

Mistrial Declared; Jury Hung 11-1

by Doris Cherry

The trial of a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy ended in a mistrial, with the jury unable to reach a unanimous vote on a verdict.

A jury of 12 Lincoln County citizens voted 11-1 late Thursday, July 18, that sheriff's deputy Angelo Vega was not guilty of two counts each of the charges of extortion and intimidation of a witness.

The jury deliberated for four hours, and at 11:30 p.m., the jury foreman sent a note to presiding judge Sandra A. Grisham that they were unable to reach a unanimous verdict. Grisham declared the mistrial based on jury vote, and also because the jurors did not want to return the next day.

During four days of testimony from numerous witnesses both sides indicated that all parties involved in the case

had made mistakes.

But, argued Vega's defense attorney James W. Counts during closing arguments of the trial, it was Vega, the low man on the totem pole, who was charged and brought to trial.

Counts told *THE NEWS* this week that the next step now is with the Attorney General's office. Counts said he spoke with the AG's office on Monday about whether any decision had been made, and

at that time none had.

THE NEWS contacted prosecuting attorney assistant attorney general Richard Cline at his office in Santa Fe. Cline said no decision had been made whether to retry the case. The AG has up to six months to make a decision to refile the case for trial. Cline said when Judge Grisham signs the order to declare a mistrial, there is ability to retry the case.

"Our office will give this

case full consideration," Cline said.

When asked if there is a panel of staff in the AG's office which review such cases; Cline would not specify, rather said the final determination would be made by his office and will be communicated.

Counts told *THE NEWS* he was sure Angelo Vega was very happy that 11 jurors voted his way. "I'm confident if it goes to retrial, we'll get

12 (votes)," Counts said. He doubted the AG's office would go to a retrial.

Nearly 70 people were called for jury selection on Monday, July 14. Counts said

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Smokey Bear License Renewals Due Aug. 2

Contracts to renew Smokey Bear licenses for three Capitan businesses, the Friends of Smokey organization, and the Village of Capitan's Smokey Bear Museum are set to be delivered to Capitan by August 2, said Debra Ingle, Friends of Smokey officer and owner of Smokey Bear Motel and Restaurant.

On July 9, Elsie Cunningham from the U.S. Forest Service Fire Prevention Office in Washington D.C. came to Capitan and met with Ingle, Capitan business person Cindy Livingston and Capitan mayor Norm Renfro to discuss the Smokey Bear licensure problem.

Ingle also represented former Fort Stanton post master Betty Lou Joiner who deals with a Smokey Bear postal cancellation. Poe Corn from Senator Pete Domenici's office, and Alice Eppers from Joe Skeen's office were also at the meeting, Ingle said.

The issue began this winter, when holders of Smokey Bear licenses in Capitan, the home of Smokey Bear, were informed they no longer had valid licenses to produce any item with the Smokey Bear logo, or image.

That alarmed Ingle. It also alarmed Livingston who had been licensed to produce Smokey Bears, and concerned the village, which owns the Smokey Bear Museum.

Ingle took it on her own to get the issue resolved. Although Livingston had writ-

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Carrizozo Grizzlies Practices To Begin Monday, August 12

Carrizozo Grizzly volleyball two-a-days will start Monday, August 12.

Varsity practices will be 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Junior high practice will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be a football meeting for all high school players Tuesday, August 6 at 6 p.m. in the school library.

Football two-a-days will begin Monday, August 12. The morning practice will be 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the afternoon practice will be from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Physicals will be offered through the clinic beginning August 1 for \$10. Please bring physical forms and call for an appointment.

Health Planning Council Is Re-adopted By County

Lincoln County Commissioners re-adopted the Maternal and Child Health Planning Council during a special meeting Tuesday in Carrizozo.

"We adopted them, then divorced them, and now they're back," said commission chairman Monroy Montes.

County commissioners did away with their endorsement of the council last year, but since that time the council has learned it needs a county resolution to receive state funds.

The council is now a big operation, and needs the endorsement to survive. The results of its latest needs assessment survey will be presented to county commissioners during the August 6 meeting.

Commissioners deleted a section in the proposed resolution to re-establish the council that would have allowed payment of per diem and travel to council members, upon approval from the county manager. Montes was not in favor of the county assuming such responsibility, preferring such funds come from council's own grant money.

Also Tuesday, commissioners postponed action on two proposals received in response to a request for proposal (rfp) for lease, or purchase of the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Proposal from International Spice Commodities, LTD. of Ruidoso was to purchase, based on an appraised amount, the second proposal from David Reed of Ruidoso was an option to lease/purchase. The proposals were received Monday, and commissioners voted to give themselves more time to review their options.

Awarding of another bid for a 4 wheel drive large loader for the road department was postponed because the second half of the rfp was not included in the information sent to potential bidders. Commissioners approved an addendum to the bid, which will include the second page which details the requirements for a lease/purchase option, will be sent to all bidders, and potential bidders which originally received information. The addendum will delay awarding the bid until August 6.

The immediate need for the loader has decreased since the recent rains. The loader was needed for the Devil's Canyon road reconstruction project, but that project has been delayed at least a month because the road department

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL Betsy Glenn explains the New Mexico Open Meetings Act during a workshop held for public employees and the public in Ruidoso on July 18. Seated to Glenn's left are Bob Johnson, founder of Foundation for Open Government (FOG), Attorney General Tom Udall, and an assistant attorney general. The Public Records Act was also reviewed. The Attorney General's office holds periodic workshops on the two acts at various locations in the state.

County Finances Look Better Than Projected

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County is in better financial shape than was projected with the preliminary fiscal year budget, ending the last fiscal year with \$1.5 million more in cash reserves than expected.

Lincoln County Commissioners adopted their final budget for the 1996-97 fiscal year at a special budget hearing Tuesday in the courthouse in Carrizozo. This fiscal year, which began July 1 and ends June 30, 1997, the county plans to spend \$7,867,863.71 and receive revenues of \$7,624,901.33. The county will start the year with a beginning cash balance of \$4,967,954.66 and projects it will end the fiscal year with \$4,724,992.29.

The final budget is approved in July, after the previous fiscal year ends to allow for a more accurate tabulation of the beginning cash balances. County manager Frank Potter said the finance office and all department heads made an effort to process outstanding warrants and purchase orders before making final figures so the final cash balance would be more accurate. "We're going into this year cleaner than previous years," Potter said.

The beginning cash balance in the final budget has the most significant change from the preliminary budget approved in May. The proposed beginning cash balance was set at \$3,702,221.98, which was turned out to be about 30 percent less than the actual

amount. Commissioner Wilton Howell asked why the finance department could not estimate the cash balances more closely.

County finance officer Punkin Schlarb said she based the beginning cash balance in the preliminary budget on a formula provided by the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA). County treasurer Joan Park said the DFA formula always figures the cash balances at lower rates than actual figures. "DFA is always on the safe side," Parks said. "The budget will be low with DFA figures."

Parks said the county also received more revenue than estimated, because two major delinquent tax accounts,

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Carrizozo Accepts Low Street Construction Bid

by Ruth Hammond

Carrizozo received good news about the newest street improvement project during the town council meeting Tuesday. The lowest of the five bids received for construction was more than \$10,000 below the engineer's estimate for the work and is nearly \$20,000 less than the amount available for construction. The extra money will be used on alternate streets.

Carl Kelly of Ruidoso submitted the low bid of \$244,495.34. The engineer's estimate was \$255,444.88 and the town has \$264,100 available for construction.

The other four bids received ranged from a low of \$255,812.53 to a high of \$289,146.01.

The board of trustees accepted the low bid pending approval by the state department of finance and administration (DFA). Construction could begin early in August.

In other business the town discussed the final 1996-97 fiscal year budget for more than an hour before agreeing to ask DFA for an extension beyond the July 30 date the budget is due in Santa Fe.

If DFA grants the extension the town will schedule a special meeting to discuss the budget again.

Trustee Ruth Armstrong was concerned that more people are bowling than golfing and there is more town money budgeted for the golf course than for the Rec Center. Her question was, "Should we sacrifice the Rec Center for the golf course?"

It was suggested the town take the employees from the golf course to work at the Rec Center. Armstrong questioned whether the town would do that.

-A lengthy discussion was held concerning proposed changes to the town lodger's tax ordinance.

Trustee Eileen Lovelace wants lodger's tax committee members to attend Lincoln County Lodger's Tax Committee meetings and other tourist type meetings and be members of the chamber of commerce and attend chamber of commerce meetings.

Trustee Ruth Armstrong said she wanted lodger's tax committee members to be willing to spend some time to promote their business.

The Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Committee will meet Tuesday, July 30 at 2 p.m. at city hall. Armstrong said the town

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CREPE PAPER WAS ALL SHE GOT with her swing at the Santa Rita Fiesta '96 pinata party Sunday. Small children were given the first chances to hit the colorful paper pinata filled with candy. Several youngsters hit the pinata before it broke and spilled its precious cargo which caused a mad scramble.

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worth more than \$100,000 each, were paid. Also there were several outstanding warrants when the preliminary budget was figured, and reimbursements from Zia Senior Citizens, that have since been processed.

"Estimating the budget is really a stab in the dark," Park said.

Potter said the beginning cash balance looks great, and the budget overall was "leaner and meaner" than last year. With the higher-than-estimated-balance Potter suggested the county develop three-to-five year programs to upgrade county buildings and roads.

Potter also committed to looking for additional revenue. He said he conducted a survey of lodgers in the county and found many who are not paying lodgers taxes. The county could get \$150,000, from the state for being a Class B

county, double what it receives now.

Also Potter said he believed the amount of taxes remitted to the county from the state is not accurate. "We need to make sure we get every penny we're entitled to," Potter said.

Commission chairman Monroy Montes asked Potter if there will be any mid-year budget adjustments. The county has made many adjustments the last few years to cover unbudgeted expenditures, or budget shortfalls after six months have passed into the fiscal year. Potter said he hopes the only kind of budget adjustment the commissioners will see is for revenue increases.

Some of that increase may be partial reimbursement of a \$46,000 fine the county paid to the federal Internal Revenue Service. During reports from commissioners, Bill

Schwettmann asked about the fine. Potter said the Albuquerque IRS office had called but he was out and had missed the call. However, he had spoke to the county auditor about the touchy situation. Potter said he believed the county commissioners' approach on the situation, to give it plenty of news coverage, got the attention of the IRS, which has "gained a mutual respect for the county."

"We are working to clear up the situation and get the majority of the county money back," Potter said.

Commissioners also approved a resolution to adjust the 1995-96 final budget. Expenditure adjustments were made in the Drug Enforcement fund, with decrease in full time salaries, increase in overtime salary, decrease in group insurance, adjustments in other funds to balance account.

The 1996-97 county budget by department is as follows:

General Fund (which includes employees for all elected county offices)--\$3,357,122.81 in revenues; \$2,835,247.12 in expenditures, \$303,668.94 in transfers. Of those transfers \$120,851 goes to special programs (\$12,644 to NM Association of Counties dues, \$600 to South Central RC&D, \$45,087 to Co-op Extension service, \$3,500 to SENMEDD service agreement, \$300 to state fair exhibit, \$19,000 to Lincoln County fair association agreement, \$1,050 NM regional library (bookmobile), \$2,250 to White Mountain Search and Rescue, \$1,000 to Claunch Pinto SWCD, \$2,500 to Zia Handicapped Therapy Center, \$350 to National Association of Counties dues, \$533 to SERPO, \$2,500 to Carrizozo pool, \$3,250 to Animal Damage Control, \$14,287 to Lincoln County Humane Society, \$10,000 to professional services for mental health).

Corrections received the biggest share of transfers, requiring \$237,288 to balance its revenues over expenditures. Revenues are estimated at \$331,657. With the \$31,868.76 beginning balance, that department shows a zero ending cash balance for the year end in June 1997.

Other transfers will be \$10,000 to Hondo Fire Department to set up a substation in Arabella and \$35,000 to Glencoe Fire Department to purchase equipment. The "loans" will come from the mill levy fund for facilities and capital improvements. As the fire departments will receive funds from the state fire marshal's office, which then will be remitted to the county.

Road--\$873,579 in revenue and \$1,091,229.87 estimated expenditures including salaries and benefits for 15 per-

sonnel. The road fund will have a beginning cash balance of \$446,290.74 and ending cash balance of \$228,639.87.

Farm & Range--\$44,000 in estimated revenue, \$50,000 in estimated expenditures, with beginning cash balance of \$45,738.42 and ending cash balance of \$39,738. Funds are expended for rodent and predatory animal control.

Recreation--revenue and expenditure of \$1,190, revenue derived from cigarette tax.

Recording Fees (clerk's office)--\$21,000 estimated revenue; \$35,000 budgeted expenditures mostly equipment.

Volunteer Fire Departments: Bonito--revenue of \$35,641, expenditures of \$35,641, beginning balance of \$3,136, ending balance of \$3,136. Fort Stanton--revenue of \$23,308, expenditures of \$65,271, beginning balance of \$44,656, ending balance of \$2,692. Hondo--revenue of \$25,550, expenditures of \$25,550, beginning balance of \$25,075, plus \$10,000 transfer. Lincoln--revenue of \$36,307, expenditures of \$42,529, beginning balance of \$36,225, ending balance of \$30,003. Nogal--revenues of \$25,550, expenditures of \$41,423, beginning balance of \$31,127, ending balance of \$15,254. Glencoe--revenue of \$35,641, expenditures of \$82,160, beginning balance of \$24,700, ending balance of \$13,181.

The mill levy for capital outlay fund--revenue of \$171,551, expenditures of \$120,135, beginning cash balance of \$155,462 and ending cash balance \$171,878. The mill levy fund for facilities will continue to grow, with no expenditures estimated for the year, and revenues of \$85,776, beginning cash balance of \$749,325 and ending balance of \$825,101.

A volunteer fire fund, to help local departments--revenue of \$7,466, \$25,000 in expenditures, beginning balance of \$38,392 and ending balance of \$20,858.

The special gas tax fund--revenues of \$174,352, expenditures of \$164,500, beginning cash balance of \$103,221, ending cash balance of \$113,073.

Predatory Animal fund--revenues of \$22,100, expenditures of \$25,000, beginning cash balance of \$35,465, ending cash balance of \$32,565.

DWI Grant--revenues of \$106,932, expenditures of \$100,478, beginning cash balance of negative \$1,232.06 and ending cash balance of \$5,221.

EMS Grant (for Bonito)--revenues of \$5,065, expenditures of \$5,245, beginning cash balance of \$218 and ending cash balance of \$38.

Lodgers Tax--revenues of \$21,000, expenditures of \$21,000, beginning cash balance of \$54,561, ending cash balance of \$54,561.

Drug Enforcement--revenues of \$112,616, expenditures of \$93,799, beginning cash balance of \$3,896, ending cash balance of \$22,714.

DARE Grant--revenues of \$9,716, expenditures of \$3,325, beginning balance of negative \$550, ending balance of \$5,840.

Sheriff's Seizure--revenues of \$11,000, expenditures of \$22,800, beginning cash balance of \$26,534, ending balance of \$14,734.

Re-appraisal--revenues of \$91,870, expenditures of \$83,023, beginning balance of \$39,929, ending balance of \$48,775.

EMS Grant--revenues of \$27,000, expenditures of \$27,219, beginning balance of \$14,679, ending balance of \$14,459.

Clinic Fund--revenues of \$256,783, expenditures of \$267,972, beginning balance of \$464,802, ending balance of \$253,613.

Hospital--revenue of \$792,328, expenditures of

OBITUARIES

ROBERT WILLIAMS
Funeral service for Robert Williams, 59, of Nogal will be at LaGrone Funeral Chapel today, July 25, at 10:00 a.m. Officiating will be the Rev. Johnnie Johnson of Carrizozo. Burial will follow at Nogal Cemetery.

Mr. Williams died July 22, at his home. He was born August 26, 1936 at El Paso, TX. He served in the Navy during the Korean conflict, was a member of the Nogal Volunteer Fire Department, a board member of the Nogal Water District and former member of the American Legion in Corona. He moved to Nogal in 1984 from Corona where he had lived since 1968. He retired from El Paso Natural Gas in 1992.

He married Kathy Brodie on December 9, 1954 at Douglas, Arizona.

He is survived by his wife Kathy of Nogal; son Scott of Gallup; two daughters, Colleen Pacheco of Albuquerque and Susan Frazier of Pampa, TX; four brothers, Roy, Richard and John of El Paso and Lee of Murfreesboro, AK, and five grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

BILLY WAYNE HENDRYX

Billy Wayne Hendryx, 63, of Carrizozo and formerly of Las Cruces died July 22, at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces. He was born October 31, 1932.

Survivors include his wife Ada of the family home; two sons Wayne Hendryx and wife Angela of Arlington, TX, and David Hendryx and wife DeNaye of Houston, TX; his mother Jewell Winkler, of Alamogordo; two brothers Alva Hendryx and wife Trudy of Las Cruces, Milton Winkler and wife Julie of Arlington; six sisters, Bill Sweet of Fort Sumner, Elaine Brazell of Farmington, Ratha Passafiume and husband Phil of Las Cruces, Helen Ridley and husband Johnny of Alamogordo, Charlene Williams of Florida, and Minnie Giusti of Alamogordo, and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother Tommy Winkler, and two sisters, Bonnie Bradley and Odell Gibson.

At his request, cremation has taken place and a service in his remembrance will be held July 25, at 2:00 p.m. at the Carrizozo Community Church with Pastor Johnnie Johnson officiating.

SHILO T. SMITH
Graveside services for Shilo T. Smith, 93, of Phoenix were July 24, at the Capitan Cemetery with the Rev. Warren Schoenecker officiating. Mr. Smith died July 20 in Scottsdale, AZ. He was born July 6, 1903 in Zion, Illinois. He married Dorothy L. Daeschlein in May, 1947 at

Waukegan, Illinois. They moved to Las Cruces in 1948 and lived there until moving to Capitan in 1974. He is preceded in death by his wife Dorothy on July 12, 1995.

He is survived by a son Todd Smith and his wife Esther of Phoenix; sister Mildred Kippenhan and her husband Jack of Appleton, Wisconsin; three grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Vera Smith of Salem, Wisconsin and Esther Smith of Hayward, California, and various nieces and nephews.

B.J. STRAIT

Graveside services for B.J. Strait, 65, of Ruidoso were July 24, at Restland Cemetery in Dallas.

Ms. Strait died July 20 at her home in Ruidoso. She was born January 6, 1931 at Dallas, TX.

She is survived by a daughter, Kelly Lovelace of Carrizozo; her mother Inez McCraney of Ruidoso; grand-daughter Krystal Winfield of Carrizozo; an aunt and a nephew.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

EMS Medical Director Of The Year Award Is Presented To Dr. Hall

The statewide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) advisory committee and the EMS Bureau of the Community Health Systems division within the New Mexico Department of Health presented Spencer Hall, M.D., J.D. of Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services with the EMS Medical Director of the Year award.

The presentation was made July 19 at the awards luncheon in conjunction with the 16th annual statewide EMS conference.


In addition to being a doctor and a lawyer, Spencer is an EMT, a fire fighter, and is versed in incident command and fire investigation. He has responded to hundreds of fire and EMS calls through the years and was honored for his dedication to EMS in New Mexico.

More than 600 Emergency Medical Technicians throughout the state attended the 16th annual EMS conference in Albuquerque which provides continuing education to pre-hospital care providers.

KOAT-TV To Feature Ruidoso's Annual Art Fest Friday, July 26th

KOAT's Action 7 News will feature Ruidoso's 25th annual art fest live during the 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Celebrate New Mexico portion of newscast tomorrow, July 26.

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SCOPING MEETINGS

The U.S. Air Force will be holding environmental impact statement scoping meetings to gather public comment on the proposed Expansion of German Air Force Aircraft Operations at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. Affected agencies, Native American tribes, and interested and affected public are encouraged to offer input to help determine and better define the range of issues to be analyzed in the document.

Comments can be offered at the following meetings:

Monday, August 5, 6 - 10 p.m. Alamogordo, New Mexico Alamogordo Civic Center 800 First Street	Thursday, August 8, 6 - 10 p.m. Carrizozo, New Mexico Carrizozo City Hall Conference Room 100 4th Street
Tuesday, August 6, 6 - 10 p.m. El Paso, Texas El Paso Airport Hilton Convention Center 2027 Airway Blvd.	Friday, August 9, 6 - 10 p.m. Las Cruces, New Mexico Holiday Inn de Las Cruces 201 E. University
Wednesday, August 7, 6 - 10 p.m. Carlsbad, New Mexico Carlsbad Conference Center 711 Muscatel	

Comments may be mailed to:
HQ ACCCEVA, 129 Andrews St., Suite 102
Langley Air Force Base, VA, 23665-2769, Attn: Ms. Sheryl Parker

The formal scoping period ends August 15, 1996, however the Air Force will accept comments relevant to the analysis throughout the environmental impact analysis process.

For further information, contact Holloman Air Force Base Public Affairs Office, 490 First Street, #2800, Holloman AFB, NM 88330-8287; or phone (505) 475-5406.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.
—Adult singles group meets in Ruidoso at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 257-2505 or 258-3201.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

—Friends of Smokey meets at 1 p.m. at Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 27 & 28

—Corona Summer Festival. Parade at 11 a.m. Saturday.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

—Chaparral 4-H club annual playday at Corona Arena beginning at 2 p.m.; entries open at 1 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 29

—Vacation Bible School at Angus Church of the Nazarene daily from 9 a.m. to 12 noon through August 4.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

—South Central Mountain RC&D Council meets at 10 a.m. at Cloudcroft Community Center.

—Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Committee meets at 2 p.m. at city hall.

—Ruidoso Village Council meets at 6:30 p.m. at village hall. The Forest Protection Code amendments will again be considered.

—Carrizozo Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in the board conference room.

AUGUST 2-4

—Old Lincoln Days, performances of the Last Escape of Billy the Kid pageant.

Health Planning Council . . .

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crews are busy repairing roads and low water crossing which have been washed out by recent floods.

During reports from commissioners, Stirling Spencer requested a discussion of upgrading the county diesel engine ambulances at the next meeting. He said the diesel engines do not have enough power to make it up the mountain to the hospital.

Commissioner Wilton Howell said he and others had recommended the county go with gasoline engines in the ambulances because of the problems with diesel engines, but the then county manager disagreed.

County manager Frank Potter also reported on a recent conference he and county planning officer Patsy Sanchez attended on the new state subdivision laws. He suggested commissioners have a workshop with the county attorney and attorney Dan Bryant who is involved in the new laws. "These will have a serious impact on counties," Potter said.

Commissioners concluded

the less than one hour meeting with discussion about Fort Stanton. Howell said the county needs to concentrate on Fort Stanton, since Camp Sierra Blanca seems to be a done deal. "It was obvious to me during the public hearings (on Camp Siefra Blanca) if the citizens don't relish juvenile facilities, they'll not like Fort Stanton as a prison," Howell said.

He suggested holding the governor to his comment that he would turn the fort over to the county. Howell said he had spoke with a film group wanting to look at Fort Stanton.

But Spencer was cautious, wanting the commission to consider only "real" proposals. "I feel the county cannot be saddled with the cost of upkeep (of Fort Stanton)," Spencer said. He said the state proposal for a conservation camp for adult inmates makes sense.

He said he would support the county providing a mechanism to move a viable entity into Fort Stanton. "But in two years, I've not seen one."

Carrizozo Chit Chat

Maggie Lane's 97th Birthday

Friends and family sang Happy Birthday to Maggie Lane last Sunday in honor of her 97th birthday. She enjoyed seeing everyone and was pleased with the attention.

Visitors

Visiting in the home of Agnes Hein this past week were Mrs. Ray Hein and daughters Mrs. Pat Nickels and son Justin of Manitowoc, Wisconsin and Suzie Hein of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

While in Lincoln County they toured Valley of Fires, White Oaks and Lincoln. Also visited relatives in Alamogordo and toured White Sands. They were very much impressed with our beautiful mountains.

Also visiting Frances Degner and Agnes Hein were Glenda Sue King Metzger and her husband Frank of Bryan, Texas. Glenda Sue is a former graduate of Carrizozo High School.

Welcome To Area

Kenneth and Barbara Culler are new Carrizozo residents. They moved here from Hemet, California recently and are getting settled in their home on E Ave.

Barbara is getting acquainted and involved. Earlier this week she volunteered to help unload supplies at Carrizozo School. Yesterday she attended the extension club meeting. Each day Barbara and their doberman pinscher walk to McDonald Park and around town for exercise.

The Cullers lived in Colorado Springs for several years before moving to Hemet seven years ago. While in Colorado Springs Barbara was active in the Art Guild and was editor of the Art Guild's monthly newsletter for a year. The newsletter was two pages

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council should be invited to the lodger's tax meeting.

Editor's Note: The Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Committee meetings are open meetings and the public is welcome to attend.

Armstrong said that the present lodger's tax members have been on the committee for more than two years, and, "I think others want on." She also said, "Lots of people in town have time."

Armstrong and Lovelace also want the lodger's tax committee to hold regular meetings. Lovelace suggested quarterly meetings and Armstrong wanted regular meetings at least once a month.

The town council tabled the public hearing on proposed changes to the lodger's tax ordinance.

The board approved paying per diem for officer Raymond Lueras Jr. to attend physical pre-assessment in Santa Fe July 11.

Action was tabled on the list of volunteers and insurance coverage for volunteers.

A closed session was held for threatening and or pending litigation and limited personnel matters.

when she became editor and at the end of a year it had grown to eight pages.

Barbara is considering writing and/or editing an art column for THE NEWS.

Barbara's art was on display in different galleries in Colorado Springs. Her art works include watercolors, pastels, pen and ink, and beaded items.

Kenneth will retire from the post office soon. He looks forward to having time to ride his motorcycle.

Patrick And Carmen Visit

Patrick and Carmen Aguilar of El Paso visited family and friends in Carrizozo Sunday evening and Monday. Patrick and Carmen are both graduates of Carrizozo High School.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column; including new residents, visi-

tors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Who's in charge?

By Ruth Hammond

Who is in charge of running the state? Is it governor Johnson or is it the state legislature? Actually running the state is not quite what we mean but it appears it is what is happening. The state is "being run" but not necessarily being operated in an efficient manner that is beneficial to the residents of the state.

Yesterday the state legislative council sent The News a FAX that states the corrections department contradicts the governor concerning the \$40 million savings claimed by the governor for operations of private prisons.

The release states: For the second time within the past seven days, an official in the Johnson administration has verified that the \$40 million savings claimed by the governor for operations of private prisons is not an accurate figure. Under questioning by members of the Courts, Corrections and Criminal Justice Committee, Deputy Secretary of Corrections Herb Maschner was asked where the estimated \$40 million in savings claimed by the governor would come from. He responded, "I don't know."

The committee also asked if it was true, as the governor has stated, that the Corrections Department is contemplating privatization of the entire state corrections system. Maschner responded, "That is not our plan."

Apparently this is the first time the interim committee of the legislative council has received testimony from the Corrections Department that contradicts the governor's assertions of savings and Representative Cisco McSorley, said, "The governor's claims just don't hold up under scrutiny."

While we don't want to get in the middle of the rhubarb over privatization of prisons, we do wonder if the person in charge knows what he is talking about and if the \$40 million savings is an actual figure based on statistics or if it was pulled out of nowhere to make it sound good. Let's face it, governor Johnson has been known to make rash decisions quickly without the proper documentation just as he did when he closed Fort Stanton.

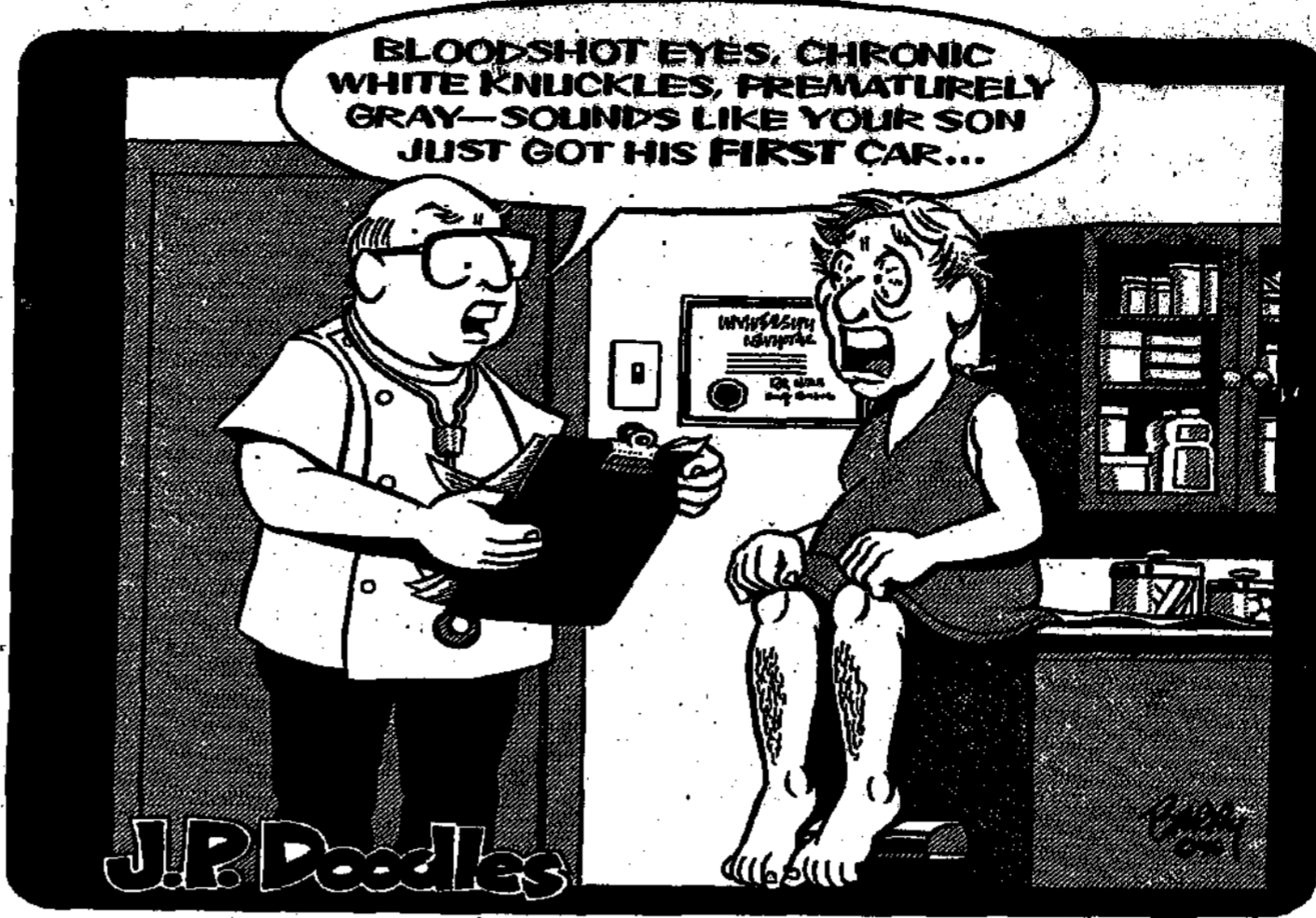
We keep being told that we can't do anything about it but we can keep asking questions about which person and/or business will profit from the closure of Fort Stanton. It may have seemed like a random act but someone somewhere will benefit because Fort Stanton is valuable property and governor Johnson knows that it could easily be a money-making venture for someone.

The prison situation continues to concern many people. The fact that the new prisons won't have weight rooms pleases some people while others believe prisoners need the physical activity to help keep them healthy. Then there is the plan to not provide prisoners with the opportunity to take college classes. Makes us wonder if the state will continue to provide an up-to-date law library for the prisoners to use. It doesn't make sense for the state to furnish a free law library for prisoners but will charge counties and municipalities for updating their state statutes each year. Seems as if the state should be working with the counties and municipalities instead of working with the prisoners.

Being an elected official doesn't make a person immediately intelligent any more than it makes a person aware of what rules must be followed. Even municipal elected officials sometimes are unaware that they are welcome to attend all open meetings, especially meetings of committees they appoint. It is a surprise when an elected official asks to be invited to an open meeting. That makes about as much sense as sending every resident in town an invitation to each town council meeting. Once again it makes us wonder who's in charge or is anyone in charge?

We agree with governor Johnson that the state should save money but we disagree with actions taken by governor Johnson that have been and continue to be harmful to Lincoln County.

Being in charge isn't leadership



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—Now we're getting real.

After hard-to-believe claims by Gov. Gary Johnson that the state prison system can be run by private industry for half the cost, Corrections Secretary Karl Sannicks now says the cost would be about the same.

A few weeks ago Johnson announced the private contractors the state has chosen to build and operate the planned new prisons at Santa Rosa and Hobbs could do so for about \$40 dollars a day per prisoner, compared with a cost of about \$80 a day currently. But it turns out the governor's calculations were very sloppy — and that's putting it charitably.

In testimony to the Legislative Finance Committee, Sannicks estimated the state could run the new prisons for \$43 to \$46 per inmate. The main difference is that new facilities will be much cheaper to operate than the dilapidated prison south of Santa Fe. Maintenance costs will be far less and new designs will allow fewer staff to supervise the prisoners.

It also surfaced that the \$80 dollar figure includes administrative costs, probation and parole costs, and operation of the prison industries and education programs, which the lower figures don't. They now are being called "baseline numbers." The \$3 to \$6 a day difference may be largely explained by the lower wages and benefits that will be paid to prison guards by the private operator.

Sannicks also revealed that the cost of private operation assumes the new prisons will be filled to capacity. If they aren't, the per-prisoner cost increases since the state will be paying for empty cells. Lawmakers also have questions about future rate hikes.

The Corrections Department says it will not offer any college-level courses at the new prisons. Providing inmates with a college education does not fit in with the governor's tough-on-crime stance. Punishment is supposed to mean something, says a governor's spokesman. Corrections officials can find no record of any inmate ever earning even a two-year college degree.

The Santa Fe prison currently offers college-credit courses in English, psychology, humanities and business. The governor says inmates will be allowed to take college correspondence courses if they pay for them.

Sannicks is taking some heat for having told some legislators in the past that inmate programs at the privately run prisons will match or exceed those offered to inmates at the existing state-run prisons. In addition to the elimination of college courses, weightlifting equipment will not be available in the new prisons.

Lawyers for inmates are warning that decreasing inmate programs will put the state in danger of prolonging litigation concerning state compliance with the Duran Consent Decree. Johnson previously had predicted that moving inmates to new prisons would free the state from the decree's requirements.

Johnson is now coming under fire from corrections employees who have dug out some of his campaign ads from two years ago, in which the candidate promised "no pink slips" for state employees and said that "regardless of what scare tactics you may

have heard, in the Johnson/Bradley administration, no position in state government will be cut."

Representatives of the governor's office respond that no positions have been cut. That would be true for the Corrections Department, so far. But it certainly isn't the case for the Department of Health which shut down its facilities at Fort Stanton and Los Lunas.

Johnson's response to complaints about work force cuts has been that the state isn't running an employment agency and that no one has a guaranteed state job.

So it looks as though most of that \$40 million saving Gov. Johnson was promising from privatized prisons won't materialize. It's also likely that state education officials hadn't started making many plans to spend the money, which Johnson had promised would go to education.

Ancient Bones Rest In Peace At Bonito Lake

Ancient bones found at the entrance to the Bonito Lake West Lake Campground on July 12 have been returned to their final resting place.

City of Alamogordo Bonito Lake area manager Keith Kessler told THE NEWS this week that the few bone fragments which were found when crews were moving the campground pay station were returned to the site and reburied.

When the bones were first found a couple of weeks ago, Kessler called the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office to report finding what he believed to be a human jaw bone and femur. Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Charlie Engelking investigated the find, and he called Medical Investigator Barbara Day to make a determination on the bones.

According to Engelking, once at the scene they both took pictures and Day declared "those bones dead." "They were so old they crumbled," said Engelking.

Kessler said the medical examiners declared the bones to be "ancient" which means anything over 50 years old. Kessler too said the bones were disintegrating.

Engelking told THE NEWS there were pot shards and other evidence to indicate the site could have been an ancient Indian grave. Not want-

ing to disturb the site further by looking for additional bones, Engelking called the forest service and asked if they could send an archaeologist. But the agency couldn't decide. So Engelking called the state museum and asked if they could send an archaeologist, but they couldn't decide. Engelking said he closed the case as far as he was concerned when the New Mexico Historical Society said put the bones back and stabilize the site.

Kessler said his crews returned the bone fragments to the site where they were buried in the hole where they were found. Crews shored up the site with railroad ties, then added good top soil which was seeded with grass.

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County Finances Look Better . . .

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\$651,133, beginning balance of \$880,319, ending balance of \$1,022,113.

Alto Paving Administration—no revenue, expenditures of \$3,400, beginning balance of \$4,127, ending balance of \$727.

Law Enforcement Protection Fund—revenues of \$21,500, expenditures of \$25,348, beginning balance of \$4,252, ending balance of \$404.

Zia Seniors—revenues of \$387,583, expenditures of \$408,973, beginning balance of \$41,061, ending balance of \$19,670.

Alto Paving—no revenue, no expenditures, beginning balance of \$53,084, no ending balance, and transfer of \$53,084.

Environmental Gross Receipts—revenues of \$50,000, expenditures of \$50,000, beginning balance of \$6,571 and ending balance of \$6,571.

E-911—revenues of \$178,883, expenditures of \$175,786, beginning balance of negative \$3,096, and ending balance of zero.

E-911 Board—no revenue, expenditures of \$900, beginning balance of \$917, ending balance of \$17.

CDBG-Carrizozo Clinic—revenues of \$550,000, expenditures of \$595,000, beginning balance of \$45,000, ending balance of \$50.

Fort Stanton—transfer of \$5,000 to be expended to promote the lease or sale of the facility.

Indigent claims—no revenue, no expenditures, ending and beginning cash balance of \$100.

Lincoln County's total revenue of \$7,624,901, expenditures of \$7,867,863, beginning cash balance of \$4,967,964 and ending cash balance of \$4,724,992.

More detailed copies of the county budget are available for viewing at the county manager's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

Forest Service Once Again Orders Halt To Normal Operations

Regional Forester Chip Cartwright issued instructions to the 11 national forests in Arizona and New Mexico to immediately halt tree cutting again as required in a court order issued July 16 by U.S. District Judge Mueske in Phoenix, AZ.

The Forest Service had announced on July 15 it would resume normal forest operations that have been on hold for nearly a year because of the Mexican spotted owl lawsuit.

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LETTERS

to the editor

EDITOR: We owe our belated gratitude to the anti-gun lobbyists for the bans on the .22 caliber "Saturday night specials" and "zip guns"? Recently a L.A. policeman said that, in the past these were the primary weapons used by the gang members. They were cheap, unreliable, inaccurate and moderately lethal. Since the bans the gang members have armed themselves with highly reliable, accurate and lethal .357 magnums, etc.

60,000 ex-convicts have been denied handguns due to the Brady Bill. Sounds good! However, how many of these ex-convicts later purchased a pistol on the black market, stole one, was given one or made one? "Carbine" Williams made the first semi-automatic carbine while he was in prison. As long as there is a demand there will always be a supply!

Here in New Mexico do the gang members obey the juvenile gun ban? Our governmental officials must think that the criminals are law-abiding citizens??

I do not belong to the NRA; however, I feel that all gun bans, restrictions, registrations, etc. must be enacted by constitutional amendments vice unconstitutional legislation. The people, not the government, should decide the gun issues!

According to the communist doctrine, "the government must first register all private firearms, then contrive an incident which will give it an excuse to confiscate them". This can't happen in the U.S.? Do we want an armed government and criminal element and an unarmed, law-abiding citizenry?

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Mistrial Declared

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he thought the jury was fairly selected. During the selection process he said that nearly everyone from Carrizozo who was called for jury duty was excluded because of prior knowledge of the incident or too close association with parties involved. "I think we got a good panel," Counts said of the jury. "They sat there and listened well for four days."

Testimony came from 11 witnesses for the state—the women involved, employees from the detention center, sheriff's office, district attorney's office, courts and state police; and witnesses called by the defense, including Vega himself.

Vega's trial was the result of an indictment handed down by the Lincoln County grand jury in January which was called to investigate allegations that Vega had committed the crime of extortion and intimidating a witness. The allegations were made by the state on behalf of Shelly Woods and Molly Foster whom Vega had jailed for trying to smuggle tobacco to Dennis Foster, Molly's husband, who was incarcerated in the Lincoln County Detention Center in the courthouse in Carrizozo. The charges alleged that Vega, on September 28, 1995, had extorted the women by making them become narcotics informants; he had intimidated the witnesses when he allegedly threatened them with a prison sentence if they didn't cooperate, and he forced them to sign written apologies for trying to smuggle the tobacco.

During closing arguments of Vega's trial on Thursday, July 18, prosecuting attorney Cline said Vega had made a mistake in arresting and detaining the women for charges that were not viable. And to compound that mistake, Vega then intimidated the witnesses to become confidential drug informants.

Counts argued that much of the evidence presented by the prosecution was conflicting. He said Woods and Foster had conspired to smuggle in the tobacco, which was against jail policy, and they had gotten caught.

Counts also argued that Foster could not have been forced to become a confidential drug informant because she already had been a drug informant for another police department. He also said Vega had no reason to think up the situation before it happened because he was no longer a drug task force member having resigned the July before the incident.

Prosecuting attorney Cline spoke about testimony given how Vega was "called on the carpet" by the sheriff for not reading the state statute entirely and not having called assistant District Attorney Viola Rhodes. Cline spoke of the sheriff's testimony of how he was concerned about the civil liability for what Vega did.

Cline tried to cast doubt on the credibility of testimony from witnesses in the sheriff's office who said they were present during the time Vega questioned the women. Cline spoke of the testimony from the sheriff's wife Freda McSwane that she also was in the office on September 28 and had not heard Vega intimidate the witnesses. McSwane testified she had a document to show she was at office on that day at 2:50 because she had to file the document. However, the document shows the date to be Sept. 29.

Cline said it was testimony from jailer Liz Beltran, who is Vega's first cousin, that cast the most doubt. "Do you think Liz Beltran forget what she saw and heard," Cline asked the jury. Beltran was outside the room where the women

were questioned on September 28. During her testimony she said what got her attention, was when Vega told Woods they would keep her away from her children by keeping her in jail if she didn't cooperate.

Through testimony, Cline tried to show how the defendant had a total lack of credibility.

During closing argument for the defense Counts said the state spent three days of testimony against Vega trying to "paint him as an evil guy."

"These two women conspired to smuggle something into the jail," Counts said. "They came here and set all of this in motion, and they get caught," Counts said.

Counts cast doubt on Woods and Foster's stories, which he said they collaborated within two days with a lawyer after being released from the county jail. By the Tuesday following the incident, the lawyer sends a notice of intent to file a claim to the County Commission. Counts said Foster filed a tort claim against the Sheriff's office seeking \$800,000. Woods has yet to file a claim.

"Mistakes are made every day, public officials make them, obviously Vega made the mistake of not looking at statute close enough, but not all officers look up statutes before they file charges," Counts continued.

That is why there is a district attorney, to review what police have done, and determine if it is an appropriate charge, Counts continued. Angelo didn't call Rhodes at home that night, he called her early the next. After a quick research Rhodes knew the tobacco charge would not work, and she found nothing else to charge the women with. "Who has the power to stop this dead?" Counts asked. "Vega had no legal authority...not even the magistrate judge, only Viola Rhodes. Had she done her job, Angelo Vega would not be here today," Counts said.

Counts cast further doubts by asking if testimony showed Vega had intended to violate the law. "The district attorney, the top legal advisor to the entire county and the sheriff, chief of police, told him (Vega) to go in and talk to the women. Now the state wants you to believe he went in with intent to violate law, with intent to threaten to injure their persons."

Both Woods and Foster testified Vega had informed them the district attorney's office would not pursue charges at that time.

Counts concluded that everyone involved made mistakes. "It's always the case, the administrator of the jail isn't sitting here today, the sheriff, the judge isn't sitting here today, the district attorney isn't sitting here today, it's the deputy, the lowest man on totem pole," Counts said.

"There is reasonable doubt we could drive a truck through," Counts said.

And apparently 11 jurors agreed.

Sheriff James McSwane told THE NEWS this week that everyone made mistakes in the situation, but he was glad the trial was over. McSwane said Vega can be reinstated to the sheriff's department once an order to dismiss the charges is filed by the attorney general's office. Until then, Vega will remain on paid administrative leave.

Other witnesses called to testify during the trial would not comment to THE NEWS, referring any questions to the attorney general's office.

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CAPITAN NOTES

Greetings from my old house by the side of the road to your house.

Before I get bogged down with some of the weeks going and comings, let me introduce you to a very special little boy that I have had the pleasure of just meeting. His name is Bobby Baker and he is the handsome grandson, and I might add the only grandson, of Gary and Jo Lanning of Capitan.

If you are not acquainted with Jo and Gary, then it is my pleasure to introduce you to them and them to you.

Jo and Gary moved to Capitan several years ago and operate the Stockman's Feedstore here in Capitan, which is located directly behind the Ruidoso State Bank here in our small city.

They moved here from Alaska, quite a change, I would say, but Gary says they love it and they have certainly made a good impression on the Capitan folks.

Back to Bobby Baker. Bobby is nine years old, is an only child, which I can certainly relate to, and he is quite a soccer player and is involved in the Big Brother and Big Sister program in Las Vegas, Nevada where he lives with his mother. I asked him to give me a write-up and it is in his own hand printing:



"My name is Bobby Baker. I am 7 years old. I got an Award at school and it was a "skolership." I live in Las Vegas and I'm visiting my Grandpa and Grandma, who owns the Feedstore."

The only misspelled word was Scholarship and I think from the above he is a highly intelligent little boy and will go far in this old world of ours. I haven't met a young lad his age with the poise and composure Bobby has. In plain words folks, he just completely stole my heart away. And there is just a slim chance that he and his mother might possibly move to Capitan and then Capitan School would be getting Bobby for a student. Oh, I forgot, Bobby will enter second grade in the fall.

Quite an accomplished writer and speller, I might add, for one so young. I know lots of older folks that still can't spell scholarship.

And now on a sadder note. Shiloh Smith, husband of the very accomplished and well known late Dorothy Smith, passes away Monday in Arizona where he had been residing in a retirement home since Dorothy's death.

He will be laid to rest in the cemetery here in Capitan beside his beloved Dorothy. After the 11 a.m. graveside services the family and friends will be served lunch at the Methodist Church. May God keep you and Dorothy in His care Shiloh. You both are greatly missed.

At this point and time I wish to congratulate our school superintendent on her stand regarding attire, attendance and attitude for students. Some of these students who disregard these three A's as non-essential, I wish you could have attended school in

the country where I did many years ago.

You did not talk back to your teacher. In fact we never even gave it a thought. My parents told me from the first day that if I was punished for any infraction of the laid down rules I would get the same chastisement when I got home and they meant it.

We did not talk out loud, we did not dare to whisper very often or it was the corner we had to stand in with our backs to the audience. I will remember because my mouth got me into trouble a few times and I had to grace the corner facing the blackboard. That board got pretty black sometimes. And no I never told of my gracing the corner for talking when I got home. I think I was fully grown and out of school before I confessed to my parents about gracing the corner on several occasions.

But back to my original point. It is high time that our schools come out in force with rules and regulations regarding the three A's: Attire, Attendance and Attitude.

Congratulations to our lovely school superintendent Mrs. Billingsley. And good luck and am sure the prayers of all the parents will also be for you. I know mine will be. It is time, pardon, let me rephrase that, it is High Time that all schools in our nation stand up and enforce the above.

Just want to tell you that Lorene Griego who recently left Capitan and moved to California would love to hear from some of you. Her new address is 988 Highland Drive, Vista, California 92083. Lorene is making her home with her son Gene.

Mary Shanks, bless her heart, brought that bit of information to me. Incidentally I had not seen Mary for quite a few years and I swear

Lincoln Pageant Prepares For Old Lincoln Days 2-4

Cast members of the "Last Escape of Billy the Kid" pageant are nearly ready for their 1996 performance.

Dress rehearsal will take place after dark on Wednesday, July 31, at the pageant grounds in Lincoln.

The first public performance of the Last Escape of Billy the Kid begins at 8:30 p.m., Friday, August 2. The pageant will be performed at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, August 3, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 4, at the pageant grounds in Lincoln.

The pageant is further highlighted with Old Lincoln Days, which includes a parade at 11 a.m. Sunday, August 4, and various living history exhibits throughout the historic community.

Chaparral 4-H Annual Playday Will Be Held During Corona Days

The Chaparral 4-H will hold their annual playday during Corona Days on Sunday, July 28. The playday will be held at the Corona arena; entries will be opened at 1 p.m.

Entries for any event must be received before that event begins. Events will begin at 2 p.m.

The club will have a concession stand. Everyone is welcome; for more information call 505-849-1451.

Rebecca Wells, Secretary

she looks years younger than when I first met her. Give us your secret Mary.

And so for another week, will sign off. My trip to Ireland is getting closer and closer and with my banged up knee am having some difficulty arousing much enthusiasm for the trip. And this terrible news about the plane crashes haven't enhanced my attitude by a long shot.

Glad to have Mike back in harness at the post office. It was great with Betty and Robin, both lovely gals, but that handsome Mike is just "aumpthin else." What a guy.

He also owes me a story he promised before he left for a week and I fully intend to hold him to it.

And like I said, it is high time I bring this to a close. Do all the good you can, by all the means you can; by all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can to all the people you can as long as you can...by John Wesley.

God bless you one and all.

Chaparral 4-H Annual Playday Will Be Held

The South Central Mountain RC&D Council will meet in Cloudercroft Tuesday, July 30 at the newly remodeled Community Center located at the corner of Borro Street and Swallow Place.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Coffee and cinnamon rolls will be served prior to the meeting. The public is invited to attend.

Agenda items include appointment of nominating committee, project updates, new proposals, and annual plan of operations. Curtis Schrader will present the program *Cloudercroft's Approach to Economic and Community Development*.

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The whole countryside of our beautiful New Mexico is like a beautiful mowed lawn, especially at the Fort. Not in a long time has the grass been this breath-taking. Someone said that the area at Mesalero that had burned was really a sight to behold with all the rain they have had. It is very humid and the heat is hot but no one seems to mind with the good moisture.

The grounds around the Fort have really taken a growth. The watering never does what a little rain will do and the inches have really helped.

Willy is learning her job very well. With no supervision it is tough to try and learn all it takes to run a post office. Went out last Friday and helped her order some supplies. Latest news is the juveniles will be coming to CSB and the Forestry program may be coming to the Fort.

Gloria Aldaz has started working in the Capitan Country Store. Go in and buy something from her, she will be more than glad to help you. Good choice for an employee, Debbie. Stop by the post office and visit us Gloria. Miss seeing you.

Lu and Gene have David's two little ones with them and hope to have Jim's join them soon. Know Gene is giving them the best food from his famous garden.

Rose McCarty told me that her mom LaVerne Bowersox had passed away. Had not heard this and it was so sad to hear. She and I had lots of good talks while I was at the Fort. Many of us will miss LaVerne and we all send our condolences to all her family.

Another dear friend of everyone was Wayne Duncan. He will be missed by all. Genevieve and Wayne have always given me a boost every time I saw them. Wayne was one of the names at Camp Meeting along with Don Hisei. He was a husband of

one of our postmasters in Yaso. At the state post office convention two years ago, he gave a speech at our convention memorial and everyone was so impressed. My Ann we know you are also feeling a deep loss with the passing of your loved one.

Willie, Mother and I went to the Camp Meeting Memorial on Saturday the 20th. There was a large crowd. Sure it was because they said the 36 people who had passed on in the past year was the largest number they had ever had. The large piece of woven material holding the names was representing the poem "The Plan of the Master Weaver". Chloe Peters, who had helped with the Memorial Service for 50 years will be one of the ones that will be missed always and especially during the camp meeting services. She and her family have done so much for this camp meeting. Glenda Armstrong read the following poem:

The Plan of the Master Weaver
My Life is but a weaving
Between the Lord and me,
I may not choose the colors
He knows what they should be
For he can view the pattern
Upon the upper side
While I can see it only
On this, the under side
Sometimes He weaveth Sorrow,
Which seemeth strange to me;
But I will trust His judgement
And work on faithfully;
Tis He who fills the shuttle
And He knows what is best
So I shall weave in earnest,
Leaving to him the rest
Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needed
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned

Author unknown
The song sung "The Touch of the Master's Hand" is one of my favorites. Visiting with Ruth Wilson and Dolly Ward made it feel like home. We all said how good it is to see someone you know will be at these places welcoming you. The two twins were not at the camp meeting this year as one was under the weather. You just can't help but miss them sitting in the front row. A big thanks to all volunteers, preachers and ones who have operated this camp meeting for so many years.

Last Wednesday I was putting up mail in Alto, when Phyllis handed me the phone. Guess what the message was? Audrey called and said it was

time for little brother to be entering this world. Hating to leave Diane and Phyllis with all the work I went home to go meet the three in Roswell. About 5 o'clock on July 10 little "Jace Edwards Davis" was born in the ENMU Hospital in Roswell. Weighing 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and 19 inches long little red hair, he was a sight! As soon as they bathed him his hair turned the color of dad's so guess he won't be red headed like grandpa. Kersti has been so much better than we all had hoped. She wants to hold him and gives him a million kisses and waves his arm, but other than that she has been the "grown up little sister". Staying with them for 3 days and wading in the draw below their house was wonderful. Her, Daisy Dog and I had lots of fun!

Ellen Hammond and Sam are also proud grandparents. Beverly their daughter and son-in-law have a new addition to their home too. Ellen's pictures of the new grandson "Miles" are much better and clearer than mine. We have new ones to show each other

nearly every day. Jane and Leon Livingston are also proud grandparents of a new grandson, born a week before ours. Lots of little ones being discussed and enjoyed by us all.

Pat made a trip to Jal last week to pick up some material to build him a "studio". A relative gave him some info about it and he is thrilled to have had a chance to buy this. The trip was long and tiring but very well worth the effort. He will be going back on Tuesday to finish getting the rest of the metal, doors and windows.

Terry Strickland is nearly finished with his new "studio". It is located just as you enter town from Fort Stanton. Lots of businesses are enlarging their workplaces.

Mike arrived back from vacation on Friday. I had a few problems for him to sort out, but he had them corrected shortly. Feel as if I don't know anything about the whole procedure. Several of the postmasters went to Alamogordo Tuesday for more training.

Mike and the FFAers are getting their animals ready for the fair. Fair books have been printed and are now at a few locations. Mow, mow, mow. Til next week. May God Bless you all!

Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

July 15:
3:44 p.m. a breaking and entering was reported at two houses on Carrizo Canyon Road. A deputy responded.

7:10 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police requested an assist for a subject refusing to talk with an officer. A deputy responded.

7:48 p.m. a caller reported a baby goat was shot in the Priest Canyon area. The responding deputy advised it was a trespass with criminal damage to property and negligent use of a firearm.

8:02 p.m. a caller requested a specific officer to report a theft/trespassing, because the neighbors keep trespassing and taking her property.

8:39 p.m. a suspicious vehicle was reported in the Alpine Village area. A male in a red vehicle with California plates were at a residence and the caller did not know if it was a breaking and entering attempt or not, but it was very suspicious. The responding deputy made no contact with the vehicle or any persons at 10:05 p.m.

10:12 p.m. a motel manager reported pranks. Kids parked behind the motel were harassing customers who were complaining. Carrizozo police responded.

July 16:
12:28 a.m. a 911 caller reported a prowler at a location off Highway 380 west of Capitan. A subject came onto the porch and tried to take a bike. The caller stopped him, and the subject left the area. A deputy took a report.

6:30 a.m. U.S. West reported a fire alarm at a building on Rose Peak. Carrizozo fire department responded.

National Geographic requested a case number for an incident at the archaeological dig on the McArthur property in Lincoln.

11:15 a.m. Ruidoso Downs police requested a deputy to help a woman with a court order for her children, and her husband won't let her have them. A deputy was called.

1:33 p.m. a caller reported a stolen plate off a horse trailer, and damage to the tail lights at a trailer court near Ruidoso Downs.

8:43 p.m. a 911 caller re-

ported a one vehicle rollover on Gavilan Canyon. A deputy, state police, Alto Ambulance and Bonito Fire Department responded. There were no injuries.

8:49 p.m. a 911 caller reported a structure fire at a residence near mile marker 11 on Highway 48. Bonito Fire Department responded and advised it was a controlled burn.

10 p.m. a caller requested an officer at a residence in Carrizozo where a domestic incident occurred. A Carrizozo officer and a deputy responded.

July 17:
10 a.m. Bonito Lake officer reported a six month pregnant woman fainting at the west lake campground. Alto ambulance responded and transported her to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

11:44 a.m. a caller advised her boyfriend beat her up three or four nights ago at a trailer court near Ruidoso Downs. A deputy responded.

2:09 p.m. a caller advised someone has used her hose bibs twice. Carrizozo police responded.

7:39 p.m. a caller reported a man was chasing an elk with a gun on County Road 16. A deputy responded.

8:26 p.m. Capitan police requested a deputy for peace keeping at a location west of town. A deputy responded.

10:04 p.m. a 911 caller reported an accident on Highway 48. State police, a deputy and two Capitan police officers responded, as did Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS), and Capitan ambulance which transported the injured to LCMC.

10:09 p.m. a caller requested a check on a house in Alto, because the phone and answering machine weren't working like they should.

11:17 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police requested a deputy for a fight involving eight or nine people in progress on Spring Road. It was unknown if weapons were involved. A deputy responded, along with two Ruidoso Downs police officers and a state policeman.

July 18:
12:00 a.m. a 911 caller requested a deputy at a location near Hondo where a mother and daughter had a

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CORONA NEWS

New Mexico Tech reports another earthquake for this area . . . 3.2 on the Richter Scale at 4:11 a.m., July 22, followed by four aftershocks. Epicenter again Gallinas Peak.

 Corona del Ray Chapter of Women's Aglow will meet at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 in the school auditorium. A special program will be given by a group from Los Lunas, said to be comprised mostly of school teachers with a hobby of demonstrating and teaching Hebrew dances.

 Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hudson, Buckhorn, are ranch sitting while their daughter and family, the Duane Frosts, are attending the Farm Bureau meeting in Farmington.

 Friends have learned of the death of Robert Williams Monday, July 22, at his home in Nogal following a bout of cancer. Mr. Williams, for years in the office of El Paso Natural Gas Co.'s Lincoln Station, reported the weather and other items to this column.

 School starts here in less than a month. Positions are open for an elementary teacher, Special Ed., Ag, a full time educational assistant and a part time special educational assistant. Mr. and Mrs. Painter have resigned to move to Aztec.

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Waylan, came from Arcadia, OK and took parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Robinson to Grants for a grandson's wedding July 12. Tina Anderson and Chad Robinson were united in marriage in a ceremony at Post Office Flats Friday afternoon. A wedding supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Robinson and a dance ended the festivities.

 Jill Haynes of Fort Sumner, bride-elect of Shane Owen, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Saturday afternoon in the Corona Senior Citizen Center. Her colors of forest green and berry were used in the ranch theme. The table was covered with green overlaid with white lace and oil lamps were used in place of candles. The centerpiece on one table was an arrangement of roses and tall grasses. The other table had gladioli in a boot. Corsages were roses and rose petals scattered over the tables. The flowers were from Lee Sultemeier's garden. Cranberry punch and red and green grapes carried out the color scheme. There were pin wheels and cookies were in the shape of a cactus and a sombrero cowboy hat. Jill, her sister, Susan and mother, Linda Haynes, came from Fort Sumner, Marie Owen-Smith and Juanita Owen, mother and grandmother of Shana, from Roswell. Hostesses were Betty Ann Bell, Crystal Bell, Mila Pounds and Lee Sultemeier.

 The staff at the Corona Senior Citizen Center is happy at long last to be serving meals. The first one Monday was enjoyed by eight at the center. Tim will deliver meals to those unable to join the group for food and fellowship.

 The rain Friday varied from one-half inch to two inches. The hail flattened gardens.

 Cotton Yancey came in from Bloomfield Tuesday afternoon to attend the Williams funeral service Wednesday.

 Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Perkins attended a Hadley reunion of cousins in Clovis last weekend. They are now on vacation, a pack trip in the Gila.

 Crown CowBelles met Thursday, June 11 at the Frost ranch home. Six members plus Shelly's husband, Duane, two sons and a

nephew, were present for the luncheon which featured her special beef pot pie.

President Lee Sultemeier opened the meeting by reading excerpts from a long article re Larry Sharp, Prewitt, in the July issue of National Lamb and Wool Growers Magazine. Larry has always been interested in sheep when in school here and on the Sharp ranch. He has continued working with 4-H members in the breeding and showing of lambs long after his own children were grown. We are proud of Larry.

There was a brief business session in which Crown voted to pay \$10 to each person working at the CowBelles booth at the State Fair, also travel expenses or room cost for those attending the annual meeting and district workshops.

Knollene McDaniel's proposed awarding monetary awards for 4-H members who breed, raise and show their animals was discussed. A meeting was set for Monday at the Crown cafe to work out details. Local presidents are to promote this idea. Notices will be sent to all producers and it is hoped to have the plan in place for the Lincoln County Fair Aug 6 to 10.

The president then introduced Duane Frost, one of two members from the Ag and Rural Affairs Committee to serve with one member each from the five commission districts and two at large on PLUAC, Public Land Users Advisory Council. The council meets on the fourth Monday at the Courthouse from 9:00 to 12:00. 1758 responses to their questionnaires were received. The council wants to get a comprehensive land use plan for the county in place. A plan that shows the past, present and hopes for the future as the county goes from agricultural county to a tourist and retail one. The results of the survey will be published in a brochure and more open meetings are to be held before the plan is finalized. There is no plan for zoning, a rumor without foundation.

Mrs. Sultemeier then announced that the cowboy poetry afternoon session of CowBelles for the festival will be done by Marvin Pounds, a friend, Mike Joy, David Brunson and others. Mr. and Mrs. Brunson will give a pancake breakfast at the Cedarvale senior center for the Class of '66.

The meeting closed with coffee and more chocolate chip and butter pecan cake and then a viewing of the 4-H livestock, steers, lambs and pigs which Rankin and Dal will show.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 1 at the Crown Cafe.

Smokey Bear License . . .

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 ten to Skeen as an individual, response came back from that office that a license would not be issued to her.
 Desperate to hold on to the Smokey Bear license that enables her to produce brochures, menus or anything carrying the Smokey Bear image, name or logo, Ingle put together packets about Friends of Smokey, and any other Smokey Bear information available and flew to Washington D.C. and met face to face with Skeen and Domenici.
 "We got lost in the cracks," Ingle said about the licensure problem. "When Cambridge Consulting Corp. (the private Smokey Bear license contractor) had a turnover we got lost," Ingle said.
 Ingle said Smokey Bear State Park was okay, and did not need a license, because it does not produce any Smokey Bear items for sell.
 Ingle paid for her trip to Washington D.C. out of her own pocket, but Friends of Smokey recently voted to partially reimburse part of those expenses.
 "I spoke with Cambridge three times," Ingle told THE NEWS this week. "And they promise e'll have the license in hand by August 2."

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Sheriff's Report

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verbal fight. A deputy responded.

12:37 a.m. Carrizozo police advised there was a door open at the court complex in Carrizozo. The courthouse supervisor responded.

5:04 p.m. a caller reported shots fired in Cedar Creek Canyon. A deputy responded.

9:29 p.m. a burglary was reported in Nogal. The caller requested a deputy because

two kids who took some tools from him. He advised he did recover most of the tools but he wanted a deputy to go with him to talk with the kids. A deputy responded, and the juveniles were referred to the juvenile probation office.

1:03 p.m. vehicle damage was reported at a location on Carrizo Canyon Road. Three kids threw rocks at her vehicle, and she wanted a report.

State police were notified.

July 19:
9:28 a.m. Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority requested a deputy to meet with an authority personnel to take a report on illegal dumping on a road near Ruidoso. A deputy responded.

5:19 p.m. a runaway was reported from Monahan, TX. The subject left three suicide notes. Carrizozo police were notified.

9:03 p.m. loud music was reported at a trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs. The caller

advised she and her baby were trying to sleep and the music was too loud.

9:37 p.m. a 911 caller reported hearing 20 gunshots and a lady screaming at a location behind Alto Country Club. Before the caller hung up, the caller advised hearing gunshots again. Two deputies responded. At 9:37 p.m. state police were requested for assistance. The assistance call was cancelled. The responding deputies advised that all was okay, some kids in a tent were dropping tables, not gunshots.

10 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious vehicle and people at a location east of Ruidoso Downs. A deputy responded.

July 20:
10:07 a.m. a caller reported an accident with injuries involving a dirt bike in the Arabella area. The victim was at a business in Hondo. Hondo ambulance was paged, with no response. RALS responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

10:15 a.m. Ruidoso police advised of a domestic at a location near Biscuit Hill. A deputy responded.

11:02 a.m. Ruidoso police reported a domestic at a residence near Biscuit Hill. The call was the same as before, and advised the grandfather was staying where he is. Two deputies responded.

11:21 a.m. a deputy reported a theft/larceny in the Bonito Lake area. A drivers license was stolen.

12:32 p.m. shots were reported fired in the middle of White Oaks. The caller advised a semi-automatic weapon was being fired for the second day, and the caller believed the shots were coming from an individual. A deputy responded and spoke with the individual, then advised the individual was outside the township limits and he was not in violation because he was not near any residences.

3:15 p.m. a suspicious vehicle was reported at a residence off Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs. Two men were in the vehicle and one was slumped over. State police responded.

4:37 p.m. a security company advised of a panic alarm set off at a restaurant in Tinnie. The responding deputy spoke with the owner who advised he had set it off accidentally.

5:10 p.m. loud music was reported at a trailer in a trailer court east of Ruidoso Downs. A deputy responded, and arrested an individual.

5:18 p.m. an erratic driver was reported in the Grindstone area near Ruidoso. A small vehicle was in and out of traffic, weaving across the double line, and the occupants were yelling. Ruidoso police were notified.

6:32 p.m. animal control was requested in Carrizozo, a dog was hit on the roadway. Carrizozo police responded.

7:21 p.m. a caller reported kids riding four wheelers on private property. Capitan police were notified.

7:26 p.m. a deputy advised he was making a traffic arrest at 13th and B Ave. in Carrizozo.

July 21:
12:20 a.m. a deputy advised he was assisting a Ruidoso Downs officer make an arrest of a male subject wanted on a warrant.

12:55 a.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic incident in White Oaks. A male subject tore his wife's shirt and pushed his stepdaughter around. The responding deputy arrested the subject.

3:50 a.m. a woman walked into the sheriff's office and passed out. The dispatcher requested an ambulance for the woman who was not responding, and the dispatcher did not know how many pills she took. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

8:49 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location in Alto. Alto ambulance was not available so RALS responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

11:06 a.m. dirt bikes were reported on private property and on Long Road. Capitan police responded.

11:16 a.m. Torrance County Sheriff's Office requested an ambulance at a ranch off Highway 42. Corona ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

12:15 p.m. Bonito Lake campground hosts requested a motorist assist at the campground for a vehicle with a flat tire. A wrecker was paged, but the call was cancelled.

12:47 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location in Alto. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

2:35 p.m. a gas station in Carrizozo requested an officer for a person who has a hose for gas. Carrizozo police responded.

8:31 p.m. a 911 caller reported a fire in the trees between Monjeau peak and the Ski Slope. US Forest Service was advised.

LEGALS

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. PB-96-33
Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEON ERRAMOUSPE, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LEON ERRAMOUSPE, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF LEON ERRAMOUSPE, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the petition filed by the undersigned petitioners or personal representatives, which petition provides a request to enter an Order formally requesting an order as to testacy of the Decedent in relation to the original of the last will and testament of the Decedent executed on April 19, 1991, and further setting forth a request that the petitioners be appointed as Personal Representatives of the estate, will be held at

District Courthouse for the 12th Judicial District, Carrizozo, New Mexico on August 30, 1996, at 1:00 p.m.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

Witness our hands and the seal of this Court.

DATED: 7-16, 1996.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-96-108

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, *et al* FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Plaintiff,

vs.

EUGENE DAVIS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EUGENE DAVIS, THE ESTATE OF MARY O. DAVIS, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF MARY O. DAVIS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, AND PATRICIA CIRAULO, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s):

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property

located at Lot 13, Block 3, Palmer Gateway Subdivision, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 13, BLOCK 3 OF PALMER GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE AMENDED PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1948.

Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before September 9, 1996, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Plaintiff's attorneys:

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WITNESS THE Honorable Richard A. Parsons Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 23rd day of July, 1996.

BY: ELIZABETH LUERAS Deputy

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