

Judge Rules - No Grand Jury

by Doris Cherry

District Judge Frank Wilson rejected a petition requesting a grand jury investigation into alleged illegal misconduct by the Lincoln County Commission and its cease of Lincoln County Medical Center to Presbyterian Healthcare Services during a hearing held Thursday, January 18 in the Lincoln County Courthouse

in Carrizozo.

"I find this petition does not compel the court to impanel a grand jury," Judge Wilson said. "This petition that seeks investigation... is clearly over broad and invites a witch hunt and fishing expedition and is not sufficient to meet the threshold level of inquiry for the court to convene a grand jury."

Judge Wilson said the only specific allegation of illegal or misconduct in the petition was the Lincoln County Commission violated the state procurement

code in obtaining its lease agreement with Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS), which is a misdemeanor and subject to a statute of limitations of one year.

"I find that the Hospital Funding Act comes into play and gives the county commission broad authority to enter into a contract of this sort," Wilson said during his final ruling at the end of the nearly two hour hearing. "If there is ambiguity in the statutes over whether (an alleged violation) is criminal or not criminal, any court would apply the rule of leniency and

find if there was a violation it is not criminal," Judge Wilson said.

"Finally, if there is a violation of the state procurement code it is a misdemeanor and there are real serious problems with the statute of limitations," Judge Wilson added.

After the ruling Lincoln County Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said Judge

Wilson had set a precedent within the 12th Judicial District because the ruling confirmed that the state Hospital Funding Act is the law controlling the lease of county owned hospitals.

Lincoln County attorney Alan Morel and the State Attorney General's Office have been in disagreement

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Angelo Vega Applies For Tularosa Chief

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo Police Chief Angelo Vega may be headed south.

Tularosa Mayor Demetrio Montoya confirmed to *THE NEWS* that Vega had again applied for the position of chief of police for the Village of Tularosa.

Montoya told *THE NEWS* on Wednesday, January 24, that the village had received eight or nine applications for the police chief job. "He (Vega) has filed an application," Montoya said. "He is a fine person, but I am not sure he will be in the final selection at this time."

Montoya said he decided to have Tularosa Village Trustee Jerry Hardison, who has a background in police service, evaluate all applications for police chief and make recommendation. "I wanted to get away from what happened before," Montoya said in reference to a previous attempt to hire Vega as police chief.

In the previous attempt to hire a police chief, the village received seven applications, including Vega's application. According to eyewitnesses at the trustee meeting where Montoya tried to hire Vega, all trustees voted against the mayor's appointment of Vega. After the unsuccessful attempt, the village re-advertised for the police chief position.

Montoya said he has heard the rumors that he had already hired Vega as police chief. "I have made no definite decision yet," he said. "I am going to wait until I have Hardison's recommendations."

Montoya would not release any other applicant's names until the finalists are determined.

Among the questions to be asked of the finalists is whether the potential police chief is willing to live within the community, Montoya said.

"I have to have our police chief in the village (of Tularosa), or in a three to five mile radius," Montoya said. "This will be used in the criteria for evaluating the finalists."

Vega could not be contacted for comments by press time.

Vega is a candidate for Carrizozo Board of Education.



PETITIONERS REGROUP following Judge Frank Wilson's ruling on January 18 that rejected the petition for grand jury investigation into alleged illegal actions of the Lincoln County Commission. Pictured are petition committee chair Reynaldo Valcarcel, attorney Ray Sharbutt who filed the petition for the grand jury into district court, Dr. Ray Seidel and attorney Don Trigg, a health care specialist attorney from the state Attorney General's Office.

Rex Wilson Continues As County Commission Chair

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners unanimously chose Rex Wilson to continue as their chairman.

During their meeting January 18, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners unanimously approved Ray Nunley's motion to have Wilson continue as chair. They also approved Nunley's motion to appoint Rick Simpson as vice chair.

Capitan School Board Candidate Forum Jan. 30

Capitan Association of Classroom Teachers (CACT) and the parent group ACT are sponsoring a school board candidates forum at 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 30 in the school multipurpose building (Traylor Gym).

Candidates are Tom Trost and David Cox for position 1 and Gary Tregembo for position 2.

Sample school board election ballots that show the candidates names and their positions are now available at Capitan Village Hall, Capitan Schools Superintendent's Office, and the office of the Lincoln County Clerk in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

The school board election will be held on Tuesday, February 6.

Once that business was settled, Wilson began discussion about "board decorum." He said he asked for the discussion in order to set some criteria for meetings. "Some feel our public input is abused and have suggested a time limit," Wilson said. "I want discussion with direction in this."

Simpson said he thought the commission was one of the few public bodies who keep their meetings open to all opinions. "There are times I wish some wouldn't say as much," he added.

"Openness is part of the reason of our success," responded county commissioner Ray Nunley. "I want to continue on the same lines. We need to give the chair ability to eliminate redundancy, but only at the chair's discretion with no time limits."

County commissioner Leo Martinez suggested with controversial subjects they listen to one for and one against so both sides will be given time to speak.

"We're expected to have open government," said county commissioner Bill Schwettmann. "That's why people have meetings." He asked that in divisive issues the chair should not allow the audience to speak out without going to the podium (in order to be tape recorded for the record.)

Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park asked that any-

one with comments or questions about accounts or any other information in her office come to her at her office where she has information available. "I feel it is an improper setting to be asked such questions in the county commission meetings," she added. "I'm not opposed to answering questions."

"Today we are trying to make us as efficient as possible and as accommodating to the public," Wilson concluded. "I encourage any outside meetings (with department heads) for any information."

Another duty of the county commission is to act as the county board of finance on a quarterly basis. County commissioners as the board of finance heard a report from Park who showed a chart of county investments through December 31, 2000. As expected, investments continued a decline, due mostly to the low interest rates. Park said predictions are the Federal Reserve Board will lower interest rates again by the end of January. Because of the low interest rates on the open market, Park said she has moved more county money into the state investment pool that is paying better interest rates.

Another financial issue is the finalization of the sale of the Ruidoso State Bank

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Commission Rejects Tax Rebate Option

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners rejected a proposed ordinance that would have rebated property taxes for low income people but would have raised taxes on higher income property owners.

During their regular meeting Thursday, January 18 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners held a public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance for the property tax rebate. Under two state laws on every odd year counties must hold hearings to consider whether they wish to adopt a county-option ordinance for rebates of property taxes to low income tax payers.

County manager Tom Stewart said a study of the county's property owners show more than half would be eligible for a rebate. However, the same state laws require the county to collect all taxes due, and if there is a rebate for low income taxpayers, what is rebated will be added to the taxes paid by owners with higher incomes.

"This shifts the taxes to those with higher incomes," Stewart said. If a taxpayer has an annual income of less than \$24,000 anywhere from 35 to 75 percent of the taxpayers property tax will be shifted to taxpayers with higher incomes.

During the public comment portion of the hearing Capitan area resident

Dwayne Williams said if the commission is serious about enacting the rebate, they should ask the county treasurer to send out a note in the tax bills asking how much each property owner would like to pay for someone else's property tax. "To see what they have to say," Williams added.

County commissioner Rick Simpson commented if half the county qualifies for the rebate then the other half will have to pick up the slack. Comments from Simpson and Williams elicited chuckles from the audience.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said the proposed ordinance for the rebate says if the county enacts the rebate, the county is responsible for paying to the state the total cost of the rebated property taxes. "The county is in no position to do this," Schwettmann added. Because of this he made the motion to reject the proposed ordinance. County commissioner Ray Nunley seconded the motion and all commissioners voted in favor of rejecting the proposed ordinance.

County commissioners also accepted the mid year budget revisions presented by Stewart. The adjusted budget showed a \$32,642 reserve above the required three-twelfths reserve fund after transfers and adjustments were done in various departments. Also the reserve figure was what was

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PRESBYTERIAN attorney Bill Dixon speaks at the podium of the courtroom in County Courthouse in Carrizozo during Jan. 18 hearing on petition requesting grand jury investigation of county commissioners. Petition committee chair Reynaldo Valcarcel confers with attorney Ray Sharbutt and Mike Cox, attorney from state Atty. General's Office. Dist. Judge Frank Wilson dismissed petition.

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Commission Rejects

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left after \$30,000 was taken out for a sheriff's office Dodge Caravan to be used at crime scenes, and \$50,000 that was set aside for the commission's legal defense of the grand jury petition. Stewart included a list of funding requests from county departments and from agencies and groups outside the county that had been rejected when the original budget was developed in June 2000. Unfunded county department requests were two vehicles for the sheriff's office and an addition deputy. Outside funding requests were for the Village of Corona, Capitan Library, Cooperative Extension, Ruidoso RASCALS after school program,

Ruidoso Library, White Mountain Search and Rescue, Big Brothers/Sisters, Zia Therapy, Lincoln Historic Board, Tribute to Hispanic Culture. Capitan Library director Pat Garrett was at the meeting to request funding which she said the group needed very much. She said the village of Capitan provides \$1,800 a year and the state library had provided a \$3,600 grant just for purchase of books, the rest of their money comes from fund raising events and donations. In response to a question, Garrett said the library had received a substantial private donation enough for a down payment on a building. Currently the

library rents its building. County commission chair Rex Wilson said the library is on a list of people in the same category of wanting money. County commissioner Ray Nunley also asked that the RASCALS program receive funding because it provides a much needed after school program in Ruidoso. Stewart said RASCALS had not requested a specific amount. He said when he gets a request from an entity he sends a letter to it asking if the entity is profit or nonprofit and other information about who administers these programs, so there will be an audit record. Stewart also said he has to make sure that any agency that receives county money must have a service contract. This is to avoid any violation of the state constitution's anti-donation clause.

Nunley made a motion to provide \$1,000 to the Capitan Library and \$500 to RASCALS. During discussion on the motion, Simpson said they need to consider how much the county will have to pay for the outside legal counsel used in the hearing on the grand jury petition. Although the request for grand jury was rejected by the judge in the hearing held earlier on January 18, Simpson commented the county might need additional legal counsel if the judge's ruling is appealed. Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park said the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) that oversees the county's budget, now requires any entity that receives public money must show proof on how the money is spent. Stewart in a comment from Nunley that the Rascals program is part of the school system, said Rascals is funded through the Region 9 Educational Cooperative. He also responded to a question from Wilson that any entity receiving county money should supply the necessary documentation and a service agreement or the county will not give the money.

Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor said all entities need the money asked for, but the commission should keep in mind the county departments that gave out of their budgets. "We need some things," she said. For instance she said the voting machine warehouse needs heating and cooling and shelves. Stewart said this project needs to be put high on the list of facility needs for next budget year. Also he said it appears a security system for the district judge will not cost as much as budgeted, adding some extra money to the facility fund. Another facility need is in the district courtroom where sound would be improved with a new ceiling, Stewart said. For that he said he asked District Judge Karen Parsons to request money from the state Accounting Office of the Courts. "We go a long way to accommodate the judge," Stewart said. "But

the Accounting Office of the Courts needs to help us." Simpson said he wanted the manager to look at all the county's internal infrastructure needs before they send any money to an outside group. "These are all good causes," he said of the requestors. Park agreed with Proctor and Simpson and said in her office her chief deputy has to keep a can of WD40 to spray her desk drawer in order to get it open.

After county commissioner Leo Martinez asked if it is true that the current commission has paid no attention to the infrastructure needs of the courthouse, Stewart listed the projects done since he has been manager. Foremost was the replacement of the heat/cool system. Next concerns are the annex basement that floods in wet weather. Stewart said the county has requested state legislative appropriations for converting the old detention center into additional office space, replacing the roof and expanding and remodeling the assessor's office to give the assessor a private office separate from the open room as now. "The clerk's needs rise to the top as the storage is not acceptable," Stewart added. Martinez suggested the manager get lists of needs from all county departments. "We have lots of things to take care of here first," Martinez added. Stewart also said Lincoln County Assessor Rick Silva has decided to use about \$30,000 out of the re-appraisal funds for a new computer network system that will integrate with the office's existing MIMS to create a "stand-alone" system. "Our MIMS is one of the better ones in the state," Stewart said. "The goal is to wean us off Triadic (the county's current computer software provider) and I see this as a first step." Stewart said it is also clear the county needs a computer information system person to care for the computer needs and to update the 911 system. The reappraisal fund generates about \$118,000 a year. When county commissioners finally voted on Nunley's motion to fund the Capitan Library and Rascals program, it passed 3-2 with Wilson and Simpson against it. All commissioners voted to accept the budget adjustments with the two programs funded. The major adjustments to the budget were the addition of \$242,240 to the corrections fund to reflect the contract agreement with Corrections Systems, Inc. (CSI), the addition of \$28,345 from the general fund to the juvenile detention fund and the addition of \$8,900 for mental health services to the detention center and rent for the probation office in Ruidoso. Several other adjustments were made to the volunteer fire departments with state fire funds. Approved as a resolution, the budget adjustments will be sent to DFA.

the only reason the feds allowed the banks to merge was Ruidoso State Bank agreed to divest itself of the Carrizozo and Capitan branch banks, or it would constitute a monopoly. "So it was not the wish of the Ruidoso State Bank board," Schwettmann said about the branch banks. "We are interested in keeping a relationship with the county," he added. "We are not going to not want the county's business. Nothing will change but the merger and First Federal will operate the two branch banks." Schwettmann said although the official merger is to be done on January 31,

it will be three or four months before all is done, giving the county plenty of time. Park said she will stay on top of the pro-rata shares and collateralization. Park also presented information on the county's debt for the detention center. The auditor has required the county to provide the information that shows the pay down schedule, the interest schedule and payments made to the construction contractor. Park said she must also keep similar information on all debt incurred by the volunteer fire departments.

Rex Wilson Continues

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(RSB). Park said in talking with RSB president Tom Battin she learned the sale was to be closed on January 31. With that the Capitan and Carrizozo branch banks will be bought by First Federal of Roswell. Park was concerned about the status of the county's request for proposals for banking services which was awarded to Ruidoso State Bank. "We need a letter of agreement from the county Board of Finance and the state treasurer," Park added. Planning a meeting on January 25 with First Federal officials, Park said she would advise the commission about the outcome. After Nunley commented the county needed a local bank, Park said the county has the option to use a courier service to a bank in Ruidoso.

Park said she understands there is a commitment to keep the bank branches open in Carrizozo and Capitan. Wilson asked about the pro-rata share of county investments in First Federal and whether the bank's collateral for the county funds would be jeopardized. Park said First Federal did not have a big pro rata share of the county's investments but with the sale of the banks she was unsure of the bank's gain in collateral. County operational funds in a bank must be collateralized by the bank to protect county money. Schwettmann, a member of the Ruidoso State Bank board of directors, said he was unaware of the bank having released the facts of the sale publicly. He said

up in Carrizozo and we plan on living here the rest of our lives," says Mrs. Grider. Mrs. Grider goes on to say, "Jim has the ability to quickly grasp the crux of an issue. I believe it is important to have financially responsible people making decisions about tax dollars. I think being able to make a ranch pay for itself speaks volumes." "I hope you won't hold any lapse of judgement in marrying me against him and you will vote for Jim Grider in Position 3, Carrizozo School Board Election".

Jim Grider Announces for Carrizozo School Board

The following article is the official announcement of Carrizozo school board candidate Jim Grider as submitted by Welda Gay McKinley Grider, his wife: Jim Grider was raised in Las Cruces. He lived most of his adult life in T or C. He has built houses, been a banker, had an insurance agency and two title companies. He was on the school board in T or C for eight years, was a member of Rotary, is a Mason, a Republican, a Methodist, a father and grandfather. "He bought the Renfro Ranch from Weldon and Margaret McKinley three years ago and married me as part of the deal. I grew

up in Carrizozo and we plan on living here the rest of our lives," says Mrs. Grider. Mrs. Grider goes on to say, "Jim has the ability to quickly grasp the crux of an issue. I believe it is important to have financially responsible people making decisions about tax dollars. I think being able to make a ranch pay for itself speaks volumes." "I hope you won't hold any lapse of judgement in marrying me against him and you will vote for Jim Grider in Position 3, Carrizozo School Board Election".

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- FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**
- Early 12 noon dismissal at Carrizozo Schools for in-service day.
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**
- Lincoln County Democratic Party breakfast meeting 10 a.m. Deck House Restaurant, 202 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. Consideration of new officers.
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**
- Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.
 - Capitan School Board candidate forum, 6:30 p.m. Multipurpose building.
 - Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District, 7 p.m. RCS office on Central Ave. in Carrizozo.
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31**
- Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee 10 a.m. Ruidoso Convention Center. Agendas available from the office of the county manager in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**
- Ruidoso RSVP Board, 12 noon, Ruidoso Senior Center.
 - Lincoln County Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Ruidoso Village Administration Center council chambers. Business includes election of chair and vice-chair, selection of meeting dates, adoption of open meetings Act; continuing review of county subdivision regulations proposed changes, discussion of comprehensive plan for Airport Drive, Fort Stanton Road and adjoining areas.
 - Carrizozo school board candidate forum, 7 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office community room.
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5**
- Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building on 2nd Street.
 - Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee, 5 p.m. Ruidoso Village hall.
 - Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Commission 6:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**
- School Board elections, polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission 2 p.m.
 - Capitan American Legion Post regular meeting 6:30 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center. All honorably discharged veterans invited to attend.
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
- Ruidoso Arts Commission 4 p.m.
 - Corona Village Trustees 6:30 p.m. Business includes public hearing on proposed village personnel ordinance concerning compensation, vacation time, holidays, leave of absence, sick leave and bereavement leave. The proposed ordinance can be viewed at Corona Village Hall during regular business hours prior to the meeting.
 - Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m.

Judge Rules

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over whether the county is exempt from the state procurement code that requires a competitive bid process regarding the hospital lease. Morel for the last eight years has contended and advised the county commission that the county is not subject to the rules of the regular state procurement code in obtaining a lease of its hospital, because it is exempt by the state Hospital Funding Act.

The argument of the statute of limitation was raised early in the hearing by Presbyterian Health Services (PHS) attorney Bill Dixon and attorney David Freedman who was serving as legal counsel for county commissioners Rex Wilson, Bill Schwettmann, Ray Nunley and Rick Simpson. County commissioner Leo Martinez separated himself from the other four and represented himself during the hearing. He said he supported the county seeking competitive proposals for the hospital lease and had asked for such since he was appointed to the county commission.

The petition asking for the grand jury to investigate the actions of the county commission was circulated by the "Citizens Committee to Save Our Hospital," chaired by county resident Reynaldo Valcarcel. The petition was originally signed by more than 450 people of whom only 282 qualified as registered voters in Lincoln County.

Attorney Ray Sharbutt, who signed the original petition into district court, but claimed during the hearing that he had no attorney-client arrangement with Reynaldo Valcarcel or the petitioners, asked the judge to allow Valcarcel to speak on behalf of the petition.

Sharbutt said he had been ordered to the court by the judge, and the judge said it was because Sharbutt's name was on the order to file the petition for grand jury.

Also at the hearing were attorneys from the state Attorney General's office and district attorney Scott Key.

Most of the arguments in the hearing were based on three state supreme court cases that dealt with grand jury petitions. The cases, District Court versus McKenna, Pino versus Rich, and Cook versus Smith, ranged from the overly broad McKenna petition that sought a grand jury investigation into any misconduct of domestic court judges in Bernalillo County, to Pino that alleged bribery on the part of Gallup city officials, to Cook versus Smith that had detailed allegations of misconduct. All three requests for a grand jury were denied, subsequently they were appealed to the State Supreme Court and only the Cook versus Smith request

for a grand jury investigation was upheld by the State Supreme Court.

PHS attorney Dixon said during arguments that Sharbutt was attempting to force the county commission to abide by the procurement code. He said there are other legal procedures, such as filing an action for declaratory judgment or writ of mandamus to settle a legal dispute. "Don't try to indict your neighbors," Dixon said. "This is a classic abuse of the grand jury."

"Presbyterian Healthcare Services provides significant services through a county commission that has taken affirmative action to provide first class health care at a price one third of other facilities in other counties," Dixon added. "This petition is invalid and unfair to the county commission who has tried so hard. I ask you dismiss the petition."

Sharbutt, in his rebuttal, said the state constitution gives the right to the citizens to petition for grand jury. "This is a right that should be liberally construed," Sharbutt said. "This petition is not without merit. The petition need not articulate specific allegations of crime."

As for the statute of limitations, Sharbutt said the contract between the county and PHS was continuing and adherence to the illegal contract was a continuing misdemeanor. With that Sharbutt asked that a grand jury be convened with a special prosecutor.

County commissioner Martinez said he was elected and took an oath to uphold the laws of the state of New Mexico. He said the grand jury petition was the last resort to get the public officials to listen. He said he had argued in many public county meetings that the county commission should go to bid for the hospital lease. "The rest of the petition asks to look into what the commission may have done wrong," Martinez added.

Freedman objected to (SEE PAGE 4)

Cynthia Morales Announces for School Board

Cynthia Morales, daughter of Concepcion (Choncho) and Connie Morales, has announced for the Carrizozo School Board Election on February 6, 2001, Position #3, and states:

Born and raised in Carrizozo along with five brothers and one sister, we have all attended the Carrizozo Municipal Schools. I am the proud parent of Monique Morales, an A/B student who attends Carrizozo Mid-High.

As a native of Carrizozo, I am well aware of the continuing importance of our educational system. If a member of the school board, I would strive for the betterment of our children's education and career opportunities.

For the past four years, I have been the Carrizozo Municipal Court Clerk; I am a Trustee on the Carrizozo Town Council; a member of the Board of Directors of the Ruidoso Women's Bowling Association; an active member of the Carrizozo

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Don't Sell Fort Stanton

By Ruth Hammond

Now that we are down to the last two years of Gary Johnson's second term as governor there are rumors once again that the state wants to sell Fort Stanton. Now why doesn't that surprise us? You read it here several years ago that the governor wanted to get rid of Fort Stanton. He flaunted wearing a T-shirt with objectionable language on it about Crazy Aunt Tillie or some such make believe person. The T-shirt episode was after someone heard the governor say he didn't know where Fort Stanton was. Baloney, he not only knew where Fort Stanton was, he had plans for selling Fort Stanton long before his first run for governor.

Our main concern for years has been that someone would set fire to the old buildings at Fort Stanton, which would burn rapidly, and there would be nothing left except for bare property and those numerous pre-statehood water rights. Those water rights could be worth millions or billions of dollars for any number of proposed projects. Through the years different people have assured us that Fort Stanton was being watched and people would not allow it to burn.

Secret negotiations about the future of Fort Stanton and how and why it would be disposed of began more than six years ago. The time frame continues to be followed in an attempt to give the impression that, "it just happened, no one planned it that way," but it ain't true. This phase of the "Fort Stanton Saga" will be tragic for the many people who love Fort Stanton and want to preserve it. However it will not be tragic for the people who will benefit financially from what happens at Fort Stanton. Seems that preserving historic Fort Stanton should be the most important thing.

As for the study of uses for Fort Stanton that was to be financed by the state, the study was a grand ruse to try to convince people that state officials were really interested in knowing the best uses for Fort Stanton. Maybe some of the state people are truly interested, but not everyone. There are at least two people who are making plans, and they have been counting the years, months, weeks, days, and soon the hours will be counted until their plans are complete. And it is almost certain someone, or more than someone, probably several someones will benefit. We do hope that future generations of people will be pleased that one of our country's greatest treasures was sacrificed.

Lincoln County has many treasures, including old Fort Stanton, the best preserved pre Civil War military fort in the continental United States. Other treasures include the mal pais lava flow, an area that could never be destroyed as Fort Stanton may be. The Capitan Mountains, the only east-west mountain range in the continental United States and Sierra Blanca (Ski Apache) and Lincoln National Forest are other treasures that hopefully are indestructible.

Eventually the truth about the plans for the extremely valuable water rights at Fort Stanton will be made public. If the state does sell Fort Stanton with those water rights, the residents of the entire United States, not just residents of New Mexico will be deprived of a historic area that can never be replaced. Someone will be happy but we won't.

Preserve Fort Stanton.



EDITOR: Hey did you hear that they're doing away with the State Highway Department? Yeah, somebody invented a shovel that stands by itself! Ha! Ha! This joke is one of my favorites, but in all reality I know this is not true.

This is to say THANK YOU to our State Highway Department for keeping our roads safe for travel during our recent storms.

I come from a family of state highway workers. -- my grandfather Joe S. Vega was foreman of the Carrizozo crew for many years, he is now retired. The new foreman, George Verdugo, is my brother-in-law and my dad Ruben Zamora is also part of this crew. These men are called out at all hours of the night to start clearing our roads so we can get to work, school, or doctors appointments. While we're nice and warm in bed these men are risking their lives and freezing their you-know-whats so that come morning we can go about our business.

Of course we can't take away from all the other people out there like the city police, State Police, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and of course the county road department, because they are out there too.

I just think the State Highway Department crew deserves a big thank you. So, Thank you George and your crew -- George Vega, Francisco "Pancho" Gallegos, Ernie Archuleta, Michael Barela, Ruben Zamora, and David Baca. We really appreciate you.

ANN BELTRAN
Carrizozo, NM

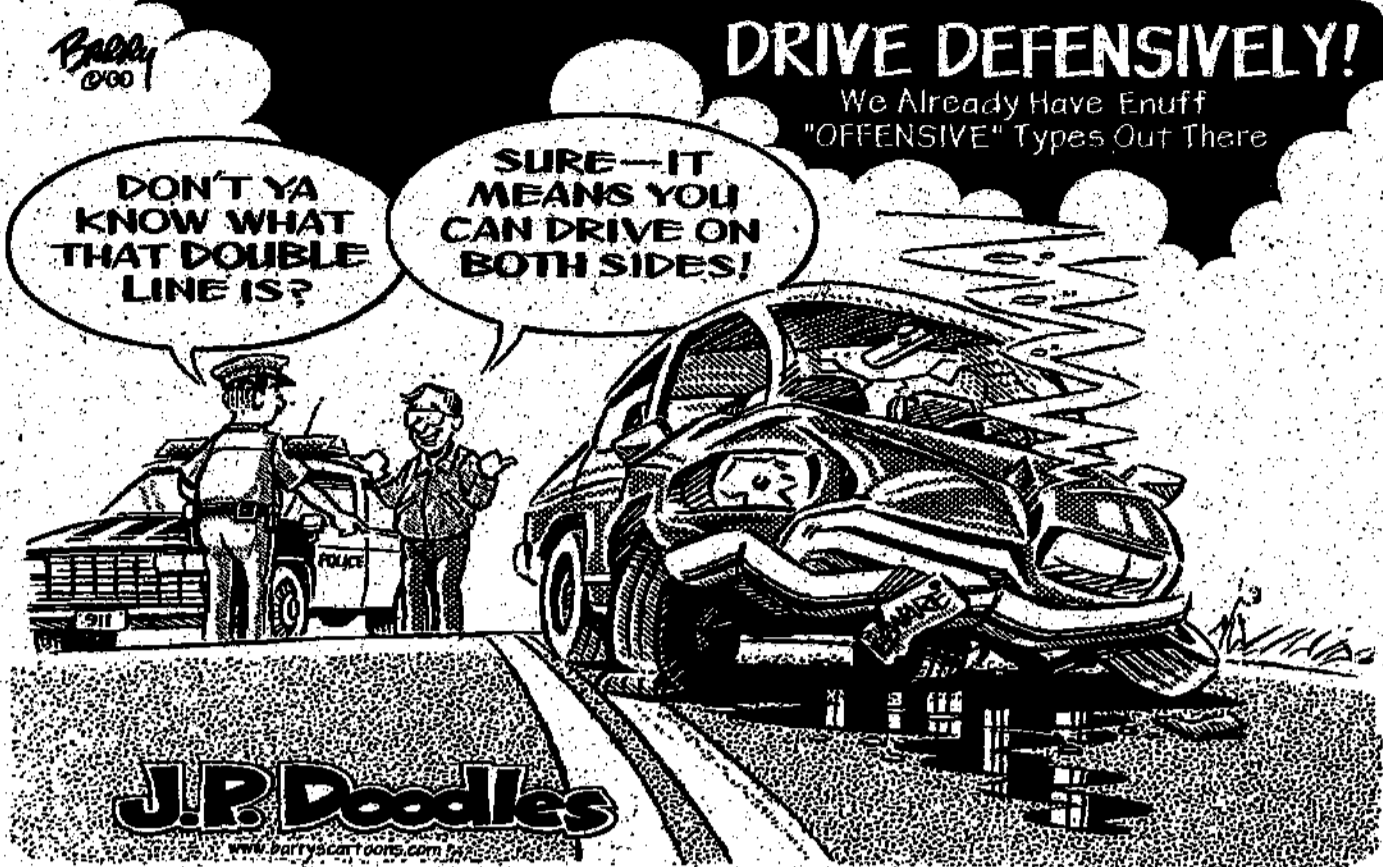
Cynthia Morales

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Woman's Club; and a member of the Carrizozo Schools Strategic Committee.

It would please me very much to be more involved in decision making processes of the school board. I believe that the board could bene-

fit from my ideals and concerns. Together we could make necessary changes and I would be an active member dedicated to the needs of our children. Yes, there are some things that need to change, but there is much we can be very proud of.



INSIDE THE CAPITOL

by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE - We've had many personalities in the news lately.

Sen. Pete Domenici was hospitalized for an adverse reaction to the pain medicine he receives for a pinched nerve that he suffered while playing touch football with his grandchildren. Doctors wanted to keep him for 72 hours, but our Pete managed to escape in a third of that time and was caught by TV cameras in the crowd at a Lobo basketball game that evening.

Gov. Gary Johnson also ended up in the hospital after participating in questionable athletic activity. He slipped on a patch of ice while running in the dark. Since he insists on running without any of his security detail, he had to walk 3/4 mile back home with two broken vertebrae in his back. Also like Domenici, he was eager to leave the hospital sooner than his doctors wanted.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman addressed the New Mexico Legislature on its second day and then hustled back to Washington to chair Senate hearings on cabinet nominees for the Energy and Interior departments. Bingaman got to be chairman for 20 days because of the 50-50 tie that put Democrats in control as long as Al Gore was still vice president.

Rep. Joe Skeen now holds the record for serving in the U.S. House longer than any other New Mexican. Several others served longer in Congress, but that was in the Senate or a combination of House and Senate service. Despite having Parkinson's disease, Skeen says he plans to continue running as long as he is "healthy, wealthy and wise."

Bill Richardson will teach a course at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government for the next two semesters. He's also working on a book and a deal to teach at a New Mexico school. But it's Richardson's future political career that is of most interest. Will he run for governor or the U.S. Senate? It's very likely he will do one or the other but he says he doesn't want to subject New Mexicans to a two-year campaign by returning home now.

Arianna Huffington, a conservative columnist, thinks Gov. Gary Johnson should be appointed as the nation's next drug czar. In an open letter to George W. Bush, she wrote: "Like you, he used to party. But like you, once in office, he didn't

hypocritically introduce tougher sentences for first-time offenders. Johnson says he is too 'radioactive' for Bush to risk appointing him.

Darren White, who resigned from Johnson's cabinet to protest his boss' drug views, has applied for the drug czar office. Currently White is a reporter for KRQE, Channel 13 news in Albuquerque.

Rob Perry, the state Corrections secretary, has applied to be U.S. attorney for the state of New Mexico. That's the position John Kelly held until resigning to unsuccessfully run for Congress against Heather Wilson.

David Iglesias also is applying for the job. He recently resigned as chief

legal counsel for the state Taxation and Revenue Department at out the same time his boss, John Chavez, moved on. Two years ago Iglesias ran for state attorney general and was defeated by Democrat Patricia Madrid.

Jim Paul, who resigned as athletic director at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces to raise big bucks for George W. Bush's Presidential campaign, is back in El Paso racing horses. His three-year-old thoroughbred, George W., easily won his first race at Surland Park. Paul and Bush became friends 11 years ago when Paul owned the El Paso Diablos, a farm team of the Texas Rangers, when Bush was president of that baseball team.

Judge Rules

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rectly to Martinez and said that was a political speech. Judge Wilson raised his voice and called a time out and admonished Freedman. "I allow no direct interchanges," Judge Wilson said sternly. "You will argue to me only."

Freedman, admonished with a quieter voice, said he was only trying to show how Martinez's comments had nothing to do with the validity of the petition. "My clients are not here with political speeches," Freedman said of county commissioners Rex Wilson, Schwettmann, Nunley and Simpson.

Judge Wilson then told Martinez to not ask political questions or make political comments, "although I know many political questions are at work," Judge Wilson said.

Martinez said it is the

right of citizens to petition the court and the people who signed the petition did for a reason. "Something was wrong and the petitioners felt it should be taken care of in an open forum," Martinez added.

Valcarcel said the petitioners were just trying to make right what they saw was wrong. He also said the petition began after the Attorney General's office wrote to the county about it's concerns the county had violated the state procurement code with the hospital lease.

After the ruling, Valcarcel told THE NEWS he was unsure what the petition committee will do next. He said they will wait until they receive the written ruling from the court, as the judge ordered, to decide if they want to appeal.

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Pisces: (Feb.19- March 20) Money and love play two totally different roles. If you're going for the money you might lose the love. Money cannot buy true love.

Aries: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Don't let the little things (or people) get you down. Relax and rethink your position in life. Others can't make it happen - only you can...and you can!

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) You can't change other's opinions of what they think, but you can ask the right questions and find out where they stand on the situation.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) You'll be getting back into the swing of things once you put a plan together. Take your time and prepare for the year.

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) It's hard to get things in order when you don't let your left hand know what the right hand is doing. Watch that you don't lose both at the same time.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) You're missing the boat! Look around and see what real treasures you already have. The grass is not always greener on the other side.

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You're in for a really BIG surprise! The life you have led up to now will either benefit you or hold you down. Look deep inside.

Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) People, places, and things will all change starting now. Take one step at a time. Plan your new future with love and open your heart to new beginnings.

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Facts are not what they seem to appear. Look closely at the situation and then sleep on it. Then give your analysis of the whole picture.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22- Dec 21) Sometimes it's best to do it by yourself. You'll never know if it's the right decision until you take action one way or another. Go with your instincts.

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Get out there and do what needs to be done. You've got the know-how, don't fear what you CAN'T see. Live life to the fullest.

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County To Apply For Grant To Redraft Lincoln Ordinance

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County will apply for a \$13,000 Certified Local Government grant to begin the re-write of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Ordinance.

During their meeting January 18 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners authorized the county manager to apply for the grant funds.

Reginald Richey from the Lincoln Historic Board said there are lots of errors in

the current ordinance which is hard to enforce. He said with the grant the county can hire someone with lots of experience in writing historic ordinances. Richey said he spoke with the National Historic Trust in Washington, D.C. who recommended Frank Gilbert who has been involved with historical ordinances all his life. Richey also said he spoke with the state historic office which recommended Lincoln County partner with Silver City or

another historic district to bring Gilbert to New Mexico to do the work on the historic ordinances.

A rewrite of the Lincoln ordinance would be a two part process, Richey added. Gilbert would make a trip to Lincoln and outline the issues and problem area. That would cost about \$5,000 plus his travel expenses. The second part would be the actual revision with public hearings and the final draft with a cost of about \$8,000 plus travel.

County manager Tom Stewart said the county would provide its required grant match with in-kind work.

But Lincoln resident James Sanchez objected. "I'm sure Mr. Richey has good intentions (in rewriting the ordinance)," Sanchez said. "But I'm not sure he got this message out to all the people in Lincoln that you are going to re-write the ordinance."

Last year, Sanchez said, Richey came to the county commission to request a rewrite of the ordinance. At that time Sanchez asked commissioners to re-think the re-write because the majority of people there did not know about the proposed action. Sanchez said talk of a re-write causes a lot of division among the residents; "I think Lincoln is coming together, and I'm not sure what effect a re-write will have."

Sanchez said the item on the county commission agenda entitled "ordinance revision" gave little information on what was to be discussed. Had the agenda been more specific on the Lincoln ordinance Sanchez said he thought more people would have been at the meeting. "Let's hear from the Lincoln people, maybe



GOODBYE PATSY. Lincoln County Commission Chair Rex Wilson presents a plaque of appreciation to former county assessor Patsy Serna during the regular county commission meeting on Jan. 18. Commissioner Bill Schwettmann led everyone in singing "For She's A Jolly Good Lady" which brought tears to Serna's eyes. Serna had worked for the county for 30 years, 10 of which she was elected as Lincoln County Assessor.

they don't want a re-write," he added.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said he was encouraged at the request to bring in an outside expertise that is impartial.

Richey said maybe calling this a re-write is erroneous. Rather he wanted to improve the 32 year old ordinance to "put it in good footing first." Richey said the current ordinance has been threatened by attorneys for being unconstitutional. "The real issues are enforcement due to language and constitutional standing," he added. "We seek to strengthen the ordinance and give those who oppose time to respond at hearings."

Sanchez said the main issue now is whether to retain language requiring all structures visible from Highway 380 to have historical appearance in accordance to the ordinance guidelines or change it as some want to make all structures have historical appearance whether the structures are visible from the highway or not. "We need freedom to expand as we are a living community," Sanchez said. "Have a big ordinance meeting and if the majority want changes, let's go forward, if not let's leave the ordinance as it is. I don't want to lose it."

Wilson said with the \$13,000 the county can spend all the time it needs on the ordinance. "I hope this is not threatening, but I think it is time to revisit the ordinance," he said.

County attorney Alan Morel said he was all for someone else redrafting the historic ordinance. "Not all in Lincoln agree with the ordinance as it is," Morel said. "I have no concern with holding hearings to discuss the potential revision."

Morel said in the past there have been fears among residents the ordinance could be killed. "I believe the ordinance is constitutional in its present form," said Morel. "But it has never been legally challenged."

Wilson said it would be better to revisit the ordinance now than have it legally challenged.

County commissioners gave Stewart authorization to begin the application process and report back at a later meeting.

A second request for the Certified Local Government grant funding for the upgrade of the Capitán Rail Station was withdrawn so not to compete with the Lincoln project, said Capitán resident Lonnie Lippmann. He said a group interested in saving the old rail station had done vast amounts of research and they will be back the next year when they are more organized.

Richey also asked commissioners to involve them-

selves in the political process concerning the water. He asked the county to become involved in the protest of water rights transfers and "look after our water because other influences come into play. I ask that any decision you make about water be based on merit."

Stewart said he and the commission support the need for a hydrological study of Lincoln County resources.

Richey requested commissioners endorse a letter to State Engineer Tom Turney expressing the county's concern about the requested water rights transfers. Richey represents a group of property owners from the Lincoln area who have protested the transfer of water rights from the Lincoln area upstream to the "Hideout" private golf course at Angus. A hearing had been set on January 30 in Ruidoso on the water rights transfer. However the hearing was vacated by the State Engineer's Office, Richey said.

Instead the hearing has been rescheduled to be held in Santa Fe on January 30, and could even be delayed further, Richey said he goes to all the water meetings.

Schwettmann asked if Richey could send reports or obtain minutes of these meetings to give to commissioners.

Schwettmann also made the motion to send the letter to the State Engineer because the letter was "generic and did not pinpoint one area."

The letter reads: "Lincoln County is presently engaged in planning for its future water needs and resources. We have had authorities inform us of a shortfall of our existing water rights vs. water availability by the year 2040. Accordingly we wish to convey to you our concerns over recent applications for water transfers that may effect stream flows and other users in Lincoln County. The County has serious doubts about the availability and sustainability of water in Lincoln County. We believe new uses of water must demonstrate without a doubt that there will be no impairment to stream flow and existing use."

Seeking a way to promote water conservation, county commissioner Ray Nunley led a discussion on conservation through landscaping and tax incentives. He suggested the county consider entering a dialogue with the Village of Ruidoso planning office on xeriscaping for new construction and possibly existing homes. Also he recommended tax incentives for installing water conserving appliances and low water use landscaping with drip irrigation and natural plantings as does the city of Albuquerque.

Wilson asked how the county would police or enforce such conservation measures and how would tax incentives be developed. "Some people have no landscaping, others try without success," Wilson said.

Nunley said the measures would not affect those living in the more rural areas of Lincoln County, but would affect those in Ruidoso especially.

Wilson said the idea works only where water is supplied through a municipal system.

County commissioner Rick Simpson suggested the rebate could work if people apply for it, then the county designate an inspector to finalize it.

Nunley said that is why he suggested working with the Ruidoso planning department.

Capitán area resident Dwayne Williams said it would be hard to police any water conservation policy in the outlying areas of the county.

Nunley pointed out that Schwettmann has natural landscaping at his Alto home. The landscaping requires little or no maintenance and no water. "With discussion comes ideas," Nunley said. "If we move on this we will affect future generations' water supplies."

Ruidoso resident Tony Seno said he applauded opening a dialogue over water with Ruidoso. But he said Ruidoso has water leaks in excess of 19 percent and has a tank with major leaks. "If Ruidoso can't solve its own water problems, let's not give them anything over the rest

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Thank You ...

Lincoln County for 29 good years of service, as an employee and as County Assessor. I sincerely appreciated the reception, cards, and gifts, but most of all to see the friends that were present.

Again I thank each and everyone of you.

Patsy Serna

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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.

Anasco 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 5:00 p.m.

Spirit of Life Apostolic, Pentecostal Tabernacle

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave., Capitán, NM 354-2025
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM 648-2068 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C 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, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
Capitán Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
C'zoza Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitán Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
C'zoza Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM,
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 1:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. CANON JOHN PENN, pastor
Corner of E. Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 1-205-257-2558
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 Evangelistic Assembly Church
Sunday..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity 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 / 648-2848
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 6:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm

CAPITÁN

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

Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSON, pastor (inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitán
Preparation Prayer..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitán Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
6th & Lincoln / 336-4627
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044
Capitán (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, pastor / 849-7975
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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Thank You Card?

The family of Judith M. Blucher wishes to thank all the friends that came to our aid in our time of pain and sorrow.

To Fr. David Bergs and all the people who prepared the food at the Parish Hall, thanks.

The Blucher family

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LEGAL'S

LEGAL NOTICE

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

No. CV-2000-268
Div. III

JOSEPH D. GALLEGOS,
Plaintiff,

vs.

GROUP I
JOSE M. GALLEGOS, a/k/a JOSE GALLEGOS,
a/k/a JOE GALLEGOS, Deceased; CECILIA B.
KRUM; CRESENIA A. GALLEGOS, Deceased;
and BEULAH GOKEY SCHARF and
SEABORN P. GRAY, Co-Trustees Under the
Last Will and Testament of Sarah C. Gray,
Deceased; their heirs, devisees and assigns;

GROUP II
JOHN DOES, 1 through 100, and all of their
lawful heirs, devisees or assigns;

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

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF ACTION**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE
FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

Jose M. Gallegos, Cecilia B. Krum, Cresenia
A. Gallegos, Beulah Gokey Scharf, Seaborn
P. Gray, John Does 1 through 100, and any
and all unknown claimants of interest in the
premises adverse to the Plaintiff.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that
JOSEPH D. GALLEGOS, Plaintiff, has filed an
action in the District Court of Lincoln County,
New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-2000-268(III),
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:

Lots 22 and 23, Block 84, ORIGINAL
TOWNSITE OF CAPITAN, 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, March 3, 1900.

You are further notified that unless you enter your
appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said
cause on or before February 22, 2001, 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., Post Office Box 1030, Ruidoso, New
Mexico, 88355-1030.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Twelfth
Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New
Mexico, on this the 27th day of December, 2000.

(SEAL) **JAN PERRY**
Court Administrator/District Court Clerk

By: **Daria Doer**
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
No. CV 00-208

**MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC.,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**LINDA K. DECONCINI; HOUSEHOLD
REALTY CORP.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF LINDA K. DECONCINI, IF ANY; JOHN
DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS
UNKNOWN; JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE
TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN,**
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the under-
signed Special Master, or his/her designee, will, on
February 21, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., front entrance
of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo,
NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash
all the right, title and interest of the above-named
defendants in and to the following described real
estate located in said County and State:

**LOT 12, BLOCK 4 OF FIRST PLAT OF
WINGFIELD HOMESTEAD
SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN
BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN
THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY,
SEPTEMBER 2, 1958.**

The address of the real property is 307
GRINDSTONE CANYON RD, RUIDOSO, NM
88345. Said sale will be made pursuant to the
Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 13,
2000, in the above entitled and numbered cause,
which was a suit of foreclosure a note and mort-
gage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plain-
tiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-
described real estate in the sum of \$64,106.04, plus
interest from December 1, 2000 to the date of sale
at the rate of 7.37000% per annum, or \$12.05 per
day, the costs of sale, including the Special Mas-
ter's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs

expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the prop-
erty in good repair. 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 judg-
ment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special
Master may postpone the sale to such later date and
time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real
property and improvements concerned with herein
will be sold subject to any and all patent reser-
vations, 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 rights of
redemption.

Dated: January 10, 2001.

RAY BAILEY
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LEGAL NOTICE

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

No. CV-99-110

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

vs.

**LORI L. EDGE, a single woman; and TMS
MORTGAGE INC., dba
THE MONEY STORE,**
Defendant(s).

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February
21, 2001, 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 504 Third
Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and is situate in
Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly
described as follows:

**LOT 2, BLOCK 3 OF FLUME CANYON
SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN
BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF
LINCOLN COUNTY, JULY 1, 1946.**

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to
satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in
the above-entitled and numbered cause on October
3, 2000, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on
the above-described property. The Plaintiff's
judgment, which includes interest and costs, is
\$105,505.95 and the same bears interest at eleven
point one two five percent (11.125%) per annum
from October 1, 2000. The amount of such interest
to the date of sale will be \$4,631.04. 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 reser-
vations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded
liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and
unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may
be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all
responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale
takes the property subject to, the valuation of the
property by the County Assessor as real or personal
property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured
home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile
or manufactured home on the property, if any,
environmental contamination on the property, if
any, and zoning violations concerning the property,
if any.

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.

/s/ Nick Vega, Special Master
P.O. Box 383
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301
(505) 648-2217

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION # 01-01

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS AND
PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED**

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1B, NMSA 1978
provides that "All meetings of a quorum of
members of any board, commission or other
policy-making body of any state agency, or any
agency political subdivision held for the purpose of
taking any action within the authority of or the
delegated authority of such board, commission or
other policy-making body, are declared to be public
meetings open to the public at all times, except as
otherwise provided in the constitution or the pro-
vision of the Open Meetings Act"; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-3A, NMSA 1978
provides that "No resolution, rule, regulation, ordi-
nance or action of any board, commission, commit-
tee or other policy-making body shall be valid
unless taken or made at a meeting held in accor-
dance with the requirements of Section 10-15-1
NMSA 1978"; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-4, NMSA 1978
provides that "Any person violating any of the

provisions of Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978 is guilty
of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be
punished by a fine of not more than five hundred
dollars (\$500) for each offense"; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1D required that
"Any meetings at which the discussion or adoption
of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or for-
mal action occurs, and at which a majority or quo-
rum of the body is in attendance, and any closed
meetings, shall be held only after reasonable notice
to the public. The affected body shall determine at
least annually in a public meeting what notice for a
public meeting shall be reasonable when applied to
such body.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by
the governing body of the Village of Corona, New
Mexico that

1.) Notice shall be given at least 10 days in
advance of any regular meeting of a quorum of
the members of the governing body or any
board, commission, committee, agency,
authority or other policy-making body held for
the purpose of discussing public business or
taking any formal action within the authority of
such body.

2.) The regularly scheduled meetings of
governing body will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the
second Thursday of each month in the
governing body meeting room of the municipal
building, located at Village Hall. In the event
that the regular meeting date falls on a legal
holiday, the governing body shall designate an
alternate meeting day and/or time to be
published as provided in this Resolution. In the
event that a regular meeting of the governing
body is changed to a different location, advance
notice of the meeting location shall be published
as provided in the Resolution.

3.) Notice shall be given at least 24 hours in
advance of any special meeting of a quorum of
the members of the governing body, board,
commission, committee, agency, authority of
other policy-making body held for the purpose
of discussing public business or taking any
formal action within the authority of such body.

4. The notice requirements of Section 1, 2, and
3 of this Resolution are satisfied if notice of
the date, time, place, and subject matter of
any regular or special meeting are published.
Additionally, the notice shall contain
information on how the public may obtain a
copy of the meeting agenda, said agenda to be
available at least twenty-four hours prior to the
meeting. "Publish" means printing in a
newspaper which maintains an office in the
municipality and is of general circulation within
the municipality. If such newspaper is a
non-daily paper which will not be circulated to
the public in time to meet publication
requirements, or, if no such newspaper exists,
"publish" shall mean posting in five public
places within the municipality, and one of the
public places where posting shall be made is the
office of the municipal clerk, who shall
maintain the posting for public inspection within
the time limits specified. The five public places
notice shall be posted are:

**THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK
CORONA MINI-MART
CORONA POST OFFICE
SHELL STATION
CORONA SENIOR CITIZENS**

The clerk may, in addition to posting, publish
one or more times in a newspaper of general
circulation within the municipality, even though
it does not maintain an office within the
municipality. In addition, written notice of such
meetings shall be mailed or hand delivered to
federally licensed broadcast stations and
newspapers of general circulation in the
municipality which have provided a written
request for such notice.

5.) Notwithstanding any other provisions of
section 1 through 4 of this Resolution, the
governing authority may establish such
additional notice requirements as be deemed
proper and advisable to comply with the
provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

6.) If any meeting is closed pursuant to
exclusions contained in Section 10-15-1,
Subsection H, NMSA 1978, such closed
meeting called by a policy-making body
shall not be held until public notice,
appropriate under the circumstances
and in compliance with sections 1 through
4 of this Resolution, has been given.
In addition, such notice shall state the
exclusion or exclusions in Section 10-15-1,
Subsection H, NMSA 1978 of the Open
Meetings Act, under which such closed
meeting is permitted.

7.) Notwithstanding any other provision of
section 1 through 5 of this Resolution, the
Governing authority of the Village of Corona
may call, with whatever notice is possible under
the circumstances, a meeting of the governing
body, any board, commission, committee, or
other policy-making body of the municipality to
consider or act on any emergency matter which
appears to be a clear and immediate danger to
the health, welfare, or safety of the inhabitants
of the Village of Corona.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this
11th day of January, 2001.

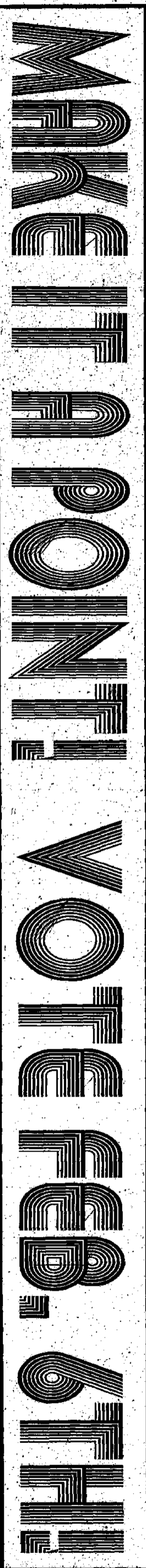
Gilbert R. Stewart Jr.
MAYOR

ATTEST:
Cathy Perez
Village Clerk-Treasurer

CONCURRENCE:
Robert Burroughs
Sandra Farrington
Marcus Johnson

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**PROCLAMATION OF A
REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**

WHEREAS, I, Martha McKnight Proctor, County Clerk, in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, have determined that a Regular School District Election, be held on February 6, 2001, pursuant to sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978;

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

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed and public notice given by the Lincoln County Clerk, in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico:

On the 6th day of February, 2001, there will be held in the Capitan Municipal School District No. 28, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting the names of candidates for the two (2) positions to be filled on the Board, to the respective qualified electors of the District.

The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

At such Election, the following at-large positions on the Board shall be filled by the qualified electors of the District, to wit:

- Position 1: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 2001; and
- Position 2: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 2001.

Candidates:

- Position 1
 - 1. David A. Cox
 - 2. Thomas Robert Trost
- Position 2
 - 1. Gary R. Tregembo

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

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT:

Consisting of all Lincoln County general election precincts that are wholly or partially within the Capitan Municipal School District No. 28

POLLING PLACE:

Lincoln County Fair Building
Capitan, New Mexico

ABSENT VOTERS PRECINCT:

For voters who are absent from any precinct within Capitan Municipal School District No. 28

POLLING PLACE:

Office of the County Clerk
Lincoln County
Lincoln County Courthouse
Carrizozo, New Mexico

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT:

Presiding Judge: Bertie J. Beavers
Election Judge: Tootie Fouratt
Election Judge: Alice E. Phelps
Election Clerk: Dorothy Hobbs
Election Clerk: Phoebe M. Taylor
Election Clerk: Kathleen H. Phillips
Election Clerk: Edith F. Dobbins

ABSENT VOTERS PRECINCT:

Presiding Judge: Bertie J. Beavers
Election Judge: Tootie Fouratt
Election Judge: Alice E. Phelps
Election Clerk: Dorothy Hobbs
Election Clerk: Phoebe M. Taylor
Election Clerk: Kathleen H. Phillips
Election Clerk: Edith F. Dobbins

DONE AT THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE THIS 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 2001. WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF LINCOLN COUNTY.

/s/ MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR
Lincoln County Clerk

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**PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION
REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR**

PORCUANTO, YO, Martha McKnight Proctor, Escribana de Condado, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion regular del Distrito Escolar el 6 de febrero de 2001, conforme a las secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19 NMSA, 1978;

Y CONSIDERANDO QUE, cuanto debajo y por virtud de articulo 22, ley de eleccion de escuela provision esta hecho detener elecciones de Distrito de Escuela por todo del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, y en cada Condado y en cada Distrito de Escuela de Esto;

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, la Escribana de Condado, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico proclamar y por esta noticia publica:

El 6 de febrero de 2001 se llevara a cabo una eleccion regular en el Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 28 de Capitan, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes respectivos habilitados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos por las dos (2) posiciones que se llenaran en la Junta.

Los Sitos de Votacion en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

En dicha Eleccion, las siguientes posiciones en la Junta se llevaran por los votantes habilitados del distrito, es decir:

- Posicion 1: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2001; y
- Posicion 2: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2001.

Candidates:

- Posicion 1
 - 1. David A. Cox
 - 2. Thomas Robert Trost
- Posicion 2
 - 1. Gary R. Tregembo

ADEMAS PROCLAMADO Y NOTICIA ESTA POR ESTO DADO, que los jueces de la eleccion y los escribanas de eleccion fueron apuntados en tal distrito de escuela y noticia publica y por esto se la dado en lugar designado donde tal eleccion sera detenido:

PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO UNO:

Consistiendo de todos los precintos de eleccion general del Condado de Lincoln que estan enteramente o parcialmente dentro del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Capitan Num. 28;

PARAJE DE VOTACION:

Lincoln County Fair Building
Capitan, Nuevo Mexico

PRECINTO DE VOTANTES AUSENTES:

Para votantes que estan ausentes

para cualquier precinto dentro del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Capitan Num. 28.

PARAJE DE VOTACION:

Oficina de Escribano
Condado de Lincoln
Casa Corte del Condado de Lincoln
Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO:

Juez Presidiendo: Bertie J. Beavers
Juez de Eleccion: Tootie Fouratt
Juez de Eleccion: Alice E. Phelps
Escribana de Eleccion: Dorothy Hobbs
Escribana de Eleccion: Phoebe M. Taylor
Escribana de Eleccion: Kathleen H. Phillips
Escribana de Eleccion: Edith F. Dobbins

PRECINTO DE VOTANTES AUSENTES:

Juez Presidiendo: Bertie J. Beavers
Juez de Eleccion: Tootie Fouratt
Juez de Eleccion: Alice E. Phelps
Escribana de Eleccion: Dorothy Hobbs
Escribana de Eleccion: Phoebe M. Taylor
Escribana de Eleccion: Kathleen H. Phillips
Escribana de Eleccion: Edith F. Dobbins

Expedita en la oficina del escribana del Condado este 4 dia de Enero 2001. En fe de lo cual pongo mi rubrica y sello del Condado de Lincoln.

/s/ MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR
Escribana de Condado Lincoln

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**PROCLAMATION OF A
REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**

WHEREAS, I, Martha McKnight Proctor, County Clerk, in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, have determined that a Regular School District Election, be held on February 6, 2001, pursuant to sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978;

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

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed and public notice given by the Lincoln County Clerk, in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico:

On the 6th day of February, 2001, there will be held in the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 07, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting the names of candidates for the two (2) positions to be filled on the Board, to the respective qualified electors of the District.

The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

At such Election, the following at-large positions on the Board shall be filled by the qualified electors of the District, to wit:

- Position 3: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 2001; and
- Position 4: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 2001.

Candidates:

- Position 3
 - 1. Cynthia A. Morales
 - 2. James L. Grider
 - 3. Patricia M. Vallejos
- Position 4
 - 1. Angelo Vega
 - 2. Eldon G. Offutt

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

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT:

Consisting of all Lincoln County and Socorro County general election precincts that are wholly or partially within the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 07.

POLLING PLACE:

Carrizozo Municipal School Administration Building
800 D. Avenue
Carrizozo, New Mexico

ABSENT VOTERS PRECINCT:

For voters who are absent from any precinct within Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 07

POLLING PLACE:

Office of the County Clerk
Lincoln County
Lincoln County Courthouse
Carrizozo, New Mexico

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT:

Presiding Judge: Carol L. Zumwalt
Election Judge: Margo Lindsay
Election Judge: Douglas L. Jarrard
Election Clerk: Leann K. Wehbrecht
Election Clerk: Terry Luna

ABSENT VOTERS PRECINCT:

Presiding Judge: Carol L. Zumwalt
Election Judge: Margo Lindsay
Election Judge: Douglas L. Jarrard
Election Judge: Leann K. Wehbrecht
Election Clerk: Terry Luna

DONE IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE THIS 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 2001. WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF LINCOLN COUNTY.

/s/ MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR
Lincoln County Clerk

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**PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION
REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR**

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Y CONSIDERANDO QUE, cuanto debajo y por virtud de articulo 22, ley de eleccion de escuela provision esta hecho detener elecciones de Distrito de Escuela por todo del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, y en cada Condado y en cada Distrito de Escuela de Esto;

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, la Escribana de Condado, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico proclamar y por esta noticia publica:

El 6 de febrero de 2001 se llevara a cabo una eleccion regular en el Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 07 de Carrizozo, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes respectivos habilitados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos por las dos (2) posiciones que se llenaran en la Junta.

Los Sitos de Votacion en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

En dicha Eleccion, las siguientes posiciones en general de la Junta se llevaran pos los votantes habilitados del distrito, es decir:

- Posicion 3: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2001; y
- Posicion 4: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2001.

Candidates:

- Posicion 3
 - 1. Cynthia A. Morales
 - 2. James L. Grider
 - 3. Patricia M. Vallejos
- Posicion 4
 - 1. Angelo Vega
 - 2. Eldon G. Offutt

ADEMAS PROCLAMADO Y NOTICIA ESTA POR ESTO DADO, que los Jueces de la eleccion y los escribanas de eleccion fueron apuntados en tal distrito de escuela y noticia publica y por esto se la dado el lugar designado donde tal eleccion sera detenido:

PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO UNO:

Consistiendo de todos los precintos de eleccion general del Condado de Lincoln que estan enteramente o parcialmente dentro del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Carrizozo Num. 07.

PARAJE DE VOTACION:

Oficina Administrativa de la
Escuela Municipal de Carrizozo
Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

PRECINTO DE VOTANTES AUSENTES:

Para votantes que estan ausentes para cualquier precinto dentro del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Carrizozo Num. 07.

PARAJE DE VOTACION:

Oficina de Escribano
Condado de Lincoln
Casa Corte de Condado de Lincoln
Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO:

Juez Presidiendo: Carol L. Zumwalt
Juez de Eleccion: Margo Lindsay
Juez de Eleccion: Douglas L. Jarrard
Escribana de Eleccion: Leann K. Wehbrecht
Escribana de Eleccion: Terry Luna

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/s/ MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR
Escribana de Condado Lincoln

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**PROCLAMATION OF A
REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
AND PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
TAX QUESTION ELECTION**

WHEREAS, I, Martha McKnight Proctor, County Clerk, in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, have determined that a Regular School District Election, be held on February 6, 2001, pursuant to sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978;

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

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed and public notice given by the Lincoln County Clerk, in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico:

On the 6th day of February, 2001, there will be held in the Corona Municipal School District No. 13, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting the names of candidates for the two (2) positions to be filled on the Board, to the respective qualified electors of the District.

The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

At such Election, the following at-large positions on the Board shall be filled by the qualified electors of the District, to wit:

- Position 4: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 2001; and
- Position 5: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 2001.

Candidates:

- Position 4
 - 1. Shirley Jeanene Gibbs
- Position 5
 - 1. Alvin D. James

At such Election, the following question shall also be submitted to all qualified, registered electors of the District:

**PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS TAX QUESTION**

"Shall the Board of Education of the Corona Municipal School District No. 13, Counties of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District, i.e.: erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds and purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public school classrooms; maintenance of public school buildings and public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of employees of the District; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities?"

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

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT:

Consisting of all Lincoln County, Socorro County, Torrance County general election precincts that are wholly or partially within the Corona Municipal School District No. 13.

POLLING PLACE:

Corona Senior Center
Corona, New Mexico

ABSENT VOTERS PRECINCT:

For voters who are absent from any precinct within Corona Municipal School District No. 13.

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POLLING PLACE:

Office of the County Clerk
Lincoln County
Lincoln County Courthouse
Carrizozo, New Mexico

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT:

Presiding Judge: Nelva June Tyree
Election Judge: Sandra J. Alford
Election Judge: Johnnie Erramouspe
Election Clerk: Loreta Sanchez

ABSENT VOTERS PRECINCT:

Presiding Judge: Nelva June Tyree
Election Judge: Sandra J. Alford
Election Judge: Johnnie Erramouspe
Election Clerk: Loreta Sanchez

DONE IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
THIS 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 2001. WITNESS MY HAND
AND THE GREAT SEAL OF LINCOLN COUNTY.

/s/ MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR
Lincoln County Clerk

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**PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION
REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR
Y UNA ELECCION CON EL FIN DE APROBAR
IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORES MATERIALES**

PORCUANTO, YO, Martha McKnight Proctor, Escribana de Condado, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion regular del Distrito Escolar el 6 de febrero de 2001, conforme a las secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19 NMSA, 1978;

Y CONSIDERANDO QUE, cuanto debajo y por virtud de articulo 22, ley de eleccion de escuela provision esta hecho detener elecciones de Distrito de Escuela por todo del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, y en cada Condado y en cada Distrito de Escuela de Esto;

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, la Escribana de Condado, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico proclamar y por esta noticia publica:

El 6 de febrero de 2001 se llevara a cabo una eleccion regular en el Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 13 de Corona, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes respectivos habilitados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos por las dos (2) posiciones que llenaran en la Junta.

Los Sitos de Votacion en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

En dicha Eleccion, las siguientes posiciones en general de la Junta se llevaran por los votantes habilitados del distrito, es decir:

- Posicion 4: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2001; y
- Posicion 5: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2001.

Candidatos:

- Posicion 4
- 1. Shirley Jeanene Gibbs

Posicion 5

- 1. Alvin D. James

En dicha Eleccion, la siguiente cuestion sera sometida a la consideracion de dichos votantes del Distrito que se hayan inscrito y esten habilitados:

**CUESTION SOBRE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS
MATERIALES DE LAS ESCUELAS PUBLICAS**

"Se le debera otorgar la autorizacion a la Junta Escolar del Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 13 de Corona, Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance, Estado de Nuevo Mexico para que imponga un impuesto de propiedad de \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable de la propiedad asignado a dicho Distrito conforme alCodigo de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los años tributables 2001, 2002, 2003 y 2004 con el fin de hacer las mejoras materiales siguientes en el Distrito, es decir, construir, remodelar, anadir a, proveer equipo para y amueblar los edificios escolares, comprar o mejorar los terrenos escolares y comprar programas y equipo de computadora para el uso estudiantil en las aulas escolares publicas, el mantenimiento de los edificios publicos y de los terrenos escolares excluyendo las sumas de los salarios de los empleados del Distrito, y la compra de vehiculos para las actividades escolares con el fin de transportar a los estudiantes a las actividades extracurriculares?"

ADEMAS PROCLAMADO Y NOTICIA ESTA POR ESTO DADO, que los jueces de la eleccion y los escribanas de eleccion fueron apuntados en tal distrito de escuela y noticia publica y por esto se la dado el lugar designado donde tal eleccion sera detenido:

PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO UNO:

Consistiendo de todos los precintos de eleccion general del Condado de Lincoln y el Condado de Socorro y el Condado de Torrance que estan enteramente o parcialmente dentro del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Corona Num. 13.

PARAJE DE VOTACION:

Centro de los Mayores de Corona
Corona, Nuevo Mexico

PRECINTO DE VOTANTES AUSENTES:

Para votantes que estan ausentes para cualquier precinto dentro del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Corona Num. 13.

PARAJE DE VOTACION:

Oficina de Escribano del Condado del Condado de Lincoln
Casa de Corte del Condado de Lincoln
Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO:

Juez Presidiendo: Nelva June Tyree
Juez de Eleccion: Sandra J. Alford
Juez de Eleccion: Johnnie Erramouspe
Escribana de Eleccion: Loreta Sanchez

PRECINTO DE VOTANTES AUSENTES:

Juez Presidiendo: Nelva June Tyree
Juez de Eleccion: Sandra J. Alford
Juez de Eleccion: Johnnie Erramouspe
Escribana de Eleccion: Loreta Sanchez

Espedida en la oficina del escribana del Condado este 4 dia de Enero 2001. En fe de lo cual pongo mi rubrica y sello del Condado de Lincoln.

/s/ MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR
Escribana de Condado Lincoln

Published in the Lincoln County News on January 25 and February 1, 2001.

**PROCLAMATION OF A
REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
AND PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
TAX QUESTION ELECTION**

WHEREAS, I, Martha McKnight Proctor, County Clerk, in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, have determined that a Regular School District Election, be held on February 6, 2001, pursuant to sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978;

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

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed and public notice given by the Lincoln County Clerk, in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico:

On the 6th day of February, 2001, there will be held in the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting the names of candidates for the two (2) positions to be filled on the Board, to the respective qualified electors of the District.

The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

At such Election, the following at-large positions on the Board shall be filled by the qualified electors of the District, to wit:

- Position 1: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 2001; and
- Position 2: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 2001.

Candidates:

- Position 1
- 1. Dennis R. Nosker
- 2. Lucinda Loveless

Position 2

No candidates.

At such Election, the following question shall also be submitted to all qualified, registered electors of the District:

**PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
TAX QUESTION**

"Shall the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District, i.e., erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds and purchasing computer software and hardware for students use in public school classrooms; maintenance of public school buildings and public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of employees of the District; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities?"

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

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT:

Consisting of all Lincoln County general election precincts that are wholly or partially within the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20.

POLLING PLACE:

Hondo Valley School Gym Lobby
Hondo, New Mexico

ABSENT VOTERS PRECINCT:

For voters who are absent from any precinct within Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20.

POLLING PLACE:

Office of the County Clerk
Lincoln County
Lincoln County, Courthouse
Carrizozo, New Mexico

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT:

Presiding Judge: Juan S. Montoya
Election Judge: Inez G. Marrs
Election Judge: Josephine S. Gomez
Election Clerk: Phyllis L. Zumwalt

ABSENT VOTERS PRECINCT:

Presiding Judge: Juan S. Montoya
Election Judge: Inez G. Marrs
Election Judge: Josephine S. Gomez
Election Clerk: Phyllis L. Zumwalt

DONE AT THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
THIS 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 2001. WITNESS MY HAND
AND THE GREAT SEAL OF LINCOLN COUNTY.

/s/ MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR
Lincoln County Clerk

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**PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION
REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR
Y UNA ELECCION CON EL FIN
DE APROBAR IMPUESTOS
PARA MEJORES MATERIALES**

PORCUANTO, YO, Martha McKnight Proctor, Escribana de Condado, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion regular del Distrito Escolar el 6 de febrero de 2001, conforme a las secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19 NMSA, 1978;

Y CONSIDERANDO QUE, cuanto debajo y por virtud de articulo 22, ley de eleccion de escuela provision esta hecho detener elecciones de Distrito de Escuela por todo del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, y en cada Condado y en cada Distrito de Escuela de Esto;

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, la Escribana de Condado, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico proclamar y por esta noticia publica:

El 6 de febrero de 2001 se llevara a cabo una eleccion regular en el Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 20 de Hondo, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes respectivos del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos por las dos (2) posiciones que se llenaran en la Junta.

Los Sitos de Votacion en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

En dicha Eleccion, las siguientes posiciones en general de la Junta se llevaran por los votantes habilitados del distrito, es decir:

- Posicion 1: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2001; y
- Posicion 2: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2001.

Candidatos:

- Posicion 1
- 1. Dennis R. Nosker
- 2. Lucinda Loveless

Posicion 2

No Candidates

En dicha Eleccion, la siguiente cuestion sera sometida a la consideracion de dichos votantes del Distrito que se hayan inscrito y esten habilitados:

CUESTION SOBRE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS

MATERIALES DE LAS ESCUELAS PUBLICAS

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PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO UNO:

Consistiendo de todos los precintos de eleccion general del Condado de Lincoln que estan enteramente o parcialmente dentro del Distrito Escolar Publico de Hondo Num. 20.

PARAJE DE VOTACION:

La Sala de Gimnasio de Hondo Valley School
Hondo, Nuevo Mexico

PRECINTO DE VOTANTES AUSENTES:

Para votantes que estan ausentes para cualquier precinto dentro del Distrito Escolar Publico de Hondo Num. 20.

PARAJE DE VOTACION:

Oficina de Escribano del Condado del Condado de Lincoln
Casa de Corte del Condado de Lincoln
Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO:

Juez Presidiendo: Juan S. Montoya
Juez de Eleccion: Inez G. Marrs
Juez de Eleccion: Josephine S. Gomez

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

CV-00-233

OCWEN FEDERAL BANK FSB,
Plaintiff,

vs.
TAMMY HARPER and
DONNIE L. HARPER, JR.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

To: Defendants Tammy Harper
and Donnie L. Harper, Jr.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on November 17, 2000, against the above-named Defendants, the general object of which is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 115 Davis Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 26, BLOCK 36, OF PONDEROSA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, UNIT V, RUIDOSO, 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 AUGUST 18, 1958.

and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties bound by the notice of lis pendens filed in the County records with respect to this case, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action.

FURTHER, Defendants Tammy Harper and Donnie L. Harper, Jr., are hereby notified that they have twenty (20) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint and should they choose not to file a responsive pleading or motion to the Complaint on or before the 8th day of March, 2001, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendants.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd., NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303, is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

WITNESS the hand of KAREN L. PARSONS District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, this 18th day of January, 2001.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of The Court

(Seal of the Court)

By: Darla Goar
Deputy

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Obituary

M.C. "Cleston" PRITCHETT

Memorial service for M.C. "Cleston" Pritchett, 71, of Ruidoso will be Friday, January 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gateway Church of Christ with Jimmy Sportsman officiating.

Cleston died Monday, January 15 in Ruidoso. He was born February 5, 1929 in Spur, TX. He served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He moved to Ruidoso in August of 1974 from Amarillo. He was a member of White Mountain Search and Rescue for 15 years, Lincoln County Home Builders Association and the Kiwanis Club and was owner of Pritch-

ett Construction. He was also a member of Gateway Church of Christ and had served as an elder for 22 years.

He married Jany Boonstra on January 3, 1956 in Amsterdam, Holland.

He is survived by his wife Jany of Ruidoso; two sons, Michael Pritchett of Ruidoso and Ricky Pritchett of Chandler, AZ; and a daughter, Kathy Osborne of Ruidoso; brother Randolph Pritchett of Mechanicsburg, PA and two grandsons.

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

FAST ACTION

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CLASSIFIED ADS

CALL: (505) 648-2333

FOR SALE: 14' x 68' Trailer, presently used as office space by Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District, located on Highway 380 West - 516 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM. Accepting bids (minimum bid of \$7,500) through February 28th. The district has right to accept or reject all bids. Purchaser must move the trailer within 30 days of sale. For more information contact 354-2220 (leave message if no one available to take call). 2tc/Jan. 18 & 25

RIVER FRONT PROPERTY FOR SALE: 6.4 acres Lincoln, 65K, 10 acres Hondo area, 70K, 2-Mobile Home lots Capitan with utilities 22K each. 354-7000 430-5557 3tp-Jan. 11, 18 & 25

WANTED COOKS AND BARTENDERS, Full or part time. Outpost Bar and Grill, Carrizozo 648-9994 or 648-2194 tfa-Nov. 2

Payday Loans No Credit Check E Z \$5 648-2485 Serving Lincoln County 2tp-Jan. 25 & Feb. 1

STEARNS INSURANCE AGENCY CARRIZOZO (505) 648-2911

FOR SALE: 2B - 2BA mobile home FURNISHED, Fenced - all utilities - Deep well - Pole Barn - Lots of Storage and EXTRAS!! Walking distance of school and new jail. 1001 "A" Ave., Carrizozo (End of 11th St., past "B" Ave.) (505) 648-2241 or 835-8124 Ask for Shirley or Lee \$60,000 2tp-Jan. 18 & 25

TRACTOR WORK Mowing, Excavating, Roads Built, Gravel Hauled, Water, Electric, Sewer Lines and Septic Systems Installed. Turn Key Mobil Sites Built 354-7000 or 430-5557 7tp-Jan. 11-Feb. 25

FOR RENT in Carrizozo 2 BR partially furnished apartment. 648-2776 or 648-2660 648-2233 2tc-Jan. 18 & 25

FOR SALE RCA Oak 25 inch console color TV. Excellent condition. 354-2683 2tp-Jan. 18 & 25

Alex Jones Radio Show. Tune in **CARRIZOZO FREE RADIO** Mon.-Fri. 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. 100.7 on your FM dial 1tp-Jan. 25

COUNTRY RECORDING ARTIST TERRY BULLARD CDs on sale in Carrizozo at NAPA Auto Parts (Shivers Supply) and Carrizozo Hardware. 2tp-Jan. 18 & 25

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY/CLERK POSITION
The Carrizozo Municipal Schools are accepting applications for Administrative Secretary/Clerk to work in the administrative office.
QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have receptionist skills, computer skills, bookkeeping experience, and availability from 8:00-4:30 PM.
COMPENSATION: As per salary schedule with 12 days annual leave and fringe benefits.
TIME-LINE: The application deadline is January 31, 2001, and the successful applicant should expect to begin work February 21, 2001.

Interested applicants should submit a completed application, a letter of interest, and three references from former employers. Applications may be obtained by coming to the administrative building, 800 D Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. Additional information may be obtained by calling David Cooper, Superintendent of Schools, 505-648-2348. 2tc/Jan. 18 & 25

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

* **Out of state owner needs to sell 3 year old, 4 bedroom, 2 full bath, fireplace, manufactured home with 1,670 sq. ft. Located on 0.36 acres with all city utilities. Good condition. This is a very nice place. Located on 17th Street. \$39,900.**

* **Large adobe two story custom built in 1911. Almost 2,500 square feet, 4 bedroom, 1.25 baths, fireplace, lots of wood trim inside, hardwood floors, basement, has hot water heat with new efficient and economical boiler. Located near the center of town. Fenced and sprinkler system. You will have to see it to believe it, \$83,000.**

* **Something smaller. How about a completely remodeled manufactured home with new deck porch, nicely skirted, new carpet, new sofa and love seat stay. Located across street from Carrizozo Orchards, on 0.80 acres. \$25,000.**

* **Another outstanding offer is a 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home that is in good condition. Efficient central forced air heat. Has a detached two car garage and office area. Located on corner landscaped lot in good area. You can walk to church, school or stores. Listed at \$44,000, but owner wants any kind of offer submitted.**

* **Older large home located about one block from school. Needs a little TLC. Detached garage. Fenced yard. Women's Club located next door. A super price at \$27,000.**

* **People call every week about land near Carrizozo. We have it, there are five ten acre parcels left, a few blocks west of town on paved county road. Near airport. Electric and telephone border the property. \$2,000 per acre. Make offers.**

* **Consider this, a six acre plus parcel, on U.S. Highway 380 about one block southeast of the intersection with major traveled highway US 54. On this property are approximately twenty-nine RV or Mobile Home hookups with all city utilities. Mountain views in every direction. Asking \$65,000, but owner will consider all offers and provide financing and possibility zero down to the right buyer. Check it out, this could be a real money maker property.**

Remember they are still printing money, but there will never be making any more land.

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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold a Regular meeting on February 1, 2001. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Council Chambers, 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 14, 2000
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
 - b. Selection of Meeting Dates
 - c. Adoption of Open Meetings Act
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Review of Subdivision Regulation proposed changes.
 - b. Discussion of Comprehensive Plan for Sierra Blanca Airport Road, Fort Stanton Road and adjoining areas.
- VI. STAFF REPORT
- VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
- VIII. ADJOURN

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2001. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo.

AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary.
 - b. Adoption of Open Meetings Act.
 - c. Selection of Meeting Dates.
 - d. Discussion of proposed NM increase of farm and ranch taxes.
 - e. Comments - Invasive Plant Species.
- OLD BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ORDINANCE #52

It is the intention of the governing body of the Village of Corona to amend Ordinance #52, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PERSONNEL POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF CORONA AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith (SECTIONS 7.0-12.0, IN REFERENCE TO COMPENSATION, VACATION TIME HOLIDAYS, LEAVE OF ABSENCE, SICK LEAVE & BEREAVEMENT LEAVE), at the next regular meeting on February 8, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Interested parties may review the Ordinance at Village Hall, Hwy. 54/Main Street, Corona, NM, Monday through Thursday, 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The State Fire Marshal's Office will host a public meeting on Saturday, February 3, 2001 starting at 9:00 A.M. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Three or more Lincoln County Commissioners, Municipal Mayors, and the general public will attend this public meeting. No official county or municipal business will be conducted. The purpose of this public meeting will be to discuss revised Volunteer Fire Fighter policies. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

THOMAS F. STEWART
Lincoln County Manager

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Money Available For Damages From Wildfires

The Forest Service is looking for people who had property losses and damages due to the wildfires in 2000.

Some \$9 million is available nationally to reimburse private landowners and Native American groups for losses incurred in the 2000 fire season. The funding comes from the National Fire Plan, Title IV - Wildland Fire Emergency Appropriations.

Reimbursements will be made at replacement value. Anyone interested in sub-

mitting for reimbursement should contact David Manzanera, RC&D Coordinator at 505-753-5563 by Wednesday, January 28.

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County To Apply

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of the county," Seno added. He also said there needs to be thinning of all trees in the forest that are under nine inches in diameter. "The forests are sucking up all our water with all these standing trees under nine inches," Seno added.

County resident Doris Cherry cautioned commissioners from taking a simplistic view of forest health by simply removing all trees that are nine inches in diameter or less. She said by doing that it creates an unnatural monoculture of older trees that if hit with disease could kill the remaining trees and leave the forest bare with only grass, which she did not consider very aesthetic or healthy.

Schwettmann recommended the county start a process of water conservation by looking at its subdivision regulations to require conservation in development covenants.

Earlier in the meeting, during the county manager's report, Stewart gave a report about the status of a study of Fort Stanton that was supposed to be authorized by the state. Unfortunately the study has been on hold, and now rumors are surfacing that the state would like to sell Fort Stanton and its many very old and very valuable water rights. Stewart said he had contacted State Rep. Dub Williams about the issue.

Corona News

It is January with its all kinds of weather. Sunday the morning temperature was 8 degrees with no wind, and Monday morning it was 18.

Congratulations to the basketball teams. Both the girls and the boys won at Bosque Prep Friday afternoon.

Marilee Bryan is on crutches with a sprained ankle.

Mrs. Bob Byrd is back at the Senior Center after spending five days in Clovis with her new grandson, Cooper Roberts, and two days with her mother in Roswell. She appreciates the good volunteer help during her absence and at all times.

Ednen Hindi Jr. died Tuesday night, January 16 in an Albuquerque hospital where he had been in ICU for several weeks. However, it was said to be two bouts of pneumonia that claimed his life. Former classmates, family and friends attended a memorial service for him Saturday afternoon at Strong Thorn in Albuquerque. He is survived by two sons and two daughters,

his father Ednen Hindi Sr., a sister Sarah Hindi, all of Albuquerque and one brother, Robert Hindi, MD of San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Maness were called to Clayton last week by the death of his mother, Mrs. Lela Maness, 93, widowed for 10 years, died January 14. She had been a resident of a Clayton rest home for several years. Services were held Saturday afternoon, January 20, in the Church of Christ. Survivors include three sons, six grandchildren and several great grandchildren, all of whom attended the services.

The Village of Corona was successful with the 2001 round of Community Development Block Grants. The Village has received a grant in the amount of \$181,000. This amount added to \$20,000.00 pledged by Lincoln County and \$20,000.00 pledged by the Village will provide the opportunity for a new health clinic facility, to be built in the existing Village Hall. Cathy Muniz, grant writer and

administrator, was very pleased with the success of the application. The new facility is badly needed and long overdue.

Secretary of Agriculture, Frank A. DuBois, creator of the Rounder's Award which annually honors those who "live, promote, or articulate the western way of life", is now introducing a rodeo scholarship program. This program is designed to provide financial support for rodeo athletes and is intended to keep rodeo an integral part of NMSU.

The program is managed and facilitated through NM Dept. of Agriculture and the NMSU foundation.

Historically, the first rodeo in New Mexico was held in Santa Fe in 1848. In 1949, the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association was created making New Mexico one of the 13 states represented in the charter year. DuBois is asking for help in making this scholarship program successful in providing financial assistance and support for rodeo athletes.

Services for Claunch Donoho, 82, of Clayton were held Saturday morning in the 1st Methodist Church of Clayton. Mr. Donoho, retired math teacher, will be remembered also for his talent on the piano and organ. Some of his music tapes were played during the service. He is survived by his wife Dorothy of the family home. Family members attending included Mrs. Nettie Bradley, sister of Mrs. Donoho, and Sue Sullivan of Alamogordo, Donna

James of Gallup, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mulkey of Portales, and from Corona, Mrs. and Mrs. Alvin James, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mulkey, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Mulkey. Most of these returned to their homes Sunday. Mrs. Bradley and Patsy Mulkey will remain for at least a week.

Two or three inches of very wet snow fell Tuesday.

Ruidoso Wants People To Report New Potholes

by Doris Cherry

Along with wet, icy cold weather comes an increase of potholes in Ruidoso village streets. And the village wants to know about these potholes.

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson, at the January 9 council meeting, requested the public call village hall, or the village street department to report any new potholes in village streets. Village manager Alan Briley said village street crews can only do a quick fix during the winter because more permanent materials would not set up in very cold or wet weather.

Currently the village has a crew working full time four days a week to repair potholes in the more than 200 miles of village streets.

Village streets were busy over the recent holidays. Briley reported traffic accidents were minimal considering the number of people in the village. Briley said the ski area estimated 50,000 lift tickets were sold during the 10-day period over the holidays. Even with the visitors, Briley said there were no interruptions in village services.

As for services, Donaldson reported he received a letter from Valor Telecom detailing what areas within the company's service area (some are in the county) that need additional telephone lines. Those areas include Margorie Drive, Deer Park Drive, Eagle Creek, Rancho Ruidoso, Bonito, White Mountain Drive area, Gavilan Canyon area and the ten hundred

block of Mechem. The company is planning to begin work on adding new lines in those areas, Donaldson said.

Donaldson also reported the MainStreet Merchants were putting together a petition to the village to make the MainStreet area a "Business District." Donaldson said the designation would trigger the appointment of a planning committee to organize district projects such as purchase of land for parking, shuttle services and others.

Councilors also: -Heard a report on the Highway 70 reconstruction project. The state highway department is planning to redesign Highway 70 from west of Ruidoso to Riverside. The portion of the highway scheduled for im-

provement is an area with high accident and fatality rates. Options for the upgrade are to improve the existing two lanes or upgrade to a four lane with center turn lane at major intersections. The highway department prefers the second four-lane option, as did mayor Donaldson. Construction on the project could begin by summer 2002. Comments from public officials and the public about the proposed improvement are invited by the state highway department.

-Approved the preliminary and final plats for Lot 127B, Innsbrook Subdivision to be split into two lots, with the condition the owner build only one, one-bedroom home on each lot, or apply for separate variances.



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