

Resolution To Sell Fort Stanton Is Tabled 8 - 2

by DORIS CHERRY

House Joint Resolution 13, the resolution to sell or lease Fort Stanton, reached a dead end in its first hearing in front of the New Mexico House Voters and Rules Committee at the State Capitol on Thursday, February 15. Committee members voted 8-2 to table the resolution, then asked General Services Department.

Property Control Division, to provide enough money to maintain the historic Fort.

Resolution sponsor Bill Fuller of Albuquerque, presented the bill to the committee. With Fuller was Les Swindle, director of Property Control Division of General Services Department. Secretary of General Service Department (GSD) Steven Beffort attended the committee hearing, but did

not comment about the bill.

Testimony from citizens, and Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart on behalf of the Lincoln County Commission that the sale bill was premature because the results of a study commissioned by GSD have yet to be completed apparently convinced committee members to table the resolution.

"It is the utmost importance to retain this historic

property," said committee member, Speaker of the House Rep. Ben Lujan of Namba. "Once we get rid of a historic property, we never get it back." Lujan suggested the state work with the community to find ways to help maintain the facility.

Committee chairman Rep. Edward Sandoval from Albuquerque asked if general services had requested ex-

tra money for Fort Stanton, then was turned down. Swindle said that had happened.

"I have a great deal of concern about this legislation," said committee member Rep. Judy Vanderstar Russell from Rio Rancho. "Once a historic building is destroyed, we can never get it back. I am greatly concerned the sale (of Fort

Stanton) would lead to the destruction of historic property."

Rep. Max Coll of Santa Fe, asked Fuller if Fort Stanton is in his district. Fuller said no, then was asked whose district Fort Stanton is in. Fuller said it is in Rep. Dub Williams' district. Coll further questioned Fuller

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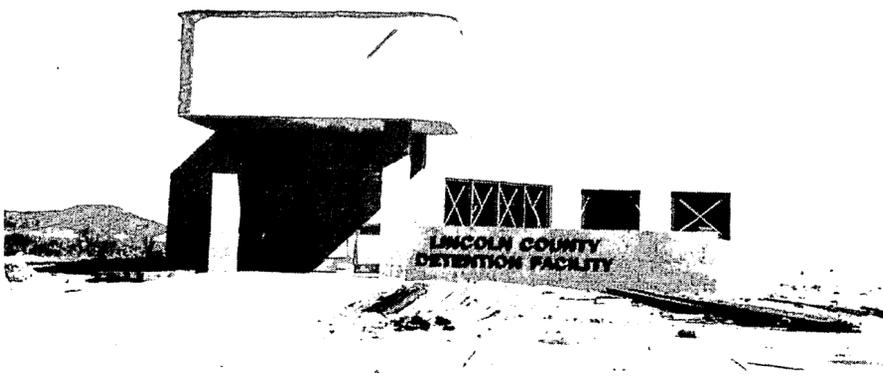
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County Begins Transition To New Detention Center

by DORIS CHERRY

With the signing of the final version of the contract agreement with Corrections Systems, Inc. Lincoln County Commissioners began the transition to the new detention facility which is scheduled to open for inmates on April 2.

During their meeting Thursday, February 15, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Lincoln County Commissioners on a 4-1 vote approved a contract with Corrections Systems, Inc. (CSI). The new contract begins March 1. County commissioner Leo Martinez voted no. While he offered no explanations, in the past he favored the county operating the jail and not hiring an outside contractor because of the higher cost for the private company.

According to the time line for the transition into the new jail developed by county manager Tom Stewart, CSI's new contract begins February 28. By March 21 the final cleaning of the new detention center is scheduled, with delivery of furnishings and installation of the telephone systems set for March 26 and 27.

An open house for county commissioners and the public is scheduled at 1-4 p.m. Thursday, March 29.

But the new contract with CSI will cost the county extra. Under the terms of the new contract it will cost the county \$167,308 for services beginning in February until June 30, the last day of the fiscal year. Stewart wrote that the current budget, without any adjustments, will be \$124,522 short. He proposed to offset the extra cost by cutting the previous costs associated with the corrections—publishing, supplies, mileage and per diem, training, nurse, uniforms, kitchen supplies, contractual incarceration and feeding and care of prisoners, for a total of \$102,987. CSI will assume all these costs under the new contract. With this Stewart estimated there will only be a deficit of \$21,535 in the corrections budget.

Stewart also recommended commissioners not pursue building a new DWI annex, since the inmate

population was down to less than 45. "Therefore, we recommend we plan on rolling the loan (for the new jail) balance back into the Finance Authority to pay off our required reserve this year," Stewart wrote. When the county had applied for the loan to build the new detention center they included enough money to possibly build a new DWI annex. Stewart's suggestion was for the county to not utilize that portion of the loan.

Stewart also recommended CSI be requested to go ahead with plans to lease beds to low risk prisoners to cover the county's \$21,535 corrections budget deficit. Stewart wrote he

would come to the commission in March with a budget adjustment resolution that will take the \$21,535 deficit from the surplus above the state required 3/12 reserve.

One of the major issues with the contract was about the existing county detention employees. Under the negotiated final contract, current employees will have the option to remain under county employment or convert to CSI employment.

A request from DWI coordinator Barbara Reyes to place an employee at the new detention center was considered. Reyes said the employee's salary and bene-

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NEW JAIL. The Lincoln County Detention Facility is nearing completion. The final wal through and check off by the contractor, and installation of furniture and telephones will be completed in March. The public will have an opportunity to see the new facility during an open house scheduled at 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 29. Inmates are scheduled to be moved into the new facility by April 2.

Bonito Pipeline Repairs Public Meeting Mar. 6

The U.S. Air Force is hosting public information meetings in Carrizozo and Alamogordo on a proposal to repair the Bonito Lake water pipeline. The pipeline passes through Nogal, Carrizozo, Tularosa, La Luz and provides water to the City of Alamogordo and Holloman Air Force Base.

The first meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 5 in the Alamogordo Civic Center.

The second meeting will be held the next day in Carrizozo, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6 at the Lincoln County Commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Congress recently provided funding necessary to repair the Bonito Pipeline that supplies water from Bonito Lake to the City of Alamogordo and Holloman

Air Force Base. The Air Force intends to repair portions of the existing pipe-

Ruidoso Police Investigate Allsup's Armed Robbery

Ruidoso Police are investigating an armed robbery of the Allsup's Convenience store located at 311 Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso that occurred early morning Monday, Feb. 19.

According to police reports, at 2:51 a.m. the store manager from the Allsup's on Highway 70 called police to report that a customer came in and advised that there was no clerk at the Allsup's at Sudderth and Mesalero Drives, and some items were knocked off the shelves onto the floor.

line that have a history of failure.

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At 2:55 a.m. Ruidoso police requested an ambulance for the store clerk who was duct taped to a chair. The clerk advised that two male suspects wearing ski masks had come in the store with firearms.

The clerk refused treatment from the ambulance crew and was later taken home by police officers.

Police continue to investigate the robbery and ask that anyone with any information about this incident contact Ruidoso Police.

C'zozo Police Investigate Death

Carrizozo police investigated an unattended death of William R. Rhetta, 48, on February 15.

According to a press release from Carrizozo Police Department, police chief Angelo Vega responded to a call of the death at 309, 10th Street. When police arrived Rhetta appeared lifeless. Vega called EMS and the Office of Medical Investigator (OMI) and both responded to the scene.

Vega also requested assistance from Sgt. Jackie Raines of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Det. Sgt. Jim Biggs of Ruidoso Police Department, Leandro Vega Jr. investigator from the

12th Judicial District Attorney's office and two state police officers.

"At this time the cause of death is undetermined pending an autopsy at the Office of the Medical Investigation Division in Albuquerque," Vega said. "We have no reason to suspect foul play."

Vega said anytime a death is reported where a person resides alone and there is no obvious medical problem being a factor, he treats the unattended death as a homicide until it is determined otherwise. "However, right now I am comfortable in reporting that there is no

reason to suspect foul play," Vega added.

District Attorney Scot Key was in contact with Vega throughout the investigation. Rhetta's immediate family in San Jose, CA were notified of his death.

"I would like to thank every agency assisting in this investigation," Vega said. "With team work between the Sheriff's Office and the police departments an investigation can be expedient and thorough. I also thank the office of the District Attorney for its assistance, along with EMS and OMI."

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Resolution To Sell

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about the water rights connected with Fort Stanton and whether the amount was sufficient for the facility. Swindle said there are sufficient water rights even if the facility is used to its fullest extent.

"Who's the buyer?" Coll then asked.

Swindle said, "No one is whispering in the state's ear to purchase Fort Stanton." But over the years discussions about the use of Fort Stanton have included a theme park, and rumors of a horse park and golf course, Swindle added. "Several years ago (1995) when Fort Stanton went on

the open market the facility was looked at by a group of Tibetan Monks from New Jersey," Swindle said.

Fort Stanton has had all sorts of expanded, changed and altered uses over the years, Swindle added. "But the point is we've never had enough money to keep it open," he added.

Coll made the motion to table House Joint Resolution (HJR 13) soon after he heard testimony from citizens and representatives of the Lincoln County Commission. "We heard the citizens want input," Coll said. He then said the resolution should be tabled.

Rep. J. Paul Taylor from Mesilla (near Las Cruces) said he was opposed to the legislation without having seen the results of the study. He said he is greatly concerned about historic preservation and was concerned what would happen to Fort Stanton if it is sold. "The state has a great interest in Fort Stanton as a historic property," he added.

Rep. Taylor said, "Ultimately Fort Stanton is the responsibility of the legislature." Taylor then spoke about history of Fort Stanton as a health facility. He said when the state Department of Health came to the legislature to close the former hospital he was greatly concerned because the state has not provided enough health facilities for its poorer residents. He also said the closure of the hospital at Fort Stanton resulted in unemployment and loss of population for Lincoln County.

"We must be very careful and wait for the results of the study," Taylor said. "With this resolution we legislators would have no input. It is the state's responsibility to look at the cultural elements of this facility and make the best use of it."

The comment that the resolution to sell is premature was a recurring theme from all testimony given on the resolution.

New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance representative Julianne Fletcher made the first comments about the resolution. She said the Alliance is the statewide nonprofit organization that listed Fort Stanton as endangered.

Fletcher said the Alliance lists a facility as endangered when the owner does not recognize or understand the site's existence as an important part of the history of the state and, in the case of Fort Stanton, the nation.

"Endangered also implies for us that the cultural resources inherent in the place are not cared for or protected," she continued. "And endangered means that the site is not valued, nor its potential uses and contributions to our citi-

zenry understood."

"The resolution before you does not read as the ratification and approval of a bona fide sale of Fort Stanton since both the state and the federal government through an EDA grant have provided funds to study the necessary preservation issues and to propose the best uses for the Fort," Fletcher added. "It may be that the legislature finds the 'best and highest use of the significant resource' to be other than state services, but as yet we do not know if that would be a sale to a private non governmental entity as presented in the resolution."

Fletcher said the Alliance questions whether the value of the property can be determined "using generally acceptable appraisal techniques" when the stability of the structures and the potential uses have not been determined much less what the protective preservation covenants might be.

In closing Fletcher said the disposition of Fort Stanton has been in abeyance for several years now and on behalf of The New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance she requested the committee vote no on the resolution and wait until the funded study is completed in order to know whether a sale is in the best interests of the citizens of New Mexico, and the site itself and if it is, what is it we are selling and what should its value be?

Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart said the Lincoln County Commission was in favor of tabling the resolution. He said his commission wants to know the outcome of the use study before the commission can support any measure to sell Fort Stanton. He also said Lincoln County has been working in a partnership with BLM for Fort Stanton.

Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park also attended the hearing but was not called upon to make comment.

Lincoln County resident Doris Cherry asked the resolution be tabled because it is premature without the results and recommendations of the use study now underway. She added that the public hearing portion of the use study had yet to be conducted, and to allow the sale resolution to proceed without these hearings was denying the public opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings about the historic facility.

Cherry said the resolution to sell also gave the impression to the citizens the state already has a buyer for Fort Stanton and its water rights. Also residents are concerned the water rights could be transferred upstream away from the Fort if it is sold.

Fort Stanton, Inc. president Dick Weber also spoke to the premature nature of the resolution. He gave background information on Fort Stanton, Inc. and how the group is in partnership with the County of Lincoln, Bureau of Land Management, Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. He said the facility (Fort Stanton) needs immediate emergency maintenance. He too asked the resolution, or any other legislation to allow the sale of Fort Stanton, be tabled until the results of the study have been made public and available to every state legislator to review.

Tony Elias, executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments (SNMEDD) also asked the committee to table the resolution to sell because the study has not been completed.

Sandoval questioned Swindle whether the public hearing input portion of the

Sen. Pete Campos Sponsors Senate Bill 190

Senate Bill Would Increase Money Available To Schools

SANTA FE — The Senate Finance Committee, during a weekend meeting, gave a favorable recommendation to a piece of legislation sponsored by Sen. Pete Campos that could increase the amount of money available to renovate and improve public school buildings.

The legislation, Senate Bill 190, if approved by the legislature and signed by the governor, could generate up to \$85 million for public school capital outlay projects.

"This money would go a long way toward helping our public schools meet their building and infrastructure needs," Campos said. "The legislature's solid commitment to fund public school education and provide the best physical facilities possible is evidence that we are determined to reach regional parity."

Campos' legislation, Senate Bill 190, would make a technical change to increase the bonding capacity of supplemental severance tax bonds, known as "sponge" bonds, that are primarily used for public school capital outlay. Campos said he is optimistic that the legislation will pass during the legislative session, which concludes March 17.

"It is imperative that all our schools are safe learning centers that provide healthy environments for students to become the best they can be in preparation for the world of work and adulthood," Campos said.

"I believe we are fortunate that the people of Senate District 8 have supported our schools so strongly. Although we still have significant needs, local residents encourage their local school boards and administrators to seek the funds necessary to make capital improvements," Campos said. "We have made great strides throughout the past decade by moving students out of portable classrooms, remodeling existing buildings and paying for new construction."

study had been conducted. Swindle said it had not but was scheduled to be done in March.

"I'm bothered the public hearing part isn't done yet," Sandoval responded.

Swindle, in response to another question from Sandoval, said the joint resolution to allow the sale of Fort Stanton was initiated by General Services Department.

"Once a historic property is sold, the state has no control on what happens to it," Sandoval said. "Since no one is whispering in your ear for a sale and since the public input portion of the study has not been done, we need to hold off to make sure we make the right decision," Sandoval said.

"Maybe the state's been remiss on not enough funding," Sandoval added.

Fuller said the resolution did put protective covenants on the property which falls under federal historic regulations. His only defense on selling the Fort Stanton property is the cost to maintain it. He said the legislature does not give enough money to maintain it properly. In his opening remarks on the resolution, Fuller said the reason for

the use study is the large expense to maintain Fort Stanton which now has two occupants—Camp Sierra Blanca camp contracted with Children Youth and Families, and Amity Foundation which operates a drug rehab program for the state Dept. of Corrections.

Fuller recited figures that it costs from \$250,000 to half a million dollars a year to maintain the facility.

Currently the GSD employs two full time employees who are paid through the contract with Amity. Water, heat and electricity have been shut off in all buildings not in use.

Fuller said the resolution was to allow the state to act on the results of the study when it was completed, rather than having to wait six or eight months until the next legislative session. Fuller said, "This resolution is being done with the best of intentions and will allow the state to act on the results of the study."

Rep. Danice Picraux from Albuquerque made the motion to table. It passed with only committee members George Buffett and Joe Thompson, both of Albuquerque, voting against tabling.

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LCSWA Budget

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yard in Ruidoso Downs from their collections in Carrizozo or Capitan.

During his manager's report, Simpson said he was working to streamline the route for the poly cart truck. He also reported that three ramps to load the walking floor trailer (into which the collection trucks dump trash that is hauled to the regional landfill) are now being used. Ramps are located in Carrizozo, Florida and at the LCSWA yard in Ruidoso Downs. Ultimately, Simpson wants the collection trucks to start with Capitan, pick up Carrizozo then go to the landfill south of Alamogordo. "But it's taking time for the drivers to adjust to the different routes," Simpson said.

Simpson said the idea is to do the routes so all loaded trucks will be going downhill.

In questioning costs, LCSWA chair and Capitan Trustee Debra Ingle asked why it was costing so much for cell phones, \$800 a month. LCSWA financial officer Beverly Foote said they have reduced the monthly cost to \$520 a month by signing a one year contract with a different cell phone company. Ingle asked why LCSWA did not have radios instead of cell phones to communicate.

Simpson said it would cost \$7,000 to get two way radios and a repeater. He agreed the radio system would be much better because the cell phones are limited range and often do not work in certain areas. Also, they were bound by the one year contract.

Simpson also said during their budget workshop LCSWA members cut out all funding set aside for future purchases of equipment and vehicles for this fiscal year.

After some discussion about the budget adjustment, Ingle said LCSWA will be short at the year end

if they don't cut further in the next four months. Simpson said one area to cut will be in the fee paid to use the Ruidoso transfer station. He said with the ramps, LCSWA is now transporting all trash collected to the landfill. But just recently a problem developed with the transport trailer when an unknown filter failed.

Another way to cut the expenditures was to cut out the clean ups around dumpsters until the bears come out in the spring, Simpson added.

And Simpson said he would cut his own salary to \$35,000 instead of the \$40,000 budgeted.

On the offer from an employee to be put on salary to allow him to work extra hours, Simpson said that requires too much monitoring.

One reason for a shortfall in the revenues is the more than \$12,500 in owed trash bills from Ruidoso Downs. Simpson said he has turned those back due bills over to the collection agency and has more to turn over now. He said the agency has collected more than \$1,000 so far and continues to pursue the overdue bills.

Ingle said she knows LCSWA has to tighten its belt to have just enough money to hire extra employees for the Memorial Day weekend. The mayor of Carrizozo said Simpson had to keep spending to a minimum now especially. In response to the mayor's suggestion that they continue to utilize the inmate work program at the county detention center, Simpson said there was only one inmate recently who qualified for the program. To qualify an inmate has to have no history of violence and must not be incarcerated on a violence related charge.

"Last week we had a total of only 34 inmates in the detention center," Simpson said.

In an attempt to encourage commercial customers to pay their trash bills on time, LCSWA members approved a resolution that establishes a \$25 late fee on commercial accounts.

Simpson also reported on his recent visit to the state legislature in Santa Fe on behalf of LCSWA. He said Rep. Dub Williams and he appeared before the Legislative Finance Capitol Outlay Committee on the requests for LCSWA. After about 30 minutes of questions, including negative ones from Rep. Donald Whitaker of Lea County, they reduced the nine requests for LCSWA down to the only three that will be considered, Simpson added. Those are \$1.5 million for a new transfer station, \$60,000 for two one-ton trucks and \$60,000 for shop

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Memorial Service Sat., February 24 For Bill Rhetta

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 24 at Carrizozo Rec Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for William (Bill) P. Rhetta.

Mr. Rhetta, 48, died February 13 in Carrizozo. He was the son of William Rhetta (Frances) and the late Dolores L. Monagan, brother of Diane Valencia, Aneasha Ali and Vida Reid, uncle to Muna and Amir Mahmoud and Zarinah Ali. He was also a dear friend to many in the area.

Friends and family are invited to bring a side-dish to the communal celebration of his life at the memorial at the Rec Center on February 24.

Please RSVP to 648-4220. Donations may be directed to NMAS.

THURSDAYS
 -Story Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Carrizozo School Library.
 -Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 4-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.
 -Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo 7 p.m.

FRIDAYS
 -Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 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 22
 -Head Start registration for Hondo 9-11:30 a.m.
 -TEFAP commodities will be distributed from 10:30-11 a.m. at Carrizozo Senior Center.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
 -Regular meeting of the Regional Housing Authority board of Directors, 10 a.m. Authority office 226 N. Main St. Suite 301 in Roswell. Agenda is available by calling 22-0881.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
 -Lincoln County Democratic Party, 9:30 a.m./ Deck House Restaurant on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. Order breakfast from the menu.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
 -Lincoln County Enhanced 911 Committee special meeting 9:30 a.m. in Lincoln County Commissioners meeting room in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. To continue naming or renaming county roads in E-911 Rural Addressing.

-Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet at 11:30 a.m. Clare Bay, 2710 Sudderth in Ruidoso.
 -Free parenting course in Capitan begins. Class at 6-8 m. in Capitan School Cafeteria.
 -Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
 -No class for Carrizozo students, to allow staff to attend service program.
 -Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee 10 a.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.

MONDAY, MARCH 5
 -Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building on Second Street.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6
 -Lincoln County Planning Commission 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village hall.

-Special informational meeting on the environmental assessment of a proposal to repair the Bonito water pipeline from Nogal to Alamogordo, 6:30 p.m. in the Lincoln County Commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

-American Legion Post #57, 6:30 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

-Lincoln Historic Preservation Board rescheduled meeting at 7 p.m. at the community church in Lincoln.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
 -Special budget hearing at Capitan School 6 p.m. board room.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Answers Anyone?

By Ruth Hammond

When you ask a question you assume there will be an answer. There might be no answers for the questions we have, but we will ask anyway. These questions concern several different situations in Lincoln County, including the outrageous \$800 a month being paid by the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) for cell phones as well as an additional charge for recycling, the status of the health clinics in the county and the medical professionals who work at the clinics, and why some people say they want what is best but continue to work against what is best.

As for the situation of people saying one thing and doing another, it is harmful instead of helping. They receive accolades for services not rendered and seem to expect pats on the back for their good thoughts. Much, much more could be accomplished if these splinter groups would work together with established groups than in causing even more splits. Using splinters to build a house is ridiculous; using team effort to build will result in a strong foundation as well as a respectable structure. Working together may not be as monetarily successful for individuals but working together will present a united effort to everyone important.

As for the \$800 LCSWA is paying for cell phones each month, we have many questions. Can LCSWA really justify the cost for 20 cell phones each month? Maybe LCSWA does not have 20 cell phones, but the cost for one cell phone can be as low as \$29 a month. At an average of \$39 a month, LCSWA would have to have 20 cell phones to be charged \$800 a month. Most cell phone companies offer a discount for more than one cell phone a month, which would mean that LCSWA could be paying for 30 or more cell phones each month. The only other possible solution is if LCSWA employees are making many, many, personal calls on the LCSWA cell phones. And what about LCSWA adding \$2,111 for recycling expenses? Several people are complaining that the recycling igloos that are behind the fire station in Carrizozo and other locations in the county should have been emptied weeks and months ago. Maybe everyone was busy talking on the cell phones and didn't have time to recycle the recyclable materials.

Sometimes situations arise that could jeopardize our health and these situations may need to be examined. If you worked to help influence electors to vote in favor of the hospital mill levy, you might want to investigate what is or is not happening. Presbyterian Health Services (PHS) leases Lincoln County Medical Center from the county and at this time operates the clinics in Carrizozo and Corona. When operation of the clinics is put out for bid as required by the state attorney general, will PHS submit a bid? Or will PHS rival Presbyterian Medical Services (PMS) bid? Will our excellent rural health service be jeopardized and will we be in danger of losing our rural medical professionals?

The mill levy was important, but not if we are deprived of our extremely qualified trained rural medical personnel. Expecting an answer does not necessarily mean that anyone will answer our questions, even if they should.

Consider Consequences

County Begins

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fits of about \$31,200 would be paid this year from a grant, but the county would have to assume the cost next year. Reyes said she would request \$42,000 in the Intensive Probation Grant for this detention center DWI employee, programming equipment and supplies, training materials, TV-VCR, books, etc.

County commissioners agreed to do a letter of support for the grant request. However there were questions of whether the DWI person would be a county employee or CSI employee. County commissioners also:

-Approved the one-year extension of the legal services contract with Alan Morel. Under the contract Morel will receive \$9,000 a month for regular legal work. Any work excepted from the flat fee will be charged at the rate of \$80 an hour for Morel's services and \$20 to \$80 an hour for work by a legal assistant.

-Unanimously approved transfer of liquor license from Johnson's Store, Inc. to Little Creek Storage, Inc. for use at TR's Food Mart (formerly Johnson's Store.)

-Accepted the dedication of 50 feet of a lot belonging to Tom and Nancy Guck to become a part of Nogal Canyon Road to adjust a lot line.

-Approved expenditures recommended by the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax of \$1,000 for advertising and \$500 to assist with the purchase of a covered wagon for Miners Day Celebration in White Oaks with the agreement the wagon be used for promotion purposes;

\$1,000 for advertising the Art Loop; \$1,000 for Capitan Library to develop a brochure rack, shelving and literature relating to tourism.

-Approved an expenditure of \$984.68 to purchase insurance coverage for Lincoln County Senior Olympics participants.

News Correction

The article about Capitan Village Trustees in the February 15 issue of *The Lincoln County News*, erroneously stated Capitan Municipal Judge Jack Johnson said (Ron) Hale was in his court on a dog license violation.

Judge Johnson did not refer to Mr. Hale during the public comment portion of the meeting agenda. Instead, Judge Johnson said a Mr. Lee had been in his court.

Ron Hale was listed on the agenda of the February 14 Capitan Trustees meeting to discuss his concerns about the roads in the village subdivision. Hale told *THE NEWS* his only comment during the meeting was to ask whether the village had requested the school try to get school bus route money to upgrade some of the roads. Hale told *THE NEWS* he allowed another subdivision resident to speak on the condition of the roads and their concerns on behalf of several residents at the meeting.

Hale told *THE NEWS* he has no problem with the animal ordinances and never appeared in court on a dog license violation.

THE NEWS regrets the error.

J.P. Doodles



INSIDE THE CAPITOL

by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE - How accessible are our lawmakers in Santa Fe? Not very, according to an investigative report by KOB-TV in Albuquerque.

A University of New Mexico student, who works for the station, tried to talk to 16 state legislative leaders about a bill that tightens the requirements for receiving lottery scholarships. After calling all of them and then visiting their offices at the Roundhouse two days later, she was able to meet with only three and talk with only one by phone. Two others called back when the student wasn't available.

The KOB investigative team termed it a pretty sorry showing. Sen. Cisco McSorely, one of the three renegade Democrats in the vote on the Senate president pro tem, opined that the system is designed to exclude the general public and it's working as intended. Sen. Carlos Cisneros, one of the legislators the student was able to talk with, said if the system worked properly, she would have been able to visit with all 16 lawmakers.

But individuals who want to talk with legislators bear some responsibility too. During most legislative sessions, this column prints at least one lesson on how to contact lawmakers. With all that is going on this year, that wasn't done. But lest the public become disheartened about lawmakers barricading themselves behind a moat up here, please hear the rest of the story.

* New Mexico has a good system for communicating legislators. In Arizona, for instance, only registered lobbyists can enter a hallway leading to legislative offices.

* But you have to know how to do it. Our very short legislative sessions mean lawmakers are very busy and don't have much time for office hours.

* Constituents have little trouble getting their legislators' attention. This student was contacting legislative leaders, not her own senator and representative and not members of the committees to which the bill was referred.

* It is much easier to catch lawmakers who aren't in leadership positions. They are much more likely to be in their offices and have time to talk.

* Have a flexible schedule. Most lawmakers will find time for you, but on their schedule, not yours. Committee meetings, floor sessions and caucuses take

up much of their time and make the scheduling of appointments almost impossible.

* Seek the secretary's help. They can usually give an estimate of where a lawmaker is and when he or she may return. If you have a list of lawmakers to contact, go try another one and return later.

* If you must see a lawmaker immediately, sometimes secretaries will help. Otherwise, write a note for the sergeant at arms of a committee or the House or Senate chamber to give to the lawmaker. Sometimes they can step outside to talk briefly.

* It is very difficult to hook up by telephone. The only telephone contact that is successful is to leave a message with the secretary, briefly making your point. You can leave a number, but lawmakers receive too many calls to return most. The Capitol number is 986-4300.

* Short letters are an effective way to make your

point to a lawmaker. Nearly all legislators like to receive personal points of view, if they are well-made. Most legislators will dictate a reply to their secretary. The Capitol's address is State Capitol, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

* E-mails work well too and get quick responses. Most legislators have state-issued lap-top computers. Many take them to floor sessions and check their mail. See the Legislature's Web site at www.state.nm.us for addresses.

The procedure the KOB-TV investigative team created for testing the legislator contact system was designed for failure. Whether intentional or not, it wasn't the most efficient use of a lobbyist's time and effort.

Citizen lobbyists will have much better luck if they start with their own lawmakers and then proceed to the members of the committees to which their bill is referred.

LCSWA Budget

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equipment.

Ingle said she was to meet with Williams on Thursday and with State Land Commissioner Ray Powell about LCSWA obtaining some state land north of Capitan for a transfer station.

LCSWA board members also heard Simpson report that the Village of Ruidoso Downs will be ready to assume the billing of Ruidoso Downs trash customers by March. Foote was to work with the village in establishing the accounts.

Simpson also read a letter from a woman in Alto who wants LCSWA to provide disposal of yard and tree waste. She wrote that Alto

will continue to be a fire hazard until LCSWA makes it easier to dump, Simpson said. Ingle suggested they consider the idea offered by attorney Don Dutton to have the Alto Homeowners Association charge a fee for such a service for their association members.

Simpson said he still wanted to rent a chipper sometime in the spring to deal with the yard waste.



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JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

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Places: (Feb 19- March 20) You'll be at a little slower pace. A good time to take stock in your future. Don't allow anything or anyone to divert you at this time! You HAVE to make this time count.

Arise: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) You're going to get a wake-up call so be prepared for Anything! Use your hidden instincts! Listen to your little voice when it's trying to warn you.

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) You're on a roll now! You're also on your own when it comes to your future decisions. You CAN do it by yourself, but it can be lonely at the top.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) Go deep inside for once and for all. Find out what makes you really happy. Share it with someone you love so they'll understand you better.

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) It's going to be okay, but you have to feed your thoughts the right stuff or you'll continually think negative. You'll reap what you think.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) Real estate could be a good investment, but be sure to buy the RIGHT real estate, not just a good deal or in the long-run it could cost you.

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) A good time to level out your life as you know it. A lot of unnecessary things will slowly dissolve out of your life. This is good.

Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) You need to reach out to people you haven't touched base with in a long time. Don't assume anything right now. It can change in a heartbeat.

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) If you allow others to make decisions for you, you can't be upset when they make the wrong decisions. Take back your life.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22- Dec 21) Rock? River? or Road? Which one will you travel on? Find out where you want to end up and think backwards to how to get there.

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Up and down. Your feelings are like a roller coaster on acid. Stop everything! Start your life over by eating right and taking care of yourself first.

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Your health is your main concern. Don't assume your mind, body, and soul will take care of you when you're not doing the right things.

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Debt Workshop February 28 in Albuquerque

A Consumer Debt Workshop will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 28 at the State Bar of New Mexico office at 5121 Masthead NE in Albuquerque.

Participants can receive a free consultation from a private attorney and representatives of Consumer Credit Counseling Services Southwest. The workshop also includes an open question and answer period.

The event is free and open to the public. Call 1-800-867-6227 for details.

Hospital Bill Hearing Moved to Tuesday

by DORIS CHERRY

House Bill 322, sponsored by state Rep. Dub Williams, exempt county or municipalities that own hospitals from the procurement code, has been rescheduled to be heard in committee on Tuesday, February 27. The bill will be heard in House Government and an Affairs Committee which begins at 8 a.m. in

Room 313 in the state capitol building in Santa Fe. HB 322 was first heard in the Government and Urban Affairs Committee on Tuesday, February 20 but was tabled by the committee chair Mimi Stewart. Rep. Williams told *THE NEWS* the big reason the committee did not act on the bill on February 20 was he allowed amendments to be put onto it only the day

before. "So this little bill of four pages grew to about 14 pages," Williams said. "Most of the amendments did not change the actual language of the bill but the committee chair said she needed time to have the newly added amendments analyzed." The basic language and intent of HB 322 is to exempt counties or municipalities that own hospitals and lease them to private operators from having to follow the state procurement code in obtaining the lease. Williams carried the legislation on behalf of the Lincoln County Commissioners who are seeking statutory clarification to the procurement rules concerning leasing of the county owned Lincoln County Medical Center.

"This bill tries to rectify the perceived problem with the way the county leases the hospital," Williams said. Williams said many in the health care business were in support of the bill and testified in its favor at the committee hearing on February 20. Lincoln County Commissioner Rex Wilson also testified on behalf of the bill during the committee hearing, Williams added. Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez, who had been against exempting the county from the procurement code in leasing the county hospital, also attended the hearing and spoke against the bill. Martinez told *THE NEWS* that he told the committee he was speaking on behalf of the taxpayers of Lincoln County who should not give up their rights to checks and balances which the procurement code provides. County resi-



CAPITAN 8TH GRADE Knowledge Bowl team members took a moment from their competition for a picture. Members are from left on front Katrina Johns, Eric Garber, Adam Williams and Justin Griffin, on back from left are Andrew Tucker, Javier Trost, David Griego and Samantha Yetley. The team came in third in the 8th grade category.



KNOWLEDGEABLE KIDS. Carrizozo 8th grade Knowledge Bowl team members are poised and ready to answer the questions during the Middle School Knowledge Bowl competition hosted by Carrizozo Middle School on Wednesday, February 21. The team won the 8th grade competition. Team members are front from left Brandon Morales, Stephanie Brewer, Opal Greer and Nathan New. On back from left are Jake Riddle and Jesse Samora.

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Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
- Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024**
Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
- Corona Presbyterian Church:**
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study & Youth
Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.
- First Baptist Church**
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
214 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM
648-2968 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
- Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186
Children's Church..... 10:30 am
Worship Service..... 10:30 am
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:30 pm
- Santa Rita Catholic Community**
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 6:00 pm
Carrizozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
Carrizozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.
- Church of Christ**
TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
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REV. DANON JOHN PENN, rector
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Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

- Tinnye Baptist Church**
BILL JONES, pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Church Services..... 11:00 am
- United Methodist Churches**
TOM WOODARD, pastor
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2548
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 8:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every
3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
CAPITAN
Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:15 am
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.
- Christ Community Fellowship**
ED VINSON, pastor (inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan
Preparation Prayer..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
- Capitan Church of Christ**
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 338-4627
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
- Trinity Southern Baptist Church**
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Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:00 p.m.
- First Baptist Church of Corona**
CAL WEST, pastor / 848-7975
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner..... First Sunday of Month

dent Reynaldo Valcarcel also spoke against the bill because he had concerns as a tax payer.

Martinez told *THE NEWS* about 15 representatives for various hospital groups spoke in favor of the bill, even with its 10 pages of amendments. He said the committee chair called for the bill to be tabled and rescheduled because of the lengthy amendments placed on it.

Pfeiffer Birthday Saturday in Corona

Robin Pfeiffer of Corona will celebrate her 90th birthday from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, February 24, at her home in Corona.

Due to a glitch, the invitation to her party in the February 15 issue of *THE NEWS* stated the party would be at Robin's house in "Capitan."

Mrs. Pfeiffer have a wonderful 90th birthday and *THE NEWS* apologizes for the error.

Pipeline Repairs — (Con't From Pg. 1)

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Air Force will prepare an environmental impact analysis addressing the potential effects of the proposed repairs. Survey teams will identify any natural and cultural resources of concern.

The Air Force will conduct public information meetings in March. The public will have opportunity to express concerns, identify issues and provide information to assist in Air Force planning. For information, contact the 49th Fighter Wing Office of Public Affairs at 505-572-5406.

At the time of the committee hearing, the amendments had not been published and were not available to the committee members. Williams said his intent with this bill is to leave the resolution of such issues with local government. "The closer the government is to the people, the better served the people will be," Williams added.

"The two who spoke against the bill were not the reason it was tabled," Williams said. In other legislation, Williams told *THE NEWS* he has testified on behalf of most of the capital outlay

requests from the entities within his district. Those requests have totaled nearly \$7 million just for District 58. He said at this point he does not know which of these will be funded.

Williams' last capital outlay request bill he will testify to, asking for \$90,000 for the Fort Stanton Cemetery will be heard in the House Finance Capital Outlay Subcommittee on Sunday, February 25, in Room 324. The hearing begins at 1 p.m.

Williams can be reached at his Capitol office by calling 888-4454.

Women's Health Report Available

The New Mexico Department of Health "Women's Health Profile 2001" is now online and in print.

The report shows the status of women in categories such as health care coverage, education, birth and fertility rates, breast and cervical cancer, domestic

violence and many others.

To view the report online visit www.health.state.nm.us and click on the link to "New Mexico Women's Health Profile 2001." For a copy of the report call NM Vital Records and Health Statistics at 505-827-2532.

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Friends and Neighbors are invited to the
Robin Pfeiffer
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LEGAL NOTICE

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

**CV 00-105
Division III**

**MARY IRENE DEAN, a widow,
Plaintiff,**

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.

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

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

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.

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JOHN DOES I THROUGH 100 and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for to 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

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

PB NO. 2001-06

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF DON. F. ROGERS, 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 Maddox & Holloman, P.C. P.O. Box 2508, Hobbs, New Mexico, 88241-2508 or filed with the Lincoln County District Court, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

DATED: February 15, 2001.

**WESTERN COMMERCE BANK, N.A.
By: RITA NEAL
Sr. Vice President and Trust Officer
Personal Representative of The Estate of
Don F. Rogers, Deceased
c/o MADDOX & HOLLOMAN, P.C.
P.O. Box 2508
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-2508**

**MADDOX & HOLLOMAN, P.C.
By: SCOTTY HOLLOMAN
P.O. Box 2508
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-2508**

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

No. 1 PB 01-007

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
RICHARD FARNSWORTH,
DECEASED.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Richard Farnsworth, Deceased. 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 be forever barred.

**LINDA FARNSWORTH
28184 Myrtle Way
Saugus, California 91350**

**TOM O'TERO
3249 Tareco Drive
Hollywood, Calif. 90068**

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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,**

**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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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln County Enhanced 911 Committee has rescheduled their special meeting from Tuesday, February 21, 2001 to Tuesday, February 27, 2001. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Purpose of the meeting is to continue with the naming of roads in the county with no name or those with duplicate names for E-911 Rural Addressing purposes.

Copies of the agenda for the meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager 24 hours prior to said meeting.

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

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, February 22, 2001.

LEGAL NOTICE

**Capitan Municipal Schools
Notice of Special Budget Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Capitan School District #28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, will on Thursday, March 8, 2001, 6:00 P.M., MDT, at the Capitan School Board Room, present and publicly review a budget increase for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

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

Done at Capitan, New Mexico, this 14th day of February, 2001.

**CAPTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tom Trost
Board President**

**ATTEST:
James Hobbs
Board Secretary**

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LEGAL NOTICE

**NEW MEXICO
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, the following proposed ground water discharge plan(s) have been submitted for approval to the New Mexico Environment Department. The information in this notice generally has been supplied by the applicant and may or may not have been confirmed by the NM Environment Department.

DP 1004, GATEWAY SHELL, Underground Storage Tank Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, proposes to renew the discharge permit for the discharge of 288,000 gallons per day of treated ground water from an underground storage tank remediation system. The facility is located in

Ruidoso in Section 25, T11S, R13E, Lincoln County. Up to 288,000 gallon per day of hydrocarbon contaminated ground water will be treated using an air stripper and discharged into 39 injection wells, and an infiltration gallery. Ground water below the site is at depth of approximately 15 to 65 feet and has a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 800 milligrams per liter.

Any interested person may obtain further information from the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section of the NM Environment Department, telephone (505) 827-2900, and may submit written comments to the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section, NM Environment Department, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502. Prior to ruling on any proposal discharge plan or its modification, the NM Environment Department will allow thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice to receive written comments and during which a public hearing may be requested by any interested person. Requests for public hearing shall set forth the reasons why the hearing should be held. A hearing will be held if the NM Environment Department determines that there is significant public interest.

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CORRECTED NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board has rescheduled their regular meeting from Tuesday, February 20, 2001, to March 6, 2001. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico. This was necessary due to meeting place renovations.

Copies of the agenda for the 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 prior to meeting to make the necessary arrangements.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Joint Lincoln County-Village of Ruidoso Downes Extraterritorial Zoning Commission for three members to serve on the Commission. Nominee(s) shall be a property owner and must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Joint Lincoln County-Village of Ruidoso Downes Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. The members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the body appointing them and shall be appointed for terms of one (1) year and shall administer the zoning ordinance adopted by the Joint Municipal-County Zoning Authority.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., March 12, 2001.

**MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager**

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE, is hereby given that on February 1, 2001, Kenneth and Irene Nosker, HC 66, Box 32, San Patricio, NM 88348, filed application No. 0682-B & H-608-B with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place and purpose of use of 7.04 acre-feet per annum of the Rio Ruidoso via the Analla Barragon Ditch which diverts at a point located in the SE1/4NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and supplemental wells H-203 and H-608-B, both located in the NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to cease the irrigation of 2.2 acres of land located in part of the S1/2S1/2SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and part of the N1/2N1/2NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and commence the use of said 7.04 acre-feet per annum of surface waters and supplemental shallow groundwater for the irrigation of 2.2 acres of land located in part of the SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and part of the NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

The purpose of this application is to transfer the water rights to the land on the north side of the river and irrigate said land. Barragon West Ditch will be the carrier of the water rights since the ditch and well are connected via pipeline.

The move-to and move-from locations are located approximately two miles east of Glencoe in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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

cc: Santa Fe

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**Republican Women
Of Lincoln County
Elect New Officers**

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County recently elected new officers.

New officers are Francine Murtaugh president, Libby Babcock first vice-president, and Susan Frederickson, second vice president. Other officers include recording secretary Jo Mayberry, corresponding secretary Mary Skeen, co-treasurers Lavonne Adams and Joelyn Jordan.

The Federated Republican Women is a group of like-minded women who are interested in advancing Republican values and participating in community affairs. They meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at various locations throughout Lincoln County. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 653-4815 or 354-2829.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. February 27 at Clare Bay, 2710 Sudderth in Ruidoso.

**Free Newsletter
From The NM
Bureau Of Mines**

The New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources is offering a free newsletter entitled "New Mexico Earth Matters".

Published semi-annually the newsletter is free to New Mexicans interested in the state's water, landscapes and earth resources.

The first volume recently published is dedicated to an overview of New Mexico water resources.

For more information write to the Bureau Publications Office, New Mexico Tech, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801, or call 505-835-5410 or visit the website at <http://geoinfo.nmt.edu>.

**ENMU Financial
Aid Application
Deadline March 1**

March 1 is the deadline to fill out the free application for Federal Student Aid, and to be considered in the first round of scholarships for the best financial aid package at Eastern New Mexico University.

Applications for admissions, transcripts and test scores also must be turned in by March 1.

For more information call the Admissions office at 1-800-FOR-ENMU.

**Free Postcards Feature
State Satellites and
Geographic Maps**

New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources has published two new postcards—one features a multi-colored geologic map and the other a satellite view of New Mexico.

The 4x6-inch postcards are free from the Bureau. For more information about the postcards, or any other publications write to the Bureau Publications Office, New Mexico Tech, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801, or call 505-835-5410 or visit the website at <http://geoinfo.nmt.edu>.



THINK BEFORE YOU STRIKE



CARRIZOZO CHARACTER COUNTS FOR JANUARY

STARTING WITH BACK ROW (Left to Right): Elizabeth Bingerman, Alyshia Culley, Bailey Shivers, Rivers Webb, Stacia Calvert, Erin Hightower, Gabriel New, Kendal Wilson, Casey Barela, Autumn Kratochvil, Sara Comstock, Jessica Ward. **SECOND ROW** (Left to Right): Catalena Vega, Don Meyers, Kylie Gaines, Joel Ferguson, Jordan Hill, Stephanie Zamora, Michelle Shivers, Tessa Hendricks, Ashley Ventura, Kenny Vega, Ryan Guevara, Arron Vallejos, Adrienne Ortiz. **THIRD ROW** (Left to Right): Tori Fernandez, Sierra Anaya, Jade Roper, Amanda Gallegos, Timara Burd, Ann-Leah Hill, Lauren Smith, Tavi Nash, Arturo Najar, Casey Vega, Marshall Wilson, Cody King. **FRONT ROW** (Left to Right): Corina Morales, Danielle Castro, Gaby Barela, Analicia Beltran, Joshua Vallejos, Chance Bice, Andrea Beltran, Justin Greer, Marshall Ventura, Justin Vega, Tanner Huston, Jaime McCarthy. **ABSENT:** Raquel Pino, Carmen Tate, Marriah Ventura.

Ruidoso Unhappy About Engineer

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Village Councilors were not happy about an engineering error that resulted in a 50 percent higher cost for a road that accesses the emergency beacon at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. During the village council meeting of February 13, Ruidoso Village Councilors on the advice of the village attorney voted unanimously to pay the \$111,554 bill for constructing the road. The original bid for the road was \$74,538. Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said he under-

stands mistakes, but was concerned that the engineer did not advise the village of the mistake before they received the final bill. Leedshill-Herkenhoff (L-H) engineer Pierce Runnels, who was at the meeting, said the mistake was his. He said he reviewed the designs and bid documents and found the error in the bid documents had listed the road to be only one mile long, instead of the actual 1.5 miles. Councilor Bob Sterchi said someone had to have known about the error. "We need to see the contractor gets paid," Sterchi added,

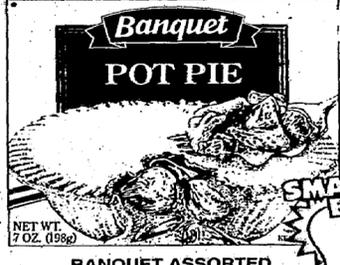
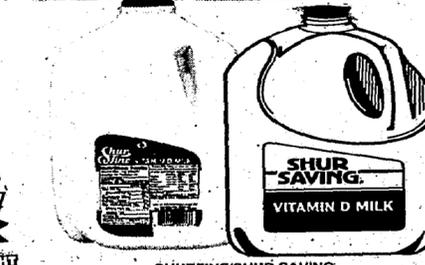
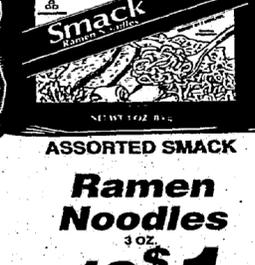
"Our experience with Leedshill-Herkenhoff has not been what we consider first class," Sterchi said. When Runnels said the disconnection was in the design process, Donaldson said the design estimates on the cost of the project were right on the mark. "But somewhere there was a problem when the bid came in so much lower than the estimate," Donaldson said. Runnels said the road project took only a week which gave no time to monitor the progress other than to do compaction testing on the roadway. While Donaldson was will-

ing to allow for human mistakes, councilor Bill Chance was ready to terminate all work with L-H. "I am going on record to say I have no confidence in your company's ability to perform," Chance said. He referred to three other projects designed by L-H that had problems. "If it was up to me, I would ask staff to remove you (Leedshill Herkenhoff) from the village preferred vendors list," Chance added. Donaldson said the village has awarded a new annual engineering contract to another company. However,

two projects being done now by "task order", the game fence for the airport and sealing of the cross wind runway (yet to be constructed) are already in the design process with L-H. "What confidence level do we have those won't be screwed up too?" Chance asked. Runnels said the game fence design is done. "This has been a hard experience to go through," Runnels said. "And the scars from it will not be forgotten." "We've gotten previous scars from previous incidents," Chance replied indicating the runway project. Donaldson said the village understands small change orders for unanticipated problems in projects. He said staff should have been notified of the problem. "Rather than us getting the bill and it's 50 percent higher," Donaldson said. "We want to know what is

going on," the mayor added. "It's the reason why we hire you." After some discussion about the game fence and the cross wind run way, Chance said, "I'd close the door on you right now if I could." Councilors voted unanimously to pay the bill. The funding for the projects is coming from a Federal Aviation Administration grant, which had enough funds left to cover the unexpected cost. Councilors also: -Authorized DWI Prevention Program Coordinator Barbara Reyes to apply for a \$114,164 grant from the DWI Grant and Distribution Program from the state. Donaldson told Reyes the village appreciates her program, "and you for doing such a good job." -Recessed to closed session to discuss purchase, acquisition, disposal of real property and/or water rights. After the session, the council came back into open session and voted unanimously to add \$5,000 for water rights attorneys working through village attorney John Underwood's contract. -Heard the mayor say this was one of the shortest meetings on record. The open meeting portion of the meeting was less than 20 minutes long. **ENMU-Ruidoso Hosts Open House For Digital Graphics Program** ENMU-Ruidoso is hosting an open house for its CISCO Network Administration and the Digital Graphic Arts program at 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Ruidoso High School. Programs will be demonstrated and refreshment served. For more information, contact Chad Smith at 257-2120, Karen Reeder 258-4910 or Dr. Jim Miller at 257-2120.

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