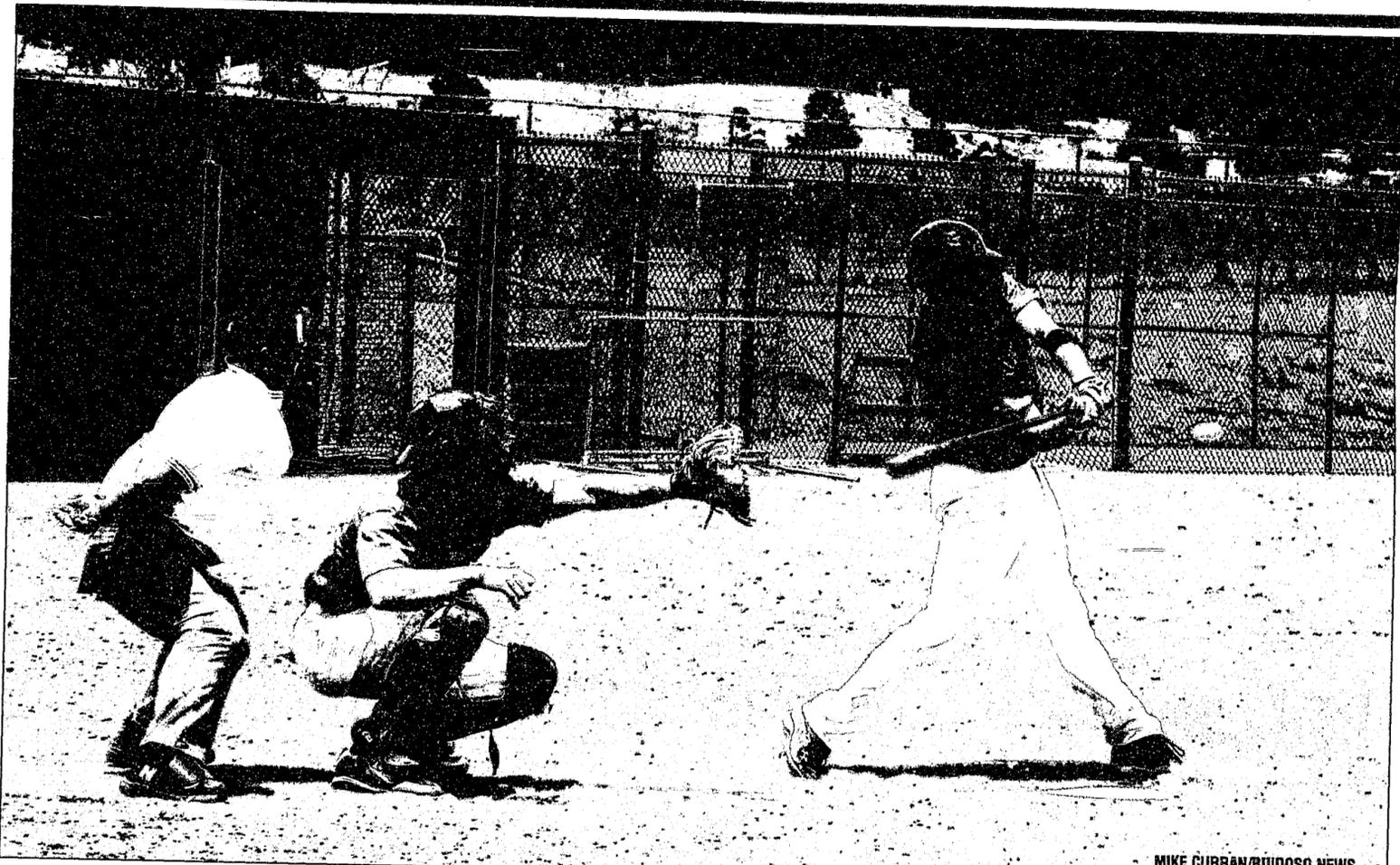


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**OH, SO READY:** David Holcombe of the fledgling Ruidoso Osos professional baseball team hits during a team scrimmage Wednesday in advance of the Osos' season opener at White Mountain Sports Complex, 4 p.m. Tuesday. See Sports.

# Dry forest closes

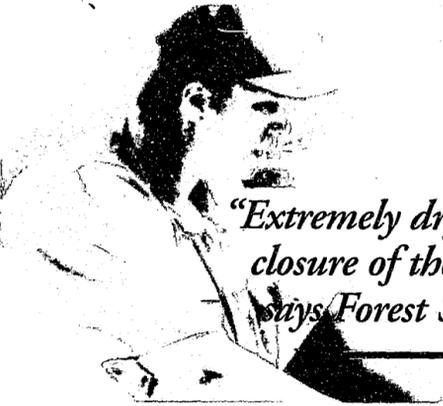
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**F**or the sixth time in 15 years, the entire 1.1 million-acre Lincoln National Forest will close because of the very dry conditions this winter and spring. A closure order, making the forest off limits for public access and use, will be signed by Forest Supervisor Robert Trujillo and go into effect on May 12 at 8 a.m.

"Extremely dry conditions have warranted closure of the Lincoln National Forest," Trujillo said. "While campfire and smoking restrictions have been effective in terms of minimizing the number of fires, we are at the point where we cannot afford the risk of any human-caused fires."

"We are not only concerned about the risk to communities and natural resources, we are also concerned about the potential difficulties evacuating recreationists from remote areas should a wildfire start. We will continue to monitor fire danger indices to ensure that our management decisions are reflecting on-the-ground needs to protect our communities."

On April 7 the Forest Service put Stage 2 restrictions in place banning campfires, outdoor



*"Extremely dry conditions have warranted closure of the Lincoln National Forest," says Forest Supervisor Robert Trujillo.*

smoking and some other activities. The burn area of the April 3 White Fire was placed off-limits last week.

The entire Lincoln was last closed for any length of time on May 1, 2008, because of increased fire dangers forest-wide. The previous fire concern closure had gone into effect on May 16, 2006.

"Even though the forest will be closed, this closure action is not permanent," said Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn. "We encourage visitors to visit Ruidoso and our mountain communities and remind them that safety for our visitors and citizens is first and foremost."

Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee Chair Cindi Davis said the

pending closure is warranted.

"I think it is most important that we protect our forest, that we protect against the possibility or probability of fire as much as we possibly can," Davis said. "I think it's just a very necessary move because Mother Nature is just not cooperating."

By this point of early May, Ruidoso averages more than 4 inches of rain or liquid equivalent in snow according to climactic data. Less than 25 percent of that amount has been recorded since the first of the year.

"New Mexico has experienced an active La Niña patter this winter and spring, and precipitation so far has been well below average," State Engineer John

D'Antonio said Thursday. "Hopefully summer monsoon rains will help alleviate some of these dry conditions."

But the extended outlook suggested precipitation would be below normal and temperatures above normal for Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas.

Ruidoso will continue to use its public relations initiatives already in place to keep potential visitors engaged, Davis said.

"We will certainly promote that Ruidoso is open and certainly come visit."

The Lodgers Tax Committee chair said additional advertising money from an emergency fund will probably not be used yet.

"We only have \$10,000

remaining in that line item," Davis said. "And we are approximately 60 days away from our year-end. Should a forest fire break out, that would be a more immediate thing that the news organizations would pick up on that we would need to counter. And so we're going to be a bit cautious in releasing \$10,000 (for additional advertising) on a forest closure."

Joe Garcia, the Lincoln National Forest's public information officer, said the forest would reopen to the public when sufficient precipitation has fallen to adequately reduce the extremely dry conditions and lower the risk of wildfire to a manageable level. He said a "significant" amount of moisture would be needed to lessen the extreme fire danger.

Violating the closure order is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization and/or imprisonment for as much as six months.

There are some exemptions to the closure for government employees performing in an official capacity, residents and their guests who have to cross the national forest to access their property, and people with authorization such as those with grazing permits.

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**Capitan students** headed back to school after a Class Acts production at the Spencer Theater on April 28. The school busing to the theater is provided free for all Lincoln County and Mescalero school students attending the theater's Class Acts shows, thanks to an R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation transportation grant.



**Mescalero Apache** singers and dancers warm up for a pow-wow in the Mescalero School gymnasium April 29. The pow-wow culminated Heritage Week studies and activities for the students.

**Energy conference**

National energy security and energy independence were two of the themes heard by the more than 280 people attending the April 22nd Renewable Energy Conference and Trade Show held last Friday at

the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, speaking via U-Tube, pointed to China's emergence as the world's energy leader. He urged listeners to again apply American ingenuity and innovation to recapture the energy sector lead.

Some 40 vendors of various renewable energy products, equipment, services and job training also participated in the event. Other topics such as use of compressed natural gas (CNG) in vehicles, solar stock tank de-icing systems, solar hot water and heating systems and Convention sponsors included PNM, Otero

County Electric Cooperative, Zia Natural Gas, the Village of Ruidoso, Carrizo Works, ENMU-Ruidoso and the New Mexico Workforce Center - Lincoln County.

Friday's conference was preceded by real estate industry training Thursday for more than 50 local or visiting realtors sponsored by the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of Realtors and followed by the successful Lincoln County Solar and Sustainability Tour throughout the county all day Saturday.

Of great interest to conference participants were remarks by Jeremy Turner, Executive Director of

the New Mexico Renewable Energy Authority (NMRETA). Turner, originally from Lincoln County, discussed the Status of Power Transmission Projects, noting that there are now six major projects in development, five of which will impact Lincoln County in some manner.

State Land Commissioner Ray Powell and New Mexico Green Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Oliver also offered perspectives on renewable energy economic development through their organizations.

The one-day conference and trade show at the newly remodeled Ruidoso

Convention Center attracted nearly 500 residents, tourists, and regional leaders from across the government, military, energy and agricultural community.

New to the conference this year were noticeable numbers of secondary school and college students.

A third conference is planned for Spring 2012. For additional information on the Lincoln County Renewable Energy Weekend, contact Coda Omness at ENMU-Ruidoso Continuing Education, 575-257-3012 or Jim Miller at 575-937-2873.

load users include televisions, video games, digital video recorders, computers and chargers.

A DVR that's plugged in can consume 35 watts even when it's turned off. At 9.8 cents per kilowatt-hour that could cost you about \$30 per year — plus the additional cost when you're actually using it.

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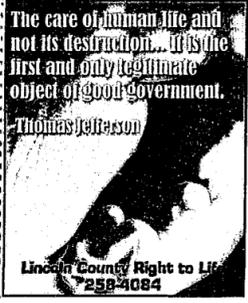
Kill A Watt meters are available through the Ruidoso Public Library starting Tuesday, May 10, and will launch the program with a free presentation and giveaways at the library from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The library is located at 107 Kansas City Road.

**Kill A Watt**

A significant amount of the electricity used by home electronics is actually consumed while products are turned off, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

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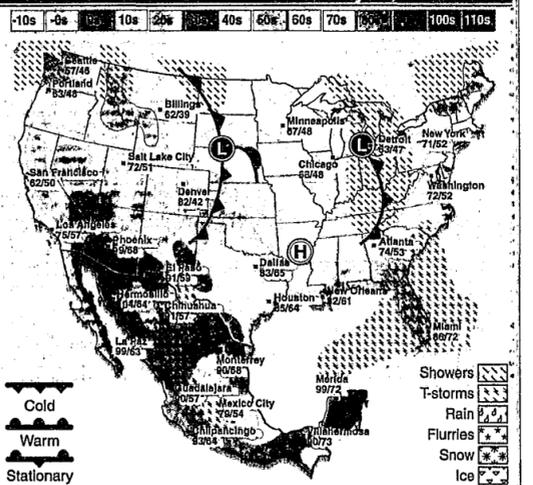
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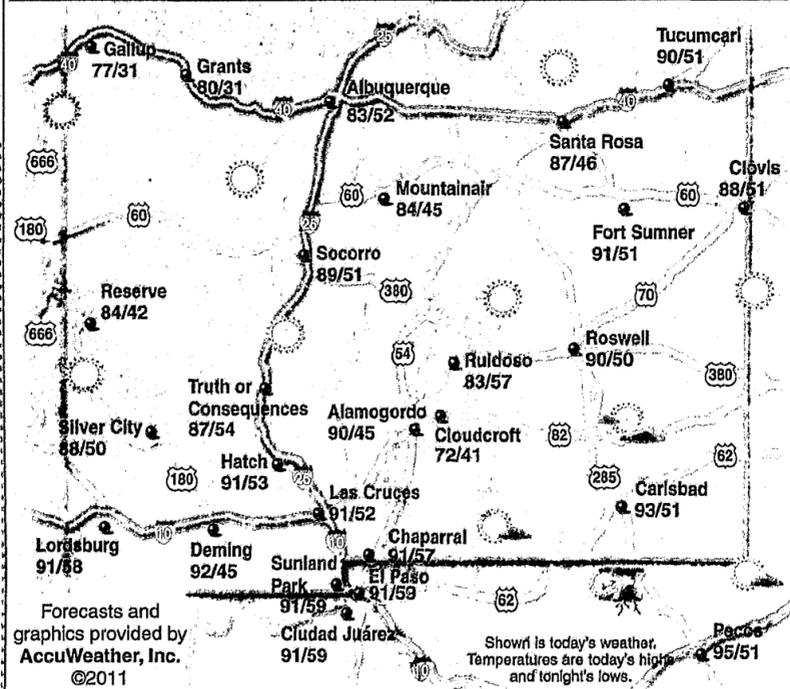
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**National Forecast for May 6, 2011**



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

**Regional Cities**



**Almanac**

**Ruidoso**  
 Statistics through Wednesday  
**Temperature:**  
 High/Low ..... 72°/36°  
 Normal high ..... 69°  
 Normal low ..... 34°  
 Record high ..... 84° (2000)  
 Record low ..... 19° (1955)  
**Precipitation:**  
 Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 0.00"  
 Normal month to date ..... 0.09"  
 Year to date ..... 0.83"  
 Normal year to date ..... 4.28"  
**Pollen:**  
 Grass ..... Absent  
 Trees ..... High  
 Weeds ..... Low  
 Mold ..... Low  
 Predominant ..... Pecan Tree  
 Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

**Alamogordo**

Statistics through Wednesday  
**Temperature:**  
 High/Low ..... 80°/39°  
 Normal high ..... 80°  
 Normal low ..... 51°  
 Record high ..... 96° (2000)  
 Record low ..... 33° (1953)  
**Precipitation:**  
 Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 0.00"  
 Normal month to date ..... 0.08"  
 Year to date ..... 0.46"  
 Normal year to date ..... 2.15"

**Weather Trivia™:**

Q: How long is the average life span of a tornado?  
 A: 10 to 15 minutes.

**National Cities**

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W
Abilene	85/64/s	95/66/s
Anchorage	56/39/pc	55/39/pc
Atlanta	74/53/s	81/59/s
Austin	84/61/s	86/71/pc
Baltimore	70/44/t	74/48/pc
Boston	70/49/pc	62/50/c
Chicago	68/48/pc	68/48/r
Dallas	83/65/s	86/71/s
Denver	82/42/s	81/46/s
Des Moines	73/53/s	70/48/pc
Detroit	63/47/sh	62/48/r
El Paso	91/59/s	93/59/s
Las Vegas	95/70/s	93/67/r
Los Angeles	75/57/pc	70/56/pc
Minneapolis	67/48/pc	68/47/sh
New Orleans	82/61/s	84/65/pc
New York City	71/52/s	69/52/pc
Philadelphia	71/52/t	71/54/pc
Phoenix	99/68/s	98/69/s
Reno	80/49/s	77/46/pc
San Francisco	62/50/pc	60/50/pc
San Diego	67/58/pc	66/59/pc
Seattle	57/46/sh	58/43/r
Tucson	96/60/s	95/60/s
Tulsa, OK	80/60/s	82/63/pc
Wash., DC	72/52/t	72/55/pc
Wichita	77/56/s	77/58/s
Yuma	101/66/s	98/66/s

**Regional Cities**

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W
Albuquerque	83/52/s	83/52/s
Artesia	93/53/pc	104/57/s
Chama	72/35/s	72/28/s
Clayton	86/48/s	83/46/s
Cloudcroft	72/41/s	72/27/s
Farrington	81/40/s	82/39/s
Hobbs	91/54/s	101/53/s
Los Alamos	74/44/s	75/35/s
Portales	89/49/s	91/50/s
Raton	81/35/s	82/36/s
Red River	65/32/s	66/27/s
Ruidoso	89/57/s	85/54/s
Santa Fe	79/40/s	82/40/s
Silver City	88/50/s	89/49/s
Taos	75/30/s	77/31/s

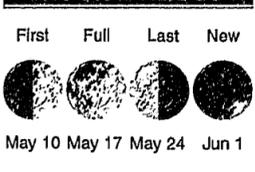
**Mexican Cities**

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/77/pc	91/77/pc
Cancun	90/70/s	90/70/s
Chihuahua	91/57/pc	93/57/s
Ciudad Juárez	91/59/s	93/59/s
León	88/55/pc	88/57/s
México, DF	79/54/t	81/55/t
Monterrey	90/68/pc	100/73/pc
Morelia	89/60/t	89/62/t
Oaxaca	90/57/pc	97/59/s
Pto. Penasco	81/66/s	90/64/s
Tijuana	72/57/pc	70/55/pc

**Sun and Moon**

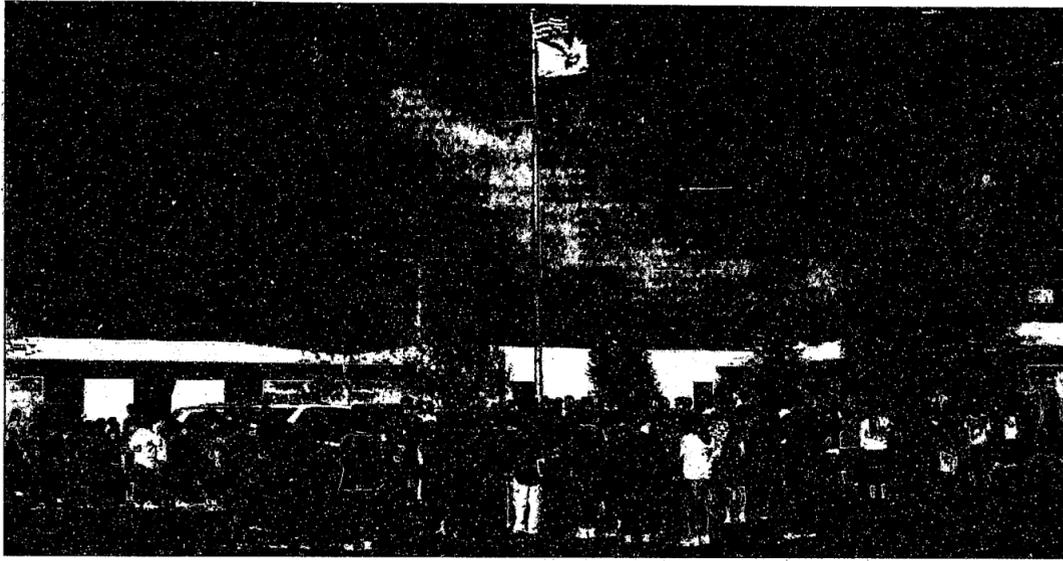
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:11 a.m./7:48 p.m.  
 Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 8:35 a.m./11:13 p.m.

**Moon Phases**



**Extremes**

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)  
 High: 101° in Yuma, AZ  
 Low: 13° in Big Piney, WY  
 Wednesday's World High/Low:  
 High: 115° in Matam, Senegal  
 Low: -32° in Summit Station, Greenland



COURTESY

**White Mountain** Elementary students and staff gathered for the second annual Flag gathering ceremony, on April 29. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Star-Spangled Banner was sung. Also, 5th grade students in Mrs. Seigmann's, Mrs. Koehler's, and Mrs. Weaver's classes recited the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution. This ceremony was in support for Military Appreciation Weekend.



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

**Ruidoso Downs** Animal Control officer Peggy Lu Jane hangs a "Do Not Feed the Bears" warning flyer on one of the tables being used for the Low Cost Vaccination Clinic at the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department Saturday. "I'm afraid that the bear problem could be severe this year because of the dry conditions," Lu Jane said.

FROM PAGE 2A

"The Kill A Watt tells you where your energy dollars are going. Once you know that, we can help you find savings opportunities," said Melissa Leymon, PNM

senior program developer. A Kill A Watt is a small device that measures the energy used by most small to medium-sized home appliances that can be checked out of the library along with an easy-to-use

instruction kit created by PNM.

"I am happy to offer our visitors the Kill A Watt to reduce their energy bills and make educated decisions about their smaller appliances. Once I saw phantom power's carbon footprint, I started unplugging my TV and heater when not in use," said Jennifer Stubbs, Ruidoso Public library reference librarian.

PNM is making the device, which retails for about \$25, available free of charge at local libraries to help customers cope with rising energy costs.

Learn more about PNM energy efficiency rebate programs at PNM.com/rebates.

**Auditions held**

Lincoln County Community Theatre will hold auditions for the upcoming July performance of *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward on Sunday, May 8, at 2 p.m.

and Monday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Auditions will be held at the Ruidoso Regional Council of the Arts office at 1712 Sudderth next to Compass Bank. Needed are two men and five women. For more information, call 336-1530.

**Correction**

Speed tables to be created by the Street Department in Midtown Ruidoso to slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety will be 3 inches high. A story Wednesday listed an incorrect height.

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### OUR OPINION

## UC Coalition suffers another setback

Other needs come into play on canyon project

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) says that its funding for a sewer line replacement project in Ruidoso's Upper Canyon resulting from the 2008 flood should not be held up until an emergency evacuation route in the dead-end canyon is in place.

Whether the village has the Upper Canyon's back should an emergency arise during the project, as FEMA contends, is now a moot point. With the Coalition checkmated at every turn, UC residents might have to form and fund an improvement district in order to move their agenda forward.

## Part IV: Somewhere between Austin and New Orleans

Cathy, not surprisingly, landed a photographer's position with the *Houston Post*. I remained in Milwaukee running a monthly music paper out of my living room, clearing enough to scrounge up the rent. Through channels, Cathy heard about a music critic opening across town at the *Chronicle*; in June 1981 I hauled down south and walked into a career.

Houston: Ideally situated between Austin, the live-music capital of the universe, and New Orleans, birthplace of all that is holy about the American musical spirit. I was jazzed to be there.

It was also a "kicker" town, ground zero for Urban Cowboy, and no one covered country music better than the *Post's* Bob Claypool, who'd been there already about 15 years. We probably met in the Summit reviewing a Fleetwood Mac concert or something.

I, on the other hand, was into punk and new wave: The Clash, Generation X, Talking Heads, Ramones, Tom Verlaine, Chrissie Hynde, the Replacements, Social Distortion. I gravitated toward the Island, a punk club south of downtown below a freeway overpass. Lime-green walls, beer-sticky floor, black attire; gritty, loud and edgy.

Claypool and I intersected, however, at the crossroads of the blues, plus the spectrum of "roots" music that reincarnated all the elements that had originally informed rock 'n' roll. We shared many a night in many a bar, smoking like chimneys, drinking like flounder, telling stories, deep inside the soundtrack that graced our lifestyles.

After hours, Bob and I and whoever would make the 3 a.m. run up to Andy's Mexican restaurant in the Heights for their gloriously greasy enchiladas and flame-thrower hot sauce.

Weeks after starting at the "Chron," I received a call from one Jerry Lightfoot. Jerry, lead guitarist for his own band, the Essentials, was going to educate the carpetbagger critic about Houston blues.

He showed up at 801 Texas Ave. in an old beater, wearing shades, smoking like a had

exhaust pipe. We cruised to the hood, to the home of Big Walter "The Thunderbird," the keyboardist who penned "Pack Fair and Square."

Big Walter uncorked his Crown Royal and began to regale me with stories. I went for a ride and lost my way back.

Later, Jerry, a white guy whose biggest influence was Michael Bloomfield, introduced me to all the "fellas" in the black R&B community: Grady Gaines, Pee Wee Stevens,

Joe "Guitar" Hughes, Johnny Clyde Copeland, Trudy Lynn, Pete Mayes, Texas Johnny Brown and so many others. He took me to Etta's Lounge on Scott Street near UH, where Gaines held forth every Sunday and we were the only white cats in the house. We'd end up gnawing on pork ribs well after closing time.

After I wrote a column about Etta's, it turned into a tourist destination - which was OK; along with bringing black musicians to the white side of town, Lightfoot single-handedly created a racial synergy that fueled a great rhythm & blues scene.

Lightfoot moved to Florida but returned to Texas in 2006 to headline an all-star show. The week of Sept. 14, in Austin, my good buddy collapsed and died. Jerry Lightfoot was too young.

Bob Claypool left the *Post* around 1987 and joined the *Chronicle*. We were well-armed: He did country, I did rock and we cut cards on the rest. In 1989, on the first day of the annual Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, which brought many big-name performers to the Astrodome, Bob was hospitalized with a brain aneurysm. He died days later. He was 43.

His death extended a tragic legacy for *Houston Chronicle* music writers: Dale Adamson, whom I replaced, passed after a long illness; John Scarborough, the jazz critic who (with Jack Rickman) hired me, keeled over from a heart attack in his early-40s not long after I arrived.

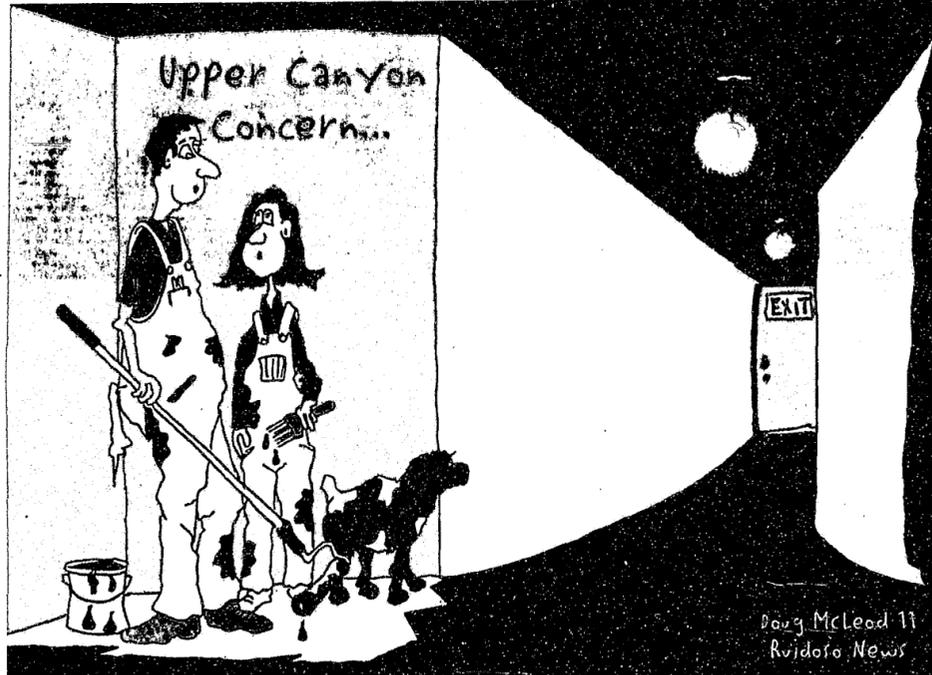
The nightlife. In the darkest of hours, Claypool's death continued to spook me. I vowed to get out of this gig alive.

Next week: Glynis, Fitzgerald's and all that rocked.



MARTY RACINE

### ON SECOND THOUGHT



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### YOUR OPINION

## Editorial spurs hospital debate

### What are they hiding?

To the editor:

SIR, YOU ARE CORRECT in your assessment that former Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez was "howling in the wilderness" when he raised questions about the relationship between Presbyterian Healthcare Services/Lincoln County Medical Center (PHS/LCMC) and the County of Lincoln. In particular, Commissioner Martinez questioned certain financial issues and dubious administration practices within PHS.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter now finds herself in somewhat the same position as Mr. Martinez. She legitimately and properly raised questions about the financial relationship between Lincoln County and Presbyterian Healthcare Services (as administrator of LCMC).

Rather than meaningfully address the issues raised, Tom Battin and Gary Mitchell brought out the figurative storm troopers and instantly went on attack against Mrs. Minter. We have seen this kind of behavior before, and it is not pretty.

The real question to be addressed is, "If the spokesmen for Presbyterian and LCMC (one and the same) will not address the financial and administrative issues raised, what dirt are they so intent on hiding?"

If Presbyterian and LCMC truly have nothing to hide, then the gentlemen, Battin and Mitchell, have no need for concern. Indeed, they should welcome a meaningful investigation into the financial and administrative practices of PHS and LCMC.

Given their sentiment that ever increasing amounts of Taxpayer money must be dumped into PHS/LCMC, they should welcome every opportunity to actually prove that point in a friendly and constructive dialog.

When I had the honor to represent the Taxpayers of the Fourth District as their Commissioner, I tried to raise some of the same issues now brought forward by Commissioner Minter. On one occasion, the administrator of the hospital said to me, in an open session of the County Commission, that "you are not smart enough to be able to understand the finances of the hospital."

Rather than respond to the issues I raised, PHS used it's spokesmen to attack me on a personal level, and that made me sure I was coming close to their financial heart.

It has long been my unproven suspicion that a great deal of money departs Lincoln County

into the coffers of PHS, and from there is never returned to the use of LCMC and the County. I hope that is not the case, but it will take more than unsubstantiated reassurances from PHS to satisfy that nagging suspicion.

While I know Battin and Mitchell will never agree, I suggest the following three steps to establish citizen confidence in the administration of Lincoln County Medical Center:

- Every Commissioner now serving should actively seek an impartial forensic audit of the financial operations of Presbyterian Healthcare Services and Lincoln County Medical Center. This audit must go back a minimum of ten years to establish a proper baseline.

- At the end of the current administrative contract with Presbyterian, or sooner, a meaningful Request For Proposals (RFP) must be put forth by Lincoln County seeking qualified bidders and proposals for services to properly administer LCMC to the benefit of County Taxpayers. Oversight of the RFP must rest with an outside service, possibly designated by the Governor or Attorney General. Any Commissioner with any current or past connection to PHS or LCMC must recuse himself from the preparation and publication of the RFP.

There is no reason LCMC should not be a strong positive financial asset to the taxpayers instead of a financial pit into which large quantities of cash are now expended.

- When any issue concerning LCMC or PHS arises before the County Commission, those Commission members having any current or former connection with any of the parties - however ephemeral - must disclose that relationship and recuse himself from the issue discussion, and not vote on the issue.

Yes, Mr. Editor, it is probable that Commissioner Martinez and I were ostracized by some special interests in the County. I consider former Commissioner Leo Martinez to be a good and honorable man who tried his best to bring a legitimate issue into the light of day and was attacked for his "error."

I feel honored to call Leo a friend. We need more public servants like him, and Commissioner Minter.

Respectfully,  
Earl B. Hobbs  
Alto

### LCMC welcomes input

To the editor:  
I would like to comment regarding the *Ruidoso News'* edi-

torial from the Friday, April 29, 2011 edition titled "Why don't we talk about the hospital?"

On behalf of LCMC and Presbyterian, we welcome the opportunity to talk about the hospital and its operations as information leads to understanding. LCMC has regularly provided updates to stakeholders, including the Lincoln County Commission. We will continue to do so in the future as we recognize the value and importance of well-informed residents.

As part of our information sharing efforts, LCMC provides a financial audit and an annual report to commissioners every year. We have given several presentations to various civic clubs in recent months and look to do more in the future.

LCMC remains committed to sharing non-confidential or non-privileged information. We are not opposed to sharing, yet cautious as the healthcare industry is quite explicit about what can and cannot be shared and the penalties associated with failures to comply with privacy laws.

As always, we value commissioners' support for LCMC and Presbyterian as we fulfill our sole purpose of improving the health of those we serve, in Lincoln County and New Mexico.

We welcome input and expect it in order to do the best possible job for the thousands of patients we serve each year. I have and will continue to make myself available for anyone wanting to better understand what LCMC is doing to provide an efficient and effective healthcare safety net throughout Lincoln County.

Wishing you good health,  
Al Santos  
Administrator  
Lincoln County Medical Center

### Other issues important

To the editor:  
IN RESPONSE TO "Why don't we talk about the hospital?" - Didn't we have this conversation not too long ago?

In your [editorial] you depict the mill levy vote as tainted and rammed through. I recall a long-drawn-out debate, two elections and, of course, the mill levy was passed by the majority again. Sure is a nice new rehab facility isn't it?

You also write, "Lincoln County would be better off attracting a private for-profit hospital."

Well, we might consider the two for-profit [hospitals] in Roswell. They're both fine hospitals, both going broke, and they do not

## THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: If the forest closes due to fire danger, how will that impact you?



**Jim McGarvey**  
Ruidoso

"It would be a huge impact, but there's no other way around it. I'd hate to see another major fire."



**Michael Robinson**  
Capitan

"People should learn more about proper fire management so we don't have to worry about needing to close the forest."



**Larry Wimbrow**  
Ruidoso

"It's so dry out there, I don't know why they haven't closed it already."



**Bob Koenig**  
Capitan

"I can live with it if the fire danger stays elevated. Hopefully I'll be able to explore some new areas for hiking around Alto Lake and Grindstone Lake."



**Sally Fluhart**  
Nogal Mesa

"Occasionally I go for walks, but I can give that up until we get some rain."

## YOUR OPINION

## Obama's destructive oil policy

To the editor:

WITH GASOLINE prices approaching \$4 per gallon in many areas of the country, Barack Obama acts like the innocent bystander who has no clue as to what to do to rein them in.

However, recall that as a candidate he indicated that he wanted to see higher prices for all fossil fuels and a turn toward green energy, (e.g., wind mills and solar panels).

More to the point, however, are the actions that Obama's administration has taken to exacerbate the problem of rising gasoline prices. Consider the following:

- Even before the current rise in gasoline prices, Obama banned off-shore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and has resisted allowing drilling on the east and west coast and in ANWR.

- Shell Oil announced this week that it was abandoning efforts to drill for oil off the north shore of Alaska, in the Arctic Circle. Over the past five years, Shell has spent over \$4 billion on this project, including \$2 billion to the federal government for leasing rights. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) nixed the project over concern that an ice-breaking vessel, used as a platform for drilling, would emit diesel fumes that would impact the village of Kaktovik, some 70 miles away. So, the federal government received \$2 billion from Shell and then denied them the right to drill. It should be noted that scientists estimate that the area leased by Shell contains 2.5 times the amount of oil that has been shipped via the Alaskan pipeline over the past 30 years.

- EPA is considering shutting down drilling in the Bakken Oil Formation in North Dakota over the use of diesel fuel used in "fracking" the shale rock that con-

tains natural gas and oil. Even though congress ordered the EPA to leave hands off the drilling operations in the Bakken, the EPA claimed oversight of diesel fuel as a means to weasel its way into the project. The Bakken is a huge oil find that has only recently been drilled using fracking and horizontal drilling.

- With Obama's blessing, the EPA is considering shutting down the Permian Basin Oil Field in West Texas. The reason: environmentalists have concern over the fate of the dunes sagebrush lizard, a reptile some 3 inches in length that some say should be on the endangered species list. According to Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, only 1 percent of the Permian Basin region has been surveyed for the sagebrush lizard, so how can anyone know the number of these lizards living in the Permian Basin? It should be noted that oil drilling has taken place in the Permian Basin since 1925 and the sagebrush lizard is still there.

- It is probably not lost on many Americans that this president, more than in other in recent times, resorts to demonization of people and entities, when it suits his purpose. In this case, his target is Big Oil.

This past week, he called for the elimination of \$4 billion in subsidies to oil companies for depletion and intangible drilling costs tax incentives. It's not clear what purpose would be served by this action except to further drive up the cost of gasoline at the pump.

And, if Mr. Obama wants to eliminate subsidies to domestic oil companies, how about asking Brazil to return the \$2 billion he gave them? Of course, a major stock holder, George Soros, would, no doubt object.

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- Mr. Obama went on to make a derogatory comment about oil companies, stating that they make "easy money." This statement is dripping with irony. As Congressman Alan West (R-Fla.) observed a few days ago, Obama has never run a business, not even a lemonade stand, yet he presumes to know how to make "easy money" in the oil business. Consider the following comments made by Congressman Dan Boren (D-Okla.):

"President Obama is completely uninformed about the gas and oil industry. If the president does not want to stand up and be a leader, then his silence would be appreciated from people who are trying to find solutions."

Finally, John Bolton, former ambassador to the United Nations, observed that Obama is an "arm chair academician" who has

spent most of his adult life with people of his ilk and lacks any practical solutions to this nation's problems. Now, is there any question regarding the price of gasoline?

William Haralson  
Alto

## Opportunists at work

To the editor:

I JUST RETURNED from a week in Washington, D.C., with Roger Hedgecock's "Hold Their Feet To The Fire" 16th season.

Each team visited over 27 representatives and 10 senators. We brought our message of decreased spending and cost containment. In our follow-up meetings it was emphasized that we should also start in our own back yard.

I arrived home to find that overnight Shell gas went up \$1.00

to put it well over the national average again. It is my understanding that when Mr. Brewer was interviewed some time ago about his high gas prices his answer, along with a transportation cost excuse, was that he would go as far as he could in pricing.

Not only does he not care, his local gas station owners follow suit to make sure they, too, get as much of the price gouge as they can in this down economy.

It takes approximately 30 days for a barrel of oil to process and reach gas tanks, yet these opportunists raise prices overnight as soon as the word is out of a per-barrel increase.

Where is the decrease when oil drops \$5 per barrel as it has done in the last 48 hours?

Debbie Perkins  
Ruidoso

## LETTERS, FROM PAGE 4A

give back to the community. Their cash goes to shareholders, CEOs, etc.; they come first in a for-profit.

I realize you are retiring and Ms. [Kathryn] Minter is new in her elected post. Seemingly, however, you both come off as being self-perpetuating and have your own personal objectives on this issue.

It's time to tackle larger problems we face. It's time we investigate something that needs to be investigated, like the Village of Ruidoso Water Department.

We have been paying a surcharge for the proposed water treatment plant for years. What is going on? Where is our money going?

How about grants/loan options? Where is our citizen participation in this ongoing gauntlet? When is this going to end?

What's going on, Marty/Ms. Minter? Our citizens cannot afford this burden in this economic time.

Larry Moses  
Ruidoso

*Editor's note: The exact wording in the April 29 editorial of the point raised was: "It can be argued that...the most recent mill levy approval by voters was tainted by a rammed-through mail-in election after the first vote failed...even [argued that] Lincoln County would be better off attracting a private, for-profit hospital that asks no money from the taxpayers."*

## Quality of care

To the editor:

I RECENTLY SPENT three days as a guest of LCMC in the ICU. It was my fourth stay at Presbyterian Health Services. Due to recur-

ring health problems I've been a patient in a lot of hospitals. The finest patient care I have ever received was at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

With any marketing and public relations for the facility it sometimes is difficult to get the community's attention. You can print all the slick brochures and banners you want, but sometimes it is frequently ignored.

But rest assured, LCMC is getting the community's attention in a more subtle way...through the quality of care the hospital delivers. That rests solely on the shoulders of an outstanding staff. The success of LCMC is in having a motivated team that is caring and knowledgeable wrapped in a positive, cheerful attitude and a dash of a sense of humor.

Every time I acknowledge individuals I have a sense of dread that I may forget someone. The ICU staff, PJ, Sara, Ruth,

Julie, Cassie and Glen.

All are top notch professionals who I consider to be friends. Ronni in the dietary department who went out of her way to make sure I was fed what I liked. The entire emergency department, Jerry and others ... it's hard to remember names when you're in distress.

Radiology with Brandon and Jane. Even the maintenance man Raoul was upbeat and friendly. An incredible assembly of talent.

It's no secret that I've always been a supporter of LCMC. While doing the radio news for a local radio group I went into some of the more rural clinics, doing a three-part series supporting the mil levy because I felt it was important for the county to understand the reach of the LCMC beyond the complex on Sudderth.

I have also featured a piece on my stays on my blog at [tube.posterous.com. I believe the title "Little Jewel in a Big Desert" pretty much describes my feelings based on my experience as a patient. So congratulations to the entire hospital staff on making this patient's stay world class, again.](http://seo-</a></p>
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Yet, there are some in county government that mistake the importance of a system that not only works, but works well.

Do not diminish the relationship securely in place for a change on a whim. As we were discussing the quality of the staff perhaps my doctor described it best when he said, "Sure it's a small hospital and there are a lot of resources we'd like to have, but here it's not about being a number. It's about neighbors taking care of neighbors."

Never more true words spoken.

Bob Huntington  
Ruidoso

# BUSINESS

## PRICE MAY BE AT PEAK



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

**Gasoline prices** in Ruidoso this week moved to the \$4 level at some stations for the first time in nearly three years. It was in July of 2008, when oil prices peaked at \$147 a barrel, that most Ruidoso stations had a price 20 cents higher at \$4.199 for regular gas. New Mexico's average price for gasoline on Thursday was \$3.835 per gallon, according to the AAA's Fuel Gauge survey. The national average was \$3.985. A week earlier the top prices for gas in Ruidoso was \$3.959, while the statewide average stood at \$3.169, and nationally it was \$3.886. One year ago the state average stood at \$2.861 compared with \$2.919 across the country. There may be some relief coming at the pumps. The price of oil has dropped each day this week, with as much as a 10 percent tumble on Thursday. U.S. crude dipped below \$100 per barrel, making Thursday the second-largest dollar decline on record. Crude had late last month approached \$115.



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## Phony-baloney food inspector

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At least four food serving businesses in the Ruidoso area have been contacted by a person claiming to be an inspector with the New Mexico Environment Department.

"As far as we know, no one has actually been a full victim of this scam," said Jill Turner, a communications coordinator with the department. "Everyone has just hung up or just ignored it. As far as we know, no one has lost anything or any information has been lost."

Turner said it may be the caller is attempting to obtain credit card numbers from restaurants that use their telephone line to submit charge information.

Pat Jackson, who owns the Burger Trolley on Sudderth Drive, said a man who called from a California number said two inspectors would show up

the next day.

"I told him no, that I would talk to Jack King at the New Mexico Environment Department in Ruidoso because I didn't think that California had anything to do with health issues in New Mexico," Jackson said. "He just kept telling me, 'This is a new thing. This is a new thing.' I told him no, not to send the people."

No one showed up.

The department said Tuesday that it had received other reports from food establishments across the state of individuals impersonating health inspectors. The impersonators often called the businesses and used multiple techniques to convince owners of the validity of the call including providing names and inspector identification numbers. In some cases the callers stated a new inspector had been assigned to the establishment and then attempted

to set up an inspection time that may require the owner to call a number and enter a pin to confirm the inspection time.

"We haven't been able to figure out if it's one particular scammer doing this or if it's multiple people," Turner said.

In addition to the Ruidoso area, restaurants in Las Cruces, Deming, Las Vegas, White Rock, Los Alamos and Farmington have reported the activity.

Turner said food establishment owners should never give business or personal information to callers or visitors claiming to be health inspectors.

The department's inspectors are required to present a state-issued photo ID before conducting an inspection. They never accept cash payments for inspections. Permit fees must be paid by a check or money order made payable to the New Mexico Environment Department.

Inspectors do not charge for grade emblems, permits or food safety signs.

When in doubt, the department encourages food establishments to verify the identity of health inspectors by calling the nearest department field office. The Ruidoso office can be contacted at 258-3272.

Food establishment owners are also encouraged to call local police if the validity of a call or visit is in doubt.

"There's another set of calls going around where people say they are with the New Mexico Health Department. That is a red flag too," Turner said. "The Health Department doesn't do inspections, the Environment Department does."

Some restaurants said a time had been scheduled by the caller for an inspection. Turner said food inspections are not announced in advance.

## Rate case to PRC

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PNM's request for electric rate increases is scheduled to go before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission starting on Monday.

After initially filing for a 21 percent overall rate hike for southern New Mexico last year, the utility cut the increase about in half in February. PNM reached an agreement with six groups who had opposed the original request. The players included New Mexico's Attorney General, staff at the PRC's Utility Division, the City of Alamogordo.

Under the proposal which yet needs the commission's approval, PNM South customers would have the same rate structure as the utility's customers in the north. Since PNM purchased the southern New Mexico territory of Texas-New Mexico Power in 2005 and reduced charges, rates have however been higher than those charged to customers in PNM North.

Electric rates would rise in two phases. Average residential customers in the south would see an in-

crease of \$3.80 per month this summer and an additional \$3.36 in 2012. Rates would be higher during the summer months of June, July and August, and lower the rest of the year. There would also be a return to a fuel adjustment clause on PNM bills to address fluctuations in the cost of fuels used to generate electricity. Customers who use more electricity would find increased rates for the higher use.

A household that uses 600 kilowatt hours during the non-summer months would see a \$70.20 monthly bill, compared to the current \$63.04. The summer bills would be \$71.23.

Business customers would see an increase of about 5.7 percent this summer and about 5.1 percent in 2012.

The utility has agreed that base electric rates would not increase again before 2014, barring government mandates that could impact future rates.

PNM Vice President of Regulatory Policy Ron Darrell said the public comments submitted to the PRC do play a role in making a decision. There have been many comments.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Kill A Watt

To help customers take charge of their energy bills, PNM is making Kill A Watt meters available through the Ruidoso Public Library starting Tuesday, May 10. The program will be launched with a free presentation and giveaways at the library from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

"The Kill A Watt tells you where your energy dollars are going," said Melissa Leymon, PNM senior program developer. "Once you know that, we can help you find savings opportunities."

A Kill A Watt is a small device that measures the energy used by most small to medium-sized appliances. The device can be checked out of the library along with an easy-to-use instruction kit.

"I am happy to offer our visitors the Kill A Watt to reduce their energy bills and make educated decisions about their small appliances," said Jennifer Stubbs with the Ruidoso Public Library. "Once I saw phantom power's carbon footprint, I started unplugging my TV and heater when not in use."

PNM is making the device, which retails for about \$25, available free of charges at local libraries.

### Board short

Ruidoso Downs officials would like to add some new members to the Ruidoso Downs Economic Development Board.

"The economic development board is looking for some board members," said city councilor and board member Gary Williams. "We'd appreciate anyone that would have any consideration for the board. We need about three members. Please contact the mayor. We have not been able to have meetings in the last couple of months because we need a quorum."

The seven-member Economic Development board earlier this year had just three members, derailing any meetings. Beth Miller was appointed in March, but assuring a quorum fulfilling minimum of four members attended a meeting was elusive last month. A new member could be recommended by the mayor and approved by the city council on May 9.

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# Zoning enters county talks

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Recommended adjustments to Lincoln County's Comprehensive Plan are close to being presented to the county's board of commissioners.

The Lincoln County Planning Commission Wednesday nearly completed their year-long review of the 139-page document that was adopted in 2007.

The subjects of private land use and water raised some renewed calls for zoning and construction permitting.

Dennis Dunnum, a new planning commission member, questioned if building permitting should be issued by the county instead of the state to know what is going on.

"It might or might not be being discussed right now," responded Planning Director Curt Temple. Noting the media presence, Temple said that was all he could say at the moment.

"I would think that there's an opportunity for us to support something like that," planner Paul van Gulick said. "It actually does give us a way to start looking at some of these things effectively rather than just follow CID (New Mexico's Construction Industries Division). We could actually be involved from the very beginning on a construction project."

A goal in the current comprehensive plan, to manage growth, was described as likely unobtainable without zoning.

Planning Commissioner Nora Midkiff noted it was not in the public interest to see trailer parks "growing like mushrooms" in the unzoned county.

"We're the planning commission," Midkiff said. "Planning means that we plan. We don't say, oh, this isn't happening. If you want us to plan we have to have the underpinning on proper planning which is zoning. Lincoln County has got to decide whether it's going to be something."

Underscoring some of the issues with trailer parks, Temple said commercial ventures must have water rights.

"I wouldn't be surprised if that was just a permit pulled in Santa Fe for a domestic well," Temple



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

The chair of the Lincoln County Planning Commission, Fred Hansen, listens to commissioner comments on possible revisions to the county's comprehensive plan.

said of a recent trailer park alluded to by Midkiff. "And now there's giving it to eight or 10 trailers in a trailer park. But the state doesn't come in and check that."

Asked if he should deal with such cases, Temple said the county is without an ordinance to address that type of issue.

"Right now the county really has no control over what happens," van Gulick said. "Maybe adding it to you letter (that will go to the county commission) or doing something where we actually formally make it known that we support at least starting with building permits. Encourage the county commission to really seriously look at that as a way to have some say on what's going on."

Another recent issue that the county is unable to deal with is a number of small, nightly rental cabins for that sprung up in an area of single family homes.

"I don't know what well permit they have for all these units in there," Temple said. "There's some major issues. We've talked to the attorney and there's just nothing we can do."

In a draft letter that would go to the Lincoln County Commission once the comprehensive plan change recommendations are finalized, Planning Commission Chair Fred Hansen suggested additionally the county commission, county manager and his staff, and the Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee should next look at revising the existing plan. Written comments from the public should be sought and considered.

"The plan when it was

plan from zero with public input."

Van Gulick said he had no idea if the county board was considering zoning.

"And that idea has not been popular in the past," Hansen noted of zoning. "But certainly some of those things in the comprehensive plan, if they're going to move on those, they need to think that way and/or they need to take them out of the comprehensive plan."

Planner Caroline McCoy said the panel's role is just to make recommendations, not to say yes or no to public input.

"My thought is that it's up to the county commissioners to decide whether there's going to be public input," McCoy said.

Hansen said he would consider the comments before finalizing the letter.

The county's first comprehensive plan was assembled following a number of meetings and public input. The plan includes information about existing and future populations and economic growth and is used to help guide how a county or a municipality will develop and look over the next 20 to 30 years.

It covers topics such as land use, housing, transportation, water supply and use, natural resources, and economic development. It is reviewed periodically and updated in response to changing conditions.

done in 2007 involved a lot of public input," Hansen said. "And I think that was included at the time, I don't feel, and this is just me personally and it will be up to the board of county commissioners what they want to do, but I really don't know that other than making it known that revisions are being made, I don't see the need for a lot of public input."

But van Gulick disagreed.

"At some point it really does actually have to go through the whole process with public input," van Gulick said. "If the county commissioners really want to do something new, like if they do decide they want to move forward with county-wide zoning, then I think that would warrant actually a complete revision of the

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# 'New' planning board discusses range of issues

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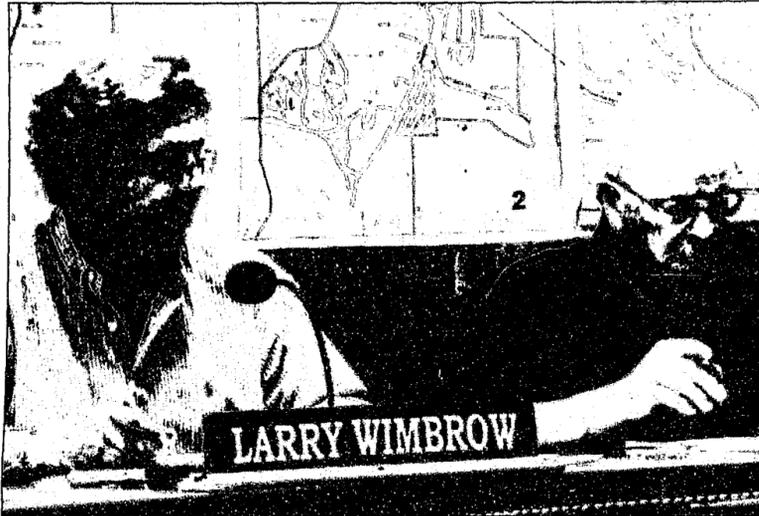
With no requests for zoning, variances, conditional uses or project approvals on the agenda for action Tuesday, the first meeting turned out to be pretty tame for Chris Row, the newest member of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

Owner of CR's Plumbing, Row is the only tradesman on the board, although two other members of the seven-person commission are contractors.

Larry Wimbrow, owner of two local businesses, was elected as chairman for one year and Art Hinz as vice chairman.

"I don't mind doing the first year or maybe two, but then we ought to switch," Wimbrow said. "I don't want to see the same person in this chair for 15 years." He was vice-chairman and took over when Beth Hood, the chairman, resigned from the board in March.

Members asked Acting Planning Director Bob Decker to invite the two code enforcement officers for the village to attend their meeting May 17, to find out what areas of the municipal code needs clarification for better enforcement and what types of violations they encounter most frequently. One area might be the village's sign ordinance. Decker said the changes to the outdoor sales section resulted from



After the dust settled, Planning & Zoning Commissioner Larry Wimbrow, top left, was named chairman of that board; Art Hinz, top right, is the new vice-chairman; and Chris Row, right, is the newest board member.

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code enforcement officials asking for guidance on what the previous rule meant and how it should be enforced.

Members also said they need some time to go through the village's Comprehensive Plan to pinpoint areas on which the commission can focus its attention for needed changes or to meet assigned deadlines to create regulations and proposed ordinances to carry out the directives of the plan.

Wimbrow said former deputy village manager Bill Morris pulled out everything associated with the planning and zoning commission that needed

attention, which was helpful. He asked Building Official Shawn Fort to try to locate that information or duplicate it.

Decker said much of the past attention zeroed in on Midtown as the economic engine of the village, which produced some changes to the rules for outdoor sales and mobilized Midtown merchants to ask village councilors to install speed tables and other improvements to assure the safety of and encourage pedestrian traffic.

Midtown is the historic tourist shopping core of the village and runs for about three to five blocks along Sudderth Drive, based on

speed limit through Midtown may have to be extended, and village officials would like to expand a 30 mph limit from where it stops now on Mechem by the Can't Stop Smokin' restaurant up to the intersection with Porr Street, instead of jumping to 40 mph. The speed limit would increase to 35 mph north to Farley's Restaurant.

"We asked for that to improve safety, but they may say the limits are fine as they are," Decker said.

While Kurtz was in Ruidoso looking at the proposed placement of two speed tables to slow traffic in Midtown, he was asked to consider dropping from four lanes of traffic to three with a center turn lane. Delivery trucks would park in the middle instead of blocking one lane of traffic, Decker said. Conflicts of the vehicle traffic flow with people who park their cars along the street and then open their doors also would be diminished, he said.

The state DOT plans to slurry seal Mechem with some maintenance money left in the budget as the fiscal year prepares to wind down June 30, he said.

Commissioner Mark Flack asked if business owners along Sudderth in Midtown have a proprietary interest in parking spaces. Decker said the stores have no involvement in the spaces and cannot reserve them or limit their use.

"A 1985 traffic study says we need hundreds of additional parking spaces

and we've actually shrunk the number," Decker said. "Councilors have talked about a possible parking garage, but that would be expensive."

Some spaces were gained when an old fire station was torn down on Rio Street and Eagle Drive, he said.

Hinz said the CP calls for a pedestrian-friendly Midtown and with the speed tables and other improvements being pushed there by merchants, that element of the plan seems to be covered.

Decker said the state is scheduled to improve sidewalks from the Paradise Canyon intersection to Country Club Drive and the village street department plans to tackle Midtown sidewalks, but that may not occur until some additional money is allocated in 2013.

Row asked about the installation of a replacement bridge on Eagle Drive. A box culvert is being used temporarily after a July 2008 flood on the Rio Ruidoso wiped out the bridge. Decker said the parts are being fabricated and FNF Construction will set up the sections in one day. "They will hold off until after Memorial Day, then get the bridge in and work on the channel. The site preparation takes two weeks to pour the concrete footers and allow them to cure," he said. The contractor has 90 days total to finish. It will be a wider bridge with shoulder area, not necessary with a marked pedestrian walkway."



varying definitions.

Decker said an e-mail was sent that day to Bob Kurtz, an engineer with the District 2 office of the New Mexico Department of Transportation, asking him to reevaluate speed limits on Sudderth and Mechem Drive, which constitute NM Highway 48 as it heads west and north through the village.

The 25 miles-per-hour

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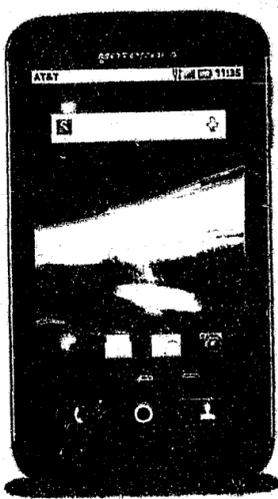
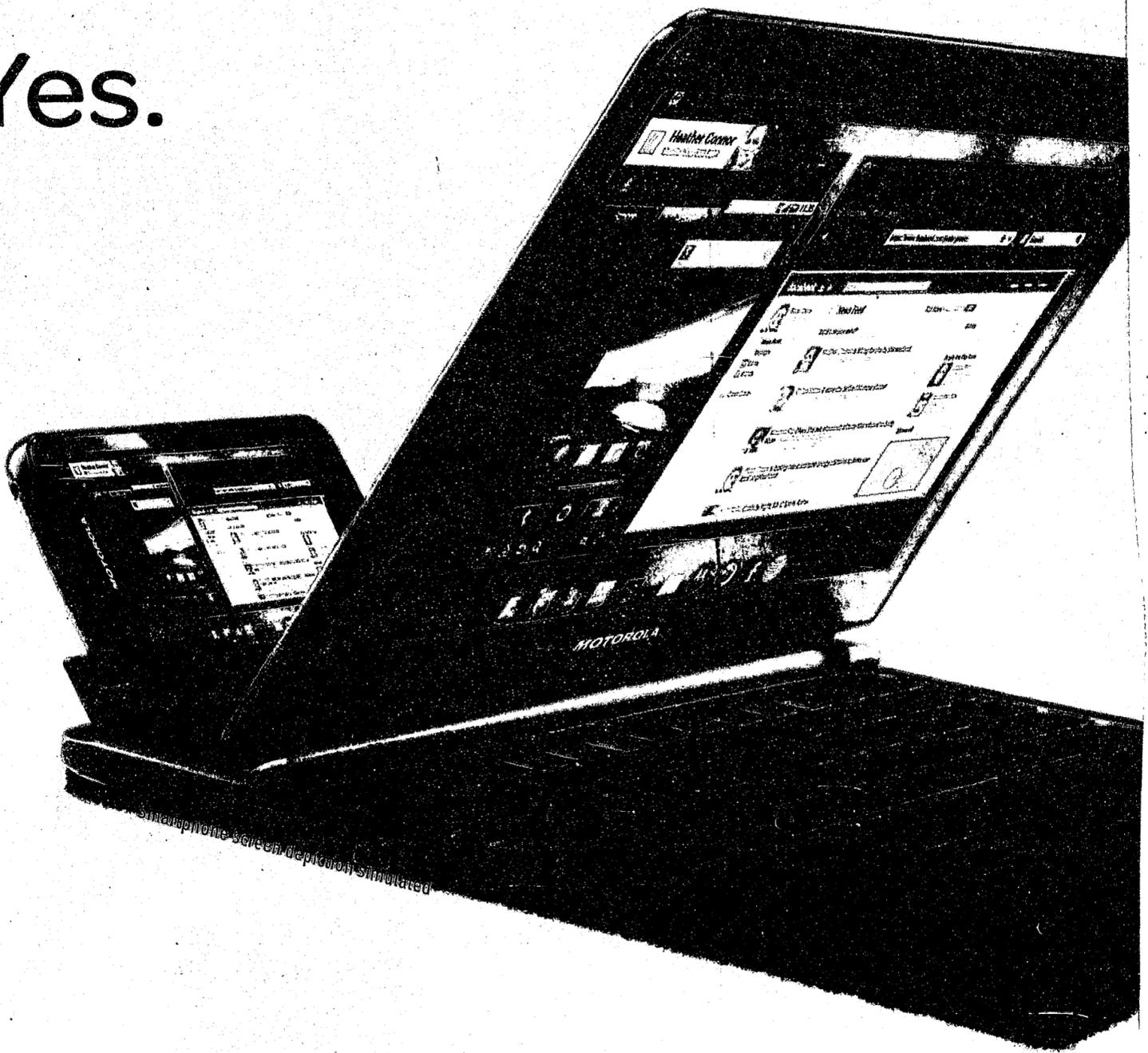
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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## Fitness Challenge winners announced

The Lincoln County Community Health Council (LCCHC) wrapped up its seven week "Fitness Challenge" in March and recently announced the winners.

The first place winners were the F.R.I.E.N.D.S. team made up of Debbie Jo Almager, Patti Montes, Victor Montes, Jeannette Ortega and Angie Romero.

Second place was the Muffin Tops, which included Maggie Quintana,

Valerie Armpriest, Patricia Avila, Patricia O'Hara and Sharon Hodges from Otero County.

Third place included Shannon Dictson, Polly Salazar, Genevieve Botella, Ericka Martinez-Waters and Kathy Saenz, who called themselves High Attitude.

The individual first place winner was Patience Besancon followed closely by second place winner Kathy Arrington.

This was the third year the Fitness Challenge has been offered to motivate Lincoln County and Mesalero residents to make healthy choices such as eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables, engaging in less than two hours of recreational screen time, getting one hour of fitness, zero sugary drinks and almost no alcohol or tobacco (5,2,1,0, almost none).

Members of the LCCHC

report many successes throughout the years including participants who have lost up to 20 pounds, quit smoking and many that begin to be conscientious about health choices they make daily.

In addition to the challenge of making healthier choices, contestants are given bonus points for participating in free and low cost opportunities to participate in healthier living such as workshops on

healthy cooking, Zumba Fitness, recreating as a family, and others.

Thanks to entities such as the RAC, Common Ground, the Youth Warehouse, and others, who help with these opportunities which create more competition and benefits to the Challenge participants.

This year's Challenge also motivated Mesalero Schools to host their own challenge for staff which is centered on similar con-

cepts of making healthy choices and receiving bonus points for participating in fitness activity.

The LCCHC congratulated all of the Fitness Challenge winners and participants and encourage those in the community that are working towards achieving goals that promote a healthier lifestyle.

- Submitted by the Lincoln County Health Council

## Nine eleven to five one: the birth of the flash mob

May looks to be an interesting month. Waking up to snowflakes on May 1st was my first clue. No swinging around the maypole for Ruidoso - get out your gloves and earmuffs!

Then, still feeling very patriotic after the music, speeches, fly overs, and festivities of Military Appreciation Weekend, we got the news of Bin Laden's death. It was painful to relive the falling of the Twin Towers and the loss of lives, but at last we could revel in a sense of justice being served.

Who didn't smile watching New Yorkers shout "U S A!"? It was the answer to that day almost ten years ago when we watched in horror as their lives were torn apart. After watching the subway riders break into a spontaneous chorus of the "Star Spangled Banner," I hummed it with and for them all day long.

Thinking about those subway singers, I was forming an impression

in my mind of the flash mob phenomenon, when I heard a newscaster say that as a result of Bin Laden's death, American's are no longer under the gray cloud that's been hanging over us for almost ten years. What? No.

That's not my America. We do not huddle under gray clouds, or any color clouds for that matter. We are pro-active, we are rebellious, we are united. We may sit isolated at our computers, ear buds snug in our heads, but our fingers are twitching on the cell phone holster, and we are ready at a moment's notice to flash mob.

I'm so intrigued by this phenomenon that I had to do a little quick research. Well, sure enough, the first official flash mob took place in

New York in 2003.

What is a flash mob? It's a seemingly spontaneous group performance in a public place. One unassuming mall shopper stands up in the food court and starts singing Handel's Messiah. One by one, others stand and join in - perfect harmony, perfect dynamics. It's obvious to non-participants that this is no accident.

A lone dancer walks to the middle of a crowded

railway station; Kool and the Gang's "Get Down on It" blasts over the sound system, and she starts to dance. Then another'n joins in, and another'n and another'n, until there are hundreds of dancers - perfect choreography, perfect sync. No accident.

In Grand Central Station, on cue, hundreds of people freeze at the same moment. Some kneeling to tie their shoes, some with coffee cups pressed to their lips, some mid-word mid-gesture, moms in mid-scold while children look up mid-cry. The uninformed wander through the human statues, mid-Twilight Zone.

The lure of the flash mob? For all our independence and spontaneity, we are social creatures. We have a deep and enduring need to come together, to bond, to demonstrate our unity. Each on different rafts, we ride the same stream.

Even those who are not part of a flash mob performance cannot help but be enthralled by it. I felt it watching those New York subway riders singing our national anthem. I wanted to be there, I wanted to add my voice to the tribute.

Almost ten years ago, a national disaster drew us together like magnets. Remember the yellow ribbons on trees, fences, doors, cars, buildings? We flash ribboned the entire country.

And a few days ago, the death of an enemy drew us together again. It's in our nature to flash unite, whether it's rehearsed or not. We unite to rebel, we unite to grieve, we unite celebrate.

God Bless this United America. Long may she flash.



Anne Wilson Twite

## Electronic medical records added at County clinics

**"The implementation of EMR represents our commitment to improving services to our patients throughout Lincoln County."**

Al Santos

Computerized medical record keeping will be added to the six medical clinics in Lincoln County that are operated by Presbyterian Medical Group, which also runs the Lincoln County Medical Center.

The use of electronic medical records, or EMR, is growing in hospital or doctor's office settings.

Electronic medical records are usually part of a local stand-alone health information system that allows storage, retrieval and modification of records.

Hospital Administrator Al Santos said the system was a significant event as LCMC and Presbyterian reinvest in improving the health of those patients and communities served.

"The implementation of EMR represents our commitment to improving services to our patients throughout Lincoln County," Santos said. "This system will improve the tracking of wellness and preventative encounters, as well as better monitor chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure."

Santos added that the comprehensive system will open a dialogue between the providers and patients so the patients can better manage their health.

Practice Administrator Terry Riehl agreed that the recordkeeping upgrade is a major investment for a rural community hospital.

"Electronic medical record systems are quite rare in rural communities," Riehl said. "This implementation represents quite an investment and specifically, this new EMR system will allow providers to spend more time on

improving an individual's overall health compared to responding to an individual's acute care issues."

Riehl said this new EMR system incorporates the latest technology through the use of hard-wired computer monitors and keyboards with a customized, comprehensive software program.

Training on the new system is expected to begin May 17 and all clinics will start using the computerized equipment on May 25.

Riehl encourages patients to allow extra time during the implementation and deployment of the EMR system.

"The EMR system is new to us. It is very detailed and to ensure that our providers and staff input quality information, we are going to spend more time with every patient to verify everything we're doing," said Riehl. "We are asking for everyone's patience and understanding. While the typical visit may be 15-30 minutes, I would expect initial visits to be between 30 to 45 minutes from registration to walking out the door."

She added that a temporary provider will be added in Ruidoso from mid-May through mid-June to ensure patients are seen in a timely manner.

Santos said the hospital board had set a vision of modernizing technology.

"This EMR system allows us to improve the individual and collective health of Lincoln County. It is another example of our commitment and reinvestment for the benefit of Lincoln County residents," said Santos.

"It is our intention to ensure a seamless implementation however, should any patient disruptions occur, we'll be sure to make every accommodation possible," he said.

- Submitted by Brad Treptow, Presbyterian Medical Group.

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### Stuffed Campari Tomatoes

- 6 Campari tomatoes/cooked, cut in half horizontally and deseeded
- 1 small shallot, minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tsps. unsalted butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp. parsley, chopped
- 1/2 cup seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/8 tsp. pepper

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 400°F. Set Campari tomatoes aside to drain on paper towels 15 minutes. Combine remaining ingredients, except pepper, in a bowl. Stuff each tomato half with breadcrumb cheese mixture. Sprinkle with pepper and bake 10 minutes. Turn on broiler. Broil tomatoes for one minute until lightly browned.



### Anne K. Flaherty

A memorial service for Anne K. Flaherty, 62, will be held at Sierra Vista Primary School on Thursday, May 12 at 3:30. The service will include a tree-planting in memory of Anne who passed away on April 12, 2011.

# 'Brutal' \$27 M county budget is in the black

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As Lincoln County commissioners launched their first Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget session Tuesday, County Manager Tom Stewart delivered the good news that the proposed \$27.1 million budget does not spend more money than available revenue.

But he warned commissioners that every request they approve from external agencies would reduce the projected \$266,031 cushion between expenses and revenue in the general fund.

Stewart didn't need to remind them, as the two newest commissioners showed their budget conservatism by asking for more information on many of the requests. As representative after representative of the 21 external agencies asking for more than \$350,000 trudged to the podium to pitch their requests, commissioners drilled them, but were non-committal until the end of the meeting, when they took a machete to the financial weeds.

"We keep telling Washington, D.C., not to send anything, but yet we are unwilling to cut," said Kathryn Minter, who took office in January. She prefers starting a budget at zero and building back up. "I'm going to be pretty brutal," she warned, saying the economy is in "dire straits," and offering to help any of the entities eliminated from the county budget in their fund raisers.

"But I don't think gov-

ernment is the answer," she said. "A group with a good idea forms and after three years comes here for money," that more rightly should come from the community, civic groups and churches, she said.

In a summary of commission action Tuesday release by Stewart Thursday, he noted that out of \$354,581.46 in requests, the commissioners funded \$237,813.38 and cut \$116,768.08. Subtracting \$31,363 already in the budget for Predator Control, the net new expense totaled \$206,455.38, plus \$40,000 for a master plan covering new property purchased for the county fairgrounds and Road Department in Capitan, leaving a balanced budget with \$19,575.62 in revenue over expenses and not dipping into the county's reserves.

"I am one pleased manager," Stewart said in a telephone interview. "This is the first time in the 13 years I've been doing this that we have a balanced budget, expenses do not exceed revenue and we're not borrowing from reserves. I talked to my staff and they don't think this ever happened in history of county."

"A lot of it has to do with fact we kept routine expenses pretty level and at the same time, the total value for the county has been going up steadily. I have to admit the \$90,000 from business retention gross receipts tax is in there and it will be up to commissioners what to do with it in future. They

made some downright courageous decisions. I tried to capture that in the letter that went out to the entities, that they looked at efficiencies and the role of county government. They're not going to make a lot of people happy."

As commissioners went down the list, they weighed carefully the role of government and Minter repeatedly said she'd help them fund raise, Stewart said. "But you can't always go to the government," he said. "I am extraordinarily please with the way the budget is developing."

"The county is in great shape. I'm extremely proud of our commissioners. They did a great job. They will receive a lot of heat, but they are looking out for the taxpayers' dollar, for sure."

Out of \$10,984,481 in the general fund forecast to be received, \$6,504,515 covers the expenses of general fund departments, \$1,876,609 supplements the Road Department, \$41,448 goes to agreements, the senior citizens centers need \$134,637 boost, \$120,000 is required for juvenile detention-related operations and \$2,286,672 goes to the county detention center in Carrizozo.

Property taxes will bring in \$5.62 million, up from \$5.48 million this year. Stewart said the Payment in Lieu of Taxes check from the federal government is estimated at \$1,437,375, money designed to compensate counties for federal land within their borders that are not subject to prop-

erty taxes. In some cases, commissioners tagged approval of external agency requests to the PILT check coming in at the projected level.

Commissioners followed the manager's recommendation to levy 2.6 mills of a 3 mill voter approved property tax for the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso and the rural health clinics. The manager recommended 2 mills for the hospital and 0.6 of a mill for the clinics, the same as the current year.

"This would keep the taxes level from 2010-2011," he wrote in a budget memorandum. The voter-approved tax would bring

in \$180,000 for the clinics and \$4,250,000 for the hospital. One mill equates to \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value.

Minter proposed approval of the health care budgets for use of the mill levy submitted by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, which leases and manages the county hospital, contingent on Presbyterian giving a breakdown of the budgets for each of the rural health clinics, as La Casa de Buena Salud did for the clinic it runs for the community in Hondo. Minter said two of the clinics are operating in the red despite the mill levy this year. She received no backing from other commissioners.

Instead, on a motion from Commissioner Jackie Powell, commissioners approved the budgets for expenditure of the mill levy proceeds and Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo asked Stewart to see if he could secure the breakdown Minter requested. "It won't hurt," she said. Doth said he found the information submitted by the hospital administrator confusing and he would prefer a spreadsheet similar to the La Casa summary.

Powell recognized the county financial team for producing a balanced budget. Sedillo said Lincoln County is one of few in New Mexico, "everyone looks up to, thanks to our staff."

## Agencies feel the knife

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Facing four Lincoln County commissioners with cutting on their minds, presenters for external agencies tried to justify their requests Tuesday, but many walked away with no dollars.

The first to the podium was Pete Gnatkowski with the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, asking for \$63,400.38, the same amount as last year. The request equals one-third of the office budget with the other two-thirds from federal and state sources. The office manages the 4-H program and works with FFA programs in the school, nutrition programs and the feral hog program.

Commissioner Mark Doth, also seated in January, said the request "is a lot of money," and he would like to see for the record more of a breakdown of how many people are served and how.

Gnatkowski said his office responds to varying requests from help with dying trees to hydrology and soil questions, calling on university resources, if needed.

Kathleen Hellman-Phillips told Doth the office staff use their own cars and spend many personal hours helping the people of the county.

"They really should be a part of your regular budget," she said. "They really shouldn't have to beg, hat in hand. They are trying to help people in this tough economic time, who are trying to grow gardens, keep chickens and pigs just to have food to keep going."

At the end of the meeting, Commissioner Jackie Powell offered a motion to approve the extension's request, second by Chairman Eileen Sedillo, who added that she, too, would like the service placed in a category where they don't

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have to come back each year to request.

The motion passed, 4-0, with Commissioner Tom Battin absent.

County Manager Tom Stewart clarified for Commissioner Kathryn Minter that the service is not a non-profit and could be handled the same way as Predator Control, which is partially funded by fees from ranchers and from the Taylor Grazing Act.

Minter asked if the extension office could expand its role, which might allow other services to be eliminated, such as Noxious Weed Control. That agency asked for and received \$50,000 although Minter said if the public could be educated, they could manage their own eradication projects, as several already are doing. Powell said most of the work is on a cost-share basis, not free, and weeds are attacked under a regional approach. Doth abstained, because he occasionally does some work for the group.

He also abstained from approval of \$7,000 for the Southcentral Mountain Resource Conservation and Development District toward the salary of the rural community forester.

"What did we do 30 years ago for noxious weeds?" Minter asked. "The government is growing and growing. What if we didn't have the money, would we live without it?"

Big Brother Big Sister did not fare as well and was allocated no money. The group requested \$7,500, up

from \$3,600 last year. Steve Duffy, the new county director, said the demand has increased. Lincoln County now boasts the highest number of matches of mentors and children in the region at 44, but they would like to increase the number to 66. The cost of each match is about \$1,200 compared to the region average of \$1,500, he said.

Other groups that left empty handed were the Sacramento Village, a volunteer nonprofit formed to help keep seniors in their home that asked for \$2,300, the Lincoln County Community Health Council that asked for \$8,000; the Community Youth Warehouse that requested \$10,000; and the Lincoln County Transit that asked for a \$28,874 match; the White Mountain Search and Rescue for \$3,394; Partners for Animal Welfare for \$13,000; Miracle PAWs for \$5,000; and the Lincoln County Food Bank that requested \$10,000.

Before the vote to cut the food bank, Sedillo explained how the Carrizozo Food Bank works.

"We have five churches and businesses in Carrizozo that fund the food bank," she said. Begun in 2008, it serves several outlying communities and part of Capitan, as well as Carrizozo. A grant helps with freezers and repairs to the building.

The program serves about 400 families a month, three times a month, with no limit on the number of times a person can come. "I think it works here, because we're small and we know everyone," Sedillo said. "We know if they need the help. If I

came in one month, they would know if something major has happened in my life." Another income based commodities program comes once a month.

Minter listed several groups in the county that also give out food and do not ask the county for help.

Commissioners approved funding for the Humane Society of Lincoln County for \$30,000 as requested, down \$5,000 from last year. "I think we are obligated, because that is the only place we have to take animals," Powell said.

Commissioners also funded \$6,000 for membership in the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District. They funded the public library in Corona for \$3,000, down from a \$7,500 request, and in Capitan for \$3,000, down from \$12,000. They cut the Ruidoso Public library request for \$25,000 down to \$15,000. Doth voted against the Ruidoso library motion, which passed 3-1.

The county Juvenile Justice Board fared better, receiving the full \$8,000 requested, up from \$4,000 last year.

Earlier in the meeting, Minter said the group is doing a terrific job and the program's performance speaks for itself. Founded in July 2004, the board's primary purpose is to identify juvenile programs aimed at first-time offenders, and since it began, the county has seen a significant reduction in incarceration costs from \$195,000 a year down to \$100,000, a representative said. The number of district court cases dropped from 96 to 22, "Because we're diverting them to these pro-

grams," he said.

"We're not coddling, but our average recurrence rate is less than 5 percent, compared to (the state Department of Children, Youth and Families), which is (more than 30 percent)."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Predator Control program was supported with \$31,363, a match for a rancher-paid livestock per-head tax and grazing fees for a total of program of \$88,500.

A request for \$25,000 from EcoServants was cut to \$20,000, the same as last year.

"This is another of those good ideas, all worthy, that started and he's getting a heck of a lot of money," Minter said. "He says he brings \$400,000 back to the county, but that's federal money and tax dollars. That's why I will vote against it."

Doth said, "I was probably more apt to do it this year, because I think the fire danger is huge and we will need all hands on deck and this guy already is in place in Lincoln County and ready to go. I will admit it looks like a lot of money from other sources and I may not vote for it next year, but we are a small population and have a huge amount of land we must be stewards for." The motion to approved passed 3-1 with Minter against.

Commissioners approved \$1,050 for the New Mexico Bookmobile and \$40,000 for the fairgrounds/road department master plan.

Stewart said he will remove a \$90,000 request for money from the business retention GRT submitted by Eastern New Mexico University.

# 'One of us' chronicled

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Migrant Mexican workers swore he was a saint. The Mescalero Apache claimed him as "one of us," and his comrades in combat considered him "a man's man."

Drawing on archival records, letters and memoirs, as well as interviews with Franciscan friars, members of the Mescalero Tribe, friends, family and fellow soldiers, author Dorothy Cave chronicles the career of Father Albert Braun, the Franciscan priest responsible for the construction of the landmark St. Joseph Apache Mission in Mescalero during the Great Depression.

The author of *God's Warrior: Father Albert Braun, the Last of the Frontier Priests*, is scheduled for a book signing at 2 p.m., May 28, at the mission on the south side of U.S. 70, 626 Mission Trail. The event was arranged by the St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Committee, co-chaired by Mary Serna.

Information from the book jacket states that a superior in his order castigated him as "just an adventurer," and Braun once said of himself, "I've been in trouble all my life." He despised hypocrisy, bureaucracy and idleness.

"Once denied permission to raze a crumbling adobe church to build a new one, he filled the cracks with blasting powder, reported a mysterious explosion and got his permission," according to the jacket.

"Missionary to the Mescalero Apache, he arrived

in still-frontier New Mexico on the heels of Pancho Villa's raid." As a combat chaplain in both World Wars, he was highly decorated for valor in battle. Between wars, he hunted and camped with the Apache and preached by firelight. Captured on Corregidor during World War II, he spent three and a half years as a Japanese Prisoner of War, and adeptly stole food for his starving men. After the war, as chaplain for the top-secret Operation Sandstone on Eniwetok atoll, he was party to the birth of the hydrogen bomb.

He took on the cause of migrant Mexican workers when transferred to Phoenix, where he was appalled by the spiritual neglect and physical squalor. He secured electricity, sewage disposal and running water for thousands in the slums of south Phoenix.

He built Sacred Heart Church, three chapels and an elementary school, recruited a staff and drove the school bus. He built parishioners' lives "into the church and created a strong community."

Suffering from cancer and the loss of a leg, he was confined to a nursing home but continued to move through south Phoenix in his wheelchair taking census, enrolling children for catechism classes and urging their parents to get out and vote. He said Mass from his wheelchair five days before his death.

Cave depicts an extraordinary man who changed thousands of lives through, his deep faith, his wry sense of humor, his firm commitment and tenacity.

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## Food, shelter grant may be on the way

Lincoln County may receive a grant under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply before the May 31 deadline. In 2010, the Lincoln County Emergency Food & Shelter Board distributed \$7,833 in food and shelter funds through Christian Services of Lincoln County, Inc., located at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso.

Christian Services provided 6,264 meals with the funding.

A national board will

select recipients and is chaired by FEMA, consisting of representatives of the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, the Salvation Army, United Jewish Communities and United Way of America.

A local board of interested persons will be responsible for recommending agencies to receive the funds. The local board is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high need areas around the country. The funds are to be distributed

among emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations.

Under the terms of the grant, local agencies chosen to receive funds must be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; have an accounting system; practice nondiscrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs' and if they are a private voluntary organization, must have a voluntary board.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for program funds should contact Robert Orr at 575-257-4773.

-Dianne Stallings

## Building activity in village remains steady

Permits to construct six new homes were issued by the Ruidoso Building Department during the month of April, as activity remained "steady" from the previous month.

Building Official Shawn Fort told members of the Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday, "We're staying busy. It was pretty close to last month, and May started out pretty good."

"We're comparable to a year ago, but if you com-

pared us to four or five years ago, we're a lot lower.

"I expect it to pick up a little more."

Based on the compilation supplied by Fort, 118 permits were issued in April for a total valuation of \$2,291,374 and fees of \$24,281.76. Those figures compare to 126 permits in March for a valuation of \$2.3 million and fees of \$26,887.

Both months posted significantly higher totals than February.

In April, 66 permits were pulled for building construction with six new homes ranging from \$192,937 to \$329,422 in value. Twenty-eight permits were issued for electrical work, one for demolition, 25 for plumbing and one for site development.

Several residential and commercial reroofing permits, as well as deck construction work helped pump up the value total for the month.

-Dianne Stallings

## Tales from the Front: Couponers Share

# Success Stories

By Jill Cataldo

### CTW Features

I love sharing coupon tips I receive from readers. Here are some more stories about saving in the grocery aisles.

#### On combining deals:

"I had to share my great story of getting gourmet frozen pizzas at a bargain! I remembered a column you wrote about a frozen food deal at your store and combining that with another sale. My store had a similar sale, offering \$5 off instantly if you bought \$15 worth of frozen pizzas. The pizzas were on sale for \$5. I bought three and got \$5 off, saving \$10. I used a dollar coupon on each, which brought the price to \$7 for three. Then I was surprised to see three \$1.25 Catalina coupons print out at the register, one for each pizza! I went back to do it again and noticed the tags about the Catalina sale. Getting \$3.75 back brought the cost of my three pizzas to just \$3.25. The funniest thing was the store's brand of pizza was on sale for \$2 each and here I got the gourmet kind for about \$1.08 each. This is fun!"

"One week there was a \$3 coupon for fabric softener sheets in the newspaper. I knew this was a good coupon because the product is usually \$3.99. Then the store had a special offering a \$3 Catalina coupon at checkout if you bought two boxes. I had two \$3 coupons and I was glad I waited to use them. I paid \$1.98 for two boxes of the fabric softener sheets and got a

### Super-Couponing Tips

with

Jill Cataldo



\$3 Catalina for my next trip. So really, I made \$1.02 on the deal and got paid to take home free fabric softener sheets! Before I use any coupons I try to see if there are other deals running that will make it the best time to use them."

#### On acquiring more coupons:

"I have learned that the more coupons you have, the more you can stock up, because you have two or three or more of the same coupon. I now get two copies of our paper delivered every week. That way, when a good sale comes, I have two of the same coupon instead of one. Sometimes I go buy more papers when the coupons are really good."

"You can usually print two of the same coupon from each computer, even if they share the same printer or Internet connection. On my lunch hour at work, my boss lets us print coupons from the office computers, too, so I am able to really stock up. Using eight \$1 coupons I printed, I got eight boxes of spaghetti free when it was on sale for \$1."

"Our community has a free Spanish newspaper that has coupon inserts. I have learned to look for it when it comes out and

pick up a few from the newspaper box."

"I like to print coupons at the library. Our library gives us 25 free printouts from its printers each month. It's a great way to get more free coupons while I'm waiting for my kids to pick out books."

"Ask your library what they do with the coupons that come in the newspapers they get, because the library gets several different newspapers. Some libraries will set up a coupon trading spot or just give them to you if you ask."

#### On saving big:

"It has been a year since we started Super-Couponing with your methods. I am proud to share that we saved more than \$4,700 last year with coupons. I'm floored, floored, floored. Everyone should be doing this. My husband knew we were doing really well because we had more money in the checking account each month but I am just amazed. Now that I know what I'm doing my goal is to save \$5,000 next year."

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# Councilor pleased to see condemned house demolished

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A Ruidoso Village Councilor told planning and zoning commissioners Tuesday that she was pleased to see a quick response to a request for a dilapidated house to be condemned and demolished.

Gloria Sayers was walking house-to-house in adjoining neighborhoods during the February sub-zero freeze that damaged pipes in many homes and causes massive losses from the village water storage tanks.

She noticed a house that was in such bad shape, she thought it should be condemned for safety reasons and she mentioned it during a council meeting.

A condemned sign went up later and a few weeks

ago she went past the lot and the house was gone.

"What does the public need to do for a house in that condition in their neighborhoods?" she asked.

Building Official Shawn Fort said they should notify his department and he will check out the structure and determine if condemnation is warranted.

"That was (ready to be condemned)," he said. After he determined its condition, a certified letter was sent to the owner about the violation.

"We hit (an owner) who was compliant and agreed to demolish the house," Fort said. "If not, the procedure is to go through the council and if the owner doesn't have the money to do it, the village will have it demolished at the expense of the property owner and



Sayers: "The lot looks good and the neighbors are happy."

we file a lien against the property. Potentially, we could end up owning it."

In this case, the house sat empty for many years and became dilapidated, but the owner continued to pay the water bills.

"The lot looks good and the neighbors are happy," Sayers said.

Commissioner John Cornelius said the village used to have a committee that handled condemna-

tions, but Fort said he handles all of them now and has two more cases he's working on that look like they will be brought before the council.

Decker said another way to gain compliance is through the village fire code.

Cornelius said the village must act on a lien within one year, but Acting Planning Director Bob Decker said liens can be

renewed or the village could pursue foreclosure.

"If you never foreclose on one, you're not very scary," Cornelius said.

Decker said the process is expensive and involves attorneys.

"If you foreclose, it goes to auction," Cornelius replied. "You don't have to worry about selling it."

Improving the appearance of the community is part of the Comprehensive Plan, Decker noted.

"It's a safety issue too," Sayers added.

In action during their last meeting in April, commissioners:

- approved a 5.3-foot variance request from a 10-foot requirement on the south side lot line of Lot 23, Block 32 of Ponderosa Heights Subdivision, Unit

V, requested by Buck Ritts with agent Juan Olvera of VIVCI Builders. The lot contains 0.18 of an acre and is zoned M1 for low-density mobile home district, but is being used as a single family residence. The variance allows construction of a 10-foot by 10.9-foot addition and a 10-foot by 7.9-foot deck extension.

- approved a preliminary and final plat for Lot 1, Block 3, Camelot Mountain Tracts requested by Wendy Nine, with agent Eagle Land Surveying. The lot contains 5.032 acres and is zoned R-3, multi-family residential. The applicant will subdivide the lot into five separate lots to reduce the potential development from 70 units to five units. The parcels to the north are zoned R-1, single family residential.

## BTK tintype treasured

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With a rare tintype of infamous Billy the Kid set to be sold at auction in June, Lincoln County Commissioner Mark Doth asked for ideas about how the historical artifact could be reclaimed by the county.

"I just found out the Billy the Kid tintype is to be auctioned," he said during the April commission meeting. "Is there any way we can keep this in Lincoln County?"

The estimated sale price is between \$300,000 to \$400,000, he said.

"I think it is of great historical value to keep that here," Doth said.

"It's been on loan from a private family to Historical

Trust, I understand, but I may not have all my facts right."

According to published reports, the 2-inch by 3-inch tintype is believed to have been snapped in late 1879 or early 1880 at a Fort Sumner gambling hall.

One hand resting on a Winchester rifle and the other on a Colt revolver holstered on his opposite hip, William H. Bonney, the Kid's real name, wore a crumpled dark hat, a sweater, a vest and boots.

Often described as the only authenticated image of the young outlaw, the tintype will be auctioned on June 22 at the 22nd annual Old West Show and Auction at the Denver Merchandise Mart.

The Kid was killed in 1881 by Sheriff Pat Garrett, but one of his partners, Dan Dedrick, kept the tintype and passed it to his grand-nephew, Frank Upham, who willed it to his descendants, Stephen Upham of California and Art Upham of Arizona, according to reports.

During the mid-1980s, Frank Upham loaned it to the Lincoln County Heritage Trust Museum in Lincoln.

A historical interpreter at the center said that about 1986, the tintype was sent to the Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester, N.Y., for analysis and returned darker.

It was taken back from the museum by Upham and was stored in a nitrogen-filled envelope in a safe-deposit box. The auction promoter disputes that description and says people can see for themselves its condition during the three-day Western show.

While the tintype is the only known portrait of Billy the Kid, a museum representative said he also appears in the background of a photograph of cowboys at the Chisum Ranch near Roswell and a historian claims portraits of a very young Billy, also known as Henry Antrim and Henry McCarty, exist from when he lived in Silver City.

Analysis also dispelled the idea that the Kid was left-handed, as portrayed by Paul Newman in the 1958 movie *The Left Handed Gun*, and based on the image showing his holster on his left side.

"But a tintype, made with an early form of photography that used metal plates, is a mirror image in which left and right are reversed," according to a newspaper report.

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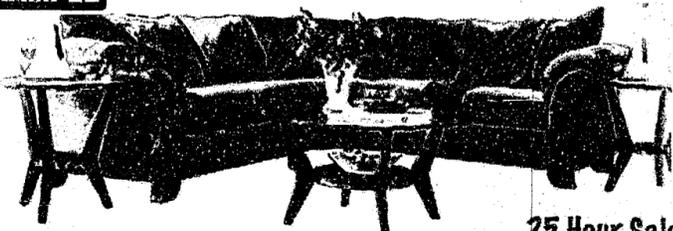
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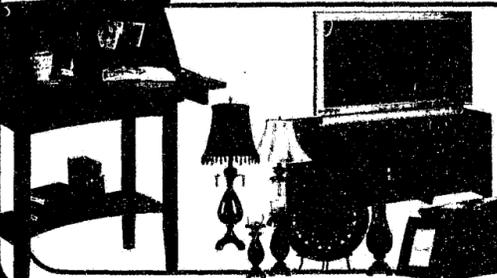


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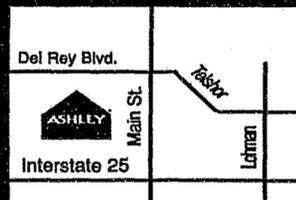
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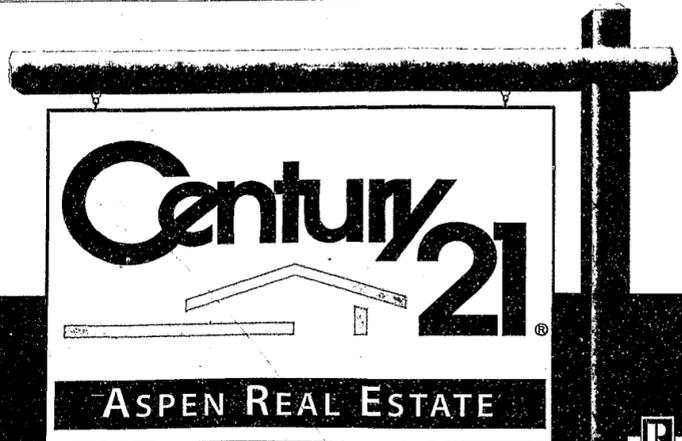


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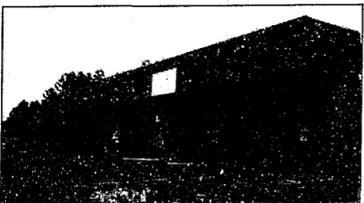
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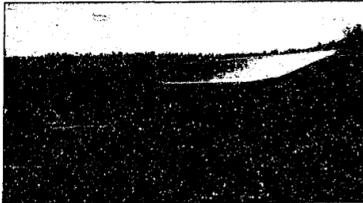
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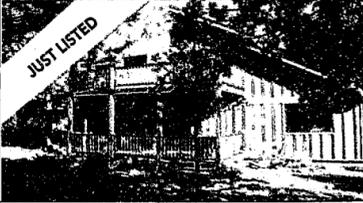
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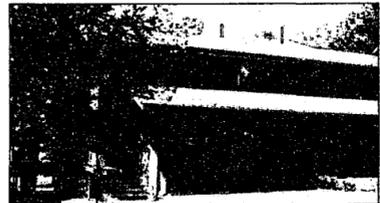
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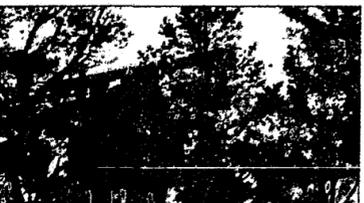
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### Sports On Tap

**Baseball**  
Friday, May 6  
Ruidoso at Raton, TBA, first round of state quarterfinals  
Wednesday, May 11  
State semifinal: Capitan versus McCurdy at UNM field in Albuquerque at 11 a.m.

### On Deck

**Hershey's Track Meet**  
Hershey's Track Meet, 2011, is for all kids between the ages of 9 and 14. Due to increased interest, the event has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 4, at 2 p.m. at the Ruidoso Warrior track on Warrior Drive to run, jump and throw for ribbons, health and a chance to qualify for the State and National Meet. And it's all free. Watch for flyers and posters at school. This is the same date Kids Fishing Day will take place in the morning, which is sponsored by the Village of Ruidoso and the U.S. Forest Service. For more info call you may go online at [www.ruidoso-nm.gov](http://www.ruidoso-nm.gov) or call 257-5030.

**Senior Olympics**  
The Lincoln County Senior Olympics will hold golf qualifiers at Cree Meadows, 1 p.m. on May 14 (\$25 fee). All persons 50 years of age (as of 12/31/11) or older may participate. An entry fee of \$5 is required, which entitles the entrant to enter all events offered. Country participation is required to enter the state meet. For more info or directions call Sandee Jourden at 257-4565, 937-4416 or Bart Young at 257-3193.

**SADSP Tennis Fundraiser**  
The first annual "Raise a Racket" Senior Doubles Tennis tournament will be held June 27-July 1 to benefit the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program (SADSP). The tournament will be for players over 50-years-of-age and will be played at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, Kokopelli Golf, Tennis and Social Club and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation courts. Competition matches will feature women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fee is \$40 per event and all proceeds go to SADSP, which is one of the oldest adaptive ski schools in the country. It depends on fees, grants, donations and fundraisers to operate. The program is in need of a "bi-ski," which enables a non-ambulatory person to sit and experience skiing with the aid of a volunteer. The Raise a Racket tournament hopes to raise \$4,000 to purchase a new and updated bi-ski for next season.

**Capitan Tigers Benefit Golf**  
There will be a Capitan Tiger Golf Team benefit tournament, Sunday, May 15, at the Links at Sierra Blanca at 1 p.m. It will be a four-person scramble with a shotgun start. There will be a \$65 fee, which will cover green fees, cart and range. Prizes will be awarded for first place, long drive and closest to the pin. Fees should be paid at the golf course. To provide player's names (by Saturday, May 14), and for other info, contact Royce Brown at 354-8589 (work); 336-9955 (home) or 937-4686 (cell)

# A performance of perfection

*Capitan pitcher Logan Eshom throws a perfect game and helps to catapult his team to Albuquerque*

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Pitching exemplifies the game of baseball like no other. No matter how good you are it still requires the best efforts of eight other players on the field.

The pitcher's job is basically to put the ball in play on nearly every pitch. It can be a lonely position many times, regardless of the number of athletes on the field at any given time. You throw a change-up on a 1-1 pitch and hope it is popped-up or grounded out as it usually is.

You have to have faith in your teammates to back you up. It takes a special mentality to endure the rigors of pitching.

It's not a position for the feint of heart and less-than-courageous. It requires intelligence. The ability to overcome failure is a necessity.

Capitan's Logan Eshom illustrated most of these

**"If no one looks at me or scouts me for college baseball it'll be OK. I'll be fine."**

Logan Eshom  
Capitan pitcher

traits in Tuesday's 14-0 win over visiting Melrose in the first round of the state playoffs.

The 18-year-old issued no hits; no walks and his team committed no errors in five innings of perfect baseball.

It was a rarity to behold. It was a confidence builder. A bounce like that could lead this 18-3 team on to bigger and better things.

And if you think Eshom's performance was a fluke — think again.

On Aug. 28, he gave up a lone hit as his team pounded Lake Arthur and won District 4-1A.

In Tuesday's Melrose

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MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan's Logan Eshom pitched a perfect game Tuesday and downed visiting Melrose, 14-0.

## Battle of the sexes

"I got a 2.3 GPA."  
"I'm 1.4, got you beat Holmes," the other boy responded between warm up stretches.

I had to chide in. Perhaps it was the Hobbs heat or exhausting tournament play but I could not understand how one teenager was taking pride that he had a lower GPA than his teammate on the Texas team.

They both told me their plan was to play major league baseball. I asked if they had a backup plan. They responded that they didn't need one.

Another interesting factoid came out last week. Among adults 25 and older, 10.6 million U.S. women have master's degrees or higher, compared with 10.5 million men. About 20.1 million women have bachelor's degrees, compared with nearly 18.7 million men.

The stats are in. Women have

overtaken men in academics. What about sports? Women athletes are excelling in myriad sports. A female high school wrestler, Cassy Herkelman, after winning several mixed matches, just went to a state tournament after a boy refused to wrestle her.

It wasn't always that way. Growing up in the 50s Billie Jean Moffit, her father a firefighter and her mother a housewife, was convinced to give up softball where she excelled as a short-stop. Her father wanted her to be more "lady like" and she took to tennis. Billie

Jean married and became King. She went on to win six Wimbledon singles championships and four U.S. Open titles. She was ranked No 1 in the world five years. She defeated some of the all time women's greats such as Navratilova,

Evert and Court.

What followed next stunned the world. She agreed to square off against a man in a tennis match to show that women could do something other than sit at home and raise babies.

The proverbial, "Battle of the Sexes" pitted Billie Jean King against 55 year old, Bobby Riggs, a 1939 Wimbledon champion. In the audacious in-your-face style reminiscent of Muhammad Ali and his bold predictions, Riggs hyped the first battle of the sexes which occurred on Mother's Day in 1973, humiliating and crushing Margaret Court. King felt compelled to face Riggs' and his enormous ego.

The battle unfolded across America in bars, PTA meetings, and sporting events. In my schoolyard, two 11 year old girls challenged Danny Petty and John Frederickson in a game of mixed doubles in handball. Terry Bruner, my neighbor, and a straight "A" student, later named "Best Looking" in high

school put up her enormous collection of baseball cards against my collection of cards. I considered it a suckers bet. I knew Terry could not beat our star athlete, Petty. I also realized that her doubles partner, Norma Moschinski, a tall lumbering girl would be an easy mark for Frederickson.

The "Battle of the Sexes" occurred on September 20, 1973 under the Houston Astrodome. Riggs was wheeled in on a rickshaw pulled by sexy models in tight outfits, "Bobby's Bosom Buddies."

King, then 29, won handily, winning 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in a match called "the drop shot and volley heard around the world."

At school the following Monday morning we were ready. We ran up to the boys. Petty, at least six inches taller than the average kid seemed to be uncharacteristically nervous.

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## Capitan softball girls go 10-0 in district



TOM QUINN/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Alana Willingham prepares to steal second in Capitan's double district win over Mesalero on April 29. The Lady Tigers then beat Lordsburg twice, 7-0, on April 30 to go 10-0 in District 4-1A-2A.



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Tenya Montoya served up five strikeouts in one of the games against Mesalero. Capitan will host Mesilla Valley Saturday.

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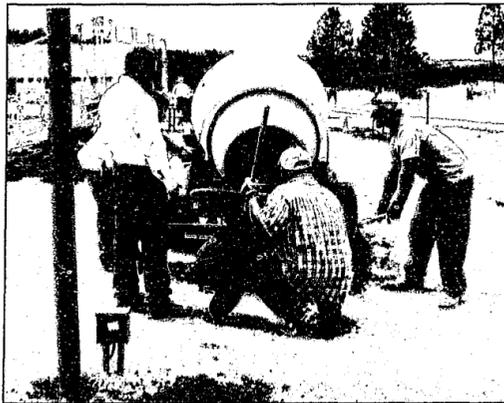
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# RUIDOSO OSOS GATHER FOR TUESDAY OPENER



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Joey Garcia showed consistent strike zone pitches. Come and meet the team from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday at Black Diamond Nutrition, 615 Sudderth, Suite L. Monday, the Osos host the Roswell Invaders.



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The Ruidoso Parks and Recreational maintenance crew installs additional fencing for Tuesday's home opener at 4 p.m.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Osos left-hander Mike McDermitt looked good on the mound.

# Ruidoso Downs training races attract 195 aspiring juveniles

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

Some of the future stars of the upcoming futurity season at Ruidoso Downs are undoubtedly among the 195 2-year-old quarter horses who entered three days of training races to be held on Monday through Wednesday at the moun-

tain track.

These first-ever training races at Ruidoso Downs will be run over 330 yards and each race will have a maximum of six horses. The training races start at 9:30 a.m. daily and there will be 18 minutes between each heat.

There will be 13 training races on Monday, 13 races

on Tuesday and 12 races on Wednesday.

The Paul Jones stable entered 49 hopefuls while the father-son duo of Blane and Trey Wood placed 30 horses in the entry box.

"About all of our youngsters have only been at the ranch (in Tularosa) so this gives them a chance to run down the quarter horse

chute," said Lisa Saumell, who oversees the Jones operation in New Mexico. "The training races are great. It's like the horse having a race; the horses move forward (in their training) like they have a race. Plus, trainers get an idea of what they may need to work on with a horse before the (Ruidoso

Futurity) trials," she added.

The Ruidoso Downs summer futurity season starts on opening day, May 27, with the daylong trials to the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity. The Ruidoso Futurity finals will be contested on June 12.

The Grade 1, \$700,000 Rainbow Futurity will be

on July 24 and the Grade 1, \$2,400,000 (est.) All American Futurity, the world's richest quarter horse race, is on Labor Day. If a horse can sweep all three futurities then that horse's connections earn the \$4,000,000 All American Triple Crown Bonus, the richest in quarter horse racing.

## CAPITAN

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game he breezed through the first two innings as his team gave him a comfortable lead — seven runs in the first inning and another score in the second, while the visitors put goose eggs on the scoreboard.

Eshom, and the whole of the Capitan team, skunked their opponents for the next three innings and walked away with a 14-run win.

But the perfect game wasn't without any high drama. In what was to be the fifth and final inning, a Melrose batter banded a one-hopper to third, which was momentarily bobbled. The "hot-corner" player recovered nicely and hurried his throw to first, which pulled Josh Gallagher slightly off the bag towards home plate.

The first baseman had the presence of mind to swipe the runner out as he ran by for the second out. Minutes later, Eshom struck out the last batter to preserve his perfect game.

"I didn't know much about Melrose but I knew we had to get by them in order to go to Albuquerque for the semi-final game," Eshom said. "We came out ready to play. The team as a whole was the most important aspect of Tuesday's contest.

"I felt confident. We wanted to get a 10-run advantage on Melrose and end the game in five innings and that's what we did."

The very first pitch of the game was a tentative moment for Capitan — a fly ball hit to right field — which Ruben Mendoza hauled in for the out, and, as it turned out, gave Eshom and his team the chance to record a perfect

game.

The Tigers scored six more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to seal the five-inning victory, collected 12 hits in four innings and were issued nine walks in the game.

"I thought they might be a hitting team," Eshom said.

"After I saw their first nine hitters my confidence grew by the end of the third inning. We were all hitting well. Melrose possessed good fundamentals, fortunately for us, they did not execute them well."

Eshom started the game of baseball at the age of five in T-ball. From there he went to Farm League and then Little League — minors and majors.

His dad first taught him to pitch and Capitan head coach James Weems continued his mound experience after he joined the varsity ranks as a freshman.

Good pitchers are usually noted by their intelligence — and Eshom typifies this. He is above 4.0 in his class-work and is the school's salutatorian. He plans to matriculate to NMSU in Las Cruces and pursue an engineering degree.

"If no one looks at me or scouts me for college baseball it'll be OK," the perfect pitcher said. "I'll be fine."

Next up for Eshom and the Capitan team will be the second piece of the puzzle to a state championship — the semi-final game against 14-9, 4-0, McCurdy, currently ranked No. 4, at UNM field in Albuquerque on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

While Capitan was defeating Melrose in the quarterfinals, the Bobcats vanquished Valley Christian 17-3 to get to the next hurdle.

Coach Weems, as of this writing, is accumulating data on McCurdy and it is not known who will start for the Tigers — Eshom or Rudy Chavez.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Josh Gallagher, left, made a great play at first base for the second out of the last inning to help preserve Eshom's perfect game.

Capitan has not lost a game in a month but Weems anticipates the upcoming contest with the Bobcats to be hard-fought.

"I expect the McCurdy game to be the toughest contest we've had to play in

four weeks," he said. "They have a lot of seniors on their squad, are well-coached and both teams are hungry."

The 1A championship game is scheduled for Thursday.

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## SEXES

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bleeding stopped the match continued. I then realized that there were several teachers cheering on the boys but an even bigger group of women teachers and PTA mothers

were rooting on the girls.

As the match progressed, tempers flared with Petty screaming at Frederickson while Terry calmly took Moschinski to the side and coached her.

I was feeling tightness in my stomach when I realized that the Amazon actually comprehended.

The game ended with

the two girls hugging each other. Frederickson came over and congratulated them.

Petty stormed off while the teachers congratulated the two girls.

I have to say I was not too happy the next day at lunch. While I did not understand the bigger picture of women's equality, I knew I had been wiped out. I had lost every baseball card I had ever owned.

Terry Bruner came up to me in the courtyard.

"Billy, how about getting malts at Richie's (Ice Cream Parlor)?" Terry asked.

"I haven't any money," I said.

Terry flashed her smile along with a five dollar bill.

"It's on me," she said. We were quickly under the cyclone fence. The aides blew their whistle for us to stop and we never looked back.

I still remember running with Terry the four blocks to Richie's; our Principal, Mr. Stern in hot pursuit, and the rich taste of chocolate malt.

The male sex better look back because women are gaining on them.

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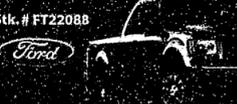
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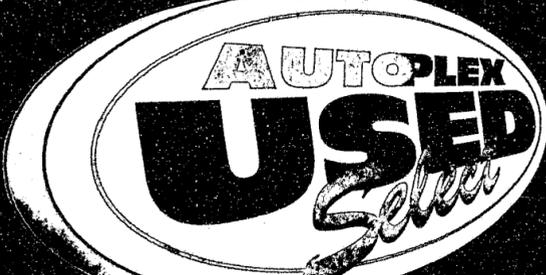
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## RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

## April 21

Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to Region IX Education for a report of criminal damage to property.

Tyson reports windows on the west and north sides of the building were broken.

## April 25

6:42 a.m. – Officer Tillman Freeman responded to Chileo's Restaurant on Highway 70 for a report of a burglary.

An employee reported someone had broken into the restaurant and stolen cash from the cash registers.

Freeman reported the front window was broken and there was a footprint on the window screen.

## April 26

9:32 a.m. – Sergeant Mike Weaver responded to a report of a suicidal subject and arrested a man on a domestic violence charge.

Weaver reports the subject said Dustin Marko, 23, got mad because she was looking at the weather forecast on his phone, jumped on top of her on the bed, pressing his elbow to her cheek to hold her down. She reportedly said she managed to move enough to bite him on the chest. Marko then reportedly bit her on the cheek.

The victim then reportedly got away from Marko, but he caught her in the hallway and held her against the wall.

Weaver reported observ-

ing bruising on both triceps, a swollen red mark on the right cheek, red bruising marks on the left and right side of the victim's neck.

Ruidoso Magistrate Court Judge Lorena LaMay issued a warrant for Marko's arrest on charges of battery on a household member.

11:01 a.m. – Officer Tillman Freeman responded to 2340 Sudderth Drive for a report of lost property.

The victim reported her MP3 120GB Zune player, with a clear case and skull background was missing. The Zune name is Ethereal Zafitig.

## April 28

10:19 p.m. – Officers Jamie Urban and Steve Corbin responded to the 100 block of Apache Hill Drive for a report of a domestic disturbance.

Urban reports they were on the deck of the home observing the four people inside the house when they saw Mia Curtis, 26, strike a man in the face with her open hand. Urban reports the other two people in the room got between Curtis and the man and tried to separate them.

Urban reports the officers knocked on the window to get the attention of the residents. Corbin reportedly went to the front door to talk to the man while Urban called for Curtis to come to the window to talk to him.

Urban reports Curtis climbed through the window and stood wobbling in front of him, smelling of

alcohol. Urban reports she was slurring her words.

Urban reported Curtis began yelling and using profanity and would not calm down and lower her voice. Urban arrested Curtis for disorderly conduct and reportedly handcuffed her.

Urban reports Curtis was wearing very large shorts, which continued to fall down. When Urban and Corbin attempted to pull the shorts back up, Curtis reportedly tried to kick them.

Corbin reportedly brought his police vehicle closer to the house and they placed Curtis in the vehicle. Urban reports he then observed Curtis slip out of the handcuffs. When Urban opened the door to re-secure the handcuffs, Curtis allegedly kicked him in the chest and leg.

Urban reportedly got the vehicle door closed and Curtis allegedly began attempting to break the window with the handcuffs.

The male victim informed the officers that Curtis had a 3-year-old child asleep in the house. Curtis reportedly wanted the victim to care for the child, but the officers determined he had been drinking and contacted CYFD for a caretaker for the child. Ruidoso Downs Police officer Darrell Chavez responded to the scene and stayed with the child until the caretaker arrived.

When Urban arrived at the Ruidoso police department with Curtis, he reportedly told her to hold on to her shorts so they would not fall down. Curtis

allegedly pulled her shorts down, bent at the waist and told Urban to "kiss my ass." She then allegedly walked to booking exposing herself.

Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman approved charging Curtis for battery on a police officer, three counts of resisting, evading or obstructing an officer, battery on a household member, disorderly conduct and indecent exposure.

Urban reports Curtis being on probation and attempting to contact her probation officer.

Corbin arrested Mike P. Martinez, 30, on a warrant from Otero County. Martinez was one of the other occupants of the house.

## April 29

1:49 p.m. – Sergeant Joel Martin and officer Lance Ledford responded to the 100 block of Westminster for a report of a breaking and entering.

Martin reports a window was broken. Martin and Ledford cleared the house to insure no one was still there.

The victim reported a television, DVD/VCR combo and multi media receiver were missing. Also missing were reportedly the manuals with the serial numbers of the missing items. The manuals were reportedly stored behind the electronics.

## April 30

10:19 p.m. – Corporal Lawrence Chavez responded to the 200 block of Barcus for a report of three

juveniles taking the flags from the Cree Meadows Golf Course and throwing them into yards.

Chavez reports Dispatch advised him that one juvenile was in custody and the other two had ran.

The two 12-year olds and an 11-year old were cited for criminal damage to property for allegedly taking three solar lights from a home in the 200 block of Barcus and breaking them in the street. They were released to their parents.

11:32 p.m. – Officer Tillman Freeman responded to a report of larceny in the 2300 block of Sudderth Drive.

The victim reported someone had removed one copy of the Ruidoso News from the stack of five in front of the store each week for the past couple of weeks.

2 p.m. – Officer Christopher Bryant responded to the 100 block of Willow for a report of criminal damage to property.

The victim reported someone had damaged a \$300 tire with a sharp object.

## May 1

8:30 a.m. – Sergeant Dale Harrison responded to Pinecliff Village Condos for a report of a larceny.

The victim reported someone had taken a metal bison statue. The statue was attached to a concrete pad. It had been pulled from the ground.

The statue was valued at \$550 and the owner reportedly said she hoped it

was a high school prank and the statue would be returned.

## May 2

3:20 a.m. – Officer Tillman Freeman and Corporal Lawrence Chavez responded to Carrizo Canyon and Evergreen Street for a report of a domestic disturbance in the roadway.

The reporting party said they saw a woman running on Carrizo Canyon, with a man chasing her.

Freeman located the woman standing beside a vehicle, crying. Freeman reports as he approached the woman he saw a man running through the trailer park toward Sudderth Drive.

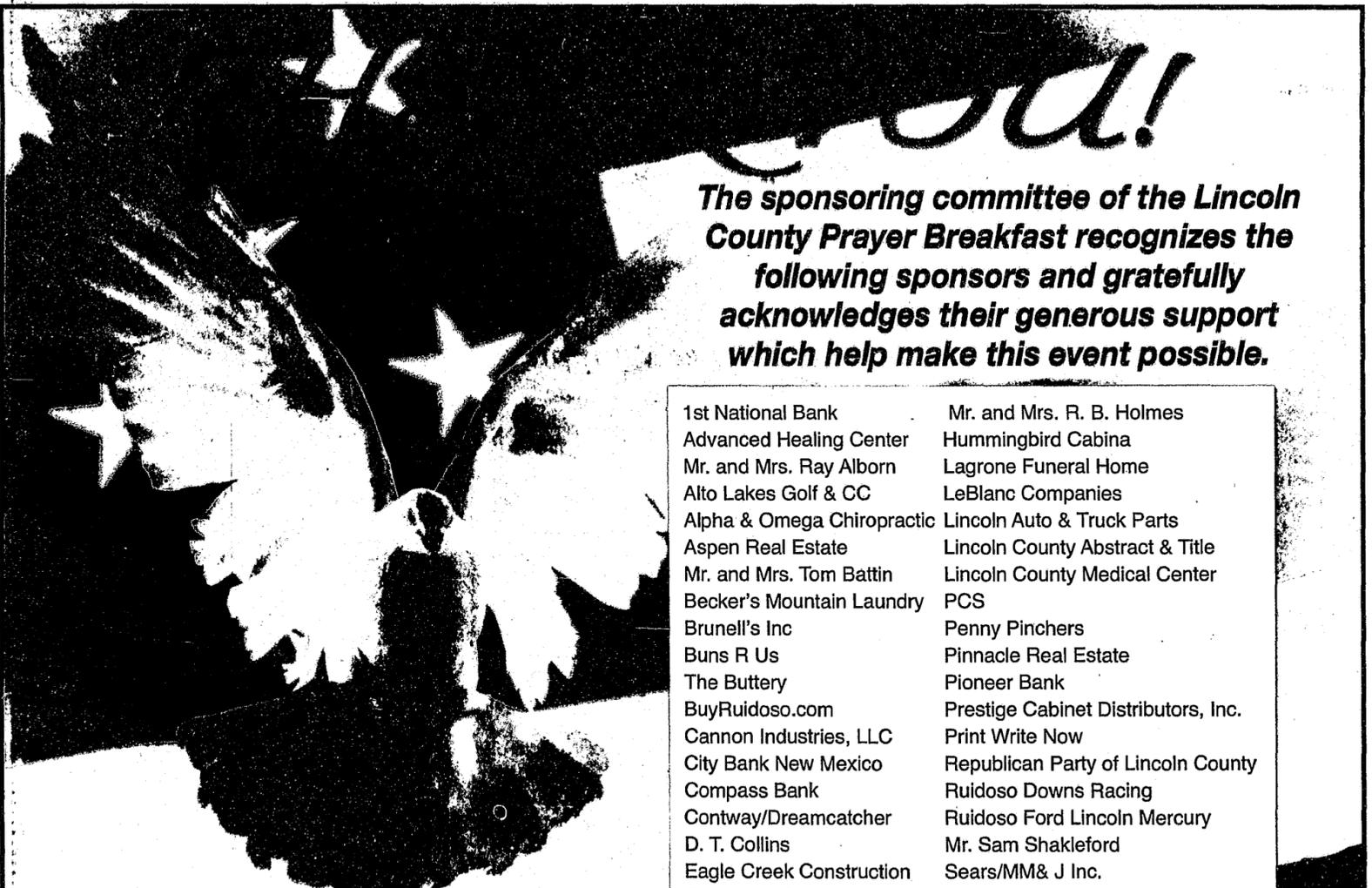
The victim reportedly said she had been arguing with Jose Padilla, 19, of Ruidoso Downs and he had hit her in the chest with his fist, twice.

EMS responded to check the woman, who was complaining of chest pain.

Padilla returned to the scene and reportedly said he was arguing with the woman over the car keys and an ex-boyfriend. He reportedly said he stopped the car and pushed everyone out.

Freeman arrested Padilla on a charge of battery on a household member. Unable to post bond, Padilla was transported to Lincoln County Detention Center.

Ruidoso Police briefs are compiled from Ruidoso Police Incident reports by Harold Oakes/Ruidoso News.



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*Special Thanks You to James and Cindy Hobbs for allowing us the use of their facility for the youth.*

# RELIGION

## Lincoln County gathers to pray



Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast keynote speaker Malcolm Marshall, of Joined at the Hip Ministries headquartered in Houston, calls for frequent prayer. An estimated 1,175 people attended the annual event at the Ruidoso Convention Center held Thursday in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer.

JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

## There are certainly certainties

With the report of Osama Bin Laden's death, America and our allies in the war on terrorism have been relieved that justice has finally been brought to bear on the leader of Al Qaeda. I am very glad that no lives were lost of the Special Ops group that carried out the raid. To this point in time, we are not aware of other lives lost by Bin Laden's Al Qaeda associates or bodyguards.

I am not sure about many things surrounding the raid by Navy SEALs. But, apparently, there is no doubt about his death. There are a few things that I wonder about in the circumstances of the raid. Certainly, the raid had been planned and carried out with superb information, coordination, and

cooperation. And certainly, we must consider the bravery and courage of the twenty-four men who, at risk of themselves, did the job they were asked to do.

I am sure of some things...there were not seventy-two virgins waiting for his lifeless, bullet-ridden body. For wherever he ascended or descended, a human court has carried out the just reward for his heinous crimes. I am sure that

there is a higher court, which has just and further punishment for his disregard of divine right and wrong.

There is no question that his subordinates are already planning some response to this act of ret-

tribution. So, we must be on guard in military and civilian venues to be prepared for a violent reaction. America has responded to the threats of terrorism over the past twenty or so years. But never have we responded as dramatically and adequately as this. Enough is enough.

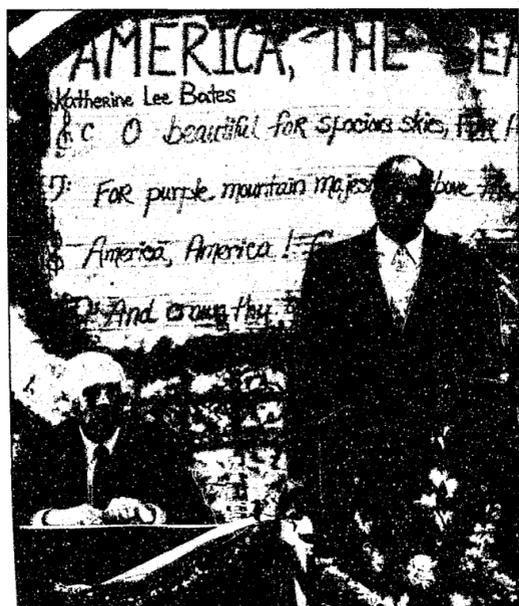
We can take no joy in his death. But he missed the word of God that states, the one who takes the life of another, must forfeit his life in turn. And we must understand that all mankind has the right to pursue the religion of their choice. But all religions are not worthy of followers. Osama believed

that those who did not believe as he did, deserve to die. While my faith tells me that Jesus died so that others have the opportunity to live. Yes, this is a religious column based on the Christian faith. I make no apologies.

We are at war with forces of evil that would destroy justice and civility. We live in an imperfect world made that way by imperfect human beings. But, we have received a divine challenge to right wrongs, reveal lies, speak truth, and bless others. When we follow God's commands, we have help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Clarifications  
By CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR



Jimmie Junior

### "Jim" Miller & 1932-2011



Jimmie Junior "Jim" Miller, 79, went home to be with Jesus on April 26, 2011 at his home near Ancho, NM. He was born to Price Martin and Lavona Leona Drake Miller on April 23, 1932 at the Miller homestead. Jim was married to Enid Yvonne Hoff on November 29, 1962 in El Paso, TX. Jim was married to Enid Yvonne Hoff on November 29, 1962 in El Paso, TX.

Jim attended New Mexico State University in Las Cruces and studied dairy. He received recognition for the oldest dairy in New Mexico in 2003. He and Enid operated Mountain Gold Dairy eight miles from Ancho, which was homesteaded in 1913 by his father and mother.

Jim is survived by his wife Enid Yvonne Miller, nine children, Brenda Banks and husband, Nathan, of Ft. Worth, TX, Linda Henegar and husband, Brian, of Lubbock, TX, Cindy Whitlock of Ancho, Joseph Miller and wife, Rhonda, of Raton, NM, Matilda Graves and husband, Larry, of McIntosh, NM, Wanda Henson and husband, Clint, of Raton, NM, James Miller and wife, Robln, of Texico, NM, Paul Miller and wife, Kimalee, of Capitan, NM, Ronda Miller of Lubbock, TX, and 16 grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his father and mother and brother, Billie Lee Miller. Jim was a God-fearing man who shared Jesus with everyone he met. He will be greatly missed, but is re-joining in Heaven.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2011 in the Carrizozo United Methodist Church with Barbara Bradley and Mel Gnatkowski officiating. Interment followed in the Ancho Cemetery in Ancho, NM.

Pallbearers were Joe Miller, James Miller, Paul Miller, Jake Kinnick, Shawn Kinnick and Kyler Miller. Honorary pallbearers included Jason Miller, Toby Hansen, Robert Miller, Kolten Miller, Tyler Graves, Matthew Banks and Preston Miller.

The Miller family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home to direct the funeral services.

To sign the online register book, please visit <http://www.hamiltonodell.com>

### Kenneth Lee Whipple & March 8, 1950 April 27, 2011



Memorial services for Kenneth Lee Whipple, 61 of Capitan, NM will be Monday, May 9, 2011 at 11:00 am at the United Methodist Church in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Kenneth lived in Lincoln County, New Mexico for over 35 years and was the owner of Noisy Water Spa's in Ruidoso, New Mexico since 1980. Kenneth was a charter member of the Optimist Club.

He is survived by his wife Jeannie Whipple of Capitan, NM, son Paul Whipple and wife Barbara of Taos, NM, daughter Wylla Jo Bechel and husband Michael of Wisconsin, mother Jane Biddle of Ruidoso, NM, brothers Craig Whipple and wife Connie of Capitan, NM, Larry Whipple and wife Katherine of El Paso, TX, sister in law and brother in law Charlotte and Bob Pennington of Alabama, brother in law Eddie Leonard of Capitan, NM, cousins Chuck Whipple of Capitan, NM, Buck Whipple of El Paso, TX, Mary Ann of El Paso, TX, nephews Jim Paul Whipple of Ruidoso Downs, NM, Cutter Whipple of Lamesa, Texas, Jimmy Whipple of Conway, Arkansas and Leigh Whipple of El Paso, TX, niece Colinda Whipple of Ruidoso Downs, NM, Garrick Pennington of Alabama, Shane Pennington of Alabama and Jeremiah Leonard of El Paso Texas. Grandchildren Kenneth Gage, Chloe, Haven, Brianna, Mikala, Eva and Sean, and many others that loved him. He was preceded in death by his father James O. Whipple.

### Jimmy V. Shorter & 1930-2011

Jimmy V. "Jim" Shorter, 81, of Ruidoso, NM and formerly of Carlisle, IN and New Lebanon, IN passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2011, after a short but vallant fight with Pancreatic Cancer. The 1948 graduate of New Lebanon High School was born April 4, 1930 in New Lebanon, IN to Wayne Shorter and Evelyn Schlichter Shorter. Jim, was a retired truck driver and a member of the Teamsters Union, he was a sixty-year member and a fifty-year past master of the Carlisle Masonic Lodge and attended the New Lebanon Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen Mason Shorter, one son Jay Shorter, a grandson, Jeffrey Shorter, and his parents. Survivors include two sons David (Jeanne) Shorter, Ruidoso and Daryl (Mary) Shorter, Carlisle, one brother Howard "Sam" Shorter, Sullivan, IN one sister Carolyn Stultz, New Lebanon, seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren and other relatives. Jim had many friends in Ruidoso and was active in the Senior Citizens Group of Ruidoso Downs and a member of the Pine Top Car Club. He attended the J Bar J Church in Ruidoso. He will certainly be missed. Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 3 at the Holmes Memorial Chapel, Sullivan, IN with Rev. Barbara Allen officiating with burial at the Mt. Zion Cemetery, New Lebanon.

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FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011

## Capitan FFA Chapter recognizes members' efforts

JULIE CARTER  
for the Ruidoso News

Before a crowd of 113 parents, grandparents, siblings and friends, Capitan FFA Chapter members received recognition for their efforts during 2010-11.

Under the "starry skies" of a beautiful decorated hall, 33 Capitan FFA members received the fruits of their labor during the school year.

Proficiency awards are given to members in recognition for their work with their supervised Agriculture Experience Programs.

Receiving those awards were: J'Nae Wood, Agriculture Education; Kadyn

Traylor, Outdoor Recreation; Layne Southard, Landscape Management; Royce Black, Equine Science; Lane Carter, Beef Production Placement; Georgia Lynn Eldridge, Swine Production; Kirsten Wilson, Diversified Livestock Production; Justin Owen, Diversified Crop Production; Forrest Sweat, Natural Resource Management; Kaleb Cleckler, Specialty Animal Production, and Layne Southard, Agriculture Mechanics and Repair.

Scholastic awards are given to those students who maintain a high standard for themselves related to schoolwork and classroom

activities.

Recipients were: Maggie Rich, sixth grade; Bryanna Parker and Oliver Shultz, seventh grade; Kalyn Hazen, eighth grade; Kaleb Cleckler, freshman; Kirsten Wilson, sophomore; J'Nae Wood, junior; and Rebecca Daniel, senior.

The Leadership Award is given to a member who has demonstrated positive leadership characteristics and competed in leadership contests. Wade Stearns was awarded the honor for his involvement in Creed Speaking, Prepared Speech, Opening Ceremonies, Quiz, all while serving as a Junior High Greenhand officer.

Top judging awards were won by Kayden Traylor, Wildlife; J'Nae Wood, Wool; Kaleb Cleckler, Horse; Kirsten Wilson, Livestock; and Layne Southard, Agriculture Mechanics.

Discovery Degrees were awarded to Cheyenne Eldridge, Daniel Hobbs, Tyler Jobe, Iain McWilliams, Bryanna Parker, Marina Rice, Dylan Smith, Oliver Schultz and Wade Stearns.

Greenhand Degree recipients were Walker Bymoen, Kaleb Cleckler, Sam Edington, Jesus Guereca, Josh Hernandez, Justin Owen, Tannor Preston, Taylor Preston, Rebekka Rice, Megan

Runnels and Layne Southard.

Chapter FFA degrees were awarded to Royce Black, Forrest Sweat and Kirsten Wilson.

The Star Greenhand Award was presented to Kaleb Cleckler and the Star Farmer Award went to Kirsten Wilson.

The Stacey Thorne Memorial Award was given to Bryanna Parker.

This award is given in memoriam of Thorne who, as an eighth grader, was an outstanding member of Capitan FFA. She passed away in the fall of 1997 of that same year. The officer team at that time decided to create an award for first

year FFA member in Stacey Thorne's memory.

A Special Appreciation Award went to Michelle Stearns for her tireless work and contribution to the Capitan FFA chapter.

This year's Honorary Capitan FFA members named were Pam Cleckler, Robert Stearns and Anna Marie Bymoen.

Capitan FFA Chapter Advisor Todd Proctor created a new award for this year to recognize the endless effort and energy put forth by J'Nae Wood as a member and chapter president.

Proctor called the new award presented to Wood the "Workhorse Award."

## Wagons Ho -the grit that settled the West

Anyone who has ever moved from one home to another, especially if the move involves a change of zip code, has surely given thought to the courage it took our ancestors to do the same.

They left family, friends and homes behind knowing they would never see or hear from them again. I've only been a little aggravated when I can't connect to the internet in my new house because my wireless connection is very weak. A pitiful excuse for a problem in the big scheme of things.

The fires consuming the West this spring have brought forth a similar courage in the face of adversity and loss.

A recent story I read spoke to that very courage as an Abilene-area rancher stood in the ashes of his 100-year-old home and stirred up the memories that lay at his feet.

The ranch had been his grandfather's and before the fire, there were several outbuildings and a barn. All that remained of the structures were the concrete floors, foundations and rock walls and walks.

In the concrete floor of the outhouse the letters "WPA" could still be seen etched in the floor serving as proof that was one of the many projects built by the Works Progress Administration during Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

The rancher recalled the wooden barn built by his grandfather and remembered the inscription written on the inside of it dated 1917.

He watched the fire get closer and the flames change color as they burned with a fury no man could contain. Five fire

departments and countless friends came to do all that they could to help, but nothing could stop the wall of fire that took all in its path.

The next day, what remained was an overwhelming outpouring of offers to help. People were waiting at the gate when the rancher returned to survey the carnage. Support came in a variety of forms that varied from a pot of beans to the sincere and willing offers to clear the rubble.

The ability that mankind has to take care of their own in times of need is what keeps this seemingly cold and often selfish world turning.

In moments of introspection of the monumental loss, the rancher

recalled what he felt was the greatest loss of all - his father's Bible. A preacher until he was 97, he'd left notes on virtually every page and those thoughts and notations were now gone forever. Somehow that overshadowed any void left from the loss of other property.

However, like so many in similar circumstances, he took no time to agonize over his monumental losses. Recognizing it could have been much worse, could have taken lives that it did not, he was heard to say, "It's what West Texas has been about."

Giving due to the hearty people who settled the land and recognizing their courage as what set them apart from others, he went back to work to rebuild his life.

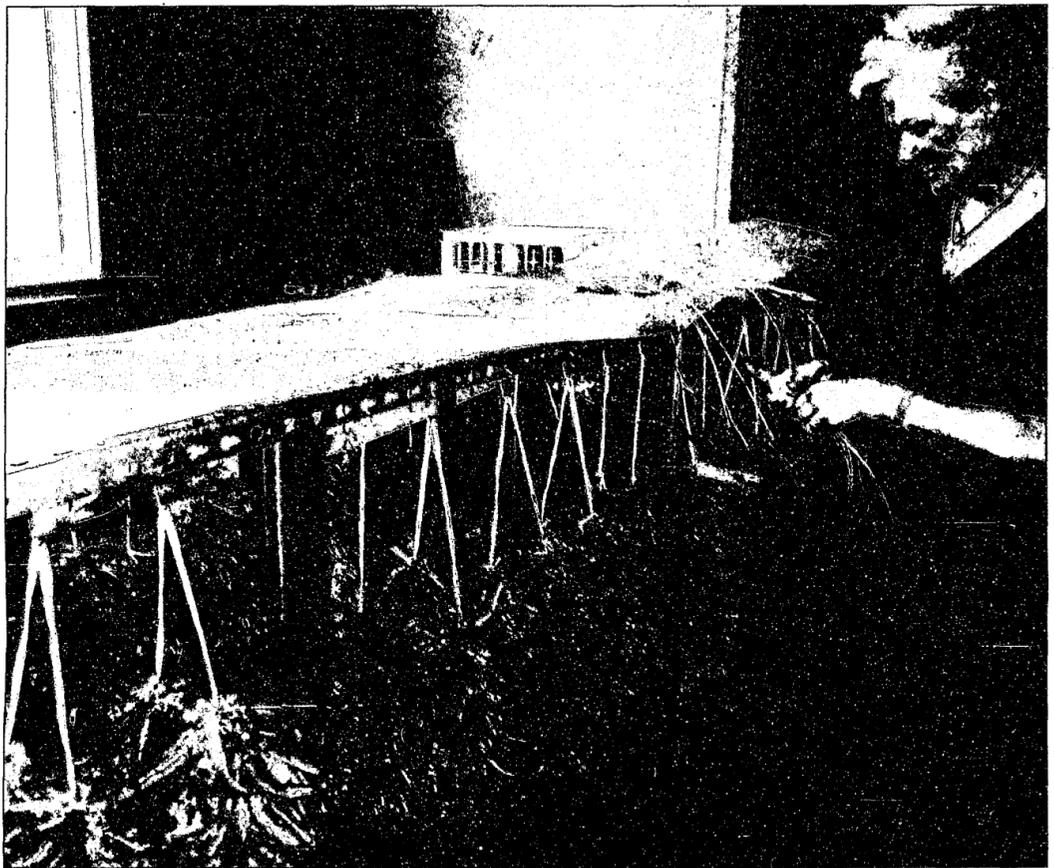
"You always run out of daylight before you run out of jobs to do," he said.

Julie can be reached from comment at [jcarterm@gmail.com](mailto:jcarterm@gmail.com).



Cougirl Sass & Savvy  
BY JULIE CARTER

## PREPARING FOR THE PLANT SALE



JULIE CARTER/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Capitan Public Library will be holding their annual Plant & Garden Sale at the Capitan Public Library from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow. Shop for plants and planters, unique totems and other yard art. Gifts for mother, and baked goods. This year they have many new items and many new artists. This is also Smokey Bear Days weekend in Capitan, with many events, vendors and music scheduled throughout the weekend.

## Fairgrounds proposals due June 7

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Companies will have until June 7 to submit proposals for designing a master plan for the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and the property recently purchased for its expansion in the village of Capitan, along with a road yard.

County Manager Tom Stewart will serve on the committee that evaluates the proposals, along with the county purchasing agent, a representative from the Fair Board, the county road superintendent and Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo, who volunteered to be the elected official.

Once he places the first advertisement, "These companies watch closely

and they will pick up on it," Stewart said during the commission meeting in April. "With sufficient time, there is sure to be a lot of interest."

Selection of a firm is qualification-based. The committee will rank the firms and interview some of the companies. By July, he envisions that the top ranked company will give a presentation to the commission about its approach. Stewart will handle the fee negotiations to get the best price after the selection.

"This is the planning and design for whole layout, what we envision for the future," he said. "We really want to do this right."

Commissioner Jackie Powell said the companies usually send in examples of several of the projects they have completed.

Stewart said the companies will be evaluated and ranked on time line for completion, past record of performance, experience in creating master plans for similar projects in rural

communities, their capability and capacity to complete the project, and the estimated cost for a final project.

Commissioner Tom Battin offered the successful motion to authorize Stewart to release the RFP, noting it is one of more important projects for the county, because of what the fairgrounds and volunteer fair board do for the young people of the county.

In another matter, Commissioner Mark Doth accepted the appointment to a national committee, the Western Homeland Legacy Alliance, to represent the county in a fight against Interior Department Secretarial Order 3310, which authorized declaration of wildlands by administrative order, instead of seeking approval from Congress.

Commissioners turned down the donation of Lot #221 in Deer Park offered by Harold Smith of Carmel, Indiana. Smith wrote that he is unable to pay the road improvement assessment

of about \$1,300 per lot. County Attorney Alan Morel advised against accepting the lot, saying the county would become liable for the assessment lien.

Accept one donation and many others could follow as happened years ago after a road paving assessment was levied in Alto Lakes and the county ended up with 30 lots, Morel warned.

"In the normal process, a citizen not paying the lien will forfeit the property to a tax sale in three years, and the individual purchasing the property at the same then will be liable for paying the associated lien," Stewart explained.

Minter said she felt comfortable with the process followed by the commission in establishing the assessment district at the request of a group of lot owners. She wasn't on the board at the time and watched commissioners go through every required step. "I think the process was good and we stand on good grounds to turn this down," she said.

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# Corruption case back in court

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SANTA FE — After 15 months in legal limbo, the state's corruption case against a member of the Public Regulation Commission is going back to

court. The secretary of state fined commissioner Jerome D. Block Jr. for campaign malfeasance in the 2008 election. Then a district judge in February 2010 dismissed two related criminal charges against Block,

finding that he could not be punished again for those same campaign violations.

New Mexico Attorney General Gary King challenged the ruling, and the state Court of Appeals will hear arguments May 19 on whether the charges against Block should be reinstated.

Block, 34, will be fighting for his political life and his \$90,000-a-year job as a member of the Public Regulation Commission.

He declined comment on the hearing, saying through a spokeswoman that he did not want to talk about "personal matters."

Block, of Santa Fe, has served the first half of a four-year term with the criminal case hanging over him. His troubles began during his candidacy in 2008.

He admitted lying about a \$2,500 campaign expense paid for from a taxpayer-financed account.

Block falsely reported to the state that the money went for a country band that performed at a campaign rally. Band members said that was not the case.

Block later admitted that he had lied. Then-secretary of state Mary Herrera fined him \$11,700 and required him to return \$10,000 in campaign funds.

She imposed the penalty before the election, but Block won anyway. His father, Jerome Block Sr., once held a seat on the commission, so he may have benefitted from name recognition even as the scandal unfolded.

The fines that Herrera

levied against Block became part of his criminal defense.

His lawyers argued that the Voter Action Act gave the secretary of state the power to fine Block or turn the case over to the attorney general for prosecution. But the state could not do both, the defense said.

District Judge Michael Vigil agreed, ruling that the law specified either a fine or a criminal prosecution.

Vigil dismissed a felony charge that Block conspired to violate the election code. The judge also dismissed a misdemeanor election code violation, court records show.

King, though, disagreed with the judge's interpretation of the law and appealed.

Vigil let stand four other charges against Block, according to court records. They are tampering with evidence, conspiracy to commit a crime and two counts of embezzlement. The conspiracy charge is a felony.

That portion of the case also has been dormant pending the state's appeal.

The state also obtained a grand jury indictment against Jerome Block Sr., who prepared his son's campaign finance reports.

He was charged with four crimes, two of which stood after Vigil's ruling. They are conspiracy and tampering with evidence.

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# Rare rabbit is not endangered

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SANTA FE — White-sided jackrabbits are long and lean and so rare that only about 60 remain in the United States.

The last of them live in the bootheel of New Mexico. Drought, diminishing grasslands in the Chihuahuan Desert and even vehicles traveling border roads have depleted the white-sided jackrabbit's already slim numbers.

But the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, finding that this jackrabbit is more plentiful in Mexico than in America, declined to list it as a threatened or endangered species.

In turn, a Santa Fe-based group called WildEarth Guardians has filed notice that it intends to sue the federal agency for failing to enforce the U.S. Endangered Species Act. The Fish and Wildlife Service has until mid-June to respond to the threatened lawsuit.

Nicole Rosmarino, a biologist with WildEarth Guardians, said the dispute probably is headed for a federal courthouse.

"They could reconsider the decision on the jackrabbit. But that usually does not happen, so we will definitely take them to court," Rosmarino said.

New Mexico lists the white-sided jackrabbit as a threatened species. The state listing protects the animal from hunters in New Mexico, but there is no

prohibition against shooting the jackrabbit in Mexico.

"It's bad policy to rely on another country to protect this species," Rosmarino said. "If it were doing well in Mexico, that might be one thing. But it's not. It's in trouble there too."

The wildlife service, after a yearlong review, decided that federal protection was not warranted for the white-sided jackrabbit and two of its subspecies.

Protections for any particular species are to a degree dependent on money and whether other animals are even more imperiled, said a spokeswoman for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Hidalgo County, N.M., is the only place in the United States where white-sided jackrabbits and two subspecies have been documented.

Elusive and nocturnal, the white-sided jackrabbit also is found in the Mexican states of Chihuahua, Durango and Oaxaca.

It is named for the prominent white streak along its body. The jackrabbit has disproportionately long ears and limbs, but it cannot outrun vehicles.

Rosmarino's group, in its petition to list the white-sided jackrabbit as endangered, said roadway deaths were further depleting its small numbers. She said

Border Patrol vehicles, prominent in the bootheel, had struck white-sided jackrabbits as they tried to scurry across roads.



## A MAW THANK YOU TO RUIDOSO-GREATER LINCOLN COUNTY

Another great weekend with the troops has come to an end, and it is time to thank those of you who helped to make MAW 2011 possible. The high winds, 60-mph, were too much for many of our loyal and patriotic residents who are normally out on the streets as the convoys come rolling into town. But the troops were met with the MAW 2011 "Welcome Troops" street banner and the Chamber's welcoming sign. Setting up Military City was a challenge for those who were setting up tents. Winds were calmer for the Opening Ceremony and they were perfect for the Kite Festival.

Many thanks to the MAW Committee, which includes every military POC, who burned a lot of midnight oil to make MAW 2011 a success. The Flying J Ranch gunfight and chuck-wagon dinner show was well attended and much appreciated. Thanks to James Hobbs and the Wranglers.

Thanks to those who donated cash to cover the cost of dinners. A big "thank you" to Justin and the Airport staff, to the K-2 students who gave out group HUGS and to Parks & Rec for the picnic tables.

DARWARS, Paintball, Canine Training and the IED detection devices that located buried treasure, military coins from around the world and buried dog-tags, was popular with young and old. The winds died down for the Opening Ceremony, 10-11 AM. HAFB Steel Talons presented the colors. The 44th Army band and the RHS Band played and Marilyn Orr sang the National Anthem as a two-aircraft civilian fly-over kicked off MAW 2011. Colonel Christopher Wicker, WSMR Garrison Commander delivered the keynote address. General Doug Murray presented awards to Essay winners. Mayor Ray Alborn presented the key to the Village to Colonel Randall Lane, Ft. Bliss Chief of Staff and presented a T-shirt, reminiscent of the recent frozen water lines to SFC Santiago Mendoza, 920th Eng. representative of N.M. National Guard for outstanding service to the Ruidoso Greater Lincoln County Area. My thanks to The Links for the golf carts and for hosting the golf tourney, to WalMart, VFW for Saturday lunch, and to our guest speakers and presenters.

A very special "Thank You" goes to General Jack Fox, MAW Director of Military Affairs, as Keynote Speaker, for delivering an eloquent address that was informative and interesting, passionate and heartfelt, an address that honored every American who has ever picked up a weapon in defense of this great Nation and also assured the audience that the freedom and safety of every American is in the competent hands of those in uniform who are today's "best of the best". A big thank you to Dennis Dekker, WSMR, for explaining the significance of the Covenant and reading the script.

MAW's Honored Guests entered the auditorium on a red carpet and were piped in by FC1 Roger Ramirez, U.S. Navy; General Doug Murray, General Jack Fox, Valdemar deHerrera, Bataan Survivor, Bill Overmier, Bataan Survivor, MAW's Wounded Warrior, Pfc Joshua Bullis, WWII WAVE, Nadine Clark and WWII WAC, Martha Derrick, the Army Recruiter poster girl in the early 1940's. Darrell Byrnes showed a 62 minute military video during the dinner. There were many men in the audience who had just returned from Afghanistan. The CAFB POW/MIA table, reverently presented was filled for those who were lost, relative or friend of the battle. Quite likely, as a driver in the house as Silver Taps marked the conclusion of the program. This special tribute honored and present services and women will be long remembered by many and forever remain in our hearts. Tonight you met many true American heroes. They were all around you. Never forget FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!

I want to thank you, Ruidoso Area business owners, for your hospitality and military discounted rates, your warm and loving HUGS, and hospitality that prompted WSMR to ask if the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Navy could bestow on Ruidoso Greater Lincoln County the coveted honor of a Covenant Ceremony, public acknowledgment of the special bond of respect and appreciation that was forged between the military and civilian populations since the founding of the MAW Organization in January 2008.

The MAW Director of Military Affairs and I decided that this coveted honor was significant and important enough that it should be incorporated into the Saturday evening program, and the Awards Banquet and Covenant Ceremony was born.

Many people and groups of people deserve a heartfelt "Thank You" for their participation in MAW 2011. Julie Gilliland and her team arranged for every meal at the airport except one and gets credit for the beautiful decorations and fabulous dinner Saturday evening. Those individuals and organizations were acknowledged from the podium, but my thank, again, to Dr. Patricia for the outstanding dinner and the 20 volunteers, our neighbors and friends, who came out to make the Banquet dinner flow smoothly. Kudos to Julie, Church Out of Church, and her team for a very successful Banquet dinner. A special thanks to Sue and Bob Healy, Judy and John Shaw, Natalie Samaniego, Diane Harlan, Ryan Dement, Tell Lowrance, our young ushers, Dave Tremblay, Harvey T., KEDU, Mountain Annie's, and Dana Lenzo. A special thanks to George Heaton, and his staff at Ruidoso Middle School, the high school for the loan of tables and chairs. Thanks to Ike Burns, Apache Trading, KVBA TV, Anita Keegan, D&H Sign Co., Ruidoso Septic, Charles Clary, The J Bar J Country Church, Rev. Thomas Scheoch, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Bob Dugger, Cree Meadows Golf Course, Inn of the Mt. Gods, and those who handled night security, Can't Stop Smokin', and Ruidoso News and Ruidoso Free Press who advertised MAW 2011.

The MAW Mission Statement reads "It is the mission of Military Appreciation Weekend (MAW) to create a lasting bond of respect and appreciation between the civilian and military populations, such that Americans from every walk of life will show a genuine sense of pride in "Supporting our Troops", pledging to and saluting the American flag, and expressing brotherly love and compassion for the sacrifices of our troops and their families. GOD Bless the USA"

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Again, business owners, it was your generosity and kindness, your willingness to open your arms to our troops that earned us the Covenant signing. Not only did you make MAW 2011 very special, but more importantly, you made our troops, many who returned from a war zone last week, happy to know that people in Lincoln County really do care. GOD Bless our Troops, GOD Bless our Veterans, GOD Bless our Nation.

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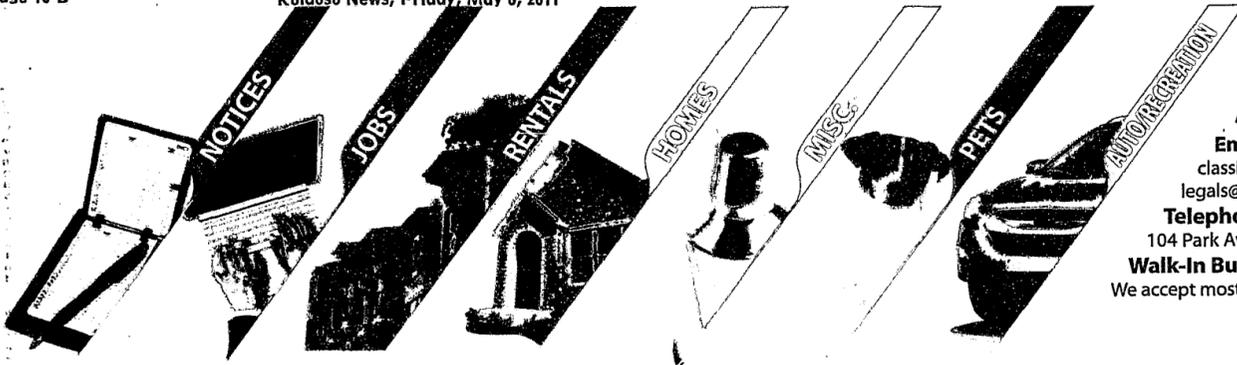
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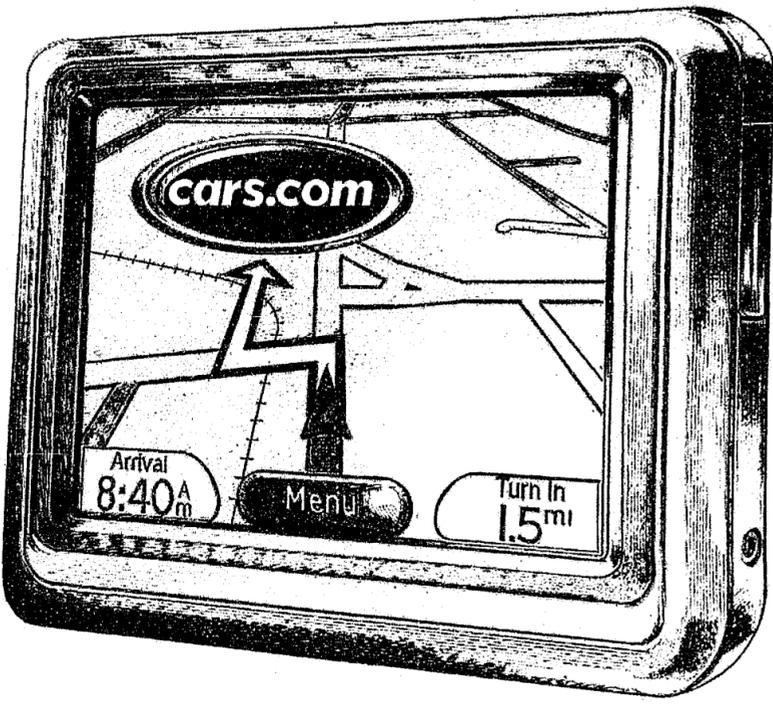
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System, and Sync Voice Activated System

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MSRP .....\$58,190  
RFL DISCOUNT .....-\$4,500 OFF  
FACTORY REBATES.....-\$3,500 OFF  
SALE PRICE .....\$50,190

Lariat Package, Heated Seats, Rear View Camera,  
Remote Start and Tailgate Step

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MPG

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ed System and Cargo Package

### 2011 LINCOLN MKS AWD



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RFL DISCOUNT .....-\$3,000 OFF  
FACTORY REBATES.....-\$3,000 OFF  
SALE PRICE .....\$52,200

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### 2006 HONDA RIDGELINE 4X4



\$21,980

RTL, Moonroof, Heated Leather, Stability Control, Spray In  
Bedliner, Like New!

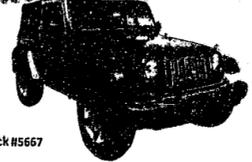
### 07 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE



\$14,975

GS, Moonroof, Rockford Fosgate Sound, Alloys, Low Miles!

### 2009 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4



\$299/Month

X Pkg, Alloys, Auto, Sound, Bar, A/C, Tilt, Cruise, CD,  
Clean!

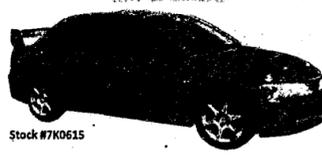
### 2007 F 250 CREW CAB DIESEL 4X4



\$34,295

Lariat, FX4, Grill Guard ✓ CERTIFIED

### 2003 MITSUBISHI LANCER EVO AWD



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Moonroof, Alloys, Spoiler, CD, A/C Full Power, Low Miles,  
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\$10,950

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Great Economy!

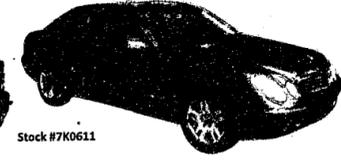
### 2005 DODGE RAM 2500 Crew Cab Diesel



\$26,425

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AWD, Lincoln Luxury!

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\$315/Month

Leather, Shaker 500W Sound, Alloys, Traction Control,  
Custom Exhaust, Cold Intake, Loaded!

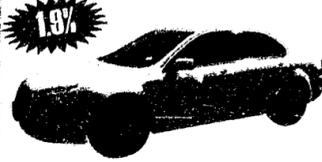
### 2007 FORD EDGE AWD



was \$25,095 NOW \$21,757

Sel Plus, Leather, Vista Roof, Advantetrac,  
100K Factory Warranty!

### 2007 MERCURY MILAN



\$15,820

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6CD, Certified.

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\$45,833

Elite, Moonroof, DVD Entertainment,  
Navigation, THX Audio, Much More!

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\$23,270

XLT, 7 Passenger, Dual A/C, Moonroof, Full Power, Low Miles!

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