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ON THE SIDE
Potter picked as county manager Ruidoso Village Councilor Frank Potter was hired late Tues
Lincoln County manager. Commission Chairman Monro Montes said his board voted 4-1 to hire Potter out of a field of six finalists. Commissioner Stirling Spencer cast the negative vote. He will resign his elected councilor position.
The Ruidoso mayor and council may appoint any qualified voter to finish the two years left in Potter's position, or call a special election least 30 days after the already scheduled March 5 municipal elec

Early voting for municipal elections

Registered voters can start cast ing their ballots now for municipa elections in Ruidoso, Ruidoso
Downs, Capitan and Carrizozo.
Early voting takes place in each illage clerk's office through 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29. Regular election day is March 5.

Commissioners dictate terms for finding fort tenant
A letter is on its way to Gov. Gary Johnson letting him know Lincoln County Commissioners want a free hand in finding a new tenant for Fort Stanton - or they the former state hospital.
"We decided to write Johnson to tell him we're not willing to take the liability with strings attached, and that we want to deal directly with him, not the state General Services Department selection committee," said Commissioner L. Ray Nunley.

Anything less would be wasting their time and ours," Commission Chairman Monroy Montes said today. "We made an honest effort to work as partners with the state." State restrictions created stumfailed attempts to find tenants to lease the historic fort about 25 lease the historic fort about 25 The fort, the county's secondlargest employer while operating, was closed last March by Johnson.

If the state has a use for it, they better move," Montes said. "Their foresight is terrible. At one point, we had several regional groups in terested, but after a year, it's difficult to revive interest.

## INSIDE



U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen (left) greets his longtime Hondo Valley neig bor, Dan Storm, at a town hall meeting in Ruidoso Saturday.

## Government won't shut down again, Skeen assures locals

by DON HIXON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer Questions about the federa budget, health care and taxes were fielded by U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen (R-NM) at a town hal meeting in Ruidoso Saturday. "We are here to gauge what you are interested in and wha you think about what's going on at the federal level," he told the
crowd of approximately 60 people at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center
Skeen, who owns a ranch in the Hondo Valley, also talked about a more local issue, the fu ture use of Fort Stanton north of Ruidoso.
"I understand a lot of people are interested in making it a museum or recreational area, he said. "We'l do what we can but the state's got to take the want to get in or get out."
Skeen assured the audience hat the federal government won't shut down again because of budget differences between Congress and the president. "We're making progress and we're not going to shut the government down again," Skeen said. "I think it's settled down and they're going
The necessity for balancing the budget now is paramount Skeen said.
"If we don't balance this budget and start paying off this national debt, by the year 2002 where we can't," he said. "Some-

## "We're making

 progress and we're not going to shut the govenmentdown again."
Joe Skeen

> U.S. Representative
thing has to be done and now's the time to face up to it becaus we don't want to leave a mess fo our children and grandchildren." Ruidoso councilor J.D. James asked Skeen for an update about the health care debate on Capi tol Hill.
"Health care is one of the most important topics under dis cussion, particularly when it comes to the elderly and people and that's why a home health plan is one consideration that's in the mix," Skeen said.
Cutting Medicare benefits in stead of investigating Medicare abuse was another topic ad dressed.
"If I pay the medical bill, it's ready when I go out the door, one person in the audience said But if Medicare pays the bill, don't see the damn thing for six being charged for and what's not.". ${ }^{\text {Bkeen agreed and pointed out }}$ that some medical providers and pharmacies don't want people to Please tee 8keen, page 2 A

## Time rapidly running out for gambling bill's passage

by DICK BEHNKE

Roundrouse cortespondent The issue of any kind of gambalance as the Legislature comes to a screeching halt at noon Thursday.

As of Tuesday, no gambling bills As of Tuesday, no gambling bills were making any progress.
Of all the bills introduced, only a bill to allow video gaming at veterans and fraternal clubs and video gaming at racetracks seemed though the headway it was making was into a stiff anti-gambling wind sweeping the Legislature.
Saturday, the bill made it out of the House Business and Industry and Revenue Committee Tuesday refused to let the bill proceed.
Even if passed in the House, the committees and the Senate floor bo.committees and the Senate floor besignature.
Gov. Gary Johnson announced

Monday he will not call a special session to deal with the gaming issue, even if the Legislature does not pass any type of gaming laws. Tuesday he said a special session may be needed, but for budget work, not gambling bills.

It is unlikely the Legislature it self could muster the two-thirds votes needed in both houses to ca
State Hora

State Horsemen's Association eader Mike Weatherly said late Sunday, "I could have stayed in ciary Committee did not discuss the bill Sunday as scheduled. The committee also failed to address the bill on Monday, but Weatherly said he was "in for the long run.
"I've seen it through this far," Weatherly said. "I'm not going to quit now."

Under the horse track proposal in committec, racetracks could have playable at least 12 hours a day. A
$15 \%$ tax would be levied on the machines' gross revenue (the amount taken in, minus prizes).
The Business and Industry Committee voted 7-3 to approve the bill, sponsored by Majority Leader Michael Olguin (D-Socorro).
A committee member who voted against it, Rep. Ted Hobbs (DAlbuquerque), said he didn't believe there was time to properly handle gaming issues before the end of the
session. Many
Many legislators here have expressed be allowed to settle a lawsuit brought against U.S. Attorney John Kelly. Then there will be a clearer indication of what is and is not legal with Indian gaming. The suit is likely to come to trial in June or July.
Once that decision is made, those legislators feel they can move
on gaming lecislation, but that on gaming legislation, but that
means the subject would not be dealt with until the next legislative session in 1997.

## Gas companies battle over which will serve Capitan area

by DIANNE STALLINGS
A modern range war broke out last week around Capitan, as a small municipal gas association attempted to defend its territory from a large competi-
Employees of Zia Natural Gas were ordered by Dis rict Judge Richard A. Parsons to stop laying pipeline around the village after a suit for breach of contract was filed Monday by the Capitan-Carrizozo Natura Gas Association.
But employees continued to install the line in violaBon of the order and were removed from the site on torney for the municipal gas association.
"We served (notice of the injunction order to) David Hamilton's manager in Ruidoso Downs," Beauvais said. Hamilton is president of Natural Gas Processing, a Wyoming corporation and Zia's parent company When Beauvais heard Zia workers were back on the job last Wednesday, sheriff's deputies went out and hut the work down.

## Heavily armed man enters

 police department, is arrestedby KATHLEEN MCDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Wrher
A Ruidoso man walked into the A Ruidoso man walked into the Rambo Tuesday morning.
"It's very strange to me for a man to enter the police department dressed like that and armed like that," Ruidoso Palice Detective Jim Biggs said. "But, basically, it seems he had voices in his head telling him to come in here and blow people away."
Julian Mo
Julian Morales, 45, a Mexican National who works as a prep cook
at the Great Wall of China in at the Great Wall of China in
Ruidoso, was wearing a bullet-proof Ruidoso, was wearing a bullet-proof
vest and carrying a loaded Chinese assault rifle and two handguns, Biggs said.
Detention officer Alan Hazel, who was manning the Ruidoso Police Doparment dispatch and jail,
${ }^{6}$ You resort back to your training - like tunnel vision and away we go. Things are going to get western. 9 Jim Biggs Detective

wearing Moras walk in at 6 a.m. speaking in Spanish. Hazel came out from the dispatch area and with a SKS 7.62 mm Chinese aswault rifle with a 40 -round banana
lip and bayonet attached
Hazel grabbed the rifle and ran back into the jail area, behind a bulletproof window. He then asked He did.
Morales lifted his shirt and allegedly pointed to a .357 revolver ucked in his waistband.
Biggs, who just happened to be n his office during the earlymorning incident, heard Hazel call on the police radio for a Spanishpeaking officer to assis rmed with a gun
Biggs pulled out his 40 caliber Glock handgun, came through ansaying, "Que pasa?"
As Morales turned toward Bigga,
Hazel started waving wildly from
they shouldn't be held in contempt for violating restraining order," Beauvais said. The hearing is set
for today (Wednesday) in Carrizozo.
Zia submitted a motion to remove the injunction.
The municipal association filed a breach of contract 5 after negotiations broke down while the two companies were trying to settle a service area territorial
"They just went full speed ahead and went out here laying pipe like crazy all around Capitan, Beauvais said. "We also have action pending in front of the Public Utilities Commission, so we went ahead and sued them.'
Parson's order stipulated that Zia should stop con"They're also hook up to their system.
Capitan, basically trying a to break the back of city of Capitan, basically trying to break the back of the
ittle (municipal) gas company," Beauvais said. Dana Stevenson division manager for Zia, to Capitan Board of Trustees Monday the company still

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## announce for sheriff

Ray Merritt is convinced his coupled with proven management kills will translate to success it he's elected Lincoln County Sheriff. The 40 -year-old Repubican is he first to deciare officially his can lidacy for the office of sherifif in the ovember election.
Incumbent Sheriff James McSwane has not returned phone
calls about whether he will run for calls about whether he will run for years and has been dodging political bullets for the past year.
Last week, Merritt resigned as nanager of the garbage transfer station for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority. His former boss praised his ability to organize the
"Taven there
"The Sheriffs Office needs direction," Merritt said. "I would provide eadership and work closely with other law enforcement agencies as basis with the commission and the public. commission all other law enforce-


Hay Montit
was hired the following October by the solid waste group.
Besides his years with the military polise, intelligence and security, Merritt's law enforcemen background includes serving as a reaerve deputy for the Sierra County Sheriffs Office and for the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Depart ment. He's been a member of the two years.
Merritt raised two sons on his own. He earned an associate's in applied science and has taken
several courses in leadership.

## Domestic violence charge a first

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
uidoso News Staff Wrher
Ruidoso police scored their first conviction last week under a re
tively new domestic violence law. The statute makes violence against a family member a crime. In the past, domestic violence of-
fenders could only be charged with general assault or battery.
In the department's first application of the law, they arrested Jay. 17 for allegedly battering his wife and yanking a big clump of hair from her head.
McClanahan was kept at the Lincoln County Jail on a $\$ 25,000$ guity in Ruidoso Magistrate Court to assault against a household to assaut against a household
member, a petty misdemeanor, and
aggravated battery against a aggravated battery against a
household member, a misdemeanor.
Judge William Butts gave
McClanahan suspended sentences McClanahan suspended sentences on both counts. He will be on probacharge and 345 days on the aggravated battery charge. He was also told to stay away from his wife. Although McClanahan's sentence is about the same as those before the domestic violence penal. ty took effect, the violence against a household member criminal statute carries a little more weight to it
when victims suffer serious bodily when victims suff
harm, Butts said.

The new law increases the maxi-
teries from a fourth-degree felony household members as spouses, rel.
punishable by up to two years in atives, parents, former relations jail and a $\$ 5,000$ fine, to a thirddegree felony punishable by up to four years in jail and a $\$ 5,000$ fine. for police to track the number domestic 0 track the number of domestic violence incidents and be
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Still, Ruidoso officers have been recording domestic violence crime for several years, Born said. They made 24 domestic arrests last year Ruidoso police received 223 calls The 24 arrests indice last year The 24 arrests indicate physical
violence occurred, said Cindy violence occurred, said Cindy
Green, recordkeeper for the police Green, recordkeeper for the police
department. Calls that didn't result department. Calla that didn't result
in arrest involved unfounded suspicions, peacekeeping or venbal assault.

Last year, the department made 21 domestic violence arrests out of total 232 calls, Green said.
The old domestic violence statute did give officers the right to when they didn't violence. All other crimes require officers in this state to obtain warrants for arrest if they aren't actual witnesses to the crime, Butts ex plained.

Like the new law, the old statute requires officers to protect victims, help them file a temporary shelter arrangements.
The new law.
atives, parents, former relations tion isn't necessary.
Because of its recognition of sigothers as housaholands on the officers' right to arrest, Butts explained.
The violence against household effective July 1, Ruidoso Detective Wolf Born said.
However, the department didn't apply the law until after being notified by the District Attorney's office Jan. 8. The six-month delay is not unusual, Born said. During the six months, "kinks" in the law were statute number, specific definition statute number, specific deinition The police department and the D.A. have just received the 1995 state criminal and traffic law manual with laws that were passea by the state Legislature last year.
No 1995 Ruidoso domestic vo 1995 kuidoso domestic volence incidents resulted in
serious bodily harm, so none of the defendants could have been charged with the heftier thirddegree felony charge even if the department was using the new law, Born said.
Even before the domestic violence law existed, Born ssid of ficers would note the domestic Butts said he would then automatically increase the defendant's bond.

Skeen denounces nuke storage
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"Not if I can halp it," Streen ssia when anked if a proposed nuclear the reservation. "Over my dead
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## Skeen

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see the Medicare bill
"A lot of criticism is leveled at Medicare benefit recipients raying that they never check the
statements, but they won't give statements, but they won't give
them to you," Skeen said. "We want that changed and it's part of upcoming legislation.
Most providers and
pharmacies are honest but many pharmacies are
are not, he said.
"If you go to a government program, it's a grab bag deal", fortunate, and we are trying to reform this thing so that it gives true value, is more efficient and cost contained."


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Without change, the zystem ould collapse, leaving future generations without help. "The baby boomers and the rest ar

Taxes were the next item disussed at the meeting. "The flat tax is being sold on the fact that taxes would hold at 17\% or less," Skean said. Well many presentations and I'm not really convinced." Skeen received applause when he said he was behind a when he said he was behind a movement to do away with capital gains taxes and inheritance tayes.


Were all intarested in a more equitahle tar zystem and want to stop this businesss of the federal gaverniment soaking up about $\mathbf{3 0 0 \%}$ of the expendithle wealith when we reed to kasva it in the private sector whare yom people take it and make it meve, he sting that much money out of the privata sector."
Noticing long-time neighbe Dan Storg lin in the audience, Sheen haltod the meeting at one point to ahake Stormis hand as the crowd applauded.
"You're lookin' good," Streen told Storm, who turned 86 last October. "Nobody would believt you're only 35 ."

## Gas

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is interested in providing natural gas to areas that are not currently serviced. If the restraining order is on a franchise, she said

## Beauvais point

Beauvais pointed out that even if the issue wasn a court, the board can take no action until it ad "If yor a hearing on a franchise ordinance.
If you want to continue the procass, you need to t in abeyence", "Beauvais ordinance, or you can hold latter and voted ueauvais said. The trustees chose In the suit against Zia, the association contends the gas company violated the torme of a contract for the In return for the h ret on the gas company agreed to allow the association to said.
Zia has refused to allow those connections, he said.
"They're going out there and are trying to put in a competing gas company litarally in our backyard and to fight us door to door for customers," Beauvais said. The whole idea of protected territory is that service is not duplicated. The association is saying we're ready to serve (the same areas Kia is approaching)
"When they got permission from the New Mesico Public Utility Commission to take over our gas line and install their new one, the order says it's for the transmission of gas. We specificaly told the public was) able to start hooking up service from that and they assured us they wouldn't," Beauvais said.
Zia officials told the association the line would be used to run gas from an interstate transmission line


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Beaurvais said. We're contending they are in violation and breached their agreement," he said. "Youre going to see a real range war." Hamilton could not be reached for comment Mon day and other Zia officials did not return calls from

But during the trustee meating Monday evening Stevenson asked to speak as a resident of Capitan She questioned why the trustees would exclude com petition in the community. She pointed out the cost would be less to residents if they hooksed up to Zia an the compariy eculd seroe' arean hoby not winturin th "If Zifa comes in anid If zaid comes in and forces out the association, Hio long betore it raises the rates to a higher level?" asked ack Johnson, Capitan mumicipal judge. Theyre antitled they did in Hobbs," Bearvais said o they can ask for rates that will on theing that return". Zia is purchasing the assets of Hobbe Gas Co: and the city agreed to amend its franchise agreement to reflect that, Hobbs City Manager $\mathbf{B}_{0}$ Thornas ssaid Tuesday. "The Hobbs company hadn't increased rates since 1982 and (Ziz) asked (the Public Service Commiastion) for a rate increase of about 30-32\%," Thomas said. The city filed to be a party to the rate/asset transfer cerise to ${ }^{\text {ensurre }}$ "We were not saying they maybe were not entitiled o some type of a rate increase, but welre not sure ere really agreeable to a $32 \%$ rate inerease," he said. Zia recently agreed to settle the assat transfer issue first and then revisit the proposed rate increase.


## Gunman

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behind the bullet-proof window to behind the bullet-proof window to
indicate Morales had a gun in his pants.

Taking the cue, Bigge pointed Morales lifted Mis arales face and Morales lited his arms in the air,
Biggs grabbed the gun, then asked Morales if he had another weapon. Morales replied " Si ," and bent his arm toward his back as if to reach for a weapon, Biggs said.
As he lowered his own gun
toward Moralea' chest, Bias
grabbed Morales' chest, Biggs around, and weapon, a 10 mm automatic pistol. Biggs later realized his Glock bullets couldn't have penetrated Morales' bullet-proof combat vest.
"That really got my adrenali going," Biggs said.
At the time, however, Biggs said he didn't have a chance to be scared.

You resort back to your training - like tunnel vision and away we
ern," he related.
Moralea was arrested after Bigge
seized the last gun.
seized the last gun.
All the weapons were fully loaded, Biggs said. Morales also had spare .357 and 7.62 mm bullets
in his vest, Biggs said. in his vest, Biggs said.
Morales was charged with two third-degree felony, and carrying a concealed weapon, a misdemeanor.
Morales is being hald in the county jail on a $\$ 100,000$ bond. Spanigh-speaking officer Bobhy
Madrid interviewed Morales, who
Morales' 18 -year-old son at his said
"He related that he didn"t Moral
Morales was intorviewed by
"He related that he didn't think Ruidoso Counseling Centar
his father was well, and had been counselors later in the morning.
saying someone was trying to kill
him and started carrying weapons
Later, Morales also told police
was from grocery store meat, Bigug

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said he found blood at his Mechem
Drive home in Ruidoso and came in
to report the suspicious carcum-
tancea, Biggs related.
    Officers went to Morales' home
and learned the blood on the
counter was from meat Morales'
Biggs eaid. Twe of his children, 10
and 14 years old, confirmed this to
police, Biggs said.
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Protecting puppy
Vetermarlan Warren Franklin vaccinates Peggy Williarns' dog Saturday during one of the reduced cost rables clinics sponsored by local vets. Wiliams is Ruidoso's anlmal Impounding officer

Councilors put garden plots on hold until drought is over
by RATHLEEEN MCDONALD
Ruldogo News Staff Wither munity garden in Rnitioso is a "wonderfill ides," viligye epangitors said they wor't aven conifider one until significant molisture falle from thagly.
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Del Salai, representing the locel chapter of the Amenican Culinary Federation, asked the village to allow establishment of a community garden on land next to Fire St
期 on White Mountain Drive Coumcilors tapled Dre until the village comes out of ite phase three water contingency plan. "Our hands are tied for now," Shaw told Salai.
The third phase is the most
restrictive on village books, and it
prohibits all outdoor wataring, Because of a lack of significant the plan's third phase in January. "We've been less than overwhelmed by the smount of snow coming down," Village Manager Gary Jackson said.
The snowpack helps to refill Alto wake and wells, and as far as the village's water department director can evaluate, "the , snow up there
wauld (only) produce 5.5 inches of would (only) produce 5.5 inches of watar," Jackson reported
The garden would tentatively contain two plots, one 115 feet by 50 feet, the other 135 feet by 50 edet. It would primarily be used to ing, and would be developed with the help of the parks and recreation department. Additional plocts would be leased to individual residents for gardening, Salai said.
Coumeilors questioned in Decemsher whether using the park as a fenced garden would be its best use,
and asked Salai to invastigate other Mountain Drive site appears best because it's alose to the schools and receives substantial sunlight, she said.
Salai also asiked Yincoln County officials for assistance, but was told County couldn't help, she said. Councior Robert Donaidison surssct soing with the echools on smaller parcel of land.
"Start. small and build," he sutgested. "Why take a prime piece of property and tie it up?"
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## Armed robbery charges filed

by KATHLEEN MEDONALD Ruidoso News Staff Writer A 30-year-old Ruidoso Downs man just released from jail in December is back behind bar
after allegedly robbing a women at knife -point Friday night Ruidoso Downs police report. Anthony Edward Estrada was arrested by warrant Saturday after the victim, Anne Sancher, showed police photos of hruises on her side where Estrada al leggeily istruck her with his fist. Her friend, Nancy Aubrey, wh was a witness to the robbery an is an acquaintance of Estrada robber, police said.
Police charged Eatrada with armed rabbery, a second-degre felony; and assault with intent aggravated battery, both third degree felonies.
He was arraigned at Ruidoso Magistrate Court Monday and is being hold at the Lincoln County Jail on a $\$ 250,000$ bond.

Estrada allegedly committed
the robbery while he was a front the robbery while he was a front
seat passenger in the victim's seat
car.
Sanchez, who had driven to Ruidoso Downs from Hondo, had allegenly allowed Estrada to an ter the vehicle after Aubray say him outside the Palo Verde Trailer Park and singgested they pull over to talk, police said.
After they did, Estrada al legediy requested a ride to the Circle K Stors, and climbed in the front seat as Aubrey got in back, police said.
Once on the road, Estrada al legedily produced a switchblad and vacant lot behind over a a vacant lot be
He then allegedly slapped her, pressed the knife agains hep throat and demanded San chey hand over her jewelry
Sanchez told police she at tempted to say something to Aubrey, and Estrada - still holding the knife to her throat struck the side of her body hard enough to cause bruising.

The victim then handed over her gold bracelet, gold ring, charm bracolet and a ruby ring, and Estrada fled on foot, police said.
Estrada was most recently heid for six months at the county oil for the misdemmeanor crimes Judze William Butts sanid
He was intoricated during He was intoxicated during that incident, which took place Allsups store, Ruidoso police said.
Butts said he released Estrada from jail in December so he could spend 30 days at a re When appearing
When appearing béfore Butts Monday, Estrada pleaded innocent and said the two wo A preliminary hearing will be A within 10 days.
If found guilty on the felony robbery and assault charges against him, Estrada could be sentenced to a Maximum 20
years in jail and a $\$ 20,000$ fine.

## Man charged with hammer attack

Homero J. Pacazo allegedly broke a man's hand with a claw hammar Sunday while intoxicated,
and also caused more than $\$ 1,000$ damage to property, Ruidoso Downs police said.

Pacazo, 25, of Ruidogo Downs, was later arrested inside his trailor home. He was allegedy found intoxicated, wearing a blood splattered shirt and seated on a couch, pouloody hammer on his kitchen
nor.
He was charged with aggravated battery, a third-degree telony; as gravated assault and criminal damage to property ovar 81,000 ,
both fourth-degree folonies; and criminal damage to property under $\$ 1,000$, a misdemeanor.
Police arrived at the Turkey Canyon crime scene after responding to a 911 call around 6:30 p.m. Quirantes family that Pacazo had bond
arrived on foot with the hammer and struck Guillermo Quirante, Jr., racturing his hand.
Pacazo also allegedly attampted Pacazo's Quiranta's father (who is rindows brother-in-law) and broke mindows out of his trailer; and mashed windows to a car owned charges against him, he could face a maximum two years fine.

Almanza's wife Valerie, 27, was also arrested in the domestic dispute on a petty misdemeanor charge of battery to a household member, police said. Apparently, witnesses said they saw her chase and grab her husband aftar he kicked her vehicle.

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## OPINION

## EDMORLAL

## Kudos to school board for opening up public comment at meetings

We commend the Ruidoso School Board for giving impromptu public comment another chance.
he reasons behind the board's public comment ban in September 1994 were understandable. The dialogue sometimes became vehement and nasty and ventured into the realm of personal attack. Some out

That's about all that can be done if public comment is indeed unfettered, in classic town meeting style: call the police, as the Ruidoso Vilage Council has done on occasion, to maintain public order. It's an effective deterrent.

We have no problem with either of these actions i the goal is to maintain public access, public comment public participation-the very foundation of democratic government.

The school board need not fear that public com ment will get them in trouble under the siate's open meetings law; the board is required to keep certain personnel matters confidential. But there is something healthy, not to say informative, about sometimes angry exposition from unexpected quarters. For that a public board cannot be held liable; indeed, as policy makers they must listen to all views to do their job

We've heard complaints about snowplowing crews sanitation workers, the county manager...and teachers. They're all public employees, ano responsible to the elected officials who employ them. All are in the same realm of public service.

In the end, democracy is a messy enterprise. But it's the American way, and the history of the 20th Century has revealed time and again that other governmental systems may be more efficient, but none is better if freedom is to be preserved.

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## New Mexico's highways in bad shape

by STATE REP. DUB WILLIAMS

## R-Ruldaso Downs

A new study of New Mexico's roads, from the Washington D.C. based Road Information Program, finds that New Mexica ranks second in the country (behind Rhode Island) in the proportion of its major roads with hadly cracked or broken pavement.
Last year, the Governor's Citizen Highway Assessment 'Task Force (CHAT') held over 17 town hall meetings across the state, to get the public's input regarding our highways. The pubof our state. Our state.
Overall, CHAT found that to bring New Messapproximately $\$ 1.2$ billion. We can do this approximately $\$ 1.2$ billion. We can do this cover the cost of completing the seven-year project.
Why do we need this project? New Mexico's investment in roads and bridges is not keaping pace with increased travel in the state, in part because of an eroding state motor fuel tax and no over-reliance on $\$ \$ 5656$ for ay funds. We pend an average of national average of $\$ 40,055$. In the past 10 years, while programs like education, halth \& welfare have increased $80 \%$ to $240 \%$ in funding we have only managed to increase our spending on highways by $50 \%$. Actual buying power in the General Fund has increased by $35 \%$, while the

By the year 2010, estimates show that vehicle travel in New Mexico will increase by nearly 85\% based on projected population increases in the state. W/e currently have a backlog of $\$ 6$ billion in meeded road and bridge projects that we sare unable to fund This is staggeringi:

Road Fund has decreased by $10 \%$ during this same period.
By the year 2010, estimates show that vehicle travel in New Mexico will increase by nearly $85 \%$ based on projected population increases in the state. We currently have a backlog of $\$ 6$ bilion in needed road and bridge projects

Additionally, we are not considering the economic ar safety factors of improving our roads. For example, traffic fatalities in New Merieo are For example, tramic fatantes in Now Mexico are cause approximately three-quarters of New Mexico's major roadways (excluding Interstates)

Highway traval on four-lane roade is thice as safe as traval on two-lane roads. In fact, projecta safe expand two-land roads to four-lanes, and to to expand two-land roads to four-lanes, and to traffic fatalities nationally. Not to mention that $96.8 \%$ of businesses surveyed said that thay want to locate within two miles or 10 minutes of a four-lane highway. These long-awaited inprovements simply make sense for the seffety of our citizens and the continued economic develpment of our state.
Part of the problem here is that the Legisla ture's financial leadership has not committed to mproving Now Mazicos higaways. The tarcea there. ts is mislepding to our citizens to let them think that the mones thet they pay in texes to improve our roads actually goes for that purpose, It does not: this year for erample Democrats transferred $\$ 17$ million to the General Pund to help pay for big governmant. And over the past 10 years, $\$ 110$ minion has been trans ferred to the Gemeral Fund. The Road Fund has contributed to the General Fund for as long as we can stand it.
To accomplish these badly needed road improvements, you must call your legislator and packe them to vote for the Highway Improvemsent package. You can do this simply by caling (505) ture, we can't afford to fall any further behind than we already are.


## Fond memories of past Valentine's Days

## Joe Skeen Is Welcomed Home

The room was packed solid for Con gressman Joe Skeen's Town Hall Meeting Sat urday, Feb. 10 at the Ruidoso Convention Cen ter.
Joe baid he was happy to visit with his friends and neighborss and there was certainly a spirit of neighborly good will and friendship, going back many years, through the meeting, While answering questions in a straight corward manner, he had words of personal chesr and comfort for those at tha meeting, He said, "Tell your brother, Mark, 1 still have the print of one of his priintinge he gave me, above and back of my disk back in Washington."
After the meeting I was pleased to visit with Joets wifs, Mary, and her friends, and his rolher, Doni.
it was great to soe such a good turnout to end Joe back to Washington with happy

## Annlvarsary of C.R. and Zella Hicks Well Attonded

From Joe's town hall meeting, I went over to the reception for Girton R. Firita and Zolle Mae Hicks on the , pcrasion of titioir Epth wedding anniversary att their hoine lings actross the Morrse at the cunitry clap; More thay gathered to wish them congratulptont a
Zolli. Mae Wai Detitifition' bjue dress matching hor eyes, anit C ${ }^{\text {fit }}$ ton wai vory sharp matching ner eyes, dun chan


The
Dreamer
Dan Storm
Columnist

Present were their san Jarrell and his wife Sandra; their daushtor Carrol Ann Dorey, and their grandson Russell Dorsy. Their son, Douglas Wayne Hicks of Victoria, Texas, sent A spirit of fo
A spirit of fond memories and sincere conratuations prevailed throughout the recepWhich lasted from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
We are glad the recaption turned out so happy returns of the day and all God's blesshappy
ings.

Happy Valentine's Day
This is being sant to you just at noon on Lincoln's' birthdey and will reach' you on another landmart cuay in the Birthday Month. Today, the epirit of fond affection reaches out throughout the world. This ig the time of g turning point in the wrather, and today thi new blades of grass are eppriziging up on the
 men hee yau cam
This is the doy we move put of the deep o
inter with tho days wairwing up a littid at e time. Today the wind is in the north and ye

land is in a happy mood, sending us messages of love from our loved ones in heaven and on
This time of year in Junean, Alaska, my brothers and I would begin malking homemade valentines of special red and white paper paste, crayons and watercolors which we gave oach other, and then to our mother and father, and then to the neighbor children. I remember when our father sent Valentine's Day poem by telegraph, which mother read with tears of joy
Our brother Joe sent our mother Valentine's Day telegram saying, "Thanke to the privilege of being your son." is a card sent to me by our mother saying:

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## EdUCATION



Kresge will preside over meetings
Ruidogiftigh School senior and Distributitye Education Cubs of America ill preside over meetinit and award sessions at the annual DECA state conference in Albuquerque, Feb. 29 through Mar. 2 Kresge was the only state DEC officer to attand a recent legisiative workshop in Santa Fe. She will als
attend the National DECA Confer ence in Orlando. Fla in April

## RHS drama class

 presents play.The Rựdogo High School drama departiment will present the comedy "A. Typical Atypical Day" hy Hichard Norquist at 7 pman Tues-
day, Feb. 20, at Castie Mountain
Music.
Follo
Following the performance, the piay will be entered in the ENMMUday, Feb. 23, drima teacher Cathi Mclntosh said.
"From the moment the curtain rises on a mysterious intruder planting false papers in the mayor's office, the excitament, tension and is angthin but this comedy which is anything but typieal, Micintosh said. "A reluctant society repporter is assigned to do a story on a typical day in the mayor's office, but healer, and bungling terrorists, the day is certainly atypieal."
Admission to "A Typical Atypical Day" is $\$ 3$ par person. For more in-
formation call RHS at $258-4910$.

Conley wins
essay contest
Shannon Conley, who is being home schooled in Ruidoso, has won first place in the Optimist Club Essay competition. The winning ontry will be submitted for district competition and judged against other club wimners from New Mexico and Weat Tamar.
Ruidoso High School student and RHS student Ryan Edorard and KHS st
The dis
The dill-expenct wimner will recaive vania for a four-day leadership conference in July.

Locals talke NMSU dean's honors
Several Ruidoso-area students ttending New Morico Stato Uni ersity branch campues in thie Col lege of Health and Social Services have been named to the fall 1995 cemestor dean's honor roll.
They are John David Ames, Kan Adene Barnett, Dolan Lest Hoffinan and Daryl Clayt Linley.


## Good Citizens

Sierra Vista Primary School second grade students were recently honored as Good Citizens for January. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Paynter Martin, Jimmy Thomas, Alejandra Culintana, Somanchndreau, Clara Latta, Fred Walker, Cena Salas and James Portio. Second row - Ashley Shaubrey Francisco Gonzales, Carl Christiainson, Erico Krause, Destry Howland, Michelle Eegay Rosle Perales, Jose Bonilla, Amberiah Kilinecole and Billy Marler.

Ruidoso school board allows public comments, seeks community input
by donhixon
Ruldoso News.Staff Writer
mppromptu public comments will be allowed at Ruidoso School Board meetings for the first time in 1.5 years.

Spontaneous comments have not been allowed at boand meatings since September 1994. The ban was implemented when the board decided public comments about a fired basketball coach were out of control and addressed personnel matters that should have been confidential. Last month, board member Susan Lutterman asked the board to reconsider allowing the public to comment on agenda items.
After determining no official action was necessary, board Presiden Honnie Hemphill stated the board's public comment position for the record at last night's board meet-
ing. We will open it up for public comment at the end of each agenda
iterm," Hemphill said. Discussion will only be allowed of thill know what type of emmesty so we on agenda items and no personnel will know what type of graduates matters will be discussed, he said. marketable and entry and what Prior to last night's statement, they should have," Hodges said popple were only allowed to speak Other partnorships that bain. at board meetings by meeting with the district include Lincoln County Superintendent Mike Gladden by Cablevision helping bring Internet the Friday before the Tuesday access to the schools, educational "Partnerships" was the collaborations with the Museum of Partnerships. was the buzz- the Horse and a continuing strong word of the meating. Ruidoso High relationship with Eastern New School Principal Ron Hodges and Mexico University, Wirth said. director of instructional support Partnerships hit a snag on the Paul Wirth spake about new direc- federal and state level, Lutterman tions for the district's vocational de- said in her report about a recent partment. trip to Washington, D.C. and Santa "Ruidoso High has a beautiful Fe. Lutterman visited with lawvocational department, but it's not makers in her capacity as president being used to its maximum capac- of the New Mexico School Board,
which picked up the tab for the Determining how to improve trip.
vocational programs will require Lutterman said that because of partnerships with the business gambling issues and vetoes from
"We want to find out the needs back seat in the state Legislature.


## More good citizens

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center recently recognized moming kindergarten students for their school splift ánd knowledge and obedience of school ruies. Pictured are (back row, lett to rigim) and Xochil (Xachie) Jimenez. Front row - Ashley Najar, Gustavo Herrera, Shale Layher and Glyrn Enjady.


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## SPORTS

## SPORTS SHORTS <br> SKI REPORT <br> Tigers taste sweet revenge, upset Bears <br> by LAURA CLYMER <br> ing factor Tuesday.

Ski Apache is open with lifts 1,2, $3,4,5,6,7,8$ and the gondola operating. The lower mountain and most upper mountain trails are
Ringtaíl.
Ski officials are reporting a snow depth of $\mathbf{4 3}$ inches midway on the
mountain. Surface conditions are mountain. Surface con
To hear the ski report, call 257-

## Replay Ce

This week in Lincoln County sports history, compiled from The
10 years ago - The Chiefs and Blazer Bus record impressive wins
in the Ruidoso Parks and Recrein the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Adult Basketball League. Gordon Howell leads the Chiefs with 26 points over the Shockers. 20 years ago - Apache Music Bowling Association City Tournament. On the team are Ava McCune, Walterine Hughes, Joa Chase and Erma Stevenson. 30 years ago - The Harlem Magicians cancel their benefit game with the Ruidoso Boosters.
The team's business manager gave The team's business manager gave
no reason for the cancellation. no reason for the cancellation. nals edge co-favorite and host Moriarty in the finals of the Bean Valley Conference tourney. Eddie Knight and Gilly Bryan pace the Cardinals with 17 and 14 point respectively in the 52-49 win Smokey Bear to visit Sik Apache this weekend Smokey Bear and the staff from his namesake U.S. Forest Serv
ranger district will visit Ski Apache Friday and Saturday, Feb
16-17. 16-17. They will set up in the parking lot during Présidents Day week
talk to the public about the taik to the public about the
prevention of forest fires and recreational opportunities in the Lincoln National Forest.
Gymnastics club to host novice meet February 24 Ruidoso Gymnastics hosts its
second annual novice meet second annual novice meet Saturday, Feb. 24, in Ruidoso.
Approximately 80 local gymnasts, Approximately 80 local gymnas
who are not on the competitive who are not on the competitive other for trophics, medals and ribbons. Admission to the event free of charge.

Senior Olympics sports training clinic Feb. 29 New Mexico Senior Olympics clinic starting at 8 am . Thursday Feb. 29, at Rosweil High School. Qualified personnel will provide hands-on assistance to those wishing to improve existing skills or try a new sport. Sports covered will include frisbee, line dancing. volleyball, track and field
testing will be available.
The sports clinic is free of charge to persons at least 50 years old. For
information, call $505-623-5777$.

CALENDAR
Thuresay, Fob. 15
Prep Girls Basketball onshipt game, Chapitan at Denter.
3A championship game, Carrizozo at Fort Sumner
Friday, Feb. 16
Prep Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m. Capitan at Dexter
Wrestling
Ruidoso at District Cobre
Prep Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m. Hot Springs at Ruidoso Capitan at Tularosa

SCOREBOARD
Girls baskertball
Capitan 39. Cloudcroft 38
Capitan 51, Tularosa 31
Carrizozo 68, Mountainair 42 Farrizozo Sumner 80, Carrizozo 28

Boys baskerball
Ruidoso 66, Socorro 64 Tularisa 90, Capitan 60

Ruldoso Nows Sports Witer Gonzales could do was hold her head in stumned disbelief.
With just 11 ticks on the game clopk, Gonzales two free throws provided the winning margin and lifted Capitan's girls bascroft's Bears in the gemifinals of the District 6AA playofís.
It was sweet revenge for the Tigers, who were victims of a Cloudcroft upset last year. Cloudcroft and ended the Bears' season.
Gonzales, one of two semiors on the
Capitan team, blocked everything out when Capitan team, blocked everything out when
she stepped to the line with the Tigers trailshe stepped
ing 38-37.
aid, Jusferring to Cloud aroftz stunning 43 42 win. "Weve had such a rocty geason: was a big thing to got out of the district." By virtue of their win, the "Tigers plas Deater for the District 6AA title Thursday and are guar

It was a tough one (to loge). I know how it is. I was in the same boat
This time it was Clonetcroft
This time it was Cloudcroft coach Jimma Bears, who finished the season with an 8-1 overall record.
"It's what high school athleties is all hard.' They just had one point on us at the end. Both coaches cited defanse as the decid-

They pat eome gressura on us that we wenaerpecting - wijue didithandoit top well," Swope gaid. "Both of our teams put to them; they played tough defense all night."
Capitan's defensive prespure forced the Bears into a poor shooting night and kept: Cloudcroits stuad mutin, Auslic Waidon, out Ihe paint wherésho is most effective. tough to do," Cline said Waldon finished with 11 points for the Bears.
Gonzales claims not to be a good freethrow shoutar. She aredited her gutsy FY ohooting ability to a free-dhrow coritest held in conjunction with the Sinokey Bear
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Capitan ridyanced to Tuesilays came Tularusa Milondity. The Sisers led the wild cats the whale same.
Robbing tof ai beqresis with 16 points. Gonzales added 18 in the winning aitiot.

Tipoff for the District 6AA chsimpiomship game is set for 7 p.m. in Deater. The Blus Dempns bring a $13-9$ record to the contest.
Capitan enters with a $10-15$ mark.


## Grizzly defense

Grizzly Mandy Baca "Ds" It up against her Vaughn, opponent Monday. Carrizozo's girls basketbail team will play No. 2-ranked Fort Sumner tor the Distrlct 6AA championship Thursday after beating
Mountainair's Mustangs, 68-42, Tuesday. The Grizzlies first ousted Vaughn, $56-32$, Monday behind Naomi Vallajos' 20 points. Valielos scored 27 points in the 'Zozo win over the Mustangs the next night. Katie Hightower added 10 for the Grizzlles. Regardless of whether they win or lose at Fort Sumner Thursday, the Grizzlies will play in the règional tournament next week. Carrizozo coach Kim Gremillion's team is 0-2 versus Fort Sumner's Foxes, who have lost only one game this season. In their most recent outing, the Foxes pounded a tired Cartizozo squad, 80-28, in the final regular season game for both teams.

## Tigers split district games

by LAURA CLYMER Ruldose Newis Sports Watter Capitanis boys basketball team wan the most important The. Tigers earned their first boys District GAA win, a 64-58 triumph ovar Cloudcrofts Bears Fnday, but then ran into No. 9-ranced
Tularosa the next night. Tulie broke away in the second half for a $90-60 \mathrm{win}$.
The weekend aplit gives coach Gerald Montes and his Tigens a 10 10 ovar
recorit the Friday win, Capitan has an edge over the Bears in the event of a tie for third place in the district. Thes are broken by head-tohead competition and then by point split their district games. The Bpirt their district games. The points. The 'Tigers' six-point victory would put them ahead of the Bear - that means a first-round district - thayof means a first-ro

We did what we had to do. We had to win a district game and we did, " Mínontes said.
The Tigers got off to quick start in Cloudcroft. Capitan's press helped set the tone and created Tigers turned into easy baskets.
"They (the Bears) came out flat much like we did the first time we played, Montes said.
Capitan took a $35-29$ halftime
lead and built it to a 14-point
margin going into the fousth The Tigers had a chance to put the game away early in the fourth quarter, bat didn't, Miontess asaid Cloudcroft took advantage of several Capitan miscues and cut the lead to five points late in the gtretch iced the game for Canitan

Clouderot's Joay Winkles led al soorérs with 23 points. Jarei Burnett added 16 for the losers.
Three Timers gecored in doub
Three Tigers scored in double figures for Capitan. Josh/Poralta 14 and Noil Monter' 10 . Bmie Trujillo added eight and Cody points.
The neast night, Capitan played
the best team it has faced all year Montes said of his team's opponent, Tularosa.
MThey live up to their zanking," Montes arid.
The Thigers rtayed with the falented Wildcats (19-2, 4-0) in the fint half and trailed only 37-32 But Capat was as long as Tulie would cats. blitzed the Tigers 24-8 in the thind quarter for a 61-40 lead going into the final eight minutes.
Tularosa wore down the Tiger inside, Montes said.
"We couldn't stop their big kids,
Please see Tigers, page 7A

## Warriors beat Socorro for first time in 11 years

by Laura clymer huldoso News Sports Witer Ruidoso has proven it's a sur-brutally-competitive District 3AAA boys basketball race. The Warriors rehounded from a disappointing loss to state-ranked Silver Wednes-
day with a crucial $66-64$ victory day with a crucial $66-64$ victory

But the Warriors paid a hefty price for their first win over Socorro in 11 years. Senior point guard Cory Hood, who leads the team in scoring and assists, eeverely sprained his ankle midway through the third quarter and could miss the re
riors.

Hood landed on the foot of teammate Joshua Hodges as both attempted to tip-in an offensive game and headed for the Lincoln County Medical Center emergency room, but not before listening to his teammates pull out the exciting win, over the radio while waiting in the hospital parking lot.
Preliminary X-rays didn't indicate a break, but Hood saw an orthopaedie phyaician Monday. The ankle isn't broken and the liga-
ments aren't torn. Hood suffered a ments aren't torn. Hood suffered a
severe sprain and probably sovere sprain and probably Ruidoso coach Ben Sanchez said Tuesday, That means Hood could bs back as soon as two weeks if rehabilitation goes well.

Right now, however, Ruidose n't dwell on the lois of Hopd. The trict mole are in tio mut tritu molee.
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Sanchez said.
From a coach's standpoint, Sanchez has his 11 other varsity on Saturday and what remains of the season.

Friday's win lifted Ruidoso to 10 10 ovarall and $3-4$ in the 3AAA and muddied the district waters. Beare Hot Springe (11-6, 4-2), Socorr (9-9, 2-3), Ruidoso ( $10-10, ~ 3-4$ ),
Santa Teresa (8-11, 3-4) and Cobre Santa Terea
(7-11, 1-5)
"With just three diatrict games left, we could finish anywhere from second to sixth," Sanchez said.
That won't necessarily be an ment of task, considering the improvebottom.

The gap between Silver and the rest of the district has closed, SanSocorro and the the get
the distric
If the Warriors win two of their last three games, they can virtually guarantee themselves a first-round istrict playoff game at home.
Ruidosos performance Friday night indicated it's a resiliant demoralized the Warriors, 86-58.
"We were very hanny to be ahle
We were very happy to be able
seid. Whe Warrions benefited fiom solid rebounding, shooting, and fitiing care of the ball. Thay outt rebounded Socorro, $87-25$. Thiby
shot $51 \%$ from the field and comshot $51 \%$ from the field and
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They also bencefited from a llus


ing 66-63, Ruidoso fouled Socorro's Patrick Castillo while he was attempting the game-tying 3-pointer. Castillo made the first of three fre throwa, but missed the second. Sanchez called a timeout to warn his troops about Castillo purposely missing the last free throw attempt, which he did. In the scramble for the rebound, Socorro's Castillo got the ball and scooped it toward the basket. The ball rolled around the rim and off it, presery.

Ruidoso's win.
Defensively, Ruidoso contained Socorro's duo of Eric Valencia and Steven Collis. Valencia and Collia points less than their output the points less than their output Ruia
Ruidoso mixed it up defensivoly, which kept Socorro off track. Sanchez credited his team's intarior defense as a key to the win. DefendHodges, Jackie Roe, Byron Soules and Erík Padilla.
Hodges paced the Warriorg offensivey wh 19 pointo. Rex com anchie added 16 and much-neede chez ssid.
Freshman Cory Saens, who filled in at point guard for Hood, added 10 points. It's not a con tracietion in carma to cair saenz misture fears.
y Saenz was a one-map bress littio man.
Sanchez is confident Seant cein handild the point guard for the ro maind aty of thesegation if nocestary Hif coincerm now is depth at that
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## Cage tourney spotlighted the players

Fana got a menk previow of future baskot ball studs and stud mumine at the Yniehts of Columbuy boye and girls invitationil basketo ball tournament for eighth graders. Mride three-day event was held at Ruidoso
 Carrizozo and Clouderoft from Raxidoso, Capitan, Ruito ${ }^{2}$
Columbuas should be commendided for orgsant ing and putting on this evant that ghowcased the midgle echool teams from the area.
The Capitan Tigers captured the boys firstplace trophy with a $35-23$ victory over the Ruidoso Braves. In the girils title game,
Ruidoso held on for a thrilling $38-52$ win over apitan
Perhaps Knights of Columbus member and tourney director Dick Mound said it best about the final results: "I don't think there were any losers out there."
Participating coaches agreed with Mound, who organized the tourney with Knights of Columbus members Ed Gertor and Fred Knapp.
"We loved the idea," RMS giris coach Robyn Johnson said. "We're hoping they can enlarge it and expand the number of teams."
Johnsan's Braves also liked playing at the high school.

- We thought, we were in The Pit (University of New Mexico's basketball arena) in Albuquerque, she said
Capitan coach Buddy Little echoed would lis santiments, adding that he, too tauld fike to see more teams in next year's tournament.

Shawna Shrecengost of Capltan difibbles past Puidoso Middllo champlonship garne of the middte school toaskethall tournament sponsored by the Ruidoso Councill of the Krights of Columbus. The RMS Braves claimed the title with a $38-32$ victory over the Thgers. Dufty led the Braves in champlonshtp game. Esparanza Martinez paced Capitan with 11 points. paced Capuian with 1

Pliotion by Laura Clymer


## From

 the benchLaura Clymbr Sforts Reporter

Enlarying the tournament to eight girls and aight boys teams is a long-term goal, Mound said. He wouldn't mind seeing teams from well participate. There is also the thought of running the tourney at the beginning of the running the tourney at the beginning of the
season rather than at the end A couple of decades apen.
tournament was a fixture on baskethe achool schedules.

We wanted to revive this thing that we had 20 years aso," Mound explained. "We hive it to improve play and improve sportsmanship and to increase school spirit.

Proceeds from the advertising sales in the tournaments program, gate receipts and concession money will benenfit the Knights of
Columbus philanthropic ent Columbus philanthropic efforts.
Kudoo (not candy bars) should also go to Ruidoso Middle School boys coach Borde Wil-
liams, who lined up the teams, and the liams, who lined up the teams, and the
Ruidoso School District, which provided Ruidoso School District, which providad
scorekeepers and the facilities, Mound said
Therepeal beneficiaries of the avent are the
The players themselves, who had the opportunity to play in Ruidoso's version of "The Pit" before family and friends.


Tiger James. Robinson scores two of hils tean-high 16 points in Caphan's win over fuidoso Middle School in the title game.
Regardless of if, when and how the tourney format changes, let's hope it doesn't take another 2 years belore we have our next middl


Middle School TOURNAMENT RESULTS Boys Tournament Capitan 40, Carrizozo 32 (D. Sedillo i0; i Vega \& B. Roper, 12 each) Ruidoso 31, Clouderoft 27 (0. Appachito, P. Rususell 10 each; M. . Bowen, 17 )
3rd place:: Cloudcrof 40, Zozo 38 3rd place: Cloudcroft 40, 'Zozo 38 M. Bowen, 26: J. Vegn 19)
st place: Capitan 35, Ruidoso 23 Girls Tournament Capitan def. Cloudcroft Rujdoso S0, Carrizozo 17 3rd place: Cloudcroft 31, Zozo 17 Ist placée: Ruidoso 38, Capitan 32 (w. Duffy, 18; E. Martinez, II)


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The Braves' Fablan Chavez draws the fout on Capitan's Joey Salz as he goes baselline during the championship game between the

## Tigers

Continued from page $6 \wedge$ and if you don't stop them, it opens up everything else up for them" Montes said.
The Wildcats' depth on the bench surprised Montes.
I dan't think their bench was kicked our butt in the second half, Montes said.
Both teams had three players in double figures. For the victors, Jason King had 20, Martin Munoz scored 19 .and Mario Romero pitched in $\cdot 14$. Keith Cox led: Capitan with 15 points. Turnhow
oints. Capitan has two more regular plason dishict games before the playofss begin. The Tigers' game at been bumped back a day to Friday because the Dexter girls host the District 6AA playoff championship game Thursday.
CAT TRACKS: Neil Montes ankle seems to be:-better. The senior point guard iss back up to full speed, but teammate Jeremy McGarvey is still hobbling drotnd. McGarvey might be back in prac McGarvey might be back in prat
tice sometime this week.

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- THE WINNEHS CIRCLE, 2535 Suddarth Dr., Ruldomo 257-41535 E p.m. to close every Thursday through Sunday - d.JN Band (local band pariormis country westem and
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Fortunately, in the Chaves incident, no significant human exposure to the skunk occurred.
"It is very important that anyone who comes into contact with a potentially rabid animal report it immediately to their local health office and local animal control," Hutchinson said. If the animal tests positive for rabies or if the animal cannot be found, rabies treatment generally is recommended. Rabies treatment must be started within 10 days to be effective.
Rabies in animals can occur in any part of the state. People should avoid contact with wild animals, even when they do not appear sick, Hutchinson said.
by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruldoso News Stafl Writer
Seven dogs had to be destroyed last week in Chaves County, because they had been exposed to a rabid shunk and didn't have current vaccinations.
This is the firet case of rabies in New Mexico this year. In 1955, a total of six laboratory confirmed cares of animal rabies occurred in the state. Five were bats and one was a for.
"This unfortunate incident emphasizes the importance of having your pets, dogs and cats, vaccinated for rabies annually by your veterinarian," said Carolyn Hutchinson with the New Mexico Department of Health.
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## MACULAR DEGENERATION

Think of your eye as a camera, the retina at the back part acts like the picture. Right in the center of the retina, its most sensitive part is the macula. This is what enables us to see fine detail when we look at something and to do close tasks like reading and sewing. The outer rings of the macula are less sensitive and can make only coarse visual distinctions.

In time, usually late in life, the macula may degenerate. Vision changes. There may be blurring or distortion-or and actual blind spot. Colors may seem faded. The condition is the leading cause of legal blindness in the U.S., affecting $\mathbf{2 0}$ percent of the people over 75 .

Most often, the early symptoms of macular degeneration are not obvious. Examining the retina can spot signs of the disorder in time for prompt treatment of the more serious "wet" form of the disease. Dr.s Gutowski and Sonnenmoser recommend annual comprehensive examination to maintain the health of your eyes.





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The Churchllis is a two-and-a-half-hour documentary that chronicles the public and private lives of one of Britain's most cetebrated political dynasties and the 20 h -century statesman whose remarkable achievements brought glory to his nation and family name.

Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace, into the heart of British aristocracy. His father, Randolph Churchill, the second son of the seventh Duke of Marlborough, and his mother, Jennie Jerome, a beautiful and tempestuous American, passed on their blend of vaulting ambition, spiritedness, and extravagance to Winston and future generations of Churchills.
Drawing on Winston Churchill's own letters and memoirs, farnily archives, and the reminiscences of relatives, friends, and foes, this documentary strips away the myths and misconceptions about three generations of the Churchill family. The Chnrchms provides a privileged insight into the public and private life of the family that was, for almost a century, at the heart of Britain's affairs.

The Churchills will be broadcast Wednesday, February 2ist ai 7:00 p.m. on KENW-TV.

## Taxbreak '96

Sunday, 18th, 1:00 p.m.
This one-hour federal tax program features key information for income tax year 1995 and provides taxpayers with a background that aids in the filing of their own returns. Viewers can call the 800 number listed in the program for specific questions that they may have.

## Being Here Now: A Journey Through Death and Dying

Monday, 194, 9:00 p.m.
This revealing program explores one of our society's final taboos: a candid discussion of death. The documentary offers an intimate portrait of two terminally-ill people who are confronting their mortality. It follows Elsie and Ed over a period of more than a year, beginning when they bocome hospice patients, and concluding with: family interviews following their deaths. Elsie and Ed define life and its meaping as they contemplate death.
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