

Montes Gives Up Gavel As County Chairman

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioner Monroy Montes verbally resigned as chairman at the end of a special meeting on Halloween which was called to designate polling places for the June 1998 primary election.

Montes' reasons for resigning included his reluctance to sign a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application seeking funds to upgrade the community hall at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan which he considered misleading, and problems with how the location for the November meeting was changed without a vote of the commission.

Montes said he had been concerned about some of the actions of the majority vote of the commission. He first spoke about the county's \$46,000 request for disaster aid which has been denied by the state. "It was declined because the county has ability to absorb such losses," Montes said. County balance sheets

show at the end of year, the county will have \$1.3 million in the general fund.

"When this commission took the action to declare itself in need, I think it was misleading," Montes continued. "We misled the state in believing we couldn't afford it, they (the state) pulled the documents, obviously we could afford it."

He then spoke about the county's CDBG application for funds to upgrade the community center at the county fairgrounds. The project approval was not unanimous, Montes and commissioner Wilton Howell voted against it. "About a month ago I requested manager's office to pursue a CDBG," Montes

said. "But we did not pursue one because I thought the (county) manager was applying for a planning grant. If you apply for a planning grant you can't apply for the other. Apparently we missed the plan-

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State Corrections Has No Report About Fort Stanton Investigation

What has happened with the investigation of problems at Fort Stanton?

More than three weeks ago the New Mexico Department of Corrections initiated an independent investigation of personnel and operational problems at the women's correctional facility at Fort Stanton.

Warden Sandra McFadin was placed on administrative leave during the investigation.

Wednesday, *THE NEWS* contacted Mike Toms, Corrections Department's Secretary Information Officer. Toms who was in his office in Santa Fe Wednesday morning said he had not talked with Secretary Rob Perry about the investigation. He said he would talk with the secretary and get back with *THE NEWS*.

By early afternoon Wednesday, *THE NEWS* contacted Toms' office in Santa Fe. But Toms was at the Southern Correctional Facility and was out of pocket. Even though *THE NEWS* rang Toms' pager number, he did not return the call by deadline Wednesday.

Special Veteran's Day Service Set

The American Legion Post #57 Capitan, will conduct a special service on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, at the Capitan Veterans Memorial park, to honor members of the armed forces who gave their lives defending their country and also to remember those who served.

The Veterans Memorial Park has been recently landscaped with native trees and shrubs and a flagpole will be installed. This has been a community project with volunteers, donated materials, and funds from a grant obtained with the assistance of Howard Shanks, RC&D coordinator.

Speakers will include commissioner Bill Schwettmann and mayor Norm Ranfro with the Capitan school's band providing the music. The public is invited to attend and show appreciation for our veterans. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m.



ACTING COUNTY CHIEF, Martha Proctor watches as acting chairman Wilton Howell signs papers while former county commission chairman Monroy Montes visits with people in the audience at a special meeting held in the Ruidoso Convention Center on Monday. On October 31, Montes resigned as commission chairman at another special meeting, held in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

County Meetings To Be Held In Ruidoso Next Two Months

by Doris Cherry

A "comedy of errors" brought the Lincoln County Commissioners together for a special meeting in Ruidoso on Monday night. They were there to decide where to hold the November and December regular meetings—in Ruidoso or at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

While the outward issue was whether the commission had fulfilled its intent to hold three meetings in Ruidoso, as voted on at the November 1996 regular meeting when commissioners set the 1997 meeting calendar, the real issue was how the location could be changed without an action from the board.

Although nothing was brought up about the location of the November 1997 regular meeting at the October 14, 1997 regular county commission meeting, after the Oct. 14 meeting county commissioner Wilton Howell requested the November meeting be held in Ruidoso. He reasoned that only one regular meeting had been held in Ruidoso so far, and since there were only two regular meetings left in 1997, they should be held in Ruidoso.

The argument over the location of the meeting began at the October 31 special meeting where commission chairman Monroy

Montes verbally resigned as chairman. Among other things Montes was concerned about the way the location of the November meeting was changed from Ruidoso to Carrizozo with a consensus of three commissioners who were polled by telephone. Montes left the meeting after offering his verbal resignation as chairman, but county commissioners continued to argue about the meeting location, and who had the power to designate.

Acting county commission chairman Wilton Howell acknowledged he had called the manager after the October meeting to request the November regular meeting be located in Ruidoso. Howell said he had county manager Frank Potter research how many regular meetings had been held in Ruidoso and he found out there had only been one. Since Howell thought the commission had voted to have three regular meetings in Ruidoso Howell thought the November and December meetings had to be in Ruidoso. "Holding a meeting in Carrizozo, New Mexico after the commission voted to have it in Ruidoso is not hurting me as a commissioner, it's not hurting the people, the masses who have no say on

setting these meetings," Howell said.

Howell admitted he had the manager's office obtain copies of the official commission-approved written minutes of the November 8, 1996 meeting, and the tape recording made by county clerk Martha Proctor to help her with transcribing the minutes. In the tape recording commissioner Ray Nunley made a motion to hold at least three regular meetings in Ruidoso. But when Montes restated the motion he said with at least three meetings to be held in Ruidoso with no mention of "regular". Commissioners approved the resolution setting the calendar on a 3-2 vote, with then commissioner Stirling Spencer and commissioner Bill Schwettmann voting no. The resolution listed the dates for the meetings, and location of the meetings as the "Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, NM." Montes' restatement of the motion, without "regular" was recorded in the official minutes which commissioners approved at their December 1996 meeting.

At the Halloween meeting Oct. 31, Schwettmann said they had held seven meetings in Ruidoso, one regular the rest special

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Ruidoso Adopts Report Toward Imposing Fees

by Doris Cherry

On October 28, Ruidoso Village Council adopted a land use assumptions report that is the first step toward imposition of road, water, sewer and wastewater treatment impact fees on new developments.

New Mexico law requires a land use assumptions report which is a description of the service area and projections of changes in land uses, densities, intensities and population in the service area in a five year period.

The report begins with historical growth trends showing a significant increase in permanent population. In 1960 the population was 1,557 and an estimated 5,260 in 1996. The number of residential building permits issued by the village in the last two years doubled from the number issued in the early 1990s. The report acknowledges that the population figures are deceptive since Ruidoso is a resort community and the peak season population is much higher.

During the public hearing on the report, village planning officer Cleatus Richards said the permanent population is difficult to determine, but is estimated at 6,000 now. He said that 70 percent of the residential units in the village are occupied only seasonally or part time.

The starting point for the development of the land use assumptions in the report is data from the 1990 census. Of the 4,289 single family residential units in the village, the census showed a 30 percent occupancy rate with the average household size of 2.42 people, and a permanent population of 3,137. There were 869 multi-family units, with a 27 percent occupancy rate with a permanent population of 539. There were 1,519 mobile homes with a 24 percent occupancy rate with 362 occupied and a permanent population of 849. With addition of a group quarters population of 75, the 1990 census showed Ruidoso's permanent popu-

lation at 4,600.

To determine the number of dwellings and population in Ruidoso in 1997, village staff began with the 1990 numbers and added the number of building permits issued during the past five years. With this adjustment, in 1997 the village is estimated to have a total of 7,145 housing units and a peak population of 17,036.

Councilor Robert Donaldson questioned the numbers used in the report which he thought were too low. He suggested the village look at residential property resales and sales of secondary homes to primary homes to determine a population count. "We're setting ourselves for a poor census in 2000," Donaldson said. "It's critical we prepare for an accurate 2000 census."

Richards said the numbers are based on the 1990 census which was estimated to be 3-4 percent undercounted. However Albuquerque contends its population was undercounted by 12 percent. He said he did look at real estate records in trying to determine the population. But records were not kept on whether the dwelling was resold for a primary or permanent home.

By the next census, Richards said, the school district will have information on the residency locations of the student population which will be available to the Census bureau.

Donaldson also suggested using data from the water billing programs to model residential numbers based on water usage. Village manager Gary Jackson said they could not get such data from the current program. Councilor Bob Sterchi agreed with Donaldson about the undercounted population. He said there are about 7,200 water hookups in the village. Jackson said the problem with determining residency from water billings is the sporadic water use like in the summer, or people could be on vacation. "There are so many factors," he said.

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ning grant process so I asked Tony Elias to schedule a public hearing for a CDBG."

(Editor's note: According to Tony Elias, executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, qualifying government entities may apply for a CDBG for planning with a cap of \$25,000 and a regular CDBG for a project at the

same time within the same fiscal year. The regular CDBG project applications are due into the Local Government Division of the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration office in Santa Fe by 5 p.m. Friday, November 7. Elias said he will personally transport about 15 CDBG applications from communities within his southeastern district. After

the special county meeting Monday, November 3, acting chairman Howell said he would not sign the CDBG application for the fairgrounds community center.)

Back at the special Halloween meeting, Montes told of his experience with the \$300,000 CDBG housing rehab project which took care of 28 families. "I wouldn't do it again," Montes added. "The intent was good." He then spoke about the "good" CDBG project for the Carrizozo health clinic, which after two years from the application date was about to be completed.

Montes said he was concerned about the fairgrounds center as the next CDBG application. Although Montes was not at the first CDBG public hearing held in Ruidoso Downs, he said he heard that Elias commented the fairgrounds was a recreational facility and would not qualify. "At some point, I was not there, (the fairgrounds) changed to a community center from recreation facility," Montes went on to say. "But it continues to be a Lincoln County facility. We made a commitment to the fair board to look at their needs. A lot of time when we get grants, architect fees eat up 10 to 20 percent, we could do better on our own."

"How it went from a county facility to a community center is bothersome to me, because that also misrepresents some of the facts," he added.

Montes said he was approached that morning to sign the CDBG application. However he did not say he would not sign the application. Instead he said, "I am not trying to put a monkey wrench in the works. I like to apply for things we can get, I like to look for things that are good for the whole county."

Montes went on to say, "I think that I have done that in the past, I am not one issue oriented, I am not hung up on my district."

Montes said the first thing the commission did when he was first elected was upgrade the road department. When the jail situation became dangerous about four years ago, Montes thought something had to be done. But conservative county commissioner Stirling Spencer did not want to spend any money. "I advised (Spencer) in order to protect the integrity of this county, and also to protect that little rumor that's always out there that people are trying to move the courthouse, it's best in Carrizozo, make it so they can't move the courthouse. Above and beyond take care of needs. We spent \$300,000 on upgrading the facility, but still it has problems."

"I'm not trying to derail

the CDBG, it's not the intent," Montes continued. "I'm just trying to make sure when we do something we're not clouding our representation to the authorites, and we're doing the right thing."

Montes then switched to the issue of the location for the November regular meeting. He said he was surprised to read in the "Carrizozo newspaper" that the November 14 was to be held in the courthouse, because in November 1996 the commission voted to hold three regular meetings in Ruidoso. He said one regular meeting had been held in Ruidoso, and that was why the November meeting was set in Ruidoso.

"How that changed was disturbing to me," Montes said. "It is my understanding that by consensus three commissioners voted to change that. There is no provision for commissioners or any governing body to conduct those kind of meetings unless publicized. So I would say we violated the Open Meetings Act."

Montes said the law provides if majority of commission wants special meeting, they can call one, and if chair wants special meeting he can call one. "Don't risk misleading public or each other, we've got to be more open."

"I have never conducted special meeting by telephone and changed an action of this commission. This is very troublesome to me. As of today I will be relinquishing the gavel, I will no longer be chairman."

"This is not a case of I don't want to play, or grandstanding. We have to be careful in our zeal for politics to make sure politics don't cloud our thinking. It's hard to referee up there some times. But we can't allow our personalities cloud our thinking. We've got to do everything out in the open."

Montes then suggested a special meeting to set the location for the November 14 meeting. "Do it out in the open, do it by the book," he said and he left the room.

Lincoln County resident E. J. Fouratt said Montes was as good a commissioner and best chairman of the commission in 17 years he lived here. "I'd like the commission to nominate and put him back as chairman today," Fouratt said. There was applause from the audience.

Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann said that the law allows for a majority of the commissioners to call special meetings, but not the chairman alone, nor can the chairman set the agenda. It states that when the meeting calendar was set in November the commission should follow it. He said it was not clear or "very legal" to arbitrarily move the meeting to Ruidoso. As for the grant for Capitan, it



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Sterchi suggested a census be counted in October, after most seasonal population has left the village.

Councilor Bill Chance questioned the "peak" figures, which Richards said shows what demand can be made on the village's systems. Donaldson asked if the permanent population numbers affect the peak population. Richards said that the population figures can be "revisited and amended" if the village receives hard data that shows different numbers. Jackson said the land use assumptions report is an ongoing process, and "not a one-shot deal never to be looked at again."

With no comments from the public, councilors approved the land use assumptions plan. With the data compiled in the report, the village can develop impact fees that will be charged to future developments, or re-subdivisions.

was the only project at the first public hearing, and some commissioners in favor of it. Then appeared another project in October. "We had a viable project," Schwettmann said. "If chairman refuses to sign, it behooves us to sign it as a commission because we promised people and we owe it to them."

Lincoln County Commissioner Rex Wilson favored "doing what's right." He said he had called the manager's office because he heard the November meeting was to be held in Carrizozo. "To clear this we need know the vote that decided the calendar for the year," Wilson said. "I called for clarification, not to make request or influence a change."

"If there was a motion to have three meetings in Ruidoso and we have had three, if three regular, then we are at a deficit," Wilson said. He said he appreciated Montes' comments and was not opposed to meetings in Ruidoso. "We have had meetings in Ruidoso," Wilson said. "As for the CDBG I don't think anything was done behind the scenes. I don't think misleading was the intent, the fair building serves as community center for Capitan. We're not working on the rodeo grounds or anything perceived as recreation. We were led to believe is possible. If it's (CDBG) not successful still owe it to the fairgrounds to upgrade."

Howell said in November he as acting chairman would not recognize a consensus and he will demand actions on agenda.

Howell said Montes was a "tremendous glue" to the commission. He understood why Montes did not want to sign the CDBG for the

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—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2813 for information.
—Carrizozo School Library preschool story time 9 to 9:45 a.m. Call Rosemary Shafer at 648-2346 for information.

MONDAYS

—TOPS 5:30 p.m. at Otare Electric office Carrizozo.
—Writer's group 7 p.m. downstairs Carrizozo Masonic Building.

TUESDAYS

—Lincoln County Adult Singles 6:30 p.m. K-Bob's Ruidoso.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7-9
—Ruidoso Valley Greeters' Christmas Jubilee, Ruidoso Convention Center.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

—Fall Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico 9 a.m. Ruidoso Lodge No. 73 hall.

—Free horseman demonstration 10 a.m. to 12 noon Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs.

—Arts & Crafts Sale, Capitan Public Library 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

—Carrizozo Chapter of Lincoln County Historical Society, 2 p.m. Carrizozo Woman's Club, Drew Gumber speaker.

—Free presentation on Light and Sound teachings 6 p.m. ENMU-Ruidoso.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

—Carrizozo PFK 3:30 p.m. school library.

—Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m. in village hall.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

—Carrizozo school in service day, early dismissal.

—Ruidoso Annexation Ad Hoc Committee 9 a.m. village hall.

—Veterans Day Ceremony 11 a.m. Veterans Park Capitan.

—Carrizozo Town Council has rescheduled its meeting to 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

—Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m. village hall.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

—Picture Day for all grades at Carrizozo schools.

—Capitan FCE (Extension) Club 9:30 a.m. Edith Malcolm's home.

—Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee 10 a.m. county commissioners' room in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Ruidoso Library Board 12 noon, Ruidoso convention center.

—Capitan Board of Education special work session 5:30 p.m. administration building.

—Special Ruidoso village council joint meeting for recreation 6 p.m. Ruidoso convention center.

—Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m. town hall.

—Eagle Creek Board, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.

—Carrizozo Lodge #41, AF&AM 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

—Annual turkey dinner 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo.

—Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Advisory Board 1 p.m. town hall.

—Ruidoso Arts Commission, 4 p.m. village hall.

—Open House Capitan school library 3:30-6 p.m.

—Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m. administration building.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

—South Central Mountain RC&D Council 9:30 a.m. Carrizozo Rec Center.

—Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7 p.m. Lincoln Fire Department building.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

—Lincoln County Medical Center Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. hospital conference room, LCMC Ruidoso.

Historic Society Meeting

Drew Gumber will be the featured speaker at the Carrizozo Historical Society meeting Sat., Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Carrizozo Woman's Club. The public is welcome to attend.

Myth and Fact in the Wild, Wild West will be the subject of Gumber's talk. He will tell about some of the legendary figures of the old west along with a few bizarre anecdotes.

The Carrizozo Historical Society is a chapter of the Lincoln County Historical Society.

Volunteers Clean Museum Site

The Carrizozo chapter of the Lincoln County Historical Society held a clean-up day Oct. 25 at the old frozen food locker plant on 12th Street near the overpass. The old locker plant is to be the site of the future Carrizozo Historical Museum. There were 23 volunteers helping with the clean-up in preparation of the renovation of the old building.

The Carrizozo chapter has a 50 year lease on the building which is owned by the Town of Carrizozo.

The Carrizozo chapter has raised \$5,000 and is taking bids on the first stages of renovation, to secure the building.

Ann Buffington, president of the Carrizozo chapter, said people who weren't members helped with the clean-up.

Corey Lueras Attends Game

Corey Lueras of Carrizozo attended the Dallas football game vs San Francisco last Sunday in San Francisco with his uncle Tino Lopez Jr. They went to San Francisco Saturday and are to return today. While there they saw several sights, including Alcatraz and Golden Gate Bridge. Corey



Award For Frankie Silva

Lincoln County resident Frankie Silva was presented the *Public Lands Stewardship* award at a special awards ceremony in Ruidoso October 29. The award was presented to Silva by the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts (NMACD) in recognition of outstanding conservation accomplishments of a permittee or leasee on federal or state trust land. The awards ceremony was held during the NMACD annual conference with 13 awards being presented.

NMACD president Joe Paul Lack Jr. said, "These individuals exemplify the beat of the conservation leaders in the state. It is through efforts of people such as these that New Mexico's natural resource conservation movement can continue in the right direction. Recognizing their accomplishments and contributions to the Soil and Water Conservation

said he was having a good time.

Attend Writers Workshop

Barbara Culler and Ruth Hammond attended the Southwest Writers Workshop meeting Saturday in Albuquerque. The program was *Why You Need An Agent*. Culler and Hammond will present the information about the meeting at the Writer's Group meeting Monday night at 7 p.m. downstairs in the Carrizozo Masonic Building. Everyone interested in writing is welcome to attend, from beginners to published authors.

Turkey Dinner

The United Methodist Women of Trinity United Methodist Church will prepare and serve their annual turkey dinner Thursday, Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the *Carrizozo Chit Chat* column, including

new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge. Please call Ruth at 648-2333 with your news items.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11:	
Carrizozo Post Office	12:30-2:30 p.m.
Carrizozo Otare Electric	4-6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12:	
Carrizozo Otare Electric	7:30-9:30 a.m.
Nogal Store	9-10 a.m.
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe	10:30-12:00 p.m.
Fort Stanton	12:10-1:10 p.m.
Lincoln Post Office	2:45-3:30 p.m.
Hondo Store	4-5:00 p.m.
Capitan Public Library	6:30-8:30 p.m.

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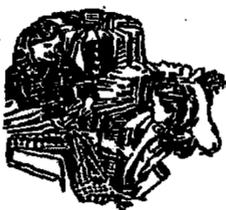
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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Follow the votes taken

By Ruth Hammond

It has been a troublesome few days. First the Lincoln County Commission special meeting last Friday erupted into a lengthy discussion after Mayor Montes said, "today I relinquish the gavel. I can no longer be chairman." Montes immediately left the commissioner's meeting room after making that statement and vice-chairman Wilton Howell presided over the remainder of the meeting. It was as if the entire scene had been rehearsed.

Montes said he was concerned about actions taken by the commission by majority vote in the last 60 days. He mentioned a letter from the Department of Public Safety declining the county's request for \$46,000 of disaster aid. He said when the commission took the action to decline itself in need, he thought it was misleading. He spoke about the CDBG application for funding for the building at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds which the county was to submit this week. Montes refused to sign the application. His concern was that the building, which is used more than 200 days a year for community events, anniversary parties, receptions, etc. was listed as a community center. He said, "How it went from a county facility to a community center, is bothersome to me because that also misrepresents some of the facts." He also spoke about the money spent to upgrade the jail which still has problems, and referred to the road department.

When Montes talked about reading in the "Carrizozo paper" that the next commission meeting would be in Carrizozo he said it was a surprise to him. He told about the motion made last year to hold three regular meetings in Ruidoso this year and the rest in Carrizozo. He said one regular meeting had been held in Ruidoso this year and several special meetings. He said as per the vote, "I would say we violated the open meetings act."

When Montes left the meeting room and Howell took the gavel discussion began about the commission meetings. Howell said after the October meeting he had asked the county manager to research how many regular meetings had been held in Ruidoso. He did this after the October meeting, not during the October meeting, and apparently it was at his request, and his request alone, that the November meeting was advertised to be held in Ruidoso. Apparently other commissioners were unaware that the meeting would be held in Ruidoso and asked about it. The main thing was that one commissioner had made the decision.

The situation began last year when commissioner Ray Nunley made the motion to hold three regular meetings in Ruidoso this year. When commission chairman Montes restated the motion, he said three meetings, and the motion was approved. Official minutes of that meeting, which were approved by the county commissioners, include the motion as restated by Montes for three meetings, not three regular meetings, to be held in Ruidoso. No dates were set for the three meetings to be held in Ruidoso but so far this year eight meetings have been held in Ruidoso.

According to the official written minutes of the meeting last year, the commission has complied with the vote that was taken and it appears there has been no violation of the open meetings act in reference to the vote. There may be a violation of the open meetings act in reference to Resolution No. 1996-22 which set the meeting dates: Whereas, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall meet at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico. All five commissioners signed this resolution.

Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor said Friday she was very disappointed this has been allowed to get out of hand. We agree because it would have been much better to have discussed it openly at the October meeting. Instead what we heard was, "If you don't play by my rules I will take my games and go home."

Was the real problem discussed?



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE — Many New Mexicans are gearing up to celebrate the state's Cuarto Centennial, the 400th anniversary of Spanish colonization in 1598.

Santa Fe's City Council has appropriated \$542,000 of lodger's tax funds for publicity and all sorts of events, including educational activities in the schools. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe's Catholic Cuarto Centennial Commission has already kicked off 16 months of commemoration with a conference on the history of the Catholic Church in New Mexico. Sen. Pete Domenici is still pushing his postage stamp idea. And the Dona Ana County Historical Society has set a date for its sesquicentennial symposium commemorating the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

Santa Fe will spend \$100,000 promoting the anniversary. Gil Martinez, head of the city's Visitors and Convention Bureau, says he thinks next year will be the city's biggest ever for tourism. That's saying a lot, but with \$442,000 to spend on year-long activities and the possibility of the state kicking in more, this could be the biggest celebration since the 400th anniversary of Coronado's exploration of New Mexico in 1540. Nothing was done, by the way, for the 450th anniversary in 1990. Santa Fe threw a pretty big party for its

350th in 1960.

The Catholic Cuarto Centennial Commission has been meeting for over a year to plan events and activities that are scheduled to coincide with historic dates in the history of the church in New Mexico. Events will include an April 30 celebration in Las Cruces commemorating the entry into New Mexico of Franciscan missionaries and colonists in 1598, a July 7 mass at Santo Domingo Pueblo in observance of the first encounter of Spanish missionaries and colonists with Native American leaders, August 9 reconciliation services at the Santuario de Chimayo acknowledging and reconciling the "hurts" of the past 400 years, and a September 8 mass at San Juan Pueblo to recognize establishment of the first missions. A book on the history of the Catholic Church in New Mexico will be published early in the year.

Domenici first approached the U.S. Postal Service about a 400th anniversary stamp last June. Despite being told the 1998 commemorative stamp series had already been determined, the senator has forged ahead, insisting that the importance of the first continuous European settlement in the United States merits reconsideration of a 1998 stamp. In his arguments, Domenici emphasized the importance of recognizing Hispano-American citizens as the nation's largest and fastest-growing minority, citizens who have helped shape our country's national identity with their language, music, food and crafts. The senator also gives the expedition's leader, Gov. Juan de Onate, credit for initiating the Camino Real, the longest trade route in North America 400 years ago. Other sources peg the founding as 1648, or 350 years ago, still appropriate for a 1998 commemoration.

Another event appropriate for 1998 observance is the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848, ending the Mexican-American War and establishing U.S. jurisdiction over New Mexico. The treaty will be the subject of a one-day symposium at the Las Cruces Hilton on Saturday, February 28.

Janie Matson has sent me a registration form listing an impressive group of scholars from throughout the Southwest who will make presentations. Other organizations involved in the symposium are New Mexico State University, Branigan Cultural Center, Rio Grande Historical

Collections and the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau.

As mentioned in past columns, Las Vegas, Espanola, Taos and Albuquerque also have numerous events planned and the New Mexico Historical Society will host a joint conference with the Arizona Historical Society at the Santa Fe Hilton on April 2-4, with special emphasis on the 400th anniversary of Spanish colonization. No mention of any state recognition of 1998 anniversaries has yet crossed my desk.

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NM Higher Education Meeting
The New Mexico Commission on Higher Education will meet November 13 at Santa Fe Community College at 8 a.m. Agenda items include discuss and adopt higher education funding recommendations for fiscal year 1998-99 institutional operating budgets, capital projects and extended learning fund proposals.

NMSU Nixes Veterinary School
The New Mexico State University's board of regents accepted a task force report Oct. 24 that advised against creating a veterinary medical school in New Mexico. Board members voted unanimously to accept the report. They also approved a recommendation to write state legislators in support of full funding for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) which allows New Mexicans to attend veterinary medical schools in Colorado, Washington, Oregon and Massachusetts under a reciprocal agreement.

The report stated that establishing a veterinary medical school in New Mexico would cost millions and could actually lower the acceptance rate for New Mexicans. Buildings for a veterinary school would cost \$43 million without equipment and maintaining the veterinary programs would cost a minimum of \$14 million annually. In the 1996-97 school year 71 New Mexicans supported by WICHE attended veterinary medical school at a cost of \$1.4 million. The task force found that under WICHE students at NMSU have a better chance at being admitted to veterinary colleges that those who have a veterinary school in their own state.

The report also stated that potential demand is too low to support a veterinary medical school in New Mexico.

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LETTERS to the editor

EDITOR: Six months seemed like a long time when we first arrived at the Valley of Fires as campground hosts in mid-April. The time has flown by and now summer is over and we have to leave all the friends we've made in Carrizozo. Having to go back to the bright lights and big city traffic of Roswell appears much too hectic after getting used to this slower pace and the friendly people here. Small town America is alive and well and we will miss it because of all the people who make Carrizozo special. We'll be back once in a while to see what's happening and to fill up on Roy's chocolate malts! See you next June.

RON AND KATE MILLER,
Roswell, NM

Sheriff's Report

October 23:

1:50 a.m. Ruidoso Police Department advised that a woman was requesting an officer for peacekeeping at a location on Carrizo Canyon Road because the woman wanted to go and talk with her daughter and tell her to come back home because the kids are crying for her. Dispatch requested Ruidoso police handle the call because there were no deputies out. They advised they would.

7:55 a.m. Hondo school requested an officer to patrol the school parking lot during the school dance that night. A deputy was notified.

8:01 a.m. a caller reported a loose big dog at the senior citizens center. Carrizozo police responded.

8:43 a.m. the VA hospital in Albuquerque requested an officer make a welfare check in the Glencoe area to check on a male subject who had health problems. Dispatch was unable to contact the subject because he was not at his residence and had no phone. At 11:25 the responding deputy advised he located the subject who was okay and he would call the hospital.

9:59 a.m. a copier company requested an officer to move the copier in the Ruidoso sub-office. A

deputy responded.

10:24 a.m. a caller reported damage to new gates and fences at a ranch west of Carrizozo. A deputy responded.

11:36 a.m. a caller reported a runaway from a location in Gavilan Canyon to a location possibly in Mesalero. A deputy responded.

2:10 p.m. a caller requested to speak to an officer about a subject. Capitan police were notified. At 3:22 p.m. the person called again about the subject running across the street to another person's house with beer. Capitan police were advised at 3:22 p.m. At 3:49 p.m. the caller called again and advised she was not happy with Capitan police because the subject was 20 years old and was drunk from beer he stole from her room, and the police would not do anything. She then requested a deputy who responded by trying to contact the individual with no luck. At 4:15 p.m. the deputy advised he made contact with the caller who advised that the male subject had beat her up and she was crying. The deputy advised he would come to the location from LCMC.

5:37 p.m. a 911 transfer call from Otero County Sheriff's Office

reported an accident with injuries on the Ski Run Road, a vehicle was off the road with three occupants. RALS Med 1, and Bonito Fire Department responded. The injured were taken to LCMC. State police also responded.

7:07 p.m. a 911 caller reported a fire up Nogal Canyon. Nogal Fire Department and Bonito Fire Department were notified but the call was canceled at 7:17 p.m.

8:05 p.m. a caller advised he was a wanted person in Otero County and he wanted to turn himself in. A deputy responded to the location east of Ruidoso, arrested the subject and transported him to meet with another deputy who transported the prisoner the rest of the way to the detention center in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

9:44 p.m. state police advised of a BOLO (be on the look out) on Highway 70 for a four wheel drive vehicle involved in a fatal hit and run accident in Mesalero. All units were notified.

11:03 p.m. a cell phone caller requested to talk with a deputy because a female threw a bar at his vehicle at a location on 2nd Street and he didn't want Capitan police because of a conflict of interest, because the caller was suing Capitan police.



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Districts throughout the state is the least we can do for all their hard work." The purpose of the NMACD award program is to recognize and reward individuals who have demonstrated exceptional contributions over an extended period of time to further the mission of the conservation districts in the state to conserve land, water, forest, wildlife and related resources for the benefit of all. Working with local, state and federal partners such as the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, conservation districts develop and implement local conservation programs through locally led conservation efforts involving local landowners and stakeholders.

Capitan Chamber

President Frank Warth presided over the Capitan Chamber of Commerce meeting Nov. 3.

Members learned that American Legion Post #57 of Capitan will conduct a special service at 10:30 a.m. on Veterans Day, November 11, at the Capitan Veterans Memorial Park. Speakers include mayor Norman Renfro and Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwetznann.

The chamber will again sponsor the Christmas lighting and decorating contest just before Christmas.

It was reported that the movie crew is now staying in the Nogal area. The crew has been filming seven miles east of Carrizozo north of Highway 380.

American flags are put up 10 times a year by the American Legion. The chamber underwrites those flags on poles not paid for by a local business. The cost to businesses for the first year is \$15. After that it is \$10 a year.

It was learned the Village of Capitan is now operating the Smokey Bear Museum.

Dick Beck and Wayne Mason will again make sure that Christmas decorations are in good shape and ready to be installed.

New businesses in town were discussed. Dues for members of the Capitan Chamber of Commerce is a reasonable \$35 a year.

Have fun on Thursday nights. Play chamber of commerce bingo on Second Street. Bingo begins at 7 p.m.

By Bartley McDonough

County 4-H Rodeo Results

Lincoln County 4-H members enrolled in the Rodeo project did very well at 4-H rodeos throughout the state this year and at the 4-H rodeo finals held in Portales, according to County Agent, Barry Herd. Winners and a few results:

Around - Year End. Victor Perez - Corona - 1st Novice Breakaway - Year End, 1st Novice Step Down - Finals.

Dustin Franklin - Ruidoso - 1st Novice Barrel Racing - Finals, 1st Novice Goat Tying - Finals, Novice Girl All Around - Finals.

Court Franklin - Ruidoso - 2nd Jr. Goat Tying - Year End.

Riley Tully - Corona - 3rd Jr. Steer Stopping - Year End, 4th Jr. Boy All Around - Year End.

Herd also said "Rodeo is just one of many projects that youth may enroll in" and that all programs are available to any youth between the ages of 9-19 regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, or national origin.

Please call the Lincoln County Extension Office in Carrizozo 648-2311 for more information about the 4-H program in Lincoln County.

*Note - Year end refers to total points received at all 4-H sanctioned rodeos. Finals - Final rodeo held in Portales.

RCAD To Meet Nov. 18

The South Central Mountain RC&D Council will meet Tuesday, November 18 at the Carrizozo Recreation Center, which is the proposed location for the grant library. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Coffee and goodies will be available at 9:30 a.m. for early arrivals. The public is invited to attend.

The program will be a video *Restoring the Promise*. Items for discussion on the agenda include a report of the state RC&D meeting and the western RC&D meeting held in Omaha, NE, expansion of membership, and rails to trails proposal. Other agenda items are the 1998 annual plan, project updates, and setting the next meeting date and place.

Following lunch, the executive committee will meet with the Interstate Streams Commission to discuss the second phase of the Tularosa Basin Regional Water Plan. The meeting is open to all.

Special Olympics in Ruidoso

The 1997 New Mexico Special Olympics state basketball championships will be held in Ruidoso Nov. 14 and 15 with 15,300 developmentally disabled athletes on 30 teams competing.

NMSU Range Ram Test

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) range ram test for another year began Oct. 10 when producers picked up their rams following a year of study and dropped off a new set of test subjects at the NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station located about 12 miles northeast of Corona. The Corona Range and Livestock Research Center is devoted to research of beef cattle and sheep.

Sheep producers enter five to 10 of their highest quality ram lambs in the NMSU test to track the genetic quality of their flocks. The test gives producers a benchmark for where their sheep flocks are in terms of growth and wool production and quality. Every 45 days throughout the test year, the rams are gathered from the range and measurements are taken to keep track of weight gain and wool production and quality.

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CAPITAN NOTES

B. MEURCEY

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

Cannot believe that in just a couple of weeks, more or less, it will be time to gather friends and families around

the table for another feast of thanksgiving. And as I just now found the following bit of advice tucked among some of the papers that I was supposed to remember and didn't, will pass it on to you:

- ### Holiday Check List
1. Start early. Before Thanksgiving create your own family's own special calendar to take you through the holidays. Simply make a calendar grid on a large sheet of paper and mark special days and deadlines with photographs and pictures. It's a great and fun way to keep a schedule.
 2. Keep your pantry well stocked.
 3. Keep quick and easy snacks on hand.
 4. Mail your holiday cards EARLY. Get the kids to help you stamp the envelopes.
 5. Don't forget your kid's gift shopping. Visit your local stores for an economical way to teach the kids the spirit of giving.
 6. Plan some time for fun instead of chores all week long.
 7. And please remember the holidays only come once a year, so please try to enjoy them.

Don't know where I picked this up, but hope I am not infringing on someone else's suggestions. Have a great day.

Thanksgiving will soon be here and we all have many things to be thankful for, many reasons to remember to thank our Almighty for what he has given us and to really appreciate the good things that come our way.

And on another note of thanking folks, let me thank Vanessa Shamblin for just dropping the Capitan notes from Louie at the Center with a couple of added notices of her own. Thank you Vanessa. We should all be thankful for our friends and I am thankful for the opportunity to know you.

And here's Louie, thank God also for Louie who always comes through for me when I have a short time list and a long time list of things that do not pertain to this column.

Greetings from Capitan Zia Seniors.

Halloween party: Mrs. York's Headstart class visited the seniors at the Center Halloween eve and everybody partied. The kids sang some songs they learned in Mrs. York's class and the seniors treated the youngsters with a bagful of candies and goodies. It was a treat all the way. Mrs. York also had some good news to tell us. She said that a grant was approved by the Feds and the Headstart program in Capitan will have their own facility probably by next year.

For a while the program in Capitan was without a classroom but then the Christ Community Fellowship Church came to their rescue and offered their facility.

A visit to the program shows happy and busy youngsters who really appreciate the Headstart on their social and educational development.

Margie and Joe Gemoets have gone south for the winter.

Everyone is invited to the Veterans Day program Tuesday, November 11 at



CAPITAN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL members are back from left 8th grade vice president Sam Boese, Sterling Baade, 8th grade president Brit Ventura 8th grade secretary Shannan Sellers, Tyler Haughness, Brandi Mendoza and reporter Jacob White. Middle row from left 6th grade president Candle Turner, Jessica Tulley Mitchell, Joanne Maynard, Asha Parks, 7th grade representative Ginger Cupit and Sarah Bareja. On front 7th grade president Emily Hobbs, 7th grade secretary Kelli Blank, 7th grade vice president Cheyenne Reynolds and 6th grade representative Sandy Sanderson. Not pictured are secretary/treasurer Jessica Neal and Megan Williams.



CAPITAN 8TH GRADE KNOWLEDGE BOWL team Andrew Kinsey, Dennis Brockman, Sam Boese, Chris Brown, on back Josh Womack, Kevin Judge and Oakley Fagan.

10:30 a.m. at the Capitan Veterans Memorial Park by the fire department. The program will be presented by the American Legion Post #57, Ed Pilon, Commander. A gun salute and taps will be sounded at 11:11 a.m. The Capitan School will provide music.

Local history buffs are reminded of the special program Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Carrizozo Woman's Club. The featured speaker is Drew Gomber, historian at the Lincoln County Heritage Trust.

Sounds like a very interesting and enlightening weekend ahead for all of us, so hope a lot of you folks will grace us with your presence.

And also my thanks to the Heavenly Father above for making certain that the

barking canine did not bark just as I sat down to my typewriter. Like I said, I have much to be thankful for.

And on that note will say sayonara once again and hope the Good Lord takes a liking to each of you.

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SPORTS

Tigers Capture District Title, Meet Dulce In Play-off Tilt

by Bartley McDonough

The Capitan Tiger football team advanced to the post season play-offs by downing District 3A opponent Cloudcroft 38-16 last Friday night. Capitan had downed Reserve, the only other team in the district, 26-8 on October 17.

The two wins enables Capitan to host Dulce, the second place finisher in District 2A (Escalante finished first),

this Saturday, Nov. 8. Dulce wound up with a district mark of 2-1 and an overall record of 6-3 for the season. Kick-off for the encounter, at Tiger Stadium, between Capitan and Dulce is set for 1:30 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 31 Capitan returned the opening kick-off to their own 30-yard line. Raymond Harris then scampered 70 yards for the first Tiger TD — James Tacey

made good on the 2-pt. PAT to make the score Capitan 8, Cloudcroft 0.

Cloudcroft answered back with 67 seconds left in the first quarter when Michael Bowen raced 55 yards — Jared Clapper added the extra 2 points to tie the score at 8-8. Moments later Harris galloped 64 yards for Capitan's second TD. The first quarter ended with the score, Capitan 14, Bears 8.

Early in the second quarter Harris picked up 38 yards and Josh Long broke loose for 48 yards and a Tiger TD — Tacey converted the PAT. Capitan 22, Cloudcroft 8.

Nice hits by Jason Montes and Raymond Harris helped Capitan's defense hold and the Tigers took over on their own 3-yard line. A Tacey 66

yard TD run was called back by a penalty. Moments later, a neat ramble by Harris put the football on the 9-yard line. Tacey got the 9 yards and Long broke through the middle to add the extra two points. Scoreboard now read Capitan 30, Cloudcroft 8.

There was no scoring in the third quarter. Cody Joiner did intercept a pass, Josh Long got a "long" gain, and Jason Montes made an excellent tackle for Capitan.

The Tigers' final tally came with 6:19 left in the game. Tacey rambled 38 yards for the score and Justin Joiner added the extra two points — Capitan 38, Cloudcroft 8.

Near the end of the game Cloudcroft drove 63 yards for the final score of the game. The Bears got help when a face mask penalty was called on the Tigers. Charles Chambers scored the TD for the Bears, Clapper added the extra two points. Final score, Capitan 38, Cloudcroft 16.

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Grizzly Volleyball Team Advances to Regionals

Carrizozo varsity volleyball team extended their winning streak to five in a row last Thursday night when they traveled to Mountainair and beat the Lady Mustangs in three straight games, 15-5, 15-10, and 15-7 in district play-off action. The win by the Grizzlies sent the local team to Fort Sumner Saturday afternoon to decide the district championship against the tough Vixens.

Fort Sumner ended the Grizzly win streak in the championship match 3-15, 4-15, and 2-15. District champion Fort Sumner and runner-up Grizzlies both advanced to regional play-offs this Saturday, Nov. 8, at Fort Sumner. Carrizozo will face off against Hagerman (winner of their district), and Fort Sumner will face Mesilla Valley (runner-up in their district). Winners of these two matches will face off later that night to determine the region champ, and both teams will then go on to the state play-offs.

Grizzly coach Joseph

Sanchez had one thing to say about his teams' performance in the Mountainair match. "We were on!" Sanchez went on to praise individual performances by the Grizzly girls: Mollie Hightower, Nikki Duncan, and Renee Rael (all sophomores) for their stong hitting and blocking; Amber Vallejos for her good sets and passes, which in turn sets up the strong hits by her teammates; Mellanie Whittaker was noted for passing well, along with Mellisa Nava and Kayla Hammond; Stella Brewer served strong, especially in game three, Duncan also was recognized for her strong and consistent serving.

Asked about the upcoming regional game against Hagerman, coach Sanchez said that Carrizozo had faced the Lady Bobcats once this season (losing in two games), at the Santa Rosa tournament, and stated he and his girls were excited to have the opportunity to participate at regionals, and that one more victory would mean a trip to the state tournament.

Corona Homecoming Strays from Norm;

Cardinals Land Berth In Play-offs

by Rankin Frost and Sarah Stewart
Corona High School's 1997 homecoming was not quite the same without a football game. The Cardinals were scheduled to play the Vaughn Eagles on Friday, Oct. 24. Due to the Vaughn Eagles not having enough players to suit out for the game, the team was forced to forfeit.

As a result of this, the Corona Cardinals placed second in district landing them a position in the play-offs. This is the first time the Cardinals

have been to the play-offs in several seasons. The first play-off game was played against the Melrose Buffaloes on Oct. 31 in Corona.

Even though the football game did not occur, the homecoming festivities still persisted. The festivities took place in the gym due to cold weather. CHS students elected junior Monica Alirez as homecoming queen and junior Robert Zook as homecoming king.

After the ceremonies students and community members participated in a half-court free throw contest. Freshman Andrew Bagley won the contest and received \$49.00. The evening ended with a dance.



WRAPPING UP FOR A HAUNTING. Carrizozo Rec Center staff wrap the mummy and get prepared for their Haunted House on Halloween night.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-97-143 Div. III

CROWN POINT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a New Mexico corporation,

Plaintiff,

ANTONIO BRAUN, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 25, 1997 at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Complex located at 913 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash, all right, title and interest of the following named Defendants in and to the following described properties of the Crown Point Owners Association, Inc., a New Mexico corporation, located on Crown Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, pursuant to the following Judgment Herein:

- (a) Antonio Braun, a single man, Unit Week 5, Building 1, Apartment 1, Phase 1
Maintenance fees \$1,081.50
Costs and attorney fees 304.54
\$1,386.04
- (b) Nebil Issa Murra and Beatriz G. de Issa, husband and wife, jointly and severally, Unit Week 7, Building 2, Apartment 2, Phase 1
Maintenance fees \$1,757.00
Costs and attorney fees 304.54
\$2,061.54
- (c) Crown Point Corporation, a Texas corporation; and Ronald W. Franklin and Susan N. Franklin, husband and wife, jointly and severally, Unit Week 3, Building 8, Apartment 4, Phase 2
Maintenance fees \$2,239.73
Costs and attorney fees 304.54
\$2,544.27
- (d) James L. Jacobs and B. Lee Jacobs, husband and wife, jointly and severally, Unit Week 50, Building 8, Apartment 10, Phase 2
Maintenance fees \$1,481.00
Costs and attorney fees 304.54
\$1,785.54
- (e) Lemuel T. Youngblood and Sandra J. Youngblood, husband and wife, Unit Week 38, Building 8, Apartment 18, Phase 2
Maintenance fees \$1,128.00
Costs and attorney fees 304.54
\$1,432.54
- (f) In addition to the foregoing amounts, the Special Master's fee of \$200.00, the publication fee, and accruing costs shall be due and owing from the Defendants to Plaintiff.
- (g) The sale is made pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by the Court on October 22, 1997, in a suit brought to foreclose Plaintiff's liens for maintenance fees and assessments owed by the respective Defendants.
- (h) The Special Master will sell the interval weeks to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, and Plaintiff may bid its judgment amounts at the sale in whole or in part as if the same were cash.
- (i) The Special Master may continue the Special Master's sale scheduled November 25, 1997, provided that the Special Master or her representative appears at the time designated for the sale and announces the postponement or sale to another specific date.

- (g) Juan Francisco Galan Dingler and Irma Yojandis Encerrado de Galan, husband and wife, jointly and severally, Unit Week 7, Building 8, Apartment 2, Phase 2
Maintenance fees \$1,317.00
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- (f) Cheryl G. Jolly and unknown spouse, if any, jointly and severally, Unit Week 35, Building 8, Apartment 1, Phase 2
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LEGAL NOTICE
A Public Hearing shall be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14, 1997, by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the application of Y. Salem and Karen J. Sagar, D/B/A Wortley Hotel, Post Office Box 289, Tinnie, New Mexico 88361, to obtain a new Restaurant License No. A-2960, to be located at Highway 380, Lincoln, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

MONROY MONTES,
Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN THE PROBATE COURT
PROBATE NO. 1736
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOLLIE MYRTLE WARD, 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 285, Elephant Butte, NM 87935, or filed with the Probate Court.

DATED: October 15, 1997.

BETTY LOU WARD KEY
Personal Representative

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LEGAL NOTICE
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory

NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that on October 22, 1997, Aristeo Lucero, Arabela Route, HC-73, Box 100, Tinnie, New Mexico 88361, filed application No. RA-8977 & RA-8977-S with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place of use of 22,035 acre-feet per annum of shallow ground water diverted from the shallow wells No. RA-8977 located in the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 and RA-8977-S located in the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 both in Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 7,345 acres of land described at the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M.

The applicant proposes to commence the use of said 22,035 acre-feet per annum of shallow ground water for the irrigation of 7,345 acres of land described as the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M.

After a division of family land, the owner of water rights desires to relocate to land owned by him some 250 feet north of the present location.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objections shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Valid objections or protests must be legible, signed and include a complete mailing address. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state prior to final disposition of the application.

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cc: Santa Fe
C/RRR No.: P 391 748 509

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NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that on October 29, 1997, Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316, filed application No. H-685-S-4 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to drill a supplemental well 8 1/2 inches in diameter and approximately 1000 feet in depth, at a point in the NE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M., for the purpose of supplementing the following existing shallow wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-685	SW 1/4 NW 1/4	8	9S	14E
H-685-S	Blk. 24, Original Capitan Townsite	10	9S	14E
H-685-S-2	NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4	18	9S	15E
H-685-S-3	SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4	12	9S	14E

for the continued diversion of up to 220.95 acre-feet per annum of shallow ground-water for municipal purposes within the Village of Capitan.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protest shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

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CORONA NEWS

21 degrees was the early Monday morning temperature, but it turned into a beautiful sunny day for hunters. There are many in the area but not as many as are expected for the next two hunts.

Anita Harper of Muleshoe, TX and Peggy Owen of High Rolls, are at the Keelin ranch for hunting season.

Mrs. Marianne Ridgeway of Clovis, visited her grandmother, Mrs. L.K. Merritt a weekend ago. A grandson, Freddie Smith and wife, Pat, are here from San Antonio to hunt.

Mrs. Janet Stewart was in an Albuquerque hospital for surgery scheduled for Tuesday. Surgery due to complications related to her kidney transplant last year.

The school staff presented her with a hospital gift of satin pajamas in hunter green and matching slippers. She was accompanied by Albuquerque by her husband, Gilbert, daughters Sarah and Alexandra, and sister Phoebe.

Fred Porter celebrated a special birthday October 31 when his three sisters came with good wishes. Iris Todd of Deming, Pauline Addison of Tularosa, and Alice Berry of Chaparral, Martha baked his favorite pineapple upside down cake.

Leo Muniz is now a corrections officer at the Torrance County Corrections facility.

Jenny B. Richards Eagletoon died Thursday in an Albuquerque hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Eagletoon, 84, was a native of Corona. She moved with her late husband, Charles to Albuquerque 50 years ago and until recently was a frequent visitor with nephews here. Among those attending the Monday service were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sultemeier, Clint Sultemeier, and Mrs. and Mrs. John D. Holleyman.

Max and Seth Brewer spent a few day with their grandparents here while their parents, Steve and Kelly, are attending a Mystery Writers' convention in Monterey, CA. Mr. Brewer was a speaker on one panel. The Gibbs and Fullers enjoy the boys and their comments.

July and Rowdy Allen came over from Melrose to watch their uncle play football Friday evening. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bob Allen, enjoyed the game and visited with old friends.

Penny Harelson of Fort Worth, has been in New Mexico on business for her company. She came by for a brief visit with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Bill Harelson, and left for her home on Sunday.

Clay Burton was in Las Cruces for the weekend to watch his son Chase wrestle in a tournament. Chase, 101 lbs., lost his first match to the overall winner - won the others and came in third.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Owen spent the weekend in Albuquerque with their four daughters and three grand children. Daughter Meliassa Wirth of Cathedral City, CA,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN THE PROBATE COURT
PROBATE NO. 1735
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROLEY SMITH WARD, SR., Deceased.

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DATED: October 15, 1997.

BETTY LOU WARD KEY
Personal Representative

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LEGAL NOTICE
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for three (3) members to serve on the Board. Two members shall be involved in agricultural services, must be domiciled in Commission Districts No. III, IV and V, and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 p.m. December 1, 1997.

MARTEA GUEVARA,
Assistant
County Manager

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MEETING NOTICE
The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 1997, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department Building in Lincoln. 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.

MARTEA GUEVARA
Assistant
County Manager

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Advisory Board will hold their regular scheduled meeting November 13, 1997, at 1:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED IN ACCORDANCE with Resolution 96-12, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

PAT VOSS,
Secretary-Treasurer
Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Advisory Board

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THANK YOU ST. JUDE for favors granted. B.C.
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Corona News ...
(Cont. from P. 8)

daughter Leanna of Corona, and daughter Michelle Pettit and husband Chris, and son Justin of Durango, CO, and daughter Laurie Petrose and two children, Kerissa and Dillon of Cortez, CO.



ANGELIC FUN: Youngsters have fun with games and refreshments at Reclamation Day at the Carrizozo Community Church on October 31.



TREAT FOR A TRICK: This little witch wins a cold wet treat at the booth sponsored by the Carrizozo Woman's Club at the Carrizozo Schools' Halloween Carnival.

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County Meetings

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meetings, with long agendas. Howell then said the commission could hold a special meeting to designate the location, otherwise, "I feel the official action is indicated." Nunley said he had Proctor pull the minutes of the November 1996 meeting. Schwettmann said the essence of problem was the commission said it would have three meetings in Ruidoso. "The fact is every meeting we've had in Ruidoso, this commission voted to have in Ruidoso. This I heard second hand, I didn't discover or know the meeting was to be in Ruidoso, I just assumed it would be in Carrizozo as there was no mention at the October meeting." Schwettmann said he had heard that Howell called up and said have the meeting in Ruidoso, and it was advertised as such. "I asked on what authority any one commissioner set or call a meeting and set where it will be."

Schwettmann said. Howell said the issue had brought to light the need for the commission to be more diligent in its actions. The same issue was again debated, and the same tape recording played at the November 3 special called meeting held in the Ruidoso Convention Center. Competing for sound with a Village of Ruidoso Visioning meeting in the room next door, Commissioners spoke before a small audience of Ruidoso citizens, the media and county officials who were required to be at the special meeting. Howell said the "cleanest way to clear the issue" was to call one more special meeting for the majority of the commission to settle the issue before the public. Nunley made the motion to hold the November 14 meeting in Carrizozo because it had been advertised that way and the December 9 regular meeting in Ruidoso. When the public was allowed to speak, county

Libertarian party chairman Tony Seno said he was confused how the meetings had been changed because he had read conflicting legal notices in the paper. But Nunley said the November meeting location was never brought up at the October meeting. County manager Frank Potter said Howell called and asked the November 14 meeting be held in Ruidoso. So assistant manager Martha Guevara advertised a notice for the meeting. Potter said the next day Nunley and county attorney Alan Morel stopped by the courthouse and found out the meeting was to be held in Ruidoso and they objected. Potter said that his office polled the commissioners about the meeting in Ruidoso and found that Nunley, Schwettmann and Wilson also objected. Howell said he called the special meeting (on Monday) because when official action is overturned it needs to be in public. After considerable discussion about the legality of holding meetings in Ruidoso since the resolution stated meetings will be held in the courthouse in Carrizozo, and requests from Seno to have more meetings in Ruidoso where the most people are, Howell said the issue will make the commission look more closely how it does business. When the commission sets the next calendar, Howell said, they will specifically designate the dates and locations for each meeting.

Again the tape of the No-

vember 1996 meeting was played and the process for setting the annual meeting calendar was explained. Seno commended the commission for wanting to hold more meetings in Ruidoso because he said attendance in Ruidoso is stronger and a lot of Lincoln County residents live in Ruidoso. Howell said the process belongs to the people who are the stockholders in the county and he wanted to see more meetings that more available to the people.

By law, commissioners are required to hold four meetings in the courthouse, in February, April, July and October. All other regular meetings can be held at a designated public building.

When commissioners voted on Nunley's motion to hold a meeting in Carrizozo in November and in Ruidoso in December it failed, with Howell, Wilson and Montes voting no. Next came the motion by Wilson to hold November and December meetings in Carrizozo. Barely saved by Schwettmann's second, that motion died with Nunley, Montes and Howell voting no.

Finally Nunley made the motion to hold a regular meeting on November 21 in Ruidoso and a regular meeting on December 16 in Ruidoso. The odd dates allow time to advertise notices. On the motion, Schwettmann, Nunley, Montes and Howell voted yes, Wilson no.

Howell asked that the first agenda item on the November meeting be selection of new chairman.

Montes Gives

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fairgrounds as it is a form of "misrepresentation" and "I applaud his stand and not go along with something."

County clerk Martha Proctor said she worked with six chairmen in the nine years she had been clerk. "Mr. Montes was by far the absolutely best chairman we'd ever had," Proctor said. She suggested the commission follow Mr. Fouratt's suggestion to nominate Montes as chairman again.

In Proctor's opinion the two items discussed should not have been allowed to get out of hand. Also she said that what's on tapes is not official or legal. Only the written minutes approved by the commission stand legally. She said she has authority to destroy the tapes any time she chooses, but she keeps them because she researches them for intent on issues. Proctor said she had not been aware of the issue before October 31 meeting. Howell said he wanted minutes which included motions written verbatim. Proctor said she records the restatement of the motion by the chairman on which all commissioners listen.

After listening to the tapes on which Montes restated the motion as "three meetings in Ruidoso"

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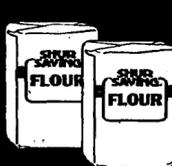
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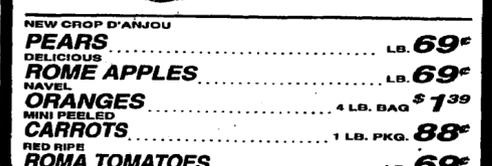
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