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## S紋 The Sime <br> Guard charged with prison rape

A guard at Fort Stanton mini mum security prison for women has been arrested on a charg ving sex with an inmate. Lincoln County Sheriff Sullivan said the guard is tration with an inmate who is serving a sentence for aggrav ed battery.
The 40-year-old guard has worked in state corrections, first at Camp Sierra Blanca and now Fort Stanton, for about 13 years,said Sullivan, who also sed to work at the camp "He had a spotless record, Sullivan said, adding that there is no allegation of forced sex
However, even if a sexual However, even if a sexual sensual, it violates state law con sensua
said.
The guard was released from ounty jail in Carrizozo by orde Magistrate Judge William Butts the same day he was airrested, Ma.
The investigation is being handled by the State Police Stanton Prison Warden Sandra McFadin, but the officer in harge was not availabl uesday
Any allegations of criminal activities involving state correc tional officers or institutions are

Meeting for Upper Canyon people this Thursday about sewer work

The Ruidoso government wil meet with Upper Canyon residents at 6 p.m. Thursday at the alk about sewer construction work.
The village will provide details for phase II of its sani ary sewer rehabilitation proje It will include modern trenchles The work will impact people who live along the main line that parallels the Rio Ruidoso in the Upper Canyon outages and other related ince eniences can be expected

INSIDE


## Ruidoso schools set to benefit from state budget

by HELEN GAUSSOIN Ruidoso public schools would get an extra $\$ 1.115$ million next school year if the governor signs get into law.
The New Mexico House and Senate over the weekend sent the governor a $\$ 1.6$ billion general budget and a $\$ 1.4$ billion education budget that included about $\$ 54$ million to cover increasing
enrollment, other increasing costs enrollment, other increasing costs $\$ 52$ million is set aside to fully implement a change in the way the state funds public schools. The $\$ 106$ million in new dollars would bring the amount to be distributed to the schools next
year through a funding formula to year through a funding formula to
$\$ 1.32$ billion, compared with $\$ 1.214$ billion this year. The budget also includes a new formula for distributing state money to the schools. The state distributes money to local schools based not only on enrollment but also
on total district size, the experience of its teachers, the number of bilingual and handicapped students, and other factors.
The $\$ 1.115$ million increase for Ruidoso would bring the (

## Proud papa

Retiring District Judge Richard Parsons looks on with pride as his daughter, Karen Parsons, signs papers after she was sworn in Friday as his replacement in the Carrizozo court
is friend and fellow District Judge Robert Doughty of neighboring Otero County.

## Arts and Film Commission considers complete calendar

by TONI K. LAXSON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer The Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission may soon apply for a state grant of up to $\$ 10,000$ to produce a calendar of art events commission members.

## Bruce Eldredge,

chairman, said the Commission chairman, said the Commission on what they will request, but added the calendar is a strong candidate.
"We are at this point looking at the cost of the arts calendar," $h$ said.
The decision will be made by committee, and relatively soon
he added, since the application said. It also will help define what deadline for the grant is April 18. role the Commission should take Eldredge said the calendar of in supporting the arts - whether events, requested several times at Thursday's public hearing about the local arts community, had been a prior consideration of the Commission
The grant from the New Mexico Arts Division of Cultural Affairs is designed for specific projects only and cannot be used for gen
added.

Information gathered from Information gathered from
comments and surveys hearing will help Commission hearing will help Commission applications as well, Eldredge to take on projects itself, or to funnel money to individuals and organizations for support efforts. The Commission will go on a one-day retreat in April or May to
organize both its focus and role. organize both its focus and role being paid $\$ 2,500$ by the village to help the Commission with that organization. Eldredge said results from that one-day retreal will be announced in early June. (Look for more stories about Commission in Friday's Vamonos
10.8 million, an $11.5 \%$ increas ver the $\$ 9.7$ million state appro priation to Ruidoso this year Schools statewide would get an verage increase of $8.8 \%$.
ame out of the Senate included $\$ 130$ million new dollars for the schools, but the House knocked hat figure down to $\$ 65$ million. A. conference committee of House and Senate members assigned to work out the differ-
ences in the two versions of the bill came up with the compromise figure over the weekend. New Mexico's public school funding formula, one of the first statewide formulas in the nation and a model when first adopted, is supposed to ensure all students
in New Mexico receive the same in New Mexico receive the same
level of education no matter the wealth of the district. It is sometimes called the state equalization guarantee.
But the
But the formula had been skewed in recent years by the leg-
islative adoption of a "density islative adoption of a "density
factor" for larger school districts. and by a state education department policy to issue waivers to some districts to allow them to pay their teachers as if they had greater training and experience
than they actually had.
The density factor which pro vided additional funding to districts of 10,000 students or more presumably because those dis tricts face more gang and drug problems, has been a sore poin among many of the state's small er districts, who argue they also and gangs.

In addition, a group of mid sized school districts sued the
state Education Department over the use of the training and experi ence waivers for teachers. The districts lost the suit in distric court but appealed the decision Court of Appeals

The new funding formula reflected in the budget bill, the result of a year-loing study and
endorsed by the Public School Funding Formula Task Force includes eliminating both the density factor and the waivers.
But it still creates a factor for the But it still creates a factor for the
number of high-risk students in number of high-risk students in
the district. That factor would be calculated based primarily on the number of poor students in a district, a district's drop-out rate and the number of students with lim ited proficiency in English.



## Puppet secrets

Carrizozo puppeteer Jamie Gieb shows local students the tricks Gieb was one of eight artists who helped expose the youngsters Gieb was one of eight artists who helped expose the youngsters about the history of the ant

## Teen leads cops on wild car chase

by TONI K. LAXSON
Ruidoso News Staff $W$ As many as nine law enforce ment vehicles pursued a 19 -year old Mescalero man driving a van
early Sunday through the early Sunday through the
Ruidoso area at speeds that often exceeded 100 mph , officials said. After an hour-long chase in patrol officers finally stopped Timothy Starr about three mile Highway 54, when they shot ou histires. "Once they shot out his tires,
he put up his hands and quit," said Lt. Bill Bower with the New
Mexico State Police. Bower said Mexico State Police. Bower said
officers decided to shoot Starr's officers decided to shoot Starrs
tires because of initial reports that Starr had rammed a police officer during the chase. And, "He had already run one civilian's vehicle off the road after he got to Tularosa," Bower said, Starr also was allegedly driving drunk. Downs Police Chie David Hightower said Starr did strike a Ruidoso Downs police car early in the chase when the officer pulled in front of Starr to slow him down. "But there was no damage
Hightower said
Sencies partiaw enforcemen agencies participated in the
chase which started about 12.30 a.m. Sunday. Capt. Alfred LaPar with the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs said one of his officers tried to pull Starr over in the eastbound lane of U.S. Highway 70 high rate of speed. "But he took high rate of speed. "But he took
off again when the officer was calling in his plates," LaPaz said

The officer chased Starr into Ruidoso and down Sudderth past the Inn of the Mountain Gods, back to U.S. 70, west hrough Mescalero 10 Tularosa and then north along Hwy. Along the way, LaPaz said. assisted at various times by three police cars from Ruidoso Downs, teast one Ruidoso police car wo tribal officers, another BIA two state patrol officers.
"Some officers continued to stay in the chase all the way, Bowers said troopers, who joined the chase near fularosa. contacted a semi truck ahead of
the chase by radio. The semi truck driver agreed to help by truck driver agreed to he
forcing Starr off the road. Lapax said Starr, when attempting to pass the semi, had incoming traffic lane, where he the lost control of the van on gravel and spun into a ditch. He was attempting to drive out of the out his tires. Starr was reportedly driving his father's 1995 Chevrolet van, which has disabled veteran Starr was arrested and charged with DWI, reckless driving and failure to yield to emergency vehicles. He was taken to Otero County Jail, where he is serving out a 180-day jail term set
Monday by Otero County Magistrate Henry Prelo, officials said
rom injuries were reported

# Legislature considers many bills affecting open government 

by helen gaussonn
The 1997 Legislature has had an unusual number of bills that affect public access to information, an open records activists says. Bob Johnson, a former wire service edito and director of the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government, suid he can only recal two public records bills from the last 60 -day session in 1995, compared with a half-dozen substantial bills this year. A text search of all least 35 measures with the words "open records" or "open meetings."
Johnson said a couple of factors contributed to the virtual flood of bills this year, including the debate in Lincoln County over access to the meetings of the medical center board.
"That got the hospital corporation alarmed. We pretty well have that under control," said.
Rep. Dub Williams introduced a bill that would have closed the meetings, but the bil was amended to allow closed meetings for a private corporation that leases a public hospi-
tal only when local hospital board meetings tal only when
remain open.
emain open. two bills that would let county residents decide whether to place county hospitals under pseudo-private bc ards. Both the bills exempled the new board rom cenain provi-
sions of the public access laws. Those exemptions were narrowed through amendment.
would open the records of the Indian Gaming Commission and the death of a bill that would have moved the state Records Center and Affairs also are among the successes for open Affairs also are
records activists.
"The archives were set up by the Legislature to be independent so that politically dominated departments couldn't try to manipulate what records are kept. The govenor appoints the state librarian and the state librarian would have appointed the archives director. That bill has been tabled. We don't want any govenor to get in there and
manipulate what the bistorical record is," manipulate wh
He said some legislators - such as Rep. David Pederson of Gallup and senators Cisco McSorley of Albuquerque and Fernando Macias of Mesilla - are supportive.
He cites as an example a committee hearing on a bill that would have closed the record on who has a permit to carry a concealed weapon.
uI was
"I was prepared to testify there are good reasons to find out if your neighbor is carry-
ing a weapon, but I didn't have to testify ing a weapon, but 1 didn't have to testify In addition, House Speaker Raymond Sanchez introduced a bill opening the meetings of the New Mexico Athletic Association and all other athletic associations.
Johnson doesn't expect the same kind of cooperation on a bill that would allow public access to state House-Senate conference
committees, which negotiate a compromise
when the House and Senate pass difforent versions of a bill.
Open records activists also had fittle luck agencies to make a variety of materials avail able to the public through the Interinet. The bill died on the Senate floor mosit likely because it was sponsored by the Senate Republican leader, Johnson said.

a lot of money, even though all the adifitits trative departments told the sponsor it wagid take a little time to input this additional pubstate money," Johnson said.

Public access advocates
Pubinc access advocates also were unable would have clarified which police records are open to the public. That bill died in the House udiciary Committee.
"The Police Chiefs Association, the Municipal League, State Police Officers Association...all of them railed against it. They said the press would use it to publicize he names of innocent people. (A police who file reports that their parents have abused them when they are grounded, Johnson said. Another bill related to the news media would allow newspapers and broadcast news organizations to print corrections without fear he correction would be used against them in a civil suit not exactly a fog issues. Under the fill, the news organization could not be sued for $p$
tion.


Apache past and present
Seventh-graders Henrietta Ywakia and Mayin Tohay from the Mescatero School admire an Apache buckskin dress at the Museum of the Horse in Fiuidoso Downs during a recent visit. Teachers Ruby Armstrong, George Cronin, Dianne Whitehead,
Jackie Baca and Lynn Litie accompanied thetr classes to the Jackie Baca and Lynn Litte accompanied thelt classes to the children in the region ettend the Museum of the Horse for a wide variety of educational programs. Transporation for the groups is paid for by donations to the museum's educational fund.

## County faces loss of money for federal land

by PIANNE STALIUNGS
Thidoso News Staff Writer
The thought of losing a tenth or more of the money Lincoin County collects annually from the well with County Manager Frank Potter.
He's the person who has to wrestie with the nes be person who has to wrestie with the expenses. When he heard the Clinton Administration's proposed budget contains a $\$ 12$ million cut in the program designed to reimburse counties with federal acreage, the news made him nervous. :
"At this point, it's devastating," Potter said. "Last year because we hit a certain mark with our property tax value, we (from get $\$ 100,0$
small cities' supplement (frome
"And then our original estimate was that we could lose $30 \%$ of the PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) money and that would be about $\$ 116,200$." More recent information has placed the level of $\$ 40,000$ for the county. received $\$ 387,365$ from PILT.
Out of Lincoln County's
about one-third, or more than one $3,109,312$ acres, ederal land and another 302,000 million acres, is land.
"To give; you a good example, in the northeast part of the county, there are large ranches, but only 14-15 sections are privately owned," Potter said. The rest is federal, but we sill have to maintain ertain things throughout the county.
Jim Hughes with the Washington D.C. office of

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U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen (R-NM) said he's optimistic

Clinton will back down from the proposed cut.
When Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt was testifying in front of the House Interior Subcommittee,
Skeen was able to establish that the Clinton administration had no philosophical problem with the PILT program and that the cut is simply a budgetary consideration.
"That's important to get on the record, " Hughes said. "It's an extremely popular program not only in the West, but some Eastern states get some reimbursement in exchange for the federal government not paying taxes, too."
Representatives from counties have been in
Washington lobbying against the cut, he said.
"My guess is that the cut will not be sustaine
"My guess is that the cut will not be sustained by
the administration," Hughes said, adding that he
expects the level of funding to
last year at about $\$ 113,500,000$
year at about $\$ 113,500,000$. However, if the cut holds at $10.6 \%$ of the PILT. budget, the drop in federal reimbursement would "Obviously, Joe is going to fight to maintain the full amount," Hughes said.
The program has never been funded at
amount authorized by Congress, he said. "People need to know this is not about greed," Hughes said. "If it had been fully funded, che lars a year. This is an equity. issue and is. not controversial. I know it's very important to counties. like Otero and Lincoln where there is so much federal land."


## Solid Waste Authority Wants study 10 continue <br> 


 phases on cot and garbage group's operation
They voted Tuesday to send an apology and gequest to finish the study to the two consultant why were doing the work for free until March 19 . That's when Jim Miller and Eugene Simmons nofiiut commitment from the county and its five municipalities to try to work out operational and tate problems.
: The motion was offered by Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson to ask Miller, head of Easters New Mexico University's Ruidoso campus, and Eugene Simmons, director of 'the university's Small Business Development Center, to finish phat two. Authority members agreed to apologize for citizens who blamed the two consultants for the quthonity's lack of progress, since the first phase of
the study was finished late last year. the study was finished late last year
H. Tuever, moving ahead with the study doesn luidoso will back away from trying to secur better services for its residents, said Councilo Robert Donaldson,
"I still feel we need to meet about the kind of service Ruidoso wants, he said. Donaldson wa apprimed Councilor Bob Sterchi, to present vit ioge service demands to the authority. The creation of the committee was spurred by a citizens survey which indicated that most people filling out the sur vey:preferred the committee over breaking away from the coalition
: Bernhard Reimann, Capitan village representa tive, said the results of his survey in that village were mainly positive.
" don't think the Capitan survey results are a surprise," said Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw, who they've had the problems we've had."

Not all of the problems are administrative Donaldson said. "I think there are policy problems, like what do we do with slash (yard waste) and pin needles." Fire officials have said Ruidoso is at high risk for wildfire since it is nestled in the midst of a thick forest.

He also was critical that only 400 businesses ar when 800 business licenses have been issued.

Authority, Manager Jerry Wright said many of mose businesses are 'home-based : and 'the board mercial or combination rate.
"I have" to see forward mition to go back to those people I ropresont to say things will change," he said. He doeshit think the village should wait fop years to make a move. The study is expected to b
No
No matter how satisfied customers may be in the other areas covered by the authority, "if we can" satisfy customers in kuidoso, it ddesn't matter," he all the municipalities and county goverument in Lincoln County.
But Authority Chairman Ftank Cummins, also a Ruidoso councilor, said the purpose of the study is gestions, "and now you're paity to offer some sug the time frame."

Jackson presented the results of the four-page questionnaire survey at Tuesday's meeting,' but he that more that not all forms had been tabulated and being printed in the newspaper
Out of the 87 tabulated, "things appear to boil down that they want dependable, reliable services," Jackson said. "The answers on rates and what to do with slash issues are a little trickier.
Highlights from the questionnaires tabulated show that:
-46 of the 87 people ( $53 \%$ ) thought existingicol lection rates were just right in Ruidoso, 24 (28\% said they were a little low, seven ( $8 \%$ ) said they were too low, eight (9\%) said too high and one ( $1 \%$ ) said much too high;

- in one sequence where they could mark more than one answer, 31 (37\%) liked the status quo, 36 ( $41 \%$ ) wanted Ruidoso to stay in the authority but present its service demands, 30 (34\%) wanted rates evaluated for for possible takeover of the village collection by Ruidoso and 19 ( $22 \%$ ) wanted the village to take over the system;
- 34 (39\%) would support a rate increase, 17 ( $20 \%$ ) strongly supported, 15 ( $17 \%$ ) didn't know 11 ( $13 \%$ ) disagreed and 7 ( $8 \%$ ) strongly disagreed; - support stayed the same when a "significant increase was suggested, but those against such an increase jumped to $32 \mathbf{( 3 7 \% )}$ who either disagreed or strongly disagreed
-57 people ( $66 \%$ ) said slash is a responsibility of the authority;
- 63 (72\%) said better policies are needed;
- $33(38 \%)$ would support an rate increase to collect slash and 42 ( $48 \%$ ) said they would not suppor an increase for slash;
- and 54 ( $62 \%$ ) strongly agreed that the appeas instituted a better collection system. <br> \section*{} <br> \section*{}



## Waste group urged not to dissolve <br> Consultant ${ }^{6}$ compiling a sood for entity separation.

 County Solif waste Authority have. urged fimmbers of the coalition not to disband the orgaization.
In a letter mailed to the authority last week, Jim Mille and Eugente Simmonts, who are fimint isn'tright for "entity sep dration."
"We certainly recognize that this is an option with each of the entities involved, the two men wrote. We also acknowiedge that there are serious problems withi the authority and serious consid eration should be given to impleorganization. However, consider ing the opportunities and future of each community in Lincoln County, we feel the timing is not
overall finaniciat structure and organization. The next two phases will analyze service needs, rates and long-range planning. But Miller, director of the Ruidoso campus of Eastern New
Mexico University, and Simmons, director of the Small Business Development Center of the university, expressed doubt whether they should proceed with the next two phases of the study under the current climate. They noted that several Ruidoso representatives on the solid waste board have been talking about that village breaking off and handling its own Some citizens also have laid the blame for the authority's lack of
progress at the feet of the two ansultants, they said.
Miller and Simmons emphan sized that building partnershipsininfastructure such as garbage ondection maximizes federal and state money that may be inis.
"In most cases, substantial savings in time, energy and doling an existing organization rather than by recreating it," they said. "A vote of confidence must be given the LCSWA. An authority must be given enough authority to implement the responsibilities that are assigned to it."

They recommended that the group stay together at least one more year after changes are in withdrawal from the organization.

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Bernie Swindler Bernie Swindler, 65, Ruidosidiled Monday, March 17 Colmesneil, Texas
Visitation will be $5-8$ p.m Wednesday, March 19 at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville Texas. Funeral services will be a 2 p.m. Thursday, March 20 at the Colmesneil, with burial at Mann Cemetery in Colmesneil.
A native of Bryan, Texas, he was in the insurance business in Fort Worth, Texas for 16 years before moving to Liberty Hill Texas, where he established the 5/5 Quarter Horse Ranch.
Survivors include his wife atricia of Ruidoso; three daugh N.C., Sherry Swindler of Clyde Nexas, Kand Laurie Sutton of Colmesneil; and six grandchil dren.
Herman W. Wray

Herman W. Wray, 71, of Ruidoso will be at $1: 30$ p.m. Thursday, March 20 with the elders of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church officiating at Fore
Mr.: Wray died Monday, Mr. Wray died Monday,
March 17, at his home. He was born Sept. 11, 1925 at Buffalo, N.Y. He served in the Navy during World War II, worked for A.T.\&T. for 25 years and retired in 1982. He moved to Ruidoso on Jan. 7,1994 from Los Angeles,
Calif. He attended the Lutheran Calif. He attended the Lutheran

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Emmons on Sept. 7, 1990 .
He is survived by his wife Elizabeth of the home; a brother-in-law, Benjamin Bortz Jr. of LaPorte, Ind.: and a sister-in-law, Elna B. Blackhurst of Nehalem, Ore.

The family has requested

## Don D. Parsons

A memorial service for

Okla., will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 1997 at the Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Lewis Perry offici Mr.
Mr. Parsons died at the V.A Hospital in Sulphur, Okla. on
March 17. He was born April 6 , 1915 in Snyder, Okla. to Arch Parsons and Mary Lou Howard. Early in his career he was manager of Cameron Lumber Co. in Arkansas and Texas. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he was He worked in Duncan years. Abilene, Texas, and last Midland, Texas as division accountant. He was presented with a life membership to the Lions Club in 1984. He also was Mason.

Mr. Parsons was a former resdent of Ruidoso
He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Parsons, of Stratfond law, Donna and Art Bailey of Santa Fe ; and two grandchildren, Leah and Ryan Bailey of Santa Fe. 5


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When the topic is 'art in Ruidoso,' you're getting into a very big subject

News that the Ruidoso area has upwards of 200 working artists is a wonderful bit of intelligence, uniess you define "painting" as merely what you do to your house every few years.
Last week's initial meeting of the Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission spotlighted as never before the enhanced status Lincoln County has developed in the Southwest art scene.
It doesn't hurt, either, that Ruidoso's annual arts festival recently has won a top-rung rating among all shows in he nation. Last July's exhibit was a resounding success or participating arts and craftspersons-which means the exhibited artwork was of high quality, and furthermore much of the work was sold. That does thrill artists at any stage of development.

The commission called the meeting to develop ways to enhance the community's arts scene.
Bruce Eldredge, the Museum of the Horse director who heads the commission, put it clearly: What do the artists want in the way of support from the commission.
"Help create an atmosphere," said one.
"Create an arts calendar of the entire county and distribute it," someone else suggested.
The community offered other ideas, all aimed a creating a cohesive art community, and at helping the commission develop grant applications and to determine whether the commission should funnel any grant money to other entities or take on projects itself.

The commission plans a retreat in April or May to organize both its focus and role. Eldredge said something definitive will be announced in early June. Before then, the commission will apply for a state grant for use in a specific project to support the arts. A calendar of events is a possibility
Lincoln County aiready is an art center...a place where artists can live, work and find acceptance.
Now the groundwork is being laid for developing the area as an art market in the years ahead, evth as Sedinta Fe and Taos have developed in the 20th' Cerntury.

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## The never-ending fascination of where we came from

## UPDATE:

On Feb. 19, an editorial in chese pages commented on the teaching of evolution. On
March 7 Virgil Stephens of Nogal took issue with some aspects of the issue. Herewith, two responses. The reaching issue (Senate Bill 155) is in the
Eviucation Committee Education Committee and might not bee clear until the
current session ends March 22.

Fact vs. hypothesis TO THE EDITOR:
In response to "Of. Eyglution
and the Schools" by Mr. (Virgil) and the Schools" by Mr. (Virgil) Stephens, the nature of a theory
in science need some explanain science need some explanalogical explanations of our unilogical explanations of our uni-
verse by means of the so called verse by means of the so called
scientific method, which operates as follows:
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the observed phenomenon is the observed phenomenon is
made. This explanation frequentmade. This explanation frequentcalled an hypothesis. The hypothesis must be stated ini some form that can be tested (experimentation). Testing the hypothesis may
support parts of the explanation. support parts of the explanation,
lead to revision of parts or abandonment of the entire hypothesis and formulation of a new one. This process of testing goes on until in all probability the hypothesis is presumed to be a good
explanation of what was
observed. Curiously, no amount
ypothesis, but any one exper ment may disprove it.
When an hypothesis has been tested by many scientists and found to be a strongly supported explanation it becomes a theory i.e., our best, most probable explanation of what we observed. Newton's Laws of Gravitation and Einstein's Law of Relativity, for example, are theories. Gravity is a fact; how it works is the theis a fact
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life on our planet over time, is in life on our planet over timie, is a takt, 'unhess one-chooses' nit to
believe the body of "emate accumulated by geologists, paleontologists and biologists over the past century and a half. How evolution operates is a theory; that is, how these changes come about is open to additional study nd explanation.
Remember, Darwin's ideas molded by the science of his day. His idea of natural selection, although apparently one of the driving mechanisms of evolution, was formed in ignorance, of the mechanisms of inheritance and
modern cellular biology. He had modern cellular biology. He had
no knowledge that all organisms from bacteria to humans share the fom bacteria to humans share the DNA, and so seem all to be related in the history of our planet. He presumed relationship, though, as earlier forms of life must give ise to later forms through some
rype of modification over time Again, how this modification occurs is still being studied and explained.

How we choose to view ourselves in relation to the history o to the rest of the organisms tha have gone before and now share the planet with us is our preroga tive. I suspect it makes fittle difference to the rest of our fellow passengers on Spaceship Earth.

Ross E. Dingman
Keep religibnedit of public schools TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Stephens suggests that it is the duty of the schools to expose ur kion/creationism of the eve should occur to him that this not a good idea.
When a scientist proposes a theory," he makes a coheren statement embodying all the fac framed in whedge we posses capable the rorm of a structure capable of making

Then it gets ugly. The theory is called upon, over and over, to make predictions about nature and nature supplies the answers. always correct, which those pre dictions must match. If the theory fails, it is discarded and some
thing new must take its place It is not a genteel, academic exercise. cight brand vicious and downvives this cutthroat meleg for even a few decades is a toug of one indeed. The theory of oug has been around has been around now since the it is "just a theory" is like saying Muhammed Ali was "just a boxer."
Mr. Stephens seems to suggest that he would like to expose Biblical teachings to the same violent treatment that a "mere" theory has to take, but not, just to be'savarged in front of schoo children who will be taught to do exactly the same thing themselves. Should Genexis be treated as nothing more than "just a theory"' If it is tossed into the scien tific arena, what else cany you
expect? expect?
The
framers of the Constitution seemed to have confrontation, and they grote powerful protective clause to prevent it from happening. We each have the right to expect that our religious beliefs will be safe when they enter the $p$ ablic schools and the only way that can happen is if the schools stay ou of religious issues. That is possible only when religion is kept ou of the schools.

Robert F. Hubbard

## Bees arrive to welcome the green of St. Patrick's Day

This is being sent to you in
id-afternoon of March 16 on mid-afternoon of March 16
The lower brapichess, of the
small apricot tree are full of crys-tal-white blossoms shining in the warm sun, covered, with the first bees of the year forming their littie work group. As you inhale the fragrance of the first blossoms of Spring you hear the chirping of the snow birds in the higher branches.
The vale of San Patricio is beginning to turn green with the leafing out of the weeping willow, the globe willow and the
giant willow, with the apricot trees here and yonder all out in white blooms, to welcome St. Patrick's Day, and the first day of Spring.
Let us sing the song of Spring.
and be grateful to our Lord.
Services heid for

## Ramona S. MeTelgue

Services were held March 12 at Saint Jude's Catiolic Church in San Patricio for Ramona $S$ My feur Loford on Mastitis.


Transito Polaco read from The Book of Wisdom: "The souls of the just are in the hands of the McKinley McTeigue read
Psaim No. 27: "The Lord is my ight and 27 . The Lord why then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?" McTeigue also
read from the Epistle of read from the Epistie of the
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## The Dreamer

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lowing hÿmns: "Buenos Dias Paloma Blanca" (Good morning White Dove); "Que Los Angeies angels take you to Heaven); "Por os Ninos" (For the Children); En tu palabre, senor" (In your word, oh Lord); "Adios con el is my heart-fer you go with God is my heart-fel yish); and "te way'my anteli)
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chinge of seryices ${ }^{2}$ prayed: ${ }^{*}$ May the angels welcompre our sister Ramona into paradise.
Those who sang in the choi are, 解, follows: Juan Montoya, lowe Ariage, Elodia Almagar, He chafce Silva, Marifobe eforratt
 Willie: Gomez. Bobly Ricttardson, who regularly sings equdays evitar int the choir was
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tives who are
At the graveside, the ohoi sang "Senor, mi Jesuchristo" (Jesus Christ, my Lord); and "Senor, acuredate" (Remember my Lond). Jose Almager and Placite Herrrera sang: "Intierr me can tando" (Let there be singing a my graveside services). Then the dito" (Blessed, blessed). Father Richard gave the clos ing prayer and benpdiction. Prallbearetrs were Pancho MeTeigue, Bobby Joo McTeigua Gerald McTeigus, Chris Salas Roger Cruz and Emic Sandowal.
Honorary. palibearers were Tony Chavez, poee Chavez, floy Salas, David McTeigue and Ramon Salas Jr.
Ramona and her husband are well beloved throughout Liticoln Courtity. Xithey have raised a fine familys they are my longtime
 call each ther "cuate" (Spanish for ${ }^{2} w h t$
WE alr rejoice that this befofied Chiristian lady is safe and hippy With our Lord in Heaven.

## DDUCATION

## Lincoln County scheol districts not dining on lottery dollars


#### Abstract

    infortate hod ghace at ght  amons thase hatithatt xempe whare of ioticry money, due wo hno tributed the funding rommba  makers will consider a new strategy for sharing the wealth. Since it was establighed in Aprice so\% of its earnitize for prizes, tept $25 \%$ for optereting onpenses and spilt tho remaining $25 \%$ between two education pro- grams - the Public Sphool. Grams Onital Outlay Public Sphool. Lottery Tuition Fund. The Public School Capital Slice of lottery money allotted for education; it was ereated to provide funding for critical capital coutiay needs for school die: ricts that have exhausted all vailable local monoy sources. But only 35 or 36 districts in the state are eligible for the money, accoroing to Assiskant Diccer: For 1996 and 1097 to date the ottery has fumeled almost $\$ 10,5$ million into the capital outlay find. In January, tho Public Sthool Capital Outlay Councll awarded $\$ 7,194,579$ to 23 school districts; no Lincoln County school districts were included in the fist. Lincoln County is a large lottery spender, though. As of residents had spent $\$ 1,131,614$ on lottery tickets. That penchant fot Daily Millions and powerball dack  cery's por capita income manking. To qualify for the capital out-

Iay funils, diatricts must have bonnowed against at least $75 \%$ of their bond capacity, have pessed a. two-mill levy and have a fiveyear masater plan in places. School districtic aloo must stion that the pirgiget is a cilfoal moed, Burrell centinyed, poining to healch and poppulation growth mot oxrmples.

The remmining $40 \%$ piece of edictation's cuit is put into the Loitery Tuition Fund, which graduates comtinue high school fign at New Moxico colleges and universities. Almost $\$ 7$ million has been phit into the fund, but no awards have been given. The state Legislature has not given its ing the funds ovat is approcted to  scholarahips to te awarded for the Fali 1997 semester.





State lawimakers also may ent pattern this session. Five house bilis were introduced in Santa Fo this torm to change. the lottery dollar funding equation. None of the five haye won preliminary approvivat, but the House sented a ensbstitute bill has pre-

In that substitute, the educaion committee has proposed that the 25\% of lottery revenues targeted for education be spread between a Public Schools Capital Fund, the Education Technology Act and the Lottery Tuition Fund. Burrell said the changes would make more school districts, possibly all of the state's 89 districts, figiole for iunds for capital procomputer and technology puri chases (through the Education Technology Act).


Julle Baxtor/The Rutdowo New T 4

## Sixth grader is Good Samaritan

by "UULL BAXTER
uidoso Nows Staff Writer
For every adult who has wontoday?" Trieva Rue is bringing back their faith.
The White Mountain Intermediate School sixth-grader showed integrity that may have been a stretch for even some adults when she returned a bag fime. The bank bag stuffed with cash had been dropped in the parking lot at White Mountain and teacher Joette Maskew estimated it contained more than 3.50 .

Rue said she fpund the bag o ${ }^{\circ}$ bucks after staying late last Tuesday afternoon for tutoring. "I I just forind it," she said.
Thie latise amount of money was gathered as part of a fund-
raiser being held for sixth-grade
© would have had a very bad conscience and staffabonet it."

## Trieva Rue ood Samakitan

teacher Delton Estes wife
teacher Delton Estes' wife Cancer. Rue said she was shocked when she opened the bag and found all those greenbacks, but the thought of keeping it neve crossed her mind. Instead, she headed for the principal's office and turned it over

Although she's taken a bit of razzing from her classmates for not keeping the money for herself, Rue is confident she made ther right perisiopherorin would have had a very bad
onscience and stuff about it," she said.

Doing the right thing has not only filled Rue with elf-pride but has the staff glowing with praise as well. "Adults need to see that these kids do lots of good things," Maskew said.
For her honosty, Rue was rewarded with \$20, a trip to Pizea Hut on White Mountain Intermediate principal Helene Kobelnyk and a certificate Hero of the Month. Although Rue hasp't, decided what to do with her $\$ 20$ reward, she will be able to spend it with a clean conscience.

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## Area high school graduates testing waters at ENMU-Portales

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spring semester af ENMU. Fpring semester af ENMUU. ing the colloge and their majors are Rhonda Burrows, undelared; Angela Hutchinsom. undeclared; Justin King, technology composite; Yvonne MontesRich, undeclared; Angela
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Mascarenaz, elementary cduca-

## EDUCATION



BAThe Ruidoso Neẃs,Nednesday; March 19, 1997

| A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newispapers by Polly E. Chavez. <br> Ruldoso News <br> Warch 21, 1947 <br> The second meeting of the | Picachd, Ancho, Stetson, Lincoln, Bogic. Encinosa, White Oaks, Bluewater, Nogal, Ion, and Arabele Mrs. Lucillo Pattorson, superintordent of the Lipcoln Covinty Schools was also present <br> Miss. Elva Wilson and Mrs. Harrict Wilson of Ancho and Miss Inez Pacheco of San |
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