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Commissioner on hospital board risky, chairman warns

County's formal participation in governing body could bring taxpayer liability, Mitchell tells officials

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Appointing a member of the Lincoln County Commission to the community board governing the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso may carry some liability for the county.

Gary Mitchell, an attorney and chairman of the Lincoln County Medical Center board, sent a

letter to the county saying his board agreed that if the commission wanted a commissioner to serve on the hospital board, the nomination would be recommended to Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

That Albuquerque-based company manages the hospital and appoints board members.

But he warned, "by formally participating on the LCMC Board of Trustees, the county significantly increases its risk of being named in any legal action against LCMC."

He also recited the obligations of board members, which included that hospital board trustees assume a duty of loyalty to PHS, "a

duty which requires the trustee to exercise his or her powers in the direct interest of PHS and not in his or her own interest or the interest of another entity or person."

During a commission meeting Thursday, Commissioner Leo Martinez questioned the appropriateness of pledging loyalty first to PHS instead of to the hospital.

"If something is going on askew, they can't report to this board," he said. "I don't know how we can go along with that. I think maybe we should have two commissioners (on the hospital board) so we don't get one-sided reports."

"The problem here is not the quality of care

given at the hospital," he told administrator James Gibson. "It is that the hospital is a responsibility of this board," as long as public money is given to the hospital in the form of a special property tax levy.

Last month, commissioners asked Gibson to query members of the hospital board about possibly appointing a commissioner to improve the flow of information.

Commissioners wouldn't have to sit in on the portions of business dealing with patients, Martinez said Thursday.

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Employees want to run their clinic

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Employees of the Carrizozo Health Clinic want a chance to run their own operation without a management firm.

During a discussion of how to handle management proposals for the three county health clinics, Dr. Dale Goad told Lincoln County commissioners Thursday the staff of the clinic is united in the request.

"Most of the staff is here from the center this morning," he said. "We're the experts in running the center. We're the professionals. We're proud of the center. We've been there for years and we'd like to see us be the managers — to become county employees."

He presented a quick budget outline showing the staff could operate

the center with an excess of \$47,331 over expenses and without touching the \$200,000 in special property tax levy that could be used to provide indigent care on a sliding scale or to handle unexpected expenses.

Dr. Dale Goad
Carrizozo
Health Clinic

Goad said the staff met with several management firms.

"They're all from the outside and they all want their cut to manage," he said. "That doesn't help patients and that takes more money out of the clinic and out of the county."

Goad reminded commissioners that during the 1980s, the staff was employed by the county and reported to the county manager.

County Attorney Alan Morel said staff was switched from county employment to Presbyterian Healthcare Services — which also runs the county hospital in Ruidoso — to relieve the county of liability in medical lawsuits and disputes. He would not recommend returning to that type of exposure, he said.

During the meeting, he told commissioners the staff could form a non-profit entity and submit a proposal to manage when the county advertises for offers for the clinics in Carrizozo and Corona, which are served by the same staff.

SLIP-SLIDIN'



Carlos Chavez, 2, checks out Daniel Randolph, 3, of Ruidoso before they both slip to the bottom of the slide on a sunny afternoon at Schoolhouse Park playground.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

New law allows counties to cut trees in forests

Measure might be first in the nation

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Gov. Arthur Johnson has signed into law a bill that authorizes New Mexico counties to cut trees on fire-threatened national forests.

The new law says that because the forest service has failed to fulfill an obligation to protect the lives and property of residents, it has forfeited "jurisdictional supremacy," and local governments can step in.

A local representative of the Lincoln National Forest said the measure might be the first such in the nation.

Under the law, counties could contract to have fire-damaged trees removed from the national lands or have undergrowth thinned.

"Everything we're doing right now to work with counties, elected officials, we're going to continue to do that," said Denise Ottaviano, spokeswoman for the Lincoln National Forest.

Ottaviano said forest officials with the Lincoln National Forest have heard wildfire concerns and are responding.

The just-enacted measure has been referred to U.S. Department of Justice over the constitutionality of local governments potentially stepping into federal domain.

The New Mexico attorney general's office said the legislation raised "numerous and serious legal questions."

The bill had strong backing from officials of Otero, Lincoln and Rio Arriba counties.

"You saw this had a lot of support in the legislative process," said Rex Wilson, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission.

Problems postpone jail opening

Troubles with kitchen contractor, town of Carrizozo, gas supplier on their way to being solved

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An open house for Lincoln County's new detention center will be delayed a week until April 4 because of a few last minute problems.

County Manager Tom Stewart told County Commissioners Thursday that after some prodding, those problems with the town of Carrizozo, the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company and a kitchen equipment contractor seem well on their way to being solved.

The gas company has moved ahead with supplying a service connection to the jail in the Carrizozo Industrial

Park, he said. Stewart expects installation of the fire suppression water connection — a must to pass state inspections — to be completed by the town, he said.

Representatives of Border Restaurant Supply in El Paso also have satisfied concerns about meeting an equipment delivery date, he said.

"The agencies are cooperating and I'm back to being optimistic," he said earlier in the week. "There are two sides to every story. What we're trying to do now is wind up all the inspections and get a certificate of occupancy."

Stewart told commissioners that during the first week in March, the new jail, which can serve a maximum of 122 inmates, was 92 percent complete before he ran into the "problems."

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Overpayments authorized, ex-fire chief's lawyer says

Several witnesses in Herrera case read Miranda warnings

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Much of the \$41,000 the village of Ruidoso Downs alleged was overpaid to volunteer firefighters in 1999 and the beginning of 2000 was authorized, contended the attorney representing terminated fire chief Nick Herrera.

Testimony Sunday in a continuation of Herrera's termination appeal hearing included several witnesses who were read their Miranda rights. Former Mayor Joe Hayhurst and former volun-

teer firefighters Kelly Calicoat and Don Smith were told their testimony could be used against them in civil lawsuits and potential criminal complaints. Both Calicoat and Smith have civil complaints lodged against them in an effort to recover what the village contends were overpayments.

Herrera, who had been the village's paid full-time fire chief, is accused of padding payment amounts for volunteers, poor

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Case against Mescalero Tribal Council dismissed

BY DIANNE STALLINGS AND JAMES KALVELAGE
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A U.S. Magistrate last week dismissed a case against the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council calling for a date to be set for a recall election of President Sara Misquez.

Natalie Fossum and Dorene Fernando, two of the tribal members who filed the case in U.S. District Court in Las Cruces, said Wednesday they never authorized their court representative to submit a motion to dismiss the case. The third plaintiff, Carleton Palmer, was out of town.

"As far as I'm concerned as a former tribal council member and a representative of the people, this case is not dead," said Harlyn Geronimo, who agrees that a recall election should be conducted. "We wanted to amend the case to move me from a defendant to a plaintiff and to include the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a defendant, not to dismiss the case. We're still going after these people and we will continue until we are victorious."

"I know from talking to so many tribal members that they are concerned. They want to see a fair hearing in federal district court."

Fossum added, "We're doing this on behalf of the people who were courageous enough to sign the petition for recall."

Those signatures became public knowledge, with lists being copied and circulated, exposing signers to harassment, she said.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Joe H. Galvan approved the motion to dismiss without prejudice, which means the case could be filed again later. The attorney for the tribal council did not oppose the motion.

Attorney John Wheeler, who is with the firm that represents the tribe, said Thursday it is the position of the Mescalero administration that the federal court cannot become involved in tribal elections.

He said he was surprised that the "dismissals" claim the request to dismiss was entered without their consent, because during a court hearing Muskrat told the judge they didn't have enough money to pay her. She asked the court if they could put the suit off until the plaintiffs have the money and then

the suit could be refiled, he said.

Tribal members Palmer, Fossum and Fernando turned to the court for help in October after the council rejected petitions with more than the needed number of signatures to trigger a recall election. The council secretary stated that the petitions contained duplicate and ineligible signatures.

Several people also withdrew their names, contending they were misled.

The petition stated that tribal members were not accurately informed about the financial condition of reservation enterprises and laid out other reasons Misquez should be recalled.

The threesome hired Bernice Muskrat, a Jicarilla Apache licensed to practice in tribal court, to represent them in a request to the court to direct the council to set a date for the election.

On Feb. 2, Judge Galvan granted Muskrat permission to appear in the court on the plaintiffs' behalf, even though she is not licensed to practice in the state of New Mexico,

according to a court spokesman.

But the judge also put her on notice that local representation of an attorney should be obtained, the spokesman said.

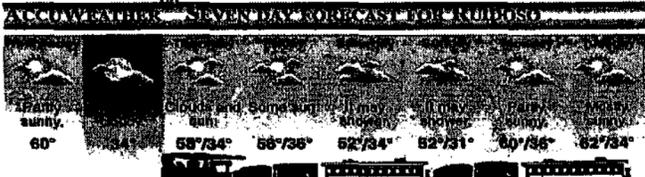
At that Feb. 2 hearing, the judge continued the case until March 5 to allow Muskrat time to defend motions filed by her clients and to amend the styling of the case.

Fernando and Fossum claim, when Muskrat called them on March 2, they never authorized the motion to dismiss and that she agreed to talk to them again before moving ahead. They contend they have never spoken to her since despite repeated attempts.

They received copies of the granted dismissal motion from the court.

Muskrat could not be reached for comment. Both telephone numbers listed in court documents for her are no longer in service. Information had no listing for Muskrat in the settlement of La Jara, mentioned as her base of operation in court documents.

"My main concern is that a motion for dismissal misrepresents to the judge our intentions," Fernando said. "She told the judge there was consultation, but there was none."



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HOSPITAL: Change seen as risky

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"That's your responsibility," he told Gibson. "The (tax money) and accountability to the taxpayers is ours. Our attorney can figure out a way."

County Attorney Alan Morel agreed that a provision could be written to protect the county from legal liability - possibly with a commissioner serving in an ex-officio status.

However, Gibson pointed out if a court decided the county's involvement in the operation of the hospital was substantial, it could be named as a defendant.

Barbara Casey, a former state representative, told commissioners that several years ago an attorney general for the state issued an opinion that any elected official could not serve on a board if that institution received money from the commission.

Morel said he would check out the law on that issue. He

agreed with Gibson and "a large part of Gary Mitchell's letter" that one of the main reasons to hire a management firm is to shift liability from the county and to indemnify the commission against lawsuits.

"The way it is set up now does not lend itself to county participation in management," he said.

Tony Seno, policy analyst for the county Libertarian Party, reminded Gibson that Presbyterian isn't in a position to "insist" on anything, because the firm's contract is not open-ended.

But Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said commissioners trust the hospital board's judgment.

"The commission shouldn't over manage," he said, adding that if commissioners have questions, they should go to Gibson or hospital board meetings and ask for answers.

JAIL: Problems that delayed opening to be solved, manager says

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He still anticipates the project coming in under budget by about \$132,000, which could be used to pay off a required \$281,833 loan reserve for the year. That would free up about \$168,000 a year for operations from the proceeds of a special gross receipts tax levied to pay off the \$3.9 million jail construction debt.

Because the old county jail can house only 40 inmates, the county was forced to either build a new jail or continue farming out inmates to other jails at much higher cost than keeping them locally. Four years ago, the state fire marshal threatened to close down the jail in a wing of the county courthouse complex if the county didn't comply with state space and fire prevention requirements.

One of the major points in negotiating a management contract with Correctional Systems Inc. to handle the new jail hinged on the future well-being of existing county jail employees. They were given

the option of staying with the county under its wage and benefit package or going with CSI.

One of the county's employees joined the company and another quit and was hired by the Carrizozo Police Department, bringing the county number down to 15, Stewart said.

"As planned, we will not hire any additional county employees," he reminded commissioners. "CSI will hire future personnel."

He added later in the commission meeting that CSI contracted with the Immediate Care Center in Ruidoso for "on-call" health care for inmates.

Under other items detailed in Stewart's report:
• The architectural firm of Nims Calvani will handle any renovation of the county's old detention center. Stewart wrote that several depart-

ments expressed an interest in using the space. The county has asked for \$100,000 to pay for the work.

The initial attorney expense to represent four of the five commissioners during a hearing on petitions submitted calling for a grand jury investigation of the board's contract with Presbyterian Healthcare Services, came to \$11,485. A judge denied the request to call a grand jury, disagreeing with a previous attorney general's opinion and saying that commissioners acted properly under the state Hospital and Health Funding Act.

Presbyterian has managed the county hospital in Ruidoso for more than 20 years, but petitioners and the attorney general contend the commission should have followed the rules of the state procurement code. The issue of an exemption for

county hospital contracts from the procurement code is before the state Legislature. It has passed the House and was in the Judiciary Committee of the Senate Thursday.

Stewart wrote that the law firm of Freedman Boyd Daniels Hollander Goldberg & Cline of Albuquerque was asked for an estimate of any more bills. Commissioner Leo Martinez was the only commissioner voting against setting aside \$50,000 to pay for their defense and he was not represented by the firm.

Architect Isaac Benton of Albuquerque is handling the proposed expansion of the county sheriff's substation and health department on Kansas City Street in Ruidoso. Stewart received an application package for a \$500,000 appropriation by Congress through U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM.

HERRERA: Payments authorized, lawyer contends

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oversight of the condition of the fire station, entering into mutual aid agreements with other fire departments without village council approval, and other alleged infractions.

A special audit of the fire department, alleging overpayments, has been the main focus of the hearing.

Volunteers, before 1998, had been paid \$5 for each weekly meeting they attended. In 1998 the council decided the volunteer firefighters would be paid \$20 for responding to structure fires and accidents with injuries. More recently the village has argued the \$5 for meetings thus ended in 1998.

Hayhurst testified he believed the new payments for fires and accidents were in addition to the \$5 per volunteer per meeting.

Responding to questions about a January 2000 check for \$10,280, to pay volunteers for their activities in December, Hayhurst said increased accidents on U.S. Highway 70 and a promise to make the Y2K rollover problem free, increased firefighter payments.

"I quickly divided \$300 into it," Hayhurst said of the \$10,280 December payment he approved. "That was about one call per day. That justified it to me," he said of the possibility 15 firefighters responded each

day at \$20 per call. Hayhurst said his decision included having every firefighter working, covering different parts of the village.

"You acknowledged the December 1999 Y2K expenses exceeded what had been approved by trustees," J. Robert Beauvais told Hayhurst during direct examination. "Was money budgeted for that?"

"I don't think any money was budgeted," Hayhurst responded. "I took that on my own. I heard them go to several fire cracker calls and a guy roasting a goat," the former mayor said of fire department activity during the rollover.

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Woman arrested in weekend shooting

Victim released from hospital; investigation into incident continues

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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A Mescalero woman was arrested Tuesday in connection with a weekend shooting near Ruidoso.

Karen Smith, 33, was charged with aggravated battery against a household member and aggravated assault against a household member.

The shooting happened about 2 a.m. Saturday at the Safe Haven RV Park, just outside Ruidoso on U.S. Highway 70.

Harley Secatero, 26, of Ruidoso, was shot in a leg, with the bullet exiting his buttocks area, police said. The bullet missed vital arteries officials said.

He was treated in the emergency room of the Lincoln County Medical Center and later discharged.

While an arrest warrant was executed,

an agent with the New Mexico State Police Criminal Investigation Section said the shooting remains under investigation.

"We're still trying to figure it all out," CIS agent Albert Venegas said.

The CIS established a crime scene at the location around a mobile home at space No. 18, said Lt. William Bower of the State Police. A crime van was brought in to process the location.

Secatero had reportedly just arrived at the location when the shooting occurred. A relative at the mobile home called 911 following the shooting.

Venegas said investigators will continue to question the victim, friends and rela-

tives. He said several neighbors in the RV park will also be talked to.

"It looks like a spur-of-the-moment, heat-of-the-moment thing," Venegas said.

"There may have been an argument outside, but at this time the victim says he can't recall everything."

Smith was ordered jailed by a judge in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

The agent said there were apparently no eyewitnesses to the shooting except for the victim and the shoot-

er. Venegas asked anyone with information about the shooting to contact him at his state police office in Alamogordo. The phone number is (605) 437-1313.



JAMES KALVELAGE/STAFF

Bev and Jack Carpenter issue an invitation to check out the "bird condo" they put together in the front yard of their Ruidoso home at 110 Buckner Drive.

'Condo' attracts birds

If they don't fly by night, they probably take a room at 110 Buckner Drive in Ruidoso.

Birds we mean. A bird condo, built by Jack and Bev Carpenter attracts a lot of birds, the couple said.

The lodging establishment features five duplexes and what Bev calls a "love nest" at the apex.

"From the love nest there is a ladder in case two old love birds are too weak to fly," Bev said. "They can climb down."

The condo has two lap pools, two swings and two

dining rooms. The couple said they enjoy seeing the birds use the lodging.

"However we didn't realize that they (the birds) would sit on guard on the porch railings, leaving their white calling cards," Bev said.

Jack Carpenter, a retired industrial arts instructor, and Bev, was a manager/buyer for the Roswell Museum and Art Center store, said they have both embarked on many artistic endeavors working in various media, including wood.

Some residents complain of disruptions from cable work

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Village officials are hearing from residents about street cuts and water line breaks as fiber optic lines are buried to upgrade cable television services.

Village councilor Linda Flack opened the discussion at Tuesday's village council meeting.

"I've had calls and complaints," Flack said of the process by Charter Communications to improve their system. "There seems to

be some controversy as to who's responsible."

Mayor Robert Donaldson said the village's infrastructure is old, and ground work around buried utilities can cause problems.

"If you cut the street, people get upset with the cut," Donaldson said. "If you bore, you may hit a rock, and that can break a water line."

The mayor said infrastructure, particularly water mains, are being replaced. He said future infrastructure improvements will include fixing

streets.

"This is a unique area to try to work in," Donaldson said of the hilly nature of the village and the 300 plus miles of water lines. "We don't want to play the blame-game. They're (cable television) not trying to break lines."

Councilor Bob Sterchi said the trenching and boring activities have impacted more than

roads and water lines. He said one resident had a gas line damaged, cutting gas to a heating device.

The pilotless device was damaged when an igniter continually tried to light the heater that had no gas supply.

"I talked to the cable people Monday," Sterchi said. "Their digging today, they're doing it very, very carefully."

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Teen accused of assaulting camp counselor

New Mexico State Police are investigating an alleged assault at Camp Sierra Blanca.

A 17-year-old offender at the camp is accused of assaulting a facility counselor about 10 p.m. March 6.

Police said no weapons were involved in the incident, though the counselor was struck. The state's Juvenile Probation Office is also involved in the case.

The student has been removed from the low-security juvenile program, said Anthony Herrera, program manager at Camp Sierra Blanca. Herrera called such incidents "rare."

"If any student, unless accidentally, strikes one of my staff, they're out of here and charges are filed," he said.

Police said their investigation of the alleged assault is continuing.

Firefighters douse blaze in 20 minutes

Ruidoso Downs firefighters extinguished a grass fire Wednesday near a mobile home park.

The fire, which burned an area estimated to be 60 feet by 16 feet along the Rio Ruidoso, was detected about 8:30 p.m. by a nearby resident on Freidenbloom Drive.

Firefighters had the flames doused in about 20 minutes, said Tom Armstrong, acting fire chief.

The fire official said there was no evidence, such as cigarette butts, to determine how the fire started. Armstrong said the small blaze apparently had two ignition points based on burn patterns.

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OUR OPINION

Helping hands across the border

Ruidoso's Rotarians in a larger context

Call it a fair trade. For a good many years now, citizens of Mexico have been coming to Ruidoso — particularly during the snowy months — and contributing substantially — and contributing substantially to our village's economy. They come to ski, to vacation, to rent condos, to patronize our shops and dine in our restaurants. They give an international flavor which enhances the vacation experience for everyone else. Many settle down and buy homes here — seasonally, if not full-time — as with many other people. What better then, that Ruidoso's people make a small gesture in return?

Ruidoso Rotary Club members did just that last weekend — as they have frequently in the past two years. They did it with good will, money and by the sweat of their brows, helping to spread a building that houses two dozen homeless children. It is called Orphanage Benito Juarez. A Church of Christ congregation in Plains, Texas, erected the building originally. Rotarians in Mexico and New Mexico help keep it going. And more help is coming — \$20,000 through a Rotary International matching grant. The kids say "thank you," and mean it. We say, "you're welcome."

OTHER VIEWS

Education and driving deaths

Teenagers, drinking and driving — in combination, a quick trip to the grave.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year-old youth in the United States, according to mortality data from the National Center for Health Statistics. More than one quarter of the drivers killed in crashes had been drinking.

While all school-based alcohol prevention programs strive to minimize alcohol use and/or misuse, little is known about the actual effects of these programs, particularly on students' driving.

A study in the March issue of *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research* examines the effects of a high school-based alcohol misuse-prevention program on participants' subsequent driving behaviors.

"A law setting a minimum drinking age of 21 years exists in all the states," explained Jean T. Shope, senior research scientist with the Transportation Research Institute at the University of Michigan and lead author of the study. "Although it has reduced underage drinking and driving fatalities, we still have a problem."

In 1999, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,561 drivers 15 to 20 years old were killed — and an additional 382,000 injured — in traffic crashes. Of those young drivers fatally injured, 29 percent had been drinking. Although driving after drinking is potentially deadly under any circumstances, it is particularly dangerous when teenagers do it.

"It's important to look at the context of this behavior," said James Hedlund, a consultant in traffic safety for Highway Safety North. "Not only is their drinking illegal, because the minimum drinking age in the United States is 21 years of age, but so too is their driving after drinking. Every state has a zero-tolerance law."

There are two overall methods to change someone's behavior: enforcement, and education, added Hedlund. "Legal interventions have been evaluated best,

because they go into place at one given time all over a state. But a high school prevention program doesn't work that way. ... One of the really good things about Shope's study is that she finds effects in long-term traffic offense data."

Shope's research is a follow-up to the Alcohol Misuse Prevention Study, in which five hour's worth of alcohol-education sessions were given to 10th-grade Michigan students during each of the 1988-1989 and 1989-1990 school years.

"They found that the curriculum reduced serious traffic offenses, both alcohol-related offenses and other offenses as well, by about 20 percent in the first year these kids were licensed to drive," said Hedlund. "Second, the effect disappeared after the first year of driving. Third, the effect in the first year was strongest in two particular groups of students: those who didn't drink very much, and those who had parents who didn't seem to disapprove much of teen drinking."

Shope refers to the first finding as a "nearly significant decrease in serious offenses" among the group that received the alcohol-prevention sessions. This means, statistically speaking, the finding was marginal. Nonetheless, said Shope, "it's an intriguing finding, and it certainly looks like we did make a difference."

"This is one of the few studies I know that looks at an educational program and actually finds some bottom-line results of observable behavior," said Hedlund.

"It gives some scientific data that say you really can teach high school kids something. I'm saying that only somewhat facetiously. This is a very difficult group to try to educate, especially in ways that are socially responsible, when a lot of these kids are looking for ways to be socially irresponsible."

"So it's good news that this study gives us some indication that education about socially acceptable behaviors may indeed make a bottom-line difference. The results aren't conclusive, but they are very promising."



YOUR OPINION

No pot, now or ever

To the editor:
Legalizing marijuana is only going to benefit the ones who smoke it, and if we are promoting, it we are promoting it from a selfish level to only benefit ourselves. What about the children who at 13, instead of smoking cigarettes to rebel, will be smoking marijuana, only to find them in five years smoking crack cocaine. Let's face it. It all starts with hanging out with friends smoking a little pot, and eventually that high is not good enough anymore. So you move on to bigger, better things. After all, the people you must associate with to score marijuana eventually turn you on to other drugs. There is not a person on earth that smokes marijuana that has not tried other drugs. The youth is our future, so do we really want them running the country stoned?

To address the fact that marijuana is used in the medical field: yes it is, but whether it is legalized or not the doctors will prescribe it to those who need it. So in all reality the pro-legalization battle is only for the ones who smoke it. It seems as though some people feel that the legalization of marijuana is going to help people because it is used in the medical field. Well, intravenous needles are used in the medical field as well, so why don't we just set up 4x4 shells on every street corner and pass out free, clean needles? I mean isn't it the same; it is all promoting drug abuse. Then we can teach our children it is OK to do it, as long as you do it right. After all, they learn from what we do, not what we say. Is this the kind of society we want our children to grow up in. We might as well raise them on the streets of downtown L.A.

Let's discuss the "silent majority" for a moment. You mean the silent majority that once was, never will be again because it destroyed their lives. The ones who suffer for life because of their past drug abuse, or the ones who have been addicted for so long it is too

late to even try. The ones who overdosed and died while their young children watched. Tell it to them, how legalizing marijuana will benefit who? And it all started with taking a little bit in high school with your friends. So... we will probably not hear from that silent majority because of society's need to judge, but let's not pave the way for our youth on that highway. You can try to justify legalizing marijuana any way you want, but you cannot justify leaving our children wide open for the life you set them up for that will follow.

Melanie Sanchez
Cindy Pesco
Ruidoso

Arts improve schools

To the editor:
As we anticipate yet another "near panic" to improve our schools, we must proceed with caution. It has been too easy too often to curtail the arts in the attempt to make our children learn more. This is wrong.

LETTERS POLICY

The *Ruidoso News* encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and mail address. The phone number and mailing address will not be printed; the hometown will be.

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There are many studies that show overall student improvement when the arts are a part of the curriculum. I am most familiar with music programs, so ask the music teachers. They teach. They do not provide a "break from learning." They accept any student who is willing to cooperate and try their best to learn.

If competition is your main interest, try standing alone to perform in front of a judge, or panel of judges, with or without an audience. Then wait for a written critique of your performance. Most adults don't like to even speak in front of people. These exceptional young people then must blend their talent with others to make everyone in the group sound better.

Do you know how many student hours our band director works? (One teacher in charge of one student for one hour equals one student-hour.) No tricks statistics here, just hard work and dedication. Ask him, or any of the other arts teachers. Better yet, volunteer to help. Attend concerts, programs and plays. Talk to administrators at the programs. Let them know that you support the arts in school.

Herman S. (Stan) Thomas
Ruidoso

Help requested by student

To the editor:
I am an eighth-grade student in Washington Manor Middle school in San Leandro, Calif. I am currently doing a school project that entails planning a vacation to your fine state.

I would greatly appreciate any information or memorabilia that your generous readers could send me. I am interested in family activities, interesting historical sights that make your state special. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jennifer Lau
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A tough weekend in basketball-land

It was a sports weekend of "almost" on the basketball front at our house.

The Ruidoso Warriors painfully fell to a Portales High School team they had beaten three times during the season in the state AAA finals. That hurt; you could see the pain over the Fox television channel, all the way from the celebrated Pit in Albuquerque.

Then right behind them, more pain — especially for this never-say-die New Mexico Lobo fan. True, second-year coach Fran Fraschilla's squad had been picked as a distant fifth in the budding Mountain West Conference, and surprised many, many media "experts" by pounding through the semi-finals of the tournament in Las Vegas (some call it Lost Wages), Nevada, at the Thomas and Mack Arena and into the championship game.

A win over Brigham Young University would have sent the Lobos

into the first round, at least, of the NCAA tournament. Alas, no win. The Lobos lost by 4 to BYU, and we felt the pain all the way over the ESPN network.

Coch Fraschilla, he of Brooklyn accent and enthusiasm, had said all along that his youngsters were a year away from the conference finals. Maybe so; to us, he was a year ahead and oh, so close to continuing the "big dance."

Anyway, BYU will be carrying the new MWC flag into the round of 64 this weekend, and we wish those Cougars well.

But our blessed Lobos weren't quite done. The National Invitational



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

Tournament, being the money-grubbing entity it is with its "little dance," promptly paired up the Lobos for a first-round game in the Pit against (who else?) Dave Bliss's crew from Baylor University, deep in the heart of Texas.

Bliss, of course, had gotten sick of the media screams in Albuquerque's Lobo-land after 11 years and departed for Baylor a couple of years ago.

And so the stage was set on Wednesday night, as a howling mob rocked the Pit and ESPN delivered the blow-by-blow (yes, technical fouls on both sides). Bliss knew what to expect — a Pit war — and he got it, the Lobos chewing up the Bears 83-73.

So the Lobos live to play another day; Peppardine will be in the Pit next Tuesday night. But not all is bliss; we'll miss that one, but we'll cheer them from right here in the newsroom at the *Ruidoso News*.

RUIDOSO COUNCIL

Ruidoso village councilors, at their Tuesday meeting, were introduced to the new director of the village's water/sewer department.

Larry Grasmick, who began leading the department on March 12, replaces Richard Sanchez, who resigned the position last year.

Grasmick, who holds a degree in civil engineering, has worked for the Idaho Highway Department, U.S. Forest Service and other federal agencies in the past.

Councilors approved all items on the special agenda, which included -

• Approved a one-year renewal of an agreement with Denton Colvin and Associates of Ruidoso for on-call real estate appraisal services.

• Approved a one-year renewal of an agreement with D. T. Collins and Associates of Ruidoso for on-call surveying services.

• Approved a property lease and equipment transfer of a nondirectional beacon for the village's Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. The transfer to the Federal Aviation Administration would make the FAA responsible for the operation and maintenance of the navigational device.

• Approved two agreements with Seely and Associates of Virginia that would have the firm work to secure federal funding for projects. One project seeks \$279,000 for a regional transportation study and improvements for the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway.

The second project is an effort to secure \$2.5 million from Congress to improve sewer service in Ruidoso. The sought federal funding would help finance the village's \$30 million long-range capital expansion plan to extend sewer lines and eventually construct a new sewage treatment plant.

• Approved a resolution amending the fiscal year budget to address increased insurance costs, general fund adjustments, higher revenues from the state fire fund and increased revenue projections at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

• Purchased three 50 foot trailers for the Solid Waste Department, awarding the bid to the lower of two bidders, Halco Floor Systems of Poteet, Texas. The firm's bid for the three trailers was \$34,257.

• Awarded a bid to Sierra Machinery of El Paso, Texas for a portable air compressor for the village's Street Department. Sierra Machinery, the only company who bid on the equipment, will be paid \$12,245 for the equipment.

• Awarded a bid to Rust Tractor of El Paso, Texas for the lease of an asphalt compactor for the Street Department. Rust Tractor was the only firm that returned a bid. The equipment lease bid amount is \$1,178 per month.

Money earmarked for southeast N.M.

A new philanthropic thrust, the 2001 Southeast New Mexico Grant Program of the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation, will award about \$100,000 this year to applicants in the counties of Lincoln, Otero, Chaves, Curry, Eddy, Lea and Roosevelt.

Grant proposals will be accepted from counties, municipalities, public schools and all 501-c-3 non-profit organizations. The deadline is June 1. Successful recipients will be announced in August.

Applications should specify how a project could improve the quality of life in each particular county. The grant amounts will vary from \$20,000 to a minimum of \$1,000.

Requests for general operation, personal costs or from individuals for personal grants, do not qualify.

"We have been involved throughout New Mexico for years and with this

new grant program, we can now concentrate on the southeast portion of the state," Joan Dale Hubbard, foundation vice president, said.

Last year, the foundation gave about \$500,000 to projects and scholarships in New Mexico and more than \$1.5 million nationwide. Since 1990, the foundation donated more than \$9.5 million within the state with an emphasis on the arts, humanities and education, including in excess of 30 scholarships to local area students. Started in 1986, the foundation has awarded a total of \$15,557,968 in grants.

Serving on the Selection Committee for the 2001 Southeast New Mexico Grant Program are State Rep. Dub

Williams (R-Glencoe), Joan Dale Hubbard, Bruce Rimbo, president of Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino, Ruidoso News publisher Brad Treptow and Jim Stoddard, foundation executive director.

The Hubbards' business association with Lincoln County includes the race track and casino. The Links at Sierra Blanca public golf course, the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln, MT D Radio Broadcasting and The Hideout, a new golfing resort northeast of Ruidoso

set to open in the spring of 2002. For more information or an application, contact Stoddard at P.O. Box 2498, Ruidoso, NM 88355 or call (505) 258-5919 or fax (505) 258-3749.

"... we can now concentrate on the southeast portion of the state."

Joan Dale Hubbard foundation vice president

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DATE BOOK

The following governmental meetings are scheduled for next week in the Ruidoso area.

Monday, March 19 - 6:30 p.m., Ruidoso ETZ Commission, Ruidoso village hall

Tuesday, March 20 - 2 p.m., Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission, Ruidoso village hall.

2 p.m., Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, Solid Waste Authority office.

6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Committee, Ruidoso Downs village hall.

Wednesday, March 21 - 3 p.m., Ruidoso Economic

Development Ad Hoc Committee, Ruidoso village hall.

6:30 p.m., Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Commission, Ruidoso village hall.

Saturday, March 24 - 9 a.m., Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Committee (zoning ordinance rewrite workshop), Ruidoso Downs village hall.

Ruidoso Downs village hall is located at 122 Downs Drive. Ruidoso village hall is at 813 Cree Meadows Drive.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority office is at Second Avenue and Entrance Road in Ruidoso Downs.



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Joe wouldn't think about calling his legislator about anything, even if he knew the telephone number. He thinks a lobby is the big room of a hotel.

There is one thing for certain about Joe that the state Legislature banks on. He will pay his taxes, no matter how much those guys up in the roundhouse tell him to pay.

Be assured that when this year's legislative session ends tomorrow, despite all the hype about giving him a break, Joe will still be left holding the bag.

Count on it, Joe does.

• Tomorrow is also St. Patrick's Day, and being from Irish-filled Kansas City, I'm not used to the lack of interest in the holiday around here. Other than my blood-brothers Will Rooney, John Gaffney and Ted Conley, it seems that the only other green people in New Mexico came and left Roswell back in '47.

Heck, there are only two people named O'Reilly in the phone book. No D'arcy's. What gives?

• Quarters is having a St. Patrick's Day party tomorrow night that includes door prizes and a new Irish beer product being put out by

Budweiser.

Neal Jones, of KIDX-FM will be host of the party, which starts at 8 p.m.

• The big news this week, other than all the white license plates in town, is the upcoming Spencer Theater performance of "Jekyll and Hyde."

"It's unusual that a musical is doing a national tour while it's still one of the hottest tickets on Broadway," Kathleen McDonald said. She is publicist for Spencer Theater and half-Irish.

After the Texans leave and go home at the end of spring break, many of the hotels in town will be filled next week with the actors and musicians bussed in to do the two performances at Spencer next Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The play is an adaptation of the 1886 novel about a scientist who gets a little weird

when he tries a love-potion on himself. You know the story.

"The show contains some of the loveliest ballads and rousing chorals to come off Broadway in recent years," Kathleen said. "It will take about a hundred people to pull off this performance both nights."

The lead will be performed by Guy LeMonnier, a Michigan-native known for having an incredibly haunting-yet-gentle voice. That's what it says on the press release. For ticket information, telephone 336-4800.

• Everyone loves the Flying J Wranglers and you can see them for free this weekend if you're willing to travel down the road a piece.

Local radio personality Tim Keithley can be heard at 9 a.m. weekdays on KRUI-AM (1490 AM)

FUNERALS DEATHS

Mary Rippel

A memorial service for Mary "Mae" Elizabeth Yula Rippel, 94, will be held at a later date at Baca's Funeral Chapel in Deming.

Mrs. Rippel died in an Alamogordo nursing home on Thursday, March 16, 2001.

She was born Dec. 20, 1906 in Long Island City, N.Y. to Michael Joseph Yula and Ellen "Nellie" Clements, and until the age of 15, she was raised by her maternal grandparents, Francis Clements and Mary Hill.

She attended school in Jewett City, Conn. and Long Island City.

She was employed by the Baker and Taylor Publishing Company for a number of years, reviewing college textbooks, and also worked as a bookkeeper for a Long Island construction firm. On Nov. 9, 1935, she married Fred Rippel in Flushing, N.Y. They resided in Whitestone, N.Y. until his

retirement in 1972, when they moved to Santa Fe.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Rippel of Alamogordo; a sister, Helen Guckel of Lecanto, Fla.; a daughter, Ellen Egert and her husband, John, of Ruidoso; grandchildren Merri Hodson-Dixon and Richard Hodson of Albuquerque, Kathryn Hodson of Deming, Margaret Mills and Edmund Mills of Tallahassee, Fla., and George Egert of Ruidoso; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Kathryn Guckel, and a brother, Ralph Yula.

She was an avid bird watcher most of her life and, in lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Ruidoso Library or to a local library for the purchase of bird books.

Arrangements are under the direction of Baca's Funeral Chapel and Mimbres Crematory, 811 South Gold, Deming, NM 88030.

Scouts plan conservation work

Boy Scouts from southeastern New Mexico will converge on public lands near Fort Stanton for conservation work this weekend.

The Bureau of Land Management will be host for the anticipated 200-plus scouts for the fifth annual Conservation Good Turn.

Scouts from Clovis, Portales, Melrose, Fort Sumner, Hobbs, Carlsbad, Roswell, Artesia, Eunice, Jal, Capitan, Mescalero and Ruidoso will participate in the event.

Scouts of the Conquistador Council will camp on the public lands beginning today. On Saturday the troops are expected to plant cottonwood and wil-

low trees along the Rio Bonito, build soil erosion control structures, remove noxious weeds, perform maintenance on hiking trails and remove unneeded fences.

BLM staff specialists from the Roswell Field Office will give the Boy Scouts an overview of the Fort Stanton area environment and lead the troops in the completion of the projects.

Visitors are invited to see the projects. Project work begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Event headquarters is located on U.S. Highway 380, about seven miles west of Lincoln. CGT (Conservation Good Turn) signs will point the way.

Roswell man fined \$3,113 for killing sheep

The animal was killed in Lincoln County by a 'habitual game law violator' with a revoked hunting license.

A Roswell man, nabbed by state conservation wardens for killing a Barbary sheep in Lincoln County while his hunting license was revoked, has been ordered to pay \$3,113 in fines and court costs.

Adrian Sanchez, 31, was

sentenced Feb. 23 as an habitual game law violator by Lincoln County Magistrate Court Judge Gerald Dean.

Sanchez pleaded no contest to charges of illegally killing a Barbary sheep, illegal possession of the animal and hunting with a revoked license.

The hunter had had his hunting privileges revoked in 1998 after being convicted of skinning deer. Sanchez had shot at a decoy deer set up by the Department of Game and

Fish.

Sanchez was caught Jan. 20 with the sheep at the McLeigue Ranch near Hondo, according to court documents.

In addition to the monetary assessment, Sanchez was placed on probation for 18 months, ordered to pay civil damages of \$250 and required to attend a hunter safety course.

He also faces the loss of his hunting and fishing privileges for three years.



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Soldier killed in Kuwait was assigned to White Sands

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP) — One of the five American servicemen killed during an accidental bombing in Kuwait was assigned to White Sands Missile Range.

Army Sgt. Phillip M. Freligh was assigned to the 734th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company at White Sands. Officials at White Sands said Freligh, 25, was a native of Gosnell, Ark.

Military officials in Washington had listed Freligh as being from Nevada, but White Sands spokeswoman Debbie Bingham said she did not know where that came from.

A statement from the missile range said Freligh had been assigned to the New Mexico range since July 1999. He worked as a bomb technician in support of missile test programs.

Freligh went to Kuwait on Nov. 26 on a six-month deployment, Bingham said.

Before being assigned to White Sands, he had been with a unit at the Sierra Army Depot outside Herlong, Calif., on the Nevada-California border, Bingham said.

A memorial service for Freligh was scheduled Wednesday at the White Sands post chapel.

Hours before he died, Freligh visited with his father via the Internet.

"He said, 'I'm glad you are on, Dad,'" Mike Freligh told the Blytheville Courier News on Tuesday. "I wanted to tell you I love you."

Freligh also told his father he was going to

"I am concerned about them finding out what happened. As a father, I intend to get to the bottom of it and find out what happened. There have just been too many accidents."

Mike Freligh soldier's father

going to happen," the father said.

Mike and Cathy Freligh were notified Tuesday that their son was one of those killed in the accident, in which five U.S. servicemen and one New Zealander died.

A U.S. serviceman at the scene directed the mistaken attack and then belatedly called on the

participate in a British-American exercise the next day.

Mike Freligh was at work Monday when he heard the news of the accidental bombing. With trepidation, he recalled the conversation with his son.

"I took that as a sign he knew something was

F/A-18 Hornet pilot to abort, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

"I am concerned about them finding out what happened," Mike Freligh said. "As a father, I intend to get to the bottom of it and find out what happened. There have just been too many accidents."

Phillip Freligh, who was promoted to sergeant on March 1, grew up in Paragould and graduated from Greene County Tech in 1993.

He enlisted in the Army that year, attended jump training and was assigned to the Army 82nd Airborne Division. He later was assigned to the Explosive Ordnance Division and was working at a duty station in Kuwait when the accident occurred.

"He was a wonderful boy," Freligh said. "He found something good in everybody. He took everything in stride."

Competitors restore Internet service

Service provider says Internet outage was bad for the entire industry

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — More than 5,500 New Mexicans dropped from iHighway.net's Internet service got some unexpected help — from the company's competitors.

"Having that many customers out without notice is really bad for our industry," said Carl Muehlenweg, president of Lobo Internet Services, who worked with other providers until about midnight Tuesday to restore iHighway's service.

The Internet services were restored after several other Internet providers stepped in, determined what caused the problem and worked unpaid into Tuesday night to solve it.

"It was an unfortunate situation and series of events," Muehlenweg said.

"Our intention wasn't to steal customers; it was that there was a problem in the industry. We wanted to deal with it. Fortunately, we were able to buy a little bit of time."

Customers who lost service without notice Monday included two hospital systems, a major real estate network and Albuquerque's two major newspapers.

St. Joseph Healthcare, Lovelace Health Systems and Southwest Multiple Listing Service all said they had been unable to contact iHighway.net, the third-largest provider in the state. Calls were picked up by an answering machine that directed them to an emergency number, which had been disconnected.

Customers complained that iHighway chief technical officer John Brown did not return calls. Brown reportedly was attending a conference in Australia.

The other Internet service providers said MCI Worldcom disconnected iHighway's circuits, causing it to crash.

Worldcom spokeswoman Lynn Staggs would not confirm or deny that the network went down, saying contractual agreements prevented her from discussing the situation.

"Basically we asked Worldcom, for the good of the community, to bring the circuit back up," said Marianne Granoff, regional vice president of Zia Net, one of the providers that worked on the problem. "It just took talking to everybody in the world last night to finally get it up."

Charlie Winckless, senior consulting engineer for an Internet infrastructure company, Network Architects, said the group's main concern was to protect the Internet service provider industry.

"You can't leave customers down," Winckless said. "It's a real common case in the ISP world to have a miscommunication between an ISP and a telecom company. Unfortunately, there was no one from the ISP available, otherwise this would have been resolved faster."

Nelson Janes, executive vice president of Southwest Multiple Listing Service, said the problem left real estate agents unable to access online property listings.

"We can't have down time ... our Realtors use it all the time," Janes said.

The main impact on St. Joseph was the loss of the ability to communicate with other city hospitals about the availability of emergency room services, said spokesman Rick Crabtree.

Lovelace uses iHighway only for business communications, so it was unable to send or receive e-mail, said Lisa Stephenson, communications coordinator for Lovelace.

Brian Fanti, general manager of the Albuquerque Publishing Co., which provides Internet services for the Albuquerque Journal and The Albuquerque Tribune, said about 1,000 employees were affected by the shutoff.

The Journal's Web site also went offline. The Tribune's site has another provider and was not affected.

WIPP scales back tours

CARLSBAD (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy has cut back on tours to its underground nuclear waste dump near here because it's handling more waste as the repository reaches full operation.

Public tours of the surface and underground areas of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant now are offered only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Previously, tours took place throughout the week.

"Safety continues to be the primary consideration

for all activities at WIPP," said Ines Trlay, manager of the DOE's Carlsbad Field Office, which oversees WIPP. "Now that the number of WIPP shipments has increased, we need to decrease the number of tours to continue smooth disposal operations."

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Session April 3 in Carrizozo

Legal workshop set for elderly

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Obtaining legal advice to help the elderly protect against consumer fraud, plan for long-term care and handle their estates need not be a costly or difficult process.

Staff attorneys with the Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program will be in Carrizozo for a 10:30 a.m. workshop April 3, at the Lincoln County Zia Senior Center.

Private appointments may be scheduled before or after the session.

"We try to go throughout the southern part of the state in August and April to present programs at senior centers," said Becky Jiron, managing staff attorney for the program operated by the State Bar of New Mexico Special Projects Inc.

At the April workshop, staff attorneys will conduct a one-hour presentation on legal issues important to seniors and then will stay to meet privately with individuals who scheduled appointments, she said.

Generally two to three attorneys attend each session, she said. Supplements on new developments in the law and senior issues also are handed out.

The lawyer referral program, funded by the State Bar and the state Agency on Aging was established in 1983 to provide seniors in the state with legal information, advice and referrals to attorneys.

Staff attorneys can offer legal advice and information, but if issues cannot be resolved on that level, referrals to an attorney can be offered or arrangements made for home-bound seniors to meet with a referred attorney.

Consultations with Helpline

Legislation could affect estates

One of the most recent potential changes in law that could affect the elderly occurred last week when the state House of Representatives passed a bill authorizing property owners to record a revocable "transfer on death deed."

Similar to a "pay on death" provision on a bank account, property rights are unaffected during the owner's life. But at death, title passes automatically to the designated person on death deed transfer without probate.

House Bill 941, introduced by State Rep. Al Park, D-Bernalillo, passed the house 55-2 and now is in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"The bill will save families of modest means thousands of dollars in probate fees," Park said. "The bill costs taxpayers nothing and

will even save money because courts will not have to spend their time on unneeded probates."

Currently, the only major asset that cannot be transferred upon death without probate is real property such as a house.

The new law saves people money they would pay to put together a living trust or as a risky alternative, making a nonspouse a joint tenant on real property, according to Tim Covell of Senior Citizens' Law Office.

Recording a transfer on death deed will cost \$7. An attorney should be able to draft the deed and provide counseling for about \$100, Park estimated.

A living trust could cost more than \$1,000. Similar laws already are on the books in Kansas and Missouri, he said.

staff attorneys are free. Referrals to attorneys are made on a free, reduced or deferred basis, depending on case priorities, income and asset guidelines. Court costs, depositions and associated expenses are the responsibility of the client.

All residents of New Mexico over the age of 55 are eligible in most cases. Some legal forms and instructions also may be provided.

Questions that can be answered during individual sessions or through a statewide Helpline at 1-800-876-8657 include those dealing with

creditors, handling financial arrangements for nursing home care, co-signing a relative's mortgage, determining if an estate will require probate, social security issues and living trusts.

Referrals usually are offered on Medicare and Medicaid questions, to arrange a power of attorney, guardianship, conservatorship, foreclosure, landlord/tenant issues, employment, divorce and adoptions.

The Zia center is at 406 South Central. Contact Ada Hendryx at (505) 648-2121 to schedule an appointment.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Wrecks cause damage

Property damage was reported in two separate accidents earlier this week in Ruidoso.

A pedestrian suffered minor injuries, and a home foundation was slightly damaged in a vehicle accident Tuesday.

According to a police report, a pedestrian was pushing a vehicle at 100 Apache Village to help the driver get the vehicle back onto the roadway. The driver, David Powers, 20, Ruidoso Downs, accidentally accelerated instead of braking.

The man offering assistance, Robert R. Bates, 19, Ruidoso Downs, was pushed into the building. He suffered minor cuts to a knee and his temple.

The vehicle, which received moderate damage, also hit the residence in the 10:20 p.m. accident.

Earlier in the week, a Hondo man said he fell asleep at the wheel about 3:46 a.m. Sunday before his pick-up truck hit a Sudderth Drive utility pole.

Joel D. McCrea, 67, who was driving east on Sudderth Drive near the Lincoln County Medical Center, was not injured in the accident.

The vehicle struck a utility pole, breaking it in half. A transformer, power lines and telephone cables fell to the ground.

The tension created by the broken pole caused another

utility pole to break as well.

A witness to the incident told Ruidoso police McCrea's pick-up truck started to pass him on Sudderth Drive and then swerved to the right, striking the electric pole.

Complaint filed

An arrest warrant and criminal complaint resulting from an alleged domestic violence incident have been filed, naming a Ruidoso man.

A woman at a residence in the 300 block of Morgan Drive told police when she came home about 2:20 a.m. on March 3 she found a man on the couch intoxicated.

Angry comments were reportedly exchanged before the man allegedly grabbed the victim around her neck and choked her. He also allegedly said he would kill the woman.

A police report stated that the victim had a bruised elbow, scratches and red eyes.

While the victim told police she did not want to file charges for fear of retaliation, an assistant district attorney told police to file charges of felony aggravated assault against a household member and felony intimidation of a witness.

A warrant for the arrest of Raymond S. Serrano, 40, was issued March 9.

Storage unit entered

A unit at an Alpine Village

Drive storage facility was reported burglarized between March 9-12.

Taken from the storage unit were a paint rig, generator, shop saw, two table saws and a sprayer, with a combined value of \$1,700.

The case has been classified as a burglary, breaking and entering and larceny, all felonies.

Table top taken

Someone reportedly made off with a 150-pound marble table top from 50 Million B.C., a Midtown Ruidoso shop. The felony shoplifting case was reported March 13.

A clerk told police the table top, valued at \$750, was on display inside the entrance to the store at 2 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. the item was gone. The table top had been attached to a wall with a bracket.

Shed burglarized

A metal storage shed at a golf course location at the Cree Meadows Country Club was broken into between March 9-12. An attempt had been made to initially dig under a wall of the shed.

The person trying to get in apparently gave up on digging and opened the door by breaking a hasp.

A country club employee told police it appeared nothing was missing from the shed.

Heart attack claims life of Texas man Sunday

A Houston, Texas man died Sunday after suffering a heart attack at Ski Apache, authorities said.

Ismal Moreno Garza, 54, was pronounced dead by a doctor at 4:46 p.m., according to a Lincoln County Sheriff's Department report.

Garza, who had been on medication for hypertension, had complained of shortness of

breath, family members told deputies. The shortness of breath had been initially attributed to the high altitude.

Garza collapsed in the parking lot of the ski resort after finishing a day of skiing. An advanced life-support ambulance was requested shortly after 4 p.m. CPR had been performed on the man.

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Season of firsts for Page, boys basketball team

BY WES SCHWENGELS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It was a season to remember for the Ruidoso High School boys basketball team, even if the players would like to forget the result of their last game.

The Warriors ended up 22-5, their first 20-win season ever, won their first district championship since 1981 and went to their first-ever state championship game.

"This was the best season we ever had," head coach Billy Page said. "Making it to the final game, you can't take that away."

Ruidoso's 53-50 overtime loss in the title game was made that much more disappointing by the fact that the team will lose nine players, including all five starters, to graduation this spring.

Only a handful of Warriors with varsity experience, including one junior, Christie LaPaz, will return next year.

"We're not going to have the same team," Page said. "But we want to be competitive."

Page said he plans to get his young team experience through a series of summer camp games, like the ones the Warriors played in at Albuquerque this past year.

The new blood will have some large shoes to fill. Warrior stars Solomon Barnett and J.R. Floyd, both seniors, combined to average nearly 32 points per game this season. Also gone will be the defensive presence of Sean Sebastian and the inside game of Todd Schrader and Nathan Stanaland, who scored 17 points in the championship game. All five of these players were named either to the All-District Team or the Honorable Mention list for district 4AAA.

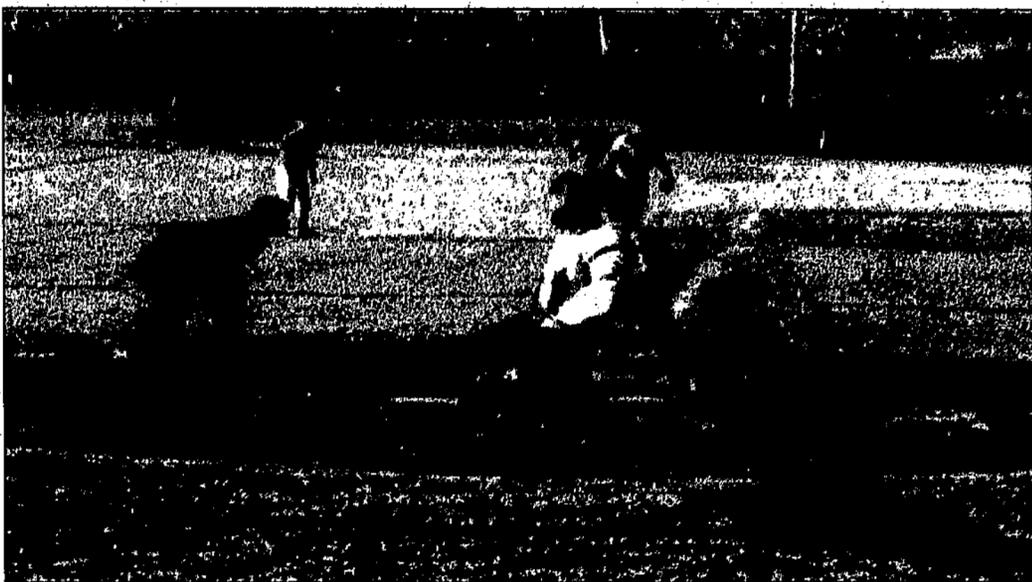
"(The seniors) were the catalysts," Page said. "They did everything that was expected of them. That was the big thing for us."

After taking his team to the state playoffs each of the three years he has been head coach, Page could be facing his biggest challenge since taking the reins. While expectations will likely not be as high for Ruidoso as they were this season, Page thinks they will return to the post-season and said he plans to keep his team attacking in much the same manner it did this year.

"When you're building a program," Page said, "you try to do the same things, year in year out. Keep it consistent. The kids understand it." He also said to look for a lot of the next offensive and defensive sets on the court next season.

Page emphasized that this year's team was special and will likely not be forgotten any time soon. While many of the players have the spring season ahead of them with track, tennis or baseball just beginning, they have played their last game in Ruidoso colors inside Warrior Gymnasium.

"They were pretty upset," Page said. "Some of them felt remorse for not winning the last game. But there's nothing they have to apologize for. They'll see they had the best season at Ruidoso to this point."



TODD BUTTS/STAFF

Warrior David McNally races home, trying to beat the tag from the Dexter Demon catcher. Ruidoso dropped the scrimmage 8-7, after jumping out to an early lead and officially start their season this weekend at the Eunice Tournament.

'Play Ball!'

The Ruidoso varsity baseball team kicked off its season Tuesday with a scrimmage at Dexter, while JV has a few games under its belt already.

BY TODD BUTTS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Warriors are aiming high as they prepare for the regular season. Ruidoso squared off against the Socorro Warriors in a scrimmage game last Tuesday.

Although they started off strong, Ruidoso later let Socorro back in the ballgame. Socorro (0-1) came back and scored a last-minute victory in the scrimmage in the bottom of seventh inning, 8-7.

Ruidoso started well, scoring five runs in the first inning. Jamie Urban lead off the batting order. Urban hung in the batter's box and ended up getting hit by a pitch. A.J. Kopacka came up to bat next and hit a double, driving Urban in for a RBI and getting Ruidoso on the scoreboard first. The wood was scored for Ruidoso in the first inning and Thomas Row finished up the first inning with a single, driving in two more runs. Ruidoso closed the first inning leading Socorro 5-2.

The middle innings had Ruidoso struggling a little bit at

the plate. Socorro held Ruidoso scoreless through the next five innings as they chipped away at the lead. Socorro had tallied seven runs through six innings and took the lead from Ruidoso.

Ruidoso, down 7-5 in the seventh inning, battled back to tie the game 7-7 in the top of the inning. Ryan Blackman's base hit drove in Matt Berry for the tying run, keeping Ruidoso's hopes

alive. "We did all right," said Socorro coach Mike White. "We made some mental errors. It was a game we needed to get the bugs out. In the last

inning we rallied a couple of hits to come out on top."

Socorro loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh inning. A sacrifice fly to left-center field was the end of the game for Ruidoso, as Socorro won the game by one run.

"I am real pleased with what I saw from my varsity," said Ruidoso head coach

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TODD BUTTS/STAFF

Warrior batter Austin Beier tries to drive home a teammate Tuesday.

Tapia to fight Gomez this Saturday

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Four-time world champion Johnny Tapia says there is still plenty of fight left in his 34-year-old body — enough to go after a fifth title.

"I want to become a five-time world champion," said Tapia. "I want to prove to the world I'm still strong. I love the challenge. I'm looking for a fight with Prince Hamed."

Tapia (48-2-2) returns to the ring Saturday night to take on little-known Mexican fighter, Cuauhtemoc "Famosito" Gomez (48-8) in a 10-round nontitle super bantamweight bout here.

This will be Tapia's first fight since October, when he lost for a second time to Paulie Ayala in Las Vegas, Nev.

Tapia is still smarting from the Ayala loss and during a conference call Tuesday insisted that he had been robbed.

Tapia voiced the same complaint after Ayala handed him the first loss of his career in June 1999.

"I know I lost to the promoter and not the fighter," Tapia said

Tuesday during a conference call to promote his fight with Gomez. "That's the best fight I've ever had, the best job I've ever done and I still lost. I'm just moving ahead. There are bigger and better things out there."

One possibility is the undefeated Prince Naseem Hamed, whose next bout is against Marco Antonio Barrera in Las Vegas on April 7.

Tapia reportedly turned down an earlier offer of \$1 million to fight Hamed.

The last title Tapia held was the WBO bantamweight. He defended it last year with a unanimous decision over Javier Torres in Las Cruces. He later vacated it to move up to a higher weight class.

Before Tapia can think further about Hamed, he must deal with

Gomez, whose resume includes losses to Ayala, former bantamweight world champion Jorge Eliecer Julio, and former WBC champion Yasuei Yakushiji of Japan.

"He hits hard with both hands and comes at you," Tapia said of Gomez. "I've never fought a guy with this much experience."

Gomez, who also took part in the conference call, said he knows it will be difficult to get a decision over Tapia in Tapia's hometown.

"I may need a clear win," Gomez said through an interpreter. "I'm prepared to go 10 rounds. I know Johnny can take a lot of punches."

Gomez promised he would fight "a smart fight."

"He's tough, but I have the proper strategy to deal with him," Gomez said. "I have to make sure I fight my style. It will be a tremendous battle."

In the co-feature, WBC No. super bantamweight contender Oscar Larios will take on former IBO champion John Lowey.

The fights will be televised on Showtime at 10 p.m.



WES SCHWENGELS/STAFF

Warrior senior J.R. Floyd puts up for a jumper in Saturday's 53-50 loss in the state championship to Porjales. Floyd and eight other Warriors will not return next season.

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Ski report

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Senior Olympics
The 2001 Lincoln County Senior Olympics schedule of events follows:
Bowling — 3:30 p.m. March 27, 1:30 p.m. March 28-29, Ruidoso Bowling Center; 1:30 p.m. March 24 and 29, Carrizozo Recreation Center. Singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team.
Golf — 1 p.m., March 31, The Links at Sierra Blanca.
Horseshoes — 10:30 a.m., March 16, Carrizozo Country Club.
Recreational events — 9 a.m. March 24, Ruidoso High School gym (Frisbee, soccer kick, basketball free throw).
Table tennis — 9 a.m., March 27, Ruidoso city courts, Schoolhouse Park.
Track and field — 10 a.m., March 24, Ruidoso High School (discus throw, javelin throw, softball distance throw, high jump, long jump, standing long jump, shotput, racewalking, 800-meter estimated time run/walk and 100-, 200-, 400-, 600-, 1,500- and 5K runs).
For more information, call Bart Young at 257-9193.

Pecos Valley Stampede
The 20th annual Pecos Valley Stampede, a half-marathon run, 10K run, 2 mile run and 2 mile walk will be March 24 at Cahoon Park. The half-marathon will start at 8 a.m., with the remaining races starting at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$25. Participants will receive sweat pants and a T-shirt and will be eligible for post-race door prizes. Awards will be given for the top male and female finisher in each event, with medals for the top three male and female finishers in each age division. For more information, call Clyde or Michael McKee at (505) 622-1668 or Bob Edwards at (505) 627-5507.

Basketball tournament
North American Youth Sports still has openings in its annual spring youth basketball tournament April 6-8 at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque. The tournament will feature 10 different brackets including fifth-sixth grade boys/girls, seventh grade boys/girls, eighth grade boys/girls, ninth-10th grade boys/girls and 11-12th grade boys/girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled. The entry fee is \$90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. Awards will be presented in each bracket. The entry deadline is March 18. For more information or an entry form, call Mark Garrigan at (800) 787-3265 or tournament director Mike Huson at 884-2686.

Youth Soccer League
The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League will be holding sign-ups Tuesday, March 20, from 5:30-7 p.m. and Wednesday, March 21, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the White Mountain Elementary School cafeteria. The registration fee is \$25, which includes a shirt. A \$10 late charge will be assessed for sign-ups after March 21. Children ages 4-13 may register. Kids must be age 4 by July 31. For more information, call Sherry at 257-1079 or 257-8324.

Basketball tournament
The 20th annual American Indian Science and Engineering Society Basketball Tournament will be held April 6-8 at the NMSU Activity Center in Las Cruces. The format will have 20 men's All-Indian and 12 women's open double elimination tournament with three games guaranteed. Entry fee is \$150 with \$75 non-refundable deposit due by March 16. Awards will be given to both divisions. For more information, call Rudy Keadah at (505) 647-5885 or fax to (505) 648-5291.

Youth Baseball
The Pepsi Pre-Season Youth Baseball Tournament will be held March 22-26 at SportsPark in El Paso, Texas. Deadline to sign up and team meetings will be Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Youths ages 4-14 are eligible. Sign-up fees are \$85 for T-ball and coach pitch divisions, \$110 for 10U and 12U divisions and \$125 for the 14U division. For more information, contact Jorge Mejias at (915) 857-7676, email sportsparke@el Paso.com, or visit the web site at www.sportspark.com.

Softball Meeting
There will be a softball meeting for coaches, managers, umpires and players interested in the men's and women's softball league for the 2001 season. It is important that a representative from each team attend the meeting. Topics to be discussed

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Include fees, insurance, rule changes and league by-laws. The meeting will take place Thursday, March 29, at 6 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 501 Sudderth Dr.

Fishing Report

The snow this past week was much welcomed by everyone here in Ruidoso. The water clarity on the river changes fast during the day due to thaw runoff. Early in the day when the temperature is still quite low the water is fairly clear, as the day wears on and the air temperature rises and snow melt starts, the water has been staining to great extremes. The NMGF Department did not stock any of the local waters this week.

Rio Ruidoso: The River was stocked some seven weeks ago. Stockers are becoming scarce. According to the NMGF Department in Roswell we should see a stocking this week. The best subsurface fly selections remain for Rainbows or Browns remain the Bead head Pheasant Tail nymphs or Bead head Prince Nymphs. Green Rock worms and Bead Head Caddis Larva continue as producing patterns.

South Fork: Load up in places - not much water.

Bonito Lake: Remember -- Bonito Lake closed December 1, 2000. Bonito will reopen on April 1, 2001. The lake was stocked this past week with over 2,500 1/2lb. Rainbows in preparation for the April 1 opening.

Eagle Lakes: These lakes are now closed for the season. Eagle should open near Memorial Day.

Grindstone: Water level continues to drop, however, the fishing is fair to good. Sink a wooly bugger or a streamer 8 to 10 ft and strip - hang on. Fishing has as usual best just before dark.

Lake Mesalero: The lake level is quite low, but is fishing well. Dark wooly buggers have been taking a few fish late in the day. Remember to get your day pass at the front desk.

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Softball JV improving

BY WES SCHWENGLS
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso High School JV softball team is starting what is definitely a building year.

With six eighth-graders on the squad, head coach Brian Baca isn't too concerned with wins and losses at this point of the season.

"We have a lot of youth," Baca said, "and a lot of talent. It's just a matter now of developing that talent."

The girls got a chance to gain some experience Wednesday as they visited a Lovington Wildcat JV team in a doubleheader. The Lady Warriors dropped both games, 17-0 and 20-5, but Baca said improvement was obvious.

"They contacted the ball real well," he said. "They're working hard and doing a lot of good things."

The Warriors actually led the second game early, jumping out on top 5-0. But the Wildcats

were just too much for Ruidoso.

Baca said he thinks the lessons the girls are learning now will develop into wins for the Warriors down the road.

"For many of them, it's their first few games in fast-pitch," he said.

Standing out for the Warriors were pitchers Lisa Spur and Jessica Gibson and leadoff hitter Stacey Cadena, who was 4 for 5 Wednesday.

"They're working hard and doing a lot of good things."

Brian Baca, Ruidoso softball coach

"Stacey did a good job of getting on base," Baca said.

Up next for the JV Warriors is a doubleheader against Roswell, a class 4A school, Tuesday, while the varsity does not play again until March 28, at the Rio Rancho Tournament.

BASEBALL: Warriors drop scrimmage to Demons, 8-7

BASEBALL, FROM PAGE 1B

Mike Morris. "This was a scrimmage game, so it was a learning experience. The kids have learned from it. I think they are going to do real good in the future."

The regular season began

Thursday with tournament play in Eunice at the 2001 Cardinal Classic

Tournament. Ruidoso faced Midland Christian School. Results from that game were not available at press time.

The Ruidoso JV team (2-3) also played Tuesday, winning 4-0 in its fifth game of the season. They began the season losing two games to Tularosa and splitting with Alamogordo.

"They're a bunch of good young kids that are willing to learn and they're playing great ball," said coach Mike Swanner. "They are playing as a team. We are really looking forward to the remainder of the season."

Bowling league results

Results from the Ruidoso Women's Bowling Association's annual City Tournament, held at the Carrizozo Recreation Center, February 17-18:

First-place handicap team: Suzi Fern, Cynthia Morales, Donna Harkey and Chalotte Emmone, Carrizozo, team score of 2,415.

First-place scratch team: Karen Stanbrough, Sandy Shaw, Raynel Maguire and Sandi Meek, Ruidoso, team score of 1,915.

First-place handicap doubles team: Sandy Shaw and Raynel Maguire, combined score of 1,309.

First-place scratch doubles team: Karen Stanbrough and Sandi Meek, score not reported.

First-place handicap singles: Dorothy Payne, score of 675.

First-place scratch singles: Sandi Meek, score of 579.

Overall handicap winner: Sandi Meek, score of 1,858.

Overall scratch winner: Sandi Meek, score of 1,711.

Bill proposing NMAA control gets past House

SANTA FE (AP) — The state Board of Education would have expanded oversight of the New Mexico Activities Association under a measure approved in the House on Sunday.

The bill by Rep. James Taylor, D-Albuquerque, would require the Board of Education to approve all rules and policies of the NMAA, which governs high school sports.

The legislation also would allow any decision by Dan Salzwedel, NMAA executive director, or the NMAA's board of directors to be appealed to the Board of Education.

"For too many years, the New Mexico Activities Association makes arbitrary decisions without accountability, Taylor said. "The only way to protest those decisions is a lawsuit, which we all end up paying for."

Taylor cited a high school basketball game during the state tournament last week that was oversold. He said more than 300 people with tickets to the Mesa Vista-Laguna Acoma game in Albuquerque were unable to get in and were not given refunds.

"Three hundred fans drive 100 miles to find out their tickets are no good," Taylor said. "As it stands now, there is no recourse for the fans ... to ensure that this will not happen again."

The bill, which passed 28-26, now goes to the Senate.

Ruidoso baseball schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME*
3/13	@ Socorro (scrimmage)	5 p.m.
3/15-17	@ Eunice Tournament	TBA
3/22-24	@ NMMI Tourney (Roswell)	TBA
3/27	vs. Lovington	3 & 5 p.m.
3/29	vs. Santa Teresa	3 & 5 p.m.
3/31	@ NMMI	11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
4/3	vs. Portales	3 & 5 p.m.
4/5	vs. Alamogordo	4 & 6 p.m.
4/7	vs. Gateway Roswell	10 a.m. & noon
4/10	vs. St. Teresa	3 & 5 p.m.
4/12	vs. Goddard	3 & 5 p.m.
4/14	vs. NMMI	3 & 5 p.m.
4/16	vs. Roswell High	3 & 5 p.m.
4/17	@ Lovington	3 & 5 p.m.
4/21	@ Portales	noon & 2 p.m.
4/24	vs. St. Teresa	3 & 5 p.m.
5/5	Regionals	TBA
5/11-12	State	TBA

*Varsity starts at the later time



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Ruidoso hitter Austin Beier squares for a bunt in Tuesday's scrimmage.

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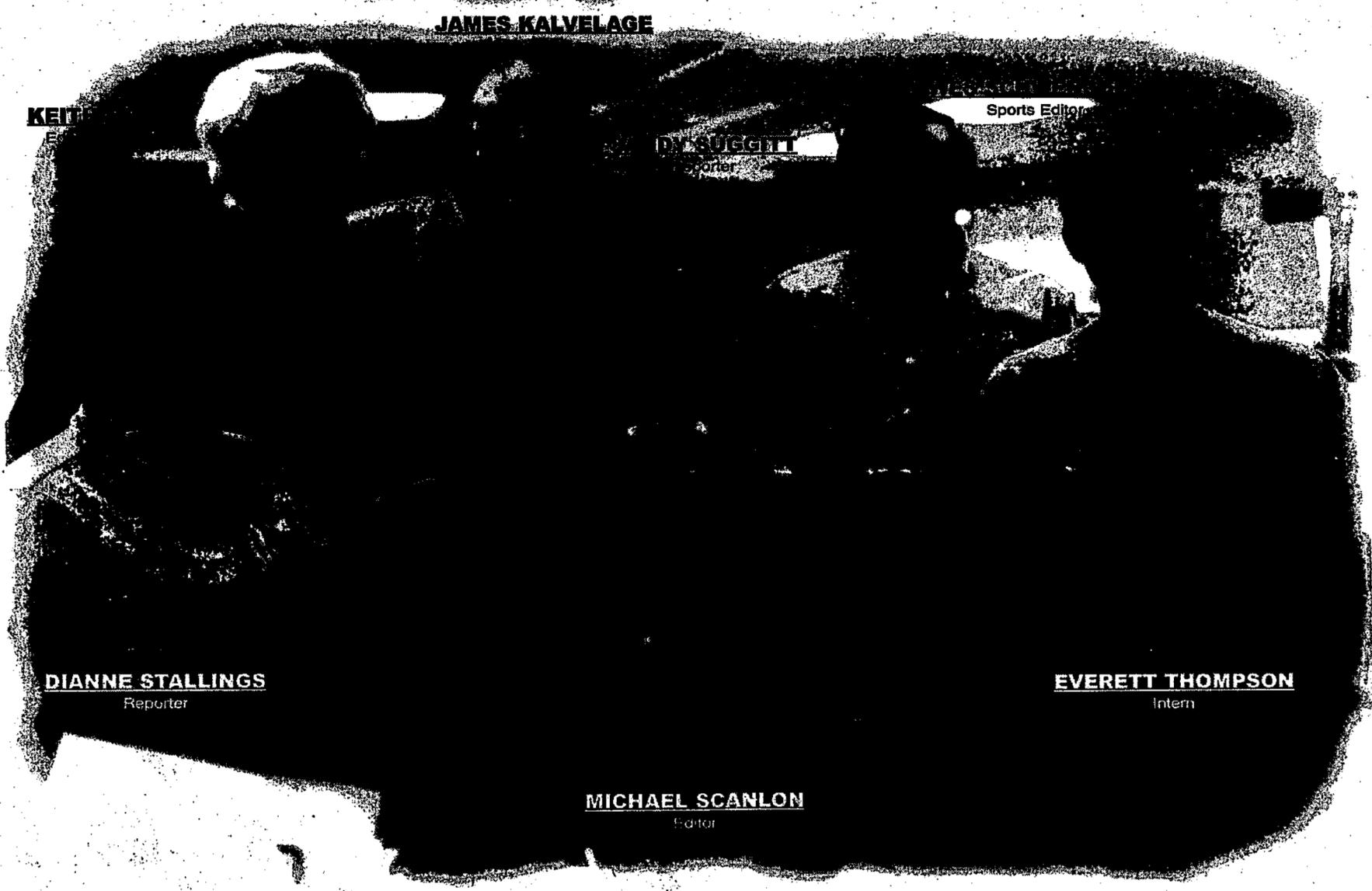
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Governor dislikes Legislature's tax-relief proposal

BY BARRY MASSEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SANTA FE (AP) — The Legislature is sending Gov. Gary Johnson a two-year tax relief package but he's no fan of the proposal.

"I don't like the bill," Johnson said this week.

The latest proposal would reduce personal income and other taxes by \$32 million next year and provide for a one-time tax rebate of about \$31 million.

Johnson wants a permanent

income tax reduction of nearly \$73 million.

However, the governor declined to say whether he would veto the latest tax bill that received final approval in the Legislature on Tuesday.

The governor reiterated that he wanted an across-the-board reduction in personal income taxes — not a combination of income tax reduction and targeted tax relief.

The House approved the latest tax relief package on a voice vote. The measure passed the Senate on a party-line vote of 23-18.

Republicans opposed the measure, saying it would not provide tax relief to middle-income taxpayers after the one-year rebate.

The latest proposal closely resembled a Democratic-sponsored package approved by the House on Monday. However, the latest measure provides for a one-year rebate targeted to some taxpayers earning up to \$64,000 a year. An earlier proposal called for a two-year rebate.

Johnson said he was against a provision that is favored by Democrats. It expands the Low-income

Comprehensive Tax Rebate program by \$10 million to provide more cash assistance to poor families with children and some elderly.

The LICTR program provides a rebate to eligible low-income people even if they have no income tax liability. The program was enacted to counter the disproportionate effect of gross-receipts taxes on the poor. Generally, those with incomes of less than \$22,000 are eligible for some sort of rebate.

"I am not in favor of this LICTR at all," Johnson said. "I think there

should be an across-the-board tax reduction and we shouldn't be giving back income tax rebates to people who don't pay income tax."

A six-member joint conference committee developed the latest proposal after the Senate would not accept the House's initial two-year tax relief package.

Last week, the Senate approved a proposal to permanently reduce income taxes by about \$72 million over two years, with \$4.5 million of that to expand the low-income tax rebate program.

Johnson sharpens pencil for major budget surgery

Cuts should be finished by today's deadline

BY BARRY MASSEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SANTA FE (AP) — Gov. Gary Johnson is preparing for "major surgery" on a \$3.9 billion budget package passed by the Legislature.

Johnson said Tuesday he expected to liberally use his line-item veto power to reject individual allocations of money in the budget.

The governor said he should finish work on the budget before this afternoon's deadline for signing or vetoing the measure. The goal, he said, is to give the Legislature time to respond to his budget cuts before it adjourns Saturday.

Lawmakers could pass legislation to allocate lesser amounts for some vetoed items or spend part of the vetoed money in other ways.

Johnson said he planned to meet with legislative leaders to discuss his options on the budget and a proposed tax cut.

"One of the options is to take out a lot of money out of the budget," Johnson said. "But that gives them the opportunity and flexibility to come back

and decide just how they want to spend it."

The governor said money for government worker pay raises was among the possible candidates for a line-item veto. Possible veto targets also include money lawmakers want to spend on education reform initiatives.

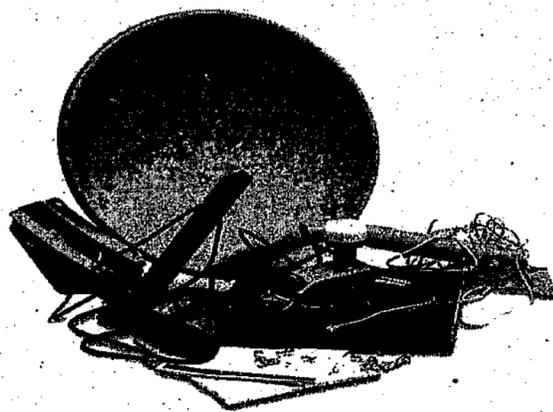
Johnson met with House-Senate budget negotiators last weekend and told them, "I would be doing major surgery" on their spending blueprint.

"I told them that five times," Johnson said.

The budget provides for an 11.5 percent increase in state spending in the budget year that begins July 1. The proposed growth in spending is roughly \$400 million, with about \$180 million of that going to public schools.

Harold Field, the secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, said the administration wanted to hold the growth of state spending to a reasonable amount next year and leave government with enough cash reserves to protect against a downturn of revenues in the future.

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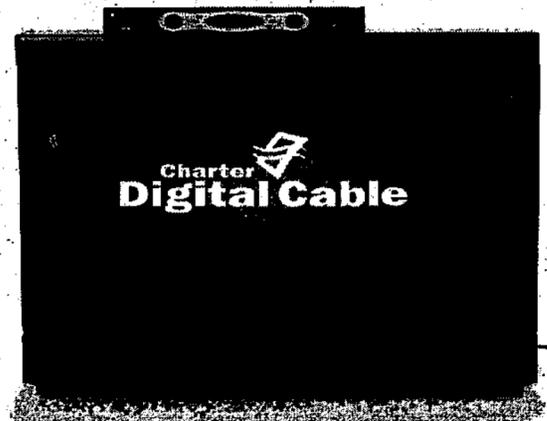
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Winners

■ Camp Sierra Blanca's students saw another world as they competed in the American Marine Institute's Winter Olympics in Florida.



Camp Sierra Blanca students who attended the American Marine Institute Winter Olympics in Panama City, Fla., are shown above; from left, back row: Angel, Jeremiah and Abel; middle row: Josh, Andrew and Estevan; front row: Frankie and Tito. (Sierra Blanca staff identifies students only by their first names.)

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ten teens from Camp Sierra Blanca showed their stuff at the American Marine Institute Winter Olympics in Panama City, Fla., in February and came back with 45 awards. Competitions included academics, sports, employability skills, a spelling bee, a speech contest, first-aid, manual dexterity, marlinespike relays and individual marlinespike, running, obstacle courses, basketball shoot-offs, softball accuracy throws and volleyball games. The top 10 of Camp Sierra Blanca's 55 students were chosen the day before departure, but they had been working with their coaches for six weeks. These students were chosen on the basis of the school's rating system, which is similar to a report card, and on how well they're doing in all aspects of the program.

Camp Sierra Blanca is an American Marine Institute juvenile detention program located a mile from Fort Stanton. It is the only program that offers wilderness training as well as marine training. "All our kids are in state custody," said Matt Patterson, who supervises staff and students for the evening shift and accompanied the group to the olympics. They are selected from correctional facilities throughout the state — the Springer boys school, Youth Diagnostic Development Center and Camino Real.

Paul Barnett, executive director of Camp Sierra Blanca, said many of the young people are there "for doing things we did when we were young that are no longer tolerated, (such as) skipping school, getting kicked out of school, fighting at school. ... If we shoplifted a cigarette, they didn't send us away. Society has changed."

Four of five would stay

Natalie Davis, the daytime team leader and shift leader, said it takes about eight months to finish the program, and then graduates either finish the rest of their detention sentence at Camp Sierra Blanca or go into the after-care program, where they have a job or go to school. Once their commitment to the state has ended, they're discharged, she said.

Barnett said four of out five students request to stay on at Camp Sierra Blanca to continue their preparation for college. They know and like the structure there and know that dealing with peer pressure back home will be difficult.

"We lead the company in GEDs and high school diplomas," Barnett said, "and within a year we'll lead the company in having kids go to college." Camp Sierra Blanca is the only AMI program with a high school.

Barnett was one of the judges of the competi-

tion, and so wasn't allowed to vote for any of his own students.

He is proud of their performance. "We finished third overall on the volleyball competition," he said. "The difference between our kids and the kids on the east coast is that the kids there play volleyball every day. We ended up three medals shy of winning the overall."

Only one other school took home more medals than Sierra Blanca's 45; that school won 48 awards, Barnett said.

"These kids are here for a reason. Normally, they wouldn't get a chance to go out and prove what they're capable of doing. We give them the opportunity to prove they have something to give, plus they interact with another culture of kids from the Southeast and realize we're all one family and all have the mission to improve ourselves."

Patterson said the students know that when they leave the campus, they're representing not only the school but also Capitan, Ruidoso and the state of New Mexico.

"The compliments we've received every time we stopped for gas or food: It blew me away. Our kids greet everybody," he said. "They're very personable; even kids that are shy know they're representing New Mexico and they show it. They greet strangers, introduce themselves and shake hands."

Before the trip could be approved, the school had to get permission from the Justice Department in Santa Fe and Children Youth and Families. During the trip, students were supervised 24 hours a day, as they are at Camp Sierra Blanca.

Staff, coach win awards

The staff won the supervision award, and Davis won the Staff of the Year award as well as the Coach of the Year Award. The school won outstanding awards in team excellence, spirit and sportsmanship.

The students — most of whom had never been out of New Mexico — went to a mardi gras parade in Bossier City, La., visited the battleship U.S.S. Alabama, and six of them went deep sea fishing off Panama City, Fla.

Camp Sierra Blanca is the farthest west of 22 AMI schools, said Patterson, and one of only three west of the Mississippi River. Most of the other schools were in Southern states and many of the residents are black, thus the Winter Olympics was a cultural exchange for everyone.

The travelers were still grinning ear to ear about the trip, eager to talk about their experiences and

proud of the number of medals they won.

Tito said his school had an advantage over the day programs because, living together, the members are tighter as a group.

Boundless enthusiasm

All the students spoke up at once and with boundless enthusiasm about the trip: the ocean, Florida ("The nicest thing I've ever seen," one said; "This is bad," another said), "everything from Texas over," the Mississippi River, the mardi gras parade and palm trees. One said he brought back sand.

"Panama City Marine Institute let us go on a boat. I got seasick, but I got to drive the boat back into the dock," Tito said.

For Angel, though, the highlight was seeing other programs, some of them nonresidential, although later he added to that the time when the football players talked to them and handed out the medals. (Angel also played basketball against them, and a former player for the New York Giants gave his cap to Estevan.)

The worst part of the experience was leaving, Angel said, and the second worst was all the complaining about having to leave.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime trip," Estevan said. "How we changed! It was one of the coolest experiences I've ever had. To represent our state was an honor."

Andrew said the 10-day experience brought the students and staff closer together as they got to know each other better and work together as a team.

The judges included Barnett, other AMI staff and four professional football players, who also autographed the participants' hats and posed for pictures with them.

Competing with the girls

Competing against WINGS residents (the first AMI residential program for females) also scored big with the guys — and the girls beat them at the manual dexterity competition.

Estevan said the girls, who come from West Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida, liked their New Mexico accents.

"They told us our camp has a lot of determination because we drove more than 3,000 miles," he said.

Jeremiah — who brought home 10 medals — was impressed by the motivation of participants from other schools. In particular, he said, "Their chants were more pumped up. Ours are more mellow."

And Frankie, who won eight medals and came in third place for his speech (the assigned topic was "How AMI Has Positively Influenced My Life"), said he put his medals in a scrapbook.

"That way when I'm 40 years old, I'll have something to remember," he said.

"Our kids greet everybody. They're very personable."

Matt Patterson who accompanied students

Needed: A place to get together

Rumor has it that the Lagodos "Sandwich Shop" will open soon. We really do need it back, not only for the tourists but also for the locals. It is a means for the community to get together to visit and exchange news of what is going on in our neighborhood.

Annalise Haussler enjoyed her trip with a group of young people from the nation to Washington, D. C., in January. She was able to attend the inauguration parade, visit historic buildings and attend workshops. She said although the weather wasn't the best, she

learned so much about our country.

Doris Nelms has announced the Lincoln County Republican biennial meeting. Members will meet at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo March 31 at 10 a.m.

The Capitan Public Library will be moving into a "new" building the end of March. The library personnel are very excited about having more room in the new facility. The library hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:30

p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday and Monday.

The new location is across the street from City Hall and next to the gas company's offices.

A lot of volunteer work has been involved in getting the library for Capitan. Kudos to all those working on this project.

We are sad to report the Earthly Green Pottery business is moving to Santa Fe. Rhonda and Randy Daugherty have been a great addition to Lincoln. Rhonda has a wonderful line of pottery, and Randy

does the furniture. Randy will be going to New Orleans to participate in the "Art and Jazz" show the last week of April. He was one of 120 accepted from 1,200 applicants.

Congratulations, Randy.

Pageant members will ride their horses in the parade for the Pioneer/John Chisum Days in Roswell March 24.

Pageant performances at Lincoln this year will be Aug. 3, 4 and 5. Vendors interested may contact the Anderson - Freeman Museum in Lincoln and ask for Tereese. Or they may contact me.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK*

MARCH 15, 1901

From the Capitan Progress

The future prospects for Capitan grow brighter every day as the way is paved for greater industrial activity by the opening of new enterprises.

The White Oaks Eagle of last week devoted considerable space to booming Carrizozo and "hopes that it will be a town of 3,000 souls in as many months." It will now be in order for that paper to explain how it has become so magnanimous. This approaches near praise than anything that paper has ever said of any section outside of the village of White Oaks and it will surprise many to know that the editor of that paper has broken through his shell of clannishness long enough to say even that.

MARCH 16, 1951

Selections for Boys', Girls' State

Clayton Scott, a junior of Ruidoso High School, has been selected as the Ruidoso delegate to New Mexico Boys' State. The program is to be held at Northern New Mexico Normal School, El Rito.

The junior girl to attend New Mexico Girls' state this year is Claudine Peterson. Girls' State will again be located on the campus of Eastern New Mexico University, Portales.

MARCH 17, 1961

Amusing hats at Woman's Club

The highlight of the meeting of the Ruidoso Woman's Club last week was the parade of amusing hats each member was required to make from household utensils and items and wear to the meeting.

The prize-winning hat was made and worn by Verna Haynes. It was made with a large natural seas sponge base decorated with sea shells, starfish, sanddollars and various sea plants.

MARCH 17, 1971

The Silver Lining by Daniel A. Storm

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Wattie says, "I have enjoyed every minute of it."

MARCH 19, 1981

DECA students to competition

Nearly 60 Ruidoso High School Distributive Education Clubs of America students will enter state competition in Carlsbad April 24...

Chapter sponsor Eddie Parker said he hopes Ruidoso will again qualify a number of students to compete on the national level.

MARCH 21, 1991

MainStreet president

Mike Line, attorney, was elected president of MainStreet Ruidoso this morning at a board meeting.

New directors of Main Street Ruidoso elected Wednesday night at the Mountain Bayou Cafe were Peggy Wash, Tracey Hymmer Freeman, Herb Brunell, Bill Carrigan and Sally Reese.

New officers include Walter Merchant, president-elect, Bonnie Mattox, secretary and Alden Deyo, treasurer. Bill Hirschfeld is retiring president.

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 Capitan Foursquare Church
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 The Word of Life Church
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 648-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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 Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 pm.

EPISCOPAL
 St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel
 Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

METHODIST
 United Methodist Church Parish
 Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Tom Woodward, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:10 a.m. Choir Practice (Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
 Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
 Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186. Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm.

RUIDOSO DIRECTORIES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 Apache Indian Assembly of God
 Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald Pettey, pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday services: 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God
 El Paso Road, Ruidoso. Rev. Bill Lenard, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship: 10:45 a.m. (includes children's church); Sunday evening praise: 6 p.m.; Wednesday family night: 7 p.m.

BAPTIST
 Bent Tree Baptist Church
 Sunday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. White Mountain Plaza on Mechem. Rev. James Crowder, 336-1979.

First Baptist Church
 420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. (505) 257-2081. Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Service times: Saturday - 7 p.m. Praise & Worship; Sunday - 8:15 a.m. Praise & Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School all ages, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship, 5:30 p.m. Youth Power Hour, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Discipleship classes for all ages.

First Baptist Church
 Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widenor, Pastor. Sunday: Worship hour 11 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 Tirnie. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna
 420 Mechem Drive (Sunshine Classroom). Ramon Robledo, Pastor. Culto de Predicacion 9 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission
 Mescalero. Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church
 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

BAHA'I FAITH
 Baha'i Faith
 Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 336-7739

CATHOLIC
 St. Eleanor Catholic Church
 Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Al Galvan. Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Sat. Mass: 5 p.m. (Bilingual); Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4 to 4:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 to 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio: 8 a.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church
 Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission
 Mescalero. Father Paul Botenhalgen. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Bent. Father Paul Botenhalgen. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN
 Crosspoint Christian Fellowship
 A Christ Centered Church
 Ruidoso Senior Center, 701 Sudderth Drive, 258-1492. Steve Kreins, Pastor. Pre-service prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m.; Children's Church 10 a.m. Small group meetings, including youth group, at various times and locations.

First Christian Church
 (Disciples of Christ)
 Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road.
 Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday School, K-12/Adult 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir; Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Gateway Church of Christ
 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381. Jay Willmon, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS
 Church of Jesus Christ LDS
 Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between Ruidoso and Capitan, Joe Magill, 336-4359. Sunday schedule: Sacrament starts at 10 a.m.; Sunday School; Priesthood and Relief Society.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS
 Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray Schildknecht, President, 671-9506. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL
 Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount
 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W. Penn, Rector. Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Daughters of King; noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan
 Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel
 Glencoe. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

FULL GOSPEL
 Mission Fountain of Living Water
 San Patricio. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Evening services: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
 Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall
 106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 257-3871. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30 p.m./Watchtower 2:20 p.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meeting 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova

106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dpm.: Reunion Publica 10:00 a.m.; Estudio de la Atalaya 10:50 a.m. Mart: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.; Juev. Estudio de libro 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. Synod
 Shepherd of the Hills
 1120 Hull Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Third Sunday Evening Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., call for location.

METHODIST
 Community United Methodist Church
 Junction Road, behind "The Coffee House". Harry Riser, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL
 The Apostolles of the Lincoln County
 Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth, 354-4906 or 430-6654. Pastor, Art Dunn. Saturday evening worship 6 p.m.

NAZARENE
 Angus Church of the Nazarene
 Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hail, Pastor. Sat. Alternative Worship, 6:30 pm; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
 First Presbyterian Church
 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Cathy E. Caudle, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:45 a.m.; worship 8:30 and 11 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month. Mountain Ministry

Parish Community
 United Presbyterian Church
 Ancho. Reverend Scott King. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church
 Reverend Scott King. Sunday: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church
 Reverend Bill Sebring. Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH
 Mescalero Reformed
 Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon.: junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.: high school meeting 7 p.m. Thur.: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
 Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist
 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Earl Robertson 505-439-0760; Assoc. Pastor Wilburn Morrow 622-1206. Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
 Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Church, meeting in members' homes. Call 258-1881. www.mfnsun.com\smtuuc

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
 Abundant Life Family Church
 2810 Sudderth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Genity, pastor. Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

American Missionary Fellowship
 Rick Smith, 682-2503. Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut. Mechem Drive. Wednesday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzsky's Deli. Capitan Jr. High and Sr. High Youth

Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship.

Calvary Chapel
 433 Sudderth Drive in the Gateway Center, 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7 p.m.

Centro Cristiano Casa de Oracion
 139 El Paso Rd., Ruidoso, 257-2324. Pastor Carlos Carreon. Reunion General Jueves 7:00 p.m.; Domingo 10:00 a.m. Club Amistad Sabado 11:00 a.m. (niños).

Christ Church in the Downs
 Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors. Sunday: Children's ministries concurrent with Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.; worship 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Thursday: services 7 p.m.

Cornerstone Church
 Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. B.A. Thurman, Pastor. Sunday services: Adult and children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study Adult and Youth, Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Cowboy Church
 Noon Sundays at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Everyone welcome. Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

Grace Harvest Church
 Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4213. Sunday: morning prayer 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m.

Living Word Church
 441 Mechem, 257-3470. Pastors Terry and Suzanne Lewis. Sunday: Renewal services Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday: Intercessory prayer noon; mid-week services 7 p.m.

Peace Chapel
 Interdenominational (ULC)
 Alto North, 336-7075. Jeanette Price, Pastor. Morning chapel: 6:50 a.m. (Sept. - June); Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Development money granted ENMU-Roswell

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell has landed a \$100,000 federal grant to promote economic development initiatives in southeastern New Mexico.

The funding, announced by U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., was awarded through the University Centers Program of the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. The program provides funding to colleges and universities to assist the local community with various economic development efforts.

In March 2000, Domenici was informed that the U.S. Economic Development Administration was looking for a new community to locate its University Centers Program, which was previously housed at the University of New Mexico.

Grants and cooperative agreements awarded under the program help colleges and universities use their own and other resources to address the economic development problems and opportunities of their service areas, Domenici's office said. Proposals funded under the basic University Center Program must focus on providing technical assistance to clients outside the sponsoring institution.

Jobless rate steady

Preliminary figures from the New Mexico Department of Labor indicate Lincoln County's January unemployment rate was nearly unchanged from a month earlier.

The latest jobless rate, 5.7

percent, was one-tenth of a point higher than December 2000's revised rate of 5.6 percent. The Lincoln County rate was, however, 1.5 points higher than January 2000, despite 176 more people working this January compared to a year ago.

"That contrasts with neighboring counties," Dan Hall, labor economist supervisor with the department, said of the increased employment level. "The number of jobs, year-to-year, went down in Chaves and Otero counties. Whatever growth took place in Lincoln County, though, was little."

Furrs gets adviser

In the midst of its Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization, Furrs Supermarkets Inc. has retained a New York-based firm as a financial adviser.

Peter J. Solomon Company will provide financial advisory, investment banking and valuation services related to the grocer's reorganization efforts, Furrs officials said in a March 6 new release.

Furrs officials said they believe the services of an investment banker experienced in reorganizations is required with respect to "strategic alternatives." The company release said Peter J. Solomon Company will advise Furrs regarding potential transactions that Furrs may consider, including restructuring its existing debt, obtaining new financing, a business combination with other entities or a sale of part or all of its assets.

The Solomon company has experience in the supermarket industry, "having provided mergers and acquisitions advisory services to chains.

Big pay for work, the Cisco way

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Designing, building and maintaining computer networks hold the potential of well paying jobs, and you can qualify in Ruidoso.

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso and the Ruidoso School District, joined forces this school year to offer the Cisco Networking Academy Program.

"The Internet is a computer network," explained Chad Smith, an instructor of the Cisco Network Academy. "Students learn how to build networks. It's revolutionizing the way we live."

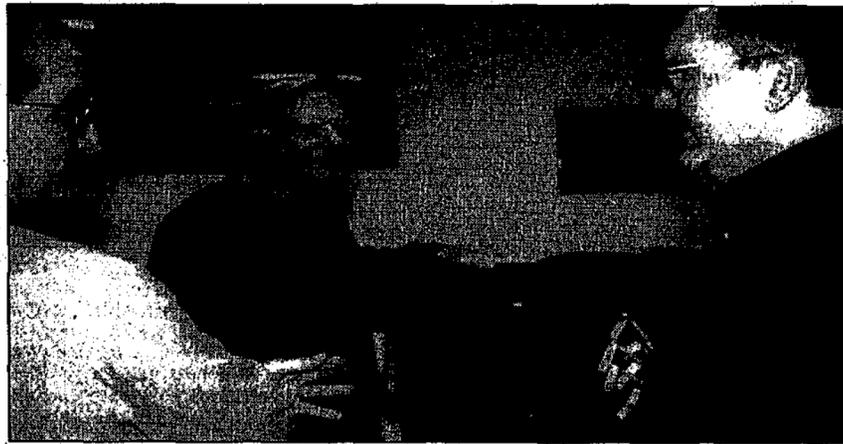
Smith said Cisco's name is on about 80 percent of the devices that make the Internet work. In establishing the Cisco academy in 1997, the firm sought to fill the demand for jobs that have exceeded the supply of networking people.

Dr. Jim Miller, director of ENMU-Ruidoso, agreed.

"The demand for these types of people with this kind of credentials has grown," Miller said. "There are 300,000 to 350,000 jobs in this line of work going unfilled."

Miller said two-year colleges and some high schools in New Mexico are working to make the academy program a part of their curriculum.

"This is a great opportunity for high school students," said Bill Green, principal of



Chad Smith, right, an ENMU-Ruidoso instructor on computer networking, answers questions about the Cisco Networking Academy during an open-house at the Cisco computer lab.

Ruidoso High School, where the computer lab with the Cisco Networking Academy is set up.

Green said for those who pass a national certification test there are companies that will hire immediately. The principal called the Cisco Networking Academy "one of the best things we have going right now."

But Green said the courses are not for everyone.

"They need good technical skills," he said. "It's really for junior and senior students who have done well in every computer course."

Green said some high school students who are taking the courses are so interested they've doubled up, to

try to complete the four study areas in a year. He called it a "big load."

In addition to offering the restricted size classes to high school students, ENMU-Ruidoso includes the Cisco Networking Academy in its course offerings.

A 25-station lab to present much of the subject material usually carries a cost of \$50,000 to \$60,000, Miller said. The joint effort between the university and school district, as well as equipment donations, brought the cost to \$14,000. The university pays the cost of two instructors.

There are no textbooks for the networking courses. The curriculum is delivered via a

computer terminal.

Information about the Cisco Networking Academy Program, provided during an open house last week sponsored by the Ruidoso School District and ENMU-Ruidoso, called the program the world's biggest E-learning laboratory. Other information showed big paychecks are typical for network planning analysts. In New Mexico, the median annual income for an analyst who can review, plan and evaluate network systems is \$53,937.

"College students who do the Cisco Information Systems test and pass will be licensed for work," Miller said.

Great Customer Service Accomplish more with a base

BY DEBBIE J. HAINES
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

You will accomplish more, more easily, if you take the time to first strengthen your "personal foundation."

Who doesn't want to accomplish more in life? Don't we all want more time? More money? More love? More satisfaction? Yet our tendency is to "go for it" rather than simply having it all come to us.

A strong personal foundation includes 10 distinct stepping stones which, when linked together, provide a solid yet personal base on which to build one's life. And, in a world which sometimes appears to be built on quicksand, we all need a personal foundation on which to depend.

These 10 stepping stones of a personal foundation are:

1. A past which is fully completed.
2. A life which is based fully on integrity.
3. Needs which have been identified and fully met.
4. Boundaries which are ample and automatic.
5. Standards which bring out your best.
6. An absence of tolerations.
7. Choosing to come from a positive place.
8. A family which nurtures you.
9. A community which develops you.
10. A life fully oriented around your true values.

Anyone who is living a meaningful life must have a sound personal foundation so they can afford to look up at the sky instead of down at their feet. Having a strong personal foundation allows a person to



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fully use skills and resources instead of constantly worrying about the fundamentals of life, free to focus on the task

at hand. The process of building a personal foundation also teaches a person to eliminate and prevent many common problems that are thought of as an expected part of life.

A skyscraper doesn't start at street level. In fact, the taller the building, the deeper the foundation. This holds true for people, too.

The top 10 standards to develop for yourself:

1. honesty; 2. integrity; 3. power; 4. commitment; 5. acceptance; 6. tolerance; 7. pace; 8. reserve; 9. fitness; 10. communication/relationships.

These 10 areas are illustrative rather than inclusive. The areas you select, and the standards you set for yourself must be appropriate for you.

In my next column, I will look at these 10 standards in detail. I would request that you get a journal or spiral-bound notebook and work along with me for the next four columns setting the standards for your personal foundation. In the next two weeks, identify three of your personal standards (behavior you hold yourself to). If you need guidance, call me at my Coaching for Brilliance office, (505) 258-1102.

Information shared by Thomas Leonard, founder of Coachu.

Hobbs reviving after years of cheap oil

New Mexico's biggest oil patch also struggles to find another regular source of income

BY OLLIE REED JR.
THE ALBUQUERQUE TRIBUNE

HOBBS (AP) - Rusting remains of old oil-field equipment litter yards along U.S. 82 between Artesia and Lovington, just as busted wheels and bleached bones marked the wagon roads and cattle trails of bygone days.

On either side of N.M. 18 from Lovington south into Hobbs, pumps bob in a cold, thick morning mist like obsequious giants paying homage to a greater power.

Welcome to New Mexico's oil patch, a flat, parched corner of southeastern New Mexico known as Little Texas because it looks like West Texas aboveground and because - like the Lone Star State - it brews up petroleum and natural gas underground.

Revenue taxes on oil and gas produced here and in New Mexico's northwest corridor around Farmington account for much of the state's estimated \$514 million surplus this budget year. When things are going well in the patch, as they are now with oil selling at \$27 a barrel, the people who count money in Santa Fe get a little giddy.

And in towns such as Hobbs, three miles this side of Texas but deep in the heart of the patch, there is, in the words of Hobbs native and former state Sen. Billy McKibben, "a sparkle in most people's eyes" because of the boom.

Boom. Bust. Boom. Bust. That's the way it is in the oil and gas industry everywhere, and that's the way it has been in the patch since the Hobbs oil pool was discovered in 1928.

Things last went bust in late 1997, and by 1999, a barrel of sour crude oil was selling for the not-worth-sucking-it-out-of-the-ground price of \$6.

But a recent hike in oil and - especially - natural gas prices has once again turned things around for towns like Hobbs.

"The attitude in town is a lot better," McKibben said. "You can feel it; you can

sense it. You have some naysayers and doomsayers who say it's not back yet, it will never be the same again. That's baloney. It's better and on the verge of getting really good."

Things don't go from bust to boom overnight.

"I think our oil industry is still in recovery from two years ago," Kelly MacLasky, owner of Hobbs' MacLasky Oil Field Services, said. "Most of the companies in the service business are replacing older, worn-out equipment and improving the wage base for the people who stayed."

A lot of people in the oil and gas industry didn't stick it out through the most recent bust. They left Hobbs looking for other jobs in other professions in other states.

"And a lot of them aren't coming back," James Tyler, owner of Tyler Well Services in Hobbs, said. "The ones that are gone have been laid off about two or three times over the years. The oil industry is nasty, dirty work with long hours. They don't have any confidence in it anymore."

Tyler said the result is that there are not enough people around to go into the oil and gas fields now that production is up again.

"We have to hunt hands every day," he said.

Gary Fonay, a Hobbs city commissioner and co-owner of Lynx Petroleum Consultants Inc., said the town has gone from high unemployment in 1999 to just the opposite now.

"If you want to go to work in Hobbs, there are good jobs available," he said. "There is excitement here. You can translate excitement to mean

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Gary Fonay
City commissioner

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Growth, turnover spawned complaints, care company says

■ Sunwest Management Inc., the company considering building an assisted-living complex in Ruidoso, says the number of complaints filed against its centers in Oregon is about average.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Operating in a state that leads the nation in assisted living concepts and opening dozens of new centers each year impacted the number of complaints filed against complexes managed by Sunwest Management Inc. during 1999 and 2000, a spokesman said Tuesday.

"All of our facilities were relicensed, so we met state expectations and followed up and addressed complaints," said Deana Altman Nelson, director of health services in the company's Salem, Ore. headquarters.

Sunwest is considering building an assisted living complex in Ruidoso. Construction could start as early as summer on 60 to 60 studio or one-bedroom apartments.

Nelson said the statistics concerning complaints filed against 19 assisted living or residential care centers in Oregon managed by Sunwest are about average.

"One of the things to consider is that we had quite a number of new facilities added last year and every time you start one, it takes time for adjustment," Nelson said. "The three with the greatest number of complaints had significant staff turnover. We've done two projects since then to motivate

reduced turnover."

A meeting of center administrators Tuesday showed that staff turnover is down, she said.

Although the number of facilities managed by Sunwest went up this year, four facilities are deficiency free, she said.

Sunwest hired her last year in part because of her expertise in dealing with issues of compliance, she said, adding, "I feel we've done a lot of good work."

Nelson explained that Oregon is a lot tougher in judging its assisted living centers than other states.

"Assisted living began in Oregon," she said, adding that people still go there to place their elderly family members. "Because everything is so publicized and people are aware, they often call for survey results on a particular facility."

"There is a huge push for informed disclosure. As part of that, we encourage and inform our residents on how to make complaints and how to have advocates. Those facts lend themselves to greater scrutiny and more investigations and the standards are different."

"What might not even be considered a concern in most states is a deficiency in Oregon, because we've progressed so far."

She characterized Sunwest as a leader in the industry with an expectation of managing more than 60 complexes by the end of this year compared to four just six years ago.

"There are several reasons," Nelson said. "When you're talking to most companies about assisted living, they say they're not a medical model, they're a social model."

"Our focus is not just medical or social,

it's holistic."

Traditionally in health care, the focus was on managing a patient, she said.

"We'd say here's our evaluation of your condition and here's what we think you should do. It was very controlling," Nelson said.

"In assisted living, we give that control back to residents. What we say is we're not here to take care of you, we're here to help you take care of yourself. We promote and value that independence. All the research says that makes a big difference in quality of life."

"We recognize their ability, not disability."

She teaches many classes for nurses working at Sunwest facilities, Nelson said, focusing on the new method of not trying to control residents.

"This is nursing like we have never known," she said. "We've really changed our approach."

Although the company has grown quickly, officials try to fit each new complex into its community.

"Many companies as they get larger take a cookie cutter approach, but we do different brochures for each and although some structural consistency is necessary, we really promote doing different things in each community," she said.

While the company builds and manages centers, the complexes are owned by local investors or through a partnership, Nelson said, adding, "That's why it's so important to individualize."

For more information about the assisted living project, call the Immediate Care Clinic at (505) 630-5300.

► Complaints against Sunwest Management in Oregon

Information from the Senior and Disabled Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services Tuesday showed the following complaint record for Sunwest Management Inc. properties in that state.

The 10-year-old company manages nearly 30 retirement and assisted living-type facilities in Oregon and more than 40 nationwide, mostly in Western states.

Of those in Oregon, during the years of 1999 and 2000, 19 had complaints lodged against them that went to the state for investigation. The types of complaints included financial exploitation and failure to provide service, which covers medical treatment as ordered by a physician, hygiene, proper nutrition, falls from wheelchairs, lack of pain control, calls not answered on a timely basis, failure to get timely medical treatment, injury during transfer, safety issues and one each of low staff to resident ratio and falsification of records. The most common complaint appeared to be medication errors, but most without negative consequences.

Overall, the state found in that two-year period:

- Three facilities with no substantiated complaints.
- Six with no more than one substantiated complaint.
- Of the remaining 72 substantiated complaints, three facilities accounted for 42 and 30 complaints were spread over seven other centers.
- Twenty-nine of the complaints carried fines.

Ruidoso Downs moves ahead with proposed license ordinance

Publication of draft business regulations will pave the way for a future public hearing on the subject, officials say

Ruidoso Downs will publish a draft revised business licensing ordinance that has raised a red flag with one village councilor.

The council Monday approved publishing the proposed ordinance, a required step before a public hearing.

The ordinance had been described previously by the village's legal counsel as a merging of two ordinances that deal with businesses.

"I have a real problem with this because it's so much like bigger towns," said Trustee Bonnie Richardson. "Maybe it needs to be more rigid than now, but ... I just don't like all these regulations."

Richardson warned against an "intrusive" business licens-

ing process.

Village clerk Gladys Dillard said Monday's approval was simply a step toward a future public hearing on the ordinance. She said changes to the draft ordinance could come once public comment is received.

"There is a stipulation that would have, say, an arts and crafts fair go to the police, then the fire department, then code enforcement," Richardson said. "They have to sign off. All the little guys will get squeezed out."

Richardson said the plan created too much red tape and would make it harder for a group to begin a new event in Ruidoso Downs.

A date for a public hearing

on the business licensing ordinance revision has not been scheduled.

In other activity at the Ruidoso Downs council meeting -

• The village's Planning and Zoning Committee has revised a publication and notification chart. The change establishes requirements for anyone seeking to move a mobile home to a site other than an existing mobile home location or trailer park. A legal notice would have to be published and neighbors notified by mail.

Planning and Zoning Committee Chairman Paul Van

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Bonnie Richardson
Downs trustee

Gulick said the requirement makes for good neighbors.

"It turns out that it would be helpful when people come to get a variance in cases where there is some conflict," Van Gulick said.

Village resident Don Smith

applauded the change, but said it was about a week late.

"Another double-wide just came into the Heights," Smith said of his neighborhood. "Nobody said it was coming. This will help."

• Questioned about a fire-fighting pump and hose unit, Mayor Bob Miller said the slip-in unit will be installed on a vehicle.

Smith charged the \$4,000 piece of equipment, bought last year as an "emergency purchase," was sitting on the ground in a junk pile.

• The council endorsed a

Planning and Zoning Committee approval for a more than 10-year-old mobile home to be located at the River Cove Mobile Home Park. Van Gulick said there was no opposition registered. He noted the approval comes after the fact.

• The council authorized the village to issue a request for proposals for general services. The services would involve grant administration and related services. Village clerk Dillard said the method would be similar to what the village has done with engineering services.

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Direct observation proves 'greenhouse effect'

■ Data from earth-orbiting spacecraft separated by 27 years reveals striking changes in the atmosphere, and opens new avenues of research.

LONDON — Scientists from Imperial College, London, have produced the first direct observational evidence that the earth's greenhouse effect increased between 1970 and 1997.

Writing Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, researchers in the Department of Physics show that there has been a significant change in the Earth's greenhouse effect over the last 30 years, a finding which is consistent with concerns over so-called "radiative forcing" of the climate.

Previous studies in this area have depended on theoretical simulations because of the lack of data. However the Imperial team

reached their conclusions after analyzing data collected by two different earth-orbiting spacecraft, in 1970 and 1997.

Comparison between the two data sets has unequivocally established that significant changes in greenhouse gas emissions from the Earth have caused the change to the planet's greenhouse effect over this time period.

Professor John Harries, the lead author of the paper, says: "These unique satellite spectrometer data collected 27 years apart show for the first time that real spectral differences have been observed and that they can be attributed to changes in greenhouse gases over a long time period."

The team examined the infrared spectrum of long-wave radiation data from a region over the Pacific Ocean, and also over the whole globe.

They discovered significant differences in the levels of atmospher-

ic methane, carbon dioxide, ozone and chlorofluorocarbons 11 and 12 between the data, collected in 1970 and 1997.

"The scientists found that by taking the difference between the two sets of data for the same region, they observed the change in the outgoing longwave radiation, and therefore a change in the greenhouse trapping by the atmosphere."

Although the two experiments were flown on separate spacecraft, 27 years apart, the team showed that their comparison of outgoing infrared long-wave radiation spectra is valid. Even allowing for the different spatial and spectral resolutions of the two instruments, there are significant changes in the spectra of the greenhouse gases of the Earth, over this time period.

The team took a number of steps to ensure that their data was reliable. The effects of cloud cover were effectively removed by using a

cloud-clearing algorithm. The resulting two datasets were of comparable resolution and representative of clear-sky conditions. To reduce "noise" in the data, the team selected several regions of the globe and calculated clear-sky average spectra. To avoid seasonal artefacts they used only selected data from the same 3-month period (April - June).

Dr. Helen Brindley, second author on the paper, says: "Through our modeling studies using independent knowledge of the atmospheric state we have shown that the magnitude of the changes observed can only be explained by long-term changes in the greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane and chlorofluorocarbons."

Professor Harries described the next challenges for the team: "The next step is to assess whether these data can provide information about changes in not only the

greenhouse gas-forcing, but the cloud feedback, which is a response of the cloud field to that forcing.

"We must also work to test agreement with the general circulation models used in climate change experiments. These use basic knowledge of expected changes in climate forcing (for example changes in greenhouse gas amounts, solar constant) to predict the climate response.

"Since these are the models used to predict future climate, and influence policy decisions, it is imperative that they can accurately simulate measurements of what is considered to be the driving mechanism behind climate change.

"We are only at the beginning of making use of these spectral observations. Much more information is locked up in the data that we have. This provides a strong motivation for the launch of similar instruments to monitor the state of our climate."

Scientist proves that mimicry has a life-saving role in the evolution of snakes

BY DAVID WILLIAMSON
UNC NEWS SERVICES

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — In 1862, British naturalist Henry Bates proposed — but could not prove — that over time, some animal and plant species that taste good to predators come to resemble other animals and plants that pose a danger to the hungry hunters.

By evolving in that way, the good-tasting species develop an effective defense mechanism and are more likely to survive and reproduce.

Although widely accepted, follow at the University of

and taught as early as elementary school, Batesian mimicry has remained unconfirmed.

Now, however, a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill scientist believes experiments he and others conducted with fake snakes strongly show the Englishman was right. Their report appears in the March 15 issue of the journal *Nature*. Authors are David W. Pfennig, associate professor of biology at UNC, undergraduate William R. Horcombe and Karen S. Pfennig, postdoctoral

Texas at Austin.

"What made Bates' idea so attractive and so unusual for its time was that there was no direct interaction between the dangerous species, which we call the model, and the mimic species," Pfennig said.

"Instead, the evolution of mimicry was driven by the predators because if they didn't learn to avoid dangerous prey, they would not survive themselves. The ones that did survive were more likely to leave behind genes causing them to avoid danger.

"The question became — if

you've got two species that look like each other — how do you determine if it's really mimicry," he said.

In their experiments, he, his wife Karen and his student Horcombe relied on the striking similarity between deadly U.S. coral snakes and scarlet king snakes. Both species bear bright red, yellow and black bands, but the chief visual difference is that in the coral snake, the red and yellow rings touch, while in the scarlet king snake, a black band usually separates the lighter colors.

The researchers created 1,200 life-size models of coral and scarlet king snakes out of plasticine, a mixture of wax and modeling clay, and placed the copies in the wild, both within the coral snake's natural range in the southeastern United States and north of that range in central North Carolina, where they are absent.

The biologists reasoned that if mimicry were causing the king snake to resemble the coral snake, predators would be more likely to attack the former where coral snakes are not

found.

And that's just what their experiments showed. Because the plasticine models retained bite and scratch marks, they became a clear record of how often predators grabbed them.

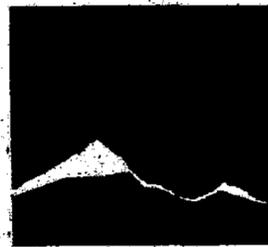
"Attacks were much more frequent on our ringed models in central North Carolina than they were in southern North Carolina and South Carolina, about 50 percent vs. about 6 percent," Pfennig said. "Various predators readily attacked our model scarlet king snakes but only where no coral snakes lived."

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BY ELLEN AND HANK BARONE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Travel at its best means more than simply getting from one point on the map to another as rapidly as possible. "The journey, not the arrival, matters," wrote Paul Theroux in his train epic, *The Old Patagonian Express*.

We couldn't agree more. No plane ride can rival the thrill of watching a new landscape unfold at eye level. Nor can an airport ever capture the intensely romantic experience of a train pulling in or out of a station — or the sudden rush of anticipation when a ship finally casts off its last mooring line and moves away from shore.

Inevitably, such experiences have become rare in today's fast-paced world of jet travel. But they are by no means extinct, we discovered recently on a magical rail trip through Southeast Asia aboard the luxurious Eastern & Oriental Express.

The trip, ranked as one of the best rail journeys in the world, traverses 1,262 miles from Singapore, through the Malay Peninsula, to Bangkok, Thailand.

Escorted aboard the gleaming

E&O vintage carriages by smiling Thai stewards, we began the journey from the art-deco rail station on the island, city-nation of Singapore. No expense was spared in refurbishing the train's three impeccable dining cars, bar car, and 14 sleeper cars. Our elegant, air-conditioned cabin was luxuriously appointed with fine woods, traditional lacquer work and Oriental silks.

Leaving from Singapore on a balmy February afternoon, we crossed the causeway into peninsular Malaysia. Beyond the city was an unhurried world of rural villages, swathes of verdant forest and cultivated fields. An endless landscape of glossy oil palms hung with fat red nuts and regimented plantations of rubber trees, flowed past the train's large picture windows.

As darkness fell over the tropical landscape, it was time to meet our fellow passengers, a mix of well traveled Americans, Japanese and Europeans, for cocktails and dinner. In keeping with the high standards

of the E&O brand, formal attire was the norm for dinner, which made it feel a bit like we were in an Agatha Christie novel. Dining car tables were set with German crystal, gleaming silver, fresh orchids and brass lamps with tasseled silk shades.

"The journey, not the arrival, matters."

Paul Theroux
a traveling writer

After dinner, we returned to our cabin to find that the steward had prepared it for sleeping. There were crisp, turned-down sheets and fluffy cream colored wool blankets with satin edges and small towels on the floor by the beds, each delicately embroidered with the E&O logo. Lulled by the train's rhythmic sway, we fell fast asleep.

The following morning, while waiting for breakfast to be served in our compartment, we relaxed in bed catching glimpses of passing countryside.

Later, a formal announcement proclaimed "Welcome to the Kingdom of Thailand." Before long, we were rolling through a landscape of rice paddies where straw-

hatted men waded and stately coconut and betel-nut palms stretched to the horizon.

Mid-afternoon of our third, and final day, the train made a detour and headed for Kanchanaburi where the train crossed the bridge over the River Kwai. The picturesque spot belied its grim reputation in World War II as the scene of the Death Railway. The 415-kilometer-long track, built in just 12 months, cost the lives of 130,000 allied prisoners and Asian laborers.

A few hours later, the train click-clacked into our final destination, Bangkok, Thailand's largest city, where ancient golden temples are juxtaposed with sleek, modern skyscrapers.

The enormous Hualamphong Station, with its lofty arching roof provided the perfect backdrop as we bid a reluctant farewell to three glorious days on the Eastern and Oriental Express.

For information: www.orient-express-trains.com; 800-524-2420. Shangri-La Hotels: (Singapore, Bangkok, and the Trader's Hotel in Yangon; also a Shangri-La property); www.shangri-la.com; 800-942-5050.

South Padre Island in the throes of 'Texas Week' at spring break

■ The popular Texas Gulf Coast resort is finding that the students are coming to celebrate a break, but they haven't been spending all that much.

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas (AP) — For merchants on South Padre Island, spring break means tens of thousands of rowdy high school and college students who like to spend

their week off from school partying and having fun on the island.

It also means a lot more business.

Some schools had spring break last week, and business owners said so far there have been fewer students in their stores than in years past.

But it's this week — "Texas Week" — that the real crush of students arrives.

More than 100,000 students were expected this week for fun

and sun in a community that has spent months preparing for spring break.

"It's slower than it should be, but they've been good kids. We've had no rowdiness, no problems, but they're just not buying," said Bob Patterson, the owner of Sun-N-Fun. "I think it's a lack of numbers ... but we're hoping for a good Texas Week, so we'll see what happens."

This year, the island has stepped up its emphasis on law enforcement, traffic control and

a zero tolerance policy toward illegal drugs.

In response to problems with cruising and public consumption of alcohol, town aldermen enacted a loitering ordinance and a ban on open containers in the town's central business district.

The ordinance, passed last April, allows officers to arrest anyone who, when requested, refuses to show an ID or move.

Last Friday, to stop endless cruising, officials began

installing temporary fencing in the center lane of the main route. The fence, scheduled to remain in place for 10 days, will restrict left hand turns on the lower blocks of Padre Boulevard. Traffic lights in the Four Corners area have been installed.

Officials said they hope the lights will facilitate traffic flow off the causeway and into town.

Police Chief Robert Rodriguez added more officers for spring break and said agencies like the state Alcohol Beverage Commission stand ready to assist.

"We're prepared for it and everything now is going well," Rodriguez said.

Bob Pinkerton, chairman of a spring break task force, said he believes the town is prepared.

"We'll have to wait and see with the crowds coming in if they will be able to enforce everything," Pinkerton said as the week began. "I'm looking forward to a good week."

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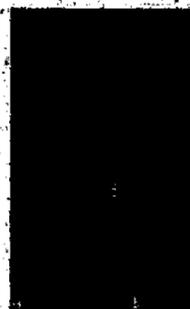
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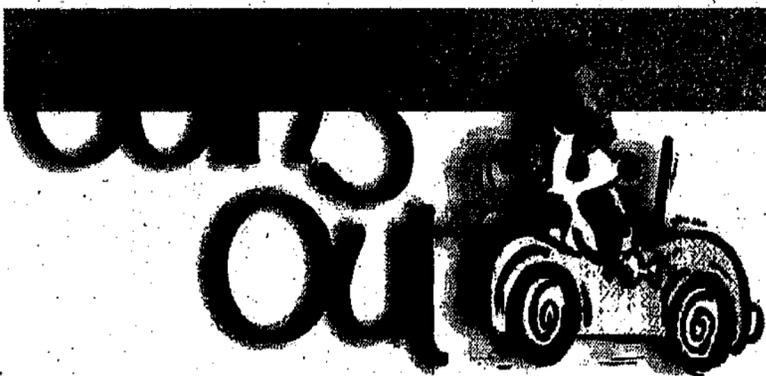
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"Jekyll & Hyde," the classic tale of good and evil, comes to the Spencer Theater at 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, March 21 and 22. Excellent seats are still available for \$35 & \$38. Call (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872 for ticket information.



If man's true freedom depends, not on the boldness of his actions, but on the responsibility he takes for them, then the brilliant Dr. Henry Jekyll has a lot of owning-up to do.

The well intended bloke has a dark side that simply cannot be controlled: an ugly creature that terrorizes 19th century London in bloody, murderous rampages. Named Henry Hyde, this shadow-side of Dr. Jekyll takes on its vicious life form after the doctor attempts to create a formula that will eradicate evil from mankind. Using himself as the test model, the experiment backfires, transforming the sophisticated scientist into two distinct characters — one that is essentially good, the other truly evil.

"Jekyll & Hyde" the hit Broadway musical is an evocative tale of romance and the epic struggle between darkness and light inside "Everyman's" heart.

Called "A Phenomenon!" by the *New York Times*, this musical thriller transforms the Spencer Theater stage into a gothic setting where love is betrayed and painfully accepted.

With a cast of nearly 40 singers and dancers, "Jekyll and Hyde" contains some of the loveliest ballads and rousing chorals to come off Broadway in recent years. The allegorical tale, based on the original 1886 thriller written by Robert Louis Stevenson, features a storyline and lyrics by the two-time Academy Award-winning lyricist Leslie Bricusse and a score by Grammy Award nominated composer Frank Wildhorn. "Jekyll and Hyde" is fresh and romantic, especially with the much talked about "genteel pomposity and brutal vulgarity" of its star, Guy LeMonnier, and the haunting songs of the women who love him: his fiancée Emma (Shani Lynn Nielsen), and his woman of the night, Lucy (Annie Berthiaume).



Find out why everyone's been screaming! For tickets to "Jekyll & Hyde" call the box office at (888) 818-7872, (505) 336-4800 or visit the theater's Web site at www.spencertheater.com. Tickets are also available at Furr's locations in Ruidoso, Albuquerque and Santa Fe. The Spencer Theater Winter Season 2000/2001 is sponsored in part by Sierra Blanca Motor Company, Salon Red, McGary Studios/Expressions in Bronzer Gallery, Ruidoso State Bank, *Ruidoso News*, Dale Chihuly Studio and Ruidoso radio station KRUI-1490 AM.

Lizards and Daisies to perform in Ruidoso

by Sandy Suggitt
VAMONOS! EDITOR

Stop in at Le-Claire's

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Sudderth Drive, for a St. Paddy's

Day alternative-music adventure.

This local band of three will perform with acoustic and electric

guitars from 2 to 3 p.m. as a

"kinda album-release party," said

Phillip Blake (not his real name),

spokesman for the Lizards and

Daisies.

The band has two CDs out — "incognito" and "scampmusic" — and a third will be released this spring.

"We've taken on alias names trying to develop a gestalt," Blake said of himself, "Virginia" the drummer and "Tedless Jane" the bass player. All three have been in the music business

for more than 15 years, sing and compose the songs they record in their own recording studio.

"We're interested in making great music together that's socially responsible," Blake said, adding that their desire for anonymity comes from a reaction to the stardom syndrome in pop music. "Musicians often take precedence over the music. We want to be known as a unit — the Lizards and Daisies and we want to be open to other musicians to join us. ... Bands like Steely Dan, Pink Floyd have a core group and a list of other musicians that perform on an album and for a performance."

It's a family affair: Tedless Jane is Blake's brother and the drummer's Blake's wife — who may or may not be on maternity leave Saturday.

Blake said they want to create good music and make the band's concept work enough to set aside funds to donate to causes such as home-

lessness or the environment.

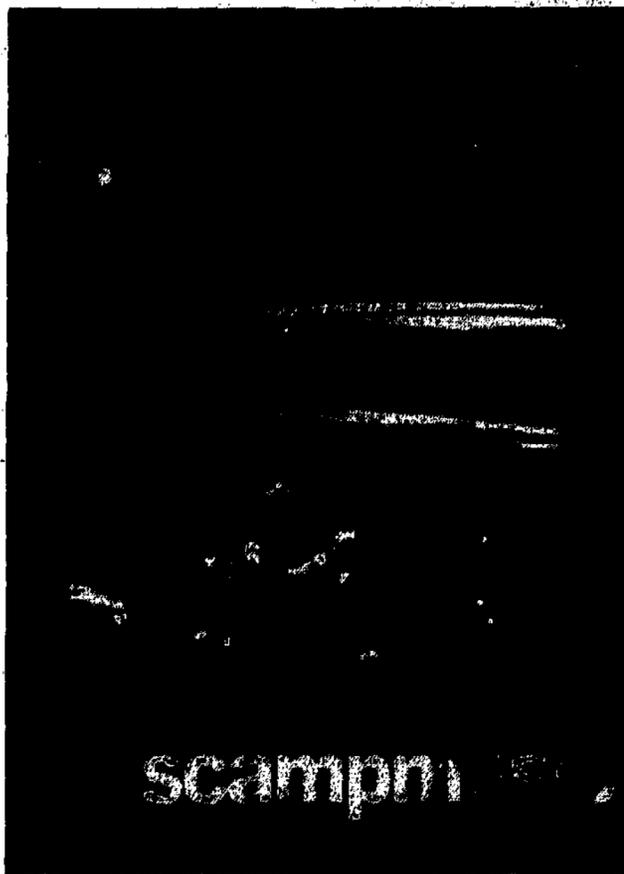
"To me that's what art should do," he said. "It should give something back to the community that supports it and not celebrate individuals or a group of individuals with pretty faces."

Laughing at himself a little, he trailed off, then added, "I just wanna make music, play my rock'n roll. It's kind of fun. I think a mythology behind a project makes it more interesting — a story instead of a bunch of songs on a disk."

The music is a mix of rock, blues, folk, "with an irreverence of boundaries and typecasting," to quote from the Lizards and Daisies Web site (www.lizardsanddaisies.com). "After all ... there are not rules in art, only the pursuit of satisfaction, and the agony of the feet."

If that doesn't give an idea of the band's style, maybe a few lines of lyrics from the second CD will: "Do you know, huggamama, hoochy coo, I love you"; "Whatchoo doing shakin' what you got ... somebody's in the van van loving everybody in the van van, that's right, that's right."

In case you miss the performance, the CDs can be sampled on MP3 or purchased locally at Folk of the Wood Music Store in Sierra Plaza, Sky's the Limit, High Altitude in Midtown and the White Dove in Capitan.



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THE SECOND album by Lizards and Daisies

Coming up soon

Spring Arts and Crafts Show in Carrizozo

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Carrizozo Rec Center. About 24 booths will

display quilting, woodworking, candles, folk art, oil and acrylic paintings, fine needlework, embroidery, handmade soaps, prints, metalwork, baked goods and other crafts by artists from Lincoln County. Uptown Cafe will provide food.

A large flea market put on by the women from White Oaks will be in front yard of the rec center.

San Vicente Artists of Silver City

The studio and gallery walk will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, featuring five artists. Margaret Andrea Cejka (watercolor, alkyls), Susan Hill (fiber art, weaving), Vance O'Loughlin (metal sculpture) and James Pepperl (forged steel).

Mary Lea Lane
Arts Coordinator



Ruidoso Arts Commission

The visual arts in business spaces

Recently, a group of arts-interested people were discussing how to make the visual arts easily accessible to the general public. The discussion centered on two items: The Private Art in Public Places project of the Ruidoso Arts Commission and the many businesses in town that display the work of local visual artists. We want to recognize the value of these endeavors by business establishments and encourage others to consider participating in such cultural activities.

When the local business community participates in this kind of project, everyone wins:

Business establishments gain exciting décor for their premises in spaces as varied as lobbies and even restrooms. Artists gain an audience for their work along with the possibility of a sale, either now or at some future date. And each of these businesses is helping to achieve the No. 1 goal as expressed in the series of open meetings that was held in November and December: creating awareness of Ruidoso and Lincoln County as an arts community. This concept is being boldly demonstrated to the citizens and tourists who frequent these innovative businesses.

Local businesses, which have chosen to support the arts and artists in this fashion, are making it possible for everyone

to become arts aficionados — not just those who are known as patrons of the arts. We commend the businesses that are serving the greater community in this way.

Some examples of the different possibilities of visual arts exhibits are: featuring the work of a single artist, as happens at the Chamber of Commerce; or exhibiting the works of an organized group of artists, such as the six photographers who just recently mounted the "Six Shooters Exhibit" at Ruidoso State Bank; or hanging single works of several artists like those on display at Carrizozo Joe's restaurant in Carrizozo.

Through these programs, visitors to our village cannot help but become aware of the

high quality of art being produced by area artists, and of the value placed on the arts by our citizens.

The Ruidoso Arts Commission, which serves Ruidoso and all of Lincoln County, is creating a file of artists in all disciplines — music, drama, dance, and all forms of the visual arts. Artists and potential users, (such as businesses, schools, clubs, organizations) are encouraged to contact me at 378-4302, to be included or to make use of this free cultural-arts listing service.

Working together, we can make the arts available to everyone.

Submissions for the weekly calendar must be turned in to the newspaper office by noon on Friday the week preceding publication.

Saturday, March 17

'La Boheme' on FM radio

'La Boheme' by Puccini will be broadcast in Ruidoso from 11:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. on KENW, 91.3, with Steven Crawford conducting. The cast includes Miriam Gaudi (Mimi), Ainhoa Arteta (musette), Frank Lopardo (Rodolfo), Gerald Finley (Marcello), Earle Patriarco (Schaunard), Richard Bernstein (Colline). Living the Bohemian life beneath the cold gray skies of Paris' Latin Quarter, the poet Rodolfo and the frail seamstress Mimi find love, merriment, and despair.

Spring Arts and Crafts Show

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Carrizozo Rec Center. For info, call (505) 648-4220 or 645-3015. Food will be provided by Uptown Cafe.

San Vicente Artist Studio and Gallery Walk

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; five San Vicente Artists of Silver City are featured. For more information, contact Mary Murphy at (505) 388-4854.

Tuesday, March 20

After-school Tuesdays

3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Wednesday, March 21

'Jekyll & Hyde' Musical Thriller

8 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. 'Jekyll & Hyde' the classic tale of good and evil, is the smash hit musical direct from Broadway with music by the legendary songwriter and Academy Award winner Leslie Bricusse. Tickets are \$35 and \$38 available by calling (505) 336-4800 or (888) 818-7872 or visit the theater's Web site at www.spencertheater.com.

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Pre-school Storytime

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Informed Vision: 'Reflections in the Lizard's Eye'

7 p.m. at the Roswell Museum of Art, John Brandi celebrates maverick New Mexico Cowboys, Hopi mesa dwellers, inconclast truckers, Mexican folk artists, Hispanic curanderas, fellow poets, hardscrabble wanderers of slick-rock and sage. Brandi's new book, Reflections in the Lizard's Eye: Nites From the High Desert achieves greatness in its straightforward revelations. Attend Brandi's evening of readings, reflections, and revelations. For more information and ticket prices call (505) 624-6744.

After-school movie

3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

Friday, March 23

Willy Sucre and the DaVinci Quartet

7:30 p.m. at Macey Center in Sicri, violinist Willy Sucre joins all-female DaVinci Quartet for a free concert. For information, contact Ronna Kalish at (505) 835-5488.

Ongoing

New Acquisitions Exhibition

Open through May 13 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. It features the many different items donated to the museum from January 1995 through December 2000. This unique look at Americana features everything from a child's wicker saddle to an Apache rifle scabbard, stop watch and works of fine art.

Open Studio Drawing Workshop

9 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, at the Fruit of the Trees, (505) 653-4699.

Solarmax and Wolves IMAX Films

Showing at the Alamogordo Space Center through March at noon, 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 11 a.m., noon, 2, 3, 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information about schedules and prices, call (877) 333-6589.

Aspen Leaf School of Dance

Classical ballet, jazz and tap for all ages. Beginners and volunteers always welcome, 1204 Mechem, 258-1946.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Bridge

At the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

• **Party Bridge** — Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., Fridays, 1 p.m.

• **Duplicate Bridge** — Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Capitan Public Library

106 S. Lincoln Avenue. Open Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Info and renew by phone, 354-3035. Volunteers needed.

• Spanish and English workstations available to the public. Free Internet access. Call to reserve a space.

• Winter Reading Program for children up to 18 years the first Saturday of each month.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program

Monday-Friday, noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area, 387-4659.

Ruidoso Public Library

107 Kansas City Road (next to the Ruidoso Village Hall) 258-3704. Open Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

• Friends of the Library Book Shoppe is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Exhibits & Receptions

Chamber Exhibit of the Month

Photographer Melanie J. Sanchez is the March Exhibit of the Month at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Roundup El Paso Museum of Art Exhibit

Through April 8, drawing from dozens of private and corporate art collections throughout El Paso and the surrounding region, Roundup showcases more than 50 works of art in all media, with a strong focus on 19th-20th century American artifacts, master paintings by the Taos and Santa Fe art colonies and the Mexican modernists Diego Rivera and Rufino Tamayo, as well as major contemporary works by Matthew Barney, Ross Bleckner, James Drake, Luis Jimenez.

Movies

'Down to Earth'

Comedy and Romance. Rated PG-13 for sexual content and language.

Starring: Chazz Palminteri, Eugene Levy, Frankie Faison, Jennifer Coolidge and Chris Rock.



Courtesy

BRAD PITT AND JULIA ROBERTS in Dreamworks' 'The Mexican.'

Directed by Chris Weitz and Paul Weitz.

Distributor: Paramount Pictures
Synopsis: When a struggling Brooklyn stand-up comic dies before his time, he is sent back to Earth to inhabit the body of a rich white man whose wife and lover are plotting to kill him.
Showtimes: *2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., *9:30 p.m.

'The Mexican'

Action/Adventure, Comedy and Romance.

Rated R for violence and language.
Starring: Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, James Gandolfini, Bob Balaban, J.K. Simmons. Directed by Gore Verbinski. Produced by John Baldecchi and Lawrence Bender.

Written by J.H. Wyman.

Distributor: Dreamworks SKG

Synopsis: Jerry Welbach, a reluctant bagman, has been given two ultimatums: The first is from his mob boss to travel to Mexico and retrieve a priceless antique pistol, known as 'The Mexican'... or suffer the consequences. The second is from his girlfriend Samantha to end his association with the mob. Jerry figures alive and in trouble with Samantha is better than the more permanent alternative, so he heads south of the border. Finding the pistol proves easy. Getting it home is another matter. The pistol supposedly carries a legendary curse—a legend Jerry is given every reason to believe... especially when Samantha is taken hostage by a hit man to ensure the safe return of the pistol.
Showtimes: *1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., *9 p.m.

'See Spot Run'

Comedy and Kids/Family. Rated PG for crude humor, language and comic violence.

Starring: David Arquette, Leslie Bibb, Michael Clarke Duncan, Paul Sorvino, Angus T. Jones.

Directed by John Whitesell. Produced by Robert Simonds, Tracey Trench and Andrew Deane.

Written by Dan Baron, Chris Faber, George Gallo, Craig Titley and Stuart Gibbs.

Distributor: Warner Brothers
Synopsis: Gordon is a mailman who

has never met a dog he couldn't handle. Until one day when he offers to baby-sit the son of his beautiful neighbor and soon finds himself with a new animal in his life: an FBI agent's drug-sniffing dog, who has escaped from a witness protection program with local mobsters in hot pursuit. When the runaway canine seeks refuge in Gordon's truck, it's the beginning of a wildly comic adventure that leads to some unexpected transformations for both man and dog.
Showtimes: *1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., *9:15 p.m.

* Friday and Saturday Only

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Cree Meadows Country Club

5p.m.-closing New Karaoke Thursday, Sunday, Monday. 9 p.m.-closing on Fridays and Saturdays DJ nights with DJ Pete playing Hip Hop to Classic Rock.

Hollywood Inn and Cantina

Live music featuring the Longhorn Band on Friday and Saturday. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs.

Le Bistro

Live entertainment from 7:30-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at 2800 Sudderth Drive.

Screaming Eagle Lounge

Open Monday through Saturday in the Enchantment Inn. Live music with Talsman Band Wednesday through Saturday. Call 378-4051 for information.

The Quarters

Live rock and roll music Wednesday through Sunday. Karaoke on Mondays and Tuesdays at 2535 Sudderth Drive.

Time Square Deli/Books 'N Beans

Classical Guitarist Tomas Vigil performs Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

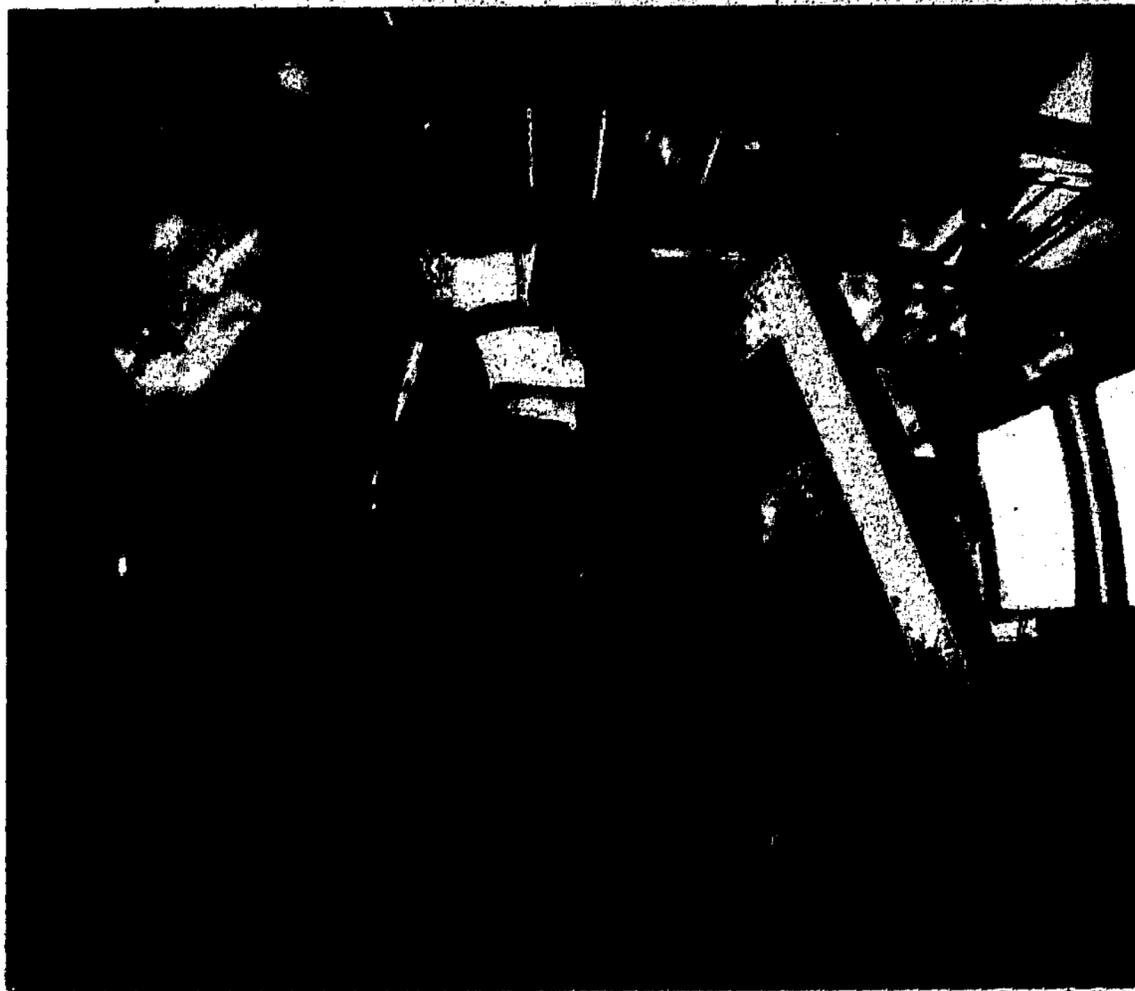
Win, Place & Show

Live music by Wild Card from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at 2516 Sudderth Drive. Ladies Night is Monday.



The Arts

'Lincoln County Art: The New Millennium'



Dianne Stallings

TERRY BUMPASS LOADS "Scullery Treasures," a watercolor by Marty Lane, for the trip to Santa Fe.

Story by
Dianne Stallings

¡VAMOS! WRITER

After wrapping his choices, Terry Bumpass hauled each painting, photograph, sculpture and assorted other pieces out to his van for the trip back up to Santa Fe Tuesday.

Bumpass, curator for the Governor's Gallery at the state capitol, just finished selecting pieces for an exhibit showcasing the work of Lincoln County artists that will open with a reception from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., March 16 and runs through May 11.

"We've been planning this for three years," Bumpass said, motioning to Virginia Watson-Jones, who handled the local end of organizing "Lincoln County Art: The New Millennium."

Thirty-five artists will be represented out of 57 artists submitting 135 entries. Lincoln County hasn't exhibited since the mid-1980s, Watson-Jones said.

"The original idea for this show was from Stan Monks, who was chair of the Arts Commission at the time. I took the lead to become liaison," she said. "We mailed out 250 invitations to participate."



'SIERRA BLANCA,' a watercolor by R. Gary Miller.

It's a tough job selecting, but Bumpass has been doing it for years.

He earned his bachelor of fine arts degree from Texas Tech University in 1970 and his master's in 1975, then taught ceramics, jewelry, metal crafts and sculpture at New Mexico Junior College 18 years.

In 1994, he became preparator for Stewart Ashman, curator of the Governor's Gallery at the beginning of Gov. Gary Johnson's administration. When Ashman was appointed director of the Museum of Fine Arts, a division of the Office of Cultural

Affairs, Bumpass moved into the curator's position.

"We're an outreach of the museum," he said. "We can do exhibits the museum cannot. We feature living New Mexico artists. We leave the deceased to the museum. We do about eight shows a year, and I feel good that we're able to reach out to different parts and groups in the state. I try to travel (with) at least one exhibit a year and then bring in shows from other areas to Santa Fe."

Once a year, the gallery highlights recipients of the annual Governor's Awards.

Each exhibit runs about six to eight weeks and he's booked up until April 5, 2003, Bumpass said.

"I try for a variety of shows, to keep mixing things up," he said.

When selecting art for a show, besides looking for a special quality that sets a piece apart, Bumpass said he also thinks about placement in the gallery. He thinks size and space.

"I try to remain pretty open to what is being presented," he said. "I was aware of some of the artists here, but not all of them. It's hard to choose from slides because they can be deceptive."

One of the pieces that particularly caught his eye was a pastel pencil portrait by Ruidoso artist and art teacher Karen Reeder.

"When I saw the slide, I couldn't wait to see the piece. It's very different

from what you may think of as Lincoln County art," he said. "It's intriguing, very surreal. It makes me want to see more of her work and that's something I would like viewers to think as they look at any of the exhibits."

New Mexico is one of few states with a permanent art collection displayed throughout the capitol building, established by the Capitol Art Foundation. Visitors often comment about seeing contemporary art on display unlike the more routine paintings of past governors hung by other states, he said.

Artists selected for the Lincoln County show are: Frank Amigo, Patsy Blasdel, Polly Chavez, Barbara Jean Culler, Denise Dorn, Randy Dougherty, Ronda Dougherty, Rita K. Hadley, Ivy Heymann, Darcy Holmes, Ardis Hood, Carol Hurd, Marty Lane, Dave McGary, Carol Meyer, R. Gary Miller, Judy

Pekelsma, Ann Pollard, Matreen Quemada, Peter Rogers, John Meigs, Todd Shelby, Gordon Snidow, Ann Templeton, Renate I. Shiver, Pamela Topper, Dee Westcott, Virginia Watson Jones, Beverly and Paula Wilson, R.L. York, Karen Reeder, Lonnie W. Lippmann, Douglas Miller, Frederic Moras and M. L. Pearson.



Dianne Stallings

BUMPASS SELECTS a photograph by Lionel W. Lippman for the gallery show.



'WHAT IS IT ABOUT ME?', a quilt by Darcy Holmes.



Ardis R. Hood

'LA TIERRA FOR SALE,' a pastel by Ardis D. Hood.

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Off Highway 70, San Patricio, 653-4081
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California Colors
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Barbara Deihl-Westbrook is the artist in residence of this gallery of art.

Cruds Art Bronze
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Expressions in Bronze
2002 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-3790
Dave McGary's facility features a finishing studio and a gallery which showcases a two-decade retrospective collection of his "Images in Bronze." Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

Fruit of the Trees
Highway 380 between mile markers 95 and 96, 653-4699
Artist Paula Wilson and bookbinder Beverly Wilson showcase handmade paper, blank journals and multiple paper products. North at the sign on Highway 380 between mile markers 95 and 96, follow the drive to the studio. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday - Sunday.

G.D. Garrett Fine Art
2306 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-7695 or 257-6977
Featuring original art and prints by local artist Gary Garrett. Originals and prints of Sierra Blanca and local wildlife.

Handwoven Designs
102 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, 354-2008
Maggie Doyle is a nationally recognized, fourth-generation hand weaver with a working weavery in Capitan. She draws inspiration from the landscapes of her New Mexican home for her handwoven clothing. Open Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery
Off Highway 70 in San Patricio, 653-4331
Michael Hurd's latest works plus works

by Peter Hurd, Henrietta Wyeth Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Carol Hurd Rogers and Peter de la Fuente. Works can be viewed Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday.

The Kenyon Thomas Gallery
546 Sudderth Drive, 257-1056
Pottery and pastels by Kenyon Thomas, fine weavings by Marcia Thomas. Call for gallery hours.

Lorene & Larry's Frame & Art
268 Main Road, Capitan, 354-2605
Original art, watercolor painting, Southwestern prints and custom design furniture by Larry.

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La Paloma Gallery
Mile marker 98, U.S. 380, Lincoln, 653-4619

Contemporary fine art by New Mexican and other artists. Open most days 10 a.m.-4 p.m. but a call ahead is advised. Check our Web page: www.lapaloma-gallery.com.

Lincoln State Monument
Highway 380, Lincoln, 653-4372
Montario Store and exhibits highlighting the Montario family, Hispanic contributions to the area and adobe architecture. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday - Sunday. Admission fee included in the \$6 daily pass at the Courthouse for admission to seven buildings, including those of the Hubbard Museum.

McMahon Fine Art
No. 7 Jira Plaza, 700 Mechem, 257-9102
Tom McMahon features internationally acclaimed artists in a variety of media. American paintings and works on paper, 18th to 20th centuries.

Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing
2530 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9748
Originals and prints by local artist Teri Sodd, prints by B. Jaxon, D. Terbush, A. Shade, Henke, J. Larson, B. Carver, G. Snidow, S. Wamsley. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nogal Store & Gallery
Highway 37, Nogal
Featuring the works of Nogal and Lincoln County area artists and craftsmen. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Piñon Pottery Studio & Gallery
2.8 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70, 378-4270
Vicky Conley's functional and decorative raku pottery, etchings, block prints and monotypes. Bridal registry available. Original paintings, prints, silk scarves, jewelry and funky clocks by local artists. Tuesday - Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Red Rose Art Studio
County Road E016, Hondo, 653-4203.
The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Call for hours.

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons
416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-6627

New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic-themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

Spring Canyon Gallery
2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561

Artist Misha Malpica's Spring Canyon sculpturing studio, where you can meet the artist and watch as a creation unfolds before your eyes. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

Stribling Fine Art
1031 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-4892

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The Lags are woodworkers who design and create a variety of functional artworks, including doors, screens and lamps. Located in Nogal at Highway 37 and Nogal Canyon Road.

Unique Creations
Nogal Mesa, 354-3500 354-4203
Creative expressions by Sandy Hartley include fiber art furniture, etched and stained glass, original macrame headboards, wall hangings etc. Open by appointment for interior consultation, commissions and gift items.

Western Trails Gallery
320 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4203
Original Western oils, a collection of quality Indian jewelry and artifacts, unique ethnographic and regional crafts.

White Mtn. Pottery Gallery
2328 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-3644
Established in 1975 and featuring a collection of talented clay artists, it offers tableware, lamps and accessories by local and nationally known potters. Call for hours.

White Oaks Pottery Studio & Gallery
3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2985
From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heymann makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Pecos Mountain. A one-hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open 7 days, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ZW's gallery
Milemarker 4 3/4, Highway 37, Nogal
Weaving, spinning, blacksmithing. Open from noon to 6 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday.

Posters are sought for the new playground

Children 12 and under may submit a poster for the community playground for the White Mountain Recreational Area. These ideas or designs may be used in the design of the playground.

The first-place prize is an individual swim and slide pass at the public swimming pool, an \$80 value. The second-place prize is a \$20 gift certificate from Michelen's.

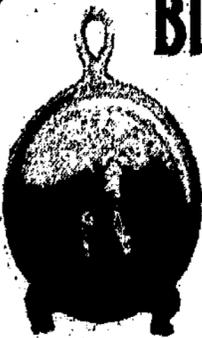
Posters may be no larger than 11x17 with all of the following information on the back: school name or organization, child's name, address and phone number, and teacher's name if applicable. All entries must be received by Wednesday, March 21 at the Parks and Recreation Office or schools. For more information, call 257-5030.

High School Art Show opening

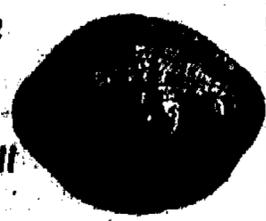
High school students from Ruidoso, Capitan, Cloudcroft and Sierra Blanca High will display more than 50 pieces of art for the annual Henriette Wyeth High School Art Show. The public is invited to an opening reception at the Hubbard Museum of the American West from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 25. Refreshments will be served.

Western artist Gordon Snidow will judge the work and present awards for first, second and third place prizes.

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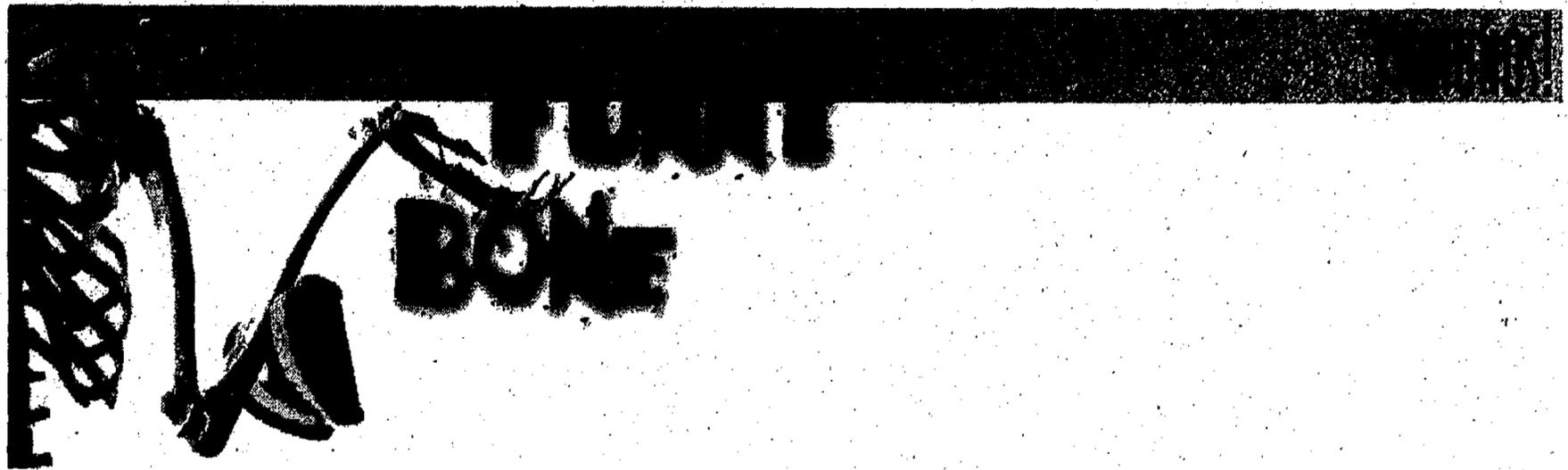
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This time music failed to soothe a savage beast



Dave Barry
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It is a chilling question that we have all asked ourselves: What would we do if, God forbid, we had to get a squirrel out of a piano?

This very question confronted an animal-control officer in Fairfax County, Virginia, recently, according to a news report from the December 21 issue of *The Washington Post* sent in by roughly two million alert readers. According to this report, the officer was responding to a report of "a squirrel running inside a residence." When the officer arrived, the squirrel "jumped into an open baby grand piano."

Fortunately, the officer had the training, the courage, and — above all — the musical talent to deal with the situation. To quote from the *Post* report, which I am not making up:

"After the officer started playing the song 'All I Want' by the group Toad the Wet Sprocket, the squirrel jumped out of the piano and onto

curtains, damaging them." The report says that the squirrel then jumped onto the officer's head, and then onto a couch, where the officer was able to apprehend it and release it unharmed.

So everything turned out OK, which is very fortunate. I mean, what if, in the heat of the moment, the officer had played the wrong tune? What if he had played "Copacabana," by Barry Manilow? The squirrel probably would have ripped his throat out. I know I would have.

In an effort to learn more about this incident, I made a tax-deductible long-distance phone call to the Fairfax County Police Department and spoke with spokesperson Sophia Grinnan. I asked her if the officer's tactics were based on those used by the U.S. Army during its 1990 invasion of Panama, when our troops played loud rap and heavy-metal music in an effort to dislodge outlaw dictator Manuel Noriega, who had taken refuge inside a piano. Officer Grinnan told me that she did not believe there was a connection. She said that the officer, whose name is Andrew Sanderson, had simply made a spur-of-the-moment decision to play "All I Want" on the piano containing the squirrel.

"He's musically inclined," said Grinnan, adding, "I mean the officer,

not the squirrel."

In any event, for now the situation in Fairfax County appears to be under control. But that does not mean that we can afford to be sanguine. For one thing, we have no idea what "sanguine" means. For another thing, there have been several other alarming recent incidents of wildlife running amok:

INCIDENT ONE: According to an Associated Press report sent in by alert reader Joel Kupecz, during a rush hour in Syracuse, New York, an apparently rabid beaver, foaming at the mouth and "rumored to be twice as large, as normal," was "rearing on its hind legs and running and snapping at cars." A police officer was forced to shoot the

beaver. (Apparently there was no piano available.)

INCIDENT TWO: According to an Associated Press report from Jarrett, Virginia, sent in by many alert readers, motorists on Interstate 95 were attacked by fruit-throwing monkeys. A police officer, responding to motorist complaints, observed "three brown monkeys in an oak tree, throwing crab apples." The monkeys, which police believe may have escaped from a circus, then fled on foot. They apparently are still at

large, possibly working in the field of Customer Service.

INCIDENT THREE: This is an alarming report from the *Al-Riyadh* newspaper sent in by alert pension actuary Bob Lebenson, concerning some irate baboons in Saudi Arabia. What happened, according to *Al-Riyadh*, was this: A motorist driving on a mountain road ran over a baboon and killed it. So the other members of the deceased baboon's squadron waited in that same spot for THREE DAYS. When the motorist returned, one of the baboons screeched out a command, and all the baboons threw stones at the car, breaking the windshield before the driver escaped. It was clearly a revenge hit. Baboon Sopranos!

These last two incidents are particularly disturbing, because they are not random loner attacks by fugitive squirrels or clearly disturbed beavers. Instead, they involve organized hostile wildlife displaying far more intelligence and planning ability than, for example, the U.S. House of Representatives. Should we, as humans, be concerned about this? Should we take action? Can we, at the very least, agree that "Fugitive Squirrel and the Clearly Disturbed Beavers" is a better name for a rock band than "Toad the Wet Sprocket"? Think about it! Personally, I am sanguine.

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THE HUBBARD MUSEUM
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Billy Blab and the outlaws

"William Milton Breakenridge was born on Christmas Day, 1846, at Watertown, Wisconsin. At the age of 14 he quit school and ran off to Milwaukee, where he became a newsboy, hawking papers on street corners."

The book *Hellorado* was written by Billy Breakenridge, who had been a deputy sheriff in Tombstone, Arizona Territory during its wildest years. Billy's book chronicled much of what went on in those early days, including the involvement of the Earps in politics, romance and violence at that place.

Billy set himself up as "Tombstone's Deputy" and did much to belittle the contribution of the Earp family to the history of that place. Despite the fact that Wyatt rather disdainfully dismissed Billy as "that process server," he allowed Breakenridge to stay with him and his wife Josie in the early 1920s when Billy was collecting data and writing his book. The fact that he stayed with the Earps at the same time that he was, essentially, planning Wyatt's character assassination, reflects less than admirably on Billy. It is no wonder that years later, in her own memoirs, Josephine Earp would refer to him as "Billy Blab."

But, "process server" or not, Billy *really* was a deputy sheriff under Johnny Behan, Wyatt Earp's romantic and political rival. Behan was more of a politician than a lawman, and many felt that his hobnobbing with men like Curly Bill Brocius and Johnny Ringo, neither of whom had ever been associated with law and order, was something that the County Sheriff should



Courtesy

DOC HOLLIDAY, one of those to suffer the character assassination of Billy Breakenridge:

not be doing. There were other, darker rumors implicating Behan in the criminal activities of these two and their associates. Another of Behan's deputies, Frank Stilwell, was robbing stagecoaches in his spare time. Nevertheless, many years later, Breakenridge would go out of his way to make Behan (and himself) appear to be the *real* law in Cochise County.

Billy's beginnings

William Milton Breakenridge was born on Christmas Day, 1846, at Watertown, Wisconsin. At the age of 14 he quit school and ran off to Milwaukee, where he became a newsboy, hawking papers on street corners. Two years later, he left Wisconsin forever, enlisting in the U.S. Army during the War Between the States as a teamster. After his hitch was up, he went west to Denver, where, among other things, he worked as a page boy for the Colorado Legislature. In 1864, Breakenridge enlisted in Chivington's Third Colorado Cavalry

and was present at the Sand Creek Massacre, where a number of unarmed and helpless Native Americans, many of whom were women and children, were butchered.

The year 1867 found Billy working as a store keeper at Sidney, Nebraska. Breakenridge apparently had an itchy foot, and in 1878 he was working at Phoenix, Arizona, as a deputy sheriff. A year later, when Tombstone boomed, Billy headed for that mountain of silver in the middle of the Arizona desert. After hauling lumber for a while, Billy was again employed as a deputy sheriff.

Now, taking into account all of his later heroic claims, it really is true that Billy Breakenridge was responsible for the death of outlaw Billy Grounds in a shootout at a place called the Chandler Ranch.

A bungled robbery

On the night of March 25, 1882, exactly one week after the assassination of Morgan Earp at Tombstone, there was a robbery attempt at the Tombstone Mining and Milling Company at Charleston (no longer in existence, it was a settlement about 20 miles from Tombstone).

That night, there were four employees present at the mill office: mill manager W.L. Austin; mining engineer M.R. Peel; company assayer F.F. Hunt and company clerk George Chaney. The four men were lounging about with Peel doodling on a piece of paper and the others discussing the events of the day when the door suddenly flew open. Into the room stepped two masked men carrying rifles. Whether they intended violence or not became a moot point when Austin suddenly lunged for a pistol. The taller of the two outlaws squared off and fired, missing Austin and sending a bullet right through the heart of M.R. Peel. Another shot sent the rest of the men scrambling for cover and still another blew out the light. At that point, everybody ran. The employees who were still among the land of the living headed for the back door, and the two bandits, apparently panicking, bolted out the front door through which they had just entered.

One of them dropped a white Stetson as he ran.

A few minutes later, the steam whistle at the mine began to sound the alarm, and the citizens of Charleston rapidly formed themselves into small posses. They could find no trace of the killers, however, and in a short time, a rider was sent to Tombstone to notify the sheriff's office. A few hours later, Sheriff Behan, his deputies and the county coroner rode into Charleston. Behan took plaster casts of the outlaw's boot tracks and the hoofprints believed to have been left by their horses. They appeared to have headed south after the shooting, so Behan, assuming they were headed for Mexico, took off in the same direction.

There were many questions. No one could figure out why the outlaws had behaved in the manner that they had. As they had ignored some bullion that was in plain sight, it was thought that they had come simply to murder young Peel, who, at 28, had been quite popular.

Clues

Behan's posse found no trace of the killers, other than the tracks and hat, and the search was discontinued. However, the descriptions of the killers, obtained from the three surviving employees, matched the descriptions of two Texas gunmen who had been riding with Curly Bill Brocius and his men: Billy Grounds and Zwing Hunt (Zwing??). A few days after the robbery, Deputy Sheriff E.A. Harley (Behan was out of town) received a tip that the pair were holed up at a ranch owned by Jack Chandler not far from Tombstone. Harley organized a posse consisting of E.H. Allen, Jack Young and John Gillespie. He put Billy Breakenridge in charge. To Billy's credit, he wanted to go alone, as he was well-acquainted (hmmm ...) with both men and thought that he could get them to surrender to him. Keep in mind that Breakenridge was so well-acquainted with the outlaw element that Curly Billy himself once went around the county helping the deputy collect taxes. Things that make you go

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Anyway, the four-man posse arrived at the Chandler place just before dawn and surrounded the place under cover of darkness. Billy and Allen concealed themselves behind a low bank of the creek facing the front door, while Young and Gillespie hid behind a woodpile facing the rear door. The stage was set.

The gunfight

Breakenridge instructed his men to hold their fire and capture the two outlaws when they exited in the morning to feed the horses. However, the fly in the ointment was Gillespie, who hoped to be sheriff of Cochise County after the next election. The would-be lawman knew that if he were to capture these two desperadoes single-handed, he would be a shoe-in for the position. Therefore, he did something *extremely* stupid: He went up and pounded on the back door, announcing that "This is the sheriff! Open the door and come out!"

Well, they opened the door, all right. But instead of coming out themselves, the outlaws poured lead through the opening. Gillespie, his dreams of becoming sheriff — or anything else — up in gunsmoke, fell dead at the back door. He had been a lawman less than 12 hours. Young, who was standing directly behind Gillespie, fell with a broken leg, his thigh smashed by a bullet.

At this point, one of the Chandler ranch hands, a fellow named "Bull" Lewis came out the front door with his hands in the air. "Don't shoot me!" he called out, just as Billy Grounds, using Lewis for cover, opened fire from behind him. Grounds' bullet creased Allen's neck, sending him sprawling back into the creek. Of the four lawmen, Billy Breakenridge was now the only one still on his feet. He had still to fire a shot when he suddenly saw Billy Grounds at the door of the ranch house. Using a large cottonwood for cover, Breakenridge leveled his shotgun and cut loose with both barrels. Grounds screamed, clutched his face, attempted without success to raise his gun and then collapsed in the doorway. He died that night.

Zwing Hunt, from inside the cabin, called something unintelligible to Breakenridge, then exploded out the back door, shooting at anything that moved. As he ran up a small rise, both Breakenridge and Allen, who had pulled himself back into a position from which he could re-join the fight, fired at Hunt and a bullet, thought to be Allen's, slammed into Hunt from the back, passing all the way through and leaving a gaping hole in both the outlaw's chest and one of his lungs. Despite this nasty wound, Hunt regained his footing and disappeared in the tall grass on the other side of the rise. He didn't get far, though, before collapsing.

Breakenridge later claimed that he went out and dragged the seriously wounded desperado back to the house, and ultimately to Tombstone. Hunt's wound was so nasty that he was taken directly to the morgue, which couldn't have been overly-encouraging to him. When the scrappy outlaw didn't die, he was taken to Dr. Goodfellow's office, who announced that there was no way Hunt could survive. He not only survived, but recovered and one dark night disappeared forever from the hospital. Heavy suspicion fell on Sheriff John Behan, who was indicted by the grand jury to explain this disappearance of a man supposedly in his custody. Charges were ultimately dropped, but considering Behan's past association with the outlaw element, it is easy to see why suspicion fell so quickly on him.

Aftermath

It is interesting to note that

Hunt told Breakenridge, while in the hospital, that if he and Billy Grounds had known it was Breakenridge out there, they would have surrendered. However, they assumed it was a posse commanded by Wyatt Earp. All of the outlaws were acutely aware of what had happened to the last outlaw the Earp posse had found after Morgan Earp had been assassinated. Frank Stilwell, another Behan deputy, was thought to have been the triggerman in the death of Morgan, Wyatt's favorite brother. When they found Frank exceedingly dead in the Tucson railroad yard, he had so much lead in him that they didn't know if they should "bury him or sell him for scrap metal."

It was over. Young Peel had been avenged — and then some. Zwing Hunt's bad habits would get him killed within the year. Billy Breakenridge was locally famous for a while, as the only man involved in the gunfight to come away unscathed. As I said, Hunt died later, joining Grounds and Gillespie, both of whom had been killed at the Chandler ranch. Allen and Young recovered from their wounds and Billy Breakenridge went on to write "Hellorado," which entrenched him in the history of Tombstone and also garnered him the undying enmity of Wyatt and Josie Earp. To this day, many Earp aficionados refer to him as "Billy Blab."

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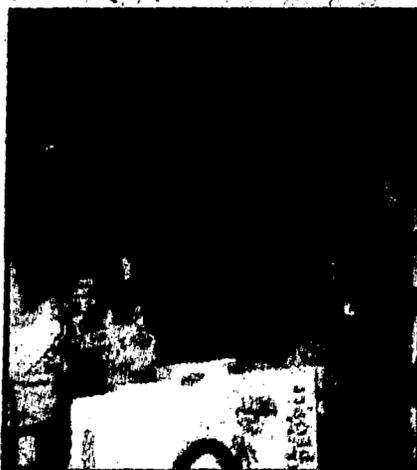
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PROFESSIONAL Carpet installation, big or small, repairs & restretching. Please call Micah Whitlock, 630-1700.

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YOU NAME IT, WE DO IT. Cabin Watch, Home, Deck, Repairs, Chimney Cleaning, Tree Removal, House Painting, Gutters, Drywall, 378-1047.

440 FIREWOOD FOR SALE. DRY SEASONED AND split Juniper Firewood. Regular length and stove cut. You pick up or we deliver and stack. 659-4021.

FIREWOOD: SEASONED, split. Various types, lengths and amounts. Delivered and stacked. 257-5808.

SEASONED JUNIPER Firewood. Pickup only. Preston Stone 354-2355.

460 LOST & FOUND. LOST Black & Silver Teardrop Poodle lost in the Agua Fria area. Has red ribbons in her ears. Reward offered. 505-378-8209 or 420-0873.

LOST SET OF KEYS, light blue English racing cap, southwest side of Motel 8, Hwy 70, Ruidoso, NM. \$20 reward for keys. (806)855-6691, 2803 12th Avenue, Canyon, TX 79015.

490 PERSONALS. FREE PREGNANCY TEST. Caring and confidential assistance. 258-1800.

500 CONSTRUCTION. J & M Construction. Metal Roofs, Additions, Decks, Remodeling. 20 years experience. Jeff Morgan, 297-4272.

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The old well is to be plugged. Both the move-from and move-to wells are located in Cedar Creek Subdivision, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests.

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Department in Ruidoso no later than April 3, 2001 at 3:00 PM local time, at which time the bids will be transported to the Village of Ruidoso Council Chambers in the Village Hall, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the designated closing time will be returned unopened. All bids must be on the total project; segregated bids will not be accepted.

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THE CONTENTS OF SELF STORAGE UNIT #11 INCLUDING MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND BOXES. Said storage is being held to secure an obligation arising under a warehouseman's lien by All American Moving, Inc. dba Ruidoso Transfer and Storage as second party against Anthony Jamell of Box 692, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355. Ruidoso Transfer and Storage reserves the right to bid at the sale.

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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO Main Street (Sudbury) Improvements, Phase II. The project is located in the Village of Ruidoso. Work involves enhancing the existing Main Street (Sudbury) roadway with concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, and limited storm drain improvements. All walkways will be ADA compliant. Street improvements include building parallel parking areas and improv-

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Radzewicz • \$445,000 • 1133 Mechem Dr.

3300 sq ft commercial building. High traffic flow. Was a brew pub, then a nursery. Multi-purpose-motivated seller.



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Alto

Rampy • \$295,000 • 416 High Mesa Drive

4 bdrms, 3 baths. Sierra Blanca view. Large open living - dining and bar - perfect for entertaining. Full golf close to entrance of Alto Village.



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Barnes • \$495,000 • 107 Timber Court

2 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths. Full golf - 2 car garage, easy access, backs up to #2 tee box. A true Ruidoso styled home - lots of wood - tons of character - first time available for sale!



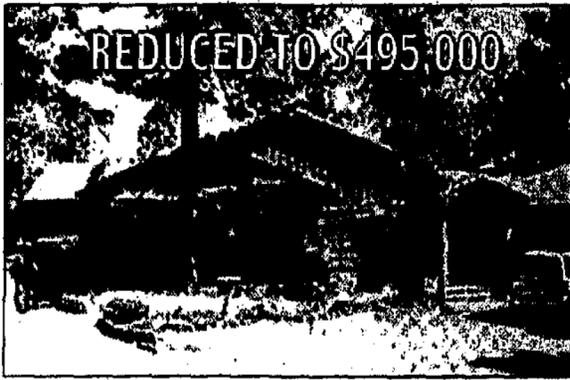
**The Pines of Gavilan-Commercial Home Office
Carzoll • \$395,000 • 547 Gavilan Canyon Rd.**

Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 bath home. Separate retail showroom with attached warehouse with overhead door - only 3 yrs. old. Multi-purpose use!



**"Bank Repo" - River Park Addition
State National Bank • \$35,000 • 315 Westview Dr.**

Mobile add-on. 1 bdrm, 1 bath. Partially fenced. Being sold "as is." Seller financing.



REDUCED TO \$495,000

Alto

Spiral, Inc. • \$550,000 • 632 Midiron Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Beautiful log home on 1.52 acres. Full golf membership. Overlooking #12 green. Refrigerated air - cherry wood cabinets, cedar closet, Sierra Blanca view and Capitans. 3 car garage.



Alto

Blond • \$239,900 • 130 Mira Monte Rd.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage. 1 level stucco home in immaculate condition with Alto social membership. Both living and den, river rock fireplace. Tile, new carpet, nice covered deck and level sunny lot.



Agua Fria Estates

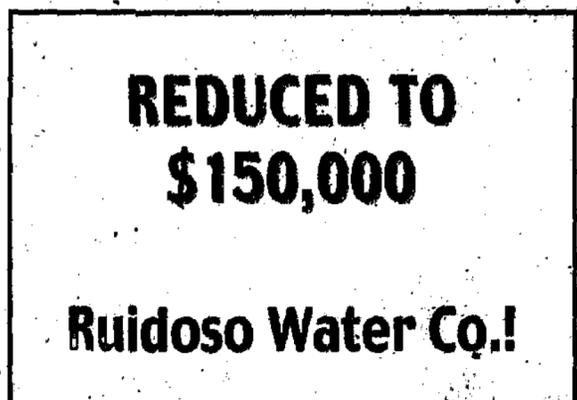
Residential lots from \$31,000 to \$45,000 and ranging in size from .75 acres to 1.9 acres. All building sites are restricted to southwestern styled architecture with underground utilities. Excellent water, some Sierra Blanca views, beautiful valley views, and gentle slopes. Unique appeal for natural landscaping. Commercial sites also!



Alto

Womack • \$139,900 • 229 Brentwood Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 bath - partially furnished - social membership - nice lot affordable Alto!



REDUCED TO \$150,000

Ruidoso Water Co.!

Ruidoso Ice and Water. Water business only. \$175,000. Well established local business and 116 commercial accounts. Equipment and inventory included. Bldg. is also for sale.



Alto - Sierra Blanca Unit 3

Lenggenhager • \$184,000 • 205 Lakeshore Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, full golf mbrshp. Woodsy mtn. Chalet surrounded by tall pines. Nice deck overlooking Alto Lake. Rock fireplace. Paved drive and parking. Fully furnished.



NEW CARPET

Alto

White • \$250,000 • 810 Deer Park Drive

Three bedroom, 2 bath, single car garage on flat corner lot with nice decks and full golf membership! Complete with furniture addendum.



Alto

Blaugrund • \$250,000 • Country Club Condos #A5

Full golf, on the golf course. 3 bdrm, 2 baths, nice patio and refrigerated air.



Cherokee Addition

Key • \$109,900 • 300 James Place (aka Locke Dr.)

3 bdrm, 2 bath, fully furnished - sleeps 12 - corner location - cute and clean.



Alto

Bayless • \$450,000 • 300 French Drive

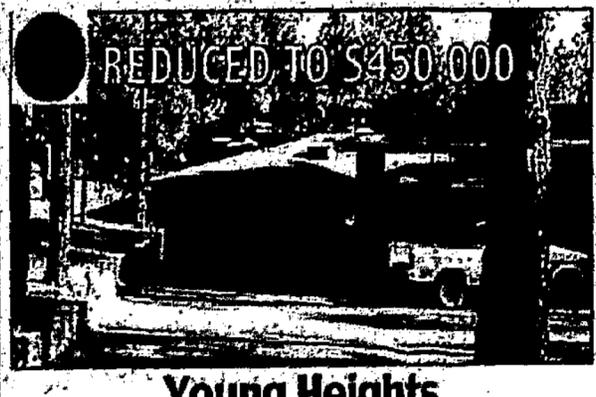
5 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, full golf. On 2 lots. 5,800+ sq. ft. Panoramic views. Exceptional value!



Alto Alps

Ploen • \$120,000 • #13 Alto Alps Condo

3 bdrm, 3 bath, 1500 sq. ft. Fully furnished. Secluded deck with wooded view. Social membership lot to ALGCC included.

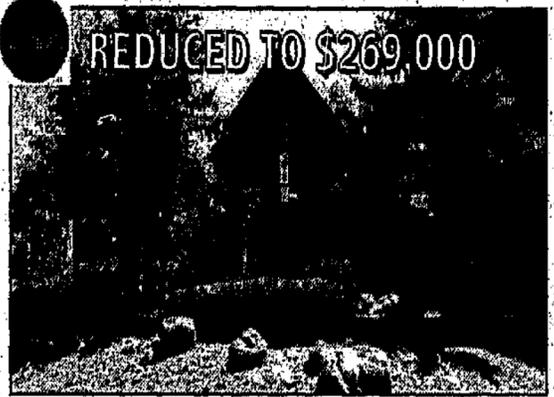


REDUCED TO \$450,000

Young Heights

Graves • \$499,500 • 116 Grove Dr.

4 bdrm, 4 bath, 2 car carport, RV port, 3958 sq. ft. on 2.08 acres. Home is all 1 level - large living room, larger den. Every aspect of this home is on a grand scale. Perfect for a 2 family type situation. Appt. through list agent.

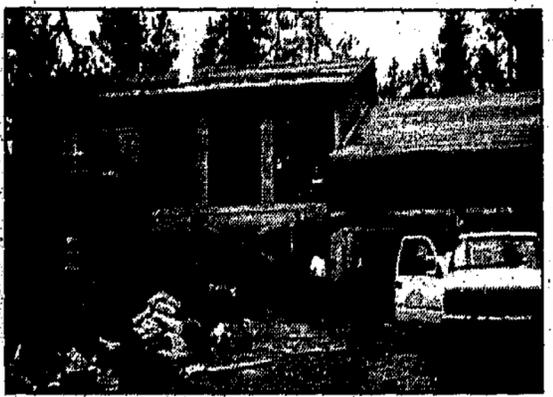


REDUCED TO \$269,000

Country Club Estates

Carey • \$289,000 • 100 La Luz

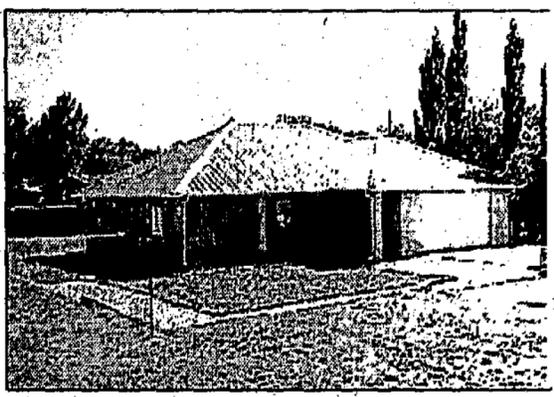
Five bedrooms, 2 3/4 baths. The breath taking Sierra Blanca view only few homes in Ruidoso have. Corner lot - approximately 3400 sq. ft. Two real moss rock fireplaces!



Sunny Slope

Reyes • \$225,000 • 205 White Mtn. Meadows Dr.

New 4 bdrm, 3 bath stucco with 1 year warranty. A must see. 2870 sq. ft.



Capitan

Cummins • \$129,000 • 434 Fifth St.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, very nice stucco home. Great floorplan with master bdrm which is separate from other bdrms.



Riverside RV Park

Daulton • \$595,000 • Gavilan Canyon Rd.

20 Space RV Park on the River with additional commercial lot for expansion. Beautiful 2 bdrm, 2 bath home on the river w/deck and jacuzzi tub. Also a 14x70 mobile in mint condition. City sewer, private well. Very nice clientele base.



Gavilan Acres

Rhodes • \$65,000 • North Road

Three bedroom, 2 bath 1979 double wide, septic, domestic well, natural gas. Furniture addendum on file.



Ponderosa Heights

Cooper • \$98,500 • 122 Aspen Circle

Three bedrooms, 2 baths. Excellent renter. Home is 1 level. 2-car garage. Motivated seller.



Commercial

Knight-Mark • \$105,000 • 629B Sudderth Dr.

Approx. 2400 sq. ft., lots of potential. Multi-use. Sierra Blanca view from 2nd level. Character, Kiva-styled fireplace. Glass block windows.

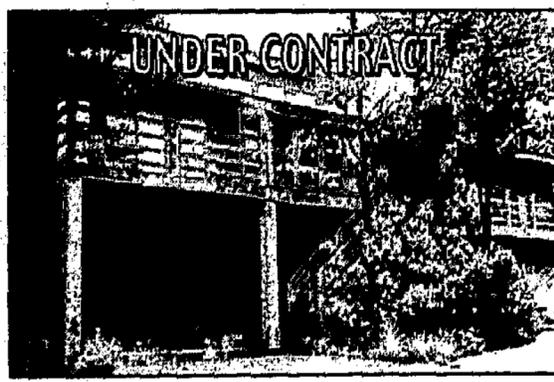


REDUCED TO \$236,495

White Mountain Meadows

Radzewicz • \$248,500 • 110 Coker Lane

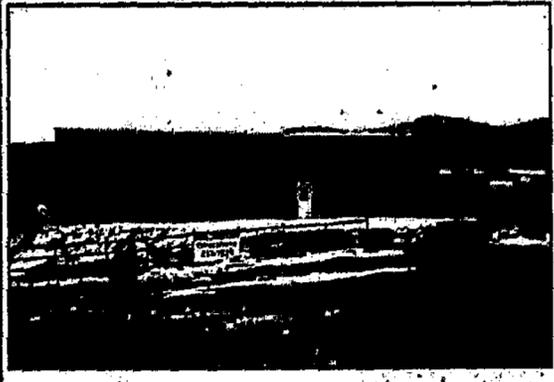
Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2-car garage, fenced yard. Hardwood floors - nice hobby or office room downstairs. Large bedrooms - bright interior - Victorian styled. A must see home!



The Crest Townhomes

Vanecek • \$259,900 • Unit #13-110 Granite Dr.

3 bdrms, 3 baths - beautiful interior - Sierra Blanca view - 2 car garage - wet bar - atrium - awesome!!



New Commercial Building

Smith • \$249,900 • Corner of Hwy 70 & Canyon Rd.

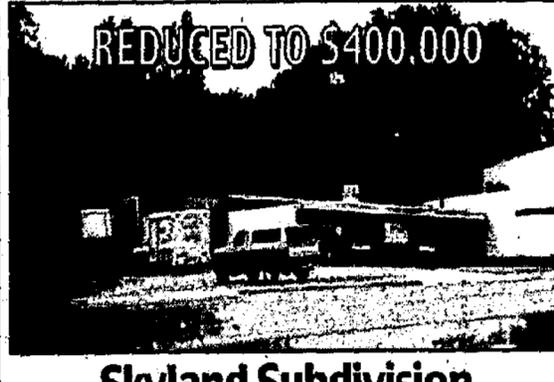
5000 sq. ft. Slab floor, 16' ceilings - 3 bays (2 are 1,000 sq. ft. each, 1 is 3,000 sq. ft.) Utilize 1, lease out 2. All have overhead door - toilet & lavatory. Metal roof, great highway exposure!



Alto Alps

Plumlee • \$159,500 • #48 Alto Alps Condo

4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. Level entry, just remodeled, new carpet. New satio tile. New appliances, 2 car garage, swimming pool and club house. Elevator - Seller financing.



REDUCED TO \$400,000

Skyland Subdivision

Graves Ent. • \$475,000 • 1605 Sudderth Dr.

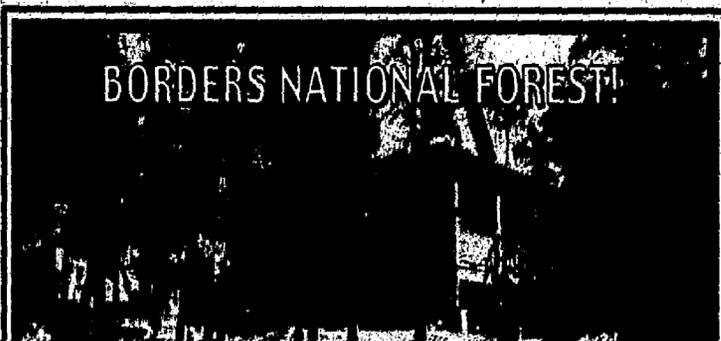
Commercial Bldg. on 8 1/2 lots. Corner of Willow and Sudderth. All city utilities, overhead door, new metal roof. 4500 sq. ft. All one level, plenty of parking and high visibility.



Cedar Creek

Crawford • \$160,000 • 405 Cedar Creek Rd.

2 bdrm, 2 bath, darling furnishings, hardwood floors, mtn. flavor deluxe on the creek, surrounded with trees, 2 car garage. Wow!

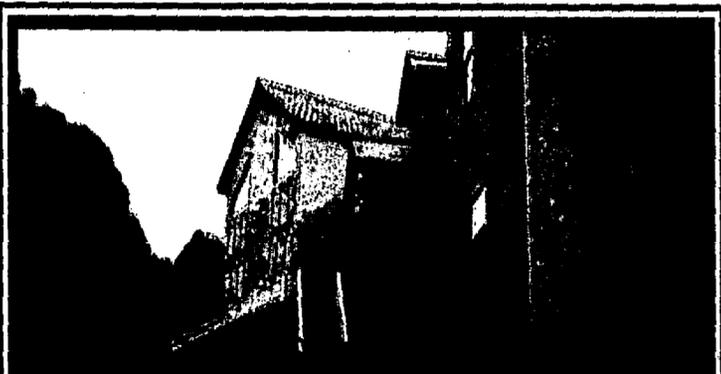


BORDERS NATIONAL FOREST!

Palo Verde Ranchettes' "Log Cabin Home"

Rogers • \$200,000 • East Chapparal Dr.

Built in 1998 - Borders National Forest! 1.81 acres, fenced for horses. Doll house - 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, hobby loft, covered porch, wood stove. Tip of Sierra Blanca view. Well beautiful quiet setting.



Ranches of Sonterra - 3

Bailey-Ameel • \$650,000 • 352 Tierra Nueva

New 4200+ sq ft home - panorama views, 26' ceilings in living room on 5.10 acres. 1052 sq ft bonus room with full bath. All baths are tiled-glass enclosure - 3 bdrms, 4 baths total, 3 car garage - study, jacuzzi, butler's pantry and more!



Alpine Village

\$319,900 • 304 Alpine Village Road

Private setting on 3 lots (1.76) acres, panorama views including Sierra Blanca. 3 bdrms, each with a full private tiled bathroom. 2 fireplaces, over 3000 sq. ft. High ceilings mtn. flavor deluxe. Bird & deer feeders for the nature lover!



Alto

Carter • \$182,000 • 619 Midiron Dr.

3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1920 sq. ft., approximate Chalet style in heavily wooded setting.



Skyland Addition

Whitten • \$149,500 • 910 Sudderth Drive

Small older home and 3 small older mobiles. Cute, needs up-dating. Live-in one, rent out three. C-2 zoned on a knoll on .48 acres. 1st time on market.



North Cedar Creek

Duran • \$235,000 • N. Cedar Creek Rd.

3 bdrms, 2 bath, 2 car garage. All one level cactus pine siding, long covered porch with great views. Home is on 1.25 acres, fairly secluded. 2 years old - Owner builder.



UNDER CONTRACT

Alpine Village

Downey • \$139,500 • 119 Big Bear Rd.

4 bdrm, 3 bath — this home is remodeled, but appears new. New carpet, fixtures, appliances, etc. 2000 sq. ft., 12x40 heated hobby-workroom.