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Powderhorn: 41" base 44 trails 7" pow Feb. 24
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Telluride: 77 trails 55" base 16" pow Feb. 24
Steamboat: 110 trails 50" base 3" pow Feb. 28
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Local News:
Mesa County coroner’s office identified the victims in Saturday morning’s traffic accident as 21-year-old Shandi Boeleti and her 6-month-old daughter Natalia Casiano, both of Grand Junction. Boeleti and Natalia were passengers in a Chevrolet pickup truck hit by a vehicle driven by Derrick Maxfield, 20, of Parachute, who was attempting to escape authorities and is now being held in Mesa County Jail in lieu of $100,000 bond on suspicion of vehicular homicide, vehicular assault and driving under the influence of alcohol. Source: Grand Junction Daily Sentinel

National News:
A 6-month-old kitten, Shadow, is recovering after being stuffed in a bag while 20-year-old Acuna Schomaker smoked marijuana at the same time. Schomaker is now being accused of animal cruelty. The bag was made of plastic and was about the size of a shoebox. Deputies witnessed the cat trapped inside the homemade bong as it was being smoked. The lid was taped shut so the cat was exposed to large amounts of marijuana smoke, according to Lancaster County Chief Deputy Butl Jarrett. Source: KEV7

Speech team takes home awards in Ariz. tournament
Sean Johnson News Reporter

While wrapping up this year’s competition season, the Speech Team is preparing for the lid. The team has racked in a few wins since the beginning of the season.

Most recently, team member and co-captain Chris White walked away from the final round in poetry with a fifth place trophy. He recited two poems as we prepare for fundraisers and try to organize a regional meet on the Mesa State campus,” Moran said.

The team, however, is not discouraged and know that it would take some time to re-develop the team after the lengthy break. Moran wants the team to grow to 20 members so people still be competing in several categories. These categories include poetry, dramatic interpretation, after about speech, and impromptu speech.

While the main focus of the team is growth, they have fundraisers planned for the remainder of the year. One already scheduled is a dessert banquet on April 11, benefits of which will need to create the competition on home turf in September.

“Our team is almost like a family,”

Japanese exchange students get feel for Grand Valley Students aim to gain jobs in travel industry

Twenty Japanese students learn English as part of their cultural exchange trip. The students are here for three weeks as part of their curriculum in work in the travel industry. They compete and travel to the competition on American soil, which is so small, we have to communicate along with each other.”

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Ranging from 18 to 20-year-olds, these students are first year college students studying to be travel agents or for some career in the travel industry. All the students are from the Japan Travel Bureau and are here on student visas. They came to the Grand Junction area with very little speaking and writing skills.

Their days are packed full of English classes and trips to places such as the Arches National Park and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park.

“This is so they can see what it takes to plan trips,” Owner and Operator of Cultural Exchanges Jeannie Bruch said. Heming, also a faculty member for Mesa State, has run the Cultural Exchanges Program for the last eight years and has worked with international students since 1993.

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MSC hosts benefit concert to raise money

A night of music for the children center

Sarah Guerrero, Features Editor

On March 5 at 7:30 p.m. the Mesa State College music department will present a benefit concert for the Western Slope Center for Children in the Robinson Theater at the Moss Performing Arts Center.

The Western Slope Center for Children is a non-profit organization that provides collaborative services to the families and children who fall victim to sexual abuse. The center provides information and resources for families to find available professionals to help in the healing process.

The concert will feature the Mesa State Jazz Ensemble and Wind Symphony who will perform “Children’s March,” by Percy Grainger, “Dance of the Jester,” and “American Elegy” which was commissioned in honor of the survivors and victims of the Columbine shootings.

This April will mark the tenth anniversary of the tragedy.

“We were very fortunate that Mesa State and Dr. (Calvin) Hofer shared their kindness with us and the services that we provide for children,” Executive Director of the center Shari Zen said.

This is the second year the center has worked with Mesa State to raise funds. When approached about ideas for the concert, director of wind instruments Calvin Hofer thought that a child-oriented theme would work best.

Hofer chose these works of music for their whimsy and playfulness. The meditations of “Children’s March” and “Dance of the Jester” suggest the happy and playful side of children. However, it was important to Hofer to express that there is not always happiness within children’s lives, which is why he chose “American Elegy.”

“I thought it would be kind of appropriate at this kind of a concert with the theme of children, because there are happy things and there are sad things,” Hofer said.

“The music department has about fifty events a year, so for us to be able to use one of these events for the greater good and actually be able to give back to the community is absolutely fantastic,” Publicity Coordinator and box-office manager Jessica Cowden said.

Also included in the concert will be children from the Wingate Elementary School Orff and Recorder Ensemble, directed by Margaret Hofer.

Another portion of the evening will be the selling of artwork from the fifth grade students of Scenic Elementary School. These students were given the special task of creating artwork that exemplified their idea of what “peace” means to them.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to the center. As a non-profit organization, the center depends solely on support from the community to fill all sponsorships or donations are tax-deductible.

Tickets are on sale at the box office for $10 general admission, $8 for seniors, and $5 for students.

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Student trustee interns for senate minority leader

Laura Barton Reporter

Even from a young age, people are constantly asked each other what do they want to do when they grow up? Most of the time young children will respond with a more typical response, such as wanting to be President of the United States. To college students, the thought of growing up is sometimes exciting and sometimes terrifying. How do you know if you are really ready to start a career doing something you have never tried?

Students who find themselves in this situation want to consider doing an internship. Whether or not credit is granted, the internship is paid, it could be one of the greatest building blocks for one’s future.

“It helps them realize what kind of career they want to be able to pursue after graduating from Mesa,” political science professor and internship coordinator Joan Gollob said.

Political science major Susanna Morris is currently in Denver interning at the State Capitol with Senator Josh Perry as his aide. Morris is able to get much information at once. “It’s really hard to absorb everything long term, whereas, when you’re out there and actually putting what you learned into practice, it all comes back to you and you learn it,” Morris said. “But really learn the practice.”

Internships allow students, like Morris, the opportunity to get first hand knowledge on what they really want to be when they grow up while simultaneously gaining business or college credits.

“It’s a helpful opportunity that’s highly encouraged in any department,” Gollob said.

For many, reasons to attend college include personal and professional growth, and how will learning in class transfer into real life experiences? I’m glad that I went through all the political science classes and I feel like the education that I received at Mesa State really gave me the foundation to where I am today, along with many other things,” Morris said.

Exby said. “Mesa State is kind of seen as a college of opportunity. Any good quality college is going to do its best to make sure that it serves a variety of the student population.”

“Another feature, which has been re-examined by the Faculty Senate and the Academic Policy Committee, is the ability for the students to receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences. This means that a student can receive credit for prior learning experiences.
Wrestlers make nationals

Mesa State wrestlers Rhett Breed and Chase Walker worked their way to third place finishes at the NCAA West Regional tournament.

Freshman Breed and the nation’s No. 1 157-pound wrestler Walker both earned spots in the NCAA Div II National tournament in Houston. Breed won in the first round with a 6-2 decision, only to fall 9-1 in round two. He then won three matches in the wrestle back and finished a respectable third. Among Breed’s wins was a 2:03 pin over Fort Hays State’s Travis Kuhn.

Walker arrived at third place on a route similar to teammate Breed. Walker pinned his first opponent (1) in round one, only to be pinned by CSU-Pueblo’s Kevin Funk (2:50) in round two. In the wrestle back, Walker pinned San Francisco State’s Markham Bertron in 4:42 and earned three other victories by decision.

The Mesa State wrestling team took seventh overall at the tournament.

Patrick Morrell
Sports Editor

Mesa State wrestlers Rhett Breed and Chase Walker worked his way out of a hold.

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MSC Sports Calendar

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Jim Hops has a late season secret weapon. A 6-3 guard from Littleton with a deadly 3-point stroke.

Freshman Brian Kenshalo breathed new life into a Mavericks offense last weekend against Fort Lewis and Arkansas State. Kenshalo compiled 22 points on 7-10 3-point shooting.

“Brian has really stepped up and started making shots,” Herl said. “He’s playing with a lot of confidence and had a night when the shot seemed to find him.”

The Mavs started slow and slugged as the Pokes jumped out to an 11-point lead. Mavs responded with an 8-0 run to pull within three. The Mavs’ didn’t try to win a minute left in the first half thanks to a rash of Cowboy fouls including a technical foul by New Mexico center Chris Denton.

After quick layups from Mavericks Josh Heil and Ryan Mathews, it was on a Michael Bear Block of Cowboy Roman Andrade that saw Mathews hustle in the last minute. It gave the Mavs a go-ahead 3-point lead heading into the locker room.

In the second half, the Cowboys tried to out-run the Mavs, but their defense proved to be too much. The Mavs chipped at the New Mexico lead until a trio of Mavericks and Heil drew the tying shot. Point guard Markham nudged the ball to him from 24-feet out. Heil would make the last shot... but Mathews cleaned up Heil’s miss putting a lid on the process.

With the Mavs leading 59-52, the Cowboys tried to buck down defensively as New Mexico finished the game with 25 percent from the 3-point line and scored just 16 points in the second half.

“Both teams fought hard but we just found a way to come out on top,” Herl said.

The Mavs had four players in double digits and shot 50 percent from the floor. The Mavs were 8-10 from the line down the stretch to complete a season sweep of the Cowboys.

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Mavericks baseball suffer first loss in seven games

Sometimes in baseball the difference can be one pitch. Metro State pitcher Ted Jamison was reminded of that this weekend when Mesa State took three of four games from Jamison's Road Runners, including one with a walk-off homerun batted by Jamison himself.

In game two of Saturday's doubleheader, Mesa State's Mike Provencher came up to the plate with the game tied at 11. He had two strikes against him, and made a pitch out of the park to fin-

ish the game at 12-11, providing one of the most memorable mo-

ments in a game filled with scoring.

Mets began the game with three runs, but Mesa came right back with a three run first inning. Leadoff hitter Justin Little an-
dared and stole a base, eventually scoring, as a hit that drove Bangle back reached him on an error. A hit by Cory Becker allowed Swartzendruber to get on base. Rosefield scored Provencher to get the Mavs even in the first inning with a two run single. Mesa State's Mike Provencher on the mound for the Mavericks.

First game of the doubleheader with four runs and striking out to earn the win for the Mavs.

Provencher had four runs batted in, tied with Leigh for the lead in the league. Lindhauer also had three runs batted in. Chris Currie pitched two thirds innings, allowing six earned runs. Betch pitched 2.1 innings, and Gala Terme made his second appearance of the season throwing a single inning, giving up no runs on one hit and a strike out.

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