"Scandal" - 30-second TV

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Another Political Scandal.	Another Political Scandal	Martinez Was Caught Giving No-Bid \$60,000 Office Supply Contract To Top Deputy And Political Ally. According to an editorial in the Albuquerque Journal, "The Republican Party in New Mexico frequently uses the term 'crony capitalism' in connection with the Richardson-Denish administrationBut Republicans should be a bit red faced now that it appears their candidate for governor has been caught with her hand in the cronyism cookie jar. Susana Martinez, the district attorney in Las Cruces, bought at least \$60,000 in office supplies and equipment on a no-bid arrangement with a company owned by one of her top deputies who is also a key political ally." (Editorial, Albuquerque Journal, 8/14/10)
350,000 Dollars Of Taxpayer Money Wasted On Special Bonuses For Insiders.	Martinez spent over \$350,000 on bonuses -Albuquerque Journal, 8/9/10 Susana Martinez caught Republican politician Susana Martinez Martinez used Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative money for BONUSES not border security Border violence hits close to home -Las Cruces Sun News, 8/23/10	Martinez Spent Over \$350,000 In Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative Fund On Bonuses. According to the Albuquerque Journal, "Ryan Cangiolosi, Martinez's campaign manager, said that about \$355,000 of the outof-cycle increases were paid for with the Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative funding. The rest came from office savings in its own budget." (Albuquerque Journal, 8/9/10) Headline: "Border Violence Hits Close To Home." According to the Las Cruces Sun-News, "Daily reports of drug cartel-related killings in Juárez may numb sensitivity to the severity of the situation just across New Mexico's southern border. There is, after all, an international boundary - lined with miles of fence and patrolled by scores of federal agents - that separates Mexico from the United States. Periodically, however, incidents like one over the weekend in El Paso call to mind that the raging cartel war is just a stone's throw - or a bullet's shot - away. A stray bullet from a gunfight in Juárez was suspected of striking a building on the University of Texas at El Paso campus Mexico has seen unprecedented gang violence since President Felipe Calderon stepped up the fight against drug trafficking when he took office in December 2006, deploying thousands of troops and federal police to cartel strongholds. In 2008 a war began between the Juárez and Sinaloa drug cartels. Since then, more than 28,000 people have been killed in violence tied to Mexico's drug war." (Las Cruces Sun-News, 8/23/10)

But Republican Politician Susana Martinez Was Caught.

Martinez, A Local Prosecutor, Should Have Used The Money To Protect Our Borders. The money went to BONUSES for her friends

The Santa Fe New Mexican, 8/11/10

Martinez aid got extra pay, no-bid deal

Albuquerque Journal, 8/9/10

DA Tops In Extra Pay For Staffers

Senator John Cornyn On SWBPI: "We Need To Be Arming **Our Local Law Enforcement And Border Patrol Agents** With Every Resource They Need To Keep Americans Safe." Senator Cornyn argued, "'The Administration's decision not to renew vital SWBPI border funding puts our local law enforcement officials at a serious disadvantage in the war on drugs,' said Sen. Cornyn. 'Now more than ever, as cartel and drug-related violence escalates, with the recent heinous murders of two U.S. citizens in Juarez, we need to be arming our local law enforcement and border patrol agents with every resource they need to keep Americans safe. Texas families and children cannot and should not have to wait for another dangerous act of violence to receive federal assistance to combat drugrelated violence along our border." (Congressional Documents and Publications, 4/16/10)

New Mexico Senators Argued The SWBPI Program Provided Local Law Enforcement With Resources To Combat Drug Trafficking Along The Border. A letter signed by Senator Jeff Bingaman and Senator Tom Udall read, "The SWBPI program reimburses state, county, parish, tribal, and municipal governments for costs associated with the prosecution and pre-trial detention of federally-initiated criminal cases declined by local offices of the United States Attorneys... Drug trafficking in the Southwest region is a serious threat to our homeland security and the federal government must provide meaningful support so that we can prosecute these crimes and stem the flow of illegal drugs throughout the United States." (Congressional Documents and Publications, 4/16/10)

Senators On Southwest Border Fought For SWBPI Saying Local Law Enforcement Needed Funds To Fight Drug War. According to the San Antonio Express-News, "Lawmakers from Southwest border states pleaded with colleagues on a Senate appropriations panel...to restore \$31 million to a program that reimburses local governments for prosecuting drug smuggling cases. The Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative has been a frequent target of budget cutters...Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said that decision 'puts our local law enforcement officials at a serious disadvantage in the war on drugs'... The senators said drug trafficking in the Southwest presents a serious threat to national security and the federal government must provide meaningful support to prosecute it." (San Antonio Express-News, 4/17/10)

But Newspapers Caught Her Giving Big Bonuses To Friends In Her Republican Politician Susana Martinez Martinez Gave Nearly Three Times As Much As Any Other District Attorney In Bonuses. According to the Albuquerque Journal, "From fiscal years 2006 to 2010,

Office...Bonuses Nearly 3 Times Higher Than Any Other District. Republican Politician Susana Martinez.

Can You Believe Her?

Can you believe her?

Martinez gave out about \$477,000 to employees for 'out-of-cycle salary increases,' nearly three times as much as any other district attorney in the state's 13 judicial districts, according to state records." (Albuquerque Journal, 8/9/10)

Martinez's Former Deputy Made \$60,000 On Office Supply Contract And \$24,000 In Bonuses. According to the Santa Fe New Mexican, "A former deputy to Susana Martinez who made more than \$60,000 selling office supplies to the Doña Ana County district attorney's office headed by Martinez also received nearly \$24,000 in extra pay from Martinez, now the Republican candidate for governor. Janetta Hicks, now district attorney in Chaves, Lea and Eddy counties, received two lump-sum 'out-of-cycle salary increases' totaling \$23,745 in the 2006 and 2007 fiscal years, according to documents obtained by The New Mexican." (Santa Fe New Mexican, 8/11/10)

Janetta Hicks Was Called Long-Time Colleague And Friend Of Martinez; Campaigned For Martinez For Governor.

According to the Roswell Daily Record, "Part of the crossover appeal might be that Martinez was once a Democrat. 'Don't hold it against her,' 5th Judicial District attorney Janetta Hicks, a former colleague and long-time friend of Martinez, told the Republican Women. 'She was born and raised that way.' According to Hicks, Martinez switched teams when a Republican official invited her out to lunch and quizzed her about her stances on issues like gun rights, voter fraud and abortion, and concluded she was a Republican already. 'We have to win this next election for the governor's seat, and we have to do it with conservative Democrats. And I was one of those conservative Democrats,' said Martinez. Martinez is building her platform on ethics, small business, and education." (Roswell Daily Record, 8/19/09)