

Commission Wants Gov. To Veto Property Tax Bill

by Doris Cherry

Four of the five Lincoln County Commissioners voted in favor of a letter asking the governor to veto House Bill 858 that was passed by the legislature as a way to address Constitutional Amendment 1 that voters approved in 1998 to allow legislation to limit property taxes.

During a special meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo on Wednesday, March 31, county commissioners discussed and approved, on a 4-1 vote, a

letter drafted by county commission chairman Rex Wilson, that asked for the veto and included 12 points of concern about the bill. However, county commissioner Wilton Howell voted against the letter because he thought the legislation should be imposed then monitored to see what problems develop. Howell has supported some type of property tax legislation to limit

Selective Taxation?

how much taxes can increase on properties that have not been sold or improved over several years.

Wilson said there were enough significant questions about HB 858 to send it back for legislation that does what the voters intended with Constitutional Amendment 1 (CA-1). He was concerned HB 858 will benefit some properties at a cost to others. Wilson said

he had been involved with the bill since its first hearing in committee where he asked for several changes. "As for establishing law then going back and fixing it, I think that is backwards," Wilson said. "Why not do a county by county test to see what happens before you tear up the current system (of valuation)." Howell was in favor of HB 858, which he said will limit

the growth of government. Howell said the bill analysis drafted by New Mexico Tax and Rev secretary John Chavez and presented during the testimony given on the bill in committee was contrary to all 12 points of concern outlined in Wilson's letter. However, Howell admitted that HB 858 was not the "best bill".

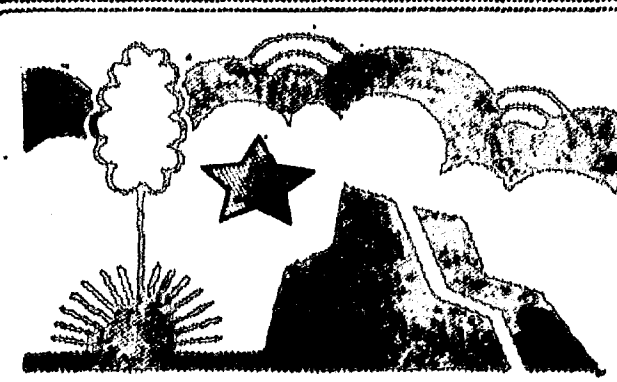
Wilson said he didn't think

Chavez was unbiased because he testified on behalf of the bill in committee. "This bill does not limit the growth of government," Wilson said. "It will only limit certain property tax values and not necessarily taxes."

Concerns about HB 858 listed in Wilson's letter include the bill's lack of a local option provided for in CA-1, HB 858's failure to address property taxes (it only addresses property values),

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Ruidoso Modifies Water Use Plan

by Doris Cherry

Now calling it a "Water Conservation Ordinance," Ruidoso village councilors approved changes that would ease the restrictions on outdoor watering in the water contingency plan portion of the village utility ordinance. But the provision in the ordinance that gives the village authority to regulate domestic well use was challenged, leading councilors to call for an attorney general's opinion on the legality of this power.

During their regular meeting Tuesday, March 30, councilors conducted a two hour long public hearing on changes to the water ordinance that included a revision of the water contingency plan, added fees for certain types of water meters and taps, clarified how water deposits are refunded, carried forward, and provisions for commercial accounts, and made property owners responsible for water bills accrued by tenants.

While councilors discussed a proposed new section in the utility ordinance to impose standby water fees on vacant lots, they took no action on that other than to extend the public hearing on the standby fees to the April 27 meeting

when they will also discuss the current "impact fees."

Most discussion on the changes to the utility ordinance was over the changes in the former "Water Contingency Plan" first imposed in the drought of 1996. The plan had a five phase system ranging from no restrictions to total ban on outdoor watering. However in 1996, the village did not have the water treatment facilities it does now, and the winter of 1995-96 was drier resulting in an empty Alto Reservoir by early summer.

The changes create a four phase Water Conservation Plan that removes the confusing odd/even watering system under the moderate conditions phase and removes restrictions on when outdoor watering can be done in the first non-emergency phase. It retains the total ban on outdoor watering in the most extreme of cases, but eases the "trigger conditions". Village manager Alan Briley said under the new version of the water plan, the conditions that caused the total ban on outdoor watering in 1996 would not have been severe enough for such a ban.

Councilors discussed adding

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NEW LCMC ADMINISTRATOR Jim Gibbon addresses the group gathered at the Community Update luncheon sponsored by *Ruidoso News* on March 25 in the Ruidoso Convention Center. Gibbon said he was pleased to be at LCMC where there is strong leadership fostered by community involvement. Representatives from school districts, the county, and local municipalities spoke about their entities during round table discussions held before and after the luncheon.

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Ruidoso Village council approved changes to the village utility ordinance affecting water service.

During their regular meeting Tuesday, March 30, councilors conducted a public hearing and approved changes to the water utility ordinance. In the changes anyone who rents or purchases a property that had a meter disconnected

because of a delinquent water bill will be responsible for that bill and possible lien.

The changes added sections on deposits for residential and commercial accounts that exempt customers who received a refund on one water account from having to make deposit on a new property. For commercial customers refunds will be made on deposits after the customer

County Approves LEPF Application

by Doris Cherry

Although grumbling about the lateness in filing the Law Enforcement Protection Fund Application (LEPF), Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell voted with the rest of the commission in approving the application for \$22,100 for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

The commission held a special meeting on Wednesday primarily to approve the application that had a deadline of March 31. Howell said the letter about the fund application was dated February 8 and he wanted to know why the sheriff's office waited until the last day, then had to hold a special meeting. County manager Tom Stewart said the application was not brought to his attention. But Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan's administrative

secretary Janice Silva said, "Slap my hand."

Sullivan then said he did not want the commission to scold his secretary. He said they were waiting until they had put all the new deputies hired on the payroll to include them in the application. The funding is based on the number of New Mexico certified officers employed by the department. Sullivan said the last officer was added to the payroll on March 15.

But Howell said the commission had a meeting on March 18 when the application could have been approved. Instead they had to have a special meeting which "is expensive to hold."

Sullivan told Howell, "I don't need you to tell me how to run my office."

Howell replied that he was in favor of what Sullivan does, just not the process.

County commissioners also approved the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Universal Hiring Grant agreement that will provide Lincoln County Sheriff's Office with a total of \$144,616 for two new deputies over three years. The county will be required to provide \$48,206 in matching funds for the two officers during those three years. Sullivan was notified that his office had received the grant award on February 26.

A motion to approve an in-kind match of \$10,385 for the Capitan Public Safety Facility that will house the Lincoln County ambulance got a negative vote from Howell. He said he was not sure about the results, but he was sure he was against the process. On October 16, 1998 commissioners approved a \$10,000 in-kind match for the project. County commissioner Bill Schwetzmann said he asked the subject be placed on the special meeting agenda so there would be no criticism and the issue blown out of proportion because it exceeded the \$10,000 authorized. Schwetzmann made a motion to authorize the \$10,385 in-kind match and to request a letter be sent to the Lincoln County Ambulance that has agreed to purchase 225 yards of gravel for \$1,575 plus tax.

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LCSWA Contract For Burning Waste To Be Renegotiated

by Doris Cherry

When the Capitan landfill for construction and yard waste closed, Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) was left without a place to dump such burnable materials.

Then private enterprise, Sierra Contractors, opened an incinerator pit. Officers of LCSWA worked a deal with the company that Sierra Contractors would take all burnable materials from LCSWA and the public for \$15 a cubic yard. The company separates and burns all combustibles and takes the rest to the regional landfill, where LCSWA pays the tipping fee to dump the non-combustibles. What LCSWA members did not foresee when the contract was

negotiated three years ago was Sierra Contractors would be taking 35 large loads a month to the landfill, with much of that waste coming out of Ruidoso, which is no longer part of the LCSWA collection and revenue.

At the LCSWA meeting on March 24, LCSWA manager Jerry Wright discussed the need to renegotiate the contract with Sierra Contractors. "Now a lot of waste is coming out of Ruidoso," Wright said. "I don't see why the authority has to pay the tipping fees for it. We pay the tipping fees for Sierra Contractors, and we get no revenue."

LCSWA business manager Beverly Foote said Sierra

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TANGLED WRECK OF A TRAIN blocks the Union Pacific Railroad line just south of Three Rivers Friday, March 26. The train was eastbound pulling 74 cars, 24 of which were loaded with new Ford cars and trucks. According to reports shaking in the engine automatically set off the emergency braking system, which caused the 24 cars to derailed at 4:40 a.m. Many of the new vehicles were thrown out of the train cars and caught fire. State police requested Carrizozo police to close off Hwy. 54 south at the south end of town at 6:56 a.m. Road was opened at 7:00 a.m. (PHOTO BY BRUCE BERRY)

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inadequate input from around the state, the bill's predominate benefit to a few areas of the state at the expense of the rest of the state, mandatory transaction reporting requirements not included in CA-1, properties increased in value as a result of a sales transaction will create a disparity with a property of the same value that is retained by the current owner.

HB 858 has no protection or assurance that future burdens will not be shifted to non-residential (commercial) valuations to make up for any decreases in revenues derived from the property taxes. Howell said that one of the fears about HB 858 is once residential property values are addressed, then elected officials will look elsewhere, such as commercial proper-

ties, for revenue. "But here we (the county commission) have an opportunity to control our budget (to control property taxes)," Howell said.

But the county budget is not all that determines property taxes. "We're not the only ones driving property taxes," Wilson said. Howell agreed saying Ruidoso's property taxes are 20 percent self imposed by voters there.

Another concern in Wilson's letter is how HB 858 will move more authority to the appointed state taxation secretary over county officials who are elected locally. Wilson said the bill provides for county commissioners to contract with the taxation secretary to bypass the local assessor's office. "We elect the assessor who should be responsive," Wilson said. He added that the state argued it already has that authority. "If so why aren't all the counties better valued?" Wilson asked.

HB 858 will also rely on federal indices applied on a statewide basis for determining market value. Wilson said the accuracy of federal indices has not been proven on a county level. Last year the statewide market value average was 2.7 percent more than the year before and was 29.4 percent over a five year period in guaranteed increases regardless if value of property increased.

The last issue in the letter to the governor is the language in the bill exempts counties with properties that have not been assessed at 85 percent of the current and correct market value. "This could create a disincentive to become current and correct," Wilson wrote.

According to information from the New Mexico Association of Counties, 19 of the 38 counties in New Mexico are assessed below the 85 percent of the current and correct market value. Among those 19 counties are Bernalillo, Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Los Alamos, Sandoval (Rio Rancho), Socorro and Valencia.

During the special county commission meeting Wednesday, Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor said HB 858 will create an undue burden on the public in her office because it requires documentation that must be filed and if the documentation is missing it stops the process of recording property transactions. She said her office will be required to spend time and money to make sure all forms are completed. One of the requirements is disclosure of the money or exchange of goods for the property transaction. Howell said he thought administrative costs should be decreased because the mass reappraisals will be less frequent.

Wilson was concerned how the county will verify the accuracy of the price paid for property disclosed on the affidavit filed with the clerk. County commissioner Ray Nunley said the association of counties members agreed HB 858 needs more study. Also there are concerns HB 858 gives no clear language on how to calculate the valuations. Nunley was concerned HB 858 will take taxing au-

thority out of local hands by giving authority to the state over local elected county officials. Nunley said half of Wilson's concerns could be eliminated if HB 858 had included a local option provision. "It should be our choice in this," Wilson agreed. "It was in the constitutional amendment."

Howell said that by asking the bill be vetoed only voices complaints but gives no answers. He said all properties may see a 2.7 percent increase in valuation. "But you won't see 20 to 30 percent increases in Ruidoso and Alto. Instead you'll see the same increase in Ruidoso as in Carrizozo."

But Wilson argued that with an average, someone will go down while someone else will go up.

Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park said she also was involved with the bill since portions directly apply to the treasurer's office. She said no tests were done on how HB 858 will affect properties, so she conducted her own. With HB 858, a property in Hondo that has been static for years with no change in valuation will go up in valuation and thus hurt the people. "Also she spoke with people in the state Department of Finance and Authority who indicated they are not in favor of the bill and were never asked advice on the bill. Park said the county portion of property taxes are a small portion of the rates. Other taxes go to the state, municipalities, schools, hospital, college, soil and water conservation districts. She said legislation is needed to address both sides of the equation, values and tax rates.

Park said the general public does not understand tax rates or valuations until they receive their tax bill that shows the actual dollar tax amount. She said the best time for people to protest their valuations is when they receive their notice of valuations. If property owners wait until they receive their tax bills to protest, they must do so in district court where they must pay a \$100 filing fee and have a lawyer.

Lincoln county assessor chief deputy Doug Whittaker asked why the state wants to fix something that is not broken. He said the current system of valuation has been used since 1986 that establishes a percentage based on sales in neighborhoods. Whittaker thought a statewide valuation percentage did not seem fair.

Howell said he did not think it was proper to have the discussion about the letter and concerns about HB 858 at the end of an agenda. "The proper way would be to have a public hearing and have John Chavez come speak on it."

Citizen and property owner Jerry Carroll said his 10 acres in Oscuro are considered real-

dental and he will be affected by HB 858. "On the face of it, HB 858 is constructive fraud," he said. Carroll was concerned that HB 858 is an invasion of privacy with the open ended affidavit that requires full price disclosure and other information. He called the bill "regional governmentalism" that was trying to eliminate elected county officials from doing their job description.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said he was familiar with the legislation having followed the constitutional amendment process for more than one year. He said there was never any doubt that CA-1 would be adopted which, he said became an "open door for poor legislation." "This bill favors special interest groups and will increase administrative costs," Schwettmann said.

One of his major concerns was HB 858 was one of the last bills introduced in this legislative session and information about it was late getting to the public. Schwettmann said a group asked the bill's sponsor Rep. Ben Lujan to have a taxpayers study for a year, and not "ramrod" it. In January and in February representatives at a New Mexico Association of Counties meeting passed a motion that the legislature not consider the bill, rather table it to present a better effort. "This bill has a tendency to shift the tax burden to businesses and new households," Schwettmann said.

As for limiting growth of county government, Schwettmann said that a county with a growing population has to have growing county services. "I'm afraid this bill will be contested in the courts where the attorneys are the only ones who benefit," Schwettmann said. "I think it's not good legislation."

Howell amended the motion on sending the letter to the governor to include a signature page on the letter that showed his comments in support of HB 858 and against the commission's request for the veto.

Butterflies And Moths Are Now Protected On Lincoln National Forest

Lincoln National Forest supervisor Jose Martinez has signed an order for the protection of butterflies and moths so that studies can be conducted to determine population sizes. This forest order will prohibit collecting, killing or possessing any butterfly or moth within the Smokey Bear and Sacramento Ranger district for one year, effective April 1, 1999. This prohibition covers National Forest lands around Ruidoso, Cloudcroft, Mayhill and Timberon. Scientific studies that require collection of butterflies or moths can continue under a permit issued by the Lincoln National Forest.

Studies are being conducted to determine population sizes of some species. Hopefully there are enough individuals in these populations that they will remain viable. While wildlife populations fluctuate with natural occurrences such as drought or disease, it is imperative that no species are collected to the point that it cannot recover. According to Martinez, "It is our responsibility, as the Forest Service, to maintain all plant and animal species which naturally live on the Forest. The Forest Service appreciates everyone's cooperation with this effort."

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Howell said the thought the items should have been on the agenda as a reconsideration, instead of action.

The White Oaks Fire station construction project will proceed on time even though funds from the New Mexico Finance Authority may not be yet available. Commissioners approved a resolution that will allow the county to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the \$46,517 loan agreement between the county and the New Mexico Finance Authority on behalf of the White Oaks Fire Department. The resolution allows the county to expend the \$46,517 from the general fund for the capital expenditure and then use the finance authority loan to reimburse the general fund expenditure. Stewart said this will allow the contractor to begin the project with assurance of being paid.

Funeral Services For Charlotte Marie Ladd Are Monday, April 5

Charlotte Marie Ladd, 89, former Carrizozo resident, passed away Tuesday, March 30 in El Paso, TX. Mrs. Ladd was born April 7, 1910 in Marble, CO and lived in Anthony, NM at the time of her death.

Mrs. Ladd is survived by three daughters: Margaret Marleen Galbo of Squaw Valley, CA; Katherine Leann Ladd of Ruidoso, NM; and Carlyn Elizabeth Ladd of Anthony, NM.

Funeral services will be at the Carrizozo Church of Christ on Monday, April 5 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

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- FRIDAY, APRIL 23
Hondo.....9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 30
Ruidoso.....9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Capitan School Board Sets Calendar



School classes begin on August 17 in Capitan this fall. Capitan Board of Education at its March 11 meeting approved the 1999-2000 school year calendar that received the most votes from staff. Teachers come to school on Monday August 16 to prepare for students to return on Tuesday, August 17. The first two days of class will be half days.

ary 3. February 18 is an unspecified holiday with February 21 President's Day. Spring Break is March 13 to 17. There will be no school on Good Friday on April 21 and the Monday following Easter April 24. The last day of school will be May 26 with graduation set for May 27. Graduation this year is May 29, 1999.

working world after graduation. The class would be in conjunction with the School To Work program that gives students credits for working at a job. However, students would not be required to have a job. Another curriculum request came from middle school principal Bill MacVeigh who

wants to have the athletics hour at first period. He said with first hour, students would have a longer time to get dressed and have practice time, students would not be so tired, and students would get home earlier after school. Board members however, were concerned that middle

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Holidays will be Labor Day, Monday, September 6; Columbus Day, Monday, October 11; Thanksgiving November 24, 25, 26, Christmas December 20 to 21 with return on January 3.

Next fall, School To Work may be a required elective class in the high school. High school principal Darrel Stierwalt requested the class become a required elective to help students prepare for the

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a time restriction on outdoor watering to all phases to encourage citizens to conserve water at all times, but decided on restrictions only in the moderate and serious phases. Under those phases, residents and businesses will be restricted to watering outdoors only from 5 p.m. until 10 a.m. In the moderate phase, residents and businesses can only water outdoors on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. In the serious phase watering outdoors will be allowed only on Tuesdays and in the extreme phase no outdoor watering will be allowed. Hand watering of outdoor plants with buckets or other such containers will be allowed at any time on any day in the moderate and serious phases.

thought the village ordinance was an injustice for well owners because it gives the village authority to regulate domestic wells. "I thought the state engineer has the authority to delegate powers," Howell said.

A major concern about the water plan is the authority the utility ordinance gives the village over the use of domestic wells on properties within village limits. While the new changes did not alter this authority, at least one citizen challenged the village's ability to restrict the constitutional privilege of use of domestic wells when the village restricts regular water customers.

Donaldson said the state engineer gave the village authority to regulate domestic wells within the village in 1996. "You need to have a conversation with the state engineer," Donaldson told Howell.

Citizen Tony Seno said he has asked twice for the provision about wells be removed because he is fighting "for everyone's rights." Seno said wells are permitted through the state so regulating their use should be left to the state. He said the ordinance takes away a citizen's choice to drill a well and use it.

After Howell said that no other municipality in the state had successfully taken authority over domestic wells, he asked that the village request an attorney general's opinion whether the village has authority to regulate domestic wells within its limits.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said he thought domestic wells were for areas without a water system. He also said domestic wells within a village with a water system are a violation of adjudicated water rights.

Donaldson said he had no problem in requesting such an opinion. He said the ordinance is intended to raise a point about conservation. "We need to look to the future and hope in six or seven years we will never need this plan because we will have enough water," Donaldson said. "In the west water conservation needs to be a way of life."

Relating the prohibition against wells in time of drought to a bandaid on a broken leg, Seno said the village should get its leakage down to two percent before it restricts outdoor watering. Current leakage is more than 15 percent. "If you had a leak like that under your kitchen sink your wife would have it fixed in one hour," Seno said.

Bill Deumling with the New Mexico State Forestry Department suggested the village obtain and give out a publication from the state engineer's office about low water use landscaping and xeriscaping to each new water customer. The publication is available by calling 1-800-WaterNM.

Donaldson said the village cannot fix overnight what has been broken over 30 years. Because the village had not raised water rates for 18 years the system was never maintained or replaced. Since the enactment of a special one percent supplemental gross receipt tax the village has invested about \$1.5 million a year in water projects, which is the limit of projects a year because of the disruption involved.

Resident Glen Barrow said Ruidoso is more like a "one and a half scaping" because the area receives more rain than many areas in the state. He said residents need educational information about gardening practices to improve the water retention of the soil. He said mulching is more successful at retaining moisture and thus reducing fire hazard than the raking of pine needles that was done so extensively in 1998 because it leaves the ground wet, not bone dry.

As for domestic wells, Donaldson said the individual's right to water his yard does not take precedence over a person's right to drinking water.

Other changes in the water conservation plan were in the conditions that "trigger" the moderate, serious and extreme phases to take effect. The new plan adds Rio Ruidoso as an indicator of below average snow runoff. Three of four conditions must be met to trigger the Moderate phase. The only condition changed is the level in Grindstone Lake, that must fall below 16 feet below the spillway, which is three feet below the normal level of the lake. The previous level was 10 feet below the spillway.

Olisen Wilton Howell asked councilors not to restrict the outdoor watering times in the non-emergency phase as considered. Also for domestic wells, Howell

Extreme condition will be triggered when Alto drops below 15 feet (10 feet previously) between the benchmark, the level of water in the two five million gallon tanks falls below 42 feet for 24 hours and Grindstone falls 25 feet below the spillway.

- FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS**
—Craig Hipple of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- TUESDAYS**
—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.
- WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS**
—Ruidoso Public Library story time, 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, for children 3-6.
- THURSDAYS**
—Pre-school storytime 9:30 a.m. Carrizozo school library.
—Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 259-9201 for information and location. Or e-mail at www.nogal.com/leasg.
—Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.
- FRIDAYS**
—Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center 354-4032 for information.
- TODAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 1**
—Open House 4-6 p.m. at Temptations Craft Store on Central Ave. Sponsored by Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.
—Lincoln County Sheriff's Posee annual Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. at Carrizozo Park next to Carrizozo Country Club, Open to Lincoln County children through age 12.
—Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. Smokey Bear Historical Park, open to children through age 12.
—Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. Cedar Creek Picnic area in Ruidoso. Open to children through age 12.
—Trinity Site Tour.
- SUNDAY, APRIL 4**
Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m.
- MONDAY, APRIL 5**
—Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building on 2nd Street.
—Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority 5 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
—Republican Party of Lincoln County 6:30 p.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso. Speaker Rep. Dub Williams. Call 354-4230, 354-3363 or 257-4780 by noon April 1 to make reservations.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 6**
—School resumes in Capitan and Carrizozo.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7**
—Lincoln County Kindergarten registration and pre-school screening 9 a.m. to noon Carrizozo School.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 8**
—Capitan Board of Education work session 1 p.m. board room.
—Capitan Board of Education regular meeting 6 p.m. board room

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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Selective unfair taxation

By Ruth Hammond

Using the ruse of limiting property taxes to enforce selective taxation could cause the state more problems than it would be worth if the governor signs House Bill 858. The reason it would be selective taxation is because more than half the counties in New Mexico have not complied with the requirement that all property be assessed at 85 percent of the current and correct market value. The property owners in those counties would be exempt from House Bill 858 if it becomes law. That means property owners in Lincoln County and 16 other counties would be paying more than their fair share on property taxes. The Constitutional Amendment that voters approved last November was supposed to limit property taxes, not cause undue hardship for property owners in counties with efficient assessors. Let's hope the governor is aware of this.

Negative comments have been made about House Bill 858 the way it is written and was passed by the state legislature. The bill does not address property taxes as it was supposed to do, but does address property values. Here in Lincoln County the property is valued as it is supposed to be, but in a few of the richer counties property is valued below the current and correct market value. Property taxes are based on valuations. The state needs to enforce the requirement that property be valued correctly in all counties. That could make a tremendous difference in the amount of taxes the state, schools, municipalities, hospitals, colleges, etc. receive.

Fairness is the key word. It is NOT FAIR for property owners in less than half the counties in the state to be paying their fair share while property owners in more than half the counties are not being taxed their fair share. There is no reason for any county in the state to not be assessing property at the required rate of 85 percent of the current and correct market value. When the state first required all property be assessed properly it was not popular, but the Lincoln County Assessor and the assessors in 16 other counties complied. Why aren't the assessors in the 19 other counties doing their job?

Another serious problem with House Bill 858 concerns how property is valued. The bill will rely on the federal index instead of being valued according to region. If all property in the United States is to be valued equally we want to be first in line to purchase property in downtown Washington, D.C. at the same price property is valued in Lincoln County. Even though we don't plan to live in Washington, D.C. it would be good investment property because the property taxes would be the same they are here, and some day we could probably sell the Washington, D.C. property at a profit.

If House Bill 858, as it is written and was passed by the state legislature, is signed into law by the governor, there will be other problems. The purchase price of ALL property must be disclosed and recorded in the county courthouse. If you buy property for less than market value, you will be required to sign an affidavit listing the price you paid. If you pay more than market value, you will be required to sign an affidavit listing the price you paid. What had previously been your own private business will be recorded in the county clerk's office. There will be extra charges for this additional paperwork, and the administrative costs will increase drastically.

Rushing to enact a "bad law" instead of studying the situation thoroughly is what has happened. You may never see a limit on your property taxes, but House Bill 858 as written will limit your rights to privacy and will cause selected taxpayers to pay extra while other taxpayers will enjoy the benefits without paying the price.

You will pay, will they?

Clarification:

Standards Policy Drafted By LCDC Administrator

In last week's edition of **THE NEWS** it was reported that the Lincoln County Commission approved a Standards of Employee Conduct Policy for the detention center after Magistrate Judge William Butts ordered it be done because of problems with the commitment of some inmates into the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC).

LCDC administrator Mike Borrego told **THE NEWS** that he had been working on the standards of employee conduct policy for about five months prior to the situation that occurred with the self commitment inmates. Borrego said he drafted the LCDC Standards of Employee Conduct from the federal prison system standards of employee conduct to give his officers a guide for what is expected of them. He said the guide should prevent problems that had happened in years past concerning detention officers contact with inmates and their families, dealing with money and other situations. "The Standards of Employee Conduct policy had nothing to do with Judge Butts," Borrego said. "It was already in the works."

What did result from Borrego's meeting with Judge Butts was the inmate self commitment policy. "This detention center never refused any inmate," Borrego said in reference to the article that stated the center refused two persons who were to be commitment for DWI charges because the center was overcrowded.

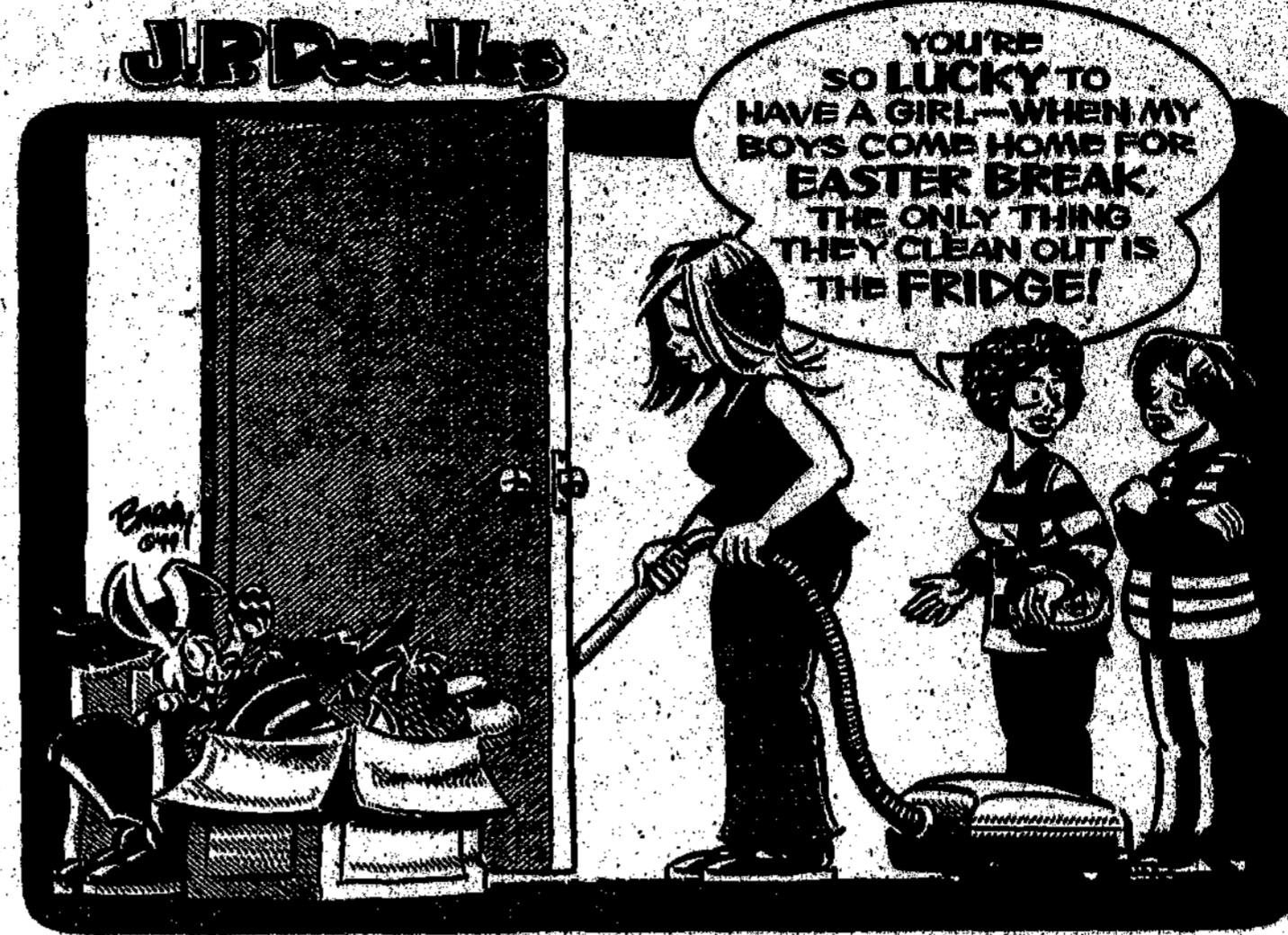
"There never was a situation where we refused a commitment," Borrego continued. "We would never turn down an inmate who was arrested, or ordered to self commit-

ment."

But until the situation occurred LCDC lacked a policy to deal with inmates who are ordered by the courts to commit themselves into the detention center. The situation that led to the self commitment policy was two inmates, were ordered by Judge Butts court to commit themselves into LCDC for DWI sentences during the last week of February. One inmate never showed up and the other showed up with commitment orders from Judge Butts's office that had conflicting dates. The sergeant on duty, unsure what date to go by on the orders, called Judge Butts's office to get clarification, Borrego said.

"It was never a situation where we refused anyone for commitment," Borrego said. "We will do whatever it takes to satisfy the courts."

As for overcrowding, Borrego said LCDC has not been overcrowded in months because of the orders from the state fire marshal. When overcrowding does occur, LCDC transports the extra inmates to GCA in Torrance County or to Otero County Detention Center. "No one has



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE - Is there any resolution to the great school voucher debate? Although several possibilities exist, it appears positions are polarized to the extent neither side will budge.

Gov. Gary Johnson is convinced that giving vouchers to students so they can choose to attend private schools will solve education problems in the state. Republican lawmakers have been fairly unanimous in backing the governor. Democrats say private school vouchers are simply not a possibility.

Johnson vows to continue vetoing appropriation bills until he gets one with vouchers in it. Democrats note that means shutting down state government. For now they seem willing to challenge the governor in a game of chicken.

The best feature of the current voucher debate is that it has people thinking and talking about education. Although public schools comprise almost half the state budget, they have received precious little attention from governors and lawmakers over the years. Nearly everyone acknowledges our schools have many problems but the subject seems too enormous and amorphous to tackle. No one can be sure about solutions because the meager research on learning theory is inconclusive.

Gov. Gary Johnson, a guy prone to simple solutions, is especially confounded by the challenge to improve education. Last year his answer was to put 50 percent of state appropriations into public schools. This year the simple passage of a voucher bill would have New Mexico leading the nation in educational improvement.

But it's not that simple. We don't know what giving private school vouchers to 100,000 students would do. No state has tried it. Voters in 19 states have rejected voucher proposals in referendum ballots. Voucher bills have been introduced in nearly every state legislature over the past 10 years. The only proposals to pass have been modest experiments in Milwaukee and Cleveland that still are inconclusive.

Arizona's private charter schools may be the closest to Gov. Johnson's voucher proposal. The four-year-old program is the largest in the nation. Many parents like it, but the Republican-controlled Legislature is uneasy.

An omnibus bill of charter school amendments has

passed one house of the Arizona Legislature. It provides more accountability for tax dollars received, more accurate measurements of success and more responsibility for achieving education goals. It also eliminates the stimulus fund that has provided start-up money, kills the entitlement of new schools to receive one-third of their money at the beginning of the school year, and attempts to remove opportunities for financial mischief.

The voucher debate would be helped if Gov. Johnson would tone down his rhetoric a bit. His assertion is absurd that with the exception of public schools, we got to choose everything in our lives. Nearly every law and nearly every bill the governor signs limits someone's choices in some way.

The claim that lawmakers sent him no education reform also is false. The Legislature sent the governor several of the education initiatives he proposed - but not vouchers.

Saying we don't have anything to lose by trying vouchers is a reckless claim. Their effect on student achievement isn't known yet. And the possibilities of losing taxpayer money are scary. Johnson doesn't tell us the source of these educational entrepreneurs he claims will flood the state educate 100,000 students next year. But he conjures visions of the train car of traveling salesmen ready to descend on River City a century ago in "Music Man."

With promises of keeping the young ones moral after school, "Professor" Harold Hill was poised for his standard scam of offering to equip and train a boy's band, then skip town with the money. But the con job was foiled when Marian the librarian saw through the rip-off. If the governor's voucher proposal were to become law, New Mexico might need a lot of Marians to prevent trouble in River City.

ever ordered staff not to commit someone because of crowding," Borrego said.

In fact, when the situation occurred LCDC has only 32 inmates (it can hold up to 38 by fire marshal's orders) on one day and 35 on the next.

But an inmate's allegation of being refused commitment led the District Attorney's office to send an investigator to LCDC to look into the problem. "Half way through the investigation, Judge Butts decided the investigation was not needed, so he canceled the request," Borrego said.

Borrego said it was miscommunication on the one order with the conflicting dates.

The two situations led to Judge Butts requesting that Borrego come to him to explain and show cause why the detention center should not be held in contempt. On March 10, Borrego went to the judge. Borrego offered to draft and implement an Inmate Self Commitment Policy, which he said satisfied the judge.

Lincoln County Commissioners approved the two policies as one of the consent agenda items during their meeting on March 18.

Capitan School Board

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school students would have to give up the breakfast program to participate in the first hour athletics program, students would miss core classes when going on sports events in the afternoon. School board president Tom Trost said the principals need to determine their needs for the curriculum changes since they are the educators. MacVeigh said he would have more information about his proposal at the next meeting. He agreed that academics need to come first.

MacVeigh also said the middle school will need to add another section for the eighth

grade this fall.

A safety plan that outlines what steps the school will take in times of emergency was approved, with changes. School board member Ervin Aldax said the draft plan as presented did not include guidelines for Americans with Disabilities (ADA) to accommodate disabled students. He said he would provide staff a copy of those guidelines to be incorporated into the safety plan. Once the ADA guidelines are added to the plan, copies will be given to all school staff, village police, fire and ambulance personnel, and

to anyone requesting a copy. Contact the superintendent's office for a copy.

The board approved an out of state travel request for the middle school honor society to go to Lubbock to visit Texas Tech University, several museums and other attractions in that city. Honor society officers Alison Hendrix, Emily Hobbs, Stephanie Kelsey, Bo Sparks and student representative Falon Sparks attended the meeting to make the request for the overnight field trip on April 18. The grounds raising money to pay for the trip.

School district finance personnel will be attending the state budget workshop on March 29-31 in Albuquerque. School superintendent Diana Billingsley included a salary schedule in the board's agenda packet to show how, in comparison to other districts in the state, Capitan School District does well in salaries for beginning teachers, but drops off in salary levels for more experienced teachers. Billingsley said she would like to rectify the discrepancy for more experienced teachers to keep them at the district. However, she said she would have more information after the state budget workshop. (At the time of the March 11 meeting, the board did not know about the governor's veto of the state budget, including education.)

The Capitan district budget hearing will be held in June.

The board approved budget increases totaling \$56,135 that came from the extra funding for increased enrollment and because the state increased the value for each student enrolled. Some of the funds will go to pay educational assistants, instructional materials and other uses.

Board members also discussed the bond issue election which will be held May 4. An audience member said some people in the community were saying things against the new bond issue, mostly the school is keeping information about the cost of proposed new buildings and projects quiet and that the school doesn't need more buildings because the opponents want to one room schools and they came out fine. Billingsley said the district plans to start a publicity campaign and the elementary parent group will include the bond issue information in its newsletter and will do phone calls to all registered voters in the district.

Another audience member said some people in Lincoln are offended that no one came to their community to discuss the bond issue election last time. She suggested a meeting be held in Lincoln as well as the other locations in Alto.

A Parents Meeting about the bond issue will be held at 6 p.m. April 13 in the board meeting room.

Also, the board approved employing Carolyn Leineweber for high school and middle school cheerleader coach for the rest of the school year.

The board will hold a work session from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 8 to develop its strategic plan. The regular board meeting will begin at 6 p.m. that same day.

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Fourth Grade: Ashley Cole, Clint Grahn, Katie Polley, Morgan Thomas, Kevin Kelsey, Robie Crawford, Brittney LaMay, Austin Williams, Sarah Williams.

Fifth Grade: Brittany Adcock, Holly Boase, Anna Hall, Betsy Hobbs, Shellah Hughes, Kelsey Stierwalt, Brandon Osborn, Faber Midgley, Staci Stanbrough.

Sixth Grade: Principal's List: Lauren Dunlap, Katrina Johns; A-Honors: Tricia Bergerson, David Griego, Justin Griffin, Brittany Jensen, Patrick Luna, Sarah Lund, Tonia Neal, Javier Trost, Derek Williams, Samantha Kelley; B-Honors: Eric Garber, Johnnie Gonzales, Rochelle Kelley, Brandon Kessler, Katherine Kirby, Ashley Osborn, Delaina Stevens, Andrew Tucker, Dalana West.

Seventh Grade: Principal's List: Rebecca Armstrong, Sandra Anderson, Audrey Thomas, Candice Turner, Jared Wilson; A-Honors: Thomas Aldak, Robbie Burchett, John Garber, Brittany Mark, April Miralez, Derrick Nelson, Bradie Powell, Felon Sparks; B-Honors: Jessica Bennett, Jayla Buff, Richard Butler, Kate Cherry, Chance Huddleston, Kyle Jefferson, Sterling Jenkins, Allison Kittrell, Sheldon Moor, Angie Nowell, Trevor Sanders, Alyx Sheehy, Stephen Silva, Rachelle Waugh.

Eighth Grade: Principal's List: Micah Applin, Alena Borowski, Ginger Cupit, Allison Hendrix, Stephanie Kelsey, Jessica Tully, Mitchell; A-Honors: Seth Adcock, Michael Aguilar, Kelli Blank, Lorena Brockman, Madalena Cordova, Kaycee Gilson, Emily Hobbs, Judd McGraw, Lucera Montes, Josh Osborn, Tyler Skeen, Bo Sparks; B-Honors: Mitch Cox, Daniel Crawford, Ashley Patterson, Preston Godinez, Randi Goss, Jennifer Johnston, Rusty Martin, Michael Morris, Maribell Silva, Richard Wheeler, Chelsea Black-Wright.

Ninth Grade: Jennifer Buff, Rocky Burrows, Ashlee Carner, Lena Clayton, Brandi Dickerson, Lisa Garcia, Brandon Keith, Andrew Kinsey, Jannah Turner, Brit Ventura.

Tenth Grade: Tracey Armenta, Mandy Arrowsmith, Darrell Brooks, Lindsey Bush, Cody Glass, Melanie Hall, Casey Helms, Brooks Holland, Ty Malofon, Tara Morris, Armand Nicolet, Bryanne Wilkerson.

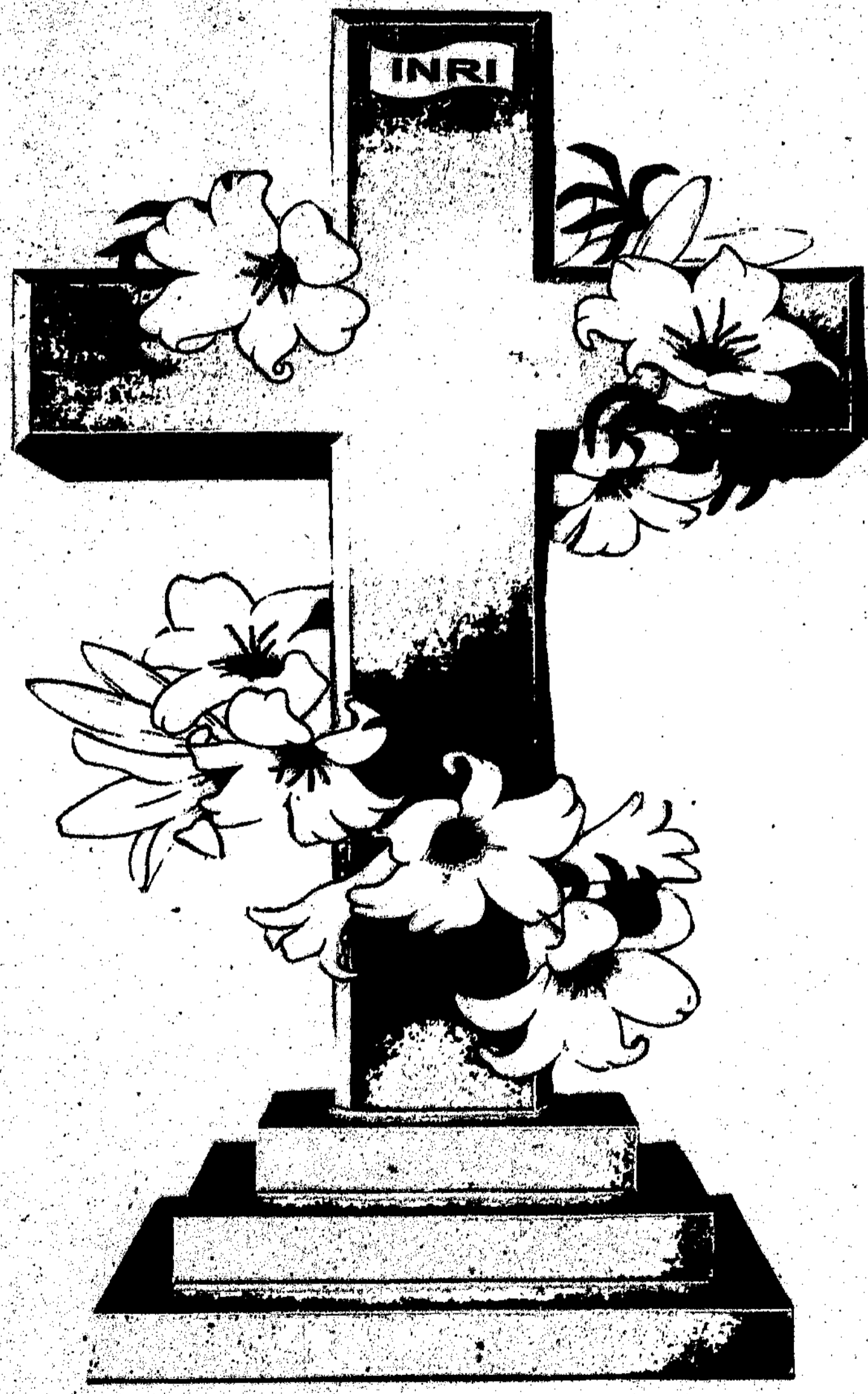
Eleventh Grade: Sammi Allen, Truman Armstrong, Angela Brazel, Dale Cillessen, Shawna Cupit, David Hightower, Marlo Carson, Haylee Murry, Holly Schlarb, Taylor Smith, Kenny Stahl, Matt Stephens, Tenna Stephens, Jesse Wright.

Twelfth Grade: Erin Autrey, Krin Autrey, Cara Baker, Amanda Bird, Maygan Bird, Ty Davis, Kyle Franklin, Martin Gonzalez, Jessica Hathcock, Andrea Heberling, Lori Helmetler, Jami Jackson, Klay Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Ashley Martin, Mike Martinez, Colleen McGrath, Maggie Montoya, William Morris, Adriana Scott, Dylan Smith, Faith Smith, Misty Hatford, Jennifer Tracey.

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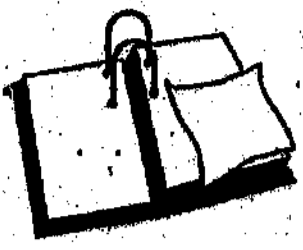
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CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

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

By this time tomorrow, if the Good Lord is willing, I will be de-planing in Omaha, Nebraska, via Dallas, Texas. Am going to Nebraska to visit my one and only daughter, Dr. Patricia Maureen Sullivan, her very nice husband, Jace Anderson and my one and only granddaughter, Kathryn Maureen Anderson, better known as Katie.

And in Dallas, with just a half hour between planes, I will have the pleasure of seeing my very lovely grand-

daughter Diane Sullivan, wife of special grandson Paul Sullivan, who is meeting me in Dallas to make certain that in my antiquated state that I will get on the right airplane and really and truly end up in Omaha, Nebraska. Wish me luck. The stop in Dallas is too short as I especially dote on Diane and their two precious little ones, namely Kerbi and Grady. Incidentally some of you folks already know that Grady was named for the late Grady Eldridge, son of Janice Herd, who is another special lady in my book.

So bear with me as I try to

get some semblance of a column ready for you faithful friends and pick up another bit of news at the post office which was ready for me last week and I, in my dotage, forgot to pick it up.

I swear the more things change the more they stay the same. Just came back from the hardware store, run by three special friends of mine, Rita, Danny and Ron, and when I viewed all the old things that we used years and years ago, namely kerosene lamps, which use scented oil to burn the wicks, not smelly old kerosene, and the washboards, reminded me of a couple of weeks ago when Katie Couric was modeling a switch. I forgot what they call them now, but years ago ladies wore extra long hair, artificial that is, to blend in with their other long hair and they were known as switches.

I guess the more that things are supposed to change, the more they just stay the same. There are a lot of things I really want to stay the same and one is little old Capitan, New Mexico. Twenty years ago it was dream come true to be able to reside here in this peaceful little village, settled so comfortably in these beautiful mountains.

I will be the first to admit that some of you new folks are most desirable and we hope in all sincerity that you will remain here and that you will remain in our little paradise.

May all you folks have a beautiful Easter and may God grant you all your Easter prayers and hopes and wishes.

Little Bits of Spring by Garnett Ann Schultz was given to me by Ethel Williams, and a lovely lady that I am looking forward to meeting in the near future. So thank you Ethel. My son was quite impressed with you and he has excellent taste.

Little Bits of Spring
A little patch of tulips, all growing bright and fair,
The scent of lovely blossoms perfuming all the air;
A mother robin happy, we hear her gaily sing.

And know that life is glowing with little bits of Spring.

The grass is growing greener, the sun is warmer too,
The creek begins to ripple, the sky is turning blue;

So precious are the moments that April days can bring;
And all the world is sparkling with little bits of Spring.

Trees that once were lifeless are taking on new green;
The farmer starts his plowing, an ever pleasant scene,

Roller skates and flying kites, so much is happening;
Our hearts are overflowing with little bits of Spring.

With little bits of sunshine, an April shower at noon,
The stars are a little brighter, a little fuller moon,

God adds his springtime color to every living thing
And glorifies the world with little bits of SPRING!

Hope my special readers that have told me that they love poetry enjoy the above and I promise more poetry in the future, honest.

So for another week, God Bless and have a Happy Easter. And remember that JOY is a net of LOVE by which we can catch SOULS, written by Mother Teresa 1910, a Roman Catholic Missionary.

Meet Kristi Sepkowitz. Kristi is a distribution/window clerk at the Capitan post office. She moved to Alto in May of 1998 from Oklahoma City, OK. Kristi is married to David Sepkowitz, who is a distribution/window clerk at



GROUND WORK BEGINS on the new Capitan Public Safety Facility on Smokey Bear Ave. The facility will be financed with a Community Development Block Grant and will house the Capitan Fire Department, police department and ambulance. Lincoln County provided more than \$10,000 in-kind service of gravel and labor toward the project.

the Alto post office. They have two children, Ashleigh Noelle, age 12, and Brian Allan-Ross, age 9. They also have a beautiful Siberian husky with sky blue eyes named Sierra. Kristi and David transferred to the local post offices from the postal service in Oklahoma City. David was the manager of personnel and training for the state of Oklahoma. Kristi was the manager of stamp distribution for the state of Oklahoma.



David has had a life-long dream of moving to the Ruidoso area and it all fell into place to transfer last summer. Kristi was a little hesitant at first - no malls, no thousands of restaurants, etc. However, Capitan, Alto and

Ruidoso and the wonderful people just grow on you. Both kids play for the Ruidoso traveling soccer teams and Brian also plays basketball. Ashleigh and Brian are also purple belts in Tae Kwon Do.

Kristi formerly worked for the Department of the Army, per diem committee in Washington D.C. She then transferred to the Air Force to work in accounting and finance and finally in pilot training at Reese AFB, Lubbock, TX before transferring to the U.S. Postal Service.

David has spent his entire career with the U.S. Postal Service, working his way up from the mail forwarding unit into personnel and human resources management.

Kristi is also a sales director for Mary Kay cosmetics.

The family attends First Baptist in Ruidoso, and David and Kristi assist in teaching 7th and 8th grade boys and girls in "Team Kids" on Wednesday nights. They are truly excited about being here and meeting all the wonderful people in the area.

So for another week, God Bless all who read my trivia and even those who cannot be bothered.



Easter Egg Hunt

The fifth annual Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 3 at Smokey Bear Historic Park starting at 11 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Capitan Volunteer Fire Department, Friends of Smokey-Capitan, Smokey Bear Historic Park, Guinilo's Cutting Corral and the Village of Capitan.

Children through age 12 are eligible to participate. The park will be divided into age areas: toddlers to age 3; ages 4, 5 and 6; ages 7, 8 and 9; and ages 10, 11 and 12.

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Third Grade: Cody Patterson, Josie Hall, Ashley Williams, William Kern, Jessica Shaver, Gavin Gilson.

Fourth Grade: Jimmy Thomas, Christi Garcia, David Darrah, Kerra Carver, Josh Castaneda, Henry Berry, Danny Aviles, Chastata Dean.

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RUIDOSO SNOW FAMILY sits patiently at the bench in School House Park, waiting to melt after a major last days of winter snow storm blanketed Ruidoso and Lincoln County on March 17 and 18. Wet snow as deep as two feet in some areas, provided much needed moisture to the mountains and rangelands.

Ruidoso Changes Water

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The new wording allows arrangements to be made by either party within 10 days before a meter is disconnected.

A section added on request from the New Mexico Environment Department makes it unlawful for anyone to discharge any liquid waste from a septic tank or customer sewer system onto the ground or anywhere other than a village approved system or septic system approved by the NMED. This section is to stop substandard septic systems, said village manager Alan Briley. It also allows the village to cut off the fresh water supply to a location where a sewer is stopped up and is bubbling up through cleanout valves.

Water meters will not be al-

lowed to serve more than one lot. Customers found to have illegal hookup, tap or additional service shall be issued a 15 day compliance order. If the customer does not comply the village will shut off and lock the meter.

Water service to customers outside the village limits is allowed with a section that addresses those properties that are being "actively" considered for annexation by the village. The prospective customer must offer adequate funds or water rights for the water requirements.

Deposit fees were also changed, adding fees for water meters, and adding fees for multi-units, condos and apartments.

Water rates were adjusted for metered service classifica-

tions from 0 to 4,000 gallons. Residential rates for all sizes are \$2.57 maintenance fee, \$2.91 capital maintenance fee, base rate of \$12.54 for a total minimum water bill of \$18.12. Commercial rates are \$21.75 for a three-quarter inch meter, \$36.25 for a one and one and a half inch meters, \$72.50 for a two inch and more meter. Industrial or institutional accounts are \$36.25 for half inch meters, \$72.50 for one and one and a half inch meters and \$108.75 for two inch or bigger meters.

Commercial commodity charges were adjusted for the high volume customer at \$18 per 1,000 gallons for usage in excess of 1 million gallons a month. Governmental, medical or other facilities defined by the council will be charged \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons.

Councilors discussed proposed sections to the utility ordinance concerning water standby fees for vacant lots but did not approve them. Instead, councilors extended the public hearing until April 27 when they will discuss a proposed ordinance to eliminate the "impact fees" on new development. Councillor Bill Chance asked that before any decisions are made on the standby fees, that out of town property owners be notified of proposed changes for their comments.

The standby fees would be imposed on qualified vacant lots to pay for services provided in the area, and would replace the \$4,000 "impact fees" currently charged on lots. Mayor Robert Donaldson said after he proposed the standby fees he received many calls about double taxation because of the impact fees currently charged. He said that is why he suggested eliminating the impact fees and going with a standby fee only to offset the cost of replacing old water lines. Exceptions would be nonconforming lots that are under 10,000 square feet in size and for nine contiguous lots with a residence owned by the same person combined without survey and approved administratively by the village.

Donaldson said there are some who do not think the village should impose any "standby fees" for maintaining services to vacant lots. The impact fees were imposed to control growth and make those who are developing lots to pay for impacting the system with development. Donaldson said many who have talked with him have no problem with impact fees on new lots in new subdivisions, but the village is trying to find a fair way to share the cost of impacting the systems.

Councillor Ron Anderson said it is hard to impose impact fees on developments when the village water rates were so low for 18 years. Councillor Bill Chance said the fairest way to pay for improvements was through gross receipt taxes. Councillor Linda Flack suggested looking into fees other municipalities impose.

Donaldson said perhaps the village should only charge a fee if there is an increase to the property value. But Briley said that there is a misconception that property tax goes to pay for the water systems. "Not one cent of property tax goes to the utility fund, property taxes go to the general fund that is used for streets, police and fire."

Impact fees as allowed by the state legislature have very specific requirements, Donaldson said, and after seven years if the municipality has not done those requirements the impact fees must be refunded. In 1982 the legislature gave Ruidoso and Raton permission to impose a one percent supplemental gross receipt tax that generates \$1.5 million a year. Donaldson said the gross receipt is good because it is a way for all, including visitors, to pay their fair share. But even Donaldson agreed there

is "no one cure." and impact water fees will be held April 27.

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711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM
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Weekly Saturday evening service..... 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Churches
TOM WOODWARD, pastor
1000 D. Ave. 648-2535/648-2848
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
CAPTAN
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 Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery
Nogal Presbyterian Church:
BILL SEBASTIAN, pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
SCOTT KING, pastor / 548-2024
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.
Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
ED VINSON, pastor (Inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
LESLIE FARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4227
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
Rex HERSHFIELD, pastor
Capitan (South on Highway 48) 354-3110
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.

Tinnie Baptist Church
BILL JONES, pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Church Services..... 11:00 am

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle
ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
208 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 884-2028
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm

First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM 648-2898 (church) or 648-2107
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, 648-2188
Children's Church..... 10:30 am
Worship Service..... 10:30 am
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community
FR. DAVE BERG, pastor
210 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 8:00 pm
Carrizozo Santa Rita..... 8:00 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 8:00 am
Carrizozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ
PERRY ZUMWALT, minister
Ave. C at 15th, Carrizozo, NM.
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship (Winter)..... 11:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
REV. CANNON JOHN PENN, rector
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Notices Of Property Valuations Mailed

On the same day that Lincoln County Commissioners were arguing about asking the governor to veto a bill that would alter the way property can be valued by the counties, the Lincoln County Assessor's office mailed out notices of valuation to owners of property in Lincoln County.

March 31, the assessor's office mailed out 27,495 notices of valuation, to owners of Lincoln County properties that have a tentative total taxable value (based on the 1998 rates) of \$471,892,140, said Lincoln County Assessor chief deputy Doug Whittaker. Last year, the assessor's office mailed out 27,083 notices of valuation that represent-

ed a total taxable value of \$426,850,772, which was a substantial increase from 1997 when the total taxable value was \$406,195,662.

Property owners have until April 31 to file a protest on the valuation indicated on the notices. Whittaker said property owners should inspect their notices of valuation when received and compare the valuations with previous years. Also property owners should read the information on the back of the form concerning eligibility for exemptions.

If the property owner has a question about the valuation, Whittaker said the owner should contact the assessor's office by phone, in person or by mail. On the back of the red copy of each notice there is a form to adjust the property value which can be mailed back to the assessor's office.

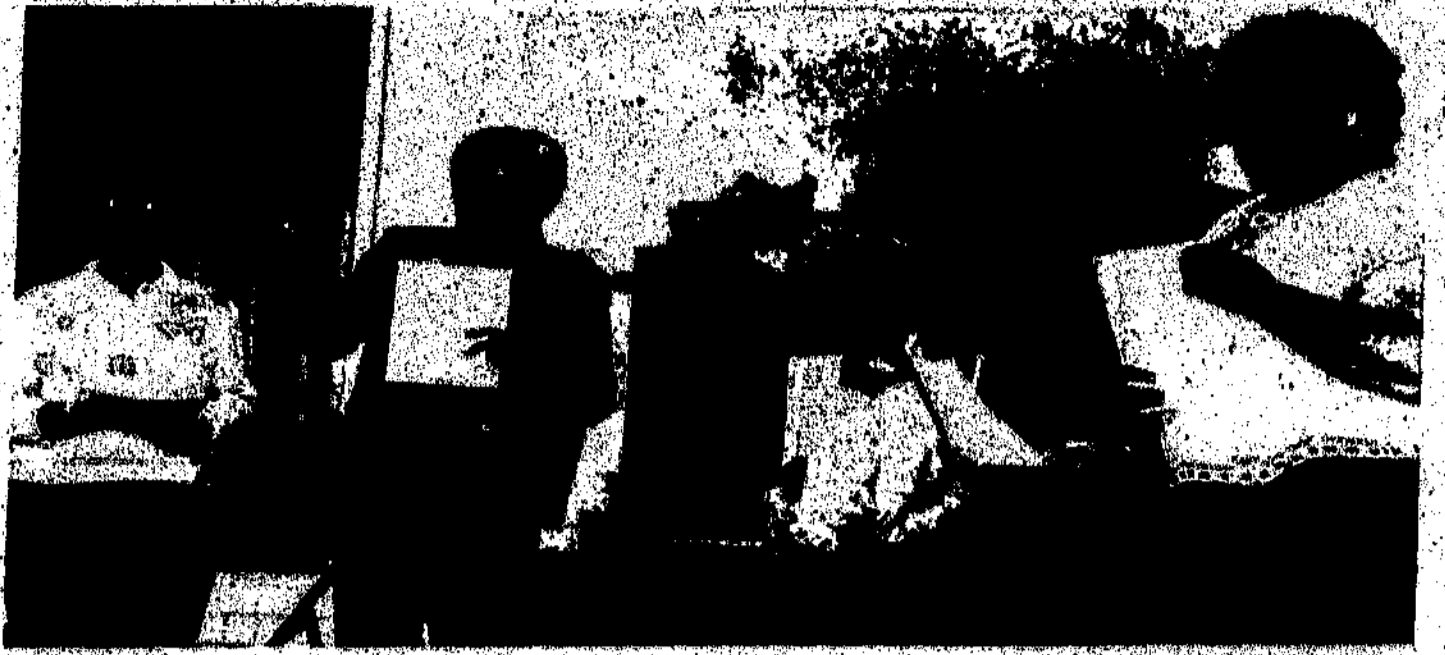
Property owners must prove the assessor's value is wrong however. "If they have a problem, property owners should fill out a formal protest form before the April 31 deadline," Whittaker said.

If a property owner does not file protest at this stage, and waits until the actual tax bill is received to protest, a protest against the amount of tax must be filed in district court with a \$100 filing fee. The property owner would then need a lawyer to assist with the protest.

Whittaker said the assessor's office has received about 300 informal protests on reappraisal years that resulted in 12 to 20 actual protest hearings. However, no valuations were changed as a result of the hearings, unless there was a clerical error.

New Mexico ranks 47th in the nation for property taxes. Property taxes in Ruidoso are the third highest in the state. Most of those taxes are self imposed by voters in that municipality who have approved millions of dollars of bonds over the years.

For more information about the notices of valuation contact the Lincoln County Assessor's Office at 648-2306.



FCE SILKIE COCOON SINGERS Suzi Fern, Betty McCraight, Phyllis Schlegel, Geraldine Tully and Virginia Burt entertain the participants at the Lincoln County FCE Cultural Arts Show held in Tinnie on March 26. The program was themed "Flying Free With FCE." A skit was presented by Lajunta members Phyllis Zumwall, Geraldine Tully, Sue Crockell, Lou Turner, Inez Marrs and Yvonne Zumwall.

EASTER WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1
—Mass of the Last Supper 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitan, 7 p.m. Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, APRIL 2
—3 p.m. St. Theresa Catholic Church in Corona, 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Church, 7 p.m. Santa Rita Church.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3
—Easter Vigil Mass 8 p.m. Santa Rita Church. No usual 5 p.m. Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart Church or 6:30 p.m. Mass at Santa Rita Church.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4
—6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Carrizozo School Football field. Breakfast served at Carrizozo Baptist church following service.
—7:30 a.m. Easter Mass at San Juan Church in Lincoln.
—9 a.m. Easter Mass at Sacred Heart Church.
—9:30 a.m. Community Easter Service at Capitan School. Coffee and donuts at 8:30 a.m.
—10:30 a.m. Easter Mass at Santa Rita Church
—1 p.m. Easter Mass at St. Theresa Church.

Lincoln County FCE Cultural Arts Results

There were more than 40 entries in the 1999 Lincoln County FCE Cultural Arts program held March 26 in Tinnie. The program included songs by the Silkie Cocoon Singers, hands-on butterfly craft project instructed by Darraleene Stewart of Capitan, a skit presented by Lajunta club members, luncheon, exhibits and a program on butterflies presented by district conservationist Greg Hauser. Entries were judged by Chavez County FCE members Peggy Voigt, Sharon Rhodes, Lusia Bonham and Mary Salyrd.

Winners and their placing were:
Geraldine Tully, 1. embroidered skirt; Thelma Chipman, 1. knitted dog; 2. pincushion, 1. needle canvass, 1. crocheted jar top, 1. crocheted slippers, 1. crocheted potholder; Lucia Vega, 3. applique pillow; Cecilia Booky, 1. knitted poncho, 2. crocheted afghan; Lou Turner, 1. knitted slippers, 1. crocheted afghan, 1. crocheted slippers; Barbara VanGorder, 1. Angel, 1. photo album; Angie Provine, 1. dress, 2. dress, 1. photo album, 1. candle, 2. candle; Suzi Fern, 1. sweatshirt; Yvonne Zumwall, 1. decorated pin, 1. wearable art, 1. wreath; Phyllis Zumwall, 1. decorated paper sack, 2. potpourri bowl, 2. framed picture; Mary Ellen McKay, 1. quilt basket, Best of Show, 1. photograph; Barbara Culler, 1. quilted hat pins, 1. quilted framed cross; Amanda Torrez, 1. crocheted doll, 1. crocheted runner, 2. crocheted scarf; Sally Kohus, 2. fine arts; Lenore Welch, 2. oil; Rosalie Dunlap, 3. photograph.



DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST Greg Hauser shows some of his collection during his presentation on Butterflies during the Lincoln County FCE Cultural Arts Show on March 26.

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Senior Olympics

Lincoln County Senior Olympics schedule of events:

- Billiards, 8-ball pool, April 7, Capitan Senior Center, 10 a.m.
- Table Tennis, April 15 at 10 a.m. Ruidoso Downs Senior Center.
- Shuffleboard, April 21 at 1 p.m. Ruidoso Senior Center.
- Tennis, April 23 at 9 a.m. at Ruidoso city courts.
- Golf, April 24 at 1 p.m. Links Golf Course.
- Bowling, April 29 and 30 at 1 p.m. and May 3 at 3 p.m. and May 4 at 1 p.m. at Ruidoso Bowling Lanes, for singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team.
- Dances and talent May 6 at 1 p.m. Ruidoso Senior Center.
- Horseshoes May 14 at 10 a.m. Carrizozo Country Club.
- Recreational events May 23 at 9 a.m. at Ruidoso High School; frisbee, soccer kick and basketball free throw.
- Track and field, May 22 at 10 a.m. at Ruidoso High School, discus throw, javelin throw, softball distance throw, high jump, long jump, standing long jump, shotput, racewalking, 800 meter estimated time run/walk, and runs for 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 and 5k.
- Swimming, May 27 at 10 a.m. at Ruidoso City Pool.

For more information contact Bart Young at 257-3193 or Henry Ernest at 257-9291 or Barbara Ward at 648-2997.

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NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS

The Town of Carrizozo in connection with Special Election to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 1999 and pursuant to Section 3-5-36 NMSA, 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following question, listed in order of appearance will be submitted to the voters:

"Shall the qualified electors of the Municipality of the Town of Carrizozo approve Ordinance 201 adopting a Municipal Infrastructure Gross Receipt Tax to impose a 1/8 of 1 percent tax for repayment of Economic Development Revolving Loan to ALESCA Co. in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the State of New Mexico Economic Development Department if funded, to be imposed for purposes of repayment of said loan in the event ALESCA Co. defaults upon said loan?"

B. Notice is hereby given that the following polling places shall be used for the conduct of the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 1999:

1. Voters in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13 within the municipal boundary shall vote at:

City Hall Council Chambers, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88501.

2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Town Clerk.

C. The following Precinct Board members have been appointed:

1. For judge in consolidated Precincts 2A and 13.....Don Means For clerks in consolidated Precincts 2A and 13.....Margaret Baca Cheryl Smith

For alternate clerk in consolidated Precincts 2A and 13.....Anna Belle Burrow

2. For Judge in absent voter precincts 2A and 13.....Don Means

3. For clerks in absent voter precincts 2A and 13.....Margaret Baca Cheryl Smith

For alternate clerk in consolidated Precincts 2A and 13.....Anna Belle Burrow

D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held Thursday, April 15, 1999 at City Hall Council Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico. The school will begin 10:00 a.m. The school is open to the public.

DATED this 16th day of March, 1999.

/s/ Carol Schlarb, Municipal Clerk

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AVISO DESIGNACION DE LOCALES PARA VOTAR Y MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DE PRECINTO

Pueblo de Carrizozo, Con respecto a la Eleccion Especial que se llevara a cabo el 20 de Abril de 1999, y conforme a la Seccion 3-5-36 NMSA, 1978:

A. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que las siguientes preguntas, inscritas en la orden que aparece seran sometidas a los votantes:

"Que se le concedera a los votantes calificados del Municipio del Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico que aprobaran Ordinance 201, adoptando un Municipio Infraestructura Gross Receipt Tax y sera impuesto a 1/8 de un por ciento para pagar la Economic Development Revolving prestamo a ALESCA Co. en la suma que no exceda \$250,000.00, de el Estado de Nuevo Mexico Economic Development Department sea que ALESCA Co., recibira los fondos, y que esta Ordinance 201 sera impuesta solamente para pagar el prestamo en la suma que ALESCA Co., no puede pagar?"

B. Formado de la presente se da noticia que las siguientes locales para votar se usaran para la Eleccion Especial que se llevara a cabo el 20 de Abril, 1999:

1. Votantes en los Precintos Consolidados 2A y 13 dentro del lindero municipal votaran en:

Pueblo de Carrizozo, Cuarte de Consejo, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico 88501

2. Votantes en el precinto de votantes ausentes votaran en la oficina de la Escribana Municipal.

C. Los siguientes miembros del Cuerpo Directiva del Precinto han sido nombrados:

1. Para el juez en los Precintos Consolidados 2A y 13.....Don Means Para escribanas en los Precintos Consolidados 2A y 13.....Margaret Baca Cheryl Smith

Para la alternativa escribana en los Precintos Consolidados.....Anna Belle Burrows

2. Para el juez en el Precinto de votante ausentista.....Don Means

Para escribanas en el Precinto del votante ausentista.....Margaret Baca Cheryl Smith

Para la alternativa escribana en el Precinto del votante ausentista.....Anna Belle Burrow

D. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se llevara a cabo una "Escuela" sobre la Eleccion del Cuerpo Directivo del Consolidado Precintos el 15th dia de Abril, 1999 en el cuarto de Consejo del Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico. La "Escuela" empezara a las 10:00 a.m. La "Escuela" esta abierta al publico.

Fecha de este dia 16th de Marzo, 1999.

/s/ Carol Schlarb, Escribana Municipal

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REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT BID

Table with columns: Model, Engine, Transmission, Brakes, Axles, Steering, Other, Must meet. Includes specifications for a 1999 CAT 140H Motor Grader.

- 16.) The arm rest shall be fold-up. 17.) The cab shall have sound suppression material on ceiling, rear panel and floor as standard. 18.) Windshield washers shall be standard (front and rear). 19.) An interior rearview mirror shall be standard to provide excellent rear visibility. 20.) Exterior rear view mirrors, West Coast Design on each side of cab. 21.) Heater for cab with pressurizer includes air ducting to windows (front and rear). 22.) Air conditioner to be factory installed, with adjustable air vents. 23.) Cab interior sound level not to exceed 78dB using SAE J919 standards. 24.) Tandem drive train differential lock/unlock or equal. Capable of applied under load. 25.) Minimum distance between center of tandem wheels shall be not less than 60". 26.) Wheels shall be interchangeable between all six wheels. 27.) 14.00-24 12-ply tires, G2 traction, include one spare tire and wheel per unit. 28.) All six tires to be new, tubeless grader type. 29.) The equipped operating weight shall not be less than 35,500 lbs. The required wt. shall not be met by the use of nonfunctional ballast. Functional ballast shall include ballast machine, ROPS cab, moldboard with extension, 75 gallon fuel tank, front mounted push plate, all lubricants and coolants, six tires and scarifier shanks AND REAR MOUNTED ATTACHMENT. 30.) Air cleaner to be dry type, dual element with service indicator, positive action automatic dust ejector. 31.) Electric system to be 24 volt to include lighting as required by ICC or DOT. Stop and tail lights, center and rear work lights, cab mounted strobe. 32.) Direct drive power shift transmission with no torque converter. 33.) Electronic transmission control with electronic over speed protection to allow shifting forward or reversed on the go. 34.) Single lever control for both direction and speed changes, parking brake and manual transmission lock. 35.) Foot controlled inching pedal which disengages the transmission to provide precise control in close quarters. 36.) Service brakes shall be oil disc, sealed from water, mud and dust. 37.) Service brakes shall be outboard mounted on the four tandem wheels adjacent to the tandem drive wheels. 38.) Parking brake shall be oil type enclosed within the transmission. 39.) Brake dryers are required. 40.) Dual circuit four wheel air activated multiple oil disc type. 41.) Machine turning radius shall not exceed 24'6" using front wheel steering frame articulation, and differential unlock. 42.) Front axle shall have a minimum of 24" ground clearance. 43.) Motor grader shall have hydraulic leaning front wheels. 44.) Front wheels shall have not less than 18 degrees left of right wheel lean. 45.) Front axle shall not have less than 32 degrees total oscillation. 46.) The main frame shall be articulated. 47.) Bottom bearing at the articulation joint shall be a shim adjustable tapered roller bearing. 48.) A separate lock valve shall be incorporated in the articulation circuit to minimize cylinder drift. 49.) An articulation indicator shall be standard to allow the operator to correctly align the frame. 50.) Articulation shall have mechanical locking device to prevent articulation while servicing or transporting machine. 51.) Articulation shall be controlled by a lever mounted adjacent to the steering wheel. 52.) Separate seal hydraulic system. 53.) Separate lock valves shall be included in all hydraulic circuits to positively prevent undesirable cylinder drift. 54.) Hydraulic system shall be closed center variable displacement on demand system. 55.) Hydraulic tank shall be of non-vented design to seal out dirt and contaminants. 56.) Hydraulic system shall operate at a maximum of 3,500 psi. 57.) The moldboard should be reinforced by a continuously welded heavy box section. 58.) Overlay and bits shall be standard to minimize damage to the corners of the moldboard. 59.) Blades lift accumulators and circle drive-slip clutch shall be provided to reduce vertical moldboard and circle impact damage. 60.) 14 ft., 1 piece, 90 degree, steel moldboard with hydraulic side shift and tip with reversible overlay and bits and 5 inch x 8/4 inch cutting edges. 61.) The moldboard, circle and draw bar assembly shall be of sturdy construction and shall be attached to the frame by a ball stud. The circle support shoes must have provisions to adjust for wear. It must be capable of 360 degrees rotation. 62.) The circle shall be supported by the draw bar with a minimum of six support shoes. 63.) Circle and draw bar wear strips shall be of bronze alloy material mounted with non-fasteners. 64.) Actuation of the parking brake control lever shall simultaneously move the transmission control lever to neutral, preventing accidental engagement of the transmission. 65.) Transmission control circuit shall be neutralized automatically when engine is turned off preventing machine movement if engine is inadvertently restarted with control lever in gear. 66.) Motor graders shall be standard equipped with an enclosed rollover protective structure that meets OSHA regulations at the time of purchase. 67.) Motor grader shall be standard equipped with a rear draw bar. 68.) All lighting shall be provided and shall conform to all OSHA, ICC and DOT regulations. 69.) Engine shall be equipped with key locked, hinged, swing open engine compartment doors for maximum vandalism protection. 70.) Electrical system must have a master disconnect switch with removable key. 71.) Standard federal safety yellow. 72.) Delivery shall be thirty (30) work days after receipt of order. 73.) AM/FM Radio. 74.) Anti-shock accumulators for blade lift hydraulic circuit. 75.) Rear-mounted attachment ripper/scarifier with ripper shanks and teeth. 76.) Parts book and service manual to be included.

- Must exceed: 1.) 4 cycles, 500 cubic inch engine. 2.) Service brakes shall have a minimum of 3,500 square inches of braking service.

Basis of Award: The bid award will be based upon the lowest monthly lease payment including the costs associated with the machine warranty, extended warranty, and its conditions, delivery, availability of parts and service facilities, and a complete analysis and comparison of specification details, will be weighed in making the final decision of award. It is understood and agreed that the Village of Capitan reserves the right to reject any and all bids at its discretion, if the best interest of the Village of Capitan is thereby served.

The bidder must be an authorized dealer and have parts and service facilities. The bidder shall state in his bid the location of the nearest service shop and adequate stock of parts.

Training: The successful bidder agrees to provide a training program for employees in sufficient scope to assure efficient and economical performance and maintenance of the equipment.

Bids: Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., on April 6. Bids can be submitted to Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 546, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM 88316. Each bid must be marked "Equipment Bid".

Deborah Cummings, CMC Clerk-Treasurer Village of Capitan

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"Have A Happy Easter"

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-99-244 THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, as Trustee, Plaintiff.

JAMES E. GIBSON and SUSAN D. GIBSON, husband and wife; and UNITED MORTGAGE AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 21, 1999, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the east door of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant(s) in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 12 Edelweiss Drive, Aldo, New Mexico, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot 12, EDELWEISS RESORT VILLAGE, UNIT THREE, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the amended plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, July 9, 1988, in Tube No. 315.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on March 15, 1999, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which included interest and costs, is \$137,807.83 and the same bears interest at eleven point seven five percent (11.75%) per annum from April 1, 1999. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$928.20. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with heron will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Nick Vega, Special Master P.O. Box 555 Carrizozo, New Mexico 88501 (505) 848-2517

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

No. CV-99-44 Roy Browning, Plaintiff,

vs. D.L. Crowder Investment Company, Inc., a New Mexico corporation,

and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO: To the above named and described defendants: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff in the above-entitled cause has commenced a suit against you in the above styled court by filing therein his complaint in writing; that said suit is now pending; that the general object of said suit is to determine and quiet the title of plaintiff against the defendants in and to the property described in the complaint; which property is described as follows:

Lot 15, Block 9 of Black Forest Subdivision, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the revised plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico on June 11, 1971 in Tube No. 308; and as further shown by the Plat of Survey of Lot 15, Block 9, Black Forest Subdivision, recorded June 28, 1996 in Cabinet F, Slide No. 479.

together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof that said complaint prays for the establishment of Plaintiff's estate in fee simple against the adverse claims of said Defendants; that the defendants, and each of them, be barred and forever stopped from having or claiming any lien upon or any right or title to the premises adverse to the Plaintiff; and that Plaintiff's title thereto be forever quieted and set at rest; that unless said Defendants cause or cause to be entered their appearance in said cause on or before April 23, 1999, judgment will be rendered in said cause by default against them as failing to appear; and that Plaintiff's attorney is Owen Russell, P.O. Box 1399, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88501; DATED this 4th day of March, 1999.

ALICE BACA BAXTER Clerk of the District Court By: Elizabeth Lueras Deputy

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS: Self-contained Compacting Unit with Power Pack VILLAGE OF CORONA, CORONA, NEW MEXICO. Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Corona for a self-contained compacting unit with power pack until 4:00 p.m., April 29th, 1999, at which time the public opening and reading of bids received will begin at the Village Hall located at Hwy. 54, Main St., in Corona, N.M. Instructions to bidders and specifications to be used in connection with the submission of bids can be obtained from the Village of Corona, Hwy. 54, Main Street, P.O. Box 87, Corona, NM 88318, or by calling (505) 849-5511.

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LEGALS

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-99-48

BONNIE J. BRANSON nka BONNIE J. SNYDER,
Plaintiff,

CLYDE J. TIDWELL, VIVIAN M. TIDWELL,
LESHIA DUNN, ALBUQUERQUE FEDERAL SAVINGS
AND LOAN nka ABQ BANK, its successors and assigns,
and RESOLUTION TRUST CORPORATION, its
successors and assigns,

group 1 defendants.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CLYDE J. TIDWELL,
VIVIAN M. TIDWELL and LESHIA DUNN, if
deceased and UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS.

group 2 defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above named defendant(s),
TO: 1. Albuquerque Federal Savings and Loan nka ABQ Bank;
2. Unknown Claimants
3. Resolution Trust Corporation
4. The unknown heirs of Clyde J. Tidwell, Vivian M. Tidwell and Leshia Dunn,
if deceased and unknown claimants.

Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby notified that in the above named plaintiff have filed a civil action
against you in the above-entitled Court cause, the general object thereof being a
Complaint to Quiet Title, for the property which is the subject of this suit located in
Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is described as follows:
N/2 S/2 NW/4 NW/4 of Section 21, T. 11 S., R. 13 E., N.M.P.M.
Please be advised that, unless you enter your appearance, in said cause on or
before 5-5-99, Judgment by default will be entered against you;

NAMES and address of plaintiff's attorneys;

THOMAS F. HOOKER, JR. & ASSOCIATES
2400 Rose Ave. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104
505-843-2070

WITNESS the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS, District Judge of the Twelfth
Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court
of Lincoln County, this 10th day of March, 1999.

ALICE BACA BAXTER
Court Clerk & Court Administrator

By: Elizabeth Lueras

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1999.

REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT BID

Equipment
Minimum Specifications
New and Unused Current
Steel Wheel Pad Foot Vibratory Compactor

General: It is the intent of these specifications to describe a self-propelled,
single steel wheel, pad foot, vibratory compactor in sufficient detail
to secure bids of comparable equipment. All parts not specifically
mentioned, which are necessary to provide a complete compactor,
shall be included in the bid and shall conform in strength and quality
of material and workmanship to what is usually provided to the
trade in general. The compactor shall be a new, current model
under standard production by the manufacturer.

Frame: Fabricated from heavy gauge steel plate and rolled sections, and
joined to the drum yoke at the articulation pivot. Articulation arm is
structurally reinforced and joined by hardened steel pins. Two
vertical pins provide a steering angle of +/-30 degrees and a horizontal
pin allows frame oscillation of +/-15 degrees.

Engine: Four stroke cycle, six cylinder Caterpillar 3116T turbo-charged
diesel engine, with cold-weather starting aid.

Axle: Heavy duty fixed rear axle with a No SPIN differential.

Transmission: Two variable displacement piston pumps supply pressurized flow
to two dual displacement piston motors. One motor drives the drum
and the other drives the rear wheels. The two pump system ensures
equal flow to the drive motors regardless of the operating conditions.
In case the drum or wheels lose traction, the other motor can
still build additional pressure to provide added torque.

Brakes: Closed-loop hydrostatic drive system provides dynamic braking
during operation. Secondary brake features to include spring-
applied/hydraulically released multiple disc type brake mounted on
the drum drive gear reducer. Secondary brakes are activated by:
button on the operator's console; loss of hydraulic pressure in the
brake circuit; or when the engine is shut down. A brake interlock
system helps prevent driving through the secondary brake.

Steering: A priority-demand hydraulic power assist steering system to provide
smooth, low-effort steering.

Vibratory System: The vibratory system shall consist of a variable displacement
hydraulic pump driving a fixed displacement hydraulic motor
coupled to an in the drum, eccentric, shaft-type vibrator. The
eccentric shaft shall be mounted in heavy-duty, anti-friction bearings
with an oil-splash lubrication. The vibratory system shall be
capable of producing two distinct amplitudes for compaction on a
wide range of materials and material thickness. Centrifugal force
shall be at least 20,000 pounds in low amplitude and 80,000 pounds
in high amplitude.

Drum: The vibrating drum shall be not less than 84 inches wide, 59 inches
in diameter and shall have a shell thickness of not less than one
inch. The drum edges at ground contact point on either side must be
visible without discomfort to the operator. The drum shall contain a
minimum of 140 pads. The pads shall be four inches high minimum
and have a 14 square inch minimum contact surface. A drum scraping
device shall be mounted on the frame structure that surrounds the
drum. The scraping device shall be adjustable and wipe the drum
in either direction. The drum and its vibrating parts shall be
isolated from the rest of the compactor by resilient, replaceable supports
that isolate at least 90% of the vibration. A heavy duty leveling
blade shall be included and designed to bolt onto the drum yoke.
The complete unit includes blade, push arms, fold removable bolt-
on connectors, reversible/replaceable cutting edges, replaceable
wear plates, a heavy-duty hydraulic lift cylinder and control valve.
The blade shall be no more than 100 inches wide and 82 inches high
with a minimum cut depth of three inches.

Operator Station: The operator station shall be equipped with ROPS/FOPS meeting
SAE recommended practice J1040 APR88 for roll over protection
and shall have a safe comfortable, forward facing bucket seat with
seat belt and clear view of the drum and drum edges. The seat shall
be fully adjustable and shall be suspended or shock mounted with
isolators and buffers to minimize vibration feedback from engine
and drum. The operator console shall contain single lever control
for spread and direction, steering wheel, vibration control, secondary
brake control, lights and horn. Instrumentation shall be
located on the console and shall include speedometer, engine
tachometer, vibratory tachometer, fuel gauge, voltmeter, air cleaner
restriction, engine oil pressure gauge, engine water temperature
gauge, and hydraulic oil pressure gauge. The engine oil pressure,
water temperature and hydraulic oil pressure shall include audible
warning alarms. The operator station shall include skid resistant
mounting ladders, walkway surfaces, reinforced guard rails and
handholds.

Miscellaneous: The machine shall be equipped with the following items: four flood
lights, two forward and two back; emergency flashing warning
lights, backup alarm, minimum 107 dB; amber strobe light
mounted on top of ROPS/FOPS structure; transmission guard
consisting of heavy plate covering rear axle, axle drive motor and input

gear box, external rear view mirrors, slow moving vehicle symbol,
23.1" x 28" 8 ply traction tires, tow hooks front and rear. Supplier
shall provide two (2) parts manuals, two (2) service/repair manuals
and two (2) operators manuals.

Basis of Award:

The bid award will be based upon the lowest monthly lease payment including the
costs associated with the machine warranty, extended warranty, and its conditions,
delivery, availability of parts and service facilities, and a complete analysis and
comparison of specification details, will be weighed in making the final decision of award.
It is understood and agreed that the Village of Capitan reserves the right to reject any
and all bids at its discretion, if the best interest of the Village of Capitan is thereby
served.

The bidder must be an authorized dealer and have parts and service facilities. The
bidder shall state in his bid the location of the nearest service shop and adequate stock
of parts.

Training:

The successful bidder agrees to provide a training program for employees in sufficient
scope to assure efficient and economical performance and maintenance of the
equipment.

Bids:

Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., on April 9, 1999. Bids can be submitted to Village
of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM 88316. Each bid must
be marked "Equipment Bid".

Deborah Cummins
Clerk-Treasurer, CMC
Village of Capitan

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NOTICE OF INVITATION
FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive 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 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 14, 1999, at which
time and place the bids will be opened and publicly
read aloud. Any bids received after the above date and
time will be retained unopened.

BID NO. 99-99-030:
RE-SURFACING OF EAGLE CREEK ROAD
(SCHOOL BUS ROUTE PROJECT)

BID NO. 99-99-031:
RE-SURFACING OF RANCHO RUIDOSO
VALLEY ESTATES (CAP PROJECT)

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will
review and make their final determination during
their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00
A.M. on Thursday, April 15, 1999.

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

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the
sealed envelope with the bid number(s) shown above.
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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TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Cause No. CV 99-40
Div. III

In the Matter of the Petition of
PATRICIA MOORE HOUGHEN
for a Change of Name.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on the April 12, 1999, at
8:30 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo,
New Mexico, Patricia Moore Houghen will make
application to the District Court for a change of her
name to Stacie Moore Gunkel. This application will be
granted unless good cause is shown why the application
should not be granted.

The attorney for Petitioner/Applicant is:

David A. Thomson
Attorney at Law
2810 Suddorth Dr., Suite 208
Ruidoso, NM 88345
(505) 257-9000

ALICE BACA BAXTER
Clerk of the District Court
By: Elizabeth Lueras
Deputy

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and April 8, 1999.

Request for
Proposals
Architectural
Services

The Board of Education for the Corona Municipal
Schools is soliciting qualification based proposals
from all interested providers of professional
architectural services as
deemed necessary by the

district. Responding firms
(officers) must submit
eight copies of their proposal, in a sealed envelope,
clearly labeled "Architectural
Services Proposal"
along with the officers
complete firm name and
address. Improper identification may result in failure
to consider the proposal. A one year contract,

renewable annually, will
be entered into with the
successful firm. This
district further reserves
the right to terminate
architectural services
upon written 30-day
notice.

Firms will be selected on
their past experience in
school facility design and
ability to complete projects
on time and within
estimated cost projections.
Firms wishing additional
information may contact
Sid Miller, Interim
Superintendent, at
(505) 849-1911, Monday-
Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00
p.m.

Proposals must be delivered
to: Corona Municipal
Schools, P.O. Box 258,
Corona, NM 88318.

Deadline for Submission:
April 16, 1999.

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1999.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ruidoso-Lincoln
County Extraterritorial
Zoning Authority will
hold their regular meeting
on Monday, April 5,
1999. The meeting is scheduled
to begin at 5:00 p.m.
at the Village Council
Building, 818 Grass Meadows
Drive in Ruidoso,
New Mexico.

AGENDA
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
III. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES-March 1,
1999

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Final determination
on ETZ recommendation
for approval of Development
plans for Tract A,
Sleepy Hollow Subdivision. Bruce
Karnolds.
2.) Final determination
on request denied
for temporary use permit
for Bear Carver's.
Andy Anderson.
3.) Discussion-time
and date of meetings.

The meeting is open to the
public. Auxiliary aids are
available upon request;
please contact Patsy
Sanchez at 648-2385 at
least 48 hours prior to the
meeting to make necessary
arrangements.

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Ruidoso Works
On Hotel
Agreement

by Doris Cherry

The village of Ruidoso is
close to reaching an agreement
to lease the village
owned property between the
convention center and the
Links of Sierra Blanca golf
course to Leisure Hotel Inc.

During the Ruidoso council
meeting Tuesday, March 30,
mayor Robert Donaldson gave
a brief summary on the terms
of the land lease. He said the
final terms of the agreement
should be submitted to the
village by April 2 or 5.
Donaldson said he will call a
public hearing 10 to 14 days
after the 58 page lease is
received.

In the summary sheet
Donaldson provided during
the meeting the tentative
terms, that are subject to
change pending final negotiations,
indicate the developer
will pay the village five percent
of the appraised value of
the hotel site annual. The
village will provide a
buildable site with engineered
compacted soils or piers, with
the developer understanding
that the improvement will
raise the appraised value and
thus the annual rent payment.

The tentative break-even
point of the hotel has been
established at \$2.4 million
annual. The village is to receive
two percent of all gross
receipts of the hotel over the
amount, not just on gross
rentals.

The developer will be solely
responsible for all costs associated
with the construction of
foundation and building,
maintenance, landscaping,
operations, fixtures and personal
property required to
build and operate a high quality
hotel and suite facility of
at least 100 rooms with amenities
such as a swimming
pool. Building and permit fees
will be paid by the developer.

Operations of the hotel will
be the responsibility of the
developer, including labor
costs, all utilities, maintenance
for the hotel and
grounds, landscaping, gross
receipt taxes, lodgers taxes,
fixtures, etc.

Maintenance of the main
parking lot will be equally
shared between the developer,
the village, and Allhub. Cost
to construct a planned interior
walkway from the hotel to the
convention center will be
shared equally between the
developer and the village. Also
the developer and the village
will be responsible for half the
cost of a new or redesigned
sign at the entrance to the
complex. The current sign will
be moved to the "Y" at Highway
70.

The developer will be responsible
for all taxes, including
gross receipt taxes, lodgers
tax, income tax and property
tax. The village will allow
the issuance of an Industrial
Revenue Bond at the sole cost
of the developer.

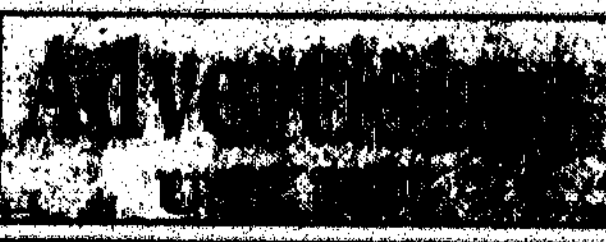
Marketing the convention
center will be done by request
for proposals (RFPs) by the
village and the developer.

Priority bookings at the
convention center will be
dictated by village ordinances
and policies. The village will
establish a committee with
the developer to review these
ordinances and policies to
improve and enhance them.

Catering will be up to the
developer who will have the
right to establish levels of
quality and develop a list of
approved caterers for all
meetings at the convention
center. When a restaurant is
built, it will have catering
priority.

In the area the village pro-

Without it,
how would
anybody know
what you sell?



FAST ACTION

LCSWA Contract For

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Contractors takes everything, burns what it can, and LCSWA pays for all non-combustibles that go to the landfill. Last month, the tipping fees at the landfill for Sierra Contractors was \$4,000. Foote said at first LCSWA furnished Sierra Contractors with one 40-yard roll-off a week to haul the noncombustible materials to the landfill. But that was not enough and LCSWA could not furnish roll-offs fast enough, so Sierra Contractors began hauling with its own truck, Foote added.

Answering a question whether LCSWA needed Sierra Contractor's services, Wright said he doubted if LCSWA can handle all the construction waste coming out of the county and the member entities (excluding Ruidoso). "But we can't sustain the \$4,000 a month tipping fees (from Sierra Contractors)." LCSWA member Debra

Ingle asked how LCSWA can know where the waste came from. Wright said it would be hard.

Agreeing that LCSWA needs the services provided by Sierra Contractors, LCSWA members authorized Wright to renegotiate LCSWA's contract with the company and report back at the regular April meeting.

Members approved purchase of a Chevrolet one ton four wheel drive pickup from Desert Sun Motors of Alamogordo for \$21,172, the best submitted bid. LCSWA received four bids from local vehicle dealers.

On April 6, LCSWA will hold a special meeting to award a bid for a side-load trash collection truck. During their March 24 meeting members rejected all submitted bids for a side load truck, after county representative Rick Simpson said it would be advisable to make the LCSWA truck fleet uniform for the make and style of truck and compactor box. He said a uniform fleet is cost effective because all vehicles use the same parts and have the same maintenance requirements.

Members also tabled a per diem and travel policy until they receive an opinion from the LCSWA attorney whether the LCSWA board can approve it or whether such a change requires approval from all member entities. Foote said she thought such a change would alter the LCSWA bylaws which are set by joint powers agreements. As such all member entities would have to take action to approve the new policy.

During his report, Wright requested permission to go to each member entity board to ask each to permanently forgive the debts negotiated when LCSWA was formed. Wright said Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst has said his village will forgive the \$74,000 debt LCSWA owes it, because all equipment the debt was incurred for no longer is in use. The LCSWA debt to Ruidoso was dropped when Ruidoso pulled out of the LCSWA collection. That leaves \$74,099 to the county for a bulldozer used at the Capitan landfill, the digging of a cell at the landfill and the county collection accounts and \$18,043 to Capitan for the landfill.

If all entities were to forgive the debts, LCSWA could show the New Mexico Finance Authority that most of its long-term debt is gone and would put LCSWA in better standing for making new equipment loans.

Last year, LCSWA made one payment to the county, the first in a while, Ruidoso Downs has not required a payment in three years and LCSWA has paid Capitan every year. "We're swallowed up in long term debt," Wright said.

Simpson suggested Wright make a presentation to the county commission, Ingle suggested letters from LCSWA to each entity regarding the debt each owes, the debt all entities owe and why LCSWA would like to have the debt forgiven. Wright said he could go to each entity to explain the need to forgive the debt and to tell how LCSWA is providing more services with the once a month free roll-off to each community.

In discussing the roll-offs, Wright said Carrizozo and Capitan will each have a roll-off every Saturday. However, on the second Saturday of each month dumping at the Carrizozo roll-off will be for free, and on the third Saturday dumping at the Capitan roll-off will be for free for residential non-household trash. All other Saturdays, it will cost to dump into the roll-

off containers in each community. The dumping other than on free Saturdays will be limited to residents of those municipalities. In Capitan, it will cost \$8 a yard to dump miscellaneous trash, \$2 for each old appliance, \$2 for regular tires and \$5 for each commercial size tire and \$3 a yard for scrap metal.

Carrizozo trustees and LCSWA member Cynthia Morales said her trustees will be setting the fees for dumping at the roll-off. She also requested Wright to make sure the Carrizozo roll-off is supervised when it is open.

On all days, free or pay, it is a first come first serve basis, and the roll-off will be closed when full in Capitan and Carrizozo.

Ruidoso Hotel

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poses to build a road across the golf course to a lot for the proposed indoor swimming pool, recreation center, parks and recreation office complex and an overflow lot from the convention center. Also the village proposes to build two public tennis courts next to the complex. Allhub will be responsible for moving the tee boxes and practice putting green to make room for the road.

NMMI ROTC To Train Near Capitan Divide

Smokey Bear Ranger District Ranger Jerry Hawkes has approved a three day ROTC training session being conducted by the New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) from Roswell.

Approximately 150 supervised cadets will receive valuable tactical training in the Capitan Divide area located north of Capitan from April 2 through noon April 4.

The training's operation center will be located west of Highway 246, just north of Capitan Divide, and will include six school buses, portable toilets and other equipment. While live ammunition will not be allowed, periodic use of blank ammunition and colored smoke will be utilized to add realism to the training and may be noticed by local resident and travelers along the highway.

Hotel Chango and Wortley Hotel marry April 28.
5tp/Mar. 18 & 25, Apr. 1, 8 & 15

FOR SALE: 1988 Chevrolet
3/4 ton Silverado pickup. Good condition. 854-9107.
1tp/Apr. 1

STARN'S INSURANCE AGING
CARRIZOZO
(505) 648-2911

HUGE multi-family yard sale
April 2, 3 & 4, Easter weekend. 8 a.m. to 7:20 Central, Carrizozo.
1tp/Apr. 1

Former CBS Students: YEARBOOKS Available In Limited Quantities
* 1984-85
* 1985-86
* 1984-85
\$2.00 Each - Call Mrs. Chisum 648-2846

NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT
The Town of Carrizozo is seeking applications for a full time New Mexico Certified Police Officer or eligible to be certified by waiver or Law Enforcement Experience, uncertified. Must reside within city limits of the Town of Carrizozo. Complete job description and applications are available at Town of Carrizozo City Hall, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. Phone 505-648-2371. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.
Carol Schlarb, CMC/AAE
Town Clerk
Town of Carrizozo
2tc/Mar. 25 & Apr. 1

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
Lincoln County is now accepting applications for one full-time DETENTION OFFICER in the Lincoln County Detention Center. Applicant(s) must be willing to work all shifts, must have a clean driving record, no felony convictions, and must possess a valid New Mexico driver's license. Experience in Corrections or disadvantaged individuals in preferred but not required. Obtain application and job description at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505/648-2385. The last day to apply for this position is Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.
1tc/Apr. 1

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT opening at Camp Sierra Blanca. Successful applicant will have excellent computer skills and experience working with personnel, payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable and purchasing. Knowledge of Excel, Microsoft Office '97 and Outlook helpful. CSB offers competitive pay with excellent benefits. Send resume to P.O. Drawer 8; Fort Stanton, NM 88323; or call 505-354-3219 for more information and an application. Camp Sierra Blanca is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
8tc/Mar. 25 and April 1 & 8

BUILDING MATERIAL
Steel Buildings never put up. 40x30 was \$6,212 will sell for \$3,497. 50x30 was \$17,990 will sell \$8,970 Chuck.
1-800-320-2340
8tp/Apr. 1 & 8

BRIGADOON
Twenty-four hours per century in Ireland, the remainder in Lincoln County New Mexico.
Boanerges
1tp/Apr. 1

FIREWOOD
Seasoned and Split CEDAR or PINON DELIVERED
849-2849

FOR SALE: 18 1/2 foot houseboat, sleeps 4, 2 decks, \$6,500.00 or trade for RV. Must see. 648-2034.
1tp/Apr. 1

"SNOW PAK"
2 to 5 bedrooms; covered deck manufactured homes available Luv Homes.
1-800-304-7297
or 505-628-7297
DLR00643

AFFORDABLE
Housing-A New program could make you a Homeowner. From \$500 Down. Call 1-800-720-1004

WE PAY YOU!
4 bedroom REPO with master retreat. 2,100 Sq. Ft. Lived in one month. Like New. Down payment assistance.
Call 1-800-720-1004

FOR SALE: Miscellaneous furniture. Call 648-2484.
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Col. Swede L. Swedeen-P.A.I. (Professional Auctioneer) 20 Yrs. Exp. - Over 2000 Auctions Licensed - Bonded - Insured
Carrizozo Auction Company
RD. Box 585 - Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 - Ph. 505-648-8217
Antique Appraisals & Expertise
6 Estates Bought & Sold \$
Buy - Sell - Trade - Antiques
COMMERCIAL LIQUIDATIONS

NEW
32 ft. double-wides starting at
\$30,900
INVESTMENT HOUSING CORP.
ROSWELL, NM
1-800-347-2070
Stanley & Don

BUILDING MATERIAL
Two Steel Buildings, Engineered Certified. 40x65 was \$11,488 now \$5,952. 40x40 was \$7,440 now \$4,170. Must sell, can deliver.
1-800-292-0111
2tp/Mar. 26 & Apr. 1

ARE YOU LOOKING
... at Manufactured Homes?
... or Thinking of building?
PALM HARBOR - New 2,300 Sq. Ft. See to believe. Call for your FREE Information Kit and details. 1-800-720-1004

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
Lincoln County is now accepting applications for the position of DEPUTY SHERIFF in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must be 18 years or over, must possess a New Mexico Basic Police Officer's Certification or be certifiable by waiver, and willing to work anywhere in Lincoln County. Obtain application at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505/648-2385. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., Monday, April 19, 1999. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.
2tc/Apr. 1 & 8

"DREAM HOME"
Now available with 4 bedrooms and Zone III "Snow Pak" Luv Homes.
1-800-304-7297
or 505-628-7297
DLR00643

Hotel Chango and Wortley Hotel marry April 28.
5tp/Mar. 18 & 25, Apr. 1, 8 & 15

NEED PAPER FOR YOUR COPY MACHINE?
Drop by the "Lincoln County News" and pick-up a ream of two - large selection of colors to choose from. Why make an out of town trip or pay shipping when you can get it right here!! Need a whole case? No problem! Want to save money? TRY US AND SEE!!

CLASSIFIED AD FORM

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____

I WOULD LIKE MY AD TO RUN (Check appropriate box for number of weeks)

HERE'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY

Cost per ad / 20 words or less / per week	1	2	3	4
	\$5.00	\$9.50	\$13.50	\$17.50

1.) _____

20.) _____

(ADD 10¢ PER WORD FOR EACH WORD OVER 20)

MAIL OR BRING TO:
Lincoln County News
P.O. Drawer 459 / 309 Central Ave.
Phone (505) 648-2333
CARRIZOZO, NM 88301

COST OF AD _____
TAX (.08875) _____
TOTAL _____

Easter Sale

SHURFINE Sour Cream HALF PINT 69¢	SHURFINE GRADE 'A' Large Eggs DOZEN 59¢	SHURFINE ULTRA Whipping Cream HALF PINT 69¢	SHURFINE Charcoal Briquets 10 LB. BAG 1.99	SHURFINE Charcoal Lighter 32 OZ. 1.29	ASSORTED BLENDS Cooking Oil 48 OZ. 1.79	REGULAR #1 48 LAYS® OR WAYS® Potato Chips YOUR CHOICE 89¢	ASSORTED KRAFT Barbecue Sauce 16 OZ. 69¢

QUARTERS OR REG. OR LOWFAT SPREAD

Blue Bonnet
16 OZ.

2 FOR \$1

SHURFINE Butter Quarters
16 OZ.
1.99

SHURFINE VANILLA, FUDGE OR MILK CHOCOLATE Frosting
16 OZ.
1.29

ASSORTED DEL MONTE Vegetables
11-15.2 OZ.
5 FOR \$2

ASST. BLUE BUNNY Ice Cream OR Frozen Yogurt
HALF GALLON

2 FOR \$6

- DEL MONTE Tomato Sauce** 5 8 OZ. CANS **1.00**
- PACKED IN OIL OR WATER CHICKEN OF THE SEA CHUNK LIGHT **Tuna** 8 OZ. **59¢**
- EARLY CALIFORNIA SMALL, MEDIUM OR LARGE RIPE FITTED **Olives** 8 OZ. **1.19**
- REG. OR W/BLEACH 83-97 OZ. ULTRA 2 POWDER OR 100 OZ. LIQ. **Gain Ultra** YOUR CHOICE **4.99**
- 17.5 LB. LAMB & RICE OR 22 LB. DOG CHOW OR LITTLE BITES **Purina** YOUR CHOICE **7.99**
- HALVES, BITS OR PIECES **Ellis Pecans** 8 OZ. **2.99**
- ASSORTED DEL MONTE CANNED **Fruit** 16-15.2 OZ. **89¢**
- BETTY CROCKER FUDGE **Brownie Mix** 16.8 OZ. **1.19**

- HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH SELECT **Salad Dressings** 16 OZ. **2.99**
- SHURBAVING **Shortening** 42 OZ. **1.19**
- SCHLLING ASSORTED FOOD **Colors** 4 CT. PKG. **1.99**
- ASSORTED SUGAR SWEETENED DRINK MIX **Kool Aid** 8 QT. **2.99**

- BLUE BUNNY ASSORTED SANDWICHES **Ice Cream** 10-12 CT. **2.99**
- SHURFINE FROZEN SLICED **Strawberries** 16 OZ. **1.49**
- ASSORTED WHIPPED TOPPINGS **Cool Whip** 8 OZ. **99¢**
- SHURFINE SHOESTRINGS, HASH BROWNS OR COUNTRY STYLE STEAK FRIES **Potatoes** 20-32 OZ. **1.19**
- SHURFINE CRINKLE CUT **Fries** 80 OZ. **2.99**
- ASSORTED PILLSBURY GRANDSI **Biscuits** 16.3-17.3 OZ. **99¢**

SHURFINE ASST. DELUXE MOIST Cake Mixes
16.25-18.5 OZ.
89¢

MEATS	
FARMLAND MAPLE RIVER BONELESS WHOLE HAM (6-9 lbs.) / LB.	\$1.90
COOKS BONE-IN HAM (16-20 lbs.) / LB.	\$1.28
FAMILY PACK SPLIT BREAST..... LB.	99¢
SMALL PACK SPLIT BREAST..... LB.	\$1.29
BEEF BONELESS BOTTOM ROUND ROAST..... LB.	\$1.69
BEEF BONELESS BOTTOM ROUND STEAK..... LB.	\$1.79
FRESH GROUND CHUCK..... LB.	\$1.79
BEEF CUBED STEAK..... LB.	\$2.39
HILLSHIRE FARM ASSTD. VARIETIES SMOKED SAUSAGE..... LB.	\$1.79
OSCAR MAYER HAM & CHEESE LOAF 8-OZ.	\$1.59
SHURFINE BACON..... 1-LB.	\$1.69
SHURFINE BEEF BOLOGNA..... 12-OZ.	\$1.19
MAPLE RIVER HALF HAM..... LB.	\$2.04

WE TAKE VISA & MASTERCARD

PRICES EFFECTIVE:
APRIL 1 to
APRIL 7, 1999

HOURS:
Mon. thru Sat.:
8:30 am to 6:30 pm
Sunday:
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Golden Ripe Bananas
4 \$1
LBS.

Bakery Shortcakes 79¢	GREENER SELECTION SALAD MIX Dole 12 OZ. PKG. 1.19	MINI PEELED Carrots 1 LB. PKG. 99¢
RED Ripe Strawberries 1.39	FRESH CRISP Celery STALK 39¢	SNO WHITE Cauliflower EA. 99¢
1 LB. CTN.	FRESH GREEN Onion 4 BUNCHES \$1.00	U.S. #1 BAKING Potatoes LB. 29¢
	GARDEN FRESH Broccoli EA. 99¢	WASHINGTON EX-FANCY RED DELICIOUS Apples LB. 49¢

STURGES VENTURE
4th & Central Ave. / CARRIZOZO, NM / Ph. 648-2125

WE HONOR EBT CARDS for FOOD and CASH

WE ACCEPT W.I.C. CHECKS