

County Pays More for Indigent Hospital Care

by Doris Cherry

Reluctantly, Lincoln County Commissioners agreed to go along with putting more money into a matching account to pay for hospital fees incurred by indigent patients.

During their regular meeting Thursday, September 19 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county com-

missioners accepted a request from Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) to allow LCMC and Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS) to pay a \$83,502 supplemental sole community provider payment "for the county." The county had received a letter advising that the LCMC portion of the sole community provider payment was due. The Sole

Community Provider program, which is federally funded, and administered by the state, returns 3.7 dollars for each dollar contributed locally.

"However, paying the supplemental adds to the county's contribution the following year," said county manager Tom Stewart who recommended against increasing the county match, re-

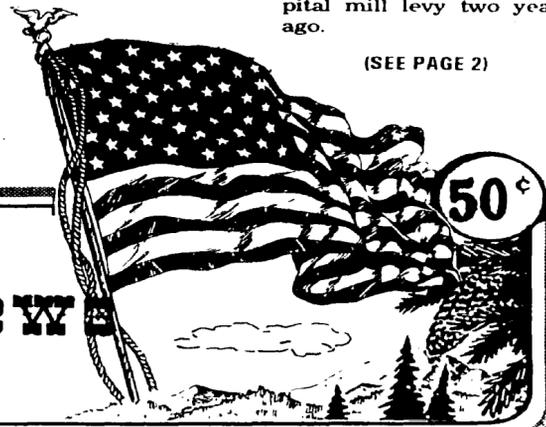
gardless if PHS pays it. "As with last year's payment," Stewart continued. "This payment of supplemental sole community provider will increase the county's payment next year to about \$372,678."

Mostly, Stewart's concerns were the Sole Community Provider in combination with the Medicaid match from the county will absorb 60 per-

cent of the mill levy annual receipts. "This leaves less dollars for construction," Stewart added. Currently the county allows PHS/LCMC to take the

Sole Community Provider and the Medicaid matches from the hospital mill levy proceeds, which is just over \$1 million a year. Voters approved the hospital mill levy two years ago.

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Town Council Gives Okay for City Hall Improvements

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo town council gave the go ahead to seek bids to begin remodeling and renovating city hall that was damaged by lightning over the July 4 holiday.

At a special meeting Monday, September 23, in the town offices in the Carrizozo Rec Center, trustees Eileen Lovelace, Wes Lindsay and Lee-Roy Zamora approved a motion to proceed with remodeling. Town clerk Leann Weibrecht said she would contact the state procurement officer at Tax and Revenue Dept. to find out the correct way to go to bid for the work.

The town received \$11,000 insurance settlement for the electrical damage. The town also has \$35,000 from a state appropriation to do repairs to city hall. Weibrecht presented a simple plan for the city hall interior that would remove an interior wall from the old clerk's office, move the clerk's office to the former

police department offices. Work would also include painting, replacement of ceiling tiles, upgrade of electrical system, upgrade of heating and cooling system, replacement of old carpet with tile, new counters and a new council table. Weibrecht said plans are for next year to replace outside sidewalks and remove the trees that are growing up under the sidewalks.

Lovelace asked that the exterior drainage be taken care of also.

Weibrecht said she did not want the town staff to be in the Rec Center this winter, because the room is cold and hard to heat.

THE NEWS recommended the town upgrade the town hall ceiling insulation to the highest available rating, because it will pay for itself in heating bills in a short while.

"This is the only way we can go," Lindsay said. "I see no way how we can do a new building now."

Weibrecht also said she plans to take herself and

assistant clerk Margaret LaBelle down to city hall and begin cleaning out closets and sorting out old documents that can be legally destroyed. Once the sorting is done she plans to submit to the trustees a "destruction resolution" to allow the old documents to be destroyed. So we can only keep the stuff that we need to keep. Weibrecht said "We need to clean it up."

The mayor said he saw no other alternatives to remodeling because of the limited funds.

Lovelace said she wanted to see the town keep as much business in town as possible by hiring local contractors and workers for the remodeling.

Trustees also approved a resolution to accept the Loan/Grant from the Rural Utilities Services, a division of the US Dept. of Agriculture. The grant is for \$1,229,400 and the loan is for \$409,850, for improvements to the town wastewater treatment facility. The resolution spells out 17 different provisions.

Trustees also unanimously accepted the RUS grant agreement, a multi-page "boiler plate" document that begins the process for the grant/loan. Copies of the grant/loan resolution and agreement are available for viewing at the town hall offices in the Rec Center.

In other action taken at the special meeting September 23, trustees:

-Accepted the P&Z recommendation to allow conditional use for Delia Beltran to move a new 14 x 80 mobile home in Highland Addition with all set backs met.

-Approved P&Z recommendation to allow conditional use for Merten's Investments (for Pat Baker) to replace an older existing mobile with a new 18 X 76 mobile home on I. Ave. with all set backs met.

-Accepted P&Z recommendation to allow conditional use for Angelo Vega to place a new 32 X 76 mobile home at the corner of 11th and A. Ave.



A MESSAGE FOR RUNNERS. Participants in the September 14 Run for the B.E.A.C.H. race to raise awareness of breast cancer and to raise funds for mammograms, are treated to massages, food and door prizes and prizes to race winners after the race concluded on September 14 in Ruidoso. Some 350 runners participated in the annual event.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

from

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Ruidoso, NM 88355

September 20, 2002

Re: Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority

EDITOR: There have been recent reports in your newspaper that persons connected with the Town of Carrizozo have questioned the expenditure of monies by Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority. However, when asked for specific allegations, no reply is given. The truth of the matter is LCSWA's budget is made after numerous workshops including representatives from each member entity. In fact, the current budget came about after at least three workshops and one regular meeting, which was attended by a Carrizozo representative. In none of the workshop sessions nor the meeting approving the budget, did this representative raise an issue as to any of the budget items.

Rumor has it, that LCSWA's overtime expenditures have been in excess of \$100,000.00. The truth of the matter is that LCSWA has budgeted for the year 2002-2003 to be less than \$40,000.00. The exact sum is \$39,935.87. That sum may be divided between thirteen (13) employees. \$14,892.89 of that sum is for holiday pay which would be paid to any employee who works on a designated holiday. The balance of \$28,227.17 is for regular employee overtime in the collection department.

At least two additional employees would have to be added to the collection department in order to prevent any collection employee from drawing overtime. The regular wages for such employees would be \$72,479.00, which includes the company's required matched funds. Obviously, it is more economical to pay the overtime. In addition, the overtime must be approved before it is paid.

Lastly, as all Governmental Entities, the budget must be approved by D.F.A. in Santa Fe and LCSWA must submit to an independent audit annually. Carrizozo has always had a representative on the Board who receives a copy of the annual audit. Again, that representative did not raise any questions concerning the last annual audit. To paraphrase Commissioner Bill Schwettmann, at a recent County Commissioner's meeting, it sounds like a bunch of personality conflicts, LCSWA should be left alone and allowed to do its job for the benefit of all of the citizens of Lincoln County.

DON E. DUTTON
Attorney for LCSWA



RUNNING FOR BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS. Ruidoso Village interim manager Lorri McKnight comes across the finish line, pushing her four year old daughter, at the three mile Run for the B.E.A.C.H. race that raised funds for mammograms.

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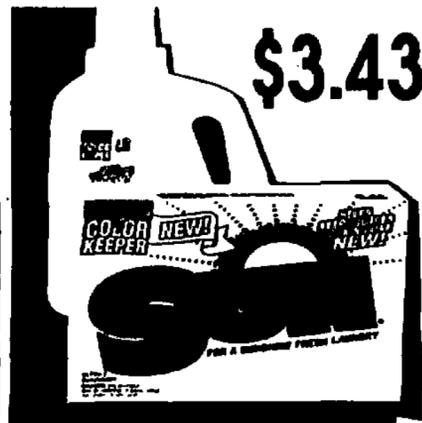
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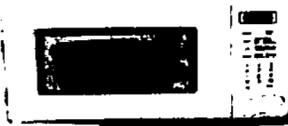
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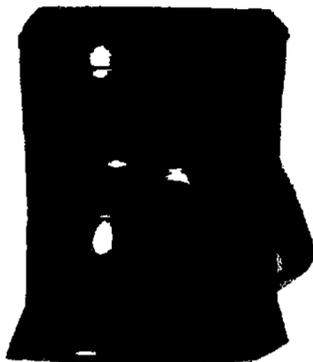
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But as Stewart showed in his information to commissioners, the sole community payment has continued to rise dramatically in the last three fiscal years. In 2000-2001 the original sole community provider payment was \$98,777 and the county paid a supplemental payment of \$164,905. That year \$289,787 in sole community provider payments were validated.

In fiscal year 2001-2002 new sole community provider payment was \$273,856. LCMC/PHS paid a supplemental of \$30,097 and that year \$457,012 in sole community provider payments were validated.

In the new fiscal year which began July 1, the county has budgeted \$297,049 for the sole community provider payments. However, the actual payment came in at \$309,176. That is why LCMC/PHS proposed to pay the supplemental of \$63,502. Stewart guessed that validated payments could be more than \$1 million this year.

Gary Mitchell, chairman of the LCMC board, spoke about the county continuing the payments to cover the needs of the hard working uninsured. He said the payments do not apply to government workers, or those on Medicare or Medicaid. And the hospital, even with the sole community provider payments, still "gives away" about 46 percent of the unpaid medical costs of indigent patients.

Mitchell said the LCMC board, which negotiated with PHS for control over the LCMC reserves, would like the county commission to appoint one of their own to meet with the LCMC board to devise a plan and negotiate with PHS to have enough money for capital improvements at the facility.

"Don't throw this (program) away," Mitchell said.

County commissioner Ray Nunley said he asked for the discussion about the payment because it needed to be in the open. Nunley said he had one complaint that needed to be addressed. "Your collection methods are a little severe sometimes," Nunley said then told of a person who told him of how he had been turned over to a collection agency even though he was making payments. "I'm not sure this is fair," Nunley said. "Presbyterian needs to take a softer stance for ones who are paying."

Mitchell said the LCMC board had battled PHS over this issue, but the board had decided to not just write off uncollectibles, like is done nationally. "We are doing better," Mitchell acknowledged. "It's a tough business but we've got to take care of people."

Ruidoso resident Tony Seno criticized the payment and said it "reeks of socialized medicine" by coercing money out of land owners.

Jerry Carroll from Oscuro said he ordinarily was anti-government. "But in this I and Tony Seno disagree," Carroll added. "I approve of subsidized, not socialized, medical care especially for the indigent. If you can't help those less fortunate

then you are nothing less than jackals."

LCMC administrator Jim Gibson said the sole community provider payments are a balanced partnership. Gibson suggested the county commission and the LCMC board meet in January to discuss the 2003 sole community provider payments and how to fund it.

Nunley said "structuring" the payments would be a better term than "fund." Nunley also asked to have county attorney Alan Morel included in any discussions.

Stewart however continued to recommend against the higher supplemental payment, even if PHS agreed to pay it, because it will lead to a higher county portion in the following fiscal year.

But after Mitchell's plea and Carroll calling the commission jackals if they didn't agree to the payment, Nunley made the motion to approve the supplemental payment and to have the meeting to "structure" it.

County commissioner Rick Simpson seconded it. Just prior to the vote, county commissioner Bill Schwettmann said, "I will vote for it yes, but Lord forgive me as I know not what I do."

County commissioner Leo Martinez, who traditionally questions the hospital requests, was absent from the meeting. County commission chairman Rex Wilson and the other three unanimously approved the request.

Public Comment on 2003 Hunts Welcomed

by Doris Cherry

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish invites the public to comment on the proposed 2003 hunts.

During the Lincoln County Commission meeting on September 19 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Roy Hayes, the southeast area supervisor of the Dept. of Game and Fish (DG&F), presented proposed big game regulations recommendations for 2003-2004 hunting season and options for off-the-range oryx hunting for license years 2003-2005.

Written comments about the recommendations and options may be mailed to NM Dept. of Game and Fish, SE area; 1912 W. Second St., Roswell NM 88201. Comments must be made within 30 days.

Hayes said the number of days for rifle deer hunt will be reduced. "We have a declining deer herd, mostly due to the drought, that's why we have fewer days to reduce the take," Hayes added.

Proposed dates for over the counter deer hunts for any legal weapon (rifle) for fork-antlered deer (in 2003) are Nov. 5-7 and Nov. 14-16 for Game Units 29, 30, 34 with unlimited licenses available; Nov. 11-13 for Game Units 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38 with unlimited licenses available; Nov. 20-23 for Game Units 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38 with unlimited licenses available.

Hayes said a big change is the proposed dates for bow hunts for forked antlered deer. Proposed new dates for the bow hunts are September 1-20, 2003 and January 15-21, 2004 for Game Units 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38. Hayes

said the date change is to avoid the time when deer are in rut.

Another change is the proposed dates for muzzle-loader for forked antler deer. Proposed dates are Oct. 4-8 for game units 34 and 36 and Oct. 25-29 for Game Units 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37, 38 with unlimited licenses available. Hayes

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Borowski Nominated to Compete in NASSP Scholarship Program

Alena Borowski, a student at Carrizozo High School, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award (PLA) scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Steve Barron, principal, announced the nomination which places Borowski in the national competition. A total of 150 national PLA winners will be chosen to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

High school principals from across the United States could nominate one of their student leaders. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience and academic record. They also were required to write an essay.

Borowski plans to attend Texas Tech University to study food science technology.

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 --Kairos Outside and Emmanuals Community meeting, 6:30 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Parsonage on E. Avc. Carrizozo.

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
 --Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group, every other Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Hob's in Ruidoso;
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 6-7 p.m. Carrizozo Zia Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAYS
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 6-7 p.m. Carrizozo Zia Senior Center.

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
 --Capitan varsity football v. Artesia JV 6 p.m. Tiger Field.
 --Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meet the teachers 5-7 p.m. Wells Fargo Bank, Carrizozo. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
 --Carrizozo High School varsity six man football, kick off at 7:30 p.m. Homecoming has been rescheduled for October 18.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
 --Carrizozo Town Cleanup, Registration 7:30 a.m. Carrizozo Rec. Center.
 --Special Ruidoso Village Council meeting 9 a.m. village hall for closed session to discuss threatened or pending litigation, discussion of purchase, acquisition and/or disposal of real property and/or water rights by the village of Ruidoso; open meeting discussion about the regional wastewater treatment plant and wastewater, possible reconvert into closed session for threatened and/or pending litigation.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
 --Special meeting of the Lincoln County Commission, 1 p.m. Ruidoso Village Administration Center; to accept Certificate of Tax Rates for 2002 Tax Year, and consideration of a physician's application for participation in the Indigent Healthcare program.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
 --Lincoln County Health & Wellness Planning Council regular meeting 8 a.m. Lincoln County Medical Center board room.
 --American Legion Post 57 dinner for Girls/Boys State participants 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
 --Ruidoso's Aspenfest, parade at 10 a.m.

OCTOBER 11-13
 --Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium.



said the game commission received recommendations from guides and outfitters about combining the deer and elk muzzle-loader hunts.

A special youth only bow hunt for deer, with bag limit of one deer of either sex will be Jan. 17-25, 2004 in Game Units 31 and 33. Ten licenses will be available for youth who provide a hunter education certification number on the hunt application.

Proposed spring hunt dates for turkey with visible beard are April 15 to May 10, 2003 for Game Units 29, 34, 36, 37 with unlimited licenses available. Proposed fall hunt dates for any one turkey are September 15-23 in Game Units 29, 34, 36 and 37 with unlimited licenses available.

Proposed dates for bear hunts are August 16-31 and September 25 to November 15 in Game Units 34, 36, 37, 38 with unlimited licenses available. Dogs cannot be used to

pursue bears during Aug. 16-31. Hayes said this was a compromise between bear groups, dogmen and sportsmen. Hayes also said the reason for the early August hunt is due to the bear problems in the Ruidoso area. Bag limit is any one bear, except any female accompanied by a cub or cubs, or any cub less than a year old.

Proposed dates for rifle elk hunts on public lands in Game Unit 34 are Oct. 11-15 for youth only with 50 licenses for mature bull; Oct. 18-22 for mature bull with 150 licenses available; Oct. 25-29 with 300 licenses available; Dec. 6-10 with 300 licenses available; Dec. 13-17 with 250 licenses available. Hayes said the intent of the elk hunts is to reduce the size of the herds on Game Unit 34 to 1,000 head. Currently there are an estimated 3,500 head in the unit.

Proposed dates for rifle elk hunts on public lands in Game Unit 38, are Oct. 11-15 with 100 licenses for mature bulls and 50 for antlerless; Oct. 18-22 with 100 licenses for mature bulls and 50 for antlerless.

Proposed dates for bow hunts for elk on public lands are Sept. 1-15 in Game Unit 34 with 300 licenses available for either sex; September 16-24 for Game Unit 34 with 220 licenses available for either sex and Sept. 1-20 for Game Unit 38 with 175 licenses available for either sex.

Proposed dates for muzzle-loader elk hunts on public lands are Oct. 4-8 in Game Unit 34 with 300 licenses available for mature bulls and Oct. 4-8 in Game Unit 38 with 125 licenses available for mature bulls.

Proposed dates for an elk hunt on public lands for handicapped hunters is Sept. 27-Oct. 1 on Game Unit 34 with 80 licenses available.

Proposed number of private land licenses for qualifying ranchers are: 30 mature bull antlerless, 81 mature bulls, 196 antlerless and 120 either sex bow for Game Unit 34; 100 mature bulls, 120 antlerless and 53 either sex bow in Game Unit 38.

Proposed rifle antelope hunt dates are Sept. 20-21 for mature bulls with 300 licenses available in AMUs 23-27, 31-34, 36-40, 43; Sept. 27-28 youth only with 75 license available for females and immature bulls in selected ranches in the southeast area.

Antelope bow hunts are proposed for Aug. 23-27 in Units 23-27-31-34, 36-40, 43 with 200 licenses available for mature bulls.

Antelope hunt dates for handicapped hunters are Aug. 2-4 in Units 23-27, 31-34, 36-38, 39 and 43 for mature bulls with 45 licenses available.

Hunts for Barbary sheep are proposed for Nov. 3-23 in Units 32, 36 and 37 with unlimited number of licenses for either sex and Feb. 1-28, 2004 statewide for unlimited number licenses for either sex.

Hunts for javelina are proposed for Jan. 15 to March 31, 2004 in Game Units 12, 13, 15-17, 20-22, 30 and 31 with 600 licenses available for either sex.

Hunts for cougar are proposed for Oct. 1, 2003

through March 31, 2004 for one cougar except female accompanied by a spotted kittens or spotted kitten. Hunters shall purchase a cougar license at least two days prior to hunting.

Hayes also discussed and presented the proposed options for the "off the range" oryx hunts. He said the goal of the hunt is to eliminate oryx off the missile range.

Option 1 allows up to 500 either sex permits statewide except White Sands Missile Range, Holloman Air Force Base, Jornada

Experimental Station and Ft. Bliss area in Units 19 and 28 with hunts from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004. Each affected ranch will receive two private oryx authorizations valid within the private and lease public lands of a ranch. The landowners who receive the two private authorizations must allow access to their leased public lands.

Option 2, which county commission chairman Rex Wilson found most

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OBITUARY

LUCIO JUAREGUI VIDAURRI

Funeral services were held at Saint Bruno Catholic Church in Whittier, CA on September 14, for Lucio Jauregui Vidaurri, who died September 10, at Whittier, Ca. Interment followed the services at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Lucio was born on December 13, 1920 in Carrizozo, the son of Sabino and Apolonia Vidaurri, who both preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Lydia; two daughters, Elizabeth and Cindy; two sons, Edward and Sean; one brother, Sabino Vidaurri, Jr. of Hampton, VA; and four sisters, Cecilia Ortiz, Mary Chavez, Theresa Baca, all of Carrizozo, and Carmen Aguilar of El Paso.



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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

What is the secret?

By Ruth Hammond

Sometimes people try to keep information hidden that is supposed to be public and it gives the impression that someone is getting a payoff of some kind. The payoff may be other than monetary, but regardless of what the payoff is, it gives the appearance of wrong doing. And the public the officials are supposed to be representing are the ones injured by these acts, whether they are for money or for any other type consideration. And that is a shame. It is a shame that an elected official would allow his name or her name to be tarnished by accusations when it would be much easier to be open and honest about what actions were taken and why. And it is a shame that more people do not demand that elected officials conduct governmental business during open meetings instead of out by the barn.

Evidently some people are content to not know the real reason for many actions taken by governmental bodies. The answer of "I know but won't tell you" may work when parents give orders to children, but it doesn't seem to be the correct answer by elected officials to voters. Seems to us that voters deserve to receive answers instead of the "we can't say at this time" response. Carrizozo residents are asking us why the town attorney won't answer when he is asked what the problem is with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) and we honestly don't know. We have no idea what is being alluded to and we have no idea what the secret is and why the people who will be affected the most are being kept in the dark. Being kept in the dark and being fed horse manure may work with mushrooms but humans deserve better treatment than mushrooms do.

Consider if you will that there is another reason as to why the town of Carrizozo is going to ask for proposals for trash pick up. Could it be that a new company is going to be started that might need a municipal account to use as collateral for a loan for equipment or something like that? And could it be that someone you might know is assisting with this new venture? And could it be that no one should say anything against this new venture because it might, just maybe, be able to provide trash service at a lower cost and that the lower cost trash service would offset proposed increases in water and sewer service? And could it be that a two dollar decrease in monthly trash service would be touted louder than the water and sewer increases will be?

Really, everyone should appreciate any savings in their monthly utility bills, and it would be nice if it were possible but there are other factors to consider. If town officials are willing to discontinue part ownership of a trash authority, what reason would there be for the town to not discontinue ownership of the town's local water treatment facility?

Except for allegations of something as yet unnamed, there have been no facts given as to what problem the town has with LCSWA. Wouldn't it be better to bring these differences out in the open and explain to the public just why certain officials are unhappy with LCSWA than to keep it all a secret for only a select few people to know about?

The best way for everyone to win in this situation is for officials to stop doing governmental business in secret.

Mysteries belong in books

Capitan to Provide Water to Former Bonito Water Users

by Ruth Hammond

The Capitan water issue for five customers living outside the village limits has been settled, with the mayor breaking a tie vote between village trustees.

Each of the five water users will pay \$500 toward the cost of the \$6,000 pump to pump treated water to the customers. These five customers, living outside the village limits, will then be charged at the prevailing rate of one and one-half times regular village water rates.

The pump was ordered September 18 and will be delivered in about three weeks. The untreated Bonito water is scheduled to be turned off by the City of Alamogordo on September 30. Steve Sederwall, mayor of Capitan, is to contact Alamogordo and ask for an extension until the pump is delivered and installed. It is estimated to take two days for village crews to install

the pump.

The water issue was settled Tuesday, September 17 during an emergency meeting after village trustees Bobbi Shearer, John Whitaker, George Tippin, and Leroy Montes, mayor Sederwall, village clerk Kathryn Griffin, village attorney Don Dutton, attorney John Underwood representing water customer Mr. Brewer, and attorney Gary Mitchell representing the four other water customers came out of a more than three hour closed session to discuss pending litigation.

The tie vote came with trustees Tippin and Shearer voting in favor of providing water to the five customers and trustees Whitaker and Montes casting nay votes. Sederwall broke the tie.

Glencoe Fire Dept. Gets Fed Grant

Glencoe Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a \$38,198 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the US Fire Administration.

According to a press release from Congressman Joe Skeen, the grant is part of a round of such awards given to more than 15,000 fire departments across the nation.

In the Service

Air Force 2nd Lt. Dave S. Antonio, son of Carla G. and Melvin Q. Antonio of Ruidoso, was recently designated a Naval Aviator while serving with Training Squadron 86, Naval Air Station, Pensacola FL. He was presented with the coveted *Wings of Gold* marking the culmination of months of flight training.

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INSIDE THE CAPITOL

by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE -- We beat Florida! No, not in football. New Mexico may not be able to beat any state in football, least of all Florida. But we darn sure can beat them in running elections.

While New Mexico experienced some minor glitches here and there during our June primary, they were nothing compared to Florida's disasters in its September 10 primary.

Because tourism is such a huge industry in Florida, it is acutely sensitive to being seen as a well-run state. Needless to say, the 2000 presidential election didn't help. A few months after that fiasco, the Florida Legislature appropriated \$32 million and passed several new laws to reform its election system.

And what were the results? Many of the new machines didn't work, or no one knew how to work them. Ballots were chewed up by optical scanners. Other ballots were modified by hand. Touch screen machines, the newest thing in voting technology, which New Mexico handles with ease, completely dumbfounded many Florida poll workers, many of whom never showed up for work, possibly intimidated by the newfangled equipment.

In one county, 2,600 ballots had to be counted by hand because a programming error registered all Democrat votes as Republican. In another county, a precinct worker took his ballots home for the night because he couldn't reach election officials. And still another county is looking for missing votes because of a turnout* that appears to be less than 10 percent.

The only bright spot was that paper chads were eliminated altogether, thus sparing Florida and all of us, another two years of hanging chad and pregnant chad jokes. But that didn't improve the mood of Florida voters, many of whom were turned away because of polling stations that opened late or machines that shut down.

Gov. Jeb Bush called the election conduct "shameful" and ordered polls statewide to stay open another two hours to handle unhappy voters. But some refused and closed at 7:00 p.m. anyway. At one precinct, residents said poll workers refused to reopen the doors and shouted profanities at would-be voters.

"I frankly wonder what in the hell they have been doing for two years," said acting Secretary of State Jim Smith, who was appointed when Katherine Harris resigned last summer to run for Congress. She won the GOP primary and should win the general election in her heavily-Republican district.

One of Florida's problems seems to be that its elections system is heavily localized. The secretary of state's office either doesn't have much control or doesn't provide much leadership, or both. New Mexico elections are the responsibility of county clerks, but the secretary of state's office provides a great amount of training for clerks, their election supervisors and for voting machine technicians.

A training session was held in early September for all county clerks, their deputies and assistants in order to prepare for a fair and efficient election. Part of that training focused on the schooling of poll workers in each county to be sure they know exactly what they should be doing. They also got an update on the latest in-voting technology.

Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron says we are one of the top five states in the nation in voting technology. Our counties aren't all that rich, but the secretary of state's office helps look for state and federal funds to keep our system updated.

Local control is the best method of handling most functions of government because it is closest to the people. But state coordination and training also is important. New Mexico seems to have a good balance in its elections conduct, although there are sure to be some complaints from some losing candidates.

Florida obviously needs a lot more work. And with its late primary, it has less than two months to remedy its primary election woes. It's likely to be the laughing stock of the nation once again.



PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

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Libra: (Sept 22 - Oct 22) Don't assume anything, until you see it with your own eyes, and hear it with your own ears. Strange things are going to happen. Get used to the unreal.

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You have a lot of good people on your side. Make sure everyone knows what is going on before you do something they don't understand. Talk out loud.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) You have no excuses. You are good at what you do, whatever it is. Pick out something that will make you happy and go for it. You can do it. Go!

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Take a chance. Walk on the wild side of life. Don't ask others what you should be doing, you're the only one that can make the right decision.

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) It's time you take back your life and start out fresh. You don't have time to blame anyone for what has happened. Put it all behind you & be happy.

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) You may run out of time if you don't do what needs to be done right now. One of these days you're going to wake up and it will be too late. Get going.

Aries: (March 21 - April 19) Busy, Busy Bee. Save up for the winter, it could be a cold one. Don't spend money you don't have in your hand. Save up now before it's too late.

Taurus: (April 20 - May 20) You will notice that People, Places, and Things are changing before your eyes. This is a great time to let go of the old and start out fresh and clean.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) Don't wait another minute to go see people that you haven't seen in a long time. Time is slipping away as you waste the time away. Call or go now.

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) Money is a question at hand. The question is: "Show me the money" This is a great time for you to make more money than you're used to! Go for it.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) You're asking too much of yourself. Ask others to give you a hand, so things will go twice as fast. Time is money. Make sure you rest & relax.

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) If you're always asking Why? Then maybe it's time to ask How? You are the only one who is letting you down. Ask and you shall receive LOVE.

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WEEKLY
by Carrizozo High School
Journalism Class
Sarah Ball, Instructor

*Honoring 9/11
at Carrizozo
Schools*

Carrizozo's Junior Rotary, with help from the local Rotary, held a memorial for the tragic day of September 11, 2001. The events were scheduled to honor those who lost their lives in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C. and to acknowledge the service of others in the armed forces.

Prior to the memorial each class from grades pre-school through 12th made a red, white, and blue paper chain to represent each life that was lost. During the memorial, high school students symbolically stapled all the chains to make one massive paper chain. All the students cradled their chain in unison while junior high and high school students held about 40 American flags for an hour in front of the high school building as a memorial.

Those who served in the armed forces as well as two who are currently serving came to help with our ceremony. Representatives from the American Legion raised the American flag at half-mast. Then senior Rachel Dauster sang the Star Spangled Banner (the National Anthem). Next, Student Council president Anthony Beltran introduced the following veterans and current members of the military:

- Bob Stevens, World War II, Marines
- Bob Rice, World War II, Air Force
- John Caron, U.S. Navy, currently active
- George Schyer, World War II, U.S. Marine Corp
- Larry Holt, Veteran, Army
- Earl Hobbs, Veteran, Army
- Arden Burd, '52-'54, Marines
- Bill H. Schwettmann, World War II, '42-'45, 3rd Army

- LeeRoy Zamora, Army
- Lorenzo Sambrano, Dessert Storm, Air Force
- Pat Jiron, '72-'75, Army
- Steve Gore, '67-'75, Army
- Bob Hemphill, Vietnam, Veteran, Air Force
- Douglas Jarrard, Vietnam, Veteran, Air Force
- Anita Sambrano, Veteran, Air Force
- Dr. Hawk, Vietnam, Veteran, Air Force
- Col. Tom Stewart, 1972-1998, Army
- Jason McCallister, currently active, Air Force
- Bartley McDonough, Bugler



After the names were called Col. Stewart, current Lincoln County Manager, gave a speech. He asked the students a series of questions. "Why did September 11, 2001 take place?" "How can we make the world a peaceful place where this type of event does not continue?" and third "How can I as a student help?" He also said that 3,034 Americans were killed in a couple of hours. He really hit home when he asked, "What is the best way to honor those Americans who have lost their lives? What I think they would want is for each of us not to be afraid of the future, but to carry on this great country's traditions of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness."

After the speech Jason McCallister told us the history and meaning of taps. Then the school was silent as Taps, played by Bartley McDonough, rang through the air while a gentle, soft rain began to fall. The students, the faculty and the community will never forget the sad, sad day of September 11, 2001.

Nathan Chavez

Church Directory



- MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY**
- Negal Presbyterian Church:**
BILL SEBRING, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
- Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:**
SCOTT KING, Pastor / 648-2024
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
- Corona Presbyterian Church:**
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
- First Baptist Church**
HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2868 (Church) or 648-2107
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Sun. Evening Training at 8:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
- Santa Rita Catholic Community**
FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
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 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- St. Matthias Episcopal Church**
REV. CANDON JOHN PENN, Rector
Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
1-505-267-2366
Holy Eucharist Sunday 8:30 a.m.
- Claunch Community Church**
TONY SCACCIA, Minister
849-1402
Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.
- United Methodist Churches**
JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2846
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 8:30 p.m.
United Methodist Women
Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner on
4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.
- CAPITAN:**
Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
1st and 3rd Tuesday 8:30 a.m.
- Christ Community Fellowship**
ED VINSON, Pastor (inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Capitan Church of Christ**
LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4827
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- Trinity Southern Baptist Church**
MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 648-2530
Phone 354-2044
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
- First Baptist Church of Corona**
CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7975
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Bill Winkler

Jerry & Lanita Rosak

Stearns Insurance Agency

Corona News

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has received the following road review request:

1. Request to stop Maintenance of County Road #E038, off State Road #368 the Arabella Highway, 1.05 miles to private ranch house. George Sisneros is the petitioner.
2. Dedicate portion of Alpine Village Road to Lincoln County for regular maintenance. Road between the Village of Ruidoso boundary and the East boundary of Alpine Village Subdivision. Petitioner is Mr. Warren Atkinson.
3. Request to vacate road easements, Mesa Verde Acres, Unit 2 Tracts 31 & 32. Shirley Castle is the petitioner.

Pursuant to Section 67-6-9, N.M.S.A., the Board of Commissioners has appointed a Road Review Committee which will meet at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, Oct. 7, 2002. The Road Review Committee will meet at the start of County Road E-038 off State Road #368 the Arabella Highway, and then proceed to the other locations.

The report of the Road Review Committee will be presented to the Board of Commissioners during their regular meeting on October 17, 2002.

Anyone wishing to make comments or recommendations may do so at any of the above mentioned meetings.

REX WILSON, Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-02-110

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., NOMINEE FOR HOMESIDE LENDING, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, or his/her designee, will, on October 3, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., Front Entrance to the Village of Ruidoso, Municipal Bldg., located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, 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 WINDFIELD 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 August 2, 2002, in the above

entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$70,289.58, plus interest from September 1, 2002 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.37500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property 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 judgment 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 reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: September 2nd, 2002.

FAISAL SUKHYANI
Special Master
c/o Shapiro & Meinhold, L.L.P.
13275 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013 (719) 634-4868

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-02-178

CITIBANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,

vs.

STEPHEN M. CARTER and SANDRA L. COLVIN CARTER f/k/a Sandra L. Colvin,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: All Defendants

You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff Citibank N.A. as Trustee (herein referred to as "Citibank"), in which Citibank prays for foreclosure on its Note and Mortgage on real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the property described in the claim in said cause against Defendants named above, that the said real property be sold according to law and practice of this Court to pay the lien of the Plaintiff, and that the interest of the Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming under or through them and all other persons bound by these proceedings be barred and foreclosed of all rights, interest of claims to said real property, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

The property involved is the real estate and improvements located at 125 Pox Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, and more particularly described as:

Lot 1, Block 9 of PONDEROSA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, UNIT II, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of

Lincoln County, September 13, 1956, in Tube No. 148.

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes.

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or file responsive pleadings or motions in said cause on or before October 23, 2002, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorney for Citibank is Elizabeth Drantel of Rose Little & Associates, P.C., 3803 Atrisco Blvd. NW, Suite A, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120, Telephone: (505) 833-3036.

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 26th day of August, 2002.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

(SEAL)

By: Mickle L. Vega
Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY OF LINCOLN,
NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. 2002-13

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN (THE "COUNTY") AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY, EVIDENCING A SPECIAL, LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY TO PAY A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$100,000 TOGETHER WITH INTEREST THEREON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A TANKER FIRE TRUCK FOR THE HONDO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST DUE UNDER THE LOAN AGREEMENT SOLELY FROM THE DISTRIBUTIONS OF FIRE PROTECTION FUND REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY FOR THE HONDO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT FROM THE STATE TREASURER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE PROTECTION FUND REVENUES FROM THE STATE TREASURER TO BE RE-DIRECTED TO THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OR ITS ASSIGNS PURSUANT TO THE INTERCEPT AGREEMENT FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST DUE ON THE LOAN AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND, OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT AND DETERMINING THE EXACT TERMS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT.

The title sets forth a general summary of the subject matter contained in the Resolution.

This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-14-6, NMSA 1978.

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Jack and Dorothy Perkins arrived Wednesday, in the rain, from Port Angeles, WA to begin a two week vacation in New Mexico.

Dorothy Kerr, Westpoint MS, Zelfa Atkinson, Belen, Joanne Stewart, Claude, Tx, and Sharon Hefker, Carrizozo, visited friends at the Senior Center Monday.

On September 16, eighteen family members attended Lindsey Bonds Stawarczik's graduation from the U.S. Army Officer Basic Course at Ft. Sam Houston, Tx. There were 378 graduates. Completion of this course gives her the rank of 2nd lieutenant. Lt. Stawarczik will fulfill a three year active duty commitment. She will begin a nine month occupational therapy internship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D. C. on September 19.

A week ago Saturday, Fred Lackey fell and broke both bones just above the ankle. He is out of the hospital and back at Sunshine Haven Nursing Home.

The Jackie Davidsons had as a guest for two weeks, Ruth's daughter, Beverly Peterson, Valencia, CA. Mother and daughter visited Santa Fe, the city different.

Corona Elementary students in cooperation with Ross Nursery Gardens, Estancia, are planting white pansies which should bloom for Halloween. Students are planning to use some pansies in the school grounds landscape project.

Rebecca Stoneman, U.S. Forest Service Archaeologist, accompanied a group of P.I.T. members during their camp in the Gallinas Mountains. Rain slowed them in their research. Their last meeting was in the Tyree home where Mrs. Tyree shared her historical information on Cement Spring and Tanks.

Jordan Muncy, 8th grader, ran barrels at the New Mexico State Fair Rodeo Wednesday night. She earned the privilege by winning the average in barrel racing for the year in the New Mexico Junior Rodeo Association.

At the Capitan High School Rodeo, Taos Muncy won the saddle bronc riding. Victor Perez won a fourth in the team roping and Casey Sisk placed in the bull riding. At the Grants High School Rodeo last weekend, Victor Perez won a fifth in the team roping.

After a rough start, the Lady Cardinals won their volleyball match with the School for the Deaf, Santa Fe.

The newly formed football team of the Corona Cardinals and the Vaughn Eagles will play Clovis Christian at 2:00 Saturday in Corona.

Sheriff's Posse Now Accepting Entries for Annual Art Contest

Entries for the annual art contest sponsored by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse are due by December 16. Subject matter should be western, preferably reflecting the Pony Express or Lincoln County history.

A prize of \$150 will be awarded to the New Mexico artist whose work is selected and the winning artwork will be used to create the Posse's 2003 Pony Express Trail Ride poster.

For contest details contact the LCSP poster contest committee at P.O. Box 2273, Alto, NM 88312 or nm_posse@yahoo.com.

In the Service

Army Pvt. Jennifer C. De Santis has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. She is the daughter of Rhonda Gonzalez of Picocho and the granddaughter of Maureen Reed of Las Vegas, NV.



As Always, Just Me!

*I've been working on this for years . . . I still feel it's not right,
It could never do you justice. How I feel sometimes just can't be described.*

*So, I'll give it my all as you gave to me . . . here it goes brother, so please
forgive your sister . . . as always, "Just Me!"*

*Six years have gone by, "where are you now?" I often wonder,
while traveling and looking up in the sky. How are you doing?
What is Heaven like?*

*It isn't true what they say, "Time will ease the pain", I hurt more now, my heart has
never felt such an ache.
I often wonder What if?, How? and Why?, but nothing will change . . .
you're still gone.*

*Damn you for choosing to venture on . . . I think to myself,
"Do you ever see grammo?" If so, could you tell her hello?*

*I hope you're having fun and giving them hell . . . I bet heaven is rocking
since you rang their bell!*

*Man, I hate September, this month really bites -- oh, how it sucks
with all its might.
Dad doesn't even enjoy his birthday anymore. Who could?
What a dreadful night!*

*What happened . . . I'll never know. But, it makes me so mad . . . I didn't
want you to go.*

*Sometimes I think you're not really gone. We'd see you once in a blue moon,
and hear from you every now and then. And it hits me once I wake up,
something's happened . . . I hurt.*

*It's not fair the way that I feel, I'm mad, I'm sad . . . dammit what's wrong? I'm so
pissed off, I have hate in my heart. No, that can't be what's going on.*

I figured it out. I have only one wish.

*I wish I could tell you goodbye . . . Jesus Christ! The words "I love you", you never
heard from me, while you were alive.*

*So I say it now, I shout out loud!!! "I love you brother, with all of my heart!"
God willing, I'll see you around.*

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-02-155

CHASL MORTGAGE COMPANY -- West,
f/k/a Mellon Mortgage Company,
Plaintiff,

vs.
RUTH A. WADE, A/K/A Ruth Wade and
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW
MEXICO, INC.
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUIT
TO: All Defendants

Your are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff Chase Mortgage Company -- West, f/k/a Mellon Mortgage Company (hereinafter referred to as "Chase"), in which Chase prays for foreclosure on its Note and Mortgage on real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the property described in the claim in said cause against Defendants named above, that the said real property be sold according to law and practice of this Court to pay the lien of the Plaintiff, and that the interest of the Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming under or through them and all other persons bound by these proceedings be barred and foreclosed of all rights, interest of claims to said real property, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

The property involved is the real estate and improvements located at 115 Dipalo, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, and more particularly described as:

Lot 22A, Tract "S", of PALMER GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Replat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorded of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on July 5, 1994, in Cabinet F, Slide No. 45,

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes.

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or file responsive pleadings or motions in said cause on or before October 16, 2002, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorney for Chase is Elizabeth Drantel of Rose Little & Associates, P.C., 3803 Arisco Blvd. NW, Suite A, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, Telephone: (505) 833-3036.

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 23rd day of August, 2002.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
(SEAL)

By: Mickie L. Vega
Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-02-43-Div. III

BANC ONE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
Plaintiff,

v.
DEBORAH BURGESS and DAVID BURGESS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 7th day of October, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. on the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and further described, to wit:

Lot 25, Block 3, of GLEN GROVE SUBDIVISION, 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 October 1, 1964, in Tube No. 188.

Said property has a mailing address of 113 Porr Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

This sale is made pursuant to an Order of Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause of action in order to foreclose and satisfy said Judgment and any and all liens and encumbrances said realty may be subject to, and in the proper priority of same as set forth in said Judgment.

The Judgment for the Plaintiff in the above-entitled and captioned action was entered on or about August 15, 2002 as follows:

NOTE 1: In the approximate amount of \$88,416.76, plus interest from July 31, 2002 through August 15, 2002 at the rate of \$16.91 per day. Post-judgment interest shall continue to accrue from August 15, 2002 at the rate of 8.25% until the date of the Foreclosure sale, plus costs of sale and notice of publication.

NOTE 2: In the approximate amount of \$17,113.56, plus interest from July 18, 2002 until August 15, 2002 at the rate of \$4.74 per day. Post Judgment interest shall continue to accrue from August 15, 2002 at the rate of 12.250% per annum until the date of the foreclosure sale, plus costs of sale and notice of publication.

Said sale shall be completed to the highest and best bidder for cash and the Plaintiffs shall be allowed to bid all or part of their judgment and said Judgment shall be applied to the purchase price. "Cash" for the purposes of this sale shall mean cash or other immediately available funds. Said sale shall

be subject to property taxes, easements and restrictions and covenants of record and liens not foreclosed in the aforesaid judgment and rights of redemption of the Defendants. The Special Master shall have all rights and powers pursuant to the laws of the State of New Mexico, including the power to

postpone said sale in his discretion.

SPECIAL MASTER
PETER BACA
Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
505-648-9925

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. DM-02-85
Div. III

Damian Luna
Petitioner,

vs.
Sonia Luna
Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED RESPONDENT:

TO: Sonia Luna, 1405 Oregon Ave., Apt. C, Alamogordo, NM 88310.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Damian Luna, Petitioner, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. DM-02-85 wherein you are named as the Respondent and wherein said Petitioner seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general objects of said action are to obtain a dissolution of marriage.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before 11-20-2002 judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Petition will be granted.

The address of the Court is P.O. Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico and the Petitioner's address is P.O. Box 806, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 12th day of Sept., 2002.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

(Seal) By: Elizabeth Ysasi,
Deputy

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ELECTION NOTICE
(First Notice)

CARRIZOZO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all owners of land situated in the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District, counties of Lincoln, Torrance and Socorro, State of New Mexico.

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of November 2002 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. a convention election will be held to elect one supervisor to the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act. Location of the election will be at La Cocina de Corona Restaurant, Corona, NM.

The position to be filled is currently being held by Place #5, Jim Grider, Carrizozo, NM. Nomination petitions for the position of supervisor may be secured at 409 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM. Owners of land within the district are eligible to serve as supervisors. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least ten eligible voters and returned to the above address by October 12, 2002. Names of persons with nominating petitions will appear on paper ballots. In addition, nominations will be allowed from the floor.

All owners of land within the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District are eligible to vote. Persons may be asked by election officials to provide a tax receipt or other documentation of land ownership to verify eligibility to vote.

Absentee ballots will be available to persons requesting them by mail between October 14 and October 24th. The District will mail requested ballots by October 25th. Absentee ballots returned by mail and received by the district on election day or before will be counted. Absentee ballots received after election day will not be counted.

Absentee voting may be done between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the District Office, 409 Central Avenue, Carrizozo between October 25th and November 8th.

CARRIZOZO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

JIM GRIDER, Chairman

September 25, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ELECTION CONTACT: Sue Stearns between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 505-648-2941 or 505-354-2220. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 457, Carrizozo, N.M. 88301.

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LEGAL NOTICE

County of Lincoln, New Mexico

Notice of Adoption of Resolution

Notice is hereby given of the title and of a general summary of the subject matter contained in County Resolution No. 2002-12 duly adopted and approved by the Governing Body of the County of Lincoln, New Mexico (the "County"), on September 19, 2002. Complete copies of the Resolution are available for public inspection during the normal and regular business hours of the County Clerk, County of Lincoln, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

The title of the Resolution is:

COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. 2002-12

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN (THE

"COUNTY") AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY, EVIDENCING A SPECIAL, LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY TO PAY A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$150,000 TOGETHER WITH INTEREST THEREON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE TRUCK FOR THE BONITO FIRE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST DUE UNDER THE LOAN AGREEMENT SOLELY FROM THE DISTRIBUTIONS OF FIRE PROTECTION FUND REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY FOR THE BONITO FIRE DISTRICT FROM THE STATE TREASURER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE PROTECTION FUND REVENUES FROM THE STATE TREASURER TO BE REDIRECTED TO THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OR ITS ASSIGNS PURSUANT TO THE INTERCEPT AGREEMENT FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST DUE ON THE LOAN AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND, OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT AND DETERMINING THE EXACT TERMS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT.

The title sets forth a general summary of the subject matter contained in the Resolution. This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-14-6, NMSA 1978.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
CV-02-105

BANK ONE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee under That Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated March 1, 2000 for CMC Securities Corporation III Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2000-1
Plaintiff,

vs.
ANNA M. GOFF,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 813 North Lane, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 6, BLOCK 1 OF RUIDOSO GARDENS SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, RUIDOSO DOWNS, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NOVEMBER 17, 1969, IN TUBE NO. 356.

The sale is to begin at 1:00 p.m. on October 23, 2002, outside the east entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff, Bank One National Association, as Trustee under that pooling and servicing Agreement dated March 1, 2000 for CMC Securities Corporation III Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2000-1.

Bank One National Association, as Trustee under that pooling and servicing Agreement dated March 1, 2000 for CMC Securities Corporation III Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2000-1 was awarded Judgment on September 10, 2002, in the principal sum of \$68,896.58, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through September 3, 2002, in the sum of \$6,946.29 and accruing thereafter at the rate of 10.00% per annum (\$18.88 per diem), plus late charges in the sum of \$61.08, plus escrow advances in the sum of \$225.79, plus appraisal fee in the sum of \$160.00, plus a payoff quote fee in the sum of \$20.00, plus preservation/inspection fee in the sum of \$49.80, plus corporate fees in the sum of \$23.87, plus attorney fees in the sum of \$750.00 and costs through August 11, 2002, in the sum of \$720.67, with interest thereon at the rate of 10.00% per annum until paid.

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

Michael LaValle,
Special Master
c/o Leverick & Musselman
5120 San Francisco NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 858-3303

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, September 30, 2002, to be held at the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Center, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the following items; and other proper business that comes before the Board:

- (1) Certificate of Taxes Rates -- 2002 Tax Year.
- (2) Indigent Healthcare Program -- Physician Application.

Copies of the agenda for the September 30, 2002 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 505/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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Carrizozo FFA Is Victorious at NM State Fair

The Carrizozo FFA once again visited the State Fair and came back with several victories. Among the students Brent Dixon, Lane Dixon and Justus Wilson, Ryan Gaines had the most success.

Carrizozo FFA was able to place first in the Agricultural Mechanics Sweepstakes for the second consecutive year. Ryan Gaines winning projects included a cutting table, grill guard, and a stock ramp with two reserve champions and first and second place rankings. Brent Dixon was also successful with a first place salers heifer and a fifth place medium cross steer. Lane Dixon was also able to place fourth with an Angus heifer.

Jesse Ortiz
Carrizozo FFA Reporter

PBS Program to Offer Professional Advice to Caregivers

New Mexico State Agency on Aging staff and senior care providers will answer questions from caregivers of senior family members and senior citizens during a broadcast of *And Thou Shalt Honor*, a PBS program scheduled to air at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Caregivers with questions about support available to them in caring for an aging parent or loved one can call the State Agency on Aging CareLine toll free at 888-242-5603.

And Thou Shalt Honor, hosted by actor Joe Mantegna, explores the many issues faced as adult children and spouses take on the responsibility and honor of caring for an aging loved one.

The program will air on KNME, Channel 5; KRWG, Channel 22; and KENW, Channel 3.

For more information about the program visit www.thoushalthonor.org.

For more information on the NM State Agency on Aging, visit www.nmaging.state.nm.us

An Evening At Tijeras Pueblo Program 28th

The public is invited to a free Evening at Tijeras Pueblo Program Saturday, Sept. 28. The event consists of a guided tour through the Tijeras Pueblo Archaeological site at 7:00 p.m. followed by a presentation given by Arnold Herrera of Cochiti Pueblo.

Mr. Herrera's program is Pueblo Community Survival and will address how pueblos have survived through waves of change over thousands of years.

For more information and directions contact Sue Hansen or Dana Howlett at the Sandia Ranger Station at 505-281-3304.



Public Comment On 2003 Hunts

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acceptable, sets the oryx hunts for 30 days every month with 40 either sex licenses available every month statewide, except for areas mentioned above. Each ranch shall receive four private oryx authorizations and licenses will be valid for any 30 consecutive days as determined by the landowners. Access must be given to leased public lands.

Option 3 sets the hunts for 60 days, with 80 licenses for either sex statewide except the above mentioned area. Hayes said the cattle growers thought the 80 hunters were too many at one time. Each affected ranch will receive four private oryx authorizations. Licenses will be valid for any 60 consecutive days as determined

by the landowner, and access must be given to all leased public lands.

Subsection b on Option 3 makes available unlimited private oryx authorizations to landowners upon request that are valid anytime as determined by the landowner and valid only on deeded property. Subsection c on Option 3 requires landowners receiving private oryx authorizations must legally post their deeded property indicating private status.

County commissioner Rick Simpson, a professional hunting guide, said many out of state hunters are disappointed the bear and elk hunts are not being held at the same time in 2003. Simpson requested that be reconsidered.

Hayes said the concern was so many bears were killed in the past is why the reduction.

County assessor Rick Silva said bow hunters get real scared when they are out at the same time as rifle hunters. He suggested the September hunts be just for bow hunters.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann suggested the Game and Fish Department set up a time limit to hunt spotted owl.

Hayes laughed and said that would fall under federal jurisdiction.

Hayes said written comments will be taken about the proposed dates and options until October 18, when the New Mexico Game Commission will make its final recommendations on the 2003-2004 Big Game Hunts. The next game commission

meeting is on Friday, September 27 in Las Vegas, NM.

For more information about the proposed big game hunts contact the NM Game and Fish, SE region, at 505-824-6135 in Roswell.

AG Madrid Warns

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Call the Better Business Bureau and check on any complaints about the organization (online at bbb.org).

"The number one rule about phone solicitations is to never give out a credit card number unless you initiated the call," Attorney General Madrid said. "And it helps if you ask them to send you written information, even though that is not a guarantee that they are a legitimate organization. It also gives you time to check them out and to think about your contribution carefully."

Attorney General Madrid advises consumers to use the following tips to help decide whether or not to give to a phone solicitor:

You can research charities through the website of Office of the Attorney General at www.ago.state.nm.us.



Mild dry weather made for a perfect weekend in Lincoln County, after a gusty and wet beginning a week ago.

Very warm day time temperatures are predicted to continue through Saturday, with cooler highs on Sunday through Tuesday.

The following information was taken from the National Weather Service website:

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln, Hondo Valley and other lower elevations of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, Sept. 26: Partly cloudy with west winds 10 to 20 miles per hour with gusts near 25 miles per hour. No chance for precipitation. High of 84 in Carrizozo. Tonight, partly cloudy with low of 51.

Friday, September 27: Clear to partly cloudy with high of 88, low of 50.

Saturday, September 28: Partly cloudy with highs to 89, lows to 54.

Sunday, September 29: Partly cloudy and cooler with highs to 86, lows to 53.

Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 30 and October 1: Partly cloudy and breezy with highs to 86, lows to 52.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan, Corona and higher elevations of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, Sept. 26: Partly cloudy with west winds 10-20 miles per hour. No chance for precipitation. High of 75 in Ruidoso. Tonight partly cloudy with lows to 41.

Friday, September 27: Partly cloudy with highs to 77, lows to 42.

Saturday, September 28: Partly cloudy with highs to 73, lows to 40.

Sunday, September 29: Partly cloudy and cooler with highs to 66, lows to 37.

Monday to Tuesday, Sept. 30 and October 1: Partly cloudy and breezy with highs to 68 and lows to 36.

Beautification Grant Pays For Clean Up In Carrizozo Saturday

Carrizozo Clean up is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, September 28 with registration at Carrizozo Recreation Center.

All those who register will receive a t shirt, gloves and trash bags, and a coupon for a free hamburger lunch which will be partly sponsored by Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District.

VOTE FOR EARL B. HOBBS

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
Lincoln County Commission
District Four

- * Concern for Private Property Rights
- * Concern for Water Issues
- * Concern for Roads and Public Services
- * Concern for Tax Fairness

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