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# RUIDOSO NEWS

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## Restaurants on notice

### Village says it's time to get serious about grease trap enforcement

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Restaurant owners and others who are required to comply with grease trap regulations in Ruidoso may soon not only face stiff fines and possible loss of water service, they also may see their business names omitted from a compliance list open to public review.

Village councilors and staff say it's time to get serious about ensuring grease, fats and oils are stopped by traps from entering the wastewater stream that ends up at the new \$36 million regional treatment plant. Clogging up

the expensive filters at that plant could cost millions to replace.

"We need to get on top of the oil and grease," Mayor Ray Alborn said at the council's April 26 meeting. "If we don't get compliance, we need to act fast or we'll have a real problem at the wastewater treatment plant."

Acting Village Planning Director Bob Decker said about 60 entities have or need grease traps, but many in compliance on size still have to be reminded to adhere to the proper clean-out schedule.

"A lot of the buildings are really old and the grease trap sits in the middle of the floor and it can't be opened while they're cooking,"

he said.

"Weren't we going to have an ordinance brought to us with teeth?" asked Councilor Denise Dean. "Why haven't we seen it?"

Decker said the proposed ordinance is being reviewed for compliance with state law and a copy was given at its last meeting to the Joint Use Board that governs the treatment plant.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said some confusion exists because the two sources he was given for the tougher ordinance draft, an ordinance from the State of Arizona and one from a home rule town in New Mexico, were not based on state statutory rules.

"Our ability to turn off water or take action against a commercial entity is very narrow," he said. "We must be very careful how we develop this, so we don't create 60 lawsuits."

Bryant updated his report at Tuesday's council meeting, saying he found an ordinance in Roswell that will fit Ruidoso and allows the village to impose a surcharge on accounts that do not maintain their grease traps or fail to install the correct size.

Councilor Don Williams asked Plant Operator Bob-by Snowden if the village has a back-up grease trap at the entrance to the waste-

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## BOOKING RETIREMENT



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Beverly McFarland accepts congratulations and appreciation from Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn for her years of service. McFarland is retiring as director of the Ruidoso Public Library, where she consistently was praised for her programs, initiatives and development of resources.

## Victim in robbery attempt expected to survive

FROM REPORTS

A Ruidoso man was shot Tuesday night in what is being investigated as an attempted armed robbery.

The 39-year-old victim, who has not been identified, was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center.

The victim told police that he had been walking near the intersection of University Drive and Rainier Road about 7:45 p.m. when he was approached by two Hispanic men in a pickup truck. The two men reportedly demanded his wallet and when he refused, one of the suspects shot him at close range with a small

caliber gun that was wrapped in a towel.

Police launched a multi-law enforcement agency search for the vehicle, described as a tan-colored truck, possibly a Nissan or Toyota, supposedly in need of a paint job.

"It is under investigation," Ruidoso Police Chief Jo Magill

said Thursday.

Magill said that the victim was shot in the shoulder and the injury is not considered to be life threatening.

Anyone with information about the alleged armed robbery attempt and shooting can contact the police department at 575-258-7365.

## Animal advocate: Program cuts make no sense

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Funding a shelter that cares for abandoned animals, but not programs that help control the population of unwanted dog and cats makes no sense, says an animal advocate and founder of a no-kill shelter that serves the counties of Lincoln and Otero.

The decision of Lincoln County commissioners not to help support programs in their Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget that offer low-cost spay and neuter vouchers may kill those efforts, which will lead to an explosion of kittens and puppies, and that only will add to the sheltering burden, said Sunny Aris with Animal Village NM and Partnership for Animal Welfare.

PAW was denied \$13,000 in funding by the commission. The organization run by volunteers Ellen Lucas, Aris and Nancy Berg, listed \$32,524 in veterinary bills from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, and \$21,549 from July 1, 2010 to April 18, 2011. On the funding side, the village of Ruidoso kicks in \$5,000 and private donations bring in about \$10,000 annually.

Without the county money, the organization will be operating out of a deep hole. For the previous three fiscal years, the county provided \$8,100, \$10,000 and

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Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts member Dirk Norris waters the flowers at the annual RRCA Mother's Day Flower and Tomato Plant Sale in the Compass Bank parking lot Saturday.

**'Bizarre bazaar'**

St. Joseph's Apache Mission once again will stage an annual "bizarre bazaar" from noon to 6 p.m., June 5, on the Mes-calero Apache Reservation.

"It's one of the ways our church raises funds to operate during the rest of the year," said Father Paul Botenhagen, pastor at the mission. "Our barbecue dinner is one of the high-lights, but coming in a close second is our fry bread."

The Indian arts and crafts booth is very popular, as are the games for children, the Indian dan-

ces, other food offering, Bingo, and the yearly raffle. For \$1 ticket, a winner can walk away with \$1,000 and prizes such as Indian crafts, jewelry, star quilt, pottery and a painting of a Crown Dancer.

Raffle tickets are available at the bazaar and any time at the church. Admis-sion is free.

**Specialist available**

The Independent Living Resource Center in Alamogordo announces that Alicia Rios, Independent Living Specialist, will be meeting consumers at the Workforce Connection office, 707 Mechem Dr. in Ruidoso (inside Compass Bank).

The agency can assist people with disabilities with advocacy, attendant services, transitions from nursing homes into the community, independent living skills training, information about various programs and referral ser-

vices.

If you have a disability and need to ask questions about what we can do for you, call Alicia toll free at 877-439-1112 to make an appointment.

**Film workshop**

The New Mexico Film Office will present a Saturday workshop for film students and filmmakers.

The Seven Deadly Sins workshop will cover the craft of location scouting and management in an effort to familiarize local filmmakers about the vital piece of production.

The "seven deadly sins" refers to the most common mistakes made by local filmmakers in their search for and securing of locations to shoot their film projects. The workshop will provide solutions.

The presentation, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be in Room 105 at ENMU-Ruidoso.

Award-winning film-

maker and locations expert Don Gray will conduct the presentation. He has worked in the New Mexico film industry as a location scout and manager for many years and is currently the contracted locations coordinator for the New Mexico Film Office.

The workshop is free and open to the public. No RSVP is required.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, Gray will present three of his short films, *Two Down, Delta, and Things We Do for Love*. The one-hour show is free to the public. Gray will answer questions after the films are shown.

**ENMU-Ruidoso**

ENMU-Ruidoso commencement convocations were held Thursday evening at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. The General Education Development (GED) commencement was at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation of diplomas and certificates

of completion for ENMU-graduates at 7:30 p.m.

This year, 38 students earned GED diplomas. Every student is required to complete a series of classes through the Adult Basic Literacy Program to prepare for the exam. ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education administers the test. GED graduate and current ENMU-Ruidoso student Barbara Perine was to be the featured speaker for the convocation (see story about Perine's turnaround through the help of God on today's Religion page of the *Ruidoso News*.)

Following the GED commencement, 90 summer and fall 2010 and spring 2011 graduates were to receive their diplomas. Graduates Sara Chapman and Samantha Yetley were selected as the student speakers. Dr. Jim Miller, Jr., the first campus director from 1991 to 2005, was chosen to deliver the commencement address.

Current ENMU-Ruidoso President Clayton Alred conferred emeritus status on Dr. Michael Elrod and Dr. Ray Fleishmann. Elrod succeeded Miller as presi-

dent. Fleishmann, who announced his retirement earlier this year, was hired by Miller as ENMU-Ruidoso's first full-time instructor.

Vickie K. Matheny is the first student to complete the college's new Computer and Network Security Certification.

"We're proud of Vickie and all of our graduates," said Chad Smith, vice president of student learning. "Graduation is an opportunity to recognize and honor the achievements of all of our students and the hard work for our faculty and staff. We look forward to seeing the fruits of their labor as they go on to serve our community and beyond."

**Scoliosis screening**

The Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic is offering a free scoliosis screening for 12- to 18-year olds.

The screening will take place on May 21 from 9 a.m. to noon at 439 Mechem Dr. Ruidoso. Call to reserve your time at 575-257-1800.

Most schools no longer test youth for scoliosis.



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

Jeff Sanchez, the wildlife biologist at Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, confirmed for photographer David Tremblay that this is the first sighting of a Yellow-throated warbler reported in Lincoln County and that only 45 have been reported statewide. The bird's normal territory is the southeastern United States with winter migration into the Yucatan Peninsula and Central America. A bird of tall trees, it nests and forages high in the canopy of swamp and pine forests.

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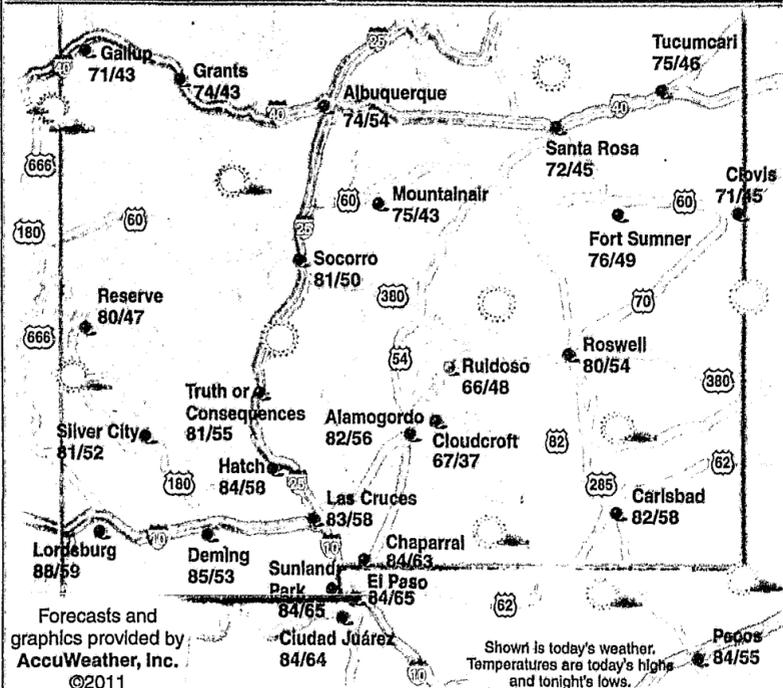
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel: 72° Humidity: 33% Pleasant with plenty of sunshine Wind: ENE 7-14 mph	RealFeel: 74° Humidity: 31% Mostly sunny and breezy Wind: SSE 10-20 mph	RealFeel: 77° Humidity: 23% Mostly sunny and breezy Wind: SE 10-20 mph	RealFeel: 73° Humidity: 29% Mostly sunny and breezy Wind: S 15-25 mph	RealFeel: 79° Humidity: 13% Mostly sunny and pleasant Wind: SW 12-25 mph	RealFeel: 79° Humidity: 12% Partly sunny and windy Wind: WSW 15-25 mph	RealFeel: 60° Humidity: 29% Partly sunny and cooler Wind: WSW 12-25 mph

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**Regional Cities**



**Sun and Moon**  
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:06 a.m./7:53 p.m.  
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 4:00 p.m./3:08 a.m.

**Moon Phases**  
Full Last New First  
May 17 May 24 Jun 1 Jun 8

**Extremes**  
Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 103° in Laredo, TX  
Low: 18° in Alpine, AZ  
Wednesday's World High/Low:  
High: 117° in Nawabshah, Pakistan  
Low: -18° in Summit Station, Greenland

**Almanac**

**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Wednesday  
Temperature:  
High/low ..... 63°/39°  
Normal high ..... 71°  
Normal low ..... 35°  
Record high ..... 85° (1996)  
Record low ..... 18° (1979)  
Precipitation:  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.30"  
Year to date ..... 0.83"  
Normal year to date ..... 4.49"

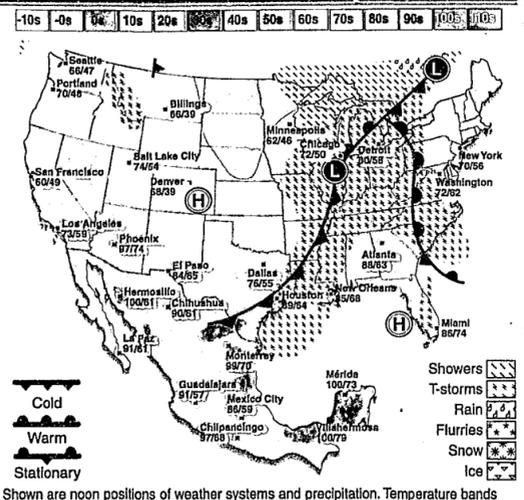
**Pollen:**  
Grass ..... Absent  
Trees ..... High  
Weeds ..... Low  
Mold ..... Low  
Predominant ..... Pecan Tree

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

**Alamogordo**  
Statistics through Wednesday  
Temperature:  
High/low ..... 77°/43°  
Normal high ..... 82°  
Normal low ..... 53°  
Record high ..... 97° (1962)  
Record low ..... 39° (1953)  
Precipitation:  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.22"  
Year to date ..... 0.46"  
Normal year to date ..... 2.29"

**Weather Trivia™:**  
Q: The name of what cloud comes from the latin word for layer?  
A: Stratus clouds

**National Forecast for May 13, 2011**



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

National Cities		Regional Cities			
City	Today HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W	City	Today HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W
Abilene	78/52/s	78/51/s	Albuquerque	74/54/s	81/55/s
Anchorage	60/41/s	59/43/s	Artesia	84/60/s	89/57/s
Atlanta	88/63/h	80/59/h	Chama	69/36/s	66/35/pc
Austin	84/58/s	80/52/s	Clayton	67/40/s	67/41/pc
Baltimore	74/58/pc	70/58/h	Cloudcroft	67/37/s	67/36/s
Boston	62/47/pc	54/46/c	Farmington	77/48/s	79/47/s
Chicago	72/50/h	62/48/sh	Hobbs	80/50/s	81/50/pc
Dallas	76/55/s	75/54/s	Los Alamos	70/42/s	67/43/s
Denver	68/39/s	64/38/h	Portales	74/45/s	75/47/pc
Des Moines	64/46/h	61/46/c	Raton	66/38/s	70/40/h
Detroit	80/58/h	71/53/h	Red River	62/34/pc	60/36/pc
El Paso	84/65/s	90/64/s	Ruidoso	66/48/s	71/51/s
Las Vegas	88/74/pc	89/89/s	Santa Fe	70/47/s	78/45/s
Los Angeles	73/59/pc	69/54/pc	Silver City	81/52/s	83/53/s
Minneapolis	82/46/c	67/44/sh	Taos	71/37/pc	71/39/pc
New Orleans	85/68/h	81/64/pc			
New York City	70/56/s	65/56/h			
Philadelphia	73/56/s	69/57/c			
Phoenix	97/74/pc	94/72/s			
Reno	78/49/pc	74/44/pc			
San Francisco	60/49/pc	63/51/c			
San Diego	66/59/pc	65/57/pc			
Seattle	66/47/pc	66/47/pc			
Tucson	93/65/s	90/65/s			
Tulsa, OK	66/49/h	66/48/pc			
Wash., DC	72/62/pc	68/63/h			
Wichita	64/43/pc	64/44/pc			
Yuma	96/69/pc	90/66/s			

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, h-hurricane/storms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

# Water restrictions counter 'exceptional' drought conditions

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Water restrictions have been put in place by the Sun Valley Water and Sanitation District's board.

The Stage 2 restrictions limit customers to outdoor watering only by hand and only from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The restrictions were imposed as the board was told that the worst drought in New Mexico since record-keeping began in 1897 continues unabated. The U.S. Drought Monitor has ranked drought conditions in Lincoln County as extreme to exceptional.

In taking the action at their May 9 meeting, the

board said the move was an effort to protect water supplies and assure water is available for firefighting.

"Sun Valley District residents are also asked to engage in other voluntary activities that will further conserve water including reporting potential system leaks, restricted car washing, and use of stop-and-waste or shut off valves when property is not occupied," said Jim Miller, the chair of the district board. "Low flow, high performance shower heads for Sun Valley District customers are also available at no charge by calling the Sun Valley District office."

The number is 575-257-5240.

Violations of the State 2 restrictions can result in an administrative penalty of \$100 per day per violation. The Sun Valley District includes the Sun Valley, La Junta and Little Creek subdivisions north of Ruidoso.

Other water systems in the area have also imposed restrictions.

In Ruidoso, Phase 4 restrictions have been in place. Outdoor watering with sprinkler systems is prohibited except for watering vegetable gardens and fruit trees. Residential washing of vehicles or outdoor watering by the use of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation is limited to two days per week. Even

addresses can water on Tuesday and Saturday. Odd addresses are restricted to Wednesday and Sunday. Outside watering is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A first violation carries a penalty of a \$20 fine. A second infraction is \$50, third is \$100, and beyond three a \$500 fine.

Vegetable gardens, fruit trees, ornamental plants, flowers and tree wells may be watered through the use of hand-held buckets or sprinkler cans that have been filled from hose bibs or interior faucets any day of the week in the village.

Ruidoso Downs currently limits outdoor water use for irrigation to Wednes-

day, Friday and Sunday for properties with odd numbered addresses. Even numbers can water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Watering is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The filling of swimming pools is forbidden. Restaurants can only provide water to customers on request.

In Alto Lakes, the water

and sanitation district is in their normal mode. That means residents are limited to outside watering three days a week. For even-numbered addresses, the days are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Odd addresses are Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Watering is limited to the hours of 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

# Downs to let new bids; originals too low

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Two street improvement projects in Ruidoso Downs will go out for new bids. The problem was not that the bids were too high but rather too low.

"The bids came in substantially under the engineer's estimates," Cleatus Richards, the city's public works director, told city officials.

"That only used about 60 percent of the available CDBG (Community Development Block Grant, a federal program) grant funds and a little less than 80 percent of the Co-op (state) funds. What the engineer and I are recommending is that we restructure the bids to add additional alternates so that we can be assured that we will use all of the available grant funds. If we do not use all those funds in a bid offering we will lose those funds."

City council unanimously voted to turn down the

May 2 bids and seek restructured projects to use more of the state and federal funding.

At least one Ruidoso Downs resident questioned the maneuver. Reading from a script written by Pam Williams, who ran out of her three minutes of public input time, Joyce Gustafson verbally relayed Williams' criticism.

"I am in shock that we paid URS Corporation (engineer) \$5,486 to define bid documents and advertise for bids to reject bids from two contractors because (they) were too low. The grant and Co-op funds are underutilized. Now we will pay this same engineering corporation to redefine bid documents and advertise for new bids. This is disgusting. We ask why our nation is in the shape it is. It's time to live in reality. You people need to do your homework and keep the citizens of this city in mind and not just throw numbers up in the air and bal-

ance what falls."

The message concluded with advice for all to live "within our means."

Noting that the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (which oversees federal CDBG funding) and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (for co-op money) would have to concur with a renewed bid process, Richards saw no problem.

"Both our bid documents and the state statute allow us the latitude to reject bids when it's not in the best interest of the city," he said.

A city memorandum said two bids opened on May 2 were less than \$300 apart. Asked why the bids were so low compared to the engineer's estimates, Richards said he believed

the URS estimates were on the high side.

The two projects would make improvements to North Central Drive, River Lane and Nevada Lane. Drainage needs were described as major components of the street work. The projects would be done this summer.

City Clerk Carol Virden concurred with rejection of the current bids and the pursuit of enhanced projects.

"If we don't take this we're out the rest of the about 40 percent (CDBG)," Virden said. "And we certainly, as grantees, want to return money to the Community Development Block Grant bureau because if we turn money over and we apply again we may not get the full money that we got in 2010."

# Midtown electrical boxes under review

Officials with the Ruidoso Street Department are working on a temporary fix and a permanent solution to ensure the safety of pedestrians on Midtown sidewalks, said Village Manager Debi Lee.

A woman recently injured her ankle. Lee said the incident was tied to electrical boxes in the sidewalk.

"We do own the wooden poles in Midtown; however, the issue with the person who injured her ankle was

a result of the electrical boxes in the sidewalk that she tripped on," Lee said Tuesday. "I spoke with J. R. (Baumann, street department director) and he has talked with the individuals."

"The Street Department will be working on a permanent/temporary fix to make it safer. We have an Enhancement Grant coming in the next 18 months that will replace sidewalks in that area and fix the problem permanently."

- Dianne Stallings

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### OUR OPINION

## Professional baseball a winner for area

Osos play a good brand of ball

It was windy and occasionally a little cold. Many in attendance didn't know the name of the second baseman, or the catcher, or that south-paw in center.

But Ruidoso fielded a baseball team this week, a professional club in the fledgling Pecos League. The Ruidoso Osos, in their brown and orange jerseys, took a pair from the alien-green-clad Roswell Invaders by scores of 18-13 and 16-10.

Yes, they were slugfests.

Pitching is at a premium at every level, but these boys could hit. And both teams turned in sparkling, major league-like defensive plays.

In short, it was an impressive brand of ball.

Ruidoso, don't wait to appreciate that which is lost. Support your home nine. Know the games to be an economic boon to the area and grand summertime fun at the ol' ballpark.

The Osos return May 19 to face White Sands. Be there.

## Part V: Back to the roots

I met Glynis Onstott behind the bar at Fitzgerald's, a trickety looking two-story on the corner of Studemont and White Oaks, in the Heights. I see the snapshot in time. The new bartender was somehow different from all the rest. I was drawn to her immediately.

I, however, was just another bloke at the rail.

I virtually lived at Fitzgerald's. Owner Sara Fitzgerald built the Old Polish Hall into the premier live music club in Houston, along with Rockefeller's, and I was magnetically swept into the orbit of great bands as they dealt their magic, performing at the peak of their powers.

More than that, the club was family, beginning with ticket-taker Nita Sue welcoming us at the top of the stairs on a particularly humid, steamy Saturday night, an expectant buzz stirring just inside the darkness.

I refer to a blog post in the *Chronicle* concerning the club's recent anniversary:

*Very simply, the music scene that powered Fitzgerald's heyday was a powerful time in music for Houston, Texas and nationally. Fitzgerald's staff and the writers for the Houston Post and the Houston Chronicle were intimately woven into that scene and helped it happen as did the fans and the acts themselves. After the shows were over, you could find all at known 24 hour/late night eating spots where the vibe continued into the wee hours.*

*Those days, frankly, are as dead as Bob Claypool, the only other writer with the stature of Marty Racine in that period. The current music scene is simply not on the order of the talent of that period for a wide variety of reasons. . . Fitzgerald's reflected and put forth what was happening in music in real time as it happened.*

And this blog reply:  
*Ahhh Marty Racine! His reviews used to piss me off, but he was consistent.*

While the New York and California punk scenes devolved into worthless noise-

makers such as Sonic Youth and Black Flag, and while cartoonish L.A. "hair" bands like Ratt and Motley Crue were climbing the charts," it was left to unsung roots groups like the Beat Farmers, Blasters, Webb Wilder, the Fabulous Thunderbirds and Jason & the Scorchers to span the ages with a revved-up, historically savvy, hyperkinetic rockabilly intensity.

When Fitzgerald's went to an all-ages format for young local bands, the roots scene shifted to Rockefeller's, the Fabulous Satellite Lounge and, especially, Club Hey Hey. All three occupied the corner of Washington and Heights boulevards.

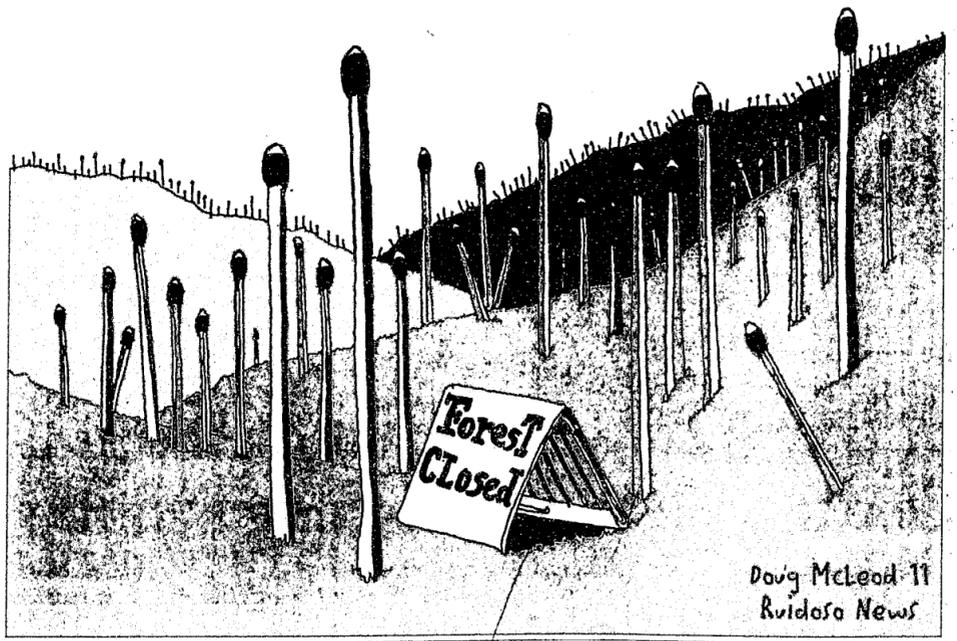
Hey Hey's Pete Selin and his wife Pat Armstrong, a former Fitzgerald's bartender, single-handedly bankrolled a roots touring industry in Houston, adding some New Orleans gumbo, a dash of Austin hipster cool and plenty of contemporary blues, like Jimmy Thackery, Tinsley Ellis, Robert Cray, James Harman, Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials, John Mooney and Roy Rogers, the scintillating slide guitarist who, in deference to the singing cowboy, titled one of his earliest albums *Chops Not Chaps*.

Glynis and I had met in March 1984, and in September we found the courthouse steps and got married. We briefly considered having children, but the clock was ticking and our primary hours were spent in the clubs. With the light of dawn we came to our senses.

In 1991 she left the nightlife and became a travel agent, then a computer programmer. In 1995, I fulfilled my vow and also escaped the music biz while still breathing - opting to become a general assignment feature writer for the *Chronicle's* various sections. The assignments took me throughout Texas, the U.S., the Caribbean and even overseas.

And then Glynis wanted to come home, to New Mexico. I was still an Arizona boy at heart. I could do that. I could return to the Southwest.

Next week: *Ruidosq*



### YOUR OPINION

## County budget cuts have consequences

### Ideology behind cuts

To the editor:

**THIS YEAR, IN** a change of tradition, the Lincoln County Commission did not fund any number of local service agencies that had been funded in the past - some of them for more than two decades.

Apparently, the commission does not now want to use taxpayer money to fund charitable activities.

This is not a matter of law - the county can pay for services provided or not. Nor is this a matter of practicality - the commission did have money in the budget left over after the exercise, and in the past it has found the money (although maybe less than requested) even when the "budget" has been exceeded.

Rather, this change is a matter of ideology.

Certainly, tradition and ideology can change ... and evidently, there seem to be enough votes on the commission to do just that. But many were caught unprepared by the suddenness of this change.

Many agencies that do good charitable work in the county and their dedicated volunteers who presented before the commission were caught by surprise. They now have to go back and refigure what they can now do and whether they can still provide the services and help they have in the past.

Fundraising may have to now become their No. 1 priority instead of community service.

Sudden change can happen, but one of the roles of good leadership is to prepare people when change is about to occur and to explain why and how it will evolve.

It is a role of good leadership to cushion the blow, when the change can hit hard and destroy what one has planned and worked hard to achieve. This did not happen.

First of all, it is not clear at all that this change had to happen - as I observe, this was a matter of mere ideology, not hard choice. It also did not have to happen this suddenly. If the commission felt it had to reduce its funding, it could have done so partially - cutting say, a certain percentage each year to allow the service agencies time to figure out how they will survive or by spreading the pain around a little more than was done.

Most importantly, the commission provided no guidelines, no rationale. Tom Stewart, the county manager, had put together a questionnaire which each agency filled out to explain their role and their sources of funding. It was not made clear on the

questionnaire how the response(s) would affect granting some funding or not.

The commission, of course, did not say that the work of these agencies is not worthy and should not occur. On the other hand, the commission did not provide guidance on how the agencies should transition to private funding. The commission did not say much at all.

Most people in a leadership role love to explain themselves, to give reasons for their actions ... very often at great length.

For this commission, it was only, "No motion to fund."

This commission, last year, took pains to explain how a special election was necessary to pass an additional tax to fund the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Billy the Kid Casino.

We now live in a county where taxpayer money is used to fund the richest man in the county and his gambling enterprise - but we have "No motion to fund" the Food Bank and other charitable organizations that support the poor and disadvantaged.

This beautiful county, Lincoln County, is now just a little bit uglier.

Dick Mastin  
Democratic Party of Lincoln  
County Chair  
Alto

### The 5 Scrooges

To the editor:

**IT APPEARS THAT** Ebenezer Scrooge, the unredeemed version, has been cloned and the clones now occupy the Lincoln County Commission.

There are so many negatives with the recent actions of the Lincoln County Commission, it is difficult to know where to begin. In general, objections should be raised on how the funding denials were done, and the damage the unnecessary cuts will do. Yes the budget is balanced, but at what cost to the fabric of the community?

The funding denials inflicted by the posturing commissioners were clearly driven by an ideological compass. In the results, it is clear that a moral compass was ignored.

County Manager Tom Stewart reportedly gushed that the actions of the commissioners were "downright courageous" - certainly, if your notion of courage coincides with the actions of playground bullies.

The "machete" was applied in a manner that appears arbitrary and capricious; no rationale for the decisions was provided. The County Commission went to great pains in explaining the Hubbard [Business Retention] tax, but not in wiping out fund-

ing assistance for organizations that help the struggling and disadvantaged.

The commission's action is damaging in that it sends a highly discouraging message to volunteers: Your efforts are not worthy of support or respect. Volunteer organizations here already struggle against huge odds; this amounts to a kick in the teeth.

Why should anyone bother? It can't be heartwarming to any volunteers to hear their efforts referred to as "financial weeds" deserving of whacking with a machete - granted, those were [reporter Dianne] Stallings' characterization in her worshipful account of the commissioners' actions.

Yanking funding is also shortsighted: "It is easier to build strong children than repair broken men" is the quote from Frederick Douglass that springs to mind regarding the denial of the request from Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Involvement with a mentor through the BB/BS could very well steer a youngster away from a path ultimately leading to incarceration (at taxpayer expense, of course).

Sacramento Mountain Village works to keep seniors in their own homes - less costly than nursing homes. Oh well. Just a couple of examples of the penny-wise, pound-foolish actions of the commissioners.

At Senator [Tom] Udall's recent round table with Chamber of Commerce members, much ado was made about paperwork keeping business owners from their primary mission of operating the business.

It should be glaringly obvious that fundraising similarly takes time and effort away from what should be the primary focus of the volunteer organizations.

Regarding Commissioner [Kathryn] Minter's oh-so-generous offer to help the spurned organizations with fund-raising: Is she planning on writing a lot of personal checks, or twisting a lot of arms at her church? Does she think her presence at a fundraiser will be a magnet for generosity?

Any estimate on what percentage of the denied county funding will be made up by her fundraising "help"? Five percent?

This is a generous community, but the constant barrage of fundraisers may shortly have everyone tapped out.

The county may be in "great shape" (Stewart) financially, but the commissioners' actions have inflicted a moral diminution on this county. To give the back of

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## BUDGET, FROM PAGE 4A

the hand to the Food Bank at a time when many are in desperate straits – at least the Food Bank volunteers are putting their faith into action.

The commissioners and Manager Stewart should henceforth be known as the Five Scrooges. May they be blessed with experiences, perhaps needing a basket from the Food Bank, that will lead to epiphanies such as led to the change of heart for the original Scrooge. It will be better for them, and better for all in the county.

Joyce Westerbur  
Alto

## Action too cut and dried

To the editor:

I READ THE article regarding the funding requests from several service organizations asking for monetary assistance in order to continue assisting residents and animals of Lincoln County.

I am very concerned how 'cut and dried' the commissioners were with several of these organizations, particularly the Food Bank, PAWS spay/neuter vouchers, Miracle Paws for Pets and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

These organizations are providing a very vital service in their respective areas. They are making a difference in this county, and should have received at least partial, if not the full, funding requests they asked for.

Yay, the county budget is balanced and didn't touch the reserve fund, but really, how good does that make you feel? Was it the totally right thing to do?

Not in my gut feeling was it the right thing to do.

Susan Carter Hoffer  
Ruidoso Downs

ruidosonews.com/opinion/letters

To the editor:

**BETWEEN FICKLE** Mother Nature and the New Mexico Game and Fish Department, New Mexico's bears are in for a very bad haul.

The NMG&F has increased the bear hunt 104 percent over the past five bear hunts of 2004-2008. It raised the hunt 21 percent in 2009-2010, then decided to raise the hunt this past year to harvest a total of 686 bears including 302 females per year for four years 2011-2014.

It has estimated that there are 5,327 to 6,511 bears in New Mexico. That's right, they have it down to the very last 11 bears, when in truth, the NMG&F has no idea how many bears exist

here. It is basing its bear population guesstimate on a matrix, which is not a population count but rather a bear capacity estimate. NMG&F's uncertainty estimate of plus or minus 10 percent in the population is not realistic, given the tremendous uncertainty in the method they've used.

In areas like Ruidoso, the NMG&F has doubled the hunt it considers to be "problem" zones to 15 percent from 7 percent, which is most of the state. This will include 50 percent sows. This four-year 2011-2014 statewide hunt proposes to kill 2,744 bears in total, including approximately 1,218 females – the future.

And unfortunately, if this drought along with late frosts on

oak trees persists, sows will not continue to produce cubs to replace this Draconian hunt, which means our bear population will take a massive plunge.

This Game Department's message is: Trust us, we're the experts here and we know what we're doing. BearWatch believes this four-year bear hunt is unsustainable and will be disastrous for this species.

Unfortunately this department resents spending the money and personnel to manage New Mexico's bears. It is easier to just eliminate most of the bear population rather than educating, ticketing irresponsible residents who create human/bear problems and encouraging bear-country

counties to create and enforce bear-proof garbage ordinances.

It is now up to the citizens of Ruidoso to do everything possible to protect your bears because no one else is going to do it for you. Ruidoso is known for its summer visitors along with some residents openly feeding bears. It's past time to start taking steps to stop habituating your area's bears with irresponsible hand-feeding along with available garbage and birdfeeders. Remember, a fed bear is a dead bear.

For more information, contact SandiaMountainBearWatch.org.

Jan Hayes  
Founder

Sandia MountainBearWatch  
New Mexico

## Conference gave us a boost of energy

To the editor:

I AM PLEASED to report that the April 22 Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference in Ruidoso drew an estimated 288 participants from Lincoln County and adjoining counties, slightly better than attendance at the 2010 conference. Several participants were Easter weekend tourists visiting from Texas. The accompanying trade show had an additional 40 vendors from across New Mexico.

High School and college students were visibly in attendance this year. Two received college scholarships from the Conference. The overall numbers were an encouraging sign of continued interest in this promising form of economic development for the region.

The purpose of this second conference was to stimulate new regional economic development. It already appears to have done so. Trade show vendors are

already reporting follow up sales, new business contacts and additional expansion opportunities. Several large scale renewable energy projects in the region involving several different types of renewable energy including natural gas are moving forward.

Attention too was brought to bear during the Conference on the seven wind energy projects under development in the northern part of Lincoln County.

The Friday conference was flanked by training on Thursday for more than 50 realtors through the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of Realtors and by scores of regional residents touring Lincoln County on the Saturday 3rd Annual Solar and Sustainability Tour.

Realtors now have another tool with which to sell real estate. Tour participants viewed existing renewable energy systems from Ruidoso Downs to Corona. The Conference appears to have met

its goal, that of providing additional education and motivation for new energy-related industrial and small business economic development in this region.

Conference sponsors really made this event happen and enabled participants to attend without charge. Sponsors included Zia Natural Gas Company, PNM, Otero County Electric Cooperative, Sacred Power Corporation, New Mexico Workforce Connection – Lincoln County, Carrizozo Works Inc., the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service, the Lodge at Sierra Blanca, the Ruidoso / Lincoln County Association of Realtors, and ENMU-Ruidoso. The support of the Village of Ruidoso was also particularly significant in the success of the Conference.

Numerous local businesses also contributed door prizes or manned trade show booths.

The good news is that progress

is being made on the expansion of electrical transmission. Jeremy Turner, Executive Director of the NM Renewable Energy Authority [and a Ruidoso High School graduate], announced at the conference that five transmission projects are in various stages of planning and development in New Mexico.

A sixth project, Tres Amigas near Clovis, will integrate most of these systems as well as the national three-part grid. Most projects are not located in Lincoln County; however, the County and the three-county region will benefit from their development.

Our sincere thanks to sponsors, vendors, participants. A third renewable energy conference and trade show is scheduled for April, 2012 in Ruidoso. Hope you can make it.

Jim Miller  
Lincoln County Renewable  
Energy Initiative  
Alto

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# BUSINESS

## Events to feel lodgers tax adjustments

JIM KALVELAGE  
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There will be some winners and some losers in the quest for Ruidoso Downs lodgers tax revenues during the second half of 2011 and the first half 2012 to promote events.

Part of the lodgers tax collections in the city are used by festival organizers to advertise their events with a goal of bringing tourists to the area.

The autumn Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally and the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium each achieved recommendations from the Ruidoso Downs Lodgers Tax Committee to receive 100 percent of their \$5,000 requests. The rally will move its center of operations to the Inn of the Mountain Gods at Mes-calero this fall.

The area's other bike rally, the Aspen Cash Motorcycle Rally, would receive \$3,645 of the \$5,000 requested. The late spring rally is headquartered in Ruidoso, at the village's convention center.

City Clerk Carol Virden said the recommendations were made by the lodgers tax committee by using their new scoring system.

The point system, adopted earlier this year, weighs an event based on the number of lodging nights, the event's location, and the spear of advertising for the event.

An event that lends itself to a one night stay earns one point, two nights

collects two points, and three nights trigger three points.

Events held in Ruidoso Downs receive three points, while held in Ruidoso two points are awarded. A single point is given to events beyond the city or village.

If advertising is mostly local, no points are scored. Within 100 miles gains one point, and beyond 200 miles receives two points.

A maximum score of eight points garners 110 percent of the funding requested. Seven points provides 100 percent funding.

The percentage drops incrementally in 10 percent chunks until 60 percent is reached for an event with a score of less than four points.

But if there is no overnight lodging associated with the event, lodgers tax funding is totally denied.

The Billy the Kid Casino Chute Out sought \$5,000 but the committee recommended \$1,125. The Military Appreciation Weekend event, which re-quested \$5,000, may be clipped to \$1,620. Ruidoso Oktoberfest had its potential funding from the city cut almost in half, to \$1,053. Fort Stanton Live requested \$2,500, but the lodgers tax panel considered \$540 appropriate. The Ruidoso Chili Cookoff, held in Ruidoso Downs, would receive \$607.50 of the \$4,000 sought.

The total amount requested by 14 functions

was \$43,550. The committee had \$30,000 to allocate.

The recommended funding to 11 event organizers totals just under \$21,000. Last year \$36,244 were doled out.

The city council can adjust the recommended funding levels, Virden told the elected officials.

City Councilor Gary Williams noted the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally would move from Ruidoso Downs to Mes-calero later this year.

"And I would like to see that funding brought down and possibly added to the (Lincoln County) Cowboy Symposium, which is one of our big events," Williams said. "And possibly to the chili cookoff which is also here in the city at the track. That recommendation is made because we're losing a lot of GRT (gross receipts taxes) from the vendors that are usually at the motorcycle rally."

Williams said the Billy the Kid Casino Chute Out, a rodeo-bull riding event with an inaugural June 3-4 date, is a new event for the city.

He suggested the council also look at the funding level for the possible annual rodeo.

"I think for cutting the Golden Aspen some money and adding to the Chute Out, the chili contest, and the Cowboy Symposium," said Councilor Tommy Hood.

Councilor Dean Holman said he could go along. "The only thing, I'm a



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**Future Ruidoso Downs'** lodgers tax funding to promote the spring Aspen Cash Motorcycle Rally could be trimmed based on the recommendation of the Lodgers Tax Committee.

little sensitive to our committee, that are volunteers, is to overrule them," Holman said. "However, I tend to agree with what councilor Williams is saying. I'm sure the committee probably factored in a lot of this

type thing and discussed it. But I'm a little bit apprehensive about overruling without knowing exactly where they've been with this."

Williams recommended postponing action on the

lodgers tax funding amount until after the city's budget workshop. Members of the lodgers tax panel will be asked to attend the workshop next week. The approach was endorsed by the full council.

## More numbers requested for Ruidoso

The Ruidoso area's land-line phone company is asking the New Mexico Regulation Commission to allow the allocation of additional phone numbers at its Ruidoso center. Neustar, Inc., the company that administers the country's three-digit area codes and seven-digit phone numbers, denied Windstream Communications' request for 1,000 new numbers in Ruidoso. The additional numbers would allow Windstream to roll out some new services similar to VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol).

"This is a product that

will provide data, internet access and also voice service over a single Internet connection," said Austin Herrington, Windstream's director of Enterprise Product Marketing. "These will be business class services, not residential. They're intended for small- to medium-sized businesses that can be anywhere from the four to 40-employee range. They bring kind of the latest and greatest features and functionalities that Internet protocol can provide."

As one example, Herrington said the telephone interview for this story

used the system. He said a number of features are included in the new services.

"If I had not been sitting at my desk, your call, after four rings, would have forwarded to my Blackberry where I can answer it from there. If I did not answer on my Blackberry after four rings it would go back to the phone on my desk. You would have an option to leave me a voice mail. Once that voice message is left, it would email me. One, I could access the voice message from my phone, but two, it would email me a Wave (digital audio) file of that voice message where I could check it from the Internet or I could flip a button on my Blackberry and listen to it there."

Not exclusive to the Blackberry, the service works with any "smart" phone.

To provide the new services in the Ruidoso area, Windstream spokesperson Scott Morris said more numbers are needed.

"We just need a clean block of numbers to facilitate the delivery of these new services," said Morris.

In denying the request, Neustar had determined the Ruidoso exchange was not close to having its numbers exhausted nor at 75 percent or more utilization.

"Their job is to conserve numbers with all the proliferation of devices and services and whatnot that rely on phone numbers," Morris said of Neustar. "We made a request to them. They turned it down. Then the process is for us to apply to the state. And if the state gives us this approval, then we'll go back to the numbering authority and they'll likely then grant us the numbers."

The petition to the PRC was filed on May 3.

The installation of a new switch in Ruidoso to offer the new service requires additional numbers. Windstream has requested 1,000 new numbers at this time.

The business products are expected to become available sometime during the second half of the year.

Bringing the new products to Ruidoso is "based on the opportunity that we see there," said Morris.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### One down

Ruidoso Downs' Economic Development Board has a one new member. Joyce Gustafson was appointed to the board by city councilors earlier this week following a recommendation from Mayor Tom Armstrong.

"I am very interested and concerned as to the present and future development of our community," Gustafson wrote in a letter to Armstrong, asking to be appointed to the board. "I will do my very best to fulfill the goals set forth by our city."

For a time earlier this year the seven-member board had just three members, not enough to meet quorum requirements to hold a meeting. In March, Beth Miller was appointed to the board. Additional nominees can contact Armstrong.

The Economic Development Board was created in 2004 when the city adopted an economic development act.

### Soldiers' Angels

As more American ser-

vice members deploy or redeploy in the war on terror, the Inn of the Mountain Gods will partner with the nonprofit group Soldiers' Angels to support the more than 300,000 troops stationed around the world.

The resort has developed a casino promotion for May that will enable patrons to donate non-perishable items to Soldiers' Angels in exchange for points and/or match play in the casino.

All items collected from a wish list will be shipped overseas to the men and women serving the country.

The promotion is valid Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during May at the Inn of the Mountain Gods casino and the Casino Apache Travel Center.

Apache Spirit Club members can donate three non-perishable items and other necessities on the wish list to receive points/match play.

The limited items in the care packages include some foods, sports equipment, entertainment materials, hygiene supplies and miscellaneous items.

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**RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS**

**April 29**

8 a.m. - Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to the 200 block of Second Street for a report of criminal damage to property.

The victim reportedly discovered almost every window broken out. Tyson reportedly observed several large rocks inside the residence.

1:04 p.m. - Tyson responded to the 200 block of Ridge Road for a report of a possible burglary.

The reporting party observed broken windows in the house across the street. Tyson reported two windows on the east side of the house were broken and the drawers and cabinets were all open but nothing appeared to be missing.

**April 30**

8:50 a.m. - Tyson responded to The Lodge at Sierra Blanca for a report of criminal damage to property.

A guest from Latham, N.Y. reported the rear window of his rental car was broken. He reportedly said it appeared to have been broken by a window punch and pointed to the EMS Conference next door as a possible source of a window punch.

**May 3**

12:03 p.m. - Officer Jon Lund responded the 400 block of Flume Canyon for a report of a burglary.

Lund reports the bathroom window was broken on the lower level of the home and the back door on the upper level was open and the door trim was broken.

The owner reported two televisions, a digital camera and a rifle with a scope were missing.

**May 4**

6:03 p.m. - Officer James Urban reported observing a male smoking a cigarette in the parking lot of Can't Stop Smokin' Restaurant on Mechem Drive.

Urban cited James P. Green, 21, of Albuquerque for improper handling of fire. Green reportedly said he was unaware of the fire restrictions.

**May 5**

10:21 a.m. - Sergeant Dale Harrison reported observing a passenger throw a lit cigarette from the window of a vehicle on Sudderth Drive near the Thomas B intersection.

Harrison cited Daniel Ortiz-Martinez, 24, of Alamogordo, for improper handling of fire. Ortiz-Martinez reportedly said he was unaware of the law and apologized.

**May 6**

5:24 p.m. - Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Fern Trail to check on six suspicious males walking down the street.

Officer Josh Snodgrass arrived first and was checking identification on the individuals when he reported Sergeant Joel Martin arriving and searching the area around the men.

Martin allegedly found a Crown Royal bag containing a white crystalline substance near one of the men. The man said it belonged to a man who had left the area earlier.

Martin also reportedly

found a jacket, which none of the men claimed.

In the jacket Martin reportedly found a glass pipe used for smoking methamphetamines. One of the men said the jacket also belonged to the man who had left.

Snodgrass reported being advised there was an outstanding warrant from Carrizozo Magistrate Court for Gage Olivas, 16.

Snodgrass reported that when he asked Olivas to come with him, Olivas went between two police vehicles and then ran.

Snodgrass reportedly chased Olivas west on Terrace, lost him, then spotted him again at Terrace and Eagle. Olivas reportedly ignored Snodgrass' command to stop and ran between houses. Snodgrass reportedly caught Olivas behind a house.

Police transported Olivas to the Juvenile Detention Facility in Roswell.

**May 7**

11:54 a.m. - Officer Jon Lund responded to the 100 block of Roswell Street for a report of a stolen computer.

Lund reported the victim said she went to her car to get her computer and found it missing.

Lund reports there was no sign of forced entry and the victim said the car was unlocked.

The missing computer was reported to be a Gateway computer valued at \$1,700.

**May 8**

4:32 p.m. - Officer Larry Smith responded to the Ruidoso Police Department for a report of a stolen license plate.

The victim reportedly said they noticed the plate missing and immediately came to report the theft.

The missing license is GZF-066.

**May 9**

5:37 p.m. - Officer Larry Smith responded to the Apache Motel for a report of criminal damage to property.

Smith reported the manager said Skylar Reed, 18, arrived at the motel office and was told to leave.

When the manager said he was calling the police, Reed allegedly left, kicking the door and breaking the glass.

Magistrate Judge Lorenna LaMay issued an arrest warrant for Reed, setting his bond at \$5,000 cash.

**MAGISTRATE COURT BRIEFS**

Ruidoso Magistrate

**April 25**

Sid Martinez pleaded no contest to charges of battery and disorderly conduct.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman, the State dismissed a charge of battery on a household member.

Judge Lorenna LaMay sentenced Martinez to 59 days in jail, time served, 182 days of unsupervised probation and \$126 in court costs.

**April 27**

Augustine Apache pleaded not guilty to a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs (3rd offense). LaMay found him guilty.

The State amended the charge, dismissing "aggravated" from the charge.

LaMay sentenced Apache to 45 days in jail, time served, five years supervised probation, 96 hours of community service, a \$750 fine and ordered Apache to install an ignition interlock device in his vehicle for three years.

Derek Holden pleaded no contest to charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs (1st offense), following too closely, immediate notice of accident and duty to give information and render aid.

LaMay sentenced Holden to one day in jail, time served, 363 days of supervised probation, 24 hours of

community service, DWI School and \$1,014 in fines and fees.

Sevier S. Bowman pleaded no contest to a charge of driver must be licensed.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Denson and Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz, the State dismissed a charge of driving while license suspended.

LaMay sentenced Bowman to 90 days of unsupervised probation and a \$100 fine.

Karla Barrios pleaded no contest to a charge of driver must be licensed.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Denson and Bernitz, the State dismissed charges of driving while license revoked and turning movement.

LaMay sentenced Barrios to 90 days of unsupervised probation and \$81 in court costs.

Addis Choneska pleaded no contest to a charge of driver must be licensed.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Denson and Bernitz, the State dismissed charges of driving while license suspended and registration violation.

LaMay sentenced him to 90 days unsupervised probation and a \$100 fine.

Inez Cochise pleaded no contest to a charge of driver must be licensed.

The State dismissed charges of driving while license revoked and expired registration.

LaMay sentenced Cochise to 90 days of unsupervised probation and a \$100 fine.

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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## New hearts program offered for women

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the United States. Heart disease and stroke can also limit a woman's ability to do the everyday things that she is used to doing.

To improve women's health in Lincoln County NMSU Extension will be offering Strong Women-Healthy Hearts classes, beginning in Ruidoso this spring. An informational meeting will be held May 12 from 2:30-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center.

An orientation and assessment meeting will be held May 24 and classes will begin May 26, meeting from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, through Aug. 11.

The team at Tufts University in Boston, Mass. has developed an exercise and nutrition pro-

gram designed to help women improve their heart health. The Strong Women - Healthy Hearts Program is a fun, hands-on way to make positive changes to help you eat better, move more, and improve your general health and well-being.

Classes focus on nutrition and exercise and include topics such as menu planning and portion control.

If you participate in the Program, you will also be asked to participate in research to learn about the best ways to spread this program so that it can be brought to women all over the country in the communities where they live. This research, which is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is being conducted through a partnership between NMSU and Tufts Univer-

sity. NMSU Cooperative Extension was awarded a subcontract to conduct this research in the state of New Mexico.

Women are eligible for this study if they are 40 years of age or older; have a body mass index (BMI) between 24 and 45; live independently (not in assisted living or nursing home); are not currently getting much exercise; are willing to consent to participate in this research study; and are able to provide evidence that starting an exercise program will be safe for them.

For further information on the StrongWomen - Healthy Hearts Program, and to register for the information session, please contact: Marsha Palmer Home Economist NMSU Lincoln County Cooperative Extension at 575-648-2311 or email palmer@nmsu.edu.

## APRIL BIRTHS

Births at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

April 1 - Leif Alejandro Castellanos M 5lbs, 15.9oz 18in. Ramona Lester & Manuel Castellanos

April 2 - Shyan alyse Hillebrand F 8lbs, 2.6oz 22in. Shawna & Lucas Hillebrand

April 4 - Orrin Lee Tyson M 7lbs, 4.4oz 19 1/2in. Donita & Tyrel Tyson

April 8 - Ruben Elier Tena Gallegos M 7lbs, 1.0oz 20in Cynthia Gallegos & Eliot Tena

April 9 - Hartley Grace Gutierrez F 6lbs, 2.1oz 19in. Jessica & Samuel Gutierrez

April 12 - America Lyrik Guzman F 8lbs 4.1oz 20 1/2in. Ambra Vasquez & Eric Guzman

April 12 - Ashlyn Emily Martin 6lbs 0.6oz 20in. Amber & Jason Martin

April 12 - Aria Genesis Villalba-Ibarra F 6lbs

13.7oz 19in. Fabiola Ibarra & Eric Villalba

April 17 - Jamison Alexander LeCount M 8lbs 11.3oz 20 1/2in. Leah & Michael LeCount

April 18 - Reynaldo Emmanuel Ramirez-Gonzalez M 5lbs, 6.4oz 19in. April Gonzalez

April 18 - Jahsiere Eshan Williams M 4lbs 12.1oz 18in. Augusta & James Williams

April 18 - Lexia Brie Coronado F 6lbs 1.4oz. 18 1/2in. Pamela & Robert Coronado Sr.

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April 27 - Khanyien Tahlee Antonio M 7lbs 6.4oz 20in. Beverlee & Harold Antonio

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April 28 - Ayzik Ethan Samuel Scott M 6lbs 12.6oz 21in. Jamie Keaton

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April 30 - Lioen Jones LaPaz M 6lbs 13.4oz 18 1/2in. Bobbie Scott

## Shelter News

April was a very good month for finding homes for dogs and cats at Humane Society Shelter. The Lincoln County Humane Society found homes for 32 dogs and 15 cats and returned 31 animals to their owners.

That's a total of 78 animals that are living in a home instead of our shelter or living on the streets. That's an increase of 90 percent over the figures for April of 2010.

So far, May has been an avalanche of incoming dogs and cats at the shel-

ter. Through May 11, we have received 11 dogs and six cats.

Ordinarily, the public would not know about incoming animals unless they go to the website, petfinder.com, since we have a policy of featuring the dogs and cats with the longest shelter sonority on "Pet Page" and other media outlets.

However, we believe we have a very attractive crop of dogs and cats in our shelter, and we hope that if we mention some of them, the public will go online to petfinder.com. and

take a look for themselves. With that in mind, here are some our new residents at the shelter:

**The Three Litter Mates** - Our most recent arrivals at the shelter are three siblings: Sarah, Angel and John, husky mixed breeds found running the streets of Capitan. These guys are about five months old and weigh about 30 pounds.

**Davy** - Davy is a yellow lab mix who is about 6 month old and weighs 45 pounds

**Bess** - Bess is a black lab mix who is about 10 months old. She weighs about 50 pounds

**Molly** - Molly is a cute little terrier mix. She is 3 to 4 years old and weighs about 30 pounds.

**Doug** - Doug is a black spaniel who weighs about 20 pounds. She is 5 to 6 years old, making her eligible for our senior adoption rate of \$25.00.

-Submitted by LCHS.

## First human plague case reported

SANTA FE -- The New Mexico Department of Health confirmed May 6, a case of bubonic plague in a 58-year-old man from Santa Fe County who was hospitalized and is recovering.

This is the first case of plague confirmed in New Mexico this year and is the first human case of plague reported in the United States in 2011.

There have also been two cases of plague in dogs from Santa Fe County and one case in a cat from Rio Arriba County this spring.

"Whenever there is a human case of plague, the Department of Health takes several steps to ensure the safety of the immediate family, neighbors, and health care providers," said Department of Health Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Catherine Torres. "We inform neighbors door-to-door about plague found in the area and educate them on reducing their risk. We determine whether individuals close to the patient

may also have been exposed to the plague and recommend preventative treatment when necessary."

Dr. Paul Ettestad, public health veterinarian for the Department of Health, said plague activity usually begins to increase in the spring and continues into the summer months so people need to take precautions to avoid rodents and their fleas which can expose them to plague.

Plague is a bacterial disease of rodents and is generally transmitted to humans through the bites of infected fleas, but can also be transmitted by direct contact with infected animals, including rodents, wildlife and pets.

"Dead rodents should either be buried in the ground using a long shovel or double bagged and thrown away in the garbage if that is allowed in your area," Dr. Ettestad said. "This will help keep pets and children from handling rodent carcasses and potentially being exposed to plague."

To prevent plague, the Department of Health recommends:

o Avoid sick or dead rodents and rabbits, and their nests and burrows.

o Keep your pets from roaming and hunting and talk to your veterinarian about using an appropriate flea control product.

o Clean up areas near the house where rodents could live, such as woodpiles, brush piles,

junk and abandoned vehicles.

o Sick pets should be examined promptly by a veterinarian.

o See your doctor about any unexplained illness involving a sudden and severe fever.

o Put hay, wood, and compost piles as far as possible from your home.

o Don't leave your pet's food and water where mice can get to it.

Symptoms of plague in humans include sudden onset of fever, chills; headache, and weakness.

In most cases there is a painful swelling of the lymph node in the groin, armpit or neck areas.

Plague symptoms in cats and dogs are fever, lethargy and loss of appetite. There may be a swelling in the lymph node under the jaw.

With prompt diagnosis and appropriate antibiotic treatment, the fatality rate in people and pets can be greatly reduced.

In New Mexico, there were no human cases in 2010 and six human cases of plague in 2009: three from Santa Fe County, two from Bernalillo County and one from Sandoval County. One of the Santa Fe County cases was a fatal case in an 8-year-old boy.

For more information, including fact sheets in English and Spanish, go to the Department of Health's website at: <http://www.health.state.nm.us/ERD/HealthData/plague.shtml>.

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### CHUCKS PICK OF THE WEEK

#### Italian parsley

Italian parsley (sometimes known as flat-leaf parsley) is a green herb with separated leaves and a clean slightly peppery taste. Its flavor is stronger than that of its ruffled cousin, curly leaf parsley. It is often used as a garnish.

**How to Buy**  
Sold in bunches, Italian parsley should be bright green with no wilting. It is easy to confuse Italian parsley with cilantro. Italian parsley has leaves that are larger and a fresh, grassy sheen.

**How to Store**  
Wash and dry Italian Parsley. Wrap it first in a paper towel then place in a plastic bag and store in the refrigerator. This recipe yields 4 servings.

\* Wine recommendation: a full-bodied zinfandel with plum, cherry, and black pepper notes makes a great match for the fennel in the moist chicken. \* Beer recommendation: a traditional marzen beer will have the light body and spicy profile to match this refreshingly herbaceous chicken.

#### Arab Chicken

**Ingredients**  
1/2 cup finely-chopped flat leaf parsley  
1/2 cup finely-chopped green onions  
salt to taste  
1 chicken - (about 3 lbs) butterflied

**Instructions**  
1. Combine parsley, fennel, onions, yogurt, in a glass bowl.  
2. Season with salt and pepper to taste.  
3. Cover and chill until ready to use.  
4. Remove excess fat from chicken.  
5. Rinse and pat dry.  
6. To butterfly chicken, use poultry shears or a sharp knife to split the bird lengthwise along one side of the backbone.  
7. With the breast side up, pull the body open, pressing down firmly on the breast until the rib bones crack and the bird lies reasonably flat.  
8. Place fingers between the skin and meat of the chicken to separate and make space for the herb mixture.  
9. Place herb mixture under chicken skin, pushing it in gently under skin until all parts of meat are covered.  
10. Massage the chicken to evenly distribute herb mixture under the skin.  
11. Let sit at least 30 minutes or overnight in the refrigerator.  
12. Brush chicken skin lightly with oil; season with salt and pepper to taste.  
13. Place breast side up in center of cooking grate and grill for 45 to 55 minutes or until the juices run clear and the skin is crisp.  
14. It is not necessary to turn chicken.



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# District ranger: Decision to close forest 'difficult'

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The decision to close 1.1 million acres of the Lincoln National Forest to public access Thursday was difficult but warranted because of the extreme fire danger says a U.S. Forest Service official.

Dave Warnack, Smokey Bear District Ranger, told Ruidoso village councilors Tuesday that, "It was not a decision made lightly. We know communities like this depend on people coming to the forest to recreate."

Permit holders need to graze their livestock, and others who depend on the forest suffer without access, he said.

"It's a big decision and one made conscientiously," but the need to limit the risk of human-caused fires and to protect the safety of firefighters necessitated the action, Warnack said. "We're well-staffed for wild-fire resources around the county and places where needed," Warnack said. "We're well-positioned to respond to any fires that pop up. This part of the state is amazing and responds within minutes," involving multiple agencies, municipal and volunteer fire departments. He cited a fire that sprang up the previous day, was swamped with responders and quickly quelled.

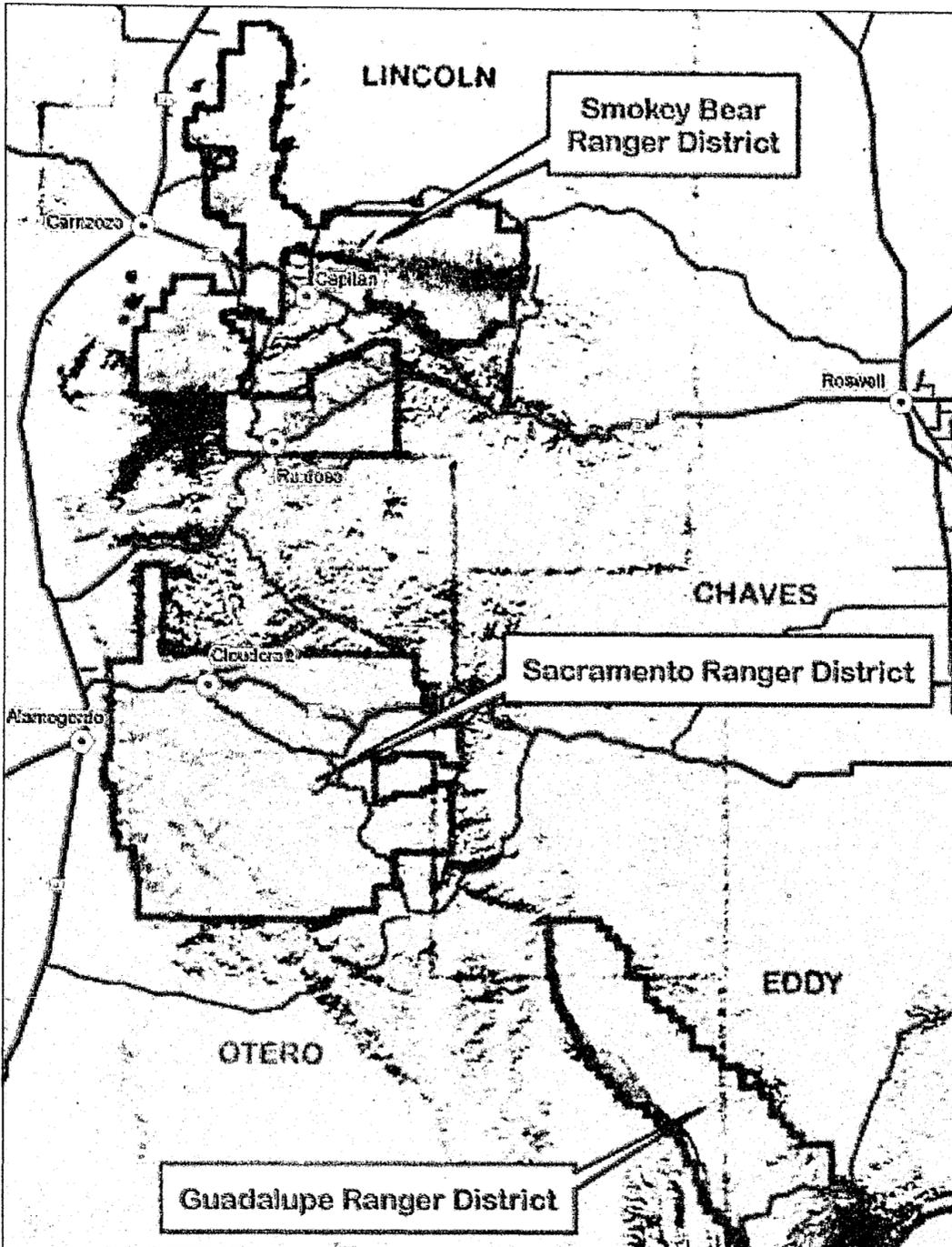
"That's the type of coordination that says folks are working together," he said.

A few exceptions to the forest access ban cover work-related assignments for forestry and other agency officials, some permit holders who need to tend grazing livestock and those who require access to private land across federal property. He also will consider other requests on a case-by-case basis, Warnack said.

"I will look at those critically and try to be consistent in what and who is allowed in," Warnack said. "I ask people to examine if they really need (access) before they ask."

Councilor Jim Stoddard said, "It's unbelievable the number of cigarettes I've seen thrown out. I can't express enough concern. We need everybody's help." "And slow and steady rain in May," added Councilor Angel Shaw.

The fire danger in the forest's Smokey Bear Ran-



Green marks areas of closures in the Lincoln National Forest.

ger District and the Sacramento Ranger District are posted as "extreme." The order closing the Lincoln National Forest in the counties of Lincoln, Otero, Chaves and Eddy was signed May 9 by LNF Supervisor Robert G. Trujillo.

Fire crews currently are battling the Mayhill Fire on the forest's Sacramento Ranger District in Otero County. The fire, detected Monday, burned an estimated 28,000 acres. Two other fires on the forest in Eddy County have scorched about 57,000 acres. In early April, the White Fire, on the forest's Smokey Bear Ranger District, burned more than 10,000 acres east of Ruidoso.

LNF spokesperson Joe Garcia said forest service law enforcement and staff will patrol forest roads and trails. Signs have been placed along highways and flyers are being posted in communities to remind people that the Lincoln is closed.

All national forest system roads are closed, but state and county roads that penetrate the forest are open. Property owners and their guests who must cross forest service lands will have access to the private lands. In some locations guards will be posted to determine access.

The Lincoln will reopen when sufficient rain is received to adequately reduce the extremely dry conditions and lower the risk of wildfire to a manageable level, Garcia said.

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Jim Kalvelage contributed to this report.



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## Mayhill Fire grows

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The Mayhill Fire, which broke which out Monday two miles west of the Otero County community of Mayhill, increased to 28,000 acres as of Thursday.

The elongated fire had more than 350 personnel assigned to the suppression work.

An evacuation order for Mayhill has been lifted.

Much of the fire has been on the Lincoln National Forest, though Bureau of Indian Affairs and private lands have also been scorched. Fire information officials said Thursday that high to extreme fire activity occurred overnight as the flames progressed to the northeast.

Crews, engines and bulldozers have been assigned to construct fire lines focused on the east side of the Mayhill Fire. Engines were used to patrol and monitor the fire line and burnouts

as needed were set to hold the line. Aerial water drops on hotspots have also been used. Fire crews were also working to hold the fire north and west of U.S. Highway 82.

There had been a closure of the highway earlier in the week because of the fire and smoke. Officials said motorists need to use caution if traveling on the highway about 30 miles east of Cloudcroft. Travel delays and closures of the roadway were possible if smoke and fire activity worsened. The fire had burned in some steep and rugged terrain.

The potential for growth of the blaze was put at "high." Containment on the Mayhill Fire was put at 20 percent Thursday with full containment possible next Tuesday.

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# School board won't invoke meeting prayer

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An invocation at the opening of meetings of the Ruidoso Municipal School District Board will not occur. But prayer before the scheduled start of the meeting will be an option.

New board member Curt Temple, at the board's March meeting, brought up the idea of replacing the current moment of silence with an invocation.

"It's amazing to me that in a country founded on religious liberty, the centuries-old choice to open a public meeting with prayer of the giver's choosing is coming under attack," Temple said Tuesday when the invocation question was on the board meeting's agenda. "As community leaders we need to lead, and not be led by attempts to change our values and beliefs."

"This is for the greater good of the students and the staff of our school district. What do we teach children when we throw our beliefs aside and crater to the beliefs of the ACLU or the notion that we are violating the separation of church and state? We represent stakeholders in our community and we repre-

sent the majority. We were elected to lead and not cower to the threat of lawsuits."

Temple said prayer before an important event reminds us that God is with us.

"If one feels the need to pray and ask for God's guidance and blessing in these school board meetings, that's fine. It should be by personal decision. No one is mandating that everyone pray. Jewish people and Muslim people believe in God. So why can't they invoke his blessing if they so choose?"

"If not, they can just stand there and respect the rights of those who happen to believe that Jesus is the son of God. I personally can stand next to a Jew, Muslim, Buddhist or even an atheist and pray without any qualms. I can also stand next to those same people while they pray to whoever it is that they choose to pray to and not feel the least bit offended."

Temple questioned why some feel threatened by prayer.

"Please don't infringe on my right to pray and I won't infringe on yours or tell you who you should be praying to."

Temple noted the Con-



Temple: "Invocation is for the greater good of the students and the staff of our school district."

tinental Congress in 1774 opened with a prayer delivered by the Reverend Jacob Duche. Congress now begins sessions with an invocation from the congressional chaplain Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin.

"He [Coughlin] said that the formal prayer before each legislative session of Congress, and even before days of pro-forma sessions, casts a light on the day that awakens faith and calls forth a nation to stand with its leaders and affirm

in God we trust.' The daily prayer of the members of the House do not end there."

But board member Kerry Gladden Eastep said she worried litigation could add to the district's financial burdens.

"It doesn't have anything to do with belief or being a believer or not being a believer," Eastep said. "I believe our job as school board members is to protect this district."

Board member Rhonda

Vincent said she made her stand clear last month.

"I am a Christian because of who I believe in," Vincent said. "And I was entrusted to be a good steward for my district and to do what's best for children. I believe that a moment of silence is respectful and I believe it is acceptable. My vote will not be cast against prayer, absolutely not. But my vote is for my freedom that I have."

The president of the board, Devin Marshall, is married to a pastor.

"I find that prayer is a part of my daily life. That's just who I am," Marshall said.

She said she attended the Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast last week and learned the Ruidoso gathering was the largest per capita for the National Day of Prayer.

"So I sat there and I've gone back and forth knowing that I want to pray in me in a public meeting, I want to have freedom of speech. And I want to have the right to pray because I'm an American. I believe the Constitution was written to protect religious freedom."

But Marshall said she has also done some re-

search on lawsuits over prayer at public meetings.

"And it's unfortunate that the state of our nation is such that people are offended by prayer," Marshall said. "I agree with everything that you wrote Curt. But my conscience and my sense of reason won't allow me to vote for prayer in our board meetings because every case I could find on the Internet that was brought against a school board was ruled against the school board, and it cost them hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Marshall offered an alternative.

"I'm going to propose to those of us that would like to pray to come together five or 10 minutes before the meeting and grab a hand and bow our heads and pray."

Board member Cecil Davis joined Temple in the unsuccessful effort to replace the moment of silence with an invocation.

"I was raised in a Christian home," Davis said. "I believe in values. And this whole world was evolved through Christianity. But for some reason we have lost that. I'm having a hard time with this, I really am, because I'm a believer. I believe in Him."

# Budget forces teacher layoffs in Ruidoso Municipal School District

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The financial crunch on the Ruidoso Municipal School District will now

impact employees. Some one- and two-year teachers will not be renewed for the next school year. And seven instructional assistants (IAs) will be cut in a reduc-

tion of force (RIF). District Superintendent Bea Etta Harris presented the RIF recommendation to the school board Tuesday.

"This came after much deliberation about our budget this year," Harris told the board. "Two weeks ago I thought we were going to need to cut 15 (IAs), but after reviewing the require-

ments of our early childhood and special ed, we're requesting only seven."

Veteran school board member Rhonda Vincent called the situation disheartening.

## Faith in process

"I have a lot of faith in Dr. Harris that we have done everything that we can do," Vincent said of making up revenues cut by the state and federal governments. "When we're fat, we're fat. We had to trim. That's unfortunate and it breaks my heart that we have to do this. But we will get fat again."

Stating that the RIF was hard to do, Vincent apologized to the teacher aids being let go.

"Before we RIF these people, have we done everything we can to make sure we can't make up this \$200,000 keeping them on?" asked board member Curt Temple. "We've looked at all options?"

Harris said the positions were funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The 37 teaching assistants this year will be trimmed to 29 for the coming school year.

"Those funds have gone away. So we have to move all the assistants from that fund and into the operational budget," Harris said. "Over the last three years we've trimmed and cut and tightened our belts. This year we're cutting stipends for department chairs, stipends for SAC (School Advisory Council) chairs and SAC teams, stipends for tech people."

Other programs and services have been trimmed.

"So there are a lot of people across the district feeling this tightening belt," Harris told Temple. "I think I can say, Curt, yes. What we're not willing to do is go down \$200,000 in our emergency fund. It's scary."

In addition to the RIF's demise of seven instructional assistants, nine other instructional staff

people have received non-renewal notices. Three of the non-renewed employees will, however, need to be replaced. Three of the non-renewed were instructional assistants not part of the earlier seven.

Two positions at Sierra Vista Primary School were cut, but those two teachers were moved into other grades. About 10 staff members retired and not being replaced. The district will shuffle staff around to fill necessary slots, Harris said Thursday.

"We're going to go from two band teachers to one band teacher. From two choral teachers to one choral teacher because people are resigning or whatever."

The district has about 250 employees, including non-education staff. There are about 160 teachers. The teaching staff will be cut by about seven or eight, Harris estimated.

## Big savings

"Eight would be a savings of about \$640,000," Harris said. "So we're going to be close to saving a million," with the \$200,000 trimming of instructional assistants. "We knew we were going to have to cut \$1.9 million, so this helps," Harris said.

Veteran school board member Kerry Gladden Eastep said she was certain none of the five board members wanted to be in the position of firing employees.

Board President Devin Marshall noted cuts the past couple of years did not directly impact employees.

"Unfortunately we had huge cuts this year and there will probably be other cuts," Marshall said.

The reduction in payroll numbers may, however, have a negative effect on the budget, cautioned Temple.

"This is going to raise our unemployment insurance," he said. "We're looking at a cost there. That needs to be looked at."

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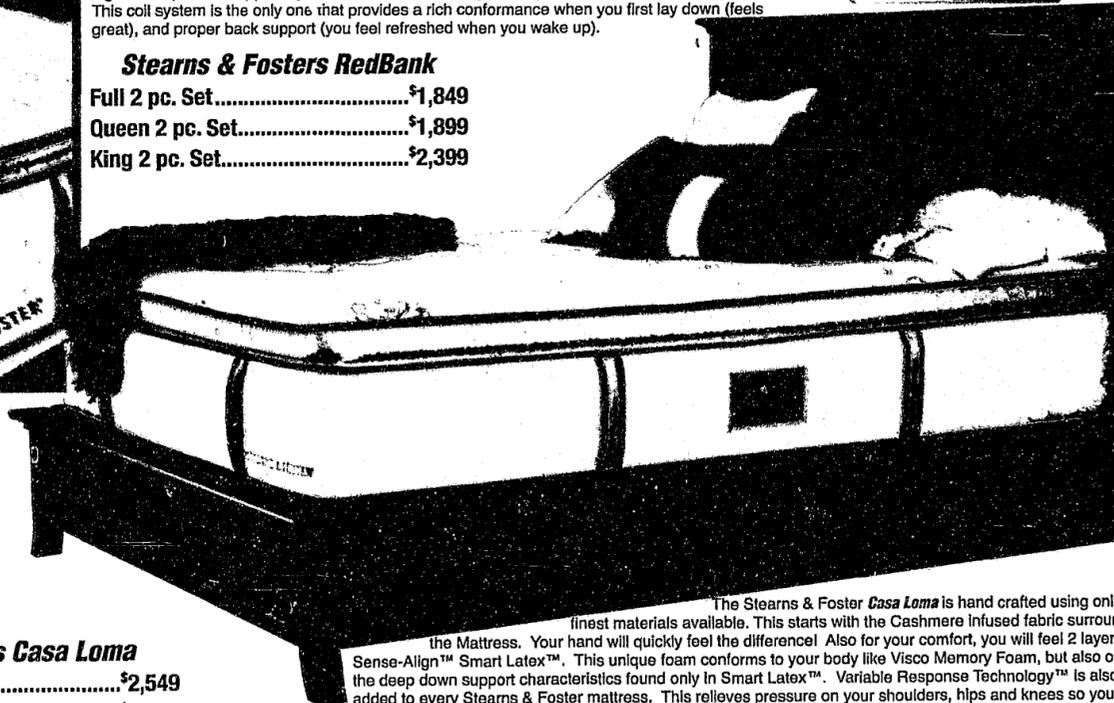
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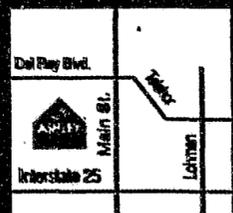
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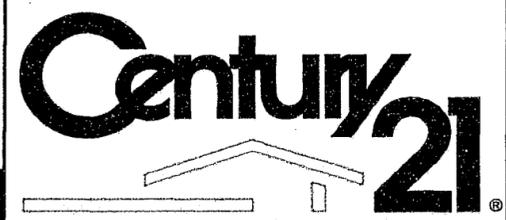
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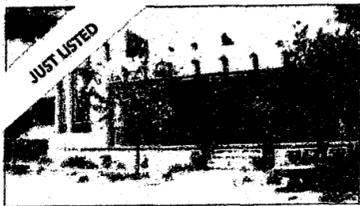
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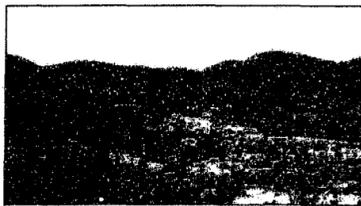
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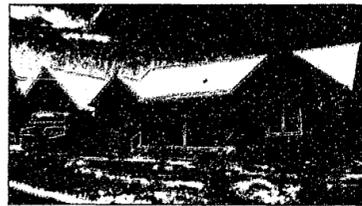
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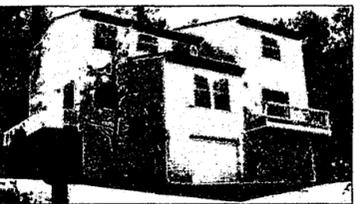
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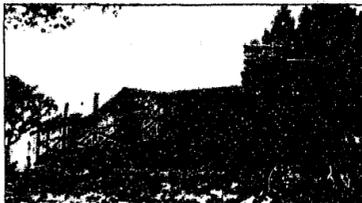
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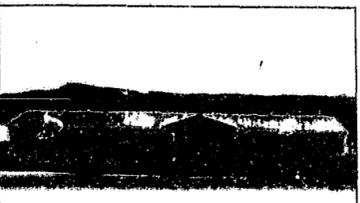
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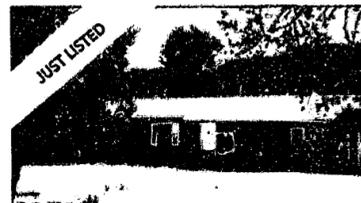
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## Results

### Prep Baseball

Thursday, May 12  
State 1A Championship  
Capitan 15, Gallup Catholic 4  
Wednesday, May 11  
State 1A Semi-finals  
Capitan 10, McCurdy 0

### Pro Baseball

Wednesday, May 11  
Ruidoso 15, Roswell 10

## Sports On Tap

### Pro Baseball

Friday, May 13  
Ruidoso Osos at Roswell  
Invaders at 7:07 p.m. at  
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Saturday, May 14  
Ruidoso Osos at Roswell  
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## 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)

# Tigers are the one(s)

## Capitan wins 1A state title in Albuquerque by downing Gallup Catholic 15-4 in seven innings

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The Capitan Tigers won the 1A state championship of New Mexico Thursday.

Strong pitching, consistent hitting and good defense all season brought them their first-ever title trophy after only six years in existence.

Their solid 15-4 win over the Gallup Catholic Panthers at UNM combined the talents and efforts of a team that enjoyed a spectacular 20-3 season mark.

Senior Rudy Chavez started on the mound for the Tigers and was relieved midway in the fifth inning by Logan Eshom, who had pitched the Tigers to a 10-0 shutout of McCurdy just a day earlier. Eshom shut Gallup out the final two innings.

Both teams were scoreless going into the third

inning when Capitan put six across the plate and Gallup struck for two runs. In the fifth inning, the Tigers put three more runs on the scoreboard and the Panthers responded with two of their own.

With a 9-4 lead, the eventual 1A champions put four more runs across in the sixth and two more in the seventh to take the 11-run championship win.

"Chavez started the game and went part-way through the fifth inning," Capitan head coach James Weems said.

"We were allowing Chavez around 80 pitches and when he hit 81 we brought Eshom in to finish up. That was our plan from the beginning."

Last year's 9-7 loss to Gallup in the semi-finals was avenged by Thursday's championship win.

"I'm extremely proud of

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Rudy Chavez, shown in an April 25 win against Elida, started the championship game Thursday against Gallup Catholic and went midway through the fifth inning.

MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

# Ruidoso Osos win second straight

## Ruidoso pro team wins 16-10 Wednesday and goes 2-0 in series against the visiting Roswell Invaders

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After coming out on top in their home opener over Roswell Tuesday, 18-3, the Ruidoso Osos repeated their winning ways Wednesday afternoon with a 16-10 sweep of their opening home stand.

Right-hander Alan Gatz (No. 16) took the mound for the Osos with Kip Masuda (No. 18) once again behind the plate. The initial batter for the Invaders got to second base on a Ruidoso center field error but Gatz whiffed the next hitter. The California native then pulled off a nifty pick-off play on the runner at sec-

ond base and got a ground out on the third batter.

In the bottom of the first, left-hander Drew Peterson (No. 7) drilled a home run shot over center field to put the Osos up 1-0. Another run scored in the first inning on a Roswell error at shortstop.

Gatz pitched strong in the second, with good glove work by his infielders, and kept the visitors scoreless again.

The Osos kept their offense going in the bottom of the second when they added two more runs and took a 4-0 lead through two innings. The Invaders countered with a lone run in the top of the third but

that was all they could get due to good, professional glove work by the Osos infielders. After a pitching change, the hometown boys came roaring back with five of their own in the same inning. As part of the offensive show in the third inning, the catcher, Masuda, showed the fans on hand how to lay down a bunt towards third base and reached first safely, moving the runner at first over to second.

In the top of the fourth, the Invaders tacked on two runs with a homer over left field. That Roswell turn at bat was marked, once

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Case Rigby is right on target.

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## A rich, cultural summer

So we are at the beginning of another summer. The question, what to do with your youngster? Another boring two months, no money for gas and travel. Yeah, you want culture for your child but you ain't trucking up to Albuquerque to museums with the high cost of gas. Oh, so your kid is a jock. Do you have a grand for a Cal Ripken baseball camp, plus travel and lodging to Baltimore?

Let me tell you what my police Captain boss did years ago. He hired an "au pair." He wanted to give his kids culture, plus to learn new languages, and someone to help around the house. An au pair is a

foreign adult between the ages of 18 and 26 who comes to our country to live with and work for an American family and gets free room and board, and a small monetary allowance. An au pair is like a family member and cultural transfer goes on. His au pair was a female college student from France who did chores and some babysitting, but the real benefit was that his kids learned about a different culture-France. They even picked up some of the language. This was many years ago. I just found out his grown daughter is now living and working in Paris. The seed



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# TIGERS

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all the boys," the title-winning coach said.

"They made it happen. That was their goal from the start of the season.

"Rudy threw well for most of the game and Logan stopped them cold.

"Only two hits were given up in the entire game. And only five hits were allowed in these last two games. Not bad."

The title game with Gallup Catholic was the result of Capitan's victory over McCurdy in five innings Wednesday.

Logan Eshom went the distance for the Tigers, throwing a scant 58 pitches, while giving up only three hits.

That strong performance followed his May 3, 14-0, perfect game against Melrose in Capitan.

He went five innings in that game and faced 15 batters.

In Wednesday's semi-final whitewashing of No. 4 McCurdy, the Tigers started strong, putting three runs across the



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Logan Eshom relieved Rudy Chavez in the fifth inning.

plate in the first inning and following that up with another run in the second. They scored two runs in each of the next two

# BASKETBALL STAR GETS COLLEGE RIDE



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Abriana Herrera, seated, center, signed a full ride basketball scholarship on Tuesday to Trinidad State Junior College in Trinidad, Colo. She visited the college on April 4. "I'm excited to be furthering my basketball career," the graduating RHS senior said. Front, l-r, RHS head girls basketball coach Julie Montoya, Abriana Herrera and Sharon Herrera. Back, Lawrence Chavez (stepfather), Chris Chavez (mother), Nick Herrera (father), Kyla Herrera (sister), Janett Herrera and Darlene Hernemann.

innings and capped it all off with two runs in the bottom of the fifth to get the needed 10-run mercy rule in five.

Seven of the 10 runs were scored with two outs. It marked the second con-

secutive 10-run, five-inning win for the Tigers.

Gallup made it to the title game after beating Floyd, 10-1, in Wednesday's semi-final game.

Floyd had been ranked No. 2 in 1A at the time.

Weems was asked, "How can you top this, coach?"

"We've got a good group coming back next season," he answered.

"But we can't do it tomorrow."

# OSOS

FROM PAGE 1B

again, by professional fielding - this time by the third baseman, Case Rigby (No. 34), as he backhanded a sharp grounder near the line and pumped a quick, low throw to first baseman, Mike Devito (No. 21), who picked it out of the dirt for the out.

With one out in the fifth

inning, Gatz was pulled from the mound and right-hander, Alex Fernandez (No. 14), stepped on the rubber for the Osos. The Invaders put five of their runners across the plate by the end of the fifth and knotted the score at nine.

Right-hander Andrew Plotkin (No. 27) relieved Fernandez in the top of the sixth and blanked the visitors, while the Osos put a run on the scoreboard in the bottom of that inning

and regained the lead, 10-9.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Osos showed more of their offensive firepower, as they put five big runs across the dish.

Ruidoso's Robby Nelson (No. 15) relieved Plotkin in the eighth and blanked the visitors.

Right-hander, Edgar Correa (No. 17), relieved Nelson in the final inning and gave up a solo run to secure a six-run win and their second consecutive

victory for the Ruidoso Osos of the fledgling Pecos League.

For the Osos it was 16 runs on 15 hits, while committing two errors. The Invaders collected 10 runs on 11 hits, while giving up three errors.

If the first two wins are any indication of what is to come for the Osos, it looks like offense shouldn't be a problem for them.

The Osos will travel to Roswell Friday for a home-and-home two-game series at Eastern New Mexico Fairgrounds against the Invaders. Friday's game is set for a 7:05 p.m. start as is Saturday's contest. Mike Jackson (No. 39) is scheduled on the mound in the first game and Joe Scumaci (No. 8) will hurl for Ruidoso the following day.

Next week there will be

a four-game series with the White Sands Pupfish starting Wednesday in Alamogordo at the Griggs Sports Complex at 10 a.m. Thursday, the two teams will come to Ruidoso for a 4:05 p.m. contest. Both clubs will return to Alamogordo for a 7:05 p.m. game Friday and then play a 4:05 p.m. contest in Ruidoso Saturday to wrap up the series.

## Ruidoso Public Pool Swim Lesson Schedule

### BEGINNERS 5 & 6 year olds

WHEN: Monday-Friday 10:30am - 11:15am  
SESSIONS: 1) June 6 - June 17 (2 weeks)  
2) June 20 - July 1 (2 weeks)  
FEE: \$40.00

### BEGINNERS 7 years and older

WHEN: Monday-Friday 9:30am - 10:15am  
SESSIONS: 1) June 6 - June 17 (2 weeks)  
2) July 4 - July 15 (2 weeks)  
FEE: \$40.00

### ADVANCED BEGINNER For those who have completed the Beginners course.

WHEN: 1st Session: Monday-Friday 10:30am - 11:15am  
2nd Session: Monday-Friday 9:30am - 10:15am  
SESSIONS: 1) June 20 - July 1 (2 weeks)  
2) July 18 - July 29 (2 weeks)  
FEE: \$40.00

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WHEN: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 9:15am  
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WHEN: Monday-Friday 10:30am - 11:15am  
SESSION: 1) July 18 - June 22 (1 week)  
FEE: \$20.00

### GUARD START 12-14 years of age

WHEN: Monday-Friday 9:30am - 10:15am  
SESSION: 1) July 4 - June 15 (2 weeks)

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**ALL SWIM CLASSES:** Registration will begin Saturday, May 14, 2011 until classes are filled. Registration will be held at the public pool from 9:00am-12:00pm. Swimming lessons are available for person's 5 years and older; who have no swimming ability or little water experience. Lessons will follow American Red Cross standards & lessons will be taught by certified instructors. Anyone interested in swimming lessons should sign-up in person.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Alan Gatz, of Los Angeles, Calif., and first baseman Mike Devito begin Wednesday's 16-10 defeat of the visiting Roswell Invaders.

# SUMMER

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was planted long ago.

Wait, we are still talking about money. How about a cross-cultural experience that can be had for a box of cereal at breakfast, a sandwich for lunch, daily dinner, and a room key?

Single moms - let me lay it on you next. Are you looking for a male figure for your kids-someone to be a role model of good manners, hard work, perseverance and class?

Well I have it folks. The Ruidoso Osos, the new professional baseball team in town, is looking for host families for lodging because with their meager baseball income room and board would be tight squeeze-play.

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I spoke to Jake's mom the other day. If you remember her son was playing youth baseball and her husband was on his third deployment as an Army Captain to Afghanistan. She was worried about her son being without a father presence and then the idea hit her. The Las Cruces Vaqueros, a professional team in the same league as the Osos were looking for host families for their players.

She gave a spare room to a young player from the Dominican Republic. She did it for the male bonding aspect but there was another reason. Jake needs help in baseball-a lot of it.

After several weeks she got up the nerve to ask the player if he could find the time to give Jake some pointers. Well, he works

with Jake showing hitting, throwing, and fielding mechanics. Jake is now also cooking authentic Dominican food-black beans, rice, and platanos over chicken.

Last week he volunteered to pick Jake up at school while she got tied up at a dentist appointment.

There are no guarantees that players will bond with your children. The contract only calls for free room and board but the simple fact is that living together you will talk some and exchange ideas.

You may get a player from back East. If your son and daughter learn something about different places and cultures they are ahead of the game.

The Ruidoso Osos are desperately in need of housing. Give it a try. You and your children will be glad you did. Please contact Debbie Jo Almager, 505-660-6652 (cell), 257-5030 (office) for more information.

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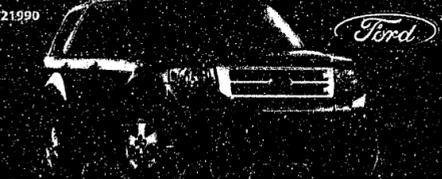
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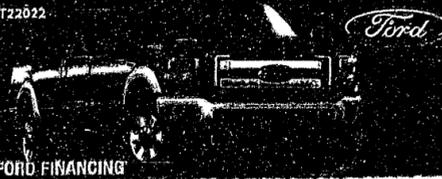
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# RELIGION

## God gives help and hope

The Bible tells us that, "the wind blows where it wills." And right now it chooses to blow in New Mexico. While many states and their residents are suffering from floods, we are suffering from the lack of rain. The situation is extremely dangerous for the forests, the animals, and the residents. We dodged a bullet with the White fire. Had the wind been blowing from a different direction, the fire would have been catastrophic. The result was destruction, in that five homes burned.

We do not have control of the wind or of La Niña, and she seems to be the culprit behind keeping the rain away and giving us the wind. No! I am not a meteorologist. But I am aware of the rain and storms going to our north and then across the Midwest and then dipping down into the Southeast.

We begin to realize how powerless we are when it comes to the devastations that can come upon mankind, regardless of race, nation, compass, wealth, power, or anything else. The Earth is only a small part of the creation. When we consider the magnitude of the forces which exist in galaxies, solar systems, and even passive planets, we began to understand

that we are not even grains of sand on the seashore of time and creation.

But, God made us in His image. He has invested love, care, interest, and creative genius in giving us life and giving us His attention. Yes, there are those who do not believe in God, and they have reasoned that we are accidents in what exists. Wow! They have no hope at all for life, except they think that they can deal with all the humongous forces that exist in creation with their intelligence.

Personally, I have a relationship with God. We communicate. He speaks to me by His Spirit and His Word and I speak with Him in prayer. With that communication, we have a relationship, and with that relationship, comes trust. It is awesome to think that

the Creator of all that exists would be interested in a grain of sand like me. But, it is more than interest. It is a deep and abiding love that He has for all of mankind. God so loved us, "That He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, may have everlasting life."

That gives me help for to day in the midst of life's struggles and hope for tomorrow.



Clarifications  
BY CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR

## The monsters among us

The world recently witnessed a strange juxtaposition of historical events: First, Pope John Paul II was exhumed and beatified. Within a few short hours, Osama bin Laden was killed, then deep-sixed from the deck of the USS Carl Vinson. One man was honored for performing a miracle and the other dispatched for committing an abomination.

According to news reports, bin Laden's body was first cleansed according to Islamic custom, then "prepared religious remarks" were read before his remains were dropped into the sea. Near-saints and saints certainly merit our prayers, but what about the monsters among us? -- F., via e-mail from California

About the beatification of Pope John Paul II, I am overjoyed. About the death of bin Laden, I'm joyed, but not exactly overjoyed. Since the death of bin Laden, many readers have written to question me about whether or not he should have been given a proper Muslim funeral.

Many have also been troubled by the rejoicing at his death. I, too, have doubted my own instincts in the last few days.

The first issue that will help us sort things out is the spiritual distinction between a murderer and a murderer's corpse. The main obligation we have to a mass murderer is to stop him, which often means killing him, since mass murderers generally don't show up at the local police station slapping their foreheads and saying, "I am so sorry! What was I thinking?" Killing such a criminal is an act of justice, not revenge, and unless your religious or philosophical inclinations are pacifist, it is an act of morally justified self-defense. "One who sheds the blood of man, by man will his blood be shed, for in the image of God made He man." (Genesis 9:6).

However, a corpse is not a man. A corpse is the shell of a person. A corpse is not capable of any act of evil, so a corpse must be

treated with respect. It cannot be desecrated and it must be disposed of in accordance with religious tradition if the person had a religion.

What was done with bin Laden's corpse was a proper acknowledgment of the difference between the living and the dead. It also should have served as a reminder that Osama bin Laden's life did not have to turn out the way it did. He was not born to be a terrorist; he chose to be a terrorist. His dignified funeral reminds us that a life of radical evil is not fated. We are born pure and we die pure. What happens in between is up to us.

I am thrilled that bin Laden is dead. I rejoice at his death because he deserved to die, and because he can no longer plan the death of other innocents.

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The God Squad  
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## The carpet of green

LINDA VOZAR SWEET  
College Success Department



PERINE

With her dark days behind her, Barbara Casebolt Perine, 54, was expected to walk across the stage of Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts on May 12 at 5:30 p.m. as a graduate and guest speaker of ENMU-Ruidoso's GED ceremony. It has been a long and rugged road for this grandmother, who has turned her life around since attending GED classes at the Lincoln County Workforce.

Several years ago, Barbara's troubles seemed insurmountable. To top off all of her other problems, a gum infection that had plagued her for years had taken its toll. Homeless, broken, and empty, she lied down on a little patch of grass to die.

She woke up to a man gently shaking her shoulder. "Get up, honey. We are going to the hospital. Your kidneys are shutting down."

After many hours in the hospital, Barbara asked the nurse, "Where's the man who brought me here?"

"No man brought you here. You walked in by yourself."

"A man brought me here. I did not walk in alone!"

The nurse shook her head. "You came alone."

Barbara recalls, "I left the hospital that day, looking up at the sky, and saying 'Okay God, I hear you. Which way are we going now?' I'll never forget waking up on 'The Carpet of Green'-that's what I call it-and that man-that angel-who saved me."

By that point in her life, her emergence from a violent world had been a slow but steady journey. She says, "I should have been dead many times."

One of those times occurred prior to the angel visitation. With no education, and no real skills with which to get a job, she worked as a stripper at a club. One night a patron wanted his way with her. When she refused him, he followed her home, broke down the thin apartment door, and beat her to within an inch of her life. "He

learned to listen to God. I've learned to be open to His messages."

With the help of the Workforce Center, the support of her parents, and encouragement from instructors, Barbara has persevered. Passing four of the GED tests, she began her hardest climb-the math test. She missed it by one question the first time, and two questions the second time. On the third try, she passed.

"The Workforce opened many doors for me. It was life-changing. The GED program allowed me the grace and freedom to achieve at my own pace. I would take breaks from studying to enjoy the sight of the very college I would one day attend."

The following semester, Barbara enrolled at ENMU, a dream come true; she holds a 3.75 GPA. "I feel a deep gratitude for my instructors' constant support, and what I learned from them. I plan to become a teacher. I'm reaching for that goal to help children learn the good stuff, to teach them respect and manners, to say please and thank you. I'm like the lamb coming home to the flock. God wants me here."

Linda Vozar Sweet is the chair of the College Success Department at ENMU-Ruidoso.



### WANDA JEAN COVILL

SAN ANGELO --Wanda Jean Covill, 86, our beloved Momma,

Granny, Aunt and friend was called to rejoice with the Lord on Saturday, May, 7, 2011. She was surrounded by loving family members as she ascended to Heaven's gates. She was a strong Christian woman who never wavered in her faith.

Wanda was born in Plummerville, Arkansas on September 25, 1924 to Samuel Milford and Alma Roach. She spent her early years in Konowa, Oklahoma and worked at Tinker Field AFB during WW2. When she moved to Texas, she met and married the love of her life, Floyd Eugene Covill in 1954.

Wanda was full of life and was a very loving and gifted person. She enjoyed sewing, painting, baking, and being involved in her children's activities, as well as church activities. She was involved with Scouting for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and three siblings.

She is survived by her six children, Willy Bond and wife LaQueta of McCamey, Eugene Covill and wife Lori of San Angelo, Charlie Covill and wife Nancy of Seguin, Norma Jean Shellenberger of Odessa, Luanne Bentley of San Angelo and Lois North and husband John of Sydney, Australia. Her grandchildren include Eugene, DuRonda, J, Josh, Jenny, Trey, Jennifer, Greyson, Barbara, Nick, Travis, David, Caroline, Owen, and Jade. These children brought her great joy as did her great grandchildren, Mandy, Zoie, Dustin, Dillon, Devin, Leslie, Tyler and Oren. She is also survived by her loving cousin Norman Stover and his wife Ruth of Oklahoma City and nephew Mike Hall.

Family visitation was held at Shaffer Funeral Home on Sherwood Way from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church in San Angelo. Graveside services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2011 in Resthaven Cemetery in McCamey, TX. Pallbearers were her grandsons. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

### Lucia Ybarra Romero

Rosary for Lucia Ybarra Romero, 103 of San Patricio will be Thursday, May 12, at 2:30 PM with the funeral mass at 3:00 PM in St. Jude's Catholic Church at San Patricio. Burial will follow in St. Jude's Catholic Cemetery at San Patricio. Mrs. Romero passed away Tuesday, May 10, 2011 in Alamogordo. She was born March 17, 1908 at San Patricio and had lived in Lincoln County all of her life. She was a homemaker and attended St. Jude's Catholic Church.

She is survived by two sons, Leo Romero and his wife Kiley and Ruben Romero and his wife Diane; three daughters, Faye Randolph, Edo Pena and her husband Ralph and Rebecca Romero; 29 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).



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### Jan LaGrone Hoggard

3-11-2011 to 5-8-2011

Jan was born in Amarillo, Texas and attended Canyon School in Canyon Texas and Eastern New Mexico University in Roswell, New Mexico. She is survived by one daughter, Tammie Williams of Roswell, NM, One son, Jerry B. Smith of Florence, Co and eight grandchildren. Mother, Gladene LaGrone of Ruidoso, NM, brother, Phillip LaGrone of Ruidoso, NM, and Kevin LaGrone of El Paso, TX.

Preceded in death by her father Jerry N. LaGrone of Roswell, Nm and son in law Brandon Crabtree of Roswell, NM.

Services will be held Friday, May 13, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at The Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Church at 1035 Mechem Dr Ruidoso, NM.

# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Instant cowgirl, just add try

It's been a long, windy road from youth rodeo to high school competition and on to college rodeos. But now, it's all behind her.

Capitan cowgirl Staci Stanbrough has graduated from NMSU with crimson honors and a trail of rodeo titles, belt buckles and championship saddles behind her as far as the eye can see.



Cowgirl Sass & Savvy  
BY JULIE CARTER

Staci is headed to grad school, but her college rodeo eligibility is up and her desire for more of the rodeo road is gone. She's retiring.

She said the cost of fuel presents the first big reason to throw her hat in the closet and call it "the end." With no ranch to go home to and no cattle to work, she said her horses would have nothing to do.

"So why not just sell it all as a package deal? Another family could be ready to go next weekend," she said with a laugh.

Perhaps eBay, Craig's List or even Thrifty Nickel would bring her the buyer she wants.

"Complete rodeo package for sale: 2006 Dodge pickup current

on oil changes, runs like a dream. Behind it, pull your own four-horse Sooner trailer. All the lights and the air conditioner works.

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"Package comes complete with trophy roping saddles, barrel saddles, saddle pads, goat strings, rope can (including ropes, some old, some new), bell boots, splint boots, skid boots, mud boots, headstalls, tie downs, bits, whips, spurs, hoof pick, vet wrap, Bute paste, and other vet supplies.

"Also included: duct tape, bailing wire, W-D 40, horse brushes, flashlights, water buckets of all sizes, water hose, blankets, halters, zip ties, fishing poles, folding chairs, rain coats, tire iron, spare tire, hydraulic jack...and many more item.

"P.S. Dog not included, must buy your own. Barry gets to stay with me."

Staci didn't wake up one day and become a champion cowgirl or a Crimson scholar.

What makes her a success is

that she gives everything she does 110 percent.

She graduated with the highest honors from the NMSU College of Agriculture, was named Outstanding Student, had a 4.0 gpa and was on the Dean's List for five years running. Staci didn't ever know what it was like to get a grade lower than an A.

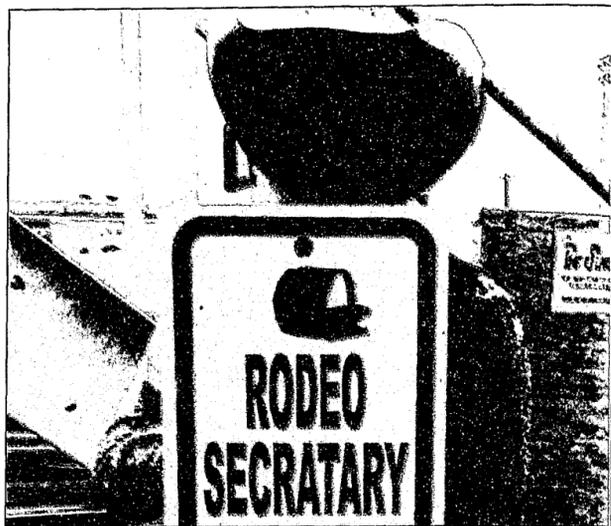
She excelled in the rodeo arena and her skills as an ambassador for the sport landed her other honors and titles with the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

Staci Stanbrough has wasted not one minute of her life. She is an inspiration and roll model, not just for those following behind her, but for those looking back at her.

While this cowgirl is sincere about purging her life of rodeo for now, there are thousands of former hands, most not as successful as she, that know when it's in your blood, it never really goes away.

Whether she ever steps foot in a rodeo arena again or not really doesn't matter. The point is, she has figured out the formula for success. Cowgirl "try" is not for sale.

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



### BIKE WINNER



POLLY E. CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Mayor Mike Petty presented Bikes for Books winner Janae Willingham, a 6th grader, with a bike during the Carrizozo School's Spring Program. Bikes for Books is sponsored by the Carrizozo Mason Lodge. Nathan Montes, a 3rd grader, was the winner of a second bike.

## Baker's art on display in Capitan



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## Music in the parks

Music in the Parks Presents Duo Q Of Albuquerque Monday, May 16.

Music in the Parks and the McCune Charitable Foundation of Santa Fe are sponsoring two classical concerts on Monday, May 16 in Carrizozo.

At 1 p.m., Duo Q, will perform at the Old Gym at the Carrizozo School Campus and again will play at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The evening performance will be slightly longer than the school con-

cert and will be followed by a finger food reception at the church.

Parking is available for both venues on 10th Street and D Avenue. Both performances are free and open to the public.

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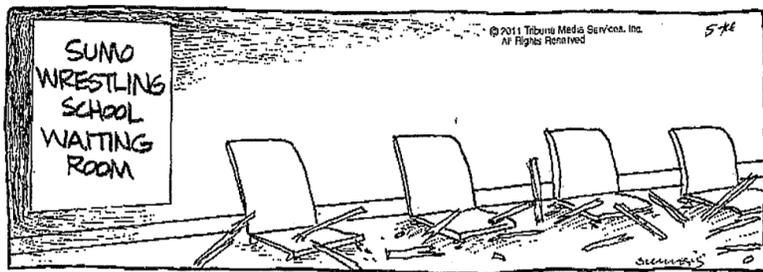
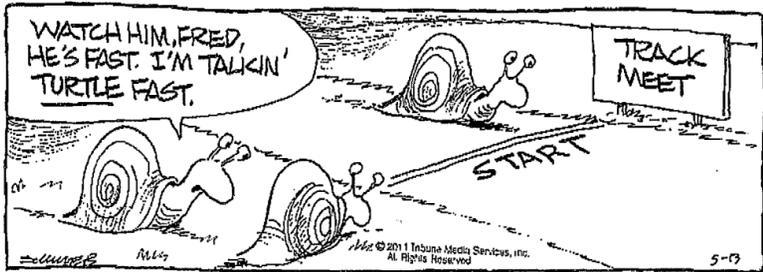
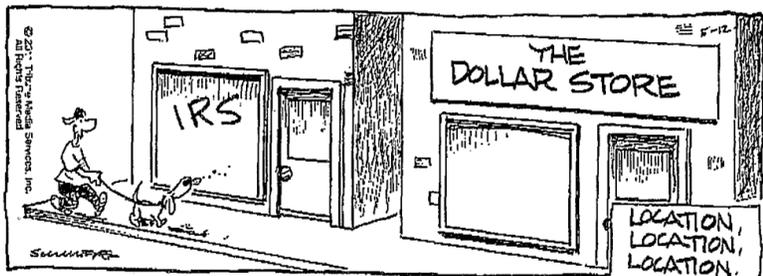
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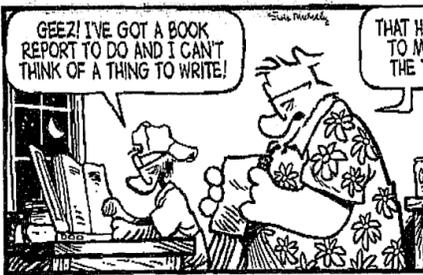
The Stevenson Studio and Gallery in Capitan is hosting five paintings by Kevin Baker now through June. Baker is the visual arts instructor at Tularosa High School. His paintings are visionary, painted in acrylic on wood. The Stevenson Studio and Gallery is located at 123 Smokey Bear Blvd. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Phone: 575-354-8010. Pictured is Baker's painting Long Dance.

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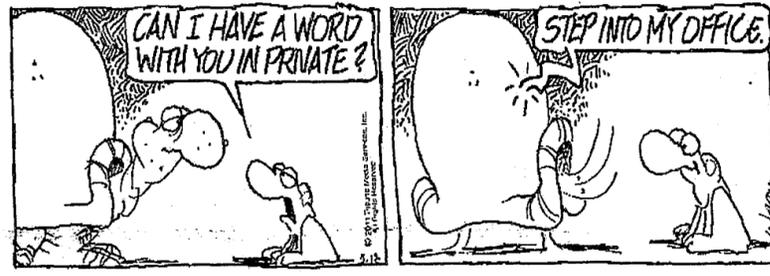


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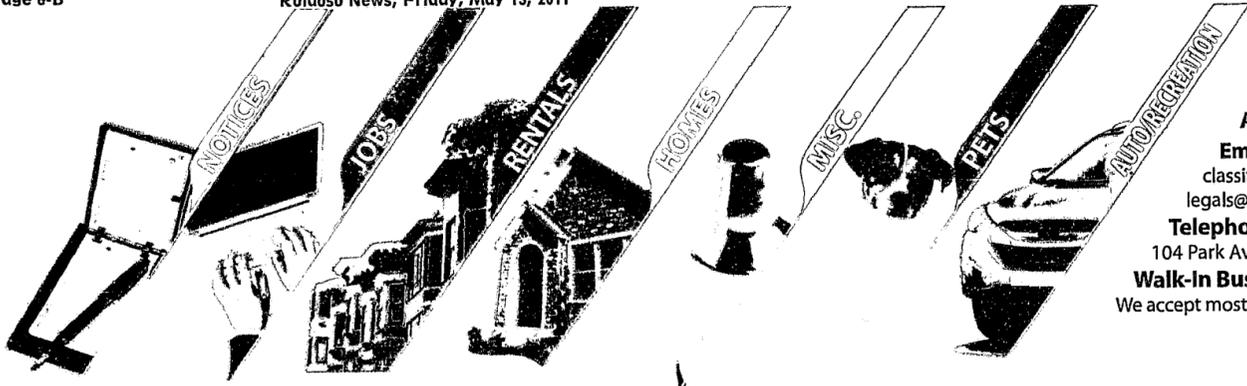
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### Personalities and Events

**Quentin Hays**, a full-time faculty member at ENMU-Ruidoso, is a recent recipient of the prestigious 2011 Wings Across the Americas (WATA) award from the United States Forest Service.

The WATA award is given annually to groups or individuals that demonstrate outstanding conservation efforts associated with bats, birds, or butterflies on Forest Service lands. This year, biologists from the Lincoln National Forest and Bat Conservation International (BCI) along with Quentin Hays and his private consulting group, Bosque Wildlife & Habitat, were presented the WATA award for a series of efforts on and around the Lincoln National Forest.

The Lincoln is home to more than two dozen species

of bats, including several sensitive species. The Guadalupe District, adjacent to Carlsbad Caverns National Park, provides an internationally recognized resource for hundreds of thousands of Mexican free-tailed bats calling Carlsbad and nearby caves home. Closer to Ruidoso, bats occupying the conifer forests of the Sacramento and Smokey Bear Districts play important roles as insect-pest reducers and members of the ecosystem. In 2009 a partnership between the Lincoln National Forest and Bat Conservation International was launched to improve knowledge of bat population status on the Forest, identify potential threats to populations, and develop habitat enhancement projects to benefit all wildlife species. Hays participated directly by helping implement a comprehensive bat survey effort on the Bonito Watershed of the Smokey Bear District, assisting with several cave surveys on the Sacramento District, and taking part in workshops around the state conducted by BCI that served to educate agency and non-agency biologists about bats and water improvement actions. The final workshop on wetland restoration took place at ENMU-Ruidoso in the fall of 2010 and culminated in the comprehensive restoration of a wetland area in Littleton Canyon on the Smokey Bear District.

"Bats are a tremendously undervalued resource," says Hays. "A recent study puts their annual economic value as crop-pest reducers in the United States at \$3.7 billion. Threats to populations such as the spread of the deadly fungus that causes White-Nose Syndrome need to be addressed. Plus, they're remarkable mammals and here in southern New Mexico we have an amazing variety of the furry little critters." Hays is a faculty member in the science and natural resource department. For more information on future restoration projects, call 257-2120.

### Third Thursday Talk

**Bruce DeFoor**, **Leland DeFord**, and **Miranda Howe** of the fine arts department discuss the value and application of art appreciation in every day life during this month's discussion series. The talk takes place on Thursday, May 19 from 12:00 to 1:00pm in Room 105 and is free and open to the public. Bring a lunch and a friend!

### NM Film Office offers free workshop and movies

**Don Gray**, independent film maker and Location Coordinator for the NM State Film Office offers a workshop on the craft of location scouting and management on Saturday, May 14 from 11:00am to 2:00pm in Room 105. From 3:00 to 4:00 pm, Gray presents three of his short films, "Two Down," "Delia," and "Things We Do for Love." The workshop and movies are free and open to the public.

Call Community Education at 257-3012 for more information.



After giving birth to twins, **Sarah Crewe** returned to long distance racing by entering The Memorial Hermann Lonestar Ironman 70.3 in Galveston, Texas. The 70.3 consists of a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike ride, and a 13.1 mile run. The race is one of the few qualifiers for the World Championship Ironman 70.3 in Nevada and the 2011 Ford World Championships in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Over two thousand athletes from across the country entered the event. Crewe finished second in a field of forty in her age group and qualified for the the World Championships. The finish followed first place finishes in the White Sands President's Day Duathlon and Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Triathlon. Crewe teaches health and physical education for ENMU-Ruidoso at the RAC.

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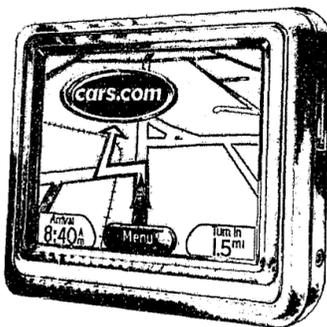
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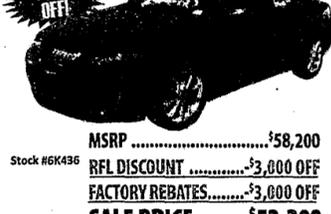
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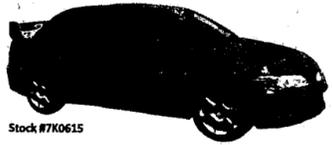
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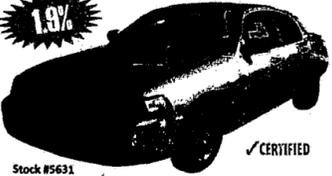
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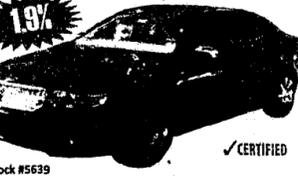
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