## Zia files to boost rates $\mathbf{4 4}$ percent



## Panel rejects rezoning proposal


#### Abstract

The perils of spot zoning and the need for development standards to prevent the degradation of commercial arteries dominated the Extrater ritorial Zoning Authority meeting Monday.

The issues came up during a discussion of a rezoning petition by Randy Balley. The board de- cided i. reject the rezoning proposal, but approved a plan to straighten property lines and consolidate lots.

Bailey was asking for two lots of The Pines of Gavilan Subdivision to be rezoned from residential mobile home subdivision to commercial. mercial lots fronting Gavilan Canyon Road.

But he settled for approval of the consolida tion of four lots into two larger residential lots of about one-acre each, with a small portion of one


## being included in an existing

straighten the property lines.
Bailey told authority members Linda Flack, Ruidoso village councilor, and Lincoln County ommissioners William Schwettmann and L. Ray Nunley that he didn't have a plan for the valuable for future sale as commercial.

Flack said she agreed with that assessment but it wasn't the job of the authority to ensure more profit for Bailey.

The ETZ Commission, which reviewed Bailey's request last month, recommended denial of the commercial rezoning, although two neighbors wrote in support of the petition. The ETZ Commesentatives from the county and village govern development in a 1 -mile zone around the village of Ruidoso.

Latest increase follows 39-percent rate hike in November

By Dianni Stallings
RImoso niw sal wrill
For the second time in three months, Zia harges because of skyrocketing gas costs.
In November, Zia imposed a 39 percent in rease in monthly bills as a pass-through to cus omers of rising gas rices as demand across the Thery tightened.
This time, the utility, he second largest natural is asking the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission for a 44 percent hike. According to a written statement by company atLorney Mercedes Fernan-
dez-Wells, Zia is attempting do recoup some of the actual gas costs it paid during December and what it expects to pay in January and the rest of the winter Zia's current cost of gas
o its 8,500 Lincoln County customers is 43 cents per hundred cubic feet. The company has been paying between 80 cent per cef and $\$ 1$ per ccf on the open market.
To minimize the impact on Zia's customers Zia proposed spreading out the increase by harging 62 cents per cof effective on bills issued on Jan.
"Zia currently has under-recovered about
$\$ 800,000$ from its customers" she said "
previous gas cost was set based on a fixed price contract with a supplier who has since declared bankruptcy, forcing Zia into buying all its gas upplies on the open market
Zia does not make any profit on the gas it sells, and is only allowed to pass through the ac tual cost of gas it pays. If the company does no increase its gas costs now, then it will be al The company does nos in lowed, under the regulation rease its gas costs now, hen it will be allowed, under the erer latoon commesion rules regua surcharge 10 next winter's bills that could have an even worse financial impact on its cus. tomers. commission rules, to add surcharge to next winter's
bills that could have an bills that could have an on its customers."
Fernandez-Wells said y next October at thi rate, the company would b $\$ 2.5$ million "under collect d, which would result in $\$ 2$ surcharge. "We don't want to do what because we don't know what the price of gas will be day. day.

## U.S. 70 work could start in 2002

Draft environmental impact statement due to be released this month

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If a four-lane U.S. Highway 70 through the Hondo Valley is approved later this year, con During a presentation before the Ruid village council Tuesday, a planning consultan on the road upgrade said the four-lane reconstruction would likely be 24 months of road work.
"The environmental phase, which will ultimately drive the project time frame, is expecter to be done by the end of this year," said David Pennington of Parsons-Brinkerhoff, the engiMexico State Highway and Transportation Department to assess the highway's needs.
Pennington said the mid 2002 start of conruction was optimistic.
A draft environmental impact statement on almost 40 -mile project is expected to be re eased late this month, Pennington told the council. The draft statement will open an additional public input period, including a public
hearing later this year.
U.S Highway 70 , from Ruidoso Downs east o Riverside. currently has two improvement options. The preferred plan would expand the highway to four lanes. A second option would re ing and turning lanes. Pennington said a no buld option was still on the table
Safety and economic development were de scribed by Pennington as the driving forces for improvements to the highway corridor through he Hondo valley
The draft environmental impact statemen will delve into the impacts a widened highway
would bring to individual residents and businesses in the valley. State highway officials began lookung at U.S. Highway 70 in Lincoln County several years ago because of the road's high accident history. Pennington said many of he traffic collisions have resulta in serwis, sometimes fatal injuries.
Public meetings last year heard opposition government officials in Ruidoso and Ruile governn
Downs.

Tribal council members to take oaths on Friday

Two new Mescalero Apache Tribal Council mem bers and two current members will be given the
office at 10 a.m. Friday for new two-year terms. office at 10 a.m. Friday for new two-year terms.
The ceremony will be at the administration
in Mescalero. Arthur "Butch" Blazer, who led in the voting out of a field of eight in November, will return for a second two-year term, as will Glenda Brusuelas, who came in hird.
New to the board will be Alfred La Paz, former Bureau of Indian Affairs police chief, who was second served on the board in 1997-98, will return for another stint as a tribal council member

## Ruidoso on list of communities at risk for fire

by Dianne Stalilings
RUIDOSC) NEw's stait writte
Ruidoso and 81 other New Mexico communities were identified by the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Departmen of Interior as high "at-risk" them in line for more noney to remove trees and take other prevention steps.
"I've seen the list and Ruidoso was ranked pretty high for risk," said Jerry Hawkes
Smokey Bear District ranger Smokey Bear District ranger
with the Forest Service in Ruidoso. "It certainly should bring doso. some funding for urban/wildland interface thin-


Forest Service and agencies of timber policy. Domenici devel
the Interior Department to oped the plan after the Cerro publish a list of "at-risk" com- Grande Fire that burned more munities as well as where haz- than 48,000 acres in and ardous fuel reduction work is ongoing or planned next year. the list included Three Rivers the list included Three Rivers.
Capitan and Lincoln in Lincoln County, and Apache Summit, Mescalero, Mayhill and Cloudcroft in neighboring Otero
County County. At Domenicis request,
Congress allocated $\$ 240.3 \mathrm{mil}$ Congress allocated $\$ 240.3$ milfort to begin reducing fuel loads accumulated on federal land during years of a virtual no-cut
around Los Alamos At the same time, 8,500 acres burned around Ruidoso and Ruadoso Downs and nearly 30,000 acres in the Sacramento District of the Lincoln National Forest around Cloudrroft.
The plan gives the Forest Service $\$ 120$ million and the Interior Department $\$ 1203$ million to alleviate emergency

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ZIA: Natural gas supplier seeks second rate increase in three months

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out of the commission every month or two for hearings. The commission decides if the e
emption should be granted. mption should be granted. continued to rise because of ab normally frigid weather, and predictions of continued arctic cold weather for the rest of the winter is putting a squeeze on he nation's gas supplies," Fer

LIST: Ruidoso among communities at risk for fire disaster, feds say

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abut federal forests or are in ther urban/wildland interface areas.
Provisions in the act allow the two departments to award grants and to enter into cooper ative agreements that will proto people in rural communities where the work will be carried out, Domenici noted.
The act would not override environmental, labor or civi rights laws, but would expand ederal actuss "fuel" in areas where federal lands interface with communities, the senator said. "Last summer will go down
to the Oil and Gas Journal Jan.
2 issue, expectations are that 2 issue, expectations are that having found their ceiling yet." The situation is national not just local, she said tinue to increase $n$ also continue to increase," she said
"One ocf of natural gas is com parable to one gallon of propane making natural gas still more economical than propane."

She noted that Zia employ ees pay the same rates as other
customers and are looking hard
for the best commodity price. customers tany officials conservation measures to limit the impact of the high gas price, including: Checking gas heaters and water ciently and safely. - Those with aging natural gas furnaces and water hoaters should consid-
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ceam up with state and federal land management agencies to
design and implement forest restoration projects. The initiative will provide grants of up to $\$ 450,000$ over four years for each collaborative effort.
Matt Reidy, fire manager for the Smokey Bear District, said after the May/June fires in or some immediate thinning of small-diameter trees.
"High-risk areas were targeted to get some money on the ground and working," he said. Fortunately, we'd been doing a years and had worked with cooperators to be on the same line. We were ready to go." With $\$ 100,000$ in pocket,
others are pending, he said The district also is to re
ve between $\$ 500,000$ and $\$ 700,000$ to burn off piles of for st ground and tree cut debris called slash, he said.
"That's double the amoun we would normally see around here," Reidy said. "People wil burning this year. The program burning this year. The progran

Ruidoso has applied for sev eral grants. Being high on the at-risk list, it probably will reve a fair share, he said. "I think there will be some wonderful things happenin preparing for six years and now well seize the moment to make the forest more disaster-resis the for

## Marine who vanished in Ruidoso Downs turns up safe in Roswell

by James Kalvelage
A U.S. Marine, believed missing for more than five days, beginning in the Ruidoso
area, surfaced Saturday in Roswell.
Donald Buechner, 22, walked into a New Mexico State Police headquarters Roswell about 1 a.m. Jan. police said.
as of Tuesday at the Chaves

County Detention Center
awaiting a transfer to military police on a charge of absent without leave. Buechiner was due back at a Marine installa
tion in San Diego on Jan State prosecutors are considering a criminal charge of arson against Buechner, for the ap parent torching of his auto said Albert Venegas, an agen with the state police's Criminal Investigations Section. enforcernent fagencies had been
looking for Buechner since Jan. 4 after a burned-out car was found on the Mescalero Apache reservahion.
New Year was discovered New Year's Day by an off-duty Bolen, Bureau of Indian Affairs police chief at Mescalero. "We sent a (BIA) officer out. The car was so burned you couldn't rec-
gnize anything about it."
Mescalero police
Mescalero police contacted
Honda Automobile and with a vehicle number were able to de
ermine Buechner as the owne of the 1997 vehicle, Bolen said On Wednesday state police and he FBI entered the case. plexing
afticer could tell of no signs of a body in the car, et holes. Nothing indicated foul play.

The charred shell of the ve hicle was found on Cow Camp U.S. Highwig' 70.


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## Johnny 'Tapia trial postponed

Professional boxer faces misdemeanor counts of allowing dogs to run free

A scheduled trial for professional boxer Johnny Tapia set for Monday was postponed on a motion by the defense attorney.
No new date was set for Judge Tbd McCutcheon from Alamogordo to hear the case in Magistrate Court in Carrizozo. for allowing his two Neapolitan Mastiffs to run at large.
The two dogs were found covered with blood in an enclosure with 17 dead or dying dairy show goats owned by Wesley Hall on May 7 , in ranchas of by the Hall family soeking againgt Tapla cover the financial loss of the animals, which were prize 4-H winners raised and shown by the 13 -year-old boy.

In a separate case, Tapia was scheduled in August for a preliminary hearing in the Ruidoso Magistrate Court of Judge William 27 betw connection with an incident June 27 between Tapia and another motorist The hearing was postponed and resched Over the last few been hospitalized for depression. Tapia has As a result of the incident, Allan Korzan, who owns a business in Ruidoso, is charged with negligent use of a deadly weapon, a petty misdemeanor, punish-
able up to six months in jail and a $\$ 500$ able up to ex months in jail and a $\$ 500$
fine. County, is charged with assault, also a petty misdemeanor.

39 states affected

## Critics of timber, road regulations want changes in new forest policy

RUDDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTTER

Opponents of regulations issued by President Clinton that would restrict roads and million acres of federal land say they expect to see some changes before the policy is implemented.
C The President issued a final rule on his "Protection of Forest Roadless Friday According to information Pete Domenici, a New Mexico Republican, the action would effectively stop road building and timber activities in national forests in 39 states, includ-
ing areas of New Mexico. ing areas of New Mexico. critical whether the use is commercial or recreational," Rex Wilson, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission, said Monday. "Once we start eroding that right, others will folintain multiple uses on public lands. It's my understanding that several Western sena-
tors and congressmen are
upset and are examining what
avenues are open."
Jerry Hawkes, Smokey
Bear District ranger with the
U.S. Forest Service in Ruidose,
said he anticipates no roads
closing in his dis-
trict, but there is
some potential for "Once we
impact in the future eroding th
on fuel wood sales.
"A change right, oth
occurred in the rule will follow
right at the end," he
said. Before, we
couldn't buid or
upgrade roads, but county co
they added cutting
of timber at the end.
"It also says
that (exceptions would be
allowed) if the work is done to
improve the habitat - for
stewardship. That's what most
of ours is, so it shouldr't
impart us too much."
Domenici, was critical of
the President's handing of the
rule.
"This is no way to imple-
ment such sweeping regula-
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Hawkes said.
Domenici was critical of the Clinton administration's actions in developing the road-
less policy that was first less poicy inat was 1999 .

Last February, the senator contended that the Adminis tration and Forest Service failed to follow the Administra tive Procedure Act.
that the roadless policy will compound the fire dange to public lands, particularly those identified as urban/wild land interface communities.

## Christmas tree recycling deadline nears

The countdown is on for
turning the Christmas tree into beneficial mulch.
Friday will be the final day that the Keep Ruidoso Beautifui program will accept Christcling initiative. Schoolhouse Park on Sudderth Drive, behind the village swimming pool. An orange fenced off Ellen Bizzell, superintendent

Ruidoso parks.
Trees that are deposited at the recycling location are required to be cleared of all ti On other decorations. On Saturday those who can return to take home free mulch. Texas-New Mexico Power Company will donate the time and equipment that will turn the trees into mulch. useful for a variety of thinge
such as creating pathways, erosion control or water reten tion in flower beds during th dry months, Bizzell said.
The first 15 people The first 15 people who a Keep Ruidoso Beautiful bonus package, Bizzell said. The mulch pick up wil take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For

For more information call the village's parks and recre
ation department at $257-5030$


## DOWNS COUNCIL

Decision makers at the village of Ruidoso Downs were
pitched Monday on a proposal pitched Monday on a proposal lage.
Bob Richardson, Bohanan Huston, an engineer
ing firm that works for the village, said the works for the vil be a benefit as theping would siders water system impe con ments.

He said his firm has had some difficulties in plannin water system upgrades, such as new water line placements, without the mapping.

Some base mapping is going to have to be done to Richardson told the village board.
He said the mapping would also assist the village as it works on drainage issues. fits also suggeste be realized

The engineer:
would return with an informa tion packet and a proposal on aerial mapping.

A declaration of a potentia
conflict of interest was potential

## Police search for missing teen-age girl

| by James Kalvelage RUDDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTTER |
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| Ruidoso Downs police |
| are searching for a missing |
| girl who was reportedly |
| seen at a juvenile |
| alcohol/marijuana party in Ruidoso. |
| Posters have gone up in the area seeking to have |
| Amber Rose Darby return |
| "This is a major concern |
| of the mother and stepfa- |
| ther," said Kelly Calicoat, an |
| cer with the Ruidoso |
| Downs Police Department. |
| "This sort of activity has |
| never occurred before with |
| Her." Rose Whodall, Amber's |
| mother, pleaded for her |
| daughter to come home. |
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Photographic Society of Lincoln County to meet Thursday
The Photographic Sosiety 7 p.m. Thursday at Texas-New Mexico Power Co. Members
by new village trustee Bonnie The den.
The declaration, to notify est in a business that provides services or products to the village, is required by state statute, said village attorney Dan Bryant.
"This deals with ownership in a business that you know vallage in the calendar year, viluage in the

Richardson said her Ruidoso Wholesale Foods has sold janitorial and other supplies in the past to the village. She
said as much as $\$ 50$ quarterly has been sold to the village

Bryant said he would draft a conflict of interest document for Richardson to sign.

In other activity, the Ruioso Downs village council: Ags Act resolution, detailing the public notice of meetings and the procedures for convening a closed meeting. The resolution also establishes the location of meetings of the
hall, and the times, the second and fourth Mogeays of each

Heard a presentation from Dolores Herrers of the Region IX Education Cooperative about the upcoming fifth nnual transition and career fair: Herrera invited village officials to join other businessthe fair. Nearly 700 high the fair. Nearly 700 high school districts in Lincoln County and parts of Otero County will be at the fair "to lot our students know what's
available," Herrera said.

- Heard responses from village administrators on sevaccounts payable. Trustee accounts payable. Trustee about expenditures for the rental of two storage units and everal other purchases. The torage units were needed because Ruidoso Downs does age hall or the police department, said Gladys Dillard, village clerk.
and friends are welcome. The group is planning a
The contest subject is the trip Jan. 13 to Bosque del holidays. Society dues of $\$ 10$ Apache. Call 258-400
for the year 2001 are due.
4003 for information.



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## OUR OPINION

## The wheels of justice and the cost thereof

The old saw about people and the law goes something like this: "He who represents himself has a fool for a client." It appears that the people of Lincoln County will see if that's so in the next few days.

Item: Four of the county's five elected commissioners have hired an Albuquerque lawyer to represent themselves in connection with a petition seeking a grand jury to investigate the county's relationship with Presbyterian Healthcare Services, the long-time operator of Lincoln County Medical Center. They've set aside $\$ 50,000$ to pay the legal bills.

Item: One commissioner, Leo Martinez of Ruidoso, says he doesn't think he needs a lawyer of his own, because he's taken the position from the start that the contract between the county and Presbyterian should have been handled in accordance with an advisury from the state's Department of Finance and Administration.

Item: County Attorney Alan Morel has urged Martinez to seek representation. Morel, who's represented the county for some 8 years, says he's concluded that he will be representing himself in the proceeding, if it proceeds, because he probably will be considered one of the "other individiuals" the grand jury petition seeks to indict.

Meanwhile, Presbyterian has filed a motion with the 12th Judicial District to toss out the petition, citing a string of reasons ranging from "invalid" signatures to lack of specificity in the allegations. Chief Judge Frank Wilson on Jan. 18 will decide whether the petition is valid, and most particularly whether the allegations are sufficient to meet the standard that grand juries probe only criminal matters.

Presumably he also will decide 'whether Presbyterian's motion to throw out the petition is valid. It's also possible that the court could postpone things for a while to see if the issue is resolved in the Legislature; it convenes next Tuesday for a 60 -day session. Thats what the county and Presbyterian have been seeking for months.

It also would perhaps eliminate the whole issue of representation for elected officials at taxpayer expense.

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## YOUR OPINION

## Conscience bothering?

Tb the editor
I really got a kick out of county Commissioner William the Dec. 22 edition of the Rui doso News: "If we had a meet ing every week, we'd still be overpaid. He was referring to the $\$ 17,000$ annual salary of the commissioners, who conrizozo. His math was a little rizozo. His math was a littie ly receive more than $\$ 1,400$ per meeting.
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A humane thank-you
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again in this past year's free must redouble our efforts to reach out to the community, to adults and children alike, to educate them about responsible pet ownership. The shelter and the members, vols shelter wish each and every one of you a very peaceful and prosper ous new year. Bless you and thank you so much for caring about all animals by being responsible. Janie Spencer
board president, $\mathbf{H S L C}$
judicial system. There should be a weekly television series
based on our state's courts. The program should be titled Make a deal."
Thanks to plea bargaining a lie occurs every time that a charge doesn't accurately reflect the crime that was aren't y committed. Why aren't judges and attorneys also required by law to tell the nothing but the truth?

Why do we view judges as demigods? Many, if not most, people have an unfavorable opinion of lawyers. Many
judges are basically attorneys who power-dress in black robes and are given the pompous title of addr If I were
would want to be tried under our current "injustice" system which is merely concerned. about verdicts and deals. However, if I were innocent, I that would only be concerned that would only be concerned Justice can orily b obtained by a yocal electorate! Franklin L. Boren


## GUEST COMMENTARY

## New year brighter for farm commodities

by Stewart Truelsen
AMERICAN PARM BUREAU
Many farmers would like to forget the year 2000 . Prices for major commodities rose early in the year in anticipation of a widespread drought. When it didn't happen, prices took a summer ming pool but into the tank. Corn dropped to its lowest price level in more than a ozen years.

But by the fourth quarter of the year, prices were trending upward winging decidedly better year.
Livestock . fared better than grains in 2000 and finished well: Cattle futures on Exe Chicago Mercantile in Decemiter Hog prices averaged \$10, per hundredweight,more than the previous, disastroug year. Con-
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Looking ahead this year, cominodity anead this yea





This year a modest the current slowdown results in farm exports is expected. USDA is estimating farm xports at $\$ 53$ billion in 2001 up from $\$ 51$ billion in 2000, but well below the 1995 peak nearly $\$ 60$ billion. A Weaker than expected
ollar could cause upward adjustments in that forecast, out the world economy needs to remain relatively good and he U.S. economy needs to avoid a recession. Analysts warn that farm
commodities may not do well if

In the last five years or so, farmers have seen plenty of and the commondities they produce. The year 2001 is starting with some cautious ontimism. There could be better times ahead for America's agricultural producers.

Stewart Truelsen is the
director of broadcast services

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## RLIDOSO POLICE

## Restful artest

Ruidoso police arrested a Mescalero man Jan. 5 after a report of a residential break-
ing and entering and criminal ing and entering and
damage to property.

Ofage to property.
Officers were summoned to a University Drive home on a report of a man who had
broken in and was passed ou on the living room floor. The resident of the home had returned home, entered the dwelling through the garage and discovered the man snor ing on the flopr.
taken into custody withous incident on the two criminal charges. A front door to the residence was found open and substantial damage done to
the door frame. the door frame

Domestic abuse probed
Ruidoso police are looking for a 50 -year-old Roswell man in connectiou with a reported resident living on Apache mer cohabitant became physi cal and then would not allow the victim leave the residence for approximately $21 / 2$ hours. The victim said she was chest-butted and threatened. The alleged perpetrator final 12:30 a.m. Jan. 6. A neighbor reportedly heard the suspect tell the victim that "within the week you'll be dead.
Police are considering
charges of felony false imprischarges of felony false imprisand misdemeanor battery against a household member

## Battery alleged

A criminal complaint was being prepared following an incident of possible battery reported Jan. 3 at. a Birch Drive residence. The victim told police the suspect left on
foot after she was slapped, punched and krean

Felony burglary, damage has been referred to juvenile
Police are investigating a felony burglary and criminal damage to property incident between Dec. 25 and Jan. 4. Items with an estimated value of $\$ 1,840$ were missing
from an unit of a storage facil trom an unit of a storage facil Meander Drive. A padlock on the door of the unit was cut to gain entry. Missing from the pressure washer saw, welder, pressure washer and flood

## Felony embezzlement

The Ruidoso Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division is probing a felony embezzlement case
reported on Jan. 5. An official with the Ench. 5. An officia with the Enchantment Inn
and Suites, 307 Highway 70 West, told police a $\$ 400$ dis crepancy was found in cash receipts from Now Year's Eve.

## Larceny at care center

A felony larceny incident at Ruidoso Care Center 200 Resort Drive, was reported to police on Jan. 5. A facility manager told police $\$ 488$ had been taken from a safe during the second half of the day than $\$ 1,000$ was reported taken from a safe at the faciltaken

Inn burglary reported
The Ruidoso Crimina investigation into a Jan 2 report of burglary from a room at the Comfort Inn, 2709 Sudderth Drive. A guest told police earrings and a necklace were missing from a drawer. The case has been identified as a
felony burglary and misdemeanor burglary and misde

Assault by youth alleged
has been referred to juvenile assault against a household household member, both petty misdemeanors. A Jan. 3 incident at a White Mountain Drive residence, involving a teen-age female prompted the eferr

## Two face drug rap

Two young people were
rrested Jan. 5 on misdearrested Jan. 5 on misdemeanor drug charges after Ruidoso police stopped a vehifficer said he had observed a vehicle operated in a careless nanner at Yellow Pine Road and Davis Drive.

Justin Torry Phillips, 20, Ruidoso, was charged with possession of marijuana than one unce of marijuana and posstance. Phillips. was also wanted on a Texas arrest warrant for being an escapee from custody.

The driver of the vehicle, 17, Was referred to juvenile authorities on allegations of marijuana, possession of drug parapherralia and possessiọ̆ of a controlled substance.
Pot pośsession charged
Daniel Cimosz, 27, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after police stopped him on White Mountain Drive on Jan. 6 for running a stop sign. A. police report gtated that an officer saw cimosz take a cigarette put the item between the driver's seat and a center con-
$\qquad$ After Cimosz was cited for running a stop sign, police said they received permission to cigarette box, which reportedly contained a pipe and a green leafy material that tested positive as marijuana.

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## DISTRICT COURT

## Criminal cases

The following criminal cases were filed in Lincoln County They are identified by the date. the defendant, the charges and the docket number.

Dec. 5-Arlis Scott, 20, Lincoln County Detention Center; conspiracy to commit burglary, tributing to the delinquency of a minor, fourth-degree felony; QR2000-167.
Dec. 5 - Jeffery Palmer, 18, Ruidoso; aggravated battery with great bodily harm, thindschool personnel, misdemeanor; CROO-168.
Dec. 5-Isaac I. Chave2, 24,
San Patricio; great bodily injury San Patricio; great bodily injury by vehicle, accident involving
death or personal injury; CROO169 .
Dec. 6 - Brandon Brewer 20, Lincoln County Detention Center; aggravated battery (armed after entry), second-
degree felony, and criminal damdegree felony, and criminal damage to property, fourth-degree ony; CROD-170
Dec. 14 -Daniel Candelaria,
and age or address listed; notice no age or address listed; notice trate court on possession of drug paraphernalia; CR00-171
48. Dec. 26 - Michael Hancox, 48, Ruidoso; notice of appeal from magistrate court on DWI 172. 2 - Jason Walker 32; ugitive complaint from Ellis County, Texas; CR2001-01.
Domestic cases
The following domestic relations cases were filed in Lincoln zozo. They are identified by the date, the plaintiff and defendint, the type of action and the docket number
Dec. 7 - Peggy G. Baggett vs. Charles H. Wilkinson; peti-
tion for order of protection from tion for order of protection from
domestic abusa; DV2000-127.

Dec. $8-$ Lori LaMay vs David LaMay; domestic abus Dec: 8 - Tabatha Rue Larry Hurd, also known as Jason Hurd; domestic abuse petition; DV00-129.
Dec. 12 - Melissa Tbtman vs. Robert Edward Lee Totman Jr.; divorce; DM2000-160. Glen W. Duke; divorce; DM00${ }^{161 .}$ Dec.

Dec. 13 - Chad Messick vs Ruth Marie Messick; divorce; DMO0-162.

Dec. 14 - Richelle Burgess abuse petition DV00; 130
Dec. 14 - Robert Lynchard vs. Evelyn Lynchard; divorce DM00-163.
Dec. 21- - Missy Cupit vs Steve Darikert; petition to estab lish paternity, child custody, visi-
tation, child support and division of property, DM00-164.
Jan. 3-Janet Smith vs. Dan Smith; domestic abuse petition; DV2001-01 - Tina Jackson vs. David Paul Bean, divorce, DM2001-01. Jan. 4 - George Romero vs
divorce Jennifer
DM01-02.

## Civil cases

The following civil cases were filed in Lincoln County Dis are identified by the date, the plaintiff and the defendant, the type of action and the docket number.
Dec. 13 -Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. David A and Brenda G. Laminack; debt collection;
Dec. 14 - Ruidoso State Bank vs. Judy Martinez; complaint on promissory note and suit for foreclosure; CV00-265. ${ }^{\text {Dec. }} 15$ - Classic Bronze LLC, a New Mexico corporation, vs. Lincoln Fox; breach of conunjust enrichment and for pre-
liminary injunction; CV00-266. Dec. 19 -Joseph D. Gallegos Cecilia B. Kallegos, deceased Gallegos, deceased, and Beulah Gokey Scharf and Seaborn P Gray, co-trustees under the last will and testament of Sarah C Gray, deceased, all heirs unknown claimants with inter ests in the premise adverse to the plaintiff, quiet title; CV00-
268 . ${ }^{268 .}$
Dec. 27-Robert E. Lee vs. ferry W. Simmons; complaint in forcible entry and unlawfu
detainer; CV00-269.
Dec. 18 - Jeffery Chapman vs. State of New Mexico, Taxa tion and Revenue Department Motor Vehicle Division; notice of appeal; CV00-267.
Dec. 22 - In re: forfeiture of a brown 1987 Jeep Wagoneer 1976 Chevrolet pickup and one white 1972 tractor-trailer with New Mexico plates and $\$ 1,200$ in U.S. currency, and concerning Marsha Price and Jack Price respondent; forfeiture petition Jan. 2-Jerry D, Smith and Joyce A. Smith, his wife, vs. the estate of Ethel Morehead, also known as Ethel Morehead Thomas, and her unknown heirs, devisees and assigns and
all unknowf claimants with all unknowf claimants with to the plaintiff; quiet title; CV2001-01.
Jan. 2 - El Minya Court
Ladies Oriental Shrine of New Mexico, a nonprofit organizatiow The Altrusa Club of Ruidoso, nonprofit organization, Alma and Bob Elison and First Bap
tist Church of Holyoke, Colo. vs Patricia Ortiz, personally and in her capacity as trustee of the trust of Laura Barbara Duff
petition for removal of trustee petition for removal of trustee
and for an accounting Cvo: Jon an accounting, CVO: ? selection of jurors; CV-Mis selectio
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## FUNERAIS DEATHS

Jarmin Enjady
A funeral Mass for Jarmin Enjady, 32, of Mescalero, will be at 10 a.m. today at St. following at the Mescalero Cemetery and the Rev. Paul Botenhagen officiating.
Mr. Enjady died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001 in Ruidoso. He was born Dec. 15, 1968
Mescalero and lived there all his life. He was a member of St. Joseph's Mission.
Survivors include his mother, Ina Torres of Mescalero; brothers Marvin Gaines and Ryan Tbrres; and a
sister, Merry Anne Beck. He sister, Merry Anne Beck. He
was preceded in death by a brother, Dion Enjady
Arrangements are under
direction of LaGrone the direction of LaGron

## Don F. Rogers

The funeral for Don $F$. Rogers, 65, of Ruidoso, wer Tuesday at Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Hobbs
He died Friday; Jan. 5 2001 in Hobbs.
Hevinas born Feb. 3, 1935 Mr. Rog
1947 and moved to Hobbs Hobbs High School in 1953. He owned Don Rogers Auto Sales in the 1960 s and worked in domestic and international oil ime of his death, he was retired from his business, Don Rogers Wrecker Service and Repo City, which he began in ${ }^{990}{ }^{\mathrm{H}}$
He moved to Ruidoso in
He was involved in the American Legion Post 26 and

Sheriff's posse elects a new president
Bob LaRue was tapped as the new president of the Linthe next year during a recent meeting of the auxiliary group. Also elected: David Scott of White Oaks as vice president, Betty Joiner of Capitan as sec-
two year Survivors include his
ther, Marie Morris of Hobbs; his stepfather Claud Morris of Hobbs; a son, Bobby Davis of Santa Fe; daughters Barbara Groves of Lebanon, Mo., Kellie Murrish of Hobbs, Deeon Gallegos of San Diego, Calif., Lara Bailey of Santa Fe, Egypt. He was preceded in Egypt. He was preceded in
death by his father, Lenard Rogers. may be made to the American Legion Post 26 or the Ameri-
can Heart Association.

Dorothy Mulligan Penia
The funeral for Dorothy
Mulligan Peña, 92 of E1 Paso, Mulligan Peña, 92, of El Paso, Texas, will be at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday at First Foursquare Gospel Church, 3000 Fort Boulevard, El Paso, with Pasoffieiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Alameda, directed by Harding-Orr-McDaniel. Mrs. Pera died Monday, Jan. 8, 2001.
1908 whe was born on Aug. 31, ${ }^{1908}$ Mrs. Peña, a native El Pasoan, was daughter of pioneer El Pasoans John Mulligan and Laura Mulligan Day. Survivors include her children Patrick and Dottie
McCarthy of Alto, Margaret Randle and Al Randle of El Paso, Jerry and Nellene Peña of Alto and El Paso, and John and Suzi Peña of Scottsdale, Ariz; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two nephews; and two nieces. She
was preceded in death by her was preceded in death by her Earents and brothers John,

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## Commissioners ponder internal conflict

## Martinez's association with organizers of hospital petition drive called into question

BY DIANNE STALINGG
RUDOSO NEWS STAFF WRTTE
Before an attorney hired to represen the Lincoln County Commission in a possi ble grand jury investigation decided he gent interests, at least one board member already raised à conflict question.
County Commissioner Rick Simpson aid last week he wondered whether fel low board member Leo Martinez has a conflict of interest because of his associaion with organizers of a petition calling for a grand jury investigation of the com-
mission's relationship with Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

The firm has managed the county wned hospital in Ruidoso for more than 20 years.
Asked for his opinion about a conflict impson said, "I would think so becaus against the members of this board" ${ }^{\prime}$ filed
While he declined to comment on whether Martinez' presience posed a prob em when commissioners are being briefed in closed sessions about legal strategy, he dded, "It does make a person wonder."
me of the petition organizers came up some of the petition organizers came up session last week on pending or threat ened litigation.
Since then, David A. Freedman, the Albuquerque attorney hired to represent
the commission, declined to include Martinez as a client County Attorney Alan Morel advised Martinez that the county should hire sepa rate legal counsel for him, but Martinez , he doesnt need a law

The commen tal contract issue.
"Im on the side conflict for me a ral," he said, point han for the other ing to an adyisory han fissioners letter directing commissioners submit their conwho (are) siding tract with Presbywith Presbyter: . . terian to the state ian."

Leo Martinez

## county commissioner

 Finance Board for approval and saying they should petitive manage ment offers. a. conflict for me than for the other commissioners who have taken a position siding, with Presby cial. I' don't believe I can be excluded from sessions. I represent voters in this county just like the rest of commissioners do, although some of those voters have different opinions on this and other issues. think both sides should be represented.A local attorney farniliar with such
issues pointed out it would be considered unethical for an attomey to represent clients with competing interests. Wilson and Commission Chairman Rex Wilson to comment on the situation, citing advice from Morel not to discuss the case.

Commissioner William Schwettmann agreed, but added, "If someone discusses
what gies on in executive session, he breaches his moral duty."

However, no legal sanction exists for elected public officials who decide to reveal information from closed "executive" sesco's Open Meetings Act for specific purposes such as litigation, personnel issues and land purchase discussions.
Reynaldo Valcarcel, chairman of the petition committee, last week said petiioners are not out to get anyone. are not trying to 'get criminal pharges' against anyone," Valcarcel said. "They are asking for their constitutional prerogative for a grand jury investigation to decide if something happened.

We want poople held accountable if something illegal happened.

Thave no ill feeling for any of the commissioners. This is business, county busi-
ness. I'm sure the commissioners don't think they committed any crime. If that's true, no one will be indicted. Whatever District Judge (Frank) Wilson's decision, I
won't go out and picket in the streets." wan't go out and picket in the streets."

## Race track gets village approval to burn debris

by James Kalvelage

## The Ruidoso Downs Race

 Track and Casino will be lighting a debris fire under a burning permit authorized Monday by the Ruidoso A date for the firA date for the fire has a track official said the burn will take, place soon, likely when there is a light snow. "Well take every precau-

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community," said Michael E. Hernandez, race track and casino plant superintendent. tankers there."

Approval for the burn, in regard to the smoke that would be created, was grant-
ed:by the New Mexico Envied by the New Mexico Envi

Questioned by several village trustees, Hernandez said the closest residence to the planned debris burn would be about 200 yards.
The burn, which Hernandez
said would involve mostly wood, brush and pallets, mile north of the Champion Run Condominium complex. While trustee Jim Bassett asked if the village had an ordinance against any Downoor burning in Ruidoso Judy Miller said burning can take place with a permit. Hernandez said the amount of debris was large and he would be willing to
three piles and burn over two or three days. But some trustees said it would be betsingle day to minimize the smoke.

Hernandez said he thought the smoke could b several-hour burn.

In approving the burning permit trustees commanded that the race track notify neighbors when the fire will take place and to trick standing


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## Wampiors nake big coneback against Tuie

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KUREN BOEHLER
RUDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITIOR
The Wariiors (10-3) overcame a rau-
Ths Triarosa crowd and a deep deficit Fricous Tularosa crowd and a deep deficit Fri-
day to take a $62-57$ overtime win over the day to tak
"It was just a wild one," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "We started out trying to halftime just to change the pace of the game not to get involved in the head games and the crowd. We decided we were just going to go out and play our game and get back into
it and do the things we do well and and that's what we did. And the next thing you know, we're right back in the middle of it." The Wartiors led 5-0 early, but after 24 at halftime and stretched that lead to 15 points with the opening bucket of the sec ond quarter.

Part of the problem in the first half was The Warriors
athe warriors were cold the first two ond half' and used free throws to get the
;Page said Jason Britt and Todd Schrader "hit a couple of big key free throws. The guys hit them when they need them this He said the key to coming back was We played into their hands by getting

## Lady Warriors. fall to Wildcats, Rockets

## gy Wediny Widener and Karen Boehlipr

The Lady Warriors (2-11) fell twice in twoid days last weekend, just missing gganst Mularosa in the Rose Oity then getthe pounded by Goddard at Home.
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Wartior jason Britt goes up fortcry Abby Stringeflow
points against Tularosa Friday
upset about calls," Page said. "We just decided we weren't going to do that. We
weren't going to talk back to the officiall.

We weren't going to get upset about a bad
call if we thought it was a bad call. We were just going to play our game and treat it like it was a practice right before a big game."
Page said that worked; and the WarPage said that worked, and the Warriors slowly closed the gap.
Ruidoso went ahead

Ruidoso went ahead late in the fourth quarter on a layup by Britt, then Tularosa went up by one.
The Warrior
free throw, then, as they had done aginst Taos at the Stu Clark Tburnament, they took control of the extra period.
Page said the 'Cats hit the first bucket of overtime, "but it didn't seem to bother us. We just kept plugging away and kept doing
the things we were doing in the fourth quarter to get us back in the game, and eventually we just pulled away."
Solomon Barnett led the scoring with 20 points, despite missing much of the game because of foul trouble, and Britt had 13. Nine Warriors added to the scoring total.

Page was pleased with the effort by his bench, especially Christy LaPaz and T.J. Montoya, who came th
starters were in trouble.
"We just were real patient, real persistent and just kept fighting," Page said. "The kids never quit. They just played so under control and didn't panic about anything The Warriors open district play against Portales Friday at home.

## Tularosa pulled awiy to lead 21-17

 Wid 27-23 atter three quarters. but 11 of Tularosa's 37 points, and while Ruidoso shut down some of her scoring in Qtie third quarter, she came back strong in the final stanza.Rildquillo said the Warriors forced Wildeat turnovers, "but we just had som Shots that didn't go in at the end."

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perfect the ahot jusid didit fail.

Goddard 52 , Ruidoso 40 nine. Atter a 52-40 defeat of the junior varsiFy Friday, the Warriors followed suit, alling to the Goddard Rockets in the varsity matchup, 63-24.
The first half ended with Goddard leading 31-14, but even though the lead ets didn't let up, more than doubling their score by the end of the game while the Warriors were merely points away from doing the same.
he game was the second defeat by
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LADIES: Carrizozo, Capitan fight for Šmokey Bear title

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second half, And I don't mean my girls quit trying. But it affected their thinking when
they had to worry more about they had to breathing
2 lead, but jumped out to a 13 -$16-2$ tear between the first and second quarters and held a slim 27-26 lead at halftime. A 3 pointer by Tiger Patty Terry and a technical on Mescalero
freshman Charlotte Tahnito freshman Charlotte Tahnito finally gave Capitan the Tigers slowly puilled away in the fourth quarter.
look much easier, but 48 turnovers didn't help the cause. said coach Cindy Terry.
The Tigers also saw freshan Patty Terry go down in the third quarter with a knee injury she's been nursing for most of the season, and played without sophomore Jessica Tully
Mitchell, who had to sit out game because of an ejection at the Cloudcroft tournament.

Rosie Smith looked unstoppable for the Chiefs, tallying 20
points. Nicole Dolan had 12,
WRESTLERS: Warr
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Mesa, pin: N. Ausustson, Rio Rancto, pln; Rit-
ter def. Del Norise,
171 - B. Truillo, Dal. Norte, def. Tanner McGarvey, pini. MeGarver def. Graver,
Roswell, plin; T. Purrell, Gadsden, def: McGar-$189-1$.N
while Jessica "Bruiser" Becker had 16 for Capitan and Patty Terry In Th
Dexter topped Hagerman $66-51$, Carrizozo downed Tatum 67-37 and Eunice blasted Fondo 50-32.

Carrizozo 45, Dexter 41
The Grizzlies had anothe slow start Saturday, but put it together when it counted to defeat Dexter 45-41
'Zozo's big problem Friday was tree throws, although coach ones that counted.".
They did, using shots from the charity staipe to overcome a Demon lead in the third, but overall the Grizzlies shot a miserable 14-for-31. Still, Holland ing up free throws.
ing up iree throws. We put them on the line too much," he said. "I think we kept them in the line with fouls. You can't keep puting them on the Car

Carrizozo held Dexter to five points - only two from the "We just second quarter. our game plan and didn't put it inside like we were doing at the beginning of the game," said
riors compete well
ptn; K Schwesen, Carstbad, def. Dennis, 6-4;


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WARRIORS: Ladies improve
vs. Roswell Goddard
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Goddard this season - Rui-
doso fell to the Rockets 78-39 Ronquillo thournament, but played "a little tougher this played "a little tougher this the first game.

Rocket coach Bobby Bates agreed with Ronquillo, remembering the first victory for the Rockets over the Warriors. Ruidaso did a better job handling the ball tonight early in the game than last time," said Bates. "I think offensively they kept us out of our natural pull of the game. I give them credit for Nevertheless, the Warriors gain fell to the Rockets, but not without a battle.

Line was the Warriors' top scorer with 14 points and
numerous assists numerous

Rocket Melissa Reese her team with 16 points as she put ball after ball through the pletely without incident as toward the end of the fourth quarter, the scoreboard readMeghan Gebaldon fell on her elbow and her hip battling for the ball, but Gebaldon got up after a minute of deadly silence and played through the rest of the game. pleased overall" with the "really pleased his team used for the sec ond defeat of the Warriors. "We found some weakness es in the defense and we
attacked," said Bates, "I think on their, said Bates, "I think were stretched enough, thing had to make sure we could keep them off the boards and we.did a goad job there, so
hink that was to our advan tage. Overall, I think as the game progressed, we got more nto synch and they lost some $f$ their momentum.
Ronquillo was pleased with his team's effort and knows "get over" this second defeat belted out by Goddard.
"We had an excellent first half. We played hard; made some shots. (In the) second half our shots just didn't fall, Ronquillo said. We had over it. We have to get ready for Thlie."
The Warriors were scheduled for a rematch with the Wildcats Tuesday, then face Staturday.

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Capitap 39 , Bhinice 37 . The Tligers And Dunice squared off in whet was probatournament, with Capitan edg ing the Cardingls 8 gisic: A three-point second quarter left Capitan trailing 25-12 a the half, and looking like they'd be playing for third place.
But the Tigers started com the Cardinals 12-9, then held Eunice to three points of its own in the fourth quarter, pulling out a last-second win.

With the partisan crowd oaring its support, Capitan ince the second quarter on field goal by Becker Keli Smith then went to the free-throw line and tied the game by going 1But with four seconds left on the clock, Patty Terry hit a field goil that had the crowd and the team calebratang like
theyd just won the champi theyd just won the champi-
onship. . time to go to work, I think,", said coach Torry. Itd been very easy halftime and just quit and lay down and thats one thing I can say for these girls. They do not give up. They fight to the very end. And todays one of those days where it paid off."
Hayes gave all the credit to Capitan.
he said ${ }^{\text {M }}$ kept battling back," he said. "They kept being very aggressive on the boards and started . getting a fot of
rebounds. They had position on rebounds. They had position on us and were able to put it. right We hit a cold. spell late in the
third quarter, didnt score points Demon Stefarie Smith led 15 scorers, while Becker tallied 15 for Capitan and Patty Teríy
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10. Hondo 65, Mescalero 49 A pair of district rivals early eames, withi Hondo taking an easy 65-49 win over Mescalero.

Hondo coach Julie Montoya was pleased with her team's
. Whey worked the ball real well," she said. "They weren't as patient as I would like, after we got a big lead, but we were ansious, I gueiss. We hadn't played in a while so we wanted to score Mes was very unhappy with the ward his team played.
school term" like a grade come to pla, he said. We didn't come to play. That's it in a nut-

While Mescalero couldn't seem to get anything in the hoop, the Eagles were solid Oood shooting has been good lately" Montoya said. "As long as we're patient and get a
good shot, weve been shooting well." shot, weve been shooting the Eagle Chriselda Acosta led the scoring with "21 points. Hondo, while Dolan had 13 for Mescalero and Smith 10.
In Friday's other game,
Hagermanaturday Although they fell $54-42$ to another district rival, Chief's coach Rol Bradford was much happier with Saturday's play "We did a lot be
said. "They did a good job of listening and really working at the game. That's one of the high-


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Sasha Aragon picked up 18 points, with 15 coming on 8 pointers. Smith had 11 while Bobeats and Stephanie Prather 10.

Hagerman coach Alicia Truillo said unlike other teams which came into the tournament with no games since was in its seventh game in 10 days. We were just really dead, then leaving at 6 in the morning made it was a long day", she a district team. We look forward
to starting district on Tuesday back we look forward to getting back to the gym to practice Tatum 62, Hondo 30 Tatum made it look easy the consolation title 62-30. While the Eagles scored the first points of the game, Tatum again. Hondo didn't shoot well at all, just couldn't knock them down We just didn't get the shots off We played much better team ball against Mescalero the day
before. We just played a little before. We just played a little falling for us. It was just one of those days, I guess."

Only Tatumi's. Petra Mar tinez, 17, and Tina Burnett; 14,
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In the third-place game
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## SMOKEY: Area teams face tough competition at local tourney

Tiger win.
"We ran out of gas," said Carrizozo They had more depth than hurt us. Still Capitan coach Boyce Brown said the Grizzlies had improved since the last time the two teams met. little bit:" he said. "They ran demense an ittle bit," he said. They ran some man pressure up top and a little zone down with that. It confused us a little bit. They've mproved and they got after it. I think we gave them confidence he last game when we were up big and then o I knew they'd came in looking for some evenge."
For Carrizozo, it Bryan Bartz game for ack Barta, who wa his ankle in a football ame. Holland "said till helped with 'th young squad.
Gangleyzy Brandon Langley and Tiger Sheldon Moor led he scoring with 17 , points each. Lane Pruitt 13 for Capitan.

Eunice 95, Hondo 43
Hondo coach Ray Barela said he'd rather forget Thursday's 95-43 loss to ventual tournament champion unice.
verybody laid off during the holibad," he said.

Carlos Miranda tallied almost half of Hondo's points with 21. Adan Lerma had 10, while. Johnny hobertson and Jesse Contreras each had 22 for In Thursday's other
In Thursday's other games, Tatum surprised the Alamogordo
sophomores 60-42;
Friday
Tatum 61, Capitan 39
The Iigers had a tougher time in against Tatum falling 6109 to th Coyotes

Although Tatum seemed to take an easy win, jumping out early and neve Lookng back, ratum. coach Cur arThe said the rigers played hard. run" he seid "Wh made a good some younger kid and it gave them a window of opportunity and they took advantage of it."
Brown was also pleased with the Thiger onmeback in the sec "We run at them," he said "I'm happy. We've just got to get whare. we put forur quarters together. Win or lose, you want to play four
quarters of good ball, quarters of good ball, three. I think we just got three, but it's positives to build on."
No Tigers scored in double figures Pruitt and Bo Sparks each had nine points. Vicente Garcia and Antonio while Bill Ramirez and Larry Barriga tallied 12 each.

The Eagles finally got on track Fri day, winning their fy got on track Fri season with a 64-56 giame of the season Th
They played well," Barela said intense, and I just reminded them every opportunity I could to continue to play intense."
Hondo took the lead early in the first quarter and led until the third, But field goals by Miranda and


The Capitan Tigers discuss strategy near the end of Saturday's game against Hagerman

Diego Ontiveros and a trey by Arman: do Ontiveros put the Eagles up for good. think they just outplayed us, bottom line," said Reserve coach Rusty Taylor: "We gave our guys a little extra time over the holidays to rest and wertunately we're not in the shape we need to be in."
Hondo, Miranda 18 and Lerma 12 Josh Roundy had 21 for Reserve, including four 3s. Jimmy Najar had 11 and Daniel Patterson 10.

Alamogordo sophomores 76,
Carrizozo also had a
Carrizozo also had a rough game ger, AAAAA Alamogordo sophomores. "We didn't play very good," Holland said! "We've got a long ways to go. I was disappointed. We took a couple of steps backwards."

Langley was the only Grizzly in
able figures with 15 . Glenn Ross had 12 for Alamogordo.

## Saturday:

Hagerman 88, Capitan 31 The Tigers' roughest game was the hird-place match against Hagerman, 31.
"It was a tough game", said Brown "We're not as experienced talent-wise and experience wise as they are. They he boards and we were dead in th locker room before and we were dead coming out and I don't know what the problem was. I think our heads just werent with it to be able to do the have a good showing:" a good showing. first quarter lead they They stretche thake any prisoners. half and 63-24 the lead to 45-15 at the man coach Eddy Prather liked Hager saw from Capitan. "Canitan's a just think we played a little bit above
our heads; shot really well," he said "We kind of got up on top of it really quick, and that was the difference. The a be ter ball club than that. The only players in double figures Miguel Barraza 20, Junior Aguilar 19 and Jacob Morales 12

Alamogordo sophomores 52,
Hondo 26
Playing for the consolation champi onship, Hondo had a tough time against the Alampgordo sophomores falling 52-26;
lead, the Tigers a never frailed but Hondo never gave up either.

We played real good for the first half and part of the third quarter and we just broke down," Barela said. "But hes running 15 players, runs five fresh players every two minutes. But that's the game of basketball. Im disappointed that we lost, I'm not total ly disappointed in the way the guys payed. Alamog angordo coach Shane Bell said he appreciated the workout his young teams from the smaller schools . They played real good. They really did," he said. "They made us do some things we werent comfortable with and we stepped up and played pretty good against them."

Diego Ontiveros led the Eagles hith 17 for Alamo and Mike Haynes 12 .

Reserve 71, Carrizozo 48
Carrizozo stayed close to Reserve for one quarter, but then dropped behind, falling 71-48 to the Mountaineers.
Grizzly
happy with his then Holland wasn't happy with his teams last-game effort. thern," he said. "I thought we played better in the second half: The first half was ugly. All we can do is go to work and try to improve."

Brandon Langley led the scoring
th 21 points. Jacob Hinton had 15 for Reserve and Anthony Gutierrez 14.


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EDUCATION BRIEFS
Meetings coming up
Cheryl Aiken, M.S. of Family institute will make presentation for parents with
children with ADHD, disussing associated problem and symptoms, the develop mental course, the history and resentation will be at 5 p.m Jan. 16 at the Ruidoso Public library. For more informatio Puct Aiken at 258-1515.
the use of federal funds for 2000-01 better to serve young ters with disabilities. An "idea ocal advisory panel will mee at 4 p.m., Jan. 18 at the Rui Office, 200 Horton Circle. Fo , call Paul Wirth at 257-4051

## EMT basic course

Eastern New Mexico Unimergency medical technician or EMT, basic class beginning Jan. 21.
it is a full-semester clas introducing the student to mergency medical services lasses will be from 5 -9 p.m Sundays, and from 6-10 p.m. Mondays at the college office lasses in addition to the reg ar class nights.
Registration is now open at ENMU; students must be registered to attend. The class is imited to 15 students. Call egistration and additional registration

## Students as teachers

A one-credit topics course, Students as Teachers, SPED Bettenhausen, Ph.D. teaching trategies for structuring coop rative learning groups, pee tutoring and reciprocal teach ing.

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Lunch: Spaghetti, bread Tks, salad, fruit
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bun, French fries, pickle spears

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uice or fruit
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mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit
Nob Hill Earty Childhood Center, Sierra Vista Primary Wednesday,
Lunch: Cheese enchiladas, beans, salad, fruit, pudding, crackers Thurrday, Jan. Lunch: Sloppy filp Lumch: Sloppy Joe, Wriday, dan. 12 - Breakfast: Cereal

Lunch: Spaghetti, corn, garlic bread, salad, frui
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The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 5:80 p.m. Feb. 10 and 17 in Room 110 of the College of Business in Portales, and will be broadcast over ITV to Rui doso, Roswell, Hobbs, Clovis and Cannon Air Force Base, The undergraduate fee is $\$ 81$ Registration may be completed by noon on Feb. 9 by comtacting the Office of Extended Learning at Fastern Now Mex ico University, 562-2165 or only). Extended Learning is open Monday thirough Friday, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., Quay and 'S Avenue K,' Portales, NM and 8
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## Country Western class

will teach two-step, Barrow will teach two-step, jitterbug and waltz in six classes for beginners and: intermediate students. The classes meet from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays berd Museum of the American West.

Cost for the six-week course is $\$ 45$ to the general public and $\$ 35$ to museum bard Museum or call 378-4142

## Lottery tops $\$ 100$ million

The New Mexico Lottery has passed the $\$ 100$-million mark in net revenue raised for $\$ 102.38$ million based on sales through Nov. 30 . 38 million almost $\$ 59.1$ million has been set aside for public school critical capital outlay and construction projects, while more than
$\$ 43.3$ million has bagn usedfor
 Ship college tuition program. Wire transfers from the lottery er for distribution.

Lunch: Chili cheese baked potato, salad, fruit, Jell-O Friday, Jan. 12 - Break fast: Cereal
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## VIRTUAL SCHOOL ... virtually a Capitan reality

by Sandy Sugcitt .

NAPITAN - The New Mexico Virtual School is a virtual reality students already have signed up, even though registration started only Monday. (It runs through Jan. 20.)
"There are 300 advanced place-
ment classes, 400 regular classes and ment classes, 400 regular classes and 100 study-skills classes funded," said Darrell Stierwalt, Capitan's bigh school principal. "Maybe we cgn be the

Stierwalt said the Legislature appropriated funds last year to develop Mexico students, and he's been visiting with high school students in their Eng There is no cost to participating school districts, but only 800 classes are furded for all the state's schools, and regis
tration is on a first-come, first-served tration
${ }^{\text {bsis. We'll use it for remediation for stu- }}$ dents whofaled courses," the principal
said. onlinie Internet änd get credit for that. Now they have to attend summer schobt or take classes through correspibindefice. Thete costs as twell, so this will give them an dpportunity for mak-
ing up courses they may have failed.".

In addition, the virtual school gives students the chance to to
that haven't been available. "We're working to increase our curriculum, he said. small schools to offer more advanced classes because of staffing problems."

Among choices for students, Stierwalt said, are "some of the language programs that we haven't been able to offer in the past, advanced math,
 techinology classes, oceanography, astronamy Mexician-American literature, theator artes."

Funds for a 22-member design and implementation team to develop the program, as well as for the classes the sectond special session of the 44 th New Mexico Legíliature.

The team chose Advanced Placement APEX Online Learning courses
in Engfish literature, calculus, chemin English literature, calculus, chem gent Education Inc:'s college preparatory courses in language arts, foreign languages, mathematics, science and health; and Intelligent Education Inc.'s career téchnology courses.
Through achieva.com, students also
may
. HRome-schooled students also may enroll in these classes, and may which they live. - Stierwalt said a support system is set up for students to take the classes during their lunch hours. A teacher or an aide will be available to clarify questions and work with students.
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The registration deadline is Jan. 20 for alasses starting in January. Stuing the summer: or fall or who need to meet program requirements, want to streingthen their study skills or are failing may register through June 30 . (State funds are available for classes through the fall if registration was completed by June 30 - as long as
funds are available.

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Back for another visit to Judith Halliburton's humorous, but to the point, observations about how o approach training for various reed.

Her book "Raising Rover", published by St. Martin's Press, is full of great information and an up-beat read.

- Afghan - Bred to be shepherds or hunters of some top of the als and leopards, Afghans today are more pampered pets.
They're very sensitive to the environment and people around them and become upset if they see the barometric pressure falls, she wrote.
They need a for of exercise and are prone to nip at heels and push be suspicious of strangers. Don't push him to get acquainted. Train
with kindness and gentleness and
he will respond well. guide hunters through the forests and wam of dangerous animals. they are an extremely clean breed and very proud. Keep verbal discithis breed, writing Halliburton likes one, it may be the onat if you have ever want. They're good with the elderly because of their quiet affection. They may run around a yard with a child, but they'll also take a
calm, slow walk. They are patient and intelligent.
- Basset Hound - Bred to hurt they are not considered a clean, brain, she , re not easy to house rain, she warned. Be patient and in a confine rules. If he's left alone has room to space, make sure he from his waste. anything with that superb nose. They're mellow, affectionate and passive, she wrote, adding, "I don't
to bite. It's just not in them."
- Jack Russell Terriers are popular across the country after appearing in several television series and ms.

They were bred to hunt small game in its lair, because they can

They are very active dogs and ove to explore. Don't give him the run of the house until you have him trained or you risk finding eliminations everywhere. Keep eating hems and whe to anticipate his pattraining.

They are lighthearted and fun to have around with no disposition
problems. Keep them on leash problems. Keep them on leash
when outside, because they are courageous and curious and will introduce themselves to snake, a porcupine or anything else that interests them.

Halliburton wrote that they are very trainable. They want to please
and love to leam. and love to leam.




PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

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## Week of Jan. 10-Jan. 16, 2001

$\frac{\text { Capricorn: (Dec 22-Jan 19) }}{\text { Money and love may leave }}$ Money and love may leave what you can do to change it for the better. Look inside and out.
Aquarius: (Jan 20-Feb 18) If at all possible, "get out of town or go away and think by
yourself. Get a diary and write down everything to clean your mind.

Pisces: (Feb.19- March 20) eople will come and go out through your hands. If you want to hold onto someone use a cup of love.

Aries: (Mar 21-Apr 19) You're up for a challenge. Start with your taxes. Look for every loophole you can find and you get more than you ever bargained

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) This is not a good time for you think. It could backfire on you. Look and listen carefully.

Gemini:_(May 21-June 20) exciting year for a new and old, learn from it - not use your knowledge to make a bet ter life.
Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) You're on top of the hill now all of the wonderful, beautiful things you enjoy for free.

Leo: (July 23 - Aup 22)Star the new year out with a smil and a hearty hello to everyone you see and meet. Watch happiness and money flow to you.
Virgo: (Aup 23 - Sept 22) Look twice before wall
across the street of life. A new year and new beginnings.

Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22 Questions and answers. One leads to another - what and whom to keep or throw out.
You're on the right road, but take it easy.
Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Noy 21) Your money needs an over haul. Make a list of every penny spent. You something you don't have to have.

Saqittarius: (Nov 22-Dec 21 Slow down and watch for sharp curves ahead. You can will be the same. Prepare yourself!
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