Baldillez threatened the track record of :20.736 set by champion Strawkins when he won the 2006

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COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

Cold Cash 123, with Roy Baldillez up, crosses the finish line first in his trial and grabs the quickest time (:20.762) in Saturday's Rainbow Derby trials.

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# FUTURITY

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win as the 1-5 favorite. His three-and-one-quarter-length winning margin was the largest winning margin on the day by one length.

"He stood well in the gate, but then slipped a little bit leaving there," said jockey G.R. Carter Jr., a member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame. "I just asked him and he went on."

Mighty B Valiant, quarter horse racing's third-

ranked two-year-old in the AQHA/Horseplayer.com weekly poll, raced the 400 yards in :19.414 to top the qualifier's list.

The son of Valiant Hero is building a race record that could lead to year-end championship honors.

He won the \$780,000 Remington Park Futurity in his second career start and in his last start before heading to Ruidoso Downs he was second in the Grade 1, \$1 million Heritage Place Futurity as the 3-5 favorite.

"This is one really nice horse," Vargas understated after the Rainbow Futurity

trial win. "We worked him one time up here (at Ruidoso) and it was into a strong head wind. He just ran right through it."

In addition to Mighty B Valiant, the team will have second-fastest qualifier Jess Cuervo and eighth-fastest qualifier YM Quickly in the Rainbow Futurity.

Jess Cuervo, a homebred son of Corona Cartel, won the sixth trial by one-and-one-half lengths with a time of :19.448 as the 2-1 favorite under Carter Jr.

It was the third win from four starts for Jess Cuervo. He narrowly won his trials

to the Remington Park Futurity and the Heritage Place Futurity, however his times were not fast enough to advance to the finals.

He then raced to a fourth-place finish in the Easy Jet Stakes before shipping to Ruidoso Downs for the Rainbow Futurity trials.

YM Quick lost the fourth trial by a head-bobbing nose to Texas Rockstar, winner of the Ruidoso Juvenile in his previous start.

Texas Rockstar raced to a :19.591 time while the Carter-ridden YM Quick was timed in :19.595.

A homebred son of

Valiant Hero, YM Quick won his maiden when he won his Remington Park Futurity trial and then finished fifth as the 7-2 favorite in the \$100,000 Remington Park Juvenile.

Carter, the winner of the 1996 Rainbow Futurity, also placed third-fastest qualifier Feature Mr Bojangles in the Rainbow Futurity field.

The son of Feature Mr Jess won the fifth trial in :19.481 in his Ruidoso Downs debut. He came off a win in the Four Corners Futurity at SunRay Park for owners SM Cattle

Export Company and Jaime Dominguez.

Carter led the day with six winning rides while champion nine-time champion trainer Paul Jones, also a member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame, saddled six winners and will be represented by sixth-fastest qualifier Jess Sass Dash and ninth-fastest qualifier Big Daddy Cartel in the Rainbow Futurity.

Bell and Hill's You And Me Partners, Brooks, Vargas and Carter; sometimes the names don't change with time.

# DERBY

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Rainbow Derby.

Cold Cash 123, trained by Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame member Sleepy Gilbreath, is undefeated from four starts at 440 yards. Last year, he won his All American Futurity trial, the All American Futurity Juvenile and the Grade 1 Southwest Juvenile Championship to become the only two-year-old in memory to win three 440-yard races. His Rainbow Futurity trial victory was his first start this year at the distance.

"He loves it (440yards)," said Gilbreath "Actually, his deal is that if he can get away from the gate, the distance doesn't matter."

Cold Cash 123 started from the ninth post position and Gilbreath "loved drawing on the outside."

First Down Master, one of two \$40,000 supplemental nominees to the Rainbow Derby, finished second in the trial with the fourth-fastest qualifying time of :21.118. He was supplemented after winning his maiden in his previous start by two lengths.

JLS Speedhorse Ranch's JLS Mr Bigtime, the 2010 champion 2-year-old gelding, was a close third with a :21.125 time. He was second by a nose in last year's Grade 1, \$2 million All American Futurity as the favorite and came to Ruidoso Downs for the Rainbow Derby trials after winning the \$134,000 Delta Downs Louisiana-Bred Derby.

American Runaway, the 2010 champion two-year-old, finished fifth in the trial and did not qualify for the Rainbow Derby.

Ruidoso Derby winner Llano Teller, owned by Wootan Racing with the Reed Land and Cattle Company, will trying for

his second derby win after reaching the Rainbow Derby finals with a trial win and the eighth-fastest qualifying mark of :21.171.

"He is just so laid back," said winning jockey G.R. Carter Jr. "He cocked a leg in the gate so we moved him around and then he blasted away from there."

"That is just one fun little horse right there."

The Heath Reed-trained Llano Teller won the 2010 Remington Park Futurity and then was a close third in the Heritage Place Futurity before qualifying for the Rainbow and Texas Classic futurities.

Johnny Trotter's Bodacious Dash raced to the second-fastest qualifying time of :21.076 while winning his trial by one-half length over fifth-fastest qualifier DM Streakn Thru Fire.

A First Down Dash son from the Blane Wood barn, Bodacious Dash capped his two-year-old season with a 12-1 upset win in

the Grade 1, \$1 million Texas Classic Futurity after finishing third in the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity in his second start.

Jorge Haddad's homebred Giorgino, the other supplemental nominee, raced to a second-place finish in the final trial and reached the derby with the ninth-fastest qualifying mark for trainer John Stinebaugh. He won three futurities last year and was the fastest qualifier to the Ruidoso Derby before finishing a troubled fourth behind Llano Teller in the Ruidoso Derby.

R.D. Hubbard and Barry Thompson's Royally Sandra, trained by Paul Jones, overcame a troubled start to rally and win the trial over Giorgino with the seventh-fastest qualifying time. She returned from a winter layoff in winning form with a handy allowance win as a prep race for the Rainbow Derby trials.



COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK  
Jockey GR Carter is all smiles aboard Llano Teller who posted the 8th fastest time in the Rainbow Derby trials.

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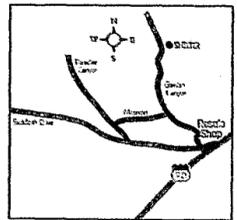
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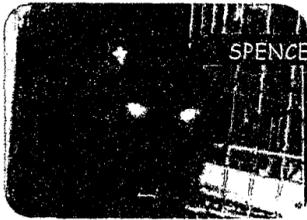
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IS A STRIKING SMOKE PLAGI, LONGHAIR, CAT. HE IS ABOUT 3-4 YEARS OLD AND DOES VERY WELL WITH OTHER CATS AND KITTENS. SPENGER IS ALSO VERY SOCIAL WITH PEOPLE AND ENJOYS BEING PETS. SPENGER HAS ALREADY BEEN NEUTERED, HAS RECEIVED ALL HIS VACCINATIONS, IS MICROCHIPPED AND IS VETERINARILY ALL OF THIS IS INCLUDED IN THE ADOPTION FEE, WHICH HAS BEEN REDUCED TO \$10! THIS REDUCED RATE APPLIES TO ALL CATS AND KITTENS THROUGH LABOR DAY.

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GYPSY

IS A VERY SWEET CATAHOOLA 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.

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CALLAHAN

IS A HANDSOME SHEPHERD/HUSKY MIX. HE LOVES COME ON WALKS AND BEING AROUND PEOPLE. CALLAHAN WEIGHS ABOUT 65 POUNDS.

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DEREK

IS A HANDSOME, AND A LITTLE SHY, HEELER MIX. HE IS 5 MONTHS OLD AND WAS FOUND AS A STRAY IN CAPTAIN WITH HIS 4 LITTER MATES.

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BONITA

IS A CUTE HEELER MIX THAT WAS BROUGHT IN BY ANIMAL CONTROL WITH HER 5 PUPPIES. SHE HAD BEEN LOOSE IN THE RUIDOSO AREA FOR QUITE A WHILE, BUT NOT TRUSTING ENOUGH OF PEOPLE TO EASILY BE CAPTURED. NOW THAT SHE IS SAFE, SHE IS VERY FRIENDLY AND SWEET. BONITA LOVES TO GO ON WALKS AND JUST WANTS TO BE WITH YOU

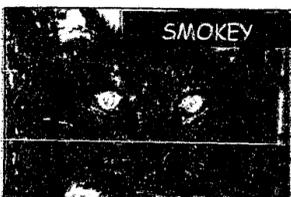
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IS A BEAUTIFUL SMOKE COLORED CAT WITH A WONDERFUL DISPOSITION. HE WAS FOUND LOOSE HERE IN RUIDOSO AND NOW HE IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. SMOKEY GETS ALONG WELL WITH OTHER CATS AND IS QUITE AFFECTIONATE. HE IS STILL YOUNG, ABOUT A YEAR OLD.

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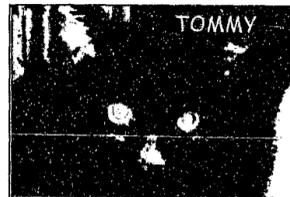
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TOMMY

IS A CUTE KITTEN, ABOUT 10-12 WEEKS OLD. HE WAS FROM A HOME WITH OTHER CATS AND DOGS AND IS VERY WELL SOCIALIZED. TOMMY HAS SHORT HAIR AND IS SOLID BLACK.

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CECIL

Is a short haired solid gray kitten and is about 10 weeks old. He was found with his 2 other litter mates in a local neighborhood here in Ruidoso. Cecil is friendly and very playful.

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# BAJA BROADBAND GETS IN LINE TO SUPPORT THE OSOS



COURTESY

The Baja Management Team gets in line with the Ruidoso Osos to show their support for Ruidoso's professional baseball players.

## JETER

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Saturday. Most players would be satisfied with a single or double to reach this vaunted milestone, but not Jeter.

He accomplished the feat with a home run into the left field bleacher seats of Yankee Stadium in front of a home crowd to become only the 28th baseball player to reach that plateau.

He made a further statement by going five for five on the day. What are the odds on hitting a four-bagger for your 3,000th hit?

Okay, so you might say, "Big deal." Then, how about this? The young man (23

years old) who caught the ball, a life-long Yankee fan, responded with an amazing gesture of generosity.

After claiming the ball, Christian Lopez was whisked away by security personnel and asked what he wanted to do with the prized object.

He turned to his father for advice, whereupon his dad told him he was a grown man and it was his decision to make.

The baseball was surely worth \$50,000 and maybe \$100,000 to \$250,000 in the collectables market or on Ebay. What would you have done?

Here's what Lopez did: He traded the valuable baseball in on a photo-op session with Jeter and

some autographed bats, balls and jerseys. He got to watch the remainder of the game from George Steinbrenner's suite.

And oh yes, the Yankees threw in four Champion Suite season tickets for all of the remaining home games to go along with the front row seats for Sunday's game the next day.

"I'll remember the whole day," Lopez said.

So what was more important to Lopez was to hang out with Jeter and hob-knob with the likes of Reggie Jackson, Mariano Rivera, Jorge Posada, Jay-Z and be like a kid in a candy shop.

He asked the Yankees to autograph one of the jerseys

to his girlfriend's family for her birthday next week. Care to bet he doesn't get some amorous reward?

Ah yes, there's the gravity of love — once again. Just when the story gets to a "cheers-to-him" mode, along comes the heaviness of passion and obvious potential hurdles to his future fairy tale happiness.

Care to wager those two make it through the next five years? C'mon, it's only a 50/50 shot.

I ask this question, knowing full well, it won't make one whit to any young man out there who thinks he's in love.

It's innate. It's about procreation. It's in our genes and DNA. We can't

escape it. Besides, no one would believe you if you told them there was a significant train wreck going to happen a year or so before it occurred. After all, even the best of psychics are hard-pressed to do that.

"So how long have you had this jaded attitude about love forever?" one might ask me. After all, my parents made it through 63 years of marriage. And when dad died, mom slipped downstream six months later. Talk about togetherness.

Once upon a time, I bought the "Once upon a time" thing. Then I grew up, to some extent. And that's one certainty most of us can't escape — we never stop growing.

Lest you think this is some finger-wagging, refrigerated admonition to the pitfalls of love let me assure you it is not.

It's only my addled brain trying to connect all the dots. Obviously, I haven't solved the puzzle of life yet. There are too many unanswered queries in between.

It's unfortunate, in a way, our childhood dreams of cookies, Christmas and the ice cream man slip silently out the door all too soon.

Children become parents and parents sometimes become helpless. Growing up can be a pain. This is what I do know.

Cheers to Jeter and, especially, Lopez.

# COMMUNITY LISTINGS

## 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.

**Mountaintop 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.

**Pino 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, danc-

ing, games. Info: Linda, 575-258-5863, or Martha, 575-430-9808.

**Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club:** Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card 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 Selter:** 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 Molley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

**Parents of Addicted 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-Bobs. 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

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

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

**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.ftcruidoso.com.

**Friends of Capitan Library:** Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynere, 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.lekennels.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 sacmtnvillage.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

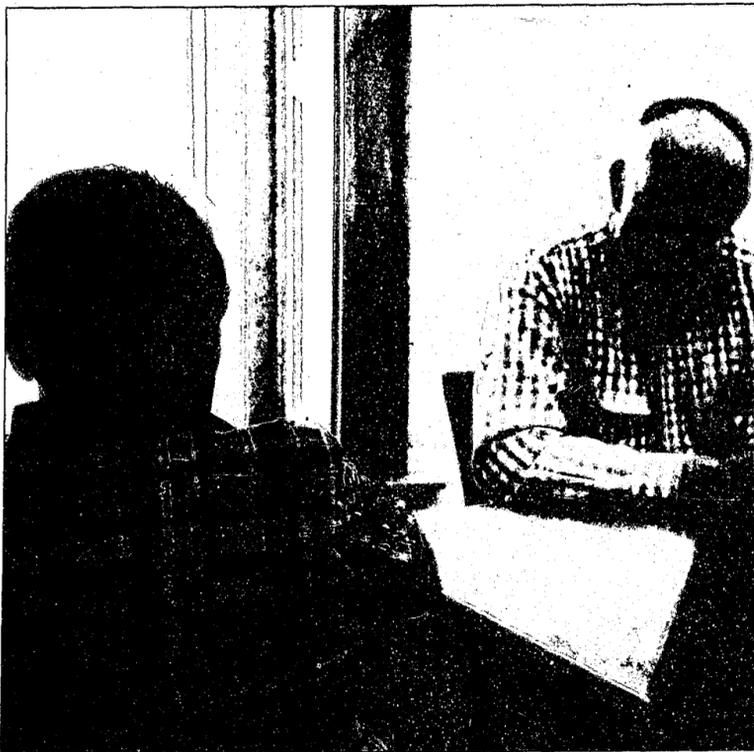
**American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79:** 11 a.m. every third Saturday, SE corner Spring St. & Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs. Info: 973-1719.

**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 (behind 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.

RUIDOSO NEWS  
**LINCOLN COUNTY**



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Tom Bullis, right, speaks at his book signing on Saturday.

## First historical lecture

HAROLD OAKES  
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Author Don Bullis presented a lecture and conducted a book signing at Fort Stanton Saturday for what Jay Smith said is to be the first of a series of lectures and presentations at the historic Fort north of Ruidoso.

"I expect to have an announcement this week of more lectures," Smith said. Smith is the executive consultant to Fort Stanton and formerly served as the director of the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Bullis' talk Saturday was on New Mexico's struggles for statehood.

After the lecture, Bullis held a book signing.

Bullis is the author of eight non-fiction books and two novels including: The Old West Trivia Book (2nd edition 2009); New Mexico's Finest: Peace Officers Killed in the Line of Duty, 1847-2010, (4th edition, 2010); Bloodville (a novel 2002); 99 New

Mexicans...and a few other folks (2005); Bull's Eye (a novel 2006) Finalist in the Novel/Mystery Category, NM Book Awards, 2007; New Mexico: A Biographical Dictionary Vol. I. (2007) Winner, Best Book on New Mexico, NM Book Awards, 2007, and five other awards for excellence; New Mexico: A Biographical Dictionary Vol. II (2008) Winner, Best Other Non-Fiction Book, NM Book Awards, 2008, and best book list for 2008, Tucson/Pima Co. Library; New Mexico & Politicians of the Past (2008); Duels, Gunfights & Shoot-Outs: Wild Tales from the Land of Enchantment, (2009); New Mexico Historical Biographies is due for publication in 2011

Bullis graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in American History and American Literature. He attended graduate school at the University of New Mexico in 1971. During the 1970s he worked in public

relations, educational projects and business. In the early 1980s he became a columnist for the New Mexico Independent newspapers and editor of the Sandoval County Times-Independent.

In the late 1980s, he began writing a regular column for the Rio Rancho Observer called "Ellos Pasaron Por Aqui."

Fort Stanton, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to assist in the development and operations of the Fort Stanton State Monument, which is owned and operated by the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, Monuments Division.

From April 1 through November 30, the Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday.

The Museum will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There is no fee to visit the museum but donations are appreciated.

## Carrizozo trustee to resign

ERIK BEARER  
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Tim Thompson, recently appointed trustee of the Carrizozo council, said he would submit his resignation letter at the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 12.

"I was not elected," Thompson said. "I'm not a politician, but I don't mind helping."

As reported on ruidosonews.com on July 11, before coming to Carrizozo, Thompson served on many different boards and councils in his home state of Florida, which is what first brought his appointment.

"They (Carrizozo trust-

tees) knew I had experience in the past and asked if I would join the committee and help," he said.

Former Mayor Mike Petty had appointed Thompson as a trustee on March 11 to serve the remaining three years of former trustee Wes Lindsay's term.

"As long as I'm in the town, I'll do everything I can to help," Thompson said, though he said he was reluctant to be political. "I had no intention of running for election. I stayed on to help with a project."

Petty resigned during a special meeting on June 10 for "mental and physical health reasons," after

which the council appointed trustee Dennis Vega as a replacement mayor, who in turn appointed Chris Ventura as a replacement trustee.

"The majority vote of the trustees can put a mayor in office for the remainder of the term," said Town Attorney Julie Ann Leonard. "If he wants to continue he, and others can run for election."

Thompson's resignation comes as the most recent blow to Carrizozo's municipal leadership, after a series of resignations and declined job offers that has left the town without a police chief and a council filled with appointed members.

### LINCOLN COUNTY BRIEFS

**Swimming pool is open,**  
 Carrizozo, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays.

**Car Wash,**  
 9 a.m. to noon, July 16, at the Main Fire Station in Carrizozo. The proceeds will benefit the Malpais Colts' 4H Club of Carrizozo. The cost is \$10 per vehicle for a wash and vacuum.

**Community yard sale,**  
 8 to 11 a.m., July 16, in Lincoln.

**Free Sports Physicals,**  
 1 to 4 p.m., July 28. The Carrizozo Health Clinic is offering free sports physicals in the Old Gym at the Carrizozo Schools.

**Free movie at the museum,**  
 7 p.m., July 29. "Red Dawn" (1984) starring Patrick Swayze and Lea Thompson.

A group of young people turn to guerilla resistance after a Soviet invasion of America. Filmed in and around Las Vegas.

The Carrizozo Heritage Museum is open from 6 to 7 p.m. for those who'd like to take a look at museum

pieces or visit the gift shop. Popcorn and drinks will be available at Heritage Hall, next door to the museum.

**Carrizozo Street Fair,**  
 Cowboy Days will be added to the venue this year along with The First Annual Outhouse Race for Kids' Scholarships.

Cost to enter this competitive event is \$25 with trophies going to the fastest outhouse and most creative design.

For those interested, applications and information are available at <http://carrizozostreetfair.org>

**New Mexico Sax Quartet,**  
 5 to 7 p.m., July 31, at McDonald Park.

New Horizons will be selling food. Concert will move to the Woman's Club in case of rain.

#### Upcoming Meetings and Events

**Chamber of Commerce**  
 Noon, July 12, Roy's.  
**Woman's Club**  
 11:30 p.m., second Thursday, September thro-

ugh May.

**Carrizozo Lodgers Tax**  
 1 p.m., July 21. Town Hall.

**Carrizozo Works**  
 5:30 p.m., July 21. Otero Electric.

**Planning & Zoning**  
 6 p.m., July 19. Town Hall

**School Board**  
 6 p.m., July 19. School grounds.

**Street Fair**  
 5:30 p.m., July 28. Otero Electric.

**Church Group for Kids**  
 6 p.m. every Wednesday once summer break ends.

Awana (K-6th Grade) at the Baptist Church.

Tic/Tac (7th thru 12th Grade) at the Methodist Church.

#### Food Bank/Pantry

**Mobile Food Bank**  
 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m., first Thursday.

**Food Pantry (Seniors 55+)**  
 Noon to 2 p.m., second Tuesday.

**Food Pantry (under 55)**  
 Noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m., fourth Tuesday.

# Billy the Kid's days in Lincoln County

The May 16, 1947, Ruidoso News carried an account of names and places in Lincoln County history.

An excerpt: "During the reign of Billy the Kid, George Kimbrell was an appointed sheriff in Lincoln County. Although he was the law his family remembers him the saying many times, 'the Kid always had a good reason for killing.'"



Historical Potpourri  
 By Polly E. Chavez

He (Kimbrell) named his two sons, William Edward Kimbrell and Bonney Kimbrell, after William Bonney.

In the July 27, 1946, issue of the Ruidoso News, Betty Oldham reported on her trip to the town of Lincoln, "the heart of the Billy the Kid country," she wrote. "Whatever one may feel about the Kid, his

history is an entertaining one. It is said that the first of Billy's 21 killings took place in New York. At the age of twelve, he killed his stepfather there, whom he believed had mistreated his mother. The Kid was killed at the age of twenty-one with 21 killings to his credit."

Old Lincoln Days the first weekend in August brings back pro and con emotions of the Kid.

The event was known to me in my childhood as, "Billy the Kid Days" and features a pageant, "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid."

There are many for or against opinions of Billy in movies, plays, books, and magazine/newspaper articles.

Like the 1946 Ruidoso News writer, I went on a day trip to Lincoln this past Saturday.

My brother, George A. Sanchez has traced our ancestors to Lincoln in his

genealogy studies.

Lincoln County Courthouse Museum at Lincoln has an exhibit, "The Men Who Wore the Star," honoring past and present law officers of Lincoln County, including Mauricio Sanchez, appointed county sheriff on May 1869.

He is the great-great-granddaddy of the Sanchez bunch! My great aunt, Rosarito Sanchez, married into the Brady bunch.

The book, "Violence in Lincoln County" (William A. Keleher) has our ancestor, Estolano Sanchez, listed in a roster of the Lincoln County Riflemen.

He is one of many men organized to assist the civil authorities in repressing violence and restoring order.

I am currently doing research on this group as compared to the Regulators of Lincoln County War history.



POLLY E. CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

William Bonney stands tall in the multi-million dollar tintype.

The historic Billy the Kid tintype goes for \$2.3 million at the Old West auction.

I took a photo of the blown up version of this image, propped up life-size

in the Courthouse museum, once the headquarters of the Murphy faction during the Lincoln County War.

Polly may be reached at [chavezp@tularosa.net](mailto:chavezp@tularosa.net)

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**RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS**

**July 3**

6:46 p.m. – Officer Tillman Freeman responded to the 400 block of Mechem Drive for a report of a violent domestic.

Freeman reported finding a man bleeding from cut wounds to his hand. The victim told Freeman that his girlfriend had threatened to hurt herself and he had attempted to grab the knife. She allegedly struck him with the knife, cutting a large gash in his index finger and cutting his knuckles.

Freeman arrested Therese Hardesty, 28, on a charge of aggravated battery on a household member with a deadly weapon. She was held on a \$15,000 cash only bond.

11:13 p.m. – Officer Tyrel Tyson reported that he was on patrol in Midtown Ruidoso when he heard a man near Sudderth and Eagle Drive shout a profanity.

Tyson turned around and reported observing a man and woman arguing.

The couple told Tyson they were just verbally arguing, but Tyson reported observing marks on the woman's neck consistent with being grabbed by the throat. One of the marks was bleeding slightly.

Officer Josh Snodgrass informed Tyson that the man had been involved in an argument at a bar and had been asked to leave.

The man reportedly told Tyson that his girlfriend was upset and would not listen and he only grabbed her to stop her from leaving.

Tyson arrested Daulton R. Beam, 31, of Alpine, Texas, on a charge of aggravated battery on a household member.

**July 4**

7:31 a.m. – Officers Sal Beltran and Jon Lund responded to a report of an open door at a residence in the 100 block of Westbury.

Beltran reported they found the rear door open, items scattered on the floor, a door busted with pieces of the door jam lying on the floor, but nothing apparently missing.

9:38 a.m. – Officer Sal Beltran responded to the 300 block of Fourth Street for a report of an unwanted subject.

Beltran was told an old boyfriend came into the house when the woman and her new boyfriend were in the bed and then beat up the new boyfriend.

Beltran reports the new boyfriend was lying in the

living room floor and was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment.

Officer Jon Lund located the old boyfriend and interviewed him. Lund reports the man said he went to the house to feed the cat and the new boyfriend, Aaron A. Garcia, 27, allegedly hit him in the eye.

Beltran cited Garcia for battery.

**July 5**

12:02 a.m. – Cpl. Lawrence Chavez and officers Tyrel Tyson and Tillman Freeman responded to Del Norte and Venado for a report of fireworks or shots fired.

Chavez reports they determined it was shots being fired from a home on College Street and he and Tyson observed a man walk onto the deck at 111 College. Chavez reports they made contact with the man and he told them that he was asleep and the shots woke him. Chavez reports he told the man to get his dog and to stay inside until they determined where the shots were coming from.

Chavez reported the man smelled of alcohol.

Chavez said as he walked the man to the door, he observed a spent shotgun shell on the deck.

Chavez detained Edward M. Hayes, 58, and read him his Miranda rights. Hayes reportedly agreed to talk to the officers.

Chavez reported Hayes said he had been shooting birdshot into the air with his 20-gauge shotgun to celebrate the Fourth of July. Hayes allegedly said the fireworks were cancelled and he wanted to hear a bang, so he decided to pop off a few rounds.

Chavez reported the shotgun and an old muzzle-loader rifle were lying on the top of the television.

Later in the day, Cpl. Steve Corbin took a report from a neighbor who provided some shotgun BBs that had reportedly fallen on his deck. The man told Corbin that he and his wife had gone onto the deck to try to see where the shots were coming from and heard what sounded like gravel falling on the roof of their house. One of the BBs allegedly hit his wife in the head, but caused no injury.

Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman directed Chavez to charge Hayes with negligent use of a deadly weapon.

– For more Police briefs go to [www.RuidosoNews.com](http://www.RuidosoNews.com)



J.R. OPPENHEIM/DAILY NEWS

Alamogordo Department of Public Safety Detective Jack Jackson holds a suspected counterfeit \$10 bill under the light Monday afternoon at ADPS headquarters.

**Bogus bills passed in Alamo**

DUANE BARBATI  
Alamogordo Daily News

ALAMOGORDO – Alamogordo Department of Public Safety detectives are warning business owners and citizens about a recent rash of counterfeit bills being passed around town.

Detective Mark Esquero said the investigation is continuing into the eight reported incidents of counterfeit \$5 and \$10 bills being used for purchases at several local businesses.

Esquero said ADPS detectives have notified the Secret Service of the counterfeit bill incidents.

According to ADPS' Alamogordo Theft and Crime Network website, a suspect passed a counterfeit \$5 bill to make a purchase at the Valero gas station, 1616 10th St., on July 5, then a suspect passed several counterfeit \$10 bills on July 6 at the same Valero gas station.

According to the ATAC-Network website, several counterfeit \$5 and \$10 bills were passed between July 8 and July 9 at the 10th Street Valero gas station, Lowe's grocery store, the Quick Stop at 1501 Indian Wells Road and the J & J convenience and gas station at 2126 N. Florida Ave.

All of the \$10 bills had the same serial number of IK63566067A, according to the website.

ATAC-Network is a website used by ADPS to take advantage of existing

technology in order to better combat property crimes. The department developed the website as a method of communication between the department and merchants by alerting businesses of potential criminal activity by specific individuals intent on committing crimes in the community. The system alerts business owners by email about crimes that occurred or are in progress, such as counterfeit bills being passed, shoplifting, property damage and fraud crimes occurring in Alamogordo.

Esquero said detectives are trying to get video surveillance from a couple of businesses in an attempt to identify the individuals.

"At times it appears that maybe these persons are bringing in the counterfeit money and know it's counterfeit," Esquero said. "And at other times people are in possession of it unknowingly. We're trying to figure that all out."

He said one man went to make a purchase at a local business without knowing he was in possession of a counterfeit bill.

"The man learned from the business owner that the bill was counterfeit," Esquero said. "The man took his counterfeit money back and brought it to our attention. At this point, there are \$5 and \$10 bills. We're broadcasting it through our ATAC-Network. Businesses that have signed up for the net-

work are receiving immediate notice of it."

He said he wants people to be aware of the counterfeit bills being used in the area.

Esquero said he believes it's difficult right now for law enforcement because a citizen unknowingly may get a counterfeit bill back in change after making a purchase at an establishment without the business' knowledge that the bill or bills are counterfeit.

"It's hard for someone to know unless they check the bills every time they get change," he said. "It is very possible for someone to unknowingly get a counterfeit bill unless they know

what they're looking for to see if it's a counterfeit bill or not.

Sometimes counterfeit bills are so obvious by the way they feel and the texture of the money. Sometimes the ink is so realistic it can pass as real money. Usually a counterfeit bill does not have a magnetic strip on it. Sometimes people can see it by holding the bill up to a light."

Esquero said the counterfeit \$10 bills have the same serial number, and the \$5 bills use a different serial number.

Contact Duane Barbati at [dbarbati@alamogordonews.com](mailto:dbarbati@alamogordonews.com).



**Brett Barham**

Brett Barham, 36, of Maumelle, beloved son, husband, father, brother, colleague, and friend left this world to join his Heavenly Father unexpectedly on Saturday, July 9, 2011. Survivors include his wife, Amber Barham; daughters, Adley and Adison of the home; parents, Gordon & Jan Barham; sister, Julie; niece, Janae; in-laws, Robert & Bridget Lehmann; brother-in-law, Shannon (Melissa); and his grandmother, Irene Barham. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, R. C. Barham, Bill and Geraldine Randle.

Brett grew up on a cattle ranch in Carrizozo, New Mexico and graduated from Carrizozo High School. He received his bachelors, masters, and doctorate from Texas Tech University and was a proud alumnus and Red Raider fan. While at Texas Tech, he utilized the experience gained in his many years of showing livestock and served as a livestock judge for which he won numerous awards. While at Tech, Brett met his future wife the former Amber Lehmann and his world was forever changed.

Although he was recognized for many things, including publication of his work in professional journals, Brett's proudest accomplishment was the birth and raising of his two daughters. Adley and Adison were the apple of their daddy's eye and there was no prouder daddy than he. Although he was raised around cattle, Brett quickly became a "girl dad" and even helped fix the girls' hair for cheer competitions. Brett was their biggest fan and although a quiet man, he made his presence known on the soccer sidelines and in the stands at cheer events. All who knew Brett appreciated his deep devotion to his family.

Brett was Associate Professor of Animal Science for the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service and was President of the Arkansas Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists. He worked in education and research specializing in beef cattle breeding and genetics. Brett was committed to his profession and the betterment of the beef industry.

Visitation will be 6 – 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, at First United Methodist Church in Maumelle where Brett was a member. A celebration of Brett's life and the gift he was to this world will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 14, also at FUMC with Dr. Luke Conway officiating. Interment will follow at Riverwood Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Brett Barham memorial fund at any Arvest bank.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct., Little Rock, (501)224-2200. To sign Brett's guestbook, visit [www.littlerockfuneralhome.com](http://www.littlerockfuneralhome.com).

**Karita Morris Dean**  
1936-2011

Karita Lyn Morris Dean has passed from this Earth to her homeland in the heart of God on Thursday, July 7, 2011.

Karita was born November 19, 1936 in Dumont, Texas. She lived in Ruidoso 49 years, working in Banking, Real Estate, Mortgage and as Church Secretary for 10 years. She was an accomplished pianist, playing for the First Christian Church for 26 years.

Survived by her husband, Bill Dean, daughters, Karita Jonine Sullivan and Gena Beth Whitlock and her husband John, step-sons Will Dean and John Dean and wife Dianna, grandchildren Erin Sullivan, Meagan Kirby and husband Matt, John D. Whitlock, Desara Boehm and husband Adam, Dara Whitlock, Serena Reiersgaard and husband Jud, great-grandchildren Jayden and Blake Reiersgaard, Lydia Whitlock, Beau Kirby and Griffin Boehm, a sister Ann Nell Smith and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and extended family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Viola Dillard Morris, daughter Lara Steen and grandson Wesley Parker.

Memorial service will be held at the First Christian Church, Saturday, July 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to HEAL, Ruidoso Hospice Foundation or First Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [lagroneruidoso.com](http://lagroneruidoso.com).

**Anne "Mumsy" Haworth**

Memorial service for Anne "Mumsy" Haworth, 88, of Ruidoso will be Saturday, July 16, at 2:30 PM at LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso. Officiating will be the Rev. Wayne Joyce.

Mrs. Haworth passed away Saturday, July 9, 2011 at her home. She was born December 20, 1922 in Kansas City, Missouri. She moved to Lincoln County in 1964 from El Paso, TX and Tucson, AZ. She worked as a Registered Nurse at Ft. Stanton Hospital and Ruidoso Care Center.

Survivors include her 6 children, Fred H. Volquardsen, David P. Volquardsen, Christen D. Volquardsen, Linda Anne Branch, Holly D. Volquardsen, and Rick A. Volquardsen; 18 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).

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Julie

We live in Boynton Beach, Fl. and own property in Capitan and receive the Ruidoso News. We are avid readers of your wonderful columns. Keep writing, we hope to meet you someday!

Eric & Julie Sorenson  
Capitan, NM

Dear Mr. Vestal

What a great feature article in Vamonos on Michele Caskey! Thank you for that healthy, helpful information and, yes, indeed, laughter is the best medicine with no negative side effects!

Barbara Mader  
High Mesa Healing Center  
Alto, NM

Julie

I've been on the go and did not want to read your story, "Reputation Rooster," until I could give it my full attention. You are truly a master wordsmith.

From your number one fan in Idaho!

Beverly Ford  
Riggins, Idaho

Polly

Your photographs and articles are absolutely wonderful. I love the architecture in Carrizozo and am thrilled that you are documenting all this historic information. Whenever I am in Carrizozo I just drive around and admire the buildings. Thank you for sharing!

Carleen  
Santa Fe, NM.

Julie

Thanks for the great article, "Be Kind to the Cowboy." Awesome words put into ink from you again! Keep up the great job. Be blessed, as you are a blessing!

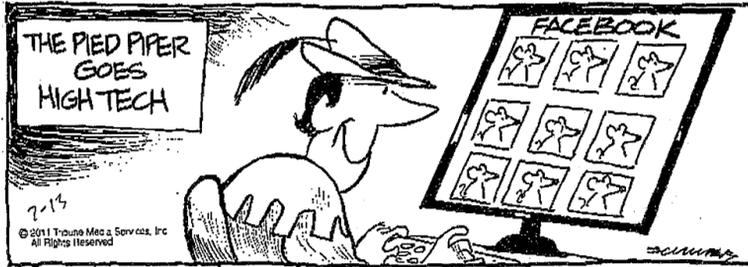
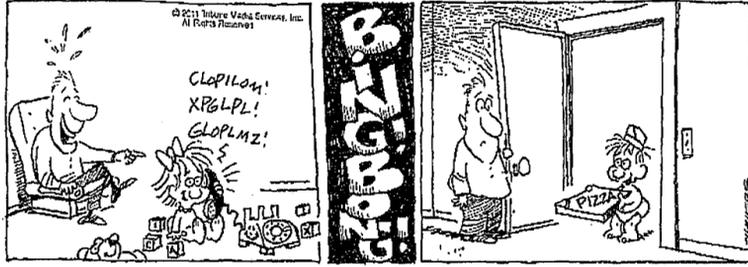
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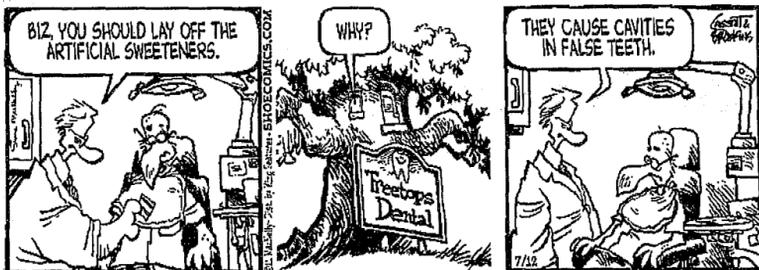
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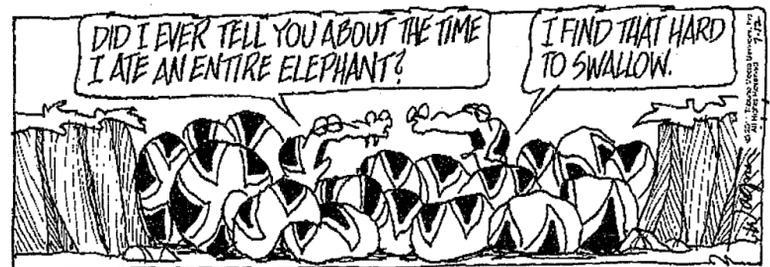
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This Resolution adopted Resolution 2011-08 after a public hearing on June 23, 2011.

This Resolution amends previously adopted Appendix A - Fee Schedules and will affect all properties located within the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District boundaries as well as external water customers.

A copy of the Resolution and Appendix A - Fee Schedules will be available for inspection at the District offices at 214 Lake Shore Drive, Alto, NM 88312 or online at www.alto-lakes.net.

The original copy of Resolution 2011-08 has been filed with the Lincoln County Clerk.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District, Lincoln County New Mexico will meet and hold a public hearing to consider for adoption of the following Ordinance.

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The undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF SONDRA HARRIETT SCHIFFMAN, Deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims (1) within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or (2) within two months after the mailing or delivery of this notice, which is later, or be forever barred.

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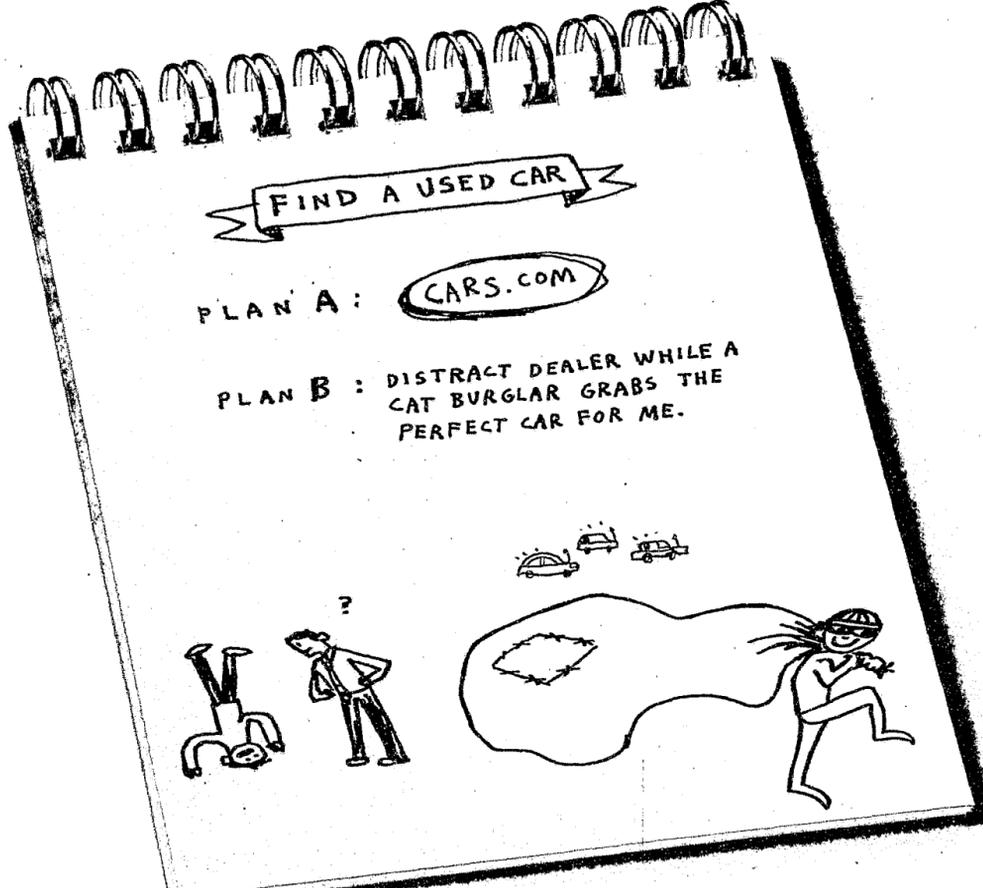
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## Martinez applauds first-responders

### Governor recognizes officer for valour during fire

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Standing in a room full of law enforcement officers and firefighters Thursday, New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez presented the Governor's Outstanding New Mexico Public Service Award to Aaron Frost.

The Ruidoso Police Department corporal was off duty June 16 when the

Swallow Fire broke out in the Pinecliff subdivision and "his brave actions led to the safe evacuation of a local family."

Frost was driving with his son when he noticed several trees on fire near a home. He rushed into the house and helped a grandmother and two grandchildren, who never saw or smelled fire or smoke, evacuate to safety.

Ultimately, the fire burned 10 acres and nine homes in the Ruidoso area.

Martinez lauded the extra awareness of their surroundings that firefighters and police officer possess. Her husband wore a law enforcement uniform for 30 years, and she "understands the risks confronted everyday."

Turning to Frost as they stood in one of the meeting

rooms of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Martinez thanked him "for your service everyday."

Reflecting on the season of fires in New Mexico and her visits to many of the sites, the governor said, "Unfortunately, you can smell a firefighter a block away" as their clothing and skin become saturated with



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez presents Ruidoso Police Cpl. Aaron Frost with the Governor's Outstanding New Mexico Public Service Award at a ceremony Thursday.

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## BIRDS OF A FEATHER



Above, confounding photographer David Tremblay, an American kestrel and a male Bullock's Oriole seem to be best buddies as they perch near one another. After some seemingly affectionate exchanges between what usually would be predator and prey, they flew off together in harmony.

At right, two Red-tailed hawks get a "bird's-eye view" of the area while perched on a utility pole.

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## State contract deal was more 'pay to play'

### Agreement for \$30,000 increased to \$5.8 million

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A State Investment Council contract with a law firm that started in 2005 with compensation "not to exceed \$30,000" was amended six times, taking the total amount paid by 2010 to \$5.8 million.

"It just looked to me it was more of this kind of pay-to-play stuff," New Mexico Sen. Tim Jennings, D-Roswell, said Thursday. "You know, it was people just circumventing the law where they shouldn't be doing this."

Jennings, whose district includes southeastern Lincoln County and northeastern Otero County, asked the Attorney General's Office to look at the legality

of the contract between the State Investment Council and the Paul, Hastings, Janofsky, & Walker LLP law firm. The global law firm was to provide legal services involving investments.

In an opinion dated June 14 and posted on the Attorney General's website Tuesday, July 12, Assistant Attorney General Elaine P. Lujan said she believed the state's procurement code was violated.

"The scope of the contract with the law firm eventually encompassed more than just investment-related legal services," Lujan wrote. "The expanded scope of work provided for services that are more akin to attorney litigation expenses ... and there-

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## Monsoon season opens with flood warnings for area

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The monsoon season turned on this week in and around the Sacramento Mountains.

Afternoon rains on Tuesday and Wednesday turned into flash flood warnings for sections of southern Lincoln County and northern Otero County.

At the River Ranch RV Park between Ruidoso Downs and Glencoe, the Rio Ruidoso rose quickly Wednesday afternoon. Spilling over the banks, the river overtook much of the park for a time. Joel Parsons, the husband of park manager

## Ruidoso gears up for possible flooding

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After helping their neighbors in Ruidoso Downs fill sandbags, Ruidoso firefighters began today preparing the heavy hedges against flooding in their own backyard.

Interim Fire Chief Harlan Vincent said he set a target of 100 sandbags filled daily and they are available at the main fire station on Sudderth Drive and Paradise Canyon, and at

Sherry Parsons, said the water was almost up to his knees.

"When the water comes up it

gets scary out here," he said. "For a lot of people out here this is their homes. And when the

water comes up, well, we had a trailer washed away in 2008. We had one completely

Station 2 on White Mountain Drive,

The sandbags may be used to prevent flooding and mudslides as a result of the Swallow Fire inside the village or on the sections of the White Fire that impact the village, and along the Rio Ruidoso or other potential drainages that could flood in a heavy prolonged downpour, Vincent said.

"We have our contingency plans for each," he

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destroyed out here. And we thought we were safe now. We thought they had done some work up here on the river but evidently it came up a little faster than they ever expected it to again. It rose in about 10 minutes."

His wife said precautions were taken.

"Everybody's prepared just in case," Sherry Parsons said that afternoon. "A lot of people have pulled their cars up to higher ground."

The director of Lincoln County's Office of Emergency

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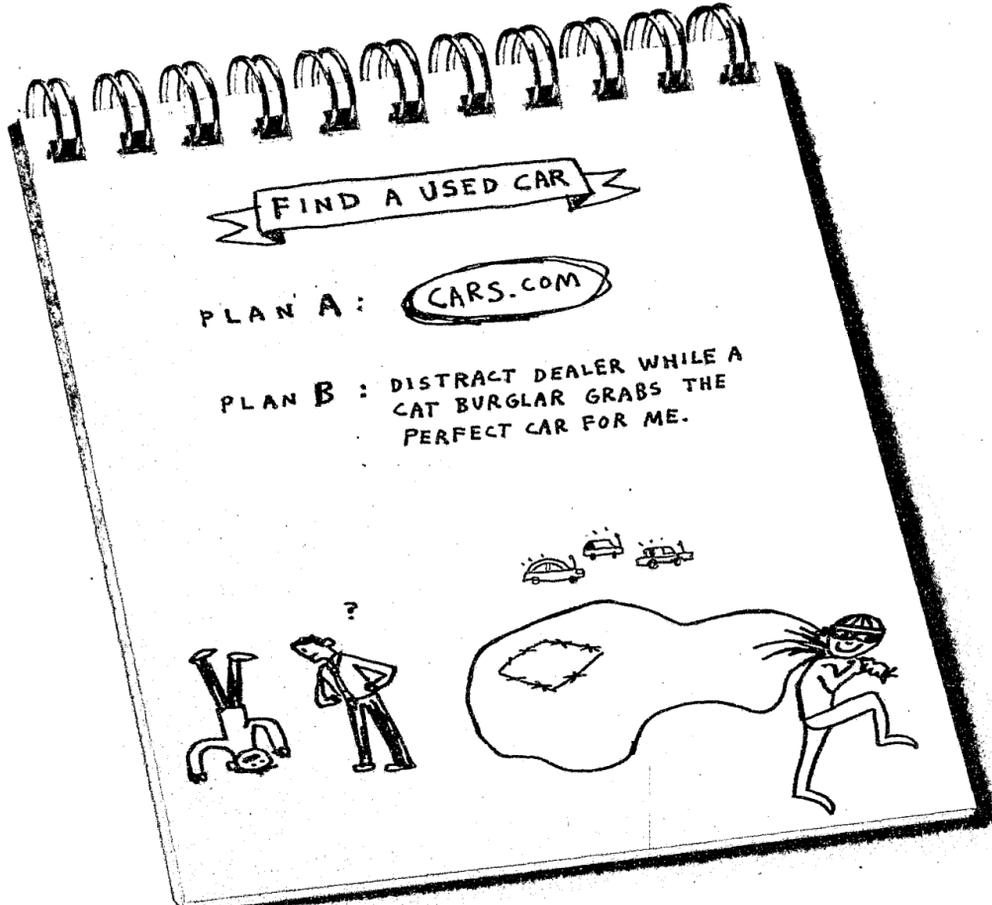
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