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Ray Sharbutt, right, a Ruidoso attorney running for District 3 Lincoln County commissioner, and Rick Silva, a candidate for county assessor, are signed up for the election by County Clerk Martha Proctor, left, and her deputy clerk Sam Chavez. Sharbutt and Silva were the first to qualify Tuesday.

County District 3 race heats up

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Primary challenges will be on the ballot June 6 for three elected Lincoln County positions.

The most contested post is for District 3 on the county commission, which is one of two districts from Ruidoso.

Besides incumbent Leo Martinez, other Republicans running for the office are Bob Sterchi, a Ruidoso village councilor, and Jodie B. Ashby, who resigned as second chairman of the county Republican Party to run for the commission post.

Two Democrats also will face off for the right to run in the November general election: attorney Ray F. Sharbutt and Romeo F. Klein, head of the local VFW.

Incumbent District 1 commissioner Rex Wilson, a Republican

and board chairman, is unopposed for re-election.

Three candidates will vie for county assessor. Incumbent Patsy Serna cannot run for re-election because of term limits.

Republicans Rick Silva and Juanita C. Brewer, who both work in the county assessor's office, will meet head-on in the primary. The winner will face Robert D. Vallejos, a Democrat and owner of Monte Vista Auto & Body in Carrizozo, in the general election.

Incumbent Sheriff Tom Sullivan, a Republican, will face one of his supervisory officers, Orlando Montes, in the primary. The winner takes the position with no Democratic challenger.

Stirling Spencer, a rancher and former county commissioner and incumbent probate judge, can slide through the primary as incumbent

probate judge, but in the general election will face Democratic challenger Michele Cervantes Rebstock, who has been involved in medical administration for more than 20 years.

There was no final word on candidates for district and state races by press time, but as of 3 p.m. Tuesday, Republican incumbent District Attorney Scot Key faced no opposition in the 12th Judicial District. State Rep. Dub Williams, R-Glencoe, was opposed by two Democratic challengers for the District 56 post: Bebe Alexander from Tularosa, who ran unsuccessfully against Williams two years ago, and Renaldo Valcarcel, the owner of a data processing business in Ruidoso.

State Sen. Pete Campos, D-Santa Rosa, who represents District 8 that includes Lincoln County, was unopposed.

Ski Apache closes this Sunday

BY KAREN BOLHEER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ski Apache will be shutting off the lifts this Sunday, general manager Roy Parker said Tuesday.

But, even with a winter that yielded little snow, Parker said the move to close is based on seasonal economics rather than a lack of powder.

"This is when business dies out," he said, "after the semester break is over, there isn't much ski business."

Parker said even if an expected storm does drop feet of natural snow,

"After the semester break is over, there isn't much ski business."

Roy Parker, general manager of Ski Apache

"It wouldn't make much difference" in the crowds.

He said most Texas schools had their spring breaks last week, which brought crowds to the mountain.

But after this week, Texans and others will be focusing on spring pursuits, not skiing.

Parker said the summer season at Ski Apache will be busy, with a "heavy maintenance schedule," but no capital improvements, such as additional snow-making equipment.

Parker said he will have figures on the number of visitors to the mountain this season next week.

'Zozo clerk out of job

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Long-time Carrizozo village clerk Carol Schlarb was not re-appointed to her position Monday by Carrizozo Mayor Manny Hernandez.

While Hernandez said Tuesday he will not discuss personnel issues, town residents speculated and offered their points of view at local restaurants, businesses and at the Lincoln County courthouse.

Former Carrizozo trustee Eileen Lovelace said "plenty of people" are upset about Hernandez' decision, but a check with state authorities backed up what they already knew — the village clerk serves at the will of the mayor.

Hernandez re-appointed the village's other two "at will" employees, Police Chief Angelo Vega, first appointed two years ago, and maintenance head Jim Payne, who has been with the village for more than 10 years, said town Trustee Wes Lindsay.

While the board must vote on the mayor's appointments, it has no authority to act on a mayor's decision not to re-appoint, Lindsay said during a brief interview at city hall. City Hall was closed for a few hours Tuesday because assistant village clerk Margaret LaBelle resigned.

Rosemary Gallegos, from the town water department, traded jobs for the day to keep the office open.

LaBelle couldn't be reached for comment but Hernandez said he was unsure if she resigned in support of Schlarb or because of a dispute with another branch of village government.

Schlarb had worked for the village for 23 years.

Governor lends fort support

Bill would seek state funds for new study

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A group of supporters of historic Fort Stanton came back to Lincoln County Monday with "great news" after meeting with Gov. Gary Johnson in Santa Fe.

"The meeting went beyond my expectations," said Dick Weber, president of Fort Stanton Inc., a non-profit organization championing the conversion of the fort into a living museum.

With the help of state Rep. Dub Williams, R-Glencoe, and Leo Martinez, a county commissioner from Ruidoso, the group was able to secure support from the governor for \$50,000 to start a study and fund other efforts for the museum goal. Supporters say the museum could be coupled with other uses such as recreation and conventions at the 88-building complex 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

"The governor actually said he was more than willing to give the fort back to the federal government if there is an organization there to take it over," Weber said Tuesday. "We were talking about redoing the 1986-87 study on the fort and he asked how much money would be needed. I didn't even have to ask."

Weber said Johnson told Lou Gallegos, Johnson's chief of staff, to help Williams put together a funding bill to be part of the governor's call for a special session of the state Legislature, which could be issued this week.

"This money should help us start to apply for grants, because the figure being tossed around for a study is closer to \$100,000," Weber said.

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Ruidoso area dodges statewide blackout

BY JAMES KAUFELAGE
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Lincoln and Otero counties, areas powered by Texas-New Mexico Power and Otero County Electric Cooperative, were a blink away from joining much of New Mexico in losing electricity Saturday, area utility officials said.

A massive power outage, impacting the majority of state residents Saturday evening, was attributed to a brush fire in the Farmington area. The fire affected high-voltage transmission lines, which in turn resulted in the electric generation station feeding the lines to disconnect. Some areas, largely across the northern and western portions of the state, were without electricity for three to six hours Saturday evening.

The scramble by automatic equipment to find new generation sources and routes to keep power flowing in Albuquerque to the Santa Fe region

began a small-scale domino effect. That resulted in a second generation plant, near Grants, to go off-line. That plant normally feeds Otero County Electric, Jimmy Capps, an assistant manager for the utility, said.

"There were blinks, but we stayed up," Capps said.

Capps said a special switching device at Alamogordo, called an interconnecting transfer bus, detected that his utility's electric supplier, Plains Electric, was going off-line. The transfer bus is capable of micro-second switching between different high-voltage transmission sources.

"When it (the interconnecting transfer bus) senses it is losing one of its sources, it will feed us another source," Capps said.

Three suppliers of electricity are on the transfer bus; Plains Electric, El Paso Electric and Southwestern Public Service. Otero County Electric can pull power from any of the three.

The situation was largely the

same at Texas-New Mexico Power, which serves the villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, as well as Alamogordo and some other southern New Mexico communities.

"It was close, it was really close," said David Gottula, area business unit manager with TNMP.

"It's all tied together," Gottula said of the electric transmission system. "The flows are physically all inter-connected."

TNMP did interrupt a mining operation near Silver City, to ease demand and maintain the "integrity of the system," Gottula said.

With two generating plants off-line in New Mexico, both regional utility officials said it was important to balance transmission line amperage with demand.

"One reason so much of the state went out was load amperage," Capps said. He explained that, as transmis-

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY	High ... 46 Low ... 27		Rain/snow
THURSDAY	High ... 58 Low ... 24		Partly cloudy
FRIDAY	High ... 63 Low ... 26		Partly cloudy

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	58	28	0
Saturday	55	26	0
Sunday	62	13	0
Monday	71	32	0

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	49	32	Rain/snow
El Paso, TX	60	39	Rain/snow
Lubbock, TX	61	40	Thunderstorms
Midland, TX	65	44	Thunderstorms

March/April phases of the moon



Vehicle stop nets \$132,000

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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A vehicle stop Thursday, near Carrizozo, resulted in the discovery of \$132,000, in a gas tank of the vehicle. The money, seized by police, is believed to be the largest single cash confiscation by drug enforcement officers in Lincoln County, Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan said. While confiscated, the money has not been currently tied to drug dealing.

State police officers had stopped the out-of-state vehicle for a traffic violation on U.S. Highway 54. After officers were given consent to search the vehicle, they discovered an altered gas tank, Lt. Bill Bower, with the state police headquarters at Alamogordo, said. After the money was found, police impounded the cash and the vehicle, Bower said.

Sullivan said the driver signed a disclaimer stating that the money wasn't his. Sullivan said he suspects the money was the proceeds of a drug sale.

"Why would you be going south towards the border with \$132,000?" Sullivan said.

The driver of the vehicle was released after investigators found no direct evidence of drug trafficking involvement.

The money has been placed

in a bank account, on the advice of the district attorney, Sullivan said. A court hearing will determine if the money, and the vehicle, will be retained by law enforcement agencies.

If the court determines the seized property was involved in the drug trade, or a claimant fails to prove ownership, the assets would likely be split between the state police and Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Bower said. The state police officers were working under a drug trafficking grant, administered by the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit.

The federal grant provides funding to pay overtime for police to work drug interdiction in suspected high narcotics traffic areas. Sullivan said the Drug Enforcement Agency has determined U.S. Highway 54 is a major route used to transport drugs from Mexico.

Sullivan said he would prefer the assets be distributed to the sheriff's department and Ruidoso Police Department, which are involved with the local narcotics fighting unit.

Seized vehicles used to traffic in illegal drugs are sold with the proceeds used to fund continuing narcotics intervention operations. Recovered cash is also used to fund the anti-drug initiatives.

New clerk/treasurer for Ruidoso Downs

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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In addition to a new mayor, and a new member of the village council, the village of Ruidoso Downs also has a new village clerk/treasurer.

During an organizational meeting last week, Mayor Bob Miller, with council concurrence, appointed Gladys Dillard as the village's clerk.

"The mayor asked me to fill the position," Dillard said. She replaces Leann Weibrecht.

"It was my choice," Miller said. "I wanted my own village clerk. As the newly elected mayor I have the right."

Village ordinance states the clerk/treasurer and police chief serve at the pleasure of the Ruidoso Downs mayor. Also included in that category are probationary employees, temporary or seasonal workers, and emergency employees.

The mayor said Weibrecht resigned.

Efforts to contact Weibrecht were unsuccessful.

"There was no friction, no animosity," Miller said. "It wasn't a derogatory thing."

Dillard, who listed past administrative experience as a business co-owner in Ruidoso and employment with an Albuquerque insurance firm, said her new post is the first time she has worked for government.

Also confirmed to posts they acquired since the first of the year, were Bob Durrett, the village's administrator, and Eddie Lerma, Ruidoso Downs's police chief.

Dan Bryant was retained as the village's attorney. Others administered the oaths of their office at the March 13 meeting were the new mayor, council trustees Jim Bassett and Judy Miller, and returning municipal judge Harold Mansell.

FORT: There have been requests to the federal government to take over

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Van Shamblin, former president of Fort Stanton Inc., and Ed Roberson, Roswell district manager for the federal Bureau of Land Management, the agency that supervises thousands of acres of land around the fort and is a cooper-ator in the museum project, also were at the meeting.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe was asked to send a representative, but no one attended, Martinez said.

The commissioner said he was excited about the progress on the state level because, at first, it appeared the state wanted to sell the fort to recoup some of the money it invested in the property over the years.

Johnson closed the fort as a state hospital in 1995 because of high overhead. A year later, it was converted into a women's minimum-security prison with inmates working on restoration and repairs. Last August, the Department of Corrections shut down that operation, citing excessive expenses.

Apparently, the governor wants to stop the flow of money into the fort from the state, Weber and Martinez said. The federal government decided the fort to the state at no cost in 1956 as long as it continued to

be used as a hospital for 20 years.

County Manager Tom Stewart, who is leading efforts to restore the fort on other fronts, released a March 6 letter to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt from Richard Moe, president of the National Historic Preservation Trust.

"I am writing you to urge that the President and you consider acquiring Fort Stanton, New Mexico, and utilizing his authority under the Antiquities Act to designate the fort and the property surrounding it as a National Monument," Moe wrote Babbitt.

He pointed out that the fort, founded in 1855, is one of three known intact western military outposts in the United States.

The state has no use for the fort and has considered selling it, he wrote.

"Such action could threaten the 1,324-acre site and its complex of historic buildings, archeological sites, two cemeteries and distinctive cultural landscape," Moe wrote. "Acquiring Fort Stanton and designating it and the surrounding area as a National Monument will help to enhance the fort's preservation for many generations to come and will enable all Americans to visit this wonderful, intact resource."

Drought conditions worsen

Despite brief rains and snowfall in the area, Red Flag conditions continue through southern New Mexico and west Texas, according to the Lincoln National Forest Service.

A Red Flag warning is a term used by fire weather forecasters to alert of an ongoing or imminent critical fire weather pattern, usually involving high winds. Temperatures are predicted to rise into the high 60s and 70s and humidities are expected to drop as low as the single digits. Strong, dry winds out of the southwest are increasing and moisture from recent rainfall

has quickly dried up, according to the service.

Safety tips recommended by the service include:

- Avoid using equipment in dry areas that can produce sparks, such as metal-cutting saws or welding equipment.
- Outdoor equipment such as off-road vehicles and power tools should be equipped with properly working mufflers.
- Avoid driving or parking in dry grass. Exhaust systems can easily start fires.
- Dispose of smoking materials properly — in a vehicle, use the ashtray, in the field, crush smokes and matches dead on bare ground.

POWER: Systems are inter-connected

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sion lines were being switched by transfer busses, the "inrush" of load demand to the Albuquerque and Santa Fe areas likely overloaded the system, causing shutdowns. Generation plants disconnect from transmission lines when demand exceeds the plant's output.

TNMP's Gottula said the

grid of high-voltage transmission lines require a "match" between generating plant output, transmission line capacities and load, which is the amount of electricity in demand by an area.

"There are pros and cons to being interconnected," Capps said. "But you can't operate as an island. Overall, it goes back to one point. It's pretty reliable."



Weather data courtesy of meteorologist Cam Moore, KRIM-TV

STARDATE

Corvus, the crow, is visible in the southeastern evening sky, perched on the back of Hydra, the water snake. Corvus looks like a small, lopsided square. A faint star that points down from the square toward Hydra represents its beak.



Stringing up electric lines from White Oaks to Parsons, 1914. courtesy

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle
March 22, 1900

The comptroller of the currency in a decision rendered today, says that farming tools for the marine hospital at Fort Stanton, N.M. can be purchased out of the money appropriated for the maintenance of that institution. The decision was rendered at the request of the secretary of the treasury.

The comptroller says that there are 10,420 acres of land in the reservation, and its cultivation affords employment for the inmates of the hospital, who are under treatment for tuberculosis.

He holds that the outside employment is beneficial to the inmates, and as a result any tools they may need should be paid for out of the marine hospital service fund.

John A. Haley returned Monday from Roswell, where he attended District Court as a witness in the Coe case.

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Timber harvest ending on Lincoln National Forest?

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Cutbacks in timber harvests on the Lincoln National Forest could spell the end to Bret Billsbach's job — possibly the end to the business that employs him.

Billsbach, a forester, told Lincoln County Commissioners Thursday that in another year, no more significant timber harvests may be open for White Sands Forest Products Inc., based in Alamogordo.

Timber operations shut down several years ago during a lawsuit over the Mexican spotted owl have not reopened, despite conclusions of the service that thinning of the forest would enhance its overall health and reduce the danger from wildfire, he said.

He urged commissioners to participate financially in a \$82,000 study of forest health that could be used in administrative actions with the U.S. Forest Service or in a later court battle.

Commissioners expressed support for the study, but made no commitment, saying they will look at the bud-

get at their meeting in April after receiving input from County Attorney Alan Morel and the county's Public Land Advisory Council and Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee.

"I think it's time for us to make a commitment," said Chairman Rex Wilson, a rancher. "I don't know what the next step will be. I know we waste a lot of money on studies. I'd rather spend \$30,000 on ground improvements, but without the science, no one will listen."

Commissioner Bill Schwetmann said, "If the forest goes, so does Lincoln County."

Billsbach said from 1971 to 1987, White Sands cut 11 million to 12 million board feet per year on the forest, "but then the spotted owl was found and within three years, the national forest was pretty much shut down. We do about one million board feet per year now from the forest."

The rest of the company's timber comes from the Mescalero Apache

Reservation — which also may cut back its harvest — and private landowners, he said.

Most of the harvest comes from the forest in Otero County, he said. The company employs 106 people, contracts with a trucking firm with another 100 employees, and put \$7.3 million directly into the local economy in 1999, he said, adding that the timber company is the biggest private industry in Otero County.

"I don't see anything changing fast enough for us to survive," Billsbach said. "If we're going to change it, we need to do it now."

Otero County Commission Richard Zierlein agreed, telling commissioners, "It's time to do something — not just ask others to do something for us."

Mike Nivison, Cloudcroft village manager, recited statistics from a federal General Accounting Office report, criticizing the Forest Service for its lack of a plan to correct the condition of 39 million acres in national forests

classified as being catastrophic destruction wildfire areas.

"If we had started this two years ago, Bret would not be a year away from seeing the company he works for close," Nivison said.

In pursuing lawsuits, environmental groups point to the abuse of natural resources by overgrazing of livestock, cutting forest roads and past clear-cut practices that left acreage vulnerable to erosion.

But Kathleen Phillips said the Mescalero tribe improved the health of its forest and watershed by thinning trees and controlled burning. The Forest Service should be doing much more along that line, including allowing the removal of dead trees, which are fire hazards, she said.

"I don't think an \$82,000 study is the answer," she said. "A lot of hard data is already out there. We need to stand by the commissioners and if we have to go toe to toe with the Forest Service, so be it. I'm not going to be burned out or starved out."

She pointed to ranch owners who used good management practices to

restore native grasses and bring back springs, while grazing livestock.

Zierlein said Cloudcroft pledged \$5,000 toward the study and Otero County kicked in \$15,000 for the current budget year.

Jerry Hawkes, Smokey Bear district ranger for the Forest Service, pointed out that most of the land with trees appropriate for timber harvest lie in Otero County, not Lincoln.

Larger trees suitable for construction were logged years ago, he said. Fuel wood sales is the type of harvest used in the Lincoln County portion of the forest, he said.

Income from fuel wood sales increased from \$13,000 to \$175,000 in the last few years, Hawkes said.

Hawkes outlined watershed improvements projects in the Smokey Bear District, such as thinning for a fuel break around Ruidoso, treating 600 acres last year.

He noted the Forest Service works in partnership with many groups, including the Ruidoso River Association, the Forest Health Coalition and livestock grazers.

Ruidoso Downs considers labor by prisoners

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Some defendants going before the municipal judge in Ruidoso Downs could, literally, work off their sentence.

A new community service program should be in place by next week, Municipal Judge Harrold Mansell said.

Those convicted in Mansell's court could avoid jail or a fine by agreeing to participate in the community service program. It allows the judge to offer a defendant the option to perform voluntary labor "doing various and sundry work in and about the community of Ruidoso Downs," according to the language of the ordinance which might be enacted next week by the village council and mayor.

"I'm looking forward to having it again," Mansell said. "It's a great way to have alternative sentencing methods."

In the past, Mansell has offered community service through Ruidoso's program.

The Ruidoso Downs community service labor could be provided to any public, private, profit, nonprofit, corporate, partnership or other business or individual who is in need of services, according to the ordinance's language.

Besides immunity from civil liability, the party receiving the free labor would be relieved of any wage or benefit obligations.

New Mexico statutes state community service labor "shall be of a type that benefits the public at large or any public, charitable or educational entity or institution and is consistent with Article 9, Section 14 of the constitution of New Mexico," and the state Attorney General's office said the village ordinance appears to comply.

Article 9 of the constitution

deals with the anti-donation clause, prohibiting state, county, school district or municipal governments from donating to private entities. A donation, according to a 1979 state Attorney's General opinion is "a gift, an allocation or appropriation of something of value, without consideration."

"It is my belief that our ordinance is constitutional," village attorney Dan Bryant said. "The ordinance is not intended for you to bring somebody home to do your dishes."

The Attorney General's office agrees. Spokesman Sam Thompson said the civil division felt Ruidoso Downs' program did not run afoul of the anti-donation provision. "In fact similarly worked ordinances are used at other locations," Thompson said.

The provision authorizes the judge to defer or suspend sentences, grant probation,

and provide for community service. It allows the judge to refuse to grant probation to any defendant who refuses to participate in the program. The type of labor and period of service is at the discretion of the judge, but cannot last for a time longer than a defendant's probation. The decision to participate in the program rests with the defendant.

"This is especially helpful for teens who get a first-time speeding citation," Mansell said. "With traffic situations it's an alternative to points on someone's drivers' license, points on their insurance."

Calling the program "popular" with many defendants in the past, Mansell said the ordinance will help provide labor for the community's new clean up project.

Pups and books



Sandy Suggitt/Ruidoso News
Janie Spencer, president of the Humane Society of Lincoln County, talks to Kayla and Karlee Smith from Lubbock about the society's animal shelter and how to care for pets. Spencer stops at the Ruidoso Public Library at 3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month with a puppy from the shelter as part of a new program that started last month.

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OUR OPINION

Modern convenience, total dependence

If any more evidence in the new millennium is necessary to emphasize our dependence on technology, it was provided last weekend.

Television-watchers in our untouched mountain habitat could see the throes of struggle in Albuquerque and points north and south as electric power was disrupted because of a grass fire near the big Public Service of New Mexico power plant near Farmington.

It sent a thrill through the TV talking-heads like nothing since Wen Ho Li was arrested in Los Alamos; the "all of New Mexico" power outage even got a mention on CBS's "Sunday Morning" news summary.

Ruidoso and southeastern New Mexico was spared the three hours of evening angst other areas suffered.

But that at-a-distance drama did remind us all that we live not so much by our wits and good looks as by the electricity we consume. Happy is the house with fresh batteries for its radios and flashlights.

Meanwhile, the high-tech version of it all was coming out of the Ruidoso school system, where it has been concluded that only a massive new investment in software will be required so the schools can collect and integrate the million pieces of data the schools must provide the state Department of Education six times every year.

The school board has opened the only bid received for the Web-based, unified program for reports to the state.

They hadn't much choice but to accept the bid for software, at a cost of \$20,900. After the first year, maintenance and updating of the software will cost \$2,926 per year. They there's the phone interface and training for those using the program.

Paul Wirth, director of instructional support, said it:

"It's almost becoming the tail wagging the dog and we need a 21st-century computer system to help us meet the requirements mandated by the state."

We might add that everybody everywhere these days needs something to help cope with our technological universe.

As Wirth said, "It's absolutely overwhelming."

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YOUR OPINION

Swimming support

To the editor:

I was a long-time resident of the Midwest, and small towns similar in size to Ruidoso. In such towns, the high schools had indoor Olympic size pools as part of their gymnasium buildings, used by all grades taking swimming lessons.

The gymnasium and pool area were monitored by the maintenance staff and any taxpayer could use the facilities at certain times of the day and Saturdays. My family used to swim at 8 a.m. before school started at 8 a.m., and it was also open until 6 p.m.

Perhaps building a pool for the school and opening the tax-supported school facilities to taxpayers would be far more economical than building a duplicate exercise building for the permanent residents who comprise only 30 percent of our total population. I'm sure users would be glad to pay for the use of the buildings. But surely the cost of monitoring staff and the jobs it would provide would be far more economical than a \$6 million village building.

Lastly, the school children of Ruidoso would have the opportunity to enter competitive swimming as well as learning useful water skills.

Helen M. Roberts
Ruidoso

Getting it right

To the editor:

Please! A couple of spelling corrections — my name is Sheila, not Sheila. And it's "danyankee" — I know! If it were two words, it would be "damn," or "damned" more likely—but the time-honored Southern spelling is "danyankee."

Sheila Conine
Ruidoso

Let's improve midtown

To the editor:

Something should be done to enhance both parking and the aesthetics in midtown. Ruidoso's economy, fortunately or unfortunately, is almost entirely based on tourism. Yet, very lit-

tle, if any, revenue derived from gross receipts tax is being utilized to revitalize any of the shopping areas with the possible exception of the "sidewalk project," which will generate more parking problems.

Several low funding projects should be considered to, at least, partially alleviate the problem. I would recommend:

1. Installation of parking meters with a two-hour maximum between the hours of 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. This would free up some of the parking spots currently being utilized by midtown merchants and employees.

2. Construction of additional properly lighted and paved, striped parking areas on each end of midtown.

3. Placement of larger and more signs directing motorists to parking areas. Current signs are too small and not explicit enough.

4. The village should plant native trees in the empty and seed-infested planting areas on Sudderth.

Ruidoso is a tourist town, yet the village administrators seem to be reluctant to do anything to make midtown more convenient and attractive to Ruidoso visitors. Although midtown sales contribute significantly to city coffers, the amount spent to enhance the midtown area is negligible at best.

Serafino "Steve" Carri
Ruidoso

Where are the hydrants?

To the editor:

Thank you for apparently printing the full content of Serafino Carri's letter to the editor (March 17) which addresses the Village's recently published 20-year water plan.

I would like to address what was not said about the urgent need for upgrading the water mains in older areas of the village.

Nary a fire hydrant can be found in some large older subdivisions, with literally hundreds of homes at risk. In order to have fire hydrants, the water mains have to be large enough

to supply them. Where there are no fire hydrants, fire insurance rates are much higher than in neighborhoods with hydrants. Paying higher fire insurance rates is the equivalent of being taxed at higher rates than those living in areas where there are hydrants.

There is a related issue—that of the favored few who have fire protection for their vacation homes where the older homes housing much of Ruidoso's working-class permanent residents go unprotected. Many of those who rent, own, or are buying these older homes stand to lose everything in the event of a fire, especially if they find fire insurance unaffordable because there is no hydrant nearby. There is no comparison between losing one's primary residence and losing one's vacation or second home.

The older neighborhoods have been extraordinarily lucky so far. With nary a hydrant to be found, the fire department is going to be hard pressed to fight the inevitable major conflagration when it does occur. Those who live here year-around deserve better treatment. Village leaders need to address the needs of everyone, not just those of the affluent.

J. L. Schuller
Ruidoso

Keep your distance

To the editor:

When did Ruidoso ever get in such a rush?

It's funny how every time Ruidoso has another non-finishing construction project, traffic naturally takes the route with less delays. As a resident of the upper Alto area, it seems all the traffic to town takes Gavilan Canyon. The thing that bothers me is tailgating! With the amount of deer and other wildlife entering the road, having someone riding your rear bumper tends to take your attention away from the road in front of you.

At night it's downright dangerous! The newer cars are made with improved headlights, which are safer, but if they're six feet behind your car,

it causes such a blinding glare that it's nearly impossible to stay focused on that deer that's waiting just around the corner!

Most of the road is posted at 35 mph, but it seems if you do 35, cars start building up behind you, some even pass!

My request is this: Remember the old saying, three full seconds between cars. And if you can't see the rear tires of the car in front of you, you're too close.

My eyes, and the wildlife, thank you.

Nathan Rank
Ruidoso

Deeply sorry for Ingrid

(The following letter to Ingrid Schmitz, former children's librarian at the Ruidoso Public Library, was submitted for publication.)

Dear Ms. Schmitz:

My family and I wanted you to know that we are very saddened by the Village's decision to uphold your termination. We do not agree with their decision and are so sorry that you have had to go through this ordeal.

We turned in our library cards today in protest to this decision. I'm sure it will not make any impression on the library staff. We may only be hurting ourselves by taking this step, but as much as we enjoyed borrowing as books from the library, we decided we could use the schools' libraries, the internet, and the new and used bookstores in lieu of the public library.

We are so sorry for the emotional distress you have had to endure. We will pray for you and your family and hope that you will one day have peace.

Kathy Yeager & family
Ruidoso

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Drug policy debate here Thursday

Officials on both sides of the drug debate will be in Ruidoso Thursday evening, for what is titled a "Just Say Now" drug policy reform forum.

The forum, hosted and moderated by the Libertarian Party of Lincoln County, will include Nicholas Bakas, secretary of the state Department of Public Safety, as a panelist.

It will begin Thursday at 6 p.m. Free to the public, the sessions will be at the Cree Meadows Restaurant, North 40 Room. The restaurant is located at 301 Country Club Drive in Ruidoso.

"This is an informational presentation to bring recognition to the terrible nightmare we have called the drug war," said Tony Seno, policy analyst for the area Libertarian Party. "This will shed light on the social and economic costs to our society as a whole. This is in response to the governor's call."

Gov. Gary Johnson, last year, had called for dialogue on the idea of legalizing drugs, such as marijuana, cocaine and heroine. Johnson was denounced by members of his own Republican Party for suggesting drug decriminalization.

The forum will be presented in two sessions, Seno said. The first session will include Steve Bunch, with the New Mexico Drug Policy Foundation, and two medical professionals, who will speak on the medical views of marijuana. The initial session will also outline the industrial uses of hemp.

The second session will concern the effects of the war on drugs.

Secretary Bakas will be the final panelist, Seno said.

Questions and answers will be allowed after each panelist's presentation.

Plaque in commissioner's memory to be installed at LCMC

Memorial for Wilton Howell

A bronze plaque recognizing the late Wilton Howell and his contributions as a county commissioner will be installed in a prominent place at the Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) this summer.

James Gibson, LCMC administrator, said the plaque, said with a bronze relief of the commissioner, will read:

"Lincoln County Medical Center, Presbyterian Health Services and the people of Lincoln County extend deep appreciation to Commissioner Wilton A. Howell, 1948-1999. Community leader, Lincoln County Medical Center Board Member, Determined Advocate, for his outspoken leadership, generous spirit and

unwavering support of the Lincoln County Medical Center."

The plaque will be dedicated June 19, 2000.

Howell died in a traffic accident near Las Cruces in September, 1999. Restaurant owner and Republican Leo Martinez was appointed by the governor to replace him on the commission.

Golf course water rights proposals to get hearing

Residents protest moves, object to out-of-area publication

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Four proposed transfers of water rights connected to a golf course R.D. Hubbard is developing in the Angus area will be the subject of a hearing because they were protested by area residents.

The staff of the Roswell office of the State Engineer recommended that further evaluation and additional information from the applicant be obtained before taking action on a fifth transfer, said Art Mason, District II supervisor for the State Engineer.

Protests arrived too late to throw that application into a hearing, he said Thursday.

"Hydrological concerns are (the basis) for our recommendation," Mason told Lincoln County commissioners and about two dozen residents.

Mason and Jalayne Spivey, Hondo Basin supervisor, both based in Roswell, gave commissioners a quick overview of the situation in the basin with a spate of recent transfer requests. They also covered complaints about how the public is notified about potential transfers.

Applications must be advertised once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the basin, Mason said.

Roswell district officials questioned the choice of the *Albuquerque Journal* as the newspaper for the Roswell district, Mason said. A ruling was requested several years ago and the state determined the daily newspaper in Albuquerque was appropriate, based on the diversity of subject matter covered and that the newspaper was accessible to most areas within the district, he said.

Commissioner Rick Simpson said the *Journal* can't be purchased in the settlement of Lincoln, the area where most of the transfers now are occurring.

Mason said applications for transfer also will be posted on

the State Engineer's Web site for four weeks. People can send in protests or comments from that posting, which started two months ago, he said.

But he also advised those at the meeting to write the State Engineer and their state legislators about the notification problem and to ask for a change of rules to require publication in local newspapers. The state engineer's staff is rewriting criteria, he said.

Reginald Richey, chairman of the Lincoln Historical Preservation Board and a water rights owner, said, "You can quibble, but the intent was to circumvent due process."

Developers try to get by without scrutiny, he said, telling Mason, "You guys are the stewards of our stream system."

Mason said only those who protest and ask for a hearing and the applicant will be notified, if a hearing is set.

On the transfer where a dozen protests arrived from one to 10 days late, "We felt the protests were valid because as soon as the public discovered the application, they responded," Mason said. "We requested the main office consider them, but we didn't receive the response we wanted."

"Then the policy needs to be changed right now," Richey said.

Mason said applicants probably would object to any requirement to advertise in more than one newspaper.

"The real problem is that entire process is flawed," said Captain resident Lonnie Lippmann. "I suggest in rewriting rules, you collect a fee from applicants and you can publish in the appropriate paper."

Mason said 22 applications are pending in the Hondo Basin. They range from as small as four acre-feet of water

to as large as 100 acre-feet. An acre foot equates to 325,851 gallons.

"So several hundred acre-feet are applying for transfers," he said. "They are not necessarily being transferred up stream; some may change to a well one to three miles off the stream."

"They aren't going to different watersheds, but they may go to different points of draw for supplemental wells and alternate points of diversion." He broke down their status as:

- Seven are under protest
- Four are waiting notice of publication
- Six are ready for a memorandum of recommendation from the Roswell office to the state

- Three were sent to Santa Fe with a recommendation from the staff that there are problems with a portion or all of the proposed transfers.

- One is set for hearing, appealed by the applicant
- One is under ownership debate and probably will end up in district court

"To deny a request, impairment of other water rights must be shown. How to measure that differs from place to place, Mason said.

The lack of a 40-year water plan for the county hurts its standings in protests, he said.

"The state Legislature ignores the southeastern part of the state for funding," said Commissioner William Schwettmann, an engineer.

"They can't get it through their heads that it's a matter of their survival too."

Spivey said some people call the Roswell office on a regular basis to find out what new applications have been received. The number is (505) 622-6421. The Web address is www.ose.state.nm.us/water-info.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Betty Springer White

A memorial service for Betty Springer White, 80, of Childress, Texas, was Tuesday, March 21, at Presbyterian Church of Childress with the Rev. John Roper officiating, assisted by the Rev. Michael Arndt.

Mrs. White died Saturday, March 18, 2000, in Childress.

She was born Aug. 23, 1919, in Sewickley, Pa., and married Lewis White April 24, 1943, in Leetsdale, Pa.

Her educational career began in 1963 and ended with her retirement in 1987. She was a sociology, world history, and world geography teacher at Johnson High School in Austin, Texas. She taught social studies and art, seventh-grade reading, and was in the classroom for one year as a special education teacher at Childress High.

She was also vocational

adjustment coordinator for the Greenbelt Special Services Cooperative, which includes school districts in Childress, Memphis, Quanah and Crowell.

She was a member of Presbyterian Church, was involved in the American Cancer Society, the Childress University Women, and the American Red Cross.

Survivors include her husband, Lewis, of Childress; daughters Barb Greiner and her husband, Ted, of Victoria, Texas, Janie Roper and her husband, John, of Louisville, Ky., Judy Campsey and her husband, Jack, of Quanah, Texas, and Sally Andrews and her husband, Dwight, of Ruidoso; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by sisters Jane Heherling and Nancy Springer.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer

Society, Hospice of Childress, Presbyterian Church or a favorite charity.

Carla Hamilton

Services for Carla (C.J.) Hamilton, 45, of Ruidoso, will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in Two Rivers Park.

Mrs. Hamilton died Tuesday, March 14, 2000.

She was born Feb. 25, 1955 in Denver, Colo., to Andrew and Lou Kittle.

She married John Hamilton in Franktown, Colo., in 1985.

Survivors include her husband, John Hamilton; a son, Jason Macy; a daughter, Jonna Hamilton; sisters Vickie, Linda, Heidi, and Rene; and seven nieces and nephews.

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A Saturday afternoon fire destroyed a storage building at a Central Drive residence in Ruidoso Downs. The cause of the blaze is undetermined.

Fire destroys storage building in Downs

A fire on a windy afternoon destroyed a storage building in Ruidoso Downs Saturday. Firefighters were called to the Central Drive structure at 2:45 p.m. The report came to firefighters as a building fully engulfed in flames. Three fire units responded to the blaze. Ruidoso Downs fire battalion chief Don Smith said a cause of the fire is inconclusive, though it appears it may have started as an electrical fire. The storage building, near a residence, was deemed a total loss by Smith. Firefighters were at the scene for more than two hours, according to dispatch records. No injuries were reported in the blaze.

Schools' policy changes would prohibit facial hair on student athletes

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

"No beards or moustaches" may become the rule for Ruidoso's student athletes next year.

The activities director and coaches of Ruidoso Municipal Schools proposed changes to the athletic policy, one of which spells out "no facial hair" on athletes during the season and another gives the district the right to request a drug test at any time and to suspend a student who refuses.

The proposed athletic code, a contract to be signed by athletes, states: "My hair will be kept clean and groomed in such a way that it will not create a distraction to my teammates or opponents and I will display no facial hair. During athletic contests or activities, it will not be kept in a manner that will not cause a rules violation or present a safety hazard."

At the Ruidoso School Board meeting March 14, Paul Wirth, director of instructional support, said that previously the athletic code required that athletes be "cleanly shaven," while the draft policy for the 2000-2001 school year specifies that facial hair will not be allowed.

In a telephone conversation, Wirth said this ruling would only apply during the

active sports season, and not when a student was not actively involved, as for example, after football season was over and a player was no longer in contests.

"We got feedback from the coaches and we felt in some cases it was a safety issue, and also a situation where our students were neat and representative of the school in a positive image," Wirth said.

Ronny Maskew, head cross-country coach and track coach, said he thought the change in wording was made to avoid misinterpretation, as "cleanly shaved" might be a neatly trimmed beard or moustache. Wirth said that for a violation of the athletics code there are "various consequences" spelled out in supplements to the athletic code of each team.

Substance abuse

The substance-abuse section of the district code is two years old, Wirth said at the board meeting. A committee of middle and high school parents, coaches, nurses and counselors gave feedback to the original committee, composed of Ron Wall, activities director, Bill Green, high school principal, and Linda Robeson, high school counselor, Wirth said.

Because the policy is relatively new, few changes were made to it, Wirth said, except

for Section V of the draft policy. It states that the district will test athletes for drugs at the beginning of each sport season, and will test randomly 15 percent of the team members during each sport season.

"The district has the right to request a drug test on any athlete at any given time," the draft policy states. "Refusal to participate will lead to suspension from athletics for the remainder of the academic year."

The policy provides for intervention "to help the 'at-risk' individual through assessment, counseling and education. This is not a disciplinary process, but rather, a mechanism used for members of the school and community to express concern and facilitate students receiving help," the draft policy states.

In addition, if a student athlete is found in possession of any drugs, including alcohol, while at a school-sponsored athletic event, the policy states that the athlete will be turned over to parents or guardian as soon as possible and "may be referred to local authorities, and will be suspended from all

athletics/activities for the remainder of that current semester and next complete semester."

Wirth said this change was made "because athletes and band and choir members represent the school, so a higher standard is required. By signing a contract to participate in these activities, if they are found in possession (of alcohol or other drugs), they have obviously made a predetermined choice to have drugs or alcohol at an out-of-town event."

Discussion at the school board meeting further changed the proposed code to advise that the activities director be contacted before a decision is made by the head coach to refer an athlete to the local authorities.

Maskew said the coaches discussed among themselves the possible legal risk they might incur if they took possession of illegal substances and did not turn it in to the local authorities.

"I don't think that question has been cleared up by anyone," Maskew said.

This question was not brought up at the school board

meeting.

An addition was proposed also to the policy for a smoke-free/tobacco-free school, campus and work place: students who smoke or use tobacco products will be encouraged to use the support services of the school counselor, nurse, psychologist or administrator.

The policy states that although youth health problems are "primarily the responsibility of the home and community," the schools "share that responsibility when substance abuse or dependency interferes with school behavior, student learning and the development of each student. The district will seek to intervene with students manifesting signs of use, misuse, or abuse of any tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, in order to educate and aid them."

Other policy changes

Wirth told the school board that a change was also made to

the policy regarding student involvement in decision making to reflect changes in language. The draft policy has an additional paragraph:

"All students are encouraged to communicate their ideas and feelings regarding the operation of the school through appropriate school organizations, school administrators and superintendents."

Wirth said that student council representatives gave input to the committee on this policy and one on students' rights and responsibilities. Added to the latter policy was a provision that standards of conduct and rights and responsibilities would be made available in handbooks distributed at the beginning of the school year.

The second reading of these policy changes and any recommendations made before the April 17 school board meeting, will be read to the board members, who may approve them at that time.

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Ski report

Ski Apache
Ski Apache is open through March 26. Surface conditions: Good on groomed trails.
New snow past 24 hours: 1/2 inch.
Snowmaking in last 24 hours: Making snow nightly.
Settled snow base on trails to be open: 12-20 inches.
Trails open: Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Buckhorn, Capitán, Top Notch, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Lower Deep Freeze, Lower SBT, Lower Moonshine and the lower novice slopes.
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Prep baseball
NMMI Tournament: Ruidoso vs. NMMI, 6 p.m.
Prep softball
Ruidoso at Carlsbad (DH), 4 p.m.
Friday, March 24
Prep baseball
NMMI Tournament: Ruidoso vs. Dora or Dexter, TBD
Prep tennis
Ruidoso at Goddard Tournament, 8 a.m.

Scoreboard

Thursday, March 16
Prep baseball
Eunice Tournament: Ruidoso 3, Laguna Acoma 1
Prep boys tennis
Lovington 5, Ruidoso 4
Prep girls tennis
Lovington 9, Ruidoso 0
Friday, March 17
Prep baseball
Eunice Tournament: Eunice 10, Ruidoso 2
Saturday, March 18
Prep baseball
Eunice Tournament: Hobbs JV 8, Ruidoso 5
Prep track
Ruidoso at White Sands Relays: Boys 5th, Girls N/A

Pecking Order

Mescalero Parks & Rec
Men's Basketball League Standings through March 22

Team	W	L	Pct.
Alamo Pipe	11	1	.917
Tulle Bad Boys	12	2	.857
Julian G.	9	3	.750
Cuties	8	4	.667
The Players	8	5	.615
Sierra Blanca Slamers	7	5	.584
Hardwood Thunder	4	8	.334
Brew Crew	3	8	.273
Oliver O's	3	9	.250
Forty Minutes Plus	2	9	.181
Renegades	0	13	.000

Results for March 20
Alamo Pipe 75, Cuties 73
Tulle Bad Boys vs. Sierra Blanca Slamers by forfeit
The Players 128, Oliver O's 102

Games for March 22
6:30 p.m. - Renegades vs. Cuties
7:30 p.m. - Hardwood Thunder vs. Sierra Blanca Slamers
8:30 p.m. - Tulle Bad Boys vs. Forty Minutes Plus

On Deck

Little League signups
Last minute signups for Ruidoso Little League baseball are scheduled for 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the Gavilan Canyon Field. Participants must bring a birth certificate and registration fees. Fees are: T-ball and Farm Divisions (5-8 years old), \$35; Minor and Major Divisions (9-12 years old), \$40; Junior Division (13-14 years old), \$50. Additional siblings \$20 each. The season runs from April 14 through June 17. For more information, call Matt Reidy at 258-2109 or Mark Doth at 257-6171.

Little League tryouts
Little League baseball tryouts will be held Saturday. Minor players (9 and 10 year olds) will try out from noon-1:30 p.m. at Gavilan Field, majors (11 and 12 year olds) from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Gavilan Field (for non-property players and juniors (13 and 14 year olds) from 4-5 p.m., at the Ruidoso High School field. For more information, call Grant at 336-4226 or Matt Reidy at 258-2109.

Baseball tournament
The USSSA is hosting a baseball tournament May 27-29 in Ruidoso for age divisions 8-16. For more information, call Phil Lathram at 915-689-8718 or e-mail to lathram4@aatt.net.

Youth basketball tournament
The North American Youth Sports annual spring youth basketball tournament, scheduled for April 14-16 at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque, still has openings in several brackets. The tournament will feature 10 brackets for both boys and girls from grades five through 12. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled. The entry fee is \$90 per team and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket. Entry deadline is Friday. For more information or a registration form, call Harry Ennis at (488) 629-2275.

Warrior tracksters face wind at White Sands

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso's tracksters had to put up with not only top AAAA and soon-to-be AAAAAA runners and throwers Saturday, but, after a beautiful morning at the White Sands Invitational in Alamogordo, strong winds that hampered the finals of the first qualifying meet of the season.

Nevertheless, the Warriors



Dominic Gonzales follows through after tossing the discus Saturday. Gonzales didn't place in that event, but did finish third and qualify for state in the shot put.

did well, giving some strong individual performances and starting the road to state with qualifying times, despite the weather.

The Ruidoso boys also did well as a team, finishing fifth behind two AAAA powerhouses — Sandia Prep and host Alamogordo — and finishing just one point behind two other AAAA teams, Gadsden and Mayfield.

That was despite the fact coach Ronnie Maskew thought the team "was ready for spring break," not quite giving it everything they could.

Senior Thomas Schiele was high point boy for the tournament, amassing 22 points with a first-place win in the pole vault and seconds in the 200-meter dash, long jump and triple jump.

Schiele also qualified for state in the pole vault, crushing the 12-2 AAA mark with a 14-6 jump, and in the triple jump with a 42-foot leap. He missed the long-jump qualifying mark by inches, and the 200-meter dash mark by tenths of a second.

Ruidoso boys cruised to three

pole vault finishes, with Ryan Kimbrell taking third and qualifying for state with a 12-6 jump and Phillip Darley finishing fifth.

Dominic Gonzales had a state-qualifying shot put throw, tossing the iron ball 48 feet 10 inches, and despite throwing into a severe head wind, Brandon Brumlow tossed the javelin 169-feet 8 inches, qualifying in that event.

Confusion in the press box left the girls team results unclear, and Ruidoso was missing top performer Amber Green. But the Warriors still had some high points.

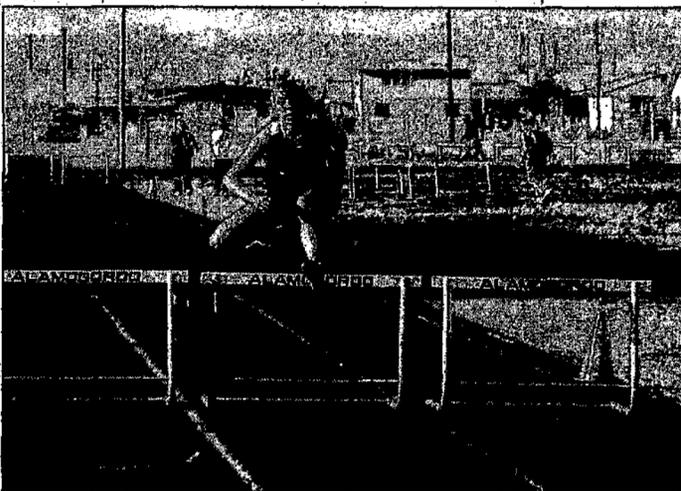
Kammi Sparks qualified for state in the high jump, going 5 feet and taking second place. Monica Keyes just missed a state-qualifying time in the 100-meter high hurdles, finishing third in 16.63.

One bright spot for the girls was in the new events: javelin and pole vault. Maskew was pleased how well the Warriors performed in the events, despite having a minimum of practice time.

Billie Maldonado threw 78-feet 8 inches in the javelin, earning a sixth-place finish then went 6 feet 6 inches in her first pole vault competition.

Rachel Loya and Carrie Liñe also threw well in the new event, and Maskew is expecting better things from them in the future.

The Warriors travel to Roswell Saturday to compete



Warrior Monica Keyes sails over a hurdle during the 300-meter intermediate hurdle final. Keyes finished third in both hurdle competitions Saturday.

in the Roswell Invitational, another chance for Ruidoso to see some solid, big-school competition.

Ruidoso results at the White Sands Invitational are:
Boys, team: 1, Sandia, 128; 2, Alamogordo, 105; 3 (tie), Gadsden, 36; Mayfield, 36; 5, Ruidoso, 35; 6, Belen 29

Boys, individual:
100-meter dash — Jose Linares, 11.42; Tyler Line, 12.29

200-meter dash — 2, Thomas Schiele, 22.96 (23.81 P); Jose Linares, 23.64; Tyler Line, 26.11

400-meter dash — Alfonso Rankin, 53.31
800-meter dash — 4, Alfon-

so Rankin, 2:13.04; 6, Nathanael Hedin, 2:13.64
1,600-meter run — Joshua Romero, 5:18.07; Erik Sproul, 5:26.73; Jacob Orneals, 6:08.73
3,200-meter run — Erik Sproul, 11:48.72

110-meter high hurdles — Tony Bahr, 17.69; Duncan Murphy, 18.31
300-meter intermediate hurdles — Josh Ganaway, 45.97; Duncan Murphy, 46.47; Tony Bahr, 46.98

Long jump — 2, Thomas Schiele, 19-09 1/2; Tyler Line, 13-2
Triple jump — 2, Thomas Schiele, 42-0

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Warrior baseball gets first victory

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Ruidoso's baseball team got its first win of the season under its belt Thursday, defeating Laguna Acoma 3-1 in the opening game of the East-on Cardinal Classic Tournament in Eunice.

The Warriors were in a tough bracket, however, drawing host Eunice for the second round. The Cardinals topped Ruidoso 10-2, then the Warriors fell to the Hobbs junior varsity 8-5 in the game for third and fourth.

But overall, coach Mike Morris said he was pleased with the Warrior effort. "I was pleased," he said. "Overall, in the tournament, I was real pleased with our boys. We still need to work on our hitting."

Ruidoso 3, Laguna Acoma 1
The Warriors opened tournament play on a cold, windy and snowy Thursday afternoon against Laguna Acoma. With Matt Locke on the mound for the full seven innings, Morris said Ruidoso "played good enough to win" although the Warrior hitting was once again not quite up to where it should be.

"The kids played good," Morris said. "Our hitting was off. Our hitting was off the whole tournament."

Ruidoso scored all three of its runs in the third inning off walks by the Acoma pitcher and fielding errors. The Warriors only managed three hits for the game.

Eunice 10, Ruidoso 2
The weather cooperated during Friday's match against Eunice, but the Cardinals, one of the top AA teams in the state, didn't. Eunice took a 10-2 victory, scoring six runs in the first inning, mostly on Ruidoso errors.

"I attribute that to youth and making some mistakes," Morris said. "After that, we played a close game."

And the coach remained pleased with his squad's play. "We did all right," he said. "Our defense is doing OK. I'm pleased with our defense. (Eunice) had some hits."

All three of Ruidoso's pitchers, Chad Swanner, Tristan Torres and Locke, had a chance to see action in Friday's game.

Although Morris was rooting for Eunice against Fort Stockton, Texas, in the championship game, the Cardinals ended up on the short end of the stick, finishing second in their own tournament with a 15-10 loss to the Texas squad.

Hobbs JV 8, Ruidoso 5
Saturday's game for third and fourth was the best effort at the plate for Ruidoso, although the Warriors again came up short, this time falling to the Hobbs JV 8-5.

But Ruidoso's bats picked up a bit, despite having to fight a strong cross wind.

The Warriors kept the game close and had a chance to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh.

With the score 8-5, two men on base and Ben Lundquist, the tying run, at the plate, Lundquist hit a long fly ball to the outfield. The wind grabbed the ball and two Eagle players ran together. But luck was with Hobbs.

"The little sucker came up with the ball," Morris said.

Locke opened the final game on the mound, gave way to Torres in the middle innings then returned to wrap up the game.

Lundquist was named to the all-tournament team.

Ruidoso was scheduled to travel to Artesia Tuesday for an afternoon doubleheader against the Bulldogs. Ruidoso returns to tournament action at 6 p.m. Thursday with a game against host New Mexico Military Institute at the Sertoma-NMMI Colt Classic. That tournament continues through Saturday.

Netters fall in district opener

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Warrior tennis squad opened district action Thursday against Lovington, and while Ruidoso played well, a lack of players on the boys side led to a close 5-4 Lovington victory.

The young girls squad fell 9-0 to the Rams, but continued to show improvement.

The boys top three players all won, with Charles Flanary and Jeremy Phillips "playing great" against their opponents.

Paul Brown, the Warrior's No. 3 player, also won, but in a tougher match and coach Dave Anderson was pleased with his effort.

"Paul played real well," Anderson said. "He just needs to speed up his game a bit. He's gaining more experience. I thought he did very well."

Playing at No. 4, Everett Thompson was the only Warrior to lose a singles match.

"Everett lost concentration early on in the match and I think that's what led to the defeat," Anderson said.

The Warriors then had to forfeit the No. 5 and 6 singles matches because of a lack of players.

In doubles, Flanary and Phillips teamed up for a win while Brown and Thompson, who were forced to pair together, fell to their Ram opponents.

Anderson said both the weather and the teaming of the two athletes led to the defeat.

"I don't want to blame the weather, but I think Paul's hands were just frozen," he said. "And they don't move together well."

Thursday's games were played in almost freezing temperatures, with the courts "wet but not dangerous." Snow from earlier in the day had melted, leaving the courts damp but playable.

The Warriors also had to forfeit the No. 3 doubles match, handing the Rams another easy point. Anderson said the match was very close.

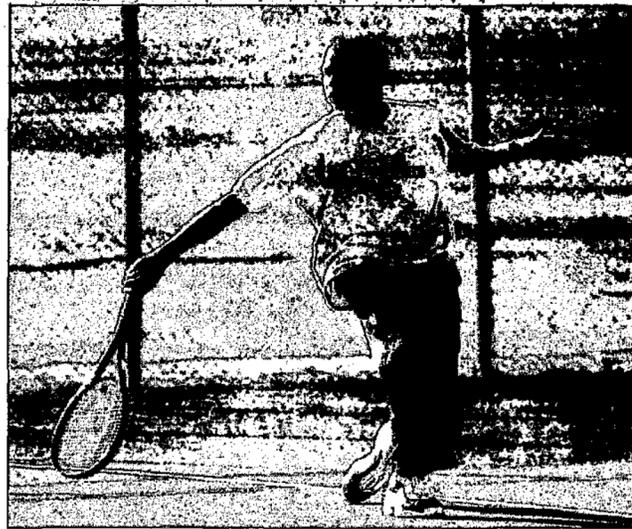
"If they'd have won one more game, they would have won," he said of the boys.

But he's certain things will turn around when the teams meet again, this time in Ruidoso.

"We meet them again, and we'll meet them with a full team," Anderson said. "So I'm very confident. Very confident. All we needed was two more boys."

The young girls squad again lost all their matches, but continued to show improvement, with Amy Knabenshue winning some games off her opponent.

"Amy was totally excited about what she did," Anderson said. "She said, 'I've got a couple



Warrior Paul Brown puts some body English on a return during a tough, three-set victory in Lovington Thursday.

of games. I'm really starting to improve. She's seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. She also has the ability to say, 'I'm not experienced, but I'm gaining experience.'"

Anderson said the girls, mostly freshmen with no prior tennis experience, are getting better every time they play.

"I see improvement every day," he said. "The hard part is, they only have themselves to play against, so they only have themselves to measure it by. When they get to a match, they realize the level they've been practicing at is not the level they need to be playing at."

And while this year may be a learning experience for the Lady Warriors, Anderson sees a promising future.

"I'm excited," he said. "Because I've got young kids I can work with for three or four years."

The Warriors travel to Roswell Friday and Saturday to compete in the Goddard Tournament.

Results of the Ruidoso/Lovington match are:

Boys, singles:

Charles Flanary def. Jaron Graham, 6-1, 6-0

Jeremy Phillips def. Thomas Staton, 6-2, 6-1

Paul Brown def. Justin White, 7-6, 7-5, 6-2

Chad Stephenson def. Everett Thompson, 1-6, 3-6

Boys, doubles:

Flanary/Phillips def. Graham/Staton 6-3, 6-2

White/Stephenson def. Brown/Thompson, 6-0, 6-1

Girls, singles:

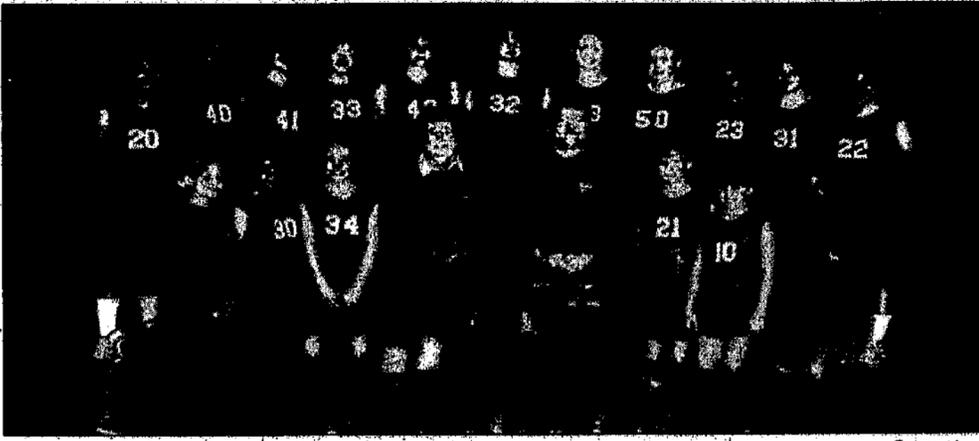
Heather Maker def. Courtney Dillard, 6-0, 6-0

Susie Carter def. Janae Umbreit, 6-0, 6-0

Rebecca Battleson def. Amy Knabenshue, 2-6, 2-6

Girls, doubles:

Gonzales/Olivas def. Dillard/Umbreit, 6-0, 6-0



Seventh grade team members are, from left, back: Cassie Saenz, Samantha Serna, Courtney Gibson, Jessica Gibson, Katie Coronado, Madison Morgan, Charli Krause, Beth Robinson, Christine Brown, Kara Sparks and April Dorame. Front: Caydie Swanner, Lacie Garcia, Skye Steed, coach Becky Austin, coach Cody Patterson, Sarah Breacher, Jeanette Zagone and Ervina Herrera.



Eighth grade team members are, from left, back: Nena Evans, Nicole Hale, Bethany Barnett, Miranda McCowen, Dusty Franklin, Jaime Yeager, Shelly Thomas, Kelly Rigsby, Vicki Celusniak, Tori Torres and Hannah Miller. Front: Kristen Johnson, Ashley Brillante, coach Becky Austin, coach Cody Patterson, Erika Lugo, Erin Nutting and Ashlee Powers.

Lady Braves close successful seasons

Ruidoso Middle School's Lady Braves wrapped up seasons that saw wins, losses and solid improvement throughout the season. The seventh-grade Lady Braves basketball team finished its season with a strong 13-2 record. The 15-member squad made its impressive showing by fielding a balanced team of talents. The team had depth and improved every game, defeating teams from Portales, Alamogordo and Tularosa, schools well known for their basketball programs. "Our goal was to be competitive with every opponent, to have fun and enjoy the game," said coach Becky

Austin. "These goals were met in every respect. This was a year to be proud of, and the team's future looks promising." The eighth-grade squad had a season measured in steps. The 14-member team played with every ounce of energy. "Our saying was give 100 percent mentally, give 100 percent physically and have fun," said coach Cody Patterson. "These ladies did just that." The season got off to a rough start, but improved with every game. Due to the makeup of the team, players were asked to play positions they had never played before and that put a tremendous

amount of weight on the shoulders of some of the more experienced players, the coach said. At all times the players on this squad were ready to do what was best for the team. "As the season went on, we came together as a unit," Patterson said, "being able to count on every member." The Lady Braves finished the season by winning the consolation trophy at the Santa Teresa tournament.

Men bowlers wrap successful tourney

The Lincoln County Mens Bowling Association held their annual tournament Feb. 26-27 with a full house of bowlers entered. The tournament included 20 five-man teams, 50 doubles teams and 100 single bowlers competing for prestige and prizes. The results were: Team, scratch: 1, Gone Fishing: Jim McGarvey, Fred Vega, Jack Kannady, Evan Reed, David Hoffer, 2,948. Team, handicap: 1, The Sixth Man: David Cecil, Ted King, Josh Hind, David King, Josh Purser, 3,457; 2, Whipple: Chuck Whipple, DeWitt Welch III, John Jackson, Billy Randolph, Mike Gaines, 3,430; 3, Fun Trackers: James (Donnie) Newman, Michael Tecero, John LaMay, Norvell Carpenter, Ken Mosley, 3,393. Doubles, scratch: 1, Kevin L. Reed and

Evan L. Reed, 1,2899. Doubles, handicap: 1, Walter Hill and Chris Barela, 1,464; 2, Alex Cecil and Josh Hind, 1,417; 3, Steve Ortiz and Albert LaFave, 1,410. Singles, scratch: 1, Richard Guevara, 688. Singles, handicap: 1, Alden Torres, 814; 2, Josh Hind, 734; 3, Alex Cecil, 721. All events, scratch: Jim McGarvey, 1,954. All events, handicap: 1, Josh Hind, 2,228; 2, Ted King, 2,198; 3, Alden Torres, 2,129; 4, Josh Purser, 2,102. High individual scratch game: Jim McGarvey, 278. High individual scratch series: David Hoffer, 692. High team scratch game: Fun Trackers, 1,073.

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Discus — 3, Dominic Gonzales, 121-5; Matt McMillan, 107-1. Shot put — 3, Dominic Gonzales, 48-10; Matt McMillan, 43-3; Brandon Brumlow, 41-7. Pole vault — 1, Thomas Schiele, 14-6; 3, Ryan Kimbrell, 12-6; 5, Phillip Darley, 11-6. Javelin — 3, Brandon Brumlow, 169-8; Phillip Darley, 115-10; Ryan Kimbrell, 112. Girls, team: 1, Alamogordo, 2, Clovis; others unavailable. Girls, individual: 100-meter dash — Bethany Rogge, 13.22; Jennifer Lewicki, 13.49; Kayci Brunell, 14.23. 200-meter dash — Bethany Rogge, 28.61; Chelsea Black, 28.87; Kayci Brunell, 29.87. 400-meter dash — 5, Chelsea Black, 1:05.61. 800-meter dash — Amanda Montes, 2:56.94; Eva Rehfeld, 3:00.32. 1,600-meter dash — 6, Amanda Montes, 6:26.83; Eva Rehfeld, 7:14.57 (6:32.96 P). 100-meter high hurdles — 4, Monica Keyes, 16.63; Kammi Sparks, 18.04; Cecily Howell, 19.01; Carrie Line, 19.63. 300-meter low hurdles — 3, Monica Keyes, 50.06; 4, Kammi Sparks, 52.11; Cecily Howell, 55.72; Carrie Line, 55.89. High jump — 2, Kammi

Sparks, 5-0; Monica Keyes, 4-8. Long jump — Kayci Brunell, 10-0 1/4. Triple jump — 1, Bethany Rogge, 31-2 1/2; Jennifer Lewicki, 29-2. Discus — Rachel Loya, 63-5. Shot put — Rachel Loya, 27-3; Tamara Grant, 24-6 1/4. Pole vault — Billie Maldonado, 6-6. Javelin — 6, Billie Maldonado, 78-8; Rachel Loya, 74-10; Carrie Line, 69-5.

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CLUBS

- Adult Attention Deficit Disorder Self Help/Support Group 7 p.m. first and last Thursday of each month in the conference room at the Lincoln County Medical Center.
All American Duplicate Bridge Club 7 p.m. Thursday in the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. For weekly open and novice games. For more information call 257-9228.
AL-ANON of Ruidoso 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-7124.
Alcoholics Anonymous Noon and 7 p.m. every day at the Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso. 257-9397.
Alto Women's Association 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto Club House for lunch at noon and cards at 1 p.m. Business meeting the first Tuesday of every month.
Alturas Club 7 p.m. first Tuesday of every month for program and at noon the third Tuesday of every month for lunch at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail. 258-4851.
Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at Ruidoso Care Center. 257-9071.
American Legion Robert J. Hayes, Post 79 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. 257-5796.
Angus Wood Carvers 5 p.m.-8 p.m. every Monday night at the Nazarene Church Camp, Hwy. 48 and Hwy. 37. 336-9161.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County 109 S. Mechem, Suite 201 - Lincoln Tower. 258-4185.
B.O.E. No. 2086 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month in the Elk's Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.
Boy Scouts of America Troop 59 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. 420-1487.
Children's Transitions Discharge Program 6:30-7:45 p.m. every Wednesday (Sept.-May) at the First Baptist Church (420 Mechem). For children 4 years-old grade.
Cedar Grove 45 p.m. Wednesdays at 1069 El Paso Road - Las Cruces. Possible carpool. 258-5621.
Christian Horseman's Association 336-1341. pinto@lookingglass.net, www.christianhorseman.org
Community Friends of the Vietnam War 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the VFW Post 7688 Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.
Disabled American Veterans Co-County Chapter 23 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the VFW Post 7688 Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.
Domestic Violence Victims Support Group Noon Tuesdays at the office of Diane Hampton, LSW, RN, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Conference Room. 258-4708.
Experimental Aircraft Association 7 p.m. fourth Monday of every month in Roswell. For location call 378-8532.
Family Crisis Center 24-hour crisis line 257-7365.
Fraternity Order of Public Ladies Meets at K-Bob's Steak House Restaurant at noon every Thursday.
Friends of the Library 4 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Ruidoso Public Library.
Friends of Smokey-Capitan, Inc. 12:30 p.m. at the Smokey Bear Cafe in Capitan. The public is welcome to attend all meetings and events.
Gamblers Anonymous 3 p.m. every Sunday at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso (rear entrance). For more information call 257-9289.
Golden Age Club Noon the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center - covered dish lunch and games.
HIV+ Support Group Second Monday of every month. Loving Others Support Group for friends and family of HIV+ people the third Tuesday of every month. 257-2236.
Humane Society of Lincoln County 10 a.m. the third Saturday of every month at the Alto Country Club.
IGAs Club 11 a.m. every Saturday at the Gateway Church at 415 Sudderth. 257-4381 or 378-1113.
Kiwanis Club Noon every Tuesday at K-Bob's restaurant on Hwy. 70. Visitors/Kiwanis members are always welcome.
Knights of Columbus Father E. Dolan Council 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the parish hall at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. William E. Studer, grand knight.
La Junta R.C.E. 10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. (505) 653-4912.
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Lincoln County Chapter 7 p.m. the last Thursday of every month at the Texas New Mexico Power Company offices, 1100 Mechem Dr. 258-2212 or 257-2932.
Libertarian Party of Lincoln County 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Texas New Mexico Power Building.
Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 7 p.m. every Tuesday. 354-2653 or 378-7225. For newsletter visit http://www.nogal.com/lcassg.
Lincoln County Bird Club Meets once a month. 257-5352.
Lincoln County Democratic Party 6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month. 258-9090.
Lincoln County Ford Bank 7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month Board meets in St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Food bank hours: noon-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 257-4624.
Lincoln County Homebuilders 7 p.m. general meeting first Tuesday of each month at the Incredibles. 257-9030.
Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary 9:30 a.m. first Tuesday of every month in the LCMC conference room.
Lincoln County Pribel Lincoln County's gay, lesbian and bisexual groups meet at various times throughout the year. 257-0135.
Lincoln County Health Resource Exchange Noon the second Thursday of every month at K-Bob's on Highway 70. 630-8181 or 378-7197.
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office 2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan. 257-5767.
Lincoln County Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.
Lion International Evening Lion Club Tuesdays in the Lions Hut on Skyland behind Mountain Laundry for supper.
Masonic Lodge #73 6:30 p.m. meeting on the first Monday (second Monday if first is a holiday) of every month in the Masonic Family Building at the corner of Mescalero Trail and Nob Hill Drive. 257-9604.
Model Rocket Association First Thursday of every month at the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building. 800-545-4021.
Mom's Night Out 6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each month at various local restaurants. 648-5501.
Narcotics Anonymous Meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Gateway Church, 415 Sudderth entrance behind church. 378-3621. P.O. Box 1943, Ruidoso Downs NM 88345.
National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 879 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 258-3493 or 378-4669.
New Mexico Christian Horsemen's Association Trail rides, Bar-B-Que's, fellowship activities, Christian programs. 505-336-4675.
Nicotine Anonymous 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center, 501A Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso. Anyone interested in stopping the use of tobacco in any form is cordially invited to attend. 258-3726.
Nobly Waters Sertoma Club 5:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. For more information call Evelyn Slaw at 257-3479.
Optimist Club (Friends of Youth) Noon every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. New members always welcome. 258-5969 or 258-9218.
Order of the Eastern Star Ruidoso Chapter 7:30 the third Thursday of every month in the Masonic Family Building, 144 Nob Hill Rd., Ruidoso.
Party Bridge 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday. We have a very good group playing 2-5 tables. Come join us. 354-6050.
R.E.O. Chapter Jr Meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesdays September thru May. 257-1465.
Photographic Society of Lincoln County 7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Public Meeting Room, 1st floor at the Ruidoso High School. 258-4003.
Pine Top Rod & Custom Car Club 7:00 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month in the meeting room at the Texas-New Mexico Power Building, Ruidoso. 257-4451.
Prepared Childbirth Classes 7 p.m. Mondays at the Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Eight-week sessions with qualified instructors. 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.)
Republican Party of Lincoln County 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month. 354-4230 or 250-4780.
Republican Women of Lincoln County 11:30 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month. Board meeting at 11:00 a.m. 257-9351 or 258-9109.
Rotary International Ruidoso-Mescalero Valley Club Noon on Tuesdays at the Swiss Chalet Inn.
Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group Meeting 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month at First Christian Church (241 E. 1st). Everyone is welcome to attend.
Ruidoso Care Center Auxiliary 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of every month in the Ruidoso Care Center dining room for free lunch with 24-hour advance reservations. 115 program for residents and guests.
Ruidoso Chess Club 6:00 p.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows Country Club. New players and all levels welcome. 336-4219; 258-4757; 354-8036.
Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the meeting room of Texas-New Mexico Power, Ruidoso Downs. 378-4184 or 378-4766.
Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club 1 p.m. every Saturday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 257-7411.
Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club 1:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month through May in the Woman's Club Building, 116 Evergreen Road, Ruidoso. 258-1239.
Ruidoso Garden Club 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month at various locations. 258-5509 or 257-7157.
Ruidoso Gun Club 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the Church of the Holy Mount, Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso.
Ruidoso Picnicking/Golfing Group 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month. 257-2446 or 336-8064.
Ruidoso Public Library Board Noon the second Wednesday of every month at the Ruidoso Public Library.
Ruidoso Shrine Club 6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month at Cree Meadows Restaurant. 257-3062.
Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club Meets 1:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club. 258-9169.
Ruidoso Vegetarian Club Meets the third Thursday of each month at the Ruidoso Senior Center for their monthly potluck. Please bring a meal-sized dish or suggested donation for the club. 257-2172.
SHHH - Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. - Smokey Bear Chapter 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company, 1100 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. 258-1082.
Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club 9 a.m. every Saturday. Location to be announced on 146.920 MHz after 8 a.m. 257-2135.
Sierra Blanca Duplicate Bridge Club 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center for weekly open and novice games. 257-9228.
Sierra Blanca Swingers 8 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for beer, pizza and square dancing. 257-3193; 336-4908.
Stress Management Group 4 p.m. Mondays at The Counseling Center, 206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso. This group is free and open to the public. 257-5038.
The Party Bridge Group 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. 257-2590.
Thursday Bridge 11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows. 258-9185.
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United We Stand For meeting time, call 257-6600.
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Women's New Care Club Evenings once a week for women who are in recovery from alcohol, or want to learn. 1-888-337-7427.
White Mountain Health Resource Network 10 a.m.-3 p.m. first Wednesday of the month. Open house at high noon. Health Center offers a variety of holistic health care to the public. Lunch at K-Bob's third Wednesday and no meeting second and fourth Wednesdays. 336-7777 or 336-4638.
White Mountain Search & Rescue 7 p.m. the third Monday at the public meeting room at Texas-NM Power. 258-4759.
Women's Night Out 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month in the meeting room of Texas-New Mexico Power. 336-9669 or 258-1158.
Za Girl Scout Council 5 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Leaders encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in Girl Scouts may attend. 258-457-2291.

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More Chihuly glass dazzles the Spencer Theater

ALTO, NM — Additional hand-blown glass of the Seattle-based artist, Dale Chihuly, was installed at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts March 17, making the permanent collection at the theater comparable to that of major art museums.

Chihuly's glass works — known for cylindrical shapes, variegated squiggles and unique, fiery colors — are in the homes of Queen Elizabeth II, the presidents of Italy and France, the White House, and in several great museums such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Considered the "most collectible" contemporary artist by the upscale magazine "Robb Report" in its 11th annual "Best of the Best" report, and frequently called the Tiffany of the 20th century, (and now the 21st century), Chihuly's glass works is the sole art of choice to adorn the 2-and-a-half-year-old performance hall in Alto.

The additional pieces make the theater's Crystal Lobby into a true showcase of this delicate art form.

The dominate sculpture among the new installations is a 14-foot glass tower with 563 individually created squiggling bows in hues of red and orange.

Called the "Glowing Sunset Tower," the 1,200 pound sculpture is alive with movement and fire.

"I am excited about all of Dale Chihuly's work," said Jackie Spencer, the \$23-million theater's founder and benefactor, as the sculpture was being installed. "It's an exciting material and he is an exciting creator. Every piece is creative and unique. I'm lucky to have it out here — and I thank Ron Morgan (the theater's

design consultant) for his work making that possible."

Morgan, who arranged for the first installations of Chihuly's work prior to the theater's opening in 1997, has been consulting with Chihuly regarding the additional installations since the fall of 1999.

Every piece Chihuly and his team of glass blowers have made for the Spencer Theater are based on the unique light and space of the theater's award winning architectural design with which Chihuly came to know when first visiting the magnificent hall in 1997. Two of the "Team Chihuly" artists from Seattle were on hand at the Spencer to install the precious work.

"This piece was driven by the environment," said Philip Stewart, one of the Team Chihuly glass workers. "It was designed specifically for this space and the client."

The Glowing Sunset Tower complements the existing "Paintbrush" sculpture of approximately 200 Indian Paintbrush flowers, also located within the theater's first floor lobby area.

An additional six cylindrical works — created with a zest of brilliant colors as part of Chihuly's "Persian" series — will be added to the theater's second floor Persian Wall, also within the lobby.

Work is also underway with the multi-colored "Onions" that hang as light fixtures from the ceiling of the theater loggia.

These pieces, which were also original installations, will be redesigned as a

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Jackie Spencer, Spencer Theater founder and benefactor

cluster work hanging from an approximately seven-foot-long armature.

The latter will be structured at Chihuly's studio in Seattle, and then shipped back to the Spencer Theater for installation.

Even without the new art installations, the highly valued Chihuly collection at the Spencer already constitutes the largest in the southwest, and the only private collection for public viewing in New Mexico.

The work may be enjoyed by patrons on performance nights and for the general public during weekly tours of the theater, Tuesday and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call (505) 336-4800 for information.

Other works of Chihuly displayed for public viewing include: the Crystal Cascade, a pair of 20-foot-high "Chandeliers" created for Benaroya Hall, home of the Seattle Symphony; the 1,000-piece Fiori di Como, which shimmers over the lobby of the Bellagio Resort in Las Vegas.

Those who appreciate the work of Chihuly can also see the current millennium exhibition (displayed until October, 2000) for the Citadel in Jerusalem of a Crystal Mountain, Moon and Water Reeds, and the planned Bridge of Glass, a 600-foot-long pedestrian bridge dotted with displays of Chihuly glass in Tacoma, Washington, the artist's hometown.

Another recent major work, though just for temporary exhibition, was "Chihuly Over Venice," a display of 14 "chandeliers" over the canals and squares of Venice, Italy.

Native completes Navy training, off to Japan

CANDY M. BRANTLEY
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son said.

Now that he has completed his training in electronics, Nelson said he is excited about going to his duty station.

Christopher L. Nelson, the son of Arthur and Denese Nelson of Ruidoso, recently completed Navy training at the Fleet Training center in Northfolk.

Nelson graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1997 and joined the Navy in 1998. Nelson said that patriotism was the main reason he joined the Navy.

"I joined the Navy to serve my country and to obtain an education," Nelson said.

"I'm going to USS Fort McHenry in Sasebo, Japan," Nelson said. "I am excited about going to a part of the world that I have never been to before."

Nelson said he does not have any immediate future plans.

"I am taking it day by day," Nelson said. "Right now I just enjoy being part of the Navy."

CLUBS ORGANIZATION

Republican Women meeting March 28

The Republican Women of Lincoln County will meet at the First Methodist Church in Capitan at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28. The board meeting will be at 10 a.m.

Reservations must be in by noon on Friday, March 24. Call Alice Phelps at 354-3363 or fax reservations to 354-6213.

Girl Scouts to hold annual council meeting

Girl Scouts-Zia Council, Inc., which includes the Lincoln County area, announces the 2000 Annual Council meeting and Award Recognition

luncheon to be held April, 2000, at the Hobbs High School cafeteria.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m., with the annual meeting beginning promptly at 10 a.m.

The featured speaker will be Roxanne Yates, a WAGGGS World Center Committee member.

All adult volunteers, girls, friends and families are encouraged to attend.

A luncheon and awards ceremony will follow the meeting.

Girl Scout merchandise will be available for purchase.

For more information or to request a registration form, call the council office at (505) 746-9846 in Artesia or 1-800-734-9846.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Arizonan charged

An Arizona man was arrested by Ruidoso police March 18, charged with aggravated battery.

Perry Harney, Jr., 38, of San Carlos, Ariz., is accused of jumping on another man at The Quarter's bar on Sudderth Drive.

The victim was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment.

According to police reports, Harney allegedly took \$20 off the bar and was told by the victim to put it back.

The alleged battery occurred when the victim got up to use a bathroom at the night club.

New Year's aftermath

An El Paso, Texas man, injured early New Year's morning at a Ruidoso night club, is now pressing for

charges against the person he said hit him over the head with a bottle of champagne.

Doug E. Scott, 27, told Ruidoso police that he was "in shock" at the time of the Jan. 1 incident, and was wrong in telling officers that he and the alleged attacker were friends. Scott said the assault fractured his skull, requiring 25 stitches.

In an affidavit filed with police Scott said the two were not friends.

The alleged suspect is from Las Cruces.

The incident happened at Gabe's Bar on Mechem Drive.

Worthless checks

A series of worthless checks, allegedly written by an Albuquerque man to a Ruidoso grocery store, has turned into a case for the Ruidoso Police Department's criminal investigation division.

A check for \$45.08, written to Thriftway Supermarket, returned on a closed account, represents the sixth check written by the suspect, according to police reports.

The latest check was returned to the grocer on March 15.

Residence burglarized

An estimated \$1,000 in property was reported taken from a Maple Road residence in Ruidoso.

According to police, the victim reported two television sets, a VCR, ring, sewing machine and tape player were missing from the seasonal home.

The burglary is believed to have occurred between October, 1999, and March 13.

In addition to the missing property, about \$250 damage to the dwelling occurred from the break-in.

Car fire destructive

A March 15 car fire destroyed a vehicle at a Colorado Lane residence in Ruidoso Downs. According to Nick Herrera, the village's fire chief, the auto was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived.

The approximately 6 p.m. fire had threatened another vehicle in the driveway of the residence, and the home.

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A parent may be reimbursed for educational costs already paid that academic year. Deadlines for reimbursement vary from school to school.

Call EFG at (800) 480-0392 or www.schoolfunds.net.

SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan

Wednesday, March 22 - Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, juice or fruit

Lunch: Baked potato, chile meat, nachos, fruit

Thursday, March 23 - Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, juice or fruit

Lunch: Navajo taco, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, garnish, cheese

Friday, March 24 - No school

Monday, March 27 - Breakfast: Ham bar, English muffin, jelly, juice or fruit

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, fruit, cake

Tuesday, March 28 - Breakfast: Toast, omelet, juice or fruit

Lunch: Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, fruit

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Sierra Vista Primary, White Mountain Elementary, Intermediate

Spring break March 20-24

Monday, March 27 - Breakfast: Cereal

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll,

salad, fruit

Tuesday, March 28 - Breakfast: French toast sticks

Lunch: Beef burrito, pinto beans, salad, fruit

Ruidoso Middle School

Spring break March 20-24

Monday, March 27 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, Graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, lettuce and tomato, fruit, hamburger on a bun, pizza, French fries

Tuesday, March 28 - Breakfast: French toast strips, fruit, milk

Lunch: Taco salad, corn, fruit

Ruidoso High School

Spring break March 20-24

Monday, March 27 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, Graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Baked potato with chili, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Tuesday, March 28 - Breakfast: French toast strips, fruit, milk

Lunch: Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, wheat rolls, fruit

NMSU professor, novelist offering classes for writers over 55 in senior centers

Writers of poetry, fiction, memoirs, personal essays welcome

LAS CRUCES - New Mexico State University professor and novelist Kevin McIlvoy will visit the Baxter Curren Senior Center in Clovis Tuesday, April 4, to establish a creative writing class for writers over 55.

The first session of the free weekly class, set for 3:30 p.m., is open to writers of poetry, fiction, memoirs and personal essays.

Beginners to experienced authors will be welcomed.

"I expect that some people will be writing for themselves or their families and others for readers beyond their home community," McIlvoy said.

With the support of NMSU, McIlvoy is traveling to senior centers throughout New Mexico to initiate senior writing classes modeled after a workshop he has taught as a volunteer for 17 years at the Munson Senior Citizens Center in Las Cruces.

Working with elder writers is a rewarding experience, McIlvoy said.

"I learned long ago that the writers who have the most to teach us are writers with many years of life experience," he said.

The volunteer co-ordinator of the Clovis writing workshop will be Marilyn Wilton, an English instructor

at Clovis Community College. Wilton earned her Ph.D. in English from the University of New Mexico in 1994.

She has taught at Clovis Community College since 1998.

Previously, she taught, graduate-level literature classes through Northern Arizona University's statewide program in Safford, Ariz.

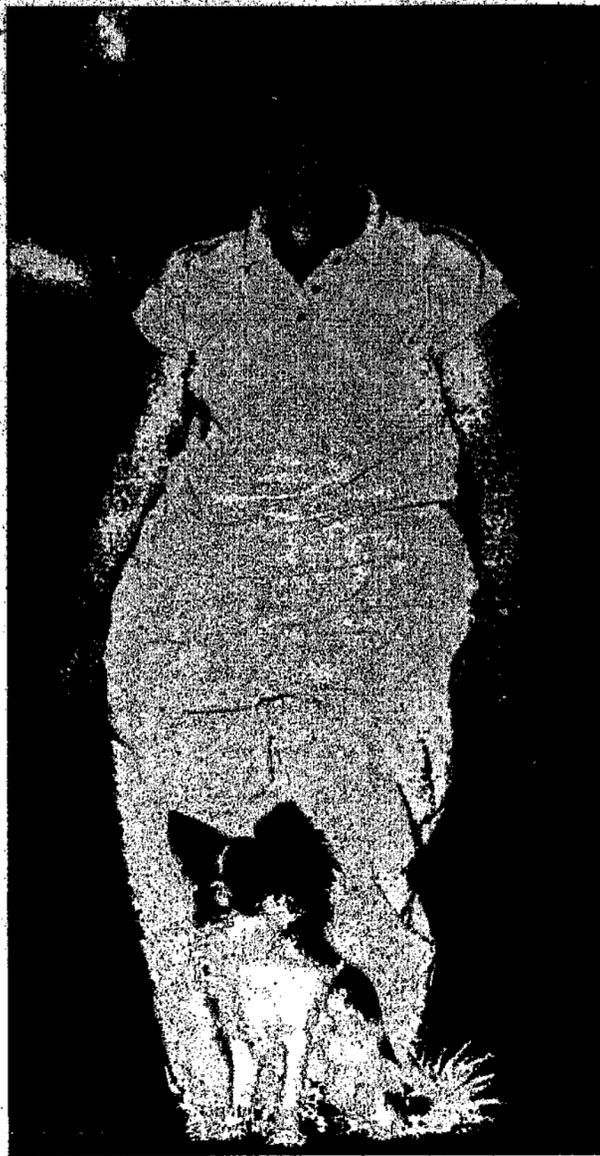
Wilton also has 12 years of secondary teaching experience, including work with at-risk students in inner-city Albuquerque through Youth Development Inc.'s presidentially commended Stay-in-School program. An active writer, she is nearing completion of her first novel.

McIlvoy has edited 14 volumes of the annual anthology, *Serape*, which features the work of New Mexico writers over 55.

He is the author of four published novels. His most recent novel, *Hyssop*, was issued in the fall in paperback by Ayon/Bard.

At NMSU he has won five teaching awards, including the 1999 Westhafer prize, the university's highest faculty honor.

For more information about the class, contact the Baxter Curren Senior Center, 769-7908.



Stephanie Dubois and Dazee, holder of two obedience titles, "Companion Dog" and "Companion Dog Excellent."

BY SANDY SUGGITT
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Dogs who attend Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso will not learn to read Chaucer or set up a Web page, but what they learn will be as useful to their human companions as to them.

The curriculum for this Community Education class, said instructor Stephanie Dubois, is basic dog obedience - everything on a leash: heel, sit, down, come and come-and-stay - under the stressful and tempting conditions of other dogs and people around.

"I have two students per sign-up," Dubois said. "I train (the human) to train the dog. Everybody's real happy to try to learn with their dog. Even men will take directions from me."

Dubois, who is a dog groomer and chairman of the Otero Democratic Party when she isn't teaching canines and humans, said the idea of the class is to work with "some basic problems with socialization: the dog's just not behaving when they take it for a walk or they've adopted a dog from the shelter and it's not had any formal kind of training."

Some students are new puppies the owners are trying to get a "heads up" on the training before they get to weigh 80 pounds.

The demographics of the dogs and their behavioral problems vary as much as the demographics of the people who bring them to school, Dubois said.

"I believe all dogs should have some kind of formal training—where they sit and they know their boundaries in the house," she said. "That's all training. You do that with a child, and a dog is a member of your family, for the most part."

Dubois, who moved to New Mexico 22 years ago from New York and now lives in Alamogordo, trained with some of the top dog trainers, worked for several handlers and "just like a golf pro, I have several trainers that I go to," she said.

Dogs need to have proof of inoculations for the class, and Dubois suggests that they have choke chains to

Making better companions the goal of a basic dog obedience class starting soon in Ruidoso

use in the classes.

"I require (choke chains) to a certain extent because they're a training tool ... based on the military way of training," she said. "But not all dogs respond to that. If they're a real 'soft' dog, putting a chain on them tends to make them go down on their belly."

An hour a week for six weeks is enough to teach the basics, Dubois said. She gives the

bipeds a pamphlet on the basics to take home and work with.

"If they want to call me after the class is over, if Buster's doing this or that when he weren't doing it in class, they can always call me," she said. "Your students are always your students, and I'd would rather have them call me than have problems."

Dubois works with as many individuals as she can, watching them to see how the dog responds to commands, and making suggestions.

"There's not just one method of training a dog, so you have to find what they'll respond to," she said. "If I see that the dog is not responding to a 'come,' I tell the owner to run backwards a little longer...a treat might work on one dog and might not work on another dog."

Class is stressful for dogs because they're in a strange place and trying to absorb everything, she said. The humans are learning to focus on a vocabulary and the dogs are thinking through, "Now all of a sudden why do I have to sit? They have to stop and think, 'Now he wants me to sit and come,'" Dubois said.

► Dog obedience

Basic Dog Obedience Classes are Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., April 1-May 6 at school House Park on Sudderth Drive.

- Instructor: Stephanie Dubois
- Fee: \$45
- Class is full, but another is possible July 3-15. Call ENMU-R, 257-2120 for information on this and other credit and non-credit summer courses.

Because of this, students will take a five-minute break so the four-legged ones can drink some water, and so everyone will look at the training sessions as fun. Sometimes a dog will go home and take a long nap to "come down from the high of being out there and being trained," Dubois said.

She recommends people only train at home for two 20-minute sessions and then throw a frisbee or a ball so the dogs will look forward to the next time.

If the dog balks, she tells the humans to forget it for the day and go play frisbee or ball.

"There's always the next day, and this way they still perceive the obedience as a fun time with their owners. It's not meant to be punishment. People have to realize that the dogs are stressed," she said. "I don't allow them to smack their dogs or take the leash and hit them with it. The leash is the lifeline for the dog, and they learn by conditioning, not by punishment."

The end result of a dog-human pair that has graduated from this class will not be a bachelor's degree, but, Dubois said, it will be a household pet who's a better companion and a "fit-into-society" kind of dog.



Loopy Gandy studies at home in preparation for Eastern New Mexico University's Community Education class on "Basic Dog Obedience."

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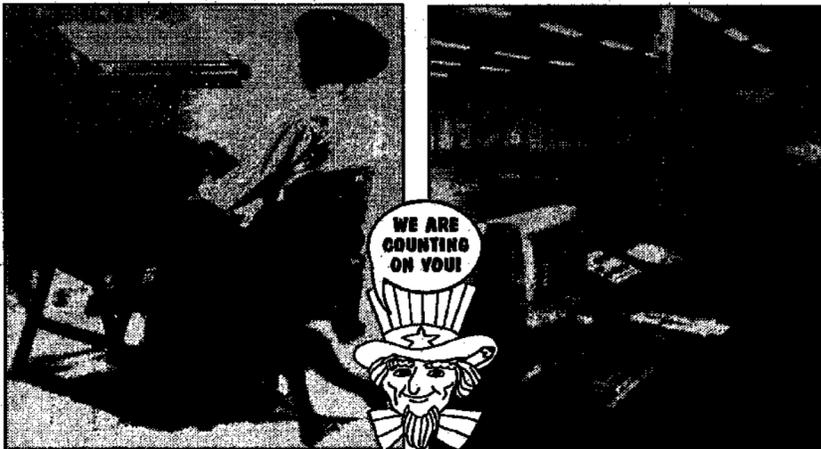
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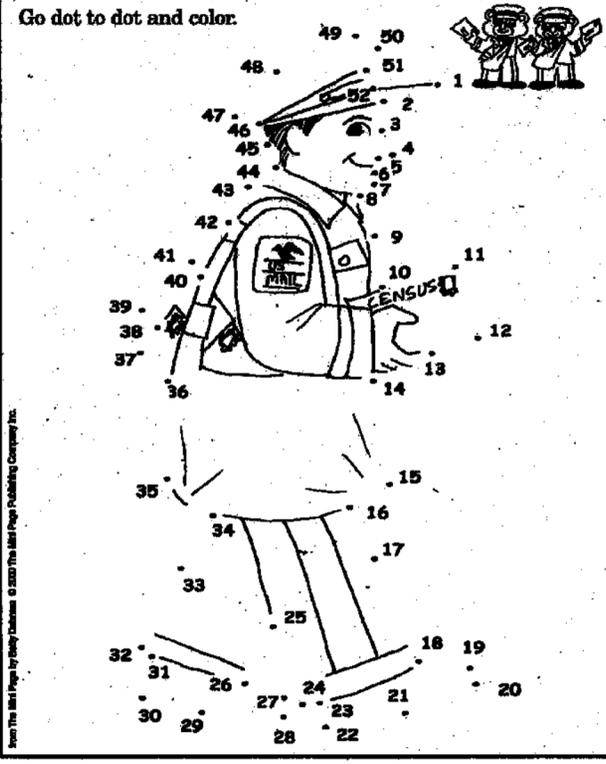
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It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds that letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter H. The word "horse" begins with the letter H.

Q: What kind of hat can play a tune?
 A: One with a band on it!

Q: What keeps your house up?
 A: The termites are holding hands!

Q: How do hens and roosters dance?
 A: Chick to chick!

Go on an H word hunt. What other words can you find beginning with a H? What sound do you hear?

Rookie Cookies Recipe

Census Casserole

You'll need:

- 1 (16-ounce) can black beans, drained
- 1 (16-ounce) can hominy, drained
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 envelope taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, grated

What to do:

- Combine all ingredients except cheese in a medium pot. Cook over medium heat for 10 minutes or until heated.
- Sprinkle cheese evenly on top.
- Cover. Turn heat to low and let stand for 5 minutes, or until cheese melts.

Serves 4.

TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the census are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: FACTS, FIGURES, STATISTICS, COUNT, MAIL, BUREAU, TAKERS, QUESTIONS, FORMS, POSTAL, LISTS, SERVICE, DATA, CHARTS, WEB, APRIL, TOTAL.

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Taking the U.S. Census

For many years, people from the Census Bureau called "enumerators" (e-NOOM-er-a-tors) used to visit every home in the country to gather the information for the census. This photo was taken in 1940.

Today, the U.S. Postal Service delivers most of the forms. If your family has not gotten one, it will be getting one soon. It is the law that your family must answer the questions.

Most of the envelopes (five out of six) hold short forms that ask seven questions. One household in six will receive long forms that ask 52 questions. You can find out lots of fascinating facts by visiting the census Web site at www.census.gov.

What's in the Census Bureau?

The word "bureau" (BYUR-oh) has two meanings. It can mean a piece of furniture. It can also mean a branch or part of the government.

When we talk about the Census Bureau, we mean the branch of government that collects information about this country and its people. It figures that there are millions of statistics in the Census Bureau. Statistics (sta-TIS-tiks) are lists of facts or data written in numbers. The numbers are gathered and written down in a way that gives information about a certain subject.

Each year, the Census Bureau publishes a book called the Statistical Abstract (or Digest). While the book is not for kids, it does have some interesting figures.

Some of the information is from the census. Other information is gathered from many other sources.

Look at the figures. What do you think they tell us about how our country has changed?

Immigrants from Italy and Mexico

From Italy: 2,000,000	From Mexico: 50,000
From Italy: 54,000	From Mexico: 1,800,000

Percent of schools with access to the Internet:

1994: 35 percent	By 2000: 95 percent
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How long people are expected to live:

1900: Men 46 years, Women 48 years	Today: Men 74 years, Women 79 years
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On average, the pounds of fruits and vegetables each person ate or drank:

1980: 599 pounds	1997: 711 pounds
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The three states with the most people:

California	32,867,000
Texas	19,760,000
New York	18,175,000

The three states with the fewest people:

Wyoming	481,000
Alaska	614,000
North Dakota	638,000

Look through your newspaper and circle the statistics you see. Can you make any of them into a chart? Next week, The Mini Page celebrates Music in Our Schools Month.

NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION

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Casino Apache
Ruidoso News
Ruidoso State Bank

090 MOBILES FOR RENT

116 PALO ALTO, off Grindstone, 800sqm, 1500 sq ft, stove, refrigerator, carpet, dress, stackable, washer/dryer hookup, large deck on 1/3 acre, no pets, \$450/mo. plus gas & elect. lease plus \$300/see deposit. (505) 222-3888; (505) 257-7691

AVAILABLE APRIL 1ST: 2bd, 2ba very nice mobile, located in Ruidoso's premier RV Park, for rent to a mature, non-smoking adult or couple, \$550/mo. Includes utilities, 1st & last mo rent w/lease. 257-3428

NICE 2 BEDROOM 14X80 Solitaire; carpeted, on river, near "T", lease. 378-4498

100 CONDOS FOR RENT

(2) FURNISHED, four level, 3/2, 2 fireplaces, covered parking, easy access. Deposit & references required. 505-258-3210 or 505-420-8700.

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Laundry Staff
Housekeepers & Prep Cooks needed at Ruidoso Care Center.
Call Theresa - Human Resources 257-9071

Cooks & Prep Cooks
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Construction, framers, general labor, food service, housekeepers, clerical
All skill levels
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Vacation ownership executive needed at Angel Fire Resort Real Estate.
Earned up to 15% based on dollar volume.
A Fairfield Affiliated Resort w/Fairshare Plus Points system.
Call Mike Liddle @ 505-377-4210

Customer Representative
Ruidoso
Job requires contact, cash transactions, posting, filing and reports. Must be customer oriented and friendly. Should meet the public well. Applications will be accepted on Friday, March 24, 2000 between the hours of 9 to 11 a.m. at Texas-New Mexico Power Company - 1100 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. EOE

Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Staff
needed at RUIDOSO CARE CENTER
contact Human Resources 257-9071

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\$2000.00 Sign on Bonus
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Certified Nursing Assistants
needed at Ruidoso Care Center
Contact Human Resources at 257-9071

100 CONDOS FOR RENT

CIMARRON CONDOS offered apartment available. Hwy 70 East, next to Conroy's Nursery. \$325/mo. 378-4280.

UNFURNISHED 2BR, 2BA with all appliances plus garage. Midtown area. \$750/mo plus utilities. Available April 1st. Call Casa de Ruidoso. 257-7577

110 CABINS/VACATION RENTALS

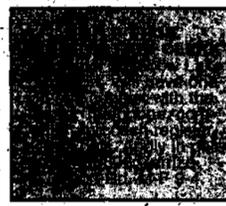
ONE BEDROOM, ONE BATH unfurnished, \$395/mo plus utilities. 354-4263, 420-8489

120 MOBILE SPACES FOR RENT

BIG 80'X170' FENCED spaces \$165/mo. Easy access, Capitan Estates, 10 miles to Ruidoso. 257-4700 or evenings call 354-2381.

CAPTAIN: PAD SPACE for mobile home, #114 E. 2nd Street at Tu Madre Court. Available on or before 04/01/00. 257-5381.

380 HELP WANTED



Cattle Baron & Farley's

Cattle Baron & Farley's are currently accepting applications for all positions. Great wages and the best tip potential around. Insurance and 401(k) plan available. Apply in person for an interview between 2-5 p.m. Mon-Fri and 11-3 p.m. Sat. Applications accepted at any time during business hours. Apply at 657 Sudderth or 1200 Mechem. No phone calls please. Cattle Baron Restaurants, Inc. is an EOE.

LINCOLN COUNTY GRILL

Hiring cashiers and dishwashers at \$8 per hour and cooks at \$9 per hour, based on experience for permanent full-time positions with flexible hours also available. Rapid Advancement. Paid Vacations, and Health Insurance.
Apply at 2717 Sudderth

150 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

AA STORAGE: 378-7030. Inside-Outside storage. 2247 Hwy 70 West, Ruidoso Downs, NM, between Denny's and Big O Tire Co.

L & D SELF STORAGE Hwy 48. Space available. 258-4599 or 257-8483.

SIERRA BLANCA Storage: Airport highway. Inside storage units. Outside & covered storage for RV's, etc. Fenced, security, manager on premises. 336-4712.

170 BUSINESS RENTALS

2,400 SQ.FT. AVAILABLE at the Altic Complex, 1031 Mechem. 258-5338

EXECUTIVE OFFICES and retail space for lease at Pine-tree Square, 2810 Sudderth Drive. 257-5155. Monday thru Friday. 9am to 4pm.

FOR RENT OFFICE SPACES 3 offices and a reception area. Water and electricity included. Call 257-9570.

OFFICE SPACE FOR lease: 200 Sudderth, Suite A. \$750 monthly. Call Pat 257-5611.

380 HELP WANTED

has an opening for a nurse. Position requires a professional, mature and responsible person who will be able to interact with numerous physicians, nurses and patients. Organizational skills and a pleasant personality a plus. Competitive pay and excellent benefits package. Please send resume and references to:
Rio Pecos Medical Assoc.
P.O. Box 2608
Roswell, NM 88202 Attention Kelly Minard

HELP NEEDED!

Banquet Staff
Full-time Banquet Setup
Must be 21 yrs. or older
Must have own transportation
APPLY IN PERSON
Inn @ Mountain Gods
A Mescalero Apache Enterprise
Carrizo Canyon Rd.
Mescalero, NM 88340

Dining Room Manager

Immediate opening for a full-time Dining Room Manager. Must have a minimum of a high school education. Prior experience with Micros System is required. Must have General Management experience, good communication skills and be able to work well with the public. Must also be able to handle the hiring and scheduling of approximately 50+ employees. Salary depends on experience. Applications available at the receptionist desk located on the 2nd floor of the Executive Offices at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino. Resumes welcome. EEO

HELP NEEDED!

Apache Tee Restaurant
Bussers - 16 yrs. or older
Waitstaff - 21 yrs. or older
Must have alcohol servers certification
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A Mescalero Apache Enterprise
Carrizo Canyon Rd.
Mescalero, NM 88340

HELP WANTED

General/Office Person
Must have good people skills.
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Fax Resume to:
(505) 336-4381
Or call for application and interview at:
(505) 336-4377

HEAD START TEACHER - RUIDOSO (2 POSITIONS)

Region IX Education Cooperative (Lincoln County Head Start - Ruidoso) is seeking highly qualified individuals committed to early childhood programs. Minimum qualifications:
1. High School Diploma and CDA Certification;
2. Willingness to obtain an Associates Degree;
3. Strong written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills; and
4. Bilingual (Spanish/English) preferred.
Only fully qualified individuals need inquire. Application deadline is Friday, March 31, 4:00 p.m. Call REC IX - (505) 257-2368 (Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett) for complete job description and application. REC IX and LCHS-Ruidoso will be closed for Spring Break March 20-24, 2000. REC IX is an equal opportunity employer.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West

Sales associates for spring and summer! Full and part-time positions available at 5 gift shops in Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln. "Join the action and work too!"
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The Hubbard Museum of the American West
841 Hwy 70 West, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
505-378-4142, Ext. 40
1-800-263-5929
ASK FOR: Johnnie Gubanski

170 BUSINESS RENTALS

LOCATION! 2819 Sudderth. Reception area, 2 offices, kitchen, bath, storage. \$490 a month. 257-5359

180 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

BEST LOCATION! SMALL building in excellent condition. \$78,000. Financing. 257-5359

SELLING WEBSITES that sell themselves. Fastest growing company in the country. No harm in looking. Go to www.skynary.com/mainstreet/go.

WONDERFUL MIDTOWN established gift shop business. Inventory and fixtures. \$85,000 with lease. Call 257-4946.

1991 LINCOLN TOWN CAR: one owner, excellent condition, white, red leather interior. A great ride. Priced to sell. Call 336-1735.

1997 XJ6 JAGUAR: factory warranty, 39k miles, \$34,000. 257-4946

380 HELP WANTED

190 AUTOS FOR SALE

81 T-TOP CORVETTE: great condition, 78,000 original miles, electric locks, mirrors & windows, new paint, runs great, garage kept, \$10,900 OBO. 258-3976

JEEP PICKUP 1987 \$4500 Blazer \$10 auto, 1986 \$3200 Buick 1990, 4-dr, black, \$3200 Ford 1970 Ranchero \$3200 Ford 1987 4x4, lift-kit, \$3200 Pontiac 1989 convert., \$4900 Thunderbird 1989, 4-dr \$4200 Maverick 1986, super \$3900 Ford Futura 1988, auto \$3200 Chevrolet 1984 pickup \$1700 Trooper 88 4x4 4-dr, \$3900 Call 630-2424.

WE BUY JUNK CARS. Any model, any age, any condition anywhere in the county. 378-8178.

1986 FORD F-250 4X4: excellent running/mechanics, 302 fuel injected, some rust, great work truck, \$3,800. 354-7017 eves.

98 TOYOTA TACOMA: x-cab, loaded, \$9,995 OBO. 257-0098, 378-5250

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1988 DODGE DAKOTA: V-6 A/T, CD player, bed liner, chrome rims, tool box, good m/s tires, \$2,000 Firm. 854-3352

1984 CHEVY CHEYENNE 4x4 pickup: V-6, 5-speed, a/c, cruise, lift, am/fm, cassette, mag wheels, new tires, good condition, \$4,900. (505) 439-8629

1991 TOYOTA 4-Runner: blue, SR5, automatic, 4x4, 116k miles, \$9,900, excellent condition. 336-4818.

1995 CHEVROLET Silverado Ext. Cab, 4x4, Step side. Excellent condition, 66,000 miles, one owner, tool box, Nerf bars, remote startup & keyless entry. White in color, \$18,000. 354-2904, please leave a message.

1999 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4: Excellent condition, low mileage, automatic, chrome running boards/bumpers. Call 257-5920 from 8am-5pm. After 6pm (505) 434-3440.

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240 RV'S AND TRAVEL TRAILERS
1983 ALEGRO BAY DIESEL Pusher, 26k, 36', fully equipped. 336-4247

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PURE BORDER COLLIE puppies, unregistered, out of working stock, will be excellent companions. One female, one male at \$45 each. Ready now. 354-2775

300 YARD SALES
120 LOWER TERRACE #10 Cook books, 25" TV, large lamps, file cabinets, blankets, bedspread, men's clothing, Franciscan Apple china, misc. Friday and Saturday. 8am-7pm

GARAGE SALE (INSIDE): Benefit Capitan Public Library. Bam, March 24th, 25th, 154 Main Road, Capitan, (off Hwy 48).

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH from house to horse. Lots of good stuff: furniture, household, tack. Breakaway Farms, Hwy 70 East, milemarker 272.5 . next to Glencoe Fruit Stand.

310 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

MOVING SALE: King size waterbed, new mattress and heater, 8 drawers and storage underneath. Cheap! 258-5887.

PIANO ANTIQUE ENGLISH upright; burled finish, ivory keyboard, \$795. Women's bicycle, 10 speed, cruising, comfortable ride, basket, almost new, \$95. 336-8063

SOUTHWEST STYLE SOFA set, 25" console TV, Dynamic color w/blindings, ladies size 9 Solomon Evolution ski boots, ladies 8 1/2 San Marcos ski boots. Truck liner for Nissan pickup. 630-8515

330 ANTIQUES
EBAY CONSIGNMENTS: bring your collectibles and valuables. We will photograph and list it for you on EBAY, and we'll handle all the details. Mulcreek Trading, Capitan. 354-4203

OKAY, I KNOW THIS computer is old... Macintosh LCIII, 16MB, external CD, Styler Writer printer, modem and color monitor, which needs repair. Installed software included. Please take this off my hands! \$150 OBO. 630-0045

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(4) BIRCH DOORS: 6'8" X 24" (3) Birch doors; 6'8" X 32"; all hardware included. \$10 each. 257-7990

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COMPUTER 300MHz, Pentium II, 64MBHD, 64MBRAM, 38xCDDROM, floppy, keyboard, mouse, office 97 and all standard software. Hardly used, \$599 firm, including set-up. 378-8202

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WANTED TO BUY any type of antiques and good used furniture. We pay cash for one piece or houseful. Call anytime. 330-8116.

380 HELP WANTED
29 PEOPLE NEEDED to lose weight. No exercising, all natural, Dr. recommended. Call 888-817-5303.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for CDL truck drivers. Ruidoso Paving, 106 Clovers Drive. 257-2300.

CASA BLANCA is accepting applications for all positions. Looking for people willing to work hard and get paid well. Apply in person. 501 Mechem Dr.

CONVENTION TECHNICIAN. Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Apps accepted until 4:00 pm Wednesday, March 29, 2000. Complete job desc and apps at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345. 258-4343. FAX 258-6361. EEOE

DISHWASHERS & COOKS needed immediately. Excellent pay plus benefits. Experience preferred, but will train. Apply in person at Michelena's, 2703 Sudderth, ask for Brian.

EQUIBEST EQUESTRIAN Center - Part-time 35 hour/week position for a groom for show horses. Must have own car and be able to travel to horse shows. Please leave messages at 258-4885. equibest@zianet.com

FINAL TOUCH NEEDS ONE hairdresser and one Nail Tech. Please call 420-0486.

FULL-TIME HOUSEKEEPER/ Companion/Caregiver for elderly lady; good pay and benefits, references required. Call evenings. 336-1005

GREAT WALL OF CHINA restaurant has openings for part or full-time waitstaff, bus person and hostess. Apply in person, 2913 Sudderth Drive.

HOME MAILERS NEEDED Earn \$635 weekly mailing letters. Easy! Limited open positions. Call 1-800-831-6357 Ext 8400 24hrs

HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED. Must have some experience. Apply at the Holiday Inn Express, 400 West Hwy 70.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION available. Please apply in person, no phone calls. Ramada Limited, 1420 E. Hwy 70.

IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR custodial/maintenance person. Apply in person, Super 8 Motel, Hwy 70 W. No applications on file.

IMMEDIATE OPENING TV maintenance technician. 2 yrs experience. Send resumes to Eddie Silis, KOBR-TV, 124 East 4th Street, Roswell, NM 88201. EOE/M-F.

JOIN THE CUSTOMER Service team at Village "ACE" Hardware. We are looking for a personable, self starting delivery/maintenance person. Apply in person at 2815 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso.

LOCAL LANDSCAPING Firm seeking individuals with landscape, irrigation & maintenance experience. Apply at Conley's Nursery & Landscaping, Inc., E. Hwy 70, 378-4875

MAINTENANCE PERSON & Grounds Keeper; full-time employment. See Ben Romero at Crown Point Condos, 220 Crown Dr. References required. No phone calls please.

NIGHT AUDITOR NEEDED. Wed-Sat, 11pm-7am. Apply at the Holiday Inn Express, 400 W. Hwy 70.

NOW HIRING DAY & NIGHT shift; full-time and part-time. Apply in person at Taco Bell, 654 Sudderth.

PART-TIME KITCHEN HELP needed. Apply in person at Alto Cafe before 3pm everyday, Hwy 48 & Gavilan Canyon.

PT/TEMP PERSON NEEDED to collect information for e-commerce site, internet agencies, etc. Contact Brad Trepow, Ruidoso News, 257-4001.

RUIDOSO'S NEWEST Staffing Firm now hiring Clerical, waitresses, waiters, cooks, dishwashers, servers. Call 258-2359 for appointment. E.O.E. Drug test may be required.

SUMMER POSITION available. Applications are being taken at Bonita Park for summer cook. Call 336-4404.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY. AM/PM cook, apply in person, Village Cafe, 2087 Hwy 70.

380 HELP WANTED

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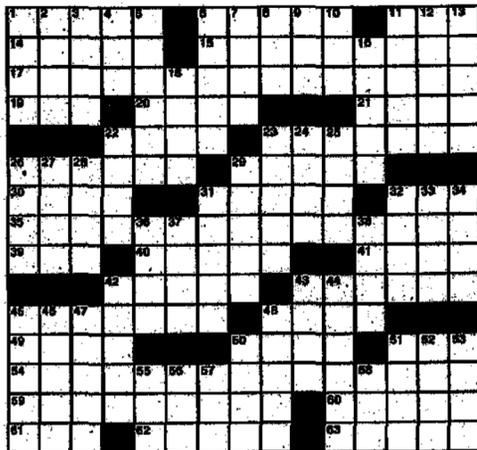
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14 "Crazy" singer Patsy
15 At any rate
17 1927 Virginia Woolf novel
19 Chem. or biol.
20 Where the wild things are
21 Baltic Sea feeder
22 Fall flat
23 "Java" man
25 Things to strive for
30 Very bright, as colors

DOWN

- 1 Groups on the program
2 Coalition
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5 Coot
6 "Middlemarch" author
7 What grads earn: Abbr.
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14 Marmaduke's comments
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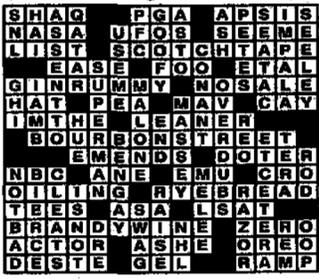


Puzzles by Brandon Emmert Outgley

- 29 Lady Jane and Zane
31 Cartoonist Tex
32 Storm precursor
33 Envelope part
34 Switch settings
35 Ear part
37 Phys. activity
38 Catchy part of a song
42 Rub the wrong way?
43 Really impresses
44 "I swear!"

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-5858 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



600 LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids for the trenching and dirt work needed to install 1.6 miles of distribution line on Airport Road, the Industrial Park and Subdivision at Carrizozo, NM will be received by Captain-Carrizozo Natural Gas at the business office, 217 Lincoln, in Capitan, NM until 4:00 PM, Friday, March 31, 2000 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

The Board of Directors will review the bids and make their final determination during the regular meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 in the meeting room of Wells Fargo Bank at 7:00 PM in Carrizozo, NM.

Specifications are available at the business office or by calling Kay Strickland at (505) 354-2260.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope "BID NO. 2000-01". If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number.

Captain-Carrizozo Natural Gas reserves the rights to accept or reject all or any part of bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of the gas company.

Kay Strickland Superintendent Captain-Carrizozo Natural Gas 2667 2T(3)22,24

LEGAL NOTICE

Call For Bids

The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Custodial Supplies for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2000. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID TO LEASE WATER RIGHTS". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular school board meeting Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities. The board will award the lease(s) based on what is in the best interest of the school district.

/s/ Mike Gladden Superintendent Ruidoso Municipal Schools 2668 2T(3)22,24

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The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Paper for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

600 LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2000. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR PAPER". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular school board meeting Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities.

/s/ Mike Gladden Superintendent Ruidoso Municipal Schools 2669 2T(3)22,24

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Ruidoso Board of Education wishes to receive bids for Small Office Machine Maintenance for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Mike Gladden, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or by phone (505-257-4051).

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/s/ Mike Gladden Superintendent Ruidoso Municipal Schools 2670 2T(3)22,24

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Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2000. BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND MARKED "BID FOR CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES". Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular school board meeting Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office, Board Room.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities.

/s/ Mike Gladden Superintendent Ruidoso Municipal Schools 2671 2T(3)22,24

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

SAFE DEPOSIT SELF STORAGE UNIT #11 Furniture, household goods and miscellaneous items. Last known owner: Janita Gonzalez 14306 Arcadia Rd., N.E. Albuquerque, NM 87123-2401

SAFE DEPOSIT SELF STORAGE UNIT #20 Miscellaneous items and jewelry. Last known owner: Tom Gibson P.O. Box 84 Ruidoso, NM 88345

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LEGAL NOTICE

LIEN SALE WILL BE HELD: DATE: April 1, 2000 TIME: 1:00 p.m. LOCATION: SAFE DEPOSIT SELF STORAGE 108 ALPINE VILLAGE ROAD RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO 88345 2649 2T(3)16,22

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids (or Bid Proposals) for the Capitan Elementary School Expansion (Project) will be received by Capitan Municipal School District Board of Education (Owner) at the School Administration Building, Office of the Superintendent, 150 Forest St., Capitan, NM until April 13, 2000, at 2:00 PM. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly, read aloud at Bid Opening. All bids must comply with the instructions to bidders. The Contract Documents may be examined at the office below:

Gregory T. Hicks & Associates, p.c. 112 Second Street, SW Albuquerque, NM 87102 (505)243-7492

Builders' News 3435 Princeton, NE Albuquerque, NM (505)884-1762

Construction Reporter 1609 Second Street, NW Albuquerque, NM (505)243-8793

F.W. Dodge Co. 1615 University Blvd., NE Albuquerque, NM (505)243-2817

In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing the sum of \$100.00 for each set of documents at Albuquerque Reprographics 4716 McLeod Rd., NE Albuquerque, NM 87109 (505)884-0802. Any questions in regard to these documents may be directed to the Architect, Gregory T. Hicks & Associates, P.C., (505)243-7492. Any bona fide bidder upon returning the documents in good condition within ten (10) days following the bid opening, will be returned the deposit. Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The Bidder's attention is directed to the Requirements of the Contract Documents for adherence to applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances, payment of minimum wages and payment of taxes. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk-thru on April 6, 2000 at 10:00 AM at Capitan Elementary School. All General Contractors are required to be there. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject Bids. Bids shall be good for 30 days following the opening of Bids and may be withdrawn pending Owner action.

Board of Education Capitan Municipal Schools Ms. Diana Blingley Superintendent #2653 3T(3)18,22,29

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ruidoso News will host its annual Community Update town hall meeting on Friday, March 31, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The mission of this meeting is to inform the public on the following issues: water, growth, affordable housing and economic development. A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be available at the Ruidoso News at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Individuals with disability who need a reader, amplifier or a qualified sign language interpreter during the meeting should contact Brad L. Trep-tow, publisher of the Ruidoso News at 505-257-4001 as soon as possible prior to the meeting. 2654 3T(3)22,24,29

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

MARIA HERRERA, Petitioner, v. JUAN CANDELARIO HERRERA, Respondent. NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO: Juan Candelario Herrera GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein Maria Herrera is the Petitioner and you are the Respondent, the same being Cause No. DM 00-038, Division III. The object and purpose of the said suit is to dissolve your marriage to the Petitioner. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings herein on or before May 15, 2000, the Petitioner will make application to the Court for a Decree by Default, and Decree by Default will be rendered against you as prayed for in the petition. The name of the petitioner's attorney is Richard A. Hawthorne, P.A., whose address is 1221 Mesquite, Suite 2, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345. WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 15th day of March, 2000. DISTRICT COURT CLERK, By: Eugenia Vega Deputy 2673 4T(3)22,28(4)5,12

LAST CHANCE BEFORE GOING TO THE AUCTION! Our entire pre-owned inventory has been set aside to sell quickly! If not sold this week, some of the vehicles below will go to the auction to be sold. Here's your chance to get a quality pre-owned vehicle at a great price!

2000 MERCURY MYSTIQUE 0 down \$279
97 FORD EXPLORER \$22,888
97 FORD EXPLORER 0 down \$376
97 CHEVY MALIBU 0 down \$169
99 MERCURY SABLE 0 down \$249
99 FORD TAUNUS 0 down \$13,688
2-99 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS 0 down \$349
97 SUBARU LEGACY SW OUTBACK LIMITED 0 down \$339
98 SUBARU FORRESTER 0 down \$299
98 FORD ESCORT 0 down \$169
98 FORD X2 0 down \$189
97 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL 0 down \$339
97 FORD ESCORT 0 down \$169
97 SUBARU IMPREZA SPORT OUTBACK 0 down \$257
97 FORD ASPIRE 0 down \$99
94 MERCURY TRACER \$6,895
97 FORD F-150 0 down \$387
97 FORD F-150 0 down \$349
97 CHEVY C1500 Z71 0 down \$329
97 GMC 3/4 TON FLATBED 0 down \$13,555
96 TOYOTA TACOMA XCAS 0 down \$296
99 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 0 down \$325
99 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 0 down \$18,288
98 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 0 down \$287
97 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 0 down \$169
97 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 0 down \$197
97 FORD RANGER XC XT 0 down \$149
99 SUBURBAN 4X4 \$4,495
86 CHEVY CAMARO \$888
93 DODGE SHADOW \$2,977

WOW! My mom's classified ads will be seen by more people than ever before. ruidosonews.com received more than 42,000 hits during January 2000. Ruidoso News (505) 257-4001 www.ruidosonews.com

SATURDAY MORNING		MARCH 25, 2000										
		8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00
2	KASA	Digimon-Digital	Digimon-Digital	Digimon-Digital	Digimon-Digital	Beast Machines	Avengers	More Than a Game	Billboard Express	World of Art	Quilt in a Day	Quilting-For
3	KENW	Julia & Jacques	Joanna Lund	Yankee Shop	Router Workshop	Your Garden	Victory Garden (R)	School of Fine Arts	Joy of Painting	World of Art	Quilt in a Day	Quilting-For
4	KOBR	(7:00) News	Saved by Bell	Hang Time (R)	Page One	CNN Saturday	CNN Sat. Co.	CNN Saturday	Science & Technology	PGA Golf The Players Championship - Third Round (Live)	PGA Golf The Players Championship - Third Round (Live)	PGA Golf The Players Championship - Third Round (Live)
5	CNN	Showbiz Week	Style	Bevel Now (R)	Page One	CNN Saturday	CNN Sat. Co.	CNN Saturday	Science & Technology	PGA Golf The Players Championship - Third Round (Live)	PGA Golf The Players Championship - Third Round (Live)	PGA Golf The Players Championship - Third Round (Live)
6	COAT	(6:00) News	Down (E)	Doug (E)	Recess (E)	Weekender (E)	Weekender (E)	If We Picked the Winners	High League Soccer Los Angeles Galaxy at D.C. United (Live)	High League Soccer Los Angeles Galaxy at D.C. United (Live)	High League Soccer Los Angeles Galaxy at D.C. United (Live)	High League Soccer Los Angeles Galaxy at D.C. United (Live)
7	EI	Fashion File	Video Fashion	Shabby Chic (R)	Fashion Emergency	News Weekend	Talk Soup (R)	Celebrity Profile "Soleil Moon Frye" (R)	Behind the Scenes (R)	Scoring Attractions	In Your Dreams (R)	In Your Dreams (R)
8	USA	WWF Live Wire	Horrible: The Legendary Journeys	Horrible: The Legendary Journeys	Horrible: The Legendary Journeys	Horrible: The Legendary Journeys	Horrible: The Legendary Journeys	Horrible: The Legendary Journeys	Horrible: The Legendary Journeys	Horrible: The Legendary Journeys	Horrible: The Legendary Journeys	Horrible: The Legendary Journeys
9	KBIM	Adventure Rio	Animal Adventures	Anatole (E)	Blester's Universe	Road to the Final Four						
10	KASY	PI	Home Again (R)	RECA Real Estate	Beiter Homes	Frost Mortgage	PI	Sports Extra	PI	Sports Extra	PI	Sports Extra
11	DSC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	SciSqued	Movie Magic	Hunter-Croc	Real Kids, Real	Outward Bound (R)	Incredible Story	Discovery News (R)
12	TNN	Adventure Outdoors	Turkey Call (R)	Salvatore	Bill Dance Outdoors	In-Fisherman	Bassmaster's	Outdoor World (R)	Trucks (R)	Car and Driver	Shadette Mechanic	Horsepower TV
13	FAM	Hello Kity's	Rotten Ralph (R)	Mary-Kate and Ashley								
14	HBO	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)
15	HBO-2	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)
16	HBO-3	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)
17	SHOW	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)	Real Sports (R)
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19	DISN	Bear in the Hat	Rolie Polie Olie (E)	Madeline (E)	Madeline (E)	Madeline (E)	Madeline (E)	Madeline (E)	Madeline (E)	Madeline (E)	Madeline (E)	Madeline (E)
20	TNT	Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Med Zed"	Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Med Zed"	Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Med Zed"	Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Med Zed"	Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Med Zed"	Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Med Zed"	Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Med Zed"	Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Med Zed"	Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Med Zed"	Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Med Zed"	Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Med Zed"
21	AMC	Cinema Secrets	Walk of Fame	Walk of Fame	Walk of Fame	Walk of Fame	Walk of Fame	Walk of Fame	Walk of Fame	Walk of Fame	Walk of Fame	Walk of Fame
22	KRPV	Black Buffalo (E)	Faithville (E)	Kids on the Move (E)	Gospel Bill (E)	Eastman Curtis (E)	Light Force	News	Linda Chaffin	La Familia "La Familia TV" (En	La Familia "La Familia TV" (En	La Familia "La Familia TV" (En
23	COM	Soap (E)	Soap (E)	Soap (E)	Soap (E)	Soap (E)	Soap (E)	Soap (E)	Soap (E)	Soap (E)	Soap (E)	Soap (E)
24	TLC	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)
25	TCM	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)	Understanding Oceans (R)
26	UNI	Carrusel de las Americas	Complices on Familia	Complices on Familia	Complices on Familia	Complices on Familia	Complices on Familia	Complices on Familia	Complices on Familia	Complices on Familia	Complices on Familia	Complices on Familia
27	ESPN	Walker's Cay	Sportscenter	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest Reg. Semifinal - Teams TBA	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest Reg. Semifinal - Teams TBA	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest Reg. Semifinal - Teams TBA	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest Reg. Semifinal - Teams TBA	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest Reg. Semifinal - Teams TBA	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest Reg. Semifinal - Teams TBA	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest Reg. Semifinal - Teams TBA	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest Reg. Semifinal - Teams TBA	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Midwest Reg. Semifinal - Teams TBA
28	NICK	Charlie Brown	Inspector Gadget (R)	Doug (E)	Caldog (E)	Rugrats (E)	Rugrats (E)	Rugrats (E)	Rugrats (E)	Rugrats (E)	Rugrats (E)	Rugrats (E)
29	SciFi	(7:00) Mystery Science Theater 3000 (R)	Space: Above and Beyond (R)	Space: Above and Beyond (R)	Space: Above and Beyond (R)	Space: Above and Beyond (R)	Space: Above and Beyond (R)	Space: Above and Beyond (R)	Space: Above and Beyond (R)	Space: Above and Beyond (R)	Space: Above and Beyond (R)	Space: Above and Beyond (R)
30	FX	M*A*S*H "Cody"	M*A*S*H "Cody"	M*A*S*H "Cody"	M*A*S*H "Cody"	M*A*S*H "Cody"	M*A*S*H "Cody"	M*A*S*H "Cody"	M*A*S*H "Cody"	M*A*S*H "Cody"	M*A*S*H "Cody"	M*A*S*H "Cody"
31	H&G	Now Power (R)	Landscape Smart - Spring (R)	This Old House (R)	This Old House (R)	Smart Solutions	Typical Mary Elan	Carol Duval (R)				
32	CNN-FN	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)
33	WTBS	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)
34	WGN	Rototoz Spiral Saw	Abi Rocker	Carletto Sheets	Good Fishing	Soul Train Imx, BB Jay, Rah Digga (R)	Xena: Warrior Princess					
35	LIFE	Paid Program	Paid Program	Changing Face of Beauty (R)	Golden Girls (E)	Golden Girls (E)	Next Door (R)					
36	FSSW	SEC TV Weekly	SEC TV Weekly	SEC TV Weekly	SEC TV Weekly	SEC TV Weekly	SEC TV Weekly	SEC TV Weekly	SEC TV Weekly	SEC TV Weekly	SEC TV Weekly	SEC TV Weekly
37	ESPN2	EXPN 2Day (R)	EXPN 2Day (R)	EXPN 2Day (R)	EXPN 2Day (R)	EXPN 2Day (R)	EXPN 2Day (R)	EXPN 2Day (R)	EXPN 2Day (R)	EXPN 2Day (R)	EXPN 2Day (R)	EXPN 2Day (R)
38	OUTD	On the Pole	National Rifle	Days of a Sportsman	Sports Jnl.	Wild Survival (R)	Adventure Racing	Ourray Ice Festival From Ourray, Colorado (R)	Bike Magazine	Bicycle Journal (R)	Mountain Biking	Mountain Biking
39	HIST	World at War "Red Star"	Military Blunders: Failure of the Kamikaze	House Beautiful (R)	New Explorers "Endeavor" (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)
40	A&E	America's Castles "Gardens and Galleries"	House Beautiful (R)	New Explorers "Endeavor" (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)	Investigative Reports (R)
41	CNBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
42	CMA&Z	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program

SATURDAY EVENING		MARCH 25, 2000										
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
2	KASA	Cops For Women	Cops For Women	America's Most Wanted: Fugitive Back	America's Most Wanted: Fugitive Back	Police "Ascension" Part 2 of 2	Mad TV (R)					
3	KENW	Laborious Walk Show "Academy Awards" (R)	Austin City Limits An evening with singer Kenny Rogers (R)	News "Lost at Sea: The Search for Longitude"	Frontline (R)	Nature "Extraordinary Dogs" (R)	Austin City Limits (R)	Austin City Limits (R)	Austin City Limits (R)	Austin City Limits (R)	Austin City Limits (R)	Austin City Limits (R)
4	KOBR	Protector "Junk" (R)	The Others "Don't Dream It's Over" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	News (E)	Saturday Night Live (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)
5	CNN	Larry King Weekend (R)	Worldview	Capital Gang (R)	Sports Tonight (R)	World Beat	Moneyweek (R)	Larry King Weekend (R)	Larry King Weekend (R)	Larry King Weekend (R)	Larry King Weekend (R)	Larry King Weekend (R)
6	COAT	True Hollywood Story "Billy Jack" (R)	Wild On Spring break spots of North America	Wild On "Wild on the Hawaiian Islands" (R)	Wild On "Wild on Jamaica" (R)	Wild On "Wild on Repto" (R)	Wild On "Wild on Repto" (R)	Wild On "Wild on Repto" (R)	Wild On "Wild on Repto" (R)	Wild On "Wild on Repto" (R)	Wild On "Wild on Repto" (R)	Wild On "Wild on Repto" (R)
7	USA	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Early Edition "False Witness" (R)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Fight or Die" (R)	News (E)	(35) Amazon "Eyes in the Dark" (R)					
8	KBIM	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Early Edition "False Witness" (R)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Fight or Die" (R)	News (E)	(35) Amazon "Eyes in the Dark" (R)					
9	KASY	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Early Edition "False Witness" (R)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Fight or Die" (R)	News (E)	(35) Amazon "Eyes in the Dark" (R)					
10	DSC	Ultimate Guide "Human Body" (R)	Storm Warning! (R)	Wild Discovery: Ten Deadliest Snakes (R)	Ultimate Guide "Human Body" (R)	Justice Files "Double Justice" (R)	Justice Files "Double Justice" (R)	Justice Files "Double Justice" (R)	Justice Files "Double Justice" (R)	Justice Files "Double Justice" (R)	Justice Files "Double Justice" (R)	Justice Files "Double Justice" (R)
11	TNN	Gather Gospel Hour: Sweet, Sweet Spirit (R)	Oak Ridge Boys Live From Las Vegas (R)	Copy Backstage	Grand Ole Opry Live	Gather Gospel Hour: Sweet, Sweet Spirit (R)						
12	FAM	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)
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22	COM	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)
23	TLC	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)
24	TCM	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)
25	UNI	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)
26	ESPN	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)
27	NICK	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)
28	SciFi	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)
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30	H&G	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)
31	CNN-FN	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)
32	WTBS	Profilers "Houses of Cards" (R)	Pro									

