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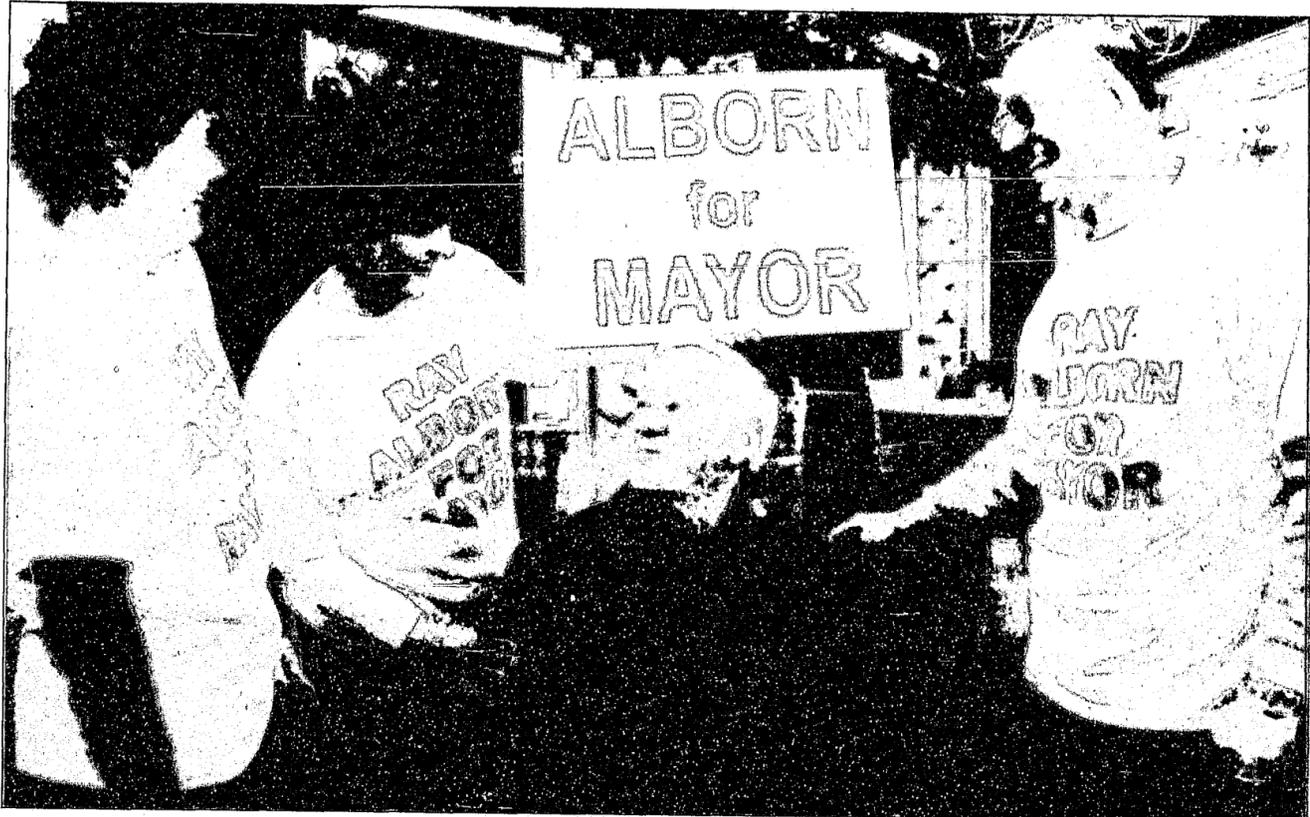
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The mood was already festive at Cree Meadows Country Club as mayor-to-be Ray Alborn and his supporters gathered before an election night celebration.

# Alborn wins

## Stoddard, Salas and Dean win three council seats

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**R**ay Alborn, a retired coach known for his sometime blunt comments on the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission, was elected mayor of the village Tuesday.

Alborn won with 570 votes to former chamber of commerce director Joan Zagone's 344 votes, followed by former hospital administrator Jim Gibson at 244 and Village Councilor and Lincoln County Commissioner Don Williams at 89 votes.

Winning three seats on the village council were incumbent Jim Stoddard, who pulled 726 votes, followed by former village parks and recreation director Rafael "Rifle" Salas at 600 and business-

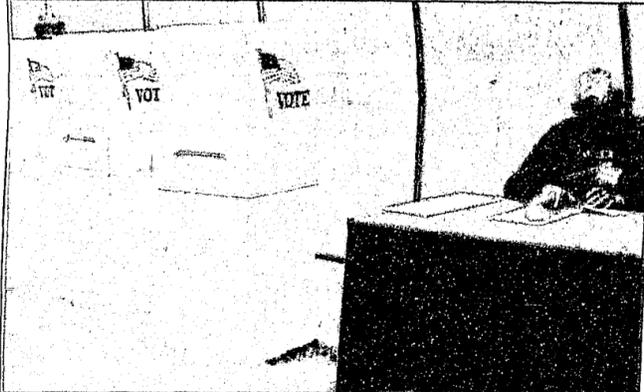
woman Denise Dean at 551 votes.

Close behind the winning field was newcomer Gloria Sayers, a counselor, who received 461 votes.

The others running were attorney Don Dutton, who serves on the planning and zoning commission, with 395 votes; Franklin "Sam" Pirelli, a former firefighter, at 250 votes; former mayor and councilor Jerry Shaw at 223; and Rick Albers, who volunteered to help put together the village's Comprehensive Plan, at 212 votes.

Incumbent Municipal Judge Mike Line received 886 votes, although he announced his resignation two weeks ago, effective today, because of family health issues.

Village voters posted a 26 percent turnout with 1,250 casting votes out of 4,857 registered.



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As precinct worker Clinton Smith presides, Greg Sarber is the lone voter Tuesday morning in Ruidoso. The turnout was lighter than in the 2006 mayor election.

That number dropped from the 5,176 voters were registered and last mayoral election in 2006, when 20 percent turned out to vote.

## Capitan: Hammons re-elected

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Sam Hammons won a second term as mayor of Capitan Tuesday.

As he did in 2006, Hammons captured the election with less than 50 percent of the vote.

Hammons won with 207 votes, George Tippin had 129 votes and Bernie Reimann polled 99 votes.

Trustee Diane Riska also was returned to office,

though she came in second in that race with 228 votes. Ricky LaMay claimed the most trustee votes with 321.

Also receiving trustee votes were Dennis Haskell with 185 and Gregory Flores with 32.

In the Capitan Municipal Judge's race, incumbent J.D. Roehrig soundly defeated write-in candidate William Thompson, 307-76.

The 435 total votes showed a smaller turnout

than in 2006, when 470 went to the polls.

Hammons ran on his record and "open door" policy. His first term had been marked by controversy with the police department. Reimann based his campaign on a vow to replace the police chief.

Tippin is a well-known volunteer and former trustee.

Riska and LaMay, longtime residents, had been favored in the trustee race.

## Carrizozo: Petty wins mayor's seat

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Mike Petty will be the next mayor of Carrizozo.

Petty on Tuesday defeated three-time former mayor Manny Hernandez by a count of 247 votes to 154.

In the Town Council race, Wes Lindsay and Lee Gross won the two seats up for grabs.

Lindsay had 223 votes and Gross garnered 192 votes. Others in the race were Judy Fitzpatrick (155 votes), Jamie Gieb (123) and Rose Kratochvil (43).

Petty grew up in Carrizozo and retired as a police officer in Farmington. This was his first try for elected office.

Hernandez tied for the mayor's race in 2006 and lost to LeeRoy Zamora on a

coin toss. Zamora resigned in 2007 and outgoing mayor Bob Hemphill was appointed to replace him.

Lindsay has been a trustee numerous times. He is a lifetime resident.

Gross recently moved to Carrizozo and is considered to be the first resident of the new Valle del Sol subdivision.

He retired from the I.R.S.

## Downs council is unchanged

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The city council at Ruidoso Downs will remain unchanged following Tuesday's municipal election.

Both incumbent councilors Dean Holman and Tommy Hood were re-elected for another four-year term.

Holman, with 131 votes, or 25 percent, was the top vote-getter. Hood was one vote behind.

"I thank the people who voted for me," said Hood. "It was a tight race and I expected it to be that way."

With a sometimes evenly divided four-member council the past two years, Hood said time would tell if the division might end.

Holman said he was "very pleased with the outcome."

Former mayor Bob Miller came in third in the



TOMMY HOOD, AT CITY HALL TUESDAY

race that had five contenders for two open seats on the council. Miller's count was 101 votes, or 19 percent.

Thomas Chavez received 92 votes, or 17 percent. Resident Joe Blaney had 89 votes, or 15 percent.

Certification of the election results was scheduled for 10 a.m. today.



Library Chautauqua

The month of March is Women's History Month. The Village of Ruidoso Public Library presents the Wonderful World of Women in the Arts with a special Chautauqua and a women's art show to herald in this month for women.

On Wednesday, March 3 at 2 p.m., the public is invited to a Chautauqua of the Intimate Memories of Mabel Dodge Lujan. Come join Mabel in Taos in 1935. Dr. Rosemary Keefe presents this Chautauqua as an idealized romanticized view of Mabel in Mabel's own voice based on her published writing.

Mabel shares her mystical visions, intimate passions, and falling in love with New Mexico and Tony Lujan. As part of northern New Mexico history between the World Wars, Mabel's life story rouses curiosity about political and avant-garde art movements during the first half of the 20th century.

Many artists and writers visited Mabel in Taos and were inspired by the Southwest landscape including Mary Austin, Alice Henderson, D. H. Lawrence, Jon Marin, Willa Cather, Ansel Adams and



Rosemary as Mabel

Georgia O'Keefe.

Keefe has taught writing, literature, and women's studies for 40 years. She is the former dean of faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, head of English at Missouri State University and director of Women's Studies at Rollins College.

Alto Lakes

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will meet at 9 a.m., March 4, in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Drive, Alto.

Democrats meet

Members of the Democratic Party will meet Thursday at K-Bob's Steakhouse on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso.

Those wishing to order from the menu should arrive by 5:30 p.m.

The business session will begin at 6 p.m.

Governor forum

On Saturday, March 6, the Lincoln County Tea Party Patriots are sponsoring a gubernatorial candidate forum at the Alto Lakes Golf & County Club, #1 Country Club Dr. in Alto.

Doors will open at noon and the forum will begin at

1 p.m. The forum is expected to run about two hours.

Janice Arnold-Jones, Allen Weh, Susanna Martinez and Pete Dominici Jr. have accepted invitations to attend. Doug Turner is unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Diane Denish was invited but declined.

The audience can participate by submitting questions to a screening panel. Other state and county candidates will have tables and be available to visit with voters.

A video will be made to post on iamtheteparty-leader.com.

To support the 2nd Amendment, raffle tickets will be sold to win a deer rifle.

Sonic booms

Officials with the 49th Fighter Wing have announced the flying schedule for March 1 through 6.

No flights are scheduled through March 5, but sonic booms could occur March 6 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Schedules can change based on a variety of reasons and scheduled times do not always mean sonic booms will occur.

For additional information, visit the Holloman Web site at www.holloman.af.mil.

Arnold-Jones visits

Janice Arnold-Jones, candidate for governor in the Republican primary election, will speak on March 8 at the regular monthly meeting of the Republican Party of Lincoln County.

Bobbi Shearer, party chair, said the meeting will take place at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is



Left to right, DPLC chair Maria A Quintana, Secretary of State Mary Herrera, DPNM Chair Javier Gonzales, and DPNM Executive Director Scott Forrester at the recent Democratic Party of Lincoln County Convention.

\$14 per person.

Regular public meetings are conducted on the second Monday of each month at Cree Meadows Country Club. Anyone planning on having dinner, please notify Sandy O'Reilly at 973-5380 or contact rplcchair@windstream.net

Applications due

The 4th Annual W.A.L.K. in the Woods will be held on May 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. along the Links walking trail entering at 101 Ovella Estes Way.

This event is a free interactive health and safety fair for all ages.

Call Aimee Bennett at 575-258-3252 ext. 6720 for more information. Applications for booths are due March 15.

Chamber search

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce is seeking community-minded leaders interested in serving on the organization's board of directors.

The primary purpose of a director is to bring personal and professional



Highlighting the monthly Monday meeting of the Lincoln County Republican Women were Brian Moore, candidate for Lt. Governor; Bob Corn, seeking the office of Public Regulation Commission Dist. 2; and State Rep. Dennis Kintigh of Roswell. Ruidoso Mayoral candidate Ray Alborn spoke to the group. Shown with the speakers is club President Karen Clontz. The next noon meeting of the group is March 22 at Cree Meadows Country Club.

expertise to support the mission of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and represent this body and the community in a leadership capacity.

The responsibility of the directors is to shape the direction of the Chamber's goals and assist with their implementation.

To ensure fair representation of the business community, the board consists of 12 elected directors rep-

resenting 10 different business councils. The terms are for three years.

Four positions are available with representation in the Non-Profit/Government, Healthcare, Retail, and Lodging business councils. One member from each of these four business councils will be elected during the Chamber's annual election in March.

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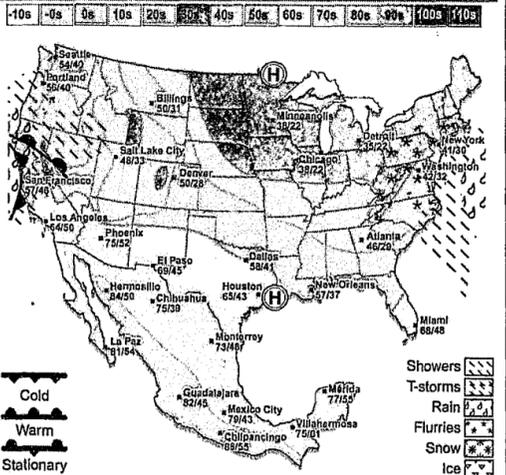
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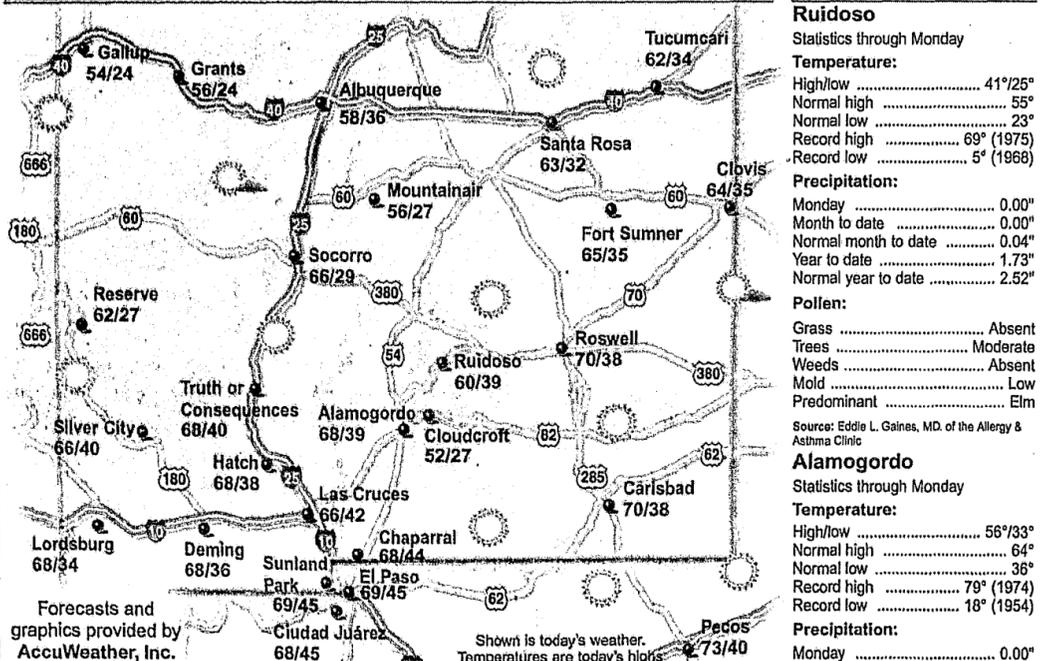
AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

Table with 7 columns: TODAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY. Includes RealFeel, Humidity, and wind information.

National Forecast for March 3, 2010



Regional Cities



National Cities

Table listing weather forecasts for major national cities including Abilene, Anchorage, Atlanta, Austin, etc.

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:29 a.m./6:01 p.m. Moonrise/Moonset 9:53 p.m./8:00 a.m.

Regional Cities

City HI/Lo/W Thu. HI/Lo/W

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: High: 84° in Brownsville, TX Low: -9° in Devils Lake, ND

Mexican Cities

City HI/Lo/W Thu. HI/Lo/W

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Interested persons can contact the Chamber by 5 p.m., Friday, March 12. "This has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my professional career. I was a bit intimidated at first, but realized the cooperation and camaraderie of working for the betterment of Ruidoso creates an incredible driving force," says outgoing board member Anne Reveley, who is planning to run for another term.

The Chamber is also seeking nominations to recognize the incredible service from individuals and businesses that make Ruidoso such a wonderful community. Nominees for the Citizen/Volunteer of the Year award should be an individual who has given unselfishly to a worthy cause within the region.

Last year's nominees included winner Tom McElligot, Kathleen Kennedy, Jodee Damron, and Cookie Rodriguez.

Nominees for the Hn' Zhu' Ne' Beautification Award should be Chamber-member businesses that have improved their storefront or property through remodeling or new construction this past year. Last year's nominees were winner First Savings Bank, Lincoln County Medical Center and Ruidoso River Museum.

"The Chamber is about service and we want to recognize those individuals who have gone above and beyond the norm," said President-Elect Glenda Duncan.

Submit a letter with nomination, details of their accomplishments, and your contact information by Friday, March 12, to the Chamber offices.

Elections for the Chamber Board of Directors will take place from Monday, March 15, through Wednesday, March 31, with a mailed ballot to the membership. The ballot will include voting for the Hn' Zhu' Ne' Business Beautification and the Citizen/Volunteer of the Year awards.

Contact the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 575-257-7395 for more information.

**Teague hours**

The 2nd Congressional



Retired Ruidoso police chief Wolfgang Born, second from left, received The Detective Jim Biggs Memorial Award recently. From left are Curt Temple, Chairman of Ruidoso/Lincoln County CrimeStoppers Inc.; Born, Jolene Biggs, wife of Det. Jim Biggs; Vice Chairman Dean Fowler and Treasurer Jessie Parks.

**Born awarded**

During a recent board of directors meeting of the Ruidoso/Lincoln County CrimeStoppers Inc., the 2009 "Detective Jim Biggs Memorial Award" was given to retired Ruidoso police chief Wolfgang Born for his many years of support to the local Crime Stoppers program.

The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Crime Stoppers, Inc. program has 13 active members who serve as the board of directors in charge of approving rewards, hosting fundraising events and many other activities that keep the program running smoothly.

District staff of U.S. Congressman Harry Teague will conduct Mobile Office Hours from 1 to 5 p.m., March 9, in Ruidoso.

Residents are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts or questions with Teague's representatives. Staff can also assist area residents experiencing problems with federal agencies.

Constituents can call Teague's office at 1-888-9-TEAGUE if they have any questions.

In addition to opening six Congressional Field Offices, the Mobile Office Hours program is a community outreach initiative developed by Teague to help him stay in touch with constituents throughout the 2nd District.

The mobile session will be at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Board members receive no payment or compensation for their time and efforts.

The program receives no taxpayer support and all rewards are paid out with tax deductible money donated from the community, Judges and fundraising events.

The police coordinator for the program is Det. Doug Babcock with the Ruidoso Police Department. Some of his duties with Crime Stoppers include publishing the Crime of the Week, disseminating tips to the appropriate agencies for follow up and tracking statistics.

The program aims to

encourage members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime by overcoming the two key elements that inhibit community involvement: fear and apathy.

Crime Stoppers provides a telephone number for citizens in the community to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies to fight crime. Callers can remain anonymous and are eligible to receive a cash reward if the information given leads to an arrest or grand jury indictment of a felony offender.

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### OUR OPINION

## Grindstone data a valuable education

We'll let the science do the talking, step by step

**R**uidoso Village Councilor James Stoddard, who as of this writing is running for re-election to a second term, requested last week's workshop to discuss possible structural issues with Grindstone Dam.

That's a start; mayors and councilors bring individual expertise to the table from their professional backgrounds, but they can't be expected to fully grasp the nuts and bolts of dam engineering and the implications of preliminary inspections.

This much we know: Ultrasound tests have detected possible "soft spots" or "weak

zones" in the dam concrete, raising potential strength issues. Meanwhile, the water level is being maintained at 16 feet below the spillway, while a proposal to vertically drill for core samples from the top of the dam wall down awaits a ruling by the Dam Safety Bureau of the Office of the New Mexico State Engineer.

The idea of any dam having weak spots is enough to trigger the most fearsome scenarios. It's also reassuring to have a cool scientific process in play in order to determine a series of logical steps and remedies.

Let's hope for the best, but at least we're being educated.

## New Mexico still in the 'political Wild West'

**W**e made progress on ethics reform this year, in a roundabout way.

An ethics commission is probably the single most important step. After years of weak excuses by legislative leadership of both parties, of ethics bills bottled up in committee, we finally got to the root of their reluctance: They feel a big target painted on their backs, and the higher they are in the pecking order, the bigger the target.

"You're giving a small group of people a lot of power, and you have to make sure you set it up as well as possible before you let this animal

go," said she who did much of the bottling, Sen. Linda Lopez.

The code word last year was "structure." Translation: Who would sit on such a commission and how they would be chosen to ensure fairness? The code word this year was "witch hunt."

It's not paranoia if "they" really are out to get you. Gov. Toney Anaya was the subject of a vague, politically motivated investigation that exposed his children to taunts at school, probably cost a fortune to defend, wasted a lot of time, and found nothing. In politics, an accusation can ruin reputations and take years to disprove.

It's not hard to understand lawmakers' fears, but that doesn't justify their foot-dragging.

New Mexico is one of 10 states without an independent ethics commission to investigate allegations of misconduct of public officials, a fact that prompted the *Wall Street Journal* last year to call us the "political wild west."

We can't blame the lack of progress on the governor — he who is at the end of some pointing fingers. The governor has prodded the Legislature for years on ethics reform; the task force he created has twice made proposals.

Embarrassment should have been a motivator. In 2005 we saw the state Treasurer's Office unravel and two former treasurers sent to prison. Then there was the sorry spectacle of the

Senate President Pro Tem planning to steal taxpayer money even as he introduced bills. The governor presented a package of reforms to the Legislature in 2006. Nothing happened. The task force recommended an ethics commission, among other steps. In 2007, not much happened. Ditto the special

session that year and the regular session in 2008. Last year lawmakers introduced dozens of ethics bills, including several that would establish an ethics commission. "We desperately need a new

investigative body of this kind here in New Mexico," wrote Loyda Martinez, of Common Cause.

The best of the bunch was a bill by Reps. Mary Helen Garcia and Al Park that allowed the three branches of government to appoint members, gave the commission full subpoena power, and required that complaints remain confidential until the commission determined an investigation was in order. But it provided more protections for legislators than it did executive branch officials.

This year we saw five bills to create a commission, and each one would have provided confidentiality to the accused until the investigations were complete. They all died. But in the one with the most traction, fear of witch hunts led to so much proposed confidentiality that all proceedings and documentation would be out of the public eye, and if the commission found guilt, it would issue a report. Not acceptable, said reformers.

Complainants would have to keep quiet, a requirement that might be unconstitutional. A prohibition on investigations during election season might avoid witch hunts at the cost of hiding information voters should know about. And the state would have to pay for legal defense unless the individual were found guilty.

This is all so much jaw-boning. Forty states have these commissions. It's just not that hard to find a working model that addresses everyone's concerns and adopt it.



"The first big challenge is waiting in your office."

### YOUR OPINION

## Political newcomers provide some hope

To the editor:

**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK** the Republican Party of Lincoln County for an excellent pre-primary convention two weeks ago. Bobbi Shearer, Aubrey Dunn, Sandy O'Reilly and the Republican women led by Karen Clontz did a super job in organizing the event.

What I liked most were the new faces in the party. There were not many happy faces. They are mad and fed up with big government. I was excited that two of the Tea Party Patriots, Terry Franklin and Sally Moore, won seats. I would have liked some more of the old guard, relics of the past, to step down, and I would have liked to see the Tea Party founder and leader, Glynis Racine, get a spot.

I ran at the precinct level and got trounced. Being a former county chairman, I reflected on my defeat. Democracy is about bringing in the new and getting rid of the old. It is essential to have new blood and new ideals. Business as usual will not work for the Republican Party.

I have spoken to experts from across the country in the area of economics. We are in the Greatest Depression. This is no recession. There will be no sustained recovery. I have many friends in Lincoln County who have no work and resort to selling wood to survive.

Many more are quietly leav-

ing as their American Dream becomes the American nightmare. If you look at John William's Web site, the real unemployment is 22 percent.

We are in a historic era. In the near future we will see the demise of the dollar, food shortages and riots, Weimar Republic style hyperinflation, and I am fearful this great republic will come apart at the seams. We have seen inflation take off since Nixon took us off the gold standard in 1971. The U.S. dollar, typical of all fiat currencies in history, has lost 98 percent of its value since the start of the Federal Reserve in 1913, and for every \$100,000 invested in 2000, by 2006 it was worth \$60,000.

As we speak the PIIGS (Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece, and Spain) are bankrupt. Iceland has already fallen. We will likely see the end of the euro. They followed the same reckless speculation in real estate, derivatives, and spending as we did.

California, the seventh-largest world economy, is bankrupt. The United States is bankrupt. The Treasury is now monetizing the debt. China stopped buying our bonds, which are now worthless IOU's and the Fed has resorted to buying the bonds. Reckless governmental spending has permanently squandered the future for our children. They will not have the same standard of living as we have had.

We have to get back to conservative values of smaller government, less taxes, personal responsibility; saving, thrift, and our representatives have to cut spending for entitlements and endless wars that we can no longer afford.

Ron Paul and Pat Buchanan had it right. We have to follow the Constitution. This is not solely a Democrat problem. Bush, the Republicans, and our beloved former Sen. Domenici voted for the first bailout. The current president accelerated our demise. There is nothing in the Constitution about bailouts and national health care. We have to embrace the Tenth Amendment (states rights) and the state and the people have to take back control from the burgeoning federal behemoth.

We need truly visionary leadership in a future that will be vastly different than the past. The Republican Party of Lincoln County has these visionary leaders. It can be found in Dunn and Shearer and newcomers Racine, Franklin, Moore and my precinct's new representative, Kathryn Minter.

We need these extraordinary types of people, intelligent people with moxie, to get involved in local, state and federal government if we are ever to get back on track as a nation.

Bill Dement  
Alto

## Think New Mexico not targeting title firms

To the editor:

**IN HER RECENT** letter to the editor, Welda McKinley Grider of Superior Title Company accuses Think New Mexico of trying to drive small title insurance companies out of business. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In 2009, Think New Mexico successfully advocated for passage of a law permitting some pricing competition in the title insurance industry, subject to the approval of the New Mexico Superintendent of Insurance.

Prior to this law, all title insurers were required by law to charge the same price, which was set by the government. Our reform legislation was negotiated with representatives of New Mexico's title insurance businesses, who supported its passage.

The law explicitly directs the state's insurance regulators to ensure that "that regulation of the title insurance industry does not disproportionately impact independent title agencies and that regulation of the industry does not place independent title insurance agents at a competitive disadvantage with under-

writer-owned title companies." The reform law is truly win-win, as it brings down closing costs for homebuyers and homeowners who refinance their mortgages without harming New Mexico's local title companies.

Fred Nathan  
Executive Director  
Think New Mexico

### A salute to 'Anonymous'

To the editor:

**WE ARE SO** blessed to live here in Lincoln County for a number of reasons. Not the least of which is the wonderful caring people we have here. I want to say thank you to one couple in particular.

We have in our midst two people who love our area and who are always willing to help financially whenever needs arise. They don't just give a pittance of their overall worth but make a habit of giving away a very generous portion of their yearly income.

These folks give from the heart and they do so not for the indulgences they might receive in return, but they give to pass on

their blessings to others.

You will never see pictures of them in our local newspapers handing someone a check. Nor do they run media ads trumpeting their good deeds so that everyone will be aware of their gifts.

Quite the contrary, all their donations are made in confidence with the understanding the source will not be divulged.

To that end, I'm not going to tell you their names. But, if you run a local charity or you help to benefit those with needs in Lincoln County, you know who they are.

So, I say thank you to them for all you have done for us over the years and may God continue to bless you and yours.

Buck Buchanan  
Eagle Creek

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# PNM: Efficiency is first step in 'green' energy

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The cleanest kilowatt is a kilowatt not used, a representative of PNM told Lincoln County commissioners last week during a presentation to update the board on the electric utility's efforts to encourage conservation while developing new and renewable sources of energy.

"Greg Nelson, director PNM Utility Services Department, said, "We at PNM believe energy efficiency is the first type of activity we should look at before adding more sources of energy. The kilowatt hour you don't generate will be the cleanest kilowatt hour out there."

While interest in solar photovoltaic is huge in New Mexico and PNM has a new biogas program, wind-generated energy makes up most of its renewable energy source. Renewable energy still is more expensive than other resources, he said.

Referring to a chart, Nelson said under New Mexico's renewable portfolio standard, renewable energy now accounts for 6 percent of an investor-owned utility's sources based on retail energy sales to customers such as residential and commercial. "Right now, only a little of the renewables are solar, about 2 megawatts," he said. "The bulk is from windfarms."

In 2011, the requirement will increase to 10 percent, almost double, he said.

"Right now, we are not obligated for a diverse mix, so we focused early on wind as the most cost effective," Nelson said. "In 2011, (the state set) a diversity target."

Out of the 10 percent, 20 percent is supposed to come from solar, 20 percent from wind resources, 10 percent from a third category such as biomass or biogas or geothermal and 1.5 percent distributed, such as (solar-PV) from individual homes.

In 2015, the renewable requirement jumps to 15 percent and distributed generation from 1.5 percent to 3 percent. In 2020, utilities are to acquire 20 percent of their energy from renewables.

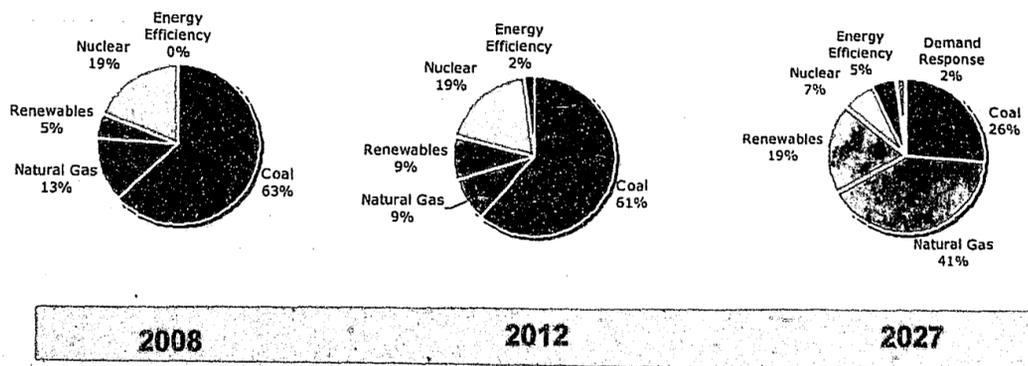
Currently, the bulk of PNM's electricity comes from coal, Nelson said. That source accounts for 53 percent of all electricity in United States. The percentage is expected to drop through 2027, as generation associated with natural gas and renewables increases, and the amount of energy that must be produced decreases through other efficiencies.

While trying to meet all of those goals, PNM officials also must plan on how to integrate the different sources, to balance environmental impacts, the cost to consumers and to ensure reliability, he said, adding that PNM ranks in the top percentage for reliability.

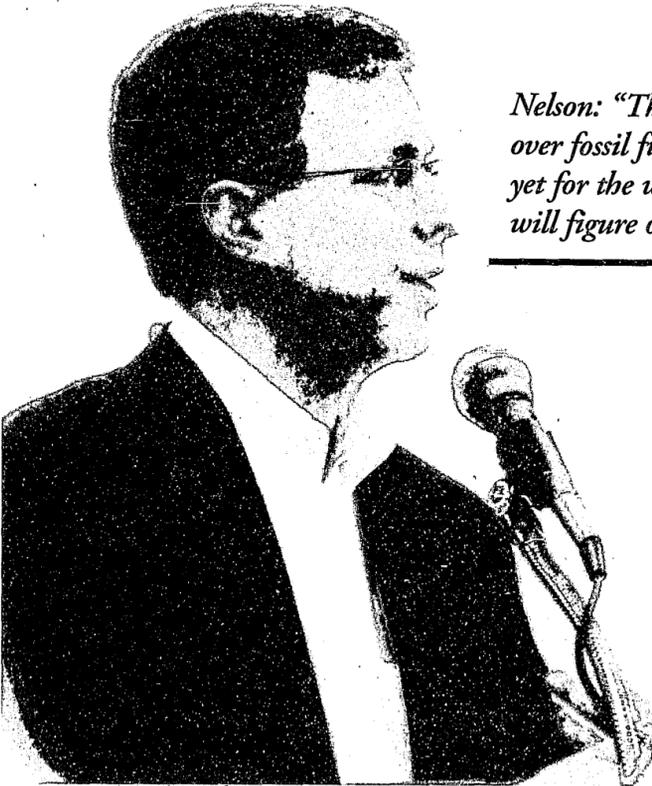
He showed a bar chart indicating only 93 participants in customer-owned solar facilities in 2006 producing less than 200 kilowatts. "But we have seen explosive growth over recent years, because of company incentives and tax incentives and reductions in the cost of key components such as panels and converters," Nelson said.

In the company's renewable energy procurement plan for 2010-2011 filed last month, an 11-fold

## Energy Sources y, tomorrow and the future



The changing face of energy: Among the trends will be more use of renewable energy sources and less dependence on coal.



Nelson: "The major benefit of renewables over fossil fuel is that nobody charges you yet for the wind, although the Legislature will figure out how to do that over time."

increase in solar from customers is anticipated over the next three years, growing to 24 megawatts.

The major benefit of renewables over fossil fuel is "that nobody charges you yet for the wind, although the legislature will figure out how to do that over time," Nelson said. Capital costs and the initial investment to construct facilities may be high, but after that, operation and maintenance even out, and there is no fuel cost.

### Lower percentage

Besides the expense of producing solar PV power, another factor is that only 24 percent of the time does that source produce enough output, while coal and nuclear can for 95 percent of the time, he said.

If the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission approves PNM's plans, supplemental facilities will be added around the distribution system to make solar sources more reliable and address the interruptions associated with cloud cover and lack of on-site ability to store, he said. "We can lose 80 percent to 90 percent in a second when a cloud goes over for solar," Nelson said. "It makes problems for the reliability of the grid." Installing a variety of smaller facilities around the system should mitigate that problem, he said.

Nelson reviewed some of the solar projects planned around the state, enough to serve 7,800 average-sized New Mexico homes by 2013, and PNM-owned facilities on government land and property owned by non-profits that can't take advantage of tax benefits. They install and PNM pays up to 2 cents for every kilowatt hour generated and that helps them recover some of their initial

investment, he said. "Why is all of this important to us?" he asked. "We have an obligation to customers serve with cost-effective and reliable power, and also to meet the portfolio standards, and this is our attempt."

The added benefit is that PNM officials believe that at some point the utility will come under a form of climate regulations by an agency or a government level. "How stringent we don't know yet, but there is a ground swell to regulate carbon out there," he said.

Commissioner Dave Parks asked who set the targets and Nelson said the dates and percentages were established by the state.

"Right now, a multitude of states have renewable energy standards," he said. "New Mexico also has diversity targets for different technologies. That's not very common, but there is a push to add a national renewable standard."

In response to a question from Commissioner Jackie Powell, he explained that under a "demand response" program, a utility controls the use of some electrical appliances in a home or business. "If it gets to the point where the demand exceeds the ability to produce, we have the ability to control air conditioners or electric hot water heaters to reduce the demand. PNM has a small program that allows us to do that and we pay a small incentive. It helps our customers and as a whole, to keep from having to build extra generation for the one hour a year we may need it."

"How do you mix the energy types?" Commissioner Eileen Sedillo asked.

Different parts serve different customers sectors, Nelson replied. Coal is used day in and out, he said. It is

held steady at maximum capacity. The lowest demand occurs very early in the morning and late at night. Demand increases during day as the temperature rises. The peak hits in early evening when everyone comes home from

school and work, and begins preparing food, taking baths and watching television.

The demand begins to slide off about 7 p.m., and in agricultural areas, a secondary peak hits as irrigation pumps kick on, he said. Intermediate demand is served by natural gas. Solar and wind typically fit in peaks from noon to 3 p.m. and displace a portion of gas output.

"It doesn't help in a large way for evening peaks, because the sun comes down," Nelson said. Wind supplements in the evening, but not on hot summer days in Albuquerque, he said.

"The men and women who run the systems are pretty astute and have to be meteorologists, gas and supply experts, know when storms will hit and winds will pick up," Nelson said.

Unfortunately, not many opportunities are available now to store electricity in New Mexico, but research and development are ongoing.

Sedillo asked a few more questions she hears from "common folks." Nelson explained that solar panels are more effective if they are clear and clean, particularly in areas where there is a lot of wind and dust. He prefers solar panels on the ground for easier maintenance.

"The advantages to panels on a roof is it's handy in cities where land is expensive and there is little free space," he said. "In more rural areas, my preference is on the ground. You can build larger arrays for the same cost and there is no damage to roof."

Nelson said more transmission lines will be needed to transport the energy where the demand exists. But when the lines will be fully loaded only 33 percent of the time, the transmission costs will be three times the normal cost to attain the same capacity.

"It's going to be very expensive for people by 2027, for renewable energy," Sedillo said.

"Electricity prices are going to go up," Nelson agreed.

Parks asked about nuclear power. While PNM receives 19 percent of its power from nuclear sources, Nelson said the percentage will go down as renewables go up.

"I believe over time, the United States will regain its appreciation (for nuclear)," but the time required for review and obtaining a permit could take from 10 years to 14 years, experts say. "It's a long and expensive process and I wouldn't expect to see a new plant on line in the near future."

A Ruidoso News exclusive

## Commissioner Powell: Live with and use less

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After listening to a presentation by a PNM utility representative last week on renewable energy resources, Lincoln County Commissioner Jackie Powell said conservation can help homeowners more directly and rapidly.

She related her experience weatherizing an older home that resulted in an electricity bill dropping from \$400 a month to \$100.

Powell urged homeowners to sign up for an energy audit to point out energy-saving options.

However, she criticized homeowners she sees on television programs who sit in their expensive houses and are "so proud of building a 'green' house," and using low-flow appliances.

They ignore the negative energy impact of their 5,000-square-foot structure that must be heated and cooled year-round, she said.

"What kind of green is

that?" she asked. "The focus should be to live with and use less."

Amy Miller of PNM said the more conservation accomplished, the less energy has to be added to the grid and that helps with affordability as energy costs go up. Programs to conserve energy, such as weatherization, are available for low-income homeowners through the PNM Energy Efficiency Program and the New Mexico Home Mortgage Finance Authority, she said.

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# EDUCATION

## Ruidoso youth find a safe harbor at the Warehouse

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Filling the after-school hours for sixth through 12th grade students is being accomplished through the year-and-a-half old Community Youth Center Warehouse in Ruidoso.

The youth center provides snacks, tutoring and homework time for those in the After School Club on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Chess Club gathers on Mondays and Tuesdays, starting at 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays also offer hoop fitness classes from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There are free guitar lessons on Thursdays and Fridays, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Warehouse volunteer Paul Brown, who also works with young people through the area's Eco-Servants program, said he spent some of his teen years in Ruidoso.

"One of the common things you always hear kids say is 'there's nothing to do here,'" said Brown.

"What is amazing is that we have three or four golf courses, we have a race-track, we have a ski mountain. We have so many things to do here. But the reality of the situation is that most of the kids can't afford to go to these things. It's very important to me to make the variety of activities that we have here available to the kids for free."

There is a monthly teen dance, like the March 12 dance that will begin at 8 p.m.

The following day, there will be a Guitar Hero Battle of the Bands. Registration and a \$50 entry fee for the afternoon rocking must be made by March 6. Later in the month a stand-up comedian has been scheduled.

While most of the offerings at the warehouse are free, sometimes even outside events are free, courtesy of donations such as free ski passes provided by the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

The Warehouse, constructed by the Community United Methodist Church

across the street, initially had its youth functions coordinated by the church.

Since Jan. 2009, a non-profit organization acquired the youth programs and hired Victor Montez as its director.

"We're building and building right now along with our after-school program," said Montez.

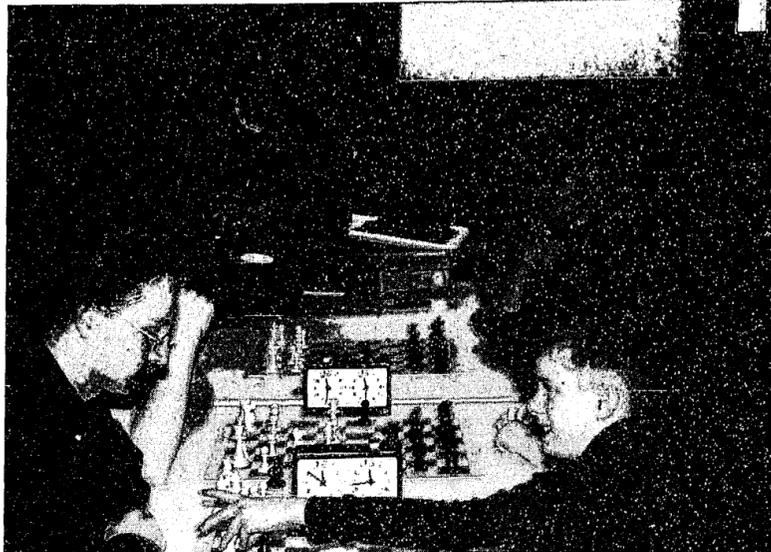
"We're closed for now on Wednesdays but as soon as this program kicks off we're going to dedicate Wednesdays, from 4-5:30, to self-defense classes."

Two self-defense instructors will be brought in. Montez said the self-defense program is looking for mats, sparring equipment, kicking bags and others.

Volunteer Jean Spurlock, who has been at the Warehouse since its opening, sees the youth center as a place where young people develop self-confidence and social skills.

Montez said all the programs are geared to helping youth.

"It's very important," said Montez. "I come from a background in juvenile cor-



Those practicing for a chess tournament get guidance from Galen Farrington (background) who had done the same in the past for the Ruidoso High School Chess Club.

rections. My thing has always been working with kids that get in trouble. We're trying to have a place for kids to go, a safe and fun place, where they can hang out.

"My theory is if a kid comes in and joins our after-school program, they get help with their home-

work, they get a snack, they sit down, unwind, and then hopefully when they leave at 6:30 in the evening, they have time to sit down around a table and have dinner with their parents."

Reading from his cell phone's display, Montez said a text message from a

mother on Monday said it all.

"Just a short word of appreciation. The Warehouse is safe and functional for kids and parents. It provides a place of extended learning opportunities for our youth."

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## TEEN SPOTLITE

Teen Spotlight features area teens that have made a difference in their community.

Jordan Hill is the next teen in the Spotlight.

Hill is currently a junior at Carrizozo High School and is the daughter of Buddy and Denise Hill.

Hill has found success in several areas at school. She is a member of both the varsity volleyball and basketball teams and was named to the All-District Basketball team.

Besides sports, Hill is a dedicated student and has made the "A" Honor Roll.

She is an active member of the National Honor Society and the Carrizozo MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) team.

Hill is involved in student council and serves as the Junior Class secretary. Another organization Hill is involved in is FFA. She has served as FFA Reporter and is on the FFA All-District Homesite team.

Community is another priority for Hill. She is involved in Junior Rotary, is an active member in her youth group at church, and works with the community food drives. Giving back is obviously a focus for Hill.

Hill credits her parents and grandparents with being positive influences in her life. She plans on attending college at



JORDAN HILL

New Mexico State University. She has narrowed her area of study down to three possibilities. Future plans include becoming a physical therapist, veterinarian or a journalist.

Hill's future certainly looks bright.

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The Ruidoso Middle School choir won first place at the NMAA state choir contest in Albuquerque over the weekend.

## RMS choir takes top honors

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The Ruidoso Middle School choir is tops in New Mexico.

The choir took a first place over the weekend at the New Mexico Activities Association's State Choir Contest, held at Albuquerque Academy.

"It was great," said choir instructor Danny Flores. "We've never taken our middle school kids to a state choir competition. The kids, they were ecstatic. They were so happy."

The choir competed with seven other middle schools from schools at Albuquerque, Aztec, Las Cruces and Santa Fe.

In addition, the Ruidoso High School choir placed

third in their high school division.

Choir coach Waynta Wirth said the high school honor was well deserved, with Albuquerque's Sandia Prep and West Las Vegas earning first and second place respectively.

A total of eight middle schools, and 22 high schools from around New Mexico, competed in the Feb. 26 and 27 contests.

And both the Ruidoso middle and high school choirs earned additional honors.

"The middle school and high school from Ruidoso also earned separate trophies for earning a superior rating in their classes," said Wirth.

"We are so proud of all of these 60 students who rep-

resented our school district so well."

Flores said after working and listening to the middle school choir he knew they could win the contest.

The choirs will next compete at the New Mexico Music Education Association's Southwest District Festival on March 11 at Opaté High School in Las Cruces.

The results of the festival could qualify the Ruidoso school choirs for competition again at the state level next year.

The choir students will perform a concert on March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso School Performing Arts Center.

Admission to the next Tuesday's concert is \$3.

## Kindergarten registration in April

Kindergarten registration and child developmental screening will begin April 1 in Ruidoso and follow during April at other area schools.

The registration is for all children who will be five years old by Sept. 1, 2010 and will be entering the public school system.

The developmental screening is for any child, from birth to 5 years.

The screening identifies children most likely to have developmental or educational problems, according to the Region IX Education Cooperative.

The registration is done during the spring to allow for better estimates of the number of children that may be attending kindergarten in the fall.

And the spring screen-

ing allows parents to make any preparations before school starts, such as making vision or doctor appointments for children identified at the screening.

The screening is conducted by school staff and community professionals and volunteers.

The federal Child Find program is designed to locate, identify and refer children with special needs from the ages of three through 21.

For more information contact the Child Find Coordinator at Region IX Education Cooperative at the Horton Complex, 237 Service Road, in Ruidoso, or by telephone at 257-2368.

### Schedule

The 2010 spring regis-

tration for kindergarten and Child Find developmental screening dates and locations are:

Ruidoso: April 1, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Ruidoso Education Center;

Capitan: April 8, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at Cummins Gymnasium;

Tularosa: April 9, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Tularosa Elementary School;

Corona: April 13, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., at the Corona schools;

Carrizozo: April 21, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Carrizozo High School Gymnasium;

Cloudcroft: April 22, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., at Cloudcroft Elementary;

Hondo Valley: April 30, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., at the Multi-Purpose Room on the Hondo campus.

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### NMSU Dean's List

A Capitan student attending the College of Engineering at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces was included on the Dean's Honor List for the fall, 2009 semester.

Alejandro Licon was in the top 15 percent of the student body at the college.

To get the award of excellence in academic

achievement a student must have a grade point average of 3.8 or better during the semester.

The Dean's Honor List is based on the academic achievements.

### ENMU-Roswell list

Three Ruidoso-area students were named to the Dean's List at Eastern New Mexico University-

Roswell, for the fall 2009 semester.

Jason M. Brillante and Jose Ramirez, of Ruidoso Downs, made the grade.

So did Leticia Vazquez, of Hondo.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.25 or higher grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

From reports

# Supportive tree care rooted in common myths

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Most homeowners treasure the trees on their property but know little about how to care for them.

Experts with the non-profit International Society of Arboriculture, dedicated to supporting tree care research and education around the world, say much of what is heard about tree care is incorrect, based on myths and misconceptions.

Here are the Top 10 myths of tree care:

• **MYTH #1:** When a tree is planted, it should be securely staked to ensure the development of a stable root system and a strong trunk.

Although it is sometimes necessary to stake trees to keep them upright and allow establishment, some adverse effects can occur. Compared to staked trees, unstaked trees tend to develop a more extensive root system and better trunk taper.

Allowing a small amount of movement can help root and trunk development. The worst effect of staking is the possibility of trunk damage from the staking wires or ties.

Staking materials usually should be removed after one year to avoid "girdling" the tree.

• **MYTH #2:** Newly planted trees should have their trunks wrapped with tree wrap to prevent sunscald and insect entry. Studies using most common tree wraps have shown that they do not prevent extreme fluctuations

in temperature on the bark. In some cases, the temperature extremes are worse. Also, tree wraps have proven ineffective in preventing insect entry. Some insects like to burrow under it.

• **MYTH #3:** Trees should be pruned back heavily when they are planted to compensate for the loss of roots. Tree establishment is best with unpruned trees.

Although pruning the top can reduce the amount of water that evaporates from the leaves, the tree needs a full crown to produce the much-needed food and the plant hormones that induce root growth. The tree will develop a stronger, more extensive root system if it has a fuller crown.

Limit pruning at the time of planting to structural training and the removal of damaged branches.

• **MYTH #4:** When removing a branch from a tree, the final cut should be flush with the stem to optimize healing. Trees don't "heal" in the sense that wounds on people heal. Human bodies regenerate tissues in much the same form of the tissues that were removed, to a limited extent.

Trees compartmentalize wounds, generating wound wood over the wounded area. Flush cutting removes the "branch collar," creating a larger wound than if the branch were removed outside the collar. Also, it is likely that some of the parent branch tissue will be removed. The

spread of decay inside the tree is greater with flush cuts.

• **MYTH #5:** Pruning wounds greater than three inches in diameter should be painted with a wound dressing. Research has shown that the common wound dressings do not inhibit decay, do not prevent insect entry, and do not bring about faster wound closure. Many of the commonly used dressings slow wound closure.

• **MYTH #6:** Certain fast-growing, weak-wooded trees, such as silver maple and Siberian elm, should be "topped" to make them less hazardous in the landscape.

While topping these trees may reduce the potential hazard at first, they will likely be more dangerous in the future. Topping stimulates growth of twigs below the cuts. Growth of many vigorous shoots leads to branches with weak attachments.



Decay also spreads inside the stubs and branches that were topped.

Within two to five years after topping, the tree will have regained its height, but will be more hazardous than before the topping and the tree may be less attractive. Alternatives to topping include thinning, cabling or removal and replacement with a more suitable species.

• **MYTH #7:** If certain species of trees are pruned early in the spring, they will "bleed," stressing the tree and causing health problems. True, some trees such as maples and birches will "bleed" or lose sap from pruning cuts made early in the spring. This bleeding does not hurt the tree, and the loss of sap is inconsequential.

With a few exceptions, most routine pruning can be done any time of year. The worst time is just as the tree has leafed out in the spring.

The best time is when the tree is dormant. To maximize flowering for the following year, prune just after bloom this year.

• **MYTH #8:** The root system of a tree is a mirror image of the top. Many people envision a large, branching taproot growing deep into the soil. In reality, taproots are very uncommon in mature trees.

If taproots do develop, they usually will be forced into horizontal growth when they encounter hard subsoils beneath the surface. The entire root systems of most trees can be found within three feet of soil.

The spread of the root system however, can be very extensive, often extending two to three times the spread of the crown.

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# EDUCATION

## Ruidoso youth find a safe harbor at the Warehouse

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Filling the after-school hours for sixth through 12th grade students is being accomplished through the year-and-a-half old Community Youth Center Warehouse in Ruidoso.

The youth center provides snacks, tutoring and homework time for those in the After School Club on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Chess Club gathers on Mondays and Tuesdays, starting at 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays also offer hoop fitness classes from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There are free guitar lessons on Thursdays and Fridays, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Warehouse volunteer Paul Brown, who also works with young people through the area's Eco-Servants program, said he spent some of his teen years in Ruidoso.

"One of the common things you always hear kids say is 'there's nothing to do here,'" said Brown.

"What is amazing is that we have three or four golf courses, we have a race-track, we have a ski mountain. We have so many things to do here. But the reality of the situation is that most of the kids can't afford to go to these things. It's very important to me to make the variety of activities that we have here available to the kids for free."

There is a monthly teen dance, like the March 12 dance that will begin at 8 p.m.

The following day, there will be a Guitar Hero Battle of the Bands. Registration and a \$50 entry fee for the afternoon rocking must be made by March 6. Later in the month a stand-up comedian has been scheduled.

While most of the offerings at the warehouse are free, sometimes even outside events are free, courtesy of donations such as free ski passes provided by the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

The Warehouse, constructed by the Community United Methodist Church

across the street, initially had its youth functions coordinated by the church.

Since Jan. 2009, a non-profit organization acquired the youth programs and hired Victor Montez as its director.

"We're building and building right now along with our after-school program," said Montez.

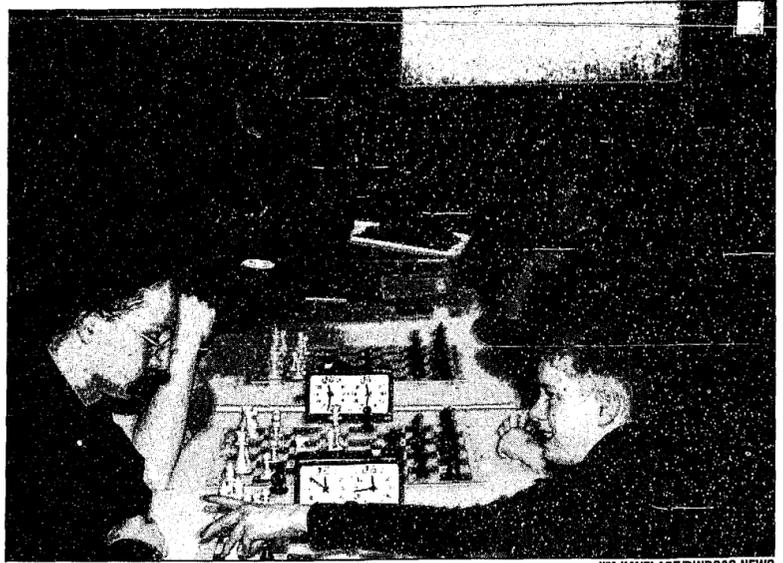
"We're closed for now on Wednesdays but as soon as this program kicks off we're going to dedicate Wednesdays, from 4-5:30, to self-defense classes."

Two self-defense instructors will be brought in. Montez said the self-defense program is looking for mats, sparring equipment, kicking bags and others.

Volunteer Jean Spurlock, who has been at the Warehouse since its opening, sees the youth center as a place where young people develop self-confidence and social skills.

Montez said all the programs are geared to helping youth.

"It's very important," said Montez. "I come from a background in juvenile cor-



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Those practicing for a chess tournament get guidance from Galen Farrington (background) who had done the same in the past for the Ruidoso High School Chess Club.

rections. My thing has always been working with kids that get in trouble. We're trying to have a place for kids to go, a safe and fun place, where they can hang out.

"My theory is if a kid comes in and joins our after-school program, they get help with their home-

work, they get a snack, they sit down, unwind, and then hopefully when they leave at 6:30 in the evening, they have time to sit down around a table and have dinner with their parents."

Reading from his cell phone's display, Montez said a text message from a

mother on Monday said it all.

"Just a short word of appreciation. The Warehouse is safe and functional for kids and parents. It provides a place of extended learning opportunities for our youth."

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## TEEN SPOTLITE

Teen Spotlite features area teens that have made a difference in their community.

Jordan Hill is the next teen in the Spotlite.

Hill is currently a junior at Carrizozo High School and is the daughter of Buddy and Denise Hill.

Hill has found success in several areas at school. She is a member of both the varsity volleyball and basketball teams and was named to the All-District Basketball team.

Besides sports, Hill is a dedicated student and has made the "A" Honor Roll.

She is an active member of the National Honor Society and the Carrizozo MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) team.

Hill is involved in student council and serves as the Junior Class secretary. Another organization Hill is involved in is FFA. She has served as FFA Reporter and is on the FFA All-District Homesite team.

Community is another priority for Hill. She is involved in Junior Rotary, is an active member in her youth group at church, and works with the community food drives. Giving back is obviously a focus for Hill.

Hill credits her parents and grandparents with being positive influences in her life. She plans on attending college at



JORDAN HILL

New Mexico State University. She has narrowed her area of study down to three possibilities. Future plans include becoming a physical therapist, veterinarian or a journalist.

Hill's future certainly looks bright.

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COURTESY

The Ruidoso Middle School choir won first place at the NMAA state choir contest in Albuquerque over the weekend.

## RMS choir takes top honors

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The Ruidoso Middle School choir is tops in New Mexico.

The choir took a first place over the weekend at the New Mexico Activities Association's State Choir Contest, held at Albuquerque Academy.

"It was great," said choir instructor Danny Flores. "We've never taken our middle school kids to a state choir competition. The kids, they were ecstatic. They were so happy."

The choir competed with seven other middle schools from schools at Albuquerque, Aztec, Las Cruces and Santa Fe.

In addition, the Ruidoso High School choir placed

third in their high school division.

Choir coach Waynta Wirth said the high school honor was well deserved, with Albuquerque's Sandia Prep and West Las Vegas earning first and second place respectively.

A total of eight middle schools, and 22 high schools from around New Mexico, competed in the Feb. 26 and 27 contests.

And both the Ruidoso middle and high school choirs earned additional honors.

"The middle school and high school from Ruidoso also earned separate trophies for earning a superior rating in their classes," said Wirth.

"We are so proud of all of these 60 students who rep-

resented our school district so well."

Flores said after working and listening to the middle school choir he knew they could win the contest.

The choirs will next compete at the New Mexico Music Education Association's Southwest District Festival on March 11 at Onate High School in Las Cruces.

The results of the festival could qualify the Ruidoso school choirs for competition again at the state level next year.

The choir students will perform a concert on March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso School Performing Arts Center.

Admission to the next Tuesday's concert is \$3.

## Kindergarten registration in April

Kindergarten registration and child developmental screening will begin April 1 in Ruidoso and follow during April at other area schools.

The registration is for all children who will be five years old by Sept. 1, 2010 and will be entering the public school system.

The developmental screening is for any child, from birth to 5 years.

The screening identifies children most likely to have developmental or educational problems, according to the Region IX Education Cooperative.

The registration is done during the spring to allow for better estimates of the number of children that may be attending kindergarten in the fall.

And the spring screen-

ing allows parents to make any preparations before school starts, such as making vision or doctor appointments for children identified at the screening.

The screening is conducted by school staff and community professionals and volunteers.

The federal Child Find program is designed to locate, identify and refer children with special needs from the ages of three through 21.

For more information contact the Child Find Coordinator at Region IX Education Cooperative at the Horton Complex, 237 Service Road, in Ruidoso, or by telephone at 257-2368.

### Schedule

The 2010 spring regis-

tration for kindergarten and Child Find developmental screening dates and locations are:

Ruidoso: April 1, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center;

Capitan: April 8, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at Cummins Gymnasium;

Tularosa: April 9, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Tularosa Elementary School;

Corona: April 13, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., at the Corona schools;

Carrizozo: April 21, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Carrizozo High School Gymnasium;

Cloudfcroft: April 22, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., at Cloudfcroft Elementary;

Hondo Valley: April 30, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., at the Multi-Purpose Room on the Hondo campus.

### EDUCATION BRIEFS

#### NMSU Dean's List

A Capitan student attending the College of Engineering at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces was included on the Dean's Honor List for the fall, 2009 semester.

Alejandro Licon was in the top 15 percent of the student body at the college.

To get the award of excellence in academic

achievement a student must have a grade point average of 3.8 or better during the semester.

The Dean's Honor List is based on the academic achievements.

#### ENMU-Roswell list

Three Ruidoso-area students were named to the Dean's List at Eastern New Mexico University-

Roswell, for the fall 2009 semester.

Jason M. Brillante and Jose Ramirez, of Ruidoso Downs, made the grade.

So did Leticia Vazquez, of Hondo.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.25 or higher grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

From reports

# Supportive tree care rooted in common myths

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Most homeowners treasure the trees on their property but know little about how to care for them.

Experts with the non-profit International Society of Arboriculture, dedicated to supporting tree care research and education around the world, say much of what is heard about tree care is incorrect, based on myths and misconceptions.

Here are the Top 10 myths of tree care:

• **MYTH #1:** When a tree is planted, it should be securely staked to ensure the development of a stable root system and a strong trunk.

Although it is sometimes necessary to stake trees to keep them upright and allow establishment, some adverse effects can occur. Compared to staked trees, unstaked trees tend to develop a more extensive root system and better trunk taper.

Allowing a small amount of movement can help root and trunk development. The worst effect of staking is the possibility of trunk damage from the staking wires or ties.

Staking materials usually should be removed after one year to avoid "girdling" the tree.

• **MYTH #2:** Newly planted trees should have their trunks wrapped with tree wrap to prevent sunscald and insect entry. Studies using most common tree wraps have shown that they do not prevent extreme fluctuations

in temperature on the bark. In some cases, the temperature extremes are worse. Also, tree wraps have proven ineffective in preventing insect entry. Some insects like to burrow under it.

• **MYTH #3:** Trees should be pruned back heavily when they are planted to compensate for the loss of roots. Tree establishment is best with unpruned trees.

Although pruning the top can reduce the amount of water that evaporates from the leaves, the tree needs a full crown to produce the much-needed food and the plant hormones that induce root growth. The tree will develop a stronger, more extensive root system if it has a fuller crown.

Limit pruning at the time of planting to structural training and the removal of damaged branches.

• **MYTH #4:** When removing a branch from a tree, the final cut should be flush with the stem to optimize healing. Trees don't "heal" in the sense that wounds on people heal. Human bodies regenerate tissues in much the same form of the tissues that were removed, to a limited extent.

Trees compartmentalize wounds, generating wound wood over the wounded area. Flush cutting removes the "branch collar," creating a larger wound than if the branch were removed outside the collar. Also, it is likely that some of the parent branch tissue will be removed. The



spread of decay inside the tree is greater with flush cuts.

• **MYTH #5:** Pruning wounds greater than three inches in diameter should be painted with a wound dressing. Research has shown that the common wound dressings do not inhibit decay, do not prevent insect entry, and do not bring about faster wound closure. Many of the commonly used dressings slow wound closure.

• **MYTH #6:** Certain fast-growing, weak-wooded trees, such as silver maple and Siberian elm, should be "topped" to make them less hazardous in the landscape.

While topping these trees may reduce the potential hazard at first, they will likely be more dangerous in the future. Topping stimulates growth of twigs below the cuts. Growth of many vigorous shoots leads to branches with weak attachments.

Decay also spreads inside the stubs and branches that were topped.

Within two to five years after topping, the tree will have regained its height, but will be more hazardous than before the topping and the tree may be less attractive. Alternatives to topping include thinning, cabling or removal and replacement with a more suitable species.

• **MYTH #7:** If certain species of trees are pruned early in the spring, they will "bleed," stressing the tree and causing health problems. True, some trees such as maples and birches will "bleed" or lose sap from pruning cuts made early in the spring. This bleeding does not hurt the tree, and the loss of sap is inconsequential.

With a few exceptions, most routine pruning can be done any time of year. The worst time is just as the tree has leafed out in the spring.

The best time is when the tree is dormant. To maximize flowering for the following year, prune just after bloom this year.

• **MYTH #8:** The root system of a tree is a mirror image of the top. Many people envision a large, branching taproot growing deep into the soil. In reality, taproots are very uncommon in mature trees.

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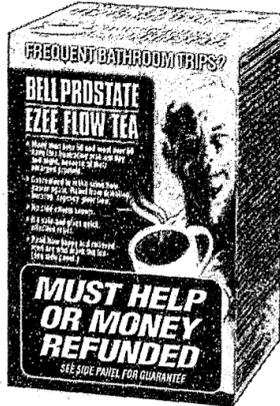
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## Road improvements scheduled.

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Besides Paradise Canyon and Country Club Drive, roads in Indian Hills, Highlands subdivision and Unit I of White Mountain Meadows are scheduled to see some improvements this year.

Street Department Director J. R. Baumann received permission from village councilors at their meeting last week to change the use of state cooperative money after it was reduced, because mandated budget cuts to the State Department of Transportation.

### Funding cut

Baumann said the money was going to be used for chip sealing projects across the village, but when 25 percent was sliced, about \$45,000, it left only \$34,000 from the state and \$11,000 of in-kind services from the village.

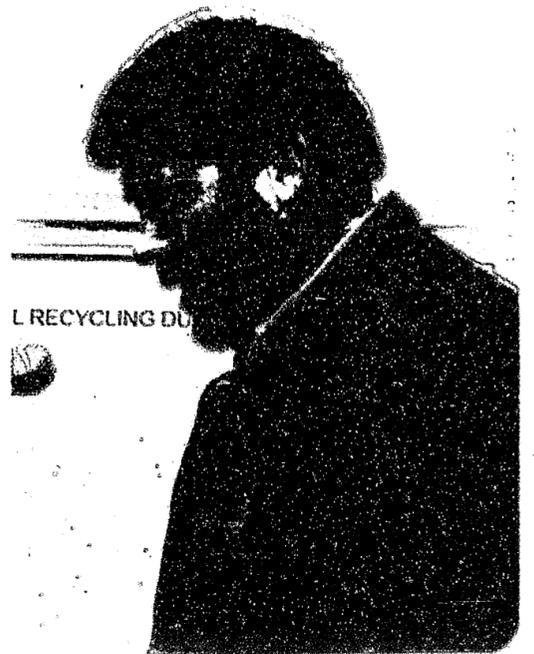
The director said he'd prefer to use that money to begin needed work in White Mountain Meadows Unit I.

"Where Mr. Cory lives," jabbed Councilor Jim Stoddard in reference to Councilor Greg Cory, who is leaving the board and did not seek a second term.

"He's the one person I didn't know where he lived, but now I do," Baumann replied.

### Stimulus funds

The director explained that the American Restoration and Reinvestment Act will cover the \$252,000 required for an overlay on Paradise Canyon, the road torn up the most extensively by winter storms and driving.



**Baumann: "What we're looking at is Country Club, Indian Hills and the Highlands subdivisions. Country Club has deteriorated badly."**

That freed up state money from the Municipal Arterial Program that also was reduced from \$250,000 to \$196,000, not enough for Paradise, but adequate to use for chip sealing some other roads.

Chip seal is a rock/oil mixture used as a less expensive alternative to asphalt.

### DOT agrees

Baumann said state DOT officials are in agreement with the change.

"What we're looking at is Country Club, Indian Hills and the Highlands subdivisions," he said. "Country Club has deteriorated badly and I am trying to

keep what we have by maintaining them."

He will be back next month with the results of a bid opening for Paradise that was scheduled for last Friday. Once begun, the project should be wrapped up in one day, Baumann said.

### Bridges targeted

Councilors approved the road project change and an expansion of the scope of \$175,000 set aside for one Upper Canyon bridge restoration to be used toward the permanent replacements for First and Second bridges.

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# Tourism director Tally's contract extended

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To align the village director of tourism contract with the municipal fiscal year, Ruidoso councilors approved an amendment to extend Steve Tally's agreement through June 30.

When the contract comes up for renewal, they asked Cindi Davis, chairman of the village Lodgers Tax Committee, to propose a performance-based bonus for Tally tied to whatever increase occurs in lodgers tax collections.

Davis told councilors this is the third contract renewal with Tally without an increase and that he complied with goals set by the LTC to bring some activities in-house, improving efficiencies and reducing the amount of money paid to an outside marketing firm, TKO Advertising.

She estimated the savings at nearly \$100,000 and based on that figure and his added responsibilities, committee members were recommending an increase in his salary from \$60,000 to \$66,000.

With the saved money, more dollars were used to augment media placements. In 2007, \$168,000 went to advertising and

other media exposures for the village.

This year, the amount increased to \$263,000, she said. Davis pointed out that the committee budgeted a raise in the last renewal, but it was not approved.

Councilor Greg Cory asked how lodgers tax collections are going this fiscal year and Davis said they are "a hair down," primarily because Christmas fell on a weekend, cutting down the length of holiday visits in the tourist town.

"But we had such phenomenal snow this year, I think we will reap the benefits in February and March. Spring break is almost sold out and the snow keeps coming."

Village Manager Debi Lee said in her mid-year adjustments, she increased the projected revenue from lodgers tax for the 2009-2010 fiscal year ending June 30, from \$1,050,000 to \$1,208,500.

"So TKO is getting less money now as their duties are moved to Steve?" Cory asked.

Davis said that was the plan and when the new request for proposals goes out this year for professional purchasing services, marketing companies will be able to bid on compo-

nents such as creative designs.

"Right now there is no incentive to get the best price when you're on a percentage commission," she said. "Steve looks for incentives such as national ads on fast action availability. His office is at the Visitors Center and he uses that staff and he hears directly from tourists."

Councilor Michele Rebstock said while she's pleased the savings was better than anticipated, she recalled that the transfer of duties and resulting savings was Tally's goal for the year when his contract was last renewed. "Ten percent is a pretty grand increase when employees are not getting a raise," she said. "I support a performance-based bonus based on the fiscal year, not the calendar year."

When the legality of bonuses was questioned, Village Attorney Dan Bryant said there is no simple answer to the question. "You can't do bonuses, because you can't increase someone's pay for work already done, but in 30 out of 35 attorney general's opinions, they found a way," he said. "I just finished an opinion for Otero County and it goes over

CINDI DAVIS AND STEVE TALLY



what factors the state looks at."

Village Manager Debi Lee said Tally has done a "great job," and she assigned him under the supervision of Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager, because tourism overlaps with many of her responsibilities.

Lee agreed about aligning the contract with the village's fiscal year and said that can be accomplished by simply extending the contract 120 days through June 30.

At the end of the meeting, she was scheduled to present a recommendation for employee raises, "and I don't want you to think it has to be one or the other," she said. "He's on contract and that's different, but employees don't see it that way."

Rebstock pointed out that other village consultants on contract were not increased this year.

Davis contended the salary hike essentially is shifting money from TKO to Tally for an increased

workload. "I'm sure you're aware that we're very particular with our budget," she told councilors.

Councilor Ron Harde-man said Davis made a good point. "It is increased responsibility and a change in job description," he said.

But Councilor Don Williams still had reservations. "The intent of coming up with a tourism director was to decrease that money (to TKO) and he did his job," the councilor said.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

# County manager to address complaints over new positions

Veteran employees unhappy with two high-paying positions, appraiser claims

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Complaints by long-time Lincoln County employees about the "high" salaries proposed for two new technical staff positions, prompted the county manager to schedule a discussion at the next county commission meeting.

Writing on behalf of employees he contended were afraid of jeopardizing their jobs to speak out, Chief Appraiser Walter Hill, a 19-year county employee, told commissioners in his Feb. 19 letter that the hirings are damaging the morale of long-term employees.

Hill wrote that the first high paying position of inventory clerk was approved at a pay scale much higher than many long-time employees, and now a second, assistant GIS/Rural addresser, was created also with higher pay.

He reflected on the history of the rural addressing

system, a job he said began as a temporary position, but now is full-time and takes three persons to handle properties that frequently are readdresses multiple times, making him, "wonder about the competency or our current Geographic Information Services/Rural Addressing staff."

When one employee was promoted without a raise, because of budget constraints, while two new positions were added at high salaries, illustrates the inequities, he contended. He asked each commissioner to look into the employee pay scale, length of service and positions for discrepancies.

He ended with, "I would also like to ask you what is more important, compensating and taking care of the county employees that have given years of faithful service to the county or creating more higher paying positions?"

### Training valuable

Contacted Friday, County Manager Tom Stewart said, "If you want quality people, you need to pay a half decent wage." The peo-

ple hired must be certified in specialty programs and individuals without that certification would cost the county time and money to obtain the necessary training and credentials, he

said. "I will put it on the commission agenda and let's discuss it," Stewart said. "I need people who can hit the ground running, not just out of high school."

The new positions also serve multiple functions, he said.

No one he is aware of on staff now could meet the qualifications, he said. The new credentials will move

the county to a much more sophisticated and efficient approach to inventory, addressing and related functions, he contended.

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New Mexico Lottery CEO Tom Romero (right) presents Club Gas owner Shane Barnett with a ceremonial \$10,000 check for being the location that sold a Hot Lotto ticket in January worth \$3.54 million.

## Lucky in the state lottery – it sure is a gas

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Ruidoso's Club Gas convenience store is now a "Lucky Landmark."

The New Mexico lottery added the convenience store to their landmark designation on Tuesday. And the day was indeed lucky for Club Gas, which

received a \$10,000 check for selling the Jan. 16 Hot Lotto ticket that made a Ruidoso couple \$2.24 million richer.

The retired couple, who shared their fortunes with their two daughters, opted for a single payment instead of \$3.54 million spread over 29 years.

New Mexico Lottery CEO Tom Romero presented the \$10,000

check to Club Gas co-owners Shane Barnett and Crystal Campbell along with a Lucky Landmark plaque.

"Club Gas has been an outstanding New Mexico Lottery partner," said Romero. "Since 1998, the store and its employees have helped bring good fortune to many people while raising money so that more New Mexicans can

attend college and achieve a better quality of life."

Revenues from the sale of lottery tickets in New Mexico fund a tuition-assistance program for residents attending the state's public colleges and universities.

Retailers are eligible for bonuses for selling jackpot-winning tickets. The highest bonus is \$50,000 for selling a jackpot Powerball

ticket.

All New Mexico Lottery retailers earn a six percent commission on ticket sales and a one percent bonus for redeeming prize-winning tickets of up to \$600.

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### Ski Report

**Ski Apache**  
The snow resort is open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You may call 464-1234 for the latest ski report and information. The ski report is culled from www.ski-apaches-nowreport.com  
Tickets: Season passes are normally available by phone at 464-3600.  
New snow past 48 hrs.: 4 inches  
Season total: 178 inches  
Weather for Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 54, West wind between 5 and 10 mph. Wednesday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 32. Southwest wind around 5 mph.  
Weather for Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Thursday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 32. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
Current conditions: Excellent  
Mid-mountain snow depth: 55 inches  
Snow surface: Powder, machine groomed  
Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, East Easy Street, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Lower Deep Freeze, Ramp, SBT, Snow Park, Capitan Life, Smokey Bear, Chino, Meadows, Geronimo, The Face, Part of Apache Bowl, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Game Trail, Top Notch, and Elk Lift Line.  
Groomers Pick: Elk Lift Line  
Lifts open: No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7 open Saturday, Sunday and holidays and No. 8. Gondola is open Friday through Sundays and holidays.  
Snowmaking: No

### Results

**Boys Basketball**  
Friday, Feb. 26  
Mountainair 61, Carrizozo 57  
Saturday, Feb. 27  
Mountainair 55, Hondo 48

**Girls Basketball**  
Thursday, Feb. 25  
Capitan 56, Lordsburg 54  
Saturday, Feb. 27  
Hondo 52, Corona 45  
Tatum 58, Mesquero 32  
Tularosa 48, Capitan 34

### Sports On Tap

**Basketball - State Play**  
**Boys**  
Saturday, March 6  
Ruidoso (#16) at Hope Christian Academy (#1), 6 p.m.  
Hondo (D-7 Runner-up) at Tatum (D-8 Champs), 6 p.m.

**Girls**  
Friday, March 5  
Ruidoso (#14) at Pojoaque (#3), 7 p.m.  
Mesquero (D-8 Runner-up) at Hondo (D-7 Champs), 6 p.m.  
Capitan (D-5 Runner-up) at Texico (D-8 Champs), 6 p.m.

### On Deck

**Co-Ed Volleyball**  
The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Dept. will have the Auxiliary Horton gym (old Middle School) open for volleyball on Mondays and Wednesdays through March 10. It counts for anyone who signed up in the "Walk in the Woods" fitness program and it's free. For info call 257-5030.

**RHS Golf**  
The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association, in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the first of six scrambles at Cree Meadows Golf Course on March 14. The event will begin at 1 p.m. For more info or to sign up call 257-5815.

**Chee Family Fundraiser**  
Gina Chee and family will be hosting the 14th Annual March Madness Basketball Tournament on March 26-28 at the Ruidoso Middle School gym. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit Gina's husband, Abraham Chee, Sr., who remains in a Lubbock hospital. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated by the family. A trademark may be applied to the tournament T-shirts for donations given. For further info call Gina Chee at 464-3197.

**Ski Apache Events**  
March 7: Sunday, Hot Chocolate Cup, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on East Easy Street for the members of the Ski Apache Kids Club.  
March 10: Wednesday, Adaptive Ski Program Race, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Easy Street.  
March 17: Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day Fun Event-Food, Events, Race, All Day. For info, call 464-3600.



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Kristi Gensler pumped in 23 points for Corona.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Christian Guillen goes for two in Hondo's 55-48 loss.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Alicia Nieto was high scorer of the game with 24.

## Hondo girls win back-to-back district titles; boys get runner-up

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*Lady Eagles win a closely fought battle over Corona while the Eagles are unable to overcome Mountainair*

Saturday evening saw some tough hardwood competition between the Corona Lady Cardinals and the Hondo girls with the Lady Eagles defeating the visitors at the end, 52-45, and winning back-to-back District 7-1A titles.

The boys' team wasn't as fortunate, going down to defeat at the hands of the Mountainair Mustangs, 55-48.

### Hondo-Corona Girls

The Hondo/Corona girls' game

was nip-and-tuck throughout until the very end.

The first quarter concluded with the Lady Eagles on top, 7-6, and with 1:52 left on the clock in the second quarter both teams were knotted at 12. In the remaining

seconds the Hondo girls edged ahead and took a 17-14 lead into the locker rooms.

The third period of play saw more of the same as the Lady Eagles maintained their 3-point lead, 33-30, going into the last

quarter. Towards the end of the game, the Lady Eagles were able to stretch their advantage to 7 points, thereby winning their second consecutive district championship.

Saturday's district title game marked the third time both these teams had played each other this season with the Hondo girls coming out ahead all three times.

The Lady Eagles had an exemplary year, going 19-8 overall with a superb, unblemished record in district play at 9-0 under the tutelage of head coach Brad Holland.

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## Champion Brenda Beautiful to be retired

TY WYANT  
For the Ruidoso News

R.D. Hubbard and Johnny T.L. Jones Jr.'s homebred Brenda Beautiful, the 2008 champion 2-year-old filly, has been retired from racing and will be bred to Favorite Trick (tb).

A daughter of Feature Mr Jess and the Dash For Cash daughter My Dashing Lady, Brenda Beautiful's final start was a third place finish in the \$50,000 KOFX Handicap on Jan. 30 at Sunland Park.

She now resides at Hubbard's Crystal Springs Farm in Tularosa, New Mexico.

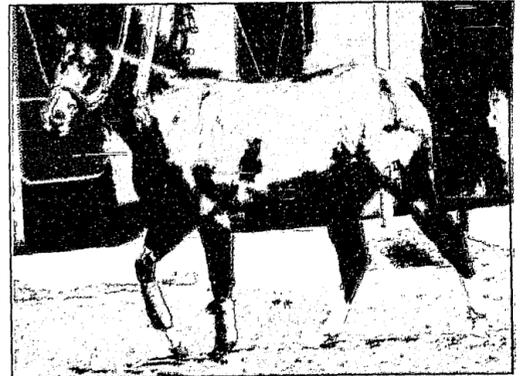
Brenda Beautiful secured her championship with a 3-race winning streak during the fall of her juvenile season. Those Zia Park wins included the Grade 1, \$300,000 Southwest Juvenile Championship and the Grade 2 Hobbs America Futurity.

The bay filly returned last year to finish third in the Grade 3 Hobbs America Derby. She also qualified

for the Grade 1 All American Derby and the Grade 1 Ruidoso Derby.

Brenda Beautiful retired with earnings of \$337,176 and four wins from 13 career starts.

In 2008, Brenda Beautiful's dam My Dashing Lady was named the broodmare of the year and her half-brother Noconi, winner of the 2008 All American Derby, was honored as champion 3-year-old gelding by the American Quarter Horse Association.



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Brenda Beautiful will be bred to Favorite Trick (tb).

## RUIDOSO GYMNASTICS



COURTESY

In the state gymnastic competitions at Belen, Feb. 26-28, in the 9-year-old division, Level 4, Carson Vasile placed 5th overall in the 9A group. Isabel Martinez placed 6th overall and Nina Herrera placed 4th overall in the 9C group. Calli Patterson placed 9th overall in the 9D group.

## CORONA LITTLE DRIBBLERS

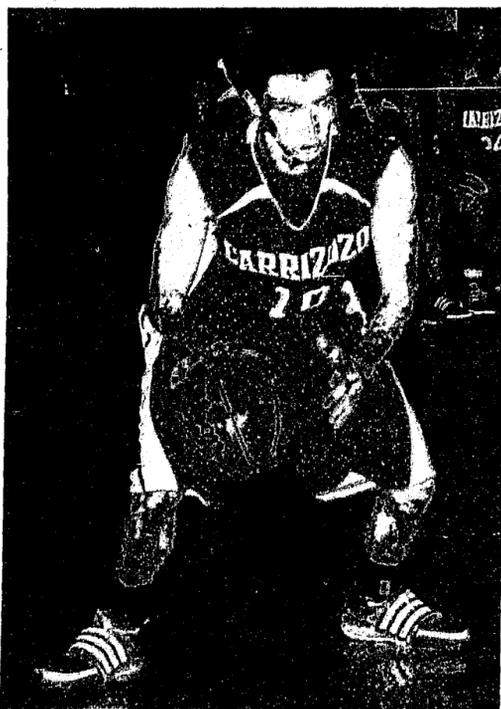


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The Corona Little Dribblers are 4-2 this season and are comprised of 5th-6th graders aged 10-12. Back row, l-r, Payton Dunsworth, Hannah Gage, Haleigh Erramouspe, Kendra Maldonado and Montana Mulkey. Front row, Angelina Romero, Jessica Leibold, Saige Bell and Aubrey Brandenberger. Not pictured, Lacie Montell. Coaches are Joseph Erramouspe and Rick Gage.

# CARRIZOZO ENDS BASKETBALL SEASON

# CAPITAN



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Daniel Hernandez plays his last game of the 2009-10 season.



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Mark Vigil was announced as first team D-7 in Hondo Saturday.



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Jamie Fields and her Capitan team lost to Tularosa Saturday, 48-34, making them the D-5 runners-up.

## HONDO

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"Needless to say, I'm very proud of the girls," Holland said. "They worked hard all year, and improved game by game. Their commitment and dedication has paid off and I believe we're headed in the right direction as we advance into the first round of state playoff action Friday. We still need to make more lay-ups and take care of the ball better. We were a little careless at certain points in the Corona game."

The Lady Cardinals had a good year going 13-5 and 7-3. This is a talented Corona squad and the intensity of the action on the hardwood proves that assertion.

Alicia Nieto for the Lady Eagles was high scorer in the game with 24 points, while her teammate Selena Chavez also hit double-digits with 10.

For the Lady Cardinals, Kristi Gensler, No. 34, was always in the thick of things under the baskets and scored 23 points for the night. Taylor Huey contributed to the Corona cause with 11.

By winning the District



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lady Eagles win back-to-back District-7 titles.

7 crown the Lady Eagles will entertain District 8 runner-up Mescalero (16-9, 5-3) Friday at 6 p.m.

"Against Mescalero we had better take care of the ball and get up and down the floor quickly," Holland said. "Steve Baker and his girls will pressure us across the hardwood, they always do. They have depth and can go five-in and five-out."

Hondo and Mescalero have played each other twice before this season, on Nov. 23 and Jan. 4, in home-and-home games. The Lady Chiefs won both contests.

### Hondo-Mustang Boys

The Hondo Eagles had

the week off before Saturday's game with Mountainair. Conversely, the Mustangs had earned a tough 61-57 victory over Carrizozo Friday.

You would expect Mountainair to be tired but the Eagles played a little sluggish themselves with Hondo taking a 7-6 advantage at the end of the first quarter of play. In the last second of play in the second quarter the score was knotted, 19-19, as Mountainair sank a 2-pointer as the half-ending buzzer sounded for a 21-19 lead.

By the close of the third period of play nothing much changed as the Mustangs clung to a 35-34

advantage before the visitors were able to pull away at the end and win by seven.

For the Eagles, Raymond Mantaño had a game-high 21 points.

The Hondo/Mountainair boys contest mimicked the earlier girls game in multiple ways. Both games were intense, closely fought and were ultimately decided by seven points.

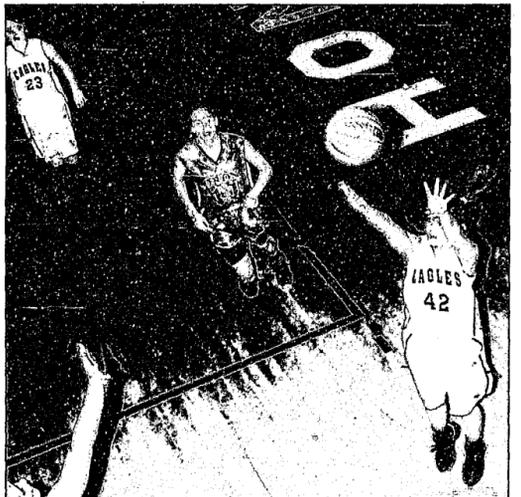
With Saturday's loss, Hondo now goes to 14-8 overall and 7-2 in district action.

The District 7 runner-up Eagles will now have to travel to District 8 champion Tatum Saturday for a 6 p.m. face-off.



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The 2009-10 Hondo boys team was the District-7 runner-up.



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Stephanie Gomez takes an outside shot.

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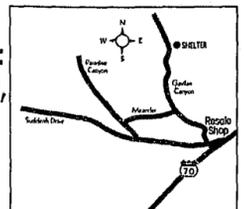
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The New Mexico State FFA Career Development Event (judging) season is officially open.

FFA chapters from schools across the state attended Feb. 13 judging contest workshops at NMSU in Las Cruces followed by the year's first CDE in T or C hosted by Hot Springs High School.

Saturday, March 6, an expected 900-1,000 FFA members will descend on Carrizozo for the annual judging hosted by the Carrizozo FFA. Since 1972, the Carrizozo contest has been one of the largest contests in the state. If the turnout at Hot Springs was an indicator, FFA Advisor Mike Gaines thinks this year in Carrizozo will be even bigger.

A general assembly will be held at 8 a.m. in the high school gymnasium followed by a full day of judging in 16 different contests. Contests for the event are Livestock, Pasture and Range, Wool, Crops, Landscape Design, Agricultural Mechanics, Entomology, Farm Business

Management, Wildlife, Forestry, Floriculture, Horticulture Produce, Horse, Land, Homesite and Dairy Foods. Floriculture was added to the roster as new contest in Carrizozo this year.

The event takes dozens of volunteers to make it happen. From registration to closing, moving hundreds of FFA members through the contests, overseeing each step of each contest, providing material, equipment, livestock and assistance is a true community effort. Carrizozo chapter members usually don't participate in their CDE as they are assigned to work the contests along with the volunteers.

CDE contests for March are scheduled in Las Cruces, Roswell, Texas Tech, Quemado, and Portales. The season runs through early April, ending with the state contest at NMSU in Las Cruces April 6-9. Lincoln County has teams competing from schools in Corona, Capitan, Carrizozo and Hondo.

### Hot Springs results

Note: Team scores are a total of all team members

and a full team is four members. Often scores are low because a team was not a full team or a team member was unable to finish a contest due to time constraints.

**Ag. Mechanics** (24 teams) (number before school indicates placing)

10. Carrizozo Team #1: Fernando Najera, Casey Vega, Don Myers, Kenny Vega;

18. Capitan: Josh Hernandez, Layne Southard, Forrest Sweat;

27. Carrizozo Team #2: Kylie Gaines, Arturo Najera;

Individual scores: (103 competing) 17. Kenny Vega 23. Fernando Najera 26. Kylie Gaines

**Crops** (16 teams)

3. Carrizozo: Kylie Gaines, Johnathan Smith, Lauren Smith

Individual (49 competing): 9. Lauren Smith; 11. Kylie Gaines

**Entomology** (8 teams)

7. Carrizozo: Fernando Najera, Johnathan Smith

Individual (23 competing) 7. Fernando Najera

**Homesite** (7 teams)

6. Carrizozo: Tanner Huston, Stefan Najar Individual (21 compet-



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FFA students judge a small herd of young bulls as part of the Livestock Contest at the annual Career Development Event hosted by the Carrizozo FFA Chapter.

ing): 8. Tanner Huston 9. Stefan Najar

**Horse** (22 teams)

4. Capitan: Royce Black, Taylor Preston, Kirsten Wilson

8. Carrizozo: Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Arturo Najera, Marshal Wilson

Individual (68 competing): 3. Royce Black 19. Kirsten Wilson 22. Marshal

Wilson

**Livestock** (26 teams)

9. Carrizozo: Joel Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Marshal Wilson

16. Capitan: Jenna Cleckler, Christian Sweat, Forrest Sweat

Individual (79 competing): 13. Marshal Wilson 22. Shayna Gallacher

**Wildlife** (35 teams)

18. Capitan: Royce

Black, Layne Southard, Kaydn Traylor, Jnae Wood

3. Capitan Team #1: Jenna Cleckler, Christian Sweat, Kirsten Wilson, Jnae Wood

8. Capitan Team #2: Forrest Sweat

Individual (27 competing): 4. Jenna Cleckler 10. Jnae Wood 11. Kirsten Wilson.

## Street Fair scholarship apps due

The Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair reminds people about its continuing education scholarship program for Carrizozo area residents.

A total of \$2,000 in scholarships will be given in May to residents continuing their education.

Applicants must have a Carrizozo address and must have graduated from high school or have a GED.

They must be planning to attend or already be attending a community college, trade school, technical school, university, etc.

Applications should include two letters of recommendation and a statement of personal goals.

Grade point averages are required information but are not a deciding factor.

The Carrizozo Street Fair Committee is interested in helping individuals who are hard workers and are serious about continuing their education.

Previous students who were awarded the scholarships are invited to submit new applications if they still have financial needs to further their education.

### Honor nominations

The Carrizozo Street Fair Committee is also interested in honoring teachers and/or people who have made a difference in the life of a Carrizozo student.

Anyone can nominate this person with a brief explanation of how they were special.

Community support has been very generous in making the Carrizozo Street Fair scholarship program a success. A special thanks is extended to those who have purchased birdhouses and to those who participated in the fundraiser motor cycle rally last year.

The call inviting folks to put their artistic talents to work creating unique birdhouses will again this year

be made in the near future.

However, the Carrizozo Street Fair Committee is wondering whether there should be a different item made to support scholarships.

If you have an opinion, idea or suggestions on this, they are welcome. Let JLane Zamora know what they are at 937-7721.

For more information on the Carrizozo Street Fair, call Zamora at 575-937-7721 or check the Street Fair Web site at www.carrizozostreetfair.org.

A scholarship application can be downloaded from the Web site or picked up in person at the Carrizozo Schools, City Bank, La BrewJa, Four Winds Rest-aurant or Roy's Ice Cream Parlor.

Applications for scholarships as well as the special teacher/person nominations are due April 1.

Both should be mailed to P.O. Box 644, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

## You never know who you will see

It is the first day of March with high flying clouds and a little breezy. Yesterday the winds were terrible. It is suppose to warm up some this week.

The Partners of the Lincoln Foundation are having their meeting the third of March. Their new officers are President David Vigil, Vice President Gary Stilwell, Treasurer Bev Strauser and Secretary Carolyn Chrisman.

Dick Adams will be the registered agent and be part of the Board of Directors.

Planning will be done on upcoming events in Lincoln. The group needs to raise funds for the Lincoln State Monument.

Some of the fundraising events that will be

discussed are the Fandango, Art in the Orchard and Old Lincoln Days.

There will be a chairman for each of the different activities. It will

be another busy spring and summer for the group.

The meeting will be at the Dolan House at 4 p.m.

You never know who you will see when you are shopping or going out to eat.

We attended the meeting of the Las Cruces City Council recently. A young policeman came up to Ralph and said, "You don't remember me, but I am the son of Ted and Lois Clements."

The La Placita will have a Spin-Weave-Dyeing workshop April 11 and April 18. There may be

other handiwork workshop for skills such as knitting and crocheting.

Both days will have the programs. For more information, call 575-653-4274.

It is also the same weekend for the Creative Memories retreat.

Then we were at the La Posta with our family and a voice said, "Hello Rosalie."

It was not the best of lighting and with my dark glasses on I couldn't recognize her. It was Aimee Hobbs and her little girl Kathleen.

What a pretty girl Kathleen is with her long, blonde, curly hair.

For such a preemie baby, she is such a little doll. What a good mother she had. Kathleen's father is Lloyd Hobbs of Glencoe. I know he is one proud father. Bobbie and Cheri Hobbs are the paternal grandparents.



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## COUNTY BRIEFS

### Grizzly News

Anyone that would like to volunteer to help with the FFA judging Saturday, March 6, call Mike Gaines at 575-648-2346.

### Athlete awards

Congratulations to the following Grizzly basketball athletes: All District: Jordan Hill, Ashley Ventura, Lena Reyes,

Daniel Hernandez, Cody Ventura, Mark Vigil Honorable Mention: Alexa Borowski, Dakota Lovelace and Marshall Ventura.

### MESA

Congratulations to the following MESA team members for their success at the MESA Regional Design Competition:

### Middle School re-

sults: Johnathan Smith would have been third out of 12 teams in On-Site Math, and fourth in Prepared Robotics out of 12 but he was disqualified for being an "individual" participant instead of a team.

Rylah Zamora and Tiffany Vega were ninth out of 10 teams in PrePrepared Roller Coaster.

### High School results:

Carrizozo was fourth in On-Site Math out of eight teams, third in On-Site Surprise out of eight teams, third in Prepared Robotics out of nine teams, and second in Wind Energy out of six teams.

High School teams were Lauren Smith, Jenna Schartz, Chelsea LaMay, Austin Howard, Dakota Lovelace, Destiny Dutch-

over, Arturo Najera, Fernando Najera, McKenna Sandoval and Kylie Gaines

On any other year 1st-3rd place would get to go compete at the state tournament.

This year due to budget cuts, only the first place team in each event will get to go.

### First Friday

First Friday event at the Capitan Library will be March 5 at 7 p.m.

The program will be the story of Jim Beckwourth, brought to life by Edward Wallace in a Chautauqua performance.

Beckwourth was a trapper, trader, soldier, scout, explorer and a chief of the

Crow Nation.

He discovered what is now Beckwourth Pass in the northern Sierra Nevada mountains, co-founded Pueblo, Colo., and owned a hotel in Santa Fe during the Taos uprising.

Edward Wallace has worked as an "extra" in movies and is a volunteer at El Rancho De Las Golondrinas.

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# DWI x 2 for Cloudfcroft man Dolan case to Supreme Court

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A Cloudfcroft man was arrested twice on drunk driving charges within a 14-hour time frame at the end of last weekend.

New Mexico State Police officers were alerted through a Drunk Busters hotline call of a wrong-way driver traveling westbound on U.S. Highway 70 west of Roswell shortly after 8 p.m. Sunday.

Officers located William Cook, 36, parked in the median of the roadway between Riverside and Roswell at 8:19 p.m.

Police learned that Cook had been traveling on the wrong side of the divided highway long enough in his pick-up truck to nearly collide head-on with an off duty Roswell Police detective as well as other vehicles in the eastbound lanes.

Following sobriety tests, Cook was arrested and transported to the district State Police office in Roswell where a breathalyzer test put Cook's breath alcohol level at .31, nearly four times the legal limit.

After being booked into the Chaves County Detention Center, Cook was released after daybreak Monday.

Police were soon notified by Rudy's Towing Service in Roswell that a man had

taken Cook's impounded pick-up truck.

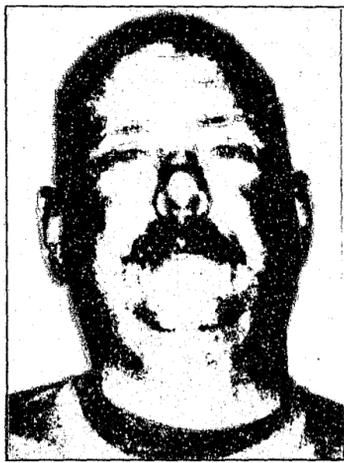
Shortly before 10 a.m. the vehicle was located once again parked along U.S. Highway 70, this time just west of Roswell, with Cook reportedly passed out.

Cook was again arrested and given another breathalyzer test, which registered an alcohol level of .35, more than four times the legal limit.

Cook was returned to the Chaves County Detention Center, with new charges of DWI, driving on a revoked or suspended license and for having an open container of alcohol in the truck. A report stated an officer found an open bottle of vodka that was nearly empty.

The two DWI arrests were Cook's third and fourth drunk driving charges in less than one year.

Last July, Cook was arrested by a State Police officer in Lincoln County, and charged with aggravated DWI, having an open container in a vehicle, and speeding. He was convicted



William Cook

and ordered to pay \$883 in fines and court costs.

Placed on supervised probation for one year, Cook was also ordered by Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor to not possess or consume any alcohol, not to drive until properly licensed, report for alcohol screening and follow possible treatment requirements, attend DWI school, and perform 24 hours of community service by March 20.

Cook also has an aggravated DWI case pending in Magistrate Court in Portales, after a Sept. 2009 arrest. A plea and disposition hearing in that case had been scheduled for Feb. 25, 2010, but was continued.

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A more than \$100,000 restitution case, arising from a brutal fight on the Mescalero Apache Reservation in Sept. 2006, has a date set for arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The high court has docketed the proceedings for April 20.

Brian Russell Dolan had picked up another tribal member who was hitchhiking, and the two got into a fight where the victim was seriously injured. The victim's medical bills, paid at the federal government's expense, added up to \$104,649.78.

After Dolan pleaded guilty to assault resulting in serious bodily injury, he was sentenced to 21 months in prison. Later the federal district court in New Mexico ordered that Dolan repay the medical expenses, citing the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act (MVRA).

The Dolan defense argued before the district court that the restitution order was improper because it was entered too late, after a statutory deadline in MVRA had passed. And Dolan added that \$250 per month was more than he could afford.

Both the district court

and the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the arguments. In its review, the appeals court conceded, the district court's restitution order was late. But the panel ruled a tardy restitution order is not an invalid one.

"We are unsure whether Congress has authorized us to excuse a defendant from the obligation to pay restitution for offenses covered by the MRVA," the appeals court wrote last year.

Delays in receiving an accounting of the victim's medical expenses were cited in going past a maximum 90-day period between sentencing and setting restitution.

In a just-filed brief, Dolan's attorney argues the MVRA "does not give district courts free-ranging power to impose restitution indefinitely. (The) time limit cannot be disregarded by a district court when - as here - it has been properly invoked by a defen-

dant." U.S. Justice Department attorneys have until March 26 to respond. But in a previous brief an assistant Attorney General wrote that the court of appeals noted Dolan made no effort to show that he was prejudiced by the district court's delay in imposing restitution, and under the same circumstances seven courts of appeal have held MRVA's timeline does not preclude the delayed entry of a restitution award.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals recognized that the intent was to award restitution in all cases and that the 90-day time limit was inserted by Congress to "protect crime victims from the willful dissipation of defendants' assets," not to protect defendants. But two earlier court of appeals decisions concluded a restitution order imposed more than 90 days after sentencing was untimely and invalid.

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## Gun stolen

The service weapon of a Ruidoso police officer was stolen Monday night, possibly by a teenager.

New Mexico State Police were called in to investigate a robbery at 11:12 p.m., according to an incident log.

A state police report said the gun belonging to Corporal Aaron Frost was taken from a vehicle in a residential neighborhood of the village. The missing weapon was entered into the National Crime Information Center database, a computerized system that has criminal justice information including stolen properties.

Interim Ruidoso Police Chief Dick Swenor said the gun was recovered Tuesday morning and a 17-year old man nabbed. The NCIC posting was removed. Swenor said the break-in involved a privately owned vehicle, not a police car.

Charges were pending in the case. Swenor said investigators were speaking with the district attorney's office on Tuesday.

- Jim Kalvelage

## DWI rollover

A Roswell man was severely injured Sunday in a rollover that police said involved drunk driving.

Bob Brown, 51, was taken by an air ambulance to University Medical Center of El Paso (formerly Thomason Hospital), following the single vehicle incident on U.S. Highway 380, between Lincoln and Hondo.

New Mexico State Police were notified of the accident at 7:21 p.m. A report stated that Brown's pick-up truck was westbound on the highway when it hit a guardrail, overturned, rolled several times, coming to rest in the roadway. The driver was ejected during the incident. Police said was likely Brown was not wearing his seat belt. Information about Brown's condition was unavailable.

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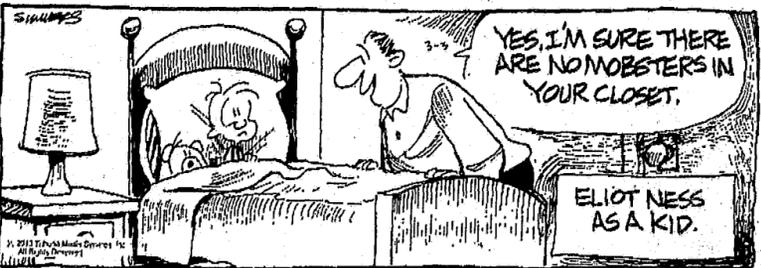
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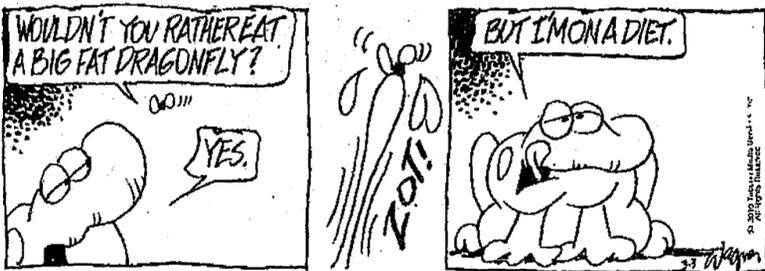
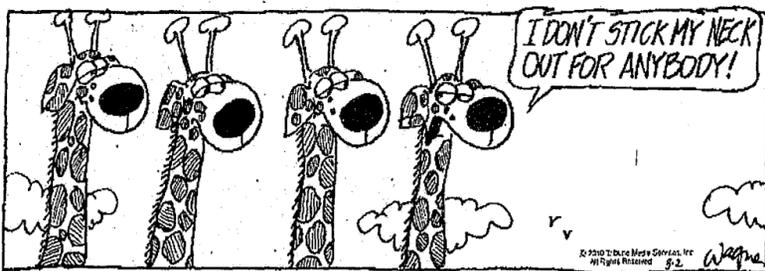
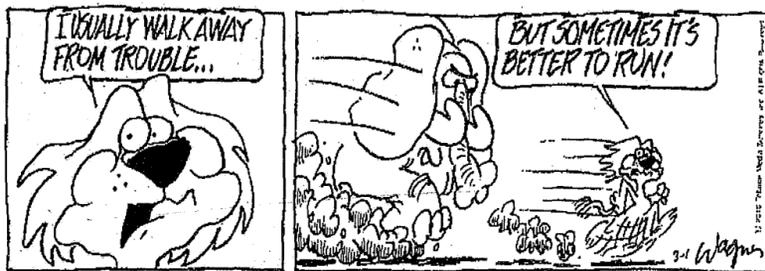
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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GURAU

WOLTAL

LYBBAF

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ○○○○ - "○○○○"

Not good enough Kings!

HOW THE POKER PLAYER ENDED UP WHEN HE WENT ALL IN.

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TOTAL 221

RACK 4 = 86

RACK 3 = 61

RACK 2 = 7

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Notice of Election, Upper Hondo SWCD

Notice of Supervisor Election for the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District (73-20-NM54 1978)

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., closed from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., will be open for public inspection by the supervisors of the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Act.

Upper Hondo SWCD office  
516 Smoke  
Bear Blvd.  
Capitan, NM 88316

The positions to be filled are currently being filled by Preston Stone, position currently being filled by Robert Runnels, and position currently being filled by James Sanchez. Positions 1 and 2 may only be filled by resident owners of land within the district. Position 3 must be filled by a resident of the district. Declarations of candidacy may be obtained February 28, 2010 until 5 p.m. local time, Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at the above address between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Write candidates must file declarations of candidacy on March 23, 2010 at the above address between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eligible voters within the district shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place of the day of the election OR eligible voters who are absent on the day of the election may request an absentee ballot application by mail, by phone, and in person. Absentee ballot applications will be available between April 14, 2010, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District  
Law Office of Thomas H. Fields, III  
115 Hudson Lane  
Montrose, LA 71201  
318.323.6980

Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best wishes, I remain Very Truly Yours,  
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Village of Ruidoso  
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#8984 1T (3)3  
REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES for Publicity/PR Campaign for Individual or Team

The Village of Ruidoso is seeking competitive sealed proposals for services of an individual or team to manage publicity.

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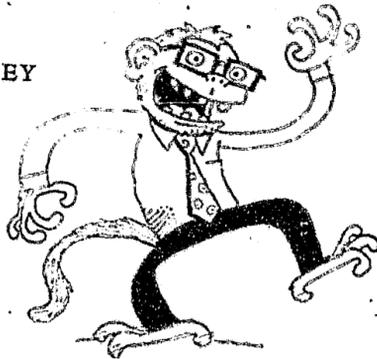
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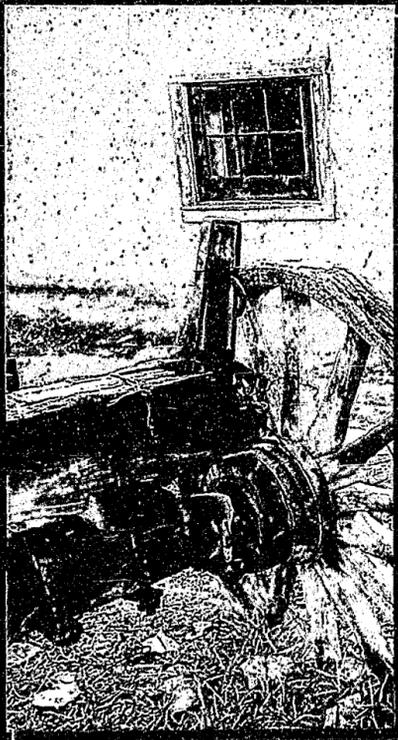
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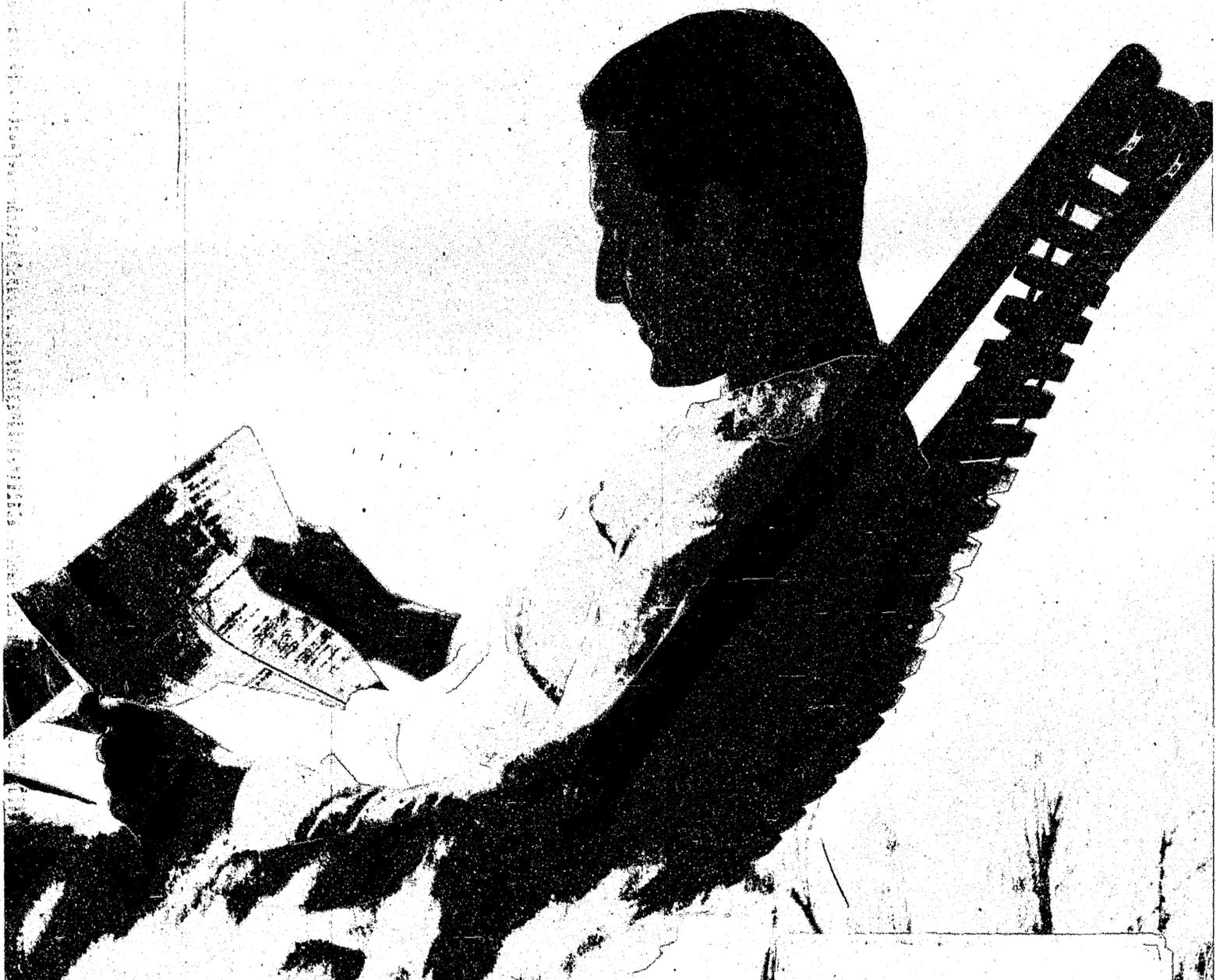
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