## Murder trial defendant claims self defense

by Dianne Stallings kudoso news staff writer

Accused murderer Steve Hernandez was boltered by his family and friends Tuesday during the second day of his trial in Carrizozo for killing horse trainer Jim Hare in 1996

Their presence seemed to fit the picture Defense Attorney Gary Mitchell is trying to paint of his client - that of a man with no history of violence, who reacted to a perceived slur against his slammed a sledgehammer into the back of Hare's head Oct. 5 of that year.

Assistant District Attorney Roxe Anne Matisse's case may hinge on the believability of a
oping arena in Hondo where the 34 -year-old Hare was killed. The witness, Jonathan Coleman, spoke in detail about how Hernandez was the aggressor n two successive fights with Hare.

In her opening statement, Matisse said the acident was a result of Hernandez' "macho pride." She said after Hare showed off how well he had trained a 2-year-old filly named Chiquita, Hernandez jerked the bridle of the horse. When mare objected, saying he believed in gentle treathim and dragged him off the horse.

But after a brief struggle, Hare ended up on face.
"Hare thought it was over," she said. "He told fered to shake hands."

But Hernandez picked up a sledgehammer and began walking toward Hare, Matisse said. At first, Hare didn't see Hernandez, because his back was turned. When Hare saw the man coming toward him, he picked up a board and swung it at Hernandez, Matisse said. Hernandez may have
been hit by the board, but he didn't wobble or fall. However, Hare dropped the board and fell to his knees.

Then Hernandez raised the sledgehammer over his head and hit Hare once on the back and
then on the head as Hare laid on the ground, she then
said.

We will show only one person was exercisin once, but twice that day," she said

Thenine The nine men and five woman jury for the trial in 12th Judicial District Court was selected Monday. The state is seeking a second-degree by the state Highway and Transportation Department.

Matisse called six of her eight to nine witness es Tuesday. Mitchell said Hernandez will take the stand in his own defense
In his questioning of jurors and again Tuesday, Mitchell raised the possibility that a

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In line for fun


Members of the Bootscootin' Senior Line Dancers strutted their stuff for students at Sierra Vista Primary School Friday. The group of dance
fancy footwork and encouraged them to urge their parents and grandparents to toin the fun at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Cente

Downs boy survives gunshot to head

- Ruidoso Downs police are investigating the shooting as either an accigating the shooting as either an acci-
dent, attempted suicide, or foul play.
by Toni K. laxso and Julie Baxter

A Ruidoso Downs boy serious condition Tuesday at an Albuquerque hospital after being shot in the head Saturday, a hospital representative said.
Police continue to investigate the shooting of 9 -year-old Jesse ered at about 10 p.m. Saturday in his home by an older brother. "He was lying in a bedroom with what appeared to be a seriou's head trauma," said Cpl. Christopher Condon, a senior Downs Police Department
Emergency technicians discovered a bullet hole in the boy's temple while cleaning the wound enroute to Lincoln County Medical Center, Condon said. The
majority of the bullet apparently majority of the bullet apparently
passed through the boy's head, he said. The child was stabilized and flown by helicopter to University

## Ruidoso Downs family temporarily homeless after apparent electrical fire

Ruidoso Downs firefighters claim Ruidoso Fire Department left them airless

- Electrical short apparently starts blaze in bedroom, officials say.
by Toni K. Laxson news staff write
A family of six is temporarily homeless this week after fire damaged their Ruidoso Downs house Beth Miller was at work
Beth Miller was at work when a fire broke out in an upstairs bedroom
of her house, located at 206 E . Circle, at about $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Friday, police and fire officials said.

Her 11-year-old daughter was home sick from school at the time, but was not injured in the fire, police said. The girl was resting in a downstairs room when an upstairs bedroom
caught fire, apparently from an electrical short, said Fire Chief Nick Herrera. The official cause of the fire is still under investigation, he said.
 ne officer said.
Though flames damaged only the
fered smoke and heat damage,
Herrera said. In addition, the family has not been able to move back into the home until electrical wiring and other repairs can be made, officials The family consists of Miller and five children, ages 6 to 18 . They are
living in a motel following the fire, living in a motel following the fire,
and have had to rely on assistance, and have had.
While fighting the smoky house fire, firefighters ran out of air for their air tanks, Herrera said. His departFire Department for assistance but Fire Department
The Capitan Fire Department offered to bring air to the firefighters. Herrera declined the offer because Capitan would be left temporarily
without viable air tanks and could be

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## Red Cross looks for Ruidoso office

by Toni K. Laxson
Dedicated volunteers are heing sought to open a Red Cross office in the Ruidoso area to serve all of Lincoln County "For the first time ever, with help from you guys, Lincoln County is going
to have a viable Red Cross coffice)," said Nevada Linford, executive director to have a viable Red Cross tofficel," said Nevada Linford, executive director of the Chaves County Chapter of the Red Cros
Linford, speaking before a meeting of the Lincoln County Local months to get the office up and running. A core group of three of four people will be necessary to get the office off the ground she said, adding, "We need to get 100 people people, all told." The office and its volunteers would provide services to county residents such as shelter, food and communications in emergencies. The office also
offers training in first aid, health and safety, CPR, AIDs education and more Red Cross volunteers also are instrumental in retting communications to and from military personnel and their families, as well as national and international tracing services for families during wars and disasters, Linford said. This service is largely unknown by the public, but essential for families trying to bring home military personnel for events such as funer als, she said.
Her office has received calls from Lincoln County residents requesting services such as first aid classes and other assistance, she said. In response open an office here. Clayton Stallings, a longtime volumter with the Roswell chapter, said
see VOLUNTEERS, page 2A

Ruidoso girls host district playoff tonight. PAGE 5A

 father relives days of World War II.

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## L.C. SCRAPBOOK

|| (ounty's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly $\mathbf{E}$. White Oaks Eagle Feb. 22, 1900

Albert Ziegler, of the firm of Ziegler Bros., started this mornng for the East, where he goes mer stock a spring and sum Ziegler will go to St. Louis and hicago and possibly New York before returning, and will be
absent for two or three weeks, The Boston Boy has been pened up for several hundred
feet on the surface and shows a large body of ore the whole dis 50 fance. The shaft is down about 50 feet and at the bottom a wide The Spence Bros., Joe Frank and Chas., who owned about 30,000 head of sheep divided their flocks, and Frank sold his share to the Capitan Sheep Co., consideration no From the way the White Oaks merchants are stocking up on goods they must expect We hope they will not be disap pointed.

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## State legislative session ends; gaming commission bill passed

## - Ruidoso is slated to receive <br> he said Tuesday.

 More than $\$ 200,000$ from the state for Upper Canyon fire stafion and water system improvments, a cilluge official said. By Toni K. Laxson RYTRLMO MFUS STAFF URUTER

State Rep. Dub Williams is glad to be back home.
On Thursday. the state Legislature concluded its session. sending Gov. Gary
Johnson bills that establish a state gaming board and that put more money into education, as well as better highways and state police.

The Glencoe Republican also would have liked to have seen his bid to promote Fort tery make it out of the senate,

VOLUNTEERS: it'

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homes or have faced other disas-
"I've been concerned about these mountains for some time," Stallings told the emergency planning group. "It's not a matter of if there's going to be a dis-
aster, but when there's going to
session" Willia, we had a good session," Williams said. "It was not contentious and we we set out to do." Sen. Pete Ca Vegas, also gave the session high marks for appropriation bills, saying legislators worked hard to accomplish as much as One.
to fund the cromplishment was to fund the creation of a fivetotal of $\$ 7$ million was desig nated by the Legislature for the board, with $\$ 3$ million to be spent on salaries and $\$ 4$ million for the purchase and monitor video gaming machines.
Johnson is to select three members of the board, the

SHOOTING: Polic

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of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque before midnight Saturday.
Police found a .22-caliber pistol near the boy, who was Condon said. The gron belongs to Esmeregiledo Almager, the 19-year-old brother who found the boy, Condon said. The gun is presently being processed for evidence by
James Biggs.

Condon said there have been no arrests in connection with the shooting. "We are attempt, an accident or if foul play was involved - and we won't know that until the conclusion of the investigation," Condon said. "We are handling this as a homicide attempt until all other aspects of the And we are working closely
other two are designated in the president gaming bill as the Racing Commission Mexico president of the New Mexico Lottery Authority Board.

Racetracks and fraternities will be able to have video gaming machines as soon as the board and its monitoring equipment are set up. Ruidoso Downs Race Track as well as others about the state will be in the form of larger purses.
be "To the point that we will be able to get more horses and better horses to run," Williams
said. "And that will save the said. "And that will save the Mexico, at least that's my hope."
that would cap property assessments didn't become a bill, but will rather be put to
voters on the November ballot as House Joint Resolution 19 he said
Williams is still unsure which requests from local governmental entities made it through the Legislature before the close of the session.
but none of them got all what they wanted," he said. "We had somewhere in the


#### Abstract

range $\$ 1.6$ billion requests for bout $\$ 100$ million (to dis  eceived some state money ncluding Carrizozo, Lincoln County, Corona, Capitan Ruidoso Downs and Ruidoso. Ruidoso Village Manager slated to receive abous $\$ 210,000$ from the state. The village requested about $\$ 1.2$ million for various projects including improvements to the water system, construction of a ire station in Upper Canyon and the second phase of the Mainstreet Project. ade it out of the that never 1997 session because of a lastminute filibuster will give Ruidoso $\mathbf{\$ 6 0 , 0 0 0}$ for the Upper Canyon fire station, Jackson allocated for $\$ 100,000$ was 1998 house bill project 998 house bill, he said.

And we think we will be able to do something with erty has to be acquired, and that's something that has been looked at and dis.

The state also gave the vilage $\$ 50,000$ for improvements oids water system, Jackson said.


be a disaster." established, Lincoln County residents should continue to contact the Roswell chapter for assistance, said both Stallings For
about volunteering or the ser vices offered, contact Linford at (505) 622-4370.
tigate the incident w
At about 10 p.m., when
Almager came home, Herrera Almager came home, Herrera asked him where Del Rio was. Salmager looked in a bedroom of the house.
"He turned on the light and there's Jesse ly
Condon said.
ondon said.
Condon said doctors were unwilling to make an assess-
ment of the boy's chances to ment of the boy's ch

Del Rio was a third-grade student at White Mountain Elementary School. School officials were alerted to the shooting on Sunday morning, said WMES Principal Frank Cannella.
cials met with school staf cials met with school staf and planned how to help students and staff cope with the tragedy.
Superintendent Mike Gladden said counselors were
available at the school all day

Monday D.A.
Monday and Tuesday to talk to students and teachers.
Gladden was unsure if counselors would still be in the the wing for the remainder of Instead, he said, counselors are meeting and debriefing at the end of each day to determine what the next step should be.
Cannella said the news of Del Rio's gunshot wound hit the school hard. To make sure information weren't sprearate said counselors, teachers and staff kept an ear on what was being said in the halls and on the playground and tried to make sure students had plenty of people to turn to for guidance. do thinge up with a plan to do things as normally as we could, but we just had a ton of Cannella said.

TRIAL: Mitchell claims the fight may have been a racial/cultural clash
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racial/cultural clash may have started the disagreement between two men who earlier had chatted amiably with others at In his apout elk hunting Mitchell said the Hernandez family has lived in the area for generations and that all those involved in the incident are "good hard-working honest peo-

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While drinking beers with others at the arena, Hare and
Hernandez talked about training horses until sometime after 11 p.m. the night of Oct. 5, Mitchell said.

Steve's father was well respected and still is in that area, as a good horse trainer," versation between Jim and Steve centered around one of the oldest controversies - one that's been going on for 200 years," the Anglo or Hiersy is whether the Anglo or Hispanic method of training horses is best, Mitchell
said. said.

When Hare started brag
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in jeopardy themselves.
Eventually, the Downs's air tanks were taken to Police Chief David Hightower and were refilled by the fire department there. Herrera thanked both depar

Ruidoso Fire Chief Virgil

## DEATHS FUNERALS

had accomplished with Chiqui-
two men progressed to an argu nent, Mitchell said
sim was very critical about he way Hispanics trained hors, Mitchel
Mitchell contended his it away from him and that when he pulled Hare, the rider fell on op of Hernandez and started Mitchell
Mitchell later bore in on Coleman's recollection of how sledgandez was carrying the before raising it overhead to hit Hare. He contended Hare could have been walling to his pickup truck, carrying the sledgehammer at his Hare with no intention of striking Hare until the other man hit im with a board.

Mitchels contention that the second fight may have been supported by testimony from Coleman's father, Andrew Coleman, who said he saw two men approach each other while watching from his trailer 100 yards awky. One was carrying a

## were taken to Ro

Reynolds said Tuesday his
department's response to the Downs call for assistance was He talked about the incident Monday with Herrera, Reynolds said.
${ }^{4} \mathrm{No}$, anytime they need anything, we are happy to help them," Reynolds said.
Herrera said the Ruidoso no hard feelings because of
hammer, he said.
"Jonathan (told officers in a statement) that Steve didn't know what he was doing, that he was in shock," Mitchell said. Steve says he stood up and started to waik toward his pick-
up. Hare picked up the board and hit him. He doesn't recall picking up the sledgehammer He blacked out and was trying to survive. He remembers hitting Hare once, but not a second time. Steve will tell you he He added later,
to defend himeleve had a right," to defend himself and he
But John McGrath, an emergency medical technician who responded to the 911 call testified Hare told him he was hit from behind with a sledgeing".

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In his opening statement to the jury, Mitchell said,"It's our position that Hare said he didnt nandez didn't have anything in his hands."

Ralph Montes, owner of the arena said he never saw Her
nandez after the first fight swell and filled

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 "The simple fact is we asked for help with air bottles and we didn't get it," Herrera said. "We would never, ever do aske for $h$ If anyon velunteers; we will be there.;Herrera added that his department has since acquired equipment for refilling air tanks for firefighters.
which he broke up by pulling Hare off Hernandea. A few minutes later, as he walked to the tack room to get his vest, he passed Hare who was warming
his hands over a fire in a barrel, his hands over a fire in a barrel, he said. Montes said he was in the tack room when the second his name and he came out of the room to help Hare.

As he bent over the injured man, Montes testified he heard Hernandez say, "What have I done?"

Jonathan Coleman, the only person not drinking that night and standing in clear view of the tradicted under floodlights, constatemed Mitchells cpening didn't see his brother approach Hare later because he wes trying to find his hat
Coleman testified that when steve Hernandez picked up a sledgehammer, his brother The trial will resume today

## at 8:30 a.m.



## Carrizozo child gets hard lesson from chair

By Dianne Stalings
A three-yeari-old Carrizozo A three-year-old Carrizozo boy, who tried to squirm through a space in a chair, assistance of Police Chief Duane Vinson.
Paul Bramblett Jr. stuck his head and shoulders through the space between the
seat and back of a chair at his seat and back of a chair at hi "He used to climb 18. the chair when he was smaller," the boy's father, Paul

Bramblett Sr., said Monday. ${ }^{4}$ guess he didn't realize he was growing. My wife (Renes) was reading the newspaper and ized he was stuck. She took his clothes off and greased him down with Vaseline, but she still couldn't get him out. She finally had to call 911 .'
when the call came shower when the call came in. He Bramblett house, where he decided the best method would be to disassemble the chair.

## MIIITAIRY SERVICE

Navy Seaman Recruit Shawn K. McEven, son of Jimmy R. McEvan of Capitan, recently completed U.S. Navy ing Command, Great Lakes Mi. Dug
gram, McEven completed a

## "We really want

 him," Bramblett said. His son apparently ha earned to judge spaces a bi "The day after, he stuck hi coot in there and acted like he was going to try to crawl through again," the father said. I let him do it, because the chair was ready to be disassembled again at any time. But at one point, I could see it snap that he realized he might ge something. He hasn't attempt ed it since."variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety, survival, and hipboard and aircrat sarety Mcetven is a 1997 graduate

Leona McCoy
A graveside service for Leona McCoy, 94, a former res ident of Ruidoso, was held Fri Cletretery in Ruiddso. Officiat ing was Don Madaris assaciate minister of First Baptist Church in Ruidoso

Mrs. McCoy died Wednes day, Feb. 18, in Las Cruces. She was born May 31, 1903, in Volgna, Ark. She was a forme resident of Memphis, Texas before moving to Ruidoso and then to Las Cruces. She was a member of the Baptist Church and a homemaker.

She is survived by a son, Max McCoy of Longview, lexas, and a daughter, Mar also is survived by four grand children and three great grandchildren.

Arrangements are by La doso.

## Virginia Tagtmeyer

Services for Virginia Tagtneyer, 75, of Ruidoso, were Christ's Lutheran Church in Hilo, Hawaii. Burial followed in Hilo.
Mrs. Tagtmeyer was born July 23, 1922, in Kingfisher, Okla. At age three, her parents
moved to Missouri. She gradumoved to Missouri Lem graduSchool.

She married Melvin "Pete" Tagtmeyer of Higgensville, Mo. in Jacksonville, N.C., June 23, 1944. In 1950 they move to Hobbs, N.M., where they lived for 35 years. When her husdan; Inc., in 1985, they moved to Ruidoso. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Tagtmeyer. was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church while in Hobbs and in Ruidoso. She was a member in Ruidoso. She was a member Legion Auxiliaries in Hobbs
and Alamogordo, N.M. as well as the
ordo.
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She is survived by daugher, Connie Maple; grandchilHilo, Hawaii: brother Kena of Best and wife Bonnie of Lexngton, Mo.; and sister, Bea oulds of Hobbs.
Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Best, two brothers, and

## Lucretia Morrisson

## Wilson

A graveside service for Lucretia (LuLu) Morrisson Wilson, 87 , of San Angelo, p.m. today at held torest Lawn
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## MOUNTAIN VIEW ANIMAL CLINIC

 R. M. OWEN, D.V.M.$\qquad$
Cemetery in Ruidoso.
Mrs. Wilson died Monday, Feb. 23, in Baker Brame
ing Center in San Angelo. ing Center in San Angelo.
She was born April 6, 1910 in Fort Sumner, N.M., to Robert and Leroy Morrisson. She loved selling jewelry and was a Methodist. She lived in Ruidoso most of her lif
moving to San Angelo.

Survivors include, her daughter, Billie Jo Corbell of San Angelo; son, Jim Lee
(Tuffy) Wilson of San Angelo grandchildren, Teri Taylor and Gusband Ran, Teri Taylor and of San Angelo; and Tony Cor bell and wife Edie of Morris town, N.J.; and great-grand children, Trey and Thby Taylo of San Angelo and Leslie Cor bell of Morristown. of Capitan High School.

## PLEASE ELECT ROSS DINGMAN

Ruidoso Village Council - March 3

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## WHAT ROSS SUPPORTS:

- MANAGED GROWTH.

Long-lerm planning to maintain/promote the identity of the Village, its diversity, natural beauty and commitment to the visual and performing arts Planning to promote recreational activities for residents and visitors. Growth must be linked to water availability-limiting factor. Cost of development must be paid for by those who profit from it.

- WATER

Determine the maximum availability to insure an adequate supply now and in the future.
Promote conservation at all times by home owners. businesses, and the Village.
Insure the Rio Ruidoso is a healthy, viable river at all times.

- WASTE

Village ( or its agency) to assume collection of all solid waste: household and forest waste (yard waste, pine needles, slash).

- PUBLIC SAFETY

Be an active participant in the Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Commiltec.
Plan, train, exercise for emergencies caused by fire, flood, snow, manmade hazards.
Promote forest health and wildifire safety by proper management of our forest by individual citizens, Village. utilities. State \& Federal Agencies. Support our local Police and Fire Departments.

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## OUR OPINION

## A very special forum

Lots of candidates for municipal office in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs will gather at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center tonight (Wednesday) at 7 to present themselves to voters.

But why on Earth should residents of both villages come out for this particular candidate forum? Fair question. And, since this newspaper is sponsoring the forum, it deserves a fair answer

Actually, several answers:

- These two villages are not only neighbors, they're joined like Siamese twins, by a common boundary and a unified economy. That became very clear last fall when Wal-Mart moved less than a mile, and made the Downs village council comparatively rich while Ruidoso took a major gross receipts tax hit.
ong Considering Ruidoso Downs Race Track (and, before long, Casino), the Museum of the Horse, and the soon-toopen Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Interpretation Center, it's clear that a large part of Ruidoso's tourist appeal is centered next door.
- The Downs is an introduction to Ruidoso for thousands of people traveling here for a weekend or a vacation; it's Ruidoso's front door, and it's in the interest of both villages that a welcoming image is presented, whether in the form of paved streets, good lighting or neat landscaping..

But, most of all, if neighbors know each other - and their problems - they tend to get along better and cooperate to the benefit of both.

So, we hope to see lots of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs voters at tonight's forum.

## Necessary debt

As Village Manager Gary Jackson noted in these columns on Friday, Ruidoso has one of the most complex water systems in New Mexico. It comes from a number of wells, and from surface water via Eagle Creek and the Rio Ruidoso. It's complicated by New Mexico water law, which means every drop everywhere has been adjudicated by a
court; it already belongs to somebody, and if you want court; it already belongs to somebody, and if
more you've got to find an owner and acquire it.

That means Ruidoso must conserve every drop it has and do whatever is necessary to get more, if it is to continue to grow.

It also means that Ruidoso voters must recognize the need, and vote "yes" on the two questions on the March 3 municipal election ballot. The first is to extend that onecent supplemental gross receipts tax. The second is to issue gross receipts tax bonds totaling $\$ 4.625$ million

And if either fails, expect the worst,water-wise

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## THE DREAMER

Funeral services for Felisa

Services were held Feb. 19
Saint Jue's Catholic Church in San Patricio for Felisa Montes, who was called
home by our Lord on Feb. 14. home by our Lord on Feb. 14.
Felisa's aunt, Lucy Sandoval, read from the Book of Lamentations: 'The Lord is my
portion sayeth my should; portion sayeth my should;

Also, Psalm 103:
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Slow to anger and of great kindness." Amelia Trujillo read from the letter of the Apostle Paul to the Philippians:
Father be glory for and our ever. Amen. Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you." Father Richard Catanach read from the Gospel According to Saint John:
them, saying: "The hour is come that the Son of man should be glorified."

Felisa's cousin, Vanessa Rue, spoke words of affection and admiration for Felisa. were Henry and Isabel Rue. Members of the Saint
martyrs come to welcome her."
martyrs come to welcome her." guished pioneer Lincoln Counremembered by a wide circle of friends.
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We have been close friends and neighbors of the Montes the Ruvidoso Valley.

There are many happy memories are many back to the days of Felisa's great-grandfather, John Montes.
Felisa always will hold a fond spot in our hearts and we
rejoice that she is safe and happy in Heaven with our Lord.

## A late Spring

It begins to look as if we will have an unusually late spring here in our mountain er of late winter weather is the small apricot tree next to the house, with branches extending around the corner like leafy arms in a fond embrace.

You can judge whether spring is early or late by the
apricot fruit buds. They usual ly start to blossom out in the ly start to blossom out in the
middle of February. This, of
course, is why the trees around here seldom bear a crop of apricots. Here it is Feb. 22 and the buds are not even beginning to swell.

If this trend continues, we might have the greatest fruit rop county. the conty.
anhpeth the enipmunkenot
On the 20th, a young chipmunk showed upon the inside window shelf of the sunroom. At first I thought he was a
mouse until I saw his stripes and he began swishing his tail. Taking the advice of my neighbor, Bob Lambert, I put out oatmeal, bird seed and a piece of apple. He munched on went down below an then doned typewriter.

He could have been letting you know who he is by saying "chip,chip,chip."
Yesterday and today he
hasn't showed up. He probably hasn't showed up. He probably got out the way he got in, and
liked it better outside. Let us thank the Lord for all our blessing, and extend these blessings to others.

## YOUR OPINION

## Supports development <br> fees

To the editor:
Ruidoso Village Council, Why should people who have lived here for over 20 years hived here for over 20 years bear the tremendous expense of maintaining a working septic system when new subdivisions will be provided with a sewer.

Mountainous areas are rocky and make for poor This is river I realize that there will still be a need to increase water and sewer rates to maintain systems with the ability to provide good service. This would be acceptable and would encourage people to conserve water. Let's go for the impact fee.

In addition, I have not noticed a mayoral candidate promise to strive for an infrastructure that would allow paving of the many dirt roads much-neded sewers to the much-needed sewers to the are overrun with raw sewage Are you out there somewhere? Are you out there somewhere?
C. Wenner
Ruidoso

Roswell Convention Center has a work of public art, and was built after out convention center; that our Lincoln County artists retention of Art in Public Places statute.

If you want artists to come to Lincoln County, first thinge first. Encourage and pay attention to the laws which exist on the books.

Simple? Don't believe it. Cumbersome, but do-able...but the public must care. Why? Look eyes at a monumental work of art.

Barbara Diehl-Westbrook
Ruidoso

## A miracle in sight

To the editor:
Several months ago my wife started to experience blurred vision in her left eye. She went ater went to the hospital to have a simple procedure done. It was painless and easy. A small incision was made in her left eye and a lens was inserted. Now she has 20/20 vision and no If

If you have these symptoms you may have a cataract. Please save your sight.

Victor Brooks

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## DISTRICT 3AAA PLAYOFFS

Home at last

## Warrior girls host district playoff game

ey Laura Clymer

season.
by Steve bennety
The Ski Apare Disid Skiers Program annual silent aled Skiers nore than $\$ 13,000$ in the program's coffers.
ike it was worried that it might snow weo it usually does, but we had a Maod turnout, program director Lisa ar at the Ruidoso Civic Center

Maue and a team of volunteers onicit donated goods and service fund the non-profit organization. she said. Donated items and services ranged from ski jackets and art work to food, oil changes and restaurant certificates. Traditionally, the big prize is a season ski pass (a $\$ 750$ value) donated by Ski Apache. This year's ski pass was won by sho also serves as a sk instructor for the disabled program.
At the silent auction, auctiongoers roam from table to table inspecting the services and merchan
dise offered. Bids are made by sign


## Disabled skiers receive lift from auction

The visiting Indians and the Warriors have split two games this year. Ruidoso 39, on Feb. 17

But the Warriors are coming off a seven-poin
our "We"ve got to have more energy, limit our mistakes, and if we do that and
rebound, then we'll win". Ruidoso coach Dwayne Rogers said Tuesday.

The break between the regular season and the start of the playoffs has been a blessing for the Warriors. Rogers gave the team Friday and Saturday off. The "It gave us some extra time to some work in," Rogers said. Work on their fundsmentals, that is,
Rogers wasn't pleased with his team's
post play in Thursday's game. The Warrior forwards managed only two point ter to the final buzzer

Senior guard Denise Rodella carrie the scoring load in Truth or Conse quences, leading the Warriors with 24 "If
"If we get the guards atu forwards to be good. We just need to get a going effort (from both)," Rogers said. "Werre ust working on fundamentals. Things we do fix.
The Warriors were outboarded at Hot Springs as well, and that also has been on

Rogers expect
hange defensive strategy for today' change defensive strategy for today's
man-to-man last week, so Rogers won' from Cobre. O Cobre.
Onfensively, the Indians rum a free green light to fire up the three-pointer Rogers said.

They are a pretty quick team, but they have one really outstanding play ar," he added.
Co The Warriors were able to frustrate Cobre's top gun by denying the ball to her, Beyond $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{s}}$ mond

Beyond $\mathrm{X}_{s}$ and Os , Ruidoso has a good reason to be pumped up for the "Io play a home district tournamen game, it's exciting'" Rogers said. "I've
been just electrified for the last week.".

- DISTRICT 6AA PLAYOFFS


## Tigers make it to Thursday

by Laura Clymer
gUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITO
The Capitan boys basketball team advanced to the District GAA semifinals Tuesday with a 69-66 win over visiting Clouderoft.
The Tigers (8-13 overall) play the disrict's No. 2-seeded Demons in Dexter at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Capitan jumped out to a 19-9 first quarter lead, and, at one point, looked like with a force greater than the winds out side. But Cloudcroft stayed in the game behind its outstanding senior post player Chris Evans.
like a bad habit, the 'Tigers couldn't - "I thought w
dn't put theme played hard. We just ld Montes said. "We tried throwing everything' at hía (Evans), including the kitchen sink and we couldn't stop him
Tigers had a weapon of their own in junior point guard Garydon Silva. Again and point guard Garydon Siva. Again and etrating the lane and either scoring or dishing off to a teammate.
Cloudcroft coach Jimmy Swope said his Bears couldn't overcome the slow start or Silva; "We've played four games like this. We came back and won two of them," Swope said.

When the Bears made their last charge at Capitan early in the fourth quarEvans' three-pointer tied the game at 46 . Evans three-pointer tied the game at 46. and an assist as Capitan went on a 10-2 run. Capitan hit 10 -of-12 free throws down the stretch to keep the Bears at bay. Evans closed out his career with the Bears, scoring 34 points to lead both ${ }^{\text {'M }}$ Most high school guys play the game. Chris loves the game, said Swope of his senior

Capitan's seniors also had their say, of stepped it up and said, They, I don't want of stepped it up and said, hey, I don't
this to be our last one," Montes said. Silva paced the Tigers with 28 points, followed by Kris Davis' 14 and Kenny Stahl's 11.

## Victory positions RHS for shot at crown

by Steve benner
After Saturdays 60-58 werm victory over the Hot Springs Tigers Gary Grahn finds his Ruidoso War riors with a unique opportunity shot at the District 3 BAA championship.
Mor

Mip. record at 129 , the Warriors are assured son since. 1981 .

Now comes the big test
Sporting a district record of 4-2, the Warriors invade Grant County to challenge Cobre (Friday) and Sil ver City (Saturday) for the top spo in District 3AAA. A clean sweep of put Ruidoso in the District 3AAA driver's seat and bring the distric tournament to Lincoln County.
Looking to Friday's game with Cobre, Grahn said, "At home we beat them pretty badly. But it's
going to be a great game, it's going
to be close. The boys know that we're playing for our lives. Now we just need to stay focussed. Practice
this week is going to be pretty intense."
Ruidoso 60, Hot Springs 58
From the opening tipoff, Ruidoso and Hot Springs hammered a bach other on even terms with stingy defensive play punctuated by em loose .. they just kept on com ing," Grahn said. ${ }^{\text {BRy }}$ But I was rea happy the way the kids hung in there. They did exactly what we told hem to. In those last two minute they hung in there and kept thei

Senior po
Senior post player Adam Wind ham turned in an outstanding per 17 points. In addition, he saved the Warriors from disaster with a clutch jump shot with six seconds remaining on the clock to tie the game a 48, and put the game into overtime.
dead," Grahn said
If the first four quarters were nerve-racking, the four-minute
overtime period was enough to drive a cardiac patient into the blue-code zone. In overtime, the two teams In overtime the two teams remaining when freshman guard
Solomon Barnett, displaying calm Solomon Barnett, displaying calm beyond his years, went to the chari-
ty stripe and nailed both free throws, giving the Warriors a twopoint lead

The Tigers responded with a layup by guard Chris Lucero and a Warriors 56.

Enter Aaron Gillespie.
With 10 clicks on the clock Gillespie tied the score with a layup. Then Hot Springs made a fatal mistake in, again, sending Barnett to the foul line. Barnett hit both shots driving the final nail in the coffin
and sealing the $60-58$ win for the Warriors.


Scott Sebastian drives for two of his seven points.

## Capitan School Board braces for continued student population growth

## by Dianne Stallings

The Capitan School Board doesn't need any agency to tell doesn't need any agency to tell ing. They can see the growth in ing. They can see the growth in enrollment that surpasses expectations year after year.

Board members discussed the impact of growth on their school district during a meeting Thursday. They looked at a possible bond issue and decic $\$ 227,099$ from the state as $\$ 227,099$ from the state as students than expected.
${ }^{\text {"We projected }} 609$ students and actually had 645 on the 40th day (the day the state officially counts students to determine the amount of reimbursement), District SuperintenMonday.

## Monday.

will be used to hire two addi- classroom. But the hoard will tional teachers in kindergarten and second grade, the board cation instructional assistant also was approved.
. But the staff already on oard wasn't forgotten. Board members approved a $\$ 600$ addendum to their con tracts minus deductions. dents came an increased demand for the speech pathologist, the occupational therapist and psychological services, so we had to added money to each
one of those categories one of those

The board also put $\$ 70,000$ of the additional money into land improvement.s, including a $\$ 59,734$ paving project and remodeling of the elementary school t.
rooms.
A wall will divide the elementary teachers' lounge, cre-
classroom. But the board will
hold off hiring another kinder-
garten teacher until they have garten teacher until they have
a better idea about the 1998-99 a better idea about the 1998-99 The district will move ahead with creating a new third grade classroom and will hire a teacher for that grade level. The estimated cost of the renovation is $\$ 36,000$, Billingsley said.
toward a bond issue in the spring of 1999 . But first, board members and Billingsley want to collect input from parents and others about what is needed and what they would like to
see. "We'll put that all together and if the desire is to putin a new school, we'll go to a bond issue in February of 1999,"
Billingsley said. "Then you Billingsley said. "Then you have to sell the bond and start ject probably will take two

Billingeley would like to see a new high school built. A rough estimate for a barelion and would include buving some new land, she said. It would not include a gymnasi-
um. Board members are lookum. Board members are looking at a possible purchase of the Lincoln County's road yard, next to the sch
State Road 48
Other pr
dding classroposals include adding classrooms to the existat building a second floor at the high school, but the foundation is not designed for that type of
use and new handicap requirements would mandate an elevator, Billingsley said.
In other action, the school board:
$\mathbf{\$ 1 , 3 0 0}$ togreed to designate more books for purchase of more books for the school
library as a match of $\$ 1,200$ raised by the Capitan Elemenraised Parents group.

- Approved $\$ 1,000$ to pay
for award pins for staff that has been with the district for
five, 10 and 15 years. - Approved an extra $\$ 15,000$ for repairs projects, $\$ 13,500$ for the cafeteria to pick up increased costs and added \$1,500 into travel for students. - Approved some travel money for Seth Adcock, the son
of Betty and Steve Adcock, who of Betty and steve Adcock, who
won the district spelling bee Won the district spelling bee pete in El Paso next month.
proposals, but will not decide proposals, but will not decide until next month after parents
staff and people in the commu staff and people in the commu-
nity have a chance for input nity have a chance for input would begin Aug. 17 and end May 28. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving would be a holiday; Feb. 12 would be a day off
for a four-day weekend with for a four-day weekend with President's Day on Monday Friday, March 12, would be a
holiday; and Spring Break
would coincide with Easter. Under the second option, school would begin Aug. 19 and end May 28. The three and eliminated, Spring Break would be from March 15 to March 19, and the Friday before Easter would be a holiday.
- Denied a request by a: Hondo parent for her child to attend Capitan out-of-district. Board members pointed to trict attendance.
- Gave temporary approval to Angela Autrey and J.R. Casteneda, who are trying to develop Little League baseball for children through adults and want to use the field across from the school complex. The with the district's attorney and insurance company. principals.


## Southeast Lincoln County desig

The Rio Hondo Basin in southeast Lincoln County has been designated for a special Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) by the tion Service.

The area in Lincoln Coun ty eligible for the special pro gram includes private and state lands used for agricul tural production of crops or livestock in the Rio Hondo
Basin. The area covered COURT RECORDS
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extends from the drainage area of the Rio Ruidoso and Rio Bonito on the west to the
Chaves. County line on the Chaves. County line on the Mountains on the north to the Pajarita Mountains on the Pajarit

Special conservation concerns in this area deal with
the increase in woody plants the increase in woody plants in all plant communities

## forest lands. <br> 4-H'ers get nod from county

Financial help from the Lincoin County Commission resulted in a 4-H ch
ed in Ruidoso
County commissioners decided last July to dedicate a portion of the cigarette tax collected locally to pay for a sumBurchett, a retired teacher and parent of $4-\mathrm{H}$ participants, helped out on short notice and took the position in 1997. A 4-H club is now operational in Ruidoso with members from five to eight years old, mist Betty McCreight told commissioners.
'Ruidoso being semi-urban,
what happens if a child has no
lace to raise an animal?" Commissioner Monroy Montes asked.
"That's a common misconception that 4-H is only for rural areas," McCreight said. "Children have more than 100 projects to chose from. They can show small pets such as ham" ${ }^{\text {sters." }}$
"What if they want to raise a
steer?' Montes asked.
equest," said Extension Agent Barry Herd.
McCreight pointed out that Ruidoso Downs passed an ordinance to allow for students who wanted to raise larger animals for 4-H or FFA projects.

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#### Abstract

The effects on soil erosion and water quality and quantity are proble

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Cost-share is offered to install conservation practices that deal with those problems at a 50 percent to 75 percent

Practices a share include erosion control dams, brush management, encing, livestock water devel opment and distribution, grass and tree planting, irrigation pipelines and other practices that help with con

To qualify for the program a landowner or operator must have records of agricultural production and be willing to enter into a five- to 10 -year contract to carry out the con-


Commissioner Rex Wilson said for budget planning purposes he would like a commitment from commissioners to give $\$ 4,200$ from the cigarette tax for
next fiscal year.

## REGIONAL BRIEFS

Fund established to help

## Montes family

A fund to help the family of the late Felisa Montes pay for funeral expenses has been Bank in Ruid Pioneer Saving ank in Ruidoso
Montes, 19, the daughter of Linicoln County Commission er Monroy Montes, was killed in a one-car accident on Valen-
tine's Day.

Donations may be mailed to the Felisa Montes Fund,
account $\# 0203046551$ in care of the bank at P.O. Box 910, Ruidoso, N.M. 88355 .

Solid Waste Authority receives grant

A \$155,000 grant has been awarded by the state Environ mental Department to the Lin
servation plan.
The practices are sched
uled on a yearly basis and a uled on a yearly basis and a time schedule that allows orderly installation of the
measures as budgets and work schedules allow.

## Applications

obtained and accepted at be Farm Service Agency Office in Alamogordo at 2920 N. White Sands Blvd., (505-437-3100) or the Natural Resources Con-
servation Service Office in

Authority.
Joe Hayhurst, chairman of the authority, announced the grant during the garbage collection and disposal coalition's meeting last week.

The money will be used to buy a collection vehicle and a

Mark E. Weidler, secretary of the environment depart ment, notified the authority of the grant Feb. 3.
'Downs group sponsors candidate forum

The Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary is sponsoring a candidates forum at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Downs Senior Citizens

The
public is invited to

Capitan (9844-2220) or Carrizo-
o (648-2941).
Applications will be rated depending on the severity of the conservation problem and the expected benefits to be needed practices, which will be agreed upon by the landowner and the NRCS conservationist.

Applications for this special program wil

## Elk population

## recommendations made

The New Mexico section of he Saciety for Riange Management recommends mediation to help solve conflicts over the state's increasing ,elk population.
The society released a position paper about the elk issue helld in December in meeting held in December in conjunf: ion with the Habitat Manam ment in the Southwest.
"The resolution calls for

New crew at the Wortley serves lunch
 didn't get to
with the flu.
A.B. Zumwalt is doing fine ollowing recent surgery.
in Santa. County ecent legislative session push ing for needed projects. I guess we all will not know until after 20 days to see what the Governor Ag Fest that has become such a great annual affair. Sorry I missed it this year.

The weather has turned nice except for the wind. We could use a whipping the west and east coastsiate setting.
The Photographic Society of incoln Society
The Lincoln County photography group have been a busy have taken several field trips to the Bosque, an old cemetery nearby, La Luz and Alamogordo. As usual, during the trip to Alamogordo area, it rained. But veryone had a good time.

The group is now working on Show to be held in October at the Museum of the Horse. So all you photographers - amateur and professional - be thinking about some photos to enter. I will be writing about some of the

The group meets every third Thursday of the month. A program on different camera equipment, methods of shooting film, and experiences of others. There will be a member who will give a presentation each month. Herb day on what can be done with a photo from different sizes, matting and framing with how to get your photos ready for the October show.
Come and join us at the Ruidoso

## ICMC BIRTHS

- Jan. 27, 1998 - a son, Justice Edwin Niederstadt, to stadt, $7 \mathrm{lbs} .12 \mathrm{oz}, 21-1 / 4$ inches long. Feb 2, 1098 - a daughte Veronics Andrea Ochoa, to Yvon Vega, 7 lbs. $1.8 \mathrm{oz}, 19-1 / 2$ inches long.
Michelle Marriel Co a daughter, Michelle Marriel Coons, to Tanya es long. as long.
igueros. 8, 1998 - a son, Fidel Figueroa Jr., to Fidel and Betty
Figueroa, 7 lbs. 12 oz, 20-1/2 inches long.
- Feb. 5, 1998 - a daughter, Alexandra Celest Castro, to Cosme and Lorena Castro, 7 lbs 2 oz, 19-3/4 inches long. ram Colorado, to Darien and Demaris Colorado, 5 lbs. $6 \mathrm{oz}, 20$ 1/4 inches long.
Tessa Feb. 12, 1998 - a daughter, David and Kim Lambert, 6 lbs. $\mathbf{8 . 8} \mathrm{oz}, 19-1 / 2$ inches long.


America's slding soldlers, the IOth Mountaln Division, manches in its verslon of camonflage unliform.

## Brooks Maue recalls life and death in the 10th Mountain Division

Fpr Lisa Maue, blaing has been both
family bond the cond. Ski Apache Disabled Skier program, she has spent virtuprogram, she has spent virtuBeginning at age 3, with the encouragement of her parents, Brooks and Jo Maue, both of whom were skiing since the 1930s, Lisa recalls, I remember

- But it was her father, Brooks, who told her she could," "ski as good as the boys."

When Lisa was in high school, Brooks took his family urally, skiing became the focal point. Brooks remembers, "I took Lisa to Innsbrook, Austria. I approached the Austri ans and told them I had a daughter who was a down hill racer. One man happened to ski team. He spent the entir day with Lisa. They told me later they thought she was a member of our Olympic team."

Loving words from a proud father.

But were it not for fate's mystical intervention, Brooks to raise a family.

Fifty-three years ago in Italy, Brooks Maue served as a medic in the elite U.S. Army combat unit known as the unit Winston Churchill described as, "A valiant and ardent corps."

Brooks Maue is now in his 77th year, but his memory of the war years resounds with crystal clarity. In 1943, Maue in his home state of New York when he listened to a lecture by an Army recruiter. "Basically, he said they were going to pay us to ski," he recalls. Once in the Army, Maue was first assigned to a rifle unit and later a mortar placourse in, of all things, ce tial navigation that caught the eye of an Army captain that landed Maue in the medic corps.

Considering where we the CO thought it would be a
go good idea to have a soldier the stars," Maue says. Brooks ended up in the 86th Regiment training high the Colorado mountains at Camp Hale, a place Maue lace. It as A miserable lice. It was in a valley and got trapped. Most of the guys on sick call had respiratory problems."
The Mountain Division was the brainchild of Charles Mininie" Dole, a civilian who the headed the National Ski patrol. Prior to Americas entry into World War II, Dole had observed how successfull the outmatched Finnish army (soldiers on skis clad in white the stronger Russian army in 1939. Later, the Germans and Russians copied this combat strategy when fighting in old, snowy climates. After months of wrangling with George C. Marshall to President Roosevelt, Dole had his wish - the Army would form the 10th Mountain Division. The National Ski Patrol mountain climbers, lumber jacks, cowboys, skiers, even mule skinners to train for the 10th. But after its formation and nearly three years of gru eling training, neither generals MacArthur or Eisenhower wanted to put the 10th to use we were a bunch of rich Ivy Leaguers. Nobody wanted us. Indeed, Dwight Eisenhower had a rude nickname for the 10th Mountain Division the playboys.
Brooks Maue and 10th Moun Brooks Maue and 10th Moun tain Division found themArgentina en route to Naples, taly. It was in Naples that Maue began to see the ravages of the war he was about onter.
When we landed in Naples, we saw a lot of up to one. In Italy, the people reated us well. But the children were sad though ... they ere terribly poor."
The 10th Mountain Divimonths after the June 22 nd


Allied invasion of the French coast. When Operation Overlord commenced, the Russian Army stepped of its Barbarrosa offensive from the east. Germany was being squeezed hard fros Maue east and west. sion that would push the Ger mans from the most difficult direction - south across the Alps.

Before its first contact
with the Germans, the 10th Mountain Division was ordered remove all unit mar ings to avoid identification. The plan didn't work. Maue remembers, "The Germans knew we were coming. They dropped leaflets that 'welcomed' us to Italy. They said Division, welcome to Italy now prepare to die."

For the next few months,
ain) found thempelves slogging through mud, snow, cold, Far from Colorado's snowy peaks and lively Denver ba ooms, the men of the 10 th Mountain Division found themselve
Maue remembers how one buddy hardened himself to the carnage. "I had a friend in job to identify and secure our dead. We were coming into another Italian village and I spotted him. There was a pile of bodies waiting for removal He was sitting on top of the pile eating lunch. When he saw me he said, Hi, Maue sandwich."

As the 10th Mountain Division continued its advance north toward the Austrian frontier, its casual ties climbed. One of those zuish himself as a senator from Kansas and later run against Bill Clinton for president, Robert J. Dole. Maue never met Dole, but he had countless friends In a night fire-fight. Dole was severely wounded and nearly lost the use of his right arm. He would spend the next 40 months in army hospitals.
loward the war's end Maue came close to t
same end, or worse.
"We were approaching Lake Garda and the Germans were in retreat. We camped near a tunnel and were ordered to assault it in the morning When I woke up I realalready moved out, they Our guys had advanced into the tunnel when the Germans made a lucky shot with one of heir 88's. It killed between 15 020 men from my unit. After he explosion I had to go into we tunnel and walk over my is the smell of cordite (gun powder) mixing with urine and blood. If I had gone in with my unit, I might have

# WHAT'S <br> HAPPENING 


women ages $17-24$ contacr IIsa

## Punic Arraremers/ibencomstra-

Vitigee of Ruidoso Fire departmem and Parls and Recreation, along with the help of USFS will join
efforts in demonserating a sample afrert in decaued East of Gindstoone Damn, designated strictly for training. This will imvotve the roll burning ehinning sta promote rol burning. therning to promote new growth, This profect will begin the week of February 16 and continue through complecion.

## Compmity Sypport "Fete"s

## 4 p.m. March I. Your cormmuni-

 ty is supporting Ralph and Kim Please corme our and help with your donations and purchases o art. clothing and collectibles which will be auctioned to help pay little Pete's hospital expens es. This cornmunity's generosity and willing help is something we are all very proud of., Please litrlest angels have a secure and sale recovery. Donations can be made, or information obtained 257-9982. Monetary donation can be made direct at the Ruidoso State Bank in the name o Ralph Nosker.Musemu of The Morse Workstheps
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 20 \& 21. Video Camera Techniques for Oral History with Sid Good strop will instruct participants on proper camera techniques equipment needs, field work and other areas. For more informa tion call 378-4!42.

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The association meets the first Thursday of every month at the Space Center's Hubbard Space Sclence Education Building. Call Bob Turner at 437-2840 days,
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# ENMU-Ruidoso sees enrollment rise again 

by Jivie Baxter
Pastern New Mexico Uni ersity-Ruidoso's efforts to other parts of the county is paying off. At least in ENMURuidoso Director Jim Miller's opinion.
Spring enrollment at the Ruidoso branch of the university increased 7.76 percent from percentage equals 46 more hodas. the increase isn't as large seen in the fall semester, but
Miller said he's still pleased

## - POSTER CHILD

## Student earns her stripes fighting 'Tar Wars’

By Jule Baxter
RUDOSa News educ
Everyday, 3,000 teen-agers pick up a cigarette for the first time.
Armed with that statistic and some facts about the danico Family Physicians orrani zation asked fourth- and fifth grade students to get involved and fight thè Tar Wars. And one local student fought the battle well enough to win tatewide recognition.

Elizabeth Robinsoń, 11, a student at White Mountain Intermediate School, made a
poster for the Tar Wars contest depicting a healthy, pink lung and a black smoker's lung in a race. The healthy lung won, Wand wobinson. Built her Tari

Rod health beats acting cool." Robinson learned of the the New Mexico Family Physicians came to White Mountain to enlist troops for Tar Wars. Tar Wars is an interactive
tobacco education - program tobacco education program awareness of attitudes about tobacco on the body. More than 9.150 volunteer physicians throughout the state targeted
fourth- and fifth-grade students - an age when children are especially receptive to accurate information about the
addiction of smoking. Doctors
with the numbers - especially, in a time when other colleges
spring enrollment is down. And Miller said he's also pleased with the response to classes zo.
"This time we trook more classes out into more parts of
the county," he said. the county," he said.

Miller also said a relationship with the Ruidoso schools
and more daytime classes also and more daytime classe

ENMU-Ruidoso has developed a working relationship ers and staff in technology,
Miller said. The school also has
opened up more clusses in the day, which Miller sees as an
indication that the student body is getting younger
Although a majority of students at the Ruidoso of stuare "non-traditional," or older students seeking continuing education or returning to school after a hiatus, Miller
sees indicators that younger sees indicators that younger
students are taking advantage of the college, too.
"The daytime classes did
well," Miller said. "That interest is typically from younger students."
New classes American humanities, commu-
nity orchestra and welding also generated a lot of interest,
Miller said, along with an old Miller said, along with an ol
favorite - computer classes.

Enrollment in continuing ducation and telecourses, which are not counted in the totals, also are good. Miller said there are currently 250 education classes, and he anticipates another 100 to 150 to ipates
"Trine number of television and master's degrees jumped from 38 in fall to 54 this spring," Miller said. "People are really taking advantage of
e services here."
Miller said the increasing enrollment is a sign that thie
college in Ruidose is covering the full continuum of educe tional servicas - from adult litracy to master's degrees. The scope will. increase at ENMU-Ruidoso too. Starting this spring, the school will give students access to a virtual university. Miller University, which offers ciasses only on the Internet, can be accessed from a computer in puter will be available for stu-

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

## Eight locals eam

 NMSU degrees.Eight students from the Ruidoso area were among the 1,547
degrees after the fall 1997 semester at New Mexico State

Students from Ruidoso earning degrees were: Ashley Dianne Beatty, bachelor's in bachelor's in agriculture; Christine Dawn, Jacobs, bacheor's in business adminisiraion; Richard Lane Maione, and tourism moanagement: and Alfred Sanchez Rue, bachelor's in education.

Students from Alto who graduated were Richard Lee Frost, bachelor's in agriculture, and Stacy Shannon Wall, bachtouriem mathagement. ......
 Master of Arts degree.

## local student

helps with model UN
Hardin-Simmons University student Jeanell Cox of Ruiloso helped the Abilene school west Model United Nations Conference Feb. 12-13.
The conference is a simula-
tion of the United Nations, with each echool and collens, with each school and college
attending assigned a different attending assigned a different
country to represent. Individual members of the delegations are assigned a committee, well enough to assume the role of an international diplomat: Awards are presented to
delegations which display the delegations which display the and technical expertise and technical expertise of the UN, and which properly follow the guidelines of their countries' foreign policy.

## TNP awards

teacher mini-grant
Texas-New Mexico Power Company has awarded a $\$ 200$ mini-grant to White Mountain Lisa Vasquez.

The grants are designed to assist kindergarten through eighth-grade classroom teachers in math, science education

The teacher mini-grants are a way that TNP can support the excellent job these their claserooms," said Jim Bassett, customer relations coordinator. "One focus is on math and science because we want to support teachers in reaching the high world stanenjoyed. Another focus is on energy conservation because we want to promote using our

## Coe student spending

 semester in NYCForrest Green, a native of College in Cedar Rapide, Iowa, is spending the spring semes-
ter as a participant in Coe's
who may not have a computer at home.

The size of ENMM-Ruidoso may also increase. Miller said blueprints are being drawn up for a 10,000 square foot addi tion at the college, which would include a bigger library a stu dent atudy area, three class rooms a second computer and morer said the unity is. Muer for find to to king for funding to pay for the addition, which he and other staff would like to see complete by next spring.

New York Term. Green, the son of Cindy and James Green, is a music major at the ineral arta college. College's. New York Term provides interested students with opportunities fo rich experiences in the per ipants live in New York City concerts, theater and dance productions, and art exhibits, accompanied by discussion and seminar sessions with York Term fail resident New each student completes an independent project or internship related to an area of spe-
cial interest in the arts humanities or social sciences.

## Carrizozo chapter

## wins FRA dairy Contest

 Fightower won the State Future Farmers of America
Dairy Foods Contest held Feb. 7 in Roswell. The team will rravel to Kansas City to compete at the National FFA Con-

Individually, Bryan HighShafer scored second highest, Mollie Hightower ninth. Also training for Carrizozo were alternates Jordan Dixon and Mary Beth Bond. Training the Advisor Tonny Hamby FFA Ag Advisor Tonny Hamby.
The Dairy Contest

The Dairy Contest consists (Colloy, Muenster, Provolone, etc.), determining whether a particular product is natural or artificial (ie: margarine vs. buter,, examining and scoring miker units according to their on dairy farming procedures and distinguishing one milk flavor from another.

## Bingaman seeks students

for D.C. internships
U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-NM, is recruiting stadents for summer internships in his
Washington, D.C. office. The Washington, D.C. oftice. The and university undergraduate students.

The internship program is co students about the political process and allow them to gain experience in the daily operaSummer interns will work six 40-hour weeks in Bingaman's Capitol Hill office during one of two sessions - May 26 to June 30 or July 2 to Aug. 17.
Applicants are required to complete an intern application form, as well as provide a reference, a writing sample and answers to three essay questions. Completed applications must be sent to Bingaman's Washington intern coor-
dinator David Pike' by March dinator David Pike by March For applications contact Washington, (202) $224-5521$; in Albuquerque, (505) 766-3636; in Las Cruces (505) 523-6561; in Las Vegas, $k$ (505) 454-8824,
or in Roswell, ( 505 ) 622-7113.


## By BETTY DEBNAM

## Celebrate Newspaper In Education Week

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## Paper Pages and People



SKIER SOLDIER: WWII vet is lucky to survive

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Shortly after the Lake Garda incident, the war ended for Brooks Maue. He smiles recalling, "At Turbole we go the word that the German's going up the valley with ou headlights on and ran into a squad of Germans on the high ground. Apparently, they hadn't got the word yet and they could have wiped us out. Later, everybody drank champaign and got drunk. A lot of guys went out and shot of their guns ... probably that was the most dangerous

Maue laughed.
Brooks Maue survived the war to become a husband, father and teacher. He attend ed Stanford University where he earned his master's and doctorate degrees in philosophy At Calirornia State University at Long Beach, Maue taught philosophy (among. other subjects) until his retirement a few years ago

During his family's trip to Austria, Lisa prevailed upon and show her where he had served with the 10 th Moun-

[^0]over and Well this one didn't were too many bad memories... A half cenbut we went because Lisa wanted to go."

Brooks Maue, $\begin{array}{r}\quad$|  Brooks Maue,  |
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thought
an afterBy the way, did I mention that I was awarded the Bronze Star with Dak Leaf Clusters?' The 10th Mountain Division held a compli ment of about 20,000 Italian campaid of the division had sustained the following casualties; 992 killed and 4,154 wounded. Twenty-five percent of Eisenhower's 'playboys' had fallen in battle.


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