

Commission Rejects Special Hospital Meeting

by Doris Cherry

There will be no special meeting to air grievances and concerns about Lincoln County Medical Center because the majority of county commissioners think the hospital's current operations are working fine.

In an attempt to answer his questions about the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center

(LCMC), Lincoln County Commissioner Earl Hobbs had requested a special meeting. But after he and his fellow county commissioners at their meeting Tuesday spent nearly two hours discussing hospital issues they all voted to not hold a special meeting.

The commission room in the courthouse in Carri-

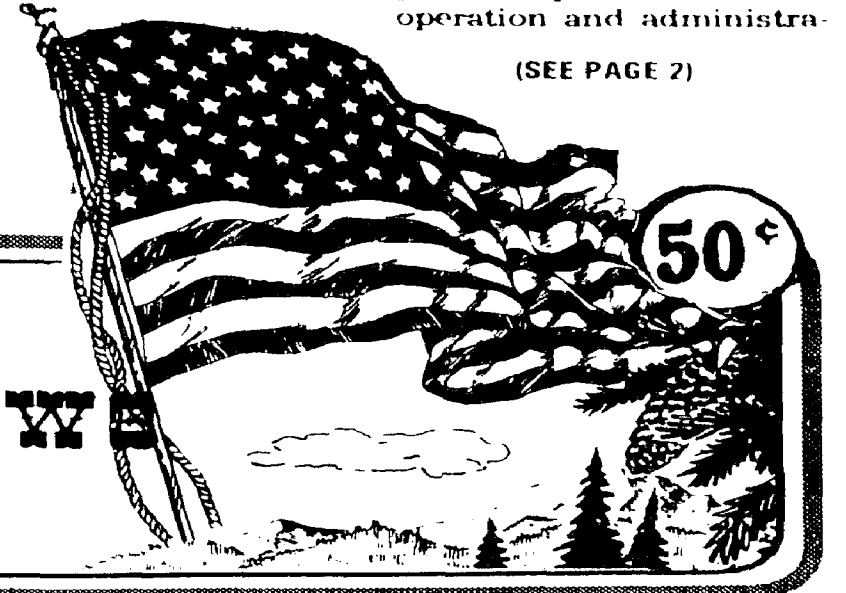
zozo was filled beyond capacity for the hospital discussion. Many in the audience were the pink jacketed volunteers of the LCMC auxiliary, some of the LCMC board of directors, employees of the Carrizozo health clinic and current and past clinic board members. Also attending the meet-

ing were the chief executive officers of two different private hospitals, one in Roswell and the other in Las Cruces and county residents concerned about the PHS management. Most were at the meeting in response to a letter from Hobbs that was published in a newspaper in early March.

Hobbs, in his letter dated February 26 addressed to commission chairman Rex Wilson, had requested a special meet-

ing to answer four specific questions about LCMC. "Is it the opinion/decision of the commissioners that LCMC be placed for sale to the highest bidder; should a request for proposals (rfp) be issued for operation and administra-

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FIRST EVER SCHOLARSHIP given by the Homicide Investigators Association of Texas was presented to Jessica Alvarez by the association's Region 7 Director Mike Mann. Jessica is the daughter of Lincoln County Sheriff's Investigator Richard Alvarez and Michelle Alvarez who is pictured. With them is Lincoln County sheriff's investigator Jackie Raines. Both Alvarez and Raines are members of the Region 7 Association which includes all areas outside of Texas. Raines said it was an honor for the first association scholarship of \$500 to go to a Lincoln County student. Jessica is a pre med student at Eastern New Mexico University at Ruidoso.

C'zozo Trustees Hold Special Meeting Tonight

Carrizozo trustees will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 20 in the town offices in the Carrizozo Rec Center.

Items on the agenda of the special meeting include:

--Discussion and approval of a resolution supporting free enterprise in Lincoln County. The resolution opposes the city of Santa Fe's recent establishment of a higher than federal minimum wage and encourages businesses to relocate to Lincoln County.

--Discussion and approval of parade route for Cinco de Mayo event.

--Acceptance of resignation of Angelo Vega from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board.

--Approval of appointment of Ray Dean to the LCSWA board.

--Discussion on the wastewater treatment facility project by David Dotson.

--Announcement and discussion by trustee Eileen Lovelace about the clean up project.

--Discussion and approval to hire Pool Pro to do upgrades to the swimming pool.

Vote Too Slim for Attorney Waiver

No Go For County Attorney to Represent LCSWA

A "no" vote from commission chairman Rex Wilson and an abstain by commissioner Rick Simpson was all it took to stop a request for a waiver of conflict of interest to have the county attorney provide legal services to Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

At the Tuesday, March 18 meeting of the Lincoln County Commissioners, they discussed a request from LCSWA to allow county attorney Alan Morel to provide legal services to the authority. LCSWA received no responses to two request for proposals issued to find a legal counsel. Because of this, county commissioner

--Executive session for discussion of purchase or acquisition of real property or water rights.

Leo Martinez and county representative on the LCSWA board, had offered Morel's services to LCSWA. Morel however said there was strong potential for conflicts for him to be attorney for both the county and LCSWA, because the county is a member of LCSWA which has ongoing conflicts between the member entities. "If a conflict arises, I could not represent either the county or LCSWA," Morel said.

Martinez said for the little time needed for legal representation for LCSWA, the chance for

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Ft. Stanton Commission Bill On Governor's Desk

by Doris Cherry

House Bill 926, sponsored by State Rep. Dub Williams to create the Fort Stanton Development Commission is on the governor's desk.

HB 926 was amended in two committees and the house floor to have a larger board, to take out the requested \$300,000 and to put it under the Office of Cultural Affairs instead of the first proposed Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

HB 926 passed the House unanimously 58-0 on March 13 with a floor amendment to put it under the cultural affairs. The same day the bill then went to the Senate Conservation and Resources Committee where it received a "do-pass".

HB 926 received unanimous 33-0 approval on the Senate floor on March 16.

The bill now awaits the governor's signature. Letters of support for the bill can be sent to Governor Bill Richardson; Governor's Office; State Capitol Building, Santa Fe, NM 87501

The bill creates a seven member commission

which includes the Lincoln County Commission chairman or representative, mayor of Ruidoso or designee, the State Historic Preservation Officer, Secretary of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, and three individuals appointed by the governor.

Crafted after the Toltec Cumbres railroad commission and the state fair commission, the bill cre-

ates the Fort Stanton development commission and also establishes a fund to provide a mechanism to accept donations to for Fort Stanton. The original \$300,000 appropriation requested in the bill to operate the commission was removed by amendment in the house finance committee. Rep. Williams said this was done to assure the bill would be approved.

Capitan Visitor Center Set to Open Soon

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center will soon open in the Rio Ruidoso Realtors.com building on Smokey Bear Ave.

Chamber members at their regular meeting March 3 signed an agreement with the realty company which will house the center in the back room of their building. The company agreed to pay for moving the chamber phone line to their location and they will provide

phone answering service six days a week. They have also agreed to take care of chamber inquiries and correspondence and they will put up a new sign.

The chamber scholarship will be available only to students of Capitan High School. Members voted to not include home schooled students in the scholarship judging guidelines. The Merchants Committee voted to add \$100 to the scholarship

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Carrizozo School Library open for public use, 5-7 p.m.

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 Bob's in Ruidoso.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo Zia Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour, 1 p.m.

TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Carrizozo Family and Consumer Education (FCE) club meets at 1 p.m. at the Otero County Electric Cooperative office on 12th Street. Presentation on low water use xeriscaping prior to regular business meeting. Everyone invited to attend.

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meets at 2 p.m. in the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs for regular session.

Lincoln County Planning Commission special meeting at 4 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center on Highway 70, to hold a workshop discussion of the county subdivision regulations.

Special meeting of Carrizozo Town Trustees 6 p.m. Town offices in Carrizozo Rec Center.

US Highway 70 Task Force meeting 7 p.m. Hondo Valley Public Schools. Public invited.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

No class for Capitan students to allow for Parent teacher conferences.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Spring break for Carrizozo and Capitan schools. Class resumes on March 31 for Capitan students, and April 1 for Carrizozo students. Parent teacher conferences on March 31 for Carrizozo schools.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

South Central Mountain RC&D council meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce meeting room on White Sands Blvd. Public invited.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet at 12 noon at Mountain Anne's located at 2710 Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. For more information call 257-2195.

Ruidoso Village Council meets at 6:30 p.m. for a regular session.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Capitan Public Library first Friday lecture by Drew Gumber, historian, about the Lincoln County War.



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Thank You Card

The family of Richard Lightfoot wishes to thank their many friends and neighbors for the calls, cards, food, hugs, and prayers expressing sympathy on his recent passing.

Dorothy Nell and all the Lightfoot family

Area Kindergarten Registration and Child Find Screening Begins in April

Children who will be five years old before September 1 can register for kindergarten at locations throughout the area in April. Region IX Education Cooperative's Child Find Services also invites children who are birth through five years of age to a screening of the developmental areas of speech, language, vision, hearing, motor, dental, nutrition and classroom readiness for kindergarten. Services are available for children who qualify.

For kindergarten registration, parents or guardians should bring children's birth certificates, immunization records, and social security cards. For all other children, only immunization records are requested. Public Health will update immunizations for those who bring their records. Region IX Education Cooperative urges families that attended screenings last year to attend again this

year and update their child's screening. They also request that children dress comfortably.

Child Find Developmental Screening and kindergarten registration will take place at the following locations and times:

Capitan: Friday, April 4, 9 a.m. to noon at Cummins Gymnasium

Hondo: Friday, April 11, 9 to 11 a.m. at the multi-purpose room

Corona: Tuesday, April 15, 10 a.m. to noon at the school auditorium

Carrizozo: Thursday, April 17, 9 a.m. to noon at Carrizozo Schools

Ruidoso: Friday, May 2, 9 to 11 a.m. for Head Start, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the general public at the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center

Cloudfcroft: Wednesday, April 23, 9 a.m. to noon at Cloudfcroft Elementary

Tularosa: Friday, April 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., location has yet to be determined.

At Lincoln County locations, registration for Lincoln County Head Start programs will also be available.

For more information, contact Child Find Services at Region IX Education Cooperative at (505) 257-2368 or the closest elementary school.

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Head Start Registration Dates Approach

Children in Lincoln County who are or will be three or four years old before Sept. 1 may be eligible for participation with Lincoln County Head Start.

Open registration will take place on Friday, April 11, at the Nob Hill Early Education Center, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Also, at Lincoln County locations, Head Start registrations are also being done in conjunction with Child Find Services of Region IX Education Cooperative.

Registration can take place in Capitan on Friday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Cummins Gymnasium; in Hondo on Friday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the multi-purpose room; in Corona on Tuesday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the

school auditorium; in Carrizozo on Thursday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Carrizozo Schools; and in Ruidoso on Friday, May 2, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Parents - or guardians should bring the following: birth certificate; immunization record; proof of 12 months, previous to registration, income; previous year's income tax return; social security card; and a medicare/insurance card.

Head Start is a comprehensive program composed of nutrition, education, family service, health, parent involvement, transition, mental health and disabilities.

For additional information phone Lincoln County Head Start at (505) 257-5025.

"Elder Abuse and Crimes Against the Elderly" Educational Training to Take Place in Ruidoso

The New Mexico Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office of the state of New Mexico will present "Elder Abuse and Crimes Against the Elderly," an educational training for families, law enforcement and professional caregivers.

The training will be held at the Ruidoso Convention and Civic Center from 9 a.m. to noon, with the registration price of \$20 per person including a continental breakfast.

The speaker for the program will be Glory Cochrane, M.S., Medical Fraud investigator with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in Albuquerque. She will discuss recognizing and reporting elder abuse, neglect and exploitation with information given on community resources available to families and professionals.

Scholarships for registration and respite

voucher assistance are available for family caregivers. Continuing education units may be available for professionals. For more information and to register, contact the Alzheimer's Association's southeastern New Mexico branch office at 624-1552.

The program is sponsored through the efforts of Heritage Senior Adult Program, Ruidoso Home-care and Hospice and Ruidoso Community Home-care.

The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter provides information, support, education and assistance to the 32,000 New Mexicans with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia. Toll free helpline assistance and information about resources in this area is available at (800) 777-8155.



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tion of LCMC and the clinics supported by county mill levy and should the county terminate the current contract with Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS) before issuing an rfp; should any lease or agreement be an established fair market value and has PHS been approached about this; is it appropriate for the county

commission or any other elected entity to seek to place representatives on the LCMC board and is it proper that the LCMC board be directly answerable to PHS.

"We do need an open meeting with all sides," Hobbs said about his request for the special meeting. Hobbs explained he wanted the meeting be-

cause he is a new county commissioner who needs to learn more about the hospital issues that have been argued in county commission meetings for more than two years. "I'm tired of it," Hobbs said about the arguments. "I want some conclusion on how we as a county interact with the contractor PHS on the operation of the hospital."

Even though LCMC board president Gary Mitchell had answered Hobbs' letter with his own letter dated March 16, Hobbs said he had not had time to review the letter. Instead, he commented on his four questions.

"First I want to assure everyone here," Hobbs said to the group. "I am not in favor of selling the hospital. It is an asset to Lincoln County."

"The taxpayers voted to establish the hospital and operate it as a taxpayer facility," Hobbs added. "I don't want to see a sale or change of hands."

Hobbs also said he does not believe LCMC is being mismanaged now, but he does have many management questions he needs answered so he can better understand. "I think the lease with PHS needs re-thought, re-examined and re-negotiated," Hobbs said. "In my opinion I believe the lease is deficient and the county should be receiving (lease payments based on) fair market value."

Hobbs said his concerns

are for the relationship between the county and PHS, not the quality of medical care given at LCMC.

County commissioner Maurice St. John said she has no desire to sell the hospital. "We should not give it away or sell it," she said. As for the rfp for the clinics and hospital, St. John said the county has a current contract with PHS that expires in 2008. While the contract has an escape clause for both parties, St. John thought it unnecessary to do that now. St. John did think the county should issue an rfp to operate all county supported clinics.

As for fair market value, St. John had concerns that requiring PHS to pay more for the lease of the hospital would result in higher patient rates. And she thought having the county commission appoint the hospital board members is a "big mistake." St. John said the county commission stopped appointing the hospital board members because of the liability involved. "I don't think the county needs that liability again," St. John added.

Commissioner Rick Simpson was "in complete agreement" with St. John. "It is as good of a system as it can be had," Simpson said. "If it works don't fix it." Wilson then commented that when he was a new commissioner the hospital issue was the most difficult. "We have a superb hospital that is running well and people are pleased," Wilson said. He said that the overwhelming approval of the mill levy election shows voters' support.

"We have the best board of any PHS facility in the state with more local control," Wilson continued. "I am really bothered by the perception it is the county versus the hospital." Commissioner Leo Martinez, who has repeatedly brought up the issues over the hospital management, lease, said that the commissioners as managers of the county's tax money must look at all options. "I am bothered that after two years this (LCMC) is the biggest sacred cow in the whole county," Martinez added. "I think it could be run better. We should be open to different options, at least to hear of them."

Martinez tried to compare hospital costs at LCMC to costs (for same services) at a private hospital in Las Cruces. He said the cost of the private hospital was less than the cost of the same services at LCMC. His discussion was cut short when Martinez mentioned the name of the patient who was billed by LCMC. That caused Mitchell to raise objection because of the liability involved with breaching patient confidentiality.

Martinez then moved his argument to whether it is fair for PHS, which has nearly \$8 million in reserves for LCMC, to pay the county only \$1 a year lease payment. He also expressed his concern that the county commission gave up its right to appoint hospital board members, even though that right is allowed by the state Hospital Act. "Is that prudent business and

taking care of tax payers money? I don't think so," he said.

As with the other commissioners, Martinez said he wanted the best medical facility for Lincoln County and Ruidoso. He then asked if there was anyone there from a private institution. Gene Alexander chief financial officer for the for profit Mountain View Medical Center in Las Cruces stopped forward. Early in his presentation Alexander said there is little if any difference between the quality of care between a for profit and nonprofit run hospital. He said all hospitals, private or public owned, are mandated by federal law to treat everyone who presents themselves for care in that facility.

As for cost of service, Alexander said it is difficult to compare for profit with non profit run hospitals because of the "leverage" factor of the size of community and facility. He also said that Medicare/Medicaid and insurance companies only pay so much on the hospital bill, regardless how much is charged.

Later in discussion the CEO of Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell gave similar comments, including how the for profits pay millions in property tax and gross receipt taxes to the counties in which the hospitals are located.

Mitchell in response to Hobbs and Martinez said the hospital board had looked hard and long at whether there is a better way to manage the hospital. After extensive study they determined that LCMC is a model for the best way to run a rural hospital.

"It is nonsense to say the taxpayers don't benefit from our hospital," Mitchell continued. "And we continue to find ourselves in the position of having to answer the same questions that are being debated time and time again."

Because of federal budget cuts in social programs and the possibility of spending \$170 billion to finance a war, Mitchell said the hospital needs to have the confidence that the county supports the hospital. "It has never been the hospital against the county commissioners," Mitchell said. "We



Winter is making its last gasp before Spring officially arrives on Friday, March 21. By Wednesday more than 10 inches of new snow were reported at the ski area and snow showers were reported county wide.

Today, Thursday, March 20 is predicted to be warmer and partly cloudy, with a return of showers on Friday.

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, March 20:

Partly cloudy with high of 60. No chance for precipitation. Tonight, mostly cloudy with isolated showers after midnight. Low of 30.

Friday, March 21: Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers in the morning, then numerous showers in the early afternoon. Highs to mid 60s, lows in the 30s. Saturday, March 22:

Partly cloudy and breezy with chance for showers. Highs in the 40s to 50s, lows in the 30s. Sunday, March 23:

Partly cloudy with highs to low 80s. Lows in the 30s.

Monday, March 24: Partly cloudy and breezy with slight chance of showers. Highs in the low 50s to mid 60s, lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s. Tuesday, March 25:

Partly cloudy and breezy with good chance for showers. Highs in the lower 50s to low 60s, lows mid 20s to low 30s.

Wednesday, March 26: Partly cloudy and breezy with slight chance of showers. Highs in the low 50s to mid 60s, lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s.

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

Today, Thursday, March 20:

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dictators are what?

By Ruth Hammond

Controversy apparently knows no boundaries as there are more and more hostilities around the world. The gulf area is once again the scene of hostilities as is Korea. Isn't it a shame that some people can't get along and prefer to battle the majority of the time? They could probably get better results if they stopped fighting, but some people may prefer the limelight of struggling for power. Others are under the misconception they are right, even if advice from legal experts is contrary to their allegations of misconduct.

Outspoken people try to reason with these tunnel-vision individuals who are actually dictators, at the international level as well as the local level, with results less than pleasing. Dictators insist they are right and their rules and regulations, or wars and tribulations, are correct and that all followers must obey. There are problems when people oppose the unfair and unrealistic mandates handed down.

Nowadays war will be quite different than it was in WW II when it could be days before battles were reported around the world. Nowadays the battles will be televised as they happen. Media personnel back in WW II became part of the groups they were with, while today media probably will wear signs designating them as media. Apparently these signs are supposed to protect them, but may not.

Following what is happening in a war will be easier with television crews filming all the time, but is it right to show as people are being killed, bombs are being dropped on schools and homes, and missiles are being deployed? Is it right to have instant coverage of brutal warfare? Should children be exposed to these scenes? Children often see a person get killed on TV or in the movies and realize it is not really happening because it is make believe, but will children understand the difference and that this is real?

Local battles are not as deadly as war but they can be very serious. Some pseudo-dictators believe they have the right to make untrue accusations, even though their accusations may destroy a person's life or livelihood. This has happened too often and these pseudo-dictators should be admonished for their improper actions and statements. Any time a person's life is damaged, whether physically as in war or emotionally as in defamation, there is damage. No one person has the right to damage another person.

Instead of receiving accolades for improper actions, the pseudo-dictators here at home as well as across the ocean should be shunned and ostracized. Instead of being hailed as heroes they should be branded as the derelicts they are.

Caring people are aware of the difference between those guys wanting war as opposed to nice people. Thank goodness the majority of the people here in Lincoln County are caring people and try to do what is best for everyone, not a select few, and/or their own personal interests.

There are many reasons to oppose war, and we agree it would be nice if there was a war and no one participated, but as long as two people live on this planet there will be war. And as long as there is war, caring people will object and try to do what they can to eliminate the controversy. And wouldn't it be nice if war was totally abolished?

War should be abolished

NM Senators Advise Budget Committee of Need for More Fire Fighting and Drought Aid

As the federal fiscal year 2004 budget process gets underway on Capitol Hill, U.S. Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman apprised their budget colleagues of the need for additional forest health and wildfire prevention funding.

Domenici and Bingaman, the chairman and ranking member respectively of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, issued a notice in a letter to Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, (R-Okla.) and ranking member Kent Conrad (D-N.D.). The correspondence serves to outline Energy Committee expectations for the FY2004 Budget Resolution that Congress will produce this spring.

"In addition to supporting our national parks and recreation areas, the committee expects to consider forest health legislation and review the adequacy of the President's requested \$2.3 billion to sustain work under the National Fire Plan," Domenici and Bingaman wrote.

"Given the record breaking fire season last year, the Committee has received testimony from the administration that there is a backlog of several hundred million dollars for restoration and rehabilitation from fires that have burned to date. We anticipate additional funding requirements for both the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) for wild-

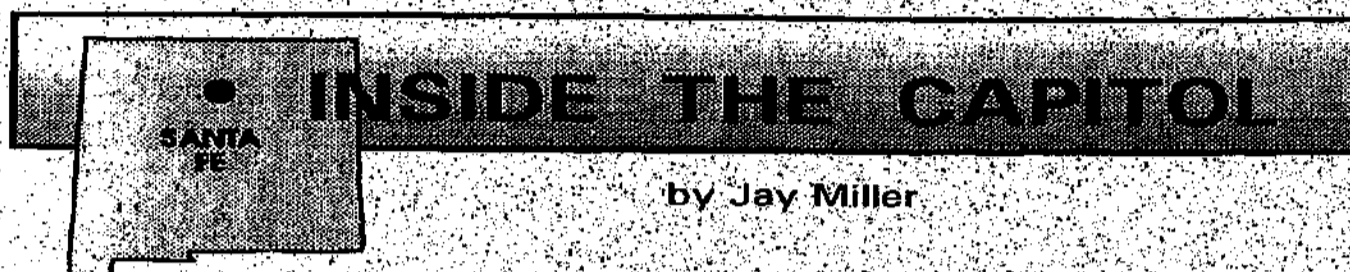
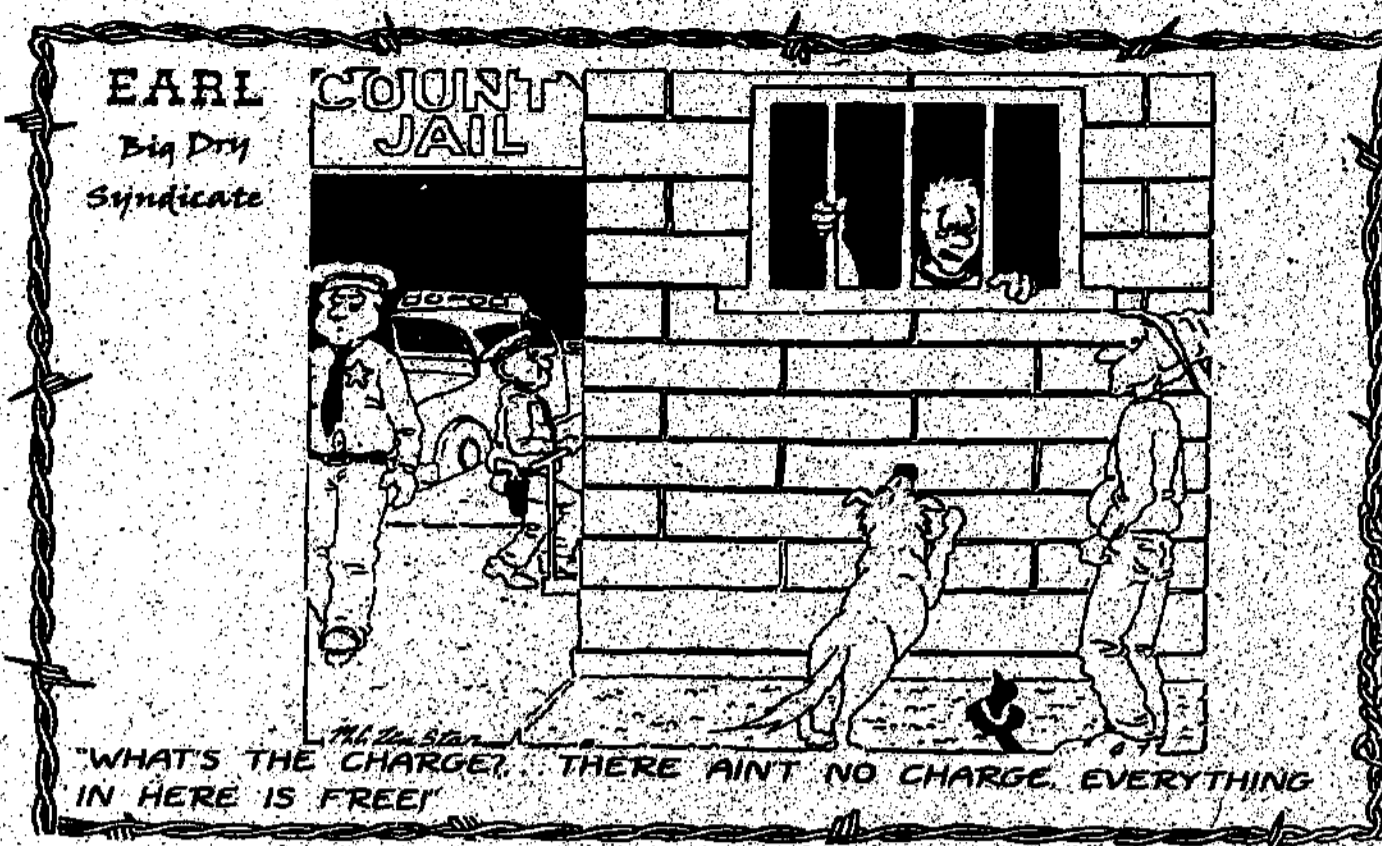
land fire management in FY2004 that should be reflected in the budget resolution," they said.

The senators noted that \$2.3 billion request for implementation of the National Fire Plan provides no appreciable increase over current spending. Yet in addition to the need to address the backlog of several hundred million dollars in restoration and rehabilitation of public lands scarred by recent fires, the New Mexico lawmakers said the Energy Committee will this year consider forest health legislation aimed at preventing forest fires. Such legislation may require added forest thinning funds.

The recently enacted FY2003 (fiscal year 2003) omnibus appropriations bill provides \$825 million in new funding to repay USFS and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) programs for the costs of fighting forest fires in 2002. Overall, the new law provides \$2.03 billion for wildfire management activities in FY2003, with \$1.38 billion for USFS wildland fire management activities and the remaining \$654.4 million for the BLM. Within these amounts is also \$160 million for the forest service and \$111.3 million to BLM for Domenici's "Happy Forests" hazardous fuels reduction initiative.

Of interest to New Mexico, the Energy Committee leaders also alerted their

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SANTA FE -- With only a few days left in the 2003 Legislature, Gov. Bill Richardson still doesn't have most of the "tools" he requested in his opening day speech.

The governor promised great things for New Mexico if only the Legislature would give him the tools. Attention focused in those early days on the staff increase he requested, but the tools also included a package of 70 bills he wanted.

Richardson got off a roaring start. A 50 percent increase in his office budget request was approved within days. His cabinet appointments, although a bit controversial, were quickly approved by the Senate. And he got his two tax cut bills in time to sign on Valentine's Day.

During this period, Richardson was feverishly meeting with legislative leaders from both sides of the aisle, stroking, cajoling, horse-trading, whatever it took to bring them onboard the Richardson Express. But it turned out his wasn't an express elevator to the top. It began making some local stops.

The Senate quickly passed two key elements of Richardson's package, creating a cabinet secretary of education, while making the state Board of Education advisory and adopting his proposed elimination of the tobacco settlement reserve fund. But the House made changes that were not acceptable to the governor. Those issues now are in conference committee awaiting resolution.

Meanwhile the House passed a budget bill containing the teacher pay raises and domestic violence programs the governor requested. But it is hung up in the Senate, which is looking for revenue sources to balance that budget.

Drunken-driving legislation requested by Richardson is moving through the Legislature, but the governor's main interest is to set up a task force to propose additional DWI legislation for next year's session.

The House and Senate have both passed bills to establish a committee to propose changes in the state's tax system. Those bills don't quite track, so compromise will be necessary. Richardson wants a special session to discuss taxes next fall.

And finally, a bill directing the Interstate Stream Commission to

develop a statewide water plan has passed the Senate and now awaits House action.

Gov. Richardson will have to be at his best to pull these issues through the legislative wringer in the next few days. It is standard practice to wait until the last minute to wrap everything into a big package, with all the compromises and trade-offs everyone can muster. The new governor wanted to override that system and it looked for awhile that he would.

What stopped him? Did Richardson get sidetracked with national and international issues? Maybe, but with his energy and drive, he has always been able to keep many balls in the air simultaneously. Did legislators want to remind the governor that they share equal power in lawmaking? There probably was some of that. But mainly, lawmakers began waking up the morning after the honeymoon and realizing everything wasn't quite as rosy as it looked the night before.

Also occurring during the last week of the Legislature are GOP county conventions for electing delegates to the state Central Committee meeting on May 3 in Albuquerque. The challenge by Sen. Ramsay Gorham to state GOP Chairman John Dendahl will be decided at that meeting.

Since many Republican lawmakers participate in the governance of their party, how could delegate selection meetings be scheduled during the final week of the Legislature? Could Dendahl have had a hand in it? He has said that Gorham can't handle both jobs. He also has criticized Joe Skeen for losing all the top races on the ballot the year he did both.

Skeen hasn't taken it lying down. He has distributed a written reply to Dendahl outlining the sorry state of affairs of the New Mexico GOP when he took over and the momentum of the Democrat Party following the assassination of President Kennedy. It is a convincing piece.



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Aries (March 21-April 19) Your money matters concern you more than the love that you could be losing? Take more stock in your loved ones and get a better yield than money.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Your sweet nature could be tested by people, places, and things. Have a good plan before taking on any other things or people. Get more rest.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Keep your eyes and ears wide open! What others are not saying and doing is just as important as the other. Look deep inside for the real truth about you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) This could be the start of a good thing as long as you know, there is no such thing as a free lunch! Be real sure that this is what you really want for life.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) You will be searching for something that is really dear to your heart. Love. You can't keep a good thing down. Let go, and let someone love you.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You'll know the right answer to your problem when you ask the person that can answer it. Don't waste any more time and money. Start over.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22) You won't know it right away, but you'll feel it deep down in your soul. Let others know that you know, what you know, and don't have to show it.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You're doing too much for other people and not taking care of yourself. It's essential that you take time out for yourself so you too can heal.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) Your world as you know it, will be changing without your permission, only because you're not doing anything to change it the way you want it.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You'll be in a better mood, once you tell or let go of things and people that don't benefit you. You'll make more money and be very happy.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) Same old things, day in and out can make you an old person before your time. Get out and get a new life. It's better to wear out than rust out!

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Fort Stanton Facts and Fiction

by Betty Lou Joiner

Clouds are such a beautiful sight, if only the rain would come along with them. The week's forecast shows we just might have a few drops.

On my way home through Fort Stanton last week, I was so glad to see two Capitan citizens picking up the trash from Fort Stanton to the turn-off. It looked so much better. Mr. and Mrs. Tippen had done such a good job. Thanks to them both. Every day I plan to stop from the turn-off into Capitan and pick up trash but never take the time.

Audrey and Eddie had their hands full this past month. They went to Santa Rosa about two weeks ago and picked up little Miss Zoe. She spent the week with the Davis while Mom Teresa and Dad Ronald went on a cruise to Mexico. Ron had won this trip for selling the most amount of seeds. Zoe was such a good baby and had such a good time with her two cousins and Poppy and Gramma. She got to go to the gym and help Aunt Audrey with the basketball coaching of the little ones. She met many

new friends and learned all about the game. Audrey took her to Roswell to visit Great Grandma Bessie one day and so she was a very busy little girl.

Sunday, March 16, the All Stars of the basketball group and seven basketball stars from Corona played a match. Corona should be so proud of having a team of boys and girls with the biggest try and biggest hearts of anyone around. They never gave up with score just getting more and more against them.

The Huey brothers did

an excellent job of refereeing and coaching. Many family members of Capitan and Corona kids were on hand to watch the matches. Kersti and Jace were so excited for two days wondering when the day would come. Jace was so excited that when he got the ball he wouldn't pass it and finally just a minute and half before the game was over, he made the big bucket of a lifetime shot. What fun it is to watch the parents, the coaches and the kids at these fun games. Thanks so much to Kent McGinnes, Sherry Gowen and Bruiser Becker for running the show.

Kent is so proud of all three of his kids. Especially the daughter who so far has won the free throws at local and district levels. She will go to state next week and hopefully on to Nationals.

Capitan's stars were Jesse, Brandon Herd, Parker Rice, Strait Sedillo, Kersti and Jace Davis, Tyler and Jamie.

Corona's stars were Jordan H. Allysane H., Brandon H., Christina Miller, Elizabeth Miller, John H. and Justin H.

Eddie was a little disappointed that he missed the big game but had to travel to Brownwood to check in on Ruth. She is very ill in the hospital there with

breathing difficulties. Surgery to remove a breathing tube will be done in the next few days, hopefully to help with this problem. He came home Sunday and probably will be having to go back in the middle of the week. John and Judy Shaw were also there along with several other family members. All the Cowbells are praying that Ruth will pull through this critical surgery.

Patsy Racher arrived home from Scottsdale on Thursday. On Friday a few friends and family visited with her on her birthday. Pat and Patsy were born in Roswell, 61 years ago. That seems so long ago but time does fly. Patsy will decide on treatment here at home in the next few days. She has been blessed with the care of so many. Trisha and Jayne, her daughters, Ruth Lawrence, Della Bonnell, Lu, Renee, her Mom and many more have been taking care of her. We hope things will go better real soon. Donna Gonzales has been OIC at the Hondo post-office since Patsy became ill.

Rosalee Patterson reports the highway construction has been blocking several driveways and they have had to move up and down to make sure people can get their mail.

The bridge here at the Devil's Canyon turn-off is being redone and is very narrow when two cars pass. Sure hope the construction keeps going fast as it is so inconvenient.

Saturday, when out running the dogs, I had such a nice visit with Johnny Bond, Betty Ann Bell and Mrs. Harkey. They drove by to see if Mother was home and came to watch the dog and pony show. We had such a nice visit and then they went to visit Bessie who was happy to see them. She went to Alamogordo Sunday evening to visit Della and see her trees that are in full bloom.

The Lincoln County Sheriff Posse reports that the posters and envelopes will be printed soon and ready for the first event, which will be the artist tour in White Oaks. Ruth Birdsong reported that Walt fell and injured his neck and had to spend several days in the hospital in El Paso. He had a diabetic attack and will be confined to a wheelchair for sometime. He is home and recuperating. Ruth is planning a wedding for her grandson on Saturday at her home.

Another posse member, Otto Ernst, has also been sick with diabetes. Joan reported at the line dance

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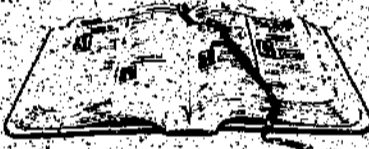
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 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

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
 648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening Training at 6:15 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 8:30 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 354-3136
 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. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector
 Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 1-505-257-2358
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Claunch Community Church
TONY SCACCIA, Minister
 848-1402
 Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches
JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2848
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 Sunday School (All-Ages) 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women 2:00 p.m.
 Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner on 12:30 p.m.
 4th Sunday of Month

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 Adult Sunday School 9:30 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) 9:30 a.m.
 1st and 3rd Tuesday

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 8:00 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



Carrizozo Fall Semester CHARACTER COUNTS
 Grades: Kindergarten through 5th

FRONT ROW: Branson Vega, Caleb Ventura, Lisa Ventura, Zhane Vega, Tiffany Vega, Patrick Barela, Jacob Porter, Gene Gore.
SECOND ROW: Shania Boyd, Jacie Thornton, Mason Huston, Rylah Zamora, Shayya Gallacher, Sarah Ferguson, Dalton Hutto, Kellie Armendariz, Jace Hill, Zachary Zamora.
THIRD ROW: Michelle Shivers, Stephanie Zamora, Jordan Hill, Chelsea LaMay, Roper Webb, Arturo Najera.
TOP ROW: Tessa Hendricks, Alexa Borowski, Ashley Ventura, Maria Tate, Mariah Vallejos, Carlos Samora.

NM Senators Advise Budget Committee

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budget counterparts of the probable need for significant funding increases to address drought conditions in the West.

Another priority issue for the committee will be water availability as drought conditions persist throughout much of the West. The administration has proposed a modest water initiative through the Bureau of Reclamation, and the committee is likely to consider legislation to address water and environmental issues in states such as New Mexico, California, Arizona, Colorado and the Pacific Northwest. While the budgetary effects of these measures are uncertain at this time, they may be significant and will need to be accommodated within the overall level for discretionary spending in the 2004 budget resolution, the New Mexico lawmakers wrote.

In its FY2004 budget re-

quest, the Bush administration recommended \$11 million for a Western Water Initiative through the

Interior Department. The plan would focus on attempting to develop solutions to meet the increas-

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Report Sheriff's

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

March 11
4:27 p.m. accident without injuries at mile marker 286.5 on Highway 70.

4:42 p.m. possible fake ID at the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC).

4:48 p.m. neighbors moved a fence at the end of Sandia Place.
6 p.m. caller from out of town requested a welfare check of a subject at a ranch north of Capitan. The responding deputy advised he contacted Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) and the subject was still there.

March 12
6:31 a.m. request for ambulance at Carrizozo Health Clinic. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC in Ruidoso.

8:49 a.m. report of carbon monoxide at location on 6th Street. Carrizozo fire department and ambulance responded and advised all was okay, and the patient had refused the ambulance.

7:13 a.m. phone harassment at location on Sierra Blanca Trail.

10:05 a.m. deputy advised he made an arrest at a location on Randall.

10:36 a.m. request for ambulance at location on 13th Street for possible stroke patient. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.

11:53 a.m. stray dogs on Angel Mesa.

12:09 p.m. phone harassment at ranch in Picacho area.

1:09 p.m. Capitan police chief requested deputy assistance at Capitan High School.

1:24 p.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping standby at location on

Sudderth Drive.

2:43 p.m. loose horse in area of Highway 380 and Center Drive.

3:27 p.m. deputy advised he made a warrant arrest at a commercial cabin in Ruidoso.

March 13

7:58 a.m. gas line break at a commercial nursery east of Ruidoso Downs. A fire man arrived in his private vehicle, the gas company was notified and an ambulance requested to standby, but was later cancelled.

10:28 a.m. burglar alarm at location in Lincoln. At 10:32 a.m. the alarm company advised everything was okay.

10:43 a.m. suspicious female at mile marker 106 on Highway 54, her vehicle was suspected to have been in a hit and run accident in Otero County. State police notified.

11:49 a.m. deputy advised of criminal damage

to location on Sandia.

12:40 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for patient with hip or femur injury. Med 1 ambulance transported to LCMC.

1:21 p.m. deputy advised he made an arrest at a mobile home park.

3:57 p.m. attempt to locate a male subject who took a 30 pack of beer and some kind of hard liquor from a business on Mechem Drive, and was seen on Cedar Creek road. Responding deputies advised that a 27 year old male was arrested by Ruidoso police.

4:07 p.m. request for ambulance to transport a cardiac patient to the hospital in Alamogordo. Med 1 responded.

4:11 p.m. Ruidoso police requested a deputy to set up a time for peace keeping so subject could do property exchange.

6:57 p.m. 20 shots fired in the Villa Madonna area.

8:30 p.m. trespasser at business in Alto.

9:01 p.m. request for ambulance for sick woman at a trailer park. Med 1 re-

sponded but was refused.

10 p.m. deputy advised he did warrant service at a location on Wingfield in Ruidoso.

10:43 p.m. Capitan police requested assistance in Capitan. Two deputies responded.

March 14

8:17 a.m. dog attacked by K-9s at location in Alto. Animal control officer (ACO) requested.

11:34 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

2:47 p.m. boundary line dispute at location on Fort Stanton road.

4:08 p.m. accident with injuries on Gavilan Canyon Road. Bonito Fire Department and two deputies responded.

4:25 p.m. man down at location on 12th Street. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.

4:40 p.m. residential burglary at location on Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs.

4:58 p.m. dumpster fire. Carrizozo fire department responded with the brush truck.

10:42 p.m. request for ambulance for patient having trouble breathing at location on G Ave. Carrizozo ambulance transported to the hospital in Alamogordo.

March 15

10:16 a.m. request for deputy to serve as escort for a pilgrimage walk along Highway 70 from St. Jude's church in San Patricio. Two deputies responded.

No time listed, deputy advised of a chainsaw stolen from a ranch near Corona.

8:17 p.m. vandalism at end of county road E011, a lock was missing off a storage unit.

10:33 p.m. Med 1 advised of transporting a camper burned at Bonito Lake. Bonito Fire Department was notified, but that call was cancelled. Deputy also responded.

1:18 p.m. state police advised of a grass fire at mile marker 302 on Highway 70. Hondo Fire Dept. responded and advised it was a small fire and all was okay.

5:12 p.m. shots fired above a residence off mile marker 83.5 on Highway 380.

March 16

4:40 p.m. Ruidoso police requested a deputy to meet with a subject involved in an accident that happened in the county. No state police were avail-

able to make the report.

10:07 p.m. request for ambulance for cardiac patient at location on Mount Hood in Ruidoso. Med 2 and deputies responded and requested the Office of Medical Investigator (OMI).

March 17

3:00 a.m. LCDC requested an ambulance for a subject who fell. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.

6:19 a.m. smoke in Enchanted Forest area. Bonito Fire Dept. advised there was a lot of smoke, but it looked okay and they cancelled any further response.

9:17 a.m. request for oxygen. Corona ambulance responded.

9:56 a.m. problem with cattle and cattle owner not willing to remedy the situation on Highway 70 in Hondo. Deputy responded and advised the caller about the state "fence out" law.

11:19 a.m. Ruidoso police advised of boxes in the middle of Highway 70. The responding deputy advised the boxes were gone when he arrived.

11:27 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area for patient with ankle fracture. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

11:52 a.m. smoke or fire in the Peebles Road area. Bonito fire department at 12:09 p.m. advised all was okay.

1:34 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Elk Horn for 78 year old female with high blood pressure. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

4:07 p.m. missing items from storage unit in Angus area.



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NM Senators Advise

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ing classes that he was in intensive care in Ruidoso. She said their children had come in to help her.

Virgil Stephens was over our way last week to take some pictures of "Bacon" the pig, who lives at Lindy and Eli Salcido's house. The pictures will be used for him to draw the cover of the fair book. Lindy reported that Bacon was very cooperative after some wrestling with Eli. Duke and Fly, two of my puppies are doing good work, herding the goats, the sheep, the horses and the pigs. Such interesting happenings here in Glencoe.

Della has been able to find a little time to paint some and her portraits are very good. One of David looks so much like him. She just needs more time for this hobby. She is giving painting lessons to

Harley and she is going to be good too. The sunflower they are painting looks very real.

A few tips I read about in some bulk business mail were: Colgate toothpaste is very good to put on burns, use tomato paste for boils, to disinfect a blister use a few drops of listerine, alka-seltzer tablets will clean toilets, pour a drop of glue on a splinter, let it dry and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter sticks to the dried glue. Maybe I will order this book and have some more hints for next time I write.

A nice brochure was put out last week by Friends of Fort Stanton. If you would like to join this group, send dues to Friends of Fort Stanton, Box 1, Fort Stanton, NM 85323-0001.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV02-76

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO HOMESIDE LENDING, INC.
Plaintiff,

vs.
MIKE DENNIS HAWLEY, HOLLY LEI HAWLEY, JOHN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN, JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, of his/her designee, will, on April 1, 2003, at 10:30 am, at the Front Steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301, 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 68 AND 69, BLOCK 3 OF PARADISE CANYON SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE SECOND SUPPLEMENT PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, APRIL 26, 1956, IN TUBE 147.

The address of the real property is 461 PARADISE CANYON DRIVE, RUIDOSO, NM 88345. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 16, 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 \$126,622.64, plus interest from August 2, 2002, to the date of sale at the rate of 7.62500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and 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.

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Dated: February 26th, 2003.

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CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Capitan School District #28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will meet on Monday, April 7, 2003, 6:00 p.m. M.D.T. in the board room of the administration building, 150 Forest Street, to present and publicly review the budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

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

Done at Capitan, New Mexico, this 17th day of March, 2003.

CAPITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
GARY TREGEMBO,
Board President

ATTEST:
DANNY HAYNES,
Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-02-233

CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
AUGUST R. GRUNOW, DONNA J. GRUNOW, and STATE NATIONAL BANK f/n/a Sierra Bank.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on April 4, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. the undersigned Special Master, of his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 113 Doc Holiday Court, Alto, New Mexico 88312, and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 3, Block 22, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, 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, November 30, 1982, in Cabinet D, Slide Nos. 99 to 103, both inclusive.

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to mobile homes, subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$89,417.63, and the same bears interest at 7.7500% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$18.99 per diem, commencing on February 1, 2003, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendants August R. Grunow and

Donna J. Grunow for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree having duly appointed Peter Baca, as its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described judgment, interest, and costs of sale and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$89,417.63, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,196.37 for a total judgment plus interest of \$90,614.00. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-9925

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV-02-275

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.,
D/B/A AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER,
Plaintiff,

vs.
WAYNE S. FRANCK, ROBERTA L. FRANCK, JOHN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN, JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, of his/her designee, will, on April 7, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the North East Door of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, NM 88301, 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:

TRACT 1:
A tract of land lying in Section 10, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the East line of the W/2 Section 10 from which the center quarter corner bears S 0° 26' W a distance of 40 feet; thence N 0° 26' E along the East line of the W/2 Section 10, a distance of 1033.9 feet; thence S 32° 47' W parallel to the railroad right of way 2411.56 feet; thence East 1880.63 feet; thence N 0° 26' E, a distance of 410 feet; thence East 40 feet to the point of beginning, and which has been called 32.57 acres, more or less, in previous instruments.

TRACT 2:
A tract of land lying in the E/2W/2 Section 10, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the center quarter corner of Section 10; thence S 0° 26' W along the East line of the NE/4SW/4, 370 feet; thence West 40 feet; thence N 0° 26' E, 410 feet; thence East 40 feet to the East line of the SE/4NW/4; thence S 0° 26' W along said East line, 40 feet to the point of beginning, and which has been called 0.376 acres, more or less, in previous instruments.

Also including the Mobile Home:
Vin # CRH2TX022
1999 Crestrige
28x76

The address of the real property is S. 10, HWY 54, CARRIZOZO, NM 88301. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 13, 2003, 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 \$107,837.73, plus interest from February 15, 2003 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.37500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and 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: February 27, 2003.

NICK VEGA
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

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 7, 2003, Rancho Ruidoso Village Water Company and CDS Rainmakers Utilities, L.C. c/o Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 3156, Roswell, NM 88202-3156, filed application No. H-1122-S-7 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to use existing exploratory well H-3408 located in the SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., for the purpose of supplementing the following existing wells:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-1122-S	SW1/4NW1/4SE1/4	21	10 S	14 E
H-1122-S-2	SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4	21	10 S	14 E
H-1122-S-3	SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4	19	10 S	14 E
H-1122-S-4	SW1/4NW1/4SW1/4	20	10 S	14 E
H-1122-S-5	SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4	21	10 S	14 E

For the continued diversion of up to 251.875 (permanent) +97.5 (temporary until May 31, 2010) acre-feet per annum of groundwater for domestic and subdivision purposes in the Rancho Ruidoso Water Company's Distribution System service area.

The wells are located approximately four miles northeast of Alto, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm, corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the State of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico, 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax's) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to (505) 623-8559. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 27, 2003, Rancho Ruidoso Village Water Company and CDS Rainmakers Utilities, L.C. c/o Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 3156, Roswell, NM 88202-3156, filed application No. H-1122-S-6 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to use existing exploratory well H-3409 located in the SW1/4NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., for the purpose of supplementing the following wells:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-1122-S	SW1/4NW1/4SE1/4	21	10S	14E
H-1122-S-2	SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4	21	10S	14E
H-1122-S-3	SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4	19	10S	14E
H-1122-S-4	SW1/4NW1/4SW1/4	20	10S	14E
H-1122-S-5	SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4	21	10S	14E

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OLD LINCOLN

by Rosalie Durlap

The agriculture people are celebrating Ag Week this week. Mike Corn, president of the NM Farm Bureau and Bernar Treat will be on the Roswell radio station explaining the different aspects that go into our agriculture.

Good news, Kyle Parr is opening the Wortley Hotel, formally, April 4th but you can drop in for a cup of coffee now.

Dave next door also has his grill open. The family had the sad news that two of their young nieces had been killed in a head-on crash when the other driver went to sleep. They had planned to go to Brazil to attend a wedding in Olga's family.

The Republican Party held their biennial meeting in Carrizozo Saturday. Duane Williams, 1st pres.; Joan Parks, vice pres.; John Billingsley, 2nd vice pres.; Carrie Spencer, secretary and Nancy Lolar, treasurer. Members were named to the County and State Central Committees.

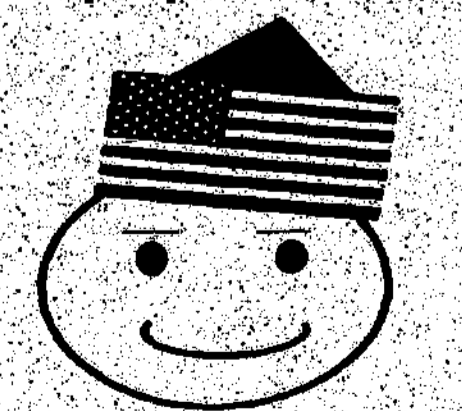
A group of us went to the Outpost for lunch and were met with motorcycles parked on both sides of the street. They were just leaving, sigh of relief. They were a group from Tularosa and Alamogordo enjoying the beautiful day. As they came in for lunch, there were thirty Elks finishing their lunch. How about that for timing?

Work is progressing on the Gallegos House. They have put in new electricity and taken off the old plaster.

The Lincoln County Photography Club met last week. I missed it and three photos to take on emotions. I am quite sure there were some funny ones. The group is planning a three day trip to Chaco Canyon in April. We have a conflict but have been there and it is a great treasure to visit.

The Capitan Library garage sale was a huge success Saturday. It was work, all the hard work the personnel put into the sale.

Martha Anderson and her friend, Lila Juul, Las Cruces were Lincoln visitors Friday. Martha had one of Ralph's early spinning wheels and needed some repair work. They toured Lincoln while Ralph repaired the wheel.



HAVE A GOOD DAY!!

LEGAL

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

No. CV-02-148

OLYMPUS SERVICING, L.P. FKA CALMCO SERVICING, LP ON BEHALF OF OWNER, Plaintiff,

vs. MOSTAFA ALIABADI, RUIDOSO STATE BANK, JAMES W. SANDLIN, as Attorney-in-fact, and RANCHES OF SONTERA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on April 16, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 481 Santiago, Alto, New Mexico 88312, and is more particularly described as follows:

Tract 481, of THE RANCHES OF SONTERA, UNIT THREE, 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 May 24, 1996, in Cabinet F, Slide No. 448,

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes, subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy an in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's in rem judgment is \$521,319.62, and the same bears interest at 8.750% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$126.76 per diem, commencing on October 1, 2002, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem judgment against said Defendant Mostafa Aliabadi for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its in rem judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its in rem judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The court's decree, having duly appointed Peter Baca, as its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described in rem judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the in rem judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of this in rem judgment due is \$521,319.62, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$25,098.48 for a total in rem judgment plus interest of \$546,418.10. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. 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. CV-02-49

CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs. KEVIN W. SMITH and CYNTHIA L. TAYLOR, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on April 16, 2003, at the hour of 9:05 a.m. the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at #2 Snell Road, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 1, SWEETWATER HILLS SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Replat of Lots 13 & 17, Block 1, Amended Sweetwater Hills Subdivision, thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, November 24, 1984, in Cabinet D, Slide No. 325,

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

Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$91,929.58, and the same bears interest at 7.8750% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$19.83 per diem, commencing on June 1, 2002, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem judgment against Defendant

Kevin W. Smith and final in rem judgment against Cynthia L. Taylor, for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed Peter Baca, as its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$91,929.58, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$6,345.60 for a total judgment plus interest of \$98,275.18. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-9925

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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

The L.C.M.C. Board of Trustees is holding a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 24, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lincoln County Medical Center's Board Room, 211 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Three or more Lincoln County Commissioners will attend this public meeting. No official county business will be conducted.

THOMAS F. STEWART
Lincoln County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 20, 2003.

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

No. CV 03-57
Division III

DEL RAE BAIRD and PEARL BAIRD, Plaintiffs,

vs. GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIVING PERSONS: G. FRANKLIN DOWDY and E. FLOYDEAN DOWDY.

GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSON: DAVID L. RANKIN

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

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF ACTION**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:
GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIVING PERSONS: G. FRANKLIN DOWDY and E. FLOYDEAN DOWDY. GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSON: DAVID L. RANKIN. GROUP III: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Del Rae Baird and Pearl Baird, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-03-57 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive service upon you.

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

A tract of land in the N1/2NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, being more particularly described as follows: Starting at the Northwest corner of said Section 28; thence N 88° 46' 20" E a distance of 935.08 feet; thence S 05° 05' 43" E a distance of 664.45 feet; thence N 89° 37' 57" E a distance of 93.50 feet to the point of beginning and the Southwest corner of the herein described tract of land; thence N 05° 05' 43" W a distance of 228.80 feet; thence S 83° 52' 48" E a distance of 245.39 feet; thence S 08° 10' 19" W a distance of 80.00 feet; thence along a curve to the left whose radius is 171.90 feet through an arc distance of 31° 38' a chord distance of 96.98 feet; thence S 89° 38' 19" W a distance of 35.90 feet; thence S 00° 21' 41" E a distance of 25.00 feet; thence S 89° 37' 57" W a distance of 189.46 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 1.098 acres, more or less. TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereupon, including a 1974 Boltin 14' x 80' Mobile Home, S/N 474148024, which is permanently attached thereto.

AND Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12, of Block 76, of the TOWNSITE OF NOGAL, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the official plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, dated August 30, 1892. TOGETHER

WITH all improvements thereon, SUBJECT TO easements, reservations and restrictions of record, and expressly subject to Restrictive Covenants filed of record in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 7th day of September, 1978, in Book 55, at Pages 438-441, of the Miscellaneous Records.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before April 30, 2003, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiffs in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiffs' Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs is: Archie A. Witham, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 18th day of March, 2003.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: Mickie L. Vega
Deputy

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**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV02-159**

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. LEOLA F. HARBISON, MELISSA CAROL COWAN, JOHN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LEOLA F. HARBISON, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MELISSA CAROL COWAN, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, or his/her designee, will, on April 22, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the 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 4A, BLOCK 9 OF DEL NORTE ADDITION, UNIT 3, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT OF LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 9, DEL NORTE ADDITION UNIT 3, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, MAY 13, 1983, IN CABINET D, SLIDE 126.

The address of the real property is 220 VENADO, RUIDOSO, NM 88345. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 28, 2003, 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 \$50,865.05, plus interest from March 2, 2003 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.25000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and 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: March 14, 2003.

PETER BACA
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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OBITUARIES

HAROLD S. HOFFMAN

Harold S. Hoffman, Lt. Col. (retired), of Albuquerque, died March 12. He was 82 year old.

He was a graduate of Carrizozo High School and also New Mexico Southern University.

Harold retired from civil service and a military career span of 52 years, during which he received numerous medals and awards in service to his country.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Anne Salopek Hoffman; six children, Judith Ann Murphy, Gloria Smelker and Mary Hoffman, all of Albuquerque; Robert Hoffman and Donald Hoffman, both of Midland, Texas and Bill Hoffman of Las Cruces; two sisters, Anna Belle Burrow of Carrizozo and Mildred Hust of Alamogordo; ten grandchildren; four great-grand children and numerous nieces and nephews. Harold was preceded in death by a son, Harold Hoffman Jr. and a sister, Dorothy Lee Van Deren.

A Rosary was recited March 14 in Palm Chapel of Strong-Thorne Mortuary and a Mass of Christian Burial was held March 15 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Albuquerque with Fr. Julian Russo, Celebrant. Interment followed in the Carrizozo Cemetery conducted by Fr. Dave Bergs of Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo, and Holloman Air Force Base Military Honor Guard.

MONA PERRY

Mona Perry, 72, of Ruidoso Downs, died March 11 in Ruidoso. She was born March 28, 1930 in Haywood, Oklahoma and moved to Ruidoso Downs 22 years ago from Alamogordo. She was a homemaker and a member of Christ Church of the Downs. She married Neal Perry on July 23, 1949 at Ruidoso Downs and he preceded her in death on April 11, 1996.

Mona is survived by a son, Dale Perry of Ruidoso Downs; four daughters, Pat Perry, Sharon Payne, Beverly Delanda, and Brenda Sowder all of Ruidoso Downs; brothers and sisters, Rev. Edward Scott, Sally Little, Doris Hobbs, Willene Hull, Joyce Scott, Aubrey Scott, Dude Scott, Helen Ryker and Joe Scott; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held March 15, at the First Assembly of God Church with Rev. Al Lane officiating. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

**Lincoln County War
Topic For April First
Friday Lecture**

On Friday, April 4, Lincoln County will be the topic of Capitan Public Library's First Friday Adult Lecture Series.

The lecture begins at 7 p.m. Drew Gornber, the historian for the Hubbard Museum of the American West, will speak specifically about the Lincoln County War.

Volunteers for the Capitan Library will provide refreshments after the one hour program. The lectures are provided free of charge.

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C'ozo Municipal Schools Announce Third Quarter Honor Roll Students

More than 50 students at Carrizozo Municipal School have achieved honor roll status for academic work during the third nine-week quarter of school.

"A" honor roll students follow, listed by grade level.

Sixth grade: Jennifer Elizabeth Shafer, Bailey Anne Shivers.

Seventh grade: Hannah Joy Corley, Erin Elizabeth Hightower, Kendal Dixon Wilson.

Eighth grade: Elias N. Hopper, Kaitlyn Mary Vega.

Ninth grade: Michael Ryan Gaines, KC Clement Hendricks, Mary Elizabeth Shivers, Whitney Erin Whittaker.

Tenth grade: Samuel Ralph Ungaro.

Eleventh grade: Francesca Alyce Rossi, Victoria Marie Rossi, Ariel Loraine Vallejos.

Twelfth grade: Anthony Brett Beltran, Alena Grey Borowski, Lacey Lynn Martin-Burd.

"B" honor roll students follow, listed by grade level.

Sixth grade: Elizabeth Louise Bingerman, Alyshia Dawn Culley, Patricio Ruperto Jiron, Mark Tyler LeBlanc, Kathleen Louise Schlarb, Zeke William Vega, Amber Nicole Vigil, Rory Nazario Zamora.

Seventh grade: Casey Joe Barela, Stacia Lynn Calvert, Kevin Pete Gore, Gregory Dean Vigil.

Eighth grade: Johnny Florencio Beltran, Kimberly Ann Corley, Robert Joe Dutchover, Eric Patrick Koroscil, Jade Eric LeBlanc, Stephen Anthony Margis, Samantha Jo Portillo, Channon Cheyenne Rimplé, Adam Matthew Zamora.

Ninth grade: Mathew Dominic Barela, Wade Boone McMahan.

Tenth grade: Stephanie Jane Brewer, Esteban M. Ramirez.

Eleventh grade: Ariel Elizabeth Burr, Brent James Dixon, Christopher Gabriel Vallejos.

Twelfth grade: Amanda Sue Corley, Rachael Elizabeth Dauster, Christa C. Franck, Jesse Ann Ortiz.

Grizzly WEEKLY

by Carrizozo High School Journalism Class
Sarah Ball, Instructor

Students Appreciate Mrs. Chavez

Polly Chavez is the other half of our art department here at Carrizozo Schools. She is currently teaching art in kindergarten through fifth, and she's also the educational assistant for the second grade. She's been with Carrizozo since 1988 when she began teaching high school art.

She teaches students a variety of arts and crafts. Students learn all aspects of drawing: perspective, line, shape, and color. They learn about cartooning, lettering, and abstract design. Eventually, she'll take their art projects and enter them into contests and other art events, such as county and state fairs.

One thing Mrs. Chavez tries to do is mix art and music and other activities together. She's done lots of things to help the Carrizozo art program such as invite dancers, musicians, and performing artists to come and visit our school. She believes the art lessons allow students to apply what they have learned to their other classes and to their lives at home.

Mrs. Chavez and her husband Nat have been life-long residents of Carrizozo and Lincoln County. Nat is a retired maintenance supervisor of Carrizozo Schools.

Their six children were all educated at Carrizozo Schools, and they all graduated from CHS.

She is not only an art teacher but an artist as well. She paints retablos on wood, a technique that has roots in New Mexico's Spanish colonial era. Her art has been shown in galleries, museums, libraries, and fairs. She also enjoys photography and writing columns for newspapers and magazines.

Polly Chavez is a big part of the art department at Carrizozo Schools and we hope you appreciate her as much as we do.

By: Josh Calvert

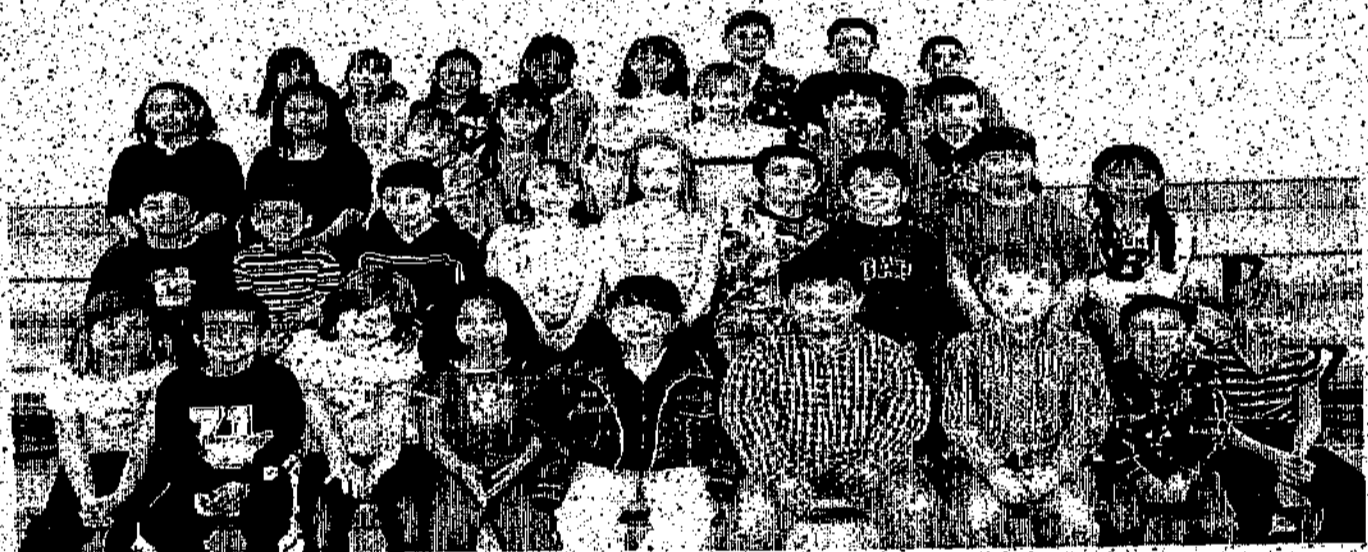
Student Art Will be Focus of Show at Hubbard Museum of the American West

The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs opens the seventh annual Henriette Wyeth Memorial School Art Show on Sunday, March 9 at 10 a.m.

The show opens with the high school exhibition, displaying two and three-dimensional works in a variety of mediums. Students works from Carrizozo, Capitan, Clouderoff, Mesalero Apache School and Ruidoso High will be represented. The high school show is also a competition, judged this year by Ruidoso Downs painter and instructor Ann Templeton. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries.

The Hubbard Museum is also looking for artists and art educators interested in teaching workshops for Fine Arts in Historic Lincoln, the museum's annual summer art program for children. The three week program consists of twelve independent workshops, each covering one or more disciplines. To receive an information packet, contact Elizabeth Becker at (505) 378-4142.

Also, the Museum will offer family art classes during spring break, the last week of March. Offerings include scratchboard and pine needle basketry. There is a fee. Phone Elizabeth Becker



Carrizozo February 2003 CHARACTER COUNTS
Grades: Kindergarten -- First Grade -- Second Grade

FRONT ROW: Shania Boyd, Erick Culley, Lisa Ventura, Zhane Vega, Tiffany Vega, Patrick Barela, Jacob Porter, Gene Gore, Fantasia Dennis.

SECOND ROW: Branson Vega, Caleb Ventura, Devon Arteche, Shayna Gallacher, Sarah Ferguson, Dalton Hutto, Jade Hill, Zachary Zamora, Jaclynn Ortiz.

THIRD ROW: Shayna Zamora, Jade Roper, Rylah Zamora, Mason Huston, Jacie Thornton, Tavi Nash, Arturo Najera, Jeremiah Sedillo.

TOP ROW: Erica Vega, Amanda Gallegos, Andrea Vigil, Timara Burd, Sierra Anaya, Sergio Ramirez, Sean Medina, Isaac Vega.



Carrizozo February 2003 CHARACTER COUNTS
Grades: 3rd Grade -- 4th Grade -- Fifth Grade

FRONT ROW: Carmen Tate, Justin Vega, Marshall Ventura, Jordan Vinson, Lane Carter, Jaime McCarthy.

SECOND ROW: Marshal Wilson, Destiny Dutchover, Joel Ferguson, Troy Niederstadt, Jenna Schartz, McKenna Sandoval, Chelsea LaMay, Jordan Hill.

THIRD ROW: Mariah Vallejos, Alexa Borowski, Tessa Hendricks, Maria Tate, Kinsey Vega, Michelle Shivers.

TOP ROW: Courtney Belcher, Arran Vallejos, Matt Vega, Ryan Guevara, Scott Barela, Tanner Huston.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for a temporary full-time position of Solid Waste Driver. CDL Driver's License required, minimum Class B License, Class A License preferred. Positions will be filled as needed. You may pick up applications at 222 Second Street, Ruidoso Downs, NM or call (505) 378-4697. Applications deadline will be March 28, 2003, 9:00 a.m.
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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
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REMINDER
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Commission Rejects

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never had county commissioners who did not support the hospital."

Mitchell said no one makes "one penny" by serving on the hospital board, which takes many hours of volunteer time. He said that is one reason why the same people continue to serve on the hospital board. He then invited Martinez to come down to the hospital and volunteer some time. "If you want to do something for the hospital, I can find something for you to do," Mitchell said. "Come work with us, but don't make us have to come to every (county commission) meeting to answer questions." The audience responded with applause and some whoops.

LCMC administrator Jim Gibson said the mission of the LCMC board is to provide the best quality care at affordable prices. "In the last four years the LCMC board has improved profitability to the point we are in trouble for making too much money," Gibson said.

"Then give it back," Martinez said.

Joan Park, former county treasurer, said the voters supported the hospital in the mill levy election.

Michele Rebstock said LCMC has deteriorated in overall service, because it went to a managed care in 1996. She said this has led to reduced services and personnel, and has polarized staff. "It's follow the

county line or move out of Lincoln County," Rebstock said about doctors who oppose PHS. She encouraged the commission to pursue an rfp and independent audit of LCMC. "We will have no progress without change, and no change without competition," Rebstock said.

Rebstock presented signatures from 11 doctors who support having a public meeting just to address the hospital issues.

Tony Seno, Ruidoso resident said only property owners are being asked to support the hospital, yet it is used by the whole public. "Do we property owners have to sue to get this straightened out?" Seno asked.

After nearly another half hour of the same discussion, Osceño resident Jerry Carroll said, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Jim Stöver, director of the ambulance services, spoke for several minutes and said the system works. He said Martinez's complaints cause a "lot of grief" for employees, doctors and staff at LCMC.

Kathy Smith who runs the Rose Clinic in Capitan, praised PHIS because it was the only reason why her clinic continues to operate now. "Don't finance roads on the backs of ill people," she commented to commissioners.

Bobbi Shearer, Capitan village trustee said PHIS had done more to serve the underserved people of

Capitan than the county. Most patients at Rose Clinic have no insurance.

The final comment came from a resident who had been served by LCMC. He asked commissioners to honor the contract with PHS and when it expires to pursue different options then.

St. John made the motion not to hold a special meeting for the hospital issues because the commission had discussed all of Hobbs' four questions. Simpson seconded the motion, and at first vote St. John, Simpson, Wilson and Hobbs were in favor and Martinez against. Then Martinez changed his vote to yes, so that according to parliamentary rules, he could bring up the issue for discussion in the future.

Capitan Visitor

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making a total of \$300 available this year. Capitan High School was to be notified of the action.

The Merchants Committee reported on their upcoming flea markets which will be located at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Four different days for the markets are scheduled in April, June, August and October. The chamber will have a booth to sell sweets and other items. Committee members also reported on their Merchants' Breakfast which was not well at-

tended, despite enough food prepared to serve at least 60. Despite this members wanted to do another breakfast.

Chamber president Phyllis Macaw thanked Ann Traylor and Lynne Story for their help with the breakfast.

Members also discussed problems with the chambers building. Because of a leak the water was turned off to the building, which needs other plumbing repairs in the restrooms. Members were not in favor of starting the bingo games again in July.

A nominating committee to search for new chambers officers was appointed. New officers will be elected at the April 7 meeting.



Friday, March 21:

Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered rain and snow showers in the morning, then numerous rain and snow showers early in the afternoon. High of 55. Lows in the mid-20s.

Saturday, March 22:

Partly cloudy and breezy, with chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s to low 50s, lows mid-20s to low 30s.

Sunday, March 23:

Partly cloudy with highs from lower 50s, lows from mid 20s.

Monday, March 24:

Breezy and partly cloudy with highs in the low 50s to low 60s, lows from the mid 20s.

Vote Too Slim For Attorney Waiver;

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conflict would be "minuscule." He said there are not many attorneys who know municipal law who want to take time to represent LCSWA.

LCSWA operational manager Debra Ingle, who had given an update on the LCSWA activities, said she did not foresee any conflict with Morel representing LCSWA.

But Wilson said he thought there is a potential for conflict. "I think it would be cleaner if LCSWA had its own attorney," Wilson said. However, it left it to Morel to make the decision.

Morel had requested the waiver of potential conflict of interest because the bar association takes conflict "very seriously." He said that is why he has chosen not to represent any other government entity in the county.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs asked Ingle if the LCSWA board would continue to search for an attorney if the county approves Morel's waiver. Ingle said the LCSWA board could continue, but it had no luck even with calling attorneys.

Finally Hobbs made the motion to approve the waiver for Morel with the provision LCSWA finds another attorney within six months, Martinez seconded it. However, when the vote was taken, Wilson voted no and Simpson abstained. (Simpson was former manager of

LCSWA and has some pending issues with the LCSWA board.)

Carrizozo trustee Eileen Lovelace said it was a bad idea for the county commission to allow the waiver, instead she thought LCSWA should go to a different lawyer on a case by case basis.

Morel then announced that because the vote was not unanimous to allow the waiver, he was unprepared to provide legal services to LCSWA.

Ingle then announced that there was a joint meeting of the LCSWA and Otero County Solid Waste Authority boards in Tularosa that night and a quorum of four LCSWA board members was needed. Martinez said he would be there.

(Capitan trustee Bobbi Shearer told THE NEWS that she was prepared to be at the joint meeting to represent the village of Capitan. Shearer said Capitan Mayor Steve Sederwall had withdrawn his resignation from the LCSWA board because his resignation memo had no effective date and the trustees had not accepted his resignation. THE NEWS made a call to Capitan Village Hall to have Sederwall verify the information. Sederwall did not return the call before deadline time. THE NEWS then made a call to Ingle at LCSWA. Ingle said Shearer was at the joint meeting carrying Sederwall's proxy vote.

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