

Frustrations Mounting With Hwy. 48 Project

Mayor Calls Highway Dept. "Devil Incarnate"

by Doris Cherry

The continuing Highway 48 improvement project has people in Ruidoso frustrated and concerned. Among those very frustrated is Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson who called the state highway department a great evil and "the devil incarnate."

During the March 28 Ruidoso Council meeting,

councilor Bob Sterchi began the discussion about the highway projects. He said people are frustrated with the one lane road on Mechem Drive (Highway 48) and the construction delays. He said he made a personal observation of traffic in mid town where people are "blowing through ignoring the 25 mile per hour limit." He said most offenders were

not kids, rather people in a hurry. "It's a serious problem," he said and asked if the police department could place a patrol officer in the area more often. Lt. Wolfgang Born said the department does patrol mid town, but they would increase the patrol.

Sterchi, concerned for pedestrians in the mid town area, asked about the status

of the street light at Center Road and Sudderth. Village manager Alan Briley said his effort to get the state highway department to allow the village to add a change order to the contract with Meadow Valley, so that company could install the stop light. The highway department did not allow the change order, nor would it allow the village to

piggyback a bid with another entity, so the village must bid out the installation. The village already bid the job, but go no response.

Donaldson said the highway department has created the problems because it will no longer work with the highway project contractor Meadow Valley. "It's a spitting match between the highway

department and Meadow Valley," Donaldson said. "The great evil is the highway department, it is the worst bureaucracy in the world."

In response to a question of whether state police should be asked to help with the traffic, Donaldson said he would rather have village

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There is no justice in the war on drugs

THE WAR ON DRUGS IS A FAILURE, says New Mexico Department of Public Safety Secretary Nick Bakas during the Drug Policy Reform Forum held in Ruidoso on March 23, sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Lincoln County. Also pictured are forum moderator Tony Seno, Steve Bunch from the New Mexico Drug Policy Foundation who gave an overview of marijuana laws, and Dr. Ray Seidel who spoke on the positive medical uses of marijuana and the dangers of smoking any substance.

Drug Policy Reform Forum Well Attended

by Doris Cherry

The effect of the drug war versus the effect of the drugs, especially marijuana, on the users were the main topic of the Drug Policy Reform Forum in Ruidoso March 23 sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Lincoln County.

Main speaker at the forum was New Mexico Secretary of Department of Public Safety Nick Bakas. (See related story). Also speaking at the forum was Dr. Ray Seidel of Ruidoso, Captain and Roswell who said the active substances in marijuana do

not appear to be medically harmful, but smoking of any substance can lead to asthma, emphysema and other respiratory problems. Seidel said of marijuana, tobacco and alcohol, alcohol is the worst drug from a medical standpoint.

Bryan Krumm RN representative of the New Mexicans for Compassionate Use of Medical Marijuana spoke on the beneficial uses of cannabis which humans have used for more than 5,000 years. Krumm said marijuana is far safer than other recreational drugs,

including alcohol, and its use does not necessarily lead to "harder" drugs.

Steve Bunch from the New Mexico Drug Policy Foundation presented an overview of the marijuana laws and fiscal responsibility. Aside from the \$35 billion spent yearly on the drug war, General Fred McCaffrey, the current federal drug director, wants to increase that to \$100 billion to step up interdiction efforts in the country of Colombia. Despite these figures, almost half of high school students admit to trying an illegal substance. Of those who try an illegal substance 80 percent use drugs and are successful citizens with jobs. Only 10 to 20 percent develop real problems.

Bunch said he was instrumental in getting the governor to consider a dialogue on the current drug policies. But he criticized Johnson for calling for all out legalization of drugs. "I suggested sensible regulation," Bunch said. He said this is because the majority of New Mexicans polled about the governor's stance on legalization were against it. He suggested that regulation to allow adults to use some drugs is a better model.

Bruce Bush, Delta 9 Coalition, called for law enforcement tolerance of the marijuana laws, which "he

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NEW MEXICO'S TOP COP Nick Bakas said in his opinion the War on Drugs is a failure and should be examined. Bakas was keynote speaker at the Drug Policy Reform Forum sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Lincoln County. Libertarian member Tony Seno (right) moderated the forum held on March 23 in Ruidoso.

Ruidoso Lodgers Audit Reveals Discrepancies

by Doris Cherry

Fifteen Ruidoso lodging establishments were selected to be audited for lodgers tax. One of those 15 was in foreclosure, and another presented an audit situation never seen by CPA Ronnie Hemphill.

At the March 28 Ruidoso Council meeting, Hemphill said of the 14 he audited two had minor discrepancies in their lodgers taxes, and the third presented a problem he had never seen in his previous lodging audits. The

lodging vendor, a property management company, was charging lodgers taxes and gross receipt taxes on the rental of its managed condos. But when the lodging vendor reported its lodgers tax to the village, it separated the cleaning fees from the total and paid lodgers tax on the remaining amount.

"It does not feel good, smell good or taste good," Hemphill said.

According to councilor Linda Flack, cleaning fees

can be as much as \$25 a night on top of the rental fee.

Hemphill said he visited with village attorney John Underwood about the situation and Underwood found it appears the village lodgers tax ordinance has no clear definition of what is lodgers revenue. "There is not enough definition to pursue this guy," Hemphill added. Instead, Hemphill recommended the village tighten its ordinance about

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Carrizozo Is Under A Fire Restriction

by Doris Cherry

The Town of Carrizozo is now under a fire ban because of the extreme drought conditions. Under the ban citizens cannot have open flames, fires, campfires (except in designated areas), trash rubbish, shrubbery or other material, except by permit. Also certain projectile fireworks are banned.

To protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, Carrizozo Town Trustees at their March 28 meeting, adopted a resolution to ban open burning, and the sale or use of display or projectile fireworks and ground a audible devices (firecrackers) within the town limits. The resolution

also requires all other types of fireworks be used on barren or paved areas with an available source of water.

In addition to the resolution, trustees approved the fire permit form that grants permission for controlled burns. Applicants must include their names, age, mailing address, telephone number, business, burn location and purpose, date(s) of burn and time. The applicant must sign the permit, have it notarized, and approval from the chief of police, fire chief or forest service representative. Applicants are signing that they certify the burn shall not be hazardous to life or property. Applicants have to notify the Lincoln County Sheriff's

Office at the start of the burn.

Trustee Cynthia Morales said the town needed to discuss fire restrictions because of the extreme drought conditions. She made the motion to approve the fire ban resolution. Trustee Wes Lindsay agreed and seconded the motion.

Fire department member Gary Stout asked if the ban included controlled burns by the fire department. Mayor Manuel Hernandez said the ban does not apply to the fire department.

In discussing controlled burns Stout asked that residents be required to call the sheriff's office at the start of a controlled burn.

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Sheriff Gives Sub Office Space To Families First

by Doris Cherry

Office by office, the Lincoln County Sub-office in Ruidoso is becoming a "one stop" health care facility.

During the March 16 Lincoln County Commission meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan formally gave up another small office once used by his agency in the Lincoln County Sub-office in Ruidoso. He did this in response to a request from Lincoln County Maternal Child Health (MCH) Families First program coordinator Wanda Gielow de Figueroa.

"This would be just the right thing to do," Sullivan said to county commissioners.

In her March 8 letter to commissioners and the manager, Figueroa said Sullivan approached her after the February commission meeting saying he wanted to free up space in the sub-office for the MCH program. She wrote that Sullivan and she spoke on the phone and he again said he wanted to free space for her. He told her he needed to talk to the commission about it. Figueroa then asked for commission support to move her office out of her husband's automotive shop into the sub-office, and move

the Families First desk out of the conference room into the small office given by the sheriff.

"Mr. Sheriff, that is right decent of you," county commissioner Ray Nunley responded.

County commissioner Leo Martinez challenged Sullivan why he could choose who he wanted to give the office to, when so many state health agencies were in need of additional space in the sub-office. He said two months ago he questioned the space allocation for the sheriff in the sub-office. Martinez said

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Sheriff Gives

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the problem is the state-mandated health programs had run out of room. "The problem hasn't gone away," Martinez said. "The departments need space."

Martinez said as he understands county properties, if the sheriff's office does not want to be in the sub-office, the space should be turned over to the county and the county manager should allocate the space. "The sheriff gives up the space to anyone he wants to," Martinez said. "Not to the state services in need of more space."

Sullivan said he turned over the office to the County Maternal Child Health

program.

Martinez said the people who asked for room were with the state health programs in the building. "Now we have a multiple problem with another service," Martinez said. "Let the manager say how we'll use this space, not the sheriff."

Martha Rodriguez, public health nurse, said there is a lack of medical confidentiality with the Families First office being in the open conference room. Kathy McCloud, director of nurses of the State Department of Health District 4, said there is need for the space in the sub-

office for the Families First program.

Nunley asked if the different groups could get by until the county can enlarge the building, perhaps with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Martinez then asked county manager Tom Stewart if he was comfortable with the requested changes. Stewart said Sullivan came to him about the situation and suggested how to handle it. With the changes, the sheriff will retain a small corridor for the copy machine, a small office for interviews, and the larger office for deputies to do reports.

State Okays \$1.5 Million Loan For New Ruidoso PD

On March 7, Governor Gary Johnson signed House Bill 35 that allocated funds to the New Mexico Finance Authority which loans money to governmental entities in the state.

Among the many applicants for a loan through the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) is the Village of Ruidoso, seeking \$1.5 million to purchase and remodel the old Moncor Bank building to become a new public safety facility.

Ruidoso Village Council at its regular meeting March 14 authorized the NMFA application for a \$1.5 million loan to purchase the old Moncor Bank building for \$1.3 million with funds left to remodel and renovate.

According to a release from Ruidoso Police Department, over the past two years, Ruidoso Police Department and village administration have been identifying the police department's current and future needs. For two years, Ruidoso village council put the new facility as a priority in the village Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). Cost estimates for a new building large enough to house all divisions in the department was more than \$3.5 million, including the cost of the land.

Recently the village was approached by the owners of the old Moncor Bank building on Mechem Drive who were willing and interested in working with the village. Village officials decided the old Moncor bank building was ideal for a public safety building because of its central location, giving enhanced service response times, allow easy access for citizens and visitors. When the

village learned it could purchase the building for a price substantially less than the cost of purchasing land and constructing a new building, it entered into negotiations immediately.

In comparing the advantages of financing an existing building versus constructing a building financed with bond money, the village would save about \$4 million over the life of a bond.

The village will pay back the \$1.5 million NMFA loan with revenue from existing gross receipt taxes.

With the governor's signature on the NMFA financing bill, the village finalized the contract for purchase of the Moncor building for \$1,150,000, and the owners accepted the offer subject to final approval by the NMFA, which should be in early April.

Village manager Alan Briley said the building will require some modification to meet current codes and for communication. Briley said the Lincoln County/Ruidoso DWI program will be housed in the building, and the village will rent office space to New Mexico State Police, Briley

said there are no plans to have holding cells in the new facility.

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Trustee Willie Silva asked where permits are available. Chief of police Angelo Vega said the permits will be at town hall.

Last year trustees put in a place an ordinance that allows them to impose the fire restrictions, said Carrizozo Municipal Judge C.O. Rominger. The ordinance gives enforcement powers, with penalties, to the resolution once a fire ban is proclaimed by the trustees.

All trustees, Silva, Tommy Guevara, Lindsay and Morales voted in favor of the resolution and permit.

The fire ban went into effect immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded by the trustees.

Persons caught violating the fire ban can be ticketed and fined.



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New Arrival

New Granddaughter

Mark and Lisa Dixon of Nogal announce the birth of their first granddaughter, Jessica Lauren Dixon. Jessica was born to Naval Petty Officer 3rd Class Jordan Dixon and Lauren Dixon of Goose Creek, South Carolina. She was born at 8:58 a.m. March 29 and weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and was 20 and a half inch long.

Jessica's other grandparents are Raymond Jr. and Gail Benton of Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Jessica's great grandparents are Virginia Dixon of Benkelman, NE, John Roland and Ida Hollifield of Hannahan, SC and Margit Benton of West Ashley, SC.

Jordan is a 1988 graduate of Carrizozo High School.

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, You who make me see everything and who show me the way to reach my idea. You who give me the Divine Gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me, and you who are in all instances of my life with me, I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank You for Your love towards me and my loved ones. Pray this prayer 3 consecutive days without asking your wish, after the third day, your wish will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this prayer as soon as your favor had been granted. Wish granted.

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Carrizozo School Plans For Future

by Doris Cherry

The draft of a Master Plan for future growth and development of Carrizozo School District was reviewed by Carrizozo school board members at their March 21 meeting.

Scott Stafford, from the Greer-Stafford planning firm, presented the board with a draft of the Master Plan with two proposed options for updating the campus. Changes to the campus are based on growth, program changes or how programs are taught, and maintenance due to age, wear or code requirements.

The Master Plan proposes to update the campus in three phases, with the first phase being remodeling toilets in the elementary building and Manire (middle school wing) to meet the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. Elementary toilets will be remodeled by removing the existing staff toilet, and replacing it with a new one in the existing fifth grade classroom. The rest of the classroom will be converted to a teacher's lounge. The fifth grade classroom then will be moved down into the classroom now used for Head Start. The Head Start would be moved to the Home Ec. room in Clegg Hall.

Manire Hall bathrooms will be renovated for ADA compliance, requiring the removal of the existing staff toilet and art storage room.

Phase Two will include maintenance and program/growth. In the elementary and Manire maintenance would be done to address code and ADA issues and would include electrical and mechanical systems upgrades. Program changes would reassign elementary classrooms, conversions in Manire and expansions of a new elementary library, elementary multi-purpose room, extension of corridors and ramps to playground and to connect Manire and the Elementary. Clegg Hall would have the pre-school converted to a mid school math classroom. Preschool would be moved over to the elementary.

Tax Filing Deadline Is April 17

AARP Tax Aides remind tax payers that the deadline for filing income tax forms will be April 17, instead of April 15 which is a Saturday.

AARP Tax Aides continue to provide free tax assistance for low and middle income taxpayers of all ages from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Ruidoso Senior Center through April 14.

Tax forms will be available, but taxpayers need to bring W-2 forms and other tax information, including a copy of their last year's return if possible.

Phase three includes maintenance on Clegg of adding on new ADA compliant toilets at the south end of the building, and renovation of locker rooms, enclosure of seating area for concessions and replacement of the floor in the new gym. Program/growth changes would be converting and reassigning middle school and high school classrooms, including band/chorus to the existing multipurpose room in Manire Hall.

Parking changes with addition of a staff lot north of the administration building and a courtyard area west of the high school lab were included in the phase three.

Board member Lisa Shivers suggested closing the street that runs through campus, because of the potential dangers for children crossing the street for the cafeteria or to change buildings. An audience member cautioned about closing off access and parking for the public who attend functions at the school and gym. Also the district would lose parking areas along the street.

The board asked Stafford to begin working on a time frame for the phases and cost estimates. He said he would take the suggestions and comments from the board and work on parking and put dollar values on each project. "This is a good start," Stafford said of the discussion.

After Stafford's report the board awarded Phase 2 of the high school renovation project to ESA Construction, Inc, which did the first phase. School superintendent Glena Goodwin said through her research she found the district can use the same contractor who was obtained through the state purchasing program, without going to bid for the second phase. The phase includes remodeling of the science room and hallway in the high school and remodeling the boys locker rooms in the old gym. Shivers asked if the girls locker room could also be considered for remodeling if there is enough money left. Phase 2 of the high school renovation is being financed with bond money and state capital outlay funds.

The board also: Accepted the donation of golf equipment from Opal Mills and Jay Frazier.

Accepted the donation of a high jump pit and standards from Socorro High School, arranged by Carrizozo school athletic director Mel Holland.

Accepted donation of \$200 from Matt Borowski for the golf team.

Heard Goodwin say the

Suburban, for which the board awarded a bid last month, is still back-ordered due to the high demand for the sport utility vehicle.

Reviewed the quality of education survey questions and decided to add a question asking parents if the remodeling has enhanced their children's education.

Approved intra-budget transfers to cover the \$4,000 cost of replacing an engine in a bus, \$2,246 for a computer and printer for cafeteria clerk Linda Brown and a new printer for the administration, \$256 for computer supplies, \$444 for a drain cleaning machine and \$2194 to cover student travel.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

TUESDAYS

Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

WEDNESDAYS

Moms In Touch prayer group, 9 a.m. Ancho. Car pool from Carrizozo. Call 648-2460 for information.

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

THURSDAYS

Carrizozo School Library Story Hour 9:30-10:30 a.m. for preschoolers age 3-5.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.

Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo, 6:30-10 p.m. Chamber building on Second Street.

Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

FRIDAYS

Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-9 p.m. Capitan Senior Center. Call 354-4032 for information.

SATURDAYS

Capitan Public Library open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TODAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Capitan Head Start registration 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Capitan Head Start building on 5th Street.

Carrizozo Elementary Character Counts Assembly 2:45 p.m. old gym.

Special Capitan School Board hearing on the 2000-01 budget rescheduled to April 13 regular meeting.

Friends of Smokey, 8:30 p.m. at Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Rabies Vaccination Clinics in Lincoln County.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Free information meeting on how to stop paying income taxes, and stop employers from withholding taxes, 3 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office meeting room in Carrizozo. Call 648-2819 for information.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) council 10 a.m. meeting room of the Otero County Electric Cooperative in Carrizozo. Public welcome.

Carrizozo School Book Fair begins.

Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Board 6:30 p.m. town hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Carrizozo School PFK meeting 3:30 p.m. school library.

Carrizozo Town Trustees 6 p.m.

Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.

Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m.

Corona School Board 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Carrizozo Kindergarten preschool screening and registration, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Carrizozo school multipurpose room.

Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 12 noon, Carrizozo Recreation Center. Lunch will be available before the meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Sierra Blanca Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution. For information on meeting place call 258-5675 or 258-3622.

Capitan School Board, 8 p.m. administration building.

Corona Village Trustees, 6:30 p.m.

Libertarian Party of Lincoln County, 7 p.m. Casa Blanca Restaurant in Ruidoso. Call 258-1231 for information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Kindergarten screening for 2000-01 school year, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Cummins Gym.

Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District quarterly meeting of the board of directors, 10 a.m. Best Western Sally Port Inn, Roswell.

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 Carrizozo/Otero Electric..... 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
 Carrizozo/Otero Electric..... 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
 Nogal Post Office..... 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.
 Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe..... 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
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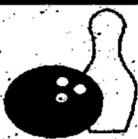
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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

What public hearing?

By Ruth Hammond

The Carrizozo Town Council during the March 28 meeting unanimously approved annexing two separate properties into the town. When *The NEWS* asked if the action was to call for a public hearing on the ordinance for annexation or to adopt the ordinance to annex. *The NEWS* was told the action was to adopt the ordinance to annex the two properties. When *The NEWS* asked if a public hearing had been held the answer was, "That's correct."

As for the public hearing, according to the legal notice published in *The NEWS* on March 16, 2000, the Town of Carrizozo will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at 8:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico for the purpose of annexation. We attended the March 28, 2000 town council meeting and there was no public hearing. The mayor did not ask if there was any public comment concerning the annexation.

Lack of the public hearing is only one concern we have. Apparently the two properties that were supposedly annexed are the 40 acre town-owned McBride well site and the 160 acre Kelsay property. We know the McBride well site property is at the end of E Street but the mayor did not explain where the Kelsay property is located.

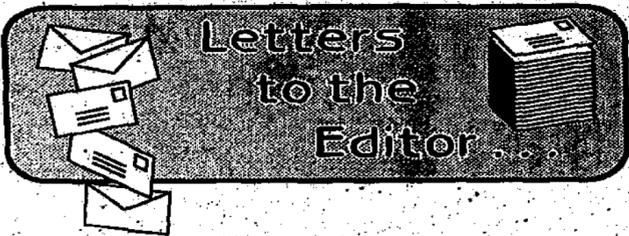
Keeping the public informed should be one purpose of the town council but much information about the annexation was missing at the March 28 town council meeting. According to previous articles in *The NEWS*, the process for annexation by petition was discussed at the January 25 town council meeting, but was not discussed at the February 22 meeting. During the March 14 town council meeting the town council did request that a public hearing notice be put in the paper for public comment on the draft annexation ordinance to be considered at the March 28 meeting. We wonder what happened to the draft annexation ordinance, and the scheduled public hearing.

If a public hearing was supposed to be held and was not held, does that mean the annexation ordinance is legal or not? Maybe the mayor will explain at the town council meeting next Tuesday whether the new annexation ordinance is legal or if the town will have to go through the entire process again with public hearings for public comment before a vote can be taken by the council as to whether the annexation ordinance should be approved.

Not many people are willing to ask questions at the town council meetings because of remarks that have been made at previous meetings, but many people do ask *The NEWS* for clarification on certain issues that were discussed or acted on by the town council. The majority of the people have no objections to annexation but are concerned that the town will annex property that will be expensive for the town if the town agrees to put in utilities and pave streets for proposed future subdivisions. Carrizozo has several streets that need to be paved before new projects begin.

Getting public comment would be easy if the public felt free to make comments during town council meetings. The residents of Carrizozo do care about what is going on and do want to be involved, but they need encouragement, not being stopped before they have a chance to speak.

Did wind blow draft away?



EDITOR: As a parent, I am compelled to address the March 16th article, "Parent Aids Concern". Evidently the March 9th, Capitan School Board meeting was full of negative emotion and feedback.

From the beginning, the Communication task force group was asked by the School Board to address and discuss ways to "improve communication" between home, school and community and also to examine "what information is communicated" and "how information is communicated". It was never meant to be a spring-board for communicating parents' concerns to the administration. All parents, staff, administrators and board members were asked to participate. The group devoted many hours (weekly, beginning last fall) to fulfill the Board's request.

The Communication Task Force was a very capable, hard-working and dedicated group. They talked about: What communication is non-productive? What communication needs improvement? What communication is successful? It was a very positive, brainstorming atmosphere. I attended the first Communication Task Force meeting and have tried to keep updated even though I was unable to attend most of the meetings.

If the communication process was working correctly, the firestorm of controversy surrounding the Issue/Concerns list would have been dealt with and discussed. Now we have: "Hear no evil", "See no evil". The list mentioned no names, the word "teacher" was never used. Yet here were some people taking it personally. WHY? C.A.C.T. made a statement in February to the board against the task force and asked for it to be disbanded. Rumors and mis-information surged through Capitan School. The C.A.C.T. union got its way and the task force was disbanded and branded as the bad guys. Since when did we end up on opposite sides? Is this how we want to solve problems by making a group go away? Talk about out of control! The angry parent highlighted in the article, actually criticized parents for having too much time to donate to their child's school. This is insulting to all parents who volunteer! Parent participation should be encouraged, not silenced, discouraged and ridiculed. Whether you are a "stay at home mom" or a "working mom", we all do what we can. This tearing down of each other because of differences must stop! She thinks committees and fund-raising are a waste of time. They are more critical than ever considering Capitan's \$145,000 shortfall in next year's budget. I think there are major communication problems that still need addressing. This is not the time to bury our heads in the sand and hope it will fix itself. Let's begin with treating each other with respect and appreciation, even if we disagree. Let's leave jealousy, manipulation and intimidation out of this! How can our children be

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INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - The mystery of Victorio Peak continues as the Ova Noss Family Partnership fights it out in court with the military.

Almost 10 years ago the treasure hunters succeeded in obtaining congressional authorization to resume digging for gold bars, jewels and historical artifacts that legend says are buried in caverns under the peak, located just inside the western boundary of White Sands Missile Range.

The partnership, headed by Noss' grandson, Terry Delonas, was to pay the Army for security, archaeological preservation and environmental restoration. Between 1992 and 1996, those charges exceeded \$800,000. After years of trying to secure a breakdown of the bills, Noss refused to continue paying into the fund from which the expenses were drawn until he received an itemization. Shortly after, the Army shut down the operation.

In 1997 the partnership sued, claiming more than \$600,000 of the money was misappropriated. In a deposition, the Army countered that the billings were accurate. But discovery proceedings by the partnership's lawyers have revealed expenditures of \$3,225 for a pair of giant, rubberized chicken suits used for recreation, \$4,100 for equipment used in "human bowling," \$21,000 for furniture, \$25,000 for a lavish party, \$50,000 for a base community club and \$206,756 for the commanding general's "kitty."

Almost two years later, the Army countersued, claiming the gold hunters were undercharged by \$378,197 and that they owe another \$277,816 to restore the peak. Delonas says he has a bid from a local contractor to do the restoration work for \$400.

The case is being heard in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington. The judge has asked the parties to settle. Delonas says he's willing to settle for a \$600,000 credit against future costs for further exploration. But the Army insists on proceeding. Apparently it is willing to spend whatever is necessary to keep the treasure seekers out.

Delonas says his family is more truth seekers than treasure seekers. Ova's husband Milton "Doc" Noss claimed to have found crude gold bars stacked like cordwood, suits of armor, religious articles and historical documents deep under the peak in 1937 before the area became a military base at the start of World War II. Although Doc did not have a sterling reputation by any means, there is evidence

from people Doc enlisted to help him that he did find something.

There also is ample evidence of other treasure hunting at the peak after the Army denied the Noss family further access to the peak in the 1940s. Delonas says he has no idea of what can be found at the sight now but his group has discovered evidence of much activity, including backfilled tunnels, that indicates centuries of legends about the area may have some truth to them.

Perhaps an even greater mystery is why the Army is willing to go to such great lengths and expense to keep the Noss group from poking around any further.

There are reports that the Department of Defense now has that question under active review and that a congressional investigation might follow.

Delonas is encourag-

ing people who think the mystery of Victorio Peak should be solved to take this opportunity to write their members of Congress.

New Mexico's history is filled with folklore about the area. The Spanish have tales of gold mines and crude smelters in the region. The fabled Padre LaRue and a group of poor parishioners from Chihuahua supposedly worked the area until discovered by conquistadors and left to die in the caverns beneath what then was called Soledad Peak.

The Apaches tell of Geronimo and Victorio, for whom the peak was later renamed, using the caverns for storing their plunder from the cavalry and wagon trains. And there are stories of its use to store valuables long before the Spanish.

Wouldn't it be fascinating to find evidence of whether any of that might be true?

Ruidoso To Reconsider Conservation Ordinance

by Doris Cherry

Optimistic Ruidoso's water situation will improve in months to come, but also realistic about the need for conservation, Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson has called for reconsideration of the village conservation ordinance to include hiring of a water conservation officer and rules on drought tolerant landscaping for future developments.

During the regular Ruidoso Village Council meeting March 14, Donaldson said the village had been approached with a number of proposals for a conservation/landscaping officer. In working with the village manager, and planning officers, Donaldson said it appeared the conservation ordinance needs to be reviewed to include conservation requirements and an officer.

Also Donaldson said as the village continues to improve its water system, and finalizes acquisition of additional water rights, there is a need to review the water conservation ordinance. "We will be amazed by August of the water supplies we will have," Donaldson said. He predicted the village will go back to the odd-even day watering system that allows watering with a hose or sprinklers up to three times a week.

Currently water restrictions are imposed based on several "trigger" conditions. Donaldson said

as the village drills additional wells and obtains additional water rights restrictions could be imposed by management decisions with authorization from the council.

Recently Donaldson met with a landscape company and landscape architects to draft ideas for landscaping requirements on future developments within the village. Everyone agreed landscaping needs to be "mountain xeriscape" or drought tolerant plantings with limited lawns.

As the village began drafting the job description of the urban forester position, Donaldson said it became clear there is a need for a water conservation officer. He said there are grant funds available for water conservation which the village could use to buy back high flow toilets and shower heads which would be replaced with low volume fixtures.

"We must make this

position as positive as possible," Donaldson said. For example, he said such an officer could consult with citizens who use more than 25,000 gallons of water a month, on how to find better uses of the water.

Because of the dry winter and no snow runoff, Ruidoso currently remains under Phase 3 water restriction with outdoor watering allowed only on Tuesday, from the hours of 5 p.m. to 10 a.m. the next day, said village manager Alan Briley.

Watering outdoor plants with a bucket or container brought from inside is allowed at any time, he added. "This is any attempt to get people to re-use water."

Briley said a suggestion for watering with a bucket is to let it fill with the water run for a hot shower or bath.

"We feel conservation will get us through this drought," Briley added. "We can handle the demand now with the water supplies the village has now. But we are looking for other sources, for the future."

Briley then reported on the level of water in Grindstone Dam, which is about 10 feet below the normal level. Even with that reduced level, Grindstone Dam has about a 328 day supply of water. "Grindstone was built for water storage, not recreation," Briley added.

Recently the village drilled exploratory wells on its 400 acres in Eagle Creek. The village has about 5,288 acre-feet of water rights for the Eagle Creek area. Water was found in all of the six wells drilled, but only three produce enough water to be cost effective to hook into the village water system.

Briley said it appears citizens are conserving water, and he referred to use on February 27 of 1.5 million gallons to the use on March 5 of 1.6 million gallons.

Donaldson then said the village is looking to buy water rights and further expand water resources in the Ruidoso river basin. He said the village is sitting well because it is in the first year of the five year water use plan it must submit to the state engineer's office.

REDTT Meets April 10 In Carrizozo

The Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) Council meets at 10 a.m. Monday, April 10, at Otero County Electric Cooperative office on 12th Street in Carrizozo.

REDTT meets at 10 a.m. the second Monday of each month. Meetings are open to the public who are welcomed to participate.

The goal of REDTT is rural economic development through tourism. Some of the past and ongoing projects include Arts in the Orchard in Hondo Valley, Voices From the Past at White Oaks Miner's Days, county familiarization tours and Ag Days for elementary school children.

REDTT is a program of the USDA, administered through NMSU via local county extension agents and county extension home economists. For more information, please contact Betty McCreight or Peti Gnatkowski at 648-2311.

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Blue Ribbon Week Against Violence



BLUE RIBBON AGAINST VIOLENCE. Capitan elementary student Kalle Griffin, a member of the Capitan Elementary Conflict Mediators Blue Ribbon Committee, pins a blue ribbon on Capitan Mayor Norm Renfro. Students visited Capitan Village Hall to request the mayor proclaim the week of April 17-21 as the Blue Ribbon Week Against Violence. During the week everyone is encouraged to wear a blue ribbon which signifies students and adults against violence. Blue ribbons will be available at Capitan Village Hall, or from a member of the Capitan Elementary Mediators. Renfro proclaimed Blue Ribbon Week during the March 14 village trustees meeting.



DEAR MAYOR RENFRO AND VILLAGE COUNCILORS, Capitan Elementary Conflict Mediators ask you to proclaim the week of April 17 as Blue Ribbon Week in the Village of Capitan. We have seen the violence in other areas and we do not want to see an increase of violence in Capitan," she read. "Anyone who would like to make a statement against violence may pick up a blue ribbon at Capitan village hall. We thank you for making a difference." Students who signed the request were Griffin, Courtney LaMay, Ryan Jackson, Sarah Williams, Jayna Johns, Richard Ceballos, David Darrah, Chelsey Jensen, Nikki Stevens, Valerie Williams, Cory Montes, Victoria Hernandez, Ashleeann Ward, Brittney LaMay, Aleah Topper, William Kern, Megan Bloodsworth, Meghan Tucker, Jarret Lovelace, Lauren Eshom, Lindsay Osborn, Mike Wilson and Katie Polley.

Ruidoso Lot Split Ordinance Is A Way To Control Growth

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Village Council at its March 28 meeting adopted an ordinance that changes the minimum size requirements for residential lots being split into two or more new lots.

Once it takes effect, the ordinance will require that new lots created from one previously single lot, must be at least one acre in size. Previously, lot splits could be a minimum of 10,000 square feet.

The ordinance gives the village planning and zoning (P&Z) commission and council authority to consider the size of the adjoining lots and the effects of the lot split on the adjoining lots, and other factors in determining the actual size of the lots to be allowed. Adjoining lots includes lots separated from the subject property by a

street or alley.

Ordinance 2000-3 does not pertain to tracts of land described by metes and bounds, or all the land in a previously platted subdivision owned by one person. The ordinance also does not prevent re-platting of smaller lots into larger lots, or re-platting contiguous or adjacent lots if it does not change the total number of lots in the parcel of land.

P&Z, at a hearing February 1, recommended unanimously in favor of the lot split change. The proposed changes were sent to a council committee whose members added another paragraph defining "resubdivision" and discussed possibly banning all lot splits.

At the March 28 council meeting, mayor Robert Donaldson recommended the council adopt the ordinance as presented, then consider changes in the future. He said if the council wanted to go with a ban on lot splits that would be a fundamental change from the intent of Ordinance 2000-3 and would have to go back to P&Z for public hearing and then back to the council for adoption. Donaldson said he was concerned about an alright ban because it left no gray area for those "unintended consequences."

Under the new ordinance, new lots from a resubdivision must be similar to lots adjoining the property. For instance, if surrounding lots are two acres in size, a lot cannot be split into lots of less than two acres. "It pays attention to the neighbors," Donaldson said. Donaldson said he researched pages of property records to find how many large tracts were in the village.

With the ordinance, property owners will know the rules for resubdividing, and their potential for success. "It helps the planning department and the applicant," Donaldson said.

Only one person from the public spoke about the ordinance during public hearing. Tim Collins, surveyor/planner who has been involved in the majority of developments in Ruidoso and Lincoln County, objected to the hard fast one acre minimum. "You've done good," Collins said to the council. "You've gone from four acre minimum, down to two and now one acre."

Collins said he especially liked paragraph two which gives the council ability to be flexible in granting lot splits.

depending on the suggested the council amend neighboring lots. He (SEE PAGE 12)

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Capitan School Board Budget Meeting Apr. 13

Capitan Board of Education is scheduled to take action on the 2000-2001 school year budget and the proposed Drug Testing policy at its regular meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the administration building.

The budget action was rescheduled from a special meeting set for April 6, which was postponed.

Also scheduled for the April 13 meeting is middle school principal Bill MacVeigh who will present the Millennium Dreams award to a student.

The board also is scheduled to award the bid for the elementary school expansion construction project of six additional classrooms and library.

First readings of the elementary, middle school and high school student handbooks will be held, with comments about the handbooks invited. Approval of the handbooks will be taken after the second reading at the May meeting.

In personnel, the board will consider and re-employ certified personnel (teachers), accept resignations and retirements.

The public will be given a chance to comment.

For more information about the agenda, call school superintendent Diana Billingsley at 354-2238.

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PART 8

THE NACOSARI MINES (Con't. from last week)

The second level was begun as a tunnel, but now radiates from the main shaft. The drifts and crosscuts aggregate 2,000 feet, and the ledge is 87 feet wide. The third level drifts 1,000 feet in the ore body, with 6 crosscuts, the longest 105 feet, still in ore. The fourth level is in water, but 800 feet of drift and 2 crosscuts 75 feet each are all in ore, and were run before water necessitated a discontinuance of work. Like the fourth, the fifth level is in water. It has 500 feet of drift, and one crosscut of 75 feet, without reaching the limits of

the ore body. The sixth level is a 7 by 9 feet tunnel beginning at Porvenir, at the terminus of the railroad in Rosario Canyon. It will tap the main shaft 5,000 feet from the portal. It is now in nearly 2,900 feet in birds-eye porphyry and must strike the ledge before long. Two Ingersoll-Sergeant drills work night and day. When the tunnel is completed all ore from above will be lowered and all from below will be hoisted and pass out through this tunnel. Until it is completed the ore from the first three levels will be deposited in bins at the portal of the first level tunnel, as described previously. From the bins it will pass to steel ore cars that will

be run to the incline and there lowered to the railroad. The incline is 1,900 feet long, 33 percent grade, 3 feet gauge. The cable attached to skips on each track weighs 3,000 pounds. The machinery that controls the cable at the head of the incline is massive and firmly anchored. The main pulley wheel weighs 7 tons, and is controlled by two steel friction bands attached to powerful levers. At the base of the incline the cars are run off the skips onto the railroad.

On account of the excessive cost of timber, stoping will be prosecuted on the filling system. Waste will be run down from the surface through the winzes and thrown into place in courses of 6 feet. The tunnels and drifts are, however, timbered with 10 by 10 inch stuff. The sets are 4 feet 10 inches from center, 6 feet 6 inches high. Adjacent to these main ways ore chutes are to be constructed with loading vents at intervals of 50 feet, and ample manways will be provided.

The task of hauling hoisting machinery, air compressors and mine cars through a mountainous country to the additional high altitude of the mines was in itself a hard one; but how infinitely more difficult it was to haul thousands of tons of rails, ties, beams, engines, blowers, water jackets, converter vessels, crushers and hundreds of other items, the experienced reader will readily appreciate. At a rate of from \$20 to \$24 gold per ton from the railroad terminus at Naco, near Bisbee, the hauling charge from this tonnage has eaten a good sized hole into \$75,000. But everything is of the utmost stability and the best that skill can produce.

The 3 feet gauge railroad from the reduction plant at the town, 5 1/2 miles to the mine, is as carefully constructed as any trunk line road in the United States. For grades and curves it equals some of the Colorado mountain climbers. The longest tangent is 800 feet. Snake-like, with several 40-degree curves, it climbs more than 600 feet in its length, and has three trestles, one 400 feet long and 81 feet high; a 400 feet tunnel through the solid rock, and many deep fills. The curves are elevated to a 15-mile speed, and ascending from the mine they are compensated so that loaded cars going down require the same power as empty cars going up. The 40-pound rails are all laid on tie plates and are aligned to a lead pencil point. During the period of construction 700 Mexicans have been employed at one time, with only J. W. D. Moodie, superintendent, his assistant, Mr. York, and one or two other experienced track men to direct such a motley army. The road is estimated to have cost \$63,000. Mexican currency per mile. The ore cars are of steel, of 6 tons capacity. The ore bins are also steel, of 1,500 tons capacity. A steel trestle extends from the railroad

over the bins at the concentrator, into which the ore is deposited from the cars, and from there it passes by gravity into the rock crushers of the concentrator.

Electricity is the power that drives the several departments of the reduction plant. The power house is a steel structure, 108 by 62 feet. The steel framework supports a 12-ton traveling crane with a span of 25 feet, available in any part of the building. The dynamos are operated by eight Crossley gas engines made in Manchester, England, rated at 110 H.P. at 200 revolutions per minute. Each engine with flywheel weighs 40,000 pounds. They are the 4-cycle, hit-and-miss type. The gas is produced by the Loomis water-gas system. Eight tanks contain water for the circulating system for cooling the cylinders. Each engine is belted direct to a 65-Kw. 260-volt shunt wound direct-current General Electric generator with normal speed of 910 revolutions per minute. The reason shunt-wound instead of compound-wound machines were selected is to insure protection against any lapses of the engines. If any one of these should drop its speed below the normal the affected dynamo for the time being would become a motor and would not, therefore, interfere with the action of other motors. The current from the eight generators is carried to a switchboard by overhead cables. The switchboard consists of eight generator panels, one main station panel and one feeder panel. The current is transmitted to the department over four circuits of Standard conductor, each having an area of 500,000 circular mils. Two of the circuits are taken to two distributing boards in the concentrator, one for each mill, giving a total of 500 H.P. with an overload capacity of 25 percent. Another is taken to the furnace and converter blower room, and the fourth set of feeders is distributed about the plant for other machinery and lighting. Any dynamo may be cut off from the switchboard from three different points in the power house - at the switchboard (at quick-break switch), at either dynamo, and at either engine by a push button that operates as a solenoid on the circuit breaker. The lighting equipment at the beginning of the mill and town consists of 400 C.P. 250-volt incandescent lamps and 10 arc lamps, constant potential. A telephone service will connect all departments.

For the present, at the mine, a 15 H. P. dynamo operated by a 16 H.P. Fairbanks Morse gasoline engine will drive a 10 H.P. motor for mine ventilation purposes, including a large rotary and 6 15-inch Sturtevant blowers. Later rotary and static transformers will be installed in the power house, whence power will be transmitted to the mine to drive traction motors, for lighting, and to replace the local plant. The electrical plant was installed and is operated by W.A. Ferguson, an electrician of wide experience in power plants.

The concentrator building is 200 by 90 feet on foundations that required 60,000 feet of masonry. Like the power house, the structure is steel frame sheathed with corrugated iron. The mill is as complete as modern practice can make it, and was constructed under the supervision of J.T. Hall, considered to have no superior as a concentrator operator. Although of 400 tons daily capacity, the mill is really two mills of 200 tons capacity each. Either mill may be operated independently of the other. The appliances of each in the order they are utilized include a 10 by 20 inch Blake crusher; 30 H.P. motor; 8 feet 7 1/2 inches mesh revolving screen; 8 roughing jigs (4 single and 4 two-compartment); first roughing rolls; Fraser & Chalmers 16 by 36 inches 50 H.P.

motor; elevator from rolls to set of double tramways, respectively 3/8 by 5/8 inch by 16 feet 1/4 inch by 1/2 inch by 16 feet; set of 4 two, 4 three, and 2 four compartment jigs; set of 16 inch by 36 inch rolls for four-compartment jigs; straining trough over which tailings pass to high speed Fraser & Chalmers 8 by 56 inch crusher, 50 H.P. motor; 2 No. 6 Runtze centrifugal pumps, 20 H. P. motor, to pump water from straining trough to tanks to be reused in roughing jigs. From high speed crusher tailings continue through two 16-mesh tramways, thence to 4 four-compartment jigs and 8 vanners. There are 4 vanners for resized tailings, a 30 H.P. motor for jigs, and a 30 H.P. motor for vanners.

Concentrates are carried from jigs in cars that run on tramways in alleys between the jigs. Vanner and fine jig concentrates are collected in same manner and all ore transferred to the briquette machine. Water required is 300,000 gallons daily, pumped from main wells near mill by a Worthington 3-plunger vertical driven by a 25 H.P. motor. Total complement of men for day and night shifts is 28; wages same as similar service in the United States. Concentrates will carry a minimum of 26 percent copper.

The concentrated ore mixed with flux is pressed by briquetting machine into discs that are carried by a belt to the drying room, 100 by 8 feet, where for 24 hours they are subjected to hot air currents, the exhaust from the gas engines, drawn through underground pipes from the power house and forced through the dry room by a rotary fan attached to a 5 H.P. motor. From here the briquettes are run by tram car to the furnace feed floor.

The smelter-converter building is a steel structure 175 by 62 feet on massive masonry, arranged in three step-like floors. The equipment is two 150-ton furnaces, two 5-ton Bessemer converters, tilting matte setter, hydraulic pumps, accumulators, turntables, hydraulic elevators, air receivers, crushers, pans and dryers for lining clay, etc. It is thus seen that from mine to ingot 98 percent fine, the ore and metal passes through every operation almost by gravity. All dust and fumes are carried from the furnaces and converters by a 6 1/2 by 8 feet flue 800 feet long to a brick chimney on the hill whose top is 250 feet higher than the mill.

Immediately west of the smelter building is the blower house. The blast furnace blower is run by a 75 H.P. motor, and the high pressure converter blower has two 75 H.P. motors, all belted direct. Another 50 H.P. motor operates the briquette machine and conveyor belt that carries the briquettes into the dryer.

South of the smelter are masonry walls 70 by 30 feet, enclosing the coke bin on which is a roadway from which coke is dumped. The gas plant is near by, comprising producers, receivers, washing tank, mixers and holders. All is protected by heavy walls, and above are coal storage bins from which coal is fed to the producers by gravity. The machine and blacksmith shop near the power

house are equipped with every required appliance for repair work, including lathes, shapers, drill presses, pipe cutters, with a complete complement of tools.

The water for the entire plant and the town is pumped from a caisson sunk to bedrock 25 feet in the bottom land near the concentrator. Two large pumps moved by electricity in addition to the concentrator pump are required for the work.

The town stands north of the mill on slightly sloping ground. In the center is the plaza, 500 by 150 feet, in which is being planted flowers and trees. South of the plaza are rows of 50 brick tenements. North of it is the hotel building, 260 feet long, and the company store, 264 feet long. Further north are houses for the company physician, Dr. Giles S. Hall, and the heads of departments. Back of these is the house for officers of the company and of A. H. Danforth, resident superintendent. A school house is at the north end of the plaza, and a hospital building is being planned. All structures are of brick, roofed with corrugated iron.

Common labor is performed by Mexicans, who receive \$1.50 per day, Mexican, for outside work; miners, \$2, and machine men \$4. The American skilled operators receive the same compensation as rules in Globe, Bisbee and Morenci, large plants also owned by Phelps, Dodge & Company. At the present time about 100 Americans and perhaps 400 Mexicans are employed at both mill and mine. In full operation the number will be more than doubles. It is the intention of the company to do custom smelting, or to buy available ore from adjacent mines. The cost of reducing a ton of ore is not yet determined, but a maximum figure of \$6 is mentioned to apply to the period required to build the railroad from Naco to the mill. When the road is completed the cost will be

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CORONA NEWS

Corona awakened to falling snow Thursday morning, March 23. There were smiles in the voices of those who called to report up to 14 inches, and there were those who had little or nothing to report. The snow melted quickly leaving mud or running water. On Tuesday there were rain showers, and snow again Thursday and Friday.

The buzzards arrived two week ago.

Russell Lucras stopped to see his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yancey, as he was making an official trip from Fort Sill, OK, to Fort Bliss, TX, where Mrs. Lucras just happens to be on maneuvers with the US Army. Their infant daughter is with her maternal grandparents in Chicago, IL. Russel was to make another trip this week, this time to Fort Hood.

Mrs. Mary Helen Flores Rivera entered an Albuquerque hospital for major surgery Wednesday of last week. Doctors planned to remove part or all of cancerous right lung, but her smoke damaged right lung stopped them. She was still in ICU Monday evening, but expected to be moved to a private room Tuesday. She is eating well and walking and told us on the phone that she is not going out without a fight. She wants and expects to come home at the end of this week, and then after 15 days doctors will decide on radiation or chemo treatment.

Sherrill Bradford spent most of her spring break in Palmer Lake, CO with husband, Bob, and his aunt Mrs. Betty Bagey.

Shawn and Zackary Perkins came from Clovis for an over-

night visit last week with Rand Perkins. They were accompanied by Brad Busby who, with Zack, helped Rand while Shawn went on to Mountainair and Belen to attend to business.

Sammie and Harold Moore returned home to Anderson, IN, Thursday after seven weeks travel in their motor home. They spent most of the time in AZ, NM and TX. Mrs. Moore retired after teaching nursing in hospitals both in Anderson and Indianapolis. Mr. Moore retired after 34 years of teaching high school science and drivers' ed. Mrs. Moore is the daughter of Lawrence "Whitey" Philbert who taught for several years in Mountainair, Cedarvale and Corona.

One recent Sunday after services at the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Chad Cox honored Mrs. Jolin Hartung with a baby shower. Guests were asked to think "Pink" because of the two sons, John and Justin already in the family. Mrs. Cox served cake, punch and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Fuller, Falls Church, VA arrived Saturday afternoon to spend a week. He found his mother improving from the four rounds of Taxol and on oral medication. His father, Kennan Fuller is in Albuquerque Manor for three weeks of therapy following ten days in the hospital with pneumonia.

Guest of Bill and Johnnie Faye Harelson for his spring break was Jonathan Harelson of Roswell. His mother, Peggy came and picked him up over the weekend.

Bob and Denise Byrd had their grandson, Boone Roberts from Clovis for the weekend.

Courtney Perez has received word that she has been accepted to Georgetown University, and will have to let the college know by May 1 whether she will be attending. There were 14,000 applicants and only 1,400 were accepted. Our congratulations to Courtney!

The Corona FFA has been traveling the last two weekends to judgings. They attended one in Portales and one in Hobbs. At this time we haven't any results but did hear that Victor Perez was 2nd high individual in wool. Excellent job for an eighth grader!

Rosanne Erramouspe and Haleigh went to Tucumcari over spring break to see Roxanne's parents, and then she and her mother traveled to Dimmitt, TX to visit Haleigh's great grandmother.

The Corona Festival Committee met Sunday afternoon at the home of Lee and Patsy Mulkey to further the plans for the summer festival and all class reunion. One of their goals is to put fans in the Corona School Auditorium and are asking anyone who is interested in giving a donation or care to contribute toward expenses for the reunion may contact either Betty Ann Bell or Patsy Mulkey, and they would like for you to pre-register if at all possible to help them in getting prepared for the reunion. More news next week on plans for the festival. Loretta Manning is in charge of the parade, and please contact her if you are interested.

Valley of Fires Recreation Area Gets Many Visitors

During March 3,840 vehicles entered the Bureau of Land Management's Valley of Fires Recreation Area west of Carrizozo.

According to area volunteer host Johnson Stearns, there were 12,740 visitors to the park in March. Zia Roamers, one of the Good Sams RV Clubs, held a rally at the park. There were 25 RVs in the group that stayed for three days. Also in March 40 students from Texas A&M visited the park.

So far in April, several schools have made reservations. Dexter will bring 45 students on April 14. Fifteen New Mexico State University students are scheduled for April 8, Ruidoso Middle School will bring 200 students on April 10, Eagle Nest will bring 11 students on April 15.

There is no charge to visit the bookstore at the Valley of Fires Park. There is a \$3 charge to hike or picnic, and higher charges for the primitive camping and RV spaces with and without electrical hook up. Call 848-2241 for information.

C'zozo Alumni Plan Reunion For New Millennium June 23

Carrizozo Alumni are planning for their New Millennium gathering that begins at 7 p.m. June 23 at Carrizozo County Club.

Ideas, suggestions, support and assistance from any graduate as to how to make this a memorable occasion will be appreciated. Individual class representatives are encouraged to contact their classmates and plan their day of activity for Saturday, June 24. Also that day there will be a barbecue and dance beginning at 6 p.m. at Carrizozo Country Club.

The alumni association requests dues be paid for the years of 1998-2000, at \$5 a year, by sending to Roy Dow, P.O. Box 156, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

The association presents a \$100 scholarship to a graduating senior planning to attend college of vocational school. The qualifications

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For more information please contact Margo Lindsay, Box 428, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

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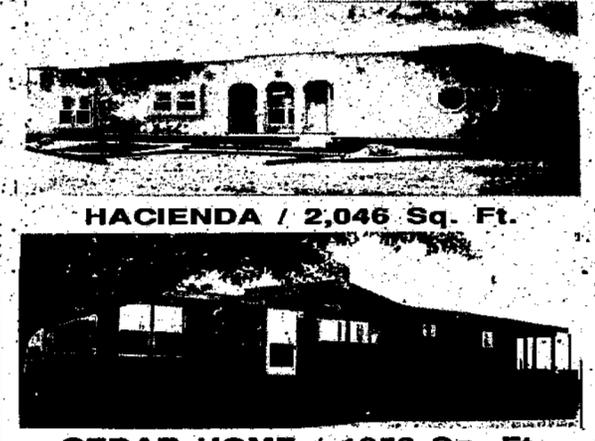
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Gemini: (May 21-June 20) Worry Won't Cut it. Just Do What Needs to be Done. Your Mind is very Sharp. You can Do it!

Cancer: (June 21-July 22) Your Concerns About Someone Else May be Unfounded. It's Best to Look for the Best in Others as Much as Possible.

Leo: (July 23-Aug 22) Busy, Busy, Busy! If You Sometimes Feel You're in a Cloud of Dust, Slow Down to a Low Roar and Clear the Air!

Virgo: (Aug 23-Sept 22) You're in a Whirlwind of Thoughts. Remember - Measure Twice and Cut Once Because there's No Going Back! Sleep on It!

Libra: (Sept 23-Oct 22) No Time for Nonsense. You'll Have to Put Your Social Life on Hold Til Things are "Licked, Stamped and Sent." This is just the Beginning!

Scorpio: (Oct 23-Nov 21) Take Time to Look Up Someone You haven't Talked to in Awhile. Keep an Open Mind.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22-Dec 21) If You Don't want the Hole You're in to Get Any Deeper .. then Put Down the Shovel. Let Good Things Flow to You with Positive Thinking and Prayer.

Capricorn: (Dec 22-Jan 19) Sometimes We Feel Like No One Understands us or Even Cares About our Problems. "They Do." They Just Don't know How to Say It.

Aquarius: (Jan 20-Feb 18) The Unknown can be Scary at Times. Believe in Yourself and Don't Expect Others to Pull You Out. You Can Do It!

Pisces: (Feb 19-March 20) This is Not the Time to Get Behind Schedule. Time is Money! Plan Ahead so You Will Have Extra Time for Yourself.

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Political Candidates Announce

Michele Cervantes Rebstock Seeks Lincoln County Probate Judgeship

Michele Cervantes Rebstock is the Democratic candidate for Lincoln County Probate Judge. Cervantes-Rebstock comes from an Air Force family.

She was born in Germany and grew up in several cities in Europe and the U.S. She received her high school education from the Catholic School System in California, and attended Fullerton City College and UCLA.

Cervantes-Rebstock is married to Dr. Juergen Rebstock, M.D. her daughter Natalie Cervantes, will soon

graduate from New Mexico Military Institute.

Cervantes-Rebstock has been involved in medical business administration for more than 20 years and was radiation therapy program director at City of Hope National Medical Center. Currently, she is officer manager for her husband's practice in Ruidoso.

Soon after moving to Lincoln County seven years ago, Cervantes-Rebstock became interested in local governmental matters and she would like to become more involved with the community.

Her passions are family, gourmet cooking and gardening.

"My lifelong experience in the medical field and with people's well-being has led me to an interest in the Probate Court, and it's emphasis on helping people settle their loved ones' final affairs," Cervantes-Rebstock said.

Tom Sullivan Seeks Re-Election As Lincoln County Sheriff



Incumbent Tom Sullivan is seeking re-election as the Republican candidate for Lincoln County Sheriff in the June 6 primary.

Sullivan has served three terms as Lincoln County Sheriff during which time he has applied for and received a Fast Cops grant for additional personnel, a High Intensity Drug Traffic Area (HIDTA) grant for drug interdiction, and a DCSI grant for the drug task force. During his administration drug arrests were at an all time high and the stolen property recovery rate is well above the national average.

Sullivan has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice and has more than 3,000 hours of advanced law enforcement training. He is a graduate of the National Sheriff's Institute on law enforcement management, National Intelligence Academy on criminal investigations, International Association of Chiefs of Police school of law enforcement management, U.S. Department of Justice drug enforcement training.

Under Sullivan's administration the sheriff's office obtained a CJC grant for a computer reporting system, and a 911 grant for the Enhanced 911 emergency system.

Tom's wife Pat teaches kindergarten at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center in Ruidoso and has taught school in Lincoln County for 22 years. They have three sons, Mike of Capitan, Brian of Denver and Paul of Dallas, and six grandchildren.

Orlando Montes Jr. Announces Bid For Lincoln County Sheriff



Orlando Montes Jr. is a Republican candidate for Lincoln County Sheriff.

Montes, currently a chief deputy and sergeant in charge of patrol with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, has more than 15 years experience

in law enforcement with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. For the last eight years he has been in a supervisory position. His duties included domestic violence cases and civil process.

Montes has completed more than 800 hours of advanced law enforcement training. For seven years he has been vice president of the local Fraternal Order of Police (FOP).

A lifelong resident of Lincoln County, Montes graduated from Hondo High School. He has owned and operated farms and ranches in Lincoln County. He is a father of five children, 11 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, all of whom are the love of his life.

Montes also announces his selection of Deputy Bobby Angermiller as his undersheriff. Deputy Angermiller is more than qualified to serve in this capacity as he has numerous years of experience as a law enforcement officer and a supervisor, Montes said. Angermiller has more than 14 years of law enforcement experience, having begun his career with Ruidoso Downs Police Department as a patrolman. Angermiller was promoted to sergeant, lieutenant then as acting chief of police.

Angermiller left Ruidoso Downs Police Department in 1993 for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Angermiller has about 600 hours of post academy law enforcement training.

Angermiller is married to lifelong Lincoln County resident Sherri Arnett Angermiller. They have two children.

"The voters of Lincoln County now have an opportunity for positive change within the sheriff's department, and the services provided by this agency," Montes said. "Voting for me and Angermiller will ensure the positive changes that so many of the voters have requested. If I am elected, you will always have a true friend in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office."

Montes says that if elected he will work closely with all local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to insure the protection of the citizens of Lincoln County. The most important part of this process is the protection of property and welfare of the citizens of Lincoln County.

Van Witt Seeks Re-election To State School Board

Van W. Witt, Republican from Chaves County, is running for re-election to the State Board of Education, District VIII.

If re-elected, Witt who brings 47 years of experience in public education to his role as a State Board Representative, says he will continue to be a strong advocate for the public educational system, its employees and the parents and children who depend on it.

Witt says the board's biggest accomplishments during his tenure have been the implementation of the Accountability System which has been lauded as one of the best nationally, and the improvement of the state's academic standards.

Although the 1997-98 dropout rate in New Mexico was one of the lowest in 14 years, the State Board will continue to seek ways to make the rate even lower. New Mexico ranks very low, 46th in the nation, in teacher pay; this situation must be addressed if the state is to retain qualified teachers in our classrooms.

"America is the only remaining superpower on the planet, primarily because of our public educational system," Witt says. "We must

recognize its successes and work hard to sustain and improve education through realistic, verifiable, research-based policies and programs instead of ill-conceived, poorly thought out, unproven schemes."

Ruidoso Resident Announces For State School Board District 8

Douglas O. Fuqua of Ruidoso, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination to the State Board of Education District #8 position in the June 8 primary election.

Fuqua, a Tucuman native, has bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern New Mexico University and has done additional graduate work at the University of Northern Colorado, Western New Mexico University and NMSU.

Fuqua began his education career in Fort Sumner, 36 years ago. He has been employed by the Tularosa Schools for the last 17 years. He served a term on the Gallup/McKinley Board of Education and has taught classes for UNM and NMSU.

Fuqua's wife Susie is a gallery director in Ruidoso and serves on the board of directors for the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Their four children are all graduates of New Mexico Schools.

"I have undertaken this task because I feel the public schools of New Mexico need a strong directional change," Fuqua stated in a release. "I am the only candidate who is still 'on the front lines' in the classroom and I know the students I see today do not have the same basic academic skills of earlier times," Fuqua said. "We spend more time on making sure our students are physically, socially, emotionally and culturally well adjusted than we do teaching them basic skills."

"Rather than holding schools accountable on the current standards, which only reward school administrators who are the most creative with numbers, I would measure schools on the only basis that means anything: Do the young people leaving the system know anything?"

Samantha Serna Is Named An All American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Samantha Serna from Ruidoso has been named an All American Scholar.

Serna, who attends Ruidoso Middle School was nominated to the award by Mr. Hamilton. Serna will appear in the All American Scholar yearbook, which is published nationally. All American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average, and must be nominated by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor.

Serna is the daughter of George and Suzie Serna of Ruidoso and the granddaughter of Alex Serna of Carrizozo and Alice Castillo of Alamogordo and Charlie Castillo of Las Cruces.

ENMU Spring Choir April 9 At Spencer Theater

The Ruidoso Center of ENMU will present two performances of the Spring Choir Concert on Sunday, April 9 at Spencer Theater in Alto.

Performances are scheduled at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and will include the Community Choir; the Chamber Chorus and the Handbell Choir.

Admission is charged with proceeds going to the ENMU-Ruidoso High School Student Choir fund which pays for student who lives in Lincoln County to attend music camp. Call 257-2120 or 1-800-834-3668 on where to obtain tickets.

RABIES CLINIC

A Rabies Vaccination Clinic Will Be Held in Lincoln County Communities At The Following Times and Places.

Sat., April 8, 2000

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Church Directory



Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery

Nogal Presbyterian Church:
BILL SEBRING, pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024
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 8:00 p.m.

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM 354-2025
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
514 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2888 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/C)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of O Ave. & Thirtieth, 648-2188
Children's Church..... 10:30 am
Worship Service..... 10:30 am
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:30 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2855
SATURDAY
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
C'ozo Santa Rita..... 8:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:30 am
C'ozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

PERRY ZUMWALT, minister
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM,
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. CANON JOHN PENN, rector
Center of E. Ave. & 8th, Carrizozo, NM
1-505-257-2356
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

The Word of Life Church

REV. CHUCK FULTON, pastor / 648-2339
711 E. Ave., Carrizozo, NM
Affiliated w/ the Evangelical Assembly Church
Sunday..... 7:00 p.m.

Tinnie Baptist Church

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

United Methodist Churches

TOM WOODARD, pastor
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2846
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 9:30 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
Handmaids (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship

ED WINSON, pastor (inter-denominational)
514 Sprukey Ave. Blvd. Capitan
Preparation Prayer..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 330-4627
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 8:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, pastor / 848-7875
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner..... First Sunday of Month

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL EXTENSION

Addendum No. 1 to Request for Proposals 99-00-034
Transition to and Operation of a County Detention Center

NOTICE is hereby given that the opening date for Proposal 99-00-034 has been extended to Wednesday, April 19, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, NM 88301. Proposals not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the proposals and make their final determination during a Special County Commission Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2000 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Specifications for this proposal are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse or by calling Jane Williams (505) 648-2385.

All other requirements, terms and conditions of the original Legal Notice and of the original Proposal package remain unchanged.

JANE WILLIAMS
PURCHASING AGENT

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NOTICE OF INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave., (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, NM 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2000 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

BID NO. 99-00-049

RETURN-TO-DUTY PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

The County of Lincoln is seeking a physician to do all of the County's Return-to-Duty physical examinations for those employees injured both on and off-the-job in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of New Mexico and the latest AMA Guide for the Evaluation of Permanent Impairments.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular 9:00 a.m. County Commission meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2000 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse or by calling Jane Williams (505) 648-2385.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number.

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

JANE WILLIAMS
PURCHASING AGENT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 20, 2000, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following:

1. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LINCOLN COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE NO. 1999-03

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN**

No. CV-00-020
Div. III

SHERI D. BARRETT, *vs.* SHERI H. BECKER,
Plaintiff,
vs.

GROUP I
CARI BECKER, *vs.* CARI LYNN
KOSCHMANN and CARI BECKER-BRIGGS,
and JIM KOSCHMANN

GROUP II
JOHN DOES, I through 100, and all
of their lawful heirs, devisees
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GROUP III
AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS
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Defendants.

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF
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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOW-
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EACH OF THE DEFENDANTS IDENTIFIED IN
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CRESTINGS: You are hereby notified that SHERI D. BARRETT, *vs.* SHERI H. BECKER, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. 00-020, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

COUNT I

Lot 27, Block 6, of HIGH MESA, SUBDIVISION, Unit 2, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 29th day of April, 1971, in Tube No. 405.

Subject to easements, reservations and restrictions of record

COUNT II

Lot 28, Block 6, of HIGH MESA SUBDIVISION, Unit 2, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on April 29, 1971, in Tube No. 405.

Subject to easements, reservations and restrictions of record.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before April 27, 2000, judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P. Morel, P.A., P.O. Box 1030, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88355.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 8th day of March, 2000.

JAN PERRY
Court-Administrator/
District Court Clerk

By: Eugenia Vega, Deputy

(Seal)

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

CV00-003

LEHMAN BROTHERS,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MARILYN SMALLEY, unmarried and
PHILLIP R. SMALLEY, singleman,
as joint tenants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 215 Walton Circle, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 9, OF PARADISE CANYON SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE 2nd SUPPLEMENT PLAT TO PARADISE CANYON, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON APRIL 26, 1956.

The sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on April 26, 2000, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment Lehman Brothers.

Lehman Brothers was awarded a Judgment on March 15, 2000, in the sum \$53,912.24, plus outstanding interest in the amount of \$4,353.42 and accruing thereafter at a rate of 14.25% per annum (\$21.34 per diem), plus late charges in the amount of \$130.00, plus inspection fees in the amount of \$6.00, plus appraisal fees in the amount of \$85.00, plus attorneys fees in the sum \$750.00 and costs through March 3, 2000, in the sum of \$771.23.

This sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein and to the lien of the Plaintiff's first mortgage holder named above, which lien remains unsatisfied as of this date.

DIANE BOYLE
Special Master c/o
Leverick and Musselman
5120 San Francisco Rd., NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
(505)858-3303

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN**

No. 1822

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY LOUISE STEFANI, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed domiciliary foreign Personal Representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representatives, c/o John Principe at 2105 East Ponderosa Drive, Apt. 241, Camarillo, California, 93010, or filed with the Probate Court within and for the County of Lincoln.

DATED: February 28, 2000.
JOHN PRINCIPLE
Personal Representative
2105 East Ponderosa Drive, Apt. 241
Camarillo, California 93010

ROBERTA L. PRINCIPLE
Personal Representative

Alan P. Morel
ALAN P. MOREL, P.A.
Post Office Box 1030
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355
(505)257-2202
Attorneys for Personal Representatives

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**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CV-99-265**

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK,
As Trustee,
Plaintiff,

vs.
SANDRA ZAMORA,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Carrizozo, New Mexico, commonly known as 17th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 1 OF HIGHLAND ADDITION, CARRIZOZO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND THE SOUTHERNMOST 10 FEET OF THE PARTICULAR STREET KNOWN AS 17TH STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS HIGHLAND STREET AND PROBABLY FORMALLY KNOWN AS PACIFIC AVENUE ADJACENT TO LOTS 6 AND 7 OF BLOCK 1, HIGHLAND ADDITION, CARRIZOZO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The sale is to begin at 1:50 p.m. on April 26, 2000, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County District Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment in First Union National Bank.

First Union National Bank was awarded a Judgment on March 15, 2000, in the principal sum \$49,986.30, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through February 23, 2000, in the amount of \$4,463.04 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$14.93 per day, plus late charges in the amount of \$211.68, plus an escrow advances of \$1,641.75, plus monthly late charges of \$23.52, plus a fee billing balance of \$114.69, plus a forbearance balance of \$235.04, plus a recording fee of \$45.00, plus a quote fee of \$10.00, plus attorneys fees through March 7, 2000 in the sum \$750.00 and costs through March 7, 2000, in the sum of \$476.27, with interest on the late charges, attorney in fees and costs from date of judgment until paid at the rate of 10.7500% per annum.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

DIANE DOYLE
Special Master c/o
Leverick and Musselman
5120 San Francisco Rd. NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
(505) 858-3303

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LEGAL NOTICE

**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-99-11065**

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, USA,
Plaintiff,

vs.
KATHERINE MONTE and
MELINDA APACHTO,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: KATHERINE MONTE
You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff Chase Manhattan Bank (hereinafter referred to as "Chase"), in which Chase prays for replevin on its Manufactured Home Retail Installment Contract, Security Agreement and Disclosure Statement on property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the property described in the claim in said cause against Defendants named above, that the said real property be sold according to law and practice of this Court to pay the lien of Chase, and that the interest of the Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming under or through them and all other persons bound by these proceedings be barred and foreclosed of all rights, interest of claims to said real property, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

The property involved is located at State Route 48, HC71, Box 996, Capitlan, New Mexico, and more particularly described as:

1998 Rodman Stonebrook Mobile Home
Manufacturer's Serial No. 12327018

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or file responsive pleadings or motions in said cause on or before May 12, 2000, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorney for Chase Manhattan Bank is Rose M.R. Little of Rose Little & Associates, P.C., 3811 Arisaca Blvd. NW, Suite C, Albuquerque, NM 87102, Telephone: (505) 833-3036.

WITNESS the Honorable William F. Lang, District Judge of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Bernalillo County this 23 day of March, 2000.

THOMAS J. RUIZ
Clerk of the District Court
By: Dean Dunsworth
Clerk

(SEAL)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 3, 2000, Kenneth Nosker, HC 66, Box 32, San Patricio, NM 88348, filed application No. 0826, 01300 & H-48-Camb-A into H-2804 and H-2805 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion and place and/or purpose of use from surface to groundwater by ceasing the diversion of 2.08 acre-feet per annum of surface waters via the Ambrosia Chaves Ditch (Lower) which diverts from the Rio Ruidoso in the SE1/4SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. and supplemental well H-48-A located in the NW1/4NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. and ceasing the irrigation of 0.65 acre of land located in the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

Applicant proposes to commence the use of existing shallow wells H-2804 and H-2805, both located in the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 16, Township 10 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of up to 2.08 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for a gravel washing operation.

The move from point of diversion is located approximately one mile west of Hondo in Lincoln County, New Mexico. The move from well is located 1 1/2 miles southeast of Hondo in Lincoln County, New Mexico. The move to wells are located approximately 2 1/2 miles northwest of Glencoe, in Devils Canyon, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests.

Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protests shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed in triplicate, with Thomas C. Tarney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV-99-282**

**COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., dba
America's Wholesale Lender,
Plaintiff,**

**vs.
KATHRYN ANN CAPPUCILLI, aka KATHRYN
A. SCHOENFELDER, a single woman,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 3, 2000, 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 112 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and is situate in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 1C, BLOCK 1 OF FIRST ADDITION TO CREE MEADOW HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT OF LOT 1 AND THE WEST 60.1 FEET OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, FIRST ADDITION TO CREE MEADOW HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, MARCH 20, 1998, IN CARMINI G. SLIDE 77.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on March 30, 2000, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$575,204.07 and the same bears interest at six point eight seven five percent (6.875%) per annum from March 31, 2000. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,683.36. 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 herein 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 383
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301
(505) 648-2217**

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NOTICE OF MEETING AND BOND SALE

**HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20
COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NEW MEXICO
GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS
SERIES 2000-5135,000**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20 (the "Board"), governing body of Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, Lincoln County, New Mexico will on Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. local time, at the offices of George K. Baum & Company, One Park Square, 6501 Americas Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 receive sealed bids and bids sent by facsimile and publicly open the same for the purchase of the District's General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2000 (the "Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount of \$135,000. The Board will hold a regular meeting at the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, Administration Building, Highway 70/380 East, Hondo, New Mexico, on Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at 6:30 p.m., local time, after receipt of such bids, and will also award the Bonds, adopt a bond resolution and consider any other matters.

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds will mature on November 1 of each year as follows:

AMOUNTS MATURING	YEARS MATURING	AMOUNTS MATURING	YEARS MATURING
\$10,000	2005	\$25,000	2009
\$15,000	2006	\$20,000	2010
\$15,000	2007	\$25,000	2011
\$25,000	2008		

Said issue constitutes a portion of the bonds which were authorized at an election held on February 1, 2000 and will constitute general obligation bonds of the District, payable from general taxes which may be levied against all taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount.

The maximum net effective interest rate permitted on said Bonds is ten percent (10%); provided, however, that if the net effective interest rate on such bonds is greater than ten percent (10%) per annum, as defined in the Official Notice of Meeting and Sale, such rate must be approved in writing by the New Mexico State Board of Finance, and the District may not issue the Bonds before such approval is given.

Bidders are required to submit an Official Bid Form specifying the lowest rate or rates of interest and premium, if any, at which such bidder will purchase such Bonds. Further limitations and information concerning the interest rates which may be bid for the Bonds and other notice concerning bidding are set forth in the Official Notice of Bond Sale, of which this notice is a condensation. All bids must comply with the terms of the Official Notice of Meeting and Bond Sale. Bids should be enclosed in a sealed envelope or marked "SEAL" if delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission, endorsed "Bid for General Obligation School Building Bonds of Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, County of Lincoln, New Mexico," addressed as follows: Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, c/o George K. Baum & Company, One Park Square, 6501 Americas Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110. Attention: Secretary, Board of Education or sent by facsimile via (505) 872-2733. Only unconditional bids shall be considered. The District reserves the privilege of waiving any irregularity or informality (except time of filing) in any bid.

The Official Notice of Bond Sale, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the District's financial advisor, George K. Baum & Company, One Park Square, 6501 Americas Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 (Telephone (505) 872-2320).

The validity and enforceability of the Bonds will be approved by the New Mexico Attorney General and Simons, Cuddy & Friedman, L.P., Attorneys at Law, Santa Fe, New Mexico and McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Attorneys at Law, Austin, Texas.

**By BRAULIO ALVARADO
President, Board of Education
Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20**

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Faced with a Drinking Problem?

Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help.

Call (505) 648-1145

Weekly Meetings Open to the Public.
Zia Senior Citizens Center
Tuesday and Thursday
8:00 P.M.

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lodger's Tax Board of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their meeting on Monday, April 10, 2000 at 6:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution 1999-23, Twenty-four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Leann Wehbrecht, at (505) 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

**Leann Wehbrecht, CMC
Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Carrizozo**

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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2000 at 6:00 P.M., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution 1999-23 Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Leann Wehbrecht at (505) 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

**Leann Wehbrecht, CMC
Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Carrizozo**

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**LEGAL NOTICE
LINCOLN HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the April 18, 2000, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request, please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

**MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager**

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LEGAL NOTICE

**IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. JQ 98-02
Div. III**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel.
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
DEPARTMENT**

**In the Matter of C.W., Child,
And Concerning Shelly Woods and Kelly
Williams, Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you in the above named Court and County by the State of New Mexico in which the State of New Mexico has filed a Motion for Permanent Guardianship with respect to your child, C.W., born to you on January 17, 1989.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you file a written response to the Motion for Permanent Guardianship within 20 days from the last date of publication, or you appear at the Hearing on the Merits on the Motion for Permanent Guardianship to be held in the above Court, Children's Court Division, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 8:30 a.m. on the 31st day of May, 2000, a judgment will be entered against you and permanent guardianship of your child, C.W., will be granted to another person.

WITNESS my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

**JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court**

(SEAL)

By: Eugenia Vega
Deputy

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:

David A. Thomsen, 2200 Indian Wells Rd.,
Alamogordo, NM 88301
(505) 434-5950

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LEGAL NOTICE

**Village of Capitan
Bid Number 2000-2
INVITATION TO BID ON:
USED DUMP TRUCK**

Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., until April 14, 2000 in the Village Office located at 114 Lincoln Ave., P.O. Box 246, Capitan, New Mexico 88316.

For further information or a Copy of Bid specifications, please contact The Village Administrator or Village Clerk at 505-354-2247. The words, "SEAL, BID" along with the bid number must appear clearly on the sealed envelope or package of all bids. The Village of Capitan reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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**NOTICE OF INVITATION TO
SUBMIT BIDS**

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave., (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, NM 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2000 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

BID NO. 99-00-039:

Inmate Medications (Rebid)

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular 9:00 a.m. County Commission meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2000 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse or by calling Jane Williams (505) 648-2385.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with The Bid Number.

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

**JANE WILLIAMS
PURCHASING AGENT**

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**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CV00-003**

**LEHMAN BROTHERS,
Plaintiff,**

**vs.
MARILYN SMALLEY, unmarried and
PHILLIP R. SMALLEY, singleman,
as joint tenants,**

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 215 Walton Circle, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1 AND 2, BLOCK 9, OF PARADISE CANYON SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE 2nd SUPPLEMENT PLAT TO PARADISE CANYON, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON APRIL 26, 1956.

This sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on April 26, 2000, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment of Lehman Brothers.

Lehman Brothers was awarded a Judgment on March 15, 2000, in the sum of \$53,912.24, plus outstanding interest in the amount of \$4,353.42 and accruing thereafter at a rate of 14.25% per annum (\$21.34 per diem), plus late charges in the amount of \$130.00, plus inspection fees in the amount of \$6.00, plus appraisal fees in the amount of \$85.00, plus attorneys fees in the sum \$750.00 and costs through March 3, 2000, in the sum of \$770.23.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein and to the lien of the Plaintiff's first mortgage holder named above, which lien remains unsatisfied as of this date.

**DIANE DOYLE
Special Master c/o
Leverick and Musselman
5120 San Francisco Rd., NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
(505) 858-3303**

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LEGAL NOTICE

**CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Capitan School District #28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will on ~~Thursday, April 6, 2000~~ **RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 13, 2000, 6:00 P.M. M.D.T.**, meet in the Board room of the administration building, 150 Forest Street, to present, publicly review and approve the budget for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend.

Done at Capitan, New Mexico, this 30th day of March, 2000.

**CAPITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOM TROST, President**

**ATTEST:
JAMES HOBBS, Secretary**

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**LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
PROBATE # 1823**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
WILLIE STEWART
Deceased.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Probate Court.

DATED: 03-21-2000

**ANNIE LUCERO
2506 Calle Eldorado
Las Vegas, NM 87701**

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FAST ACTION

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tfn-March 2

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tfn/Dec. 16

FOR RENT: Apartment in Carrizozo. Call 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 648-2836.
2tp/Apr. 6 & 13

BIG, BIG, GARAGE SALE: April 7 & 8, Nogal Dry Gulch. North of the post office, (50 yards), turn west go by metal barn. Follow the signs. Johnie L. Johnson Sr. 505-3541-9107. Over 800 books, 300 records, towels, sheets, some Indian things, pots, little Indian girl, several nick knacks, tools, jack, saw, bicycle rack for car, several sets of wheel covers 14" one set of 15", and much more. 1959 Jeep and 1976 Dodge Motor Home both in good condition.
1tp/Apr. 6

RATTLESNAKE ROUNDUP & CRAFT FAIR
April 15 and 16
Otero County Fairgrounds in Alamogordo 9am to 5pm
437-7116
4tc/Mar. 23 & 30 & April 6 & 13

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(505) 648-2911

3 Bedroom, 2 Bath DOUBLEWIDE. Del. & Setup Less than 259.00 PER MONTH
800-530-8577

NEEDED COOK, afternoon and evening, Smokey Bear Restaurant, Capitan. Apply in person.
tfn/Mar. 16

HELP WANTED: Need laborers for 2 to 3 weeks. Call Brent Collier at 648-2989.
2tp/Mar. 30 & Apr. 6

TRACTOR WORK: Road grading, trenching, leveling, mowing. Electric, water, sewer lines installed. Licensed.
Call 354-7000, 430-5557 or 430-8644
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Drug Forum

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said are based in racist lies and greed by industry. The effects of the drug war on women and children and minorities were discussed by Katherine Huffman from the Lindesmith Center and Deitra Leid from the November Coalition. Huffman said police use of profiling affects minorities most. Even in New Mexico, which has a low black population, blacks are over represented in the New Mexico criminal justice system. The number of women arrested has increased 418 percent in the last ten years, while arrests for men increased 238 percent, with at least 33 percent of those arrests being for drugs and another 33 percent for drug related crimes such as burglary. In New Mexico 84 percent of those women have children, with two thirds of them being in only their mother's care when arrested, resulting

in the children being placed in foster care or sent to live with relatives. Leid spoke of her experience as a wife of a man involved in a federal drug trafficking case because of his employment. She said any time a drug is transported on a federal interstate, it becomes a federal case. A member of The November Coalition she showed pictures from a website program on the faces of the drug war victims. The site address is www.november.org. She said the U.S. is the world's leading jailer. She said education and voting are the tools to do something about the drug war. "We need to educate, not incarcerate, build schools not jails," she said. Examples of hemp textiles and products were also displayed at the forum, moderated by Libertarian member Tony Seno.

Ruidoso Lodgers

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lodgers tax to keep the situation from happening again. "The lodger was charging lodgers tax on the cleaning fees, but not remitting them." "They collect lodgers tax to pass on," Flack responded. "Not what they want to keep."

Hemphill said this was the first time he had seen this situation, and he had audited other property managements. He said he was reasonably sure the company remitted the proper amount of gross receipt taxes on the rent and cleaning. "If you collect the tax and not remit it, that's fraud," Hemphill said.

Mayor Robert Donaldson asked Hemphill to keep the management company on the audit list for next year. Village clerk Tammie Maddox said the village manager can also authorize a lodging vendor audit. According to state law, the name of the management company is kept confidential.

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No More Free Dumping at Roll off Containers

by Doris Cherry

Because of the increase in the price of fuel, high maintenance bills and budget shortfalls, Lincoln County Solid Waste

Authority (LCSWA) has suspended its monthly free dumping and will now charge \$10 a cubic yard to dump into the roll-off locations in Capitan,

Carrizozo and LCSWA yard in Ruidoso Downs.

Roll-off containers will be placed in Capitan on first and third Saturday of the month, in Carrizozo on the second and fourth Saturday of the month and at the LCSWA yard in Ruidoso Downs on the second and fourth Saturdays. Roll-offs open at 8 a.m. in Capitan and at the LCSWA yard, and at 9 a.m. in Carrizozo, and will remain open until noon or when the container is full. Roll-offs hold 40 cubic yards.

LCSWA members, during their March 28 afternoon meeting, agreed to suspending the free dumping and open up the roll-offs to all residents for a \$10 a cubic yard fee. At the March 28 evening meeting of the Carrizozo Town Trustees, the town's LCSWA member Ben Bradley and LCSWA manager Jerry Wright spoke about the decision. Wright said the major financial problems at LCSWA are the \$1.50 a gallon for diesel fuel for vehicles and \$9 a cubic yard tipping fees paid to Ruidoso to haul to the landfill from the transfer station. Both costs were estimated at much lower costs when the budget was developed last year.

Wright said many people think LCSWA is tax supported, which is not the case. LCSWA is supported by the users fees, helped out with the environmental gross receipt taxes paid by the participating entities, which is used to help purchase vehicles. "For the service, you pay," Wright said. He said in eight years LCSWA has not had a rate

increase, yet in those same eight years collection trucks have gone from \$72,000 new to \$122,000. Until three years ago employees had not had a raise, and Wright would like to give them a five percent increase next year. However, other factors such as population growth continue to strain LCSWA's costs. Poly carts cost about \$50, and if replaced the \$50 is equal to half the amount of revenue collected from the customer.

As for the \$10 a cubic yard fee to dump in the roll-offs, Wright said that will be about a break even price, since it costs \$300 to haul and dump the roll-off at the regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

Residents can dispose of everything in the roll-offs, except household or special hazardous waste like batteries. Wright said he hoped they could stack brush and other yard waste to be burned by the fire department, but fire restrictions prevent that this spring. Old appliances will cost \$2 each to dispose at the roll-offs or at the LCSWA yard in Ruidoso Downs.

Carrizozo Trustee Willie Silva said considering how everything else was going up in price, the town had to expect a price increase for the trash. As for the price of gasoline, Silva predicted it would go down by midsummer.

Wright said LCSWA is having Gene Simmons of the Small Business Center conduct a study on the rates and needs of LCSWA. "We began the study three years ago," Wright said. "But Ruidoso didn't like what the

study showed and it caused us to not complete it."

"We won't come to you and say raise the rates unless we can bring the facts and figures to back it," Wright added.

Carrizozo Mayor Manuel Hernandez asked Wright if he was aware of the offer of land from the town to construct a transfer station. Wright said Bradley had brought him the information, and he had asked Simmons to include that option in the study. However 70 percent of the solid waste LCSWA deals with is generated in the Hondo Valley, Ruidoso

Downs, and the subdivisions north of Ruidoso and is taken south to the landfill, 72 miles away. LCSWA serves 330 households in Carrizozo with about eight tons of trash a week. It costs LCSWA about \$13.90 a ton to haul and dispose of the trash.

Asked if someone will be at the roll-off site in Carrizozo on the designated Saturday, Wright said the special projects manager will be at the site. He said the manager takes license numbers of vehicles and screens what goes into the roll-off, as required by the state environmental department. Citizen Joe Thornton asked if dead animals could be dumped in the roll-off. Wright said dead animals are acceptable if they are double bagged.

For more information about the roll-off service call LCSWA at 378-4769.

Letters To Editor

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expected to learn to solve problems when we as adults break down and refuse to try?

A Supreme Court Case opinion in 1949, stated:

"It is only through free debate and free exchange of ideas that government remains responsive to the will of the people and peaceful change is effected. The right to speak freely and to promote diversity of ideas and programs is therefore one of the chief distinctions that sets us apart from totalitarian regimes. Accordingly a function of free speech under our system of government is to invite dispute. It may indeed best serve its high purpose when it induces a condition of unrest, creates dissatisfaction with conditions as they are, or even stirs people to anger. Speech is often provocative and challenging. It may strike at prejudices and preconceptions and have profound unsettling effects as it presses for acceptance of an idea. There is no room under our Constitution for a more restrictive view. For the alternative would lead to standardization of ideas either by legislation, courts or dominant political or community groups."

That "standardization of ideas" is exactly what politically correct, status quo individuals of every group are demanding. If someone's opinion, income, social or political status disagrees with the status quo be grateful, our country allows diversity.

I am grateful for the time and expertise donated by volunteers of the Communication Task Force. You all had the courage to address and expand upon important issues and concerns.

I am grateful for Action for Children & Teachers (ACT). This parent's group has been, is, and will continue to be a great way for parents to involve themselves in meaningful support of their child's school. Each parent can donate their time and talent according to their ability and lifestyle. Whether a little or a lot, it is all appreciated and needed.

Thank you teachers for your devotion to educating our students. You are appreciated, admired and respected!

Capitan is a great school!!!! with room for improvement!

GAIL SKEEN
Picacho, New Mexico

Frustrations

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police because the state police are needed in the county.

Briley said the frustration factor is getting very, very bad. "We are seeing a lot of (detour) traffic in the neighborhoods," he said.

An audience member asked about the crosswalks in mid town. Donaldson said there are only two official crosswalks, at Eagle and at Center. Even with these people have to be careful, Donaldson added. Councilor Linda Flack said lights are needed in midtown, to make crosswalks safe.

Donaldson said the lights are a priority and if the village gets no bids again it will go out and hire someone to install the lights. Briley said state law allows the village to hire someone if it gets no response to advertised bids for the second time.



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