## A white Christmas

Yuletide storm blankets area, closes highways, lingers on

A Christmas night snow blanketed Ruidoso, closing treacherous highways - some for most of the day Tuesday
continued to fall.

Eight inches
Ruidoso Police Department station on Mechem Drive, according to Tuesday afternoon figures reported to the National Weather Service office in Alamogordo. Nearly twice that amount fell by later Tuesday at Ski Apache. And more of the stuff was expected
overnight.
"It Chuck Jones, senior forecaster for the NWS. "You should get about four more inches with snow showers possible through Wednesday."
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SNOW page 5A

Maryann Flores, 7. hops on top of her brother. Alex Flores, nune. for a quick sled ride down a Ruidoso street Tuesday. The two. visiting with their family from Gregory. Texas, near Corpus Christi, said they didn't mind the slick snow that closed many high-


## Ray Bell, ranger who saved Smokey, dies at 89

## County gets water data

Field studies needed to determine hydrology
by Dianne Stailings
Rumogo ntws staff wotite
To prepare for development in Lincoln County, the county commishistorical data, but should focus on field studies to determine water quantity and underground hydrology, experts say.
mation for the summarized information for the commission Thursday
from the $\$ 65,000$ Tularosa Basin Water Plan and from the $\$ 58,000$ Pecos Valley Regional Water Plan. Both are important because portions of the county fall within each.

Drainage from the Sacramento and Tularosa areas ends up in the Great Salt Basin, one of the few excess water," he said.

That natural reservoir, mixed with fresh water from other sources or subjected to desalinization, is being considered as a resource to serve pop-
ulation centers such as Alamogordo, he said.

## A sure sign

Marker-maker called a county money-saver

When you're a county man ager, it apparently pays to have Lincoln Tom Stewart and County Manager ner Patsy Sanchez are learming how to make street signs.
Ysing money from addrong addressing grant, the county
bought a $\$ 2,415$ sigmanal bought a $\$ 2,415$ sign-maker
They showed off their handi work to county commissioners Thursday


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shorter signs and up to $\$ 4.25$, compared to the $\$ 28$ price per
sign if they contracted for the Sign if they contracted for the
service.
"This will be a siguificant saving over time," Stewart told
commissioners. "This is a preat capability I think we can tap into to make a variety of signs. We have 300 blank signs in
stock. This does lettering and design work."
ley said it's tim ley said it's tume for the commins
sion to hire a part time person to help Sanchez finish up the rural addressing project, which she said is 50 percent complete.
"We've never given her ans "We've never given her any
extra money or staff to do it," he extra money or staff to do it," he
said. "This has been going on for seven years."
While the
had an extra road department 101 signs were put up, Stewart said.

Another option would be to contract with
work, he said

Retired and living in Truth or Consequences, he had been battling cancer
by Jmith Kaming.

The New Mexico Game and Fish Department forest ranger credited with bringing Smokey Bear he bear to a worldwide symbol of fire prevention has died.
Ray Bell died Dec. 21 at his home in Truth or
It was in May 1950 that Bell, then-chief of law nforcement for the state (Game and Fish Department, was called to fly the department's first plane
to Capitan to assist with a fire that was out of control anthe Capitan Mountains Near the conclusion of the wildfire a six-week
ald 4 -pound black bear cub was rescued and brought into a fire camp.
Bell flew the cub to his home in Santa Fe and had a veterinarian dress the burns.
The bear was cared for by Bell. his wife and daughter for two months before the living symbol
for fire prevention was sent to the National Zoo in Washington, I).
Bell devoted more than 60 years of his life to the preservation of the environment, with 50 of those
years spent as the spokesman for Smokey Bear.

## Downs audit raises issues

BY James Kalvhag,
Ryunco viv vala wrilik.
A53-page special audit that the Ruidoso Downs Fire De partment raised questions both lage. The audit was forwarded to the village and area district attorney on June 14. It was re-
cently offered as an exhibit in a public hearug.

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## Christmas night blaze destroys home

Ry AME Katiat

Fire Christmas evening destroyed a Ruidoso home, chasing more than a dozen people rom the residence. The occupants of the home at 31.3 High Loop Drive through Mike and Anne Reveley's residence. The couple had relatives and friends. 14 additional people, staying with them for the holiday.
"We're OK," Mike Reveley said Tuesday. "Cindy Clayton loaned us some condios. guest.s would be returning to El Paso on Wednesday. All the occupants were able to flee Et paso on wednesday. All the occupants were able to thee
the three-story A-frame home without injury. A cat was unaccounted for
Ruidoso firefighters responded to the structure blaze about $5: 45$ p m, after a call of smoke in a wall. Fin
route fire responders were advised the house was fully route fire responders were advised the house was fully
ablaze.
Firefighters included two entry teams, an outside team and four back-up crews, according to a fire report.


## extinguish the flames but were unsuccessful. Some win

 dows were broken out in order for the Reveleys to re A some property.A source of the fire was unknown, according to the in
The home, deemed a total loss, was 1
Two fire units and a private vehicle of a Ruidoso fire fighter were damaged in the effort to respond to the High Loop blaze. department's ladder truck, said Robby Hall, department aptain. And a rescue/pumper was damaged when it shat nonoperational as a result of the tangle.
A village water department truck also hit a volunteer
firefighter's pick-up truck. Hall said icy hilly firefighter's pick-up truck. Hall said icy, hilly road condi tions were a inght mare for fire personnel dealing with
"crazy" night of fire calls. A fund hos ben alta
A fund has been established at State National Bank
o ascist Mike and Anne Reveley. Donations can be made directly to State National, a bank official said.

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WATER: Experts say county needs studies to prepare for development
ies never address that. $I^{\prime} m$ not
in favor of more studies. $I^{\prime} m$ in in favor of more studies. Im in serve and maximize water. To prepare, the county management by thinning trees that waste water through evap oration and consumption, Springer said. By reducing the number of trees by 30 percent,
the county will add to the amount of water in the ground that can be extracted, and will reduce the fire hazard, he said. Other recommendations in cluded rennoving salt cedar ; stream areas because they con
sume water, seeding clouds for rain, building reservoirs.

On the demand side, re stricting lawn watering to between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. mini mizes the amount of water los to evaporation, installing low flow fixtures helps, as does covwater for irrigation and parks lining ditches, landscaping with plants that use little water and charging more for water.
The Hondo area of the Pecos Basin relies primarily on
rainfall and snow to replenish its water supply, Springer said. The study estimates a shortfall of 2,000 acre feet by the year 2040 because the input of mois ture will stay about the sa but demand wioners can glean
and hydrological data for the Fondo Basin from the two said. "If you're going to do more, my recommendation would be for more field work to gather data," he said. Then a hydrologist could establish an underground model to better predict and goes.
Tom Morrison of the state Engineers Office agreed, saying the state was disappointed in several of the studies it funded, because they regurgitated historical data.
County
Sanchez said the US S Geological Survey staff would use metering systems if it undertook a study for the county.
educated guesses as to what's educated guesses as to what's
underground," she said. "We underground," she said. "We
have a lot of blank spaces. I've have a hat of blank spaces. Tve through my office saying there isn't enough water and the state engineer's response is that the developer complied with the subdivision rules, so
approve it."

> While
state has rejected several subdivisions, Sanchez said not one in Lincoln County was turned
'That's my concern," Commissioner Leo Martinez said.
cause we don't have the right to question the water. That lies "With the state."
Morrison said. "Wonsultant, their conclusions.

Last year, the state legislature passed a memorial asking the state engineer to evaluate domestic well policy to determine if the amount for each prove for individual home owners, should be reduced from hree acre feet. But Morrison aid no money was provided to for the extra work.
Reginald Richey from the roups protesting the transfer f water rights from the Lincoln Historic District to the Angus area of the Bonito for a golf Rio Bonito will be intpaired io Bonito will be intpaired.
conclusion the stream already was impaired by a previous transfer of water rights for the project, but the developer hydrologist disagrees.

Smart people on both sides have different interpretations," commission must take a stand and not rely on private individuals to carry the load. To do that, it must have a conclusive study by an independent exlow data isn't relevant, he said.

CORRECTION
The lower photo on page C of Friday's paper incorrect$y$ identified the student as Jeremy Robinson with the Hoofbeats program. The young man is Kyle Valdez, a student
with the Horses and Hearts with the Horses and Hearts program.
Hoofbe
10 Hoofbeats also received a $\$ 10,000$ grant from the R.D. dation.

Business Facilities announced that New
Mexico's Technology Venture Corp. has won the first place, gold award, in the Partnership ProDevelopment Achievement Awards Program.

Using a three-tiered scoring system focusing on innovation, effectiveness, and pro-business
impact, the editors of Business Facilities along with a distinguished panel of site selectors, judged the entries. The judges, who will also for 2001 , are each site selectors with varying
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heir corporations.
Founded in 1993 by Lockheed Martin, Technology Venture Corp. (TVC) was created to commercialize the technology generated by New Mexico's federal laboratories and research universities. New Mexico's federal research and development laboratory campuses receive a com-
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AUDIT: Questions raised about expenditures, donations, documentation in Ruidoso Downs examination

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Ruidoso Downs Firefighters Fund, audito De'Aun Willoughby wrote that the account used he village's federal ID number. Minutes of vilage council actions do not indicate that required rustee approval was given to open the ban Willoughby questioned if the account belongs to the village or the volunteer fire departmen members.
"The firemen are representing the village," Willoughby wrote. "The same accounting con trols, law and regulations regulating the vil lage's bank account should apply to the firefightan agency fund by the village or it should be closed and all expenditures paid through the seneral fund."

Some of the expenditures that the auditor raised exception with were checks issued to var ous restaurants from the Ruidoso Downs Fire ighters Fund. Willoughby said there was no expenditures. A $\$ 1,333.86$ television was purchased from the fund. "If this bank account is considered the te and a violation of the procurement code, Willoughby said. The TV was removed by the fire who claimed it was their TV, the audit stated. Other items paid through the firefighter's account included a Christmas gift, food and liquor.

The report said the largely volunteer department were reimbursed from the fund as volunteers in addition to receiving their salaries from the

The cash was kept in a locked file cabinet. The total amount of the money collected was not verified. April from the Muscular Dystrophy Association contacted the village calling for Nick (Herrera) on Augus 6,1998 regarding an anonymous call she had received concerning the money collected."

## Storm postpones council meeting


should not pay for personal items," the audit stated. The village has no procedures in place bursement procedures for such transactions." A lack of documes hours histed
the year 2001.
Finance and from the state Department of Finance and Administration's Local Government Division, dealing with the village's
application for Comnunity Development application for Community. Development The village is seeking CDBG funding to begin construction of a new senior citizens center.
A letter from First Security Bank in reference to a New Mexico Finance Authority loan payoff will also be up for council review.
The Ruidoso Downs village council meeting, set to begin at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 29 , meeting, set to begin at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 29 ,
will be held at village hall, 122 Downs Drive.
1999.
9. The MDA until February Willoughby cash was kept in a locked file cabinet," money collected was not verified. April from the Muscular Dystrophy Association contacted th village calling for Nick (Herrera) on Aug, 6 1998 regarding an anonymous call she had received concerning the money collected
"People gave money assuming it would be themselves out to the public as representative of the village. Money should always be verified by two people and deposited daily: If the Rui doso Downs Firefighters Fund is considered a village bank account it should not be used fo cha Feb a 1999 vi

Aved MD 1999 village purchase requisition Downs lodger's tax fund. The audit labeled the use of the lodger's tax fund an inappropriate expenditure

In addition the audit called on the village to issue volunteers tax forms, such as 1099s or $W$ 2 s for prior years.

Ruins mayor Bob Miller was out of
supervisor nor the clerk has signed the requi sition. The purchase order has not bee
signed. The fire department monthly report does not support the requisition, The (police department dispatch) calls log does not sup port the monthly report Even though there was a
lack of documentation a check in the amount of check in the amount of
$\$ 10,280$ was signed by Leann Weihbrecht (for mer clerk) and Joe Hayhurst (former mayor) for
the volunteer allowance." the volunteer allowance." A deposit slip showed check was put in the Ruicheck was put in the Rui Fund with the remaining \$9,890 taken as cash.

The audit also alleged the village likely overpaid the volunteers at another time. The report recommended that the calls log to the requisition before payment is approved and made.

Money collected by the volunteer firefighters for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in the summer of 1998 was

Neither the supervisor nor the clerk has signed the requisition. The purchase order has not been signed. The fire department monthly report does not support the requisition. The (police depart ment dispatch) calls log does not support the monthly report:
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en called for by village offi-
Forme Former firefighters with the department have Downs Firefighters Fund was an account manage by and established for the department's volunteers Village payments for vol unteer responses to fires were reportedly written as
one, normally monthly one, normaly and deposited in the check and deposited in the
account. Former fire officials have stated in the past that the account con ained firefighter monies.

The financial records of the account were subpoenaed by the 12 th part of a criminal investigation:
The audit report was obtained by the Ruidoso News through a request with the district attorney's office seeking to review the documen't under New Mexico's Public Inspection of Records Act.

De'Aun Willoughby auditor on a time-worked record inadequate records of fire a village provided cell phone, and an evasion of accounting controls we also gited by the audit.
As had been raised in a post-termination hear terminated fire chief Nick Herrera, the audit is crits cal of the process for com pensating volunteers for uThe (village) board approved to compensate The audit also claimed a petty cash account was not handled properly have receipts to taken from the fund tail

In addition, public funds from the village' general fund were allegedly spent for personal items. The report claimed sunglasses, a sunglass cord and a rock music tape were improp-
erly purchased. "The accounts payable clerk


$\$ 20$ per mani per call for structure fires and accidents with injuries only" the audit stated The volunteer allowance is being paid for al calls, not just structure fires and accident with injuries. The employee requesting the chase requisition" the audit said of the Janu ary 2000 payment request. "Neither the.


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## OUR OPINION

## Time to think about slicing the pie

Some encouraging recognition of changing times popped up in last Thursday's meeting of the Lincoln County Commission - believe it or not, two commissioners thought it might of some purpose to conduct some meetings in Rui doso, where 65 percent of the county's population lives. sion's rural-dominated hierarchy loves to meet in Carrizozo where those pesky, demanding Ruidoso types don't often show up. We suspect, however, that as those commissioners show up, We suspect, however, that as those commissioners consus there might be a tendency to look a bit more posi tively about Ruidoso meetings.

In redistricting, we suspect their move will be to slice the Ruidoso pie into convenient wedges, 50 as to dilute any con centration of voting power in Ruidoso, and thus keeping the commission fully in control of the "C"villages and the Hondo Valley.

Meanwhile, they'll want to show a helpful front, no doubt.

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## YOUR OPINION

Who really wrote it
Tb the editor
The letter to the editor - "No Permanence DuPont (Dec. 20) - from J. Richard thought-provoking-just as it was when it was purportedly written by Alexander Fraser Tyler (1742-1813) in "The Decline and Fall of the Athenian Republic.

Sir Alex Fraser Tyler (sometimes spelled Tytler) was a Scottish jurist and at Edinburgh University in the late 18 th century. The quotation reportedly is from a collection of his lectures originally published in 180

Although among historians, there is controversy surrounding Tyler's actually having written the statement, one thing is
certain-J. Richard DuPont did not! The certain-d. Richard DuPont did not! The prised you didn't recognize (it). However, you may now want to advise your readers.

Nadine Williams
Capitan
Water at the source
To the editor:
Thanks to Tony Lane for his letter rela tive to the relationship between golf cours es and the water table. I wonder if he knows that the scenario he describes has
already unfolded in real time in southern already unfolded in real time in southern California? The area is east of San Diego an Indian reservation. Shortly after it became fully functioning, homeowners wells in the area began drying up, wells that had been established and producing for 20 to 30 years and more. These home owners are presently faced with miserable options, including trucking in their own of $\$ 15-\$ 20,000$ and more or attempting to dispose of their properties and live else
where.
There is of course much controversy swirling there around the concurrent phenoryena of the new golf course and peoples dry wells. The hydrologists and engineers representing the reservation say, naturally demands on the water supply have in no way influenced the drying up of private wells.
And the homeowners reply that this has to be much more than just a coincidence. It's very difficult (if not impossible) ly at the water table and say with precision exactly who is drawing what from where.

But just the coincidental nature of these occurrences should be enough to shout volumes

How. many golf courses does a given area need? I've met a few people who lie
awake at nights dreaming of new designs awake at nights dreaming of new designs for the perfect new course and signature hole. Im afraid to ask, but i coud eques to think any land at all not dedicated to the perfect golf course is wasted land!

Reading such letters as Mr. Lane's rais es my consciousness as to how precious our water is.

Also, it seems to me thiat development in our area is at such a point that some very sound, long range decisions can be made tive, it is exciting, precisely because it isn't already too late

Virginia Thompson


## GUEST COMMENTARY

## What is the meaning of New Year's?

by Scott A. McConnell AYN RAND INSTITUTE

The meaning of most holiday's is clear: Valentine's Day celebrates romance; July Fourth, independence; Thanks giving, productivity; Christmas, good will toward men The meaning of New Year's brated holiday-is not so clear. On this day, many people remember last year's achievements and failures and look forward to the promise of a new year, of a new beginning. But is the result of more than an accident of the calendar. What is it?
On New Year's Day, when the singing, fireworks, and champagne toasts are over,
many of us will become more serious about life. We take stock and plan new courses of action to better our lives. This is best seen in one of the most popular customs and the key to the meaning of New Year's: aking resolutions
On the average each American makes 1.8 New Year's resworld is taken into account, the
number of people making resolutions skyrockets to humdreds of millions. From New York to Paris to Sydney, interesting two very common resolutions: people wanting to be more
attractive by losing weight, and attractive by losing weight, and more and smoking less. They want to do things better, become better people.

New Year's Day is the most active minded holiday, because it is the one where people evaluate their lives and plan to
resolve to talse action. One draresotive example of taking resolutions seriously is the old European custom of: "What one does on this day one will do for the rest of the year. ${ }^{\text {² }}$ What unites
this custom and the more comthis custom and the more com-
mon type of resolutions is that mon type of resolutions is that
on the first day of the year people take their values nore seriously.
Values are not only physical and external. They can also be psychological. Many New Year's resolutions revead that people want to better them-
selves by improving psychologically. For example, look at your own resolutions over the years.

Haven't they included such vows as: be more patient with your children, improve your y open with your wife? Such resolutions express the moral ambitiousness of $a$ person wanting to improve his self and life. Wh What then is the philosophic meaning of New Year's you make on this day implies that you are in control of your self, that you not a victim ated by circumstance, conuck, but that you are an individual who can make choices to change your life. You can learn statistics; ask for that promotion, fight your shyness, nearch Your that marriage par hands.

But what is the purpose of Whaking goals and resolutions? Why bother? Making New Year's resolutions (and doing so even after failing last year's tresses that people want to be mapyy people accept, often more implicitly than explicitly that happiness comes with the
achievement of values. That is why to resolve to be healthier more ambitious, more confi sense of want to enjoy hat ment and pleasure that one feel when achieving values. It is happiness that is the motor and purpose of one's life. It is other day, that makes the attainment of happiness more real and possible. This is the meaning of New Year's Day and why it is so psychologically
important and significant to important and significant to If people were to apply the value-achievement meaning of New Year's Day explicitly and consistently 365 days each year, they would be happier.
So every day fill
pagne evass of life to the brim pagne glass of life to the brim your life and the joy that it can and should be,
life. Happy New Year. Happy
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The author is communications direotor for the Ayn Rand
Institute, Marrina del Rey Calif The Institute's Web site is www.aynrand.org.

SNOW: Christmas storm blankets area, closes highways, strands motorists in Rutdoso, lingers in Southeast N.M.

Continued from page 1A
moving eastward and Thursday should bring milder weathWhile U.S. Highway 70 between Tularosa and Roswell was shut down late Christmas night, early Tuesday the roadway reopened. The New Mexi-
co State Police however recomco State Police however recom mended against travel.
Much of $U S$. Highw also time. U.S. Highway 54, north or Carrizozo was open, but at mid-afternoon Tuesday an official with the district office of the state police said travel was cial labeled the highway very icy and snow packed
"I just talked with Lincoln4 (a Lincoln County Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle) who said 54 was getting worse, the state police dis patcher said.
to have landed in reportand several semis jackknifed, the state police said no serious accidents had taken place in Lincoln County

The closed roads hovever ft scores of imotorists and ruckers locked in Ruidoso and A shelter, established at the Gateway Church of Christ, housed 17 people overnight, said Arthur Hoopes, with the American Red Cross. In addi tion to sleeping accommoda tions, breakfast and lunch were served to individuals, couples and some families. Martin Perez, of huahua, Mexico, is vacationing with a group in the Ruidoso area. group iWe are staying at the High Sierra Condos," Perez said while finishing lunch at the shelter Tuesday. "I went

## News delivery schedule changes

All deliveries of the Rui-
delivery subscribers, Brad doso News directly on SudDrive in Ruidoso and US Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs were scheduled for Wednesday.

Because of the weather, carriers were not scheduled
"We got here about 3 a.m. Coming down the mountain it was slippin' and slidin' everywhere."

MIke Bullard,
down (Monday night) to see a movie and couldn't get back. stayed up until 3 a.m. at Dennys. Then th
Perar said he
Perez said he got about five Red Cross shelter.
"This is the second time in my life I've seen snow," said Mike Bullard, who has lived in Roswell for about a year. He from Phoenix, Ariz
"We got here about 3 a.m." Bullard said of the experience in snow clogged Ruidoso. "Coming down the mountain it was slippin' and slidin' everywhere."
The

The couple planned to be back in Roswell late Tuesday afternoon after leaving the For Nick Barry of Alamogordo a Christmas with friend in Roswell was delayed His car went into a ditch on
U.S. Highway 70 just west Ruidoso.
o Denny's last nige took me to Denny's last night," Barry
said. From there it was to the

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shelter early in the morning. Tve never before been through anything like this.
The shelter opened after Ruidoso emergency manager Thomas Chavez contacted Red Cross chapter.
were initially contacted to help those routed by house fire.
"If the highway is closed, if you've left Roswell or Alamogordo. the roads are closed behind and ahead of you,"
Hoopes said. "You can try to find an hotel, seek a shelter or stay in your car.
Hoopes said with the holiday lodging establishments are pretty much booked up and a need was created that "This' is the third time this

This is the third time this year that people have stayed
overnight," Hoopes. said. overnignt, Hoopes we trapped. Either eastbound or westbound on 70 they hit a roadblock. If there's one person that needs the ser vices we do it."

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Hoopes said per capita the Red Cross at Ruidoso is one "We have four seasons, Hoopes said of the area Red Cross responses. "Freeze, fire
season, flood and find." easoń, flood and find."
The "find" season refers to Search and Rescue team when hunters stray.
Those using the shelter Tuesday praised the Rio Hondo Chapter of the Ameri-
can Red Cross. The wintry
prompted some businesses to extend their employees ${ }^{\text { }}$ Christmas vacation for an extra day or opened with reduced staff. In Ruidoso Downs, the village council
meeting set for Tuesday night

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Some motorists stranded in Ruidosa by the Christmas night into Tuesday winter storm found comfart at a shelteer poperated by the Rio Hando Chapter of the American Red Cross. Finishing lunch Tuesday at the shelter at Gateway Church of Christ are
Brenda and Mike Bulard and Nick Barry. They were aniong 17 people who spent the night, said Arthur Hoopes with the local
was rescheduled för Friday, Dec. 29 at 5:30 p.m.
The snow was embraced Ski Apache, were 14 inches and counting of new snow fell. The ski mountain's midway 48 inches was listed at 25 to snow report
"This is a good one," said Riker Davis, marketing manager for Ski Apache. "It's the first major storm since election day. We ought to keep happyl" While the road to the ski hill was listed as plowed and hill was listed as plowed and
sanded, as with Tuesday, chains were required on two-
wheel drive vehicles again today The sound of chains could be heard all around the region Tuesday. At Western Auto on Mechem Drive vehicles were ing to have chains mounted. ing "Evave chains mounted. through the door wanted chains," said Scott Schrader, manager of the automotive shop. "The fact that people couldn't get around Ruidoso tonight brought them in for chains." Schrader said some had to wait in line for as long as 45 minutes to be fitted


## Remote subdivision scaled back to get county OK

Y Dianne Stalungs
CTIDOSO NEWS STAFF URTEER
To avoid delays and exper onnected to road construction require ments the developers of Devil's Canyon Subdivision dropped six lots from thei submission to the Lincoln County Com mission Thursday.
Surveyor Tim Collins, representing James and Rhonda Grace, told commissioners the development is 10 miles EO39 and EO38

The couple wanted to divide 779 acres into 24 tracts ranging in size from 10 acres to 72 acres. No' road construction initially was anticipated, because most of the lots front a paved county road. County Attorney Alan Morel said the based on prescriptive use, which mean the public has used it for more than 10 years. The road is not dedicated to the county, although Collins said the Graces
included a 50 -foot easement for the coun-
ty.
"There are some pretty ugly roads out there, said Commissioner L. Ray Nunley. "Are they passable and will we improve them?
Collins said he removed wording in the subdivision disclosure statement that the county would "improve" the roads and left only the word "maintain.
But Morel pointed
But Morel pointed out that as more people buy property, the county will receive more requests to improve the the road, it could be sued if an accident occurs; he said. Although the land covenants specify no more subdivision of the property for eight years, additional lots may be cut in the future, he said. the easement, how about the developer putting in à better road for us to maintain?" Nunley asked. A good road would enhance the value of the property, he added.

Collins said seven lots front the dirt
road, which Commissioner Willian Schwettmann said more accurately would be described as a drainage chan nel. Commissioner Rick Simpson said during the summer, flash flooding oftel cancher who lives farther down the road for a few days.

Commissioner Leo Martinez said the county needs to come up with a proce dure that future assessments for road improvements can be levied based on people actually living in a subdivision ers to agree when most don't live there is a nearly impossible goal to reach.
"We've had to fix too many problens like this in the past," Simpson said. "I think our intent is for developers to fix After histening to some of the require ents they would be facing, such as a 20 foot width and six inches of gravel, the couple asked if they could develop the 17 tracts that don't involve the dirt road and

Morel said commissioners could approve the change because the development came under the summary reviev process as a Type 5 subdivision with 2 or fewer lots. - It didn't involve roads, it vote," he said.

Commissioners approved the revamped request from the couple Collins suggested that commissioner cover similar situations in of subdivision regulations.

If you're going to require this of the hance so that all applicants are hit wit this," he said.
Morel said he will cover it, but added, This is the first time I ever have come across an existing county road that does nision mitandards being used Coll he road problems in phase two of the development. The approval of the 17 lots will allow them to get their financing
and set up for selling the lots.

## FUNIBRASS DEATHS

The funeral for Andres Aguilon Nieto, 19 -day-old son rio, was Dec. 23 at the Carrizo Christian Fellowship Church with Pastor John Wyatt offici ating. Burial followed at White ail Cemetery.

Andres died Thursday Dec. 21, 2000, in Albuquerque.
He was born Dec. 2, 2000 in Ruidosa.
Survivors include his par ents; grandparents Ramona Baeza and Andrew and Gailda grandparents Anita and Parker Lester and Viola Morgan of Mescalero and Josephine and Lester Tenorio of Santo Domingo Pueblo; ani uncle, Bryan C. Tenorio; and aunts
Rosalinda Baeza-Ruiz, Irma Baeza Amalia Beeza Francis co Baeza; Rachel C. Tenorio and Nadia M. Nieto.
Ahe Arrangements were under Fune direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

County spending ahead of its budget, but that's being fixed

Spending way ahead of Lincoln County's budget in missioner William Schwettmann to ask for an explanation at the commission meeting Thursday. With 42 percent of the expired on the latest report data processing spent 67 percent of its budget, the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department was at 101 percent, corrections at 54 per at 57 percent, he pointed out. County Manager Tom Stewart explained that
many departinents buy the bulk of their supplies and of the fiscal year, which began July 1. The Bonito fire department budget doesn't reflect a reserve that will cover the extra cost of building a substation at Ranchesp of Sonterra, he said. As part of mid-year budsented next month, he will recommend transferring more money into both cor rections accounts, the man
ager said. ager said.
chwettmann also asked lecting $\$ 10$ to go toward jai operations for every crimi-
nal citation and traffic ticket written in the county. He ment Corrections Fund at a recent meeting and that the county should have received about $\$ 67,000$ last year. "I don't see it reported this year," he told Treasurer
Joan Park. "The money col Joan Park. "The money collected from Ruidoso, about
$\$ 16,000$, also should come to us, because Ruidoso has no jail. "There's a proposed increase in whiat comes back to the county that could double the amount to $\$ 20$ for

Review."
Park said $\$ 60,000$ was budgeted to be received from the

Corrections Fund, but 7 percent of that amount has more than we expected. It goes straight to the detention center," she said, adding that she didn't see any money from Ruidoso. "I think we should receive. that money from writing tickets and have no jail," Schwettmann said. The commissioner said he was told that statewide about $\$ 2.1$ million will be distributed back to counties this year. If the state Legisto counties, Lincoln would get $\$ 150,000$ next fisca year, he said.

## PLANNING ZONING

RV rule 'needs teeth'
The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission last week code enforcement officer, that the ordinance addressing RV vehicles in residential areas needs "more teeth.
Chavez said if the ordinance prohibited RVs in residential areas it would be easie to enforce the forbidden activity Glen Barrow said the issue would be a future discussion. item.
Chavez said some residents believe Ruidoso should have an ordinance prohibiting animals village, and laws do not ade quately address the problem of such animals running loose. The commission asked
village's new urban forester to discuss the issue of pine needles and the fire danger they present on vacant properties



## Federal job money hasn't evaporated

New Work Force Development Board serves many projects in southeast area
by Dianne Stalings RUDOSO NEWS STAFF, WRTIER

The money the federal government promised for laborrelated programs hasn't evapo-
rated, said Gary Cozzens of the Lincoln County Works Center.

He attended the county commission meeting Thursday at the invitation of Commissioner Leo Martinez to clear up discussion last month about money drying up for the new Work Force Development Board, which oversees local labor training and placement.

The money is there, but under different titles and dis tribution 1. He explained that on July Act became the successor to the Job Training Partnership Act for the next five years. In New Mexico, four regional ern region, which includes Lincoln County, is massive, covering 44,000 square miles and 12 counties, he said.

The regional board consists of 51 people, 26 from the pri vate sector and 25 from public agencies. Four people on the including Martinez, who serves as the owner of two businesses. illion state was given $\$ 41$ million. Atter deducting money cated workers, $\$ 29.8$ million was divided among the four regional boards he said. The eastern region received \$6,738,219.
al The fundingaision an annual basis, he saiddr
County representatives on Cozzens, a Capitan resident They were successful in fighting larger population centers in the region that lobbied for distribution strictly on a popution and equal division apmong the and equal division among Instead, the money was divided 12 ways.
His office, a one-stop center on Mechem Drive near East ern New Mexico University offers services ranging from filsation and adult basic education to learning how to write a resume, searching the Internet for posted jobs in the area and signing up for training pro Prams. The office received 1 adults and $\$ 173,000$ for youth training in Lincoln and Otero counties combined.

The one-stop center served 4,600 clients this year, he said. Of that number, 150 received

## What's in a road name?

Residents of Enchanted Forest will have another chance to lobby Lincoln on road names for the development off State Highway 37.
Although the committee accepted recommendations from, one woman who attended its meeting and county commission Thursday, commissioners decided the committee should run through the list again.

A women who is building a home in the development said she the area than the names passed along. They include Pronghorn, Oryx and, Ibex. She suggested Elk Horn, Elk Cliff, Elk Canyon, Deer Cross and Bear Ridge.
County Planner Patsy Sanchez said new names the road crosses two subdivisions.
short-term help under New Mexico Works and 50 were on ong-term programs under the Welfare to Work project coordinated with the university.
$\qquad$ assessinents for us and train"We're also hooked up to their computer) system, which gives us access to data bases in he state."

Cozzens said until a week ago, only the county and the
village of Ruidoso were participating in the work force program, but after a presentation to the Capitan Board of Trustees, that village miay sign on, as may the town of Carrizo-
Board terms are for two years and if more communitios are involved, representation can be spread arourd, he said. Commissioner William Schwettmann said he was told the state originally was to eastern region about $\$ 50$ million.
${ }^{\text {cN }}$ Now it's been cut so drastically, it looks like Carlsbad, Hobbs and Roswell will take most of it," he said:

Cozzens said the state received about $\$ 329.9$ million when all work-related, employport services are considered
"The unemployment here is between 3 percent and 5 percent, one of the lowest in the state," he said. "Arid someone whos looking can walk all there ourd spend less money than in many: places in the state."
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Schwettmann, who serves on the board that oversees the
51 -member regional board 51-member regional board
said he'd like an update period ically from Cozzens. .

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Upper Canyon visitors Rain Halbert of Houston. Texas and Melody Mayhon of Sierra Vista, Arlz, teamed up to build an appropriate ramp on a drive way so they could go airborn on their sled. It was a snowy wonderland on Tuesday, and more snow was in the forecast.

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## County, postal officials discuss mail delivery problems

Carrizozo's loss of nine local post office jobs to Otero County still festers as sore point with Lincoln commissioners
by Dianne Stallings
Ruidoso news. Staff writer
RUDDSO NEEWS.STAFF WRITER
After some initial sparring, the mood between officials with the U.S. Postal Service Thursday as they discussed problems with mail delivery.
Still smarting from the Postal Service's decision to eliminate nine local jobs by moving a mail distribution center from the county seat of Carrizozo to Alamogordo in Otero County, commissioners accused officials of making promises
they haven't kept. July, it was a very emotional time," Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said. "We were told that your postal service was not answerable to the people."
While it's too late to change the distribution senter decision, at least postal officials shotald better with the change, he said.
-My mother is used to getting her mail at 8 a.m. every day, but it's not there any more," he
said. "This town is full of people who create their schedules around picking up the mail."
He's received reports of pay checks, medicine
and court documents arriving late, Wilson said. After ticking off a list of improvements in the county including 13 new post offices, Al Provencio, manager of administrative services for the Abbuquerque postal district, said an unge should be handled without a problem. ter Thomas Jackson was sitting in the audience taking notes and would look into the complaints. ail distribution decision makes mail with 48 percent of the population within the 883 zip code in Alamogordo, 14 percent in Ruidoso, 6 percent in Tularosa and only 2 percent in Carrizozo, if the service is not as good, staff will be problem.

The postal agency is accountable to its customers. because although semiprivate, it faces competition from the Internet, from fax machines and from delivery companies such as Federal Expres
Provencio said.

We're not supported by Congress, we're
"So to the extent that people use the service, re accountable."
for Wal-Mart, said delivery timey, a pharmacist scriptions has doubled in most This town is full of cases. Before, overnight delivery people who crate $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { within the county was assured, he }\end{aligned}$ their schedules $\quad$ said. Now it can take from two to
three days. Four packages mailed around picking up to Corona were lost temporarily, he the mail."

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Rex Wilson,
$\qquad$
$\because \quad$ chairman and mailed in Carrizozo. But the so they all ended was too heavy for Alamogordo, ating a delay in delivéry, she said. County Clerk Martha Proctor reported problems in the recent election including one absentee ballot application from Capitan taking 12 lays to arrive in Carrizozo.
querque district, said when he spoke to the com mission last summer, he didn't expect a deterioration in service, although he knew there would be a few rough months while the staff was being trained.

He asked that people who experience problems immediately call them to the attention of help determine what bringing the

He sain hat happe
morning and he followed the delivery of mail that personally examined 900 vieces of 6 a.m. He personally examined 900 pieces of mail and 'Several people in July said the
ad then and we hadn't yet moved the distribubad then and we hadn't yet moved the distribu-
tion center to Alamogordo," he recalled. "If it was bad then, it's worse now," Wilson countered.

After a break, Roark returned with a more conciliatory tone.
"I have a tendency to overreact," he said.suy Youre telling me about problems and I should "I have 30 postmasters involved and we'll have a meeting early in the year to resolve the problems together, You should never have a problem with overnight delivery within the problern

## P\&Z chair: No hidden agenda in zone change

by James Kalvelage
Concerns over a zoning title change were eased but some Ruidoso residents near U.S. Highway 70 commercial properties raised a new issue with ing Commission. change. from C-2 (conmmunity commercial to C -2e, was adopted by the commission. But not before several property owners
along or near the along or near the highway in
Ruidoso questioned the change. The village is in the process throughout the community to more delineate areas, said Joseph Patoskie, planning and zoning administrator. "At this time there are to be no
actual differences. It is just a actual differen

- P\&Z BRIEFS, 6A

The renaming of the commercial district along U.S. Highway 70 follows identical actions taken earlier this year on sections of Sudderth and
Mechem drives. U.S. Highway 70 and State Highway 48 (Mechem and-Sudderth drives) make up much of the village's (C-2) community commercial district.

The name change, the third of six planned for the communibreak the district into six geographically named areas.
"To this committee's knowledge there is no specific plan," commission chairman Glen Barrow answered when
queried if there was a hidden
agenda for the U.S. Highway 70 zoning name change.
"Right now C-2 encompasses the entire area;" Barrow
said. "In the future, if there's a problem or if business owners (in' a geographically identified community commercial district) want to seek a change
they can do that without chang ing it all.!
Questioned further Barrow said there is no value to the new letters being added to the "All throughout the
"All throughout the town (in community commercial) you
can, say, put in a car lot," can, say, put in a car lot, priate for Highway 70, but not in Midtown. Now it's possible inappropriate businesses could go up in inappropriate parts of
town."

Although property owners were notified of Tuesday's pub lic hearing by mail, that no longer is required. Only a newspaper legal notice will be needed to disclose future public hearings should the C-2e disuses than the overall C-2 regulations.
Several people attending the hearing called on the commission to mail written notices of zoning or use changes in the new district

Patoskie said that would mequire an ordinance amendaddressed by the village coun cil. The planning department chief said such notification might be achieved through
department policy change.

Resident implores county: No zoning

Oscuro resident Jerry Carroll asked Lincoln to jump into zoning the county when other less restrictive approaches are available to regulate devel opment.

He acknowledged last areas, zoning may be bene ficial, but said generally, it restricts private property rights.

Three avenues can be followed to protect the sively restrictive or prohibitive, he said.
The commissioners could do nothing and rely on people to do the right
thing, they could use existhealth environmental and adopt a land use ordinance that bans specific uses of and countywide.

He prefers doing nothing, because too many laws roll said. "You need official approval to do a simple job," he said, adding that in other' places, people are fighting laws that give the zoning inspector the right Th inspect any property.
The county adopte subdivision laws more than a decade ago and passed a zoning plam, but never adopted the maps necessary to enact zoning.


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## Mid school wrestlers looking forward to second season

 Braves' Wrestling team ha fimished the first half of its 2000-2001 season.Without a doubt, these young men are on their way to season," coach Brian Brown
The Braves first tourna
ment, at Monzano Vista Mid dle School, was an outstanding uccess with a fifthand some incredible ndividual finishes. At 90 pounds Dayne Hall finished first. Josh Pior was econd at 130, BronHuffmon and Ryan hayes took third place finishes in
and seventh graders Jaime Valenzuela and Cipriano San oval placed fourth.
Moc. Moriarty competing in a small dgewood Middle School and Moriarty District School.
Team scores were not kept,
but the Braves wrestled to some outstanding wins.
weight classe ractically swept the meet and 0 percent of their matches

Dec. 9 took the Braves on yet another road trip, to Belen or the Belen Middle Schoo restling tournament.
This tournament is consid school tourneys in New Mexio, with 12 teams competin from Belen, Los Lunas, Albuquerque and as far north as The
tanding showing mate an out standing showing with a fourth place team fonish, just

The Ruidoso Middle School Monzano Vista Middle School 14 Individually, seven of the 14 wrestlers placed in the top four. At 90 pounds, Hall (7-0), made a repeat performance, a first-place finish.
Sanchez (4-3) Vin), Michael 4) and Sandoval (4-4) and Sandoval (5-4) all gave incredible performances and fin$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Without a doubt, } & \text { ished } \begin{array}{c}\text { second in } \\ \text { respective }\end{array}\end{array}$ on their way to a weight respectives. on their way to a Huffman (11-2) Christmas season" wrestled hard to a rian Brown, what may well be the toughest weight class in the middle pound
Joey Garcia (3-5) made a great showing at 105 to finish in fourth place.
Other notable performances Brian Leadineventh5) and Matthew Mitschelen (33), who showed great heart and enormous improvement. Cory Welborn (0-2) and Dustin Marko (0-2) made their first appearances on the $m$ and show great potential.
Notable. eighth-grad include Justin (3-6) and Jason Fiveash (2-6) who scored a number of points for the team. The Braves wrestling team looks forward to the second resumes at the Rio Rancho Invitational in Rio Rancho/Albuquerque on January 20 ; and then finally at home with the first meet against Monzano Vista the folThe Brave lic to attend and wish to thank all their supporters.

Karen Boehler
RUDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITO
Check out the officials at almost any high school game around th thing in common.

Of the overwhelmingly male. 1,233 officials reast ith the 1,233 officials registered ciation, only 88 are female.
Volleyball accounts for more than half of that number, with 55 officiat ing in the female-oriented sport. Of most are in Albuquerque or the north ern part of the state.
mewhat of an The
The petite Ruidoso redhead offici ates basketball in southern New Mex She state not the first in this part of way a few years araham paved th whe's the years ago - but right now court.

And that's despite a big lack of "We're hurting in every sport, said Dana Northcutt, secretary of the New Mexico Officials Association "This year we're having a real shor
age.
all so Arki, Graham and Northcut "I would tell females not to be intimidated," Arki said. "It's not that hard. It's a lot of fun. It gets you out there with those kids. And it dóes pay." Arki said she's the perfect example of how anyone can officiate. Tho wasn't even a sports fan whe she was recruited. She never played sports at Artesia High School - band was more her style - and is hoping for a career teaching art and social cial, Jovian Smith, asked her if she'd been interested in officiating, she said yes, but.knew she'd have to start at the beginning.
basic rules of basket ball," she said. "This is called a drib


Sarah Arld Is one of six fema
ing games in Liricoln Counti.
learn from the very basic basics."
She read the four rule books each sity games, but hopes to be around official has to learn, took a test and And she's reffed both boys and levirl. received her card as
an apprentice official an apprentice official.
(The New Mexico Activities Association has four officiating Ievels - apprentice, registered, approved and certified. Officials are ranked by test scores, clinics and ed and game experience.) Arki's mostly been officiating mid school
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freshman/junior var

> The number of women officials registered with the New Mexico Activi ties Association to officiate is slim.

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#### Abstract

games.


 ly didn't know she real expect when she got expect When she goton the floor, but felt she was treated no differently from the guys. ${ }^{\text {I }}$ have never ever felt like the issue of being female out
there is an issue," she said. "I get treated
like anybody else. Even from the audience - and I hear a
lot of stuff from the audience- it's never been directed at ne as a female. It's always been just as a referee. ham paved the way

## Before the way.

put a crimp on the officiating - the Ruidoso resident reffed for five years hroughout southwest New Mexico:. "I got a lot of hassling at first," and you get out there with a bunch of boys varsity; they're all much bigge than 5-2. ... Then there was a lot of questioning whether someone of my ize and caliber could actually get out nd do the job. But I think after the becauge I didn't suffer the hassling rom the coaches who were out of town and stuff. So I didn't have any problems after I established myself. But it was hard. It definitely was

Both women agree the officials hey work with supported them from she got were from the players, coaches or fans, and Arki said her only concern was being the new kid on the block.
the new kid coming in is just that," the new kid coming in is just that," thing to do with being female."

Still, Arki said there may be a dif games.
Arki says "Tare so sports oriented, win That's mey are for the win, win, ike that" biut go in there with the attitude: I want to make sure there's portsmanship. I don't want to see any kids hurt. ... I don't care who wins. I want to make sure the kids are playing to the best of their athlet ic ability without there being any
fighting. Without there being the bad attitude that I see perpetuated a lot,
Asked if that means she call games tighter than her male counter parts, Arki hesitated.
"If think that
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## County teams headed for holiday hoops tourneys

Karen Boehler
UUDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDTTOR
A trio of tournaments are set for the post-Christmas weekend
The Ruidoso varsity boys, Ruidoso girls varsity and junior varsity and the Carrizozo girls
will see three days of tough will see three days of tough
tourney action. tourney action. Warriors

Ruidoso's boys will play at the Stu Clark Invitational at Vegas, one of the premier holi day tournaments in the state. as far as the way it's run and as far as the way it's run and
the caliber of teams there," said the caliber of teams there,
Warrior coach Billy Page.
Ruidoso opens against AAAA Capital at 1 p.m. Thirsday in what many are calling the highl
"Definitely," Page agreed With Capital AAA, it'll be a real exciting game."
Ma
toss any are calling the match toss up, and Page said the aguars are the toughest team his season. He said
our junior st good athletes and well coached "Those kids know how to play," Page said. "They're very

Win or 1
Whd Ruidoso will the next ound, Ruidoso will play eithe

In the other bracket, Wes Las Vegas opens against Arte sia and Portales faces Thos. Page would like the cham ponship game to be a rematch ut knows it won't be easy on either side.
'I'd like to meet West Las Vegas again to prove ourselves,

Page said. "But Artesia has chance to knock them off. Lady Warriors Ruidas distance east to play in short distance east to pla Theyll open play against host Goddard at 8 p.m. Thursday.
Win or lose, theyll square off against either Artesia or disround action Friday at second The junior varsity faces tournam Thursday in the J or Roswell Friday

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& \text { Lady Grizzlies } \\
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Carrizozo's girls will see some of the tough eastern New
Mexico teams at the 2000 Route 66 Invitational in Tucumcari.
Cozch Mel Hollaind said that's the peting. ${ }^{\text {It }}$.
he said. "That's competitive, over there - to get the good competition."

Zozo opens Thursday at 5 p.m. against Floyd in the Snake Pit, and Holland knows it'll be a tough start.
and theytl be all we cin handle," he said.

Beyond that, things don't get any easier, with either House or Tucumcari Friday's opponents. But Holland said he wins or losses. "We're just
He said the Grizzlies still aren't in really good shape, and wants to get everyone, includplaying time. playing time.
will be tough. "That's OK" "Hol land said. "That's what we're looking for,"

## Cardinals fall in To'hajiillee

RARFA Bofhler
$\qquad$ get the Christmas present the were hoping for this holiday season: their first win.

Playing the county's last post-holiday game Thursday,
the Cardinals fell $73-57$ to To'hajiillee.
hooting team, a good 3 -point to run a fast break a lot," said Corona coach a Ronnie Hunsworth of his opposition. meased with his team's effort. "We played pretty good actually," he said.

The Cardinals led for the first time since their opening game, edging the Warriors 11 after one quarter.
But Tohajiillee came back strong in the second quart
11 arding $40-25$ at the half.

The third quarter was

Corona, as the Cardinals cut the gap to 48-40, but in the traded baskets," and Corona couldn't overcome the deficit. We came on pretty good, Dunsworth said. "We just had bad second quarter

Dunsworth got a little more scoring from his squad,
with all but two Cardinals getting on the board.
Albert Sanchez led all scorers with 31 points in what Dunsworth called the senior's "best game of the year." points.
After the holiday break the Cardinals hope to make up for a slow start to the season with a plethora of games in a short period of time.
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## Chiefs top Warrior C-team

kiren Bofhler
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Mescalero's Chiefs (3-5) apped up the year 2000 with $3-34$ pick-up game win over The last-minute The last-minute game Mescalero coach Christy Paz said he would have ferred to play the junior rity- but both coaches
re glad their teams got a re glad their teams got a
ance to see action on the "It's experience for them" Paz said. "The youngest ds haven't been plasing
"Ince. ${ }^{\text {In }}$ just good experience "It's just good experience
these kids who don't get. a nce to play as many games nhe to play as many games
the freshmen, the JV and varsity said C-team The varsity Chiefs took an ly lead they never relinhed - leading $21-9,39-22$

Weaver was pleased with the "We did all right," he said We shot the ball OK. The biggest thing we did is we rebounds and extra many And that's really what killed us, and that's about it. But these guys played well. They played really hard and I'm LaPaz
LaPaz said his team mproved its shooting from
the dismal sub-20 percent fig ure the Chiefs shot against Community Christian Dec. 16 , and the important thing was giving all the Chiefs a ance to see action.
Raymond Bigmouth was the night's top scorer with 15 points. Ryan Folsum tallied Phillip Pike 10 each For Ruidoso, Dusty Bolden and Sterling Rel each had 10 points. Mescalero jumps into disof the new year, Jan. 9 vs

## Boarding up



Stan Cape, owner of A-Frame Ski Shop. gecs ready to head up the mountain for a day of snọwboarding after send ing his customers up the hill earlier.

Skiers flock to snow Karen Boehlier DOSO NEWS SPORTS EDTROR
The 14 inches of new snow Ski Apache received as a Christ mas present has skiers and osort operators very happy. Fifty-three of the resort's 55 season in three years.
"It's' certainly a welcome fresh, major snowfall on top of what was a ready a great base, marketing manager. "It's going to provide some truly excellent sking conditions for the Christ mas skiers."

And Davis said skiers don't need to be scared off by the fact Christmas, because the thing we take such pride in is our lift capacity"
Ski Apache can carry 16,500 skiers on its 11 lifts, all of which are currently operating. With a 6,000 skiers" "people get in a lot of skiing. and don't spend their days standing around in lift lines," Davis said.

## REFS: Women keep up with the men and boys

Continued from page 1B
by my calling a tighter game it will ensure kids don't get hurt, situational, as far as the game's concerned. There's always a lot of incidental contact, but if I really feel it could get out of hand, definitely.

That may be the only difference between Arki - and the men.:
They all have the same job o do, arid all do it the same. One area both Arki and Graham agreed on is the physeal aspects of the game.
Both said they went

Both said they went into it expecting they were physically big surprises.
$t$ in ben I first started, I was not in bad shape, but I decided, oh, I can go do this," Graham said. "But when I got out there later, $I$ couldn't walk. My calves
(ached). I was on my tippy toes and said it made her reconsider walking around in the offce. was miserable."
good thought I was in pretty on your legs," Arki said. "The Grahament a faid a player ago, sudden stops and Graham said a player she turns! Oh, man! So. "When you can as "8-foot, 500 you stock up on your do two games in. pounds" stepped on aspirin : and your do two games in her big toe and sports cremes, and a row and not broke her toe. She you go out and buy get out of breath had to do the whole
, the bandages. You become an old man it's like, 'Woah!' overnight, is basically what happens." $\because$ But both agreed that it gets easier. through, it's great," through, it's great,"
Arki said. "Because when you can do two games in a row and not get out of breath these guys.", these guys."
So far, in her young career,
Arki said it's "addictiv
Arki hasn't had any really close
physical calls. Graham did, all with a tot of confidence; and. I'm keeping up with these guys."'
home and I don't
think $I$ walked Sarah Arki; two days," she said. or her children, for her children, have given it up, hopes to get 'back into soon.
even when things go wrong, things have to keep going," she said. "When you make a call, good; bad indifferent, you can't change it; but you do have to stick with it. You do take a lot of flack, but you have to realize it's not personal. I think that's been really good for me, espe-
cially going into teaching" cially going into teaching." like to see more women, especially women in Lincoln County, give it a try.
"I can't discourage any woman from wanting to work with this group of men," Graham said. "They treated me just like one of the guys." it it's great, because it allows these kids to play, and they wouldn't be able to play otherwise, and that's the main thing, Arki said. You're allowhave thet interaction. which is have that inderactio


## And the Winner Is...

 Bernadeen Randolph Secret Elves Are Revealed!
U. S. military personnel prove not to be so physically fit
age, military members wh exercised were four times as likely to exercise at least three times per week than were civil-
ians who exercised", said Harrison. The study results are published in the current issue of the American Journal of Health Promotion.

Twenty-three percent of Air Force respondents reported no exercise in the last seven days, compared to 16 percent of percent of Marine Corps respondents.

This inactivity disparity between services may stem from differing requirements for Only 10 percent of Air Force respondents reported participating in mandatory physical training, while majorities of the other services reported participating in physical training.

U.S. militairy is not as physically fit as might be expected, suggest results of a survey of more Marine Corps, Army, Navy and Air rorce. ${ }^{\text {In }}$ a culture that values physical fitness, it is surprising to find rates of inactivity similar to civilians," said lead
author Lee Harrison, PhD, RD, of the Department of Nutrition and Dieteties at Marywood Iersity in Scranton, Pa. tionnairen percent of the ques exercised respondents hadn days, and 37 percent past seved less than three times a week Harrison and colleagues found These inactivity rates resemble However, military memexercise do exercise tend civilians who exercise, the researchers found. "On aver

## Advanced placement courses, state's new 'Virtual School' financed

 and signSANTA FE - The New Mexico State Department of Education wil receive $\$ 850,000$ to courses to New Mexico students and $\$ 100,000$ to support the New Mexico Virtual School ais part of a large spending bill approved by Congress on Dec. 15
and signed by President Bill

The measures, secured by US. Sen. Jeff Bingaman specifically for New Mexico, will pro vide AP courses online to rural schools and schools located on
Indian reservations and help to the support to bring these critical
dollars to New Mexico," said

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implement the New Mexico Virtual School, a virtual, interacronment that will become active in January of 2001. "Online courses and virtual
learning experiences will strengthen and erihance instructional programs in New Mexico, al choice and provide equal al choice and provide equal
opportunity for students to develop a strong academic foundation. We lare deeply grateful to Senator Bingarnan for providing

Steven Sanchez, the SDE's direclearning technologies. Fifty percent of New Mexico's public and private schools offer the AP Program®, which consists of 33 college-level courses and examinations in 19 subject areas. "It is the vision of State Superin
tendent of Public Instruction tendent of Public Instruction
Michael J. Davis and the State Michael of Education that Advanced Placement courses will be available in all of New Mexicos 139 public high schools," Sanchez said. New Mexico's program is a partnership effort between the

SDE and AP-New Mexico at New Mexico Highlands University tual school will align with the New Mexico Content Standards anid Benchmarks, with courses to be taught by certified teachers.

During the spring summer

Course offerings will range from basic to very adyanced, including course credit for completed courses.
Funding is available to support roughly 800 courses online.
and fall of 2001; the virtual school will offer full-semester AP courses, college preparatory courses online, in addition to study-skills short courses designed.

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## HOLIDAY DEADLINES

So that our employees may enjoy the holidays with their families, we will observe the following deadlines for the Wednesday, Jan. 3 edition.

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The most important form is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA dent financial aid from federal programs Colleges and universities also use the FAFSA, but may also require students to fill out additional forms. Families can begin submittingtheir FAFSA forms any time
after Jan. 1 when they have the necessary income statements from the previous year to complete the form.

The FAFSA, available from high-school counselors or at wrw.fassa.ed.gov, collects in formation hat is used to deterexpected to contribute toward the student's education (Expected Family Contribution, or EFC). It will summanize the data reported on the application. (Families can get may be and the costs of attend ing specific institutions by using ACT's Financial Aid Need Estimator at www.act.org/fane.

Families can find information on more than 600,000 scholarships totaling more than com. This Web site provides a broad search of scholarships or a list of scholarships by category such as age, academics, ethnicity, interests, nationality or sports. Students also can apply online for the scholarships. ACT:

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Certification conference
A virtual conference on teacher certification will be University in February The conference will feature papers and online discussions from arounio the world.

This virtual online confer ence will originate in Israel at the Mofet Institute and a virtual tour of Israel via The conducted.
The leaders will discuss campus delivery systems and alternative" or off-campus cerifications that are currently in use, There is some concern about teachers on waivers" of their subject areas. Participants will review research regarding certified teachers and how well those students and schools perform as opposed oncertined teachers or eachers on waivers.
Michael more information, call 562-2791

Sierra Vista Primary Good Citizens for December


First Grade Good Citizens: Back, from left, Abrahamy Torres, Mayra Valenzuela, Gabrielle Lopez, Stewart Thompson, Breeana Herrera, Isiah Kay tah. Tyler Buimus, Jazz Germany. Middle row, Marlin Kanseah, Julian Lopez, Kayla Cluff, Joshua Lopez, Michael Harris, Philllp Giangrasso, Brian Blake,


Second Grade Good Citizens: Back row, from left, Vincent Reynolds, Jerremy Nunnenkamp, Molly Mulrey, Caelen Chee, Alex Weaver, Alex Hale, Tayior Morrison. Middle, Michélle Largo, Domonique Sanctrez, Lexie Doth, Candace Smith, Angelo Montoya, Nora Castillo. Oririssa Mar tinez. Front. Eduardo Segovia, Tanya Münoz Chase Morel, Elias Rie, Ruth Nedrete, Rhylan Romack Lindsey O'Connor


# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE Genome sequencing top scientific development of 2000 

-The editors at the international journal, Science, have compiled their list of the Top 10 scientific
developments for the year 2000 placing genome sequencing first

Genome $\qquad$ sequencin steamed full speed ahead this yynthesis of biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science and engineering to decode the script of life in a variety of organisms, from people to fruit flies.
had completely reasearcherg had completely read the
genome of only one multicellular organism, the worm, Caenorhabditis elegans.
Now, sequences exist for the yet-to-be-published human genome, the fruit flyand the Arabidopsis thaliana. The grabidopsts thaliana. The have been sequenced as well, including those that cause
cholera and meningitis. Close cholera and meningitis. Close the genomes of the mouse, rat, zebrafish and two species of completion.
Researchers are already reaping new knowledge from these sequencing efforts,
including insights into the diversity of cancer, the causes of aging and the complexity of the immune system. In the decipher whole families of decipher whole families of
genes and whole pathways of interactive proteins.

These advances will bring with them a host of ethical questions that we have only begun to address. Yet, genome sequenchuman health and our understanding of life has made its allure irresistible.

Science also salutes nine
scientific achievements other scientific achievements of 2000. Except for the first particular ordent

RNA Runs the Ribosome: Last year witnessed the unveiling of the first molecucoll's essential protein factory In 2000 , higher-resolution maps of the ribosome revealed startling details about its structure that may boost sup port for any "RNA worl" as the model for the origin of life on arth.
Although the large unit of tibosomal RNA (rRNA) and proteins, researchers found that the "ective sit" on the ribosome - the site of the chemical res genetic information that into the beginingss of a pro tein-contains only rRNA This suggests that the ribo-
some is actually a ribozyme, some is actually a ribozyme,
an RNA molecule that can cat an RNA molecule that can cat alyze its own chemical reac
tions. RNA's starring role of in the ribosome may support the idea that life on Earth began with RNA.
Other research in 2000 bolstered support for the ribosome's antiquity and uncov ered mechanisms in the cell
that guard against defective protein production.

First Out of Africa: Fossil skulls, some 1.7 million years old and unearthed from the well-dated site of Dmanisi in the Republic of Georgia, may represent the first human
ancestors to journey out of Africa.
According to their discoverers, the well-dated Dmanisi fossils are the first fossils discovered outside of Africa to
show clear signs of African show clear signs of African ancestry and may be linked to
the early human species Homo ergaster, the African version of Homo erectus.
Relatively unsophisticated "pebble-chopper" stone tools found with the Dmanisi fossils suggest that humans may
have ventured out of the have ventured out of the
African cradle earlier than
previously suspected, before the development of a more ed the hand ax.

Plastic Electronics: This year, electrically conducting plastics formed the basis for a beyy of technological achieve-
ments using cheap and versaments using cheap and versatile organic molecules. Their
discovery also won three scientists the Nobel Prize in chemistry. Two of the year's high-
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even disposable cell phones), and an organic laser, in which
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old Cells, New Tricks: Scientists dells, New Trivered a decesive blow this year to the once-
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ties. In studies with mice and ties. In studies with mice and
human transplant recipients, human transplant recipients, adult cells from certain parts of
the body re-made themselves the body re-made themselves
into an impressive variety of other cell types.

If this identity-switching process can be controlled,
healthy adult cells might be useful for repairing tissues damaged by injury or disease.
In other manipulations cell In fate manipulations of researchers managed to clone pigs, which might provide a source of transplantable organs.
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Cloning techniques also produced a fetal guar, an and southeast Asia reising and southeast Asia, raising species.

A Watery Solar System?: The possibility of recent water flow. on Mars and further convincing evidence for an ocean
on the Jupiter moon Europa on the Jupiter moon
made headlines in 2000 .

High resolution images of the martian surface, captured by the Mars Orbiter Camera water seepage and runoff that may be less than a million years old, and could be flowing still. Other MOC images of possible martian sedimentary rock suggest that the planet may have been a
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acean lurking Since many the moon's icy shell. Since many researchers believe
that water is essential for the existence of life, these discover ies have piqued interest in the possibility of finding life within our imriediate solar neighborhood.

Cosmic Boomerang: In 2000 , researchers completed of the early universe with the help of Boomerang and Maxima, balloons armed with microwave detectors and sent aloft to probe for fluctuations in the cosmic microwave backBround, the afterglow of the these data confirm most scientists' view that the universe is flat (with no curve to space and time, but cast doubt on the current simple models of how much ordinary and dark matter exist in the universe and its early expansion.

## President liberates 'inner nerd' as he discusses today's science

President Bill Clinton liberated his self-described "inner nerd the Dec. 22 issue of the journal Science, discussing how science and technology are likely he might continue his involvement with science after his term ends in January.
"I think the language of science - and the necessity of understanding at least the basic concepts of science - will become a much more pervasive in the next 20 to 30 years than it ever has been," Clinton told it ever has been," Clinton Ruben${ }_{\text {Clin }}$

Clinton said he was pleased with his administration's record for basic research
spending, which included spending, which included
increases for the National Institutes of Health and the

National Science Foundation.
He cited climate change, the He cited climate change, the nology as research areas tha deserve continued support. The President commended NASA for improving its effi-
ciency, and said he would like ciency, and said he would like to see their budget increase cut in defense spending, he said he expects civilian
research will have important research will have important
defense implications. Clinton stressed the need and acknowledged the "brain drain? experienced by other countries whose students continue to work in the United States after studying here. The President said he'd like to see the United States acting as a educational, research and operational exchanges.


Receptor Roles: Scientists gained new insight into the various roles of nuclear hormone receptors, discovering
variants of these cell structures yariants of these cell.structures cholesterol metabolism and fatty acid production, and implicating others in diseases such as diabetes and certain types of cancer.

This year's bumper crop of nuclear hormone receptor disgets and treatments for some of these diseases.

Resiearchers also illuminated the orucial effects of the reppears to jump-start the body's response to unfamiliar chemicals and may be involved in drug-drug interactions.

Rendez Vous with an Asteroid: After circling the asteroid Gros for less than hal
a year, the NEAR Shoemaker spacecraft revealed that the space rock contains some of the most primitive matter in the solar system. This discovery suggests that Eros and other
asteroids like it are the longsought suppliers of the most common meteorites arriving on Earth.
have been unable to astromer: have been unable to find the source of the so-called "ordibits of the unaltered building blocks of the solar system. Bu Eros's elemental composition measured as NEAR Shoemak er came closer to the asteroid than any spacecraft has before, curns out to match that of the

Quantum Curiosities
The already-weird world of quantum mechanics got a lot weirder in 2000, as the boundary between the quantumi and classical world started to break down. The perplexing sémingly indcompatible propckes, such as being in two nal.

laces at once, has generally been thought to apply only to trons.

This year, researchers merved this phenomenon on a much larger scale, reporting low an electric current, can low around a supereonducting oop of wire in both directions the same time.

And in January, a scientist ng assumption by showing that quantum computers don't need a quantum property called "entanglement" to solve omplex problems at lighter-

Best Bets for Hot News un 2001: As in previous years, he editors of science have chosen six hot topics to watch in 2001. This year, their choices ocean studies with satellites, quality control in RNA synthesis; science funding around the world, the post-Big Bang "quark soup" and asymmetry in cell development. The editors also check in on last year's
scorecard to see how well they did with their millennial predictions.

Science's Top 10 also includes some other, more dubious, honors. The Melt federal government's pursuit of Los Alamos physicist Wen Ho Lee. The award for Disap pearing Discovery of the Year goes to Archaeoraptor, thought to be a novel combination of as the combination of two dif as the combl

Science's Top ' 10 research advances, chosen for their profound implications for society and the advancement of scjence, appear in the journal's
Dec. 22,2000 issue. Science is

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## POOP SCOOP

By D1aNNE STALLINGS
RUTDOSO NEWS stiff wRitLA
The last column that reviewed some of author Judith Halliburton's observations about breed personalities generated requests for more. o on a few more breeds. I thought the people may be thinking about ac quiring a companion dog after the holidays, or maybe during, if you single and would appreciate quiet ime with a loyal friend.

These observations appeared in Halliburton's "Raising Rover," a . ward the special needs of each breed:
Siberian Huskies - These dogs are diggers. "I yell this at you because ir seen far too many Huskies lose heir happy homes because of digging, she wrote. They do it in the in the winter to get warm.
She advises not to make a big deal out of the holes. The dog will dig a
few, keep a couple of favorites and
hen grow out of it. Great Pyienees
tme in this dos's The hardes lizes he's too big to is when he lap," Halliburton wrote "If you allow him on the fumiture hou love you to heath if youre, hel couch so that he can at least lie across your lap.

These gentle gia Australian Shepherd - She warns mas and slippers as you $w^{\circ} . l \mathbf{k}$ past. "All along you thought you could make it down the hall by yourself. Rover can't imagine how you man aged it before he came along," she wrote. He will gather other dogs, cats or kids and herd them to dinner Aime has to bepherds are smart them

Aussies easily can become one dogs so she recommends all family members get involved in raining and play
gers and
Huskies.
Hallibu dog for fourton recommends this "You'll notiles with children. Rover will lie quietly in the shade and ..: watch every move the kids He,
He'll keep track of each one and will gladly play if invited. northern dogs, Halliburton wrote. "These are every unassuming dogs," she said. "Plan on a lot of wrestling type play." You'll definitely be impressed with his loving and mellow nature.
situation because in in one-dog it's for real and when they fight, the other dog.

Tremendously tenacious, but not stupid, they will be gentle with children and play with them until
they drop. Halliburton advises to be sure you show him that you love him as much as he loves you, beause without that show, he can be come depressed quickly.

 These pets are currently up for adoption at Lincoln County.Humane Society


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Saplttarius: (Noy 22-Dec 21)
Don't make a major decision
until after Christmas. Enjoy reflect, and get ready for
the new year.
Capricorn: (Dec 22-Jan 19)
Leave work behind at least for
awhile. Enjoy life with your
family and your friends. It can family and your friends. It can the cup while it's still full.

Aquarlus: (Jan 20-Feb 18 )
You'll have a choice to be
happy or not. It's up to you
You're the only one that can pull you out of this feeling Go ENJOY yourself

Pisces: (Feb.19-March 20) This could be a great time for you Get out and see people hermit. Start now on your new life.

Aries: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) in reason). What you give will Someone from your past could come back to you 10 -fold. be coming your way. Friend Open up your heart too!
or Foe? Let the past stay or Foe? Let the past stay
Taurus: (Apr 20-May 20) Even though it's a busy time for you, you'll have to make you'll burn out. Rest up as much as possible.

Gemini: (May 21- June 20) Star light, star bright. Wish make your dream a reality Shine On!
Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) Your strong will and everlast ing faith will see you through these times. It's about to get $\frac{\text { Leo: (July } 23-\text { Aug 22) }}{\text { Loosen the money strings }}$ when it comes to giving (with

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) "Time Out!" Sit back and let he world roll by, even when you're around others, it would to keep to one

Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Setting your own ground rules and living by them is good. You'll find out real quick

Scorpio: (Oct $23-$ Noy 21 )
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