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# Lincoln County To Ask State For Fort Stanton

by Doris Cherry

Based on a recommendation from New Mexico General Services Secretary Steven Beffort, the Lincoln County Commissioners authorized the drafting of a legislative joint memorial which if approved would begin transfer of the Fort Stanton property from the state to the county.

During the regular county commission meeting Tuesday

in the courthouse in Carrizozo, Sec. Beffort recommended the county commission ask state representative Dub Williams and state senator Pete Campos to introduce joint memorials authorizing the transfer of the Fort Stanton properties during the special legislative session the governor has called for March 20. Beffort said he believed the governor would support the transfer of the Fort Stanton hospital facility and

its 1,400 acres from the state to the county for a nominal fee (\$1). As a condition of the transfer the county would have to submit a plan to identify how it will utilize, lease or sell the properties.

The transfer could occur if the county's plan is mutually agreed upon, and approved by the legislature, Beffort added.

Beffort said he believes tenants for the Fort can be found, especially if the county takes over the procurement

process which can be done more effectively "closer to home."

"You will be, totally in charge," Beffort said.

Also Beffort said the governor has asked for legislation for \$500,000 in interim funding for the next fiscal year to continue the minimal maintenance at the Fort. Beffort said his department asked for the \$500,000 during the regular legislative session but the maintenance funding for the

next fiscal year was not included in the state's budget bill. Beffort said that if the funding is not addressed in the special session, the state's maintenance will end on June 30 and the state will board up the windows and shut down the buildings.

Along with the transfer of property, Beffort said there is about \$900,000 in re-appropriations for buildings at the Fort which the state would also consider transferring to

the county through joint powers agreements.

The only "wrinkle," Beffort said, is the Camp Sierra Blanca minimum security prison, which the state Children, Youth and Families is planning to use as a juvenile camp. Beffort said in his opin-

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### Governor Vetoes Most Money Requests For Lincoln County

Governor Gary Johnson has been busy with his veto pen. According to an Associated Press report published Wednesday, the governor vetoed several funding projects for different Lincoln County communities.

Included in the vetoes were \$50,000 for the Corona Schools Gym; \$100,000 for Camp Sierra Blanca environment work camp; \$50,000 for Carrizozo water tanks; \$25,000 for sewer lines in Ruidoso Downs; \$150,000 for the Ruidoso Youth Center and swimming pool; \$20,000 for the Lincoln historic walkway; \$10,000 for the Corona sidewalks and street improvements; \$20,000 for the Eagle Creek domestic water system; \$25,000 for Capitan water system and \$20,000 for ENMU Ruidoso center.

Legislation for all funding, except the \$50,000 for the Corona schools gym, was sponsored by Senator Pete Campos, a democrat. Campos was not available for comment.

Wednesday was the last day for the governor to either veto or sign legislation.

### Sergering For The Home Workshop In Ruidoso Tues.

Home decorating is high on the "things to do" list for many homeowners. They may have a variety of projects in mind from repainting rooms to adding new curtains and other fabric accessories.

Many home decorating projects which involve fabric can be done faster and with a special creative touch when a serger is available.

Susan Wright, Extension Specialists Cooperative Extension Service New Mexico State University, will conduct a Sergering for the Home workshop Tuesday, March 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center located at the rear of the Ruidoso Library.

The workshop is free and open to the public but pre-registration is requested. Call Betty McCreight, Lincoln County Extension Home Economist at 505-648-2311 by Friday, March 8 to pre-register.



NEW MEXICO SECRETARY of General Services Steven Beffort (left) visits with Lincoln County Attorney Alan Morel (right) and Santa Fe resident Bill Conway at the break during the Lincoln County Commission meeting Tuesday.

### County Cautious Of Improving Buildings

by Doris Cherry

Wasting no time since he was hired as county manager, Frank Potter listed the priority needs for the Lincoln County Courthouse in other properties during the regular county commission meeting Tuesday.

Potter offered his list of priority needs for the courthouse, with the cooling system at the top. Last fall the cooler completely failed and Potter asked commissioners for authorization to go to bid for a cooler on a "fast track" to have the new equipment installed before the weather turns hot in Carrizozo. Potter said he has been working with assistant manager Martha Guevara, who is the county

purchasing agent, to develop good procurement procedures and specifications for the cooling equipment.

Potter also said in calling about cost estimates found the cost of repairing the existing equipment as high as installing new equipment.

Commissioners remembering previous problems with bids specifications were cautious in accepting Potter's recommendations. Commissioner Bill Schwettmann asked who prepared the specs. Potter said he has had seven years experience as a purchasing agent, during which time he learned where to get specifications. "If you look at our specs you'll find them very inclusive," Potter said. "In the

past the county specs have been inconclusive."

Commissioner Stirling Spencer, who voted no on hiring Potter, said he wanted to make sure any new cooler

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### LCMC Auxiliary To Sponsor A Blood Drive Tomorrow

A blood drive will be held in Ruidoso tomorrow, March 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Gateway Church of Christ, east entrance, 415 Sudderth. The blood drive is sponsored by the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary.

All blood donors are encouraged to participate.

### Municipal Election Votes Are Counted

by Doris Cherry

Capitan voters, with a 56 percent showing in Tuesday's municipal election, ousted all incumbent village trustees.

John Whitaker and Leroy Montes won the two, four-year trustee positions by receiving the two highest number of votes of the six candidates who were running. Whitaker received the most with 142 and Montes received 117.

Lamoyn Carpenter won the two-year position, ousting incumbent L.C. Cozzens.

The votes for each candidate were:

Alex Trujillo 83, Bernhard Reimann 100, Montes 117, Whitaker 142, Debra Ingle 105, Michael Romero 33 and incumbent Gordon Ross 113. Carpenter received 207 votes and incumbent L.C. Cozzens 152.

Capitan village clerk Deborah Cummins was pleased with the turnout of 399 voters at the polls Tuesday, and the 34 absentee ballots.

Cummins said there was only one mechanical problem at the polls, when the "cast vote" button on a machine stuck. It was soon replaced by voting machine technician Paul Baca, and no votes were lost, Cummins said.

The new trustees will be sworn in at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 11, prior to the regular meeting at village hall.

In Carrizozo incumbent trustee Eileen Lovelace retained her four-year position with 117 votes. Wesley

Lir Isay won the second four-year position with 140 votes. William Meeks retained his municipal judgeship over candidate Alfred Hendrix. The votes for each candidate were: For trustee--Lovelace 117; Lindsay 140; Walter Hill 106; Michael Cain 72. For judge; Meeks 142; Hendrix 74.

The new Carrizozo elected officials will be sworn in at 7 p.m. Monday, March 11 at town hall.

Carrizozo town clerk Carol Schlarb said the 38 percent voter turnout was low compared to previous years. A total of 222 cast ballots on Tuesday, and 11 voted absent-

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### Van Sighted In Carrizozo Area

Carrizozo was the scene of much excitement and activity yesterday when it was reported a van was in the area that matched the description of the van reported to have been involved in the multiple killings in Albuquerque recently.

TV crews from all three Albuquerque stations were in Carrizozo and news of the sighting of the van was announced on the TV stations.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS located the vehicle, which appears to have been parked for quite some time.

No one was allowed near the van until after FBI officials examined the vehicle.

No further news was available at press time.

### Dr. Hall To Be County EMS Medical Director

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners awarded the emergency medical services directorship to Dr. Spencer Hall.

Dr. Hall's directorship was questioned last year after a complaint was made by a county EMT. At that time it was discovered that the county did not have a contract with Dr. Hall who had been acting as medical director. Because of the complaint, commissioners put the medical directorship out to request for proposals. Dr. Hall offered to continue his directorship at no cost to the county until a contract was signed with a medical director.

However, during the Tuesday county commission meet-

ing in the courthouse in Carrizozo, commissioner Ray Nunley made a motion to offer the directorship to Dr. James Fennimore in Ruidoso. The motion failed with commissioners Monroy Montes, Bill Schwettmann and Stirling Spencer voting against it. Spencer then made a motion to retain Dr. Hall as the medical director. The motion passed with only Nunley voting against it.

Nunley expressed concern that the issue between Hall and the EMT had not been resolved, as the county attorney and county EMS coordinator had said. Commissioners said if other problems arise with Dr. Hall, then they will reconsider the contract

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UP AND AWAY! Carrizozo elementary students let balloons go to celebrate the dedication of their new playground equipment during a ceremony Monday.



KOAT—TV ANCHOR Nelson Martinez answers questions and sings to Carrizozo Schools students during a special presentation Tuesday. Martinez told the students to stay in school, not be afraid to ask questions, and to fight for school music and arts programs which inspire students to have spirit and creativity.

## County Cautious Of

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would have the capacity to handle any expansion on the courthouse. He also said the county needs to get an architect on board to develop a plan for improvements.

But Potter said the cooler or any other proposed work on the courthouse did not need an architect because there will be no structural alterations. "Good specifications will address commissioner Spencer's concerns," Potter said.

"As a member of this board I want to see a plan," Spencer repeated. Potter said in reviewing the work of the previous architect there appeared to be a systematic plan for courthouse improvements.

Potter said if the commissioners didn't authorize the ad to request bids for the cooling that day, "they'll (the other elected officials in the courthouse) severely beat me."

Another top priority need is storage for the voting machines and a trailer to transport the machines. Potter said he talked with some school districts about a building to store the voting machines and has considered the suggestion to construct a building at the northeast parking lot at the courthouse. He said a trailer could be purchased quickly because the two or three quotes he got on a trailer showed it would come under \$5,000. By procurement regulations, any item costing more than \$5,000 requires a bid process.

Other priorities included computer cabling in the court-

house, which has been re-routed off the floor and across the ceiling. To cover the computer cables, Potter recommended the county go to bid on a project to drop the ceiling with modern ceiling materials in the main area of the courthouse. The new ceiling would not only hide the cables, it would improve the heating and cooling efficiency. New lighting then would be installed.

Other improvements included carpeting and painting in the annex and carpet in the district court area of the courthouse; roofing repairs in the main courthouse area and the breezeway walkway between the main area and the manager's offices; improvements to the Honda/Volunteer Fire Department building; and refurbishing of the original 1964 terrazzo flooring in the main courthouse area.

Potter also recommended the county contract for plumbing/heating and cooling services and electrical services.

"The courthouse building is beyond normal daily routine maintenance," Potter said. "I don't want to be critical of former county employees, but things are not in good condition."

"The courthouse is in public view," Potter said. "I plan to plant flowers, decorate and make it respectable to the

public." Commissioner Wilton Howell suggested Potter hold a public procurement seminar for Lincoln County businesses, to educate local businesses on how to bid on public jobs. Potter agreed to the idea and said he believes many local businesses do not know about such things as preference for local bidders.

To help do some of the projects, Potter said he talked with detention administrator Wayland Hill who was willing to "loan" eligible county prisoners to work with maintenance on cleaning and grounds. But Potter's suggestion to hire temporary help to do painting in the annex concerned Spencer who preferred to do such work on a contract basis.

At the end of his manager's report, Potter requested the commission allow him to attend a National Tour Association conference for which he developed an itinerary for 1,600 tour buses to come to Lincoln County as a destination tour. Potter had worked on the project during his prior employment. Potter requested his expenses to the April 17-21 conference in Cincinnati, Ohio be paid out of the county lodgers' tax funds, or Ruidoso or Ruidoso Downs lodgers tax funds if the county would not approve the travel.

*Thank You*

My thanks to all those who supported me in my bid for Carrizozo Municipal Judge; and congratulations to Judge Meeks on his victory.

**ALFRED M. HENDRIX**

### US Chamber Presents 1995 Spirit Award To Domenici And Skeen

Sen. Pete Domenici (R-NM) was honored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce with the Spirit of Enterprise Award for steadfastly voting in support of politics crucial to American business.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce awarded Congressman Joe Skeen (R-NM) the 1995 Spirit of Enterprise award based on Skeen's legislative support for issues important to the business community.

#### BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

The rural bookmobile will be in the county next week. The following is a schedule of stops:

Tuesday, March 12:	
Corona Post Office	12:30-2:30 p.m.
Carrizozo Otero Electric	4-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13:	
Carrizozo Otero Electric	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Nogal Post Office	8:45-10 a.m.
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe	10:30-12:30 p.m. & 6-7:30 p.m.
Lincoln Post Office	2-3 p.m.
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## Senior Olympics Sets Schedules For Events

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All who qualify may participate in the state games that will be held in Las Cruces July 23-27. The qualifying participants at the state level will be eligible to participate in the national games in Tucson, AZ in 1997.

The schedule for the 1996 Lincoln County Senior Olympics: 8-ball pool, April 20 starting at 9 a.m. at the

Capitan Senior Center; bowling singles, April 23 at 1 p.m. at Ruidoso Bowl; bowling doubles, April 24 at 1 p.m. at Ruidoso Bowl; bowling mixed doubles, April 25 at 1 p.m. at Ruidoso Bowl; golf, April 13 at 1:30 p.m. at The Links at Sierra Blanca; horseshoes, May 4 at 10 a.m. at Carrizozo Country Club; shuffleboard, April 17 at 9 a.m. at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center; table tennis, April 29 at 10 a.m. at Ruidoso Senior Center; talent, May 1 at 1 p.m. at Capitan Senior Center; frisbee accurate

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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 at the Marie Laveaux Restaurant at 1214 Mechem in Ruidoso for no host dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 258-3246 or 354-2636.

—Preschool Story hour from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Carrizozo Public School library.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**

—Lincoln County Democrats will hold a county convention at 7 p.m. at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

—Blood drive in Ruidoso at Gateway Church of Christ 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., sponsored by Lincoln County Medical Center auxiliary.

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

—AARP tax volunteers will help elderly and low income taxpayers at Zia Senior Center in Carrizozo from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

—Newly elected Capitan trustees will be sworn in at 6:30 p.m. in village hall. A regular meeting will follow.

—Ruidoso, Corona and Carrizozo newly elected municipal officials will be sworn in.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

—Carrizozo Town Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.  
 —Ruidoso Village Council meets at 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

—Capitan Extension club meets at 9:30 at Senior Citizens Center.

—Lincoln County Lodger's Tax committee meets at 10 a.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

—AARP tax volunteers will help elderly and low income taxpayers at Ruidoso Senior Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**

—Capitan elementary school parent/teacher conferences.

—Capitan school board meets at 7 p.m. in boardroom in old administration building.

—Ruidoso Eastern Star will have a covered dish supper to honor the District Instructor at 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**

—Last day to register for 55 Alive/Mature Driving course. Call 505-354-2666.

—Capitan middle and high school students will receive report cards.

—Capitan elementary school parent/teacher conferences.

—AARP tax volunteers will help elderly and low income taxpayers at Ruidoso Senior Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

—GED testing at Ruidoso Instructional Center. For information call 257-2120 or 1-800-934-3368.

## Obituary

**LUCIANO GALLEGOS JR.**

Luciano Gallegos Jr., 54, former resident of Carrizozo, died Feb. 28. He was born April 13, 1941 in Carrizozo to Luciano and Juanita Gallegos.

He graduated from Carrizozo High School in 1960. He retired from the U.S. Army after having served two tours in Vietnam and he lived in Colorado City, CO.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou; son Ricky; daughter Gina; mother Juanita Gallegos of Carrizozo; four grandchildren; five sisters, Sofia Gallegos of Roswell, Pauline Hagen of Dover, Del., Lucy Erzen of Colorado Springs, CO, Helen Lujan of Roswell, Becky Huerta of Carrizozo; and six brothers, Frank, Carlos and Faustino Gallegos all of Carrizozo, Albert Gallegos of Albuquerque, Wilfred Gallegos of Santa Fe, and Augustine Gallegos of Alameda, CA.

Funeral services were held March 2 in Pueblo, CO with Rev. Richard Becker officiating.

**LUCIANO GALLEGOS SR.**

Luciano Gallegos Sr., 88, a lifelong resident of the Carrizozo area, died March 2 at his home in Carrizozo.

He was born May 2, 1907 in La Luz, NM. He was a retired plumber. He was a member of Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.

He was preceded in death by a son, Luciano Gallegos Jr.

Funeral mass was celebrated March 6 at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo by Father Dave Berge. Interment followed in Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita, of the family home; six sons, Frank Gallegos and wife Rosemary of Carrizozo, Carlos Gallegos and wife Nellie of Carrizozo, Faustino Gallegos of Carrizozo, Albert Gallegos and wife Margaret of Albuquerque, Wilfred Gallegos and wife Annette of Santa Fe, and Augustine Gallegos and wife Mary of Alameda, CA; five daughters, Sofia Gallegos of Roswell, Pauline Hagen of Dover, Del., Lucy Erzen and husband John of Colorado Springs, CO, Helen Lujan and husband Raymond of Roswell, and Becky Huerta and husband Efron of Carrizozo; daughter-in-law Mary Lou Gallegos of Colorado City, CO; 40 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; two sisters, Emma Garcia of Bayard, and Flora Gary of Silver City; and four brothers, Paul Gallegos of Albuquerque, Benjamin Gallegos of Santa Fe, Martin Gallegos of Fullerton, CA, and Sammy Gallegos of Deming.

## Driving Course To Be 19 And 20

AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) will sponsor a 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course to be held March 19 and 20 at the Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso. Instructors will be Wayne and Mollie Mason.

Enrollment is limited. Call 505-354-2666 for information.

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## Senior Olympics . . .

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cy and distance, May 18 at 9 a.m. at Ruidoso High School gym; soccer kick accuracy and distance, May 19 at 9 a.m. at Ruidoso High School gym; basketball free throw, May 18 at 9 a.m. at Ruidoso High School gym; track and field, May 18 at 11 a.m. at Ruidoso High School. Track and field events include discus throw, javelin throw, softball distance throw, high jump, long jump, long jump standing, shot put throw, race walking, 800 meter estimated time run, and 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, and 5k meter runs.

For further information about the Lincoln County Senior Olympics contact Virginia Danielson at 354-2652, Bessie Jones at 354-2372, Wayne Mason at 354-2666, Bob Proffitt at 258-3694, or Bart Young at 257-3193.

Last year there were 52 people participating in the Lincoln County Senior Olympics. The state participants brought home 42 medals.

Virginia Danielson, coordinator for Lincoln County Senior Olympics, said the committee welcomes input on events not offered. Other events will be added if interest is shown and it is possible to include them.

## Carrizozo Students Attend Honor Band

Thirteen Carrizozo band students represented their school at the annual Southwest Music Educators Honors Band clinic in Truth or Consequences on March 1 and 2.

Carrizozo band students were Mary Beth Bond, Lisa Duggar, Tara Earwood, Mollie Hightower, Patrick Hightower, Robin James, Ruby Matthews, David Medina, John Paul Ortiz, Libby Sambrano, Frank Sanchez, Lisa Sanchez and Josh Vega. Carrizozo music director Dolores Earwood accompanied the students.

John Licha from Socorro and Henry Estrada from Los Lunas were the clinicians for the two-day event.

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**Serger Sewing Basics Workshop On Tuesday**  
 Susan Wright, extension specialist from New Mexico State University, will conduct a hands-on Serger Sewing Basics workshop Tuesday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Carrizozo Woman's Club.  
 The class is free and open to the public but pre-registration is requested. Those attending will need to bring a serger sewing machine and supplies. The class will be limited to 25 participants.  
 Call Lincoln County Extensionist Home Economist Betty McCreight at 648-2311 to pre-register and for a list of supplies.

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# THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

## Sell Fort Stanton?

By Ruth Hammond

Fort Stanton continues to be uppermost in the thoughts of the majority of Lincoln County residents. Many will probably be more than a little bit shocked to hear the new word being used by state officials in regard to Fort Stanton. That word is "SELL."

Lincoln County Commissioners will ask the state to transfer the Fort Stanton property to the county and in the request the county must also submit a plan to identify how the county will utilize, lease or sell the property. Let's hope the request becomes public record before it is sent to State Senator Pete Campos and State Representative Dub Williams to present during the special session of the state legislature slated to begin March 20.

Bets are that it won't be public record and that any plans to sell Fort Stanton will be kept quiet until after the deal is made. A real estate person has shown interest in marketing Fort Stanton and says buyers would pay the asking price in order to turn it into a private club of sorts. Does that sound familiar? Don't forget you read it in The Lincoln County News last year that Fort Stanton could very well become a private country club.

Even though we have asked repeatedly for explanations as to how turning Fort Stanton into a private country club, or into a tourist spot, could possibly employ 202 people, there have been no answers. The people touting that Fort Stanton would be a great tourist facility and would cause the economy in Lincoln County to return to what it was before the governor closed Fort Stanton have made NO effort to explain how Fort Stanton as a tourist facility would employ 202 people and help the economy of the county. We continue to wait for a viable explanation.

Let's face it, a private country club may employ 20 people but that would be less than one-tenth of the people that had been working at Fort Stanton when it was a hospital and training school for people with developmental disabilities. There is no way 20 employees could generate the same amount of business in Lincoln County as 202 employees generated. There is no way the salaries of 20 people would generate the same amount of gross receipts taxes as was generated by 202 employees.

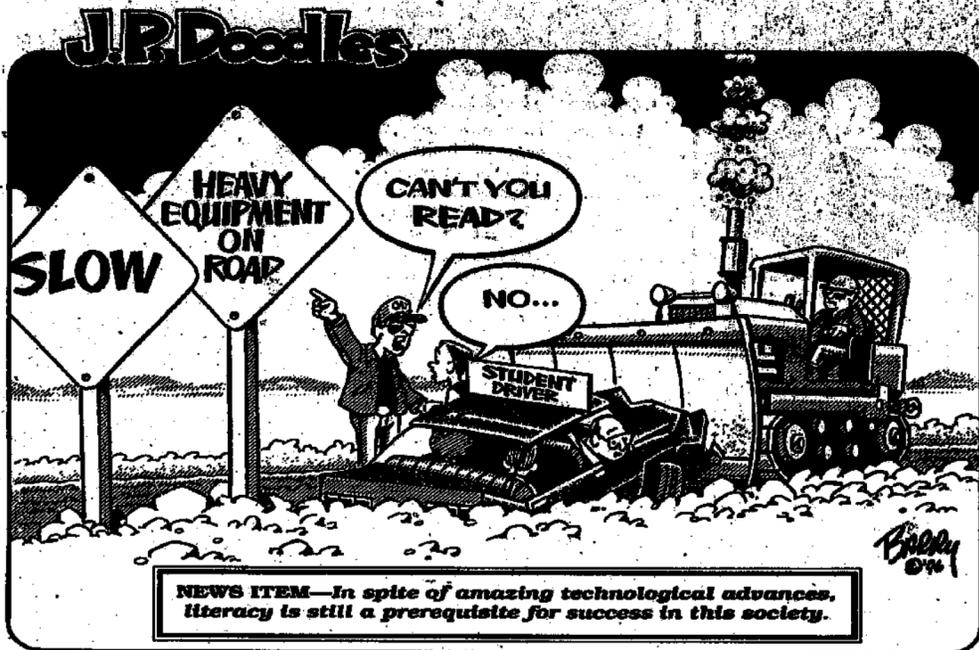
Now the state may turn Fort Stanton over to Lincoln County and allow Lincoln County to "utilize, lease, or SELL" the site, along with the historic buildings that stand empty at this time.

Maybe selling Fort Stanton was what governor Johnson had in mind all along. Maybe governor Johnson thought we would sit idle and say nothing while the most beautiful spot in Lincoln County was put on the auction block, and maybe governor Johnson has decided the best thing to do now that many of us object is to turn it over to Lincoln County for disposal.

We can only hope the Lincoln County Commissioners, the people we elected to represent each and every one of us, will not allow Lincoln County's most precious asset to be sold. We can only hope the Lincoln County Commissioners have a plan that will benefit the entire county, not a select few country club members. We can only hope the Lincoln County Commissioners will not take this responsibility of doing what is best for the entire county lightly and will be open and above-board with their decisions and will do the right thing for the entire county.

We believe that the best thing for everyone would be for the Lincoln County Commissioners to be open with their plans, not secretive. We believe that the best thing for everyone would be for the Lincoln County Commissioners to include the public in their plan-making, not smugly say, "The people will like what happens at Fort Stanton." We believe that bringing the talks out in the open would benefit all of us, not a select few, because once a deal is made no amount of talking will change it. We believe it would be wrong to consider Selling Fort Stanton!

Please help save Fort Stanton!



# Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE** — Here's another slant on the real Gary Johnson and what makes him tick.

As you know by now, Santa Fe politicians, of all faiths and colors, are still trying to figure out our fairly-new governor. All this psychoanalysis doesn't make much difference to average New Mexicans who think it's pretty neat their governor is so unpolitical that politicians can't figure him out.

But to politicians, it's a problem because our form of government is predicated on building trust and communication among the players. When that doesn't happen, government doesn't function very well.

Not only is Gary Johnson cut from a pretty different mold than your normal politician, he's probably the first governor in New Mexico (and the only current governor in the nation) who has not had prior political experience. That means Johnson has no track record for people that will help people understand him.

Speaking of track records brings us to the new slant. Our governor, we know, is quite an athlete. The National Governors' Association has unofficially dubbed him the nation's most athletic governor.

But unlike former governors Jerry Apodaca and Bruce King who were University of New Mexico football players, Johnson's interest is not in team sports. He is an individual athlete, who is constantly setting out to achieve new personal goals, such as climbing Mt. McKinley or Mt. Everest, or qualifying for the Iron Man Triathlon.

Another of Johnson's goals was to become governor of New Mexico. Once that objective was achieved, Johnson had only vague ideas about goals for the state. It could be that the lack of specifics has kept the governor from being as enthusiastic about his job as he was about winning it.

Every in-depth interview of the governor that I've seen focuses on his daily athletic regimen. Johnson skipped the last National Governor's Association meeting, sending his wife to pick up what she could while he entered a ski race — and broke his leg.

I've never played a game of pick up basketball with Gary Johnson as I have with some other governors, but I can imagine him telling his teammates, in Michael Jordan fashion, "Give me the ball and get out of my way while I drive to the basket." You may become the scoring champ doing that but it isn't necessarily the way to win confidence and admiration. Witness the booing that "Air" Jordan received when he won the Most Valuable Player award at the recent National Basketball Association All Star Game.

As governor, Johnson is much the same. He frequently talks about how the people of New Mexico elected him to run their government but the Legislature and the Supreme Court keep getting in his way. Many New Mexicans may wish Johnson could have supreme power, but our nation's founders had seen enough of that in Europe and

wanted to try a system of checks and balances.

So maybe the answer is that Gary Johnson's behavior patterns are too ingrained for him to change. He will always be out there trying to grab any power he can get. He has served notice to the Legislature to expect a massive government reorganization proposal from him at next year's legislative session.

The only massive government reorganization, in the state's history so far, occurred 20 years ago during Gov. Jerry Apodaca's term and he handled the matter very differently. He knew there would be resistance to the consolidation of 112 departments, agencies, offices, and divisions into 12 cabinet-level departments.

So Apodaca began making his case for government efficiency as soon as he was elected. Each year he worked with the Legislature to implement a little more of his plan until he finally had it all in place his final year in office.

Don't be surprised to see Gov. Johnson leave his plan at the legislature's doorstep and walk away, expecting it to be implemented, just as he did with his gambling plan this year.

## State School Board Is Asked To Intercede In NMAS Appeals

by Doris Cherry

The issue of parents rights over their children's activities during school off-times has been taken to the New Mexico State Board of Education, and may go to court if the board will not intercede.

Jim Turnage, father of Cloudercroft High School Student Josh Turnage, has made a written request to State Board of Education (SBE) president Eleanor Ortiz to assemble an appeals committee to review rules and appeals decisions of the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) regarding the sanc-

tions imposed on his child for attending summer football camp where he wore protective equipment. In Turnage's letter addressed to Ortiz, Turnage states the sanctions resulted in "violating our parental rights to hold sovereignty over our children during non-school time, as well as our right to privacy and Josh's civil rights."

In the letter Turnage asks the SBE committee to reverse the NMAA sanctions, rather than "suspend" the sanctions as did the NMAA appeals committee in December. Turnage also puts Ortiz on notice, that if she is unable or unwilling to call an appeals committee to consider the NMAA decisions, then he will file a civil rights suit naming the Department of Education, the SBE and the NMAA as defendants.

According to Dan Salzwedel, executive director of NMAA, such an appeals panel would consist of himself, the state school superintendent (A. J. Morgan) and a third person appointed by the two of them, which is new this year.

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## FDA Staff Grows; Plans To Be The Smoking Police

by EDWIN FEULNER

Is the government supposed to protect us from everything that could possibly harm us? Or are there some areas where we should be responsible for taking care of ourselves?

Take teenagers and smoking. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and its Commissioner David Kessler are getting ready to pounce on America with a litany of new regulations aimed at stopping teens from smoking.

The FDA's proposed restrictions include:

- \* Banning cigarette vending machines and self-service displays in stores;
- \* Requiring tobacco companies to launch a \$150 million-per-year nationwide TV ad campaign to discourage underage smoking;
- \* Banning the use of tobacco brand names on T-shirts, hats, keychains and lighters; and
- \* Banning brand-name sponsorship of sporting events, such as the Virginia Slims tennis tournament.

Of course, we all agree underage teenagers shouldn't smoke; that's not the issue. The issue is whether the FDA should launch yet another extravagant regulatory crusade whose nuisance value will likely outweigh any benefits.

Remember: this is the FDA that conducted the 1991 raid that captured 24,000 half-gallons of Citrus Hill "fresh choice" orange juice, all because the agency didn't like the way the o.j. was labeled! Are the food and drug police now going to swoop down on every mom and pop grocery store to make sure teen employees aren't smoking in the boy's room?

Apparently so. Since 1990, the FDA's staff has grown from 7,600 to 8,700, and its budget has ballooned from \$598 million to \$760 million. They've got to do something with all that extra manpower and money.

So, now they're going to send out an army of regulators whose job will be to make sure mom and pop conceal cigarettes from view — as if this ever stopped a teenager from doing something he or she was determined to do. Store workers will have to take time out to deal with every tobacco transaction, since cigarettes will only be

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# LETTERS to the editor

**EDITOR:** Does history repeat itself? It seems to be that it is in Lincoln County now. I do not know just how many years ago we had the Lincoln County War, the Land and Cattle War. One party wants the other party's land and cattle with blood shed and hired gunmen. Now it seems we have a new war in Lincoln County. It can be called the "Lincoln County Natural Gas War". Again the war is for the same reason as the "Land and Cattle War", wanting what others have. Instead of men with guns on their hips, we have attorneys with briefcases in their hands. For the same reasons as in the "good old days", to let the blood of others with guns or paper. Paper does not hurt physically but causes pain in other ways to get the job done. It is strange after all these years that Lincoln County now has another war.

I received from the New Mexico Public Utility Commission a map for the service area of Zia Natural Gas. It takes in the most populated area of Lincoln County. It takes in all of Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and almost all of the subdivisions of the Ruidoso area, a very lucrative area of Lincoln County. Why does not Zia Natural Gas develop the area the state franchise has given them? Now Zia Natural Gas is trying to acquire the service area of Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas also.

It is not hard to understand the reason Zia Natural Gas wants Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas. It is greed! The same kind of greed that we saw in the Lincoln County War. This type of greed affects all the citizens of Lincoln County just as it did during the Lincoln County War.

We must remember what happened in Hobbs, a 32 to 33% increase in gas rates. We can look forward to a greater increase if Zia Natural Gas gets its way. Because it is spending a great deal more money to take over the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company.

Did you notice that in Zia Natural Gas' proposed expansion area Carrizozo is left out? Will Carrizozo be left high and dry or be a satellite service area? If Carrizozo wants natural gas it will probably have to pay extra for it. Will we be able to afford the price Zia Natural Gas can charge Carrizozo?

Please help save our Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company from the "Gas Baron".

RUSSELL F. GRISWOLD  
Carrizozo, NM

**EDITOR:** It's the first of the month. Time to pay bills. I just sent a race horse trainer his fees for training one of my horses in Arizona. Then I made the check for the Arizona veterinarian who also helped care for my horse. Wish I could have been there to watch her race.

Now I'm paying the fee to the horse transportation company to haul my other horses to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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## Letters to

Well with that completed, it's time to pay the Arkansas horse trainer and the Arkansas veterinarian.

Now it's time to call the travel agent and make airline, hotel and car rental reservations for Arkansas, because two of my horses will race there this weekend. I hope they have some nice restaurants there.

This whole process hasn't taken me much longer than normal. Because I no longer have to make my horse farm employees pay-roll checks. And I didn't make the check to the New Mexico horse trainer that has trained my horses for many years. Or the check to the New Mexico veterinarian. I didn't pay a New Mexico feed dealer either.

That money goes to other states now. Look at what I save in fuel and auto maintenance. I won't be sleeping in New Mexico hotels or eating at New Mexico restaurants this racing weekend. My money and my taxes are being spent elsewhere.

I still say, what a shame. I'm no longer able to race in my home state.

MICHAEL WEATHERLY  
Mesquite, NM

## FDA Staff Grows . . .

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sold from behind the counter and not from self-service displays. The watchdogs will probably even send in teenagers paid to test the system. If something slips through the cracks, out come the handcuffs!

Come on, American University student and former Heritage Foundation intern Jennifer Murray may have said it best in a recent essay when she accused President Clinton of forgetting what it's like to be a teenager. "Formula-One racing cars painted with tobacco company logos, billboards at sports events, advertisements in magazines (particularly of those men on horseback) — none of these had anything to do with my (former) tendency to light up," Jennifer confessed. "The main contributor was something President Clinton's 'solutions' would

only encourage: rebellion." The new federal regulations, far from preventing teens from smoking, "by focusing additional attention on the forbidden, could actually entice them," Jennifer warns.

Isn't there someone more qualified than the FDA orange juice police to address this issue? Such as parents?

Let's get real. As Jennifer pointed out, "Banning cigarette ads and vending machines will do more for President Clinton's wavering image than it will for teens." Does anyone really believe the president is lying awake at night worrying about teen smoking? I kinda doubt it. But he is worried about being popular in an election year.

Smoking sure isn't as popular as it used to be. And everybody cares about kids. You do the math.

## Municipal Elections . . .

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tee. Schlarb reported no problems at the polls. "I love these new machines," she said.

In Ruidoso, voter turnout was at the opposite range of Capitan, with only 14 percent of the total registered voters casting ballots. The 562 total votes cast included 18 absentee ballots.

Ruidoso village clerk Tammie Maddox said it was one of the lowest turnouts for a municipal election. Maddox said she speculated the high winds and cool temperatures contributed to the low voter turnout.

Incumbent J.D. James lost his seat on the council to Bob Sterchi. Incumbents Robert Donaldson and Frank Cummins retained their positions with four year terms.

The votes for each candidate were:

James 287, Donaldson 399, Cummins 432, Sterchi 332.

The new councilors will be sworn in at 5 p.m. Monday, March 11 at the village administration center.

Two mechanical problems occurred at the Ruidoso polls held in the convention center. One machine would not print out when poll workers were opening in the morning, and a door on another machine would not open at the end of the day. Both were minor mechanical problems remedied by the county election technicians.

Ruidoso Downs had an

average turnout, with 24 percent (186) of the 772 registered voters casting ballots. Incumbent mayor Joe Hayhurst retained his position with 157 votes, to challenger Charlotte Craig's 29.

The two incumbent trustees had no opposition. Jackie Branum received 123 votes and Judy Miller received 158. Unchallenged incumbent judge Harold Mansell received 177 votes.

Ruidoso Downs village clerk Leann Ulbrech said there were no problems at the polls, and workers had tallied all votes by 7:45 p.m.

The Ruidoso Downs officials will be sworn in at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 11. Immediately following they will hold an organizational meeting.

In Corona, voters used paper ballots to re-elect their incumbent councilors A. J. Gibbs and Turner Wilson. A total of 22 voters went to the polls at Corona Village Hall and unanimously endorsed the two incumbent candidates. There were no absentee ballots. The councilors will be sworn in on Monday.

All above results are unofficial until the votes are canvassed at each municipality.

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# CAPITAN NOTES

Greetings again from the Sullivan-Anderson home in Nebraska and hope your weather in the beautiful state of New Mexico is as lovely as our weather has been and still is. Seems unbelievable, as I so well remember the long, cold and snow ridden fields and roads of merry ole winter when I was growing up in Iowa.

Where have they gone? Times, I guess are a changin' in more ways than one. And at my advanced age merely getting up in the morning is an accomplishment.

I read the other day that George Burns said as he was nearing the century mark that bending down was such an effort to pick up something he had dropped, he then looked around to see if there should, by chance, be something he could accomplish while he was already all bent over.

I have already told you about meeting Paulette Cork at my daughter's office. The following is the second of her guest columns:

**Choosing the Row That We Work In**  
by Paulette Cork

There are certain times I call Memorable Moments. Although many of these moments are pleasant and wel-

comed to me in my memory, such is not the case exclusively.

Some of these recollections are determined to remain in the realm of my memory somewhere between conscious, pre-conscious, sub-conscious and unconscious and jump at the chance to surface at a split second's notice.

These are the remembrances that provide us (there is great comfort in being plural "us" instead of singular "me") with some of life's more meaningful lessons. Ones that are embarrassing and yet offer us the opportunity to laugh because there is nothing else we can do. These situations also provide others with laughing material, probably because it didn't happen to them.

One such incident was not too long ago when it was necessary for me to have a particular physical exam. My family physician referred me to a very competent specialist.

I found myself more concerned with embarrassment of the fear of the exam than fear of possible results of such. Since I'm a firm believer in self talk, immediately I launched into a conversation with myself. "This is ridiculous. Why should this be so embarrassing? It's strictly routine matter of medical

examination by a qualified doctor. What's the worst thing that could happen? We don't know each other and will never see each other again. Grow up!"

Fortunately I was not in a position to see the doctor when he entered, so my anxiety lessened about 1/800th of a degree. The examination went quickly with few words spoken. When it was completed, I was instructed to meet him in his office. Whew!!! It's over with.

As I sat facing the wall, the usual array of medical books, charts, family pictures, and plants stared at me. When the doctor entered and greeted me, I responded. At that moment our eyes met. Our minds struggled to make a connection. It had been a long time. Nature had made a few seasonal changes. The particulars of connectedness came to us almost simultaneously. We each shouted the others name. We hugged. It was as though we were experiencing a major time warp.

Not only did I feel enormous excitement at running into an old friend after many years, but relief that we had not met face-to-face at the beginning of the appointment. Our lives had barely begun in our previous existence. We were young college students desperately trying to make financial and time ends meet. His goal was to be a plastic surgeon. I was destined to be Margaret Meade's colleague. Our paths went in separate directions. Now, circumstances had re-connected us. After a quick update of news, we reverted back to doctor/patient roles. My tests and examinations showed me to be in excellent health. Great news! No need to worry.

Something my mother taught me suddenly surfaced into my consciousness. We have the tools with which to

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PARAMEDIC LANCE HILL talks to some of the Capitan Cub Scouts while partner Chris Lacourt takes on the others in a tour of Ruidoso EMS.

## Capitan Cub Scouts Plan Future Events

The Blue and Gold Banquet for Capitan Cub Scout Pack 124 was held Feb. 23 for pack

members and their families. Awards presented included a commendation to Webelo Scout Marshall Gilliam. Marshall was the top money raiser during the popcorn sale to raise money for uniforms.

ing, map making, camp safety, and minor first aid. Scouts from kindergarten through fifth grade enjoyed a scavenger hunt, horseback riding, archery, sack race, three-legged race, and other field events. Lunch was a cook-out.

## Capitan Schools Ask For Input On Proposed Books

Several departments in Capitan Schools are adopting new books for the 1996-97 school year: Driver's Education, Home Economics, Vocational Agriculture, and Computers, which includes business computers and the accounting classes.

Achievement, advancement and recognition awards were presented to the scouts.

The scouts toured Ruidoso Ambulance Service Feb. 17. Scheduled events include the first overnight camping and fishing trip April 20 and 21.

The Capitan teachers have reviewed several books for each class and a screening committee has met to review books.

The pack had its first wilderness fun day in December. There were demonstrations of fire building, compass read-

## Capitan Music Students Attend The Honor Band

Eight Capitan schools band students attended the annual Southwest Music Educators Honors Band in Truth or Consequences on March 1 and 2.

Smith second chair in bassoon, Monica Gonzales first chair Alto sax, Ty Davis first chair tenor sax, Travis Jaquess first chair tympani, Colleen McGrath second chair oboe, Renee Smith flute and Buffie York clarinet.

All students auditioned for positions during the clinic at Hot Springs High School and several were named to the first or second chair or the best positions in their division. Students who participated were: Nathan Longbotham first chair in bassoon, Faith

Capitan music director Wayne Ellison also participated in the event which included bands from Mountainair, Estancia, Cloudercroft and Carrizozo.

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**THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY and AN OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING** regarding

The Reconstruction & Realignment of US 380 Near Bingham, NM Socorro County, NM [CN:2708]

The NM State Highway & Transportation Department, along with the Federal Highway Administration propose to reconstruct a 7.62 mile segment of US 380 located 10 miles east of Bingham, NM and approximately 20 miles west of Carrizozo, NM. The purpose of the project is to correct existing roadway deficiencies such as deteriorated pavement, no shoulders, steep grades and limited driver sight-distances. Traffic studies indicate a 40% increase in volume between 1993 and 2013.

New project improvements will include: construction of a new roadway section with 12-ft. driving lanes, 8-ft. paved shoulders, a westbound climbing lane between mileposts 39.83 and 40.83, new fencing, drainage improvements and paved turnouts throughout the corridor. Portions of the new roadway will be on offset alignments which vary north or south. Additional right-of-way acquisition will be needed in the amount of 44.5 acres. **An Environmental Assessment document is available for review and public comment between February 22nd, and March 22nd, at the following locations: (1) US Post Office, Carrizozo, NM and (2) US Post Office, San Antonio, NM.**

All written comments should be mailed to the following individual no later than March 22, 1996: NMSHTD Public Involvement Coordinator, Frank Esparza-Rm. 213, P.O. Box 1149, Santa Fe NM 87504-1149. Persons who wish to request a scheduled public hearing for this project, should write or call the above-mentioned individual at (505) 827-5226.

## CAPITAN CHAMBER NOTES

It took the Capitan Chamber of Commerce 11 minutes Monday to dispatch its business.

The chamber received a letter from the Great American Duck Race in Deming. Chamber members learned that this event takes place August 24 and August 25.

The chamber received correspondence from Community Action in Ruidoso. The Ruidoso office is a branch of the Chaves County Community Action program in Roswell. This program provides assistance to low income people with utilities, rent, medication, emergency medical care, and income tax preparation. The Ruidoso office may be contacted by dialing 257-6843.

Spring clean-up day will be discussed at the April 1 meeting of the chamber of commerce. Election of officers will also be a topic for discussion. The meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. at the chamber building on Second Street.

Capitan Chamber of Commerce bingo is held on Thursday nights. The action begins at 7 p.m. at the chamber building's Second Street location.

By Bartley McDonough

### State And Federal Agencies To Conduct Random Checks

State and Federal agencies will be conducting random patrols and check points in New Mexico through the end of the year. The purpose of the random checks is to ascertain and obtain compliance with all natural resource laws. For more information call 505-827-5850.

**Thank You!**

Thank you for your vote and support. I will try to serve you to the best of my ability!

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# Sheriff's Report

Fire danger is increasing as the temperatures rise and the lack of moisture continues. Controlled burns should be avoided at this time. Persons who conduct controlled burns could be liable for property damage if the burn gets out of control.

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

**February 26:**  
8:26 a.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence on 2nd Street in Capitan. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) responded.

8:53 a.m. a caller reported livestock on the road in Nogal Canyon. The responding deputy located owner who penned up the livestock.

An officer advised of a juvenile arrest.

7:37 p.m. a 911 caller reported an assault and battery at a location in Capitan. A deputy responded as authorized by the sheriff.

9:53 p.m. a 911 caller reported a horse at large off

Highway 37. Dispatch called a possible owner, who advised the horse was not his, but he put it in an open gate.

**February 27:**  
10:30 a.m. a 911 caller reported a fire at Ranches de Sonterra of the airport road, lots of smoke was coming up out of the canyon. Bonito Fire Department responded and advised it was construction work.

10:58 a.m. state police requested a wrecker on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo to impound a vehicle belonging to a subject who was stopped and had no insurance. A wrecker responded.

3:48 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a house in San Patricio. A deputy and RALS responded.

3:53 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a 64 year old man who had chest pains. RALS transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

**February 28:**  
12:31 a.m. a 911 called reported an assault at a resi-

dence off Highway 70. The caller was assaulted by subjects at the residence, but the subjects, who were known to the caller, had left. A deputy responded.

2:19 a.m. a 911 caller reported a prowler at a residence in Upper Canyon. The caller advised the dogs were barking, and other things had been happening and the caller was very uneasy. A deputy responded.

8:19 a.m. a 911 caller reported an accident with injuries at mile marker on Highway 380. Capitan ambulance responded but was refused. State police were advised.

10:33 a.m. a caller reported a stolen snow board by the lodge at Ski Apache.

3:41 p.m. a 911 caller, LCMC, advised that a Lifeline went off at a residence off Paradise Canyon. A deputy responded.

6:11 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a 90 year old man who needed to be transported from his home in Carrizozo to Gerald Champion

Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

11:31 p.m. a woman in Capitan requested a deputy regarding a child custody dispute. The mother said she had custody, but had left town for a week. The father picked the child up instead of letting the child stay with friends. At 1 a.m. a deputy took custody of the child and took the child to friends.

**February 29:**  
9:50 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a patient with a possible broken hip. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

10:51 a.m. a 911 caller advised that an eight year old boy accepted a collect call from an unknown male subject who said, "I am going to murder you," and hung up. A deputy was assigned.

11:11 a.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire on the north side of the fire department in Capitan. Capitan fire department responded.

5:23 p.m. a 911 caller reported a house on fire in the Cedar Creek area. Bonito Fire Department responded.

**March 1:**  
12:57 a.m. an accident with injuries was reported at mile marker 276 on Highway 70 east. Glencoe Fire Department, RALS, a deputy and state police responded. The three injured were taken to LCMC.

5:02 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious vehicle off Highway 48. The dark blue pickup with a sign on the side of the door was not supposed to be there. A deputy was dispatched.

7:30 p.m. a caller reported an airplane crash in the Corona area on the west side of Highway 54. The two subjects in the plane walked away with no injuries.

7:35 p.m. an alarm company advised that alarms were sounding at a residence in San Patricio. The responding deputy advised all seemed okay all the doors were locked and secure, and he only saw three dogs running loose. Also the deputy advised the heater was blowing very hard inside and could have set the alarms off.

9:13 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Police advised of a domestic incident. An ex-husband would not leave the residence. The responding deputy advised the subject had left and given the spare key to the woman.

10:56 p.m. a deputy advised of a camp fire at the end of Cedar Creek. Bonito fire Department responded.

**March 2:**  
8:53 a.m. an OMI advised of an unattended death in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police were notified, and the OMI handled the call to a funeral home in Alamogordo.

9:26 a.m. a caller reported a possible domestic violence incident at a residence east of Ruidoso Downs. Some juveniles heard loud screams in the area the evening before and feared that someone and possibly an animal was hurt. The responding deputy made no contact with the subjects.

5 p.m. a deputy requested a case number for a harassment in Capitan. The sheriff assigned the deputy to the case.

2:20 p.m. a caller wanted to pick up his dog from the Carrizozo town kennels. Carrizozo police were contacted.

3:01 p.m. a 911 caller reported a forest fire west of a convenience store in Alto. Bonito Fire department responded and contained the small fire on private property.

5:55 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence east of Ruidoso Downs for a 67 year old woman with a possible broken arm. RALS transported the patient to LCMC.

6:10 p.m. a caller reported criminal damage to property on Gavilan Canyon Road. A subject threw a Pepsi bottle out of a passing vehicle and hit the caller's windshield which broke. A deputy was

assigned.

**March 3:**  
3:54 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Alto Village for a 37 year old man with breathing problems. RALS transported the patient to LCMC.

A store in Alto requested a deputy to take a report. A deputy responded.

12:33 p.m. a 911 caller reported structure fire in Hondo a little old shed trailer, not occupied and used as a club house was on fire. Hondo fire department responded.

3 p.m. a 911 caller reported a one vehicle roll over on Highway 42 east of Corona. Corona ambulance and state

police responded, but there were no injuries.

1:07 p.m. a motorist reported a grass fire on Highway 37 north of Nogal on the left side of the road. Nogal fire department responded and requested help from Carrizozo Fire Department. State forestry was advised.

6:03 p.m. a caller reported a dead deer on Highway 48 in front of a store in Alto. The woman hit a deer, but there was no damage to her vehicle and she requested the deer be put down if it was injured. A deputy responded.

6:15 p.m. a caller reported

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Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Worship Service..... 10:55 am  
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm  
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**  
JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor  
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186

Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
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**SATURDAY:**  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm  
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm

**SUNDAY:**  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am  
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

**Church of Christ**  
PAUL WETZEL, minister  
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2996

Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

**United Methodist Churches**  
WARREN K. SCHOENECKER, pastor  
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Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm  
United Methodist Men Breakfast  
2nd Sunday..... 8:30 am  
United Methodist Women Every  
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Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month  
..... 12:30 pm

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Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:15 am  
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am  
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday  
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1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

**Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:**  
Worship..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.

**Corona Presbyterian Church:**  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
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Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
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Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
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Latest word or rumor is Friday we may lose two or three more of our very few maintenance crew. No money for paychecks may make the employees number down to two or three and me if utilities are not shut off. Like a yo yo - we are up today and down tomorrow.

Listening to the TV and other news I cannot believe the \$500,000 for the camp was misplaced, lost or whatever. So for now looks like the camp will be sitting vacant also. Dates still not confirmed exactly when inmates will be moved to Las Cruces. This will determine when the camp closes.

Many I talk to say "stay put", as there will be something coming in for sure. "Another thirty" days is getting to sound like a stuck record player.

Saturday two visitors from Canada who had toured many states said next to Arizona our area was the prettiest and most unique. Another couple from Ohio who had spent 24 years in Israel also said they had never seen such a great area! She even wrote a letter I will be sending to the governor and legislators, saying what a shame it will be to let all the buildings sit empty and facilities remain closed to deteriorate. Just wish I had done this with everyone who has stopped in.

**STAMP NEWS FROM THIRD GRADE**

Melinda McCarty, Nita Montoya, Sharise Jones and Delana West were the winners of our art work. Sharise and Melinda won with the best coloring on the picture of the president's wives, Nita and Delana won with the best designing of a flower stamp. Melinda and Sharise did a super job coloring the picture of one of the president's wives. Each student colored a picture and then received an "old" used stamp of the president that matched their color sheet. These stamps ranged from every color in the rainbow.

The Smokey Bear cancellation is slowly progressing. The third graders each drew a picture with Smokey in it. One from each class will be chosen to be printed on the cachet envelopes for April 12. Debbie Ingle has generously offered to sponsor these third graders so they can sell a few envelopes and make a little extra money for "school" and "stamp" supplies.

On Friday, two weeks ago, the Otero County Electric Cooperative representative was at the school passing out safety color sheets. They had colored them and did such a good job coloring them it will be tough choosing winners for the art work.

Mary Shanks is hoping to be back to teaching real soon after surgery.

Mrs. Bea Payton was substituting for Mrs. Johnson. Really admire these substitutes for even half-way getting things done when people like me, take them things they know nothing about.

**SHERIFF POSSE CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY**

A large red and white birthday cake was enjoyed by over 80 posse members on March 3rd at the fair building. The posse was started on Feb. 25, 1989 and has just improved every year.

Tim Rich got the meeting underway with Fr. Henn giving the invocation. Junior Posse members led the pledge of allegiance. Past presidents, charter members, and guests

were recognized.

Two very special guests were Neil Montes and Josh Peralta. Freda McSwane brought these two young men to have them talk about their trip coming up to represent the USA in Australia at a football game. The two are trying to raise money by selling raffle tickets (1st prize will be a trip to Australia), having cook-outs, asking for donations and any other way they can earn some money to go. Both boys are very active in many activities in Capitan High School. Freda is to be commended for always helping our youth.

Jane Livingston read minutes, Bonnie Rich gave treasurer's report, and Beverly Leslie gave report on sick ones. Jane read correspondence from Hazel Miller, Sen. Pete Domenici, the Dept. of Interior, and Land Management, and a nice thank you note from the Lincoln County Rodeo Club with all information on the 1996 year.

Dana representing the Ruidoso Downs Police Dept. is caretaker of the range and is looking for others to help out. He would like to get some people for president, vice-president, and secretary. On March 11 there will be a meeting to organize at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Mount.

Lynn Starr, Mr. Dunlap, Jack Harris and Tim Rich will serve on the committee to look into maybe acquiring land to build an arena and a sheriff's posse building.

Carol Ann Benham explained a little about the Expo 1996 Tourism event and what they wanted the posse to have in their booth. Tim Rich had represented the posse in 1995. Many may dress in old west costumes. Brochures will be available telling details about the upcoming 3-day trail ride.

Tom Carter reported on the great progress of this. Twenty-five posse members signed up to ride. Three others have already committed to joining us. A friend north of Capitan stopped by on Sunday and gave me her name saying she and her friend were already making plans. The White Oaks Fire Dept. will serve a "Cowboy & Cowgirl" breakfast on Saturday morning to start the ride off. Cancellations are being designed, and letter is coming along.

Many have donated to have their name placed on the brochure. Roland has really outdone himself on this project of advertising. Chairman Clarence Leslie had to work so he had Tom and Tim represent him.

The posse discussed the Easter egg hunt to be held at the Carrizozo Park. A donation of \$87.00 was given by all the members to help with purchase of eggs and prizes.

Marlene Tomlin reported on the officer assistance committee and is the best host anyone could have. Membership applications were read and more members were welcomed into the large organization.

Emma from Lincoln was explaining to the group about the newsletter she and Renita Freeman put out last month. This was the best newsletter I have seen. The group gave her a very big thank you by applauding. If you have something you would like to get on the newsletter, get it to her by the 10th of each month. The letter will be out by the 15th. You have to see this to appreciate the good job.

Eighteen attended the Pony Express meeting Feb. 28 with Tom Carter conducting the meeting. Entertainment, food, and brochures are three

things already in order. Next meeting will be held April 10.

Audrey had to go to Roswell, so mother and I were baby sitting. I chose to leave the meeting early so didn't hear about the "uniform" changes or the discussion of the by-laws. Will have this next week.

Remember to support Josh and Neil and the Lincoln County Rodeo Club.

**LINCOLN COUNTY RODEO CLUB DATES:**

-2 Clinics, April 20 and May 4th.

-Playdays, May 18, June 1, 15 and 29, July 13 and 27.

-Queen's contest, Aug. 3; Awards Banquet, Aug. 31.

Books for roping will close at 8:30 a.m., starting time will be 9:00 a.m., rough stock books will close at 10:30. Speed events will open at noon and start at 1:00 p.m., age groups - 6-8, 9 & up.

Jackets will be made available to all members. Donations are needed from everyone. Till Freeman will be arena director. Sheriff Posse will be helping wherever needed. Saddle raffle will begin soon (big money maker). Next meeting will be March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Attendance record will be kept each trackday and will help keep track for those eligible for special awards.

Eighteen amendments will be voted on by members. Any questions contact Rick Simpson 653-4249 or Trish Richardson 354-2018.

**POSTMASTERS FINALLY GET TRAINING**

Pat Roark from Tucuman held forwarding of mail training in Ruidoso March 5 for all 883 postmasters. The 4th class offices have not been allowed to go to any trainings for over a year. It was to save money, but sure does keep us all in the dark. Hopefully next year things will change.

**CAMP SIERRA BLANCA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Assistant Fire Chief Nick Skogland keeps on at full speed taking his inmates as volunteer firemen to have training in many different things. Latest was learning about asbestos and building materials. They are out and about around the Fort practicing at least once a week. Nick says he will keep this up til the last minute. He likes this as much as I like helping my kids with stamps.

**OBITUARY**

**KENNETH D. McNEIL**  
Funeral services for Kenneth D. "Jack" McNeil, 76, of Ruidoso were March 1, at Community United Methodist Church in Ruidoso. Officiating was the Rev. Craig Cookrell. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.

Mr. McNeil died February 27, at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He was born December 13, 1919 in Philadelphia, Mississippi. He married Naomi McGuire on July 4, 1950, in Osborn County, Kansas. He is survived by his wife Naomi; two children, Myrna Joy Haynie and Marvin McNeil; sisters, Nell Wierkheiser, and Marvin's Brand; two granddaughters and two great grandchildren.

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

**IN THE SERVICE**

Army Pvt. Dave A. Vermilion, Jr. has graduated from the armor crewman course at Fort Knox, KY.

His parents are Dave A. and Sandy K. Vermilion of Carrizozo.

Darrel B. Nunez has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant.

He was also decorated with the Joint Service Commendation Medal. The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate meritorious achievement or service while assigned to multi-service activities of the Department of Defense.

He is the son of Ramona M. Nunez of San Patricio and Larry C. Nunez of Las Cruces.

Calvin B. Frost has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

He was also decorated with the Good Conduct Medal. The medal is awarded to those individuals who depict and demonstrate exemplary conduct, bearing and behavior while serving in the military services.

He is the son of Brenda Frost of Ruidoso Downs.

**AARP Tax Aide Volunteers Will Offer Free Help**

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Schedule for tax aide volunteers:

Ruidoso Senior Center on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. through April 12.

Zia Senior Center in Carrizozo Monday, March 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Capitan Senior Center Tuesday, March 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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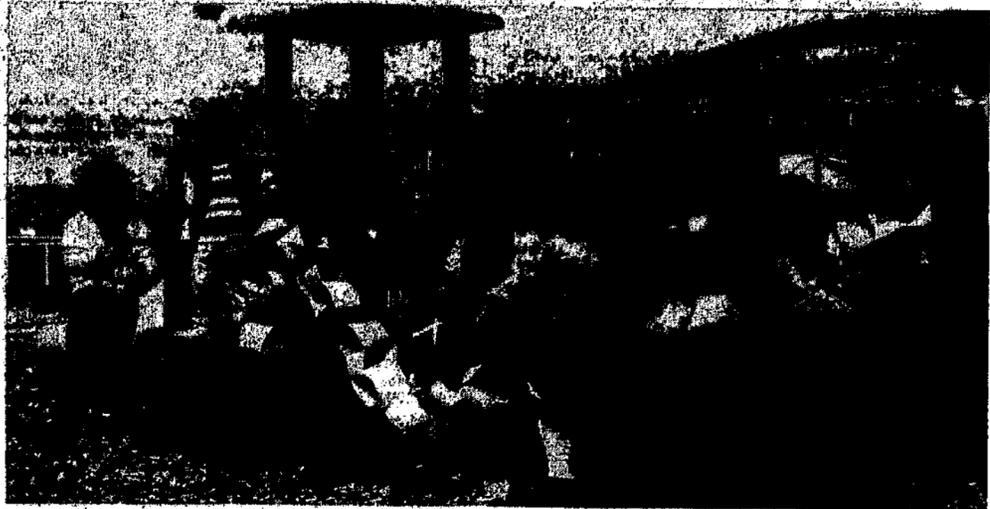
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## Carrizozo Schools Playground Equipment Dedication



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CARRIZOZO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS representing each class, spoke a line explaining each element of the Character Counts program: caring, fairness, respect, trustworthiness, citizenship and responsibility. Jessica Henson, Toni Lindsay, Mary Beth Shivers, Brandon Zamora, Keith Shafer and Jesse Ortiz explained the elements as they relate to the new playground equipment during the opening speeches for the playground dedication.



TEACHER BRYAN WETZEL tries out the new playground equipment. It was fun, he said.

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## Students Attend Regional Science Fair

Carrizozo student Rob Shafer won first place in the junior Earth and Space category at the Regional Science and Engineering Fair for his project on Vegetation and Landslope.

Shafer and 10 other students competed in the Regional Science and Engineering Fair held at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales on March 2.

Two Carrizozo high school students won third place on their entries in the senior division. Sarah Funk's project on Emotional Intelligence won third place in the category of Behavior and Social Sciences. Katie Hightower's project on the effects of soil pH on earthworms won third place in the category of Environmental Sciences.

In the junior division Krystal Winfield won third place for her project on Hair Conditioners in the Medicine and Health category. She also received a certificate and awards from the American Association of University Women.

Other junior division competitors were Briton Goad who received an honorable mention and a special U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Achievement Award and a graphing calculator for his project on Aerodynamics in the Engineering category; Amanda Miller received a certificate of participation for her project on Stream Erosion in the Earth and Space category; the team of Eli Avila, Courtney Maynard and Kira Jones received honorable mention, special prize; and the team of Holly Schlarb, Renee Real and Maria Pacheco received a certificate of participation for their project on the Human Physical Shape.

The Carrizozo students who competed in the regional science fair in Portales received first or second place awards at the local Carrizozo Schools science fair held in February. Several students who received first or second place awards on their projects in the Carrizozo Schools science fair were unable to attend the regional science fair. Those students were Jim Brown, Joannie Bingerman, Jeff Maynard, Willie Silva, Melanie Whittaker, Melissa Nava, Josh Vega, Mary Beth Bond, Stella Brewer, Kayla Hammond and Nichomy Padilla. According to Dr. Hawk, all these students did

win first place or second place with their entries in the local (Carrizozo Schools) fair February. Dr. Hawk states that these students "most probably would have taken prizes had they been able to attend the Fair (regional science fair in Portales.)"

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Not all the above winners were included in the list of winners provided by Carrizozo Schools and published in *THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS*.

Dr. Hawk was selected for the ENMU Science Fair McDonalds Outstanding Contributor award with a cash prize of \$50.00.

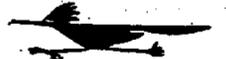
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which has a 30 day termination clause.

In other business, commissioners:

—Heard an information report from new state and local Preparedness Bureau Region V coordinator Don Armstrong. The bureau will assist local emergency coordinators such as Connie Hopper.

—Approved a letter designating the county manager to be in charge of the emergency operations center for Lincoln County, which is routinely done with new managers.

—Heard a complaint from Linda Smith who represented more than 100 property owners in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates subdivision that the county should not have accepted the subdivision roads because they are inferior and do not meet county road specifications. Commissioners directed Smith to put her complaints in a letter to the county attorney.

—Took no action on the request for proposal to lease the Glencoe Rural Events Center because there were no proposals submitted.

—Appointed Bob Proffit to the Lincoln County Senior Olympic Committee.

—Re-appointed David Koch to the Public Land Use Advisory Committee (PLUAC).

—Gave authorization to conduct five public meetings for public input to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as presented by the Ag and Rural Affairs Committee.

—Okayed the second half of funding to the Humane Society of Lincoln County. Afterwards commissioners questioned whether they had appropriated the second \$6,250 for the society last year when the first \$6,250 was approved.

—Approved an agreement with the Village of Capitan to house the Capitan ambulance in a heated fire department

bay during the winter months for one-fourth the cost of the fuel to heat the area.

—Awarded a contract for the DWI screening to Mary Satonica for the remainder of the current grant year. There is no cost to the county for this grant funded program.

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LEGALS

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-96-35 Div. III

ROGER R. NELSON and JAMES W. RUSSELL, Plaintiffs,

GROUP I: JACK E. TAYLOR, MICHAEL E. BELEW and LINDA JO BELEW, and their HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS;

GROUP II: JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100, and their HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS;

GROUP III: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF, Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Each and Every Defendant named in Groups I, II and III above

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Plaintiff, Roger R. Nelson and James W. Russell, have filed a Complaint for Quiet Title in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, in the above styled and numbered cause. The object of the action is to quiet title against each of you as named Defendants in order that Plaintiff acquire clear title to the following described real property situate in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 3, Block 14, FOREST HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat filed thereof in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

You are further notified that unless you enter an appearance, plead or otherwise respond in this cause, on or before April 18, 1996, judgment will be rendered against you by default and Plaintiff will be granted the relief prayed for in the Complaint.

Plaintiffs are represented by: Lee Griffin LEGAL SERVICES

INC., P.C. 1206 Mechem Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on February 29, 1996.

SALLY FINARELLI Clerk of the District Court By Elizabeth Lucas Deputy

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1996.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 25, 1996, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above mentioned date and time will be retained unopened.

BID NO. 1996-17: CHILLER

REPLACEMENT The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during

their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, 1996.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

CAPTAIN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Captain School District #28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, will on Thursday, March 14, 1996, 7:00 p.m., MDT, at the Captain School Board Room, present and publicly review a budget increase for the 1995-96 fiscal year. This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend.

Done at Captain, New Mexico, this 22nd day of February, 1996.

CAPTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

BEVERLY PAYNE, President

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MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Meeting Room, in Carrizozo. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN THE PROBATE COURT PROBATE NO. 1687

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINEOL GLEN WHITE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at P.O. Box 1553, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the Probate Court.

DATED: Feb. 26, 1996.

LINEOL G. WHITE, JR. Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Lincoln County Medical Center's Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, March 21, 1996 at 8:00 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room.

The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office on Monday, March 19, 1996.

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ELECTION PROCLAMATION

WEEKS, Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19 N.M.S.A. 1978 may be cited as the "SCHOOL ELECTION LAW"

AND WHEREAS, under and by virtue of Article 22, School Election Law, provision is made for the holding of School District Elections throughout the State of New Mexico and in each County and each School District thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed and public notice given of a School District Election to be held in the Carrizozo School District Number 07, on Tuesday, April 2, 1996, between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. and seven o'clock p.m. on said day, in the manner provided by law for holding such election; This School District Election shall be held for the purpose of submitting to all qualified electors of the District the following general obligation bond question and a public school capital improvement tax question:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTION: Shall the Board of Education of the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 07, Counties of Lincoln and Socorro, State of New Mexico, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the District, in one series or more, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$450,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings and purchasing or improving school grounds or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine?

PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX QUESTION:

Shall the Board of Education of the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 07, Counties of Lincoln and Socorro, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 1996, 1997 and 1998 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District, i.e., erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds; maintenance of public school buildings and public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of employees of the District; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities?

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Judges of Election and the Clerks of Election have been appointed in said School District and public notice is hereby given of the place designated where the said election is to be held:

CONSOLIDATED POLLING PLACE: CARRIZOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CARRIZOSO, NEW MEXICO

Presiding Judge.....Juanita Vallejos Election Judge.....Ysabel V. Hernandez Election Judge.....Terry A. Luna Election Clerk.....Sylvia D. Barala Election Clerk.....Carolene E. Emmons

ABSENTEE PRECINCT: LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE COUNTY COURTHOUSE CARRIZOSO, NEW MEXICO

Presiding Judge.....Juanita Vallejos Election Judge.....Ysabel V. Hernandez Election Judge.....Terry A. Luna Election Clerk.....Sylvia D. Barala Election Clerk.....Carolene E. Emmons

MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR Lincoln County Clerk

Done under my hand and seal this 6th day of March, 1996.

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PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION

PORCUANTO, Secciones 1-22-1 y 1-22-19 N.M.S.A. 1978 puede ser llamado "Ley de Eleccion de Escuela"

Y POR, cuanto debajo yo por virtud de Artículo 22, Ley de Eleccion de Escuela provision esta hecho para detener Elecciones de Distrito de Escuela por toda del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, y en Cada Condado y en Cada Distrito de Escuela de esto:

AHORA POR ESTO, sera proclamado y por esta noticia publica danda de la Eleccion de Distrito de Escuela que sera detendida en el Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 7 de Carrizozo consolidado en martes, dia 2 de abril, 1996, entre medio de las horas de 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m. de tal dia, en la manera proviniendo por ley para detener tal eleccion, para el proposito de someter a los electores calificados del Distrito la siguiente cuestion de bonos de obligacion general y cuestion sobre impuestos para mejoras materiales de las escuelas publicas:

CUESTION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL

"Se le concedera la autorizacion a la Junta de Educa-

cion del Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 7 de Carrizozo, Condado de Lincoln y Socorro, Estado de Nuevo Mexico a fin de que emita Bonos de una serie o mas de obligacion general del Distrito, en la suma agregada principal que no exceda de los \$450,000, con el fin de construir, remodelar, agregar anexos y amueblar los edificios escolares y comprar o mejorar los terrenos escolares o cualquier combinacion de estos proyectos dichos bonos se pagaran con los fondos derivados de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) y se emitiran y se venden en tal fecha o en tales fechas y conforme a los terminos y condiciones que la Junta determine"

CUESTION SOBRE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS MATERIALES DE LAS ESCUELAS PUBLICAS

"Se le debiera otorgar la autorizacion a la Junta Escolar del Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 7 de Carrizozo, Condado de Lincoln y Socorro, Estado de Nuevo Mexico para que imponga un impuesto del propiedadario del \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable de la propiedad asignada a dicho Distrito conforme al Código de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los años tributables 1996, 1997, 1998 con el fin de hacer las mejoras materiales siguientes en el Distrito, i.e., construir, remodelar, ampliar, proveer equipo para y amueblar los edificios escolares; comprar o mejorar los terrenos escolares, incluyendo las sumas gastadas en el servicio de deudas; y la compra de vehiculos de actividades para transportar estudiantes a las actividades escolares extracurriculares?"

ADEMÁS PROCLAMADO Y NOTICIA ESTA POR ESTO DADO, que los jesses de la eleccion y las escribanas de eleccion fueron apuntados en tal distrito de escuela y noticia publica y por esto se le da el lugar designado donde tal eleccion sera detendida:

LUGAR DE VOTACION CONSOLIDADO: ESCUELA MUNICIPAL DE CARRIZOSO EDIFICIO DE ADMINISTRACION CARRIZOSO, NUEVO MEXICO

Juez Presidenciado.....Juanita Vallejos Juez de Eleccion.....Ysabel V. Hernandez Juez de Eleccion.....Terry A. Luna Escribana de Eleccion.....Sylvia D. Barala Escribana de Eleccion.....Carolene E. Emmons

PRECINTO DE VOTANTES ABSENTES/TEMPERANOS

OFICINA DE ESCRIBANO DE CONDADO DE CONDADO DE LINCOLN CASA DE CORTE DE CONDADO DE LINCOLN CARRIZOSO, NUEVO MEXICO

Juez Presidenciado.....Juanita Vallejos Juez de Eleccion.....Ysabel V. Hernandez Juez de Eleccion.....Terry A. Luna Escribana de Eleccion.....Sylvia D. Barala Escribana de Eleccion.....Carolene E. Emmons

MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR Lincoln County Clerk

Mi firma y el gran sello del Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 1996 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution 94-14 Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

CAROL SCHLARB Town Clerk, CMC/AAE Town of Carrizozo

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Eastern New Mexico Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (ENMAAA) is requesting Letters of Intent to submit proposals for Congregate and Home Delivered Meals to be delivered to eligible adults residing in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, Roosevelt, Curry, Quay, Guadalupe, DeBaca, Harding, Union and Lincoln Counties during the four year period

from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 2000 under the Older Americans Act, the State of New Mexico and the New Mexico State Agency on Aging funds, rules and regulations. Those wishing to submit a Letter of Intent for the service above must

contact ENMAAA to obtain a Letter of Intent packet. Only those submitting an official Letter of Intent by 8:30 a.m. on March 25, 1996 will be allowed to submit proposals. Letter of Intent packets may be obtained in person at 901 W. 13th St., Clovis, NM or by calling 505-769-1613 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or by writing to ENMAAA, 901 W.

13th St., Clovis, NM 88101. The Letter of Intent packet contains all information on units of service by county and the terms and conditions of the RFP process. ENMAAA reserves the right to reject all proposals submitted in the RFP process.

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Salzwedel said that if the parties are still aggrieved after the final appeals panel makes a decision the next step is district court.

The Turnage appeal is scheduled to be discussed by the NMAA executive committee at its next meeting, which will be held in Las Cruces on March 4 and 5. Depending on the results of that meeting, the issue of allowing boys to attend summer football camps where protective equipment is used (which could be interpreted as allowing contact between players which is currently prohibited by the NMAA rules) could be taken to a vote of the NMAA member schools. Typically, according to Salzwedel, referenda are held in the fall, but sometimes one is called on an emergency basis.

Based on the outcome of any referendum, NMAA makes a recommendation to the State Board of Education which will vote to either reject or accept the recommendation. "However, we don't always

follow the state board's decisions," Salzwedel said. "We're into the enforcement of rules. The problem is it gets political." Jim Turnage told THE NEWS late Wednesday, that he has not received a response from Mrs. Ortiz, and no one has contacted him about his letter. Turnage said he was told by the SBE staff that an appeal committee would consist of someone appointed by Salzwedel, the SBE and a third named by the other two panelists. Turnage's saga began last summer when Josh, who was in Texas under guardianship of his mother, attended the Jay Novacek Dallas Cowboys Football Camp in Texas where he wore a helmet and shoulder pads for protection. When school started last fall, Josh returned to Clonderoff High School to play football. His high school principal informed NMAA of Josh's attendance at the camp which is not on the NMAA's approved list.

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Basing its decision on two rulings, NMAA suspended Turnage from contact practice in protective equipment for two weeks at the beginning of the 1996 fall football season, because he attended the two week camp at which he wore protective equipment. NMAA rules prohibit students from participating in camps with "contact" practice where the participants wear protective equipment. The reasoning behind the rule is such summer time practice would give the student an unfair advantage over other students who are unable to pay for such extra training. NMAA also claimed the rule applies even if the camps are held during the summer and the student is attending the camp independently without endorsement from his home school.

NMAA assistant director John Daniel told THE NEWS last year that NMAA does not differentiate between parents and the school when it comes to allowing students to use



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on, the county should seek transfer of the entire Fort Stanton property, including Camp Sierra Blanca. Then the county could negotiate a lease with CYF for the camp facility.

"You will end up with the same situation with Camp Sierra Blanca when (corrections) vacates that property as we have at Fort Stanton," Beffort said. He recommended the county address the camp situation at the same time as the Fort.

County commission chairman Monroy Montes said he contacted Williams who has agreed to carry such legislation in the special session. Montes also told Beffort that the county wants to be the vehicle that puts Fort Stanton into the private sector. However, Montes said the commission would not jeopardize the county's financial security to alleviate the state's problem or for 200 jobs.

Although the state generated interest in Fort Stanton during its request for proposals processes, Beffort acknowledged the state's restrictions on the lease was a reason why there were no responsive proposals. Beffort told commissioners that the county could be more flexible in its request for proposals as it could manage it on site. Beffort said the county could lease the Fort in portions a building at a time, which in his department's point of view is impractical. Beffort also said the county would still be bound by the state procurement code during any proposal process.

During questions from commissioners, Beffort said the water and mineral rights for Fort Stanton also would be included in the transfer. Commissioners also expressed concern if the special session

does not produce the interim maintenance funding. "There is no guarantee the legislature will find in favor of the \$500,000 for maintenance and the \$800,000 for ongoing improvements," said commissioner Bill Schwettmann. "Will negotiations stop if they fund nothing?"

Commissioner Ray Nunley, who inquired about the water and mineral rights, also asked if the county would be bound to the same restrictions on the historically designated buildings. Beffort said the historical designations go along with the buildings, and would become the county's responsibility also.

Just after Beffort's presentation, and introduction of Mrs. Carole Beffort who accompanied her husband, commissioners heard another pitch for Fort Stanton.

Bill Conway, who was only identified as being from Santa Fe, said he was there as an interested citizen who recommends the county become the beneficiary of the Fort Stanton properties. Conway summarized why he thought the state could not market the property and offered his recommendations. He said the best approach would be to offer the property on the market with as few strings attached as possible, then give the market at least a year to respond.

Conway said the property would best be marketed without Camp Sierra Blanca. He said it will take effort to generate interest in the property which would be more attractive if the highway from the Sierra Blanca Airport be paved to Highway 380 and if additional water rights are obtained. "It could be a superb destination resort," Conway said.

In response to a question

from Nunley, Conway said he is now working with a group which is in the process of transferring 1,800 acres of state trust land in Santa Fe County. Also Conway said he has considerable experience in developing the sale of commercial property in excess of \$1 billion. However, Conway did not identify himself as being a licensed real estate agent or any specific company.

Nunley also asked Conway if the historical preservation aspect of the building would restrict interest from private entities, and Conway answered that historical preservation has some tax advantages and many disadvantages in the many requirements. "Those buildings are of an unusual style for northern New Mexico and I'm not sure the guideline for those buildings have been fully developed by the state historic preservation office," Conway said. "It should be something that would be worked out by the county and private investors."

Conway said that not all the buildings should be preserved, rather he suggested the "character" be enhanced.

Later, THE NEWS asked commissioners who had contacted Conway, and who he represented. Montes said Conway contacted Nunley. Nunley said Conway was a privately employed person who was making services available to the county for a price.

THE NEWS contacted Conway at his Santa Fe number on Wednesday. Conway said he is a licensed real estate broker in New Mexico currently developing residential properties. He has been a resident of New Mexico for five years and became interested in Fort Stanton when he coincidentally was touring Lincoln County and visited

the Fort on the day the announcement was made that the governor would close the Fort and open it to requests for proposals (rfp). It was at that meeting at Fort Stanton that Conway said he first met Nunley.

Conway said he followed the state's rfp process but did not respond because of the restrictions imposed by the state. Conway said he is interested in helping the county structure a commercially feasible offer to market the Fort, specifically as a resort. Conway said he was affiliated

with several investor groups which have expressed interest in the Fort because of its historical aspect and its proximity to the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and Ruidoso.

Conway said the overture to the county was great for the state to do. The next step is for the county to determine its terms of offer. Conway said he has not presented a written proposal to the county yet.

Conway said if the Fort becomes a resort, it would probably not be closed to the public. "I suspect that a first class operation would see

ways to capitalize on the historical aspect of the Fort with museums or attracts that would draw the public more than in the past," Conway said.

Commissioners discussed the secretary's recommendation in closed session under the provision of acquisition of

real property in closed session. After coming back to open session, commissioners

directed the county attorney to draft the proposed joint memorials.

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protective equipment during the summer months.

The Turnages disagreed and appealed the suspension. In late December the NMAA Review Committee discussed the situation with the Turnages over a conference phone call from Cloudcroft. After the meeting, review committee chairman T.J. Parks wrote to the Cloudcroft high school principal and advised that the committee voted to uphold the director's decision regarding the rules, but it would suspend the penalty on Josh.

The letter also advised that the Executive Committee would review the rule at its March meeting "with a view toward revisiting the rationale and legitimacy of this rule as it applies to individuals and/or parents." The letter went on to state "in effect, no penalty would exist until such time as the process and rule by which the sanction was founded is revisited as a matter of procedure."

To Turnage "revisiting" means NMAA could still impose the same penalty on Josh, and could even extend the penalty to 21 other New Mexico boys who attended the same summer camp.

In his letter to Ortiz,

Turnage lists several reasons for his complaints about NMAA and its executive director. Turnage also advises he will not endorse a referendum to be held for the NMAA member school districts to determine if the rule applies only to school time, because it would "endorse the educational system's right to decide whether or not a parent has supreme authority over their children during non-school time."

"I don't believe the educational system has the right to decide that issue," Turnage said.

Turnage points out that he has spoken to at least 22 educators about the situation, and all agree that schools and coaches should be prohibited or limited by the NMAA rules or if a coach sponsored a group of athletes at any camp then the rules would apply. But all were "perplexed" by the interpretation that the rules are designed to regulate students and parents in the summertime when no school participation is involved.

"This is a civil rights issue," Turnage wrote. He asks Ortiz why parents rights are being negated by rules that hurt instead of helping the student athlete.

The New Mexico Board of Education is scheduled to meet on March 7 and 8 in Santa Fe.

Salzwedel told THE NEWS that he believes students should not be specializing, and that the purpose of NMAA is to encourage students to become well rounded by participating in a variety of activities. "Only one in a 100 make it to the pros," he said.

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