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## Spring bikers roaring to town

■ 13th annual Aspen-Cash rally and trade show begins Thursday

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Motorcycling enthusiasts have been riding into the mountains of the Ruidoso area since the weekend, for the 13th annual AspenCash Motorcycle Rally and Trade Show.

The event, which is anticipated to lure some 10,000 motorcyclists, will officially kick off on Thursday with registration at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The convention center is also the setting for the Rally's four-day trade show. Vendors from across the country will exhibit and sell motorcycle related products and services.

Attendees will find a number of activities, including a motorcycle Poker Run with a chance to win up to \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

The Christian Motorcycle Association will conduct non-denominational church services Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Title sponsors of the event are the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, Barnett Harley-Davidson, Coca-Cola Bottling of Alamogordo, the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, and the Golden Aspen Rally Association.

The association also hosts a larger motorcycle rally in September. The Golden Aspen Rally typically brings more than 30,000 participants to the Ruidoso area. This year's fall rally will take place Sept. 15-19, at the Ruidoso Downs Sports Theatre Complex.

## Rare twister hits Lincoln County

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Severe weather, including a tornado that touched down near Ruidoso Downs, struck Friday in Lincoln County.

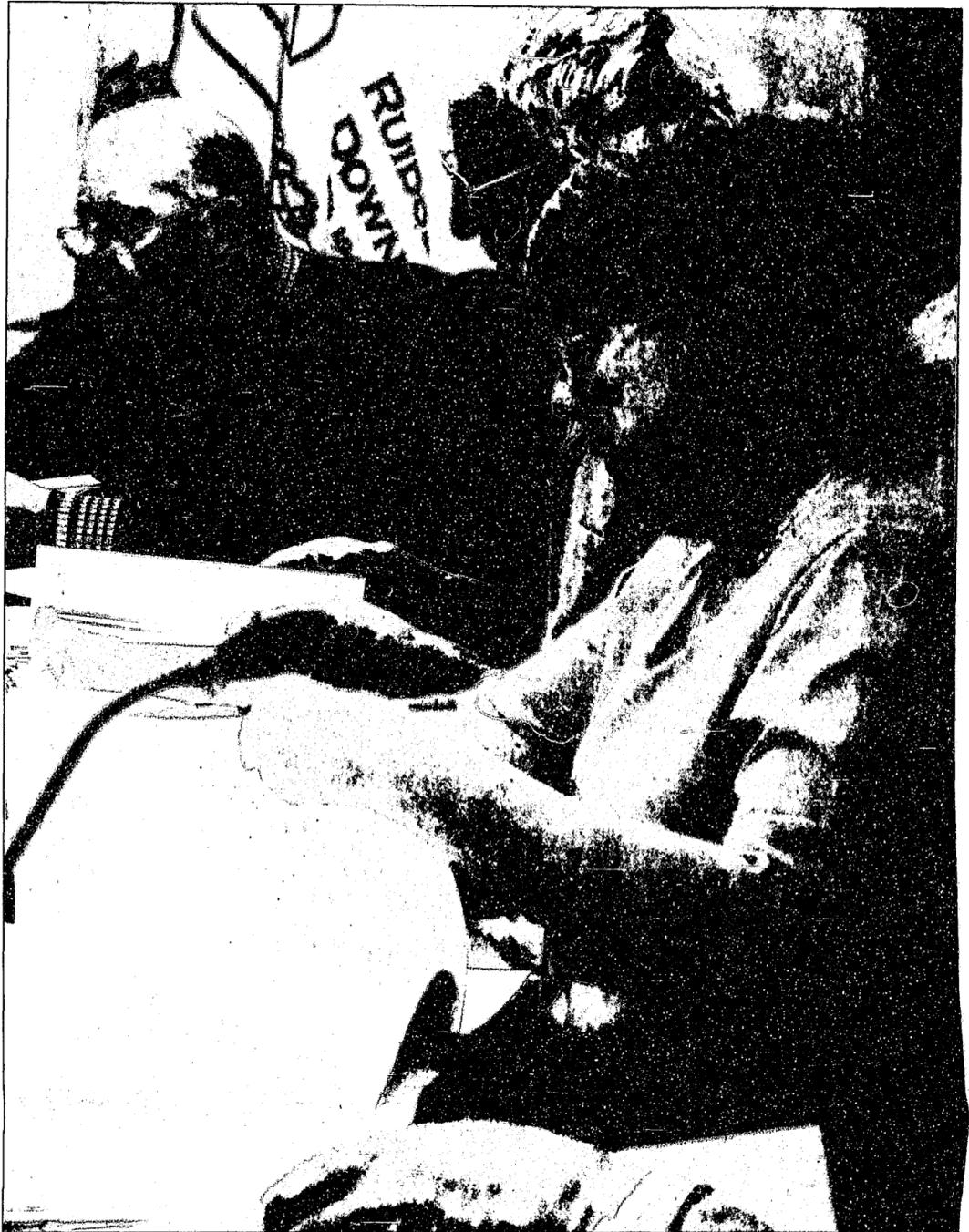
The twister appeared to have started as a dust devil in Ruidoso Downs around 10:30 a.m. Police said some garbage cans were blown around.

Minutes later a funnel cloud was reported about four miles northeast of Ruidoso Downs.

Based on National Weather Service radar and two eyewitness accounts, the tornado rapidly devel-

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## 'Bare bones budget' in the Downs



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Downs Finance Director Terri Mosley, foreground, provides councilors with details of a proposed budget during a Monday work session.

## City shoots for 10 percent cuts

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What was described as a "bare bones" proposed budget document for Ruidoso Downs attempts to trim a number of expenditures by 10 percent.

City councilors Monday afternoon reviewed the preliminary revenue and expenditures figures for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

"Are we in long-term good shape?" questioned City Councilor Dean Holman.

City Finance Director Terri Mosley responded affirmatively.

"Our revenues in the general fund are a little bit lower than our expenditures in this new budget. But it's decreased from what it was last fiscal year."

The overall draft budget, including other funds, anticipates \$8.149 million in revenues, while expenditures are proposed at \$8.102 million.

Most departments would have trimmed budgets for fiscal year 2010-2011.

"We asked them all to try and decrease 10 percent," Mosley said spending on a new regional wastewater treatment plant will, however, increase.

"We have an overall budget increase in the general fund expenditures of \$88,271. We do have a pretty significant increase in the sewer department of \$75,613 for the wastewater treatment plant operations."

Cost of living wage adjustments for employees are excluded from the proposed budget.

But there could be additional belt tightening in the future.

"The next (New Mexico) Legislature may do away with the hold harmless clause," said Mosley. "If that happens we'll have to come back before you all and decrease our budgets."

The hold harmless clause was part of the 2005 repeal of New Mexico's gross receipts tax on most food items purchased in grocery stores. The clause aimed to continue the previous level of state gross receipts tax distributions to municipalities and counties despite the reduction in the tax revenues.

City Clerk Carol Virden said there was a "strong possibility" that the 2011 legislative session could include a bill to end the hold harmless provision.

"If the legislators do away with the hold harmless on the food tax our general fund budget will have

to decrease. We came up with a number of \$600,000. Keep that in the back of your minds," Virden cautioned councilors during their budget deliberations.

The proposed budget anticipated \$1.349 million in gross receipts tax distributions from the state, which is a major funding source to the city.

The Humane Society of Lincoln County would receive \$27,000 for taking in animals rounded up by the city's animal control officer, the same budgeted amount as the current fiscal year. A cost added last year that pays Ruidoso for enhanced 9-1-1 phone call forwarding to the Ruidoso Downs police department will continue to be \$24,000 for 2010-2011. And the Ruidoso Public Library would receive \$5,000 in funding from the city, as has been the case in past years.

"We had a transfer to the Hubbard Museum from the general fund of \$40,000. That's a decrease of \$40,000 from this current year," said Mosley.

Lincoln County Transit, the city's public transportation program, would receive \$28,000 in funding from the city. But that amount could be adjusted down slightly to match the \$25,000 that each Ruidoso

and Lincoln County will likely ante up. Most of the bus ride program's funding is delivered by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Some smaller revenue sources will be eliminated in the coming year. A memorandum from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) stated cigarette and recreation tax revenues will be stopped. The regular cigarette tax had been projected at \$3,320. Another cigarette tax revenue from the state, for recreational programs, will also have its anticipated \$1,400 in funding drop to zero.

On the other side, the city is expected to receive \$472,898 in Community Development Block Grant funding for additional drainage improvements.

There could be additional financial discussions when councilors are scheduled to approve the preliminary budget at their May 24 meeting. The preliminary revenue and expenditure plan must be delivered to the DFA before June 1.

Once the preliminary budget is authorized by the state, a public hearing will be scheduled to adopt a final 2010-2011 budget.

A Ruidoso News exclusive



ELKS CLUB



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

Some people may count sheep when they suffer from insomnia, but at the Tremblay house, leaping pairs of elk (right to left) are the prevailing species offering a numerical path to slumber.

Textbook recycling

Discarded textbooks and library books will be accepted at the Greentree Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) during the 2nd annual Textbook Recycling Week, June 1 - 7 at the GSWA yard, 222 2nd Street in Ruidoso Downs.

The yard will be open between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. during these dates for textbook and library book drop-off. Covers may be left

on the discarded books for recycling.

This past year, Ruidoso High School was the big textbook recycler with more than 11,000 pounds of old and discarded textbooks.

Ruidoso Middle School and the Corona Schools also recycled thousands of pounds of textbooks, creating additional usable storage space at those schools.

Several Lincoln County individuals also contributed discarded textbooks. 21,000 pounds of textbooks were recycled in all.

The textbooks will be recycled through the Durango-McKinley Paper Products Corporation of Thoreau, New Mexico. The recycled tonnage will not end up in the Otero/Lincoln County Landfill.

For more information on textbook recycling, contact the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697; toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com.

General solid waste disposal and recycling information is available at www.gswa.org.

Fee-free days

Officials with the Bureau of Land Management, in conjunction with other agencies within the U.S. Department of the Interior, will waive recreation-related fees for visitors on six days this year for use of many of the public lands managed by the BLM, including areas within the National Landscape Conservation System, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The days are June 5-6, Aug. 14-15, on National Public Lands Day, Sept. 25, and on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

"In celebration of not only the 10th birthday of the BLM's national conservation lands, but also America's Great Outdoors, we invite visitors to take the path less traveled and discover these treasured

public lands during the fee-free days," said BLM Director Bob Abbey.

"For decades, millions of Americans have sought to connect with the outdoors by exploring the National System of Public Lands, and the BLM is proud to be a part of the President's America's Great Outdoors initiative."

Site standard amenity and individual day-use fees at BLM recreation sites and areas will be waived for the day. Other fees, such as overnight camping, cabin rentals, and group day use, will remain in effect.

The NLCS encompasses more than 27 million acres and includes 886 federally recognized areas of National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic and Historic Trails, and Conservation Lands of the California Desert.

For more information on the conservation system's

10th anniversary, go to www.blm.gov/nlcs. More details about fee-free days and activities are available at www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/Recreation/BLM\_Fee\_Free\_Days.

The BLM manages 253 million acres, more land than any other federal agency, primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation.

Green conference

The primary role for the Green Economy division of the New Mexico Economic Development Department is to promote the growth of clean energy and clean technology business in New Mexico.

NMEDD Division Manager Brendan Miller comes to Lincoln County on May 25 to discuss the importance of renewable technol-

ogy economic development through New Mexico.

Miller will speak at the Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference, to be held from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., May 25, at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The first-ever conference is free to the public.

Miller was hired in September 2008 by the New Mexico Economic Development Department as its first Green Economy Manager. In this role, he promotes the growth of clean energy and clean technology business in New Mexico and staffs the Governor's Green Jobs Cabinet.

In March 2010 he assumed additional responsibilities as the Acting Director of the Office of Science and Technology.

Miller has worked with a hydrogen fuel cell company and a real estate development company focused on energy- and location-efficient projects in New

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<b>RealFeel</b> 74° <b>Humidity</b> 22%	<b>RealFeel</b> 82° <b>Humidity</b> 17%	<b>RealFeel</b> 83° <b>Humidity</b> 16%	<b>RealFeel</b> 78° <b>Humidity</b> 16%	<b>RealFeel</b> 80° <b>Humidity</b> 19%	<b>RealFeel</b> 75° <b>Humidity</b> 20%	<b>RealFeel</b> 79° <b>Humidity</b> 26%
72° 49° Partly to mostly sunny and breezy Wind: W 12-25 mph	77° 54° Mostly sunny Wind: WNW 8-16 mph	81° 56° Sunny and breezy Wind: SW 10-20 mph	81° 51° Very windy; mostly sunny Wind: SW 25-35 mph	77° 51° Mostly sunny and breezy Wind: SW 10-20 mph	75° 53° Windy with plenty of sunshine Wind: SSW 15-25 mph	77° 53° Sunshine and some clouds Wind: SSW 8-16 mph

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### Regional Cities

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### Almanac

**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Monday

**Temperature:**  
High/Low ..... 72°/48°  
Normal high ..... 73°  
Normal low ..... 37°  
Record high ..... 85° (1996)  
Record low ..... 21° (1972)

**Precipitation:**  
Monday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.08"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.48"  
Year to date ..... 4.00"  
Normal year to date ..... 4.67"

**Pollen:**  
Grass ..... Low  
Trees ..... High  
Weeds ..... Moderate  
Mold ..... Low  
Predominant ..... Pine

Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

**Alamogordo**  
Statistics through Monday

**Temperature:**  
High/Low ..... 91°/50°  
Normal high ..... 85°  
Normal low ..... 0.34°  
Record high ..... 96° (1996)  
Record low ..... 38° (1951)

**Precipitation:**  
Monday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... Trace  
Normal month to date ..... 2.14"  
Year to date ..... 2.14"  
Normal year to date ..... 2.14"

**Weather Trivia™:**  
Q: What is the average height of a thunderstorm?  
A: 4,000 feet.

### National Forecast for May 19, 2010

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

### Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset  
6:01 a.m./7:58 p.m.

Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset  
11:31 a.m./12:31 a.m.

### Moon Phases

First Full Last New

May 20 May 27 Jun 4 Jun 12

### Extremes

Monday's National High/Low:  
(For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 100° in Bullhead City, AZ  
Low: 24° in Leadville, CO

Monday's World High/Low:  
High: 119° in Makkah, Saudi Arabia  
Low: -19° in Summit Station, Greenland

### National Cities

City	Today	Thu
Ablene	90/64/f	89/63/pc
Anchorage	58/46/sh	59/47/pc
Atlanta	81/59/s	85/85/pc
Austin	93/72/pc	93/71/pc
Baltimore	69/54/c	80/54/s
Boston	56/51/r	76/58/s
Chicago	72/48/s	76/55/s
Dallas	94/72/t	89/69/t
Denver	83/44/t	71/45/pc
Des Moines	73/53/s	69/53/pc
Detroit	75/53/s	77/56/s
El Paso	89/60/s	92/61/s
Las Vegas	87/63/s	94/67/s
Los Angeles	72/58/pc	75/58/pc
Minneapolis	79/54/s	79/56/pc
New Orleans	89/72/pc	89/72/pc
New York City	65/57/c	80/62/s
Philadelphia	68/55/c	80/59/s
Phoenix	94/70/s	97/73/s
Reno	73/48/pc	70/42/pc
San Francisco	64/50/pc	60/50/pc
San Diego	68/60/pc	69/60/pc
Seattle	64/45/r	58/44/sh
Tucson	89/60/s	94/64/s
Tulsa, OK	71/62/r	78/61/t
Wash., DC	69/55/c	81/59/s
Wichita	65/55/r	69/55/t
Yuma	94/68/s	99/69/s

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-snow showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

### Regional Cities

City	Today	Thu
Albuquerque	76/51/pc	82/54/s
Artesia	92/59/pc	90/57/s
Chama	62/31/pc	71/32/pc
Clayton	74/46/t	76/49/pc
Cloudcroft	69/38/pc	72/29/s
Farmington	71/39/pc	80/45/s
Hobbs	90/56/pc	90/57/s
Los Alamos	67/40/pc	74/38/s
Portales	85/50/pc	84/53/s
Raton	78/37/t	76/39/pc
Red River	57/27/t	65/29/pc
Ruidoso	72/49/s	77/54/s
Santa Fe	74/38/pc	78/41/s
Silver City	79/52/s	85/53/s
Taos	69/31/pc	74/33/s

### Mexican Cities

City	Today	Thu
Acapulco	93/73/s	93/73/s
Cancun	82/73/t	86/73/t
Chihuahua	97/59/s	95/61/s
Ciudad Juárez	89/61/s	91/61/s
León	93/55/pc	92/57/s
México, DF	82/54/pc	86/57/pc
Monterrey	100/72/s	100/70/s
Morelia	92/60/pc	93/60/pc
Oaxaca	95/61/t	97/61/t
Plo. Panasco	88/63/s	90/65/s
Tijuana	70/57/pc	72/57/s

RETURN OF AN OLD FRIEND



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

When photographer David Tremblay spotted a familiar broad tailed humming bird recently, he thought it may be his favorite Buzzbee. When he was able to touch the bird, Tremblay confirmed that his friend is back for the season, visiting the usual perches and frequenting Tremblay's feeders.

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Mexico. He has experience working for industry, government and the non-profit sector and is interested in business and government collaboration to improve the quality of life for New Mexicans.

Miller has an MBA from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a public policy degree from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He is the Board

Chair of the Permaculture Credit Union. He and his wife, Tamara Bates, live in Santa Fe in a home with solar heat and hot water.

Not only will guests have the opportunity to speak with Mr. Miller, but a dozen workshops and numerous exhibitors will be on hand.

During the free Renewable Energy Conference, residents can learn how to add solar and wind to their homes; businesses can learn about the value of

adding alternative energy sources as well as possibly expand their businesses to include renewable resources; and individuals discover training and education for placement in the approaching green energy job market.

According to the NM Economic Development Department, "New Mexico is rapidly becoming a global leader in pure energy innovation. Abundant renewable energy resources, world-class clean technology research and manufacturing, attractive incentives, low business costs, and visionary state, federal and local government leadership are drawing international attention to the Land of Enchantment."

The public is invited to learn how residents and businesses in Lincoln County are poised for this green energy revolution.

A complete listing of events can be found at [www.LCNMRE.org](http://www.LCNMRE.org), and questions can be fielded at ENMU, 575-257-3013.

New fire trucks

When three new fire trucks arrive from the manufacturer, one will be delivered with a compressed air foam system, an advanced structural fire-fighting application advocated last year by Village Councilor Jim Stoddard.

Councilors Tuesday approved \$44,000 to buy the system and have it installed by Fire Trucks Plus of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

"It's what we wanted last year, but couldn't afford on the original contract," said Village Fire Chief Tom Gavin. "Three fire engines are in production now."

By selling an ambulance to the Lincoln County Medical Center, enough money was generated to cover one of the air foam systems, he said. The contract with Fire Trucks Plus will be amended to allow the addition to one engine.

"It's a much better sup-

pression agent and for the absorption moisture," Gavin said. "It's a new age fire fighting tool and all fire departments are going that way. Last year, I told Councilor Stoddard it was a luxury and we didn't have the money to do it at the time.

"It also requires staff training and adds to the maintenance load on the truck. It's a complicated piece of equipment."

"I compliment you for finding a way to do that," Stoddard said, after checking to be sure installation was included in the price.

Gavin said installation will occur at the factory in Wisconsin. "That's probably why only one company was willing to bid on it," he added.

Stoddard offered the motion for approval, which passed unanimously.

-Dianne Stallings

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Bill Johnson of Ruidoso flashes a wide grin Thursday after reeling in an 18 7/8 inch brown trout out of Grindstone Lake on power bait. He said he's waited more than four years to catch one this size.

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### OUR OPINION

## Energy costs not comforting

We're dependent on the power grid

Recall that in President Obama's push for a cap-and-trade system of carbon credits for businesses and industry, he said the price of electricity is necessarily going to "skyrocket."

The reference goes unmentioned in PNM Electric's looming rate increase request June 1 before the state Public Regulation Commission. The utility attributes the request to other factors, including the lifting of a rate increase prohibition five years after it acquired Texas-New Mexico Power, and the cost of natural gas to produce electricity for its southern New Mexico customers.

But why do we get this foreboding feeling that, as with taxes, energy costs are, indeed, primed to skyrocket?

Obama's green energy vision is a noble and long-overdue goal. But for most of us, the expense of installing solar power on our property is prohibitive, leaving us dependent on the grid, whether powered by coal, gas, nuclear, fusion or wind. Even in the Green New World, bills will be subject to inflation, supply-and-demand and geo-political forces.

In the short term, you can contact your PRC representative and protest PNM's presumably lofty request.

## Unintended consequences in Arizona

In my household, we've faced the budget-busting, savings-emptying need to reroof. Twice. Each time there was a lot of Spanish spoken up on the roof and Mexican pop tunes wafting into the neighborhood.

Did we inquire whether those workers were legal? Nope. Are you kidding? For American roofers, the costs would have been even higher. If you've stayed in a hotel, bought a house or eaten in a restaurant, you too have benefited from cheap — and probably illegal — labor.

So, yes, we need to get a grip on illegal immigration, but we also have to face up to certain economic realities. Otherwise, we'll be clobbered by unintended consequences.

Arizona's new law turned up the heat on immigration reform. We've heard about law and potential abuses, but what are the economic implications?

Typically, one side argues that undocumented workers pay taxes and work in jobs nobody else wants; the other side counters that the cost of services eclipses tax revenues from mostly uneducated, low earners who depress wages and take jobs from uneducated Americans.

Results of cost-benefit studies are all over the board. Studies showing a loss to taxpayers tend to be a snapshot of one point in time. Late last year, the Center for American Progress and Immigration Policy Center studied the impact of the 1986 immigration reform. During another severe recession, 3 million illegal immigrants became citizens. Ten years later, there was a net gain of at least \$1.5 trillion in the U.S. gross domestic product because these workers in time earned higher wages and invested in training to get better jobs.

The Cato Institute, a free-enterprise think tank, argues that studies must also consider the children of immigrants. After we pay to educate them, they usually hold better jobs than their parents. As for the costs of emergency health care and education, Cato suggests

the federal government reimburse local governments for these up-front costs and "wall off the welfare state, not our country."

What about the cheap labor pool argument? The Center for Immigration Studies, an anti-immigration group, has said

illegal workers don't significantly reduce prices for consumers and amount to a subsidy to business as taxpayers pick up the costs of providing services.

Cato counters that "low-skilled immigrants allow important sectors of the U.S. economy, such as retail, cleaning, food preparation, construction, and

other services, to expand to meet the needs of their customers." They help the economy produce a wider array of more affordably priced goods and services and fill gaps in the labor market. And they're consumers.

One very credible study, by the Texas Comptroller's Office in 2006, concluded that tax revenues and economic output from illegal immigrants in Texas outstripped the cost of services by \$424.7 million in a single year. Closing the border and deporting all illegal immigrants would cost the Lone Star State \$18.5 billion in personal incomes and \$66.5 billion in exports.

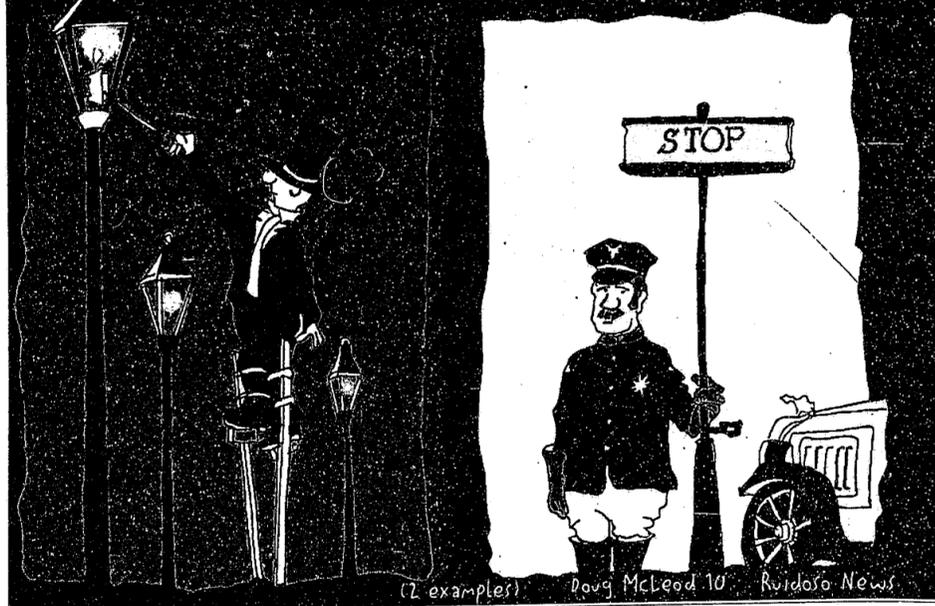
"The Texas economy cannot adjust completely to the loss of this labor and retain its competitiveness," the Comptroller's Office said.

Texas doesn't have a personal or corporate income tax; it relies on sales taxes plus fees on cigarettes and alcohol. New Mexico leans on its gross receipts tax, which nails everybody — residents, tourists and illegal immigrants. You don't have to be an economist to see that we, too, are probably gaining by the presence of illegal immigrants.

And even in a recession, no Americans are lining up to pick lettuce in Arizona or chiles in New Mexico. Some Arizona farmers are now talking about moving their operations to Mexico.

Arizona has made itself the test case for unintended consequences.

## NM's possible HUGE rate hike may require old solutions.



(2 examples) Doug McLeod 10 Ruidoso News

## Volunteering a rewarding experience

To the editor:

HAVE YOU ever considered volunteering?

Frankly, in my long life, I never had. Three years ago, when I first learned about human trafficking, which is a rampant and gruesome form of modern-day slavery, I became so involved that I terminated my career as a Clinical Mental Health Counselor and devoted my entire time and energy to founding and maintaining NM Organized Against Trafficking Humans (O.A.T.H.) We are now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

In preparation for this letter, I gleaned some rather interesting statistics from a special issue of *New Mexico Business Weekly Giving Guide*. New Mexico does quite well in comparison to the national level of volunteering. Based on a 2006 - 2008 average, New Mexico has 417,200 volunteers. That amounts to 27.6 percent of residents and ranks us 30th in the 50 states.

Together, these persons gave 50.5 million hours of service. That is 33.4 hours per resident. All together, they contributed \$1 billion worth of service. New Mexico does better than the U.S. in volunteer rate with 30.3 percent to 26.4 percent per 1,000 residents.

Even in these United States, it has been observed in school volunteer youth groups, that those who have experienced the pain of an empty belly are even more

eager to help others than the general population. For youth, there is the added attraction, that proof of having volunteered is required or at least helpful in a college application. This is an international situation, as I remember reading a front-page article on this phenomenon in the *Bangkok Press* in Thailand way back in 2007.

I think it is good for U.S. citizens to have experienced the present economic distress. It helps us to become more compassionate, more giving, more prone to reach out to neighbors, even to family members.

Another matter is that the trend in neighborhood involvement has grown steadily in the last four years. The article in *The Giving Guide* states that "in addition to the 463,500 adults in New Mexico in 2008, an extra 45,804 individuals worked with their neighbors to fix a problem or improve a condition in the community but did not serve through an organization."

Most volunteering happens through faith-based or educational groups, but small, local, non-profit organizations are always looking for volunteers. In fact, "non-profit" is a misnomer: their contributions in favor of bringing youth up in a positive environment are enormously profitable.

As far as age limits go, there really are none. The age group mainly involved is between 35 and 64; but, age need not be a limiting factor. I feel compelled

to bring the matter of volunteering to the public eye because the notion to get involved has given me, at age 92, a new lease on life.

In fact, there is a saying: "As we grow older, we discover that we have two hands: one for helping ourselves and the second for helping others."

There is even scientific evidence of benefit to the benefactor. Robert Anderson states, "Oxytocin is released in the brain and makes it feel good to help others."

If you are temporarily unemployed, volunteering might also offer you the opportunity to refine your skills or even lead to a wage earning position. Wonders never cease!

And Shirley Chisholm says that "Serving is the rent we pay for room on this earth." You might even become super-ethical and ask yourself, "Are my actions helping to correct what is going on out there in the world?" It has been said that your actions are your only true belongings, and that you cannot escape the results of your actions.

What are you doing with forced "leisure" hours? The only thing that cannot be recycled is wasted time! Instead of becoming Bipolar about the situation, might you consider doing something for others that have even less than you?

Try it. Find a project you believe in, and go for it. It is such a rewarding experience.

Birgit LaMothe  
Capitan

## Doctors may leave Medicare in droves

To the editor:

GREETINGS TO ALL who can still read, with or without glasses! After seeing the scrolled reminder on the television this morning, I now remind all of you who voted for Obama and are on Medicare:

As of June 1, 2010, all doctors will have a 21 percent cut on Medicare payments. Guess what? Your doctors may just stop accepting Medicare in droves. Good move, everybody.

Welcome to the "Golden Years."

Barbara Westbrook  
Senior citizen of Lincoln County 21 years

### No third party

To the editor:

AS AN ACTIVE member in the Lincoln County Tea Party, I would like to answer any questions the public has regarding the mission and role of the Tea Party. There are three questions that continue to come up regarding the Tea Party.

1) Who is leader of the Tea Party?

There is no one leader of the Tea Party. The leader(s) are the people who participate in the rallies and activities. The participation has grown due to the unrest and distrust of the government. This is true at the national, state and local levels.

2) Will the Tea Party be a third political party?

The Tea Party is not a third political party and will not attempt to be one. The common ground of conservative issues bonds the Tea Party with other political movements. These include beliefs in capitalism, patriotism, American exceptionalism, a strong military, morality, law and order, a smaller government and lower taxes.

3) What is the purpose of the Tea Party?

The role of the Tea Party is to hold the government accountable through fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government and free markets.

The Tea Party is a grassroots movement with core values that stem from the belief in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States

and the Bill of Rights. The irresponsible actions of the government have brought excessive government spending and taxation.

Our mission is to inform, educate, organize and mobilize citizens across the country to speak their minds and vote their consciences. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sally Moore  
Capitan

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# Advocates concerned about wild horse herds

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Advocates for the protection and preservation of wild horse herds that roam the Lincoln National Forest and the neighboring Mescalero Apache Reservation are worried that someone may be violating federal law by removing or killing the animals.

They've noticed a reduction of members in the herds. While natural predation, illness and injury can take a toll, after years of watching the movement of two groups, something seems to be amiss, they say.

Bruna Campos, who advocated for the rescue of "Buddy," a feral horse whose hoof needed veterinarian care, hopes many residents of the area join with her in wanting to see the horses protected.

"It is written that Congress finds and declared that wild free-roaming horses are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West; that they contribute to the diversity of life forms within the Nation and enrich the lives of the American people; and that these horses are fast disappearing from the American scene," Campos said. "It is the policy of Congress that wild free-roaming horses shall be protected from capture, branding, harassment or death. To accomplish this, they are to be considered in the area where presently found, as an integral part of the natural system of the public lands."

Unfortunately, Campos said that may not be the case in Ruidoso.

"There is a group of people who are fighting to remove all wild horses from our areas, because they have become a nuisance," she said. "How anyone who lives here in our beautiful mountains finds any of our wildlife a problem is beyond me. Don't these peo-



The unusually long, harsh winter of 2009-10 drove wild horses to lower elevations in search of food.

FILE PHOTO

*"There is a group of people who are fighting to remove all wild horses from our areas, because they have become a nuisance. How anyone who lives here in our beautiful mountains finds any of our wildlife a problem is beyond me. Don't these people ever leave town for a day and see how lucky we are?"*

ple ever leave town for a day or even a few hours and see how lucky we are?"

The horses normally don't come down to lower elevations where more homes are located, but the long and harsh winter

drove them down to find food, she said.

Buck Sanchez, Smokey Bear District Ranger for the U.S. Forest Service said Thursday he is working with individuals and groups who have the best

interests of the horses in mind.

The horses are not wild mustangs usually associated with the Mescalero Apache Tribe, he said, adding, "They are 'stray' or feral of unknown owner-

ship."

"We working the tribal officials, the New Mexico Livestock Board, the brand inspector and other organizations to determine ownership and where they should reside, to find a

proper solution in the best interests of the feral horses and consistent with the laws governing the national forest pertaining to livestock under the Livestock Board's authority," he said.

The herds range between tribal, national forest, state and private lands, Sanchez said.

"I met yesterday with a representative of a group interested in the horses and previously with another looking out for their well-being," he said. "We are working out a strategy that these groups can live with and then we will talk to the public about the plan within the next month or two."

"I think we have people who really are interested in working for the animals with us, and working to promote harmony, instead of animosity."

Campos said based on past experience with the herds, they soon will head back up the mountain.

"Many of us received the gift of seeing them," Campos said. "Every week, there is a picture in the newspaper of the herd or a new baby and almost everyone is touched. We all will wonder how the little white colt is doing until we get a chance to see him again next year, or maybe the next."

She urged residents of Ruidoso and surrounding areas let their voices be heard by contacting Dr. Miley Gonzalez, New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture. She contended he is the only person who can approve the removal of the horses.

"Please take a minute and write or call and give your support to save our wild horses and the spirit of the West," Campos said.

Gonzalez can be contacted through New Mexico State University at MSC 3189, Box 30005, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005, or check the website at [www.nmda.nmsu.edu](http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu).

# Otero Mesa discussion expected to draw large crowd

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Thursday's regular meeting of the Otero County Commission will be held in the commission's old chambers in the county courthouse to accommodate the large crowd expected for the hearing on an ordinance opposing any designation of Otero Mesa as a national monument.

A news release issued from Gov. Bill Richardson's office March 18 states the Obama administration may be considering 14 sites across the West for national monument status, including Otero Mesa. National monuments are created by a president's signature, while national parks are created by an act of Congress.

During an interview Monday, county Commissioner Ronny Rardin said the rumor is that the president may exercise his powers under the Antiquities Act to make 1.2 million acres of Otero Mesa a national monument. He said if that were to happen, the president would have different options for instance, he could exempt ranchers and allow them to continue using the land, but not let them drive vehicles on the mesa.

"So if they had to go

take care of a well, they could only get to it by horseback," Rardin said. "They couldn't take equipment in to pull the well to fix the water. If they can't fix the water, the animals antelope, birds and stuff they would have no water."

Rardin said that, so far, it is only a rumor. He noted a representative from the Bureau of Land Management at a recent meeting of the grazing advisory board said the BLM hasn't yet heard anything about making Otero Mesa a national monument and hasn't been directed to take any action in that regard.

Rardin said the county's ordinance opposing a national monument on the mesa has changed, and the version posted on the county's Web site has not yet been updated. At the end of the ordinance, a statement was added that the ordinance opposes designating the national monument "without the express written consent of the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County after local public hearings and appropriate consultation, coordination and development of appropriate social and scientific data demonstrating the effects on the local community, including the county's custom, culture and history."

"That's the law," Rardin said. "That's what the federal government has to follow under NEPA National Environmental Protection Act. But if the president signs an executive order, we're thinking he may just totally skip all of this."

Rardin said making Otero Mesa a national monument with just a signature, skipping the NEPA process, would be bad government.

Rardin said there seems to be some misinformation being spread about what the county wants to accomplish with the ordinance. He said some people think the county wants to keep the mesa from becoming a national monument because they want to keep the door open for oil and gas drilling on the mesa. He said the opposite is true the county already has laws in place that require triple protection for the environment if a company wants to drill.

"The ordinance that's in place is why they're not drilling today," Rardin said. "It's because we've made it so difficult for them. And when I say 'we,' I mean the county commission. I wasn't a commissioner at the time."

Rardin said the county already has a land use plan in place, as well as

protections for the environment.

"We, too, want to protect the water up there. It's one of our greatest commodities that we could possibly have," Rardin said. "We want to protect the falcon. We want to protect the antelope and the grass ... but by simply sticking it under a national monument status, you open a can of worms that five years from now it could be

totally not usable."

Rardin said local government should control use of local lands, and the county wants to maintain Otero Mesa as a multiple use area. If the area were to become a national monument, people wouldn't be able to just show up out there and enjoy it they would have to pay fees to visit and get permits for camping.

"And like all federal gov-

ernment programs, it will become so over-regulated that it won't be worth your time to go over there," Rardin said.

Public hearings start at 6:05 p.m. Thursday, and the meeting will be held in the county courthouse, 1000 New York Ave., upstairs in the county's old commission chambers.

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# EDUCATION

## New RMS Board member has vested interest in the system

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The soon-to-be new member of the Ruidoso Municipal School District Board will have a keen interest in school district for some time.

Marc Beatty and his wife Ashley have a seven-year-old son who is in the first grade at Sierra Vista Primary, as well as a three-year-old.

"I have a stake for a number of years to come," said Beatty. "For a number of years I've wanted to do something to be involved in the community. Maybe village politics, or county politics. I was not sure of the forum."

Beatty said education board vice-president Frank Sayner approached him last month, upon learning that board member Rafael "Rifle" Salas would be resigning.

"Frank Sayner asked me if I ever had an interest in the school board. My wife and I talked it over for a week's time. She didn't say 'no.'"

Beatty, who is 35, is a 1992 graduate of Ruidoso High School. After attending New Mexico State University, he moved to Austin Texas. He returned to Ruidoso with his wife, and first son in 2003. Ashley Beatty, who has a teaching degree, is a stay-at-home mom. She volunteers time in the schools.

"There is a good system here, with good, caring



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Marc Beatty will officially be seated on the Ruidoso Municipal School District Board late this month.

teachers and individuals," said Beatty. "There is a good group of motivated parents."

Beatty said he understands there is some amount of turmoil in the system and there is some work to be done.

"I'm not sure what that work is right now. It's a challenge and an opportunity to be involved in something I've got an interest in."

Beatty said he sees a diverse board, with some members without children in the schools, others with kids in the upper grades, and himself with young-

sters that will be in the beginning grades.

"I think I will fit in really well," said Beatty. "I'm on an even keel. I'm coming in with a clean slate, without an agenda. And I look at all sides of an issue."

A real estate appraiser, Beatty said his business mind should be an asset to the board.

Beatty will be installed on the education board during a special board meeting set for 5 p.m. on May 26. He will replace Rafael "Rifle" Salas who resigned from the board last month after being elected to the Ruidoso Village Council.

## Two-year REA contract ratified

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After ratifying a first in 10-year collective bargaining agreement last fall, the Ruidoso Education Association (REA) members have approved a two-year deal that will take effect on July 1.

While the negotiated agreement provides no pay increase for members of the REA during the first year, the accord also stated that no employee would see a cut in base pay.

If additional funding becomes available later, the funds would be applied to a salary increase of at least one percent for employees that belong to the bargaining unit.

The school district's

salary schedule's years-of-experience column will be adjusted upward one year for employees who worked in the district during this school year.

"Though we were unable to negotiate any salary increase again this year, due to the severe budget crisis across the state, the association is pleased with the agreement," said REA President Brian Brown.

"We believe it is a fair contract which provides many good things for our membership. This is a two year contract this time around, with the exception of annual negotiations for compensation and one re-opener for each party at the end of the next school year, if necessary."

Time off for teachers

and other staff who are members of the REA will revert back to being called personal leave days, though a statement from a doctor must be presented for an absence of more than three consecutive days.

Working with the school district's negotiation team was called a good experience with mutual respect, said Brown. "It was not a confrontational process, but rather a constructive one. REA looks forward to continuing to build a positive relationship with RMSD and the Ruidoso Board of Education."

The unanimous approval by voting members of the REA took place on May 19, the day after the education board signed onto the agreement.

## TEEN SPOTLITE

May is here, and soon, area schools will be holding graduation ceremonies. Teen Spotlite would like to feature a local senior that has made a difference in her community.

Alisha Autrey is the next teen in the Spotlite. Autrey is the daughter of Emmitt and Angela Autrey and is currently in her senior year at Capitan High School. Autrey is involved in a variety of activities at her school, church, and in her community.

At Capitan High School, Autrey is a dedicated student who maintains a 3.8 GPA. She is enrolled in several Advanced Placement classes and has been on the honor roll for four years. Autrey has served as Junior class president, been in the Homecoming Court, and was the 2010 Prom Queen.

One of her teachers said, "Alisha is very dependable and hardworking. She believes in being herself and shows her beliefs in everything she does."

Autrey has been involved in sports throughout high school. She has participated in volleyball, basketball and softball.

The softball program in Capitan is a relatively new program, but the team has experienced a great amount of success. The Tigers were first in district the last three years and placed third at the State Tournament in 2009. Autrey has been on the varsity team for five years, and has been the varsity pitcher for four years. She was named to the All-District Team for three years and received the District MVP (Most Valuable Player) Distinction in 2009.

Community is also important to Autrey. She has volunteered for Little League



ALISHA AUTREY

baseball and basketball, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Ruidoso Clean-up.

Autrey is an active member of the Trinity Baptist Youth Group and served as the chairman for their Relay for Life team. Amazingly, she still finds time to work as a cashier at Smokey's Country Market.

Autrey lists her parents as positive influences in her life. She would like to thank her grandparents for all of their support and God for all of her blessings. Future plans include attending Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz.

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## BUZZY BEES

**Nob Hill** Early Childhood Center kindergarten Buzzy Bees for April: Front row: L-R, Anthony Rogers, Anthony Bondy, Javier Pellman, Dylan Herring; Middle row: Jose Ri-vera, Antoine Bulloch, Marisela Valdez, Mateo Flores, Waste Little Spotted Horse, Denise Ray, DeAnundrea Glossop, Cody Ruwaldt; Back row: Nevaeh Munoz, Lindie Phillips, Quaina Hildalgo, Larry Barrios, Ximena Ruiz, Rene Holguin, Jesus Medina, Angel Hunter, Ian Simpson, Daniel Lopez.



## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Enrollment down

As the school year nears a conclusion, enrollment in the Ruidoso Municipal School District will be down a bit more than three percent for the year.

An enrollment summary from the district showed there were 2,194 students as of May 5. A year ago the enrollment had been 2,266.

"So we're down, not a hundred, but a big number," said Bea Etta Harris, the district's superintendent.

The largest decline was in the eighth grade student body, where there had been 181 pupils in early May of 2009. Earlier this month the number was 144.

On the other hand, the seventh grade class was 154 students a year ago. Most recently the enrollment was at 185.

Ruidoso High School, with a current enrollment of 668, had 37 fewer students than a year ago. The tenth grade saw the largest drop, with 20 fewer students.

### Doth wins challenge

Winning teams were announced May 3 in the Spring 2010 Strategic Management Challenge at Baylor University's prestigious Hankamer School of Business.

Senior Nicole Doth, of Ruidoso, was a member of the first place team in Industry Division Number One.

An Entrepreneurship major, Doth graduated from the Waco campus on May 15.

Baylor's pioneering Entrepreneurship undergraduate program is ranked No.



NICOLE DOTH

4 in the nation in The Princeton Review and Entrepreneur Magazine's 2009 rankings.

Each 1st Place Team received cash prizes and plaques.

Doth is the daughter of Mark and Laura Doth, and is a 2006 graduate of New Mexico Military Institute.

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## Downs passes resolutions concerning Community Block Grant Program

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Four resolutions dealing with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program have been approved by the Ruidoso Downs City Council.

But not without some questions asked.

City Clerk Carol Virden said adoption of the resolutions is required by the CDBG program.

### Fair Housing Plan

Some language in a Fair Housing Plan prompted City Councilor Gary Williams to speak up over a section detailing how to proceed with investigations of alleged housing discrimination.

"My question was brought to the legal department concerning subpoenas. The chief elected official shall grant a subpoena to require an appearance," said Williams. "Also the chief elected official may administer oaths. I'm not too sure about the legality of that."

The chief elected official in Ruidoso Downs would be the mayor.

City Attorney Zach Cook called the Fair Housing Plan "boilerplate language" required by the federal government to receive CDBG funding.

"And the mayor can do those things based on this," said Cook. "If the mayor issued a subpoena and the person who was subject to the subpoena

wanted to file a motion to quash the subpoena, they could do that. The short answer is yes, it is legal. If you don't feel comfortable with it you can always make a motion to strike certain language. I don't know how that would affect it."

Williams said if the same wording has been used by other municipalities, he is less bothered than his initial reaction.

"I can live with it mayor. If the legal counsel has no issues with it then that's fine."

Councilor Dean Holman said Williams raised a legitimate point.

### Attorneyspeak

"Because in reading through some of these resolutions, I almost felt like you need an attorney sitting next to me to explain to me some of the things that were going on," said Holman.

"I too noticed so strange wording in these resolutions. An example would be in the last thing that we looked at, the Citizen Participation Plan. It made a statement that special emphasis will be placed on moderate to low-income citizens. I always have a problem anytime you single anybody out. I wonder about the legality of that."

Virden reminded Holman that Ruidoso Downs qualifies for the CDBG funding because 54 percent of city residents are low to moderate income.

"I just don't like to treat anybody special or different in our city," responded Holman.

A paragraph in another resolution, called the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, had language that also brought questioning from Holman.

"It reads the City of Ruidoso Downs herewith certifies that it will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low/moderate-income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate-income housing.

"So the city is responsible even if it's private property. Is that what I'm reading?"

Virden told Holman that in the past some projects required the city to relocate some families.

"It's our responsibility that they're going to be safe and they have the availability of all the services that we provide," she said.

The fourth resolution, called a Section 3 Plan, requires giving preference in hiring to lower-income persons who live in Ruidoso Downs for projects funding with CDBG money.

### Local preference

Preference to small, local businesses in Ruidoso Downs is also a condition for contracting.

The council unanimously passed the four resolutions.

## Stream flow promising

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The Rio Hondo Basin is holding a course for stellar water supplies because of last winter's hefty snows.

The May Water Supply Outlook from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) forecast the Rio Ruidoso should move twice the river's average amount of water this spring.

The stream flow for the May to June period is predicted to be 4,500 acre-feet, or 136 percent of average in the Rio Ruidoso at the Hollywood gauging station in Ruidoso.

While the forecast seems much lower than in previous months, the NRCS noted that the April runoff volumes were much higher than average, so the March to June forecast volume is still expected to end up around 14,900 acre-feet, or 201 percent of average.

The Rio Ruidoso and Rio Hondo have reported well above average flows in recent weeks. But with very minimal reservoir storage the benefits are short lived, noted the May report.

High elevation precipitation in the Sacramento Mountains remained very impressive last month, at 346 percent of average. That was tops in the state. In 2009, April was nearly a dry month around Ruidoso.

Year-to-date precipitation has been 213 percent of average, or more than 2.5 times last year's 84 percent for the time period.

"At one point the amount of water in the

snowpack at Sierra Blanca was tied with the top of the Santa Fe Ski Basin," said National Weather Service hydrologist Ed Polasko. "They were running neck and neck, which is unusual. I don't know if it's ever happened before."

Polasko.

"Now, it's melting quickly in the south, but still the snowpack will keep the Rio Ruidoso flowing into the summer. It should still be a normal to above normal flow when the monsoon season begins. That's usu-

**"At one point the amount of water in the snowpack at Sierra Blanca was tied with the top of the Santa Fe Ski Basin. They were running neck and neck, which is unusual. I don't know if it's ever happened before."**

Historically the highest elevations northeast of Santa Fe receive twice as much snow as Sierra Blanca.

El Niño has been cited for the plentiful precipitation the past six months. But the effects of the El Niño pattern were much less apparent in much of New Mexico during April compared with previous months. Many areas of the state have seen substantial snow melt-out. But the Sacramento Mountains still have above average snowpack numbers for early May.

"The effects of El Niño were steered to the southern part of the state more often than not," said

ally around the Fourth of July, or a week either way."

Much of the annual stream flow in the western United States originates as snowfall that accumulated in the mountains during the winter and early spring.

As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Measurements of snow water equivalent at selected manual snowcourses and automated SNOTEL sites, along with precipitation, antecedent stream flow, and indices of El Niño, are used in computerized statistical and simulation models to prepare runoff forecasts.

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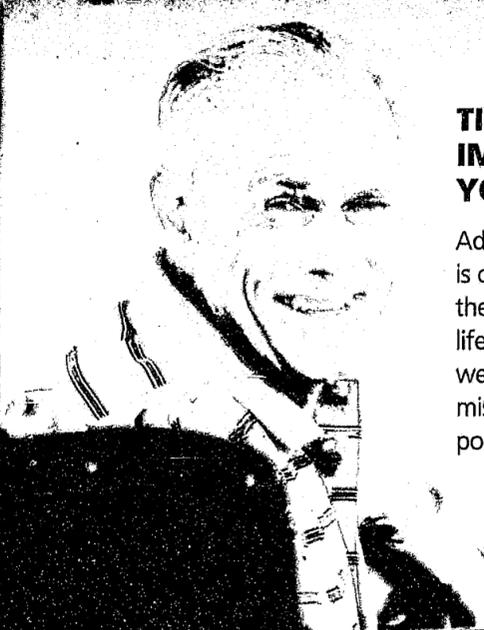
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# Soda pot: Ruidoso Downs woman arrested at border

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A Ruidoso Downs woman was arrested May 13 after U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers found cans of beer and soda that were filled with marijuana.

Wendy Anne Brown, 27, told officers at the Yselta international crossing in El Paso that she had nothing to declare other than some cases of beer and soda she was bringing from Juarez.

But a drug-sniffing canine named Lady alerted the officers to the beer and soda cans.

When officers opened some of the cans, they discovered a green leafy mate-

rial. "Smuggling organizations will use every imaginable concealment method to try to get narcotics through our international ports of entry, said William Molaski, port director for CBP in El Paso. "To most people this was just another woman crossing the port of entry with beer and sodas. However, to the well trained CBP narcotic detector dog, it was a smuggling attempt."

The substance inside the beverage cans tested positive for marijuana. A total of 37.5 pounds of pot was seized in the bust.

Brown was turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spe-



cial agents.

She was to be charged in federal court with attempting to import a controlled substance and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

The seizure was made about 8:30 p.m., last Thursday.

# Riordan denied by appeals court

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An inmate at the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo is denied again in an effort to recuse District Court Judge Karen Parsons from three cases against him.

Trials for murder, rape and escape from custody are pending against J. Tyrone Riordan, 26.

Riordan appealed the district court's oral rulings made in February involving the district court's refusal to recuse, refusal to dismiss the cases on an alleged violation of his right to a speed trial, and a refusal to allow Riordan to receive and use a lap-top computer so that he does not have to rely on the public defenders office to

review materials in the cases.

In upholding Parson's ruling, the New Mexico Court of Appeals agreed that the district court's oral rulings were not written, final and appealable orders.

"To the extent that defendant contends his constitutional rights are adversely affected by the rulings, and that he is frustrated with the rulings of the district court, delays in discovery, and other issues, we remind defendant that he has a constitutional right to appeal all of the district court's written orders upon entry of the final judgment in this case," wrote the appellate panel's Chief Judge Cynthia A. Fry.

Last year the New

Mexico Supreme Court denied Riordan's effort to force Parson's to recuse herself. He had argued that because he was also charged with conspiracy to commit an assault with a deadly weapon against Parsons, she should step down from the three earlier cases to avoid an appearance of impropriety.

The state's highest court determined that Parson's does not have any "victim's rights" in the murder, rape and jail escape cases, and thus there is no requirement for a recusal.

In June, 2008, Riordan was charged with conspiring to injure or kill Parsons. All the judges in the 12th Judicial District, including Parsons, recused themselves from hearing that case.

# Weekend fires cause property damage

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Two fires over the weekend brought a response from the Ruidoso Fire Department.

The first was a vehicle fire Saturday at 11:19 p.m. The first firefighters found a fully-involved 2005

Chevrolet cargo van when they arrived on the scene at 2810 Sudderth Dr.

The fire was declared out at 11:47 p.m.

A cause is yet to be determined and an investigation is ongoing.

Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$8,000.

The second weekend fire

was reported Sunday at 11:43 p.m.

The blaze at a residence at 121 Paradise Canyon Rd., was partially extinguished by the owner.

A likely cause was an improperly wired water heater, according to fire chief Tom Gavin.

Damage was estimated to be less than \$500.

# RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

April 19

1:30 p.m. - A Ruidoso man was charged with assaulting a school employee following an alleged verbal assault against a vice principal at Ruidoso High School. John Huffman, 47, approached the vice principal in an "angry and menacing" manner, according to a police report.

The father had gone to the school after his son's disallowed beanie-style hat had been taken away by a high school official. Huffman demanded that the hat be returned.

May 5

3:30 p.m. - A criminal damage to property incident was reported to police after a 16-year old student kicked out a glass door at

Ruidoso High School.

Two weeks earlier the same student had broken a glass window valued at \$211. The teen said he would pay for the broken window.

The door glass has an estimated replacement cost of about \$300. Police have forwarded the incident to the New Mexico Juvenile Probation and Parole Office.

6:42 p.m. - Police arrested a Ruidoso Downs woman following a call of a possible domestic incident. When officers arrived at a residence in the 200 block of Paradise Canyon Road, a man and a woman were separated.

But Lori Parker, 46, returned three hours later, very intoxicated, according to a police report. An ambulance was called and Parker was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center, where she reportedly spat at police and medical responders.

Parker was transported to the Lincoln County Detention Center the following day.

May 9

10:09 p.m. - Charges are pending in a battery and

criminal sexual contact incident reported in the 300 block of Carter's Lane. One man was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center with a bloody face. Three witnesses said the man was punched after he grabbed a woman's crotch area.

May 12

9:31 a.m. - While on traffic patrol, an officer observed a slow moving car on Mechem Drive, and then another vehicle go around the car in a no passing zone. Then the two vehicles raced down Swiss Chalet Hill in what the officer said looked like "road rage." The two vehicles were stopped and the drivers, a boyfriend and girlfriend, spoken to. Police arrested Marvin L. Dean, 32, of Ruidoso for driving with a revoked license.

10:27 a.m. - Two teens were cited for shoplifting at Lawrence Brothers IGA. A theft prevention officer in the store observed each teen place a bottle of alcohol under their pants. Given citations to appear in court were Justin Zumwalt, 18, of Ruidoso, and Isaac Stevens, 17, of Mescalero.

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# Stewart receives new contract, raise

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Heaping lavish praise on their county manager, Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday approved a contract renewal and a pay increase for Tom Stewart.

Commissioner Dave Parks offered a successful motion to increase his annual salary to \$110,000, noting that Stewart declined a raise last year during uncertain economic times.

His most recent hike was in May 2008, when his salary was bumped to \$100,000.

County Attorney Alan Morel interrupted Parks' rush to pass the motion, saying he felt compelled to speak on Stewart's behalf, because he knew the manager would not enumerate his own accomplishments.

"The county's strong fiscal position is due in large part to Tom Stewart," Morel said. "I think he does the work of two people and he refuses to take a vacation."

He suggested commissioners consider a 6 percent to 10 percent increase for

the manager, "I think he's worth every penny," the attorney said. "I think Lincoln County probably is in the best fiscal condition of any government in the United States."

"And he sends you e-mails at four in the morning," Parks added.

"You humble me with the discussion," Stewart said. "I've been invigorated with the projects on the horizon, the new Capitan Health Care Clinic and added fire apparatus. I love my job. I'll sign the contract."

Commissioner and Acting Chairman Eileen Sedillo said, "Personally, I think he's done an excellent job and the county never has been in better shape and most of that is due to (Stewart). I appreciate our employees, but you have been a good leader."

Commissioner Jackie Powell challenged any county manager in New Mexico to produce a longer list of successfully completed projects accomplished on time and on-budget. "It takes a lot of doing," she said.

She urged Stewart to take vacation time, saying,

## Battin misses meeting

The Lincoln County Commission was led Tuesday by Vice Chairman Eileen Sedillo in the absence of Chairman Tom Battin.

County manager Tom Stewart said Battin was hospitalized at the Lincoln County Medical Center for

some minor abnormalities with his heart and was told not to come back to work until he saw his cardiologist, who is in Lubbock, Texas.

"He's doing fine, but was told to rest," Stewart said.

"We all burn out."

"I'm probably one of the hardest people to get along with," Powell said. The county offers many services out of the general fund than other counties, because of Stewart's efforts, she said.

Speaking to employees and the public, Sedillo said she hopes not to hear criticism of the raise. "You haven't walked in his shoes, do not judge," she said. "He does a tremendous job and we know what he does."

"I hope he stays 100 years," Powell said. "But when someone does come after him, they should start at \$35,000 to \$40,000. He's earned the \$110,000 over 13 years. Whoever follows, has to prove themselves first."

Commissioner Don Williams said Stewart, who retired from the Pentagon, said the manager makes being a commissioner easy.

"I get notifications from all over the county and when I call him to ask about a problem, he says, 'Let me look into it,' and he handles it immediately. By the time I call the person back, a crew is already there and I look good."

Parks, who formerly served on the Ruidoso School Board, said, "The best thing we can do is hire a good manager and leave him alone to do his job."

"We've just never had one of his caliber before," Sedillo said. "I've watched many managers come and go."

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# PNM downplays size of rate hike

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An electric rate increase, to be filed by PNM in June, will be less than had been projected by the utility last year.

Initially PNM had indicated rates could increase anywhere from 40 to 56 percent.

"We know that the increase we request will not be anywhere close to the 50 percent number that has been reported," said Susan Sponar, with corporate communications at PNM Resources.

"More than a year ago we were projecting a potential rate increase of around 56 percent when a rate freeze expires at the end of this year for southern New Mexico. Concerned about the impact on customers, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission rightly asked us to work with their staff and others to find ways to mitigate that potential impact."

Sponar said PNM's projections have changed.

"We know that the increase we request will not be anywhere close to the 50 percent number that has been reported."

"Two things to keep in mind about electric rates. First, they are based on the prudently incurred costs of providing safe and reliable service."

"Second, when we file our request, that will be the start of a months' long public process where the facts will be scrutinized and evaluated with the goal of balancing the recovery of costs necessary to serve customers with keeping rates reasonable and affordable for our customers."

PNM, New Mexico's largest electric utility, serves Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, as well as several other locations in its PNM-South region.

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# TWISTER

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oped from what was described as a non-supercell thunderstorm in the remote area.

## No injuries

No one was injured and no large structures were damaged by the twister, said Kerry Jones, the warning coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Albuquerque forecast office. Jones surveyed the location on Saturday.

"At least a dozen mature piñon pine trees were uprooted and deposited in a strongly convergent pattern," said Jones. "A 500 gallon diesel tank that was estimated to be half-full was lifted vertically and carried at least 150 yards. An empty 53-foot box trailer was tipped on its side and rotated approximately 20 degrees."

There was also some minor damage to a horse tack barn and a fire department truck.

## Least destructive

The tornado, with peak winds estimated to be near 85 miles per hour, was rated an EF-0 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale. The scale estimates wind speeds based on damage. EF-0 is the least destructive tornado on the scale, which has a span from EF-0 to EF-5.

The maximum width of the storm damage area was 120 yards. The tornado was on the ground for four-tenths of a mile, said Jones. The initial touchdown

point was 4.3 miles north-east of Ruidoso Downs.

In addition to the funnel cloud, hail fell in parts of Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs,

Alto and other locations to the east.

Shortly after 1 p.m., Friday, Doppler radar indicated a severe thunder-

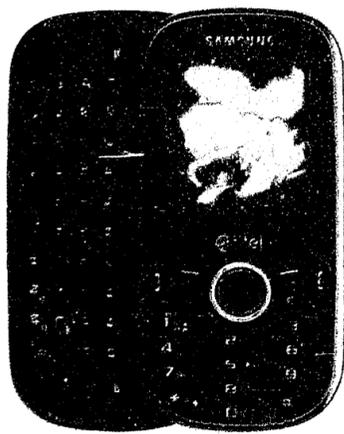
storm, capable of producing a tornado, 15 miles south-east of Hondo. A tornado warning was issued for south-central Lincoln

County. Additional severe weather, including golf-ball sized hail, was reported from east of Glencoe to Hondo and Picacho.

A tornado watch was in effect through 7 p.m., Friday, as a result.

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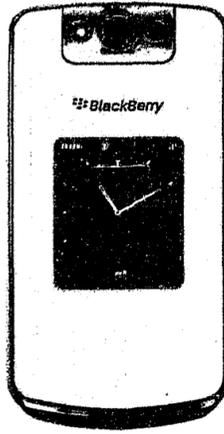
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## Impact fees to be paid up front

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Building new structures or expanding the demand for utility service with renovations or additions in Ruidoso will require that all impact fees be paid up front in the future.

Responding to a staff request, Ruidoso village councilors at their meeting April 27, approved an ordinance allowing for impact fees to be collected before a building permit is issued.

Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said the previous rules specified that the fees be paid when a certificate of occupancy was issued.

"But that's difficult to track," he said. "People don't come back in. It would be better up front than trying to chase them. I don't know of any other areas that wait for the CO."

The five paragraph ordinance, only one defining the new rule, may be the shortest ever adopted by the council. The motion was offered by Councilor Michele Rebstock and passed unanimously.

In another issue, councilors were told by former interim police chief Dick Swenor that only one full-time school resource officer will be employed this coming year because of changes in rules governing state retirement.

New rules passed by the Legislature are aimed at eliminating double-dipping. A retired police officer would have to wait one year after retiring to be hired and then could not collect retirement benefits while working, yet would be required to pay into the

Public Employees Retirement Association plan without accruing any additional benefits.

Swenor, who returned to his positions as accreditation manager and evidence technician for the Ruidoso Police Department, said he and the school board had hope for a resource officer at every campus. Most such officers across the state are retired law enforcement staff, which increases the effectiveness of the program, because they are trained to work with students, he said.

But with the change in rules, "We can't keep the two we have, so we have to go for one to cover three campuses," Swenor said. "Later, we hope to step it back up again."

"I think it is fully necessary, but the village is carrying the load," said Councilor Jim Stoddard. "A percentage of students come from Ruidoso Downs. Have we ever asked them to help? I think they need to be approached in the future and given the opportunity to help protect these children."

Swenor said he will pursue that option.

"Before it comes to the table for approval next year," pressed Councilor Angel Shaw.

The Ruidoso School District pays half the cost and Councilor Rafael Salas, who also serves on the school board, said an anticipated \$1.4 million cut in school funding was a hard hit to the district. He said he would find out the percentage of students from Ruidoso Downs and agreed that city's council should be asked to help pay for a sec-

ond officer or a percentage of the officer's pay.

Shaw offered the motion to approve the total cost of \$80,000 for one full-time school resource officer through July 31, 2011, which passed unanimously.

Councilors also approved a disclaimer of interest for property on the southwest corner of Mescalero Trail and Nob Hill Road, which will clean up some title issues.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant told councilors the hillside behind Sierra Blanca Motors and Nob Hill was heavily overgrown with vegetation, creating hiding places for vagrants. Ted Durham, who heads Sierra Blanca Motors, had the vegetation removed and the property cleaned up, believing he owned all of it.

Bryant said Nob Hill Road was built where it was convenient, not where it was planned. The state Department of Transportation abandoned and vacated some of the land in 1980 and landowners are trying to solve the associated issues with quit claim deeds.

"When (the quit claim deeds) were brought to me, I thought we could solve two issues at the same time," Bryant said. The village acquired the deeded right to Nob Hill Drive where it actually was built, and Durham would have clear title to his property, the attorney said.

"To get a perfect title, (councilors and Durham) would have to bring their own quit title action and research all of the successors and heirs," Bryant said. "It's not worth the village's money."

— Ruidoso Village Council —

## Solid waste building completed

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Reporting on his multiple areas of responsibility at the April meeting of the Ruidoso Village Council, Jeff Kaplan, director of Village Solid Waste and General Services, said the department's new administration building on Gavilan Canyon Road is finished.

Furniture was moved in and with the ability to accommodate seating for 26, the main room can be used for conferences or as a backup for an incident command center, he said.

"We even have a cell phone repeater," because of the often poor reception in the canyon and in case the room was turned into a command center, he told councilors.

One grapple truck, used for collecting yard and forest waste streetside, failed during the winter and was being repaired at the same time the department had one vacancy in driver/operators.

An audit by staff revealed a discrepancy in billing and payment to Sierra Contracting, the company that handles village forest waste and turns it into compost. Based on current contact language as approved by the council on May 13, 2008, "I couldn't find any language for a flat rate and I want to ensure we get what we are paying for," Kaplan said.

The department's Recycling Program was nominated for an annual award by the New Recycling Coalition. Although it did not win, Kaplan aid being nom-



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inated for the new program was an honor and he was invited to the annual meeting June 23, to speak about the village's program.

In other news, Kaplan said:

- Joe Cabe, mechanic 1, was recognized with a certificate of dedication to employee excellence from Brockwell Inc., a program he participated in as part of the department's commitment to furthering the staff's training and certifications.

- Staff of the General Services Department, formerly Information Technology, is going through a budget review and is waiting for direction to proceed on the business plan submitted in the last manager's report. He anticipates going out for competitive bids on the new IT network this month.

- All toll free numbers listed on the village's website were picked up by Skype, which allows users of the website, who have signed up with the free Skype service, to make a phone call from their laptop

or personal computers to village staff as listed.

"This facilitates an individual being able to talk to staff and use their computer at the same time, allowing the customer to be directed to items on the computer related to village business," he said.

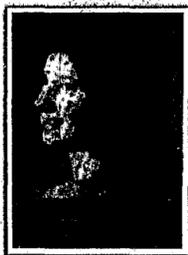
Under appointments by the mayor ratified by the council:

- Susan Lutterman and Bart Young were reappointed to the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Board, Ron Hardeman is a new member, as is Georgia Underwood. Rafael Salas will serve as council liaison.

- Mayor Ray Albom will replace Councilor Michele Rebstock for a two-year term on the South Eastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments.

- Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris will serve on the Southeast Regional Planning Organization Policy Committee and Street Department Director J. R. Baumann will serve on the SERPO Technical Committee.

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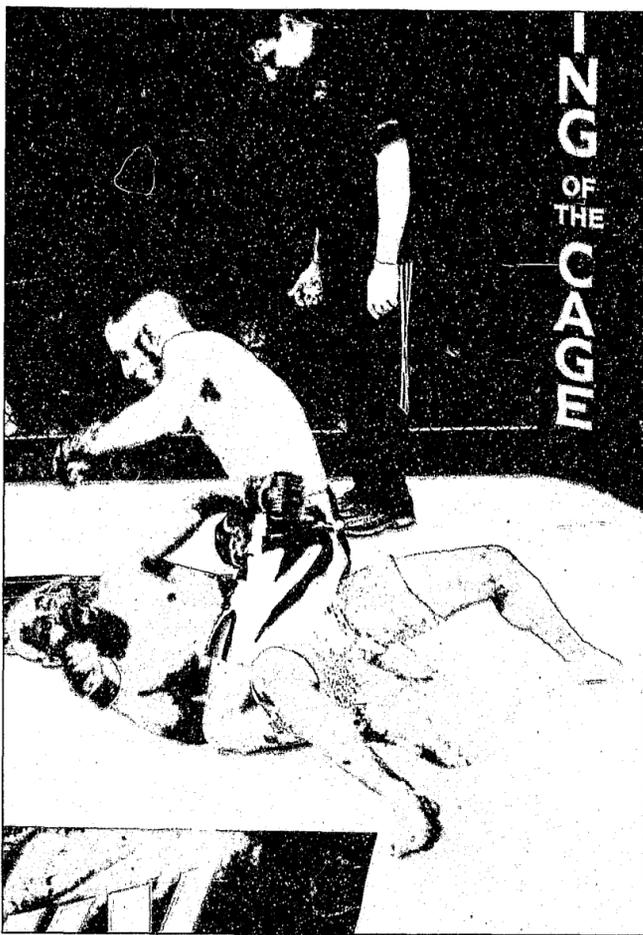
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Friday, May 21  
Minors, Cubs vs. D-Backs, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan  
Saturday, May 22  
Majors, Cubs vs. Rockies, 1 p.m., Gavilan  
Minors, Dodgers vs. Rays, 3 p.m., Gavilan  
Monday, May 24  
Minors, D-Backs vs. Tigers, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan  
Minors, Angels vs. Cubs, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek  
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Majors, White Sox vs. Cubs, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan  
Majors, Indians vs. Rockies, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek

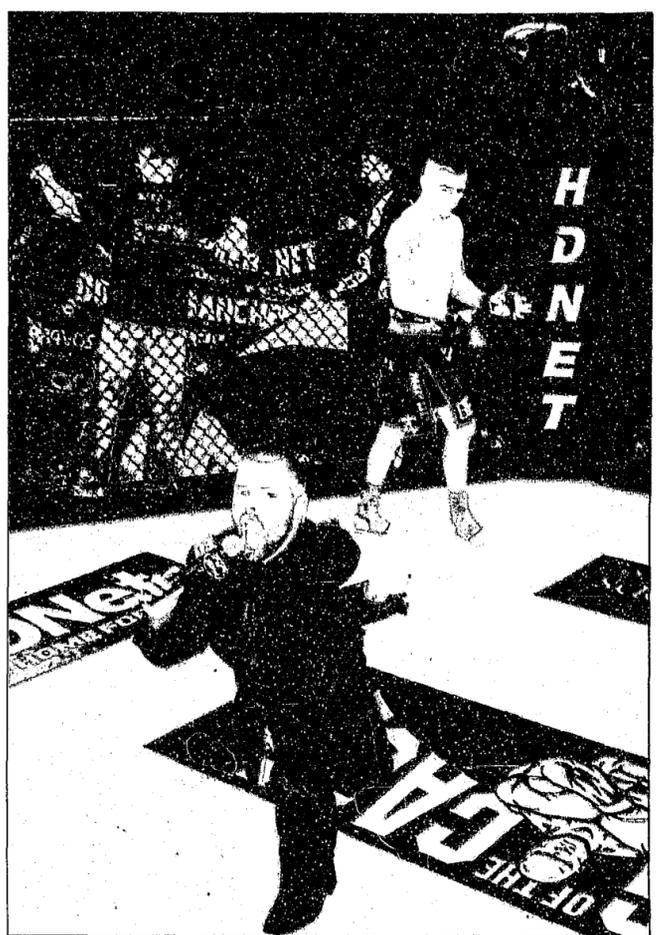
### On Deck

**Monday Run/Walk/Jog**  
Ruidoso Wilderness Pacers are continuing to run/walk/jog every Monday evening at 5:45 p.m. The locations change from week to week so be sure and check your schedules or call your friendly recreation coordinator, at 257-5030. This Monday, May 17, we run at Cedar Creek Fitness Trail. It's not a race but whoever gets closest to their predicted time for either the 1-mile or the 3-mile distances gets a T-shirt with the Ruidoso Wilderness Pacers on the front. (Quite unique, don't you think?)

**Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon**  
The 4th Annual Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon will held Saturday, May 29, at 8 a.m. The competition will consist of a 3.5-mile run, a 10-mile bike ride and a 400-yard swim at the RAC. The start/finish is at Wingfield Park in Midtown Ruidoso. A team may be solo or relay. Volunteers are needed. Food for the athletes and volunteers will be catered by Can't Stop Smokin' Bar-B-Q. There will be 12 age groups including 70-and-over. Registration must be completed by May 27, 1 p.m., at the RAC or online at [active.com/Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon](http://active.com/Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon). For additional info call Frederic Moras at 937-7106 or Joe Coakley at 257-4900.



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Ruidoso's James Flores wins a first round KO over Fernando Motley.

"Big Poppa Schnake" announces Donald Sanchez (behind) and Angelo Sanchez.

## Cage fights seen by U.S.

*Friday's KOTC event at IMG was a 15-bout battle royale*

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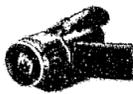
**K**ing of the Cage (KOTC) made its sixth appearance at the Inn of the Mountain Gods (IMG) Friday to the delight of the many fans in attendance.

Once again, the main card (seven bouts) was televised live across the country by HDNet. The first-ever nationwide televised KOTC fights occurred at

the Feb. 12 bouts at IMG. The marketing hype during and between the fights was top shelf, including the introduction of the combatants by flamboyant ring announcer, "Big Poppa Schnake," live coverage, once again, on large in-the-hall screens and the usual raucous music and hoopla that has come to be expected at these events.

Ring referees, Tony Rosales and Cecil Peoples, were present to handle the

Web exclusive



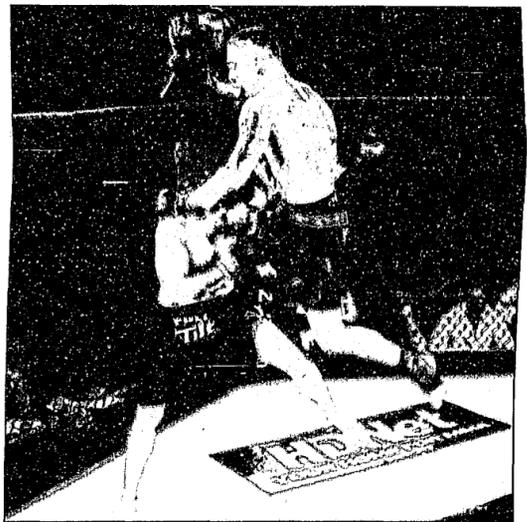
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all-important ring responsibilities in the octagon.

In the under-card, three fights were scheduled and local Casey Saenz faced off against Roswell resident Greg Varela in the 155-pound weight division shortly after 7 p.m.

This was Saenz' maiden amateur bout.

Both fighters went toe-to-toe standing up for the first two-minutes of the ini-



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Donald Sanchez lands a flying knee to Angelo Sanchez.

## Capitan Lady Tigers almost go the distance

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**F**or the last four years the Lady Tigers' softball team has played exceedingly better each season. District-wise there wasn't much more they

could do — they've won it all four years.

In state play they've inched closer to the championship every year.

This season they were ranked No. 2 behind Loving and received a first round bye in the early

games which began Friday morning.

At 8 p.m. that evening they faced off against No. 7 seed Eunice and took their measure, 13-4.

At 11 a.m. Saturday the Lady Tigers squared off with No. 11 ranked Jal and

handily won 15-2.

That put them in the 1A-2A championship game with ... you guessed it — the No. 1 Loving Falcons.

With a 19-2 record going into the state competitions, Capitan looked prime to take all the marbles home.

One of their two losses during the regular season was against the Lady Falcons back on March 25 at the Lindsey Callaway Tournament in Dexter, 13-0.

So, both teams knew each other but the Lady Tigers had a revenge

motive going for them this time around.

After seven innings of play the Lady Falcons earned the crown Saturday afternoon with a 10-4 win.

That loss also ended a

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CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Jamie Fields gives a look over to the coach.



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Left fielder Maritza Nava catches a fly ball.



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Jordan Dalton attempts to steal home.

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tial round before going to ground for the last 60-seconds of the round.

In the opening seconds of the second round both combatants went to the canvas and Varela gained a top-mount advantage.

At 1:15 of the second round Saenz tapped out from a guillotine choke hold.

The Ruidoso Downs resident acquitted himself well, even in defeat.

Time constraints for the west coast feed of HDNet forced the event to move immediately to the main card bout of Kao Ramos and Sam Oropeza in the 170-pound class.

Oropeza won quickly in 50-seconds of the first round on submission choke hold.

The 145-pound Bantamweight Unification Title fight between Donald Sanchez of Albuquerque and Angelo Sanchez of Santa Fe was expected to be a "corker" and both fighters did not let the fans down.

Arguably, it was probably the best bout of the evening. The bout went the five, five-minute round distance with Donald Sanchez winning on a split decision.

Next up, in the 170-pound class, Joey Gorczynski took on Santa Fe's Quinn Mulhern. Mulhern won this one in 15-seconds

of the third round on a rear-naked choke hold.

In the 135-pound Flyweight Title bout, belt-holder Abel Cullum of Tucumcari faced the Santa Fe challenger Josh Montoya in five scheduled 5-minute rounds.

Cullum retained his belt with a victory on a rear-naked choke hold at the 1:38 mark of the opening round.

Heavyweights, Darrill Schoonover and Nick Gaston entered the octagon next with Gaston taking down his adversary with a TKO elbow strike to the head at the 3:13 mark of the second round.

In the seventh fight of the evening, light heavy-weight champion Tony Lopez faced challenger Mike Kyle.

The challenger won a five-round unanimous decision with a smart, disciplined fight and became the new belt-holder.

Heavyweights Raphael Bergman and Tyler East took to the ring in the subsequent bout.

In the Feb. 12 bouts, East lost to Lopez but in this fight he made quick work of Bergman, scoring a KO within 25-seconds of the first round.

With the television commitments out of the way, the under-card bouts resumed in the 165-pound division with DC Dupree winning a close split decision over Fabian Vasquez in three rounds.

In the 11th bout of the

night Ruidoso's James "The Scorpion" Flores squared off against Fernando Motley of Albuquerque in a scheduled three-round affair of three-minutes each in the 135-pound weight class. In his Feb. 12 "coming out" as an amateur, Flores made quick TKO work of Jeremiah Crosby of Alamogordo in the opening moments of the first round. This bout wasn't much different as the Ruidoso native destroyed Motley with a KO at the 2:17 mark of the initial round.

He now goes to 2-0 in the amateur ranks.

In the after-card bouts, Jeremiah Cullum took out Matt Lewis in the 135-pound class with a submission head and arm choke at the 1:45 mark of the first round.

In a 155-pound bout, Boy Morgan KO'd Ambross Teasyatwho as the clock showed 1:22 gone in the opening round.

In another 155-pound scrap, Alamogordo's Donnie Martinez rocked El Paso's JR Sotelo with a rear-naked submission choke hold at the 2:05 mark of the second round.

Around 11:30 p.m. the last two combatants entered the octagon with Tim "Dirty Bird" Means obliterating Cody Garlett with a 1:17 first round KO.

King of the Cage will return to the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Aug. 13, for another explosive, full fight card.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS  
Ethan Myers ran in the state 4X100m relay.



COURTESY  
TyLynn Smith won the state 3A high jump title.

# RHS track and field excels

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The Warriors track and field team was represented at the May 7-8 state 3A competitions in Albuquerque at UNM by several RHS athletes who acquitted themselves well.

Ruidoso freshman TyLynn Smith captured the high jump title with a mark of 5-feet 2-inches, on the first day of the meet. She had also qualified for state in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles.

Sophomore Staci Mitchell qualified for state in the 300-meter hurdles and the 400-meter dash and scored third and fifth places at state in those events,

respectively.

Both girls scored 13 points and Ruidoso placed 11th out of 21 teams.

For the boys, Darrell Carr had qualified for the state games in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and placed fourth and third at state in those events, respectively.

RHS had also qualified for state in the 4X100-meter and 4X200-meter relays. Justin Spargo, Ethan Myers, Jesse Scarafioti and Carr run both events.

In the 4X100-meter relay the Ruidoso runners came in .6 of a second off Lovington's championship effort.

"One of our hand-offs

was a little rough," head coach Colt Harrelson said. "Otherwise, who knows?"

Still the boys scored 15 points and RHS was tied for 10th out of 19 teams.

The Ruidoso track and field team finished the year with 40 athletes. They will lose only four to graduation - Kora Lofton, Matt Collins, Myers and Carr.

"We should have a lot of athletes return next year," Harrelson said. "And if we can add some girl sprinters we should have a decent sized team. Out of the 40 members that comprise both teams, 23 of them are academic all district."

"They work very hard on all aspects of their school life."

# TIGERS

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16-game winning streak for Rodney Griego and his girls.

The first inning of the title game was scoreless but the Lady Falcons grabbed a 2-0 lead at the end of two when their lead-off batter clocked one over the fence for a four-bagger.

A subsequent Falcon runner reached first on an error and eventually came home on a fielder's choice.

In the top of the third they tacked on three more

on an error-driven ball down the third base line. The next batter slapped an on-base ball and the third batter of the inning walked.

With the bases loaded and no outs, the next Loving hitter struck out. A Falcon base hit drove in two and was followed by a run-producing sacrifice fly.

The Lady Tigers answered with two of their own in the bottom of the inning when Sidni Hughes whacked a long fly ball hit to center and came home on a double by Maritza Nava.

Alisha Autrey hit a

hard-to-handle grounder to second which was bobbled, scoring Nava.

In the bottom of the fourth the Lady Tigers posted four big runs and took a 6-5 advantage. In the top of the next inning the Lady Falcons pushed two more runs across the dish on back-to-back homers to regain the lead, 7-6.

Loving added one more run in their sixth and two in the seventh while the Lady Tigers were held scoreless the last three innings.

"They fought hard all weekend," Griego said.

"They battled tough to get to the championship game.

"Our girls played well all year but seemed to really play their best at the end of the season. Everyone came alive in the Jal contest. The whole lineup hit the ball hard.

"We had a large turnout in Las Cruces for the games, including parents, administrators and alumni. The girls and I would like to thank everyone for their support.

"Loving hit hard both days and has a strong lineup along with a good softball program. They earned what they realized."



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Right fielder Maribel Villegas throws one in.

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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Who was Rob Krentz?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is part two of a story about Rob Krentz, an Arizona rancher found murdered in March near the Mexican border on the his ranch March.

The immigration vs. secure border issue has gotten more press lately than a political love scandal. It seems everybody has an opinion on the subject and most are quite vocal. But you know what they say about opinions.

While this subject is not new by any stretch of the imagination, if you could point to one thing that has brought it to the forefront of political issues lately, it would have to be the murder of a southern Arizona rancher on his own property. On March 28, 2010, Rob Krentz became the poster child for the secure border issue. Unfortunately, it cost him his life.

At the time of this writing, Rob is without a doubt the most widely known rancher in America, maybe the world. Just ask anyone, anywhere, to name an American rancher today and they will more than likely say Rob Krentz, or at least, "You know ... that guy that got killed down along the border."

As I read with interest all of the stories concerning the border and immigration, I started to wonder "just who was Rob Krentz?" I mean the person Rob Krentz, not the image or martyr that he has become for the secure border issue. I know several of the Krentz Ranch neighbors, and when one of them approached me about doing a story on the subject, I readily agreed on the condition that it was with the Krentz family blessing and that it would be a story on the man himself, not the political issues.

While interviewing several family members and neighbors of Rob's, I got a glowing report of a great man. Friend, family man, conservationist, good rancher and kind-hearted were all thrown about. Of course they wouldn't have bad things to tell me about one of their own, I thought, but you know what? I read articles and contacted several people who are on the other side of the political issue, if you will, and couldn't find one single person who had anything bad to say about Rob. Even the most adamant immigrant rights people had nothing bad to say about the person Rob Krentz himself. All they could talk about was being against the reform issue. Here is why:

Rob Krentz was a man of values. From the time he was just a little boy, Rob's dad drilled into him the importance of doing things the right way. Throughout his life, Rob worked extra hard on doing just that.

He wouldn't cut corners when it might have been easy to do so - not if it weren't the right thing to do. Little things that some people don't think twice about like moving cattle without the proper inspection papers or running red (illegal) diesel in his pickup truck were out of the question as far as Rob was concerned.

You never cheat, not even one little bit, was what Rob lived by and he inspired friends and family in the same way.

To understand Rob, you should know more about his family history. The Krentz family emigrated (legally) to this country around the turn of the last century. They were butchers, ranchers and pioneers.

They were the kind of people that settled and developed this country and made it safe for others to follow.

They are the kind of family that should be considered the backbone of America. Surviving bad droughts, cyclical markets, government regulations and a myriad of other issues made them into the strong ranching family that we have today.

The Krentz Ranch has been there since



**ROB AND SUE KRENTZ**

before Arizona was a state. It has been there since long before there was ever a United States Forest Service dictating rules to them. This is the background and legacy that Rob was born into, a salt of the earth kind of old time ranching family.

When asked about some of Rob's other qualities, over and over again I am told about his willingness to help out.

Rob's wife, Sue, says, "Most of the time when Rob left the house he would say, 'I am going to help (fill in the blank).'" Rob's neighbors all have great stories to tell about Rob going out of his way to help them out of a jam. Not only would he help a neighbor, but Rob was kind to strangers as well, including the illegal immigrants that inundated his property.

Rob was known to help out a thirsty, starving or wounded immigrant on more than one occasion. That may have been what got him killed.

Rob's last radio transmission to his brother Phil was something like: "going to help an illegal in distress." Rob and his dog, Blue, were found shot several hours later.

Rob was very active in the cattle growers' associations at the local and state levels. He worked with the Malpai Borderlands group trying to preserve ranching and wildlife habitat for future generations.

He testified numerous times to political leaders about the issues facing the international border and always seemed to find the time to continue helping out where he could.

The Krentz family were well known as good stewards of the lands that they control. They were honored for practices such as their long gravity flow water pipeline that served cattle and wildlife across their large ranch.

Rob and his family took such good care of their land that they were used as examples of range stewardship on numerous occasions, and to top it off, the Krentz ranch was inducted into the Arizona Farming and Ranching Hall of Fame in its inaugural year 2008.

Rob loved to hunt, fish, and do just about anything outdoors. He was a good roper, rancher, horseman, cowman, husband and father. Everybody I talked to had nothing but praise for Rob. He was easy to get along with. He was always positive. He was a genuine kind of person. Those are just some of the comments.

Rob loved life and would constantly tell his family, "We are so very blessed. We are blessed to live in this beautiful place that we live in. We are blessed to get to live the lifestyle that we want to and do what we want to every day." As one of Rob's friends put it "Rob was one of the good guys, he was a good ole boy."

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## Capitan approves property tax mill levy increase

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The Village of Capitan trustees voted unanimously to increase the mill levy on property tax by two mills to help in balancing the budget for the coming year.

"Everywhere we go seeking funding help," said Mayor Sam Hammons, "the first thing they ask us is, 'What are you doing to help yourself?' They want to know if you have adjusted water and sewer rates, property taxes, etc. As far as I know, Capitan has never, ever raised the mill levy. The next time we go for Capital Outlay, it will really be tough if we aren't doing all we can do to help ourselves financially. This will go a long way to balance our budget this year."

The budget proposal, currently under construction by trustees for the coming year is showing a deficit that needs addressed with funding or cutbacks. The expected revenue from the mill increase would bring an estimated increase of \$35,000 in revenue the first year.

The Village of Capitan is currently at 2.250 mills. State law allows an increase to a minimum of 7.65 without an election. The increase will be put into a resolution and submitted to the state Department of Finance along with the interim budget.

Shirley Pavlovic, village financial officer, stated that by having the police officers serve as code enforcement and animal control officers and not hiring to fill that position, the savings to the Village was going to be more than \$50,000 a year. "That, with the property tax increase, would leave the budget at a deficit of \$47,000."

Following in the foot-



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**Capitan Mayor Sam Hammons** accepts a plaque from the Lincoln Sheriff's Posse for their participation in helping with the 2009 Pony Express Trail Ride. Hammons is flanked by Trustees Ricky LaMay, left, and Lilly Woods.

steps of several other municipalities in the state, Capitan trustees voted to impose a \$5 transaction fee for the Motor Vehicle Department. The fee is to help offset some of the costs that having a MVD costs the village. According to Pavlovic, the fee could conceivably bring in \$8-10,000 in a year's time. An ordinance will have to be written and voted on before the fee is implemented.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse showed their appreciation to the Village of Capitan with the presentation of plaque at the May 11 council meeting.

Dennis Haskell, on behalf of the Posse, presented the plaque to Mayor Hammons thanking the Village for their cooperation during the Pony Express Trail Ride.

"Without the help of the local personalities," Haskell said, "the Sheriff's Posse couldn't begin, to do the projects or give the scholarships that they do. I want to really thank you because it's been discussed and Capitan is just there for us and we appreciate it. And I want to thank the people in Village Hall, Miss Shirley (Pavlovic) and Miss

Kay (Strickland) for their professionalism and being our contact point."

Hammons accepted the plaque saying, "We like to help the Sheriff's Posse any way we can."

Anne Marie LaMay was appointed to Film Lincoln County New Mexico representing Capitan. The commission represents Lincoln County to the state film commission. Capitan paid the \$300 membership to Film Lincoln County and budgeted \$1,000 to cover any travel expenses LaMay might incur in fulfilling the position.

Smokey Bear's Home-town Association was approved for a \$2,000 request from Lodger's Tax. Pavlovic reported that the Lodger's Tax fund had \$5,198 in it with one request for \$1,100 pending. A request is expected from the Fun Run for the 4th of July.

The resignation of Capitan Police Officer Stephen Barnett was accepted by the council. Village Attorney Zack Cook declined to give a reason, stating that it was a personnel matter.

Thad Porch and Associates were approved as auditor for the 2009-10 audit.

## Capitan officer files civil case

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A Capitan police officer has filed a civil complaint in New Mexico District Court against the Village of Capitan and John Davis, individually and as a Village trustee.

Sean McGarry, 40, through his attorney Robert Beauvais, filed the complaint on March 19 alleging a violation of his constitutional right to privacy and violation of liberty interest.

The complaint demands a jury trial and asks for damages of \$50,000 from Davis for the violation of civil rights and another \$50,000 from Davis for his "intentional acts."

The document filed in the United States District Court of New Mexico states, "Defendant Davis sought and was freely granted permission by the Capitan Clerk to inspect the commingled exempt and non-exempt records contained in Plaintiff's [McGarry] personnel file in violation of state law."

At the time Davis requested the records, McGarry was the subject of an investigation by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety regarding allegations that he had not factually disclosed military discharge information in connection with his recertification as a police officer in New Mexico.

The civil complaint filed by McGarry states that his personnel file at Capitan Village Hall contained exempt records pertaining to his "fitness for duty" psychological evaluation, medical records and specific documents relating to information on the ongoing investigation.

According to the complaint, those records are specifically exempt from disclosure by state law.

It states that Davis has

no legitimate public or personal interest or lawful right to review the confidential documents in McGarry's file as there was "no action affecting McGarry's employment." The application McGarry filed out for employment with Capitan disclosed those things missing from the state application.

The complaint goes on to state "a belief that Davis is part of a local political faction adverse to the village administration and to McGarry remaining on duty with the Capitan Police Department."

It also claims a "belief that Davis sought the confidential records to politically embarrass McGarry, the mayor and the other public officials furthering his cause of adverse public opinion against McGarry."

The complaint claims that McGarry has been damaged by the violation of his constitutional rights to privacy and the embarrassment and humiliation resulting from the outrageous conduct including the invasion of his personal and private affairs. A court date has not yet been docketed for the complaint.

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# 'Zozo Food Pantry – one step beyond the mobile Food Bank

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When the Roadrunner Food Bank, of Albuquerque, began servicing the Carrizozo-area in November 2008, the needs of local families were obvious as the numbers participating continued to grow.

The Food Bank sends 50-pound boxes of food home monthly to 250 families on the first Thursday of each month.

Barbara Bradley, pastor of the Carrizozo Assembly of God Church kicked the service up a notch when her dream for a local Food Pantry was realized. It opened in March and in the first month, the Pantry served 180 families.

The Food Pantry, housed in the Assembly of God Church, is disbursing food, meals for three days and appropriate in size for one or a family, twice a month.

In order to acquire and distribute funds evenly for food purchases to service the needs of those benefiting, the Food Pantry is providing food twice a month, with different age groups served each time.

Food Pantry 1 is open 12-2 p.m., on the second Tuesday of each month and is for those 55-years and older.

Food Pantry 2 is open 12-2 p.m., and 5-6 p.m., on the fourth Tuesday of each



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Pastor Barbara Bradley stands before a new Food Pantry freezer purchased with funds received through a federal grant.

month and is for those 54-years old and younger.

Recipients are eligible for one Food Pantry box a month. All recipients must meet income guidelines to be eligible to receive a food box, and must have completed a registration and TEFAP form.

### Expansion and growth

Through Help New Mexico and the Bienvenidos Building Bridges Initiative, Bradley received a \$20,345 grant to help with the Food Bank and Food Pantry projects being facilitated from the church building.

Help New Mexico is one of the country's oldest Community Action Agen-

cies and has been instrumental in forming and developing organizations, both faith-based and community-based, to serve the most vulnerable and needy citizens of New Mexico.

The current project, funded by a grant from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, continues that tradition through the provision of training, technical assistance, and in some cases, financial backing to strengthen social service organizations who serve needy and vulnerable populations.

With the first half of the grant, upgrades were made to the electrical service in the 59-year-old church

building.

Following that came the expansion of available storage space for the Food Pantry and the addition of a new freezer and refrigerator for the same.

Shelving is being installed to hold and organize the foodstuffs as the supplies come into the Pantry.

The second half of the grant will allow the church to add a storage shed, carts to haul foodstuffs around as well as new computers and a printer to facilitate the record keeping and documentation necessary for the programs.

The mobile Food Bank that comes monthly is funded through donations and from the Assembly of God Church.

The Food Pantry is a local endeavor that supplies food to those that come for help. It is also funded through donations and through the church.

Different from the Food Bank, the Pantry is able to accept donations of non-perishable food that is not past the expiration dates on the packages.

Food donations can be taken to the church at the corner of 13th and C Avenue. Food drives, cupboard cleaning and food disbursement from those moving away are all sources of non-perishables welcomed by the Pantry.

More than 70 volunteers

are utilized for processing people and food for the Food Bank and the Food Pantry that serves Carrizozo as well as a few Corona families.

Volunteers are always welcome and anyone interested can show up on Food Bank or Food Pantry days to offer their services.

For those that care to offer monetary donations to

help feed needy families, checks should be made out the Carrizozo Assembly of God Church and mailed to P.O. Box 682, Carrizozo, NM 88301. For more information, call Pastor Bradley at 575-648-3025.

Watch for details of a Summer Food Program for children to be released in the Friday edition of the Ruidoso News.



### William L. Hatch

November 4, 1955 May 17, 2010

William (Bill) Hatch was born on November 4, 1955 in San Diego, CA. He graduated from high school in Costa Mesa, CA.

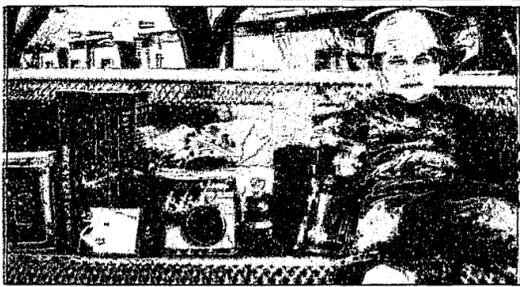
After high school Mr. Hatch went to Glaziers Union School & Apprentice. He worked for many years as a Glazier on numerous buildings from San Diego to San Francisco. Mr. Hatch is survived by his father Emmett Hatch of Ruidoso, NM; two sisters, Pamela Kottler of Wilton, FL and Katherine Hatch of Portland, OR; and two daughters, Michelle Juarez of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA and Angela Hatch of Ruidoso, NM.

Above all other things in his life Bill loved his daughters.

He was an avid race car fan and officiated in the Baja 500 for several years in his youth. Bill loved stock car racing and was an avid Dale Earnhart fan.

After a three year battle with cancer he passed from this world on May 17, 2010. Services will be held at LaGrone Funeral Home on Thursday, May 20th at 2 pm. Visitation will be from 10 am to 11 am.

## TOP COOKIE DOUGH DUDE



Nathan Montes, Carrizozo 2nd grader, was the top PFK Cookie Dough fundraiser salesman. Montes sold \$540 in cookie dough and other products. His prize was a room makeover. The 5th Grade was the top class, selling \$1,695 in cookie dough and products. They earned a popcorn-and-movie party. Carrizozo PFK netted \$2,241 in the effort. They want to thank the students for their hard work in making the sales and the community for their continued support of the Carrizozo students.

COURTESY

## Graduation congratulations



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the mothers and grandmothers had a wonderful day. Wayne was able to get time off to spend it with Ralph and I.

It was with sadness I read that Jay Smith had resigned from the Hubbard Museum. He will be sorely missed by all those who

ever had the opportunity to work with him.

The weather has finally turned nice and a little warm, but very little wind.

The La Placita will be having a quilting class in June. Please call Carolyn at 575-653-4274 for further information.

Congratulations to our Lincoln girl Alexa Borowski being named a recipient of a \$1,000 NASSP/Herf Jones Principal's Leadership Award.

Alexa has been very active in school activities, sports, Girl's State delegate and many other activities of leadership. She attended school in Carrizozo.

Happy birthday to Dory Forsythe on her 90th birthday.

A dear friend, Bud Bagley, Corona, passed away recently. I always remember him with the Mounted Patrol helping at the Lincoln County Fair. He was very active in his ranch business and served on the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District for many years.

Also congratulations to Martin Gonzales. He is graduating from College in Dallas. And to all the other Lincoln County high school and college graduates.

My son gave me the cutest Mother's Day card. It read "Happy Mother's Day MOM, from your 'log." Is it so cute! I know all



### Francisco R. Pena

Francisco R. Pena, 95, born on October 20, 1914, passed away on Friday April 23, 2010 in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

He is survived by his daughter Beatrice Beltran and her husband Ronnie; grandchildren Simon and Justin Beltran; great grandchildren Lorenzo I. Beltran and Arjana A. Silva and many nieces, nephews and friends.

His life long passion was to treat people right, have a good attitude and be patient, no matter what life has to offer. He always put God first in all he did.

Dad, Papo, Tio and friend, we love you and we will keep your wisdom in our hearts forever.

Mass of The Resurrection will be celebrated at 11:00am, Monday, April 26, 2010 at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo, NM with Father Franklin Elchhorst, Celebrant.

Interment with follow at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery in Carrizozo.

The family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Alamogordo Funeral Home to direct the funeral services.

To sign the online register book please visit [www.alamogordofuneralhome.org](http://www.alamogordofuneralhome.org)



L.E. Fletcher, 84, died on Saturday, May 15, 2010 in his home in Ruidoso Downs, NM after a long battle against lung cancer. Mr. Fletcher was born in rural Stevens County, Marlow, Oklahoma on July 3, 1925 in the middle of what became known as the "Roaring Twenties." He was the eldest of three children. Mr. Fletcher's family moved to Carlsbad, NM in the fall of 1930, transported from Oklahoma via Model A Ford coup for the nominal fee of twenty dollars. Arriving in Carlsbad, the family moved into the stone Eddy House.

On August 20, 1943 at the age of seventeen, L.E. Fletcher enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was sent to Camp Pendleton, San Diego, California

for basic training. After boot camp he was selected to be a member of the elite Sea-Going Marines. These Marines were trained for duty at the White House, Foreign Embassy, and aboard warships (as military police, guards, gunners, and orderlies for captains and admirals).

From 1943-1945 he was a Sea Going Marine, assigned to the heavy cruiser USS Minneapolis. He participated in many major campaigns in the Pacific including: Marshall Islands, Truk, Palau, Marianas, Saipan, Philippine Sea, Guam, Caroline Islands, Battle of Leyte Gulf, Lingayen Gulf, Bataan Corregidor, and Okinawa.

By the end of his tour of duty Mr. Fletcher had achieved the rank of Corporal in the USMG and received his expert Rifle qualification. He was very proud to have been a Marine and to have served his country during World War II.

Mr. Fletcher returned to Carlsbad, NM in 1945 to complete his high school education. After graduation he worked at Potash Company of American (Asst. Chemist), later owned Fletcher Construction. After retirement, moved to Las Cruces, NM and ultimately settling in Ruidoso Downs, NM in July of 1992. Mr. Fletcher spent many summers working at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Mr. Fletcher is survived by his life partner, Patricia Neal; daughters, Charlotte Banchi and husband Dr. Michael of Cypress, CA, Barbara Fletcher of Carlsbad, NM; and son, Matthew Fletcher of Carlsbad, NM; two granddaughters Jennifer Banchi Castelluccio and her husband Mark of Maple Valley, WA and Angela Banchi of Oakland, CA; two great grandsons, Daniel and Brain Castelluccio. He is further survived by sister, Helen Egger of Apple Valley, CA and brother, Harold Fletcher and his wife Johnnie of Del Rio, TX; numerous nieces and nephews and other family members. He was preceded in death by parents, Cecil and Doma (Cooper) Fletcher.

Semper Fi.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 19, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Graveside services will be Friday, May 21, at 11:00 AM at the Carlsbad Cemetery in Carlsbad, NM.

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

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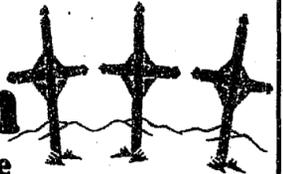
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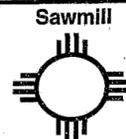
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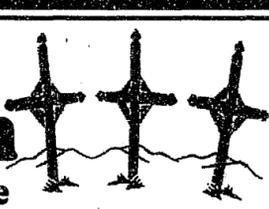
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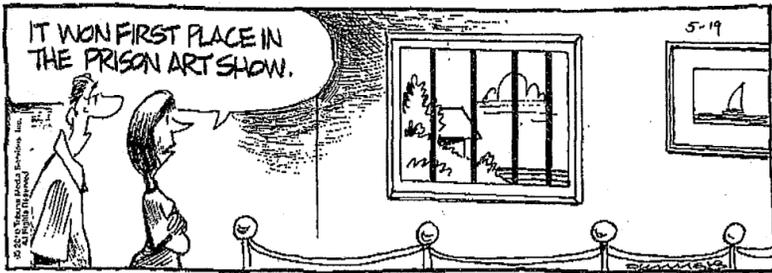
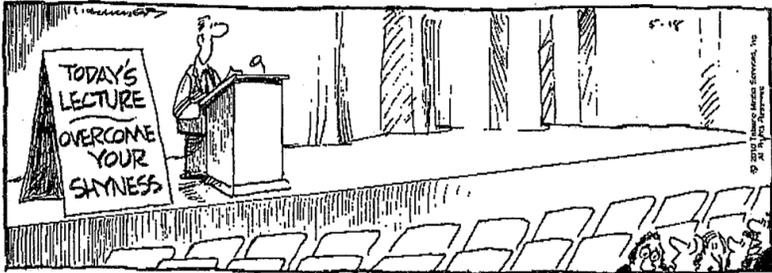
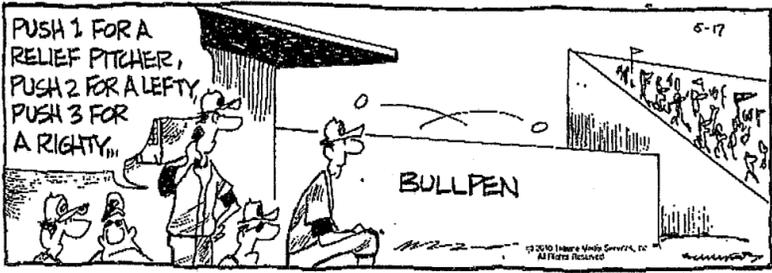
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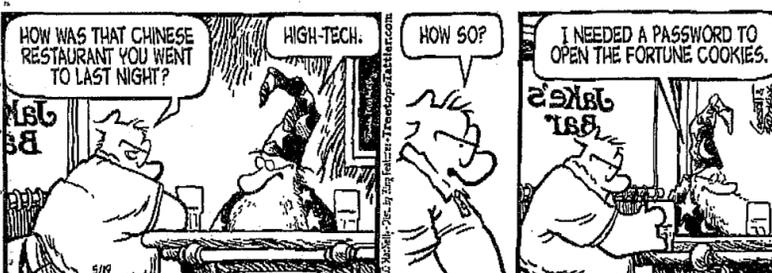
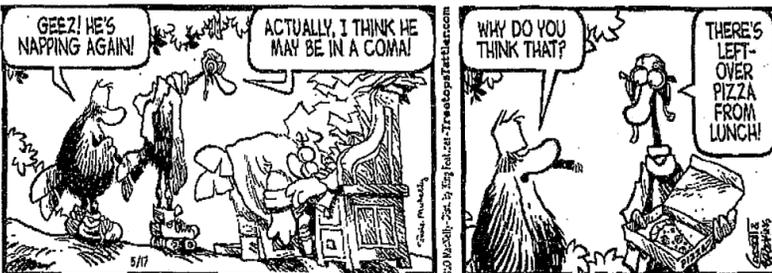


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DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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**JUMBLE**  
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NILEN  
HYSYL  
TAJECK  
HERGAT

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: ○○○○○○ "○○○○○○○○"

**ANIMAL CRACKERS**



**SUDOKU**

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: **1** 2 3 4

				4	8	6		
2					6	1		8
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SOLUTION TO TODAY'S PUZZLE 5/19/10

5	3	1	2	4	8	6	9	7
2	7	4	5	9	6	1	3	8
9	6	8	1	3	7	4	5	2
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3	5	7	9	8	1	2	4	6
8	1	5	7	6	9	3	2	4
6	4	3	8	2	5	7	1	9
7	2	9	4	1	3	8	6	5

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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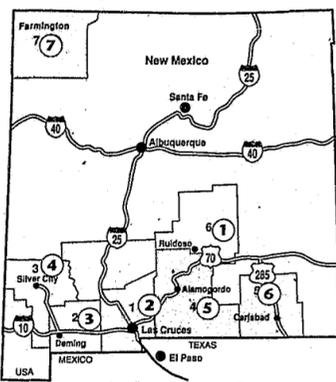
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