

Fort Stanton fate could be up to Legislature

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State officials are sending mixed messages about the future of Fort Stanton, says the head of Fort Stanton Inc., a local group trying to turn the historic fort into a living museum.

"First, they were going to lease it out and then the General Services Department wants to sell it," Dick Weber said Monday.

"The governor realizes it's a drain on state revenues and brings in no income. I think he's

even aware now that it's deteriorating."

But that doesn't necessarily mean Gov. Gary Johnson would be willing to give it back to the federal government, he said.

"We need to find out exactly in his terms and GSD terms where they are headed," Weber said.

Established in 1855, the fort about 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso was closed by Johnson in 1995 as a state hospital because of high overhead. It was used for nearly three years as a prison for women, but closed again last August

because of high operating costs.

A Corrections Department spokesman said last week an alcohol and drug abuse treatment center for state prisoners as a transition to entering the general population could open at the fort as early as March.

But even if that happens, a long-range plan needs to be developed for the fort, Weber said.

"Maybe the National Park Service or the (state) Monuments Division would be interested in partnering with the federal Bureau of Land Management," he said. "If we could get two

major federal entities interested, then we'd have double opportunity in annual budgets to maintain the fort.

"We love the old fort. We think it's unique. The state has just never been able to muster pride for the fort."

If a bill to authorize the sale of the fort is introduced, as proposed by the GSD, Weber said he would like the chance to talk to the commit-

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Jack Williams, left, and Larry Cordova, wildlife biologists with the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service, review the locations of streams to be surveyed as part of the proposed reintroduction of the state fish, the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout.

Fishing for answers in trout recovery

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Dozens of volunteers and wildlife experts will be walking the banks of streams in the Capitan and White Mountain wilderness areas this year.

The effort will be part of an assessment of stream health by the U.S. Forest Service, which is one of the elements to be considered in a proposal to reintroduce the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout, the state fish, into the area.

The small and environmentally sensitive trout was wiped out during the European settlement of the region with excessive livestock grazing, fire suppression and the introduction of non-native fish such as brown and rainbow trout, said Jack Williams, the fisheries expert who heads the survey.

"They can produce hybrids or

they compete with the cutthroat and they feed on the young one," he said of the non-native fish. "Cutthroat aren't as hardy. They're primarily found in headwaters, pristine water. They're more sensitive to their environment. You know an area is healthy if it supports cutthroats."

Reasons why a reintroduction is being considered include historical, ecological and economical benefits, said Williams.

"It's something we had and would be bringing back," he said. "There's documentation that soldiers at Fort Stanton used to catch cutthroat trout in the Rio Bonito, which must have flowed year-around then. The fish is a vital part of the ecosystem and the kind of anglers looking for that fish spend more money. This wouldn't eliminate fishing, but there

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Ruidoso council to push for affordable housing

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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Saying Ruidoso has a need for affordable housing, Mayor Robert Donaldson proposed to the village council Tuesday night that some village-owned land near Grindstone Lake should be sold to developers who could build at least 150 housing units.

Despite some negative comments from the audience, the council voted unanimously to "go forward" with offering 10 to 12 acres of village-owned land for sale, expressly for the construction of apartment units.

Donaldson said the service industry in Ruidoso is facing a severe shortage of employees.

The mayor estimated there are between 200 and 300 open jobs at present. Pointing to three hotels under construction, one hotel at the permit stage, and other new businesses preparing to come to the area, Donaldson said "These will add to the numbers of open (job) positions."

Citing a limited amount of remaining commercial land for development in Ruidoso, the mayor said affordable housing is extremely important for the village's future.

He said Ruidoso must foster

conditions that will create economically viable opportunities that will allow apartment developers to build rental units that will increase the community's workforce and provide decent housing. "For apartment complexes to be viable, the developer must have reasonably priced land with access to city water and sewer facilities," Donaldson added that the village, however, should not be the one getting into the rental business.

The mayor profiled the typical worker in the area, saying the median income in Lincoln County, for a family of four, stands at \$32,700.

The federal restriction on the Federal Affordable Housing Tax Credit program limits household income to no higher than \$19,620, Donaldson said. "If a husband and wife work 40 hours a week at \$7 an hour, their combined income would be over \$28,000 a year. While we do need some lower income housing, many or all of the (government subsidized) programs for housing fail to provide decent housing within our target incomes."

Under the mayor's proposal, Ruidoso would survey and appraise

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Schools to host meetings on uniforms

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Whether or not Ruidoso school students should be in uniforms will be the topic of two meetings to be at the Ruidoso Middle School gym this week.

The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday and at 10 a.m. Saturday.

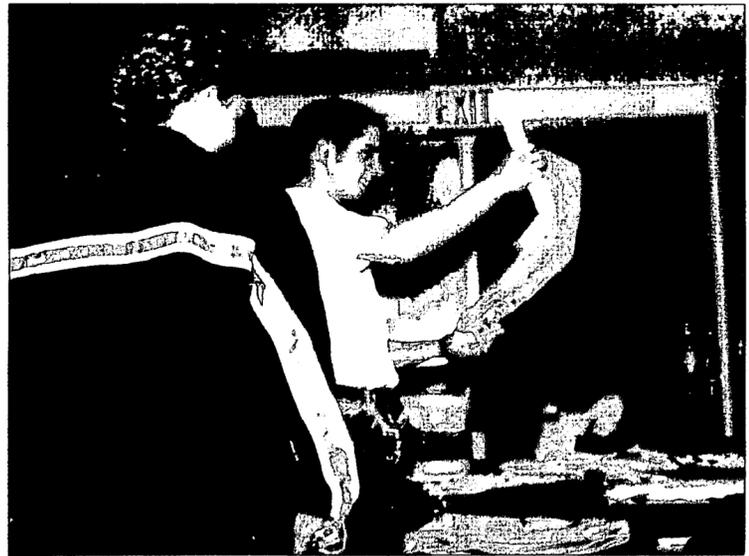
Families will vote on whether the Ruidoso Municipal School District should go to a "uniformly dressed policy," and these meetings will offer people a chance to voice their opinion on the issue.

At both meetings, Mike Gladden, the superintendent of schools, will discuss the purpose for considering a uniformly dressed policy and share results of other school districts that have adopted similar policies. A style show with student models presenting the proposed school uniforms also will be shown.

Gladden said signs come to the meeting, a sign-in sheet will be available and they can check whether they wish to speak during the meeting. A three-minute time limit will be imposed for each speaker. After those who sign up have spoken, Gladden said, he will ask if there are any comments that anyone else would like to make, and the three-minute limit will be imposed on these comments also.

Parents' opinions on establishing a uniformly dressed policy will be queried through surveys to be returned by 6 p.m. Feb. 2.

The surveys, printed in English and Spanish, for families with children in grades 7-12, will be mailed out Jan. 28, and surveys and brochures for families with children in kindergarten



Solomon Barnett, a junior at Ruidoso High School, looks at clothes that will be modeled at two public meetings to gain input from parents and students on whether the schools should implement a uniformly dressed policy.

through sixth grade will be sent with the students. Each family will receive a survey for each child, so a family with three children will have three votes.

Surveys need to be returned either to the Central Office or the students' schools Feb. 1 or 2. The office will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

A committee was formed of parents, school staff, students and board members and met for the first time

Nov. 30 to discuss the issue and how to get input from the community. At the second meeting, held Jan. 10, Gladden distributed a handout from the Las Cruces Public Schools and discussed implementation procedures that other school districts have used.

Monday the committee met again to plan the two public meetings. At this

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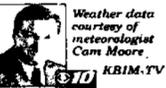
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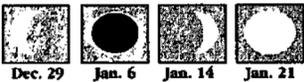
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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	63	35	.00"
Saturday	55	34	.00"
Sunday	56	25	.00"
Monday	62	28	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	52	33	Rain showers
El Paso, TX	54	34	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	57	33	Mostly cloudy
Midland, TX	59	35	Mostly cloudy



Dec./Jan. phases of the moon



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The Big Dipper stands high in the northeast this evening. The handle points toward the horizon. Look closely at the second star from the end of the handle, Mizar. If you have dark skies and sharp eyesight, you should see a faint companion near Mizar, called Alcor.

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FORT: Officials are concerned that the fort could be damaged if abandoned

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tee that reviews it and say, "Would Texas sell the Alamo to the highest bidder? I don't think so. It's called pride. It's called history. You don't sell history. You improve on it, perfect it, and make it available to everybody."

He said he is doubtful the state can sell something it was given by the federal government, which used the fort as a U.S. Marine Hospital and then a U.S. Public Health Hospital before it became a state hospital.

The BLM manages 24,000 acres around the fort.

"We recognize because we manage the land around the fort as Area of Critical Environmental Concern, that the future of the fort and the lands around it are intertwined," said Ed Roberson, BLM district field manager based in

Roswell. "We think its historical significance is so paramount, it should be managed to preserve, sustain and interpret those resources."

The bureau offered to be a partner in planning for the fort's future, if the county is given a chance to acquire the fort from the state, Roberson said. He has also talked to Weber about a private/public partnership.

"We've stuck our hands out (to the state) and offered to shake and we haven't had any reciprocity yet," Roberson said.

He said his agency also is worried about further damage to the buildings if those structures are abandoned and not used. Termites and vandalism are problems, he said.

"With the state, county and non-profit private groups working together (with the federal government), we might be able to develop a plan to ac-

quire funding," Roberson said. "The National Park Service is good at identifying funding and doing interpretation of those types of facilities."

"I think the congressional delegation is looking for some kind of plan for the future before they step in."

If the property sold to a non-profit private group or a museum holding company, Roberson said he would want the sale conditional on the new owner stabilizing and sustaining the structures and managing them in a way that doesn't destroy what remains. The company should be required to preserve the fort's historic character.

"The last thing we want to see is Fort Stanton Resorts and Subdivision," he said.

Local lawyer J. Robert Beauvais, who was with the historic preservation division among other state positions be-

fore moving to Ruidoso, said if the state would give the property to the federal government, it wouldn't be the first time.

He was with the division at the beginning of the process that saw the ruins at Abo and Quarai turned over to the federal government to form the Salinas Monument with Gran Quivira.

"Basically it was government to government and went quickly," Beauvais said. "It didn't require any legislation. But the mission was the same. Those are high-ticket items and the fact is, the state didn't have the money. It worked out well."

With stiff federal preservation and maintenance requirements that most certainly would be imposed because of the fort's designation as a historic property, Beauvais said he can't imagine it would make economic sense for a "for-profit" company to buy the fort.

TROUT: The cutthroat trout is neither a threatened nor endangered fish

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would be a limit on the cutthroat.

"This is not just a reintroduction. Surveying the streams will determine their health in the first phase and will take care of other issues."

Williams, a Roswell native who earned a fish and wildlife biology degree from New Mexico State University, began working in 1994 at the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest as a volunteer doing surveys on the Mexican Spotted Owl and other tagged species.

His career choice was no stretch.

"Both of my older brothers hunted, fished and liked the outdoors," he said. "I was a Na-

tional High School Collegiate wrestling champion and hiking was the best way to stay in shape."

His focus is on cold water fish and in New Mexico that means trout. Williams was a natural to join district wildlife biologist Larry Cordova in pursuing \$53,350 from the "Bring Back the Native Trout" program.

"It enabled me to stay and work," Williams said. "It doesn't just pay my salary, but will buy extra equipment for the survey and possibly another person to help."

The cutthroat received its name from a deep red coloration behind its mouth that resembles blood. Its stomach is pink and large spots decorate the back one-third of its body

and tail.

Smaller than rainbow or brown, the cutthroat's average size is six inches long, but it can reach one foot. Its life expectancy in the wild is about four years, longer in a hatchery.

"This is not a threatened or endangered species," Williams said. "It's listed as a federal sensitive species. Our approach is custodial. (If successful), we would be preventing its listing by acting now."

Building partnerships was a required element to secure money for the project, Williams said.

"We went on a campaign and made presentations and called people," he said.

The partners are state Game and Fish, the Ruidoso River Association, Mesilla Val-

ley Flyfishers, the forest Health Coalition, New Mexico State University, Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso and Portales, Upper Hondo Watershed Coalition, Fly's Etc. and Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Collectively they will contribute more than \$26,600 in cash, equipment, materials and labor.

Once the partnerships were set up, Williams and Cordova decided which streams should receive top priority for survey based on the feasibility of the trout being able to maintain a population. On the first list, streams that have a fish population, are the Copeland, Pine Lodge, South Fork Bonito, Big Bear, Little Bear, Eagle, Three Rivers and Fall Creek.

UNIFORMS: The school board will revisit the issue at its Feb. 8 meeting

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meeting, Gladden said specifics regarding school apparel would not be discussed until the school board has reached a decision on whether uniforms would be implemented or not.

Gladden showed a video made by Target that showed parents and principals crediting school uniforms with improving student attendance, grades and attitudes, while decreasing the number of fights and referrals to the office for misbehavior.

Committee members who investigated clothing available at Target, Penney's and Wal-Mart said they had trouble finding gold-colored clothing, a school color, and that the shades of gold and yellow differed for different age-groups. One member of the committee suggested

adding another color, and another member suggested adding sweaters and sweatshirts as options to the polo shirts and white shirts and blouses already proposed.

Gladden said he has contacted local businesses that order clothing in February. These businesses are awaiting the school board's decision on the uniformly dressed policy, so they can buy clothes for their inventories.

"We really don't care where you get your pants if they're navy or khaki-colored," Gladden said. "You can buy them at Gap or Dillard's, but if this flies, then we'll say 'These are the types of items we'd like you to look for when you're shopping for school clothes.'"

Shoes and belts would not be addressed by the uniformly

dressed policy, and outerwear would be addressed after the board's decision, he said.

"We would need an opt-out policy for people with religious reasons for opposing a uniformly dressed policy, to have it looked at well by the courts," Gladden said.

The committee will meet again at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 to discuss the results of the surveys and public meetings. At the school board's regular meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 8, Gladden will present board members with the survey results and any statement the committee might wish to make, Gladden said.

This week principals of the school sites will have assemblies to explain the uniformly dressed policy and students will model some of the clothing types being considered.

► The policy

If a uniformly dressed policy is adopted by the Ruidoso School Board, students would have a choice of clothing with certain specifications. For example:

Boys - Pants or shorts, khaki or navy; polo shirts, navy, yellow, or white, long or short sleeves.

Girls - Pants, shorts, jumpers or skirts, khaki or navy; polo shirts, navy, yellow or white, long or short sleeves.

Brochures are available at each of the schools and samples of clothing for parents who wish to see them.



The Tunstall Store in Lincoln in the 1930s.

courtesy Wayne Joyce

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.

White Oaks Eagle Jan. 25, 1899

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Ruidoso Downs manager takes office

Ruidoso Downs' new village administrator was sworn into office at a regular village board of trustees' meeting Monday evening.

Bob Durrett is the village's first administrator, a position created in November because of rapid growth in the community, officials said.

Durrett will work under the direction of the mayor and the policy guidance of the village council, according to a job description.

He will supervise all municipal employees, either directly or

through subordinates. Durrett will manage and departments and offices of the village, and organize staff assignments, as well as evaluate staff.

The former El Paso resident had been the associate superintendent for human resources at the Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso.

He also was the assistant vice president for administration and human resource services at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Durrett told trustees that "I hope my door is always open."

Lincoln National Forest roadless area environmental impact draft due in May

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
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A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the proposed "roadless" initiative for the Lincoln National Forest, is expected to be published in early May.

The roadless proposal, part of a sweeping initiative around the country, seeks further protections for wilderness areas of national forests. President Clinton advanced the plan last fall.

Two local scoping meetings to gather public input heard overwhelming skepticism of the proposal. The meetings, in mid-December, were in Ruidoso and Cloudcroft.

Written comments, videotaped testimony and verbal input, gathered at the local scoping meetings, will be included in the DEIS, according to Jose M. Martinez, forest supervisor for the Lincoln National Forest.

"We did send the videos and all other comments to the team working on the project," Martinez said.

The roadless areas initiative includes about 14 per-

cent, or 156,000 acres, of the Lincoln National Forest land under analysis. Nationwide, some 54 million acres of federal forest and grasslands are potential roadless candidates.

According to a summary of the two public meetings dealing with the Lincoln National Forest, ten major issues were raised by those who attended the meetings:

- Concern was expressed for short time-frames for scoping and NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) completion.

- There were questions about what restrictions this initiative would restrict in roadless areas.

- How will the designation of roadless areas affect existing rights and privileges?

- Maintaining access to private lands and existing resources, facilities or improvements (including mining claims, utility easements, water developments and range improvements) is important.

- Access to and public use of roadless areas for people of all abilities and handicaps, are issues.

- Many people who gave

comments expressed a desire to maintain management options (such as timber harvest, firefighting, forest health projects, watershed management and fuelwood cutting) and multiple-use management of these roadless areas.

- The legality of the process was questioned. Distrust of the President and the government was expressed, as was misuse of the NEPA process to further the initiative.

- Some individuals see this as creating "de-facto" wilderness areas.

- Some participants were concerned about the loss or lack of local control over this decision.

- The potential negative effect of this proposal on the local rural economies is an issue.

- Some participants believe that roads lead to abuse of the National Forest.

- During the December scoping meetings, national forest representatives emphasized that no existing roads or trails in the Lincoln National Forest would be closed under the proposal. On the Lincoln

National Forest a roadless area was defined as what is currently classified as a "Rare II" area, which was further explained as a map definition. Some Rare II locations on the forest do have roads. What restrictions might result from roadless designations would be detailed in the DEIS.

Maps, displaying the location of inventoried roadless areas and other national forest system land by state are now being posted in a U.S. Forest Service Web site, <http://www.roadless.fs.fed.us>.

A table provided with the maps includes acreage totals for roadless areas and other national forest system land. The maps also show all federal wilderness areas.

By early February, additional maps of every national forest with inventoried roadless areas will be available on the Web site. The maps will display areas where road construction and reconstruction are now allowed.

The Draft EIS, after release, will get further public comment in May. A final impact statement is expected in the fall.

Commissioners skirmish over who tells whom to get on agenda

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Two Lincoln County commissioners disagreed last Thursday over who is responsible for notifying people, agencies or companies when they are placed on the commission agenda.

Commissioner William Schwettmann last month criticized Ron Storey, head of a collection company, because he didn't show up for a commission meeting although he was on the agenda.

When commissioners learned later Storey was never notified of the meeting, he was rescheduled for this month's session.

But while speaking to Storey about a related topic Thursday, Schwettmann said, "Normally in the past whoever requests you to be on the agenda, he should have made sure you knew. Don't blame the manager."

Commissioner Leo Martinez, who connected Storey with County Manager Tom Stewart, took exception to that remark.

"Let's get this straight. If something is on the agenda, unless this commission makes this a policy, I won't contact the person," Mar-

tinez said. "I didn't know Mr. Storey and don't want it to seem like I'm pushing (his company over other collection agencies)."

"I put him together with the manager and it was up to (Stewart) to put him on the agenda. If that's not correct, then I need to know. I want to be able to vote on it and if I'm pushing a certain company, I should stand aside."

The manager should notify everyone on the agenda, Martinez said, adding that he thinks it would be improper for any commission to intrude in the process.

Stewart agreed, noting Storey was not notified because of a "misunderstanding on my part and I accept full responsibility."

"When we publish the agenda, we notify people," Stewart said, referring to himself and deputy county manager Martha Guevara.

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson stepped in and, noting that Martinez has only served a few months on the board, said, "We may have been remiss. We've been here longer and function under unspoken rules."

Martinez asked for a policy or some sort of clarification of the procedure.

Prescribed fire workshop slated

The Capitan District of the state Forestry Division, with support from the Upper Hondo and Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the South Central RC&D Council, will host a Prescribed Fire Workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 8.

Those with interest in prescribed fire on private property are invited. Speakers will give

information on prescribed fire programs, and other subjects.

The workshop will be at the Ramada Limited, 1420 E. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs. Call (505) 378-8100 to make reservations for overnight stay, and a special rate of \$43 by mentioning the RX workshop.

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OUR OPINION

The door to the fort stands wide open

As is so often the case, opportunity beckons if the will is there.

A spokesman for the state General Services Department opened the door to the sale of Fort Stanton last week with a statement that "we're not historians, and we don't run museums."

In other words, the state's expensive-to-operate white elephant is Lincoln County's opportunity.

So the magnificent old fort, one-time home to Kit Carson, Gen. John J. "Blackjack" Pershing, thousands of soldiers, dozens of interned prisoners of war, and many thousands of tuberculosis and otherwise impaired patients, is there for the taking. Its dozens of buildings, large acreage of hills and meadows along the Rio Bonito, and millions of gallons annually of water rights, are there and waiting.

State Rep. W. C. "Dub" Williams, R-Glencoe, has been asked by the administration to sponsor a bill clearing the way for the state to sell the property. Williams, quite properly, would like some input from his home base before taking it on — but this is an opportunity that can't be lost. Better Williams' hand on the throttle than some representative from Farmington or Santa Fe who most likely would be looking for the high dollar for state coffers rather than for the preservation of southeastern New Mexico's historic crown jewel.

The state Corrections Department is considering turning the property — or part of it — into an alcohol and drug rehabilitation center for prisoners due to be released.

Locally, Fort Stanton Inc., seeks to preserve the fort as an historic "living museum" that would attract and educate visitors about history. That organization, now headed by Dick Weber, is concerned about the state putting the fort on the block to the highest bidder.

The U. S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which manages 24,000 acres of public land around the fort, has offered a helping hand to create a government-to-government partnership that would preserve it. But a spokesman for the BLM says there has been no reciprocity from the state. The state's delegation in Washington seems to be standing back for something appropriate to jell in dealing with the fort.

The regional BLM field manager above all doesn't want to see it become something like "Fort Stanton Resorts and Subdivision."

Nor do we. That's why we hope Dub Williams will put together legislation that will open the way to a state-federal partnership to preserve that wonderful piece of Lincoln County history for posterity.

THE MIRANDA CASE



YOUR OPINION

Who gets the malt, who the empty glass?

To the editor:
 After reading the article by Don Mathews on our water supply it becomes apparent that if we continually suck water from the underground aquifers, we will eventually have an area without streams or rivers. Since most of the water is underground it seems logical that surface water will disappear as the underground water is depleted.

Kind of reminds me when I was a youth and was slowly spooning a malt into my mouth; eventually I ended up with an empty glass. Then an idea came to mind: If I used a straw and only took the malt from the bottom of the glass the glass should remain full. To my dismay sucking off the bottom reduced the malt to nothing and I was left with an empty glass.

The malt-suckers (politicians, developers, etc.) are going to reap the rewards of the delicious malt and we will end up with the empty glass. Explain that to your grandchildren.

Darrell E. Witt
 Ruidoso

The way the job is done

To the editor:
 In the Jan. 12 edition of the *Ruidoso News* this headline appeared on the front page: "Ruidoso council incumbents run unopposed." Surprised? Not really.

When you consider that the Village Hall is still locked tight and that a scarcity of news covering such matters as our local taxes being the highest in the state, a water study in limbo, and trash uncollected over the village by a department unable to stay within its budget, then one might understand the lack of interest in village affairs.

No news is good news for whom? What the public doesn't know will not hurt them. A good job in keeping the public uninformed.

Congratulations to the Village Council — not for a job well done but for the way you have done it.

J.A. "Al" Junge
 E. & O. E. / Ruidoso

Controlling illegal drugs

To the editor:
 RE: Lincoln County DEA
 I would like to take my hat off to the Lincoln County

DEA agents for their outstanding work in bringing down various meth labs in the Lincoln County area recently. Too many times our little town is pictured as the great tourist escape, and not enough times are the residents advised of the problems that do exist in our home town because we do not want tourists to be aware that we are like any other town.

Our town has a very large problem with teen drug use. I say to the adults that do drugs, that is your business if you want to do them but...if you think you are going to provide our children with your drugs think again.

We do not want any of you around to ruin our children. They have not had a chance to grow up and make this decision for themselves. At this point in time in their lives peer pressure takes over and many decent futures are lost because you adult drug pushers make it so easy for the kids. I for one will keep cheering on the drug task force in the hopes that the children are saved and that no parent needs to lose their child to this poison.

Susan D. Goodrich
 Ruidoso Downs

High times in Santa Fe

To the editor:
 For those of you that think that Governor Johnson's drug stance is his worst action as Governor, think again. It is one problem that he has fully thought out and acted on from conviction. He has sought out national experts by flying out-of-state to the Koch Industries-founded Cato Institute. He motivated 500-plus punk rockers to demonstrate at the state capitol on Jan. 18. They smoked pot and broke up the readings of Martin Luther King quotations by children. It was ultimate civil disobedience orchestrated by the governor's policies.

Drugs is the only thing he has been effective on, look at: prisons, taxes, motor vehicle, welfare, education, gaming, Highway 44, DWI, and social services. People think he is such a nice guy/non-politician; maybe he is only a drug addict that is hiding it from us. Can the reader name one thing he has done well in (picking up trash while being doped-up?). Demand value for tax dollars and impeach Gary Johnson!

Enrique Montoya
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Campos in key position for capital projects

• The office of State Sen. Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, provided the following report dated Monday. Campos' district includes Lincoln County.

SANTA FE — Sen. Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, has stressed the importance of sound planning and prudence in the capital outlay process and how that translates into effective government service.

"Legislators will request capital outlay funding for hundreds of important state and local projects during the 30-day session," Campos said. "Capital projects such as new school buildings, city streets and water and sewage treatment facilities are important to maintain effective government services, but we have to prioritize which capital outlay requests will get funding. Capital outlay is financed by going into debt, so there's only so much money we can use around the state."

Campos said that funding for capital outlay projects comes from two sources, general obligation bonds and severance tax bonds. General obligation bonds are authorized by the legislature and submitted to voters for approval in a general election. These bonds are used to fund public school and

"...he's proven himself capable of understanding the complexities of the capital outlay process."

Sen. Ben Altamirano, D-Silver City, Senate Finance Committee chairman

higher education capital projects, and are paid for by property tax levies.

Severance tax bonds are used to build, repair and replace public facilities and are backed by taxes imposed on the extraction of natural resources such as coal, oil and gas from land within the state.

"We've got to make an effort to invest capital outlay dollars as wisely as possible especially when federal matching funds are at stake. In certain cases, if the state doesn't provide funding, then some projects won't get that extra push from the federal government they need to be completed," Campos said.

"Also important to the capital outlay process is New Mexico's bond rating. Basically, a bond rating is like a credit rating," he said. "If we have a good bond rating, then we get a lower interest rate when we issue bonds. That means a lower amount of debt overall."

Campos was named chairman of the Capital Outlay Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee.

"I think Senator Campos will do an outstanding job as chair of the subcommittee," said Sen. Ben Altamirano, D-Silver City, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "Through his work on the (full) committee, he's proven himself capable of understanding the complexities of the capital outlay process."

"Throughout his service in

the Senate, Sen. Campos has worked hard to make sure state funds are spent in the most effective and efficient way possible. As chair, he'll work with subcommittee members so capital outlay dollars are also spent in an efficient way for everyone's benefit," said Sen. Joseph A. Fidel, D-Grants, vice chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "Senators Altamirano and Fidel have mentored me through my Senate career. I thank them for this opportunity and want to let them know that I'll continue to rely on their experience," Campos said.

LETTERS POLICY

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

Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and address. The phone number and street or mailing address will not be printed; however, the author's hometown will be included. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

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Letters may be hand-delivered to the *News* office at 104 Park Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso, NM 88345, attention of the editor.

The *News* reserves the right to reject any letter.

Ruidoso Downs retains Hightower with a small cut in salary

BY JAMES KALVELAGE
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso Downs' assistant police chief's salary was set at \$32,000 Monday night, but sparked debate and a vow to review pay levels for other administrative personnel in the village.

New Police Chief Edward Lerma, to be paid \$35,000 annually, told village trustees he was retaining former chief David Hightower as his assistant. "I'm asking you to retain the salary too for assistant chief Hightower," Lerma said. Hightower had been paid \$35,000 as chief before he stepped down late last year; the cut is 9 percent.

"Is the assistant chief going to be a working assistant chief or an administra-

tor?" questioned trustee Ray Hayhurst.

"He will be a working department employee," said Lerma.

As a non-administrative employee, Hightower would be eligible for overtime pay.

"If that's the case, make it a clean playing field," said Nick Herrera, Ruidoso Downs' fire chief. "Make me an hourly employee."

Herrera said when he was hired, he was deemed a classified employee, who had to take a test and a physical. Herrera said Lerma never had those pre-qualifiers.

"There's a big difference in supervisors' pay in different departments," said Don Smith, a member of the village's fire department.

Trustee Jackie Branum

"In that case, make it a clean playing field. Make me an hourly employee."

Nick Herrera,
Ruidoso Downs fire chief

questioned if the council could make the assistant police chief's salary one that included overtime.

"Then David (Hightower) will be a supervisory, salaried employee, with no overtime," said Mayor Joe Hayhurst.

The mayor also said it was time the village review the salaries of administrative personnel.

Mobile home park sought at Redman site

The Village of Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning

Board will hear a request for a commercial property land use change at its regular meeting tonight.

The request seeks to change the land use of the old Redman Club, a restaurant and lounge, to a 17-space mobile home park with an on-site manager. The location of the property is 1575 Wood Lane, in the DiPaolo Sub-division.

This evening's meeting, where citizens may make written or verbal comments, begins at 7 p.m., at the Ruidoso Downs council room.

'Accessibility' fees not refunded to septic user

Sabrina Lundquist, a Ruidoso Downs resident who for 13 years paid a monthly sewer charge without ever hooking up to the village's sewer system has been denied a refund.

Lundquist sought to recover accessibility charges levied by the village on structures that have a sewer line near the property, but are not connected.

In denying the refund Monday evening, the village councilors said they would leave the situation the way it is. Lundquist previously had the monthly charge deleted from subsequent billings. Lundquist uses a septic system.

"My septic works fine, its a three-year-old system." She said connecting to the village's

sewer line would be a costly endeavor, because a lift station would be required.

"If it's within 200 feet of your home, you're accessible," said Dennis Riddle, public works superintendent.

Lundquist had paid an estimated \$1,200 before the billing was eliminated last year.

"There are people who have a sewer line running by their home, and they're not getting charged," said Judy Miller, a trustee.

Mayor Joe Hayhurst said there were only two homeowners he knew of that currently were not being billed, Lundquist and a neighbor.

Miller said if she discovered others who have never paid the charge she would try at a future council meeting to refund Lundquist's payments.

COUNCIL: Opposition to the plan contends the apartments will bring big city problems to the Ruidoso area

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approximately 400 acres the village purchased to construct Grindstone Lake. Proceeds from the sale of the land would be used to extend a sewer line along Resort Drive, allowing possible additional sites for more apartments in the future.

"I also recommend that we go out for an RFP (request for proposals) for Realtor services to sell our R-1 (single family residential) lots in Grindstone," the mayor said.

Ruidoso owns about 20 residential lots in the proposed development area. Revenue from the lot sales would be used to extend sewer lines into the Wingfield Homestead subdivision, where Donaldson said

there are substantial septic system issues.

A number of restrictions would apply to land that the village would sell under the proposal. Among those, housing units would have to remain rental properties for at least 30 years after construction. At least one member of the household would have to be employed in Lincoln County. The total project must have no less than 150 rental units, and at least 90 units in what was described as phase one.

Phase two would require construction begin within 12 months of phase one reaching a 90 percent occupancy rate. Inclusion of a clubhouse facility, a playground and a picnic area with tables and barbecue

standards for the service industry workforce in Ruidoso. The mayor said the plan would enhance the ability to attract a larger base of employees in the service sector's salary range. Donaldson also noted the development could enhance gross receipts tax revenues for Ruidoso, helping to support village services. He added that the plan, which includes moving the parking area at the Grindstone Reservoir, would allow the full storage capabilities of the lake, thus helping to assure adequate water supplies during spring drought conditions.

But several audience members at Tuesday's meeting were

critical of the plan.

"I believe that this idea really stinks," said Tony Seno, with the Libertarian Party. "What you're trying to do is take it out of the hands of the free market."

"All I'm trying to do is set it up for somebody that can meet the needs of providing some decent housing for the people that live and work here," responded Donaldson. He said the free market hasn't worked to meet the affordable housing need of Ruidoso.

Councilor Ron Anderson pointed to the resort village of Aspen, Colo., where he said affordable housing was never developed, and now workers

are transported 45 miles by a new bullet train to supply businesses with employees.

Other negative responses to the plan raised fears that the low- to medium-income apartment concept could end up like "the projects" in bigger cities.

"We're talking about an apartment complex, not the projects," Donaldson said. "This is aimed at people who work."

The mayor said all the village would do is sell the land, and not become a landlord.

"I'm really excited about this concept," said councilor Bill Chance. "It's long past time that we acted on it."

FUNERALS DEATHS

Joanna H. Hurst

A graveside service for Joanna Holloman Hurst, 71, was Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas, with Belinda Windham officiating.

Mrs. Hurst died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James H. Hurst, a long-time employee of Southwestern Bell.

They had resided in Ruidoso from 1981 to 1994, where they were members of the Cree Meadows Country Club.

Survivors include a son, Allen Hurst and his wife, Chris, of Safety Harbor, Fla.; daughters Karen Hurst and her husband, John Chamberlain, Karol Giblin and her husband, S. Michael, all of Houston, Texas; grandchildren Jake Hartzel, Lindsey Hurst, Patrick Hurst and Kent Giblin; siblings Helen Coward of Houston, Roy S. Holloman Jr. of Mebane, N.C., and Nancy Holloman of Topeka, Kan.

day, Jan. 14, 2000, in Albuquerque at Presbyterian Hospital.

She was born March 4, 1946, in El Paso, Texas.

She lived in Mescalero most of her life and a few years in Mexico during her youth.

She was a homemaker, and a nurse in Albuquerque's Bernalillo County Medical Center and in William Beaumont Medical Center in El Paso, Texas, and practiced the tradition and culture of the Indian people. She was fluent in the Apache, English and Spanish languages.

Survivors include her children Orlando Cervantes, James Poncho Jr., Shalimar Poncho, Sheri Poncho, Sonya McCurdy, Matthew Poncho; 15 grandchildren; her mother, Virginia Evans Gaines; her father, Frank Ybarra; brothers Cornel Cervantes, Manuel Cervantes, Jose Cervantes; sisters Rose Mary Saenz, Darlene Gibbs, Maria Martinez, Yolanda Cervantes, Laverne Montoya; uncles Silas Cochise Sr., Samuel Cooper Jr.; and an aunt, Ollie Chino.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Johnny Edgar Carrillo, and granddaughter, Lynnith McCurdy.

She was the great-granddaughter of Cochise, the legendary Apache chief and the great-granddaughter of Naiche, the chief of the Apaches who fought beside Geronimo.

Francesca Cervantes

Funeral services for Francesca Lynnith Gomez Cervantes, 53, of Mescalero, were held at her home in Mescalero and burial was at the cemetery in the traditional Apache burial rites on Jan. 15.

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day, Jan. 14, 2000, in Albuquerque at Presbyterian Hospital.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Tax help from AARP

Low- and middle-income taxpayers in Lincoln County can get some free help in filing their income tax returns the next couple of months.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will provide the free service at five communities around the county, according to Dale Miller, district coordinator for AARP's Tax Aide program.

The Tax Aide volunteers will be at senior citizens centers beginning Feb. 3.

The locations and schedules are:

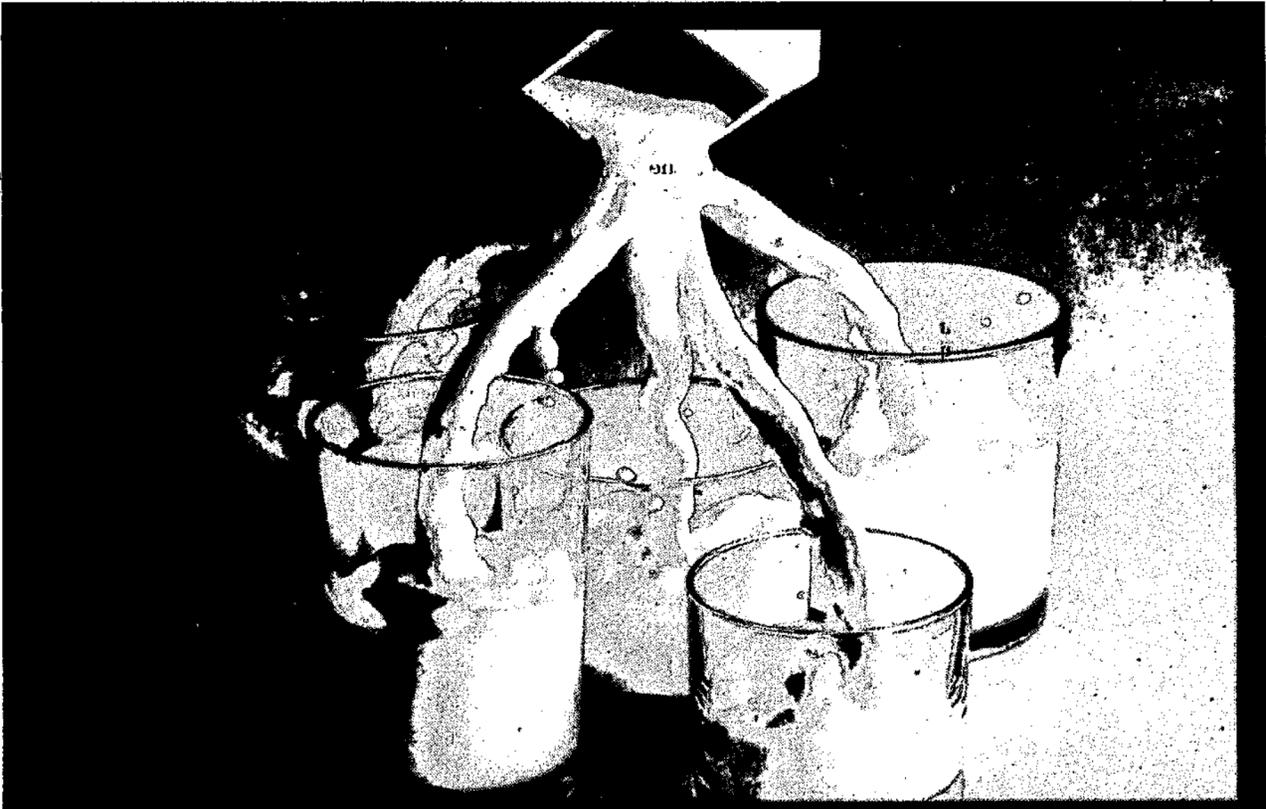
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- Corona Wednesday, Mar. 22, from 1 - 4 p.m.

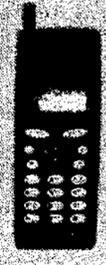
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Capitan, Hondo school patrons to vote tax questions

• Voters in the Capitan and Hondo school districts will decide Feb. 1 whether to approve public school capital improvements taxes, and - in Hondo - a general obligation bond question.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

CAPTAN - Voters here on Feb. 1 will be asked to approve a continuation of the tax levy authorized by the Capital Improvements Act, which has been in place in Capitan since 1979.

"Voters have approved it every three years (since 1979)," said Diana Billingsley, Capitan superintendent of schools. "This provides the district with approximately \$277,867 per year and is based on the taxable value of the property within the school district."

Up until last year, the tax came up for a vote every three years, Billingsley said. If approved this year, it won't come up for another four years. Billingsley said the monies last year were used for software for the library; a stove for the cafeteria kitchen; replacement fire alarms in the elementary school, the high school, Traylor and Cummins gyms and the Vocational Agriculture building; replacement heating systems in the elementary and high schools; purchase of a computer lab for the middle school; students' chairs, desks, cabinets, storage units; and a storage building.

According to a flyer sent to parents, the property tax is \$2 per \$1,000 of net taxable value of the property for the property tax years of 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

"Anyone with questions about the election or the budget can call me or attend a school board meeting and ask about either," Billingsley said.

HONDO - A general obligation bond question is up for voters' approval Feb. 1 in the Hondo Valley School District for \$300,000.

"Every four years the school district by law can have voters choose to issue bonds to help the district in construction needs, and we're requesting that the voters approve the sale of \$300,000 of bonds so we can continue with the five-year facility-improvement plan," said Superintendent of Schools Barbara Casey.

Also up for a vote here is a mill-levy for public school capital improvements that is already in place. Casey said this brings in about \$35,000 per year that the district uses to buy computer software, purchase vehicles, student desks, lockers and small repairs.

"That really helps us because we don't get enough money from the state to cover all the expenses we have," Casey said. "The mill-levy is a little set-aside money to help us with the unexpected."

Casey said if the school district is not bonded to at least 75 percent of its bonded capacity, it isn't eligible to apply for lottery money.

"If we don't pass this election we'll drop below the 75 percent and then it will be a problem," she said.

In the past four years the district has received \$725,317 of lottery money that paid for construction of three new elementary classrooms, a nurse's office, a storage area, and a waste water treatment facility. Casey said renovation of the gym and making a safer entrance into the school this year will come from lottery money. After the bond issue is approved, the school district will do a survey of the community and parents to find out how they want to use the money, she said.

"I panic when I think of what I would do if I didn't have that money," Casey said

ENMU-Ruidoso student art show opens here

The first-time presentation is open to the public and is scheduled to run through Feb. 25

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

When Sandra Davidson first started taking a painting class at Eastern New Mexico University with teacher Judy Pekelsma, she was reserved in her painting style, she said.

Pekelsma's assignment to the students was to study an old master, and Davidson studied the work of Degas.

"I took a look at Degas' painting, which went from real detailed to vibrant colors and kind of blurred," Davidson said. "I started doing that. I started trying to recreate that and found out how his brush strokes set him free at a time he was going blind."

Pekelsma laughs when she says Davidson's style changed dramatically.

"Now she kicks the easel across the room to look at her painting," Pekelsma said.

Susan Ratarman took the same class and studied Monet. Her painting "Light-house on the Point" evolved from that study and is also on exhibit at the art show.

Joyce Hastings describes herself as a "rabid ceramics student." She took Ceramics I and II with Susan Wier-Ancker and Drawing I with Karen Reeder, and has pen and pencil and pen and ink drawings in the show as well as ceramics.

"For our first attempt, I



Susan Ratarman, right, discusses with Inez Flynn her paintings in ENMU's first art show to encompass the entire art program. Ceramics, painting and drawings of all art students last semester were represented at the show.

think it's really nice," Reeder said of the reception Sunday. "There was an interval of time between when classes got out (in December) and the show and some people got busy" and didn't contribute their work to the show.

"We want to build up the art department, gradually add more classes," Reeder added. "There is a big interest in art here. Once our people start taking any classes, they usually end up taking all the classes."

The show is in the studio the Sierra Vista Mall and runs space in the rear of the through Feb. 25. It is open to ENMU-Ruidoso building at the public.

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Hondo at home vs. Lake Arthur, 7:30 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Ruidoso at home vs. Portales (V, IV), 4 p.m.
Hondo at home vs. Lake Arthur, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 28
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso at home vs. Hot Springs (V, IV, II), 4 p.m.
Capitan at home vs. Cloudcroft (V, IV), 4 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
Capitan at home vs. Cloudcroft (V, IV), 4 p.m.
Mescalero vs. Dulce, 7 p.m.

Scoreboard

Thursday, Jan. 20
Prep boys basketball
Hondo 36, Gateway Christian 30
Prep girls basketball
Hondo 47, Gateway Christian 29
Friday, Jan. 21
Prep boys basketball
Ruidoso 84, Lovington 75 (2OT)
Carrizozo 60, Vaughn 58
Loving 53, Mescalero 26
Mountainair def. Corona
Prep girls basketball
Ruidoso 74, Cobre 32
Loving 49, Mescalero 24
Corona def. Mountainair

Saturday, Jan. 22
Prep boys basketball
Capitan 67, Hatch 58
Mountainair 77, Carrizozo 58
Mesilla Valley 91, Mescalero 37
Hondo 74, Corona 50
Prep girls basketball
Silver City 97, Ruidoso 32
Hatch 60, Capitan 31
Carrizozo 52, Mountainair 30
Mesilla Valley 47, Mescalero 31
Corona 51, Hondo 43
Prep wrestling
Ruidoso at St. Michael's Tournament

Pecking order

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through Jan. 25

Team	W	L	Pct.
Alamo Pipe	2	0	1.000
Julian G.	2	0	1.000
Curtis	2	1	.666
Hardwood Thunder	2	1	.666
The Players	2	1	.666
Tulle Bad Boys	2	1	.666
Sierra Blanca Slammers	1	2	.333
Renegades	1	2	.333
Forty Minutes Plus	0	2	.000
Oliver O's	0	2	.000
Brew Crew	0	3	.000

Results from Jan. 23
The Players 60, Hardwood Thunder 48
Renegades 73, The Players 57
Games for Jan. 26
6:30 p.m. - The Players vs. Tulle Bad Boys
7:30 p.m. - Oliver O's vs. Brew Crew
8:30 p.m. - Curtis vs. Hardwood Thunder

Warriors stage double overtime comeback

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

If the Warriors (8-5) keep playing the close games they've been playing all season, coach Billy Page may have a full head of gray hair by the end of the season.

Ruidoso edged No. 8-ranked Lovington 84-75 Saturday in a double overtime game that saw the Wildcats come back from 10 down, and the Warriors scramble to retake the victory.

For Lovington, the key was the fourth quarter. The 'Cats trailed 50-39 going into what should have been the final stanza. With under two minutes left, trailing by seven, they began fouling. The Warriors had trouble making their shots from the line — Ruidoso was 23-of-41 in regulation — and each time the 'Cats got the ball back, they took it down court and scored.

The last three of those shots were 3-pointers — including a desperation shot at the buzzer by sophomore substitute Rusty Hargrove that sent the game into overtime, tied at 70-all.

Ruidoso's key was the second overtime.

Neither side could hit a field goal in the first overtime, and Ruidoso again missed opportunities at the line, going 3-of-8. Lovington was 3-of-6, and that was good enough to continue the

game, tied at 73-73.

But the final four minutes belonged to the Warriors.

Solomon Barnett opened the period with a field goal, then Ruidoso went into the stall. After a time out, Lovington fouled Sean Sebastian, who went 0-for-2. With :40 left and the Warriors up by two, Lovington then made a big mistake: the Wildcats fouled Rowdy Green on their end of the court.

Back at the Warriors' side, Green went 2-for-2 at the charity stripe, then repeated that feat 23 seconds later to seal the 'Cat's fate. Just for good measure, J.R. Floyd added a field goal and free throw with one second left.

Green said anyone could have made the key shots, it was just his turn at the line.

"I feel lucky. Very lucky," he said. "I'm really glad those shots fell. We've got great shooters and their shots are going to fall. It's just a matter of who's shooting them. Any one on this team can make it."

Page said although it didn't look like it, the Warriors had been practicing free throws all week. He was glad Green was at the line when it counted.

"Rowdy is probably the most experienced varsity player we have, coming from Quemado and playing varsity since eighth grade, and I was glad to have him on the line because he was able to put the game away for

us," Page said.

Green also hit a key trio of treys in the first and second quarters. But Page said the victory was truly a team effort.

"Nathan Stanaland came up big for us on the boards down the stretch in the fourth quarter," Page said. "Solomon Barnett caused (Lovington leading scorer Clint Cooper) to foul out. Jason Britt went in for just about two minutes in the game and did an outstanding job, just for the couple of minutes he was in there. That's what we need from people. We need people to step in and do a job for 30 seconds or 32 minutes."

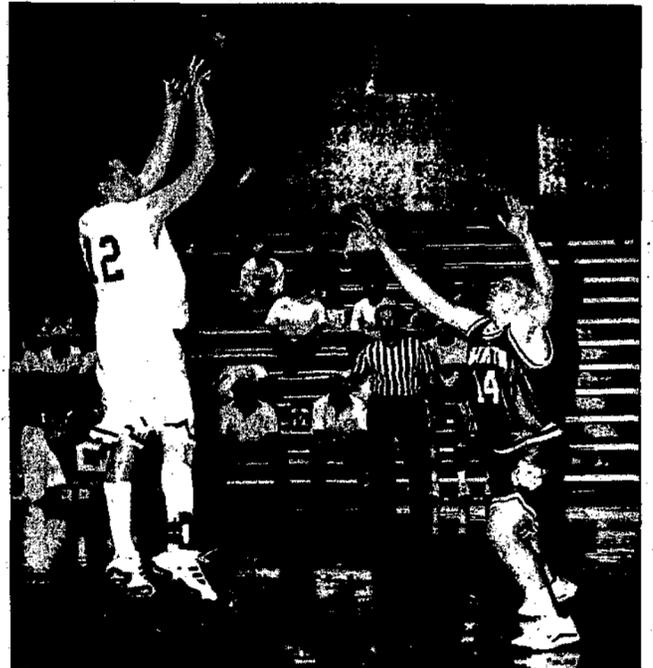
The Warrior defense also held Cooper, who's tied for second in scoring in AAA, to eight points the first half. Cooper picked up after Todd Schrader got in foul trouble, but could have been a much bigger threat.

Ruidoso's scoring was again spread out. Six Warriors tallied double figures: Barnett led the charge with 21. Green had 13, Blank 12, Stanaland 11 and Sebastian and Schrader 10 each.

The win puts the Warriors in good position heading into the opening of district.

"(This win) was extremely important," Green said. "We're coming off three losses on the road, and here at home we really needed a good push to get us into district on a positive note."

"I think we could give every-



Warrior Rowdy Green shoots for two of his 13 points over the head of Wildcat Clay Hardin.

body just about all they want and maybe they some," Page said. "Our kids showed they could stay with it and not get frustrated and not get rattled. We showed a lot of poise and character and kept fighting. You can't ask for more than that."

Lady Warriors 1-1 after district openers

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Warriors (4-10, 1-1) started district play as expected, defeating Cobre Friday then falling to the No. 1-ranked Silver Colts Saturday.

In Bayard, Ruidoso had an easy time of it, winning 74-32.

"That was a good game," said coach Jim Varnadore. "We played very well."

The Warriors jumped out to a 19-3 first-quarter lead and never looked back. Scoring was spread out among a lot of players, led by Amanda Fleck with 14 points and Carrier Sarah with 10. Mindy Brunell, Sarah Fromknet and Elena Aguilar had nine each, and Crystal Rojas eight.

"We substituted a lot of people and they stayed fresh and just kept doing real well," Varnadore said. "I was real proud of them."

Saturday, the Colts showed why they're ranked No. 1, crushing the Warriors 97-32.

"We got smashed," Varnadore said. "That's what we

were expecting, but not quite as bad as we got beat."

Varnadore had nothing but praise for the Fighting Colts.

"They're the No. 1 team in the state and they proved it," he said. "They're very good and have a strong senior team and they're going to do well this year."

But he also credited the Warriors with not getting down. In past games, Ruidoso would have trouble coming back if they trailed substantially. But not Saturday.

"We played really well for about 10 minutes and we played very well at end of game," he said. "So I don't think it's going to be a problem of them being down. I think they realize (Silver was) a good team and we're going to run into those every once in a while."

With one district win under their belts, Varnadore thinks the Warriors are ready for the rest of 3AAA.

"We're all pretty well the same," he said. "Whoever has a good game is going to win it."

Matmen get taste of state competition

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso's wrestlers got a big taste of what the state tournament might be like in Santa Fe Friday and Saturday, and it will be tough.

The Warriors finished 12th of 18 teams, with three wrestlers finishing fifth.

"It was an extremely tough meet," said coach Jerrett Perry. "That's the state tournament right there. We really should have placed higher than we did, but I think if we keep on working hard the way we've been working, we will place in the top eight."

There were some team surprises.

To no one's surprise, Aztec took the title, but district foe Silver finished fifth and Cobre sixth.

"One big surprise was Silver City," Perry said. "They've really done a lot of good things."

Cobre, which for years has finished second to Aztec, was down a bit because of illness.

"You sure can't exclude Cobre," Perry said. "They definitely will be ready for the state tournament."

Perry also felt several teams that finished ahead of the Warriors did so because of chance.

"A couple of teams that placed ahead of us that had some really lucky draws — Tucumcari, West Las Vegas — and they won their first round," he said. "When you win your first round, that enabled you to go on a little bit better in the tournament. I think we did extremely well considering who we wrestled and I think if we continue to do this we will place a lot higher in the state tournament."

The three Warriors who finished fifth were Grant Brumlow, 160, Keith Bassett, 215, and heavyweight Patrick Hodges. Bassett, a senior, said the team was a little tired, and that might have contributed to the lower-than-expected finish.

"We had a really hard week of practice," he said. "We'd been lifting weights hard all week. Everybody was kind of fatigued during the whole thing. That was kind of a disadvantage."

"I have intensified practice times 100, and everything revolves totally around the state tournament from here on out," Perry agreed. The

idea is to make sure the team is ready come state tournament weekend.

"This was just the first time we've done it all in the same week, so, I guess maybe later on, our bodies will be more accustomed to it, we'll be more used to it," Bassett said.

Perry said both Bassett and Brumlow made some "fundamental, little mistakes," that cost them a higher finish in the tournament, but he's expecting them, Hodges and semifinalists Thatcher Hampton, 189, and Shawn Gurule, 103, to place at state.

"We have some good boys and we're going to strive to be the best," Perry said. "I think we're going to be very competitive in district and bite some people in the butt."

Ruidoso's records at the St. Michael's Tournament were: 103, Shawn Gurule, 112, Jeremy Pritchett, 0-2; 2-2; 119, Justin Gray, 0-2; 125, David McNally, 0-2; 135, Cade Hall, 1-2; 130, Royce McMillion, 2-2; 140, Casey Arnett, 2-2; 145, Dusty Justus, 0-2; 150, Tanner McGarvey, 0-2; 162, Grant Brumlow, 2-1; 171, Luke Bates, 0-2; 189, Thatcher Hampton, 0-2; 215, Keith Bassett, 2-2; Hwt, Patrick Hodges, 2-2.

Grizzly boys split in district 3A

Carrizozo girls stay on winning track

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Grizzly girls continued to dominate their district,

winning 52-30 over Mountainair Saturday, while the boys split a pair of 3A games.

The Grizzlies (8-7, 1-2) started the weekend with a close 60-58 victory over the Vaughn Eagles.

"We were lucky to get out with our lives," said coach Mel Holland. "They're going to

surprise some people. They're capable of beating anybody in our district. They just had some tough breaks."

The game was back and forth throughout, with 'Zozo winning with a shot in the last seven seconds of the game.

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Mescalero starts slow in district

BY WENDY WIDENER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

MESCALERO — The Loving Lady Falcons weren't so loving towards Mescalero (4-10, 0-2) on the hardwood Friday as they beat the Lady Chiefs 24-49.

Mescalero's Sasha Aragon tried to keep her team up and running with her constant fouls and attempts at the basket and Deena Dolan pulled some hope out of the air as she scored a few points off of the glass. But despite the Chiefs' efforts, they could not shake the Falcon lead.

With the scoreboard reading 31-14 Loving at half time, the boys shot around in preparation for their game, while the girls strategized their plan of attack.

Loving started the third period with possession of the ball. Mescalero soon stole it away as the No. 6-ranked Lady Falcons watched Aragon make a clear shot in the bucket. But that was one of the few balls

Mescalero could get into the hoop.

Although Lady Chiefs fought to the end, the Falcons' offense had the ball so frequently that Mescalero could not get hold of the ball to score.

Now the Falcons only have to defeat Lake Arthur and Hagerman to win district. Loving coach Gary Carroasco said, "We play Lake Arthur on Thursday and we hope to come out on top. We beat them last year so this year we hope to play even better."

Saturday, the Lady Chiefs lost to Mesilla Valley, falling 47-31.

In both games, Mescalero continued to have problems finding the net.

"We played great defense. We just couldn't score," said coach Rol Bradford. Against Loving, he said, "It boiled down to they put a press on and we didn't handle the press well."

He was more upset with the loss to the Blazers.

"Talented, we should have been right with them," Bradford said. "We really shot terrible there, even worse than our normal."

After a team meeting Monday, the question for the Lady Chiefs is if they can get their confidence together and begin playing as solid offensively as they do on defense.

Loving 53, Mescalero 26
The Loving boys didn't do so shabby either, topping the Chiefs (3-13, 0-2) 53-26. The Falcons scored the first points, setting the precedent for the rest of the game.

Loving's coaches appeared not too confident as the Falcons called the first time out at 6:47 in the first period with the scoreboard reading 4-2 Mescalero. But the huddle of players obviously motivated the Falcons, as point after point sailed through the hoop following the break.

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Lady Cardinals surprise Eagles at Hondo

Hondo boys earn second district win

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Bad luck seems to be plaguing the Lady Eagles (10-8, 1-1) this season, and Saturday it continued.

Five minutes into the game against Corona (9-5, 2-1), junior sparkplug Christella Acosta went down with a strained ankle, demoralizing the team.

"They just fell apart after that. We had a total mental breakdown," said coach Julie Montoya.

That breakdown gave the Cardinals a 51-43 victory, despite the fact coach Travis Lightfoot said his team didn't play to their potential.

"We played OK. I don't think we played the best we were capable," he said. "We looked sluggish and slow footed."

Corona led 8-6 after the first quarter, then pulled ahead 22-18 at the half. Hondo came back in the final stanza, but it

was too late to overcome the Cardinal lead.

Acosta's injury was diagnosed as only a sprain, and she should be back by Feb. 4 when the two teams again meet. Montoya said the Eagles remain confident despite the season's string of setbacks.

Friday, Corona edged Mountainair for the Cardinals first district win, but Lightfoot still wasn't pleased.

"We looked a lot fresher but we didn't execute well," he

See CORONA, page 2B

Tigers split with Hatch Valley

BY KAREN BOEHLER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CAPITAN — Capitan's Tigers (3-13) may not be ready for the state tournament, but they're proving they can win. The Tigers defeated Hatch Valley 67-58 Saturday in a wild free-for-all, earning their third victory of the season.

"Terrific game," said coach Royce Brown. "We're doing a lot better as a team. Everybody's starting to accept their role whether it's to be a defender or to score or to just give us some energy off the bench or whatever it is."

Everybody seemed to play well Saturday. Both sides had the lead at one point or another throughout the first half, but Hatch led at the end of the first two quarters.

Truman Armstrong opened the second half with two of his 15 points to give the Tigers a lead they would hold for all but a brief time late in the third quarter. Armstrong again gave the Tigers the lead, this time for good, late in the third.

The game was marred by a slight flare of tempers on the floor, and three technicals to the Bears. Kenny Stahl was 5-for-6 shooting those 15 for Capitan.

The Tigers lost to Hatch earlier in the season, and Brown was pleased with how his squad handled the Bears' big men, 6-5 Luke Hackey and 6-4 Mike Hall.

"We were able to get some foul trouble on them and that definitely helped us," he said. "When you've got a one-two punch like that, you've got to come up with some stuff and just let your kids believe. If they believe, they'll get after them and make up for size."



Tiger James Robinson, No. 3, looks for someplace to throw the ball while a crowd of Hatch Valley Bears moves in.

Stahl led the Tiger scoring with 17 points. Anthony Garcia tallied 16.

The Tigers open district Friday at home against Cloudcroft, and while Brown isn't making any grand predictions for his squad, he thinks they'll be ready.

"I'd put us No. 4," he said. "We're only 3-13, but we're playing hard and we come to play every night."

Hatch Valley 60, Capitan 31
The news was not as good for the Lady Tigers.

Facing the No. 6-ranked Lady Bears (13-3), Capitan (3-10) fell 60-31. After a week's lay-off, the Tigers looked not quite ready to play.

"We were rusty quite a bit," coach Bryan Massé said. "We played well in spurts, but we got down on ourselves and made too many mistakes on their press."

One of those good spurts was early in the second quarter, when Capitan pulled within three, but after that the game belonged to the Bears. Massé said the Tigers tried too hard

and weren't being patient enough.

Bear coach Alicia Trujillo said her team really wanted a win after getting only their third loss of the season Friday.

"It was a nice reality check for us to lose, and we needed to come back and play well, and we did," she said.

Lindsay Bush got back on the floor for the first time since she injured her knee at Carrizozo, and although she played sparingly, she led the Tigers with 12 points. Jamie Hinojos was on fire for Hatch, hitting three treys.

The Lady Tigers have a tough week ahead of them. They were scheduled to open district Tuesday at home against Tularosa, then face Cloudcroft Friday and No. 1-ranked Texaco Saturday in a non-district matchup.

"I think the girls will get ready for district," Massé said. "We're going to try to use these games to get in shape a lot and hopefully fine tune it for district."

CORONA: Hondo boys top Cardinals

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said. "We played decent. We still beat them by 12 or 13 points, but I feel we didn't play how we should play this time of the year. We didn't do little things. Our rebounding, defensive rotation, things like that we didn't do what should be second nature to us at this point of the season."

Lightfoot said for the Cardinals to finish near the top of 3A, they're going to have to put everything together.

"We came out fired up and ready to play against Mountainair and we came away with a win. Against Hondo we were sluggish but we executed well. If we could tie those two things together, who knows how we'll play down the stretch."

Hondo 47, Gateway 29
Thursday, the Lady Eagles got some practice in against Gateway Christian, winning 47-29 in a non-district matchup.

Everyone got to play in what Montoya called "a relaxing game" in which the Eagles "just kind of had fun."

Montoya said the Eagles "got stale" the second quarter, but scored in double figures the rest of the game, and did much better rebounding, especially improving their boxing out.

Randi Gomez topped the

scoring with 18 points and Chriselda Acosta had 11.

"They did good," Montoya said. "The intensity wasn't there, but that was to be expected. We were more focusing on Corona than (Gateway)."

Boys
The Eagles (9-6, 2-1) got back on track with a 74-50 victory over the Cardinals (2-11, 0-3) Saturday.

"It was a much better played ball game all around, from start to finish," said Hondo coach Paul Qualls. "They played better defense, ran the offense better. Did a lot of things we've been trying to do all year. If we can finish off the season going in that direction, we'll end up pretty good."

Hondo never trailed — the Eagles led 18-9, 38-23 and 54-40 — but the small-in-numbers Cardinal squad never gave up.

"They are a very hard playing group of kids," Qualls said of the seven-man squad. "They will not quit. They go with everything they've got. They make it tough on you."

Eagle Jerome Greer led all scorers with 24 points, while Cardinal Albert Sanchez was close behind with 18.

"(Sanchez) gives everything. Absolutely everything," Qualls said. "He challenges everybody."

Manny Lopez tallied 14 points and Ricky Lopez 11 for

the Eagles, while Brandon Biebel was the other Cardinal in double figures with 12.

Sophomore Carlos Miranda picked up eight points for the Eagles, something Qualls was pleased with, and freshman Adan Lerma had seven.

The district loss was the second in two days for Corona, who fell to Mountainair Friday.

Hondo 36, Gateway 30

The Eagles should have had an easy game Thursday against Gateway Christian, but instead struggled until the final minutes, finally winning 36-30 in a game in which no one could score.

"It was not a very pretty game," Qualls said. "For some reason, Gateway comes prepared to beat Hondo."

Barely holding on to a one-point lead through most of the game, Hondo finally went up by five then went into the stall.

"That was part of our game plan," Qualls said. "I wanted to work on stall. I wanted to work on all facets of the game to get us ready for that in district or whenever it comes."

Qualls said the results were excellent, and gave his players confidence they might need down the road.

The low scoring game saw no one in double figures. Manny Lopez and Ricky Lopez were tops with seven points apiece.

CHIEFS: Mescalero falls to district foes

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Mescalero's 6-3 Joaquin McCurdy tried to keep his team in the running with constant points off the glass and rebounds from attempted shots. Chief Phillip Pike didn't just stand around either, sailing through the Falcons for

several layups. At halftime, the Falcons led 38-19, but that didn't deter the Chiefs from keeping up the pressure.

The last 10 seconds of the game consisted of running from one side of the court to the other without much scoring. The home section

screamed every time the Chiefs got possession of the ball, but even with the rabid support of their fans, the Chiefs could not catch up with the ever-scoring Falcons.

The results weren't any better Saturday, as Mesilla Valley pounded the Chiefs 91-37.

GRIZZLIES: Ladies take another victory

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"We made the play when it counted at the end," Holland said. "They're young, too, and we had a little more experience. Our experienced players came through with a big play."

At home Saturday, the tables were turned as Mountainair took a 77-58 win.

"They kicked our butts," Holland said. "I was very impressed with them. They were disciplined and well coached and I think they're the tough dog in the district."

The Mustangs led 22-12

after one quarter, 38-20 at the half and 59-30 after three. Only a solid final stanza kept the Grizzlies in the game.

"We had to play better in the second half just to be able to hold our heads up," Holland said.

Brandon Langley was the only Grizzly in double figures with 11 points.

On the other side of the card Saturday, the Lady Grizzlies (11-3, 2-0) took an easy 52-30 win over the Mustangs.

Christa Francke led the scoring with 15 points while Renee Rael had 12 and

Brooke Holland 11. "We didn't play that bad," coach Holland said. "We got to let everybody play."

For the Lady Grizzlies, the question now is not will they win the district, but are they ready for the tougher competition in the regionals.

"Who knows? We hope we are," Holland said, noting that even district is still not settled. "We've still got to go on the road with some of these people. You don't ever take your opponents lightly. Anybody can beat you on a given night."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Capitan Playgroup
10 a.m. at Capitan School Administration Building. For toddlers and preschoolers. Sponsored by Lincoln County Parents as Teachers. 257-3157.

Beltone Hearing Aid Service
11:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. Call 257-4565 for more information.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Pre-School Story Hour
2-3 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). 258-3704.

Internet Training
6-7:30 p.m. at the Capitan Public Library, 106 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan. Please call to reserve a space. (505) 354-3035.

Seniors Financial Aid Workshop
6:30 p.m. at Carrizozo High School. Call Vince Pawloski at 648-2346 for more information.

Senior Citizen Transportation Services
Doctor's appointments. 257-4565.

Thursday, Jan. 27

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Pre-School Story Hour
10-11 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). 258-3704.

Pre-School Story Time
11 a.m.-noon at the Capitan Public Library. Pre-schoolers and their parents/care givers all welcome! 354-3035.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program

Noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Quilt Club
1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Movie Time
3:30-5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). 258-3704.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group
6:30 p.m. at Gabe's, 1214 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso. A no-host dinner with guest speaker Dr. Brown to follow.

Bingo
6:30-10 p.m. at the Capitan Chamber of Commerce, 103 West 2nd. 354-2273.

Senior Citizen Transportation Services
Call 257-4565 for more information.

League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Meeting
7 p.m. at the Texas-New Mexico Power Bldg. For more information, call Leo Martinez at 258-2212.

Board of Education Public Meeting
7 p.m. at Ruidoso Middle School Gym to provide the Ruidoso Board of Education with information as they consider a uniformly dressed program for the 2000-2001 school year.

Friday, Jan. 28

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Carrizozo Playgroup
9:30 a.m. at Ms. Goad's Room. Sponsored by Lincoln County Parents as Teachers. 257-3157.

Ruidoso Playgroup
11:30 a.m. at NHECC. Sponsored by Lincoln County Parents as Teachers.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Senior Citizen Transportation Services
Doctor's appointments. 257-4565.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Board of Education Public Meeting
10 a.m. at Ruidoso Middle School Gym to provide the Ruidoso Board of Education with information as they consider a uniformly dressed program for the 2000-2001 school year.

English as a Second Language Tutor Training
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Feb. 12 at ENMU-Ruidoso. Work one-on-one with a student to help improve his or her English literacy skills. Call Betsy Hambrick, LMSW, at 630-8181 or 800-934-3668.

Duplicate Bridge
1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizen Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Elite Synchronop Jazz Ensemble
8 p.m. at the Spencer Theater. Call 336-4142 for more information.

Ruidoso Bowling Center
Saturday nights "Rock 'n Bowl" at 1202 Mechem Drive, 258-3557.

Sunday, Jan. 30

[No events to report.]

Monday, Jan. 31

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Red Cross Class - Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation and Community First Aid
5:30-10 p.m. at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce board room, 720 Sudderth. For fee information or to register, call 257-7579. The Red Cross Service Center office is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Senior Citizen Transportation Services
Doctor's appointments. 257-4565.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Duplicate Bridge
1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizen Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Mom's Night Out
6:30 p.m. at Cattle Baron restaurant. Monthly get together for professional women with young children who have chosen to work part-time or to be stay-at-home moms. Call Betsy Hambrick at 648-5501.

Chautauqua
7 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Performance by Don Perkins. Call 378-4142 for more information.

Senior Citizen Transportation Services
Call 257-4565 for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Blood Pressure Clinic
8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. 257-4565.

Capitan Playgroup
10 a.m. at Capitan School Administration Building. For toddlers and preschoolers. Sponsored by Lincoln County Parents as Teachers. 257-3157.

Beltone Hearing Aid Service
11:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. Call 257-4565 for more information.

Meals on Wheels Senior Food Program
Noon at the Zia Senior Center, Ruidoso Downs, in the dining hall. For the Ruidoso area. 378-4659.

Pre-School Story Hour
2-3 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Li-

brary, 107 Kansas City Rd. (next to the Village Hall). 258-3704.

Internet Training
6-7:30 p.m. at the Capitan Public Library, 106 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan. Please call to reserve a space. (505) 354-3035.

Senior Citizen Transportation Services
Doctor's appointments. 257-4565.

Ruidoso Book Review and Discussion Group
10 a.m. at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. Margaret Pugh will review TARA ROAD, by Maeve Binchy.

All Fired Up Ceramics and Art
Classes and demonstrations ongoing for all ages. Call for info 257-9014 or stop in at the Timbers Mall.

Aspen Leaf School of Dance
A non-profit parent's organization and formerly Randal Graham School of Dance. The school offers quality dance classes from creative/pre-ballet to advanced ballet, adult ballet classes, belly dancing and boys' tap classes. Registration is on-going. 336-4896 or 354-9109.

Bridge's Fiber Guild
11 a.m.-1 p.m. at La Placita next to the tower in Lincoln. A brown-bag meeting for fiber artists, the first Wednesday of each month. All fiber artists are invited; weavers, spinners, dyers, quilters, knitters. For more information call Ralph or Rosalie Dunlap, 653-4047.

Buddies Stables
Open Monday - Friday by reservation only, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. 258-4027.

Capitan Public Library
106 S. Lincoln Ave. Free registration. Open Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Info and renew by phone (505) 354-3035.

* Spanish workstation available to the public. Write and learn in Spanish!

* Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting on 2nd Thursday of each

month at 6:30 in the Library. Public is welcome to attend.

Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico

Is currently accepting applications for its weatherization program for low income, elderly, and disabled residents. If you are interested, you may get an application by writing to Weatherization Assistance Program, R.O. Drawer 2227, Roswell, NM 88202-2227 or by calling 1-800-624-1660.

Ruidoso Public Library

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

* Friends of the Library Book Shoppe are open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Sierra Cinema

721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444, "The Hurricane," "Girl Interrupted," and "Ary Given Sunday." Call the theater for show times and ratings. (These listings are good through Jan. 27.)

Class Reunions

Parkland High School Classes of 1964-1974

Looking for alumni for class reunion to be held the weekend of July 28-30 at the Marriott Hotel in El Paso, Texas. Call Taylor Reunion Services at 800-677-7800 or send E-mail to reunions@taylorpub.com to update addresses and phone numbers.

The deadline for What's Happening, clubs and church listings is at noon Friday.

CALL US
 Education writer Sandy Suggitt
 Phone: 505-257-4001

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Literacy in the new millennium

One in four Lincoln County residents do not fit the literacy description defined by Congress in the National Literacy Act of 1991: "an individual's ability to read, write and speak in English, and compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society, to achieve one's goals and develop one's knowledge and potential."

Functionally illiterate, one in four in Lincoln County are unable to fill out a job application, help with their children's homework, or understand written medical information. The Lincoln County Literacy Council strives to address this need through its volunteer tutor program.

Betsy Hambrick, a licensed master social worker, at the Lincoln County Literacy Council, says the council is an educational non-profit organization that provides volunteer tutors who work with individuals or small groups to help them improve their ability to speak, read and write in English.

There is a great need for English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors in this area, she said. Tutors do not need to know Spanish or have a teaching background. All they need to do is donate as little as two hours a week to a student wanting to improve literacy skills. There will be an English as a Second Language tutor training session in Ruidoso Jan. 29 and Feb. 12. All training sessions and materials are free.

For more information or to register for the training, call Hambrick at 680-8181 or (800) 934-3668.

Teachers invited to rocket workshop

ALAMOGORDO — The Space Center's Education Department will host its annual

al Rocketry Workshop for educators Feb. 18-19.

This overnight "camp-in" workshop will teach participants the principles of model rocketry, offer them classroom activities, provide tips for hosting a rocket launch, and teach them rocket safety.

All lessons provided during the workshop will include the accompanying state standards and benchmarks that apply. The workshop begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, in the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building.

A full night's worth of activities and lessons will culminate in an overnight stay in the International Space Hall of Fame, complete with snacks and a special screening of "Apollo 13" on Gallery 4A.

On Sat., Feb. 19, workshop participants will awaken to a continental breakfast and then begin the preparations for launching their rockets at 9:30 a.m. The workshop is expected to conclude at 11 a.m.

Registration fees for the workshop are \$45 per person. Formal educators (classroom teachers) as well as informal educators (parent volunteers, scout leaders, etc.) are welcome to attend. To register for the Space Center Rocketry Teacher Workshop, or for more information, call the Education Department at (505) 437-2840.

Student honors given

Cory Hood, son of William and Patsy Hood of Ruidoso, was named to the President's List at Culver-Stockton College of Canton, Mo., for the 1999 fall semester.

President's List students earned a 4.0 grade point average and were enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours.

Culver-Stockton College, located in Canton, Mo., offers a career-oriented education in a liberal arts setting. It is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan

Wednesday, Jan. 26 — Breakfast: Omelet, toast, juice or fruit

Lunch: Stir fry, rice, fruit, cookies

Thursday, Jan. 27 — Breakfast: Toast, jelly, cereal, juice or fruit

Lunch: Red enchiladas, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, garnish, crackers

Friday, Jan. 28 — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice or fruit

Lunch: Chicken burger, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles

Monday, Jan. 31 — Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy

Lunch: Biscuits, gravy, jelly, juice or fruit

Tuesday, Feb. 1 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, cereal, juice or fruit and milk

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, veggie sticks and fruit

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Sierra Vista Primary, White Mountain Elementary, White Mountain Intermediate

Wednesday, Jan. 26 — Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers

Lunch: Mini corn dogs, green beans, fruit, salad

Thursday, Jan. 27 — Breakfast: Frosted strawberry pop tart, graham crackers

Lunch: Barbecued beef on a bun, potato

Friday, Jan. 28 — Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers

Lunch: Taco Bell tostada chips, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Monday, Jan. 31 — Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers

Lunch: Corn dog, green beans, fruit, salad

Tuesday, Feb. 1 — Breakfast: Frosted strawberry pop tart, graham crackers

Lunch: Italian dunkers

with meat sauce, green beans, fruit and salad

Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, Jan. 26 — Breakfast: French toast strips, fruit, milk

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, wheat rolls, fruit

Thursday, Jan. 27 — Breakfast: Lemon fryable turnover, fruit, milk

Lunch: Beef vegetable soup, crackers, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Friday, Jan. 28 — Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, crackers, fruit

Monday, Jan. 31 — Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Chef salad with ham and cheese, crackers, ranch dressing, fruit

Tuesday, Feb. 1 — Unavailable

Ruidoso High School

Wednesday, Jan. 26 — Breakfast: French toast strips, fruit, milk

Lunch: Sloppy Joe on a bun, corn, lettuce and pickle, fruit

Thursday, Jan. 27 — Breakfast: Lemon fryable turnover, fruit, milk

Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Friday, Jan. 28 — Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, wheat rolls, fruit

Monday, Jan. 31 — Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit

Lunch: Baked potato with chili and cheese, lettuce and tomato, fruit

Tuesday, Feb. 1 — Unavailable



Pictured here are some of the students in the new heavy equipment operator's training course, and some of the equipment. From left: Sergio Guerrero, Daniel Montes, Valentino Orosco, Walter Crain, Abram Bier and Jason White.

Learning to run

THE BIG ONES

Multiple agencies team up to reduce unemployment by training people to become heavy equipment operators

BY SANDY SUGGITT
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Seven students had their first heavy equipment operator class Jan. 18, and their instructor is looking for a local project to give them hands-on experience.

Registration continues through today (Jan. 26) for the new course, conceived by Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) and coordinated with Region IX Educational Cooperative and the New Mexico State Highway Department, said Jim Miller, director of the ENMU-Ruidoso Instructional Center.

Originally the course was to be 16 weeks of mornings each semester at the highway department site in Capitan, for a one-year program. However, they were unable to start in the fall semester, and so it will be compressed into one semester, which will include afternoons.

Monday, Thursday and Friday, the students will receive heavy equipment or technician classes, Tuesday morning they will study technical communications, and Wednesday morning, technical math.

One of the students at the first class is a Ruidoso High School student; while the others are either regular college students or people coming to the class from New Mexico Works or Region IX. Those who complete the course and successfully pass exams will receive 11 college credit hours, said Gary Cozzens, School-to-Careers coordinator for Region IX.

"You guys are really lucky," Cozzens told the class. "You have an advantage nobody else has, and I know if you complete this and apply what you learn, you won't be the ones with the stop and slow sign."

Experienced instructor

Bill Moyers, the heavy equipment instructor, brings to the class a lifetime as general engineer and contractor in construction in California. The Ruidoso Downs resident heard about the program by reading about it in the newspaper, and then he talked to Miller about teaching it.

"I was tired of sitting around," Moyers said, explaining why he sought the position when he was retired. "When you get my age, you've got to find something to do to keep busy."

Moyers and his wife moved from California about three years ago, and their daughter and son live in the area.

Moyers, who worked as a contractor for over 45 years and taught a class for operating engineers in California, said he is looking for a local project to give students hands-on experience.

"Maybe just a driveway to set up the grade and grade it," he said.



School to Careers coordinator Gary Cozzens explains the heavy equipment operator training to students on the first day of class, while instructor Bill Moyers, right, stands by. Students shown, from left, clockwise: Walter Crain, Daniel Montes, Sergio Guerrero, Jason White, and Abram Bier in front.

The short semester is going to be a problem, Moyers said, but he thinks the program will give the students valuable experience in construction and will let them know what contractors and employers are looking for.

"I would like to see it extended to a whole year and the point where you can teach the people a little more," he said. "The more they learn, the better chance they'll have."

Miller, though, said he would like to see it continue to be compressed into one semester "so people will get the training and on the job faster. ... (these students) will be ready for the job market by mid-May," he said.

Hands-on learning

Eddie Sedillo, supervisor for the state Highway Department yard in Capitan, said students would be operating a loader, stockpiling materials, learning how to load and unload a dump truck. They will also learn to operate a rotary broom and a 600-gallon oil distributor.

"It's good to have more workers coming into the department," Sedillo said. "We have plenty of work; we just need more manpower."

Sedillo said the course will be beneficial to the students looking at a future in the highway department, and once hired, they would be sent to the academy in Roswell. There they will have an opportunity to practice operating the highway equipment in a larger yard and to review, with five or six instructors, what they will have learned in this course.

"Once they have permanent status, they have a chance of being promoted," Sedillo said. "They can ask to be transferred after a year ... into construction

or surveying, where they'll earn more money."

Starting hourly wages are \$7.91 the first year, he said, and \$8.39 the second, plus the 3-4 percent raise the legislature gives the department each year. Those transferring to construction or surveying may earn more.

The advantage of this 11-credit course, Sedillo said, is in gaining the knowledge of how the highway department operates and what it has to offer. Although he schedules the work biweekly, things come up, adding unpredictability. Snow requires snow removal and "blade-patching," or road grading, and accidents may require fence and sign maintenance and lending assistance for traffic control.

What students think of it

Creighton Corona, of Corona, said he has a job waiting for him in Vaughn when he gets through the course.

Jason White said he took the course because he wants to learn heavy equipment operation.

"I'm too old to be in the ditch," said Walter Crain of Capitan. "I've been in there with a shovel. I want the bigger shovel."

Abram Beer, a Ruidoso High School student from Nogal, said he likes driving trucks and wants to learn to drive the big ones.

Valentino Orosco from Alto said he's in the class to "better my skills and better my opportunity in working for the highway department."

Daniel Montes from Ruidoso Downs said he already has some experience with a backhoe and took the class to get a better education. "I've been waiting for this all my life," he said.

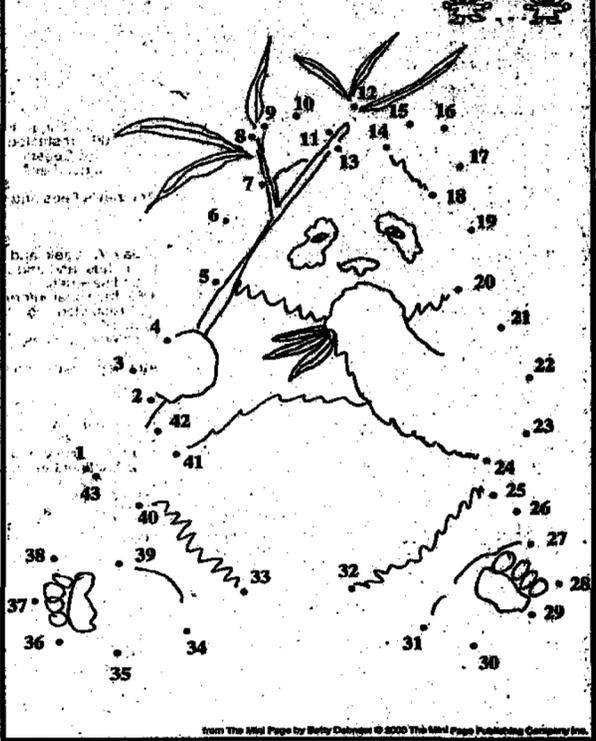
Especially for kids and their families

The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

The Mini Page Book of States is packed with helpful information on every state, including: birds, flowers, trees, industry and crops, geographical and historical facts, and more. An order card check or money order for \$4.95 plus \$1.50 postage and handling per copy, payable to Andrews McMeel Publishing, P.O. Box 418242, Kansas City, Mo. 64141.

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An Endangered Animal The Precious Panda

Last August a very special baby was born at the World-Famous San Diego Zoo. Hua Mei (hwa may) is the first giant panda born outside China in 10 years. She is also the first giant panda born in the U.S. to survive.

Her parents, mother Bai Yun and father Shi Shi, are on loan from China and live at the zoo.

Endangered pandas

Scientists believe there are only about 1,000 pandas living in the wild. But they fear there may not be even that many. The number is based on information that is about 15 years old.

Pandas live naturally only in central China. Since the last panda survey in the 1980s, their habitat has continued to disappear.

Even 1,000 pandas are too few for survival. When any species has such a small population, there is danger that some disaster such as disease will wipe out every one of them.

As people destroy forest areas for farms and homes, panda groups are isolated from one another. They now live in six small, unconnected forest areas. Pandas in one place cannot reach another area, so they cannot get together to mate.



The photo at the left shows the baby at 45 days old. She only weighed about 6 pounds. She was not named until 67 days later, because of the Chinese belief that it is unlucky to name babies until they are at least 100 days old. Hua Mei has more than one meaning. It can mean "China USA," or "Magnificent Beauty."



This photo above was taken when Hua Mei was about 4 months old and weighed 12 pounds.

Only bamboo will do

Pandas can eat some small animals, fish, irises and crocuses. But 95 to 99 percent of their diet is bamboo, a tall grass.

If bamboo is wiped out, pandas will die. There is no food they can live on instead.

After a bamboo plant produces seeds, it dies. It can take 10 to 15 years for the new seeds to grow into plants big enough to provide food for pandas.

In the past, when one type of bamboo was growing, pandas could eat

another type. In the wild they can choose from 25 varieties.

Today so much of their habitat has been destroyed, pandas may no longer be able to find an area with bamboo that has grown big enough to eat.

In the 1980s, more than 100 pandas starved to death in China because one type of bamboo died out. There was not enough of a different type for the pandas to eat.

Pandas need from 20 to 40 pounds of bamboo each day. They spend 10 to 16 hours a day feeding, and most of the rest sleeping.



MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter C. The letter C makes two sounds. One of them is the same sound made by the letter S. You hear this sound when C is followed by I, E and Y. You will hear the S sound of C in the boldface words below.

Q: What goes 99 blank, 99 blank, 99 blank?
A: A centipede with a broken leg!

Angie: Where are we going to eat?
Alan: Let's eat up the street.
Angie: Let's not —
I don't like cement!

Go on a C word hunt. What other words can you find beginning with the letter C? What sounds do you hear?

Q: Why is it freezing in the circus tent?
A: There's a fat in every one's head!

BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S PANDAS TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of pandas are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: GIANT, BABY, SURVIVE, ENDANGERED, CHINA, EAT, MOUNTAINS, BAMBOO, SLEEP, BEAR, ZOOS, PAW, WILD, THUMB, FOOD, CUTE, ANIMAL, MAGNIFICENT, BEAUTY.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting a panda at the zoo. See if you can find:

- number 3
- pig's head
- bird
- dragon
- word MINI
- question mark
- umbrella
- rolling pin
- peanut
- heart
- bandage
- dog's head
- saw
- pencil

• fish • exclamation mark

Giant Pandas

Panda land

At one time, pandas lived on the plains of China. As more and more people built there, pandas were pushed into the mountains.

Today people are building on and farming more of the mountain land. They are cutting down trees that give needed shade to bamboo. Poachers are killing pandas.

The Chinese government is making a new survey of pandas, trying to find out how many are still living in the wild. They are using satellites to learn how much habitat remains. The studies should be finished in 2002.

China has put a three-year ban on all timber cutting in panda lands. Unfortunately, this has hurt people who make their living from timber.

In the last six years China has doubled the number of its panda reserves. It is raising money to support more by renting pandas to zoos.

Pandas once lived throughout southern, central and eastern China and Vietnam. Today they live only in one region of China.

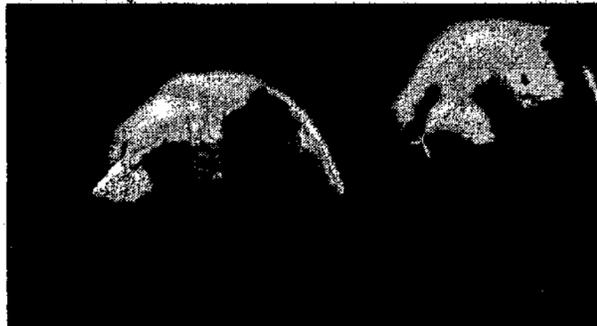


Zoo care

There are 126 giant pandas in zoos around the world. Five of these are in the United States, in San Diego and Atlanta.

Hsing-Hsing, at the National Zoological Park in Washington, D.C., died in November. The 28-year-old panda had been there since he was about 6 months old.

Zoos hope that by studying their pandas they will learn how to help these beautiful animals survive in the wild. It is hard to observe them in their natural habitat. They live in remote, hard-to-reach areas. If a person approaches, they hide.



In November, Zoo Atlanta got two adult pandas, Lun-Lun and Yang-Yang. It is paying China \$10 million to exhibit the pandas for 10 years. The San Diego Zoo is paying China \$1 million a year for 12 years to exhibit its pandas. The money will go to save panda habitat.

Panda babies

A baby panda weighs as much as a stick of butter, about 4 to 5 ounces. The mom, weighing about 200 pounds, is about 600 to 900 times bigger than her baby.

If humans had the same size difference as pandas, a mother of an 8-pound baby could weigh 6,000 pounds.

For the first week, the panda mom keeps the baby on her body day and night. She may not even leave it to eat or drink for several days.

A panda can have up to three cubs in a litter, but usually only one survives.



This photo was taken when Hua Mei was 22 days old. The San Diego Zoo will be able to keep her until she is 3 years old. Then she will be returned to China or placed in another zoo where she can have her own babies.

The Mini Page thanks Dr. Don Lindburg, giant panda team leader, San Diego Zoo, for help with this issue.

To learn more about pandas and to watch live images of the only giant pandas in America, see these sites:
• www.sandiegozoo.org
• www.aocconservation.com/pandas
Check out our site at www.minipage.com

Panda fact-a-roonies

Bear family

Pandas are ancient bears. They split off from the bear family tree 12 to 14 million years ago, and have been on their own branch ever since.

Unlike other bears, pandas do not hibernate.

Distant cousins

The red panda is a very distant relative. Scientists used to be confused whether pandas were from the bear or the raccoon family. But recent DNA testing proved that the giant panda is a member of the bear family. The red panda is a member of its very own family.

Panda paws
A panda paw has five fingers and claws, like a bear paw. But unlike a bear, a panda also has a sixth digit, a false thumb made from the bones in its wrist. This false thumb allows the panda to hold things such as stalks of bamboo.

Look through your newspaper for pictures or stories about animals. Next week The Mini Page celebrates Black History Month with stories about some notable African-Americans of the 20th century.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
RANCHO RUIDOSO CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a New Mexico non-profit corporation, Plaintiff,

a) Hipolito Acevedo Limas and Elisa Hernandez de Acevedo, husband and wife, jointly and severally
1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 09 restricted to White/Blue Season Maintenance Fees \$1,441.62
Attorney's Fees and Costs 410.14

1/52nd fractional interest in Units 15, 16 and 17 restricted to the Blue/White Season Maintenance Fees \$1,840.11
Attorney's Fees and Costs 1,200.42
b) Dorothy L. Kelly, Executrix of The Estate of Rubyn Lamar, also known as Ruby M. Lamar, deceased, and the Estate of Ethwell F. Lamar, and their unknown heirs, devisees and assigns, jointly and severally

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be early voting starting February 16, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. at Village 122, Downs Dr. Ruidoso Downs. The residents of Ruidoso Downs will be able to vote early until March 3, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN RE: The Petition for Name Change of Thomas Hans Jappesen and Jonathan Hoss Jappesen. No. CV-00-007

LEGAL NOTICE
such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
RANCHO RUIDOSO CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a New Mexico corporation, Plaintiff,

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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO: TO EACH AND EVERY DEFENDANT NAMED IN THE CAPTION OF THIS CAUSE: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the cause styled and numbered cause of action has commenced and is now pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Check out Vamonos in Friday's paper for things to do over the weekend

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Delinquent Owner BACA, ALBERT C. & MARGARET
Simple Description APPROX W OF FOURTH AVE ON 10TH ST
Minimum Bid \$600.00
Property Description UNIT-BLOCK-3 O.P. ADDITION-CARRIZOZLO LOTS- 1 2

SPRINGS SD. S. 60 FT. LOT 32, Item # 9
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Delinquent Owner HANSELL, THOMAS A. & FORREST J.
Simple Description APPROX 200 BLK OF PARADISE CANYON SD. LOT - 19

Block-4 PARADISE CANYON SD. LOT - 19
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ID Number 28
Delinquent Owner LOZANO, THOMAS J. FLORES ANGEL
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N OF ALMIRA ON SANDESTA
Minimum Bid
\$300.00 Property Description UNIT-1A BLOCK-THE RANCHES OF SONTERRA LOT - 163 (PART OF TRACT)

Bid \$600.00 Property Description UNIT-2 BLOCK-7 SIERRA BLANCA SD. LOT - 10
Item # 32
ID Number 28
Delinquent Owner ROBINSON, ROY G., JR.
Simple Description APPROX S OF HIGH MESA DR ON BRENTWOOD

Delinquent Owner PAPPAS, TOMMY N.
Simple Description APPROX N OF JUNIPER RD ON HEALLOCK
Minimum Bid \$400.00
Property Description UNIT-2 BLOCK-4 SIERRA BLANCA SD. LOT - 6

ID Number 33
Item # 26
Delinquent Owner SAVAGE, DONALD R.
Simple Description APPROX N OF TERRACE DR ON CRESTVIEW DR
Minimum Bid \$200.00
Property Description UNIT-BLOCK-9 MT. CAPITAN SD. AMENDED LOT - 5

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to provisions of Section 7-38-65 N.M.S.A. 1978, the Property Tax Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department will offer for sale at public auction in LINCOLN COUNTY, beginning Time: 10 AM/PM
Date: February 10, 2000
Location: LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BOX 709
CARRIZOZO NM 88301-0
Treasurer Telephone #: (505) 648-2397

7 Houses for Rent

QUITE 2 1/2: Stove, refrigerator, fireplace and storage. \$600 monthly plus utilities. Call Cheri at RealMax 258-5833 or 338-8431.

8 Apts. for Rent

NICEST TWO BEDROOM, One Bath Apartment in town. Cathedral ceilings, washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove included. Gas heat, hot water, LOW UTILITIES! 916-767-8043 for details.

FURNISHED AND UNFURNISHED 1 & 2 bedroom apartments, bids paid. No pets. Call 258-3111.

LAS CASITAS DE ROSA Excellent location, 2 bedrooms upstairs, 1.25 bathrooms and w/d hookups. \$575 plus utilities. Call 505-258-9202.

TAKING APPLICATIONS for 2 bedroom duplexes; remodeled, nice area, pleasant view, furnished or unfurnished; \$900/mo. Call 257-2042.

2 BDRM; UNFURNISHED \$475/mo, w/d hookups, 1 bdrm; furnished, \$325/mo. Deposit and references required. 8-mo lease. 258-4752, please leave message.

9 Mobiles for Rent

2BR/2BA; UNFURNISHED, out of city limits, in Ajo area. Local references required, no pets. \$400/mo plus bills. \$7 no minimum lease. \$375/mo for year lease. 378-4345, after 8:00pm.

3B/2B NEWLY remodeled, unfurnished, \$650/mo plus deposit plus utilities. Need references. 258-4508, 430-1423.

9 Mobiles for Rent

CAPTAIN: small, clean, cute, 2br/1ba, washer, dryer, covered carport & porch. 102 S. Boylde, in town. 257-5381

2BDRM/2BA; 2BDRM/1BA; unfurnished. Near "V" \$300/\$395, water, sewer, garbage paid. HUD welcome. 378-4498

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH unfurnished 16x40 on 5 acres; \$575/mo, \$800/dep, plus references. Call Eddy at 258-5833 or 420-3867.

NEAR FURR'S MECHAM: Available immediately; small 2 bdrm with add-ons and 1-1/4 bath, study, fireplace, washer/dryer, basement (dirt floor). Large back deck, fenced in back yard, small pet yard. Pets ok with pet deposit. References required. \$550/mo, 258-5858

10 Condos for Rent

3 BEDROOM, 3 BATH condo; furnished, double garage, fireplace, w/d, mountain view. No pets, no smoking. 258-3210

CIMARRON CONDOS: Efficiency apartments available. Hwy 70 East, next to Conley's Nursery, \$325/mo. 378-5290

(2) FURNISHED, four level, 3 1/2, 2 fireplaces, covered parking, easy access, \$895, \$1,095, includes water and cable. You pay electric. Deposit & references required. 258-3210 or 420-8700

TWO BEDROOM; just remodeled, furnished, indoor swimming pool and jacuzzi, recreation area, laundry, no pets. \$650/mo, damage deposit, references required. 257-3450, evenings.

OFFICE SPACE FOR lease; 200 Sudderth, Suite A, \$750 monthly. Call Pat 257-5811.

11 Cabins Vac. Rentals

EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAN quiet 2bdrm/1ba cabin; fireplace, deck, yard. Near Furr's/Mecham. \$650/mo, \$575 security deposit. No pets. 257-3662

SMALL EFFICIENCY; cabin; furnished, no pets, all utilities paid, \$350 per month plus deposit. Call 257-4418.

DEJ-VA-VUE NIGHTLY Rental beautiful Glenbrook Cottage on River. Perfect romantic hideout; 2br/2ba, nightly, weekly, monthly rates. 2 night minimum. 257-1082

13 Room for Rent

BEDROOM WITH BATH, kitchen and laundry privileges. Ruidoso Downs. \$275/mo, includes utilities. July or Sep 378-4491

QUIET HORSE FARM on the river; has room plus bath, private entrance, patio, \$300/mo, \$100/dep, includes utilities. Pet/horse OK. 378-9183

15 Storage for Rent

AA-STORAGE; 378-7030. Inside - Outside Storage. 2247 Hwy 70 West, Ruidoso Downs, NM, between Denny's and Big O Tire Co.

17 Business Rentals

RETAIL OR OFFICE SPACE for rent. Approximately 400 sq. ft., \$400/mo. Fireplace, bathroom, picture window, right on Mechem, facing street. Call 257-7993.

GAZEBO PLAZA for lease. Prime retail space, 2117 Sudderth Dr. 257-6103, 258-3527

OFFICE SPACE FOR lease; 200 Sudderth, Suite A, \$750 monthly. Call Pat 257-5811.

17 Business Rentals

EXECUTIVE OFFICES and Retail Space for lease at Pinetree Square, 2810 Sudderth Drive. 257-5155, Monday thru Friday, 9AM to 4PM.

LARGE BUILDING: Good for many uses. Great Mechem location, fenced in area, ample parking. Available within next 30 days. Call 430-7851 or 430-1156.

BEAUTIFUL OFFICE; 2,000 sq. ft., on Sudderth Dr. with fireplace, 2 bathrooms & kitchen. \$750/mo plus utilities. 430-7778

OFFICE SPACES for rent. 613 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. 505/257-9265

18 Bus. Opp.

ESTABLISHED 28 YEAR old Unique Gift Shop in midtown; stock & fixtures with lease, 915-681-8900, leave message.

RESTAURANT: profitable; includes real estate building, equipment, \$335,000, 1st Valley Realty 605-521-1535

19 Autos for Sale

1995 MERCURY SABLE GS very clean, 45,700 miles, \$7,500. 258-6613 or 258-9035

FOR SALE: 1989 CHEVY Beretta; runs good, new paint, 87k miles, \$2,200 OBO. 258-8797, after 6pm.

98 SUBURBAN K-2500 LT; loaded, 454 Vortec, great for towing, 45k miles, stoker price \$40,600, asking \$28,000. See at State Farm office, 510 Mechem. 257-5366 days, 258-4488 evenings.

Ruidoso News Advertising 257-4001

19 Autos for Sale

1989 CAMRY; good condition, 5-speed, air, cruise control, 6-CD changer, automatic window locks. Asking \$3,000. 338-7846

1992 SUBARU LEGACY 4WD station wagon, 5 speed, all power, 94k miles, \$9,200 OBO. 915-740-9872

1993 TOYOTA CAMRY SE: 4-door, V-6, 5-speed, fully loaded, 71,000 miles. Asking \$9,750. Call 257-5611.

1992 PLYMOUTH Sundance; great first car, in good condition. Asking \$1,750. Call 257-8139 for more information.

20 Trucks/4X4's

1974 DODGE; 1/2 TON, automatic, \$1,250. 354-4263

1994 JEEP WRANGLER Price reduced! Sport 4x4, soft top, 5-speed, 4.0 liter engine, a/c, ps, good condition. Asking \$10,995. Call 258-5885

CHEVROLET 1996 4X4 like new, one owner, long bad, new motor, clean, \$7,950. Phone 430-7778, also Jeep V-8, automatic, \$7,950.

'85 JEEP CHEROKEE 4X4; 5-speed, am/fm, cassette, \$1,000. 258-3861

1996 EXPLORER XLT 4X4; low mileage, loaded, new tires, \$17,000. 258-9070

1997 CHEVY TAHOE SUV 4x4, 350, V-8, auto, all power, am/fm, cassette & cd, trailer tow package. By owner 258-5035, 258-4044.

1993 FORD EXPLORER 4x4, XLT, power windows and seats, leather interior, one owner. Can be seen at Lincoln Tower parking lot, 63, 750, 258-4487 days, 258-5851 evenings.

20 Trucks & 4x4s for Sale

CLASSIC GMC; 1984 pickup; 100% original, long bed, standard, 350, V-8, \$1,900 115 N. Eagle Dr., Cree Meadows Golf Course

1990 FORD F-150 XLT; Lariat, V-8, loaded with topper, nice, \$5,700. 338-4148.

1986 JEEP 4WD Wagoneer; automatic, tinted windows, leather, ski racks, fantastic shape, beautiful. Days 430-9445, evns 354-7804.

1990 JEEP GRAND Wagoneer; new motor, transmission, tires & wheels. Closest one around. Call 806-652-2738.

1985 JEEP CHEROKEE; V-6, clean, runs good, \$2,500 or best offer. 1987 Jeep Grand Wagoneer; V-8, clean, runs excellent, 4 new tires, \$4,750, 338-8012

1986 FORD RANGER; 48,000 miles, \$7,000 OBO. 257-9053

21 Vans for Sale

1986 CHEVROLET 1/2 ton, 2 wheel drive, Suburban, Sharp! 420-1833

24 RV/Travel

1992 28' AVION 5TH wheel in excellent condition; 2 tv's, vor, LR slide-out, large awning, rubber roof & more. \$24,500. 209 Rayman Buckner 258-3011

HUNTERS SPECIAL: For sale 1974 Champion Motorhome 24' Class A, \$3,995 OBO. 605-378-8149

SALE OR TRADE: 1993 Coachman diesel pusher; loaded and in immaculate condition for home or land in Ruidoso area. Cash valued at \$65,000. 808/494-9918

24 RVs and Travel Trailers

1988 WINNEBAGO; Inside fully remodeled. Needs paint job outside and brakes. \$4,000. Call Christine 420-6784 or 258-5222.

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24' 1975 NOMAD travel trailer; self contained, sleeps 6. Complete kitchen and bath, a/c. Asking \$4,200 OBO. 336-1392, 430-1408

26 Farm Equipment

D-7 CAT WITH BLADE, root plow and grubber. Call 853-4959.

29 Pets & Supplies

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29 Pets & Supplies

AKC GAIN TERRIER puppies; like Toto; 1st show. Will be in Ruidoso January 27th thru 29th at 806-893-2888.

30 Yard Sales

CLOSING OUT! Selling plants, fountains, waterfalls and displays, cabinets plus household items. Aspen Cove Home and Garden, 1133 Mechem. 258-1900

31 Household

WASHER \$100, DRYER \$75 new area rug \$50. 12 gallons Off White Benjamin Moore exterior paint. \$10/gallon. 336-4948, 257-1091.

SOFA; SOUTHWEST, with 2 end recliners, center console table, like new. 378-1033

FRANE FORCED AIR furnace, category 1, updraft. Three years use in 3,000 sq. ft. house. \$350.00. 378-4058.

FREEZER \$100. 2 RIDING bikes, stationary bikes \$100. NordicTrack Pro \$375 or best offer on all. 630-2803

LARGE COMPUTER DESK/Wall unit \$500. Partners desk \$150. Craftsman radial arm saw \$200. 378-8218

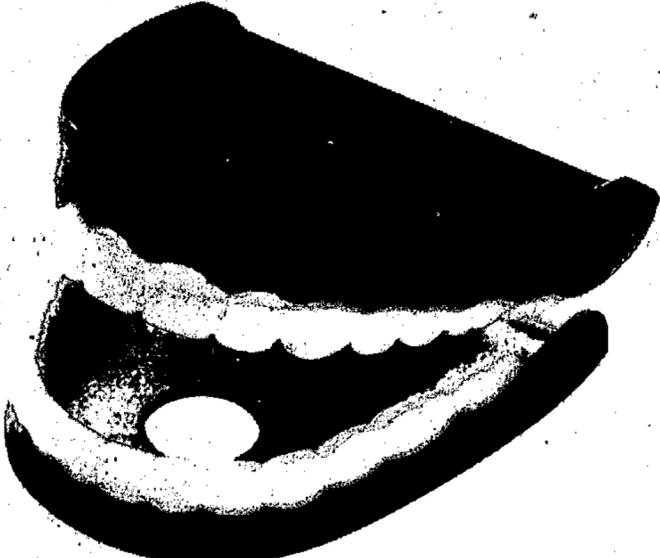
36 Miscellaneous

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36 Miscellaneous



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Laundry Staff Housekeepers & Prep Cooks needed at Ruidoso Care Center. Call Theresa - Human Resources 257-9071

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Little Nellie's Upper Canyon Restaurant Accepting applications for the following: host/hostess waiter/waitress kitchen staff manager/trainee. Friday's Saturday's and Sunday's 9:00 am to 5:00 pm 101 Vision St., Ruidoso For your emergency call the 630-9911

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First Savings Bank Attn: Gwyn Saunders 2713 Sudderth Drive Ruidoso, NM 88345

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MESCALERO APACHE SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS Mescalero Apache School is announcing openings for Special Education Teachers and Teaching Assistants for the Special Education Program. Opening Date: December 15, 1999 Closing Date: Until Filled REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL ED. TEACHERS: Bachelor's Degree with Special Education Endorsements; Current New Mexico Teaching License. REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS: High School Diploma or GED with a desire to further education; Have knowledge of Apache Language and Culture. Send application, resume, copies of official transcripts to: Mescalero Apache School, Administration/Personnel Office P.O. Box 230, Mescalero, NM 88340. For more information call (505) 671-4431/4434.

36 Miscellaneous

NATURE TREES below wholesale local instant forest of 10' to 16' Blue Spruce, Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir, etc... Will transplant to your property with minimum order of 10 trees. Bar-M Tree Farm 454-6875

HEALTHIER FOR SALE. Like new, \$200. 258-9070

WHITE FIBERGLASS Sport Top; fits 8' pickup bed. Like new, \$450. 201 Rayman Buckner 258-3011

MACINTOSH LGIII, 16MB, hard-drive, keyboard, mouse, Stylewriter printer. Some software. Color monitor needs repair. \$150. Leave message, 630-0045.

UNLIMITED TANNING at Sabrina's Hair & Nails. Winter Special 3/months \$50, regular \$25/mo. Farm Special \$30 & up. 257-6080

CONVERSATIONAL Spanish classes: Learn by playing games. Certified community college Spanish teacher. Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm. For info call Craig at 336-4050 or Sandy at 336-1478.

FOR SALE: JVC 400 WATT amp, 2 channels, \$200. Two 12" Kicker speakers in sealed box \$300. Sony CD player, \$200. Call 258-5222 or 258-9297.

TWO STEEL BUILDINGS. Engineered Certified. 40x100 was \$16,990 now \$7,990. 40x40 was \$8,316 now \$3,990. Must sell, can deliver. 1-800-292-0111.

LIKE NEW WEDDING SET for sale. Engagement ring has 1/3 carat solitaire surrounded by 6 diamonds. Wedding band enlarged with diamonds. \$750. Call 258-5222, leave message.

36 Miscellaneous

WATER RIGHTS for sale. Call (505) 653-4559.

37 Wanted to Buy

TWO STACK UNIT washer/dryers in good condition. 258-5958

38 Help Wanted

LINCOLN COUNTY Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for a part-time position of Transfer Station Attendant for Cimarron, NM. You may pick up applications and job descriptions at 222 Second Street, Ruidoso Downs, NM or call (505) 378-4697. Application deadline will be February 04, 2000, 2:00 p.m.

MANUFACTURED HOME salesperson position open. Contact Bill at Thoroughbred Homes 378-8064.

WANTED EXPERIENCED Full time servers. Flexible hours, excellent pay. Apply in person at Pizza Hut, 725 Suddeth.

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NURSERY WORKER needed for various times during the week and on Sundays. Good compensation. Applications may be picked up at First Baptist Church, 420 Mechem, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm weekdays.

TOP WAGES for all construction trades. Apply at Holiday Inn Express, Hwy 70, Ruidoso (Conference Room) Jan 22 & 29, Noon until 6:00pm. For info 505-378-8149

38 Help Wanted

COMMUNITY MENTAL Health Agency has entry level position available for full-time secretary/receptionist at our Ruidoso office. Minimum requirements: High school graduate or equivalent, one year of general office experience or technical job training, excellent communications skills, experience dealing with the public, and basic computer skills. Send letter and resume to: The Counseling Center, ATTN: Human Resources, 1900 E. 10th St., Alamogordo, NM 88310. Position open until filled. Excellent benefits package. EOE

PLUMBERS HELPER; needs to know all phases of plumbing and heating, fittings, pipe, etc. 257-4802

RUIDOSO'S NEWEST Staffing Firm. Seeking candidates for general laborers, operators and CDL licensed. Call 258-2359 for appointment. E.O.E. Drug test may be required.

CASA BLANCA is accepting applications for all positions. Looking for people willing to work hard and get paid well. Apply in person 501 Mechem Dr.

A LADY TO KEEP 2 small children at my house from 9am to 4:30pm. 257-4902 or 258-5525

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38 Help Wanted

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED to drive to and from activity and athletic trips. CDL license is required. For more information, contact Don Wall at Ruidoso High School 258-4810. Ruidoso School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

SALES POSITION: Requires some automotive mechanical knowledge. Must be a 'people' person. Salary plus commission. Call 378-1165 for appointment.

ATTENTION! Delivery drivers needed. Make up to \$12.50 per hr. Apply at both Pizza Huts 257-5181 or 258-3033.

PIZZA HUT NOW HIRING phone operators. Apply in person at 725 Suddeth.

ARCHITECTURAL Secretary; part-time, 15-25 hours per week, flexible hrs. 80 wpm, MS Word and Excel, Windows 98 and Power Macintosh, good telephone voice. Contact George Staten, AIA, at 505-630-4444 or bring resume to 508 Mechem Dr., Suite E.

LOCAL FINANCE Company seeking full-time employee. Must have dependable transportation, valid drivers license and insurance. Hourly wage plus bonuses. Benefits available. Apply in person, 239 Suddeth.

FRONT DESK CLERK; full-time, Will train. Apply in person at the High Country Lodge, N. Hwy 48.

LOCAL LANDSCAPING firm seeking individuals with landscape irrigation & maintenance experience. Apply to Conley's Nursery & Landscaping, Inc., East Hwy 70. 378-4375

38 Help Wanted

WAITSTAFF NEEDED. Must be 21 years old. Apply anytime, Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem.

HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED Full or Part-time. Good salary. Apply in person or call Suddeth 257-4071.

SHOPPERS NEEDED to evaluate service in Ruidoso store; part-time. For application, call 800-876-1110, ext. 50.

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EXPERIENCED TAX preparer needed for February and March. Please call 258-5534.

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WANTED 28 PEOPLE to lose weight now. Dr. recommended, all natural, guaranteed. Call now, 888-817-5303.

39 Work Wanted

DEPENDABLE, affordable, experienced housekeeper has opening for one more house. Excellent references. Please call Lisa 354-3168.

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40 Services

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HOUSE SITTING, PET & and plant care. Long or short term. Call Sandy 257-0306.

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40 Services

WANTED: your handyman work on building repair or maintenance. Both residential or commercial. 29 years local. Call Larry at 354-2632. NM Lic. #57727

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SIGN UP NOW FOR Creative Memory classes. Spaces are limited. For details on Photo Preservation call Amy at 257-1117.

SHARPENING & SMALL Engine Service, "The Cutting Edge", 115 Virginia Canyon Rd., Ruidoso. (Off Parr). 257-2814, 1-888-556-1330

41 House Sitting

NONSMOKING, RETIRED Marine interested in house sitting, possible long term, 75 years old and very meticulous. Call 648-3025.

42 Child Care

DEPENDABLE BABY Sitter; 24 hours, 7 days per week. Meals included. Call 257-3768.

44 Firewood for Sale

WINTER SPECIAL: Seasoned Cedar/Pine/Aligator. Full Cord, Delivered. \$125.00. Tax: Rasak Ranch (505)849-2849.

SEASONED FIREWOOD: Juniper/Cedar, 18" x 18" or 22" x 24". \$160 delivered, 3 plus cords \$140. Phone (505)354-3119 or (505)844-7807.

PREMIUM FIREWOOD: Apple, Oak, Black Walnut. Mixed or separate. Split and delivered. Call for prices. 257-3654 before 6pm, leave message.

Think Snow!!!! Image of a snowman.

39 Work Wanted

Brillante Construction Thomas Brillante GENERAL CONTRACTOR REDWOOD DECKS • REMODELING • PAINTING 258-5198 LICENSE #NM 056319-GB 98

David Fryer General Contractor 257-2410 Building - Remodeling License #55166

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40 Services

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ACROSS 1 Word after a loss 5 It goes with being snowbound 15 Cost of occupation 16 "Forest primeval" figure 17 Marriage site in John 2:1 18 Nickname of Emperor Frederick I 19 Short summary 21 "Mission: Impossible" actress 22 Jerk 23 Abandon 24 Art follower 25 Make jerky? 26 Unaware 28 Second-century anatomist 29 Time of one's life 30 Abstract sculptor Sir Anthony 31 Table, so to speak 32 Cheapskate 34 Oahu outsiders 37 A hole in the wall? 38 Way to go: Abbr. 41 Park alcove 42 Ticket dispenser 44 Safari camp 45 Highly complimentary 46 Main line 47 Govt. org., 1887-1995

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE APT GSA HEF HAD CAHOOTS ONADARE ACERBIC GENERIC DEAD LOWS ZELDA WANTTO TIME SAHIBS LRON QED LEONA AFORE UNT URMS JUJJI PINK NIE BANNO AMNIE KEY RITA STERES EVEL CHLARO ARROW AKIN ADA LAWLESS LOGICAL UPATRES TRIDENT MTE YEA SAG SKA

32 Warsaw's river 33 Guarantees 34 Chemistry lab selection 35 King, maybe 36 "Fate!" 37 Lt. Maj. go-between 38 Forest site 39 Blanket 40 Loaded (with) 41 Wild plum 42 Better than never? 43 Home for ecologists 44 Weaver of myth 45 Bluer than blue 46 Krypton, e.g. 47 Perform a chemical test 48 "Rodeo" Emmy winner, 1977 49 Symbol of authority 48 Half 49 Adjust the tailoring 50 Lip shade 51 Hares, to hounds 52 Liu Pang's dynasty 53 Velvet finish

THINK SNOW Image of a snowman.

WEEKDAY MORNING

Table with columns for time slots (8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00) and rows for various channels (KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, HBO-2, HBO-3, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, KRPV, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, CMAX2).

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON

Table with columns for time slots (1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30) and rows for various channels (KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, HBO-2, HBO-3, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, KRPV, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, CMAX2).

THURSDAY EVENING

Table for Thursday Evening (January 27, 2000) with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00) and rows for various channels (KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, HBO-2, HBO-3, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, AMC, KRPV, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, CMAX2).

FRIDAY EVENING

Table for Friday Evening (January 28, 2000) with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00) and rows for various channels (KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, HBO-2, HBO-3, SHOW, MAX, DISN, TNT, AMC, KRPV, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, CNBC, CMAX2).

