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## Water works



Ruidoso High School students, faculty mourn apparent suicide of student

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well-respected young man. He was loved by both the staff and the student
body because he was such a gentlebody because he was such a gentle-
man." man." academic presence at the high school.
He was recently inducted into the National Honor Society, which requires a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. He also was a member of
the RIS track team, and was crowned the RHS track team, and was crowned
Homecoming king at the Warriors
Oct 31 1997 game asainst Cobre Oct. "Ive never been so shocked in all
"Ive, game against my life," Hodges said.
That shock reverberated through the school Monday morning. Students hung their heads and embraced each other in tearful hugs, while the staff

## Snowpack promises wet, green summer

by Dianne Stallinges
remoono new start writer
Although January produced little precipitation in Lincoln County, Keith Kessler, the man who tracks the annual snowpack, biought down some good news from mountains around uidoso Monday.
36.35 inches," he said after snowshoeing onto a 10,280 -foot ridge that separates the drainage of the Rio Ruidoso and the Rio Bonito. "We have 11.3 inches of water in the snowpack with a density factor of 31 percent.. That's normally would be April 1 , so we're looking real good. And that's a good density percentage.'

The water content and density factors translate to flow in the stream systems and recharge of underground water supplies for the village of Ruidoso and surrounding areas.

This years water content is 120 according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service's snowpack monitoring division. It compares even more favorable with the 1997 figure for February 1 of 8.4 inches. During the eight-year periodigh has been 15.2 inches in 1992 and the low was 2.6 inches in 1994 , according to agent Dan Murray Just two years ago in 1996, a scant 5.3
inches of water content was recorded inches of water content was recorded Feb. 1 near the end of a three year
period of drought. period of drought.
Kessler, who manages the Bonito Lake Recreation Area and reservoir
for the city of Alamogordo, measures


Jessie Figueroa at the fule Baxter/Ructoso News.

## Village could face liability in dog-bite incident

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 almost five vears ago from an attack
a police drug dog
An atomery for the vilage satid he
conclude today or Thursday.
Christine Smith, 9 -years-old at
had gotten off a school bus on a November day in 1993 and were walking to gymnastics lessons when she
was attacked by a German shepherd owned by the village
Smith, who now lives in EI Paso with her mother, had to have 13 stitche's and several reconstructive
surgeries because of the attack, her
said. There is some dispute whet her the dog actually bit Smith, which she and a little girl with her at the time have
testified, or whether the dog clawed her on the face, which another witness states. "I don't care whether he licked a hole in her face," Hawthorne said
"She does have a definite scar on the "She does have a definite scar on the right side of her face now. It's not a
horrible scar, but for a 12 -year-old girl horrible scar, but for a 12-year-old gir
to have any scars on her face as

Richard Olson, the defense attor ney for the village of Ruidoso, said the village does not owe the family any
compensation based on New Mexico comp
law...
"Because, in order for the village o be at fault, there has to be some indication that the dog was dangerous or vicious," (Oson said. "And there
no indication of that whatsoever."
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## the snowpack

What's a little unusual though is that there are no ice layers or hard crust within the snowpack, Kessler said Tuesday. "The (testing) tube just goes right down to the bottom of the ground, which is damp to wet. That's Usually the ground is frozen. That same thing is occurring in many snow courses in New Mexico right now with warm weather and not much precipitation.
"We've got a lot of winter left and tonight. Spring is March 21 and even after spring begins we still have a lot of winter left. With the moisture and snowpack from last year and what we have now, things are looking all right.."

As long as the ground remains saturated, the water will move more slowly as it is absorbed, Kessler said. moisture would be wicked off faster, he said.
"The ground could be frozen solid at higher elevations where the snow is probably deeper, but with three feet of snow (where he measured) the ground isn't going to freeze," he said, adding that Ski Apache reports a 56 inch snow base.

Kessler measures the snow depth and water content at 10 -foot intervals est measurement was 45 inches and most shallow, 29.5 inches, he said.
"Over the last 11 years. similar
ee SNOWPACK page 2A
Carrizozo school district gets nod from ballot box

## Even though less than 20 percent of eligible voters turned out for of eligible voters turned out for

 Tuesday's Carrizozo School District Bond election, the issue received a resounding yes, accordcounty clerk's office staff.
county clerks ofnce staff.
Voters were asked to authorize the issuance of $\$ 450,000$ in bonds with the proceeds to go toward needs as assessed by the district's strategic planning committee. Superintendent Paula Papponi has said.
Only 200 voters out of 1.073 eligi ble voters - an 18.6 voter turnout made it to the ballot box Tuesday evening.
But 159 voted in favor of the bond issue with only 49 voting against it.
Voter results were tallied by p.m. and polls were open from 7 a m p.m. and p
to 7 p.m.

Some of the needs identified by the district include technology equipment, a new roof, necessary repair and maintenance, completion another phase of the cooling system
remodeling and improving locke rooms and restrooms, playgrounds site improvements and furniture and equipment.
Further
Further benefits from the bond ssue will be the district's continu capacity to qualify for Public School Capital Outlay money until 200 also called lottery money.
Papponi has said support and Papponi has sat support and
passage of the bond issue was "all about building new futures." for th school and its students.

Fourth-graders stay on top of world events page 3b


Three warrior wrestlers medal at invitational page ga
expected or possible rain

## Ruidoso's Three-Day Weather OUtLook

| Thursday | $\underset{30}{\text { High }} \underset{\text { Lum }}{39}$ | Friday | Hygh | $\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ 22 \end{array}$ |
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## Weather Almanac

| Ruidoso Readings | High | Low | Precip. |
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| Alhuquerque | 45 | 29 | Rain Snow |
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| Lubbok. TX | 52 | 38 | Thunderstorms |
| Midland. TX | 58 | 39 | Thunderstorms |

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White Oaks Eagle
Feb. I, 1900
The Boston Mining properthe is reported wid to York mining men this week. for a handrome consideration. learned by the Eagle ne of the most promising
trict, and will, so it is under owners, who are negotiating lease of the South Homestake mill, which they want for the purpose of milling ore

Max Wienberger, Ziegler Bros, and Capt. D. Doherty are shipping ore from the Effie mining claim in the Oscuras 8
miles south of Red Canyon miles south of Red Canyon. This ore is hauled 17 miles to
Malagra Station. Returns so Malagra Station. Returns so nin about 19 percent. Felix Guebara and Priciliano Pino of this place have the contract for
hauling.

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## Republicans debate proposed school voucher system

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State Republican
Chairman John Republican Chairman John into a roomful of friendlies Mondas: but by the time inner was served, he came ace to face with how different Republican viewpoints can be nanta re or setting instead of Capitan $\quad$ School Superintendent School $\begin{aligned} & \text { Diana } \\ & \text { Board }\end{aligned}$ Billingsley and School Board Calaway vigorously objected to Dendahls rosy description of how Gov. Gary Johnson's public schools.
The vouchers, used to reim burse schools accepting stu dents, would give poorer famiies similar opportunities as the wealthy to attend private public schools outside their
Suit: ‘Apparently t
Contmued from page 1A
The dog, a female named anta, had been recently pur chased for the Ruidoso Police trained in drug detection only and not as an attack dog Olson said.
"It's just been trained to sniff out drugs - pure and
Ruidoso Officer Robert Layher, now a detective, had Layher, now a detective, had drug detection team and kept the dog at his home in Ruidoso Downs, not far from the uidoso Gymnastics facility. Layher was about to leave
home districts. Dendaht said.
The system would encour The system would encourage competition among public
schools in an effort to woo larg schools in in effort to woo larg
er numbers of students, he er numbers of students, he
said. 1 contend you will not see real improvement (in publi schools) until they have to com pete," Dendahl spid, adding that the proposal is opposed by
the Speaker of the House as unconstitutional under the requirement for separation of church and state. But it's not unconstitutional, anymore than St. Joseph's Hospital collecting Medicaid or veterans using the federal money to World War II, he contended.

Puerto Rico tried a simila voucher system and saw dra matic improvement in its public schools, he said.
Bendah Billingsley told changed, the system would
only hurt smaller rural school districts, because they would be from which private schools
exempt.
Unli
tricts in metropolitan areas Capitan school officials work hard to instill local values in their students, Calaway said that system already has the district who try to convince the board to admit their chil dren. Last year, the schoo board approved a policy not to allow out of district student but to permit those currently ing in Capitan.

With presently.
With vouchers, the district might be forced to take all com ers, she said.
building schools," Calaway said.
"Then we may have to change the rules," Dendahl esponded.

Billingsley said under current rules, a small district special education demands and be required to accept students with histories of violence at other schools
Private schools have never been required to met those ypes of challenges because wey never had to take students ho were discipline problems, Until t private schoois would take the the public schools to deal with he problems and lower sooring tudents, Billingsley said. The voun
e The voucher system won't said, adding that there will be plenty of time for refinements.
Snowpack: 'It's hard to predict...

Continued from page 1A
(water content) readings were recorded in 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1995, Kessler said. They ranged "rom 10.8 By April 1, the content varied from 10.85 inches to a high of 23.4 inches in 1994.
"It's hard to predict what will happen when April 1 arrives," Kessler said.
By next year, Kessler would like to install an automated measuring system that could report data on a daily

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## looked on <br> <br> essness.

 <br> <br> essness.}Paul Wirth district dir of instructional support ommunity members rallied to the school to help the students cope with the grief.
cope "Parents, members of the clergy and friends have come to support the kids," Wirth said. "This is a time when they need Counseling."



#### Abstract

Monday and ill available as long as necessary Gladden Local LaMothe said talking about the grief is the most importan hing survivors can do righ "(Counselors, teachers, etc. need to be very available to young people, to let them cry, to have to so back and debrief it "


expen to spend another ,4,600 for dermabrasion to

Student: 'It's never someone else's fault ... It was that person's decision'

LaMothe also stressed that friends and family members should not blame themselves., fault" she said "Everyone will blame themselves It was wil person's decision.'

Figueroa's death comes on the heels of a serious car accident, which happened Jan. 12 According to New Mexico State Police reports, Figueroa's car was rounding a curve on Gavilan Canyon Road when he
through ardiduard rail and coninued sliffiff before crashing inta a tree,
Born si
no chargees wère pending grginst Figueroa in
"As far as I know he's good kid," Born said. "It's pretty ragic."

Figueroa is survived by his parents, aRoger and Wanda Figueroa of Ruidoso Downs, and three sisters, Apryl, Abby and Angelica, also of Ruidoso Downs.
said. attack happened Nov 6, 1993. Smith's family filed the lawsuit two years later, Hawthorne said.
ffered to (the village) have were to little, but the offer said, adding that the family declined two five-figure offers Those amounts, under court guidelines, cannot be revealed he "It wal, he said.
wasnt adequate compensation for a permanent dis Hawthorne added awthorne said. Officer Layher's house, the dog ran up to Christine and The offic cheek, he said. the dog and tried to before it charged out to the reet Hawthorne said real hyparently, the dog got they were about to go to work," he said.
The Smith family so far
has spent $\$ 5,000$ on Con has spent $\$ 5,000$ on Christine Smith's treatment and plastic

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## New, larger tribal detention center planned at Mescalero

gy Dianne STallings
Rumboso new staff writer
Ground could be broken for a new jail on the Mescalero mid-summer, a tribal consultant says. That comes as good news to w enforcement and court officials in Mescalero, who say they hope the new detention center stays near the top of President
Wendell Chino's priority list of projects. A jail was amone priorpities in his inaugural speech in early January as he was nstalled for another two-year term.

The existing detention center on Apache Boulevard "is an by the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs)," said Chief Alfred La Paz, who heads BIA law enforcement on the reservation.

It's built in a swampy area and has settled some," he said. We're looking for a new jail, a juveniles as well as adults. We also would need an increase in

## DEATHS FUNERALS

## Marijane Bowen Adams

A graveside service for Marijane Bowen Adams, for will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in San Antonio.

Mrs. Adams was born Oct 2, 1906 in Buffalo, N.Y., and in her youth, lived in North and South Dakota, Illinois She modele
She modeled in Florida in Tulsa. Okla. where sh became the advertising manager of Halliburton-Abbott's Department Store while con tinuing to model

After marrying M. Hollis Adams, Mrs. Adaing moved to retail adyertising topandiger at Bern's Department Store Berns Department Sotore'
Sears Roebuck anto Karotkin's
personnel."
The current jails maximum capacity is 24 people, all adults, La Paz said.
hoping to double it." he said
Tribal Judge Margaret Morin, one of three adult court uages on the reservation, greed with LaPaz
ail" (he definitely do need a new jail," she said. "Right now, were arry careful when we have offenders) rather than just sending them dowm there
Juvenile offenders who cannot remain with their families must be sent off reservation to centers in Alamogordo or But she said.
But when possible, "we put to service providers. like counselors through social services, mental health or local rehabili-" tation or different pastors," Morin said.
To serve
Io serve in jail through a tribal court would mean the
offense was serious or the person was a danger to himself or


Mescalero's old tribal fail will be replaced by the tribal government this summer and the new facility leased to the BIA.
thers, she said.
Extremely serious offenses are investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and are
$\qquad$ Elements she would like to
cells, a better location, an exercise yard, rehabilitation and counseling and a place for juve niles, Morin said.
orking with thee counselors working with these, children
while they are there, she said "Most would be there from 10 to

20 days."
Although she is an adult court judge, Morin occasionally works with juveniles as do the fourth judge handles children's court.

A tribal consultant said the
tribe will build the jail and it will be leased by the BIA. The design has not yet been selected and vilibe subject to approval by that the price, will dapend on the that desion and square footage It will house law enforcement, but not the judicial," the consultant said. "It will be sufficient to handle people sentenced to a year in jail and will take both adult and juvenile men and vomen."
The jail will be built in a former gravel pit area off the westof tribal headquarters he said Arthur "Butch" Blazer, director of the Mescalero BIA, said he applauded the tribe for working with the BIA to solve the problem.
'It's very difficult to get new construction money out of the ederal budget," he said. "The ail is an old building and we're spending a lot of money on working with the agency to solve a very serious problem."

## Furniture Co

She also assisted her husband in his manufacturing career
In the late 1940 s the couple became interested in race horses. After buying several home in Ruidoso. She lived in Ruidoso during summers for more than 40 years.

She is survived by her daugher, Adrian A. Fletcher of San Antonio; son, Michael D. Adams, also of San Antonio great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Linto the Humane Society of Lin Ruidoso, N.M., 88345, or the charity of your choice.
Arrangements are by
Porter Loring in San Antonio.

## Ellicia Erica Herrrera <br> Mabel Rentfrow

Funeral services for Elliia Erica Herrera, infant daughter of Eric Herrera and were held Jan. 28 at St. Joseph's Mission Mescalero. Rev. Paul Botenhagen officiated and burial followed at the Mescalero
stary.
She was born on Jan. 17 in Albuquerque and died Jan. 27 Albuquerque.
She is survived by her parents; her sister, Cynthia Herrera of Tularosa; her grand Alamogordo and Clarinda Hosetosavit of Mescalero.

Arrangements are by LaGrone

Services for Mabel Rentfrow, 101, of Carrizozo, were on Monday at the Trinity United with the Rev. Bobby G. Boyd officiating. Burial was at the Evergreen Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Mrs. Rentrow died Thursday at her home.

She was born Dec. 1, 1896 in Warrinton, Mo. She was a school teacher in Albuqeruque until she married Doyle Renand became involved in ranchang. She also became an active member of the Cowbelles. She was a member of Trinity United Mpthodist Church.
She is survived by nieces,

Rosemary Neel of Albu-
querque, Evelyn Bandy of Thompson of Mitchellvylle Md.; and June Crader of Agoura, Calif.; and nephe
ed Heinrich of Bernalillo.
The family has requested that memorials be sent to vorite charities.
Arrangments are by LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.
Frank Ureta Jr.
A rosary was receited on
Jan. 5 for Farank Ureta Jr. 52, at Kreidler Funeral Home Mr burial in Fort Stockton. Mr. Ureta died Jan. 4 at
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Texas, for 20 years and in th Valley, for 25 years. He worked He was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and was a Vietnam veteran.

Mr. Ureta is survived by his father, Frank Ureta $\mathbf{S r}$. and his mother, Josefina Ureta, both of Fort Stockton; daughters, Raquel Ureta of Dallas and Christina Ureta o McAllen; his former wife, ters, Nora Field of Almogordo and Dolores 'Bustamante of Ruidoso.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Marjorie Naylor, 211 Dafodil McARlien, Texas, 78051.

Funeral arrängements àre by Kreidler Funeral Home.


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## OUR OPINION

## Painted into a corner

Ruidoso, a good number of people insist, is on a growth track, but its growth will be severely restricted if ts basic utility services - its infrastructure - can't be naintained and extended to handle that growth.

We have institutions like the chamber of commerce, the real estate community, and a good number of developers who focus on growth as the great good that wil assure a strong community in the 21st Century.

Another institution, Ruidoso's village government, facess the daunting task of providing the foundation for continued development.

Yet a village advisory unit - the Capital Improvement Plan Advisory Committee - charged to examine mpact fees (whereby the first buyer of developed property bears the cost of infrastructure) seems to be stuck at
square one; by a 4-1 margin, the members don't want impact fees of any sort.

This, despite the evidence in many mountain resort communities that it's the fairest way to provide utilities and connected to the utility system the new owner "buys in" to the infrastructure, much as the new owner of a condominium buys a share of the common property around it.

Come to think about it, we know of no telephone company or gas company or electric company that doesn't charge up front for installation of new facilities - including amortization of the big investment represented in power plant or pipeline or whatever.

It appears that, barring a change of heart between now and the next meeting on Feb, 26, the committee building and real estate) will support the statitis quo.

The status quo in this case would be using a combina tion of property taxes, gross receipts tax-backed bond issues, and utility revenue bonds to maintain and extend the system.

And, of course, monthly water bills ... bills that swing with water consumption. If you don't use water for nine months of the year, you don't pay much in the way of a bill.

The village administration has noted that continuation of an increment in the gross receipts tax will be a quesiton on the March 3 municipal election ballot. Should it fail, large new questions will arise about conSunding of utility system expansion
Sometimes words give the wrong impression. Maybe that study committee should drop the "impact fee" label in favor of the "everybody shares the cost equally" utility expansion fee, and vote accordingly.

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## THE DREAMER

## February is a transitional month

This is being sent to you just at midday on Feb. 1 , anoth-
er bright sunny day in the er bright sunny day in the unbroken spell of fair weather land since the December bliz zards.

The temperature at the gaite is an even 50 with the colors of ing against the blue , sky who breeze out of the north.

On Blue Bird Meadow, you can see the young calves, led by the youngest one (Pigrim), new grass which already sprung up, encouraged by the snow-melt water which has seeped into the ground.

## Kin folles visit

My nephew Andrew Bur nett and his wife Jill and their son, Jackson, of Austin, Texas have been up on the ski slopes.

by Dan Storm
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## Hy

ski. They attended ser this morning at Saint Anne's Chapel, Glencoe, on their way back to Austin.

It always is a great blessing to visit with Andrew, Jill and Jackson. The youngest member of the farnily, Ansley, age 3 , stayed in Austin with kin folks this trip, but will be up next time
Snow melt begins early
You will notice that the pure
ite Sierra Blanca of weeks
past is now streaked with hens
of gold where the nnow has melted away:

This shows up in the river as it flows singing by here in Storm Vale. The stream still is rystal clear, but it is plain to see that it is
flow of water.

In other words, the snow on

going into the ground, and the
the right speed to prevent muddy water.
Groundhog day
So now we are over into the Birthday Month, here on the eve of Groundhog Day. You
could almost bet that tomorrow could almost bet that tomorrow
will be the same as today, will be the
If it turns out that way, we will more than likely get more snow or

Changeable February
Little February is sort of bridge betweyp the winter and the spring, and it has been said that in this month we may experience weather of all fou

This calls to mind an old Spanish-Mancen jingle: cambioso, Marzo higroso, Abri lluvios; salipyffi a Mayo, florido $y$ hermoso."

Or: January, the old folks' month, changeable February, windy March, rainy April...and we come out to

And so February has a charm, an uplift, a blessing all own.
Let us thank our Lord for the Birthday Month, and the many
mind.

## YOUR OPINION

At last, a conviction To the editor:

Kendall Jennings was my son. He was 24 when he was 1996 on the night of Nov. 1, family and I would like to thank the people who gave us support the people who gave us support throughout these two
stressful weeks (the trial). Spestressful weeks (the trial). Special thanks to Louise Arnold,
our victim advocate, who gave up hope and was there for us all, through it all.
We realize it must have been hard for the 14 people on the jury ( 12 plus 2 alternates) to bring forth the verdict of sec ond-degree murder. We thank each of you, wherever you are, flease be assured your did the right thing, and now our son can rest.

We also want to thank our many friends for their ongoing support this past year and throughout the trial. District Attorney Scot Key should be ication to finding the truth He is a star in our eyes and we will be eternally grateful

Finally, thank you Dianne Stallings for accurate coverage of the trial. Now we can le finally been a murder conviction in Líncoln County.

Gail Jennings Gillem

## Walk that mile

To the editor: great big thank-you to all of the
state and county road crews, along with all the law enforcement personnel, for the good recent snow storms. To the few of you that might think they did not do enough, please don't complain until you have walked that proverbial mile in their shoes.

Jack E. Johnson
Capiton

## Whose heritage?

To the editor:
through have been going through a stack of information about the Convention for the
Protection of World Cultural Protection of World Cultural
and National Heritage and National Heritage. The treaty that came out of this
convention was signed in 1992 and went into force in Decemand went
ber, 1995.
New Mexico is "blessed" with three designated World Heritage Sites, so I looked into
my information to try to find my information to try to find out who is medding in our our sovereignty. Who requested the United Nations to interfere in our environmental solutions, which happen to be the strictest on Planet Earth. None
other than two bureaucratic agents, Bruce Babbitt and George Frampton.

Last October, Carlsbad Caverns was to be designated a
World Heritage Site EndanWorld Heritage Site Endangered.
Were our elected officials, on any level, consulted? Were the people? Were they even
given information as to the
reaty requirements?
What about the establishment of a buffer zone around each World Heritage Site? Ask he people of Wyoming?
The United Nations pays no allegiance to the Union of
the States of this Nation nor the States of this Nation nor
to its people; therefore, why to its people; therefore, why
should we be subjected to its global and world-wide delu-

The present plan is to des-
gnate Carlsbad Caverns an Endangered Site this coming October, including a buffer one.

Now is the time to ask our legislators, both state and national, to protect the sovereignty of our nation and the time is now.

Annie C. McManus
Caballo

## LETTERS POUCY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues.
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## Cable costs

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The cost of basic cable (in Ruidoso) has been increased again. In April, 1997, basic ser FCC was increased 8 percent, up 25 percent, and franchise tax also increased 7.7 percent.

Then less than one year later, January, 1998, the costs were again increased. Basic up another 9.3 percent and fram In less than two years, basis cable costs have increased 18 percent Ind the franchise tax With up 16.7 percent.
With satellite dish systems unable to provide local network stations, this seems like an unfair advantage to the cable
industry.

Jim Gardiner
Ruidoso

Downs gets new fire truck
by Toni K. Laxson
If a fire erupted at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, the Museum of the Horse or any of a number of hillside homes, men until recently would have had to fight the blaze from precarious ground positions.
Now, however, flames can be doused from above without putting firefighters in as such ground floor fire fights. Fir Chief Nick Herrera said. The department recently bought its first ladder truck, which has a ladder that can be extended 100 feet.
use it," Herrera said last week. "But if we have to, then week. got it." we have to, then weve model, was acquired partly through a donation from the Hubbard Foundation, the benevolence organization of bacetrack owner R.D. Hub said Jim Stoddard, foundation executive director. "We just helped the village purchase the truck because they needed it, and we wanted to be good

The foundation award financial assistance to both non-profit endeavors, such as the Special Olympic Torch WIN. $\$ \$ \$$ WIN $\$ \$ \$$

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ties in the area. While some donations are acknowledged, others are made anonymously by the foundation, Stoddard so Herrera buy the ladder truck, also used state money and $\$ 10,000$ from the village. The total cost of the truck was $\$ 19,500$.

Downs Village Clerk/Treasurer Leann Weihbrecht said from a veneral account for from a general account for
expenditures. None of the money came from gross money came from gross receipts revenues generated by Super Center in the village


Ruidoso Downs hest phe fire, which the village was able to buy whth help from the Hubtard Fouinctasion double the village's annual budget, none of the additional money received so far has been spent by the

The village's new ladder truck is only one aspect of the fire department's efforts to gear up its fire fighting efforts, Herrera said. In the past year the Ruidoso Downs Volunteer Fire Department has doubled utfitted all the firefighter with new gear
eeding to do Herre to do for a long time, Herrera said. "This year, it just hit right.'

The new fire gear, which i
black compared to the stan dard school bus yellow gear will allow Herrera to monito his crew's activities during a joint fighting effort with othe gear took most of the $\$ 32,600$ in state money the fire depart ment received this year, Her ra said
The department already has conducted some practice runs with the new gear and its age, is in good shape, Her its age, is
rera said.
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## Wolves to be reintroduced in New Mexico, Arizona

bout the program
According to Hans Stuart of the Fish and Wildlife Service, up will be taken to pens at release sites by early February and will be held there until they are acclimated to their surroundings, possibly six to 10 weeks. male-female pairs with up to four pups.

The release phase is a cooperative effort among the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Arizona Game and. Fish DepartAgriculture Forest Service and its Wildife Services (formerly kriown as Animal Damage Control).
The reintroduced wolves will be classified as a nonessencial, experimental population, a vice wider management discretion than if they were simply an e pecies, Stuart said. For example, wolves and their offspring that establish recovery area will be captured and returned either to the recovery area or to captivity, he said. Wolves that prey on livestock also will be moved, but if necessary, could be killed by agency wildife managers. Live stock owners or their agents can attacking their livestock on private land, Stuart said.

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This week I would again like to discuss factors that impact directly on our property taxes and to suggest several alternative proposals for bringing these excessive taxes under con-
trol. Our property taxes, when you see the breakdown, are comprised of twelve separate trol. Our property taxes, when you see the breakdown, are comprised of twelve separate
items. These are State Debt Service Rate. County Operational Rate, County Special Project 1. Rate. County Debt Service Rate, Municipal Operate. School District Capital I Operanonal Rac. Schoor Oprit Del Rer Crizo Health Center Rare. Each of these items contribute to the overall property taxes we pay. In Ruidoso we currently pay $\$ 31.689$ per
$\$ 1000$ valuation on residential property ( N.M. average is $\$ 15.32$ and our non-residential is $\$ 39.188$ per $\$ 1000$ valuation. Relative to residential we have the 3 rd highest in the entire State. State Debr Service Rate and County Operational Rate as well as County Special Projects Rate, LCMC and Carrizozo Health Center Rates are arb
and set by the State and/or County Commissioners. The Municipal Operational rate is determined/and/or approved by our elected village Officials. Municipal Degt Service Rate is a selfinflicted wound brought ab
$\qquad$
Sadly, out of twelve items that contribute to our property taxes. we have direct control over only two. School Bonds and village Bonds. The other ten items are imposed on us involuntarily by people we trusted to look out for our best interests when we voted for them. The good news is that these two items represent mone than $1 / 3$ of our total property taxes, therefore, if we control them, we also control a fair share of our tax bill. Bond issues an ond debt of $\$ 9.0$ million means nothing - except. if we should allow such a thing to occur, it would be an exam of complete financial irresponsibility ori our part.

The way in which our tax money has been spent is appalling. The village Council has proven to provide littic more than rubber stamp approval for any kind of silly scheme ihat is proposed. lim going to give you one example of what 1 helieve shoutd have been done and what was done. In the matter of the 1995 bond issue, there
was $\$ 16$ million for the Library and $\$ 100,000$ to renovate the existing libmary building for our senior citizens. In ny view, a room in the mostly always empty Civics Events Center, should have been made available for our senior ditizens use. Everything necessary, including full time employees to help. bathroorns that meet ADA specification and a kitchen were readily available. The $\$ 100,000$ could have been used to renovate the additional space this would have opened up in the more centrally located old library. The savings to us, the taxpayers, woukd have bee $\$ 1.6$ million. Taking thls a bit further, the County Commissioners are spending over $\$ 500,000$ this year for senior
citizens facilities in almost every muncicipally in Lincoln County except for Ruidoso, which has more seniors than citizens facilities in almost every municipaltry in lincoln County, except for Ruidoso, which has more seniors than
all the others combined. We contribute over $63 \%$ of all property tax money that supports county government, oo all the others comitinetle back for our seniors instead of footing all of the bill oursielves?
The point to be made here is that with a little common sense and imagination most problems can be handled sasfactorily with far less tax money. 1 truly believe that Ruidoso needs a new Mayor and at least three (preferably our) new Conncil Members who can inject a little adult decision making into the governmental process and who
re dedicated to imposing greater accountability on village Management - as well as to the control of unnecessary pending. Specifically we need peopple who are capable of making a thouplifful and judicikous decision between har is actually needed and what would be nice to have. There is a wide gulf between the two - bridged by our tax dollars.
In closing I would like to again thank all of you who called to offer alvice and support after. my first letter. You kind words and encouragement were most apprecinted. If you called and found the line to be busy I apologize we were completely overwheimed and unprepared for the response.

Sincerely,
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By next March or Aprii, uled to be released into eastern Arizona and western New Mexico as part of a program to reintroduce the predator who was Southwest in the American
ago. The release will be the third reintroduction effort in the United States. The first two were in North Carolina and Yellowstone If the goal viable, self-sustaining wild pon ulation of at least 100 wolves alters in the 7,000-square mile Blue Range area, the U.S. Fish and Wildure Service has desig nated a section of the White Ruidoso as a secondary releas site. to the Southwest," said Nancy Kauman, director of the Serprogramithwest Region. This agement and Mexican wolf with little impact on human activities.'
A final decision, published by the Service in the Federa Registry Jan. 12, outlines how the Apache National Forest of Arizona and allowed to disperse into the adjoining Gila Nationa Forest of New Mexico. It also described how the Service wil respond to public concern


Team proves it's possible
by Laura Ciymer RLIDONO NEWS SPORTS EDTTOR

Eighty bowlers helped the Ruidoso Women's Bowling Association mark its 25th anniversary by participating in the annual Women's City Bowling Tournament SaturBow and Sundar When the pi tled after 18 games of play for most of the women, It's Possible claimed the women's team scratch title, Minute Made took the team handicap title the individual all events scratch crown.

In all, 80 women bowled over the weekend. There were 16 five-bowler teams, 39 doubles teams, 78 singles and 71 all event entries.
as successful as it tournament not only the RBC but TV and
radio stations, newspapers and Ruidoso area merchants - to all of these individuals, 1 want to give a great big thank you," said R.
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## Trio of Warriors pin down medals

by Steve Bennetit RUDOSO NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Ruidoso Warrior The Ruidoso
wrestling team got a taste of wresting team got a taste of Saturday when it hosted the Ruidoso Wrestling Invitation ${ }^{\text {al. }}$ T
The 10 -team tournamen included a diversity of Class Las Cruces, Deming, Roswell, Silver City, Cobre, Moriarty, St. Michael's and New Mexico Military Institute.
Team first-place honors went to District 3AAA opponent Cobre with AAAA Las the runner-up position

Although the Warriors placed in the middle of the team rankings, wrestling coach Jerrett Perry spoke enthusiastically about his boys' performances. "It was the far and we wrestled better than at any time all year," said the second-year Warrior coach.

Individually, three War-
riors earned medals in the tournament. Richard Gray fin ished second in the 140 -poind weight class, and Reny ReidLeadingham ( 171 pounds) took third-place honors in their weight divisions.

Richard is getting bette and better. On Saturday he lost to a defending state cham pion from Moriarty. I'm hoping in the state for the state tour nament," Perry said

About Reidhead and Leadingham Perry said, "Reny is finally coming around. He beat the defending district champ from Silver City twice during the tournament. I'm

can do and in my opinion, catch up. He made a near fall apgressive our kids were" h Jason was the second-best on his opponent and then the added. wrestler in the tournament." official reversed his decision. I Leadingham's teammates think he should have won... have also given him a nick- but it was the most exciting name, "Leadingslam" owing to his aggressive style on the mat.

Coach Perry also spoke in glowing terms about the 'one's the got away" with his his two (119-pound division) should have made the medal round. He was beating the Roswell kid, $9-2$, and, then he made some, locked-hand mistakes. The official penalized him and


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## RUIIDOSO POLICE

Theft charges against student

A stolen school lawn blower was discovered in a high school the boy was suspended, Ruidoso police said.
The 16 -year--ld was one of five boys caught truant Jan. 28 at a campfire. A school official found the blower, worth $\$ 75$,
when cleaning out the youth's when cleaning out the youth'

Lottery tickets stolen
Almost $\$ 2,000$ in lottery tickets were taken in a burglary Thursday night of a, car wash on said
said In addition to the lottery tickets, the burglar or burglars took 285 packs of cigarettes, worth \$350, some cokes, beef jerky and about \$25 in coins, said David Ingles, owner of the car wash, in his report to police. time between 6 p.m. Thursday night and $8: 15$ a.m. Friday morning, police said. Someone
apparently tried to first pry open a door at the car wash but bar inside the door. Next, the burglar or burglars cut the padlock to a metal screen over a window, broke the double-paned window with a rock and entered the car wash at 1001 Sudderth

## Truants caught at

 campfireRuidoso fire officials brought five boys to the Ruidoso High School last week for punishment after they caught' the youth playing hooky at a campire, Ruidoso police said.

Responding to a report of a column of smoke, a couple of Station in Ruidoso on Jan 28 searched the woods behind the Ruidoso High School at 125 Warrior Drive, a fire official said. High school students are area, which is private property, officials said.
Though an officer was
called, no charges were filed

Ruidoso man charged with six crimes after rolling his pickup

A Ruidoso man was Ferric. charged with six offenses He over-corrected and the Sunday as a result of a roll- pickup flipped, landing on its section of hui
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Thomas top. Sheets left the accident
$\qquad$ apparently was driving too fast at about 3:37 pm too slid off the shoulder of the a 1989 Isuzu headed east in a relative pickup owned by a relative, according to a report filed by ${ }^{\text {Siffew Ne x }}$ Mexico
State Police Officer Justin When Sheets was found at 5:17 p.m., he was charged with having no insurance, diving on a revoked license, leaving the scene of an ascident, not giving immediate notice of an accident, careless driving and not using a seat belt, Fredric said

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against the youth, ages 16 to 18 . They were handed over to school the students, police said.

Woman beater pleads

## no contest

A Mescalero man was senfenced to two years of jail after he recently pleaded no contest to charges of beating two women according to magistrate court records. Michael Forte, 31, was first charged beating his longtime girlfriend on Nov. 5, records He
He was released on bond, and another woman allowed the
unemployed man to move in with her. On Nov .19, Forte was arrested again on charges of beating that woman.

Though he initially pleaded not guilty to all the charges, Forte changes his plea to no con-
test before his trial. Magistrate test before his trial. Magistrate fenced him to 724 in the state Department of Corrections, court records stated.

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## Village of Ruidoso to look at two companies for yard collection service

Y TONI K. LAXSON
Coso news staff writer
If the village of Ruidoso does decide to contract a service for the collection of pine
needles, and other yard needles,
waste, it will only be after ample public review, village leaders say

Two companies have sub-
for the service, which would be cil to consider proposals for er, the committee had not setpaid for by residents through yard collection services from tied on a recommendation at either rate increases or fees, two companies - the Ruidoso- that time and wanted more but not through gross receipts "So I think we do need to look at it very slowly and in steps," Mayor Jerry Shaw said a recent council meeting-
The next step is for a com-
based Sierra Contracting and Southwestern Disposal, with Cruces. council had been scheduled to hear a recomscheduled to hear a recom-
mendation from the selection
information about the proposals, a village administrator Village Manager Gary Jackson said confidentiality issues regarding the compa-
nies' proposals will have to be

## Inactive Ruidoso police officer has his day in court

by Toni K. Laxson
ghenionews stafy writik
Almost a year after Pete Esquibel reportedly accosted a woman at a bar, the inactive
Ruidoso police officer today will finally have his say in court.

Esquibel has said he's not guilty of accusations that he fondled a 29 -year-old Ruidoso to stop him.
o stop him.
strate Judge William Butt's court is the fourth trial date set for Esquibel. Three earlier dates were continued for various reasons, twice at the ney, Lorenzo Tapia.
The last court
set for late November. It was postponed when Esquibel, just before the trial was to start, pointed out he had requested a trial by jury on the misdemeanor charges. In addition, Tapia said he was not prepared to represent Esquibel because his client had not returned telephone calls or letters for about two onths before the trial.

Butts at the time revoked Esquibel's bond and sent him days. One of the conditions of Esquibel's bond is to stay in ontact with his attorney.
Today, Esquibel will be represented by Public Defender Sam Damon, who office for Lincoln and Otero counties. filed for a dismissal of the
charges on the basis that Esquibel had been denied his Esquibel, who was demotright to a speedy trial. Attor- of dispatcher, had been on disneys in the case said earlier ability leave from the police Esquibel has waived his right department since April. A being charged.

## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

Edited by Will Shortz

addressed, but suggested the Jackson said committee hold sessions in Regular garbage collection which they "grill" representa- has not been able to handle tives from the two companies. the disposal of yard waste, be held on the issue of courd whics filled can include several be held on the issue of yard bags filled with pine needles
waste. collection services, for just one home.


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## Ranchers share stories of hay lift operation

When we were talking with some of the ranchers about the hay
lift, one of their stories involved lift, one of their stories involved getthe hay wouldn't roll off the roller they had to put plywood under the bales. They knew where the hay would land, but the plywood could be a dangerous miasle, sailing off into the wild blue yonder and
knowing where it would land.

The ranchers are most appre ciative of all those who helped and certainly be the winter to remember - for a long time, an


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 all those volunteer and governmentagencies that were involved. I think a big thanks goes to the N.M. Farm and Livestock Bureau for coordinating the hay drop. No tle fed but also the wildife. In some places when it blew the snow off the hillsides so there was a little grass tha the l drop. Lois and David Coleman, Portland Texas, spent a week visiting Lois's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph
Dunlap. Lois looks better than she Dunlap. Lois looks
has for a long time.
The Lincoln town water board held its meeting at the firehouse. condition of the water system.

The officers and directors elected were: Cele Dockray, president; Ralph Dunlap, yipp-president, Matt Borowski, secyetary/ treasurers, and
directors Steve Havill and Bob directors

I haven't gatten any information on the Lincoln Preservation Board meeting. The board held its meeting the same night, but I was
unable to go. Just found out that it unable to go. Juirt found out that it didn't elect offivers because the two new board members were not pregallery was approved.
The Lincoln County FCE board met at the San Patricio Senior Citizens's center. The year' planning program was discussed. The new council officers will be installed at the home of Angie Provine last Theater was discussed. Other dates to remember are: the State FCE mid-year board meeting Feb. 27-28 in Albuquerque and a tour of the Legends Foundry on May 6.

Phyllis Zumalt of Hondo, Yvonne Zumalt of Artesia and Ralph and Rosalie Dunlap of LinProclamation Day in Santa Fe last week. Governor Gary Johnson promised to sign the bill giving N.M. State University a line item for the extension service. Hopefully this will restore some of the losses in funding that the extension serenough to visit with New Mexico's First Lady, Dee Johnson, in the House chambers. She is such a lovely lady.
The Lajunta Club met last week also. A special event will be held at the February meeting, and White sent a big, "thank you," to the group for the scholarship which will help her finish her college degree. Member Sue Croskell won the quilt affle that was drawn at the
vember meeting.
the group to work on its sting operation. Everyone is encouraged to get ready for the cultural arts show in April. The theme is "Baloons."

A report from Andrew Serna cholarship ge was ine recipient of a scholarship several years ago, and grades. He has a 3.4 grade point

In the afternoon, Lenore Welch gave a program on color. it was nice to see her husband Bin, who have dent last summer. He was also part of the program. Several of us missed us as we were on our way to Santa Fe. Also in Santa Fe were Mr. and Mrs. David Vigil.

## NATURAL BORN CURES

Those seeking cures for everything from insomnia to the common cold are turning their hopes to the age-old remedies of herbalists.


Y Laura Ciymer
RUMDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTIER
Disillusioned by the effects of modern day medicines, Elizabeth Byars returned to the roots of good health ome 24 years ago.

Others are choosing the same path electing to try herbs for their medicina values rather than antibiohics and syn hetic drugs prescribed by physicians. ide effects or no effects of the medica tions proscribed" Byars said. s said.
Carol Volquardsen, a naturophathic Building and maintaining hears. requires medical, herbal nutrition and healthy lifestyle working hand in hand together," Volquardsen said.
"saide effects have been a big prob-
em with medicines, she said.
Herbs aren't the latest, hot new medicinal herbs has a long history, dating back to the hunting and gathering societies of early the humans. (See related article about the history of the herbs and spices)
"The women gathered herbs along the way and this is how they took care leaves and roots to chew on," Byars explained.

Centuries later, the Chinese carefully compiled a "canon" of medicinal herbs. The Egyptians, Greeks and Romans followed suit with their own records of herbal cures. On this conti for cures, aloing with decoration and religious ceremony, while the new Americans brought their remedies with them from Europe. "They've been used by different cultures for eons," Volquardsen said.

They've been used to create our modern day drugs too, such as aspirin. Aspirin is the synthetic copy of the healing qualities of white willow bark. Wilside salicin from which acetylsalicylic
acid (aspirin) was first Why the renaissance? Byars and Volquardsen both point to side
effects produced by synthetic medicines.
"The side effects from most herbals are nil," Byars said.

Added Volquardsen,
"As a whole it is a gentle problem instead of masking it."

Both caution, however, herbal preparations should be taken with educated precautions.
"Because you can get in trouble with them, "There's always a chanc of overdoing it.

Herbs are often used as preventive dicines.
Byars is a self-described advocate for people taking more responsibility for worth a pound of cure" quoted Byars

For example, Byars said, many peo ple beef up on garlic and echinanae herbs prior to cold and flu season.
"You're giving you immune system a
little bit of an edge when fighting off little bit of an edge when fighting of
those viruses floating around," Byars said. "Instead of waiting for the cold or flu to hit, it could be prevented or lessened in severity."

Byars contends that we take bietter care of cars than our bodies. We put in the best gasoline and top-grade oil to
prevent engine problems. Why then, prevent engine problems. Why then, Byars asked.
"It's a food. It feeds the system. It doesn't mask a symptom. It makes the body function. It's actually building it," Byars added.
Volquardsen's fascination with herbs goes back to grandmother, who "spring tonic" twice a year to children and grandchildren.


Bottles and bottles of herbal remiedies line the che sheikives of the

Described as "the most god-awful stuff" she's tasted, the tonic warded off winter-time viruses and cleansed the body as well, Volquardsen said.
"We didn't have the cold, the flus, the sinus troubles," she recalled. "My grandmother had seven children on a farm outside of Fort Worth, Texas. She care of her family" Volquardsen said "She utilized some of her home rempedies, and took care of her seven children and 48 grandchildren with them."

In addition, there seems to be a growing acceptance of herbs and their medicinal values in the medical profes sy some psychiatrists as a treatment for mild depression, without the side effects of some antidepressant drugs. More research is needed, and in most instances, Volquardsen said it's good that scientists are recording the ffects of herbs.

She has her concerns, however. Scientists should study the whole herb and not try to isolate its active properties, "To me, that's (the whiole herb)," she said.

Ebrabeth Byars pours some bulk herbs from a bottle. Byars, an herbalist for 24 years, says people turn to herbs when they're frustrated by the side effects
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Herbs of choice
Here are seven of the more popular herbs, accordByars. Listed by common Byars. Listed by common
name, Latin name, and thername, Latin name, and ther apuetic uses
(Hypericum $\begin{gathered}\text { St. } \\ \text { John's Wort, }\end{gathered}$ (Hypericum perforatum), treatment or mild forms of deprassion.
and marlic, (Allium sativum), a natural antibiotic that builds the cardiovasc
lar and immune systems. - Echinacea, (Echinacea purpurea), a natural antibiotic, antiviral that builds the mmune system.

- Cayenne pepper (Cap-
sicum annum), assists with sicum annum), assists with circulation.
a), Byars calls (Ginkgo biloood" because it ingo "brain ood" because it helps
mprove oxygen flow to the mprove oxygen flow to the brain.
Serenoa repens), Palmetto, American tonic treats disorders of the genito-urinary system.

Valerian, (Valeriana ural tranquilizer used as sleep aid.

Herbal history
Herbs and spices have been prized since antiquity as flavoring, perfuming, and preserving agents, and

Although the distinctions are not always clear-cut, spices are, in general, the products of tropical and subtropical trees, shrubs, or by highly pungent odors or flavors. fre fragrant leaves of certain herbaceous plants of the temperate regions are called herbs. Spice seeds such as caraway, fennel, and
sesame - are the aromatic fruits and seeds of these plants.

In regions where they were indigenous, herbs and
spices were valued os medicispices were valued as medici-
nals. Many were reputed to have magical powers: thyme was considered a source of courage, and tansy and sesame were associated with
immortality. Mantality of
Many of the medicinal uses of herbs were, in lacious, and knowledge of their curative properties is still valued by practitioners of folk medicine and by pharmacologists seeking natural be synthesized.
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SOCIAL CALENDAR

## WHAT'S happening

music The Territorial Theater of capl
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Live entertainment Fridays and
Saturdays, open from 7 a.m. to Saturdays, open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 24 hours Friday and Saturday and until 10 p.m. Sundays. Also mation call 257-3506.

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The Department of Labor office building at 101 Sth Street in Ruidoso will be closed every temporarily. Regular hours will be 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Monday Tuesday and Thursday, and 8 a.m.

## Resolving Comflict with

## Teanagers and Pre-teens

7 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Ruidoso
High School Commuty Room. The title for the third meeting of this free parenting course led by Dr. Birgit LaMothe is, "Long Range Parenting". The group is to attend. No reservation is needed. For further information call 257-6149.
3 Day Oll Painting Workshop February 2, 3 and 4 at 413 Novice and old hands welcome For more information on cost supply list, etc., call. Sharon Ramey at 257-9278.
Mondays at 4 p.m. at the CounThis class is free and open to the public.
Sweetheart Vatentine Dance 6-10 p.m., Feb. 14 at the Cree room. Live contemporary music $\$ 12$ per person includes music photographs and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets available from the Cree Diaconate Team or at
clubs/meetings
Vlliage Or Ruldoso
2:00 p.m., Feb. 4 -Scenic Byway Committee at the Village Hall

Senior Citizens Center.
9:00 a.m., Feb. 10 - Annex Ad Hoc Committee at the Village
9:30 a.m., Feb. 10 - Utility Council at the Convention Center.
6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 - Council 6:30 p.m. Feb. $10-$ Co
Meeting at the Village Hall. Mondo Valley Public Schools Worksesstons
Beginning February 17th, the Hondo Valley Public Schools regular scheduled Worksessions will be held one hour prior to the regular scheduled Board Meerings. Worksessions - 6 p.m., school library.

## Dona Ana Dowsers Guarterly

 Meeting12-5 p.m., Feb. 8 at the Social Center of the Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida' Circle, Las Cruces. The presentation will be on energies in the home" by Tous energies in the home" by Tony Gehringer. The presenta-
tion will be fofilowed by worktion will be forilowed by workshops on Learning to Dowse and $\$ 5$. per person is requested to \$5. per person is requested to
defray meeting costs. For information call Tony \& Jean Gehringer at 541-4565.

## Retired E Senior Volumtear

## Program

The RSVP Advisory Council will meet at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 I/2 Junction Rd., behind the Ruidoso Public Library at The Meeting is open to the pubThe.
United Way of Lincoln County 7:00 p.m., Feb. 10 - Board of
Directors meeting and campaign
committee meeting at the Lininterested parties are invited to attend.
Noisy Waters Sertoma Club leeting Piace Changed
2 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at CirEvelyn Shaw at 257-3479.

## Model Rocket Association

The association meets the first Space Center's Hubbard at the Science Education Building. Call Bob Turner at 437-2840 days, 434-0405 evening. Outside Alaynogordo area call Turner at 800-545-4021.

## Optimist ciub

The Optimist Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Casa BlanCa Restaurant, 501 Mechem Drive. New members always call Vera Wood at 258-9218.
library

## Bookmoblite Schedule <br> Feb. 10

Carrizozo/Otero Electric . . . . 4:00-6:30 Feb. II
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## apitan Public Library

106 S. Lincoin Ave. Free registraion. The library is open 10 day, with Wednesday and Thurs day, with Wednesday and ThursRuldaso Public Library

Preschool Story Hour: 2-3 p.m Thursdnesdays and $10-11$ a:m. Thursdays. Fun for 3- to 6-year
olds, no'sign-ups and it's free.
movies
sierra Cinema
721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444. "Good Will Hunting" As Good As It Gets", and "Titantic". Call the theater for show parks/recreation

## Funtrecters

101 Carrizozo Canyon Road Ruidoso, 257-3275.

## Arcade

Video arcade, pool tables. The back riding and fishing horsearcade is located on Carrizozo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.
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Fishing and picnicking at 5 Nogal Canyon Road, Bent, 24 miles W of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70, 671. 4580.

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at 1202 Mechem Drive, 258
Ruldose Gymnastics Association 107 Canyon Rd., Agua Fria subdivision. Year round recreational and competitive gymnastics fo 4468.

Ruldose Municipal Skateboard Park


## 'Zozo schools take pride in Piñon award

by Jule Baxter MDOSO NEW EDUCATION WRITER

A commitment to quality has earned the Carrizozo School District a New Mexico Quality Award
The Piñon
Superintendent Paula Papponi was notified of Jan. 16, "identifies organizations that have made a serious commitment to using quality concepts and

The application required the district describe how its organization is approaching system, Papponi said. The 14 page application submitted by the Carrizozo schools highlighted programs such as the ments and technology advancement. "pher hour" is held a half hour before every schoo day, to give students academic help and a chance to be involved in the drafting of schoid. The program for sixth through 12th-graders also helps students with organiza tional, study and time manage ment akills.
"Studénts are placed in pawer hour' based on need, Papponi said. Whether they ment." She also cited the contin-
ued physical improvements made to the shis an increase in enrollment, the development of fisthe middle school and involving "stake proeess. New "Manico Quality judges also cited fhose same
things when cropenting the district for the award.

This is the fif hisyear Quality New Mexico has given the owards. to entrants tn business education, government and health care. The state criteris is based on the Malcom

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

## Eighth-grader wins

 Hondo Geography BeeTyler Sisneros, an eighthSchools, won the school-leve competition of the National Geography Bee, and has taken a written test to be eligible in the state competition.

The school-level Bee questions on geography ora the first round of the 10th annual National Bee. The sec ond round, which is the statelevel competition, will consist of the the top 100 scorers on held April 3 in Albuquerque. The National Geographi Society will provide an all
expenses paid
trip to Washington, D.C. for
state champistate champ
ons so they ma participate in May 19 ionship Sisneros 20. Sisneros is
the son of
Frank of Arabella. The second-place winner was fellow eighth-grad er Shannon McNatt, daughter of Boblby and Sandra McNatt er E.J. Sanchez, son of Elmon and Cecelia Sanchez.

## RHS student named

 semifinalist for Coca-Cola ScholarsKatie Lukens, a senior at Ruidoso High School, has been pplicants nationwide as semifinalist in the 1997-98

Cola Scholars Program.
She ranks among 1,800

Baldridge National Quality Award. National winners include corporate giants like Lerox and AT\&T.
Laurel Moore, a project manager of the Strengthening Quaid the Piñon Award is the first tier of Quality New Mexicols three-tier system. After the Piñon is the Roadrunner Award, which recognizes organizations that have recorded
significant progress in building a sound and notable process in commitment to quality, and the Zia Award is given to organizations that have shown the highest level of performance excellence. The only New Mexico company to receive the Zia Avionics Systems of Albuquerque.

Moore said the evaluation process is very rigorous, and hat winning the award is no small feat. Carrizozo Municipal Schools is one of the Piñon selected from 98 overall appli-

The mission of Quality New Mexico is to "achieve world class excellence in business, education,
health care
Moore said bringing effiphy into education is essential
for continued improvement.
"Our schools are being asked to be more accountable, she said. This is an assessment tool that helps them get a baseline picture of where they measure improvements in the procestan arin ${ }^{\text {n }}$ rict will be honored today in Santa Fe. The district will be presented to the House of Representatives, and the Senate, and a reception at the governor's mansion.
'We're very proud," Pap"We're very proud," Pap-
poni said. poni said.
lence, leadership and achieve lence, leadership and achieveactivities, who are in the running for $\$ 1.4$ million in college scholarships to be awarded by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. This is the 10th year cocholarships which total the million to date

As scholarship candidates students must submit additional information to be screened in February by a com mittee of 21 educators from high schools and universities as one of, 152 finalists, Lukens will travel to Atlanta April 23 26, to be named either a national or regional scholar The 52 National Scholars wil receive awards of $\$ 20,000$ for college añd the 100 regiona
scholars will receive $\$ 4,000$.

## Ruidoso student makes

Texas college dean's list
Kathryn Cox of Ruidos has been named to the Hardin Simmons University dean's list for the fall 1997 semester.
Students named to the Abilene, Texas school's dean's list must take at least 12 semester with at least a 3.75 grade poin average.

## Ruidoso students

graduate from UNM
Ruidoso High School graduates Casey Ward, Jesse Fos ter, Rachel Garrett and Angel Hass graduated from the Uni-
versity of New Mexico in December.

Ward earned a bachelor's degree in history; Foster a bachelor's in athletic training; Garrett a bachelor's in journal ism, and Haas a bachelor's in


## A healthy appetite for current events

by Jule Baxter
GUDOSO NEWS EDUCATION WRUTER
It's Friday, and as students trickle into Room 24 at White Mountain Elementary School they're carrying lunch trays
 The students âe members of the school's Current Events Chidays to discuss headlines happenings and hot topics Whether they're talking about stories clipped from newspapers or discussing life in another country, the 15 to 20 members come prepared for their reekly look at the world. "They have to make an effort to be able to attend," said
club founder and White Mounclub founder and White Moun-
tain parent-volunteer Vikkee Johnson. "Hopefully it helps them be a little more aware of what's going on in the world."
Meeting for the second week, last Friday students education addressed to Gov. Gary Johnson. The week before they brought newspaper clippings. Next week theyll bring reports on an unusual aspect of Danish culture.

The northern European country came to be a matter of Events Club via Tomas Jensen and Cecelie Iversen - two students visiting the United States from the Scandinavian Stud

Students questioned Jensen and Iversen on their ranging from sports to school
and nearly everything in
between. Though club members found Denmark to be a lot like New Mexico in many ways, differences, too. Holidays were one area where New Mexico and Denmark part paths. In Norway, Iversen explained, they don't celebrate Valentine's Day or Halloween.
like Halloween, but it's in February," she said.
Also different is government. In Denmark, the royal family still symbolizes law and order, however. parliament makes the laws that govern the nation.
"We have the oldest royal said. "Our first king started around the year 900 .
The exposure to other cultures is only one of the reasons students cited for joining the ${ }^{\text {u }}$ I
I like it because we get to get out of the cafeteria once in what's happening around the world," said member Chris Mendoza.
Sergio Castañon said; There's a lot to learn about other countries and what's important to know if you go on a vacation or something to know what's going on around you."

Johnson said she started the club as a way to involve students, who aren't

## SCHOOL MENUS

Nob Hill \& Sierra Vista
Nob Hill \& Sierra Vista uice. Lunch: lasagna, green beans, salad, roll, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 - Breakfast: pancake on a stick, milk, fruit. Lunch: Sloppy Joe with Fritos, pork 'n' beans, fruit, milk.
milk, fruit. Lunch: spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, milk. 12 - Breakfast: sweet Thursday, Feb. 12 - Breakfast: sweet roll,
milk, fruit. Lunch: beef pizza, tossed salad, chilled milk, fruit. Lunch: beef pizza,
fruit, Rice Krispy treat, milk.
fruit, Rice Krispy treat, milk.
Friday, Feb. 13 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, juice. Lunch: Taco Bell fiesta burrito, nacho rounds, salad, fruit, milk.

White Mountain
Monday, Feb. 9 - Breakfast: cereal, milk juice. Lunch: Taco Bell fiesta burrito, nach rounds, chilled fruit, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 10 - Breakfast: donut, milk pork. ' $n$ ' beans, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Feb. 11 - Breakfast: cereal, milk, fruit. Lunch: spaghetti or chili cheese baked potato, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, milk.
milk, fruit. Lunch: beef pizza, tossed salad, chilled fruit, Rice Krispy treat, milk.
juice Friday, Feb. 13 - Breakfast: cereal, milk juice. Lunch: Warrior burger, oven fries, hamburg Middle \& Hi Si
Middle \& Figh School
Monday, Feb. 9 - Breakfast: cereal, milk fruit. Lunch: foot-long chili cheese dog, baked beans, tossed salad, fruit.
Thesday, Feb. 10 - Breakfast: fruit muffin,
milk, fruit. Lunch: Middle School - chicken nuggets nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, fruit.
High School - baked ham, potatoes, corn, fruit,
waladnesday Feb. 11 - Breakfast: baked French toast sticks, syrup, milk, fruit. Lunch Middle School-beef tacos, spicy pinto beans tossed salad, fruit. High School - Salisbury steak mashed potatoes, peas, fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 12 - Breakfast: bagel, cream cheese, milk, fruit. Lunch: spaghetti with meat
sauce, green beans, garlic bread, tossed salad, cobbler. Friday, Feb. 13 - Breakfast: cereal, milk,
fruit. Lunch: Middle School - taca salad, fruit. Lunch: Middie School - taco salad, corn salsa, fruit. High School-grilled ham and chees

## Sending their voice to Santa Fe

Here are some examples of the letters White Mountain Elementary School current events club members drafted for Gov. Gary Johnson on the importance of educational funding.

Dear Governor Johnson,
I think education is important because everyone has to have a good job, but to have a job you have to have education. Just like you did. You are the govering to get their education to get a good job. You.have an education so now you can share what you know with the kids. Education is the most important for me because I want to be a doctor or a lawyer. To do that I need an education.

Sincerely,
Jazmin Gandara

## Dear Governor Johnson

I think kids should have an education so they will have a good job and life. Funding is important so people can have a chance to be happy and have money to buy a nice home and be an important person like a doctor or a judge. When I grow up I want to be a police officer and stop people from stealing and shooting people so it will be better here. I just wanted you to know that I think we should fund more money

Ryan Besotigloff

## thing kids do is based on stuff," said Justin Padilla, who grades," she said. "I thought it thing educational that's based on their thinking, not on their grades.' <br> Members said they appre "It helps us learn abou added he didn't mind giving up "It's just like eating in the cafe teria, but you're thinking ..." Andrew Ramirez finished Padilla's thought with, "and you're thinking with other peo ple, too." <br> Call Julie with all your



## A Kid's Mini Guide

## Winter Olympic Sports



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