

Voters Select School Boards

by Doris Cherry

Voter turn out was light in the county's five school district elections on February 6.

Corona District had the best turn out with 33 percent of registered voters casting ballots. Carrizozo voters were represented with a 30 percent turn out. Some of the good turn out in Carrizozo was attributed

to the 98 people who voted by absentee ballot. Hondo District also had a 30 percent turn out.

Ruidoso had the lowest turn out with only nine percent of the registered voters casting ballots. Capitan had a 11 percent voter turn out.

Absentee balloting played a big role in the Carrizozo election with 98 paper absentee ballots cast. In Capitan only 11 absentee ballots

were cast, in Hondo five absentee ballots were cast, in Corona four absentees were cast and in Ruidoso only three absentee ballots were cast.

Incumbents in Ruidoso and Capitan lost their bids to retain their positions on their respective boards. Long time Capitan school board president Tom Trost lost to challenger volunteer fire department chief David

Cox. In Ruidoso incumbent board member Jackie Brannum lost to Danny Sisson, while incumbent James D. Paxton kept his position on the board.

In the contested Carrizozo races board incumbent Eldon G. Offutt retained his position against challenger Angelo Vega. Also on the Carrizozo board James Grider was the winner of position 4, formerly held by

Gray Gallacher who chose not to seek another term.

Offutt and Grider will join Carrizozo School Board members Steve Harkey, LeeRoy Zamora and Lisa Shivers who have two more years to serve on their current terms.

The Capital Improvements Tax questions (SB9 two mill levy) passed in both Hondo and Corona

School Districts.

Unofficial results of the board elections, provided by the Lincoln County Clerk's Office are as follows. Results will become official with the canvass of school district election returns to be held today, February 8.

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FORT STANTON CONCERNS were aired to Senator Pete Campos (right) from Fort Stanton Inc. officer Dick Weber during a recent visit to the state capitol building in Santa Fe. Weber delivered a proposed funding request developed with information provided by Fort Stanton employee Nick Skoagland to do emergency stabilization of 12 buildings at Fort Stanton. Campos said he would evaluate the request, which is intended to be administered by the property Control Division of the state General Services Department that controls the Fort Stanton facility.



Bill Introduced Allows Sale of Fort Stanton

by Doris Cherry

House Joint Resolution 13 (HJR 13, introduced by Rep. Bill Fuller of Albuquerque, is on its way to committee at the New Mexico State Legislative Session underway now in Santa Fe.

HJR 13, "Proposing the sale or long-term lease of the Fort Stanton facility in Lincoln County" has been assigned to the House Voters and Elections Committee. However, by Wednesday, February 7, the bill had yet to be given a time to be heard in the Voters and Elections Committee.

Rep. Ed Sandoval is chairman of the Voters and Election Committee which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. in Room 324. Sandoval's office telephone is 986-4840. Rep. Fuller can be reached by calling 986-4226. He is located in Room 203.

Rep. Fuller introduced the resolution on January 31. He told *THE NEWS* that he decided to sponsor the resolution for the General Services Department, Prop-

erty Control Division, because he is familiar with Fort Stanton and "that part of the country." Fuller is retired from the Soil Conservation Service.

Fuller said whoever gets into Fort Stanton will become an economic "boon" for the area. He said one problem now is General Services Department cannot get money to maintain the historic buildings.

THE NEWS asked about the 177 acre feet of water rights attached to the property and whether HJR 13 addresses this. "Who would buy Fort Stanton with no water rights?" Fuller commented. "No one with enough money to buy the facility."

HJR 13 states that the sale or lease may include the adjoining Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB) facility or the property on which CSB lies may be eliminated from any sale or lease of the rest of the Fort Stanton property. HJR 13 also refers to the \$50,000 appropriated last year for the feasibility study on the uses of Fort Stanton facility.

Fuller told *THE NEWS* that he supports the study. Also he said HJR 13 would allow the state to have the ability to either lease or sell Fort Stanton if that is a recommendation from the study.

That study, awarded to the architectural firm of Kells and Craig is now underway. Steven Kells told *THE NEWS* on Wednesday, he is currently in Lincoln County doing inventory and evaluating the facilities. Kells said the contract with the state for the study requires the study to be completed and recommendations be ready for presentation to the Property Control Division by July.

Public meetings to take public input about Fort Stanton will be held in late March, Kells added, most likely in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Kells said the contract for the study was finalized and signed by the state Property Control Division late January.

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Ruidoso Increases Utility Water Deposits for Renters

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Village Council adopted an ordinance during its meeting on January 30 that imposes a \$150 deposit for village water and sewer service for renters.

The intent of the ordinance is to protect owners of rental properties who previously had to pay for unpaid utility bills. Before the ordinance, the burden of village utility bills not paid by renters who have the billing put in their names was passed on to the property owner. The village utility department notified the property owner when the renter became delinquent. However due to the

computer software in the utility department the property owner was not notified until bills were three months delinquent. Sometimes, the village had filed liens against properties that had very delinquent utility bills.

Previously the village charged a \$60 utility deposit for owners or renters of residential properties. The new \$150 deposit was figured with an average utility bill of \$46 a month, because it usually takes three months to notify an owner if a renter is delinquent in payment.

During public hearing on the ordinance, mayor Robert

Donaldson said the deposit gives property owners some protection. But councilor Ron Anderson said the \$150 deposit was higher than the examples of deposits of other cities.

Councilor Linda Flack said the new deposit keeps rental property owners from being penalized if their renters do not pay their bills. The village can file a lien on a property with a delinquent bill. Village attorney Charles Rennick said when the village files a lien often by the time it is resolved the property owner can be out as much as \$500 to clean up the situation. "Liens are expensive for both the village and property owners," Rennick said.

Donaldson said the ordinance is not perfect but it will protect taxpayers by requiring the deposit.

The ordinance does allow property owners to pay only the \$60 deposit if they leave the utilities in their names while the property is being rented.

The ordinance creates a new category that allows residential renters to place the utility billings in their names and requires the \$150 deposit that is equal to about three months of service. Whether the renter places utility billing in their names or leaves it under

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Gavilan Road Speed Limit Lowers To 25

Beginning Monday, February 12, speed limits on the southern portion of Gavilan Canyon Road will lower to 25 miles per hour.

The lowered speed will go from the Humane Society of Lincoln County facility south to the road's end.

Lincoln County Commissioners requested the state highway and transportation department allow the county to lower the speed after residents who live along the southern part of the road complained about high speed traffic. The Secretary of the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department recently approved, in accordance to State Statutes, a reduction in the speed limit, announced Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart.

New 25 mile per hour speed limit signs will be posted in the affected area.



MANAGING EMERGENCIES. Rosemary Gonzalez - Hernandez took over the position as Lincoln County Emergency Manager on Monday, February 5. Gonzalez-Hernandez will work in the Lincoln County Manager's office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. She has a BA in government from NM State University and is currently working on a masters degree in education management. Hernandez retired as admissions director for the NMSU Dona Ana branch. She also taught first and second grade at Ruidoso Christian School. Hernandez told the *NEWS* she is familiarizing herself with her duties as emergency manager which are defined by the Emergency Management grant.

Apply Now For Fall HeadStart Classes

Registration for the fall session of Lincoln County HeadStart begins on February 21.

On February 21, applications will be taken at Carrizozo HeadStart classroom from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Also on February 21, applications will be taken from 1-3 p.m. at the Capitan HeadStart building on 5th Street.

Final registration takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 2 at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center in

Ruidoso.

Children who are three or four years old before September 2, 2001 may be eligible for HeadStart. Interested parents or guardians must provide the child's birth certificate, social security card, current immunization record, proof of 12 months income prior to registration date, copy of 2000 income tax or check stubs from January 1 through February 1, 2001, proof of Medicaid or health insurance.

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Growth Planning For Airport Drive Begins

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Planning Commission began a long process of planning the future growth of the fast developing areas along Airport Drive and old Fort Stanton Road in the Alto area.

During a lengthy meeting held at Ruidoso Village Hall on February 1, planning

commission chair Charles Rennick said he requested the discussions begin because that area of the county is growing dramatically and when built out will be larger than the Village of Ruidoso. Alto Village has 2,000 lots and currently is about half built out, Ranches of Sonterra has 500 lots and Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates has 700 lots with

about 20 percent developed.

Although the county has requested a water model study of the area, Rennick said the planning commission must get the discussions going now on the master plan. "It is incumbent on the planning commission to take the initiative on a planning initiative which the county commissioners can accept, reject or modify," Rennick said.

More than a dozen interested citizens also attended the meeting and made comments. Several comments were made about utilizing planning capabilities under the scenic byways corridor. Realtor Gary Lynch supported the planning which he said is especially needed for areas along the Scenic Highway (Billy the Kid). Ruidoso resident Sherry Barrow also said the scenic byways does offer corridor management planning and she said Byways committee chair Bill Herschfeld had information.

But county attorney Alan Morel said the county cannot do spot zoning, which he said the proposed plans could become.

Rod Graham said zoning was needed to limit density and crime. He said a major reason for zoning is the new proposed Rainmaker subdivision which is directly in the flight path of Runway 6 at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. He was also concerned that Rancho Ruidoso areas are now more than 15,000 gallons over their allowed amount in water use. Graham also wanted a

traffic count taken on D008 (old Fort Stanton road) which he said has become a major thoroughfare, but is too narrow with no center line.

County planning officer Patsy Sanchez said she could prepare a map and demographic study of the area to show homes, subdivisions and roads with highlights on arterial and collector streets. She also said she would try to get a traffic count on the two roads.

Resident Gary Switzer called for an emergency temporary restriction on development until several issues are resolved. He said the county needs to deal with commercial development in the corridor first. Then hydrology for the proposed Rainmaker subdivision needs to be addressed. He thought the usage of effluent water on the proposed golf course at Rainmaker Subdivision was not a solution. Schweitzer also wanted planning to be based on forecasted population growth on five or 10 year projections instead of 40 year projections.

Ruidoso resident and member of Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission Glen Barrow said in his opinion the county needs to be zoned. He suggested the county do a plan to create the Master Plan which he said is not spot zoning. Barrow referred to a recent survey done in Ruidoso that showed 78 percent of the respondents want more regulations to sustain the integrity of their property. He suggested a similar survey be done in a newspaper. Barrow also suggested a petition drive be started for zoning.

Planning commission member and Lincoln resident James Sanchez said the audience was "preaching to the choir" about the need for planning. He recommended all interested come to the county commission meetings to support the county planning commission.

Village of Ruidoso planning officer Joseph Patoskie said a bill had been introduced in the legislature, House Bill 464 by Rep. Patsy Trujillo and Tom Taylor asking for \$3 million to help develop comprehensive plans.

Resident Earl Hobbs echoed Switzer's comments. He said New Mexico has traditionally been anti-zoning. He was concerned how traffic will be impacted. He said there will be more traffic from Fort Stanton proper "when fully operational", more traffic with growth in the Little Creek and Rancho Ruidoso subdivisions and more traffic as the airport is grows. Hobbs also was concerned about the water issue, which he said must be addressed before "we become like Dell City, Texas."

Rennick asked staff to notify the homeowners associations for those areas of the meeting and prepare maps and demographics for the next meeting.

Rennick made a motion to continue the discussion on the comprehensive planning at the March 6 regular planning commission meeting. Rennick requested the meeting again be held in Ruidoso to accommodate the residents of the affected area. But at least one citizen has filed a formal protest to the meetings being held in Ruidoso.

Oscurro resident Jerry Car-

roll made a formal written protest to any planning commission meetings being held in a location other than the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Carroll refers to the ordinance that established the planning commission which makes no mention of holding meetings outside the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

County planning officer Patsy Sanchez said the meetings are being held in Ruidoso so those residents who will be directly affected will have better opportunity to attend.

Also at the February 1 meeting, planning commission members unanimously approved retaining Rennick as chair and Wayne Negley as vice chair. They approved the open meetings act resolution and meeting calendar that sets planning commission meetings at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month as needed and all rules for calling meetings to be the same as adopted by the Lincoln County Commission.

The planning commission also reviewed proposed subdivision changes discussed at a public hearing of the Lincoln County Commission in November. Morel said he wanted to see if the state makes changes to state subdivision laws before the county begins a process of changing its subdivision ordinance.

Cindy Lynch, who is president elect of the Realtors Association of New Mexico, presented information on the proposed measures introduced in the legislature. House Bill 77 makes four significant changes to the state laws and House Bill 464 calls for \$3 million for a state water study. The association supports these two bills. Senate Bill 57, which the association opposes, proposes to do away with all exemptions.

Realtor Rose Peebles said she heard of a bill to do away with antiquated subdivisions. Gary Lynch said a lot of antiquated and incomplete subdivisions are still on the books because the county failed to renew letters of credit or bonds.

Rennick said he would have the planning commission subcommittee work on any changes made on the state level and any proposed changes for the county subdivision ordinance to submit to the county commissioners for guidance.

Carrizozo 4-H Elects Officers

Carrizozo Mal Pais Colts 4-H Club elected new officers at the January meeting.

New officers are president Opal Greer, co-vice presidents Ryan Gaines and JR Shafer; secretary Whitney Whittaker; treasurer Robert Dutchover; reporter Tony Medrano; song and recreation leaders Erin Hightower and Jennifer Shafer; county council representatives Opal Greer, Mary Beth Shivers and Justus Wilson.

Special guest at the meeting was Wayne Shockey, the new VoAg teacher at Carrizozo High School. He invited the members interested in judging livestock to practice with the FFA team. Robert Dutchover, Justus and Kendal Wilson attended the practice in Alamogordo arranged by Mr. Shockey. Lerry Bond sponsored the 4-H members at that practice.

The next Mal Pais 4-H club meeting will be at 2 p.m. February 11, at Otero County Electric Cooperative. Anyone interested is invited to the meeting.

For information on 4-H, joining 4-H or the club nearest you, call the Lincoln County Extension Office at 648-2311.



Weather was quiet in the last seven days in Lincoln County, as county seat Carrizozo and mountain resort Ruidoso thawed out from the previous week's blizzard. Fair weather skiing over the weekend was the best in years, attracting good crowds on the ski area and in Ruidoso.

The following weather forecast is based on information from the National Weather Service web site.

Forecast for Carrizozo, Hondo Valley and lower elevations of the Lincoln County high plains:

Today, Thursday, February 8:
Mostly cloudy and colder with mixed rain and snow showers. Chance for precipitation 30 percent. High temperature of 49. Tonight, mostly cloudy and cold with scattered snow showers. Lows to the mid 20s.

Friday, February 9:
Partly cloudy and slightly warmer. Highs to the 50s.

Saturday, February 10:
Partly cloudy skies. Highs in the 50s. Lows to the low 20s.

Sunday through Tuesday, February 11-13:

Partly to mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow showers. Highs in the 50s, lows to the upper 20s.

Forecast for Ruidoso, the north Sacramento and Capitan Mountains, Capitan and higher elevations of the county:

Today, Thursday, February 8:
Mostly cloudy and colder with mountain snow showers. Chance for precipitation 40 percent. High in Ruidoso 48. Tonight, mostly cloudy and cold with scattered snow showers. Lows in the teens to low 20s.

Friday, February 9:
Partly cloudy and slightly warmer. Highs in the 40s to 50.

Saturday, February 10:
Partly cloudy skies. Highs in the 50s. Lows in the teens to 20.

Sunday through Tuesday, February 11-13:
Partly to mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow showers. Highs in the 50s, lows in the teens to mid 20s.

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Czozo P&Z Discusses Uses For Belco Building

by Jeff Hammond

Once again Kirk Noel was in front of the Carrizozo Planning and Zoning (P&Z) board asking that the zoning for the old Belco building (the building behind Four Winds Restaurant near the overpass) be changed to M-1 to expedite his new rock cutting business. A full page letter of protest from business owner Janet Lynn was mentioned.

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Noel offered to arrange a tour of the rock cutting facility he is currently using that is located in Belco. The P&Z board suggested two P&Z members and two concerned citizens. Janet Lynn's name was one of those suggested for inclusion on this trip.

Randy Merten addressed P&Z requesting "Conditional Use" for three properties he owns in the Mountain View subdivision. Merten requested permission for three "conditional use" to place mobile homes on the lots. His request was made for all three at one time so he wouldn't have to return to the P&Z for each lot.

P&Z to build or park a mobile.

There was discussion about applications for conditional use by Norma Morris, and Georgia Ortiz. Both wish to place mobile homes on their property, they would meet the set back requirements. It was pointed out that by the way the zoning was written the most reasonable way to alleviate any problems would be to have both Morris and Ortiz split the property into two lots, still in their name.

The discussion centered around skirting for the trailers, drive ways and appearance. Merten said he would skirt the units as they were placed. But if he were to sell a lot to someone without a trailer on it he couldn't be held responsible for their behavior.

At that time P&Z realized they had spent an hour and a half in discussion, leaving little time to work on the definitions and discussion of zoning for R-1, R-2, A-1 and A-2. A motion was made to set a date for a special meeting dedicated to working on these two items. The special meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 6:00 p.m.

P&Z decided that they would make the recommendation to the town council, for Merten's use only. If Merten sells the property without a dwelling on it then the new owner has to apply to the

poster. It will also appear on the commemorative U.S. mail envelopes which are sold to the public to raise funds for the ride.

The Pony Express Trail Ride will be held in June. Participants in the two and a half day ride will carry U.S. mail and travel cross country on horseback from White Oaks to Lincoln.

The poster contest is open to the public. For more information about the contest, or the Pony Express Ride, write to LCSP, POB 1290, Capitan, NM 88316, or call Roland Caster at 257-6767, Jim Sharp at 354-3028, Terese Ray at 354-4308 or Betty Joiner at 354-2339.

Sheriff's Posse Seeks Art For Poster Contest

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse is holding a contest to select a painting for the poster commemorating the 7th annual Pony Express Ride.

Paintings of watercolor, acrylics or oil must be submitted no later than March 1. Paintings must be submitted on a horizontal format of 14 by 21 inches.

Prizes of \$150, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded to the top three entries determined by Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse.

The winning artist will be recognized by the sheriff's posse and the painting will be featured on the 2001 Pony Express Trail Ride

Lincoln County Clerk Proctor Honored By State Republican Women

Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor was recently presented the New Mexico Federation of Republican Women's most prestigious award, "The Order of the Jeweled Elephant".

Proctor was honored during the winter board meeting of the New Mexico Federated Republican Women (NMFRW) in Santa Fe on Saturday, February 3.

The "Order of the Jeweled Elephant" is presented annually to a New Mexico elected Republican official who exhibits the highest level of honesty, integrity, morality and commitment in their duties, according to a press release form NMFRW. Proctor was nominated by Delores Stevens, president of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County.

Proctor was chosen from a competitive group of public servants who represent the entire state.

Carrizozo Chamber Announces Lighting Contest Winners

Winners of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce holiday lighting contest were announced at the January chamber of commerce meeting.

First place went to George and Mabel Vega; second place to Rose Wheeler, third place to Joe and Nena Ortiz. The traveling plaque for businesses went to Temptations Gift Shop. Honorable mention went to Stout Lock and Key mobile unit.

Gift certificates redeemable at any chamber member business will be presented to winners; first place \$50, second \$35 and third \$15.

Also during the January meeting, members approved increasing annual dues to \$50 for businesses and \$25 for individuals.

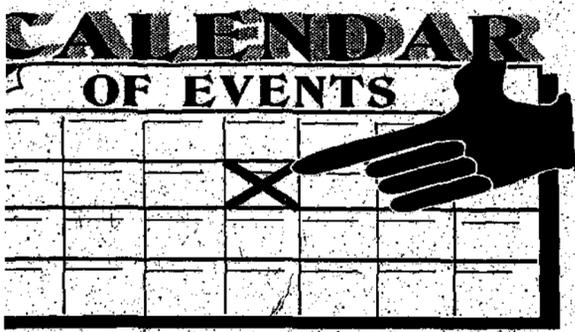
The next chamber meeting is at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 15 at Carrizozo Rec Center.

Lori Gibson Begins Law School Oklahoma

Lori Lee Gibson, a 1994 Carrizozo High School graduate, has been accepted into the Oklahoma City University Law School.

Gibson graduated from New Mexico State University with a BS in Special Education in December 1990. She taught special education, behavior disorders, in the Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools for one year, then transferred to Desert Hills Ele-

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FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS
-Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

TUESDAYS
-Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

WEDNESDAYS
-Moms In Touch prayer group, 2 p.m. 707 F. Ave. in Carrizozo.
-Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

THURSDAYS
-Story Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Carrizozo School Library.
-Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 34-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.
-Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo 7 p.m.

FRIDAYS
-Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center. Call 354-4032 for information.

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.
-Ruidoso Arts Commission 4 p.m.
-Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m.
-Corona Village Trustees 6:30 p.m. Business includes public hearing on proposed village personnel ordinance concerning compensation, vacation time, holidays, leave or absence, sick leave and bereavement leave. The proposed ordinance can be viewed at Corona Village Hall during regular business hours prior to the meeting.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
-Carrizozo 4-H meeting, 2 p.m. Otero County Electric cooperative office in Carrizozo.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
-Lincoln County Rural Economic Development through Tourism (REDTT) council 10 a.m. Otero Electric cooperative office in Carrizozo.
-Lincoln County-Ruidoso ET Zone Authority, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
-Ruidoso Utility Council, 9:30 a.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
-Carrizozo School PFK parents group meets 3:30 p.m. school library.
-Carrizozo Town Trustees 6 p.m.
-Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.
-Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m.
-Corona School Board 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
-Lincoln County Commission, 9 a.m. their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
-Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 7 p.m. Carrizozo Rec Center
-Fort Stanton Inc. meeting, 7 p.m. First Christian Church, Ruidoso. All interested in Fort Stanton invited to attend.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
-No class at Carrizozo school for President's Day.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
-Carrizozo Action Team 9 a.m. NRCS office.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
-Head Start registration for Capitan and Carrizozo; 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Capitan, 1-3 p.m. in Carrizozo.



Thank You Carriz

My thanks to everyone who supported me in the School Board Election!
And Congratulations to the Winners!
I appreciate everyone who cared enough to take the time to vote!!!
Angelo I. Vega, family and friends

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Contribute Carefully

By Ruth Hammond

Sometimes we think we want one thing but with double talk we can be convinced we want something else. Please don't let that happen to you concerning Fort Stanton. State legislators may be considering a resolution "Proposing the sale or long-term lease of the Fort Stanton facility..." The resolution has been sent to committee. In the meantime we want to make certain we do everything we can to convince state legislators we definitely do not want the facility sold.

The most important thing to do now is to contact state legislators and tell them how you feel about the resolution. Please don't assume state officials know what you want and how you feel, because they do not know unless you take the time to tell them. It is not necessary to go to Santa Fe, a call or letter will convey your message. It is extremely important that people who REALLY care about Fort Stanton work together to present a united effort to help preserve Fort Stanton. State and federal officials have been concerned that some people are unwilling to work with others to help do what is best for Fort Stanton.

One more important thing is that if you choose to do more than contact state legislators that you contribute your time, effort and money wisely. Don't assume that the fellow standing on the street corner with a tin cup asking for donations will use the money to buy necessary items such as food. The coins and paper money you put into the tin cup may be used to pad someone's pockets instead of being used to purchase food and warm clothing. It might be better for you to contribute your time than to give money.

Perhaps you don't have extra time to contribute, even if preserving Fort Stanton is a worthwhile cause. There are other things you can do; you can call people and ask them to help promote preserving Fort Stanton. Ask them to take a few minutes to contact state legislators. You can write letters to state legislators, individual letters instead of just making copies of one letter. The time you spend may make more of an impression on state legislators than anything.

Some people assume that donating money would help solve the problem and that is not necessarily true. Yes, the money would help, but the largest issue is that some state officials want to get rid of Fort Stanton and no amount of money will change their minds. These state officials need to be convinced that people do care and these people are voters. Some state officials are using the excuse that the state can get big money for the Fort Stanton water rights.

A long time ago in La La Land it appears someone made a deal. We need to work together to make certain that deal is not completed and that Fort Stanton is not sold.

Legislators will be impressed more by people working together to preserve Fort Stanton than by impractical and unworkable projects. Please, if you REALLY care about Fort Stanton, show your care by working together to help preserve Fort Stanton, not back stabbing and accusing.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion and it is our opinion that Fort Stanton should be treasured and preserved for future generations. Please help preserve Fort Stanton.

Time or money?



EDITOR: Last time I checked (admittedly in the "stone ages" of Bary Goldwater) the Republican Party stood for, as one of its MAJOR planks, eliminating the National Debt.

I never thought I would see the day when that happened because it appeared too heavy a burden on the average taxpayer.

Now, however, after a DEMOCRATIC administration has managed to create a surplus of funds, the now-in-power Republicans want to simply give money away to taxpayers, who have sacrificed to create a surplus, rather than pay off our national debt.

Now I realize that all politicians want to give away things, such as money, but the PRINCIPLED Republicans always maintained that they would not do this.

Yeah, right. How soon we forget!!!!

I see how principled, and fiscally conservative they all are, now that we've elected them to office.

Just how does the Republican Party intend to pay off our national credit card?

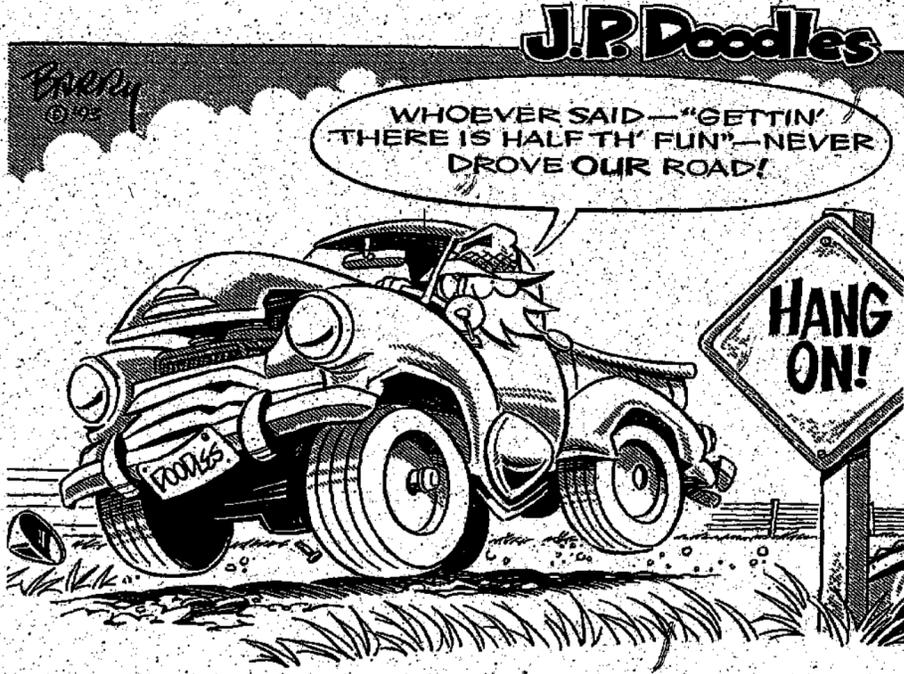
We have the money now -- isn't the right thing to do -- is to use it to eliminate our credit bills?

The reason I can never ever support another Republican is that they have not kept their promise to me to act fiscally responsible.

I used to say "let the Republicans have a chance at running government". Now I see what Republicans do when they have the chance. Same thing the Democrats were doing when the conservative movement began in 1959. That's why the Democrats were voted out, because Republicans promised not to be irresponsible. Just goes to show that when Republicans get in power, they are just as corrupt as those they accused.

Just how is our national debt ever going to be paid off? I'm waiting for an answer.

JIM BROWN
Albuquerque, New Mexico



INSIDE THE CAPITOL
by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE - When former legislators converge on Santa Fe next week, they will find themselves in unfamiliar surroundings.

The physical surroundings will be much the same, except for the renovation of the former State Library next door into the North Annex, which soon may become the Raymond Sanchez Annex.

It is the tone of the Legislature that has changed. Compared to anything this writer has seen in the last 40 years, this year is truly a lovefest. "The Session of Love" Barry Bitzer, deputy secretary of Human Services, calls it, with comparisons to the 1967 "Summer of Love," when flower children all were celebrating happy times.

Gone, at least temporarily, are Senate President Pro Tem Manny Aragon and House Speaker Raymond Sanchez, the "Manny and Ray" villains of Gov. Gary Johnson and Republican lawmakers. Replacing them are the gentlemanly Sen. Richard Romero and Rep. Ben Lujan. Leading Senate Republicans is easygoing Stu Ingle, a Portales farmer. In charge of House Republicans is Ted Hobbs of Albuquerque, a smooth operating retired business executive.

Up on the fourth floor, Gov. Gary Johnson still hangs out, moving into the final two years of his eight-year reign. Two years ago, when the governor was inaugurated for his second four-year term, he served notice that he was not going to be any kinder or gentler than he had been during his combative and uncommunicative first four years. "The Veto Vato" then-House Democrat Whip Ben Lujan named him. But now Mr. Speaker is cooing a different tune in Johnson's direction.

Maybe this is the "New Beginning" Gov. Johnson requested in his opening day speech to the Legislature. The following day, a bipartisan Senate group bounced Manny Aragon as its leader and installed Romero, a positive sign, not only for the governor and Senate Republicans but for House members also, who had worried that Aragon and the Senate might run roughshod over them without the leadership of Raymond Sanchez.

Also gone from the Senate are Republican warriors Bill Davis and Billy McKibben. Davis was the GOP's designated talker, who would filibuster at the least

provocation. McKibben rivaled Aragon in the number of times he grabbed his microphone to comment on business at hand. His observations were always witty, but often caustic.

And so we have a legislature that isn't as much fun to cover but which has the potential to do better things for the state - assuming that passage of legislation is a good thing. Before the 14 years of Republicans vs. Manny and Ray, bitter coalition politics controlled houses of the Legislature. Republicans ran the show, with a renegade Democrat as their figurehead leader.

It was a time of turmoil, when individual lawmakers were apt to change loyalties at any time, threatening to tip the balance of power. The situation that installed Richard Romero as head of the Senate is far different. The majority party still controls the Senate. Romero made no deals with Republicans other than a pledge to treat them fairly.

Senator Domenici Accepting Summer Intern Applications

New Mexico college students interested in a summer internship in the Washington D.C. office of U.S. Senator Pete Domenici are invited to apply for a position by March 1.

The 2001 summer internship program will consist of two sessions - May 29 to July 6 and July 9 to Aug. 15. Participants receive \$1,400 stipend. Applicants must have completed at least one year of study in an institution of higher learning and be enrolled for the following semester. New Mexico residents/students will receive priority in the selection process.

To apply, students must

Before the coalition days of the 1980s, Democrats strongly dominated both houses of the Legislature but fought among themselves constantly - liberals against conservatives, North against South, urban vs. rural and House vs. Senate.

Returning lawmakers may be surprised at today's tranquil tone, but say they are looking forward to coming back to take a look. In its 2001 forecast, this column predicted that the brainchild of Billy McKibben to form a legislators' association would bear fruit. The former Hobbs lawmaker leaned on current legislators for support and lobbyists to do much of the organizing.

Reports are that 425 current and former lawmakers and state officials, plus a number of widows will be at the Capitol on February 14 for festivities and maybe a little organizing.

It is quite appropriate that they witness the new lovefest on Valentines Day.

complete an application form and submit a cover letter, resume and two letters of recommendation. The information should be mailed to U.S. Senator Pete Domenici, Attention: Intern Coordinator, 328 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510-3101.

Applications are due in Washington, D.C. by March 1. Interviews and selections will take place in March and notifications made by April 1.

For an application go to the Domenici web page at www.senate.gov/~domenici/, or call Lynden Armstrong at 202-224-6621 for a form or more information.

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Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Sometimes its best to have lost than to keep on losing. Ask yourself - Do I want to be doing this same thing this time next year???



Pisces: (Feb. 19- March 20) Others will need your attention. It could be hard for you to give up what little feelings you have left, but fill your heart with love and give generously.

Aries: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Someone may not understand the way you feel. Try another approach and listen to their reasons why they don't do what you want.

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) Nothing needs to stand in your way. Charge ahead full steam! BUT... if you're feeling all alone, then wait for that someone.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) Love could be in the air. Enjoy everyone around you. Think about making a handmade valentine for someone special (they will appreciate it).

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) A good time to make amends with someone you care about. A little valentines card can say a lot of things you can't.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) You won't be wasting time worrying about the LITTLE THINGS, you're too busy. But watch out for the marble on the floor...don't fall.

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You'll be thinking different now. People, places, and things have shown you who, what and where you can trust. Now it's up to you.

Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Your feelings may be a little frazzled. Not a good time to make an important decision. The air will clear up soon. Then choose your path.

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Sort out the old and save money for the new. Your eating habits will also change for the better. You will be in a better mood because of the change.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22- Dec 21) Your loose ends will soon be coming together. Check everything twice so you don't leave anything out - including loved ones.

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) A very perplexing time when it comes to understanding the opposite sex. "No Can Do!" Just float like a boat or sting like a bee.



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Sale of Fort Stanton

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represents Lincoln County would *THE NEWS* that he would not sponsor or sign onto Fuller's bill to sell Fort Stanton. "If anything, I will work to get the resolution amended to assure the water rights stay with Fort Stanton," Williams added.

Two other bills have been introduced by state senators to obtain money to begin renovations on some Fort Stanton buildings.

Senate Bill 335, sponsored by Sen. Tim Jennings from Roswell, was introduced

Cori Gibson

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mentary School in Las Cruces where she also taught special education, behavior disorders.

Gibson took the law school entrance test in October and was accepted. She would like to specialize in Special Education Law.

Gibson is the daughter of Foot and Linda Gibson and granddaughter of Johnson Stearns of Carrizozo and granddaughter of Glenna Gibson of Portales.

Circus Coming To Capitan & Carrizozo

The American All Star Circus is coming to Capitan on Saturday, February 17 and Carrizozo on Sunday, February 18.

The circus will give performances at 1:30 and 4 p.m. on February 17 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall in Capitan.

The circus will travel to Carrizozo on Sunday, February 18 for performances at 1:30 and 4 p.m. at Carrizozo Rec Center.

Clown noses will be given to the first 50 children of each performance. The clown noses will be given courtesy of Lincoln County News.

Tickets are \$7 for adults at the door. Children 12 and under are free with tickets available from local merchants. Doors open one hour before show time, for best seating selections.

late last week. This bill requests \$250,000 to plan, design, construct and equip restoration improvements to stable building 16 at Fort Stanton; \$350,000 to plan, design, construct and equip restoration improvements to Building 13; \$250,000 to plan, design, construct and equip restoration improvements to the headquarters building 7; \$65,000 to plan, design, construct, landscape and seed the parade grounds at Fort Stanton. The above requests if approved will be funded to the state Economic Development Department.

In addition, SB 335 bill asks for \$100,000 to plan and design an equestrian strategic plan for Fort Stanton with the funds to go to the local government division of the department of finance and administration.

Senate Bill 385, sponsored by Sen. Pete Campos who represents Lincoln County, asks for \$250,000 to the general services department for restorations and improvements to the corrals and stable areas of Fort Stanton complex, "so they may be included in local economic development efforts."

The two senate bills were promoted by a group calling itself Save Fort Stanton Foundation which recently was organized by David and Virginia Vigil and Gary and Dee Miller all of Lincoln. *THE NEWS* contacted Virginia Vigil who said they have been in contact with several equestrian organizations who are interested in Fort Stanton. She said that the funding in the proposed senate bills would be funneled through general services department until a "settlement" was made on the other bill to sell or lease the facility.

Vigil said her group has met with the governor, who has appointed her twice to the New Mexico Tourism Commission, and various legislators over the issues. She said the reason for the focus first on the stables area is because it would be the quickest project to get up and going that has potential to generate revenue. "We need to generate some revenue with Fort Stanton in order to take over the cost of operating the facil-

ity," Vigil said.

As for HJR 13 to sell Fort Stanton, Vigil said she and David met with Elmo Baca the head of the state historic preservation office who told the Vigils he thinks the resolution can be stopped. Vigil agreed HJR 13 can be stopped, but the state needs to be shown there is potential for income at Fort Stanton.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart and Lincoln County Commissioners are also monitoring the situation with Fort Stanton and meeting with legislators. Stewart said he was only aware of the Save Fort Stanton Foundation because they had sent him an e-mail with information about the foundation that is trying to raise \$85,000. The Foundation does not have a 501c3 non-profit status and had not invited Stewart to meet with them.

Another group working to save Fort Stanton is Fort Stanton Inc. Members of the Fort Stanton Inc. group met with legislators at the capitol this week to present a list of funding needs for emergency stabilization of 12 buildings at Fort Stanton. The list was developed with information provided by state employee Nick Skogland. The total amount requested is \$328,500 for 12 different buildings. The emergency stabilization request also states that work can be performed by staff at Fort Stanton, with help from residents of the Amity Foundation that currently has a three year contract to operate a drug rehab program for men at Fort Stanton.

"A portion of the roof on the powerhouse and laundry building, built in 1933, has collapsed into the basement," said Fort Stanton Inc. officer Dick Weber. "Most of these emergency stabilization requests are for roof repairs. It is essential the roof repairs and replacements be done to ensure the structural integrity of the buildings," he added.

Weber provided a copy of the emergency stabilization requests to Rep. Williams who said he would work to get them included on a capital outlay request and to Sen. Campos who said he would evaluate it. Copies of the emergency stabilization request were also given to Les Swindle, director of Property Control Division. By press time Wednesday, the emergency stabilization requests had yet to be put into bill form and given numbers.

Another issue important to Fort Stanton Inc. is the water rights. Weber said he requested legislators to keep the water rights with

Fort Stanton. Williams said this is important and assured he would work toward keeping the water rights with the facility.

Williams also told *THE NEWS* he would not sponsor a funding request like the Jennings bill, even though the Vigils had requested he do so. Also Williams said the Senate has access to different funding for various project than does the House.

Williams was concerned that two separate groups are trying to do things for Fort Stanton separately, instead of working together toward a common goal for Fort Stanton. "I don't know why when we get an issue in Lincoln County we have to have a war over it," Williams told *THE NEWS*.

Vigil told *THE NEWS* that Save Fort Stanton Foundation has a different focus from the Fort Stanton, Inc. group. "We appreciate all the work (Fort Stanton, Inc.) has done as true foot soldiers," Vigil said. "But we have to have cash to operate Fort Stanton. And we think of ourselves as people looking for money. The other group seems only to have a focus to open a museum."

Fort Stanton Inc. has a 501c3 nonprofit status and any money donated to the group is tax deductible. Fort Stanton Inc. recently joined with the County of Lincoln, BLM, Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce in a partnership in an agreement with the state to operate the Fort Stanton Museum. The group has been working since early November to inventory and catalogue items in the museum and to prepare displays.

Fort Stanton Inc. is also working on other areas of preserving Fort Stanton and invites interested people to their meetings. Their next meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 15, at First Christian Church meeting room (downstairs), on Hull Road in Ruidoso.

Vigil did not say if Save Fort Stanton Foundation has regular meeting, or if it does, if these meetings are open to the public. Vigils can be contacted at the Ellis Store in Lincoln for more information.

Rep. Williams can be contacted at the state capitol by calling 986-4600 and asking for Rep. Williams office. Detailed information, including office and telephone numbers, bills and their location, and committee and floor schedules and agendas are available on the state legislature website at <http://legis.state.nm.us>. Access to the internet is available at Capitan Public Library and Ruidoso Public Library.

Carrizozo Joe's coffee shop in Carrizozo also provides 15 minutes of free internet access to patrons.

Harlem Clowns Appear In Carrizozo February 13

The Harlem Clowns comedy basketball troop will "play" the Lincoln County "old timers" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 13, in the Carrizozo Schools new gym.

The "game" is a fund raising event to generate money to send Carrizozo students to summer sports camps. Harlem Clowns are a comic basketball "circus". Tickets are \$5 in advance, with tickets available from Coach Pat Ventura or any student athlete, or by calling the school.

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Sen. Pete Campos Reports On Legislative Session '01

SANTA FE -- Senator Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, said today that the 2001 legislative session is settling into its routine of considering issues important to New Mexicans.

"The first two weeks of the session were tumultuous, emotional and, at times, heart wrenching," Campos said. "But our basic premise through all of that was to build relationships and trust in order to maintain decorum, civility and the highest level of professionalism."

Campos said that some major issues of the session include education, health care and statewide infrastructure improvements.

"Ensuring that our children enter school healthy and ready to learn, that they grow up to be healthy, hardworking adults and that a health safety net is in place for

them as they grow older are our top priorities," Campos said.

Campos is especially noted for his commitment to and development of technical facilities and technology master plans.

"The committee assignments have been made for the session, and I will be serving on the Senate Finance Committee," Campos said. "Because of a rule change this year, those of us who serve on the finance committee will be the Senate Finance Committee's schedule and workload requiring a good deal more time and attention than other committees."

In addition to serving on the Senate Finance Committee, which is the budget-writing committee for the Senate, Campos will chair the subcommittee on capital outlay.

Interim committee appointments will be made

following the adjournment of the 2001 session, Campos said.

"I look forward to a productive session and will do everything possible to develop ways to help our local governments meet their needs," Campos said.

Campos and his assistants, Louise Romero and Laura Montoya, invite constituents to contact them by calling 986-4311, or by visiting or writing them at Room 302B, State Capitol, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.

BLM To Conduct Prescribed Burn At Fort Stanton

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be conducting several prescribed burns at the Fort Stanton Area of Critical Environmental Concern this spring.

Exact dates for the burns will be set when weather condition and prescriptions are met.

Currently BLM crews are burning slash piles in the area. The piles were created last year and have been allowed to dry out, according to Roswell BLM Fire Management Officer Jim Desmond. "When the piles are dried out, and we get moisture, is the best time to burn them," Desmond said in a press release.

Later this spring BLM plans to conduct broadcast burns in the South Mesa, West Mesa, and Government Springs area just off Highway 380 on the Fort Stanton BLM lands. Each burn will be under 150 acres and are intended to reduce fuels and improve the Rio Bonito watershed. "Last year's fire season was a wake up call for the need to get aggressive on this project," Desmond added.

Happy Birthday Virgil Hall!!



90 AND STILL GOING. Capitan's Virgil Hall Sr. celebrated his 90th birthday at a party on Sunday, February 4 in Capitan. Farmer's Country Market owner Trish Ferrell wishes Hall a happy day.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COUSIN, BROTHER. Fletcher Hall (standing) and Louise Joiner wish their cousin and brother Virgil Hall Sr. a happy birthday, during a birthday party for Hall on Sunday, February 5 at Capitan Senior Center. hall was 90.



HONOR THE FORMER CHIEF. Capitan Volunteer Fire Department honored former long time fire chief Virgil Hall Sr. on his 90th birthday by naming the new public safety facility the "Virgil Hall Sr. Main Station." The new metal letters were displayed on the Capitan Fire Department truck during the birthday celebration.

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Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

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

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Worship Service 10:30 am
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United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday 1:00 pm
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and
GROUP II:
JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and

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

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS AGAINST WHOM CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE IS HEREBY SOUGHT TO BE OBTAINED:

GROUP I:
VILLAGE OF CAPITAN; TERRY L. COE, a single man; KATHRYN R. GRIFFIN, a single woman; CHARLIE W. PARKER and OPAL LOUISE PARKER, husband and wife; EDMOND PILON and LILA E. PILON, husband and wife; PHYLLIS J. KENT, a single woman; STEVEN R. SCRUGGS and ALIDA R. SCRUGGS, husband and wife; K. LYNN HUDSON REYNOLDS a/k/a LYNN HUDSON a/k/a KATHERINE LYNN HUDSON a/k/a KATHERINE L. HUDSON and GARY LEE REYNOLDS, husband and wife; KENNETH D. PAYNE and KAREN PAYNE, husband and wife.

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

GROUP III:
ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Quiet Title in the above captioned cause wherein you are named as the Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this action is to quiet title to real property, as more particularly set forth in the Complaint on file in the above-captioned cause.

The Plaintiff's attorney is Adam R. Rafkin, P.O. Box 1912, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you intend to contest this suit, you must respond to the Complaint within 30 days from the last date of publication of this Notice.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 9th day of August, 2000.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

BY: Elizabeth Ysasi

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
PB-2001-01**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCIS JOSEPH REYNOLDS, deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: The Unknown Heirs of Francis Joseph Reynolds, deceased,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ronald J. Reynolds has filed in the above named court a Petition of an Heir for Adjudication of Intestacy and For Appointment of Personal Representative. A hearing has been set at February 27, 2001, 8:30 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge.

JENNINGS & JONES L.C.
By: A.D. Jones
P.O. Box 1180
Roswell, NM 88202-1180
505-622-8432
Attorneys for Petitioner

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
No. 1863**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JUDITH M. BLUCHER, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: Box 338, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Dated: January 26, 2001.

Charles M. Blucher
HC 31 Box 1438
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Ph. 648-2193

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

No. CV-01-17
Div. III

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF DIANNA C. HARRIS

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Please take notice that the Petitioner, Dianna C. Harris, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico.

The purpose of the Petition is to change Petitioner's legal name from Dianna C. Harris to Dianna Helen Caldarella.

Please take further notice that a hearing in District Court to approve the Petition will be held on February 26, 2001, @ 8:30 a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, NM.

LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C.
By: Lee Griffin
1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(505) 258-5546
Attorney for Petitioner
Dianna C. Harris

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

No. CV-00-213

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

vs.
VICTOR H. POWELL, a single person;
KIMBERLY J. POWELL, aka KIM POWELL,
a single person; and VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s), GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 138 Oak Drive, in the City of Ruidoso, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, more particularly described in the Complaint in said cause.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before March 23, 2001, judgement by default will be entered against you.

Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney: Geer & Little, P.A., 707 Broadway-NE, Suite 202, P.O. Box 25685, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125-0685.

WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 29th day of January, 2001.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

By: Darla Goar
Deputy

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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 its pendency 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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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN THE PROBATE COURT
PROBATE NO. 1864**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BONNIE L. FORTENBERRY, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at Box 845, Carrizozo, NM 88301, or filed with the Probate Court.

DATED: January 26, 2001.

WILLIAM L. HOBBS, JR.
Personal Representative

MARTHA M. PROCTOR, Clerk

By: Opal Hill, Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

A Public Hearing shall be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 15, 2001 by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers), 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the application of Little Creek Storage, LLC, D/B/A Johnson's Village Store, Post Office Box 2924, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355, to transfer ownership of existing License Number LL#10/A-4872, located at Highway 48 and Sun Valley Road, Alto, Lincoln County, New Mexico, from Johnson's Village Store, Inc. to Little Creek Storage, LLC.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the February 20, 2001, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Corona Post Office 12:30 - 2:30
Carrizozo/Otero Electric 4:00 - 6:30

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Carrizozo/Otero Electric 7:30 - 8:30
Nogal Post Office 8:45 - 9:30
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe 10:00 - 11:30
Camp Sierra Blanca 11:45 - 2:00
Lincoln Post Office 3:30 - 4:30
Hondo Store 4:45 - 6:00

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, the following discharge plan application has been submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division, 1220 South St. Francis, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. Telephone (505) 476-3440.

(GW-231) El Paso Natural Gas Company, Mr. Richard Duarte, Principal Environmental Engineer, 3801 Arisco Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120, has submitted a renewal application for the previously approved discharge plan for their Lincoln B Compressor Station, located in the Se/4 of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 12 East, NMEP, Lincoln County, New Mexico. All wastes generated will be stored in closed top above ground fiberglass storage tanks prior to off-site disposal or recycling at an OCD approved site. Groundwater most likely to be affected by a spill, leak or accidental discharge to the surface varies in depth from 363 feet to 644 feet with a total dissolved solids concentration between 871 mg/l and 1,195 mg/l. The discharge plan addresses how spills, leaks and other accidental discharges to the surface will be managed.

Any interested person may obtain further information from the Oil Conservation Division and may submit written comments to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division at the address given above. The discharge plan application may be viewed at the above address between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Prior to ruling on any proposed discharge plan or its modification, the Director of the Oil Conservation Division shall allow at least thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice during which comments may be submitted to him and a public hearing may be requested by any interested person. Requests for a public hearing shall set forth the reasons why a hearing should be held. A hearing will be held if the Director determines there is significant public interest.

If no public hearing is held, the Director will approve or disapprove the proposed plan based on information available. If a public hearing is held, the director will approve or disapprove the proposed plan based on information in the plan, and information submitted at the hearing. GIVEN under the Seal of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 30th day of January, 2001.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
LORI WROTENBERRY,
Director
(SEAL)

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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 reserv-
ations, 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
Special Master
c/o Shapiro & Meinhold, L.L.P.
105 E. Moreno, Suite 100
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(800) 286-0013 (719) 634-4868

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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 situated 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 reserv-
ations, 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

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO
PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

Utility Case No. 3503

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT BY
CAPITAN-CARRIZOZO NATURAL GAS
SEEKING DECLARATORY
INTERPRETATION OF ZIA NATURAL
GAS COMPANY'S RATES
AND TARIFF.

CAPITAN-CARRIZOZO NATURAL GAS
COMPANY,

Petitioner.

NOTICE

The New Mexico Public Regulation
Commission ("Commission") hereby gives Notice
to the following:

1. Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company
("CCNG") is a natural gas customer of Zia Natural
Gas Company ("ZIA") and asks the Commission
for a declaratory order that it qualifies and is
entitled to be classified as a transportation customer
under Zia's Rate 6 and is entitled to the
transportation component of the Rate 6 tariff based
on its negotiated contract with Zia for
transportation services. On December 19, 2000, the
Commission issued its Order Docketing
Declaratory Order Processing which, among other
things, ordered that CCNG's Petition shall be
entertained as provided in that Order and appointed
the undersigned as Hearing Examiner for this
proceeding.

2. A public hearing will be held beginning at
10:00 a.m. on April 17, 2001 at the offices of the
Commission, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe,
New Mexico, to hear and receive testimony,
exhibits, arguments and any other appropriate mat-
ters concerning CCNG's Application.

3. Any person who desires to become a party to
this case must file a Motion for Leave to Intervene
on or before March 2, 2001.

4. Intervenor direct testimony is due by March
23, 2001. Anyone filing pleadings or prefiled testi-
mony in this case will serve copies thereof on all
parties of record at the Commission Staff.

5. Any person who desires to comment on the
Petition or intervene in the proceedings should con-
tact the Commission for confirmation of the hear-
ing or meeting date, time and place, since hearings
and open meetings are, on occasion, rescheduled.

6. CCNG's Petition together with all pleadings,
testimony and exhibits filed in this proceeding, may
be examined at Zia's office, 707 Short Drive, Rui-
doso Downs, New Mexico 88346, telephone: (505)
378-4277, or at the offices of the Commission,
Marian Hall, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe,
New Mexico 87501, telephone: (505) 827-6940.

7. Any person desiring to testify in this pro-
ceeding will attend the hearing and submit to exam-
ination under oath.

8. Any interested person may appear at the
hearing and give a written or oral comment (which
will not be considered as evidence) without
becoming an intervenor.

9. Any person with a disability requiring special
assistance in order to participate in this proceeding
should contact the Commission at least 24 hours
prior to the commencement of the hearing.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 25th
day of January, 2001.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC
REGULATION COMMISSION

WILLIAM J. HERRMANN
Hearing Examiner

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Thursday, February 8, 2001.



Old
Lincoln
by Rosalie Dunlap

Congratulations to Martha
Proctor, Lincoln County Clerk.
She has been selected as the New
Mexico Republican of the Year.
Also a belated congratulations to
Rep. Joe Skeen. The new Arid
Lands Institute Building at
NMSU has been named the Joe
Skeen Building.

Get well wishes go to Jody
Ashby. Jody suffered a fall in his
home and was unconscious for
an unknown length of time
before he was found -- possibly
over a day. He had not let his
dog George out and is credited
with the possibility that he saved
Jody's life licking his face. He is
in St. Joseph's Hospital rehab
center in Albuquerque and
making great progress.

The Episcopal Church of
Lincoln County held their annual
meeting at the Church of Holy
Mount in Ruidoso. The vestry
members are Robin Echols,
Ruidoso; Jean Redditt, San Juan,
Lincoln; Carrie Sue Spencer,
Sr., Matthias, Carrizozo; and
Josie Powell, Rodney Matthews
is the delegate.

Phyllis Zumwalt's sister,
Marlene of Las Cruces is visiting
her this week.

The La Junta FCE club met at
the San Patricio Sr. Citizen's
Center for their monthly
meeting. They worked on favors
for the district meeting which
will be held in Lincoln County
this year.

The Lincoln County Corriente
CowBelles have a busy schedule
for this year. The next meeting,
Feb. 14 will be held at Hotel
Chango in Capitan.

The wind is blowing a gale
this morning (Monday). First we
have the snow and sleet then the
wind. Most roads either closed
or hazardous Sunday over the
state of NM. Church services in
Lincoln were canceled.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beckley
visited their daughter and family
in Cohoma, TX, they were
helping celebrate their
granddaughter, Rebecca Lynn
Seal's first birthday.

Rusty Clövers, the Beckley's
grandson, is in the Army's 19th
Infantry, Ft. Benning, GA. He
will begin training today (Jan.
29).

I received word this morning
that the John Chisum unveiling
and dedication in Roswell will be
March 24.

Lincoln legislators and
residents are busy trying to keep
up with the various water laws

and water transfers that are in
the works. Several Lincoln area
residents will be going to Santa
Fe for meetings this week.

We have two new residents in
Lincoln. Tom Bonner, formerly
of Vermont is living in the
Gallegos house. He is a former
railroad employee.

Another is the Sheldon
family. They have student
enrolled in the Capitan schools.
Welcome to Lincoln.

In spite of the snow, friends
and neighbors gathered at the
fire house for a baby shower for
Betty Hobbs.

We received word this
morning that Baird Hershey of
York Springs, PA passed away
January 8. Hershey often visited
Lincoln in the 70's and 80's and
attended the Lincoln County
Historical Society meetings and
activities. He was very active
with the Boy Scouts, history and
wildlife activities in
Pennsylvania.

Our sympathies go to the
family of Ednen Hindi of Duran
and to Lloyd Maness of Corona,
whose mother passed away
recently in Clayton.

Lincoln escaped a serious
disaster Sunday evening. An
alert neighbor noticed smoke
coming from the flashing on the
roof of the Ellis Store. The flue
had become detached and the
sparks were catching the lumber
in the attic on fire. With the
quick work of David Vigil and
guests, neighbors and fire
department it was quickly
extinguished. The Vigil's had
some minor damage in their
bedroom with falling debris, but
nothing serious.

The Ft. Stanton Inc. group
was meeting with the Ft. Stanton
Foundation at the Ellis Store
when the fire happened. Ft.
Stanton Inc. and the Ft. Stanton
Foundation are trying to work
together to get help to repair and
restore the Fort.

The Ft. Stanton foundation,
composed of David and Jinny
Vigil, and Gary, Doc and
Douglas Miller, have done a
great deal of lobbying in Santa
Fe getting the backing of our
legislature. Bills are in the
process of being written by Pete
Campos for \$250,000 and Tim
Jennings for close to a million
dollars. The resolution to sell the
Fort seems to have been killed
until the study that was supposed
to have been done is
accomplished.

(SEE PAGE 9)

40 million people know e-file's the way to go. Join 40 million people who will file taxes with IRS e-file this year. Get your refund in less than half the time. With Direct Deposit to your bank account, it can be as fast as ten days. Do you owe tax? You can e-file now, wait until April 16th to pay—even pay by credit card or Direct Debit from your account. For details, ask your tax preparer or visit us at www.irs.gov.

40 million people know e-file's the way to go. Join the 40 million people who will use IRS e-file to file taxes this year. Get your refund in less than half the time. Ask your tax preparer for details or visit us at www.irs.gov.

Old Lincoln Town

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The Port is of great concern to the people of Lincoln County and everyone should try to stick together. We certainly don't want the state government to do anything drastic that would be detrimental to our national historic treasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg and Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap attended recent water meetings in Santa Fe Tuesday and Wednesday. The Richey's representatives of Ancho de Sonterra attended the hearing on the Hubbard request for transfer in the Ancho Valley Tuesday.

The Dunlap's and the Richey's attended the Mexico Water Task Force Meeting on Wednesday. Water is going to get more and more critical world wide. The Richey's agreed that the government regulation, uneven water usage of the available water are some of the greatest concerns.

The creative Memories

retreat was held at Ft. Lone Tree over the weekend. An added treat was the attendance of three youngsters. They were Jannie Testerman of Ruidoso; Kendall Wilson of Ancho; and DeMarquis (Mark) Tohernehoff of Cloudcroft. They are very imaginative and got so many pages done. You can tell these youngsters are active in ranch life, school sports, 4-H / FFA and other activities. The next retreat will be April 6-8.

We are glad to see Tim Hagman home again. He suffered serious injury when he was kicked in the face by his horse before Christmas. He recuperated at his parent's home in Oklahoma.

Sunday he had a water line break. The water department had to turn off all the water in Lincoln for a short time while they repaired the broken waterline. One of the neighbors was taking a shower at the time and wondered what happened to her water.

County Commissioners Meet Feb. 15 In Carrizozo

Lincoln County Commission meets at 9 a.m. Thursday, February 15, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

A public hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. on the application of Little Creek Garage to transfer the ownership of liquor license from Johnson's Store to Little Creek Storage.

Also up for consideration is the contract renewal with county attorney Alan Morel and the final approval of the detention center contract between the county and Corrections Systems (CS) to make the transition from the old jail into the new detention center and to operate it after the move.

Other business on the tentative meeting agenda includes:

- Consent agenda of finance; treasurer's report; diligent health care claims; amendment of contract between Zia Senior Citizens and the Eastern New Mexico Agency on Aging (not an increase or decrease in funding).
- Manager's project report.
- Review of the mid-year budget adjustment approval from DFA.
- Discussion on proposal to create a United Nations Free Zone ordinance as requested by Tony Seno.
- DWI Grant Application for the grant and DWI detention coordinator Barbara Reyes.
- Dedication of part of Legal Canyon Road, County Road C015, for a lot line boundary adjustment. C015 is a prescriptive rights road.
- Discussion on the county employees use of vehicles.
- Bonito Fire Department districting as requested by fire department chief Chris Denne.
- At 1 p.m. a time for visitors who were not on the agenda to present items for discussion only.
- Updates on the water rights transfers and forest health programs.
- Discussion requested by county commissioner Leo Martinez on natural gas prices and the need to connect the Public Regulatory Commission.

- Presentation to Lincoln County from Hollis Fuchs.
- Ronnie Hemphill, CPA will give a report on the audit of lodgers selected to be reviewed as required by the Lodgers Tax.
- Report on Lincoln County Medical Center from administrator Jim Gibson.
- Discussion on cable television road repairs in Alto.
- Action on a vehicle purchase from the Enhanced 911 Rural Addressing funds.
- Acceptance of Co-ops, CAPS and school bus route funding from the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department.
- Update on legislation.
- Approval of expenditures as recommended by the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee; to the White Oaks Miners Day Committee, \$1,000 for advertising of the White Oaks Miners' Day Celebration and \$560 to assist with the purchase of a large covered wagon; \$1,000 to advertise the Art Loop as requested by Susan Weir of the art loop; \$1,000 to develop a brochure rack, shelving and literature related to tourism at Capitan Public Library as requested by Kay Finkelshtien of the library board.
- Award of bids and rfp's for architectural/engineering services; adjustments to the bid for bunker gear for Palo Verde Glencoe Fire Department; purchase of a Dodge Grand Caravan or equal.
- Appointments: Emergency Program Manager; Enhanced 911 Committee; Extraterritorial Zoning Commission; Joint Municipal-County Zoning Authority.
- Request from Village of Ruidoso to use Landsat data.
- Executive session for threatened and/or pending litigation.



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Position #1, David A. Cox 200, Thomas Robert Trost 147.
 - Position #2, Gary R. Tregembo 250.
 - Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 07:
Position #3, Cynthia A. Morales 127, James L. Gridler 245, Patricia M. Vallejos 91.
 - Position #4, Angelo Vega 214, Eldon Offutt 252.
 - Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20:
Position #1, Dennis R. Nosker 120, Lucinda Lovelless 45.
 - Position #2, no one filed for this position.
 - Corona Municipal School District No. 13:
Position #4, Shirley Jeanene Gibbs 72.
 - Position #5, Alvin D. James 72.
 - Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 03:
Position #4, Candace Valcarcel 148, James D. Paxton 378.
 - Position #5, Vikkee A. Johnson 114, Jacquelyn M. Branum 108, Danny E. Sisson 320.
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Ruidoso Increases

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the property owner will be the choice of the property owner.

There were no comments in favor or against the ordinance during the public hearing.

Councilors also approved new zoning designations for commercial properties along Highway 70. Previously commercial properties along Highway 70 were zoned C-2 community commercial. Village staff requested a new zone be established called C-2e.

During discussion village planning administrator Joseph Patoskie said the new zone will allow different types of commercial uses, such as car lots, that are not as appropriate in other C-2 zones in other parts of the village.

The new zoning designation does not yet define any specific uses, Patoskie added. These will be identified through public hearings held by the village planning commission.

Donaldson said the commercial properties along Highway 70 have a different situation than those on Mechem and Sudderth Drives. Along Highway 70 commercial enterprises might need additional signage to compete with businesses in Ruidoso Downs a short distance away. Of all property owners affected by the zoning change about three opposed. Donaldson

said those opposed were notified by the village and when they learned what the intent of the zoning change is, most agreed with these.

Patoskie said there are plans to meet with property owners and have the proposed zoning designations completed by summer.

"This does not re-write the zoning codes for all commercial property," Donaldson said.

"It is part of the comprehensive plan," Patoskie added.

Councilors spent most of their time during the three hour meeting on January 31 listening to appeals to three different planning commission decisions.

Councilors overturned, on a 5-1 vote with Flack voting no, the planning commission decision to deny a condition use permit to allow Gerald Grieb to live in his RV on a temporary basis while he was constructing a home. Grieb's attorney David Stevens argued that Grieb's property is more than nine acres, none of the neighbors were opposed to him living in the RV while he builds the house, the restrictive covenants of the subdivision allow him this arrangement, and the village has no rules prohibiting him from using the RV as a temporary residence. Also Grieb had obtained a water meter and sewer connection which he had

hooked to the RV.

The planning commission had denied the conditional use permit based on a similar previous case. But Stevens' successfully argued that the previous case was in a more obvious area of the village on a very small lot where all the neighbors objected.

Councilors overturned the Planning Commission denial and allowed Grieb to live in the RV with a July deadline.

Councilors upheld a Planning Commission denial of a variance requested by James D. Roof who wanted to expand his existing home on Silver Mountain Terrace in Upper Canyon. The planned expansion would have come within three feet of the lot line. Village codes require structures to be at least 10 feet from the lot line. Adjoining neighbors, including Sarah Mayes who spoke during the appeal hearing, objected to the expansion. Mayes said she was concerned that the expansion would create a 35 foot high wall that would block the sun from her lot. Councilors upheld the denial also because Roof had enough room on the lot to expand the house without a variance, if he chose a different design.

Although Roof asked that the variance be just three feet, councilors asked that he go through the variance

process for the three feet.

Another appeal filed by Robert and Luz Iozia, Joe Mounger, Daryl Boardman and June McMahan was not heard by the council because the parties involved agreed to dismiss their appeal. The individuals and their attorney met with Patoskie to try to settle the situation outside of the council meeting. The individuals were protesting the Planning Commission approval of a site development plan of a property on Sudderth Drive where an old motel had been torn down. The individuals claimed the development was adversely affecting their properties.

Councilors also approved a beer and wine license to William McMurty for a business known as Book-n-Beans/Time Square Deli on Sudderth Drive.

Councilor Anderson invited everyone to the Ski Apache Disabled Ski Association Auction at 6 p.m. Saturday February 3, at Ruidoso Convention Center. This is the association's only fund raising event. The association provides certified ski instruction to disabled persons at Ski Apache.

After a closed session to discuss threatened or pending litigation and the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights, councilors came out into open session and unanimously voted to authorize the village to proceed with the sale of developed lots in the Grindstone Resort (subdivision) in an appropriate legal manner.

Carrizozo Police Officer Injured In Accidental Shooting

by Doris Cherry

Newly hired Carrizozo police officer Willie A. Reese III was injured on February 1, when his police weapon discharged unexpectedly.

According to information from Carrizozo Police Department, Reese was preparing to clean his weapon at the Carrizozo Police Department late on February 1 when the weapon discharged and shot Reese in the right hand. At 10:10 p.m. Reese called 911 for assistance. Carrizozo Police Chief Angelo Vega and officer William Green responded immediately.

Vega said he requested an outside agency to respond to conduct the investigation of the accident. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Investigation Unit deputies Jackie Raines and Bobby Angermiller responded to investigate the accident.

Reese was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. Vega notified Reese's family in person. Reese had surgery on the hand and was kept at the hospital overnight for observation, Vega said. Since the accident, Reese has been to a specialist in Albuquerque.

Vega said Reese has been placed on sick leave until the doctor releases him to go back on duty.

"There was no indication of foul play or suspicious

activity," Vega said. "Unfortunately any time one is dealing with weapons an accident is always possible. Our police officers receive intensive training in the use and care of their weapons and are qualified by a Firearms Instructor who has been certified by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety," Vega added.

"These things can happen, and have happened to the best of law enforcement," Vega said. "We do everything we can to properly prepare our officers to the possibility of such an occurrence and how to avoid it. We are all thankful that officer Reese was not more seriously injured."

Vega thanked Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan and his agency for assistance.

In other Carrizozo Police business, Vega said the district attorney has filed charges of embezzlement, a 4th degree felony charge, against Sandra Luna. Vega said Luna is in Odessa, Texas from which she will be extradited.

Vega said he continues to investigate leads on other people who were alleged to be involved with the embezzlement. The embezzlement occurred at a business in Carrizozo.



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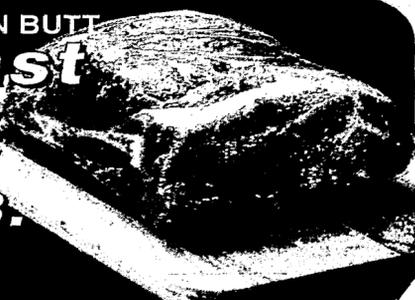


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