Sides brace for coming round in the fierce competition for

## water

- For the next month, a series of articles will look at water worries in Lincoln County, the role changes and studies completed or under way.
by Dianne: Stalilings
Clearing work is under way off state Highway 48 and Airport Road while hydrologists and lawyers debate the effects of a pro posed golf course and irrigation wells being
developed by race track owner R. I. Hubdevelo
Requests to transfer water rights from downstream on the Rio Bonito further upourse and puest cabin generated protests from property owners in Ranches of Sonterr and in the historic settlement of Lincoln, from the federal Bureau of Land Manage-
ment's Roswell office and from the village of


Greg Switzer,
cleared of trees

Capitan.
A hearing on the protests is set for $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ an. 30, at Ruidoso Village Hall on Cree Meadows Drive. That session could be post-
poned if hearings examiner Fred Allen rules favorable on a motion by protesters asking for a delay.
Neil Stillinger, attorney for the Ranches group, sard the motion was filed because of
difficulty in obtaining answers from Hubbard
to questions posed in discovery queries. As Tuesday, Allen had taken no action on the motion.
Greg
Gregory Oleson, head of Hubbard Enter fully disagreed" with Stillinger's assessment contending that all information requested was submitted in a timely manner.
ulty in obtaining answers from Hubbaru

## One dead, others hurt on area's icy roadways

Sport-utility vehicle rolls over near Riverside, claiming the life of unidentified Texan

One person was killed and eight
accidents with injuries were tallied accidents with injuries were tallied - some resulting in life-threatening injurnes - when freezing rain halt-
ed traffic on 1.5 . Highway 70 between Ruidoso and Roswell Tuesday morning.
"In the course of $5: 45$ and $8: 30$ this morning we had a total of 19 accidents," said Capt. John Balderston, with the New Mexico State Po-
lice district in Roswell "It was mostly in Chaves County," Balderston said. "There was
freezing rain and then black ice We probably had four or five people senously injured.
Thie numerous accidents result1 in the closure of IT.S. Highway

Eastbound drivers at Ruidoso were stopped and apprised of the closure. Many of the accidents occurred
east of Riverside, near the Lin east of Riverside, near the Lin
coln/Chaves county hine, said New Mexico State Police officials.
Police were not releasing the name of the person killed in a sport uthlity vehicle rollover attributed to the iced roadway. The victim was
only identified as a Texas resident One of the injury accidents in volved a vehicle and a semi truck Two children were reportedly hurt, crash possibly paralyzed, from that
Again the names of victims were not being released to allow author
ously hurt. Eastern New
Some were later flown to hospltals in Albuquerque
"We shut the road down and got He salt trucks out," Balderston said. He said traffic was halted to avert any further collisions
Most of those stranded for a ume because of the road closure
were in communities The two-hour highway closure was the second in one week. Late Christmas night and into Dec. 26, 0.S. Highway 70 was closed between Ruidoso and Roswell because
of snow and icy pavements of snow and icy pavements.
ing when winter conditions can terrupt travel to be prepared. "If you're going to travel in
weather that can be like this be pre weather that can be like this be pr
pared as though you're going to pared as though you re going to be the state police official sand
He recommended motorists.
have winter clothing, blanket. some food and beverages, and can-
dles in the vehicle to help provi dies in the vehicle to help provid
Balderston said a couple of can dles can provide enough heat to keep vehicle occupants from freez
${ }^{\text {ing }}$ He said keeping a stranded motor vehicle's engine running for an extended time raises the poter
tial for carbon monoxide poisoning

## Manager fires off blistering letter to postal officials

A polite, but blistering letter has been maled by Linpostal director in Albuquerque.

Stewart said he hopes it arnves in the next two weeks. The letter was a follow-up to complaints about delivery
rvice aired during a commission meeting last month. County commissioners, residents and ince the postal service removed a mal dis tribution center from Carrizozo and set it up in Alamogordo a few months ago. Nine local jobs were lost.
Salazar in Albuonal postal director Lee dated IDec. 29 thanked Salazar for sending Al Provencio and John Roark to the county to assure citizens that delivery times would im-
$\qquad$
But the problems probably will not improve if the se employers at the Carrizozo post office, Stewart wrote

Medicam
Medications mailed from Ruidoso on Dec. 13 had not been received as of Dec. 29, a resident of Nogal reported. surer on Dec. 29 was mailed from Ruidoso on Dec. 11. - Another resident reported that when he refused unsolicited manl at the Carrizozo Post (Office, the organization that sent the packages ended up billing him because the As each day goes by, amination period

## evidoninue to see <br> evidence of poor ser-

Tom Stewart
nome manage processing date exceeded the 15 -day free ex umation perio
As each day goes by, we continue to see
evidence of poor service, "One-day service within the county appears a myth and our concern now becomes for all those citizens who wait to send in their cred it card bills and other payments assuming
that five days is a sufficient delivery time to that five days is a sufficient delivery time to
avoid finance charges."
During the Dec 21 meeting, Provencio
promised a full review of the system and said that one-day delivery within the county should be the norm. Roark said it would help if residents who experience problems report the details immediately, to allow postal of ficials to check the cancellation dates and envelopes for in formation and to trace what may have gone wrong

## A \$50,000 war chest

County puts aside legal moner for hospital contract probe

To pay for legal expenses connected to a possible grand jury investigation of Lincoln County's contractual arrangement with
Presbyterian Healthcare Services, commissioners set aside $\$ 50,000$ Tuesday commissioners set aside $\$ 50,000$ Tuesda
After a half-hour closed-to-the-public ecutive session with County Attorney Alan Morel and Cointy Manager Tom Stewart commissioners emerged in
sion to approve the motion
sion to approve the motion.
It passed $4-1$ with Commissioner Led It passed 4-1 with Commissioner Leo
Martinez voting against using the money or haring outside counsel to represent th hiring outside counsel
board in the proceedings.
Petitions calling for a grand jury were Petitions calling for a grand jury were
sumitted to the 12 th Judicial District last month with about double the required num ber of registered voter signatures. Chief
Judge Frank Wilson said he will set a speJudge Frank Wilson said he will set a speciat hearing to determine whether the alle which would be a legitimate use of a grand jury - or are a civil issue.
Petition signers, among other questions, asked why competitive bids were not sought
for the management of the county hospital for the management of the county hospital
in Ruidoso and why the contract was not in Ruidoso and why the contract was not
submitted to the state Finance Board for approval as directed by the state Attorney ieneral.
Stewart, sounding disappointed Tuesday, said he had hoped to use the $\$ 50,000$ toward building more of a reserve for the county, but three commussioners sided with in the district court hearing and proceedings that may follow.
Commissioner William Schwettmann seemed reluctant to commit the money when Wilson hasn't ruled yet that a grand jury will be called.
ganst the motion for the sard he voted aganst the motion for the same reason where and no one has been indicted," he
${ }^{\text {sand }}$ "I'm not for getting a lawyer
Martunez has advocated for months that ompetitive bids be sought for hospital management, noting that commissioners still could elect to stay with Presbyterian after Eeeng the other offers
Earher Tuesday, newly elected or reflected county officials took their oaths of office for the n
in Carrizozo
 at the Lincoln County Medical Center, weighng in at 10 pounds. 3 ounces and 22 inches tal Victor. 17, and father. Phillip Pike, 18, a star on last year's Mescalero High School basketball team. receved diapers. baby clothes and other supplies from local merchants Grandmoth ers are Willymae Smuth and Nelda Montes

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Warriors take consolation title at tournament

##  <br> Mostly sunny today

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The "Old Mill" in the old days.

## L.C. SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln opening up this locality in order Countys past, compiled from not to have too much compet local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.
White Oaks Eagle
Jan. 4, 1900
It is clearly evident that the Eddys made a suicidal mistake straight to White Oaks and ofterward build a branch to the Salado. The point in case seems to be the realization of a rev-
enue out of the Salado. Before
tion. There was nothing avail able for these gentlemen at White Oaks unless they had cash to put up for it. They are well aware, and so also, is the
general public finding it out, general public finding it out coal to cover up El Paso. It is confidently expected that this date 12 months will show this little city to be on a through line of railway from Liberal, Kansas to El Paso. and
one of the busies towns in New one of th
Mexico.

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## Grass fire burns some 450 acres near Carrizozo <br> Firefighters from three ju- isdictions battled a grass fire Monday near Carrizozo that burned an estimated 450 acres. The blaze, just on the southeastern outskirts of the ed by hot ashes, said Carrizozo Fire Chief Leroy Zamora Sr. a residence and quickly spread <br> "It ranch lands," Zamora said. maybe 150 to 200 acres when we first arrived." The fire chief said strong winds on Monday quickly moved-the fire in a hortheasterly direction. ed in the fire, which swept through grass lands. Zamora through grass lands. zamora said no one was injured from the fire. <br> The Carrizozo Fire Department was called out at 2:04 p.m. Four vehicles and 11 sponded of the department rebrought in from the Nogal Fire Department and the state forestry department, with a and a total of six additional and a tota

## Area blood banks face shortages, look for more donors


#### Abstract

A critical shortage of blood the region's blood bank by the region's blood bank brings a plea for increased dobrings a Clarissa Gonzalez, with United Blood Service's office in Roswell, said a normal seasonal shortage has been compounded by an early start to the flu season and increased traumas. The blood bank is headquartered in Albuquerque,


for December were down more for December were down more
than 1,000 units for the state and the Four Corners region. In southeastern New Mexico Gonzalez said blood is you given once doesn't mean more isn't needed. We certainly can use more."
United Blood through the hood Services, at the Lincoln County Medical Center, collected 49 units of
drive in Ruidoso. That was
down from an average Decem down from an average Decemer collection of 65 units, ac"It wasn't up to
"It wasn't up to expectareal good job."
local blood drive is scheduled for Feb. 18, at the Gateway Church of Christ. A late spring drive is also Slanned for Ruidoso High
but there is an immediate need for typere is an immediate need
ative. Those 17 years of Those 17 years of age or
der, in good health, and older, in good health, and weighing at least 110 pounds donors. Donations can be ac cepted now in Roswell, by calling United Blood Services a -9743 or 1-888-676-5433. Gonzalez said January is National Vo
Donor Month.

STRANDED: Tyson earned an Angel

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was home."
Minutes later a red pick up truck approached the girls "His name was Dave Tyson, Katie said. "He lives at the house where the dogs were.
He had heard us yelling for He had heard us yelling for help. At the girls got hot chocolate, and made a phone call to Billie Creek. hear her unbelievable to said. "It was an answer to our prayers." three teens were picked up by Katie Creek's grandfathe
"It was relief. It was hugs and kisses," the 15-year-old New Year's Eve."
Katie Creek's parents had Katie Creek's parents had praise for sherif's deputy tastic. He was out looking, and he would let usknow each going." The Creek family, and Katie's friends, are back home in Lubbock today.

Dave Tyson was unavailable to recall his involvement in helping the three teens. Bilher family's prayers a ceramic angel was left at the door of the Tyson cabin.

## Two injured in roll-over

New Mexico State Police are investigating what police said was an alcohol-related rollover near Hondo the vehicle was seriously hurt. 2:30 a.m. New Year's The rollover happened about 2:30 a.m.
y, at mile marker $2841 / 2$, east of Hondo.
Day, at mile marker $2841 / 2$, east of Hondo.
According to a state police report, five people were in the 1988 Ford Bronco that flipped. Three of the occupants fled the scene. The other two were ejected from the vehicle.

Critically injured was 18-year-old Michelle Sanchez. A home town for Sanchez was unavailable to the invesaccident report Seriously injured was Eric Lopez. The Both were transported by ambulance to the Lincoln County Medical Center Sanchez was later flown to an Albuquerque hospital.

Investigators have been unable to determine who ing to a police spokesman.

Y2K: An outage in Alto Village had nothing to do with computer problems

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tant manager in charge of YZK compliance for Otero County Electric Cooperative. "He jus The utility did rew Year." The utility did report power outage in Alto Village, wait until Sunday afternoon to experience that. "It had nothing to do with Y2K," Capps said. The outage, which lasted about 1 1/2 hours, also affected the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. mexas-New Mexico Powe outages in Texas which were not related to Y 2 K . "This is one time that were happy to report an
anticlimactic occasion," said


## It's a new millennium in Ruidoso. And if's ahout time for a new ratio station! <br> 

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## BASKETBALL

RLLB Sign-ups for bays 5-8 grades and girls 5-8 grades will be Monday January 3, 2000 Thursday January 6, 2000
Both to be at White Mountain cafeteria starting at 6 p.m. each night Draft will be held on Saturdiay January 8, 2000 at the Middle School (old gym) of 1 p.m.
PLAYERS, COACHES AND SPONSORS ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED. Call Ray 378-7141, Darla 378-4884 or Joy 257-4911/258-9146 for any info:
had few problems with the switch to 2000 . and seamless," said Tom Dahlem, president and CEO of Furr's Supermarkets. He reported no food shortages or serstores.

In the wake of the MVD problem, New Mexico governcaution there monitoring Y 2 z ture problere could be some fusome minor "We expect to see some minor glitches through the next days and couple of state General Services.


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## Capitan elementary school

 starts 9-year anti-alcohol effortBY SANDY SUGGITT, RUDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Capitan elementary students and their parents will project to prevent alcohol use and ending in nine years, in 2009.

A meeting is scheduled for
parents Thursday to discuss parents Thursday to Elementary School Project, which includes eight lessons
specific to each
crade, kindergarten Erade, kindergarten whrough fifth, that will be incorporated
into the core curricuinto the core curricu Called "Protect ing ,You, Protecting includes lessons on what alcohol and other drugs do to developing brains and bodies, and solving and decision-making skills, according to the Pilot Implementation Guide. Over time, students will receive the same messages on "protective factors" such as seat belts and riding in the back seat of a ve-
hicle. hicle. hird-grade students will have sessions twice a week for four weeks, and fourth and fifth grades will have one session a
week for eight weeks.
"One of the big things we were not getting done well was
making kids aware of submaking kids aware of submake good choices," said elementary principal Dick Clevenger. "My theory is that if
you can start with them in you can start with them in have a much better chance when they get into middle Clevenger said he was lookClevenger said he was look-
dress alcohol, tobacco and druddress alcohol, tobacco and drug use and somebody suggested nator of the Lincoln
County/Ruidoso DWI Prevenlike playing Russian
tion Program. Reyes had just MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) project. Reyes assembled a teaching team with Wanda Gielow de Figueroa of the Maternal
Child Health Couril and Child Health Council and tionist with The Counseling Center. The three met with Capitan's elementary teachers to discuss the program, Clevenger
said, and came out said, and came out
with a schedule and the determination to implement it. clevenger, Clevenger,
elementary
principal pendent or fullthey 'consume alconol before age 21, " Reyes said. It's like playing Russian "We'
We're just excited that mexe able to find a process to Clevenger said. "There's a big hole in what we're doing for kids. We do reading, writing and arithmetic and citizenship, but this has been a big void and Clevenger said the prop Clevenger said the project clude drug abuse and tobacco in lessons, as well as alcohol. The lessons will be integrated into regular classes for science, math, social studies, and writng, and teachers will work wis The lessons in their classes.
The purpose is to help dren develop a sense of "selfagency and autonomy," Reyes said, to help them resist peer pressure and to make deciions for themselves.
One component of the program is to empower children
who have to ride in the car with someone whose driving is impaired by alcohol use, she said, giving them options and ways to be safer in situations where they might not seem to
have a lot of control. ave a lot of control
Reyes said 41

## DAR commended by governor

The Sierra Blanca Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recived a certincate of appreciation Johnson last month.

The certificate was in connection with his proclamation marking Dec. 14 as the official observance of the anniversary of
The proclamation notes
duty of the first president of the nation.
The certificate was given chapter for its "exemplary chapter for its exemplary Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and noted its members "service to all citizens of New Mexico as you continue to be active in
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## 36 ENMJ-R students rate honor roll

percent of seventh grade chil dren recently surveyed said that they had ridden once or more in the last 12 months with a driver who had been using alcohol. Fifty-two perused alcohol once or more in the previous 30 days.
The MADD curriculum is designed to "help students sustain the beliefs that they hold early on that alcohol is harmflul to children .... and (to tribute to students' discarding these beliefs as they enter adolescence," the Pilot Implementation Guide states.
"This is a major prevention program that I believe is going
to severely impact DWs in th foture, and to empower chil dren who have to ride in the car with someone who's im paired," Reyes said, "We want them to learn not to impair their bodies or minds."
to the program. key to the program. Clevenger mentary school Thursday at 6 p.m. 'We' weekly or going to try to have weekly or biweekly meetings
with parents and hope to get with parents and hope to get
more and more (parents) each more and more (parents) each aware of what we're doing in the classroom," he said.
Reyes said the lessons in-
lude activities to take home clude activities to take home and do with their parents such as writing an editoria
(for writing skills) and sharing (for writing skills) and sharing Attitudes of all the children will be surveyed at the start of the project, Jan. 11 and then again after six weeks, Reyes said. A post-test will be given $2-5$ years later, and then again 9 years later
giving feedback on the efficacy of the program.
"We can see what effect the program's having," Clevenger said, "and it's good to ing. We don't listen to kids ing. We don't listen to kids
enough."
A total of 86 ptudents at the Eastern
Muico University Ruidoso InstrucNew Mexico University Ruidoso Instruc-
ion Center completed at least 12 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.250 or higher, making them eligible for the Di rector's Honor Roll for the Fall 1999 se The
The list of honorees include:
Pacasha D. Baldridge, Margaret A. Cano-Sammis, Jennifer D. Caughron Catherine Clark, Ashley Nicole Cobb, Jes sica L. Daniels, Jenny Lynn Dunn.
Cherett Twala Rae Encinias, Roberta G. Everett, Twala Sue Frazier, Pamela Gearm Nancy Susanne Hazel, Paula Ruth Hen-

Hoffer, Billy R Hull,
Lorene J. James, Bethany Joe Jarrell, Johnathan Lee LaMay, Kari D. Kolander, Katie J. Lukens, Karra S. Lutterman, Ashley Amanda Martin Elizabeth E. Milier. Erik Padilla, Elibbya Y. Richardson, Jennifer R. Rigge, Gwendolyn Ann Rogers, Jameria M. Sowell, and Christina E. Valdez. The Ruidoso instruction center serves more than 1,400 credit and non-credit students through a wide variety of academic programs. The center has an open admis sion policy, which means anyone with a high school diploma or GED certificate
may attend.

## FUNERALS DEATHS

## Janice L. Herd

ice Funeral services for JanTuesday, Jan 4 Capitan, were pal Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso with the Rev. John enn officiating.
Burial followed at the Eldridge Carth of Capitan Cemetery Mrs. Herd died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, in Ruidoso at the age of 53 .

Born June 19, 1946, in Roswell she subsequently
lived in Lincoln County all lived in Lincoln County al her life. She was a member of San Juan Episcopal Church in Lincoln where she played the organ and was a rancher. She married Barry Herd on July 7, 1984 , in Ruidoso. Survivors include her hus band, of Capitan; a daughter
Shelly 'Tate and her husband Tobin, of Clovis; a stepson Troy Herd and his wife, Sonia, of Capitan; a stepdaughter Tracy Belcher and her hus band, Greg, of Pittshurg Kan.; a daughter-in-law
Melanie Binwiddie, and her Melanie Binwiddie, and he a brother, Penny McKnight of Aztec; a sister, Mary Ann Har ris of Gallup; and 12 grand children: Ronnie Eldridge, Grady Teke Eldridge, Seaver
Tate, Teryn Tate, Jay Dee Tate, Teryn Tate, Jay Dee
Herd, Lindi Herd, Brandon

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#### Abstract

Herd, Kaleb Belcher, McKen- by her husband, Lester Park na Betcher, Kaden Belcher, or, in 1982. Kendall Belcher and Kyra She was preceded in death by Ronnie G. Eldridge and Grady Le Eldridge. The family suggests Comorials to the Corriente Cowbelles, in care of Willie Hobbs, P. B. Box 4, Fort Stan ton, N.M., 88323 . Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Fu-

Mary Helen Parker Graveside services for Mary Helen Parker, of Rui- Mary Helen Parker, of Rui- doso, will be at 10 a.m. Thurs doso, will be at 10 a.m. Thurs- day, Jan. 6 at Fort Bliss Naday, Jan. 6 at Foit Bliss Na- tional Cemetery in El Paso Texas: Mrs. Parker died Monday, Jan. 3, in Ruidoso at the age of ${ }^{74}$ Born March 20, 1925, in Colorado Springs, Colo., she moved to Ruidoso. in 1986 homemaker. Survivors include sons Les Pariker of El Paso, Texas, and retired Col. Bill Parker of Somerset, Ky.; and four grandchildren. Arrangements are under She whs preceded madeatifemferal Chatidn Ruiloso.


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## GREAT PERFORMANCES

## "From Vienna:

## The New Year's Celebration $2000^{\circ}$

While Johann Strauss' "Wein, Weib, und Gesang" ("Wine, Women, and Song") may not sound politically correct today, its voluptuous melody and infectious walty rhythm rang all the right bells in turn-of-the-century of the Austrian capital in Europe's intellectual and artistic front ranks but at heart, the city still swayed to more sensuous pleasures.
Now, Vienna 1900 takes on special significance as Walter Cronkite and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra greet a new cuntur: in Great Performances "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2000." From the city's famed Musikverein concert Hall, Riccardo Mut c Strauss waltzes, polkas, and marches as Cromkite hosts and puun ides side trips to sites from the astonishing Vienna that greeted the 20th century -a mere six roonths after Strauss' death on June 3, 1899. Great Performances "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration $2000^{\prime \prime}$ can be séen Saturday, January ist at 8:00 p.m. on KENW-TV.

"Tales from the Hive"

## What's the buzz? Nova explor

eatures on "Tales from the Five
"Tales from the Hive" is filmed in sturning miero detail; as if by abee with a Betacam, the program covers key moments in he, he of hom shotu hy are photograpiay
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## OUR OPINION

## What a convenient excuse for problems

The billions of dollars (at least $\$ 150$ billion, according to national news reports) spent on solving the "Y2K problem" in the past two years undoubtedly was worth the cost. Nothing dramatic happened. The sun rose on 1999 and landed in 2000 safely.

The national television networks were able to communicate around the globe, letting everybody see everybody else on the tube as the earth turned. It even appeared that on long-standing technical problem - the heretofore perceptitalking head in Sydney or Rome - disappeared.

Nevertheless, there were a few clock roll-over glitches cropping up around the country, all of them probably classified as minor in the great scheme of things. Somebody was billed thousands of dollars for a late-return video tape that the computer reported was 100 years overdue. Some Inter net. confirmations for orders on e-commerce were dated 1/1/99. A bigger test came Monday when businesses cranked up around the world after the holiday weekend. But the stock exchanges and the banks and the other cogs in the engine of commerce seemed to turn as usual.

In Ruidoso, telephones didn't work consistently (not all that unusual). Some office computers did weird things Streets were icy.

And, whatever the problem, no matter how small, the first remark from just about everybody on Monday was "Y2K did it!" Or maybe Kilroy was here. Or the gremlins were at work.

Question: If that $\$ 150$ billion fix hadn't worked; would they have asked for their money back?

## LETTERS POLLC

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially
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Juvenile care facility essential for region
To the editor:
Several weeks ago I wrate to all representatives and senaabout not having a facility in Lincoln, Otero on Chaves counties to house juyeniles, or treatment for juveniles.
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For the animals
To the editor:
-The Humane Society of 1 in this copporty would like to to thane residents of Lincoln County for heir cooperation in spaying neutering almost 450 animals in month of December.

For the past 20 years the Humane Society has been a conanimal welfare organization compitted torelieving suffering dy to the aid of those who haye jeeted to unfair or cruel treat ment, or otherwise in need The Society is dedicated to end companion animal over population by promoting and finan cially subsidizing surgical steril zation, enforcing mandatory menting educational programs locally. The Society believes that all animals are important to our
environment; that they contribute positively to our daily moral and ethical consideration and protection.
The Humane Society will continue to advocate kindness, compassion and thumane treat tumity:

Janue Spencer
HSLC president
Ruidoso

The children lose
To.the editor:
I was both shocked and saddened to learn of the dismiseal of Ingrid Schmitz from the Ruidoso library. When an unjust act like wounds us all. In this particular case the victim of the injustice is not just $\mathrm{Ms}_{\mathrm{s}}$. Schmitiz.
The fact is thet theighildren of our cominumity have tisen vic timized. My own 5-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter have been attending Mis. Schmitz her efforts they have not only come to love books and the libraiy, but have had the entiire world opened for then through the stories they have heand her
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their: faces brighten and they trip over themselves in haste to
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Thanks to a librarian
T6. the editor:
We are writing to you about Ingrid. She is our favorite because she always maikes going to the library fun and exciting.
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## GUEST COMMENTARY

## Only lawyers gain in class action lawsuits

BY THOMAS A. SCHATZ


When Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson released his findings of fact in the Microsoft opened the dopt in divilititigation egainst the effixart manufac* turer. Yet, des oitydaksoors hid ings againg ghe hegad that


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themselves the protectors of computer users everywhere, attorneys were lining up at courcountry, waiting to file class action lawsuits and gouge Mícrosoft. Tb date, cases have been filed in Alabama, CaliforIid Now Yow, Lbutisianta, Ohio nd New York, tying ap the ourts at texpayers expense
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## from asbestos-related diseases

 are victimized twice-once by their illness and again by thecurrent dysfunctional system In some instances, class In sowyers don't even, class genuine plaintiff. Instead, they use straw men (or wamen) to get theif. suits into the courtroom, and then solitet the publie tojoin
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## In addition, the trial lawyers

 are jumping the gun. Any filings based on the findings of fact are ridiculously premature. Civil clusions of law in antitrust cases. If Microsoft settles the case berore that stage of the lawsuit, the findings have no legal In eve.In a news release issued us part of its suit dudinst a class recently semarked; "For too long trial lawyerg have been. dxpoithor class actions, turting these laikadts nto a form of egaized backifiat, The aitfor nail whit on the fied cise
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A Ruldoso viliage employee last week directs a hydraulic' claw into a man-made crater on Sudderth Drive whilfe trying to reach a

## Water line break leaves restaurants dry

by Dianne Staluings
BUDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITE
A break in a six-inch water main and diverted treffic three restaurants and diverted trafiow from the Ruidoso Village Water Department spent about two hours Dec. 28 repairing the break in the line in front of Arby's restaurant that sent water, rushing down Sudderth Drive.

Richard Sanchez, water department director, said one of his employabout 3 p.m. when he spotted the leak. Heavy equipment was brought to the site to dig down several feet to the broken line, but department employee Ken Perryman said the water was not
shut off until the crew was ready to
work directly on the line When it affects that many restauof of business for any length of time Barinea Pi, aning Catle by the same line. The water wa
20 minutes, he shut of for about diverted around the mand. Traffic was in the south-bound lane of Sudderth.

By 5:15 p.m., everything was back in place and the barricades were gone Sanchez said no estimate of the num lated by the middle of last week.
He said breaks occur in cast iron lines for various reasons. One of the most common is when the under ground line sits on a rock for years and
then finally cracks.

## RITMOSO POLICE

## Police investigate

illegal check case
Wells Fargo Bante in Ruidoso reported to police on Dec. 28 that stolen checks were used to obtain money from the bank Police have listed their nvestigation as a possible

## Attempted break-iin brings criminal damage

Ruidoso police invéstigated an attempt by an unknown room at the Best Western. Swiss Chalet Inn on Mechem Drove Dec. 21. A police report
hists the crimes as criminal damage to property and breaking and entering.
A guest it the hotel returned to his room that vening and found a window broken. Investigators believe the window broke as an intruder tried to remove the glass
from the window frame. The would-be burglar apparently was scared off when the glass broke, according to the police report.

## Bullets pierce garage

Police have no suspect after a Heath Driye resident
wall of his garage Ruidoso police label the incident, Dec. weapon and to property under $\$ 1,000$. bullet hocrding to officers, 20 buillet holes were found in the wall of the garage at 100 Heath The
The bullets traveled the structure's apposite wall Investigators said the shooting inkident apparently involved á small caliber firearm.

Wallet stolen/credit card rraud investigated here

A stolen wallet netted a
thief use of the victim's credit card, totaling more than $\$ 500$ in unauthorized chargés.

A Ryidosó police report says the wallet was stolen from the back rom of a Sudderth Difive business. The victim stated she remembered seeing a male in his 60 s in the store,
that seemed "out of place." When she got home after work the night of Dec. 15, she discovthe ned her wallet was missing from her purse:

Credit card company notification of the stolen charge card revealed the card had been used twice that day. Also missing were two blank checks, $\$ 20$ cash, identincation cards,

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Crimes cited on the police report include theft of a credit, cárd, a fourth-degree felony, traudulent use of a credit card, ceny.
Auto parts store hit;
thief pries safe open
Authorities are looking into weekend a break-in at Allen's Auto Parts, 348 Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. The incident is being investigated as a criminal damage to property criminal damage to property.
The suspect is believed to have entered the building through a rear door.
A safe inside the business was reported pried open. Damage to the safe is estimated at also reported stolen

Automotive firm targeted
Another break-in over the nd occurred at World Automotive, 1021 Mechem

Drive. That burglary happened
between 5:30 p.m. Jan. 1 and 9 a.m.Jan 2 . Atates that a police report overhead garage door wás broken out and a glass entry door lestroyed. A safe and cash register were broken into.' The door to the safe was reported only items believed to be missing were bank checks.
Damage to the safe, cash register door, and window was estimated at $\$ 1,450$

## Thief hits vehicle,

takes two credit cards
Ruidoso police are investigating a theft from a vehicle on Mechem Drive Marked at hn morning norning.

The Alamogordo owners of the 1994 Jeep Wrangler found a door to the vehicle pried away. Items reported taken from the vehicle totaled $\$ 95 \mathrm{in}$ value. Aiso
credit cards.

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## The Hotest came in riilitoso

Coming January 2lst, from the Ruidoso News ,


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## EYESTRAIN

if you suffer from headaches or blurred vision, you may have one of the most common eye problems in the U.S today According to a national survey, optometrists throughout the U.S. note that a leading reason people visit their eye docotor is eyetrain. Eyestrain is often caused by the eye's Thabitity to focus due to aging of fattgue 1 m may also be caused by excessive dose up work or inblanced eye muscles. Symptoms con inelude headaches, eye soreness, eye irritation, blurred vision, and aeling heavy eyelids.

If you belleve you ne susceptible to eyestrain, the most Important step is to consult your optometrist There mite many solufionis to teducing evestrain ciused by extended computer use Tght diving Gire from bitght sunlight or even fatgue. Dit atowett and 5 , sonnemmaser can assess your cmrent prescrip tion, determinte if you conld benofit trom corrective eyewent find eominend neys advanced lens materials and lens options whied bhould help athevite your problems. Come by Tatily Wision Center, experintce our demonsiration lenses and falle about options vailable bov voir ifestyle.

## Forest Service considers butterfly for listing as endangered species

CLOUDCROFT - A review the Sacramento Mountains known to exist only in one mall area of New Mexico around Cloudcroft, will be conducted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists.

The review will be used in determining if the butterfly as an endangered or threatened species.
A petition filed in January, 1999, by the Southwest Center for Biodiversity asked the Ser
vice to list the species as on dangered.
The petitioner cited severa threats to the species, including a proposed land transfer between the U.S. Forest Ser vice and the village of Cloudf Ruidoso), residential devel

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opment, invasive exotic plants, overgrazing by livestock and ing to Tom Bauer of the USFWS.
The Forest Service removed three of the eight parcels from consideration in Cloudcroft, because they contain high numbers of butter. flies, Bauer said. The butterflies have been observed in three of the five parcels that still are part of the proposed land transfer.

Biologists also are conterfly collection, Bauer said. Rare butterflies, such as the checkerspot, are highly prized by some- insect collectors. Tb assist in the protection of the checkerspot butterfly, lecting of all butterflies in portions of the Lincoln National Forest for one year.

Under the Endangered Species Act, the USFWS is required to review petitions to tial information supporting a full review of the species. "The,determination to con-
duct a full review in the first duct a full review in the first
step," said Nancy Kauifmen
'Think Tree' conference slated
ALBUQUERQUE - Th Annual 14th Annual Think Trees Conference is set for Jan. 27-28 at Crown Plaza Pyramid here:
The forum will cover topics
uch as construction injury toे such as construction injury to
trees, herbicide as a tree mantrees, herbicide as a tree manand laws of New Mexico connected to trees.
The event is sponsored by Think Trees, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, the Rocky Mounal Society of Afboriculture and the city of Albuquerque Parks

## buquerque, NM 87113.

Southwest Region director for the Service. We found the pemation. Our review will include all available information, not just what was in the petition, including information submitted by other government agencies, scientists and the puble. ed, the Service will determine whether to propose the butterfly for listing and the public will have a chance to comment on any proposal.
bout an inch and its wing is and checkered with dark brown, red, orange, white and black spots and lines. Larvae feed on
New Mexico penstemon New Mexico penstemon, a
flower. The
The species' known habitat is in mountain meadows and other non-forested openings between 8,000 and 9,000 feet in elevation in the vicinity of The pub
The public can mail addithe species and its habitat by Feb. 24, to Field Supervision, U.S. Fish and Widlife Service (SMCB), 2105 Osuina NE, Al-
and Recreation Department, Speakers will be associate professor of forestry at South Dakata State University John Ball, Ph.D., certified arborist Dennis Yniguez, and lavyer also will include Arizona's public service's system forester Mike Neal, forest entomologist/pest management specialist with the USDA Forest Ser-
vice Terry Rogers, Ph.D and vice Terry Rogers, Ph.D. and Dick Wells, president of Wells and Associates, a vegetation
management consulting firm located in Pennsylvania.


## Foundation provides transportation for many students to attend Spencer events

The R.D. and Joan Dale large part of the success of the humanities, and education Hubbard Foundation has an- program is credited to the Hubnounced that 1,600 students bard Foundation for underwritfrom Ruidoso and surrounding communities are to be provided transportation to the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts school year. the $1959-200$ Students will be attending performances and tours as part of the educational outreach program sponsored by the the in its second year.

## hips ing grants and scholar-

## Capitan ranch joins American Angus Association

A Capitan ranch has joined the American information on more than 13 million regisAngus Association, a group with more than tered Angus.
33,000 active adult and junior members.
T3 Reg Angus is now a member of the largest beef cattle registry association in the worid, said Dick spader, executive vice presitered in St. Joseph, Mo.

It's computerized records include detailed

The association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members. These permathe best anirnals in their herds to produce high quality efficient breeding cattle, Spader said.

## "The money live spent is well spent."



As a smal business owner, the Ruidoso News has increased my sales tremendously!

The money I've spent is well spent,

JOSIE POWELL<br>OVNES rovet OLCow Creations<br>- Chistmas ToO

## Ski report

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Houss of operation 8.45 a.m.m to 4 p .m.
Regular speason ticket prices: $\$ 40$, chilldren $\$ 25$.
Skiers and snowboarders are being. Skiers and snowboarders are being.
caught on video. Morning action is shot every day and presented on video
monitors in the main day lodge at

## This week

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mor Gym Prem, Cummins Gym
Smokey Bear Tournament, Capitan.
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Cummins Gym
Ruidoso at 4 p.m.

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## Warriors take tourney title over Grady

Mesilla Valley tops Carrizozo for JV title<br>RUPDOSO NEWS STORTS EDIT

Thursday's closing game of the High Country Shootout was a learning experience for the Warriors. For almost Grady stayed neck and neck with Rui-

- VARSITY ROUND ROBIN

Champions: Ruidoso

## Second place: Estancia

## sportsmanship trophyg Grady

doso, not giving in until the final It wasn't until the Warriors (7-2) closed the match with a $42-37$ victory that-the home-town fans, players and coaches
relief.

Ruidoso coach Billy Page :said the
ame taught the Warriors i lesson game taught the Warriors a lesson season.
he said "For the past 10 years, Grady has been a small school powerhouse. You can tell these kids.have something left over from those years. They work hard, they get in a game against a big
team and they play at that level. We need to learn to play above the level of teams we're playing."
The Bronchos came onto the court like a house on fire, giving the AAA
Warriors no slack and taking a 14-13 lead into the second quarter. Grady stretched its lead to $21-15$ before Ruidoso finally started edging back. the Warriors ahead for good late in the second, but there was no breathing room for 16 more minutes.
The Bronchos played Ruidoso in a didn't expect and the team wasn't quite
were going. to be real
patient," he said. "If
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defense they want to run, were going to of that zone and let us try to work something inside with our kids.
in a nine-point third quarter - Ruidoso scored on a field goal and 3-pointer and Grady on a pair of field goals. Trailing by six in the fourth, the Broncos finally had to change their strategy, and although they cut the margin by
think we had out and played hard and I think we had a good game plan for the team we were playing against, said And we played smart. If we had made some free throws and not missed some shots, I think we probably could have beat this team. But my boys played

Grady was playing under an unusu-
"We decided we Solomon Raniett looks for a way around a crowd of Bronchos during Thirisday's
were going.to be real
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handicap to begin with.

The long-time Broncho coach quit at picked of last season. A new coach was picked, but he resigned just before Christmas, leaving the teanh without
anyone at the helm. Sumrall, a former Grady player, was home from college for the holidays and was tapped to fill in until someone new was hired.

Page was impressed with how the 22-year-old handled his team, and Sumrali said he wasn't surprised at the solid game his team played.
know whow how my boys are and 1 know when they want to play they can
do a good job," he said. "I was thinking do a good job,' he said. "I was thinking
they were going to come out and have a good gere going to come out and have a last time."
the board, led by players put points on Chance Pedigrew was tops for Grady 13. Mesilla Valley 76, Carrizozo 49 Carrizozo (5-3) came up against a surprisingly tough opponent in the
championship game of the junior varsity tournament Thursday, falling $79-46$ to the Blazers.
"They're a good basketball team," said Grizzly coach Mel Holland. "They
play good defense and they get you frusplay good defense and they get you frusenough to play that way yet."

- Through the first quarter, the lead see-sawed between the two teams, Carrizozo got its points from field goals and
at the free-throw line, while Mesilla at the free-throw line, while Mesilla
Valley relied on four 3-pointers - by Valley relied on four 3-pointers - by
three different players. The Blazers led 15-13 after one quarter, then, early in the second, after quarter, then, early in ahead 18-15, put together 10 unanswered points.

Josh Vega closed the gap - and thrilled the crowd - going into half court. But Mesilla Valley slowly added to its lead and the Grizzlies could not
catch upp.
Holland said his squad started off strong but then faltered: turned the ball over and in spots and turned the ball over and when you do he said. Blazer coach Claud Gobble said
despite the score, his team couldn't relax

- JUNIOR VARSITY TOURNAMENT

Champions: Mesilla Valley
second place: Carrizozo
Third place: Ruidoso JV
Consolation: Raton JV
Sportsmanship trophy: Ruidoso freshmen
"Carrizozo's a tough-nosed ball
club," he said. "We couldn't take anything for granted. We were only up five really fight and scratch. It's always like that when we play them. They're well Mesill
Mesilla Valley's defense held Vega to 19 points on the night, including five treys. Brandon Langley tallied 11 Walls led all scorers with 23 points.

In other games Thursday:

- Estancia defeated Raton 73-54 to earn second place in the varsity round-
robin. The Ruidoso junior varsity topped Mescalero (3-9) 64-40. J.R. Mitchell led Ruidoso with 16 points. Will Anderson had 10. Tony Chimal had 15 points for the Chiefs and Phillip Pike 14. - The Raton junior varsity won their first game of the tournament, topSteven Stroup had 12 points for Ruidoso and David Rice 10.


## Ruidoso gymnasts earn state championships

A pair of Ruidoso gymnasts Lauren Coker, Rebekah Hedin are tops in New Mexico gym-
nastics, the first timé Ruidoso Gymnastics has had two state champions in the same year. Streisand Webb, 13, and Sarah Wirth, 14, each walked away
from the Level 6 New Mexico State Championship with gold medala in the alli-around and smiles on their faces.
. Webb turned in outstanding performances in each of the four bvents, including a first on the balance beam with a 9.1 and
second on the uneven bars with
9.2. Hor all aromat total of 359 was a career best and helped her finish at the top of her field. Wirth, too, had her best meat of the season, turning in a of state chamivion on the vault $(9.05)$ and the balance beam as well as the all-eround.
First-year Level 6 Jeanetto Zarone finished fourthy in her division with a 84,45 all. fith helping the team to tita fourtheplace fhe team overell Those in Level 6 qualifying for the state Chrmpionstip were

Lauren Coker, Rebekah Hedin
and Mackenzie Mobley.
To qualify for state, the To qualify for state, the
girls had to finish in the top 50 girls had to finish in the top 50 at the sectional competition held at Gold Cup Gymnastics in Albuquerque. Coker took second place at the sectional
qualifier with a 35.075 all quanifier Wobley was fourth in the all-around with a 34.4 and an outstanding performance on 9.35 uneven bars earned her a 9.35. Hedin scored a 38.0 allaround, Each of the girls fin competition.
Qualifying for the Level Novice Division were Sara Coca and Ashleyg Brillante. Coca fin ished second at the competition and Brillante was fourth.

Those in Level 4 turning in strong pertormances at the Romero, who finished second in the 1ilyeartold division with a 34,00 all arovind. Jaime Wirth Ginished fourth in the same diviIn whathe all-around
gropp, Jessica, Wagnon and third ano sixth xespectively:


Sarah Wirth shiows off one of the moves that helped her earn the vilte of Level 6 AlAAround Now Moxko state Charipión.

Warrior gridders get state honors
by Karen Boehler
A trio of Warriors have been named to the annual Northball team. Wide receiver Thomas Schiele, offensive lineman
Keith Bassett and defensive Keith Bassett and defensive
back Frizzell Frizzell will play back Frizzell Frizzell will play for the south squad in the year-
ly event, scheduled for late July in event, schedul The teams were selected by
a committee of head foothail coaches in each section of the state representing each AAA
and AAAA district. and AAAA district.

The football game will again be held at the end of the clinic week. Proseeds from the Hames goes to thie New Mexicq tion's Ledibetter-Stratton Memorial Scholarshiy Fund. Recipients of the scholaty ship must have a physical handicap, equadrate, hrom the schnot and attend a college of university in the state:

## Smokey Bear Tournament kicks off Thursday in Capitan

by Karen Boekiler
Capitan High School is hosting the longest continuousrunning coed, basketbal tour day through Sunday.
The Smokey Bear Tournament kicks off 'Thursiday at 2 p.m. with giris games pitting Mescalero vs. Tatum. The boys then square off beginning at 3:30 p.m., and games rotate throughout the tournament. Traylor Gym, the mid-school sym, and Cummins Gym, the high school facility. After Thursday's opening round championship matches are scheduled for Cummins and

The Capitan boys $(0-9)$ are till looking for their first win of the season, which theyll try or against Gateway Christian Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Coach

Royce Brown said his team had a good week of practice during "I think things think we've got some sot he said 4 think we made some changes and hopefully have gotten personnel into positions they need to be in."
early part of the who missed the eary part of the
back on board.
-James Robinson will see action during the tournament, which Brown said should be good for the team.
quickness, Boing to help with quickness, Brown said: "He ing threat." Sedillo was back for Darren Sedillo was back for the Cloudcroft tournament, but should the around more beginning Thursday. Brown knows team; but he's hoping the additional players will spark the squad.

Boys Division



Coach Bryan Masse was help us whep she gets in shape very pleased with the win, Tgpecially considering the minutes with only four players. due: to flu and fouling out.
"I think we held together",
he said. "We made a lot of free throws: when we needed to down the stretch. It was just an
overall good team effort. Beccuse so many of his players are thyeo-sport ath letes, Masse gave the girls almost three weeks off, meaning they're not quite in shape right now.
rusty I re going to be a little some time to get going maybe a game or two." Masse said his team is pretty much over the flu that dogged them near the end of the season, and haive added Schrecengosit and junior varsity player Cheyenne Reytiolds.

## Girls Division


and gets the knowledge," Competi
Competing in. the girls Mescalero (2-5) and Carrizozo (6-1) as well as Hagerman, Masice said sud Dexter. Masise said six of the eight teams could compete for the
title. I would kind of think the lower bracket) is sort of a toss up," he said. "I think Taturn, Dexter or Zozo could come out of there, and then we or Hagerman or Eunice could come out on our side, and of course, we're
the sentimental favorite? And the team that really would like to win.
"We're getting after it now," he said. We took that long breals to let us be refreshed and we're going to put our nose to the grindstone and get in shape to get ready for the 25th when we open up (district)."

## WHAT'S HAPPENING




Claire Hanson and her weekend "baby," Kaelie Márie; whọ cries a lot.
-Students are getting a dose of "reality ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ in their child development classes at Ruidoso High School: they become "parents" of a newborn for 48 hours and they work in local preschools and elementary schools to see first-band
the developmental stages children go the developmental stages children go the dolls, and sart II, next week, folthe dolls, and sart II, next week, fol-
lows' students dirring their on-site visits to work with younger children.
Y Sandy Suggitt
MDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTTE

Ruidoso High School students can be seen carryclasses. Sometimes a class is interrupted by the loud cries of the doll. What are the schools coming to? Carrying the dolls are students in one ortasiand designed to give teens a first-hand experience of caring for a newborn baby, and to reduce teen pregnancy.
''Ready-or-Not-Tt' is an ana-tomically correct doll with a battery pack and a (computer) mother board 9 -volt battery," said Claire.Hanson, 13, a freshman, and temporary mother" to her "baby," Kaeli Marie.

Hanson is in Stanaland's Child Development I class. One of the requirements of the class is to take the doll home for 48 hours, but Hanson days - to have it for a longer period of time.

Stanaland said the programma ble dolls can be set to programma"normal baby" a "fussy baby" or a "drug baby." The fussy baby will cry more often than the normal baby, and the drug baby will cry more than the fussy baby.
The doils have a control box in their backs and students must inStanaland said. There are several keys - one each for feeding, biurping, attention, and changing diapers Fight atudents must insert the right key to get the dolls to stop crywill make the doll stop crying, but a tamper light comes on and stays on
tuntil the teacher resets it.
"Panic is used like when a real mother tries to get someone to hold the baby while she wants to get away for awhile so it will
ing," Hanson explained:
If the doll is allowed to cry for too long ( 10 minutes or longer, Hanson said), or if it's dropped, an "abuse" light comes on, and the attention key will stop the crying. If the doll isn't strapped into a car seat
and gets bumped around when and gets bumped around when
Mom's driving, the abuse light will go on. "But the teacher will know because the abuse light stays on for the duration of the period that you have it," Hanson said. "If you put it in a closet the abuse light will come
on because it's cried too long." And if Mom needs to partic in sports or wants to go out with he

## Gladden honored for support of music education program

The New Mexico Music Educators Association (NM-
MEA) has selected Mike GladMEA) has selected Mike Glad-
den, Ruidoso school superinden, Ruidoso school superin tendent, as its Administrator and commitment to high quality music education programs.

Gladden received his bach or of science degree in ele mentary education from East arn New Mexico University in 1966 and his master of ecience in educational administration rom the Un

The Ruidoso Municipal Schools have expanded time ninsic specialists over the past three years Music elective have increased and more students are taldrg music today than ever before in the Ruto So Schools, Student particmpation Ensemble hat inereased tind Ensemb

## The Ruidoso Public Schools,

 the Spencer Theater for the Per forming Arts, and the Hubbard Museum of the American West have been selected as member and Schools: Partners in Ediuct tion Program of the Educa tion Program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Perpossible becduse of Gladden's commitment to the improve ment of education in and through the arts.The award citation also notes that Gladden attends all performances and has been known to requesit the change of a school board meeting to accommodate a scheduled music
pertormame.
He has outfitted the musit students properly for forrial aypearances at musical events Hew instruments on 12 yeerly basis.

## SChOOL MENUS

## Capitan

Wednesday Jam. 5
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast real, juice or fruit into beans, lettuce and toma to, garnish, crackers

Thursday, Jan. 6
Breakfast: Tbast, omelet
jelly, juice or fruit
Lunch: Macaroni and beef
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White Mountain Intermediate

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## ace man

bread, fruit, salad

Ruidoso Middle School
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fruit $\qquad$ Breakfast Pop Tart, muffin squares, fruit, milk

Lunch: 'Hot dog on a bun with chili, baked beans, lettuce and tomato, fruit

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Lunch: Chicken nuggets, corn, wheat rolls, fruit

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By BETTY DEBNAM

## Hello, Rocky Mount, N.C.! <br> The Kids of 1999

Favorite authors

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block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: KIDS, COOL, CHARACTER, FADS. POPULAR, ROWLING, STINE, WHITE, BLUME, CLEARY,
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## Mini Spy ...

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and yo-yos. See if you can finid:

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Englewood Elementary received a
national honor for its chariacter
education program, teaching:

- trustworthiness
- caring
- responsibility
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In September and October,
Huyricane Floyd caused flooding in
Rocky Mount and other eastern North
Carolina cities. Many people lost their
homes.
Students and parents collected food
and supplies for flood victims.
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character education meacot.

Here are some of Zocky Mount's biggest fads. Put a check if these are


- J.K. Rowling (Harry Potter books)
- R.L. Stine $\square$ - Judy Blume
- E.B. White $\square$ - Beverly Cleary


Backpacks with wheels Favorite TV shows


Can you identify these faces of 1999?


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## Funny Phonics

Its fun to learn phonics, or the sounds letters make. This Ats fun to learn phonics, or the sounds letters make. This
week's target sound is the one made by the long $A$. The letter $A$
makes two sounds. The long $A$ says its name, as in the sound you hear in the darkened words below.
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Q: What three letters make a boy a man?

Wendy: Knock, knock | Go on an A-word |
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| words can you find |
| beginning with the |
| letter A? What |
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## More favorites from around the country



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By BetTY DEBNAM
Important Events of the New Year

## A Kid's 2000 Calendar



Keep this 2000 calendar and watch for coming special events.'



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## Mini Spy

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Mini Spy and her friends are having a party to celebrate
the year 2000. See if you can find:

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| 5. Condos for Sale | 30. Yard Sales |
| 6. Mobile Homes for Sale | 31. Household Goods |
| 7. Houses for Rent | 32. Musical Instruments |
| 8. Apartments for Rent | 33. Antiques |
| 9. Mobiles for Rent | 34. Arts |
| 10. Condos for Rent | 35. Sporting Goods |
| 11. Cabins/Vac. Rentals | 36. Miscellaneous |
| 12. Mobile Spaces for Rent | 37. Wanted to Buy |
| 13. Room for Rent | 38. Help Wanted |
| 14. Want to Rent | 39. Work Wanted |
| 15. Storage Space for Rent | 40. Services |
| 16. Pasture for Rent | 41. House Sitting |
| 17. Business Rentals | 42. Child Care |
| 18. Business Opportunities | 43. Child Care Wanted |
| 19. Autos for Sale | 44. Firewood for Sale |
| 20. Trucks \& $4 \times 4 \mathrm{~s}$ for Sale | 45. Auctions |
| 21. Vans for Sale | 46. Lost \& Found |
| 22. Motorcycles for Sale | 47. Thank You |
| 23. Auto Parts | 48. Announcements |
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Wonderful news for the year
Prospective pet adopters don't have to wait from week to week to see the photographs of potential new companions.
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If they have access to the In site of the Humanie Society of Lincoln County, which features photos of dogs and cats at the shelter available for adoption.

Click on to "wwwruidosopets.org"

Shelter administrator Sandra Ford Wenzel said residents or Kuidoso also can print out pet then mail them to the shelter with a check covering the cost o the license.

The site also contains infor mation about local laws, includ ing requirements to keep pets the mandatory spay and neuter regulations.

Visitors to the site can learn about the humane society and inspire more people to become involved with this dedicated group.

Although the website can keep you up-to-date on the latest animals to be brought to the shelter, a stop in person is the
best way to get to know a potenbest way to get to know
tial life-long companion.

The shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road, between the intersections with Meander Drive to the south and Warrior Drive to the north, also carries pets supplies, humorous cards featuring animals, T-shirts and sweatshirts with humane
themes.

## Cat proofing

Here's a bit of advice for new cat owners from the Humane Society of the United home.

Remove tablecloths from
unattended tables

- Unplug dangling cords.
- Cover garbage disposal - Ke

Keep drapery cords ont of - Be sure screen doors are securely latched.

- Pack away precious breakables, because cats will explore a new home.


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 trom.cat hair. An old sheet can when guests visitCheck for toxic substances, including plants. Cats hike to chew on grass and leave, garden plants are poisonous to them.

Examples include calla lily, daffodil, English holly, English iv, foxglove, honeysucke, hy
drangea, iris, larkspur, lily of the valley, mistletoe, philodendron, poinsettia and wisteria.

Your veterinarian can give you a more complete list.

## PET CORNER

These pets are currently up fór adoption at Lincoln County Humane Society


An Australia shephend mix is one year old and has the wonderful disposition of her breed. This smoky color coat.

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