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ON THE SIDE

Sports fields to be dedicated at April 1 games

The Ruidoso Village Council and Ruidoso School Board Tuesday approved the name and dedication day for the White Mountain Recreation Complex.

A dedication ceremony for the multi-recreational fields, now under construction next to the White Mountain schools, will be during the Ruidoso High School varsity baseball team's first home games, between the 3 and 5 p.m. doubleheaders on Tuesday, April 1.

The date and name was recommended to the Council and the School Board by a joint powers committee. The dedication will be the culmination of a unique cooperative project in which the village contributed \$1 million through a voter-approved bond issue, the school contributed 17 acres of land and Lincoln County donated the use of county equipment and employees.

"It's going to truly be one of the best baseball fields in the state," Superintendent Mike Gladden said Tuesday.

Slow progress on fire wall around Ruidoso

The U.S. Forest Service is creating a 500-foot fire break around the village of Ruidoso, but it may take years to complete the project.

For the last three years, Forest Service officials and experts from other forest-related agencies have warned that the mixture of houses surrounded by heavy tree cover and rimmed by a national forest will spell disaster, if a fire ever catches hold. Some homes that are close to trees or on wind-swept canyons may be impossible to defend, they said.

Jerry Hawkes, Smokey Bear District Ranger for the Forest Service, told Lincoln County Commissioners Tuesday the fire break is one way to protect the village. It requires reducing the number of trees in the crowded forest. His agency plans to remove about 700 trees this year, thinning them but not clearcutting them.

Fort bill's chances for passage fade

By DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Prospects dimmed Tuesday for legislative approval of a resolution that would clear the way for the transfer of historic Fort Stanton from the state to the Lincoln County Commission.

The proposal was changed drastically from the way it was submitted to the Legislative Council for a rewrite into bill form, County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said.

And because the federal government decided the fort to the state nearly five decades ago, a state-wide election would be necessary in November 1998 to approve the transfer from the General Services Department to the county, said Jerry Maddox, a member of a local citizen's group called Fort Stanton Inc.

The bill as originally proposed would have transferred the fort by lease or sale to the county with \$750,000 worth of state maintenance money, with water rights intact and without county responsibility for closing an old landfill used at the fort before Gov. Gary Johnson shut it down as a state hospital in March 1995.

The proposal emerged from the council as House Joint Resolution 17, with \$200,000 for maintenance, no water rights and the county being responsible for closing the landfill, Nunley said.

Although State Sen. Pete Campos had indicated he would ask to increase the maintenance amount to \$500,000, apparently that request wasn't submitted, Nunley said after the commission meeting. He had just received a copy of the resolution from Campos and it contained no reference to any of the items he had been told were included, such as maintenance money, the disposition of the landfill and the water rights.

But earlier in the day during the meeting, commissioners said they're convinced the state General Services Department, which submitted the proposed bill to the state Legislature, is no longer interested in a transfer and that the Department of Corrections may want to continue to use the complex 13 miles northeast of Ruidoso for a prison.

Minimum security women inmates were moved to the fort late last year and were scheduled to stay there about 18 months. The resolution states that if a state agency wants the fort, its needs come first.

Maddox, speaking for Fort Stanton Inc., a citizens private, non-profit group dedicated to turning the fort into a conference center and living museum, told commissioners the group wants a commitment from the county to back its plan. Members were startled to hear Monday that the resolution had been tabled at the request of the commission.

What next?

Nunley said he discussed the situation with State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Glencoe) and concurred that in the form described by Williams, the resolution probably would not be acceptable to the commission. He did not ask Williams to table the resolution. He had no authority to act on behalf of the entire commission and no jurisdiction to table state legislation, Nunley said.

Williams could not be reached Tuesday to comment on the status of the resolution.

"I couldn't commit county revenues to any project I feel would be detrimental to the county and that's why I agreed when Rep. Williams said he thought it should be tabled," Nunley said. "I'm not willing to raise taxes to support Fort Stanton."

Maddox said his group hadn't heard about any changes in the proposal, except the lower amount of maintenance money, but he and Nunley agreed that the entire process has been confusing.

Commissioner Wilton Howell said Williams has not given the measure strong support, but Nunley said the representative was simply hesitant to push something that the county might reject anyway.

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Fire destroys inside of landmark Ski Haus

By YVONNE LANELLI
Special to The News

Fire destroyed the interior of an Alto landmark Saturday.

A guest in the Ski Haus building at La Junta Guest Ranch discovered the fire behind an inside door about 10:30 a.m. Bonito Fire Department responded and within one hour contained the blaze to only that building's interior.

At no time were other La Junta buildings, property or persons in danger, fire officials said.

Origin of the fire is thought to be the hot water heater.

The Ski Haus was rented to a church group from Austin, Texas. The building, however, was virtually unoccupied at the time of the fire. Only Cindy Singleton stayed behind to clean up while the rest of her group went skiing. While washing dishes, she smelled some-

thing funny and checked various kitchen appliances, finding nothing amiss. Hearing "fire noises" coming from the bedroom area, she walked down the hallway, found smoke coming from behind a door, and notified the owners, Scott and Katherine Slocum.

After calling 911, the Slocums attacked the rapidly spreading fire with garden hoses and fire extinguishers, but the fire escaped their efforts.

Current estimates place damage to the building at \$200,000. Damage to the contents and guests' belongings has not been estimated.

La Junta Guest Ranch has been a prominent Alto business since the early 1960s. One of the current owners is the granddaughter of long-time owners Robert and Katherine Finley.



Toni K. Laxson/The Ruidoso News

Ernest Powell voices his opinion at Monday's public hearing on Ruidoso's garbage service. About 50 people attended the hearing.

Citizens demand changes in village garbage service

By TONI K. LAXSON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso residents want changes to their garbage collection service from the ground up, judging by comments made at a Tuesday public hearing about the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

"They should upgrade their image, clean those trucks, repair or replace those receptacles, require the drivers to clean up if they drop (trash), check high-profile containers daily and keep the recycling areas clean," said Jim Gardner, a Ruidoso resident. "They ought to look at alternatives - maybe subcontract the pick up to a private corporation"

Numerous complaints about the LCSWA's garbage collection service prompted the Ruidoso Village Council to conduct the public hearing. About 50 residents attended the meeting, and more than a dozen

addressed the council - most to complain about numerous aspects of their garbage service, some to defend the LCSWA and several to offer possible solutions.

One solution to Ruidoso's solid waste woes may be for the village to assume garbage collection services, yet keep the landfill disposal services of the LCSWA, said Village Councilor Robert Donaldson.

Donaldson said the LCSWA has been successful in the disposal side of its operation by creating a low-cost landfill in a partnership with Otero County.

"But from the collection standpoint, it's been, basically, an ultimate failure, and I don't think that the Solid Waste Authority can possibly take care of the collection issues for Ruidoso. We have to separate the two functions," Donaldson said.

At the conclusion of the more than two-hour hearing, the Village Council voted to appoint a Special Solid Waste Negotiation Committee consisting of councilors Donaldson and Bob Sterchi and Village Manager Gary Jackson. The committee is to solicit support from other communities in the LCSWA so the Negotiation Committee may have greater leverage with the LCSWA. Those negotiations will be to either improve LCSWA's present service or to revise its terms with the Village of Ruidoso, depending largely on what residents say they want, council members said.

An update of the special committee's progress will be included in the Village Council's meeting on March 24. A formal recommendation from the special committee is to be on the Council's April 8

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What they said

Here's a sample of the comments made at the village of Ruidoso's public hearing on solid waste issues:

"We know we have a problem, that's why we called a public hearing on this problem. We want the public's input so we can decide which way to go."

-Leon Eggleston, Ruidoso Village Councilor

"... I don't think the Authority can possibly take care of the collection issues for Ruidoso."

-Robert Donaldson, Ruidoso Village Councilor and board member of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority

"It seems most of the residents, at least those I've heard from, would support a rate increase if we could improve the service within the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority."

-Bob Sterchi, Ruidoso Village Councilor

"I don't know that the answer is to do away with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority in Ruidoso. But I think that we are all interested in what our community looks like at the present time. And it's not real clean."

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— Joe Gomez, Ruidoso Village Councilor
 "I would really like to see a regional approach work. But on the other hand, if a regional approach won't work, then ... I would support the Village of Ruidoso and those consumers in Ruidoso."

— Bill Chance, Ruidoso Village Councilor
 "With one exception, the managers (of the LCSWA) during the past six years have not had adequate trash-handling experience. And the fact that there have been four managers during that short period of time should be of some concern."

— Al Junge, a Ruidoso resident and one of the first LCSWA board members

"Homeowners must have the support of the village with the essential task of slash and pine needle removal. There is no evidence to suggest that the Solid Waste Authority has the skill, manpower, equipment or financial resources to meet Ruidoso's current needs."

— Ernest Powell, board member of the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County

"One thing you have got to understand, people have to participate in a program for trash collection. It will never work if the people don't get involved and help pick it up. I think you are making a mountain out of a molehill."

— Bill Smith, Ruidoso resident
 "I don't know how you collect the garbage service for the rates you are charging. I know that most communities where I come from, the rate is \$10 to \$15 a month for a resident and the commercials run anywhere from \$45 on up, depending on how many dumpsters they have."

— Keith Hatfield, Ruidoso resident

"They should upgrade their image, clean those trucks, repair or replace those receptacles, require the drivers to clean up if they drop (trash), check high profile containers daily and keep the

recycling areas clean. They ought to look at alternatives — maybe subcontract the pick up to a private corporation ..."

— Jim Gardiner, Ruidoso resident

"We have an official 50-year landfill, and only members of the LCSWA have access to that dump at the tipping fees we enjoy. And it is for this reason that I think it would be a sad mistake if we were to pull out of the Solid Waste Authority."

— Bill Allen, former LCSWA board member

"With or without the lids (on dumpsters) the bears are still going to give us problems. We've got to do something about the bears, if there is some kind of bear-proofing, I think that would be important."

— Bart Young, Ruidoso resident
 "The equipment was 5 years old when you sold it to them. Okay, solid waste equipment is only supposed to be utilized for five years before it's turned over and transferred out. The equipment right now is over 10 years old. That's why you are having the problems you are now."

— Ray Merritt, former manager of the Ruidoso waste transfer station

"The real problem is money for new equipment, I think higher wages for the employees and for a manager with experience. I also think, perhaps, more employees, so the trash does get picked up on time."

— Ross Dingman, LCSWA board member

"This Solid Waste Authority owes to the various entities several hundred thousand dollars ... for the purchase of the equipment ... So the LCSWA is paying on top of operation, on top of maintenance, on top of everything else, almost \$100,000 to the taxpayers. I've asked the board to consider forgiving the debt and using that \$100,000 for capital outlay."

— Monroy Montes, Lincoln County Commissioner and LCSWA board member



Joanna Dodder/The Ruidoso News

Silent shadows

Brush along the Rio Bonito below Bonito Lake casts shadows on the unbroken snow on a sunny late afternoon.

Garbage

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meeting.

Village leaders are asking residents to fill out a four-page survey about their collection service and how they would like that service to change. Survey forms may be picked up at the Village Hall. Jackson said village administrators would like to have as many completed surveys as possible by Friday to begin compiling them.

"It's an attempt to get a general feeling of the public's feelings on these certain categories," Jackson said to those attending Tuesday's hearing.

He said the survey is based on questions and comments the village's administration hears almost daily.

Complaints aired at the hearing include testimonials about unresponsive and poor management at the LCSWA, unreliable pick-up schedules, a lack of policies and trash scattered about dumpsters by either animals or garbage collectors.

One of the people to defend the SWA was Bill Allen, a former board member of the Solid Waste Authority. "We have an official 50-year landfill, and only members of the LCSWA (and Otero County) have access to that dump at the tipping fees we enjoy. And it is for this reason that I think it would be a

sad mistake if we were to pull out of the Solid Waste Authority," he said.

Several people said the LCSWA should ask for an increase in garbage collection fees, allowing it to purchase new equipment and hire more experienced personnel. Lincoln County Commissioner and LCSWA board member Monroy Montes suggested that Ruidoso forgive the Solid Waste Authority its \$60,000 debt to the village, again to enable the LCSWA to purchase better equipment.

The landfill, which is part-owned by Otero County, is located about 64 miles from Ruidoso, south of Alamogordo.

The LCSWA, a consortium of county and village governments, was formed in 1991 and began operation in 1992, Jackson said. The current rate for residential service in Ruidoso is \$7.50 per month and is included in water bills.

About six members of the 11-member LCSWA board attended the meeting, including Donaldson, Jackson, Montes and Ross Dingman. Absent from the meeting were Mayor Jerry Shaw, for whom Councilor Leon Eggleston read a statement; and Councilor Frank Cummins, who also is chairman of the LCSWA. Cummins was recovering from eye surgery.

Ruidoso, county join to fight juvenile gangs

by DIANNE STALLINGS
 Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Putting aside old antagonisms, officials from the Ruidoso Police Department and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office will be working together to prevent gang-related crimes.

The County Commissioners agreed Tuesday to join the village in applying for a \$50,000 grant from the Drug Enforcement Advisory Council.

The move was heralded by Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox as a "new era of law enforcement in Lincoln County," an acknowledgement of the deep rift that existed between his department and the sheriff's office under previous sheriff James McSwane, who left office in early January.

The county's only obligation for participation is to approve the part-time use of one deputy as a member of a gang intervention unit. The Ruidoso Police Department will assign five police officers to the unit, Maddox said.

He said the arrangement is a proactive approach to prevent gang-related crimes that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage and personal

injuries.

"Juvenile crime is on the increase nationwide and Lincoln County is not exempt," Maddox said.

The unit will provide daily intelligence gathering capability and bring educational programs into the schools, he said.

"We've already started (in Capitan) and are experiencing success," he said. "We want to stop gang activity before it starts, because such activity at young ages usually results in adult-related criminal activity later in life."

The grant money will be used for equipment and training of the officers for one year, Maddox said. The officers will respond as a unit and train as a unit, he said. Coverage won't be divided up based on jurisdictions.

The grant is renewable every year and the arrangement between the two departments can be severed with 30 days notice, the chief said.

The program is supported by area school districts, drug enforcements units in the county and by several parents groups, he said.

The village will act as the fiscal agent for the project.

Fort

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blanche support," Howell told Fort Stanton Inc. members. "If we obtain it, we can't endorse one particular program. We'd have to go out for a request for proposals. I applaud and support your efforts, but I can't say today we will support your plan."

"Maybe the state should transfer the fort back to the federal government and we can work with them. I'm very disappointed with state lawmakers. I don't think there was any real intent to transfer and that's why all the road blocks."

Legislature help?

Nunley suggested Fort Stanton Inc. members approach the Legislature directly and ask for the fort to be transferred to them.

"I believe it can be done," he said. "Or wait another year until we have a new governor and it can be turned into a state park."

"We've been trying for two years and doing all we can," Commission Chairman Monroy Montes said. "What's happened is

politics in Santa Fe, not this commission's fault. I consider this a dead issue unless they (GSD and the Legislature) want to revive it. It's the state's problem."

"The buck stops at the governor's office. He closed the fort. He created the situation. It's not our job to solve their problem."

Sally Burkstaller, who helped start the Fort Stanton citizens group, said she and other volunteers have spent hundreds of hours lobbying for legislation to transfer the fort in the belief that the commission would support the move and take over the fort.

"The point is if you want that facility under county control, we have to get together and we will get it through, but there has been no discussion since last November and we've been out there soldiering," she said.

"You have our support, but it's frustrating that there is no support from our elected state representatives," Howell said. He encouraged the group to convince Williams to keep the resolution alive and see what happens.

Program helps with bills

The Chaves County Community Action Program, through the State Human Services Department, is helping low-income households with gas and electric utility payments through March 14.

Any income-eligible households who have not previously received help with their utility cost between Oct. 1, 1996 and March 14, 1997 may apply.

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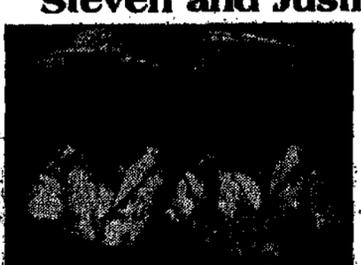
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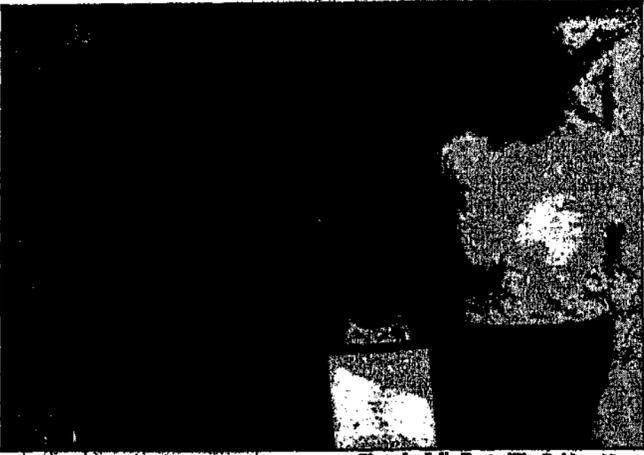


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Romeo Klein (seated with plaque) is shown with American Legion Post Commander L.L. Clarke, Dan Storm, and District Commander C.E. Chavez.

Klein honored for 50 years serving American Legion

By DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Starting a new life after his discharge from the Marine Corp in 1945, Romeo Klein married and then joined the American Legion in 1947.

Fifty years later, he's still an active member of the Robert J. Häger Post 79 in Ruidoso and recently was honored with a plaque.

Klein recalled that his first elected office in the organization was sergeant of arms, and in 1952, he obtained the highest local rank of commander.

"When I joined the American Legion, the dues were \$5 a year and that was hard to come by," Klein said. "But with the help of my small veteran's pension and the belief that the American Legion was a good organization, I managed to stay active."

Today, the dues are \$23 a year and "it's sometimes still hard to come by," but Klein believes that the American Legion is a good organization and worth every penny," Klein said.

Back in the 1940s, the legion's meetings were in the American Legion Hall in downtown Ruidoso next to Brunell's Department Store. The Legion Hall later was incorporated into this business.

"I went through the ranks in the post, serving as post commander several times," Klein said. "I also was involved with the American Legion District III, which includes Ruidoso, Mescalero, Alamogordo, Tularosa, Carrizozo, Capitan and Ruidocraft."

He was selected district commander and executive committee man several times, and attended district, state and national conventions, including one in Hawaii, Klein noted.

"Through the last five decades, we've had some good years and some bad years," Klein said. At one point, the group boasted more than 100 members.

"Since then, many of our members have passed away, moved away and transferred out, or just faded out," Klein said. "Last year in 1996, we had about 50 members."

In May 1976, Klein received the American Legion National Achievement Award as the 5th District Commander in the Department of New Mexico for exceptionally outstanding service in the interest of the 1976 membership enrollment. He currently is post treasurer and District III senior vice commander.

"The American Legion is a good organization designed to help local, state and national good will," Klein said. To be a member, a person must have served in the Armed Forces during a time of war of conflict.

"I know there are several veterans in the Ruidoso area who fit that description and are not members of the American Legion," Klein said. "I know these veterans would benefit our organization. We need and welcome new and active members in our post."

The legion meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall on the corner of U.S. 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs.

Gambling bills make their way through changes of legislative quagmire

by HELEN GAUSSON
News Capital Correspondent

No matter how many hours legislators spend grafting a gambling bill, someone will probably file a lawsuit, the sponsor said Tuesday.

"No matter what we come up with, some portion is going to end up in court," Rep. Dub Williams, R-Glencoe, said.

The House bill sponsored by Williams cleared its third committee Monday night and is now before the gambling-unfriendly House Appropriations and Finance Committee. The Senate also is working on a bill also in that chamber's budget committee. The committee is likely to link the bill to the state budget so lawmakers can spend the potential revenues.

The Legislature must get one bill passed by both the House and Senate before the session ends in a week and a half in order to legalize reservation casinos. Federal courts have concluded the casinos are illegal, but issued a stay on the order to shut them

down to give the Legislature time to pass a law including all the necessary provisions to make them legal. Those provisions include gambling compacts with the tribes and authority for some off-reservation casino-style gambling.

Williams' much-amended bill would authorize 10-year compacts with the tribes, prohibit tribes from offering free or reduced-price food or alcohol, and require the tribes to pay the state 16% of the net from video slot machines, plus a fee for each casino, video machine and table. The bill also would allow horse racetracks and fraternal organizations to have gambling machines and require them to pay the state 25% of the net. Under this bill, gambling at bars would be prohibited.

The Senate bill calls for 15-year compacts with the tribes, a 5% revenue share from the tribes, and video gambling at fraternal clubs and bars that seat 30 or more people. Off-reservation gambling would be taxed 25%.

Williams said he hopes to have his bill out of the House. Appropriations and Finance Committee by today (Wednesday), but he recognizes that committee might give the bill its toughest hearing.

"We have some pretty conservative people in that committee," he said, noting the committee includes Reps. Max Coll (D-Santa Fe) and George Buffett (R-Albuquerque), who legally challenged the gambling compacts with the tribes.

If he gets it past the finance committee, Williams said he expects the House, which resoundingly killed a gambling bill last year, will find this year's version more palatable.

"It's gone through so much," he said. The House last year objected to the amount of gambling allowed in a Senate bill and voted it down with a very loud voice vote.

"One of the reasons for that no vote was because there was a lot of gambling in there," Williams

said. He said he hoped the Senate doesn't try to push through widespread gambling again this year, or the issue could face the same fate as last year.

"I hope we can get the message to them that this has enough in it," he said.

Williams said he has concerns about some of the changes made to his bill, primarily the 16% share requirement. He said that high rate could be rejected by the U.S. Interior Department, which must approve any tribal compacts and requires that tribes get a commensurate return on anything they pay to states.

Otherwise, Williams said the bill seems to be in good shape.

"If something were real out of line, I would have heard," he said.

Still, he said no bill will satisfy all the interested parties, who might show their dissatisfaction by taking the bill to court.

"The bar owners, the restaurants will say, 'Why didn't we get our shot at it?'" Williams predicted.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Public opinion about arts needs sought Thursday

The Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission will hold a public hearing from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13 at the village hall. The public is encouraged to attend and provide input to the commission and Ruidoso on how the village and the Arts and Film Commission can better serve artists, art groups, citizens and tourists.

The Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission is a body of seven members who have been appointed by Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw to advise the village council with regards to visual arts, performing arts, and film issues.

Current Arts and Film Commission appointees include Herb Brunell, Bruce Eldredge of the Museum of the Horse, Rand Harmon of The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, Stan Monks of Ballet New Mexico, Mary Maxon of Ruidoso Little Theater, Cathi McIntosh with Ruidoso High School Drama and Bob Rowe of the Ruidoso Community Concert Association.

For more information on the March 13 public hearing, contact Rand Harmon at 336-0010 or Herb Brunell at 258-4003.

Alamogordo men arrested on drug trafficking charges

Two Alamogordo men were arrested on multiple drug-related charges Saturday after falling asleep in their car in front of the Allsup's convenience store in Carrizozo.

Charged with trafficking heroin, trafficking amphetamines and possession of marijuana were James H. Metcalf, 29, and Bruce A. Allison, 33, said Lincoln County Undersheriff Cliff Macsas. Metcalf also was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Slightly more than one ounce of amphetamine was seized, about eight grams of heroin and less than one ounce of marijuana, according to the spokesman for the White Mountain Drug Task Force, whose officers participated in the arrests.

The two men were driving from Albuquerque to Alamogordo when they pulled into the parking at the Carrizozo store, Macsas said. They remained there about three hours when a state police officer walked passed about 3:21 a.m. and noticed a gun on the seat next to one of the men.

Concerned that the men might be contemplating a robbery,

Carrizozo Police Chief Duane Vinson asked for back-up from members of the drug task force, the spokesman said. The men did not offer resistance. While searching the car, drugs were found in an aerosol spray can, Macsas said.

Both men were in county jail Tuesday. Bail was set at \$50,000.

Marketing summit planned monthly

In anticipation of creating a collective business vision for this mountain resort community, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce held its "First Annual Mountain Summit" on Feb. 27, and the group will meet again March 27.

Fifty prospective marketing partners attended the Feb. 27 open forum to maximize the marketing of this area through the pooling of area funds, talent and effort.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 27 at Best Western Swiss Chalet in Alto.

Topics of discussion Feb. 27 centered on the importance of hospitality training, "thinking and projecting" winter business, identifying corporate sponsors, and developing an emergency marketing strategy for unexpected

weather problems, etc. At the completion of the three-hour meeting, participants were asked if they would like to make a yearly tradition of this marketing summit. The group resoundingly agreed to meet monthly, chamber officials reported.

Skeen plans to seek re-election despite disease

Congressman Joe Skeen (R-NM) was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, but he said the disease won't stop him from seeking re-election in 1998.

Parkinson's is a slowly progressing medical condition that affects certain motor skills.

"My physician advises me that this disease is not life-threatening and will not adversely affect my ability to continue functioning in my capacity as congressman," said Skeen, who hails from Lincoln County, in a press release.

Skeen noted that individuals who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's such as Rev. Billy Graham, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, Katherine Hepburn and others have continued to maintain active schedules and live productive lives.

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EDITORIAL

Might the light of sanity yet glimmer in the boggling madness of March?

"March madness" isn't just basketball. It's also an apt description of New Mexico's law-making process.

Every other year the end of the legislature's 60-day session coincides with prep and college basketball tournaments. This year, with the New Mexico Lobos seeded third in the first round of the national collegiate tournament, and the jubilation and heartbreak of the high school state tournaments in full force, the madness of the legislature's closing weeks seems quite appropriate.

Problems are plentiful, many self-induced by members of House and Senate, and very little legislation has cleared both houses...certainly nothing on the daunting Indian gaming issue, much less prison financing and House Bill 2, the budget legislation that finances all of state government.

Odds are that many who read the headlines and watch the 6 o'clock TV news are thoroughly disgusted with the process. The governor vetoes bills; the legislative leaders scream in anguish. Our own elected lawmakers have done little to write home about.

We get the impression that this legislative session might go down in New Mexico history as a perfect one, if you subscribe to the tired old cliché, "that government is best which governs least."

Especially when we look at the latest on gaming—allowing slot machines in bars, with a big bite going to the state. Pro-gaming forces think it's a gambit by the anti-gaming people to assure total defeat of the issue. Or is it merely a trading gambit for one side or another?

But there might be a glimmer of sanity in the depths of all this madness: Sen. Ben Altamirano, D-Silver City, who for many years has chaired the Senate Finance Committee, says he wants the gambling legislation, prison-financing bills and the budget (House Bill 2) all on his table "so we could talk simultaneously on these three issues."

They certainly are connected by money. And Senator Altamirano has one of the coolest heads in the legislature, besides carrying a very big stick when it comes to getting legislators to pay attention. Since it's Altamirano's gambling bill, something might come out of the legislature, something the governor might even sign.

And the clock is ticking, which is one thing that gets the attention of basketball players and legislators.



NO, IT'S NOT GOD... MUCH MORE SERIOUS... IT'S ALAN GREENSTEIN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending LC Humane Society

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in response to programming aired on local radio and listed as "commentary" by Mr. Emmett Downes of Alto.

Mr. Downes first became disenchanted with the Humane Society Board of Directors over an Irish concert he was promoting. The Humane Society was to benefit from remaining proceeds after expenses. The board felt uncomfortable with Mr. Downes acting as their paid agent/promoter and with his request to operate the promotion company and bank accounts under the umbrella of the Humane Society tax-exempt status. Mr. Downes stated that this was the only way he would do the promotion and quickly cancelled our involvement. Included in the angry banter from Mr. Downes that followed, was a demand that the animal shelter abandon its long-standing hours of operation, and use volunteers if necessary to open a seven-day-per-week operation. We have been told that attacks would continue until we comply with his demands.

Statements from Mr. Downes on Feb. 15, and over the last few weeks from a transcript supplied us by Mr. Charlie Keys, general manager of the radio station, are as follows:

1. "Seven out of ten dogs and cats at the animal shelter are

killed, not put to sleep, not euthanized, just killed."

2. Visitors and tourists to the Ruidoso area should "keep an eye on their pets...if they come into the humane society, it's three to one odds they will never come out alive."

3. "Humane society board members do nothing to further the cause...They serve only for the prestige it brings them."

4. "I am going to suggest to friends that they not renew their memberships, and I will not renew mine." (He is not even a member).

These statements are careless and not to mention callous, as these board members volunteer their valuable time and energy to help make the lives of these dogs and cats worthwhile. Mr. Downes' comments do nothing but hurt these animals and the community in which these volunteers serve...

We operate the only full-service animal shelter in Lincoln County. Every stray animal placed with us is held for a minimum of three days for the owner to reclaim, much longer if tagged or we have leads on the owner. The assertion that only "one out of four" owners can get their pet back alive is ludicrous...

Adopting an animal is a 15- to 20-year commitment and must be entered into seriously and with planning. We suggest that adopters take time off to spend with the new animal and carefully prepare for its arrival. We know

that nationally spur-of-the-moment adoptions often fail. This is why you do not see our puppies in malls or parking lots. Mr. Downes' assertion that we make it easier for people "having breakfast after church to decide to go and get a puppy or kitten" is not consistent with our goals...

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Nationally, more than 30 million homeless animals (75% to 90% of impounds) must be euthanized in America's shelters. Our shelter is proud of its statistics, with most months showing just over 50% euthanasia, and other months (mainly peak wild cat breeding season) higher. Never in the past three fiscal years have we reached the "7 out of 10" levels stated...

There may be room in the Ruidoso area for "shock" radio, even in the guise of an Irish music program. This is the land of the free. We all have the consumer's prerogative to turn (off), but in a medium as powerful as broadcast radio, we hope that station management and sponsors alike will ask for less destructive commentary in our small community

where more kindness would serve much better for people and animals.

The employees and board members of the Lincoln County Humane Society

Ruidoso's own Good Samaritans

TO THE EDITOR:

My husband Bill and I moved to the wonderful village two years ago this past February. We really love it here. There have been so many wonderful people we have met. There are two in particular... One is George Mars of the Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop, who took time out to find me and return a credit card I had dropped out in the parking lot. Someone had turned it in to him.

I would like to thank that person also. I didn't know who that person was.

The other is Chris Hudson, who works at a local grocery store. I wrote a check for \$10 over the amount and forgot it. She called and told me. There is no way I would have been able to prove it, had it not been for her honesty.

These are two positive incidents that may help balance out the negative ones. This is a wonderful place to live...people, animals, and even the snow.

Angela L. Bunch
Ruidoso

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Jane Deyo to be honored at Girl Scout luncheon

Local Girl Scouts will host a farewell luncheon at the Cattle Baron Thursday, March 13 for Jane Deyo. Members of the honor guard are: Monica Nolan, Docia Phillips, Jessica Reynolds, Lindsey Williams, Nicole Hawley, and Heather Lee. This is a fitting tribute to Jane who has devoted much of her life to the Girl Scouts.

Today is National Girl Scout Day, and in commemoration of the day, Pam Robinson will present a layette on behalf of the Girl Scouts to the first baby girl born today in Lincoln County, or born closest to the day.

Thank you, Girl Scouts, for all you have done.

The Mountain Land prepares for a wonderful Spring

This is being sent to you an hour before high noon on a day in late winter; and everywhere you look you may see the mountain world awakening from the winter sleep, and looking forward to glorious spring.

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snow birds and stellar jays feeding in the pathway, truly a Spring in Winter picture.

The lilacs have begun opening their buds showing the tiny clusters of lilac blooms ready to blossom forth as the days grow longer and warmer as the sun travels higher above the hill horizon on its journey through the sky.

Today the wind takes turn-and-turn-about blowing first from the north and then from the southwest, as Winter and Spring wind down their contest for possession of the world.

The Dreamer

DAN STORM
COLUMNIST

The small apricot, growing right next to the house, was probably started by a squirrel who buried a seed there. I let it grow until now it is — after I forget how many years — taller than the sunroom and has its branches growing around the corner like leafy arms embracing the house.

The large apricot, about 52 years old, survived a grass fire in 1945.

The grass fire burned down a cedar built out on Blue Bird

meadow. When the tree was cleared away, here was a tiny apricot sapling ten inches tall. Today it is a tree about 20 feet tall, springtime pride of the vale.

Cows come down from the mountain

During the last few days, some cows have come down from the hill, the way they do at the approach of spring, as if lonesome for the river and the vale.

Some of the calves I had not seen for two months, but they walked right up with their mothers, gentle as ever, seeming to ask "Remember me?"

They walked over to the green pickup looking for some hay.

They do not savvy the white Suburban yet.

Soon now comes St. Patrick's Day when all the world is Irish for a day.

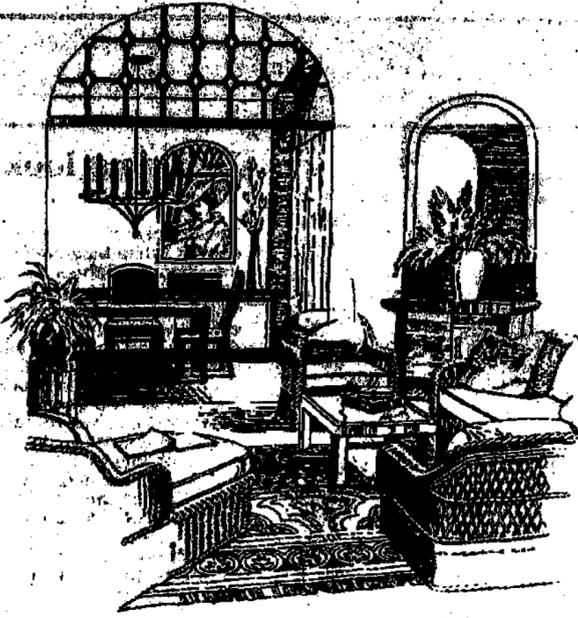
Then spring begins on March 20, followed later by Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Let us always ask our Lord to guide us each day and be thankful for our blessings.

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EDUCATION

Former Hondo business manager found guilty of criminal trespass

By JULIE BAXTER
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Former Hondo Valley Schools business manager Abdel Ibrahim has been found guilty of criminal trespassing.

Ruidoso Magistrate Judge Judge William Butts handed down the verdict against Ibrahim Wednesday. He was sentenced to serve 364 days in jail, to pay \$1,000 in fines and to 364 days of probation. Butts then suspended Ibrahim's jail term, as well as \$800 of the fines. The terms of his probation require Ibrahim obey all local, state and federal laws and bar him from entering Hondo Valley school property.

The decision stems from a charge filed by Hondo Valley Superintendent Barbara Casey, after an Oct. 14 incident on school property. Casey said Ibrahim drove onto school property after he had received written notice that was he forbidden to without approval. She further charged that while on school

property, Ibrahim spoke to several school employees and made an implied threat against her husband, Frank.

Events leading to the criminal trespass charge started Sept. 26 when the Hondo Valley School Board held a special meeting and unanimously voted to terminate Ibrahim, who had been the district's business manager for one year. Prior to that special meeting, Casey had put Ibrahim on a leave of absence and banned him from school premises.

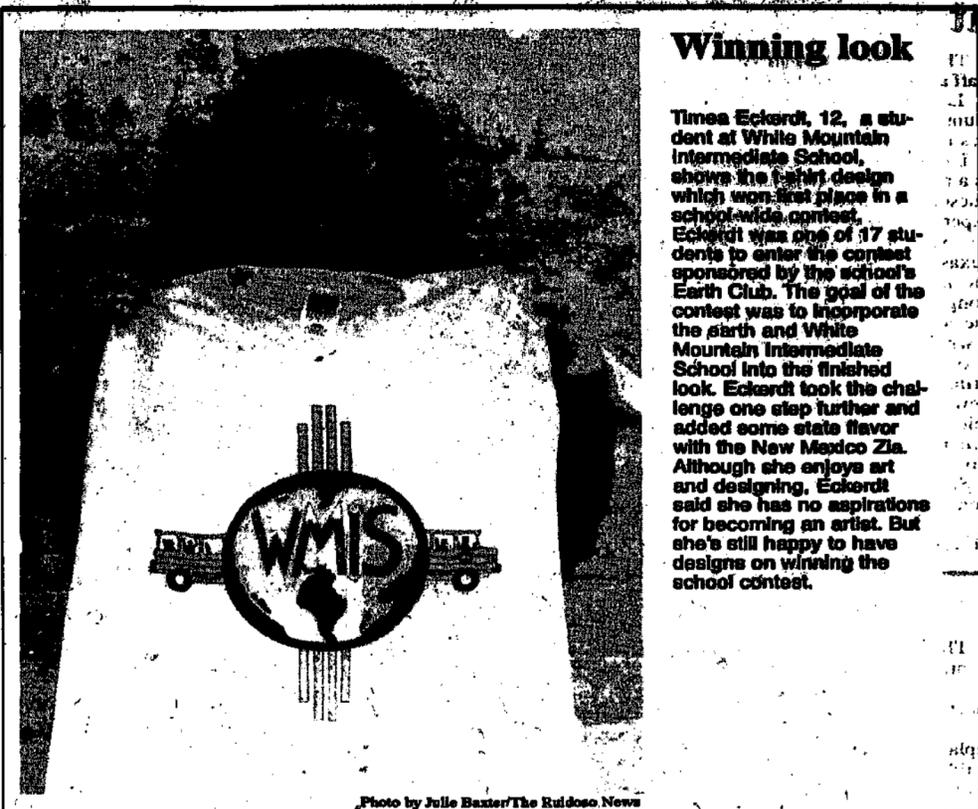
Ibrahim and Frank Casey also had an allegedly violent confrontation on Oct. 14 which led Ibrahim to file battery and criminal trespass charges against Casey, and Casey to file battery charges against Ibrahim. Those cases are scheduled for an April 1 court date.

Ibrahim also filed a lawsuit in November against the Hondo Valley board and Barbara Casey, in both her professional and per-

sonal capacities, which alleges wrongful termination, breach of contract retaliatory discharge and deprivation of due process. The suit was prompted by the Hondo board's alleged failure to schedule a termination hearing within 15 days of giving Ibrahim notice of his termination. Casey said a date has not been set for the lawsuit to be aired in Lincoln County 12th Judicial District Court.

Barbara Casey was also found guilty of a trespassing charge filed by Ibrahim after she served him termination papers at his home. She said the judge found she did not have any criminal intent, but that she was guilty. She was placed on 30 days probation, which has expired and the offense has been removed from her record.

Casey called Wednesday's verdict a victory and said resolution of the remaining legal matters relies on the swiftness of the courts.



Winning look

Timesa Eckerdt, 12, a student at White Mountain Intermediate School, shows the first place in a school-wide contest, which won first place in a school-wide contest. Eckerdt was one of 17 students to enter the contest sponsored by the school's Earth Club. The goal of the contest was to incorporate the earth and White Mountain Intermediate School into the finished look. Eckerdt took the challenge one step further and added some state flavor with the New Mexico Zia. Although she enjoys art and designing, Eckerdt said she has no aspirations for becoming an artist. But she's still happy to have designs on winning the school contest.

Photo by Julie Baxter/The Ruidoso News

Science: beyond basic elements

Science shines through shuttle

Often a career in science can seem unappealing to children. Long stereotyped with visions of mad scientists in white lab coats flunkered over microscopes, a job or a future in science, math and engineering is not the excitement-filled path young people are plotting for their lives.



Photo by Julie Baxter/The Ruidoso News

Members of the Ruidoso Middle School Science Olympiad team are riding high thanks to their trip to the state competition in Socorro Feb. 22. The team is the first in middle school history to fare well enough in regional competition to advance to the state level. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Gary Micander, Chris Cockrell, Cody May, Ryan Blackman and Evan Stubbs. Middle — Shannon Riordan, Barbara Antu, Megan Lamb, Forrest Forster and Hellena Rolph. Front — Jessica Bednorz, Nathanael Lamb and Matt Warren.

is \$25,000. Burns said some grants have helped pave the way, but more money is needed to ship the students off to the sea shore.

To help with the fund-raising effort or to learn more about the Earth Shuttle program, call Burns at Ruidoso Middle School, 257-7324.

Science Olympiad group bests past Ruidoso teams

Marking a five-year high in the history of Ruidoso Middle School science, a team of 15 members and one alternate traveled to Socorro last month to compete in the Science Olympiad.

Coach Carla Burns had high praise for the team's dedication and the effort it took to get to the Feb. 22 state competition at New Mexico Tech. The team finished eighth in regionals Feb. 1 in Roswell to make it to the state level. But more importantly, this year's team is the first to make it to state in five years.

"We came home with a lot of medals," Burns said. "I was very impressed."

The team competed in 26 events against 26 other schools to earn 15th place overall. But the dedicated youth are number one in Burns' book. "It's a heated competition because the kids really have to be able to think on their feet," she said. "The kids were more flexible about which competitions and more willing to do what it took to get there. This is probably the best Science Olympiad team I've had in 14 years."

Team members, their competitions and their finishes are as follows:

- Aerodynamics — Ryan Blackman, second place.
- Bio-Process Lab — Evan Stubbs and Jacob Cooper, 17th.
- Bottle Rocket — Blackman and Matt Warren.

- Earth Science Lab — Jessica Bednorz and Hellena Rolph.
- Egg Bungle Drop — Shannon Riordan and Kristen Valdez.
- Egg Drop — Riordan and Barbara Antu, eighth.
- Experiment Design — Nathanael Leslie and Forrest Forster.
- Fossils — Jacob Cooper and Stubbs.
- Mystery Architecture — Kristen Valdez.
- Nature Quest — Cody May and Chris Cockrell.
- Pentathlon — Bednorz, Blackman, Warren and Megan Lamb, first.
- Periodic Table — Blackman, sixth.
- Road Scholar — Blackman and Warren.
- Say It Again — Leslie and Gary Micander, fourth.
- Science Crime Busters — May and Cockrell.
- Science of Fitness — Stubbs and Micander, eighth.
- Simple Machines — Stubbs and Micander.
- Surfing the Net — Forster, sixth.
- Tremendous — Valdez.
- Water Quality — Cooper and Stubbs, 11th.
- What Are You Trying To Tell Me — Rolph and Forster, sixth.
- Wheeled Vehicles — Riordan and Lamb, 10th.
- Write It/Do It — May and Cockrell, eighth.

Law may be smokescreen for real teen smoking solutions

Joe Camel and Marlboro Gear could go up in a puff of smoke very soon. New laws passed recently are trying to further the efforts of the war on teen smoking. Anyone under 27 will be carded when trying to buy cigarettes. Stores will not have cigarette advertisements in their windows. Ad campaigns will be run in black and white only.



The Why

MEREDITH KEETON
STUDENT COLUMNIST

It is good that our law makers are realizing that much of the advertising used by cigarette companies to sell their products is targeted at teenagers. Unfortunately, most teens who smoke do not buy their own cigarettes, and are not prompted to start smoking by advertisements (this has been proven in numerous studies, the main reason is peer pressure). While many teens do steal cigarettes, most have someone of age buy them. The hassle of being carded isn't so great that these suppliers will think twice before buying for someone under age.

While media does influence teenagers to buy certain brands of shoes or soda, most teen smokers do not idolize the Marlboro man or the Virginia Slims woman (though she does paint her fingernails blue and cuts her own hair). Teenagers do not relate to these advertising icons, so they are almost entirely ineffective in persuading teenagers to smoke.

Making it harder for teenagers to get their cigarettes or be coaxed into smoking will not alleviate the problem of teen smoking. Instead,

the anti-smoking ads, which are used in a few states already, could be one way to discourage teens from lighting up. For example, the one that tells us the original Marlboro man died of lung cancer is attention grabbing. Let us see teenagers who can't even leave their houses because they are hooked to oxygen waiting for a lung transplant. We've been bombarded with "just say no" and "drinking and driving kill." Tell us the harms of smoking. Show us how wonderful it is to die of heart disease and emphysema when you're young.

And as for the idea that teens are enticed into smoking by all the free junk you can get by collecting UPC symbols off cigarette cartons, well, I don't know any teenager who has lusted after a Camel bomber jacket or a Marlboro thermos, and I know plenty who smoke. Before trying to guess what gets teens hooked on smoking and wasting taxpayers' money on ineffective laws and regulations, ask us what would stop teenagers from smoking. Maybe we'll give you a good answer.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Bar sponsors essay contest

High school sports will be the center of attention this spring for students entering an essay contest sponsored by the New Mexico Bar Association.

High school juniors and seniors are invited to compete for cash awards in the annual essay contest. The contest is seeking thoughtful essays no longer than 10 double-spaced pages, using a personal point of view to discuss high school sports.

First prize will be \$700, second prize will be \$350 and third prize will be \$150, awarded by Albuquerque's Modrall law firm. The deadline for entry is April 18. Winners will be announced at the Law Day luncheon in Albuquerque May 2.

For more information or an entry form, contact Melissa Sais at (505)797-6032 or your local high school English or social studies teacher.

Meeting Thursday on new survey

Parents of students in sixth

through 12th grades are invited to attend an informational meeting Thursday to learn more about the Benson Asset Survey, which students will complete April 8.

The purpose of the meeting is to answer any parent questions regarding the content of the survey, which will be used to help address the needs of students as they are outlined in the New Mexico Healthier Schools Model.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the public meeting room at Ruidoso High School.

RUIDOSO SCHOOL MENUS

Breakfast and lunch menus are listed here for both elementary and high school cafeterias. Menus are subject to change. The Ruidoso Municipal School District follows the nutrition guidelines set forth by the National School Lunch Program.

Elementary Cafeteria

MON Mar. 17 Breakfast: cheese toast or cereal; toast; milk Lunch: cheese enchiladas or taco and cheese; spiky pinto; tossed salad; crackers; jelly; milk	TUE Mar. 18 Breakfast: donut or cereal; chilled fruit; milk Lunch: grilled cheese sandwich or turkey pot pie w/crackers; taco tots; chilled fruit; rice crispy treat; milk	WED Mar. 19 Breakfast: cheese toast or cereal; chilled fruit; milk Lunch: corn dog or chef salad w/crackers; french fries; chilled fruit; jelly; milk	THU Mar. 20 NO SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES	FRI Mar. 21 NO SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
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Secondary Expressway

MON Mar. 17 Breakfast: french toast or cereal; orange; milk Lunch: chicken pasta salad; whole kernel corn; chilled fruit; crackers; cake; milk	TUE Mar. 18 Breakfast: sausage & egg biscuit or cereal; chilled fruit; milk Lunch: fried chicken; mashed potatoes; tossed salad; chilled fruit; dinner roll	WED Mar. 19 Breakfast: pigs in a blanket or cereal; chilled fruit; milk Lunch: lasagna; tossed salad; corn; garlic bread; coleslaw	THU Mar. 20 Breakfast: waffle or cereal; eggs; chilled fruit; milk Lunch: BBQ chicken; mashed potatoes; fruit; dinner salad; roll	FRI Mar. 21 Breakfast: breakfast on a bun; banana; cereal; milk Lunch: foot long chili cheese dog; taco tots; baked beans; fruit
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Laxon joins staff at The News

The most recent addition to the staff at The Ruidoso News is Toni K. Laxon, who will be covering municipal affairs and police stories for the newspaper.

Laxon, who recently worked as a public relations consultant in Tucson, Ariz., has seven years experience as a reporter, working on daily newspapers in East Texas including The Tyler Morning Telegraph and The Longview News-Journal, where she won awards in both hard news and feature writing. She also worked as an East Texas stringer for The Dallas Morning News. Other job titles she has held include advertising copywriter, freelance writer and executive assistant.

She has degree in journalism from The University of Texas at Tyler, and also attended Abilene Christian University and The



Toni Laxon

University of Texas at Arlington. "I thought I wanted to live in Ruidoso before coming up here. After seeing Ruidoso against the backdrop of the gorgeous, snow-covered Sierra Blanca peak, I knew I wanted to live here," Laxon said. "I don't even mind learning how to put on snow chains."

Sen. Campos offers update on legislative issues

With fewer than two weeks left in the 1997 legislative session, Sen. Pete Campos (D-Las Vegas) said the Legislature spent the first part of its two-month session taking testimony and studying the issues, and now it's preparing for the final decision-making process.

Campos provided the following update on major outstanding issues in a press release:

Budget and education.

The House of Representatives has passed a \$3 billion budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, including \$65 million more for public schools. The Senate has already passed legislation appropriating \$130 million more for education, and the House and the Senate are now trying to work out their differences on that issue. The governor has proposed an increase of \$23 million for schools next year, Campos said.

"We need to put as much money into our schools, into our children's futures, as we can afford," Campos said. "We need

to pay teachers what they are worth or we will lose them to other states that are willing to pay more. Sending our children to good schools increases the chances that they'll get good jobs and lead productive lives."

Welfare Reform

The Legislature is moving ahead with a proposal to overhaul New Mexico's welfare laws to be in compliance with the federal reforms, Campos said.

"The key to welfare reform is creating jobs and training and educating welfare recipients so they can fill those jobs," Campos said. "We can't just tell people to pack up their belongings and move because we don't have enough jobs, in rural New Mexico. We need to do everything we can to bring jobs to the rest of the state outside the Rio Grande corridor."

Medicaid Managed Care

The administration has already indicated it is willing to adopt the

Legislature's more conservative move toward managed care for Medicaid recipients, Campos said.

"This more reasonable approach will ensure a smoother transition and, ultimately, greater success. We do need to hold down the increasing costs of our Medicaid budget, but we can't do it at the expense of elderly, disabled and low-income New Mexicans or at the expense of rural hospitals and clinics," Campos said.

Prison Construction

Campos said he is optimistic that a solution to the prison construction financing problem will be found soon, clearing the way for construction of the Santa Fe prison. This will positively impact the counties of San Miguel, De Baca, Quay and Guadalupe, Campos said.

"Everyone agrees our prisons are badly overcrowded and everyone is working hard to find a solution," Campos said.

The effort was dealt a minor setback following the governor's veto of legislation that would have cut the amount of "good time" awarded violent criminals while allowing the Corrections Department to put some non-violent inmates on parole early, Campos said. The legislation was passed after the governor's administration briefed legislators on what it said were emergency conditions at the penitentiary of New Mexico, Campos said.

Roads

Efforts continue to prevent the state from turning over state roads to county governments, Campos said. If the roads are turned over to the counties, legislation should be approved to make sure that county governments are compensated for maintenance and related costs, he said.

Senate Bill 894, sponsored by Campos, which would require the state to pay counties for maintenance, has passed the Senate.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Ruidoso Planning & Zoning Commission took the following actions at its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 4.

— approved a request for replat of lots 5 and 6, block B, Ruidoso Springs Subdivision; William Karn, applicant;

— approved a request for a variance for a 200 square-foot deck within 3 feet of the lot line on lot 1, block 2, Woodland Ridge Subdivision; Brent Newton, applicant; Alden Hughes, agent;

— approved a request for a setback variance for home addition, while denying a request for a 5-foot storage shed setback variance on lots 22 and 23, block K, Ruidoso Pine Lodge Subdivision; George and Jamie Hutchins, applicants;

— approved a request for variance to allow a storage shed within 5 feet of the lot line on lot 21,

block 2, Sunny Slope Subdivision; Richard and Kaylah Glasgow, applicants; Colly Parks, agent;

— approved an amendment to allow one educational building to replace two on a commercial site development on lots 4 and 5, block 18, Palmer Gateway Subdivision, Community United Methodist Church, applicant; D.T. Collins, agent;

— approved an amendment to a commercial site development to allow a 1,132 sq addition on the building on lot 3, block 1, Airport West Subdivision, Mike Radziewicz, applicant, John Shaw, agent;

— and approved a variance to allow construction of a home within 5 feet of the lot line at lot 5A, block B, Ruidoso Springs Subdivision, William Karn, applicant.

OBITUARIES

Ramona McTeigue

Prayer service for Ramona S. McTeigue, 59, of Hondo was at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at St. Jude's Catholic Church in San Patricio, where the funeral mass will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12. Burial will follow at the Hondo Cemetery.

Mrs. McTeigue died Sunday, March 9, in Las Cruces. She was born Oct. 8, 1937 in Hondo and had lived there all of her life. She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church and a housewife and mother.

She married Alfred McTeigue on Nov. 17, 1962 at Hondo.

She is survived by her husband Alfred of Hondo; two daughters, Geraldine McTeigue of Tularosa and Lavinia McTeigue and her husband Frank Brady of Florida; three sons, Gerald McTeigue and

his wife Eva of Ruidoso, Frank McTeigue and his wife Bridgette Gonzales of Ruidoso and Bobby Joe McTeigue of Hondo; 11 grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces, including a special niece Bernice Salas and her daughter Gabrielle Antoine; four brothers, Pete Salas, Teofilo Salas, Juan Salas and Ramon Salas; and four sisters, Reynalda Lara, Teresa Buckner, Julia Cruz and Magdalena Salinas.

Daniel Schreiner

Daniel E. Schreiner, 62, of Ruidoso Downs died Friday, March 7. Burial was in Memory Gardens at Farmington on March 10. Memorial services will be held in the side chapel at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mescalero at noon on Wednesday, March 26.

Mr. Schreiner was a U.S. Army veteran and a retired nurse-eryman. He had lived in Ruidoso Downs for five years.

Survivors include his wife Judy of Ruidoso Downs; a son David and daughter-in-law Regina of Calif.; two daughters, DeeAnn and son-in-law Bill Stotz of Farmington, and Patti and son-in-law Jerry of Long Island, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Heather Stotz, Billy Jakob and Christine Jakob; his mother Mary of Huntington Beach, Calif.; mother-in-law May Martin of Ruidoso; and friends Welton and Jeanne Allen of Ruidoso Downs.

Fronie Ramey

Fronie H. Ramey, 84, longtime Tularosa resident, died Saturday, March 8, at Bety Dare Good

Samaritan Center.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 12 in the Tularosa United Methodist Church with Dr. Bill J. Sylskar officiating. Interment will follow in the Angus Cemetery.

Mrs. Ramey was born Dec. 13, 1912 in Lincoln. She was a retired teacher from the Tularosa Public Schools, and had also taught in Lincoln, Alto, Tinnie, Ruidoso and Mescalero. She was a member of the Tularosa United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a brother, Alfred L. Hulbert of El Paso; two sisters, Edith H. Womack and Ada B. Whitlock, both of Albuquerque; and seven nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James G. Ramey.

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Club with a heart

The Carrizozo Women's Club February meeting carried out a Valentine's theme in the refreshments as well as the attire of member Suzi Fern (left) and President Ann Bauman.

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CARRIZOZO NEWSLETTER

Zumwalt now supervisor of Otero County Electric northern sector

Bucky Zumwalt Named Otero County Electric Cooperative Northern Area Supervisor

From Enchantment, February 1, 1997

Otero County Electric Cooperative named Bucky Zumwalt to the position of Northern Area Supervisor, succeeding Buddy Guthrie, who recently retired after 47 years of service to the co-op.

Bucky started with the cooperative in 1971 as a groundman. He became a lineman in 1975 and moved to working foreman for the northern area in 1980, for a total of 25 years experience with Otero County Electric.

Bucky graduated from Carrizozo High School in 1966. He and his wife, Carol Marsh, have a son, Curtis, a daughter,

Kaylin Dimes, and five grandchildren.

Bucky will be directly responsible for the service area comprised of Christian, Nogal, Carrizozo, Alto, Hondo, Lincoln, Tinnie, San Patricio, Glencoe, Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation, Bent, Riverside, Bonito, Pine Lodge, Sunset, Picacho, Arabela, Oscura, Angus,

Fort Stanton, north of Capitan, east of Ruidoso Downs, out to 13 miles west of Roswell, and all points in between.

The office facility at Alto offers engineering, construction and line work, clerical and administrative support, public and community relations, and energy management and conservation planning.

Carrizozo FFA members attend excellent conference

by the FFA Reporter

The Carrizozo FFA Chapter was represented by eight members at the Made For Excellence Conference in Albuquerque on Feb. 15-16. They were: Brandon Langley, Mary Beth Bond, Elizabeth Avila, Mollie Hightower, Bryan Hightower, Robert Shafer, Jordan Dixon, and Eldon Offutt.

Contest.

The FFA Chapter would like to thank the following for their paid membership to the Alumnus: Robert and Judy Hemphill, Rosemary and Scot Shafer, Lerry and Martha Bond, Dale and Sheri Goad, Bar W Ranch, Dewey and Linda Brown, Allen and Barbara Langley, Carrizozo SWCD, Steve and Donna Harkey, Dick Bradley, Bill and Susan Hightower, Steve and Sissy Gore, Maxwell Ranch, and Bryan Wetzel.

On Monday, Mr. Hamby traveled to Tatum to judge the District V Extemporeous

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CARRIZOZO NEWSLETTER

by PAULA PAPPON
Superintendent

Monday, January 27 was Education Day at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe, and I had the pleasure of taking six of our high school students: Nikki Duncan, Autumn Gies, Robin James, Slohvon Peters, Elizabeth Sambanco, and Rodney Zamora.

We left Carrizozo in the van at 8:15 a.m. It was still dark as we drove to Corona to meet up with Superintendent Bobby Richardson and his group of Corona students. On the way we listened to some tapes the students had brought (you can't go wrong with Jackson Brown). We delighted in the beautiful New Mexico sunrise, and talked about some of the issues that might be discussed that day which pertained to education. The main topic, of course, was money for our school.

When we got to Corona, all of us boarded the school bus and headed on to Santa Fe. Our arrival in Santa Fe was greeted with school busses from many areas around our state. We found out

later that it was the largest turnout ever during any session of the Legislature. It was wonderful to know that students and educators came from near and far in support of education. What a message it gave to our legislators.

While at the Roundhouse, we were given a tour with lots of interesting information about the Great Seal of New Mexico, and the building itself. None of us had any idea that all of the marble in the building came from Belen.

One of the highlights of the day for our students was the opportunity to meet and talk with Lincoln County's Representative, Dub Williams. He gave generously of his time, explained the legislative process, talked about educational issues facing the Legislature, and gave the students an opportunity to ask questions. They truly enjoyed and appreciated this important part of their day.

Our day in Santa Fe was filled with rich experiences. However, what impressed me most was our students. They were, at all times,

interested, well-behaved and well-mannered, and a credit to their parents, this school, and this community. It was a delight for me to spend Education Day with these six outstanding young people. I congratulate them on being well-deserving of our faith in them as our future leaders. They are the hope of the future, and from what I see, the future looks great.

Middle School art students at Carrizozo learned how to découpage on wood. "High Hopes" owner Linda Burch showed the students how to apply magazine pictures to wooden plaques. She also showed the students the various crafts she and her mother, Sarah Means Carwile, create for the shop. The items included a yucca ladder, wreaths, plastic canvas art, bead jewelry and goblet arrangements. Each student made a découpage plaque to take home. Polly Chavez, art facilitator for the middle school, invited Burch to do the classroom demonstration. Burch's helper was family friend, Daniel Garner.



Artistic endeavors

Photo by Polly Chavez/Carrizozo Newsletter

The Zia Senior Citizens Center recently hosted a week-long exhibition of paintings and ceramics. Pictured are artists Barbara Ward (left) and Frances Degners. Instructors at the center are Dorothy Leslie and Cindy MacKenzie. Other artists in the exhibition were Clair Lago, Jim Giles, Karen Yarborough, Ruth Pratt, Pat Baker, Kenny Leslie and Dolly Ward.

Cheryl LaBelle resigned Dec. 23 as Zia Program Director for Lincoln County. Under her leadership, Zia grew from four senior centers to five in Lincoln County. She did a terrific job and will be sorely missed. Husband Steve LaBelle's job took them to Alamogordo. Good luck to all!

Congratulations to Anne Ferguson, New Mexico's Cowbelle of the Year!

Several people have reported robin sightings. Can spring be far behind?

Zia Senior Citizen Center is the

happy recipient of a Wurlitzer organ donated by the Capitan United Methodist Church. Any senior citizen is invited to bring music and play either the organ or the piano at the center.

Ken Payne and Suzanne Donazetti hosted a recent potluck dinner for staff and supporters of Creative Connection, the newsletter for Lincoln County artists and craftsmen.

John West and Ann Buttington drove to Ohio to spend Christmas with Ann's daughter Nancy and family in Youngstown. They

reported spending more time driving there and back than actually being there, but it was worth it to spend Christmas with grandson Jesse and his parents. Although they missed the luminarias on Christmas Eve in 'Zozo, they put out 24 of them in Youngstown, quite possibly the only ones in that city!

Nat and Polly Chavez were recent visitors at San Acacia. They were on their way back to Carrizozo from Albuquerque, where they visited relatives. At San Acacia, north of Socorro, they

stopped at San Acacia Gallery. Fernando Mercado, resident artist, offered coffee and told Nat and Polly the history of the town and gallery. On display is the work of several artists in varied media and styles. Among them is the work of Mercado, a former illustrator with Boeing Aircraft Corporation.

"Visually, most people would classify my paintings as abstracts, but to me they are not. They are music that the scene or person transmits to me. Colors are used instead of notes, and they are arranged in rhythms, whatever

musical terms you might put to them. I am not limited to the visual," Mercado said. The gallery, 12 miles north of Socorro, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

San Acacio Mission in San Acacia is a church built in the 1800s. Mercado explained that the last letter in the town's name was an error through the years. The original church was destroyed by the Rio Grande flood of 1929. Today, the rebuilt church across from the gallery is not being used and the church is dilapidated. Most of the original village people are buried at the nearby communi-

ty graveyard, and some gravesites go back four and five generations.

The Ferm residence was in full Christmas Bloom for the holidays (at least upstairs). They were hosts this year for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas party. The Fermes also had visitors from California. Dr. James Dillehay and son Jeremiah visited for the third time. Suzi's daughter Brandi from Ventura enjoyed her first Carrizozo experience with skiing and lighting luminarias topped off by an outing in Jim's four-wheel drive over Nogal Peak to Bonito Lake.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Varsity Warriors hang up hightops; JV team second in districts

Hot Springs dismissed Ruidoso's Warrior boys basketball team in the first round of the District 3AAA tournament, 73-59, Wednesday in Truth or Consequences. The game was tied at 50 midway through the second half before the Tigers pulled away.

The loss marked the end of the season for Ben Sanchez's team. Ruidoso posted a 9-15 overall record.

Four Warriors earned All-District 3AAA accolades for their performances on the hardwood. They are senior forward Erik Padilla, senior guard Arthur Rojas, junior forward Scott Sebastian and sophomore guard Corey Saenz.

In the junior varsity district tournament, the Warriors fell in the championship game to Hot Springs, 61-54.

Ruidoso lost Aaron Gillespie in the first quarter to a broken nose. Gillespie's presence might have been the difference in the game, said Warrior JV coach Billy Page.

Arthur Miller paced the JV Warriors with 10 points in the title game.

Ruidoso advanced to the championship with an overtime victory over Cobre, 69-64. In that semifinal game, Gillespie scored 30 points. Miller had 18, and Andy Schrader added 12 points.

The Warriors' freshman team finished in third place, beating Hot Springs.

Mountainair grounds high-flying Eagles

District 3A runnerup Mountainair scored a 77-58 win over host Hondo Valley in the semifinals of the Region D tournament Friday, ending the Eagles' season and advancing Mountainair to the Class A State Basketball Tournament.

Hagerman went on to defeat Mountainair in the Region D title game Saturday, 62-57.

Omar Barragan's Hondo squad finished the season with a 16-8 overall record. The Eagles captured the District 3A championship.

SKI REPORT

The snow report for Ski Apache for Wednesday, March 12:

Inches of new snow in past 24 hours: 0. Inches of new in past 48 hours: 0. New snow in last seven days: 0.

Snow base: varies from 52 to 82 inches on trails open.

Snow surface: Machine groomed and variable spring snow.

Number of trails open: 55 of 55, 100% open.

Lifts open: 11 of 11, including the Gondola, chairs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and two surface lifts.

Regular, non-holiday ticket pricing is in effect. Half-day tickets are sold for afternoon skiing beginning at 1 p.m. Call (505) 257-9001 for the latest conditions at Ski Apache.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Little League baseball
Sign-ups for the upcoming season from 6 to 8 p.m. at White Mountain Elementary cafeteria in Ruidoso; from 6 to 8 p.m. in Capitan schools cafeteria.

Softball

Ruidoso at Alamogordo (DH), 4 p.m.

Tennis

Ruidoso at Lovington, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Golf
Ruidoso girls at West Texas Amigos Invitational, El Paso.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Softball
Ruidoso at Los Lunas (DH), noon.

Track & Field

Ruidoso boys and girls at Gadsden Invitational, 9 a.m.



Laura Clymer/The Ruidoso News

Under the watchful eye of assistant coach Billy Page, Ruidoso's Tiffany Brantley practices her pitching delivery. Brian Baca's team takes the field Thursday for Ruidoso's first-ever girls fast pitch softball game.

Play ball, girls

□ The Warriors' fast pitch softball team takes the field Thursday

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The first pitch of the first-ever Ruidoso girls fast pitch softball season will be delivered Thursday in Alamogordo when the Warriors visit the Tigers for a 4 p.m. doubleheader.

"They are really working hard. It's going to be a learning experience for us," said Warrior coach Brian Baca who, along with assistant coach Billy Page, has put together the Ruidoso inaugural team. "Psychologically, they are ready to play."

"What we do this year is going to affect what we do in the years to come. We're focusing on having a class program," Baca said.

The Warriors officially started practice Feb. 24, but they've been in an offseason program since January. Numbers aren't a problem. Twenty-four girls are on the team, with the majority freshmen and sophomores.

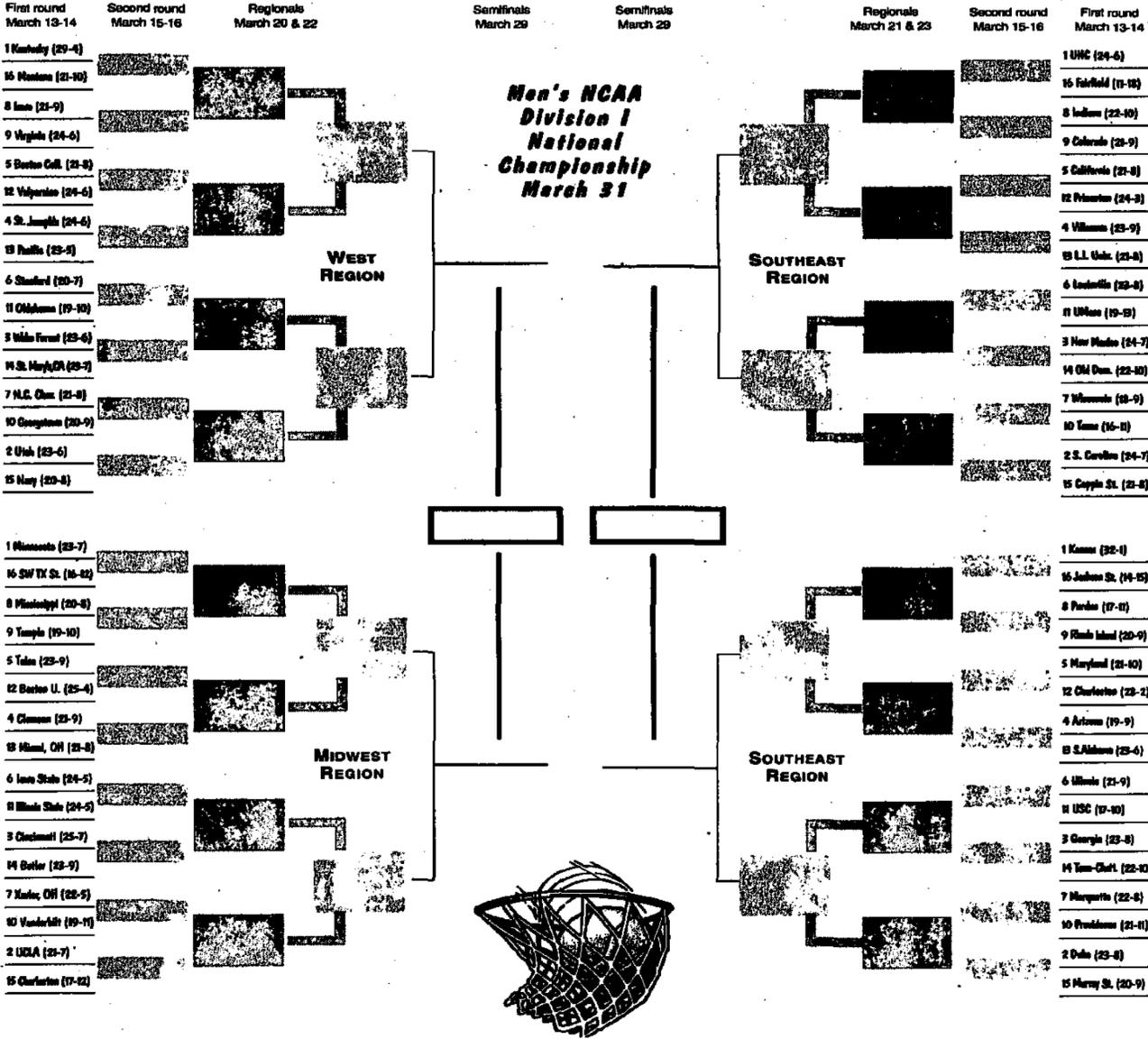
One of four pitchers will make the first official start of the Warriors' season Thursday. Shouldering the pitching responsibilities will be Tiffany Brantley, Amy Hemphill, Aquilina Herrera and Crystal McNutt.

While the ski bums are blessing the recent snows, the softball players are cursing them. The Warriors have yet to practice on their official home diamond — field B at Eagle Creek Sports Complex.

That means Saturday's scheduled home opener versus Los Lunas will shift to the Los Lunas diamond, provided that works for the Tigers.

Please see Fast pitch, page 2B

THE RACE TO INDIANAPOLIS



Seeding snub doesn't stop Warrior netter from Alamo title

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The Ruidoso Warrior tennis team got off to a smashing start at the Alamogordo High School tournament Saturday, recording one of its best showings in years.

Ruidoso's No. 1 girls player Myra Romero didn't let a seeding snubbing slow her from winning the singles title.

Coaches gave Romero a No. 2 seed in the tourney, even though she previously had defeated all but one competitor entered in the girls' singles bracket. And the one player she hadn't beaten, she hadn't played yet.

At first Ruidoso coach Dave Anderson was miffed at Romero's seeding. Later, he didn't mind so much.

"It was OK," Anderson said. "She had to play a lot tougher opponents to get to the finals, and it paid off in the end. It

couldn't have been a better situation for us. It worked out better this way."

Romero cruised through the first three rounds of the tournament. She defeated Cobre's Evelyn Rueda of Cobre 8-2 in a pro set. Rueda was the only Class AAA opponent Romero faced. The rest hailed from Class AAAA schools.

Oñate's Sara Guthrie was Romero's next victim, 6-1 and 6-1. In the semifinals Romero pounded Jennifer Anderson of Alamogordo, 6-3 and 6-1.

That set a meeting with the one player Romero had yet to play — No. 1 seed Margaret Moscato.

Moscato, a tough baseline player, charged to a 5-2 lead in the first set.

Anderson suggested to Romero a change of strategy during the changeover, and it worked. Instead of exchanging baseline blows with Moscato, Romero mixed

up her returns — slices here, drop shots there. The Warrior netter also moved Moscato around the court, and attacked the net whenever she had the chance. Romero rallied behind the new strategy, pulling even with Moscato 6-6 in the first set. In the tiebreaker, Romero claimed the set with a 7-4 win.

Romero's rally broke Moscato's spirit. The Warrior coasted to a 6-2 victory in the second set to win the tournament.

"If she had continued to play Moscato's game, she might have lost. But Myra's older and smarter, and she used that to her advantage," Anderson said.

In girls' doubles action, Ruidoso's Rachel Bedoe and Melissa Lucero defeated Amy Salas and Nichole Kennon — the No. 1 doubles team from Cobre. That win

put them in the quarterfinals against No. 1 seeded Sally Murdock and Aislyn Maestas of Silver, where the Colts prevailed.

Ruidoso's two entries in the boys singles division lost in the first round. Gadsden's Ricky Chavarria beat Jesse Anderson 8-4 in a pro set. Warrior Bryant Davis lost to the tourney's eventual runner-up, Josip Simovic of Mayfield, 8-0.

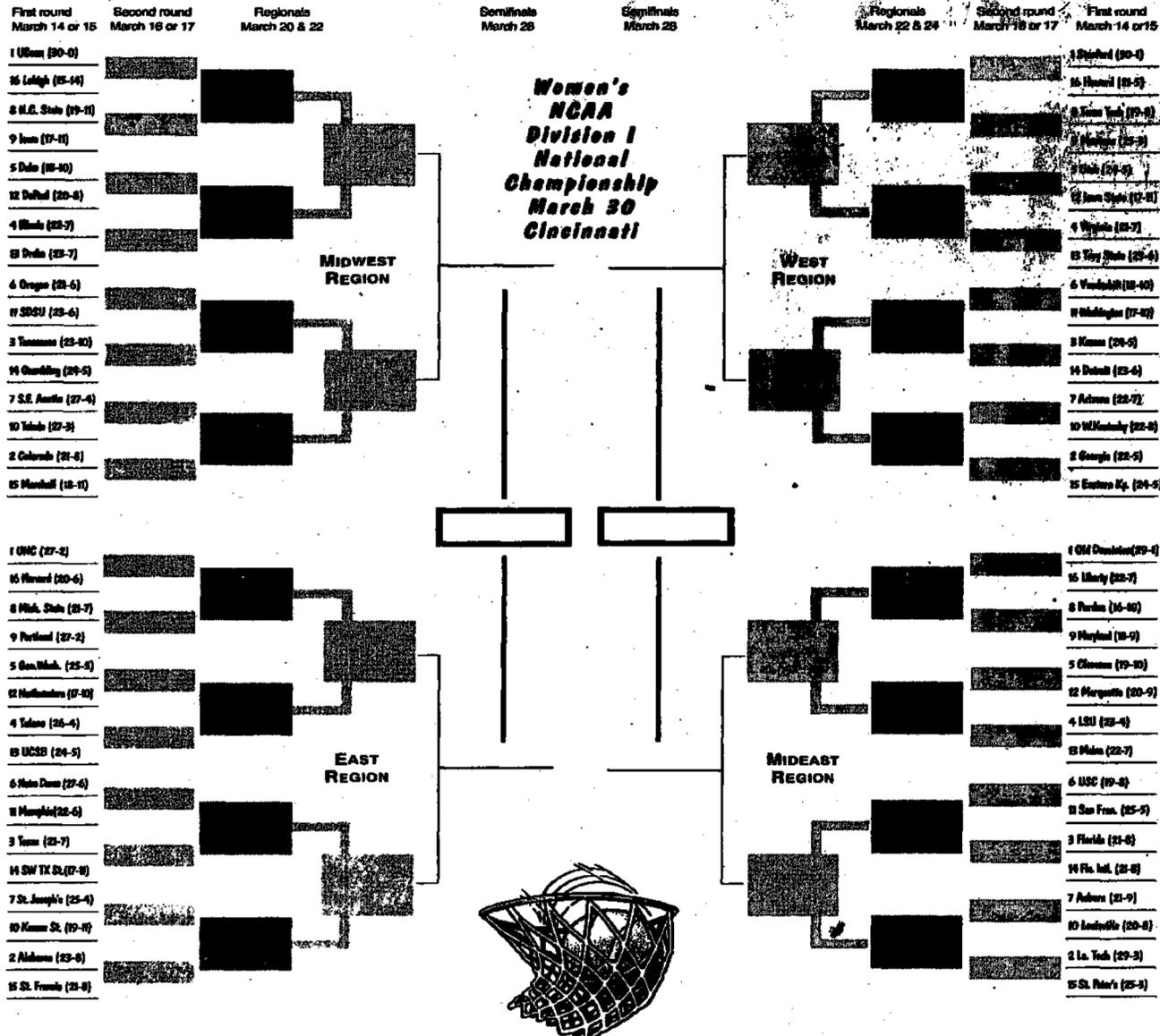
Romero returned with a trophy. The rest of the Warriors came home with more experience.

"Our boys and girls got to play 4A kids, and they played kids from all over the south. It especially will give Myra an edge (later in the season)," Anderson said.

Anderson has 10 boys and eight girls on the Warrior squad. He'll carry six on each varsity team this season because the Warriors are young.

TENNIS

ROLLING TO THE RIVER



Fast pitch

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Ruidoso has practiced in Ruidoso Downs on the All American Park softball field.

Baca knows beggars can't be choosers, but he's looking forward to practice at Eagle Creek. "They are hard workers. They are not complainers," he said of his Warriors.

Ruidoso Parks and Recreation crews weren't able to start work on the Eagle Creek diamonds until last Thursday.

"We're trying to get them to where they can practice on them. But the pitching rubber won't be set enough to play a game on - in my opinion," said Ruidoso sports coordinator Claudia Branum, who oversees the complex.

"With all the moisture, it's just been difficult to get the fields dried out. They are out there as we speak, awaiting the fields," Branum said Tuesday.

Even though they are in their first year of girls softball, the Warriors will be sanctioned to compete for postseason play in the New Mexico Activities Association state tournament.

Six doubleheaders are slated in the 13-game Ruidoso schedule. The Warriors will participate in a Cobre softball tournament as well.

"Our district is pretty well established with Cobre and Silver," Baca said. Ruidoso also joins Santa Teresa and Hot Springs in the 3AAA.

Season's end

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The Tigers had a chance to cut it to two when Lordsburg missed a free throw. But Capitan didn't box out the rebound, and the Mavericks grabbed the loose carom. Lordsburg didn't miss many more free throws after that.

Unforced turnovers, among other things, put the Tigers in the hole early in the game.

"We did things we haven't done since Ruidoso," Montes said. (Capitan opened the season against the Warriors.)

Montes blamed the "pressure" of a big game for his Tigers' faltering.

"We didn't show up and they did, and they're going to Albuquerque and we're staying at home," said Montes matter of factly, adding, "I don't know if we were mentally ready to be in Albuquerque."

Turnbow was plenty ready for what would be his last game as a Tiger. He practiced on the bum ankle Thursday and experienced little swelling Friday morning. The sore joint felt OK after pregame warm-ups Friday evening.

Montes started Turnbow. He played the first two minutes of the game when Montes sent in a sub. The Tiger coach asked Turnbow how the ankle felt. Turnbow gave the thumbs up, and Montes sent him back into the game. He didn't sit another minute after that.

Capitan's shaky performance in Friday's regional semifinal was a disappointing way to end the season. The Tigers had played particularly well in February, Montes said.

"If we had showed up and played the way we have been for the last four weeks, we would have won. I'm confident of that," Montes said.

"But overall we had a good year. We accomplished some of our goals: finishing in the top two at districts, making the regional tournament," Montes said. "I knew we were young, and that it would take some time to play well."

Capitan loses five seniors from this year's 12-13 squad - starters Turnbow and Eric Helmstetter, and reserves Thomas Roybal and Ernest and Eddie Sedillo.

COMMUNITY UPDATE '97

"Heading Toward the Third Millennium"

Monday, March 31st

Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at The Ruidoso News office. Proceeds to benefit White Mountain Search and Rescue.

For more information call Christine, Cathy, Jim, Tiffany, or Thomas 257-4001



What's Happening

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly B. Chavez.

Ruidoso News March 14, 1947

Once again the Hondo school situation became mixed down with uncertainty and pessimism as the State Board of Education has signified a temporary turn-down of the \$49,000 bond issue previously granted. This came as quite a shock to Supt. F.S. Montes and the newly elected board of the Hondo Valley High School,

who for the past year have been under the impression that this bond issue was definitely granted to the four districts of Hondo, San-Patricio, Picacho and Tinnie.

Some of the members of the board including Mr. Frank Titsworth of Tinnie, who is president; Mrs. Ben Sanchez of San Patricio and Mrs. Shelton Taylor of Picacho, met with Supt. Montes. A request for a hearing by the State Board of Education was made by Frank Titsworth and a reply is awaited. The board will then go to Santa Fe to have the case reviewed.

Music

SENGALESE DRUMMING RECITAL — 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at Buchanan Hall, ENMU-Portales. Guest artist recital by Dr. Mark Swickert. For more information call 505-682-2787.

AN EVENING WITH JOHNNY CASH — 8 p.m. Friday, March 14 at the Pan American Center, N.M. State University, Las Cruces. Reserved tickets \$25/20, general admission \$15. Tickets available by calling 1-800-854-9545. For more information call 505-946-1420.

CHICAGO CHAMBER MUSIC COLLECTIVE — 8 p.m. Friday, March 14 at Buchanan Hall, ENMU-Portales. For more information call 505-682-2787.

LAS CRUCES SYMPHONY, Marianna Gabbi conductor — 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16 in the Music Center Recital Hall, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces. The concert features French pianist Pascal Rogé. Ticket prices start at \$11 and are on sale at the Pan Am Box Office in Las Cruces. For more information call 505-648-3708.

JANA JAE, "The First Lady of Country Fiddle" and **THE RYTHM** — 7 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at the New Mexico State University-Alamogordo Special Events Center. Proceeds benefit the La Luz Elementary technology program. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Advance tickets are available by calling Susan Hooper at 505-437-9098 or Lisa Hickman at 505-437-9531.

"IRISH SWEETHEARTS AND MOTHERS," Barber's Harmony Show — 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16 at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo. Performances by "Alamogordo's" "The Sounds of Enlightenment" and El Paso's "Celebration." Tickets are \$5 at the door.

LINCOLN COUNTY PRIDE TOGA DANCE — 8 p.m. — midnight Sunday, March 16 in the Scrambling Eagle Lounge, Enchantment Inn, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. Cost is \$5 per couple, \$3 for singles. Wear a toga and get \$1 off on admission.

CINCINNATI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Popajay Hall, Center for the Arts, Albuquerque — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19. The orchestra, along with pianist Alicia de Larrocha will perform Flavel and Dvorak under the direction of Jesús López-Cobos. Tickets are \$45, \$40 and \$35 and are available by calling 1-800-905-3315.

CHORAL CONCERT, Dr. David Gerig conductor — 8 p.m. Thursday, March 20 at Buchanan Hall, Eastern New Mexico University-Portales.

THE COFFEE POT, 606 3rd St., Tularosa, (505) 585-8282 — Saturday evening, music and dinner, 1 block east of Catholic church. Look for the pink windows.

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB, 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2739 — 5:30 p.m. Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Randy Jones on his guitar. Randy plays a variety of music, from country to blues.

GALLOPING TORTOISE, 682 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-2511 — 5:30 p.m. Sundays, Randy Jones and friends play rock 'n' roll, country and blues.

HOLLYWOOD INN, 2239 Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso Downs, 378-9911 — Live music most weekends.

IN-ESPRESSO-BLE COFFEE HOUSE, Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso — Live music 8-10 p.m. Saturday night.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS, Mesalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Dan Li Ka Dining Room — Piano dinner music 6-10 p.m. every night with Bill McClain Monday and Tuesday, Dave King Wednesday-Sunday. Bill Gross plays vibraphone for Sunday brunch noon-3 p.m. Goe Kan Lounge 6-10 p.m.

Wednesday-Sunday until April 27, Linda Flores performs in the lobby. Apache Tee — Mark Remington 8-10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, until March 22.

INCREIBLE SALOON, N. Hwy. 48, Alto, 338-4312 — 9 p.m. Wednesday nights, Randy Jones.

MARIE LAVEAUX NIGHTCLUB, 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-3784 — Live music on weekends.

MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB, 1 mile north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mesalero, 257-6695 — 8 p.m. — close Friday and Saturday, dance music with DJ.

SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE, Enchantment Inn, Hwy. 70 west, Ruidoso, 378-9061 — 8 p.m. — close Thursday through Saturday, Kerl plays a variety of music from the 1930's forward.

THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3505 — 6-10 p.m. Thursdays Alan Fremont plays country western music. Various artists perform 7-11 p.m. every Friday and Saturday, 6-8 p.m. Sundays JJ plays Latin jazz and blues. Open 24 hours on weekends.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND BENEFITS ASSISTANCE CORP. (HBAAC) TRAINING SESSION — Tuesday through Thursday, March 11-13 in Room 409, Clovis Community College, 417 S. Schepps Blvd., Clovis. Free three-day training session for anyone interested in community volunteer activities in Chavez, Curry, DeBaca, Eddy, Guadalupe, Harding, Lea, Lincoln, Quay, Roosevelt and Union counties. Enrollment deadline is Tuesday, March 10. For more information call 1-800-432-2060.

RUIDOSO SENIOR CENTER ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK — noon Wednesday, March 12 at the Senior Center behind the Ruidoso Library on Junction Road. Come enjoy the luncheon and wear green. There will be green punch and green cookies with corned beef and cabbage in honor of St. Patrick. Bring your favorite dish.

AARP TAX AND VOLUNTEERS — Free income tax counseling and tax form preparation to middle and low income taxpayers are available at the following locations: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at the Senior Citizens Center in San

Patricio; and 2-4 p.m. every Thursday and Friday until April 11 at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center behind the public library on Junction Road. Taxpayers should bring a copy their return from last year and their 1996 tax packet. For more information call 257-4565.

DISTRICT JUDGE KAREN PARSONS SWEARING-IN CEREMONY — 4 p.m. Friday, March 14 at the county courthouse, Carrizozo with a reception afterwards.

"POW WOW IN THE PINES," American Massage Therapy Association — Friday and Saturday, March 14-15. The 1997 N.M. state convention of the AMTA will be held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mesalero Apache reservation. Registration 9 a.m. — 11 a.m. on Friday. For more information call chapter president, Lynn Post at 505-928-1907.

FACT AND FICTION WRITERS WORKSHOP — Friday through Sunday, March 14-16 at the Quality Inn at the airport, 6201 Gateway West, El Paso. Two prolific professional authors will reveal their secrets for success in this three-day workshop. Mary Elizabeth Stanton has written 11 novels and Eileen Stanton has written 5,000 non-fiction articles. To register or for more information call 505-988-3813.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP — 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at the Northwest Bank meeting room in Carrizozo. Photos from the collection of the Percy Bately will be on display so that they may be identified with the help of the general public. Bately died in 1990, leaving this legacy of photos. Please come help.

NATIONAL TOUR ASSOCIATION VISITS SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO — Sunday through Wednesday, March 16-18, members of the group tour industry will tour southern New Mexico, with stops which include Ruidoso, Lincoln and Capitan, en route to the 1997 National Tour Association Sprint Tour Operator Meet in Albuquerque.

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS," St. Eleanor Catholic Church, 120 Junction Road, Ruidoso, 257-2330 — 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 17-18; 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19. A series of dynamic humor-filled and challenging spiritual presentations by Father Michael Harvey, a Franciscan priest from Sacramento, Calif.

CLOSURE OF MAGISTRATE COURT #2, 301 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso — March 17-28. Court personnel attending automation training in Alamogordo during this period.

PARENTING THE YOUNG CHILD, "Nurturing emotional and social development," public meeting room, Ruidoso High School — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 18. The last session of the spring parenting course sponsored by Ruidoso Municipal Schools. Led by Dr. Brigit LaMothe, the session is geared to those who deal with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The course is free and no registration is needed. For further information call 257-6149 or 384-2761.

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RUIDOSO DOWN COMMUNITY EGG HUNT — 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22 at the All American Park next to the Downs Senior Citizens building. Prizes will be given for lucky eggs found in age groups 2-5, 6-8 and 9-12; and for the best decorated hat. Ruidoso Downs firemen are assisting in a basketball throw for which prizes will be given.

OPERATION DWI BLITZ — Friday, March 14 and through Sunday, March 23. Ruidoso police and police agencies throughout the state will set up sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout the area to enforce DWI laws.

AMERICAN RED CROSS ROSE DAY — Wednesday, March 26. One dozen roses delivered for \$14. To order call 437-4421.

CASINO APACHE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mesalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — slots, live blackjack, and poker tables. Open daily.

RUIDOSO DOWN SPORTS THEATER, half-mile east of race track, off Hwy. 70 on Service Lane, Ruidoso Downs — simulcast racing throughout the week. Call 378-4431 for races and times.

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RUIDOSO FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB — 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at the club house on 116 S. Evergreen. Charlotte Jarrett, state president and Juanita Stovall, district 4 president will talk about "Outstanding Women of N.M." Dr. Williams will also speak on "The Importance of Mammograms for Women."

EAGLE CREEK WATER USERS ASSOCIATION — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE EXCHANGE — noon Thursday, March 13 at the Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem, Ruidoso. For more information call Sharon at 258-3282.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS PLAY-GROUP MEETING — 4-5 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at the Region IX office, 1400 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso. Call 257-2289 for more information.

ARTS AND FILM BOARD PUBLIC HEARING — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at the Ruidoso Village Hall. The public is encouraged to let the commission know how the village and commission can better serve artists, art groups, citizens and tourists. For more information contact Rand Hemmon at 338-0010 or Herb Brunell at 257-2911.

SERENITY SEEKERS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. Speaker's meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3 features Dr. D. Rodney Blanco talking about "Understanding Addictive Disease."

BENSON ASSET SURVEY INFORMATION MEETING — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 in the public meeting room at Ruidoso High School. To provide parents of 6th through 12th grade students with information about the test and to let them ask questions about the content of the survey. The Benson Asset Survey will be conducted on Tuesday, April 1.

CAPTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION — 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at the administration building in Capitan.

SPACEPORT MODEL ROCKET ASSOCIATION LAUNCH — 9 a.m. Saturday, March 15 at the Hobby Park on North Florida Ave., Alamogordo. Persons wanting to attend should contact Bob Turner at 505-437-2840 (days) or 505-434-0405 (evenings) for directions to the launch site.

LINCOLN COUNTY ADULT SINGLES GROUP — 7 p.m. Monday, March 17 meet at Farley's Restaurant on Mechem for a glass of "green" beer. 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20 no-host dinner at Texas House restaurant. 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 21 BYOB and snack to share as you watch the Dr. John Gray video series "Men are from Mars, women are from Venus." RSVP to Bob at 258-3201 for directions to his house. March 23-March 30 trip to Puerto Penasco, Mexico. Call Darrell at 354-2635 for more details.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE — 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

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Mechantle. Patrons select the bowl of their choice and then enjoy a savory lunch of gourmet soup with all the trimmings. A silent auction of platters, teapots and other ceramic objects will be held at 3 p.m. after the luncheon. Proceeds go towards construction of the Patricia Lubben Bassett Art Education Center.

BENSON FINE ART, Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2913 — The gallery features contemporary and period southwestern and American art, Native American baskets, pottery and textile and contemporary fine crafts. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment.

MCGARY STUDIOS AND EXPRESSIONS IN BRONZE GALLERY, 2002 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-3780, 1-800-687-3424 — Dave McGary's combined facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Observe through glass windows the stages of the finishing process which produces the signed and numbered limited edition bronzes. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

EAGLE RANCH ART GALLERY, 7288 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-0989 — Margaret Penco's one-woman show will be featured during March. The show features a wide range of styles and subject matters: acrylic, watercolor, Southwestern landscapes, still life and portraiture. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. seven days a week.

THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 505 W. Richardson Ave., Artesia, 505-437-2921 — 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 15 open house and kick off for "Zia Girl Scout Council 85th Anniversary" exhibit which will run through March and April. Museum hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

MOUNTAIN LEGENDS GALLERY & FOUNDRY, 610 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8040 — 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, public bronze pourings and tour of the foundry.

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4142 — Showing through March 31, "200 years of firearms: rifles, pistols and commemorative from the collection of C.L. 'Bones' Wright." Regular admission. Museum hours: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily Tuesday - Sunday.

SITE SANTA FE, 1806 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, 505-988-1189 — 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 14 opening reception for three exhibitions to run March 15 through June 22. "Jose Bedia: La Isla de Casador y la Presa (The Island, the Hunter and the Prey)," "Diana Thaler: Electric Mind" and "Jim Hodges: No Behaves and More." Admission \$2.50 adults, \$1 students and seniors 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Free admission 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

SPACE CENTER, Alamogordo, 1-800-545-4021 — "Electric space: exploring our plasma universe" through April 27. The exhibit takes a closer look at the sun and how it can cause Earth's largest light show, the polar aurora, and examines key concepts in space physics. Through interactive exhibits visitors can explore the realms of our plasma universe.

CAPTAN LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UPS — 6 p.m. — 8 p.m. Thursday March 13 in the Capitan Schools cafeteria. Open to children ages 5-15.

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PARTIAL CLOSURE OF ACCESS TO CAPROCK WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA NEAR ROSWELL — now through June 1 approximately six miles of Mathers Road (BLM road number TT329) will be closed to the general public. The habitat is located approximately 40 miles east of Roswell. The specific access point is located north of Waldrop rest area on U.S. 380. For more information call 505-627-0272.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SMOKEY BEAR HISTORICAL STATE PARK, 118 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan — The state park needs help during the busy tourist season when there is the constant threat of fire. Please donate some time to help spread a very important message from a very important bear. For more information call 505-354-2748.

RUIDOSO PARKS DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS — 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Fridays, litter clean-up volunteers are needed. The department supplies trash bags and will loan out tools and safety equipment to those who request them. Also, on Saturday mornings volunteers are needed to supervise youth community services workers. For more information or to provide volunteers call 257-5030.

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Tax law changes help some taxpayers

Tax law changes could affect the bottom line of your 1996 income tax return. Here are some changes you should know about.

Each year, there are changes to the tax rules, some due to new laws, some to changes provided for in previous laws. The following are some of the more common changes that could affect most people's income tax returns.

Individual Changes

Personal exemptions are worth \$2,550 for 1996.

For people who do not itemize their deductions, the standard deduction has increased. The new amounts are \$4,000 for single people who cannot be claimed as another person's dependent; \$5,900 for heads of households; and \$6,700 for married people filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)s. People who are at least 65 years old or blind get an extra amount added to their standard deduction. The standard deduction is limited to the larger of \$650 or earned income for people who can be claimed as dependents by another, and to \$3,350 for married persons filing separately.

The earned income tax credit (EITC) will increase in 1996 for working people who qualify. The amount a person can earn and still



be eligible for the credit increases, too.

Another change to the EITC relates to people with investment income, such as interest, dividends, rents and royalties. No one who has more than \$2,350 in investment income may claim the EITC.

And finally, the EITC will be denied to any individual who is not authorized to work in the U.S. In order to claim the credit, the taxpayer (and spouse, if married) must have a valid Social Security number.

Yes, you can postpone tax on home sale gain

People who sell their homes at a profit may usually postpone payment of taxes on the profit if, within two years of the sale, they buy a new home. This replacement home must cost at least as much as the sale price, minus certain adjustments, of the old home. However, U.S. taxpayers moving overseas to work may be able to postpone the payment of taxes on their profit while they are out of the United States.

To qualify, taxpayers must move overseas to work within two years of the time their home was sold. The timeframe for civilian U.S. taxpayers to replace their home is suspended while they are out of the U.S. but, overall, cannot be longer than four years from the date they sold their old home. Military personnel overseas may have up to eight years to purchase and move into a new home in order to defer paying tax on the gain from the sale of their old home. This extension also applies to those military personnel living in base housing at a remote site after being stationed overseas.

IRS Publication 523, Selling Your Home, contains details on this subject. It is available by writing to the IRS Forms Distribution Center, P.O. Box 85627, Richmond, VA 23285-5627, USA.

A valid taxpayer identification number will be required for each dependent or qualifying child as a condition for claiming a dependency deduction or a dependent care credit for the child.

Other changes affecting this year or future tax years will affect punitive damages received for personal injury or sickness, qualified state tuition programs, individual retirement account (IRA) contributions for spouses who do not work, a nonrefundable credit for certain adoption expenses, and medical savings accounts.

Can't File Now?

People who can't meet the tax filing deadline can send Form 4868 to the IRS and get a four-month extension of time to file.

But, along with the form, they should send in the estimated tax they owe. People who can't pay the full amount should still send in the form, and pay as much as possible, because the penalty for not filing, or filing late, is higher than the penalty for paying late.

In any dealing with the IRS, people are entitled to fair treatment. If their problems are not solved through normal channels, people can get special help through the Problem Resolution Office. Call 1-800-829-3676 for Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer.

Report Alimony

Whether you receive or pay alimony, report it on Form 1040. If you paid alimony, if you get alimony, it is taxable income. In either case, you must use Form 1040; you cannot use Form 1040A or 1040EZ. Publication 504, Divorced or Separated Individuals, explains these tax rules. Call 1-800-829-3676 for a copy.

Age does have some benefits

There are benefits to getting older, at least when it comes to taxes. Some tax benefits become available starting at age 55.

A once-in-a-lifetime tax break is available to people age 55 or older. Those who are selling their personal residence may qualify for the exclusion of up to \$125,000 of gain on the home sale. Certain use and ownership restrictions apply, and there are special rules for persons with disabilities and for widows or widowers.

People age 60 or older can get help with their tax returns from Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). Through TCE, volunteers from many organizations provide free tax information and guidance. Local IRS offices have information on TCE locations.

Seniors age 65 or older may not have to file a tax return if their income is less than a certain amount. For 1996, that amount for single marrieds is \$7,550. The limit for a married couple filing a joint return is \$12,600 if only one spouse is a senior, and \$13,400 if both are seniors.

Those who don't itemize deductions get a higher standard deduction than people under 65. And those who are blind get an extra added amount.

Seniors or people with disabilities may qualify for the credit for the elderly or the disabled. This credit is based on age, income and filing status, and can reduce the amount of taxes owed. Those

under 65 could be eligible if they retire with total and permanent disability and have income from their employer because of that disability.

The IRS considers persons to be age 65 on the day before their 65th birthday. So to the IRS, those who turn 65 on January 1, 1997, are age 65 on December 31, 1996.

For more information, get Publication 554, Tax Information for Older Americans, and Publication 910, Guide to Free Tax Services. Call 1-800-829-3676.



...and a final tax return

As strange as it may seem, tax obligations do not end at death. If people have enough income before dying to require tax returns, then their families or executors must file a final income tax return to report that income and pay any taxes or claim any refund due.

And depending on when a person dies, more than one tax return may need to be filed. For a calendar year taxpayer who dies between Jan. 1 and April 15 without filing the previous year's return, two income tax returns are due. The first is due by April 15 of the year of death. The second and final return is due by April 15 of the following year to report any income and deduct any expenses the person who

died had between January 1 and the date of death.

All these things can be handled by a personal representative of the decedent's estate: an executor, an administrator, or anyone who is in charge of the decedent.

If taxes are owed, the representative must collect them from the estate and send a check with the tax return to the IRS. If a refund is due, the representative must attach to the return a copy of the court certificate showing his or her appointment as representative.

For more information on the duties and responsibilities of the personal representative, get Publication 559, Survivors, Executors, and Administrators, by calling 1-800-829-3676.

State's AG answers questions on taxes

By Tom Udall

N. M. Attorney General

I need help with preparing my taxes. How can I find help?

Income tax preparation is available in many forms. Computer software packages are available that simplify tax preparation. Also, the Internal Revenue Service offers tax assistance by phone and through many free publications. It also runs a volunteer income tax assistance program for the elderly, non-English speakers, low-income citizens and people with disabilities. Call your local IRS office at 1-800-829-1040 for more information.

If I decide to use a tax preparation service, what should I do?

Before visiting any tax preparer, read the tax booklet provided by the IRS with your filing form.

Make a list of tax-related questions you might have, and gather any documents that might apply to your taxes, including last year's return. Tax preparers differ greatly in education and training.

I've seen tax preparers use various titles. What do they mean?

An enrolled agent is certified by the IRS after having worked five years as an IRS auditor or after passing a government exam.

A certified public accountant has passed a professional qualifying exam. CPAs also are authorized to represent you before the IRS. A public accountant may have special accounting training, but lacks certification and cannot represent you before the IRS.

An attorney has passed the bar

exam but may or may not have special tax training. Attorneys can represent you before the IRS.

Any other individual described as a "tax preparer" may or may not have special training or experience. Ask what the training requirements are.

How can I know they're capable?

No matter who you choose, find out how the tax preparer checks for accuracy in arithmetic and tax law interpretation and possible representation at the audit.

If you have other consumer-related questions, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-678-1508 or write to P.O. Drawer 1508, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504-1508.



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Distribution Center, P.O. Box 85627, Richmond, VA 23285-5627, USA.

Taxes in the Home

Buying? Selling? Somewhere in between? Home ownership and one's tax return go hand in hand.

Whether a person is just now buying a first home, living in a home for some time, or in the process of selling one, home ownership can have significant effects on income tax returns.

Buying a Home

Some of the settlement fees or closing costs paid at closing can be deducted in the tax year the house is bought. These costs include certain real estate taxes, mortgage interest and points that meet certain requirements.

Other costs may be included in the basis of the property. Basis, in general, is the way to measure the investment in a home for tax purposes.

Owning a Home

For those who itemize deductions, interest on most mortgages secured by a person's first or second home is deductible. In addition, qualifying points on a loan used to improve their main home are usually deductible.

Real estate taxes, imposed by state or local governments for the general public welfare, are usually deductible.

Selling a Home

Generally, no taxes are due on the sale of a person's home, regardless of the amount of profit made, if the seller buys and lives in a new home within two years of the date of sale. The new home must cost at least as much as the adjusted sales price of the old home.

Persons 55 or older may get a once-in-a-lifetime exclusion from gross income of all or part of the gain when they sell their homes. In general, seniors may qualify if they have owned and lived in their home at least three out of the past five years and have never used this exclusion for another sale after July 26, 1978.

More Information

More information on buying, owning or selling a home may be found in the following publications, available in English only. Call 1-800-829-3676.

Publication 523, Selling Your Home. Publication 530, Tax Information for First-Time Homeowners. Publication 936, Home Mortgage Interest Deduction.

File return, payment or not

Don't let a shrinking wallet turn into a late federal income tax return. The results could make that wallet even emptier.

Once people get behind in their taxes, they often continue to put off filing. But the IRS says that is the worst move a person could make. Although there are penalties and interest for paying late, the penalties for failing to file in the first place are much larger. With each return not filed, the debt piles up. By the time IRS comes looking for the taxpayer, the amount owed may be overwhelming.

To avoid penalty and interest charges, people should pay their tax liability in full. Those who cannot afford to pay what they owe should contact the IRS to discuss payment options such as installment payments and offers to settle their tax account for less than the amount owed. However, the offer must be in the best interest of both the person and the government.

The bottom line is that it's always better to file and, if necessary, make arrangements to pay rather than waiting for IRS to enforce the tax laws. Consequences for not filing returns or answering IRS letters can range up to an IRS lien against property or, in worst cases, criminal charges.

The IRS has information on the rights taxpayers have when dealing with the IRS and the collection process, how it affects them, and where to go for help if a problem can't get resolved.

Details on these topics are covered in Publication 1, Your Rights As a Taxpayer (Publication 1SP, Derechos del Contribuyente, in Spanish), and Publication 594, Understanding the Collection Process (Publication 594SP, Comprendiendo el Proceso de Cobro). Call 1-800-829-3676 for copies.

Estimated tax for 1997

People who will owe at least \$500 in federal income tax for 1997, after subtracting withholding and credits, may need to estimate taxes before their annual return is due.

Estimated tax is the way to pay tax on income that is not covered by withholding. Such income may include self-employment income, interest, dividends, alimony, rents and awards. Generally, if the amount of income tax withheld from salary, pension or other income is not enough to cover 90 percent of the total amount of taxes due, estimated tax payments should be made.

To figure and pay estimated tax, use Form 1040-ES, "Estimated Tax for Individuals," which includes a worksheet to help calculate the required payment.

People who need to pay estimated tax on income received during January through March must make the first payment by April 15, 1997. They can pay the whole year's estimated tax at that time or pay in four installments. Each payment must be sent with a payment voucher from Form 1040-ES. The other installment due dates are June 16, September 15, and January 15 of the next year.

More information about estimated tax is available in Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax. Call 1-800-829-3676 to order Form 1040-ES and the publication.

Be careful about too much bartering

Returning a favor for a favor is common practice among neighbors. Just remember that trading, or bartering, jobs that would otherwise produce income is taxable by law.

Bartering, or trading property or services for something of equal or near value, is a popular way of stretching one's income. However, just like other forms of income, bartering income must be included on one's federal income tax return.

Bartering may be going on in your community. For example, a person who operates a small fishing business and whose car needs some repairs may barter with a neighbor who runs a car garage in exchange for a summer of free salmon and trout. The fair market value of both the repair and the seafood must be reported as income by the recipients.

Fair market value for the repair is what an unrelated person would have paid if he went to the car garage for the job. The fair market value of the seafood would be what the fisherman would have charged a stranger for them. If the parties agree ahead of time on the value of the products or services

being traded, that value will be accepted unless it can be proven otherwise.

Anyone who barter through a barter exchange should receive a Form 1099-B, "Proceeds from Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions," or similar statement, by January 31 of the fol-

lowing year. The statement will generally show the value of cash, property, services, credits or scrip received from exchanges during the year. For more information, get English-language Publication 525, Taxable and Nontaxable Income, by calling 1-800-829-3676.

IRA Can Lower Tax Bill

For many people who work for companies without a pension plan, setting up an individual retirement arrangement (IRA) can give a double bonus. It can lower their taxes if they make deductible contributions to the IRA and provides for a more secure retirement.

Anyone who has taxable compensation, such as wages, tips, commissions and taxable alimony, and who will be under age 70 at the end of the year can set up an IRA. Money can be put into an IRA at any time during the year or by the due date of the tax return for that year, not including extensions.

Contributions must be in the form of money, such as cash, check or money order. Property doesn't count. The most that can be contributed for any year is \$2,000 or taxable compensation, whichever is smaller. For married couples who work, the maximum is \$2,000 each. The maximum combined contributions to the working spouse's IRA and the spousal IRA is \$2,250.

Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), gives more information on IRAs, including how to compute and report deductible and nondeductible contributions, when to start withdrawing money and what actions will result in penalties. Order it by calling 1-800-829-3676.

Tax refunds open to some employees

Employees who participated in employer-provided educational assistance plans in 1995 or 1996 could be entitled to refunds because of recent tax law changes. The Internal Revenue Service has set up special procedures to make it easier to get these refunds and to expedite the processing of refund claims sent to the IRS.

The new law reinstates Internal Revenue Code Section 127's annual exclusion from income of up to \$5,250 of educational assistance benefits, retroactive to January 1, 1995. However, the new law does not extend the tax benefit to graduate-level courses that begin after June 30, 1996.

Employees who paid income taxes for 1995 on excludable educational assistance benefits are entitled to refunds. Employees can claim these refunds from the IRS by filing a Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," if they have already filed a 1995 tax return. To do this, the employee needs to obtain from the employer a Form W-2c, "Statement of Corrected Income and Tax Amounts," showing the corrected wages for 1995, and needs to attach the Form W-2c to the Form 1040X.

To expedite the processing of these amended returns, taxpayers should print "IRC 127" in the top margin of the Form 1040X. If this is the only adjustment to the original return, taxpayers will need to put only their name, address, Social Security number and tax year on the Form 1040X, sign the form, and attach the Form W-2c. The IRS will compute the refund based on the Form W-2c data provided and will process these amended returns as quickly as possible.

Employees who previously paid Social Security and Medicare taxes in 1995 or 1996 will usually get these tax refunds from the employer that provided the educational assistance.

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3 Mobiles for Rent

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11 Cabins for Rent

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12 Mobile Spaces/Rt

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13 Room for Rent

ROOMMATE WANTED: Home in central location, all amenities, 257-3498 after 6PM. \$300/Mo. plus 1/2 utilities.

14 Want to Rent

23 YR OLD SWF w/5 yr old Lab, references, needs room to rent for fire season (Sep. 3-24) and dog sitter while away on (free. (will pay) Contact Alexis 1-408-543-6218 (collect)

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17 Business Rentals

OFFICE BUILDING FOR LEASE Approx. 2500 sq. ft. reception area and eight offices, two storage rooms, kitchenette, two restrooms. Excellent access and parking. 1208 Mechem Dr. Rent Negotiable. Call Pat 258-4030

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18 Bus. Opp.

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19 Autos for Sale

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21 Vans for Sale

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24 RV/Travel

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26 Farm Equipment

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29 Pets & Supplies

200 GALLON AQUARIUM with wood stand, 140 gal. aquarium with steel stand. Best offer takes it 257-0080

30 Yard Sales

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31 Household

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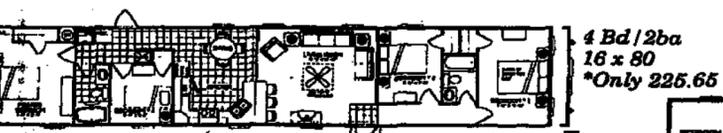
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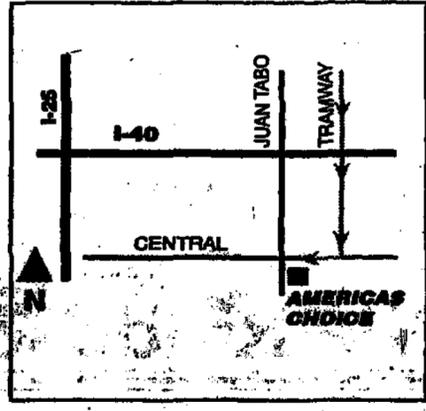
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48 Announcements

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47 Thank You

WORDS CAN NOT EXPRESS the thanks and appreciation for all the kindness in cards, prayers, flowers, food, calls & concerns during this time of sorrow in the loss of my Mother.
Jessie Parks

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as of February 26, 1997 Nancy Barker-Campbell is no longer responsible for new debts incurred by Duane R. Campbell.

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49 Personals

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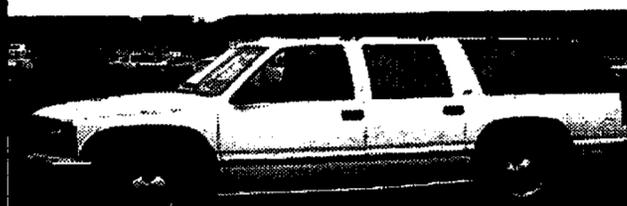
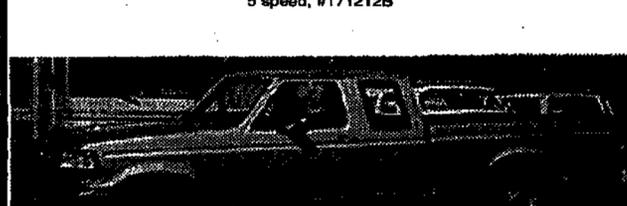
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