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## Defense in Stanton murder trial claims 'sloppy crime investigation'

by Dianne Stallings
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Attorneys defending murder suspect Samuel Don Stanton in Lincoln County District Court Tuesday surrounding the stabbing death of Kendall Jennings in November 1996. Under questioning by Assistant Public Defender Kris Knutson, New Mexico State Police Officer Chad Davis acknowledged that the crime scene near The Rodeo Bar three miles east of Capitan was not sealed off
when he arrived Nov. 2, the morning feet from the bar on the shoulder of .S. 380
He testified that people other than nvestigators from the Sheriff's Office walked through the area where blood
was splattered along the highway and was splattered along the highway and
the grassy shoulder. The only control the grassy shoulder. The only control
was two patrol cars blocking the road, was two patrol cars blocking the road, draw a diagram of the scene, but the investigation was headed by then
sheriff James McSwane, Davis testisherif
fied.

Damon's opening Defender Samuel the jury of seven men and seven women that he will introduce a witness who may have seen Jennings alive an hour after Stanton reportedly was given a ride home by an
tance the night of the murder And Damon pointed to And Damon pointed to another a possible suspect, because of blood found on his boots and chaps.

But District Attorney Scot Key, in the prosecution's opening remarks, said Stanton's own words spoken to
family members and friends in the days after the murder indicate his and his do his flight from the area ity when arrested his true idencharges nearly four months unrelated Tucumcari.

Key said although a weapon was never found, evidence will point to Stanton as the person who severed an artery in the back of Jennings' left leg while he stood intoxicated near the road east of the bar. Jennings left a lapsing on the side of the road, wher
he bled to death, unseen by passing
motorists and others who walked motorists and others who walked Jennings reported "trouble" outside. Another of the 30 witnesses listed to be called by Key was former deputy Stanton and Jennings at The Rodeo Bar when he stopped by about 10:30 p.m. to check for any problems.

Davis, who also did bar checks when assigned to the Lincoln County

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## Vandals hit Innsbrook area; several vehicles damaged

Random criminal property damage in Ruidoso is increasing with the population, police say
by TONI K. Laxson
, Dancel a do Monday for their infant
The Rio Rancho couple couldn' get home after vandals slashed the tires of their new van sometime Sunday night.
'There are going to be a lot of people late getting home or strand ed," Hill said Monday afternoon at the garage where his van had been
towed. "They hit the whole street." At least six cars in the Cre Meadows Heights subdivision were damaged by the vandals, who apparently Etuck a small object, such as a penimife, into tire sidewalls. purchased only six weeks earlier also had been egged and the paint on one side and the hood had been severely scratched. Part of the paint looked as if someone had rubbed a rock or a brick against the car. Other scratches were deeply etched in the symbols. symbols Its pretty malicious, because it
took a lot of time to mess up a vehi-
cle this bad," Hill said, adding that his wife started crying when she saw the damage.
"This is the first time we have ever seen something like this in Ruidoso
Jose Perez-Maldonado's van was also targeted by the vandals while it was parked in front of his vacation home in the Innsbrook condomin ums. "They stabbed all three of the Maldonado said as he watched a tir store employee taking the tires off his van Monday. "I've had to buy new tires." Next door, at the parking lot of Celina Medina and a friend were Celina Medina and a friend were
busy replacing tires on their two cars. Vandalism, ' which is categorized as criminal damage cases, has increased in Ruidoso by about 14 percent from 1996 to 1997, based on
department
statistics. However department statistics. However
almost all categories of crime in the
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While Wal-Mart mechanics replace his four slashed tires, David Hill shows the severe scratches left by vandals on his family's new van. At least sid While Wal-Mart mechanics replace his four slashed tires, David Hill shows the severe scratches left

## Get ready, set, vote!!

by Dianne Stalinges
rltidoso ntws staff writer With municipal elections in
March and county, state and federal elections in June and November, Lincoln County residents who want to vote should update any changes
in pertinent information with in pertinent information
County Clerk Martha Proctor. "T especially want to encourage updated voter registration information in Ruidoso, because so many people are getting their mail at
home now who used post office homes before," Proctor said. "Until they let me know and fill out new forms, their addresses will be incorThat could cause problems with absentee voting or with reporting to the right polling place, she said.
Tuesday, March 17 is the fili day for state offices, state representatives, judicial districts, the public regulation commission, the state board of education and all county offices. In Lincoln County, voters will
have a chance this year to voice
their opinions on the races for U.S. representative from District 2, the governor. lieutenant governor, secretreasurer, attorney general, comtreasurer, atorney general, com-
missioner of public lands, all fouryear term seats. They also will vote on the state representative post from District 56 for a two-year term a position now occupied by Dub
Williams of Glencoe. Local voters will decide who will Lerve in Carrizozo as Division III, 12th Judicial District Court judge or the next four years at a salary of \$69,719. Incumbent Karen Parsons of Ruidoso was appointed when her father resigned before the end of his
term. They also will elect county commissioners from Districts 2, 4 and 5 or four year terms. ncumbents are Schwettmann and Monroy Montes, respectively. Commissioners are paid $\$ 11,500$ annually and attend one regular meeting per month.
County voters will decide who

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## Campos, Williams discuss session priorities

Terrance Vestal

So many things come down to money and the state legislative ses sion that started Tuesday is no exception, according to state Rep. Dub Williams and state Sen. Pete Campos State Sen Pete County
Tuesday that the first day of the said sion "went really well" and seemed to be less combative between Gov. Gary Johnson's office and the state legislature as it had been last year.
Campos said the governor's State of the State Address "was precise" and touched on education,
future of New Mexico.
"There was a basic sense of camaraderie," Campos said.' We're here to take care of the people's business." State Rep. Dub Williams, who belongs to the legislative committees on education and transportation, said Monday that finding funding on both of those committee issues will be his
Williams said funding toward edu
cation in the state's general fund will increase a few percentage points from
"It's been around 46 per
previous years." Williams said. He said the funding toward education should mean raises for teachers, which is necessary for New Mexico if New Mexico wants to be competitive with neighbor states

Other educational funds upill go toward classroom supplies and matepublic school system throughout the
state.
Williams said he would like to see enough money go toward education so that the bake sales teachers and students often have to resort to in order to raise money for such basics as paper and pencils are no longer necessary. plans on pushing for transportation funds to repair and improve U.S. Highway 70 in the Ruidoso area.
Eventually, Williams said, he would like to see the highway become a four-lane corridor from Ruidoso
down to Las Cruces and north of down to Las Cruces and north of
Ruidoso to the Texas-New Mexico bor-
der. "Right now, I think that's just a
dream at this point," Williams said, putting his proposal in realistic perspective.
going through Ruidoso Downs has been scheduled and will start "as soon as th
said.
Campos said as far as transporta tion goes he will be looking for funding for improvements to Highway 54 nea Carrizozo.,
"We really need to take care of hat (highway)," Campos said. Campos also said he will try to pounty area. The senator said that out of this session may come an additional $\$ 3$ million to enhance the tourism and promotional efforts for communities ound the state.
And the two (communities) that stand out in using those funds in the Cast are Ruid.
Campos said not only will the promotion of tourism help those commu nities in general but also will "signifients find and keep jobs." Campos said he would specifically work to boost tourism at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso as well as Fort Sumner and other projects.

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Partly cloudy until Friday


## L.C. SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln
County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E .
White Oalss Eagle
Jan. 18,1900
The adjourne
sion of the Board of County Commissioners meets in Lincoln on Monday, Jan. 29th. All business that should have come before the Board at the regular receive attention at the coming
meeting.
Suficient funds are at hand to meet all obligations, and off-
cials and other creditors will be made happy. The school fund to be appointed will, also, be proportionately swollen this quarlarger than any during the year past:

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## Relaxed parking ordinance goes into"affect today

by Toni K. Laxson
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A revised parking lot law that village officials say will benefit most Ruidoso businesses by relaxing parking lot regulations goes into effect today.

The law was unanimously passed at a regular
Ruidoso
Council.meeting on Jan. 13.
Initiated back in the
spring, the amended ordinance reduces the number of parking lot spaces required boundaries.
Councilors had asked the village's planning department to draft more relaxed parking lot regulations for businesses villagewide.

At the same time, the ment that completely eliminated parking lot requirements in the midtown shopping district.
The midtown parking lot amendment, which had been

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a problem area for us. a problem area for us. Damon said the number of witnesses he will call in the expected four-day trial depends on the case presented by Key, but that S

Unde
Gail Gillem, Jennings' mothier, testified her son was well liked, but had a drinking problem, because he associated with a group of people who also drank a lot and he enjoyed playing pool, sometimes for money.

Gillem has filed a civil Stanton and former Rodeo Bar owner Soloman Trujillo.

At one point,
appeared disconcerted. When Key asked what was wrong, she said, "Tell him to quit look-
ing at me like that," indicating ing at me like that," indicating
Stanton, who was dressed in white shirt, dark slacks and dark tie, his long hair drawn back in a ponytail.
In questions put to Gillerm that Damon said were designed
to show the jury something of

VANDALS: it
stops for a while and then starts

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almost all categories of crime in the village also have risen in the past year, according to the numbers.
Ruidoso police Lieutenant Wolf Born attributes the increase in crime to growing tourist seasons

In addition, instances of malicious criminal damage such as Monday's rash of slashed tires occur in Ruidoso about once a year, Born said. "If it's not car tires, it's car
window," Born said. "If it's not window," Born said. "If it's not car windows, it's businesses' what trigers it,"
That triggers past
Ruidoso police arrested sumer, al juveniles in connection with a burgeoning crop of graffiti, Born said.
"And it stopped there for quite a while, but it has started back up again recently," Born added.
"You know, when there's more people, there's more crime," he said. "That's just the way things work.

Hill said he will continue o come to Ruidoso. But instead of parking on the street in hell leave the van in home, he'll leave the van in a "And I'll be checking on it and sleeping light," Hill said.


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## Area communities get more than $\$ 1$ million in federal grants

by Dianne Stallinges
RUHDOSO NEW STAFF WRGTER
Lincoln County communities will receive more than $\$ 1$ million this year from the Block Grant program financed by federal dollars and administered by the state.
The village of Corona was the big winner. It received $\$ 300,000$ to complete water system improvements that will bene the school district, by adding new water sources to the village's inventory, which has been strained.
"We're really excited about this." said Town Clerk Cathy Muniz. "We've had an engineer working on the project go to bid.

This is our first CDBG grant on this project. El Paso Natural Gas gave the village two water wells. The mayor (Ernest Lueras) secured another grant from Rural
Utilities Services to connect
the wells to the village's existing line. The CDBG money the underground EH Paso steel lines."

The village of Capitan won two grants, $\$ 25,000$ for a comprehensive master plan and improvements.

We rated high on both of our projects," said Village Clerk Debra Cummins. "With the water grant we will install a supplemental well, put in 15 signage for our lines.
"The planning grant will be used to update our village master plan."
Capitan consistently has scored high on its applications. During the seven years mins said she remembers only one year when the village was not awarded a CDBG grant. The money has been used over the years to improve streets, drainage and water service.

Carrizozo will use the $\$ 250,000$ it was allocated by
and drainage improvements,
"Well be doing 7th Stree from $\mathbf{E}$ Avenue to $D$ Avenue, 12th Street from B Avenue to artery, $E$ Avenue from U.S. 5 to 18th Street," Kuhnel said.

The praject is part of a major street improvement pro gram financed by CDBG graints that started in 1990 and was funded in 1992, 1993 1994 and 1995, she said.

In 1996, Kuhnel went after a water filtration plant for the town under a different nearly is ready to be put into service, she said.

The village of Ruidoso Downs received $\$ 200,000$ from the CDBG program to be used on the second half of a sewer line extension project $\mathbf{L o}$ Los half of the project was completed last year.

After the Los Lomas project is finished, only isolated spots within the village limits will be without sewage ser
vice, said Leann Weihlorecht
village clerk/treasure The county of Lincoln failed to win a grant this year. It had applied for money to ing in Capitan ing in Capitan
apply for a CDBG apply for a CDBG grant village residents is higher than the established threshold, said Village Finance Officer Lorri McKnight. That
doesn't mean the village in the doesn't mean the village in the future can't ask for a grant to serve a particular portion of said.
Fourteen communities within the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Develop ment District received a total of $\$ 3,599,984$ from the CDBG program this year. The district coln, Chaves, Eddy, Lea and Otero. The money is funneled through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Devel opment and the Local Govern ment Division of the state Administration

## Legislators: Issues expected to be addressed include welfare reform

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Williams said that funding which is the focal point of the 30-day session, will be tight and that there really are no guarantees where it will end and the signings of bills by Gov, Gary Johnson.

Williams said he did expect the funding of two private prison complexes, one to be built in Hobbs and another in Santa Rosa, will be approved.

Johnson has been pushing for these prisons along with his theory of privatizing the states prison system for more than money is going to go), Williams said. "You want it to
go one place and another guy wants it to go somewhere else." egan Thesiay at noon and adjoutns Feb. 19.

Besides education, transportation and tourism, welfare reform and economic development in the rural areas of the state also are expected to be hot topics in Santa Fe.

Campos said along with tourism and education, he also wants to eventually see some legislation addressing those New Mexico residents who are taking care of elderly parents dren single handedly.
"It is easy to say we must move people off of welfare and into jobs, but we need to think about increasing child care,
providing transportation assistance and recruiting jobs to ment", Campos said unemploy The senator said
The senator said he would ike to see tax incentives for hose who are taking care of elderly parents

Campos said that public officials like himself and other state legislators as well as par ents and citizens "should not become so focused on single issues that we lose site of the big picture."
Campos, who is vice chair man of the Senate Rules Committee and a member of the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Committees get involved in the legislative get involved in the legislative
process by writing letters or
calling legislators to express concerns.
"As the
ment the branch of government closest to the people, we input," Campos said.
He said New Mexicans are welcome to testify at commit tee meetings or simply observe the action on the House or Senate floors at the capital in Santa Fe.

Campos, who is from Las Vegas, N.M., can be reached at (505) 986-4518 while in Santa Fe.
Williams, who hales from Glencoe, can be reached at (505) 986-4237 during the ses
sion.

Residents can track events legis.state.nm.us

## DRATHS FUNERALS

Allegra "Lee" Buechler
Services for Allegra "Lee"' Buechler, 82, of Anthony, N.M., were held on Jan. 14 at Fort Bliss National Cemetery

She died Jan. 8.
etired cashier with Ruidoso retired cashier with Ruidoso
Down Race Track and Sunland Park. She had lived in the Anthony area for 36 years.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewayne I. "Shorty" Buechler

Survivors include her son, Simon Buechler; daughter, Given Buechler and Nancy Arrangements were by Harding-Orr and McDaniel Funeral Home.

## Thelma E. Conditt

Services for Thelma E. Conditt, 86, of Fort Worth, Texas, were on Monday at the Greenwood Funeral. Burial
was at the Greenwood Mausoleum.

Mrs. Conditt died Friday, Jan. 16, at her home. She was born Feb. 24, 1911, in Durant, Okia.She was a resident of Ruidoso from
1986 to 1990 and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry A. Conditt of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Conditt is survived by a son, Jerry A Conditt, Fort

Worth; daughters, Carolyn A Hall, For Worth, and Linda G. Montoya, Las Vegas, Nev.; six grandchildren; and 15 great grandhcildren

## Frances Mae Smith

Services for Frances Mae Smith, 87, will be at Community United Methodist Church in Ruidoso at 11 a.m. today (Jan. 21). Burial will be in Arlington,

Rexas.
Mrs. Smith died'Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Ruidoso Care

She was born Jan. 20, 1910 and was married to Virgil her in death in 1979

Mrs. Smith resided in Ruidoso since 1989 and was a resident of the Ruidoso Care-Center since 1997. She was a member of the Community United Methodist Church and sang in the choir until 1993.

Survivors include her children, Jane Biddle, Ruidoso Downs, Jackie Smith, Fairfax, Texas Gary Smith, Temple, Va.; a brother Jack Eavenson, Dallas; a sister, Elizabeth Robertson, also of Dallas; six grandchildren; seven greatgrandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by LaGrone Funeral Chapel of

## MIIITARY SERVICE

Christina L. Zamora-Hill
Air National Guard Air man Christina L. Zamore Hamora of Caphter of Lupe $L$ Zamora of Capitan, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force

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## OUR OPINION

## Luck of the draw

Occasionally, things do come up roses in Lincoln County

Ruidoso's school board should send a few thank-you notes to the head of the Federal Reserve Board, the President, the Congress and maybe even a few besieged foreign countries for the fortunate position they find themselves in,
financially. financially.

Thanks to a sluggish national economy and the lowest interest rates in many moons, the board can get on with its construction projects a year ahead of schedule-all at considerable savingss

District voters will recall that they approved $\$ 8.5$ million in February of 1997 for district building improvements and such things as computer equipment. (So the board should thank them, too.)

The district sold $\$ 5$ million in bond debt last May and concluded that the remaining $\$ 3.5$ million would be sold over the following two years, with the hope that interest rates would find seasonal lows during that period. But, noted the schools' analyst, with mynicipal (tax-free) bond interest hovering under 6 percent, it would be wise to sell
all the remaining bonds this year. all the remaining bonds this year.

That would potentially save on total interest payments during the term of the bonds but also take advantage of the 21 percent in assessed valuation added to the district's property tax base as a result of the last reappraisal. (That drill raised the district's total assessed valuation to $\$ 240,716,280$; last fiscal year it stood at $\mathbf{\$ 1 9 8}, 839,972$.

Superintendent Mike Gladden pointed out that with that new bonding capacity, the district is comfortably within the legal limits. (Part of the three-year spread originally envisioned was to keep within the statutory boundary now 6 percent of assessed value.)

So the board will open bids for the remaining $\$ 3.5$ miillion in bonds at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Barring some jarring changes in the country's economic profile, the bonds should go for somewhere in the neighborhood of 5 percent. (Just one percent difference can be substantial when you get in the millions; $\$ 35,000$, for example, in simple interest right off the top.)

As noted, the earlier availability of money should speed up some of the building projects, such as the Sierra Vista at the middle and high schools.

We hasten to remind the property owners who are paying for it all that an earlier issue and earlier payoff will free up the district that much earlier so that another issue can be proposed...for such is the nature of a growing community and a growing school district.

Then, of course, those same taxpayers might have something to fuss about if municipal bond interest rates next year are in the 4 percent range. It is a crap shoot.

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## Episcopal Church conducts annual meeting



by ban Storm
COLUNSIT
in Lincoln County to Dr. Jim work for the church, including his service as organist. Rev. Canon Penin's Report, the of the church during 1997. Special mention was made of the renovation work on the chapel of Saint Mathias and Holy Mount.
Father John expressed ppreciation for his colleagues in his ministry, inclucting assis tant priests Jan Davey, Anna Gaddy, Cindy Worthington, Art

Tripp and Bob Bernhard. Thanks were expressed also by Father John for his entire Thomas, Sexton Rudy Gaddy, Thomas, Sexton Rudy Gaddy,
Music Director Danny Flores and Organist Jim Fenimore.
Work of Father Penn
Father John recalled, with happy memories that earlier in 1997 he had been honored for Britain for him and his wife Britain
Susan.

His work with law enforcement in Lincoln County was briefly traced, including his
work as chaplain for the Ruiwork as chaplain for the Rui-
doso and Ruidoso Downs police doso and Ruidoso Downs police
departments, and his recent appointment as a
Work with the Ministerial
Alliance also was mentioned.
The place of the church in
the service of Christianity in the past, its present and future meaning to us, was discussed and he geve thanks for the and he gave thanks for the ministry.
Elected to the Vestry were Mary La Nickifels, and Dr. Fenimore was elected a delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

## Work of Dr. King

This is being sent ta you pn Jan. 19, the date celebrating the irth of Martin Luther King Jr. I am grateful for the things that have happened during my lifein doing away with the progress dice, and for the work of Dr. King in bringing us closer to the brotherhood of man under God.

## GUEST COMMENTARY

## A well-designed helmet can save a skier's life

## br Marla Clark ems Region III

With the recent deaths of celebrities Michael Kennedy and Sonny Bono, the dangers of been brought to the attention of a stunned nation. Both Kennedy and Bono were accomplished skiers, and the gentlemen each frequented the resorts where they were killed. The cause of death listed in and neck trawma as a result of a collision with a tree. Coroner's reports did not reveal drugs or alcohol in either of the victim's systems. Neither of the gentle-
men was wearing a helmet an was wearing a helmet. An average year in the
United States will see 32 perUnited States wive see 32 per-
sons lose their lives while skiing; this number does not include those who die on the slopes from natuiral causes such as heart attacks or respiratory problems. The vast majority of the afternoon, when light is "flat" - making the difference between a harmless shadow and a deadly object difficult to determine - when conditions are icy, and when skiers are mistakes. Skiing into a tree is the most commonly reported accident, while falling off cliffs and hitting rocks account for the majority of the remaining deaths. Of the non-fatal injuries skiers receive, concussion is the nost frequently treated diagnoSki helmets, currently
retailing from $\$ 25-\$ 300$, are retailing from $\$ 25-\$ 300$, are increasing in popularity on the slopes, but many skiers contin.
ue to refrain from using them. ue to refrain from using them block wind and sound, compo
nents avid skiers find appeaiing. Another perceived drawback to wearing a helmet is the efrect it the akier attemipts to malke as he or she swooshes down the slopes. However, it can offer much-needed protection from a concussion when collisions do cocur.
ACleveland-based company Team Wendy, had developed wind to hit a skier's face and ceep the ears free so as not to mask sounds. This new helmet will undergo all required safety nspections, and is scheduled to be unveiled at a ski product Retail in a couple of months.

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Hey, Wal-Mart
To the editor
Well, Wal-Mart, you got your "super center" built now. Now you can fix U. S. 70 from the "Y" to the "split" east of U. S. 70 is in its present cond tion (FUBAR) due to the contion (FUBAR) due to the conhauling the mountain away

The total rebuilding of the road to meet the current and future traffic needs- not just lay down a couple of inches of black top, but fix it to deal with the crete should do the trick if con right; consult with the folks up north about that. Or, yes, a big "or" option here, you can give the old Wal-Mart building and parking area to Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs to use as a youth What a concept
estimated to be approximately
$\$ 100$. For those once-a-year $\$ 100$. For those once-a-year skiers, many resorts and equip ment rental shops have helmets available as part of the ski packing or purchasing a helmet is nominal compared to the cost of long-term rehabilitation from a traumatic head injury,

While ski helmets are not mandated, it is certainly recom mended that the device be an equipment. Children in ski schools are often required to wear helmets, and this should be the beginning of a good habit. Adults would be wise to follow the lead of the younger genera-
tion and don protective gear

## YOUR OPINION

big company...actually doing something for the com

Rick Nordland
Ruidoso Downs

## Weather reward

To the editor:
My family has learned that the true Christmas spirit is alive and well in these beautiful hills. strenuo had just returned from a Cruces. Much to our displeasure we were unable to negotiate Second Street to our home.

As we stopped ... to make an unanswered phone call, a young man, Kelvin Reynolds, said, "get into my four-wheel drive and IIl to take pay. He said, "this is the Christmas season and I'm happy to give you a lift."
what makes this such a special
before each ski outing. Varying designs and custom graphics now available can allow a skier to tailor a helmet to his or her particular taiste while providing potentially deadly injuganst a For prevention and
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(Michael Brown and his four-wheel drive were a great help during this stay, too.) The Wood family

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## ABSENTEES ${ }^{\text {cimote }}$ next week

Registered voters may begin absentee voting Jan. 27 to Feb. 26 for the March 3 municipal election in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona.
Applications for absentee voting should be in municipal clerks The appl
The applications will not be available after Feb. 26, but may be mailed in later
Any absentee votes received by municipal clerks before 5 p.m. on received after that dated. Those

VOTING: Requirements for public office are minimal

Continued from page 1A
serves for the next four years as county clerk, county treasurer and as magistrate judges in Moth Ruidoso and Carrizozo. Martha Proctor currently serves as county clerk and. Joan Park county officials earn Elected $\$ 33,130$ per year.
William Butts is magistrate udge in Ruidoso and Gerald Dean in Carrizozo. Magistrate judges

Requirements to run for public office are minimal, except To become a
o become a candidate for state representative, a person the district. To run for the state board of education or the regulation commission, the age goes down to 18

The public regulatory commission is a unique governmental body created by state constitution amendment last year. tions, public utilities, including electric, natural gas and water
 panies, including common'rand contract carriers; transmission and pipoline companies, including telephone, telegraph and
counted, said Ruidoso Village Clerk Tammie Maddox.

Residents have until Feb. 3 t register for the municipal elections. Registration forms are available at municipal offices

For Ruidoso, the forms may be picked up at the Ruidosio Village Hall, $\mathbf{3 1 3}$ Cree Meadows Drive.

Registration forms may be com pleted and mailed in.

Maddox said the number of absentee votes has steadily cacreased in Ruidoso, with about 9 cast in the last election
panies, insurance companies and others engaged in risk services as provided by law. A district judge must be at least 35, a practicing lawyer for sixy years or more, have lived in the state for three years and nust resside

- A candidate for magistrate udge must be 18 , reside within the correct district and have graduated from high school or have a high school equivalent
ploma.
To run for county office, the minimum age is 18 and commistricts to be represented.
All candidates must be regtered voters and U.S. citizens.
Those rumning in affiliation with a political party, must be registered as a party member on their voter's registration card by Jan. 26, when the governor Sign-up for state offices, disrict judges and state representatives (where move than one county is represented) occurs at the Secretary of Statels office in Santa Fe.
daver'far -magistrate up at the office of the county derk in the courthouse in Carrizozo. The fee to run for county offices is $\$ 50$.

A person also can use nominating petitions available through the New Mexico SecreThe number of sounty clerk. required varies according to the positions, whether the candidate is independent or a member of a political party and the number of votes cast in the last vernor's election

Important dates to remember during this election year are; - Voter registration for the pri-
naries cloees at 5 p.m. Theesiay, May 5 . maries closes at 5 p.m, Thesciay, May 5 .
A Absentee $v o t i n g ~ f o r ~ p r i m a r i e s ~$ begins April 23 and earty voting for the begins April 23 and earty voting for the
primaries begins Weedneeday, Mny. 13 .
Both end Saturday, May 30.
Tuesday, June 2 , with voter registration for the general election veoperning Bhiomday, June 8 . Write
p.m. Thesday, Sept. 1 to file, whitich also is p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1 to fite, which also is
the last day to wthdraw frim the elec tion. Ahsentee voting for the general election will begin Thursiday Sept. 24
and voter registration will and voter reglistr

- Early voting for the general elec
tion starts Wednesday Oct. 14. Both absentee and absentee earty. 14. Boting end Saturday, Oct.. 31. The election is set for


For more information on voter registration, candidate filing and requirements, contact Proctor at (505) 648-2394.

## RUIDOSO POLICE

Credit cards stolen
A thief took several credit cards spmetime last week doso man's Jeep Wrangler, Ruidoso police said.
The 43-year-old man told police he didn't notice the cards, misising until-Jan. 14 and wasn't sure when or also told police officers that he usually didn't lock his vehicle.

VCR, TV taken
A 47-year-old Ruidoso man reported the theft of a televi-
sion set and a VCR from his rental property in the 100 block of Course View Drive.

The items were taken from the home sometime between the end of November and Jan. police. The estimated value of the stolen items is $\mathbf{\$ 2 7 5}$.

## Jewelry stolen

A gold necklace and a diamond tennis bracelet are apparently missing, Ruidoso
police seid.

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54-year-old ${ }^{-1}$ Ruidoso woman told police she took the jewelry off on Jan. 3 at her home on Rainbow Drive and hadn' seen it since. The jewelry's
value is estimated at $\$ 3,200$

Woman's ankle broken in domestic scufile

Surgery had to be performed on a Mescalero woman's ankle after it was broken last week during a
fight with her Ruidoso fight with her Ruidos boyfriend, police said.

A neighbor of the couple, who were staying Jan.
the Super Saver Inn, called Ruidoso police at about 11 p.m. to report the fight. Though he had heard the couple arguing on subsequent nights, the neighbor that screaming for help, he told police.
The woman, 42, told police she had tried to get away from her boyfriend, but that he had
dragged her back into their oom by her hair. He gtruck ist, police said. She reportedy fell and twisted her ankle when trying to get away from the man, who was intoxicated at the time, police said. The man was taken into custody wo police officers and the Woman was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center for $x$ officers that surgery would be needed to repair the woman's ankle.
Intruder lives in abandoned trailer

A sleeping bag and articles of women's clothing were doned travel trailer, Ruidoso police said.
Someone had forced open a door to a travel trailer in the police said. The intruder had apparently slept on a cot in the trailer. The owner of the trailer, a retired Ruidoso man, reported the break-in.
Vacation home burglary
Someone took $\$ 345$ worth of furniture, antiques and the 100 block of Tanager Drive, Ruidoso police said. The homeowner, a Hobbs man, told police the items disappeared from the house and Jan. 18, police said. The and Jan. 18, poilce said. The table and chair, a cast iron wash pot, a cast iron bean pot, a wagon wheel and an iron and wood love seat, police said

Cash taken from home
Someone smashed a home's bedroom window last week to steal $\$ 200$ from a aresser, Ruidoso ponice said. told police he left his home in the 100 block of Willow Road at about 9 a:m. on Jan. 15. When he returned at about 4 p.m., he found the window
smashed and $\$ 200$ missing
from the dreaser. Nothing else was taken, police said.

Stolen car recovered
A fight between a woman and her boyfriend may have lead to a series of crimes this past weekend - beginning with the theft of the woman , The 27-year-old
The 27 -year-old woman on Jan. 17, possibly by her estranged boyfriend, while the car was parked in the 1200 block of Mechem Drive. The next day, the woman called Ruidoso police to report that her home had been burglarhad used black spray paint to write several profane names on her walls, police said. In addition, several small items had been taken
Her car was recovered Sunday after an officer saw it parked at the Spring Condos, police said. Missing from the car was a set of college book and a stereo.

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## Capitan School Board looks to legislature for funds

Money to renovate a wing of Capitan Elementary and create more classrooms topped the ted by the Capitan School Board to state legislators.

The legislators met in neighboring Otero County to school districts, villages and counties in the area before the beginning of the legislative session Tuesday.

District Superintendent

- REGION

Volunteers recognized for experience; Hayhurst leads economic development

Firefighters celebrate more than 90 years of collective experience Six volunteer firefight ers with more than 90 years of collective experience the Bonito Fire Department's annual dinner and awards ceremony.

The firefighters honored have each served more than 10 years, with specific years of service to the Boniyears of service to the Boniored were volunteer firefighters and department officers Ed Pennington (19 years), Yvonne Lanelli (17-

Diana Billingsley has said the is estimated at $\$ 35000$ projects vations eted at $\$ 35,000$. Renovainons would include lowering with ws and ceilings in line tate fire mendations by the dows must be accessible for students in case of fire, she The second project for $\$ 50,000$ would replace the lighting and heating systems in the Traylor Gymnasium.
 \$36.
.
Billingeley staid State Rep Dub Williams (R-Glencoe) and State Sen. Pete Campos (D Santa Rose), who represent Lincoln County, were not at the Williams has been there earli-
er. She's optimistic that more money may be funneled into education this year by the leg-
islature.
Tio state Board of Education is requesting a 5.4 percent ers and they want the legislature to dedicate $\$ 119$ million in new money to education," she said, hoting that Gov. Gary Johnison has proposed about $\$ 80$ million.
"So maybe we'll end up with something between the two," Billingsley said.

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spoke about the challenges facing the Bonito Fire Department. Topics Denne
covered included the new covered included the new with the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, and a new substation being Sonterra.
Hayhurst elected president of economic development district

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst has been elected president of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development Dis: trict.

Hayhurst, a board member since 1992, was elected
president on Jan. 9 . He was preaident on Jan. 9. He was executive committee in 1994 and elected vice president in 1995.
He is currently serving his second term as mayor of The Southe Mexico Economic Develowment District is the largest planning district in the state. It covers $\mathbf{2 6 , 0 0 0}$ square miles in five southEddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero. The district has the second largest population, serving more than $\mathbf{2 5 0 , 0 0 0}$ people.

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## Wrestlers

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The Warrior wrestling team has finally shook off the effects of the extended football season.
It has resulted in improved
individual efforts of late and a individual efforts of late and a better team showing as well.
"I
feel like were finally starting to come over that hill from foothall," said second-year Warior coach Jerrett Perry.

Most of Perry's wrestiers strap on shoulder pads and hel-
mets in the fall. A successful mets in the fall. A successfu "We just $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { late-blooming } \\ \text { wrestling } \\ \text { squad }\end{gathered}$ need to keep squad. So, conditioning $\begin{aligned} & \text { Warrior grid- } \\ & \text { ders made it }\end{aligned}$ ders made it
Jerrett Perry, AAA quarter-
wrestling coach had an inkling it would
take until mid or late January before his Thursions, in a dual meet with Goddard, Perry will get an with Goddard, much further the their last outing Jan. 13 in Las Cruces.

In Cruces, the Warriors wrestled Mayfield and Oñate in a pair of dual matches. Ruidoso lost both matches, b Last year, Mayfiel blyanked the Year, Warriors. It was thle same outcome but a different story when the two teams met this season. Maytield w
but by only a 36-24 margin.

See WRESTLERS, page 8A
Scoreboard
lan. 13
BOYS
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Estancia 56, Capitan 53
Jan. 15
NMM1 43, Auidoso 42
Caphan 78, Carrizozo 2
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aughn 83, Conona 73
Artesia 87, Silver 66
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Corona 49, Vaughn 42
Cobre
Cobre 57, Ruidoso 43
Jan. 17




On deck
by Steve bennetr KUMDOSO NEWS SSORTT CORRESSONOENT

With Bronoo and Packer fans ggaring up for Superbowl XXXI, Ruidoso doso Little League Foothball Superbowl championships were played Saturday at Horton Stadium.

While coaches and parents exhorted their gridders with shouts of "Good
job Micheel Job Michael ... way to go Sam ... you gotta fre out övivions slugred it our for bragging rights in Lincoln County.
The minor league (7-10 yeer-olds) championship went to the Panthers
who walloped the Broncos by a score of chamy
who
43.6
${ }^{3-6}$ In the major league division for 1113 year-olds, Mescalero's 49ers claimed their sixth consecutive crown with a
convincing $32-8$ victory over the Chiefs. -The kids were really juiced up for this game. All year they've been practicing and working real harc. Coach Sanchez (Freddy) and 1 told the kids that it would pay off and ti did. Defensively, our linebackers (David Esequibel and Ted LaCoe) both played greait Cadena, who still excitted about the win two days later

Offensively, the Panthers were led by the ingpired play of Michael Sanchez and Jerry Balderama. Sanchez scored five TDs on four paydirt runs and a touchdown reception, while Balderama ran for one touchdown and set up another after pirating a Bronco pass
on head coach Brian Mireu field, Brontown on Monday and unavailable for

## SUPERBOWL_Saturday

Ruidoso Little League Football crowns its grid champs
comment. Bronco assistant coách Clifton Neal said, "We're disappointed, but the kids had a good season. About hized football before and we went $7-1$. They learned a little football and had
I I don't want to single out any one player, I think the effort the kind put out all season was very good," Neal
said. "Above all, the kids didn't quil." saic. "Above all, the kids didn't quit." the 49ers were led by the running of Josh Valdez who tallied two TDs and and two extra points. Defensively, the 49 ers relied on Chris Frizzel, Lance Cojo, Jess Shendo and Justin Enjady, who largely kept the Chiefs' offense at ${ }^{\text {bay }}$ F

Forty-niner coach Frizzel Frizzel remember for the rest of their lives." Chief coach Cecil Davis remarked, We came close, a couple of calls went against us but the kids played hard. I was proud of them and thats the main
thing. I felt as though Matt Hart and Jaspar Riddle were probably my most improved. The whole defense was excellent, especially Michael Barrel, Evan Sage, Thunder Conner, Austin Byers, Adam Turner and Jason Brown. The defonse came together this season … we beccame of them." team and $\operatorname{Tm}$ very proud of them.

## Chiefs vs. 49ers recap

The APers drew first blood on a pass to Anthony
Mendea from quarterback less Shendo. The PAT run
 Uvalde Carrazo put the chieff back in busimess by Treaking abe 5 -yard run that tied the gamee. Weongoal linina and scorede on a satefy when Chief Geogge Gallardo sacked dhe 49er 98 on a fourth-
down pasing a tempt. The Chiefs led 8.6 .


Much Hike this runner, the Mescalero "49ers broke away from the Puidoso Panthers to whin the Rut

But not for long.
losh valdez broke a 30 -yard run giving the 49 ers
In lhe second quarter Michael Sancher sprinted to uaydirt on a 50 -yard reverse, and the Panthers The Bronco's only TD came just before halftime on quarterback Casey Mirau's 20-yerd run. The PAT ruin With only $1: 15$,left in the half, Parather running back Michael Sancher agaln broke a long run for his led $25-6$ at halfitme. Earty in the thind quarter, Jerry Baldeiama set up
 and returning it to the 10 -yard line. Wwo plays
Sancheser, sconed his third touctown on 2 2-yard
uni. The PAT un was unsuccessful and the Panthers Hun. The PAT nun was unsuccesstul and the Panthers
increased their fead to 31 .
in the forsth quarter, Sanchez scored his fourth ingreased theurn quarter, Sanchez scored his fourth
TQ with a 55 -yard run. The PAT run failed and the TR with a $55-y$ and
Panthers led $91-6$.
The last Panther touchdown came after Ted
LaCoe's long run put the ball on the Bronco 2 -yard LaCoo's long rin put the ball on the Bronco 2 -yard
line LaCoe passed to Milchael Sanchez for the 1 H.
The PAT run again failed for a final scoire of 43 .6.

> The 49er PAT run failed.
> 15-yard, Valdez again riddilied the Chief defense for a lis 19-8. In the second farif, Anihony Mendez hauled in a
pass from Lessle Escalante on the 1 -yard line setting up Jordan Tosires' 1 -yard TD num.
Josh Valder converted the PAT run, increasing the 49 er lead to $26-8$.
> Leslie Escalamte scored the final 49er to on a
revere, pulting the 49 ers out in front to stay, 32-8.
> Panthers vs. Broncos recap
> The Panthers sconed first when Andrew Siva
scooped up a Bronco fumble and returned it 35 yards for a touchtown. Michael Sanchez ran in the Jerry Balderama scored the second Panther TD on

Recreation Commission and have a public hearing during its regular monthly meeting to discuss how to spend nearly $\$ 68,000$ earmarked for recre-
ation. 6:30 p.m. in village hall, located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive. Village officials say they want to hear the public's rec ommendations for distributing $\$ 67,965$ in recreation money. The money came from a rev the Lincoln County Commissioners late last year. various
Officials from Officials from various
youth and adult recreational youth and adult recreational
leagues are invited to attend leagues are invited to attend the meeting and to submils for how to spend the posais
money.

Co-Nets post nearly perfect coed rec VB mark

The Co-Nets finished $\mathbf{1 7 - 1}$ to claim the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Coed Volleybal League championship Jan. 14. ond place, with just two losses separating second through of play, the Broncos clinched

## Money, money, money on village's parks and rec public hearing agenda

## SPORTS SHORTS

second place ( $15-3$ overall), followed by Gray Hawk (14-4) and Yahoo Serious (13-5)

The league also handed out ndividual awards at its last Valuable player awards for the men were the Bryan Massé of the Broncos and Kenny Pspinoss of the Co-Nets. The
league's top women's players league's top women's players
were 'Tara Jones of the Co-Nets and Sherry Gowen of the Broncos.

## Men's basketball league

title game Thursday
The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Men's Parks and ketball League will conclude its season Thursday with the
ague tourneys titie game.
Survivors of the double olimination tournament play at 8 p.m. An '"if' championship game is set for 9 p.m. should the team emerging from the loser's bracket win the 8 p.m. game.
15, the No. 1-seeded Cobras pounded GaimKo, 74-50. Other


The Co-Nets nearly pulled off a perfect season in the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Adult Coed Volleyball League. The Co-Nets finished with a $17-1$ overall record. Members of the team pictured are (from left): front row - Tara Jones, Celeste

76, Players 69; Whatever Pipe G7ammers 62; and White Dove 67, Mark's Theam 61. In the liminated GaimKo, 70 Play, and the Slammers dismissed Aark's Team, 73-65.
The tournament's quarterfinals were played Tuesday games scores not available by bracket. semifinal will be
game scores were: Alamo Pipe played today (Wednesday) at 8 tions for their second annual
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WRESTLERS: Ruidoso hosts Goddard Thursday

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"I'm very pleased with the results. We just need to the conditioning and keep
working on
our fundamentals," he said. Perry has relied on sevto lead the team. The heart and soul of the team Jonior John ny Adams, who, at 188 pounds, wrestles in the 215pound division. You've got to have a big heart to spot your opponent up to 27 pounds each that's what Adams has, Perry said. That never-give-up atti tude is enabling him to win right now," Perry said.

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Adams, who is 6-4 overall, be district championis."
was slowed by a twisted knee The real measuring aticik. earlier in the season. The knee will be the Ruidoso's date with still bothers Adams, but the defending state champion and senior wrestler is starting to

- Going back for more The Warrior wrestling team - 7 p.m Thursda home - 7 p.m. Thursday, home - Saturday, at St. Michael's
- 7 p.m. Monday, home dual meet vs. Roswell ho defending state champion and istrict 3AAA foe, Cobre.
Even though Cobre is projected to be state champions, I realy feel we can compete wam can compete with theni,": Periry said.
 doso 30 und Mayfield 36 ; Ruidoso 24 . Individual wrestler results: (Includes:
weight class, RHS wrestler and record) weight cuass, hast wrestie
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- Going back for more $\begin{gathered}\text { come on. } \\ \text { "t's } \\ \text { combinatio }\end{gathered}$ combination between comditioning and he's started. his weight program said Perry of Adams's recent successes. "Johnny is a defensive
wrestler. He lets the others shoot the moves and he has some really good counters."
Perry expects 171-pounder Jason Leadingham (9-4 overall) and 140-pounder Richard Gray Warriors as well.
"Everything we do is geared toward district," Perry said. We feel we have six kids who could

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Meyer, 0.2
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## Alto pioneer keeps blazing colorful trails

## Ninety-one years of adventure haven't slowed Doris Youngblood down

By Dianine Stallungs
gumoto news sinf phutes
She came to New Mexico in a colvered wagon and spent hem early years louding on the rail ogordo. At 91, Doris Youngblood's adventurous spirit still drives her to new challenges and her inquisitive mind doesdom.
daughtergolood lives with her din ander and son-in-law, Georwhere she indulges her are ative side painting on canvas silk and china, and carving tops to golf balls. Her shelves display charming creatures humorcus faces, angels and anything else that catches he imagination.

In her apartment, she also is surrounded by the results o past creative energy, mcluding desk, and oil and watercolors of landscapes, flowers and still life studies.
Born in Memphis, Tbxas in 1907, Youngblood recalls com New Mexico in a covered wagon. She remembers the trip as enioyable, despite sleeping in cramped quarters, wedged between her parents at the roos
of a malreashlat hod in the wagon. Thie family used mule to pull the wagon.
selves, stopping at ranches to buy milk and eggs- They prepared meals out of a "grub box" the wagon. He would build fire ring of rocks for cooking. dead shot and could pick off prairie dogs as they traveled. mother's skill with a rifle. He didn't like to kill anything to the top of a hill and dad would use his foot on the brake and say "Whoa now, whoa now,'
and hold the mules," she said The wagon would move up on the mules as we went down. I always got pretty tense until But I don't remember Cher parents) ever being aftaid." her mocause of limited space, much from home, except a ewing machine.

A few years later when she was five or six, Youngblood was standing at the machine (she the pedal) sewing a rag doll when she sewed through her finger.
Widphigs Engagements
Gosdin-Cusano
Melissa Jo Gosdin Melissa Jo Gosdin,
daughter of Richard and Sherry Gosdin, former residents of Rui-
doso now livdoso now liv-
ing in Et Paso, Texas, will marry Jimmy Cusano, son of
Susan Cusano of Meriden Conn., in a ceremony. 31 Gosd in,
who lives in
Dallas, Texas, is a graduate of Texas Tech in Lubbock. Ousano, who calls Lewisville, Texas home, is self-employed.

The two will be married Methodist Church in nited bock. The reception will follow at the Hillcrest Country Club.
"al called my mother and said, "Send for my daddy I'm about that for years," YoungWhen the family reached Gallup, they lived in a motellike cluster of rooms with a courtyard. Her father would paint horses, then cell and ship phint horses, then sell and ship Her father later homebetween Clovis and Melrose He went to work for the rail road as a crevew foreman to get land. He maintained the tres tles and may have built some spur lines, Youngblood said. Her mother was hired as a railroad cook and was paid more
because it was harder to get good cook.
Alameir first station was in Alamogondo. ${ }^{\text {wThefrailroad was doing }}$ logging," she said, "We lived in one car, the kitchen was in
another and there was a flatcar another and there was a flatcar
with kegs of water and wood with kegs
"One day Dad came in and told mother to hold the dinner, the they were going to move the cars. When the engine contold mother to take me and sit on the flat car on the the side where the mountain was and i that train yent off the tracks, to
take me and jump on the hill. was just terrified and I'm sure mother was too. Every once
and in a while the train would
jump the tracks and there'd be wreck."
Although not overweight, her mother was a tall woman, swinging on a sapling one day, he dislocated her shoulder, but the hardy woman took her daughter and came down from push cart.
ng in at I remember is stayyellow roses on the paper and I had never seen a yellow rose, Youngblood said. "Dad came in one night with a great big eack never had hamburgers befiren" He also introduced the family to some of the more exotic foodstuff shipped by train such as bananas and chocolate bars. When Youngblood was old enough to attend school, the
family moved to Tucumeari. while her father split his time between the railroad as a night inspector and improving their land.
He

He lost the vision in one eye when when a brake rod on a railroad car was lose and he
used a ten penny nail to fix it He hit a glancing blow and the nail shot up and stuck in his
The company sent the family to El Paso so her father could see an eye doctor. They stayed with an aunit and from
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Dorks Youngblood huss her mother who was known for her shouting ability.



Doris Younghlood works on a slik palming at her home in Alto.
The family was in Tucumcari in 1918 when the devastating flu epidemic hit the United States, killing 500,000 people
and more than 10 million and more
worldwide.
"They patrolled the streets on horseback with guns," Youngblood said. "We absolutely could not leave our yards or play with other children. I would takse dolls, my doll bed and stove and put it outside on
the curb. Down two houses and the curb. Down two houses and across the street was my girls outside and we'd yell at each other and play house."
Now Wigile Inving in northeast New Mexico, Youngblood saw her first movie.
Little Princess $\bar{m}$, avis and saw Little Princess," she said. "I using curtains for veils."
ranch, they first lived in a half dug-out home. Her father, who raised wheat, added two large where: Youngor the kitchen, one for a bedroom. Dad came in from out in the field in big hurry one day," she said. "He had (a plow) with him and plowed a trench all around the hill, you could see the smoke and you could see the smoke Mammy was rushing around getting her chickens. I remember being very frightened. The fire never reached the house. I guess it didn't do any real harm moved real fast."
From their ranch, school was a five mile trip. Youngblood, then in about second grade, would ride her horse Shorty. Some days, she was so cold by the time she arrived, older boys would have to get
her off the horse, hitch and
feed it. Oed it.
On one particularly cold meaded to school when she came across the three children of the local store owner, hud-
dled under a blaqket in their buggy, their horse refusing to to her he hitched their anal ered them to-school, suffering near frostbite on her own feet.

Her teacher made Youngblood remove her shoes and long black stockings and stick her feet into the snow to prevent damage to the tissue. "I cried," she said.

For entertainment, her mother read or made up stories at night. Her father made up songs. He was a good singer and Youngblood soon discovered her voice. She had a but chose a different course Shortly after the flu demic in 1918, the family moved to Santa Ana, Calif. It was the first time she saw a
library - "A whole house full of

courteey Dorts Youngele
books and I could play with
them." in the maily thing that came in the mail when we were in
New Mexico was Ladies Home Journal and the Farmers Manac," she said.
Youngblood always was artistic and was encouraged
first by her parents and later by her husband, Bill Youngblood, to pursue whatever interested her.
She graduated from a tech-
nical school for dress designin nical school for dress designing and taught costume design at by her daughter and granddaughter.
anythin husband would buy anything I needed to try somewant me to work, but he never fussed if I wanted to buy what other people would have con
He was prou
He was proud of her paintshe tried.

She took lessons in batik and classes in painting. She caught china painting
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had auring World War II, I had an aunt who wood carved and of course, I had to do it, lessons, but I went to her class es and bandaged the people who cut themselves and pre pared lunch. I took Georgia with me."
Youngblood met her husband at a family reunion. Their families in Texas lived near n't meet until they both lived in California. He was so smitten, he eventually moved to her town to be near her. The family paths crossed the day Bill Youngblood was born, as Georgia Van Pelt tells it:
Mas the local midwife. She delivered babies and treated llnesses with herbs. Mrs. Youngblood was having a baby and her daughter was going to get married. My great grandmother took her daughter with
her and they delivered the baby. The baby was my father. was daughter getting married wy father was delivered by his mother-in-law."

Van Pelt pointed out that her mother is a marvel of modwonderful atititude. She had six operations on her eyes after cataract surgery went awry Without cornea and lens replacement, she would be blind. Her hip was replaced, or
she would be immobile. She she would be immobile. She has a hearing aid or she would tunnel surgery, something that hasn't stop her carving or painting.
Within
Within the last three years,
she's taken up water colors she's taken up water colors. started silk painting at the insistence of Van Pelt, who wanted luxurious liner material for the woven jackets she creates.
did "Each thing at the time 1 did it was the most fun," Youngblood said. There was me. Whatever I was doing was what I wanted to do."
Her main money maker,
like her mother before her, was like her mother b
as a seamstress.

Youmghlood still is experimenting, She has a new
"I haven't started that, but Trm looking forward to it," she said. "I want to clear the decks first, because once I'm int Shething, that's all I do.'
She's not afraid to try something new and she stil
drives her own car on shor trips to the store and bank.

But she hasn't taken up weaving like her daughter, because she finds it too exact ing. She looks for more freedom

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## Ruidoso getting curriculum in line

## by Juite Baxtrer

 MUOSO NEWS EDUCATION WRITER.Friday marked the beginning of a new lesson in the Ruidoso School District.

Students got the afternoon
and all district instructional off and all district instructional the curriculum. The hall-day meeting was the first step toward aligning district curriculum i with content standards and benchmarks Education in 1996.

New standards and bench marks have :been established in nine areas - math, science, social studies, language arts, the arits (visual and performing), modern,
deadine required by the $N$ -I think it will be encugh time (to get curriculum aligned, the way we're going to do it," he said. "It's not rocket science. Well be starting off with the language arts; math, Those are kind of the big core areas. Eventually weill be doing all of the other sulyject. Gla

Gladden said the district is closer to many of the standards han some other districts and he said bringing curricuium in step with state requirements won't be a stretch.
"I think in many ways we're pretty well lined up and "Wvering everything," he said.
don't have any holes." Irujiino agreed that Ruidose meybe ahead of the game. "Ruidoso has a fine track record in curriculum development," sherssaid. "It's very pro ferms of providing quality education. It's one of the model districts for the state."

Glatideri said the bench marks and standards have been a long timie coming.
this the last four or five years" this the last four or five years," be the back bone of a school district. (Standards and bench marks) coupled with our EPSS (Educational Plan for Student Success), maybe for the first time will give us a working


## SCHOOL MENUS

## Nob Hill \&

Sierra Vista
Monday, Jan. 26. Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: beef tacos, tossed saladf fruit, milk.

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Thursiday, Jan. 29
Thursday, dan. 29 Breakfast: fruit muffin, fruit,
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Fritos, pork ' $\mathbf{n}$ ' beans, fruit, milk: priday Jan 90 - Break. fast: ceréal, milk, juice

Lunch: Warrior burger, oven fries, hamburger trimmings, fruit, milk.

## White Mountain

Monday, Jan. 26 Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: red beans and corn bread or beef tacos, tossed salad, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Jan. 27 Breakfast: sausage biscuit, milk, fruit. Lunch: baked corn dog with dipping sauce or beef enchiladas, green beans, fruit, milk.

Wedneaday, Jan. 28 Breakfast: sweet ron, fruit chili-cheese baked potato, corn, garlic bread, fruit, milk. Breakfast: frut, Jan. 29
fruit. Lunch: Sloppy Joes with Fritos or Frito Py Joes ' n ' beans, fruit, milk.

Friday, Jan. 30 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Warrior burger, oven fries, hamburger trimmings, fruit, milk.

## Middle \&

## High School

Monday, Jan. 26 Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 Breakfast: Breakfast: donut, milk, fruit. Lunch: Middle School - beef enchiladas, spicy beans, tossed salad, fruit. High School - chicken
tetrazzini, green beans, roll uit.
Wednesday, Jan. 28 Breakfast: sausage biscuit milk, fruit. Lunch: Middle School - hot nacho salad with taco meat, lettuce tomato cheese sauce, corn, fruit High School - baked potato and chili, tossed salad, roll, fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 29 - Breakfast: pancake on a stick, milk, fruit. Lunch: chef salad with chopped ham, grated cheese, tomato wedges, crackers, dressing.

Friday, Jan. 23 - Break fast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: foot-long chili cheese dog, baked beans, tossed salad, fruit.

## A young outlook on the new year

New Year's resolutions are often thought of as catalysts for adults to re-shape their lives but grownups don't have exclusive license to self-improvement. A group of kindergarten students also have taken the plunge and resolved to Nob difl Eently.
Nob Hill Early Childhood Center teacher Eva Clarke has her class make resolutions every year. Here's what the youngsters decided to do in the coming year.

My New Year's resolution is to recycle and to be a better listener and a Good Citizen. I'm also going to try and help Mom and Dad out more.

Johnny Montoya
I am going to learn how to read and I will help my little brother.

Jenna Cleckler
II, Seott Thompson, will listen to my parents more often and I will play outside more often.

Scott Thompson
I will try to pick up after myself more and I will play nicer with my friends.

Aaron Umbright
My first resolution is to put my coat up, the second one is that I will take my vitamins every day.
alouda Emberlin
When I get home from school I will feed my dogs and I will play with my little sister every day. Kayla Parker

I will take care of my friends when they get hurt.
Casgandra Coritowa
My resolutions are to learn how to spell and read more stuff, I will be a better helper and I will go places with my family like Disneyland.

Amber Yalssich
I promise to keep my room clean and not fight at school or at home.

Rufus Lester
I will make by bed every day and I will practice writing better at school.

FHIyn Kohler
My resolutions are to help my mom clean my room more My resolutions are to help my mom clat I will play more with my sister.

Caila Hall
My New Year's resolutions: I will learn to read, I will help my inom, my dad and my brother.

Dasha Mays
My first resolution is to learn to ski, my second is for my mom and dad to let me go ice skating. I would like a third resolution: to keep saying the Pledge of Allegiance in class every morning.

Frederick Chavez
My New Year's resolutions: to try to be good all year long and to learn my numbers.

Luke Saenz
I promise that I will clean my room every day and I will
say please and thank you more often.
Jared Stirman
My resolutions are to help my mother in the garden and Robert Coronado

My New Year's resolutions are: not to miss any school and I will try to make my writing better everyday.

Aristeo Chavez
I will help mom with the dishes and I will not argue or fuss with mom and dad when it's time to go to bed

Cassy Box
My resolution is for me and everyone at Nob Hill to be better students and to learn more and pay attention more.

Yo voy ser buena estudiante, a prender el ingles en indergarten $Y$ voy aprender a leer in 1998 (I will be a good student, I will learn English in kindergarten and I will learn to read in 1998).

## Claudia Marmolejo

My resolutions are to go to bed on time every night, do my homework, keep my room clean, listen to my parents and no fighting with my big brother. Meman Jones

My resolutions are to help mom and dad every day and clean my room every day.

Jordan West
I promise to eat better food, drink more chocolate milk and take really good care of my puppy

Derek Adams
I promise to keep my room clean and make my bed every day. I promise to try and be good in 1998.

## Kerstyn Rapier

I will do better at my homework and I promise I will help my mom fix dinner and do the dishes.
ames Culhane
1 promise to keep being a grod boy at school and at home and I will be a good friends to everyone.
Matthew Kaydahzinne


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| Hydrlence <br> Hair Color <br> Buy ono at 6.99 <br> Get one | Colyate <br> Total Toothpaste $-4!$ |  |
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$\square$ Where else.








## ALL TYPES

Pepsi-

6 PK. 12 OZ. CA
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SHURFINE SPREAD
Cheese Loaf



TONY'S ITALIAN PASTRY
Pizzas
15.7-17.6 OZ.

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Picante Sauce
\$159 16 OZ .

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