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## WAR: Despite some opposition, county OKs resolution

J. Zane Walley and his wife, Sara.
She was called up as a reservist after
serving two years of active duty and
while in the last month of her semes-
ter at college, but was given just two
weeks to report, the commissioner
said.
But a few in the audience opposed
the resolution as written, saying it
supported more than the troops.
Norm Van Gorder, a 69-year-old
Carrizozo resident who said he
retired from the military after 20
years at age 38, contended President
George W. Bush had no right to
declare war. That power lies with
Congress. He said the Central
Intelligence Agency put Saddam
Hussein in power for access to Iraq's
oil. He pointed out the modern cities
and highways built by the dictator for
his people. He objected to any implied
endorsement of The Patriot Act, say-
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what they said as "garbage." The raped and killed, "has my respecty" what they said as "garbage." The
President's actions were "entirely legal," he contended. A remark from Moeller that those dissenting seemed to hate their country and were supporting a dictator who gassed his own people, sparked an outburst from Van Gorder. Sheriff Tom Sullivan insisted order be maintained. Moeller apologized after a
warning from Wilson to stay away warning from wilson Sara Walley tearfully took the podium and said she is glad she lives in America instead of Iraq, "because we can continue to raise our voices," even if others disagree. "As a person born Mexico, who became a U.S. citizen, I carry with me every single day a great deal of pride because many years ago people
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to speak your mind," she said. Anyone who stands up to defend
raped and killed, has my respecty is my daughter."
Van Gorder apologized for his outburst, saying he is willing to die to defend the U.S. Constitution. Ttpe resolution as written is illegal, he arned.
"Our president is a criminal an" ould be arrested," he said Commissioner Leo Martinez ssuíd he doesn't have a problem with peeaking against the President action, but if Bush violated laws, "in this political atmosphere those higher than us will bring charges.'
He said his main concern is that the troops aren't forgotten when thes return from the war. While he was running for Congress last year he the country"
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When the troops come home attention," he said.

## New community radio station receives permit to put up transmitter

- KEII)' officials are hopling (o) be on the air

BY DIANME STALINCS

A construction permit was Communications Commission carng the way for the assemof radio transmitting patuon KEDU
The 100-watt non-commer itanton Inc., aims to provide community access to the air

## updates on projects and on-site boadcasting of events, as well as music, children's programming and rebroadcasting of Golden Age of radio. Dick Weber, one of the original proponents of the station, tory of Lincoln County and efforts to develop the 1855 Fort Stanton complex into a living museum, was excited at the prospect of moving ahead. The group already set up headquarof the Gazebo shopping center in mid-town Ruidoso.

Harvey Twite is pulling
together the operation, slated to
kick off by July 1.
The radio group has applied
for a federal grant that will
match dollar for dollar all
money donated to the effort up
to $\$ 47,300$. Although station
principals, such as Weber, Tony
Hoffman and Frank Sayner,
are confident the grant will be
approved, awards won't be
announced until September.
Cold hard cash is needed
now.
About $\$ 75,000$ is required to
start broadcasting and then
another $\$ 36,000$ will keep the
station on the air for the first
four months. Gifts to Fort
Stanton Inc. are tax deductible. Every contributor will receive a personalized gift letter and a copy of
cation.

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plaque in the station's lobby. "We'd like to be on the air at least before the end of the fire least before the end of the fire
season," Weber said Monday. "We may limp on with equip. ment we beg and borrow, then replace it with newer items
when the grant comes
lines in Ruidoso Down

- $\$ 5,000$ for Ruidoso High School academic team equipment - A Capitan High School basketbal - Performing arts music $\$ 25,000$ equipment for $\$ 2,000$ at Capitan Middle School and playground equipment for \$15,000
- Performing arts theater curtains for $\$ 10,000$ and program equipment $\$ 2,000$ for Capitan Performing Arts. - Playground equipment at Capitan for $\$ 15,000$ and Capitan PTA performin
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- \$145,000 for five projects in Corona including renovation of the Corona Public Building, and renovation of Corona vil projects and some municipal sfice school projects and some m
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While he hopes for broad Weber said community support, ment once the station is on the air also is a must.
$\qquad$ s," he said. "You don't have to be a civic group or non-profit organization to get your announcements broadcast. Six kids having a car wash can get


## "And it's free."

Station staff will stay busy racking emergency events in the community and anlowin emergency staff to relay impor tant information directly to the public, such as when the hould evacuate and wher hey can go, he said. With generator at the station and a the transmitter, KEDU, num ber 102.3 on the FM dial, will remain on the air
fails, Weber said.


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Restaurant chain announces free meals for military kin K-B()B'S steakhouses offer to ease the financial burden on families who have wage-earners overseas BY DIANME STALUMGS . cam

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Spouses and children of military personnel fighting in the at participating K-BOB'S retaurants during April. Ed Tinsley, president and
hief executive officers of K. BOB'S USA Inc., a New Mexico-based regional steakhouse chain, announced the
gift Friday


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Tinsley is a former Republican candidate for the 2nd Congres
New Mexico.
Eligible families who are interested should call their local military family support group to obtain a K-BOB'S "dine free" card. Each family should contact the K-BOB'S
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## Lincoln County's



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## The sky is falling...

....or so it must have seemed to customers at First National Bank on Sudderth Drive Tuesday when winds gusting up to 60 mph topfew cars took damage, but no people were hurt when the pine fell around $3: 30$ p.m., taking down some power lines with it.

The bank will be closed likely be closed today; customers will be referred to its branch office in Upper Canyon instead.

Photos by Dianne Stallings
 A snapped power pole is all that's left of a Texas-New
Mexico electric transtormer assembly that was crushed by a 40-toot pine tree.


Ruidoso emergency manger Thomas Chavez directs a village utility truck to spread sand on oil running through the bank parking lot.


Workers did what they could to clear away the branches
of the massive tree from the parking lot.


Mangled transformers are crushed on the pavement by the tree.


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Central Administration Office. School Board President Frank Saner Centrad Administration Oftice. School Board President Frank Saner the pine trees where it rains - and in the best school district.


Ad campaign starts for Hunt by barbara lane .com

Promotions for the Ruidoso Arts Commission's Great Bear Hunt are under way, as an
April 19 unveiling party draws near, according to Elizabeth Amigo, co-chair of the event. The Bear Hunt was th prime topic of discussion at Thursday's Ruidoso Arts Commission meeting. New board members Barry Luce and Diane Thorgeson heard campaign for the event. Advertising includes, among other things, the mailing of 750 invitations, 600 fliers delivered to the Chamber of Commerce, radio and television commercials around New Mexico and as far as east Texas, press releases sent to national travel magazines, and brochures mapping out The Hunt which will be widely distributed local
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throughout New Mexico. Arts Coordinator Mary Lane, reported that the com mission delivered its new bud get on March 24 to village hall for Lodgers Tax consideration

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$\qquad$ OUR OPINION

## Opportunity and water all in one package

A water contract by tribe and village could heal old wounds

Talk about opportunity; At least as important as talk about viable alter- additional water, we believe, natives: Seldom has is the chance to forge a new, itself in one package. But it did, almost in passing, as Ruidoso's councilors last week reviewed a capital priorities list for water improvements.
Councilor

Deborah Marcum-Byars summed up the idea of buying Mescalero
Lake water from the Lake water from the we have to import water, I think this is very viable and may be more cost-effective." Certainly a better solution, politically, than mining water in the Tularosa Basin and pipelining it over the moun-
tains. Certainly a better near-term solution than the ultimate regional water plan and the village's acquisition of Bonito Lake water. more positive, relationship with the Mescalero tribe. That relationship over the decades has had its ups and downs, but few in Ruidoso or Mescalero will deny that there is a almost symbiotic
economic relationship economic relationship
between our town and the between our town and the
tribe - and particularly the with the Inn of the Mountain with th
Gods.
Even
Even a short-term contract to acquire Mescalero Lake water would buy Ruidoso some time to achieve longterm water stability Perhaps President Sara Misquez and Councilor
Marcum-Byars could have a Marcum-Byars could have a
meeting of the minds that meeting of the minds that
would also stabilize relations between village and tribe for years to come.

Hollywood making war into the ultimate reality show

There I sat, watching war unfold before my very eyes, feelthing I could not quite put my finger on.
There had been the troubling close up on the Albuquerque Journal front page that morning, an Iraqi
child, maybe 2 years old, her years old, her
face terrified, face terrified,
as she and her family fled the bloodshed that was soon to descend on Baghdad. She could have
been been my ASKANC: granddaugh-
ter, your baby ter, your
sister.
That was sobering, but it was something else that clouded my mind. It had to do with another war story, a Baltimore Sun dispatch that said this:
WASHINGTON - In an
attempt to add a dash of attempt to add a dash of Hollywood to the military briefQatar, the Pentagon enlisted a top art director (fresh from a top art director (fresh from a
Michael Douglas movie) to design the high-tech stage set, with its sleek, futuristic podium and giant plasma screens.
Hollywood? War? What am I missing here? Is this the entertainment war, a spectator event? Is Las Vegas about to put At ony moment this thing? At any moment you almost into Baghdad. Circle the wagons, podner.
-The clincher came as I watched the current shooting and bombing, courtesy of CNN. There, among the "breaking news" bulletins trailing at the bottom of the TV screen, was this question to viewers: Are coalition forces prepared for urban wa
vote now.
This is reality television gone
bonkers. We are to vote on military strategy in one of history's most momentous events? I have but save me from armchair generals.
Than Thank you, CNN, for trivializing trauma. Are our folks prepared for battle? And while you're at it, which one of the 25
bimbos should the bachelor bimbos should the bachelor
chose to be his lifelong partner? Or, should Carmen or Joshua be voted off American Idol? Or, my favorite, the classic, a show I think is ludicrously titled Date My Mother, had this dramatic moment, a serious looking young man addressing one of the three contestants vying for his mor you to Hawaii with our
send mother, will you try to sleep with her?
When did all this spin out of control, and when did Hollywood and war become synonymous? It would have been fitting should the following have appeared on April 1, a tribute to foolishness, but it did not. It was
several days later that the MSN several days later that the MSN
Home Page featured stories Home Page featured stories
under the banner AP Entertainment $\begin{aligned} & \text { banner } \\ & \text { News: } \\ & \text { Ted }\end{aligned}$ Koppel relishes the chance to go to war again. Entertainment, indeed.
To be honest, the war-media relationship has had two positive spin-offs. Because of security precautions, the hideous red carpet show with its repulsive
host, Joan Rivers, was cancelled by the Oscar telecast.
Much more seriously, the prying, insensitive, ratings-at-anycost news sensationalists at CNN and Fox have been forced to leave alone little Elizabeth Smart. Maybe, now, the poor kid can start to patch her life back together, and that is as it should be.
Ned Cantwell is a retired newspaperman living in ncantwell@ charter.net.


THE $\mathbb{R A G I}$ PEOPLE UFHERING IN A NEW ERA OF FREEDOM

## YOUR OPINION

## School nutrition program is hard to digest

To the editor:
I found the article in the Wednesday, April 9, paper titled "Breakfast of Champions w be very amusing. While I found the statements made by both the teachers and the principal, Mr. Cannella to be very misleading. It just so happen that a menu appears in the paper adjacent to the article that totally negatr" everything the elementary school is try-
ing to accomplish. If you look at the menu ing to accomplish. If you look at the menu you find that most items for breakfast are simple carbohydrates mixed with heavy fat and protein. Im sorry, Mr. Cannella, the difference between simple carbs and complex. III help you out Complex carbs, like beans, grains and fruit, break down slowly providing sustained energy while simple carbs, like the ones you serve the kids, give them a jolt sending their systems into hyper gear, using up energy quickly.
Then we go to the lunch menu - oh boy, more fat and simple carbs. The poor kids havent had time for their little bod-
ies to digest the fat from the breakfast ies to digest the fat from the breakfast
and now they have to try and deal with and now they have to try and deal with
more food full of fat and simple carbs. My point is, give them foods that work togeth er. Fruit and pure juice in the morning would be easy to digest and, contrary to popular belief, provide protein. Yes, peanut butter and jelly rolls may have some protein, but they have way more simple carbs and fat to really clog the Hawthorne, it might be wise to cut the chips and soft drinks you let the kids munch on all day in your class. Caffeine and sugar are extremely bad for them and their concentration.
Obesity is at an all-time high in the U.S. because of our misguided eating habits. It might be wise next time to consult with an up-to-date nutritionist befor contributing to the obesity of a minor.

Dave Anderson

## Lawmakers not helping kids

To the editor:
When we consider the plight of our state, we know that almost all of our state legislators are incompetent. New Mexic continues to be one of our nation's worst states in which to raise children. A society must be primarily judged by the way that it cares for its young.
1986, our county hasn't had County legislator, Democratic or Republican, who was or is truly concerned about protecting our state's youth. What else could one possibly expect from the representatives of a county that glorifies the former murderer, Billy the Kid?
One of the main responsibilities of a leader is to rally their personnel.
Our legislators rarely use their "bully
pulpits" to rally our state's ele pulpits to rally our states electorate, especiacly on children issues, like child
protection laws that would be primarily preventive vice reactive in nature Our legislators should be usin
releases, OpEds, etc. for more than merely telling the people how much "pork barrel" that they obtained for their districts re-lected to their state governmental re-elect
offices.
come after thill be many more thank to come after these projects are complet ed.
do have good and generous people in our area, thank you.

Jack and "Chuck" Johnson

## Asking for solidarity

Defending Leo Martinez
To the editor
Well guess what, Leo Martinez is not New California - he was born in good old doesn't want anyone to look into the ho pital finances? All Mr. Martinez wants is fair dealings for the people of Lincoln County. Mr. Martinez brings a lot of money into Lincoln County. He also represents all the people of Lithcoln County, no matter who voted for him, as do all our county commissioners. As for the care from the hospital, Im glad you got good care from your former employer, and co workers; many others
wonderful tales to tell.

The Barton family
Capitan

## A helpful community

To the editor:
On Thursday morning, March 27, I was attempting to load heavy pine logs on my trailer at 118 Jack Little Drive. suddenly my good friend, Max Roberson, Drive, appeared to help me The two of were struggling with some of the loge and along came a handsome young man with a big smile who said, "May I help you gentlemen?" What a help he was; we learned the young man was Kirk Stevens of Mountain View Landscaping. Many thanks to these two men as well as the folks at 118 Jack Little Drive who provid ed the logs.
Some people have been working to improve the Veterans Memorial Park in Capitan. At this point in time we want to
thank the Capitan Chamber Commerce and George Schultz of Alpine Concrete for the concrete to build a beautiful new sidewalk in the park. Eddie Tudor and his youth crew of the Smokey Bear State Park have also helped in get ting rid of some of the weeds. David Cox with the Village of Capitan has brought two loads of good soil so that we can co Another project going on in Capitan Another project going on in Capitan is of Capitan. The Lincoln County Bird Club is in the process of building a viewing stand. The fence between the wetlands and the viewing area is complete as well as the drive-in to the area, which was built and installed by the New Mexico Highway Department. Many thanks to all of those who have contributed time and money thus far.
Some of the logs that were picked up on Jack Little Drive are quite attractive We plan to use some of these logs at the Memorial Park as well as at the bird-
viewing park. A lot of work remains to be

Editor's note: This letter originally an April 11, but due to an editing error part of the letter was omitted.
To the editor:

- I would like to share my opinion about the anti-war protests with you. I think they should lead, follow or get out of the way. I would like to ask the protesters if hey would prefer to have a form of govvocal minority, or a representative democ racy such as the ane we currently have. It is responsible and even desirable that people let their government know where they stand and how they feel about once the decision is made by our "elected officials," it is time to either stand behind those decisions and show solidarity or be silent and not make the situation worse by fighting among ourselves.
For those who say the government has not proven that Saddam has beẹn hiding weapons of mass destruction; or that a link between terrorism and Saddam's regime has not been estab be so many people that do not understand that the means and sources of intelligence gathering are in many cases guarded more closely than the intelligence they collect, and that by disclosing the intelligence they gather, showing our hand, could and probably would end the low of information from that source. Ifor one am inclined to believe our govern ment's word over that of Sadda regime.

Stett L. Marcum
Capitan


## More than 'mutts' at animal shelter

BY DOME STNLHMES
$\therefore$ Correcting the impression that all animals at a shelter are mutts, officials with the Humane Society of the United States estimate 30 percent of the dog population in shelters across the nation may be purebred. Many are relinquished because they were purchased by someone with unrealistic expecExpense required. About half the tanimals brought to shelters pationwide are euthanized because of lack of homes, according to the HSUS.
Keith Adkins, executive director of the shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road operated
by the Humane Society of by the Humane Society of Lincoin County, said not to be
discouraged if the breed of choice isn't available on a first visit. Sometimes, a mixed breed that exhibits the visual qualities sought ends up being a better ctioice because of temperament and fewer genetic problems. If a prospective owner is set "in a certain "look" or breed, shelter workers keep a list of people and their preference. However, don't sit back and wait. Call
from time to time to remind from time to time to remind
them and check on the latest group up for adoption, Adkins group
said.
Shel and inctur adoptions cost less for include a reduced expense for the mandatory spay or
neuter. People can view some of the choices at the local shelter's Web site at www.humanesocietyolinncolncounty.org.
HSUS officials poin that the only difference between

that the only difference between traits to determine if they fit.

## Downs ETZ commission discusses ag zoning

## BY P. BLAKE MARTN

The Ruidoso Downs ETZ commission discussed Planned Urban Development : absence of Chairman Susan Garrett Vice Chairman Larry Mulligan guided the analysis of Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Ordinance PUD (mixed zoning) description and regulations.
$\therefore$ PUD zones, according to Mulligan, can provide the greatest latitude and be the most valuable to a property owner. These developments can also put in their own - ment, Mulligan said.
$\therefore$ Commissioner Sue Davis echoed Mulligan's concerns that the Ruidoso example seemed too restrictive. Both cited ownership and percentage of open spaces. For instance, a party, based on approval of

Assault arrest
. Ruidoso police arrested David A. Sanchez, 41, of
Ruidoso Downs, about $3: 30$ Ruidoso Downs, about 3:30
a:m. April 13 at. Allsup's $\begin{array}{ll}\text { a.m. April } & \text { at. Allsup's } \\ \text { Convenience } & \text { Store, } \\ 311\end{array}$ Sudderth Drive, charging him with aggravated assault. -Officers had been called to a fight in progress and Sanchez had allegedly attempted to attack a man with a baseball

## Resistance is futile

Police arrested Leslie Ann
Parsons, 26, of Ruidoso Downs April 13 in the parking lot of Lincoln County Grill, 823 Utah Lane, charging her with resisting or obstructing a peace offi-

## At the car wash

While her male companion

Ruidoso Car Wash, 1129
 allegedy took $\$ 55$ off the
counter April 9 , according to counter April 9 , according to told police that the male, 6 feet tall with dark hair, dark jeans and a dark shirt, engaged him 5 feet 5 inches, long black hair and wearing a red T-shirt, walked to the pay booth. Both left very quickly, but a customer confirmed that the Items stolen from ca Someone cut a 2 -inch slash in the cloth cover of a 1998 Win Place and Show Bar between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.
April 14. April 14. Damages were estimated at $\$ 1,000$, and a small
black backpack containing two black backpack containing two
credit cards, a Diamond credit cards, a Diamond
Shamrock gas card and keys Shamrock gas card and keys
were taken from the front pas-
a PUD, might only need an option to pur- the commission on livestock grazing needs. chase, proof of adequate funding and appropriate phases. Mulligan warned of his experience that PUD phases often change mid-development. The commissioners agreed the
Ruidoso example was not suited to the proposed Downs ETZ needs. Mulligan also maintained the function of the ETZ commission should ultimately be a one-stop service to the community, rather than imposing more approval processes.
Monday's meeting looked at agriculture zoning. After lengthy discussion, the commission moved to define farms and ranches as "rural in character" and three acres
or more. Regulations will allow no or more. Regulations will allow no more
than two livestock per three acres, with two more acres required per additional animal. Small animals, excluding domestic pets, are no more than 20 per three acres. Rancher Leonard McCutcheon advised

Acreage of less than three, or with irriga tion water rights, can seek a variance based on special circumstances. The keeping of stallions, mature bulls, permit. This list will be further specfied. Davis moved to include general health regulations from the Las Cruces ETZ overkill, but that the commission will be going over the entire ordinance again. Garrett insisted the commission forge ahead and submit the proposal to the zoning authority in a timely manner. City attorney Dan Bryant said he would have
additional PUD examples at additional
meeting.
meeting.
Garrett
Garrett asked for completion of PUD end of next week. A meeting specifically for public input will also be considered.
senger seat of the vehicle. A to contact authorities, short while later, the victim could hear noises inside, but reported that her credit card was being used at Wal-Mart, and officers from Ruidoso and suidosect had fled, the report states. A 6 -foot male wearing a red flannel shirt had been seen hanging around" the area where the vehicle was parked and the description of this person matched that of the man using the credit card.
Search not successful
$\qquad$ Cree Manor Inn, 110 Starligh between 4:15 p.m. April 12 and 10:30 a.m. April 13. As the
housekeeper went downstairs olice officers did not find any find the bathroom light had 30 minutes left on the timer

Car keyed
Someone keyed a vehicle parked in the Walgreen's park ing lot about 1:30 p.m. April 6 according to police reports. Bike returned
A blue and red Huffy Mountain Bike, Rock-it, was White Mountain Drive March 31 and turned over to police April 8, in the hope that one of



Some of the past presidents of the Ruidoso Woman's Club attended a tea party with hats and gloves to celebrate the group's 71 year history. Fwom left and Sue Crews.

## Woman's Club marks 71 years <br> \author{ BY DIANNE STALLINGS 

}Flower bedecked, wide brim hats and white gloves complimented tea and cookies at the celebration of the 71st anniver
sary of the Ruidoso Woman Club April 9 .
Past President Genevieve Duncan pointed out that the club is not a bridge group or a sewing circle, it's part of the
General Federation of Woman's Clubs. That organization combines the forces of ordinary women to make a difference on the local, state and national levels, she said.
The Ruidoso club was orgat nized on April 14, 1932, by 18 women and was immediately
admitted to the federation. The club was the first civic orga
tion founded in Ruidoso. Edith Boyce Rigsby, a daug er of the early pioneer Frank Coe of Hondo Valley, was the founder and served as the first president from 1932 to 1935. Several of the presidents still in the area attended the func tion at the clubhouse on They are Bobbie They are Bobbie DeBolt, who Anndy Patterson from 1995 to 1996. Duncan from 1982 to 1984 and again from 1998 to 2000 Tillie Daubs, who was elected in 1972. 1974, 1976 and 1978, and Sue (rews. who served from 1966 to 196

Village to meet with contractors Staff from the Ruidoso Meadows Drive to advise conForestry Department want to tractors of ordinance and cercreate a list of certified firest
contractors working in Ruidoso and surrounding
areas.
They have called a meeting
for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday answer any questions connected to fuel reduction rules and disposal of forest detris.
For more information, call For more information, call Justice Jones, forestry tech
cian, at (505) $258-4242$.

## Sportsmedicme Clinkc Orthopodicy \& Recometraction, PC <br> 比 <br> 

Earl A Latimer, III, MD is pleased to announce he will begin seeing patients in Ruidoso on Thursday, April 24, 2003
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## Fidt (.TTI ()N BRIERS

## Student honored

Tyler Skeen of Capitan High School, son of Mike and Gail Skeen of Picacho, is a national Stard winner of the United English, and his name will appear in the official yearbook, published nationally. Winners are selected on the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors on the basis of academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership quasm, mosivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.
Field trip deadline
Money for the White Mountain Elementary fourthgrade field trip to Fort Lone Tree is due by Friday. The trip is rtudents and adults is cost for counted price of $\$ 36$ to spend the counted price of $\$ 36$ to spend the activities with staff supervision and three hot meals. School bill passes

Sen. Ramsay Gorham's initiative, "Strengthening Quality in Schools," originally SB 306, is included in HB 2 "The General law by the governor March 21 This initiative of the 'Governor's Business Executive for Education" will provide $\$ 500,000$ for improved student achievement and accountability in New Mexico's educational system. The legislation supports a continuous improvement of student achievement, with a "no dents can learn regardless of poverty levels, language differences and other demographic traits.
"The children monitor their own behavior so they realize their actions have consequences," Gorham said. "If they change their actions, they can reap the benefits. This program
gives students the lifestyle tools to change their performance in to change their performance in futures. Under this program student academic achievement has leaped forward, in many cases as much as two grade levels."
APS gets charter option
The final batch of legislation signed by Governor Bill bill that allows Albuquerque Public Schools to become a charter school district. APS officials will be required to hold a special election to give voters the option of creating a charter district.
"I strongly believe that initiative and innovation are keys, to ongoing education reform," by the voters, this four-year py the voters, this four-year
project will give APS a
degree of freedom to implement new and different strategies to raise the quality of the education our children receive and improve student and teach "While this' will exempt trict from certain regula tions and requirements, APS will still be held to strict federal and state education standards."
Money help for youth Concerned by studies indicating that the vast majority of American youth lack the basic
knowledge and skills to make knowledge and skills to make
intelligent, informed decisions about their finances, U.S. Rep. Tom Udall voted for the resolution passed by the House designating April as Financial Literacy for Youth Month, requesting that President Bush promote financial literacy by issuing a proclamation calling on schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, government the month. The Senate passed a companion resolution last month.
The nation's college students lace mounting credit card debt, with the average debt load at \$3,066.
However, only 26 percent of leens and young adults reportthem to manage money, and only four states require stuonly four states require stu-
dents in grades K-12 to enroll in a personal finance course. Diet changes face hurdles SAN DIEGO, Calif. Environmental and policy changes at schools might help kids become more physically active and eat better, but
important hurdles must be overcome to make these changes a reality, new research suggests.
suggests.
A team of California researchers worked with school personnel, parents and students at 12 middle schools in San Diego County to make "structural" changes designed activity and decrease their sal urated dietary fat intake over a two-year period.

The changes included helping schools alter their approaches to physical education and giving students opportunities to increase physical activity before, during and after school. They also included working with schools to offer rias and school stores and encouraging students to bring encouraging students to bring The environmental and pol icy changes resulted in some positive effects for boys but not for girls. Boys' physical activity at school increased and their body mass index decreased. No changes were observed in stuintake, however, and no clear reasons were found for this disparity.

Capitan students get recognized for

## Filling a need

## by shit sughil

$\overbrace{\text { S }}^{h}$Three Capitan Middle School students in the band new Family Career and Community Leaders of America chapter and 10 students brought back silver medals from the state competition. Two of them will compete in the national competition.
Soralla Loma won a gold medal at state in the artistic decoration category, and Samantha McAlister and Emilia Montoya won a gold medal in the interpersona McAlister category. will fly to Philadelphia, Pa for the national competition on July 6, where they will compete with up to 50 teams from all over the country, said Kit Hall, who teaches the Family and Consumer Science class for the middle school.

The two students decided o put out a newsletter for a project for the interperson
"Our parents were getting ggravated, so we decided to send newsletters home to improve communication between school and home and to mail them out so they "Kids get notes from teachers and stick them in their lock ers, throw them away or leave them in back packs." McAlister said since the monthly newsletters began in January, parents show up at school events more.
The two students visi with administrators and teachers at the beginning of me month, type up the infor maphics and make copies on colored paper. They copy the bulk mail label on the back, fold, tape and put on addres labels. Then they use a checklist to make sure no one has been missed and there are no duplicates.
One more newsletter will supply lists for middle schoo supplys.

## SCHOOL MENUS

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Carrizozo
Wednesday, April 16 - Breakfant


Samantha McAlister, left, and Emilia Montoya show the presentation board they created to demonstrate the process they used to design a monthly newsietter of events at Capitan Middle School for the state competition of

Montoya are excited about for the chapter service cate $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Montoya are excited about } & \text { for the chapter service cate- } \\ \text { going to Philadelphia in July. } \\ \text { They plan to take a trolley } & \text { presents for } 24 \text { peneple for } \\ \text { The }\end{array}$ Cour, see the Liberty Bell, and if they get a senator's approval, see the Mint closed since 9-11 except with pproval by a senator).
Loma, the other go medal winner, decorated a Thirt to go with the state theme, "It's Magic," for the She was judged on attraciveness, neatness, organization of design, color schemes and difficulty of project, among other criteria. She planned the design in class but executed it for the competition.
Loma's drawings have on first-place awards at he plans to continue taking
presents for 24 people at
Christmas. They made 60 angel ornaments for an angel angel ornaments for an angel
tree, their advisor gathered names, ages and wish lists confidentially. Thent the three students shopped for the presents and wrapped and decorated them. They followed up with the Capitan Police Department to make sure deliveries went smoothly and wrote thank-you notes to groups that helped make Federal Bank of Capitan Capitan Police Department, Santa's Helpers and Capitan Mall Day advisor, Sandra Smith.

Bringing back silver medals from the state compe-
tition were Brittany Lee and Jaclyn Mitchell for chapter banner; Brittany LaMay and Megan Bloodworth for their
crudités tray; and Cassy Trujillo, Meghan Tucker and Sarah Williams for illustrated talk.
"I'm very proud of all the awards, but I'm most proud now that these ladies can identify a need, plan a pro ject, carry it out to meet the need and then to follow up, Hkill that will serve them for ever, no matter what the do."
Although none of the students had heard of FCCLA before, "they went above and beyond what most first-yea chapters could hope to


NOB HILL CHARACTERS


Mob Hill's January Good Citizens are, from left, back row Cheyanne Williams, Veronica Herrera, Devynn Brankel, Wyatt Herrera, Mikie Lichtenwalter, Zulma Lopez, Morgan Morles, Jascinda Chee; middle row: Alyssa Ramirez, Adeline Wheeler, Shadow Gilmore, Logan Paaraz,
Bailee Farus, Omar Alcala, Mathew Dilley Larissa Aparicito; front row: Bailee Farus, Omar Alcala, Matthew Dilley, Lariss
Shade Becckwith, Richard McCurcty, Aric Phillips.
art classes.
Hall said the Family and Consumer Science class for middle school students started this year, and she suggested they form a FCCLA chapter. The goals of FCCLA, according to its Web site, are "To promote personal growth and leadership evelopment through home Focusing on the multiple oles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop skills for life through characer development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge and
Hall said she talked to
tudents about starting Capitan chapter and got school board approval for students to participate in Star Events," the competitions at the district, state and national levels, and to do fundraising activities for ompetition expense
Silver medalists Jessie Black, Kristie Garcia and

$\underset{\substack{\text { Egg and cheese biscuit, fruit or fruit } \\ \text { juice }}}{\text { and }}$
juice
Laterch: Footlong chili cheese ${ }^{\text {a }}$ dog,
Ruidoso High School





# RUIDOSO NEWS Lincoln County 

## Carrizozo trustees keep Hernandez on CCNG board

The mayor, along with police chief Angelo Vego and Tommy Guevara, are on the gas board

## by julie carter

In their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, the Carrizozo town trustees approved the reappointment of Mayor Manny Hernandez to the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Ga Board
cansist of three members the CCNG cansist of three members each from staggered so that each year one member is considered for reappointment or a new member is appointed. Carrizozo is represented by Hernandez, Tommy Guevara and Angelo Vega.
The monthly report given by Angelo thega, cher police, tallie
issued were 70 with 47 of those for added that with the ongoing meter speeding. Penalty assessments not replacement project, fixing water appearances were $\$ 3,403$. Seventeen , leaks and people's voluntary conserappearances were $\$ 3,403$. Seventeen
cases were logged, 12 closed, five pending with two arrests and one courts summons. Eleven notices wer sent for code enforcement.
Vega also reported that things went smoothly in town through the prom and activities April 5 with no Munici
Municipal Court Judge C.O. Rominger III gave a judicial activity report for the month of March. Seventy-six cases were docketed, two
marriages were performed, and nine subpoenas/summons, 21 orders to show cause and 12 bench warrants were issued. Fines and fees levied were $\$ 4,006$ and $\$ 986$ was totaled in court costs. Cathie Eisen reported water amount for this time of year. She
vation,
good.
Airp

Airport manager Bill Hayes reported that federal funding for improvements is still held up in Washington.
Dirk Norris, town Web site manger, gave a detailed report of the internet traffic to the site, and said an assortment of search string words. The photo gallery on the Web site has been very popular, right behind the event calendar. Norris will do a comparison on site traffic between now and a time period as far back as he can find documentation: -
Jim Mack was not present to give a Recreation Center report. Jim Payne, main
also absent.

After a lengthy executive session, a motion was passed to turn over the
handling of the purchase of the old handling of the purchase of the old power plant to the attorney and to go
out for open bids on the building. The city currently has an offer on the table from Stephen Lee of Walking Hat Forge in Estancia.
The council also agreed to pursue a second opinion on the design and workability of the currently proposed astewater plant.

In other business, trustees:

- Approved financial support to
the CATS team for the Carrizozo Cleanup day for the small balance Cleanup day for the small balance
due between actual costs and amount available from the grant that funds the event.
- Approved the RFP from Continental Billing Systems for $\$ 6,413$ for the purchase of utility software for city hall.
- Tabled the discussion and possi-
ble approval of money for advertising
for Economic
Tabled discussion County.
Tand - Tabled discussion and approval of a lock for the fire department in
the absence of Fire Chief LeeRoy Zamora. Che Leeko $\bullet$ Discussed using CBS Environmental to do testing at the air port. The city will determine exactly what guidelines apply to Carrizozo's small airport before proceeding. - Allowed Sylvia Zamora to replace an older mobile home with new one.

Rejected a request from Merten's Investments to place mobile home on his property.

- Set May 5 at $5: 30$ p.m. for first budget workshop for the counfirst bu
cil.
- T
- Tabled a request from Cathv McAllister for time extension to move a mobile home to her property. The board's next regular meeting
will be May 13 at 6 p.m.


## Sidewalk contest back for May party in 'Zozo

Cinco de Mayo celebration set for May 3 bY JULIE CARTER

Cinco de Mayo festivities were the main focus of the Cárrizozo Chamber of Commerce during the board's April 8 meeting.
Members heard committee reports for the celebration
${ }^{3 .}$ Kicking off the day will be
the All You Can Eat Pancake breakfast at the Zia Senior Citizens Center. The meal, $\$ 5$ per person, includes sausage or bacon, juice and coffee. The breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. For advance tickets call Pat Voss $648-2205$.
The Cinco de Mayo parade will begin at 10 a.m on $E$ Avenue and travel up Central to 12th Street. Continuing down 12th Street, the procession will end at McDonald Park. The parade had 20 entries at the time of the meeting and the committee was still taking entries.
Posters and flyers are being
dispersed with detailed infordispersed with detailed infor-
mation on the day's events mation of therings. Two bands are scheduled, along with local musicians and three groups of fiesta dancers. The very popular Sidewalk Art competition has 75 sections of town concrete designated for chalk art. Wal-Mart has donated the chalk and the chamber is taking sponsorships for the sidewalk sections. Interested Calahan at $648-3015$. Sponsorship is $\$ 5$ a section. There will be arts and crafts sellers' booths in the park. Booths are still available for $\$ 25$. Ten food vendors have been contracted and KIDX radio from Ruidoso will be broadcasting live. A custom car and truck show and a dance that night with music
by Terry Bullard at the Four Winds will round out the festivities.
The Carrizozo Heritage Museum will have it's grand
opening in conjunction with opening in conjunction with
the Cinco de Mayo festivities. The museum is located in the old icehouse on the far northern end of 12th Street. A tribute to the Sanchez families of the Carrizozo ar
In other business, the chamber approved for review a proposed budget. The bylaw committee presented some bylaw revisions to meet requirements for non-profit status. Some of the proposed changes are new fiscal year dates to
meet those preferred by the meet those preferred by the
IRS, some wording changes pertaining to the officers and board of directors, and delinquency on dues after Jan. 31 These will be voted on at the next regular meeting of the chamber. According to the bylaws, ratification will require a yes vote from $3 / 4$ of the members present at that meeting.
Cynthia Culbertson, chamber president, reported on a
regional chamber of commerce meeting in Roswell she meeting in Roswell she Southeastern New Mexico Film Alliance is being studied by cities and towns in that part of the state. The idea is to join forces in drawing the film industry to the southeastern part of the state and capitalize
on the economic benefits on the economic benefits. Most
small towns cannot fund a local film office, so the idea of a regional one seemed most beneficial. Culbertson will chair a committee to investigate the viability of the progate
ject.
The
The next chamber meeting will be May 13 at noon at the Uptown Cafe in the Recreation Center.


Hondo School Counselor Gerald Montes, left, poses with Hondo students Lauren Richardson and Josephine Gutierrez, Carizozoo's Brenl Dixon, Counselor Danny Walkins, Ariel Vallejos and representatives mom the Bosque del Apache Wild life Retuge. The students took part in a career day at the refuge last month. where they participated at 10 job slations.

Historic dining at Lincoln's Wortley Hotel
Hotel in historic Lincoln is like walk
ing back in history.
It's a beautiful, romantic room, furnished with antiques and seating about 20 guests. There is also an enclosed porch which can accommo-
date about 20 more diners. Original date about 20 more diners. Original
artwork, historical documents, and artwork, historical documents, and
maps are hung so patrons can read maps are hung so patrons can read
and learn the history of the hotel and town.
772, bur Wortley was established in by the Starned in the 1930s, and rebuilt Kyle Parr came to Lincoln 1960 . The Dining Room to Lincoln to run Hotel in 2001; sonal matters operating it until perCalifornia in June 2002 She recently return reopen The Dining Room. Her meals arne re fresh daily on the premises, wsing old-fashion recipes which reflect hèr love of simple, good food which she serves in a relaxed, congenial atmos phere. She loves The Wortley and having peopl come in to enjoy it is a dream that comes true fo her every day.

every day.
Breads and cornbread, salads and soups, as in pie shell. Mix remaining ingredi-
ents and pour into pie shell. Bake at 400 degrees Breads and cornbread, salads and soups, as ents and pour into pie shell. Bake at 400 degrees
well as desserts and homemade ice cream are all
for 10 to 15 minutes, then at 325 degrees for 45 part of the menu, which changes daily. The Dining
through Sunday. The Dining Room opens at 7 a.m. for coffee and pastries, with a hearty family style breakfast served at 8:30 a.m. Lunch is served from "whenever it's ready" until 2 p.m. Dinners are served by reservation only and are grilled out-
side, chuckwagon style The Hotel side, chuckwagon style. The Hotel has a smal brewer's license, and
beer on draft is available. To arrange beer on draft is available. To arrange
private parties or make reservations, call Kyle at (505) 653-4300.
Wortley Dining Room Old Fashioned Pecan Pie Unbaked pie shell
1 cup pecans (chopped, if desired)
minutes or until center is set.
3 eggs, beaten
1 cup sugar (high altitude may require $2 T$ less 1 cup
sugar)
$1 / 4$ cup flour
6 T melted butter
1 cup dark corn syrup
1 cup dark ca

## Cleanup day set for April 26 <br> by julie cartier

 .comIn a continuing effort as part of the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful program, Carrizozo will host another cleanup day, Saturday, April 26.

Like the fall cleanup day, Trek for Trash, this trash pickup day furthers the requirements for gran
money received by the money received by the
Carrizozo Action Team (CATS). Action Team The day begins at City Hall/Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m. Participants will be issued gloves, a T-shirt, trash bags and a lunch ticket. Free coffee and donuts will b Thed. The cleanup crews will be weeping the town from 8 a.m. until noon. Lunch tickets can be burger lunch at the Spencer Park. The Carrizozo Fire Department has again volunteered for the job of cooking the burgers.
Grades 9 through 12 from Carrizozo High School are earning extra money from the receive $\$ 250$ for helping with the trash pickup. In addition, the class that turns in the most trash will receive a $\$ 350$ bonus.
Volunteers are needed and welcome for the cleanup project. For more information, call City Hall at $648-2371$ or the Carrizozo Police

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## Antennae limits proposal tabled

BY DIANHE STLULINGS

Looking for more input, Ruidoso village councilors
tabled action on a change in rules that would allow ham radio antennae as accessory usès in residential areas. After listening to more than an hour of testimony from representatives of the radio opera-
tors, from village planners and an Deborah Marcum-Byars said at the meeting earlier this month she wasn't comfortable with the proposed change. - "This is less restrictive (at 65 feet) than what we had opposition to (in a previous controversial case), which was a 50 -toot tower," she observed.
If the rules are changed from all antemmae being considered all antemmae being considered
conditional uses requiring a conditional uses requiring a for neighbors to protest," Byars said. "I think neighbors should have the right to protest" antennae that possibly could block their view or be considered unsightly.
She prefers requiring a site plan, applicants paying an application fee and notifyin
neighbors, Byars said. neighbors, Byars said.
table the issue and allow dis cussion as part of the drafting of the village's comprehensive plan, or to allow the two sides of the issue to reach a compromise. Another alternative would be to leave the rules as now written, she said.
Till the proposal, said Mike kill the proposal, said Mike
Runnels, deputy village manager for planning.
Assistant village attorney
Charles Rennick said the issue
could be referred back to staff to reach a compromise. Byars to reach a compromise. Byars
withdrew her motion ahd withdrew her motion apd
Councilor L. Ray Nunley substituted a motion tabling the stituted a motion tabling the
issue for 30 days for more information.
"I'd like to see more pictures of actual antennae and drive through the neighborhood," Nunley said.
The motion passed unanimously.
Amateur radio operators the village to accommodate as much as possible the equipment they need to maintain emergency communication.

The conditional use permit route tends to delay applications and end in controversy
with input from people who with input from people who may not be knowledgeable about the appearance of the
antennae, supporters of a change contended.
By switching antennae to an accessory use with size restriction, no permit would be needed.
Members of the planning and zoning commission, which recommended passage, agreed
on a maximum height of 65 feet for a tower, a height that was unchallenged by the radio operators. But members operators. But members antennae advocated by the radio operators.
Bruce Chapman, w fought an antennae in a subdivision in which he is developing, countered that a poll of whelmingly opposed the antennae.
"I'm saying there should be some control, not none," he told councilors.


Mescalero painter Oliver Eniady spoke to the Native American Club at Ruidoso High School Tuesday, the American West through May 11

## Horse training clinic approaching

BY DUMME STRULHES
Horse owners in Lincoln County will have a chance to learn the special techniques used by Buck Brannaman, the inspiration for the bestseller and movie, "The Horse Whisperer.
The Lincoln County Fair Board and Sally Canning are sponsoring four days of clinics, April $25-28$, at the Lincoln County fairgrounds in Capitan. Mornings will focus on colts and aftertheir own mounts. Only a few spots are left in both classes.
Brannaman is conducting clinics across, the country to teach horse owners how to better understand and work with their animals and to create a relationship based on trust and respect rather than force.
Canning said his methods are grounded in communicating with horses, on reading their body a true union between horse and rider
Brannaman refers to himself as a
Brannaman refers to himself as a "horse gened more than 10,000 young horses in his clinics over the past 18 years. He served as advisor on the set of Robert Redford's movie, "The Horse

Whisperer." When not traveling, Brannaman, his wife, Mary, and three daughters work the family ranch in Sheridan, Wyo
The colt classes will run from 9 a.m. to noon over four days for $\$ 525$ with advanced registration and $\$ 550$ at the door. The horsemanship class will be from $1: 20$ p.m. to $4: 30$ p.m. for a fee of $\$ 425$, at the door $\$ 450$..

The public is welcome to attend as spectators to learn as well for a $\$ 25$ fee. Children and senior citizens are free. Stalls are available at, the fair
grounds for $\$ 6$ to $\$ 10$ night. Bring feed and water grounds
tubs.
"Troubled horses, troubled riders, those who nt to skip problems, beginners or experts cam move right on into developing life-long skills and improving the partnership with their horse," Canning said.

To guarantee a spot in a class, a $\$ 100$ deposit is required. The colt class is limited to 12 colts. The horsemanship class is limited to 25 . A participant may register for both. For more information, con-
tact Canning at (505) $653-4041$ or (505) 270-0733 or fax (505) $653-4041$. Deposits can be mailed to or fax (505) 653-4041. Deposits can be mailed th
Canning at P.O. Box 181, Capitan, NM 88316. Include name, address, e-mail and telephone. Indicate which classes or spectator status, and if an indoor cover or outside stall is needed.

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| Theresa and Raymond | Hayley is a 1998 graduate <br> of Eastwood High School in El |
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The couple will be married The couple will reside in

## COMMLNSTTY BRIEFS

School service forum American Legion meet

The I.D.E.A. Local Advisory Panel will meet at 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23 at the Wednesday, April 23 at the Administration Office, 200 Horton Circle. Public input is equested on use of federal funds for the 2003-2004 school year to better serve students with disabilities. For more information, Call Patty White at 257-4051.

The Robert J. Hage American Legion Post 79 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold the District 5 spring Convention Saturday, April 19 , at K-Bob's Steakhouse, 157 Highway 70 Steakhouse,
in Ruidoso.
Registration will begin at 9 a.m. All veterans, members and non-members are encouraged to attend and ask ques tions about benefits.

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Steve and
and Hoyt and Kim Graham and family to the marriage of their children Melissa Marie and Adam Wyatt on Saturday, May Adam Hyattand 3 at 3 p.m. at Church, 1211 Hull Road. A reception will follow the ceremony at 517 Carrizo Canyon Rd.

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## FLNERALS DEATHS

## Darlene Gibbs

Visitation for Darlene Gibbs, 67 , of Mescalero will be rom 1 to 4 p.m. today Ruidoso. The prayer will be at 6 p.m. at th Mescalero Community Center where the funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, with burial to follow at the Saenz Family Cemetery in Nogal Canyon. Mrs. Gibbs died Sunday April 13, 2003, in El Paso Texas.
She was born Sept. 4, 1935 in Phoenix, Ariz.
Mrs. Gibbs live
Mrs. Gibbs lived most of her She was a cashier at Sk Apache.
She married Winfred Gibbs in 1958 at Mescalero. Survivors include her hus band, Winfred Gibbs, of Mescalero; children Lorin
Gibbs and his wife, Carol, of Kansas City, Mo., Sherrie Gibbs of Mescalero and Edison Dean of Brentwood, Calif.; her mother, Virginia Gaines, of Mescalero; sisters and brothers Rosemary Saenz, Lydia Cervantes, Mary C. Martinez and Cornel Cervantes, all of Moscalero, Jose Cervantes of Cervantes of Wisconsin Carson Carillo Sr . and Harrison Toclanny, both of Mescalero; and two grandchildren.
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Each of Ruidoso's baseball games against new Mexico Military Institute Saturday at the White Mountain Athletic
Complex were almost a carbon Complex were almost a carbon
copy of one another. copy of one another The Warriors started strong,
hitting the ball well and keephitting the ball well and keeping the Colts
But then
and continued hey mistakes NMMI proved to be the home team's undoing - as the Warriors fell in both contests, 18-8 and 14-3.
"Our backs are against the
wall," said Ruidoso coach Mike
Morris. "But we're still in it. We Morris. "But we're still in it. We just haven't
game yet."

Ruidoso (6-10, 0-4 District 4-3A) actually led game one after the first inning, taking a $2-0$ advantage on a 2 -run
homer by Malcolm Bradley homer by Malcolm Bradley.
The Colts (10-8, 3-1) answered The Colts (10-8, 3-1) answered
with three of their own in the with three of their own in the
top of the second, and the Warriors got two'more runs on a two-R
Tetrault.

Now up 4.3 in the third inning, the Warriors looked to be in the running against the
two-time defending Class 3A state champions.
they have been as good as they The loss, giving ups seven runs are, scoring five runs in the in the third and fourth innings hird and six runs in the fifth to before being spelled by Bradley.
put the game well out of reach. The Warriors did score three ut the game well out of reach. The Warriors did score three
"The pitching was missing runs in the fifth inning thanks today," Morris said. "We hist and fielded well, we just haven't put it together yet." Serna,
late.


## Ruidoso tennis teams win a pair

 BY CHARLI KRAUSEfor trif rliososo news
The tennis team is obviously on a roll, stomping every competitor in its path. The Warriors ended their week of victories with an overwhelming win in Santa Teresa.
"We were tired from the two days before, and it was really hot. But we still won," said Matthew Johnston.
The boys had single wins from Johnston, Kevin Yeager, and Adrian Olvera, and double wins from Greg Urschel with Brendan LeCounte and Adrian Olvera with Shane Hoffman.
"Our team is doing so good this year. The boys have a really good team," said Jeanette Zagone.
"It was really a chance to improve no split sets. nity to work on things we needed to improve," said Beth Robinson.


Kevin Yeager returns a serve during the Warriors' match April 9 at Schoolhouse Park against Gadsden. Yeager and the Ruidoso tennis teams

## Lady Warriors get first district softball win

BY TODD FUQUA

After four District 4-3A games, the Ruidoso softball team found itself in desperate need of a win.
It took another beating before the Lady Warriors were able to play to their potential and got that much-needed win with
$5-2$ victory over Portales on Saturday. $5-2$ victory over Portales on Saturday.
That win came after an $8-3$ loss to the Rams earlier in the day and a pair of lossRams earlier in the day and
es to St. Michael's on Friday.
"Hopefully, this win puts a little confidence into the system," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page on Saturday. "This momentum could carry over, but we have Roswell first,


which could slow us down some."
had defeated them twice before earlier in the year. the year. on Tuesday at All-American Park, and the Saturday for a 1 p.m. twin-bill.
Page is worried playing Roswell before the crucial district match against the Lady Wildcats could prove to be something of a downer, but he's happy for the win.
"They pulled out a really solid game, something I knew they could do all the
time," Page said. "Were certainly the spoit time," Page said. "We're certainly the spoil-
ers right now in the district. If we sweep ers right now in the district. If we sweep
Lovington, that could put us in first place." But first things first, the Lady Warrior (5-9, 1-5) put themselves in this position by hitting well against a Portales team that

They probably could have done the same in the first game, but were short handed thanks to ACT tests being administered to the senior members of the team. Most of the Lady Warriors didn't get to the field until the fourth inning of the first contest. Portales took advantage of the situation and went up $5-0$ early, only to see Ruidoso - short-handed and all - rally to make it

They'd have scored more, but couldn' et the runners they had on base in "We hit the ball well, but couldn't score," Page said. "We made some crucial mis-
takes early and couldn't get us the runs."
That wasn't the problem in the second game. "We were on base a lot, we had one or two on in every some heads-up baserunning and defensively, made no mistakes."
Struggle vs. St. Mike's
Ruidoso's troubles against St. Michael's on Friday were almost identical to those vs. Portales the week before, as the Lady Warriors got behind early, offense they needed to get back in the game falling 13 -2 and in the game, falling $13-2$ and ${ }^{\text {uthis was a mirror of our }}$ games. against Portales," Page

tight one right up to the end, as NMMI took an initial 40 , a and Ruidoso fought back with three runs in the next two innings. Wes Adaza knocked in Auston Beier and Josh Adam in the second inning with a sin le, while Serna scored on a sacrifice fly to left field by Willie Lundquist in the third inning.
Adaza kept the score close rom the mound, but then was lifted in the fifth inning for
Lundquist, and the Colts exploded for 10 runs in the inning off three different pitchers.

See BASEBALL, page 11A

## Ruidoso girls falter at Wildcat Relays

BY TODD FUQUA .com

Ruidoso track coach Ronny Maskew is not a Ronny Mask
happy man. happy man.
He took the Lady He took the Lady
Warriors to the Wildcat Relays in Lovington on Friday fully expecting to leave with a title and defeat of District $4-3 \mathrm{~A}$ rival Lovington.
What he got instead was a $21 / 2$-point defeat to the
Lady Wildcats and a few Lady Wildcats and a
unanswered questions unanswered questions.
"We performed well and qualified some people, but qualified some people, but
we didn't have the right attitude, and I'm still a little upset about it," Maskew said. "They went in with the attitude they were going to win, and Lovington had something to say about it." Ruidoso scored 92 points,
outpacing Class
5 A $\begin{array}{lr}\text { outpacing Class } & 5 \mathrm{~A} \\ \text { Carlsbad by a good bit, but }\end{array}$ Carlsbad by a good bit, but
Lovington got 94.5 points to Lovington got 94.5 points to
win their own meet and win their own meet and
send the Lady Warriors packing.
Oh, sure, Ruidoso did well in the throwing events with Rachel Loya, Katie Coronado and Tamara Grant all re-qualifying for state in the discus, javelin
and shot put events and shot put events, and
Cecily Howell and Meghan Cecily Howell and Meghan
Gabaldon each got a qualifyGabalark in the pole vault. ing mark in the pole vaut.
Ruidoso also qualified in the 400 -meter and 1,600 medley relays.

But Lovington had the top marks in the pole vault and discus events, as well as the long jump and $100-$ meter hurdes. Those extra be the difference.
"We had to go over there and let Lovington know we can beat them anywhere, anytime," Maskew said. "Now they need to do what they're coached to do and get after it."

## Boys take sixth

The Warrior tracksters still didn't place in the top three, but they were able to get a qualifying mark in the
$4 \times 100$ relay with a time of .44 .5 seconds - good enough for a third-place finish over-

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## Capitan girls win Roadrunner Relays

 Capitan Lady Tigers at the Roadrunner Relays in Hagerman this past Thursday, as they won in convincing fashion by scoring 129 points and outdistancing Fort umner's 68.
The Lady Tigers are now qualified in every field event except the long jumpThursday had Melissa Becker not had a minor leg problem.
As it was, Becker got a qualifying mark in the triple jump on the day.
Also, all Lady Tiger relay teams have qualified for state, and just need a few high marks in the 100, 200, 1,600 and , 200 -meter runs to complete the running ield. "Our distance girls are coming back we need to be," said Capitan coach Ed

Davis. "We're strong in the field events boys and girl
ning better."
The Tiger boys finished third overall, hampered by injuries to Weston Richardson and Bo Sparks.
Richardson - a leading scorer in the high jump and hurdle events - twisted his ankle during an event, while Sparks ning the javelin throw
"Injuries, even minor ones, can be a catastrophe," Davis said. "When you get an injury running, it makes it tough."
Grizzlies improving
The Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies were also in Hagerman, still working on getting into track shape.
"We're still broken down, but we'll get better," said Carrizozo coach Mel Holland. Carrizozo scored 58 points to take
the process. Christa Franck added a qualifying distance in the discus throw, while Adrianne Zan
Zamora and Ariel Burr were also invit ed to compete in the Marilyn Sepulveda Invitational Monday at the UNM track stadium. The Invitational is extended to athletes with the eight highest marks throughout the state, regardless of clas size.
Za
a Zan in the 100 threw the javelin, while Burr and competed in the triple jump.
As for the rest of the team, Holland hopes they're adjusting well to the rigors of track in such a short season.
"I hope they're improving, we still haven't reconditioned from basketball," Holland said. "We're not wanting to use these meets as training, but that's how it's
worked out. We should be OK by district though."

## Viporvapor bid tops Ruidoso horses



## Equibest team competes at 'Spring Fling' show

ALBUQUERQUE - The New Mexico Hunter/Jumper Association "Spring Fling" Horse Show was held at the New Mexico State Fair Grounds March 26-30, and the Equibest Equestrian Team was there to demonstrate their talent and skill as some of Ruidoso's best equestrians.
Beth Robinson rode her Thoroughbred, Glacier, winning the Schooling Hunter Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter class They also 'received second place in the Modified Children's Under Saddle. Beth and Glacier ended up Reserve Champion Modified Children/Adult Amateur Hunter. Robinson also rode After Five, a quarter horse owned by Connie Goldsmith of Carlsbad. This team won the Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation Over

## Hondo junior high track

 team makes waves in CapitanThe Hondo junior high track team traveled to Capitan April 1 and came back with a lot of hardware. Leo Salcido was the star for the Eagles, taking sec ond in the 110 high hurdles and fourth in the 200 meter dash and long jump.
Benji Romero added a 6th-place finish in the 1,600-meter run, while Justine Can
Salcido also starred on a pair of
Salcido also starred on a pair of relay teams, as
the 1,600 medley relay team took second overall Salcido, Brian Aragon, Lawrence Gonzales and Joseph Brady also ran in the $4 \times 100$ relay and took fifth.

Equitation on the flat, and fourth in the Class Modified Children's/Adult Hunter class. Chis pair also won one section of the third in the Hunter Division and placed Robinson second section of this division. division has graduated to the three-foot the year on a winning streak.
Robinson was also Reserve Champion Modified Children/Adult Amateur Hunt with After Five She was tied with her own horse Glacier for this reserve championship. Thoroughbred, Blues Man, winning the Medium Stirrup Under Saddle class, the Medium Stirrup Equitation on the flat, and the. Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation on the flat. This team
was also second in the Cobblestone Medal
-Ten-year-old Victoria ArrowsmithLowe, of Ruidoso, rode the Welsh pony Bonnie Blue, owned by Chambrie Yates of Alto. This was Victoria's first time riding in he two-foot divisions since graduating from the walk/trot division last year. They placed fourth in the Children's Pony Hunter Under Saddle class, fifth in the Short Stirrup Hunter, and fifth in the class Stirrup Equitation Over Fences
The next horse show will be the Sandia Classic I and II, in Albuquerque, starting the end of May. This year the Equibest Equestrian Center, on Airport Road, wil Sept. 13. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 336-7090 or visit www.equibest.com



A trio of Ruidoso Taekwondo students competed recently at the state championships in Albuquerqiue and returned with medals. Brett Maul, left, won a gold medal in his division, while Jordan Wright, center, and Fabian

## Ruidoso threesome

 wins medals at state
## 

The second annual AAU New Mexico State Taekwondo championship was held in Albuquerque April 5, featuring more than 180 competitors from all over New Mexico and Colorado. Two students from BAM Martial Arts and one student from the Ruidoso Taekwondo Center competed in the Olympic Rules Gyroogi, each placing in the top three.
All competitors that placed in the top three in their division earned the right to compete at the AAU National Taekwondo championships to be held in Knoxvile, Tenn. on July 4. Jordan Wright, competing in the white and yellow belt division of the boys 6 -7-year-old age group, took a silver medal, as did Fabien Peso in the boys 12-13-year-ld white and yellow belt division.
Brett Maul - the instructor at BAM - also competed in the men's heavyweight Black Belt Expert division and took home the gold.
"Jordan and Fabian should both be very proud of their per formance at the state championship," Maul said. "They laid it all on the line and came out winners in a very fierce Taekwondo event."
Anyone interested in finding out more about Taekwondo in
the Ruidoso area can contact Maul at 257-6783.


TRACK: Warriors host Ruidoso Invite Thursday RIMOM PMEE 9n

They also saw Nick Fajardo take third in the high jump with a mark of 5 -foot-11 and Willie Comanche finish third in the $3,200-\mathrm{meter}$ run at 10:31.07.
"The boys had a lot better day, but we still have a lot of work to do," Maskew said. "We ave some relays that can compete with just about any-
body, we just have to body, we just have to come
along in a few individual along in a few individual
events. We should do a bit better with our meet."

BASEBALL:
Ruidoso back against the wall FROM PAGE 9n

Morris said he took Adaza out to save his arm.
He threw 80 pitches, and we wanted to save him and Reese (Parkinson) for Portales," Morris said
Sean Gipson highlighted the inning for NMM
three-run home run three-run home run. with half the season Ruidoso now needs at least a split in their last three doubleheaders to have a shot at the post-season.
"The seniors on this team believe we can do it, now we've got to get the rest to
believe," Morris said. "We'll come out fighting . Well come out fint shing against Portales and see what we can
do. Tuesday; full results will run in a future edition of the Ruidoso News.
"Our meet" is the Ruidoso Alamogordo and Belen will all Invitational, beginning be here. Thursday at 11 a.m. at "This is a week that we will Ruidoso High . School. The see if they will respond in a meet gets started with pre- positive manner," Maskew meter hes in the girls 100 - said. "If they want to do well meter hurdles and the boys at district and state, then they discus, girls shot put and girls have to get after it and not javelin throw. If everything have any letdowns.
goes according to schedule, it "The scoring at district and will end up with the finals of state is different than at an the boys $4 \times 100$ relay at 6:30 invitational," he continued.
p.m. p.m.
The field will be much like that of the Wildcat Relays, as large schools such is ass, as take points from one another Cruces, Mayfield, Cartas because of the quality of comCruces, Mayfield, Carlsbad,

TENNIS: Warriors win, win, win!

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- Clint HorigarJJerermy Gutiereze, 8-6 Teresa teams face Santa Teresa again on the April 24.
"Even though it was the last match of three, we still pulled through. Our hopes for district look good," said Katherine Dunstan.
$\qquad$ Lozova, $8-4$.




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SOFTBALL: Rough games vs. St. Mike's

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said on Friday. "There were just some routine plays that cost us some runs."
Routine plays which were exacerbated by the number of Lady Horsemen on base following
walks. In the first inning of the first game, St. waiks. in the first inning of the first game, st.
Michael's loaded the bases on walks - after Ruidoso pitcher Apollonia Page struck out the first two batters - and six Lady Horsemen eventually scored on two base hits, three errors and one wild pitch.
Ruidoso scored a pair of runs in the second
inning on a 2 RBI-triple by Jessica dibson, but the rally was cut short when Gibson was throw out at the plate.

Those were the only runs Ruidoso would get and St. Michael's finished things off with seven runs in the fourth and fifth innings.
The seonnd game was much the same, with St. Michael's roaring out to a $9-0$ lead early, and hen withstanding Ruidosos-comeback effort. The Lady Warriors sconed four runis in the bottom of the first - Erin Nutting led the wa with a two-run single - and scored two more in the bottom of the fourth inning to make it 10-4.
But the Lady Horsemen go six in the top of the sixth inning effectively end the day for the Lady Warriors.
Full results from Tuesdays doubleheader against Roswell will be published in a futur edition of the Ruidoso News.

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## First win in history not to be for Mescalero team

BY KRREN BOEHLER
MESCALERO - History was going to be made one way or another on the Mescalero baseball diamond Friday.
The Chiefs (0-6) and Mesilla Valley Christian School Son Blazers (2-2), future district foes each playing an exhibition season, were both looking forward to winning the first game of heir fledgling programs.
Unfortunately for Mescalero, the first victories, $20-14$ and $16-1$, but while the Chiefs are still looking for that first win, Friday's games saw improvement and a number of firsts. Game one was the first full seven inning (non-mercy rule) game for Mescalero. It was the first time the Chiefs didn't let their opponents send more than nine runners to the plat one inning.
saw Mescalero score its most 11, and was the closest loss this season - six runs.
It also saw the best pitching performance of the season from Mescalero hurler.
After relieving Andrew Pinto after only four batters, with no outs, Cisco allowing 16 runs on seven innings,
importantly, striking out eight and alking only three. there", said Chiefs threw strike Martinez.
The Son Blazers jumped out to an early lead in game one on the shak pitching by Pinto, and Mescalero never could catch up.
But the Chiefs gave it their all, an gave their boisterous fans something finally cheer about.
Mesilla Valley took a $4-0$ lead in first run on the board in the butt its the stanza, then both teams added one in the second
MVCS upped its lead to 8-2 in the third, but the Chief bats added anoth er run to close the gap to 8-3.
Mesilla Valley added four in the fourth, but Mescalero took advantage of a new Son Blazer pitcher to come up with three runs of their own
MVCS added three in the fifth, two in the sixth and two in the seventh, but the sixth and two in the seventh, but that 10-run difference, scoring two in the fifth and four in the bottom of th seventh.
Those four runs in the game's fina inning were the most scored by Mescalero in one inning this year. Both teams saw eight of nine players Both tea
score.

Because both teams are new to the sport, numerous runs on both sides came in on errors, both physical and heroes as well.
Chief Darron Valdez was 4 for with two doubles and an inside-thepark home run. He scored two runs. Randy Fulsom was 2 for 5 with a triple, inside-the-park home run and one run scored.
Son Blazer senior Joey Beardsley was 2 for 5 with a pair of inside-thepark home runs and five runs scored.
Paul Smith was 4 for 4 with a double and inside-the-park home run. Son Blazer coach Steven Beard apparently had the run-at-will sign on, as MVCS stole 19 bases in the opening game ( 26 in the pair.)
The Chiefs didn't run much early, but finally began picking up the cue from their opponents, stealing five Tyrone Cervantes
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Joey Beardsley started on the to Paul Smith in the fourth. Martinez was to-the-point about the outcome. "The first game, the first couple of innings, they scored a bunch of runs. It's hard to come back on that. And our pitching still, it needs a lot of work."
That

That showed more in game two, as

Yuzos went to centerfield and Fulsom and Valdez had a harder time on the mound: Mesilla Valley ted of on the pair for six runs in the first, three in pair second, five in the third and two in the fourth.

The only inning of both games in which the Blazers didn't score was the fifth inning of game two.
The Chiefs' only run in game two came in the fourth when Fulsom was hit by a pitch, advanced on a fly ball, stole third and came home on a wild pitch. Other than that run, Mesilla
Valley pitcher Matt Willy allowed only Valley pitcher Matt Willy allowed only
two hits, striking out eight Chiefs two hits, striking out eight Chiefs.
The top of the MVCS lineup Smith, Beardsley, Joel Bekken and Olsen - did the majority of damage at the plate, which pleased coach Beardsley.
"In all their at bats in both games, we only had one strikeout," the coach said. So our first four batters are contacting the ball well. We scored most batters in the batting order and that's what we design it for, and they pulled out well:"
Beardsley was pleased that his team played errorless ball in the sec ond game, and sees a future for his squad, despite the fact the private Las Cruces-area school doesn't even have a ball field on which to
practice.
"We're a young team," he said "We're not a very experienced tearn, but that youth will service well in the losing many seniors and that's good for us. Well have a good returning squad next year."
And, he sees a future for the Chief as well.
"Mescalero is going to. come around," coach Beardsley said They ve got some real athletes, on heir team. Theyll do well. They're not afraid to swing the bat. We
pitched our best pitcher against them and they put the ball in play. They'r not afraid to swing the bat. And think it's a beautiful facility and they're going to use it well. Theyll d it honor."

Martinez agrees.
"They're coming along, and of to learn. We just and have got a lot work on it."

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one their skills a little a week to facing another future district foe Magdalena, Saturday in a 1 p.m. doubleheader.
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FOR THE RIIIDOSO NEWS
On another windy day in Mescalero, the Lady Chief softball team was laughing and all for the start of the game against the Dexter Demons (11-2) But then the scheduled time of 1 p.m. came and went without sight of their head coach and three other players, and in a heartbreaker for the ones who had showed up, the team took a loss by forfeit.
What had happened was Chiefs' head coach Rol Bradford had traveled to Las Cruces to
pick up team members who pick up team members who tournament (Most of the soflball team play on the Mescalero basketball team as well.)

Arriving a mere five minutes late, the inbound players missed the game's start time and were forced to hand the victory to the Demons.
The Lady Chiefs showed no regrets or had any shame about the forfeit, but they came out of ready to show Dexter the second game would not be so easily
won. The offense started off with Demons second basemen Stephanie Silvas hitting a soft grounder down the third base
line. Tori Torres fumbled the line. Tori Torres fumbled the short shot and overthrew to The The errors would only end of the game.
The anchor for the Chiefs in the first inning was pitcher Sheriene Davis, who made the first out with a pop-fly catch and a strikeout on a $2-2$ pitch to end the inning with a score of 5-0. the mound, their pitcher, JoAnna Gutierrez, showed stop the Lady Chiefs from get ting some hits.
Shortstop Augusta Lang hit a short pop fly just over the first baseman's head while the left fielder was caught playing too
deep, driving in a deep, driving in a run. The inning ended with a swinging
strikeout, but not until a dent strikeout, but not until a den
was put into the Demon lead. was put into the Demon lead. The top of the second proved Chiefs when two consecutive inside-the-park home runs were scored on hard line drives to the fence by the Demons.
A fly out stopped the bleeding but not until after Dexter had scored nine runs. The Lady Chiefs were not able to score with a fly out to right feld catching the runner on second

## Two tough losses for Lady Chiefs



In there Mescalero Lady Chiet third baseman Tori Torres slides safely into home plate past Dexter Demons' pitcher' JoAnna Gutierrez on a wild pitch during the bottom of the first inning in Game 2 of Saturday's doubleheader
going to third for the double play.

The Lady Demons were able o score five more runs in the top of the third with the help of some hits down the third base line and some errors by the Lady Chiefs.
But it wasn't over for escalero.
The Chiefs earned three runs in the bottom of the third. First came a base on balls, th Lang then ripped a left field scoring a run. Then

Charlotte Tahnito lobbed a fly There were a lot of good things ball to left field scoring the last and some bad ones that hap-
two runs for the Lady Chiefs. two runs for the Lady Chiefs. $\begin{aligned} & \text { pened out there today. Im not } \\ & \text { The ball game ended under the } \\ & \text { dissatisfied at all. Augusta did a }\end{aligned}$ mercy rule, 21-5. ercy rule, 21-5. with the opening forfeit. "We didn't make it," he said "We tried to hustle back from the basketball tournament, but if it wasn't for me going to get them then we never would've had a second game"
Asked for his what needs to be worked on said, "Absolutely everything
third. Well just keep working a it and ball team.".
Mescalero has only double headers left in its exhibition season, both on the road Thursday, the Chiefs travel to Hatch Valley to square of against the Lady Bears at 3 s.m., then close their inaug


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