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Fire Restrictions in Lincoln County

**** Now In Effect ****

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners at an emergency meeting held May 12 in Ruidoso passed a resolution imposing fire restrictions.

County fire restrictions went into effect immediately.

Lincoln National Forest imposed bans on all campfires and open flames beginning yesterday.

Wednesday, May 14. BLM is scheduled to impose fire restrictions on the Fort Stanton Special Management Area lands beginning today, Thursday, May 15.

County commissioners unanimously adopted Lincoln County Resolution 2002-35 which bans all burning of open flames, fires, campfires except in designated areas, trash, rubbish, shrub-

bery or other materials of any kind, except by permit. Also banned is the sale or use of display fireworks and the sale and use of missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rock-

ets and ground audible devices in the drought areas of the unincorporated areas of the county.

The resolution also discourages the use of fireplaces and disposal of unquenched ashes during the period of drought.

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WHEN THE GOVERNOR CAME TO TOWN

NM Gov. Bill Richardson visited Carrizozo on Friday, May 9. At his first ever visit to Carrizozo, the governor was welcomed by Carrizozo elementary students with colorful posters, by town and chamber officials and residents.

LCMC Asks For Lower Tax Rate

by Doris Cherry

With lots of money in the Lincoln County Medical Center mill levy fund, the hospital is asking for a lower tax rate.

At the May 2 budget hearing conducted by the Lincoln County Commissioners in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) administrator Jim Gibson recommended the county "relax" the mill levy to just 1.1 mill. Gibson said there is a lot of money in the hospital mill levy, and the hospital has done improvements without borrowing money.

Voters approved a mill levy election that allows the county to impose up to 3 mills for the hospital and clinics. The mills are for equipment and construction at LCMC and for operation of the Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo clinics.

But delays in the next proposed phase of construction at the hospital has resulted in a large re-

serve, Gibson said. The third year budgeted, Phase 3 of the hospital project is construction of an ambulatory surgery and recovery rooms.

County commissioner Leo Martinez said he had voted against the Phase 3 expansion. "I've always argued (LCMC) is a primary care facility," Martinez said. "It's never been a full scale hospital as we use only about 10 percent of the rooms."

"I'd like to see some of the mill levy money go back to the county to help balance the budget," Martinez added. "I see a lot of use for the surplus money and I don't see the hospital needing more mill levy money."

"Why not bring in private enterprise instead of competing," Martinez continued.

"This is not a wrap up and send down the road hospital," responded commission chair Rex Wilson. "It is more than primary care, it is a multi-

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C'zozo Special Meeting on Water/Sewer Ordinances May 21

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo Town Council will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21 for public hearings on the proposed water and sewer ordinances.

During the regular town council meeting May 13, trustees once again tabled action on the proposed ordinances at the request of town attorney David Stevens. He wanted to present his own drafts of the proposed ordinances, which he said were linguistically different than the proposed ordinances drafted by the town clerk and the town waste water technician.

Stevens said he had reviewed the proposed ordinances and found they need further work. Because of the cost involved,

Stevens said he had not verified if the technical definitions and recitals to state laws were correct.

Town wastewater technician Cathie Eisen said she worked with the New Mexico Environment Dept. waste water assistance program on the definitions and technical details.

"With that caveat my changes are stylistic not substantive," Stevens said. "But I recommend you table these until you can review my suggested revisions."

If the board is happy with my recommended changes, then we can put them to the community, Stevens added.

Trustee Wes Lindsay suggested a special meeting to discuss just the water and sewer ordinances.

Stevens said a special meeting would be in order at which time they could have Eisen explain the technical aspects.

The mayor questioned holding another meeting since the town had been working on the ordinances revisions for many months.

"I want to make sure there are no linguistic problems like the ordinances we have now that have inconsistencies,"

Stevens said. "We need to fix the problems."

Eisen said there are some compliance issues with the existing waste water treatment plant that will be addressed by the new sewer ordinance. "So the sooner we have the new ordinance in place the sooner we can address the loading issues with the sewer plant," Eisen said. "Until we have the new ordinance we cannot sample."

Stevens said he will work with Eisen on the language. Other concerns he had were how to deal with violators who claim an ability to continue with

their violation because of the "grandfather" theory and how to inspect commercial contributors.

"We are all aware this has to be done, but we

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Carrizozo Street Fair Committee To Meet May 20

The Carrizozo Street Fair Committee is beginning plans for the 10th Annual Labor Day Street Fair.

Anyone interested in helping to plan the event is welcome to attend the first organizational meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 20 at Carrizozo Joe's on Central Ave. For more information contact Karla at 648-5837.



CARRIZOZO TOWN OFFICIALS presented a plaque of thanks to Gov. Richardson for the nearly \$500,000 in appropriations for town hall whose electrical box was damaged by lightning last year. At lunch Sen. Rod Adair commended Gov. Richardson for providing the funding from his own budget. The governor also toured the newly opened Carrizozo Heritage Museum and was so impressed he committed to helping the project. Earlier on May 9, the governor visited Ruidoso to speak about funding for the supporters and his new appointments to the Fort Stanton Commission -- Lynda Sanchez from Lincoln, Charles Rennick and Keith Green from Ruidoso. At both locations Richardson also spoke about the education reform issues that will come to the voters this fall.

Coaches And Players Needed For Little League

Parents and coaches are invited to attend a Little League organizational meeting Monday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Carrizozo School cafeteria.

Children ages 8 to 13 are invited to play in the summer league.

Fire Restrictions

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The resolution is in effect for 30 days or until rescinded or extended by commissioners.

County manager Tom Stewart explained why he requested passage of the emergency resolution. He said that on May 8 the Lincoln National Forest fire danger went into extreme. Also, the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, ID listed the area as in extreme fire danger. Bill Martin, Lincoln County Emergency Management Coordinator introduced Jay Esperance, fire management officer for the Smokey Bear Ranger District. Esperance said the fire danger designation in the Lincoln National Forest has been at extreme for five days, part of the

criteria for restrictions to be placed in the forest.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs said the resolution should be more restrictive and he tried to amend the resolution to ban all burning and fireworks in Lincoln County. He also made several suggestions for the resolution including addition of the word "economy".

County commissioner Rick Simpson said the burning ban is a hardship for ranchers and farmers. He again said there are areas in the county where burning should be allowed. Simpson suggested an application process for permits for such agricultural burning. However, Simpson voted in favor of the resolution to ban open burning.

County commissioner Leo Martinez agreed there should be a more liberal policy for farmers and ranchers.

County commissioner Maurie St. John said other things start fires and it is hard to include everything in a resolution to ban fires. She suggested the resolution also include a prohibition on the use of welding or cutting torches under the restrictions.

The county attorney said the resolution was in accordance with state statutes and is appropriate for Lincoln County.

After discussion, Hobbs agreed to withdraw his recommendations to ban all fires and fireworks, but was successful in getting the wording for "extreme fire danger" and "economy" added to the resolution.

BLM has also advised it will impose fire restrictions beginning Thursday, May 15 on the Fort Stanton Special Management Area. The restrictions prohibit fires, campfires, charcoal broilers or wood stoves without a permit, except in developed picnicking areas. Use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed.

Smoking is also prohibited on BLM and Forest Service lands except in an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren of flammable materials.

Using a chainsaw without a permit is also prohibited as is the use of all fireworks.

Violators of the fire ban on BLM lands may be fined up to \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 12 months.

Campfires may be allowed in specific developed campgrounds on the Lincoln National Forest.

For more information on the fire restrictions call the Smokey Bear Ranger Station at 257-4095.

Carrizozo Museum Asks for More Space

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo Heritage Museum, just opened on May 3, needs more space and organizers would like to expand into the town's old power plant building next door to create a living heritage center.

"We have run out of room," said Roland Caster, museum representative to the Carrizozo Town Trustees at their meeting May 13. "We knew we would."

The current part of the museum, which opened on May 3 during the Festival de Cinco de Mayo, is Phase I of the three-phase museum project, Caster said. Plans are to expand the museum into the back part of the old ice plant. But the museum has received so many exhibit pieces from the community that there is no where to display them, Caster added.

"So we keep looking at that old building next door," Caster said.

The group has identified six stages in a formal written plan for a cultural heritage center. "Stage one is the building we are now in," Caster said. "The overall plan would be much more than two buildings."

Envisioned for the heritage center in the old ice plant is a large room with portable raised stage for historical reenactments, meeting rooms, office and archives for historical documents.

Caster and several members of the museum committee were at the meeting to ask the town to consider allowing the museum to take over the town's old power plant next to the museum. He said they have a plan and vision to create a museum-heritage center in Carrizozo. "We want a dynamic museum to tell the story of Carrizozo," he said.

"The museum group asks to meet with the

mayor to discuss our need for more space," Caster said. "We have also identified 23 potential funding sources that would accept applications for historical groups like us. We have also applied for a \$20,000 grant."

"We would like to develop a dream that this area can profit from in the future," Caster concluded.

In his presentation Caster said the museum opening on May 3 was a "red letter day" for the museum as 300 people attended. Among them were families and friends of those featured in the exhibits, many old timers, local residents and visitors. "We learned we have one fantastic committee of people who finally opened the doors of the museum with their skill, talent and determination. We also learned the community likes it," Caster said.

Caster said anyone willing to help with the museum will be accepted as a new member.

The museum is located at the northeast end of 12th Street and is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Carrizozo Tries To Train Trash Habits

by Doris Cherry

"Put the carts at the curb facing out," said town clerk Leann Weibrecht at the Carrizozo town council meeting Tuesday, May 13.

She was talking about the poly carts for trash, of which many were not emptied Tuesday, the last pick up day.

"There were a lot of problems with today's trash day," Weibrecht said. "And a lot of trash did not get picked up."

"The reasons -- the poly carts were not out at the curbs and trash was not bagged," she said.

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) workers cannot go onto private property to get a poly cart to empty, except for elderly or disabled people who are on a separate list and who have numbered carts, Weibrecht said.

Another reason for residents to put their carts out at the curb is in December LCSWA will go to an automated trash pick up with fully automated trucks that require only the driver.

"So please start putting your carts at the curb facing out to the street," she said. "So we can use this as a training period before the new system begins in December."

Another problem with trash pick up is many people are not bagging trash before putting it in the poly cart, Weibrecht said. "They will not pick up your cart if the trash is not bagged."

Carrizozo Special Meeting

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must do it right the first time with no problems as we had in the past with the poorly worded ordinance," Stevens concluded.

Copies of the proposed water and sewer ordinances will be available for review at the special meeting which will be held in the town offices in the Carrizozo Recreation Center.

Trustee LeeRoy Zamora asked why the trash has to be bagged, since bags break in the trash truck.

Weibrecht said unbagged trash goes all over the place in the wind when the trash guys dump the poly carts onto the trucks. "That's why they did not pick up all of 13th Street today," she added.

When trustee Tommy Guevara complained that some residents cannot afford trash bags, Weibrecht suggested they use plastic grocery bags.

EMT Class To Be Held In Capitan

Additional EMTs are needed in Lincoln County and communities in Lincoln County. An EMT course will begin in June.

The Emergency Medical Services will hold a special meeting Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Capitan Fire Department to discuss the schedule for an EMT training course to be held in Capitan starting in June.

For additional information contact any Ruidoso / Lincoln County EMT or call 505-257-8290.

Fiber Festival May 17 & 18 In Lincoln

The second annual Natural Fiber Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18 inside the Pageant Grounds on the west side of Lincoln.

The free festival will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Artists and crafters will exhibit handmade items which use natural fiber, such as cotton, wool, mohair or metal "fiber animals." Musicians have been invited to perform during the festival.

The Natural Fiber Festival is sponsored by REDTT, NM Sheep and Goat Council; Lincoln County Lodgers Tax; New Mexico Wool Growers and NM State Monuments.

For more information about the event, contact program assistant Sue Harkness at 505-630-0044 or the Lincoln County Extension Office at 648-2311.

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State Health Meeting 23rd In Ruidoso

The public is invited to attend a New Mexico Health and Human Services initiative meeting at 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 23 at Ruidoso Senior Center at 501 Sudderth Drive.

At the meeting the secretaries and staff of the New Mexico Health Dept. and Human Services Dept will discuss the four health and human services initiatives and take input from those present. The four initiatives are a statewide comprehensive health plan; behavioral health plan for children; long-term care plan for seniors and individuals with disabilities and Medicaid system redesign.

Anyone concerned about the future of health care in New Mexico is encouraged to attend. The meeting is sponsored by the NM Departments of Health; Human Services; Children, Youth and Families; and Aging and Long-term Care.

For more information, call 505-827-7750.

Town of Carrizozo

Will have its 2nd Clean-up Day on Sat., May 31

Volunteers are needed!

Anyone wishing to help out please be at Rec Center by 7:30 a.m. on the 31st.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY, THURSDAY, MAY 15

- Carrizozo Family and Consumer Education (FCE) club 1 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office, 12th Street.
- Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meets at 2 p.m. in the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs. Meeting rescheduled from regular date.
- Carrizozo Schools National Honor Society induction 6:30 p.m. school library.
- US 70 Task Force meets at 7 p.m. at Hondo Valley Schools.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- Carrizozo Kindergarten Graduation 6:30 p.m. old gym.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 2nd Annual Natural Fiber Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at pageant grounds in old Lincoln. Free admission.
- 3rd Annual Heritage Preservation Day celebration in Tularosa, all day activities at Tularosa Village hall on Highway 54/70. All events free.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- Fiber Festival continues from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the pageant grounds on the west end of Lincoln.
- Capitan Schools staff appreciation night at 6 p.m. at Traylor Gym.

MONDAY, MAY 19

- Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Commission 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
- Carrizozo little league organizational meeting 6:30 p.m. at Carrizozo school cafeteria, for ages 8-13.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

- Lincoln County Commissioners regular meeting 8:30 a.m. their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Public hearings on ordinances at 9 a.m., hearing on budget and ICIP at 2 p.m.
- Carrizozo Street Fair Committee organizational meeting 6 p.m. at Carrizozo Joe's on Central Ave.
- Emergency Medical Services meeting on Emergency Medical Technician Training Course to be given in June, at 6:30 p.m. Capitan Fire Dept.
- Carrizozo Board of Education 7 p.m. administration building.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- Carrizozo High School senior Baccalaureate, 6 p.m. Santa Rita Catholic Church.
- Special Carrizozo Town Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in town offices in Carrizozo Rec Center, to hold public hearing on proposed water and sewer ordinances.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

- NM Health and Human Services Initiative meeting 12:30 p.m. Ruidoso Senior Center at 501 Sudderth Drive.
- Carrizozo High School Senior Graduation, 6:30 p.m. in the old gym.
- Last day of class for Carrizozo and Capitan Schools.

Lady Grizzlies Win State Track Title for Third Straight Year

Led by junior Ariel Burr, the Carrizozo girls track team captured its third consecutive girls Class 1A track-and-field championship last Saturday in Albuquerque.

Carrizozo scored 59 points (30 by Burr) and held off 2nd place Fort Sumner Vixens, who finished with 51 points. Cliff and House (with only three athletes competing) tied for third, each with 39 points. Burr was edged out by House's Haily Lee for high-point honors in Class 1A garnering 31 points to Burr's 30.

Burr, won the 100 (12.44), 200 (26.39) and 400 (59.37) meters and the triple jump (35-4 1/2), breaking her own state record of 34-2 1/4 set in 2001), and also anchored the Grizzly's winning 1,600 relay. Christa Franck placed 6th in the javelin (106-3), and 4th in the shot put (32-2 3/4); Lacey Burd place 4th in the 800 meters (2:33.74).

The Lady Grizzly 800 relay team place 2nd (1:57.22), and the 1,600 relay team placed 1st with a time of 4:18.49.

The Capitan Lady Tiger track team placed 6th in the Class 2A state track meet last Saturday, with 29 points; Tucumcari ran away with the meet with 73 points.

The Tigers were led by the 1st place finish by Jessica Becker (37-8 1/2) in the shot put, and 6th in the javelin (106-7); Catherine Wood place 3rd in the 400 meters (1:02.93), Falon Sparks placed 3rd in the javelin (110-5), and the Medley relay also placed 3rd (4:34.91).

In the boys division the Tiger's Richard Butler placed 5th in the shot put with a toss of 44-4 3/4. Cloudcroft's Logan Capps placed 5th in the javelin (149-4); Kara Goss placed 5th in the shot put (33-6 3/4) for the Lady Bears.

Fort Stanton Veteran's Memorial Service May 24

Congressman Steve Pearce is scheduled to be the main speaker at the 14th annual Merchant Marine and Military Veterans Memorial Service at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 24 at the Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Cemetery on State Road 220.

In addition to Con. Pearce, New Mexico Cabinet Secretary for Veteran Affairs John Garcia will provide the welcome for the memorial service.

The memorial service will pay tribute to veterans of all branches of the armed forces and merchant marines.

The first burial in the Fort Stanton merchant Marine Cemetery was in 1899 when the US Public Health Service opened a tuberculosis hospital for merchant seaman at the old cavalry post at Fort Stanton. The cavalry post was originally opened in 1855 and was continually operated under the US Army until 1896, except for a brief period when it was occupied by the Confederate Army in the 1860s. The Merchant Marine Tuberculosis Hospital was opened in 1899 and was operated until 1953.

In 1953, Fort Stanton post and merchant marine cemetery were given to the state of New Mexico. The state continued to operate a state tuberculosis

hospital, which was eventually converted to a hospital and training school for developmentally disabled adults, a women's correctional facility and currently some buildings are being used for an adult probation and parole rehabilitation program.

Located a short distance from the old Fort is the New Mexico Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Cemetery. In 2000 the New Mexico State Veteran's Service Commission took charge of administration and future planning of the cemetery. Plans are to expand the cemetery as a state regional veteran's cemetery.

About 14 years ago World War II Merchant Marine Skipper E. Victor Schaerer, Ret., and his wife Jean made the cemetery a personal project to clean up and maintain, with the permission of the state. With help from local volunteers, weeds were removed, grass cut and wood crosses replaced. With the death of Skipper Vic in 2000, American Legion officer Larry Holt and Fort Stanton state maintenance foreman Nick Skogland were asked to oversee the volunteer work. The men maintain close contact with the State Veteran's Service Commission on all ceme-

tery business, opening and closing graves and with the American Legion posts in Capitan and Ruidoso which provide funeral honor details.

The memorial service also includes presentation of colors, National Anthem flute solo, bagpipe music, mariners farewell by the Merchant Marine Society, memorial wreath from the Daughters of American Revolution and a 21 gun salute by the American Legion, and a final Taps.

Capitan Chamber Sponsors Cleanup Day On June 14th

Capitan Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Cleanup Day and a village wide yard sale on Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14.

Spaces for the yard sale will be available at the chamber building on Second Street and around Capitan Village Hall.

On the village wide Clean-up Day, June 14 the chamber will furnish coffee, punch and cookies and trash bags. A contest for kids is being planned with kids to compete in three different age groups. Each kid's bag will be weighed and the winners in each age group will each receive a \$20 gift certificate from participating Capitan businesses.

At 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 14 all clean up day volunteers will be treated to free sodas, water, choice of hot dog and trimmings or burritos at the Chamber visitor center at 433 Smokey Bear Blvd.

Plans for the cleanup day and yard sale were discussed at the May 5 chamber meeting.

Also at the meeting, chamber members Jack and Chuck Johnson announced the platform at the bird watching area of the wetlands is now completed and open to the public during daylight hours. The area will be called the Helen Hinch Memorial Park in honor of Helen Hinch, an active member of the bird watching club who recently passed away. Students from Capitan Schools will be given tours of the bird watching platform on May 14 and 15.

Vehicles will not be allowed to park within the fences at the bird watching area when the rains come, because the area has no gravel yet, the

Johnsons said.

Chuck Johnson presented receipts for expenses for the Veteran's Memorial Park. Gary Lanning at Stockman's Feeds has volunteered to put up the American and New Mexico flags at the Veteran's Park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when the village hall is closed. The village puts up the flags on regular working days.

The scholarship committee reported that the student applications for the chamber scholarship were scored very closely but Lucera Montes was the winner. The scholarship will be presented at Capitan High School graduation on May 24.

July 4 plans were also discussed. The chamber will give out free popcorn and free "tattoos" for kids. Chamber members voted to purchase patriotic fans, water and sodas to sell at the visitor's center. Members also discussed renting an inflatable jumping booth for kids.

Also at the chamber meeting, members discussed the May 8 and 10 annual Merchants Sidewalk Sale and chamber bake sale. The chamber is raising funds to refurbish the welcome sign at the east end of the village. Member Jo Warth recommended the chamber check into the new rules on bake sales and obtain all permits needed.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Arrest Texas Politicians?

By Ruth Hammond

When *The NEWS* received a FAX from New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid Monday concerning Texas Governor Rick Perry's office asking whether Texas state troopers would be allowed to make arrests in New Mexico, we assumed it was a joke. Apparently it was not a joke and Texas officials thought possibly 40 or 50 Texas House politicians had left the state of Texas. Some people thought they came to New Mexico, but later news reports were that they were in Oklahoma. Accusations bounce back and forth as to why these politicians are not in Texas, which left the Texas Legislature without a quorum. It was reported the governor of Texas wanted them all arrested.

Arresting a politician for leaving the state is an entirely new concept. If Texas does arrest these politicians, it might start a new revolution into the way governmental business is conducted in other states. Can you imagine what would happen if all politicians leaving their respective states were arrested? And would leaving the area they are supposed to represent be basis for arrest? Or would written permission be needed before politicians could visit relatives living in another area, or to attend the funeral of a loved one? And where would politicians obtain this so called permission?

Really now, would this apply only to state legislators or would it include municipal and county officials as well as school board members? Would states be required to set priorities and establish criteria for politicians to leave the state or area they represent? Would all points bulletins be issued for every politician stepping one foot away from where someone thought they should be at any given time? And would states be required to establish criteria for when a politician could be in another district or state or area?

Right here in Lincoln County it could cause problems for municipal officials to travel to neighboring communities, whether for medical or shopping or personal reasons. And would politicians be forced to wear electronic gadgets to monitor their every move? And who would determine which agency or committee would be the watchdog for this monitoring? Would a citizens group be appointed to make certain that politicians were not stealthily sneaking away?

Actually, the entire Texas fiasco seems to be a ploy for publicity, a practice which is used by many politicians. And we do agree with AG Madrid that the Texas situation is an internal political matter which should be handled by Texas government officials. We wish them luck and certainly hope new regulations are not put into effect concerning when and where politicians are allowed to be or travel.

Naturally it would be nice if nonsense such as was in the FAX never happened, but it did and will continue as long as we have politicians and officials representing us. There will always be officials using their power for personal gain instead of doing what is best for everyone involved.

The good news is that Cantozzo will receive money for repairing or building a new city hall, even though there was some confusion as to the extent of damage to the building. Spending this money wisely is important and we look forward to the town offices once again being in city hall.

Travel restrictions?

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CHATEAU DE LE GUT BOMB



"ACTUALLY, I'M ON TWO DIFFERENT DIETS ... I DON'T GET ENOUGH TO EAT ON JUST ONE."

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INSIDE THE CAPITOL

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE -- New Mexico now has an almost-official Extraterrestrial Culture Day. We may lag behind other states in many areas, but in promoting intergalactic understanding, we likely have no equal.

Appropriately, Rep. Dan Foley of Roswell was the sponsor of the House memorial recognizing that New Mexico has a "unique and dynamic mosaic of cultural anomalies" and that extraterrestrials are one of them. Roswell tourism has benefited greatly from extraterrestrials; as new motels have sprung up and UFO novelty stores have multiplied.

Socorro, Magdalena and Aztec also have their UFO claims and northern New Mexico is full of cattle mutilation stories. Presumably any other community in the state wanting a little economic development is welcome to invite extraterrestrials to visit and be publicized.

Rep. Foley's memorial notes that extraterrestrials have contributed to the worldwide recognition of New Mexico through their many and ongoing visitations, sightings, unexplained mysteries, attributed technological advances, experiments, expeditions, explorations, intrigues, provision of story lines for Hollywood epics and other accomplishments of alien beings throughout the universe.

The memorial designates the second Tuesday in February as "Extraterrestrial Culture Day" in New Mexico to celebrate and honor all past, present and future extraterrestrial visitors in ways to enhance relationships among all citizens of the cosmos, known and unknown.

Foley originally introduced his memorial as a bill. It did all right in committee but crashed when it hit the floor of the House. Democrat floor leader Danice Picaux of Albuquerque didn't want the measure to reach the statute books as a law so she convinced her fellow legislators to send it back to committee to be rewritten as a memorial.

Memorials don't carry the force of law. They are merely a request. It was an unfortunate setback for Foley's attempt to attract more tourism and media attention to New Mexico. But even a semi-official recognition can be publicized. House Speaker Ben Lujan's efforts to make "Red or Green?" the official state question were vetoed twice by Gov. Gary Johnson before Lujan finally introduced it as a memorial.

The secretary of state included the question in her official Blue Book, even though a memorial is only semi-official. Gov. Johnson finally gave in two years ago and said he would sign a bill making it official. So Foley's memoria may have a future.

The memorial directs that a copy be transmitted into space with the intent that it be received as a token of peace and friendship. I attempted to contact Rep. Foley as I was readying for our annual escape to a quiet beach in Maui for the rest of the month, but alas, he was away also, possibly delivering his memorial in person to outer space. I'll let you know more when Rep. Foley and I both return to earth.

In addition to enhanced tourism and some national television coverage, Rep. Foley's bill offers some much-needed increased stature. With America's international relations currently suffering with many countries right now, it seems wise that we work on some quality interstellar relations.

Roswell UFO mythology has spawned another book, this one by Donald R. Burleson of Roswell, revealing that Marilyn Monroe was killed because she knew too much about the Roswell UFO coverup. I haven't read it, but it sounds like fun.

And on a serious note, "Rocket Man," the story of Robert H. Goddard, the father of rocketry and the space age, who really did live and perform his experiments in Roswell, will be published by Hyperion Books in August.

The book, by historian David A. Clary of Roswell, tells the true story of how Goddard invented the methods that carried men to the moon and how his work was ignored by his own government until the Germans demonstrated its principal in the V-2 missiles of World War II.

Following the war, and Goddard's death, our government used his research to build America's rocket program, while suppressing Goddard's contributions in the name of national security.



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Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
If you think it can't get any stranger, just wait! This next week, just get through it, any way you can, without letting your feelings get the best of you. Chill.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
One day will be great, the next, you'll wonder what the heck happened. It's the Moon thing going on. Yet this could be really lucky if you keep your eyes open.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Oh, oh, step back and take a good look at what you're about to do with your already mixed up life. Don't allow anything or anyone to get you upset. You're good.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)
It's best to walk away, when you're confronted with someone that is obviously not even thinking with a full deck. You'll win the fight by letting the others go.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
"You go Baby" It's your time to shine, with or without anyone's approval. You have arrived, and don't let anyone tell you any different. Doing great.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
This could be a real good week for you, but you'll have to step back in the shadows to get what you want done, the way you want it done. Keep quiet.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Travel could be in store for you, even if you don't feel like going anywhere, except to bed. If possible, take a short trip by yourself, so you can think better.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Things are so messed up, because of all the moon activity, that you might as well do what ever you want to. Strange people, places & things.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
So you want to change your life, or at least the people around you. Start with yourself. Take a good look, and find out what really makes YOU happy.

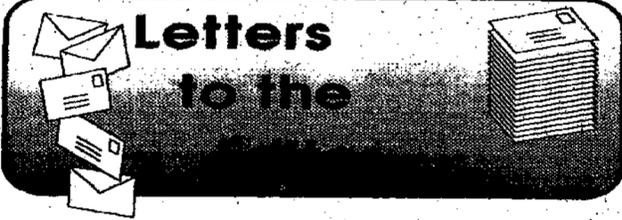
Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)
Let the games begin! One for the money, two for the show, anywhere you want to go, and Three to get ready because your life is about to turn around.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)
Take a good look at the people you call your friends. Remember real friends will not let you look stupid. If they love you, they will tell you the truth.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
You can not stand in two rivers at the same time, so why are you trying to do everything by yourself? Ask for help, or let go of something before it's too late.



Letters to the



EDITOR: The governor of New Mexico, Bill Richardson, wants to drain the largest lake in New Mexico, Elephant Butte Lake, of 122,500 acre feet of water to send to Texas.

In return for relinquishing this water, New Mexico will be allowed to store the same amount of water in upstream reservoirs, these reservoirs being located in Northern New Mexico where the governor lives, and where a majority of New Mexico voters also live.

An interstate water compact prevents New Mexico from storing water in upstream reservoirs if the Butte's water level is below 400,000 acre feet. It is. The lake is at 385,000 acre feet.

The Governor, when giving our water to Texas, said that he planned to send state officials from the economic development, tourism, and state parks departments to look at Sierra County's needs, but he had a change of mind when people living in Sierra county and other parts of New Mexico hit Santa Fe's narrow streets to protest the water delivery deal with Texas.

The people representing Sierra County have not been granted an audience with the Governor -- just with his administration staffers.

The Governor says that about 57 percent of the water to be relinquished from the Butte will go to farmers and irrigators in the Hatch and Mesilla valleys. These farmers with pecan orchards, and crops of chile, cotton and alfalfa, are paying for three feet of water now, but they are only getting about four inches of water for their fields.

The prolonged drought is bringing many problems to New Mexico and the Western states, but we know that tourists will still find our two lakes and parks a joyful place to visit, and we are looking forward to a good summer. We are also praying for rain.

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Memorial Service for Jackie Spencer Morgan May 18th

Jackie Spencer Morgan, the founder and benefactor of the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, died Sunday, May 11 at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque due to complications from a continuing illness. She was 77 years old.

She is survived by her husband Ron and three children, Hugh Bancroft III of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, Christopher Bancroft of Dallas, TX, and Kathy Kavadas of Boston, MA, and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Spencer Theater at 3 p.m., Sunday May 18. A public reception will follow in the Crystal Lobby.

Few people impacted the quality of life in south-central New Mexico more directly than Jackie Spencer Morgan. The heir to a New York publishing fortune, she made Lincoln County her primary residence for the past 50 years, first ranching in Capitan and then raising her three children in Carrizozo.

Jackie was an active patron of the arts and community benefactor, building a recreation center, golf course, park and bowling alley for the Town of Carrizozo.

In the 1980's she sponsored free skiing for area children at Ski Apache, financially supported the New Mexico Symphony



Orchestra during its most anemic years, and supported operations of the New Mexico Boys Ranch.

Jackie also became one of the most generous supporters of the New Mexico Governor's Mansion Foundation and of the Republican Party, both state wide and nationally.

Most significant of all, she was the sole contributor to the creation of the Spencer Theater. With the blessings and support of her late husband, Dr. A. N. Spencer, Jackie generated the dream of the monumental Spencer Theater and provided all of its design and construction funding. She ear-marked personal funds for the project, a "jewel" built on 74 pinion-dotted acres in her home community of Alto, just outside Ruidoso. The theater's 1987 grand gala

opening established the facility as the "Carnegie Hall" of the southwest.

Jackie's gifts forever enhanced the rugged complexion of the mountainous and rural Lincoln County landscape. Her continued generosity and establishment of a theater endowment, as well as the continual funding contributions of Spencer Theater patrons, has enabled the theater to present approximately 40 professional performances each year. Her on-going tutelage as the president of the theater's 12-person Board of Trustees greatly influenced the diverse programming at the intimate hall, which featured artists from throughout the world and lured visitors from across the United States.

Prior to its construction, only Santa Fe and Albuquerque were looked at for cultural arts facilities in New Mexico, but with the Spencer an artistic corridor was established that finally included the south-central region.

Jackie's vision introduced drama, dance and music of all genres to tens of thousands of people, including more than 20,000 school children.

Though she always preferred to keep a low profile, Jackie Spencer Morgan was a generous benefactor to communities and various organizations long

before building the theater.

When she lived with her late husband and three children in Carrizozo in the 1980's she paid for the construction of a youth recreation center, complete with an eight-lane bowling alley, landscaped a 10-acre park that now bears the Spencer name; helped rebuild a nine-hole golf course, and erected a school building to house a library, cafeteria and band room. The gifts reflect her personal hobbies: the arts, travel, golf and bowling. She was also an avid fan of horse racing, annually racing quarter horses at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and was a member of the Ruidoso Downs Jockey Club. Her horse Strawberry Silk won the All-American Futurity in 1989.

Mrs. Spencer Morgan was also "a very good friend" to the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and during the early 1980's, she and Dr. Spencer were also major sponsors of the former Ruidoso Summer Festival, which was a 10-day series of performances by the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra.

Jackie was one of those singularly rare individuals that have a sense of not only what she desired the world to be, but the incentive to carry out her dreams," says Mike Line, a dear friend and legal counsel. "Jackie was uniquely sensitive real value of things. She had a great sense of what is important in life - not only art and culture, but family. And she went to great lengths to make sure her family had a good strong foundation and love for each other."



Roxanne Erramouspe, director, announced plans for the Community Vacation Bible School to be held this year at the Presbyterian Church, June 23-27, 8:30 to 11:30. The theme is Rancho Roundup.

Seth Grey left Saturday after a brief visit with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Robin Grey to return to Bangkok where he is a missionary at the prison. His wife and baby did not come with him this trip because he had business in Hong Kong and the United States and did not want to risk exposure to SARS.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 17, at 10:00 am at the First Baptist Church in Farmington for Pam Vickrey, Pamela Annette Vickrey, born in Mountainair, was the only child of Nolan and Lola Merritt Vickrey of Corona. Pam died Friday night in a Farmington hospital of complications from diabetes, kidney failure and pneumonia. She is survived by her "sister-friend" Charlotte Bradshaw and husband, Mark, Carolyn Mitchell and partner, Henry Gonzalez "children" Alyssa Mitchel and husband Stephen Saunders, David Ryan Mitchell, Mike and Terry Bradshaw, Matt Bradshaw and fiancée, Charity, and grandchildren Caitlin

and Avery, uncle, Neuman Merritt and aunt Betty Minton, Ft. Sumner, cousins and special friends. Pam was an educator in the Farmington area for 27 years. A special celebration of life memorial is planned for Corona at a later date.

Allen Asbury's song *Somebody Is Praying Me Through* was chosen as the theme song for the Presidential Prayer Team and the National Day of Prayer. Asbury was invited to the White House to sing it for the National Day of Prayer. He also sang *I Need Thee Every Hour* and *America the Beautiful*, signed by his wife Heidi Allen is the cousin of Inez Perkins and Shirley Owen, Corona.

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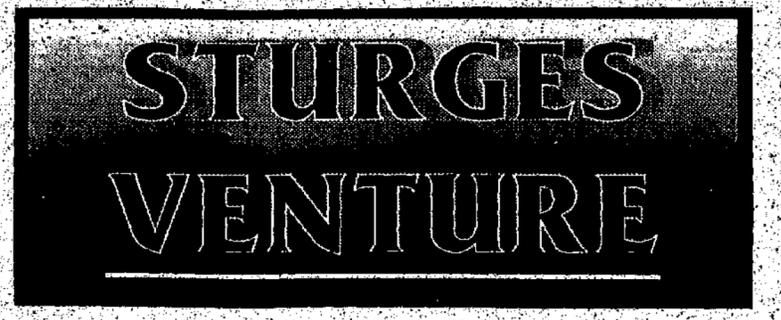
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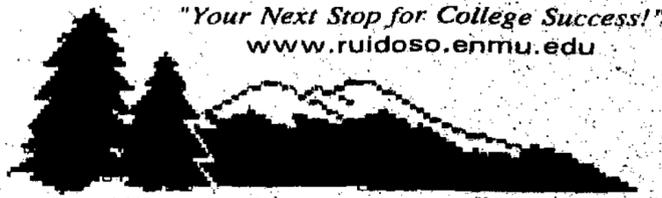
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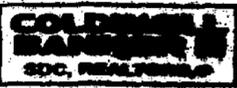
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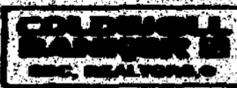
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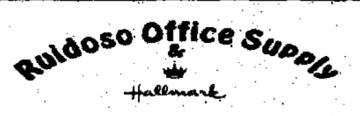


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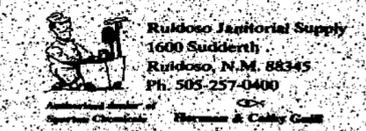
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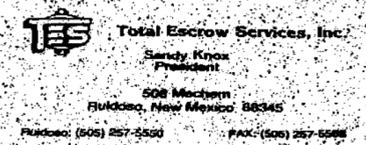
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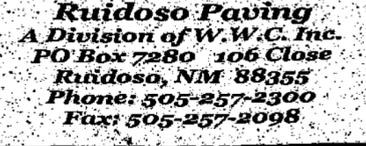
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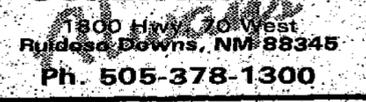
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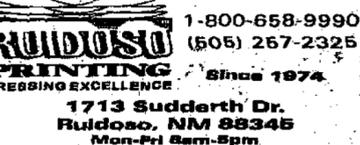
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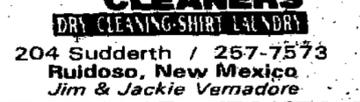
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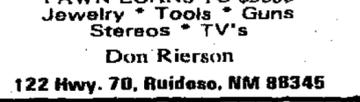
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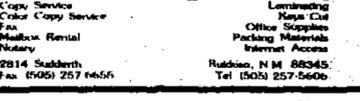
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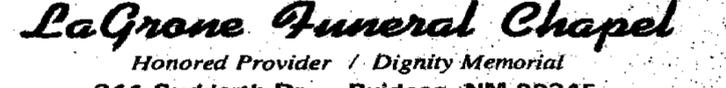
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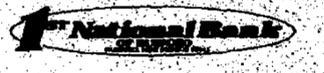
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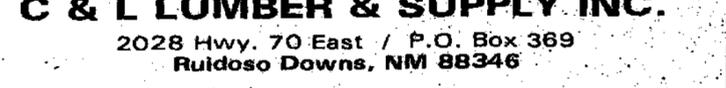
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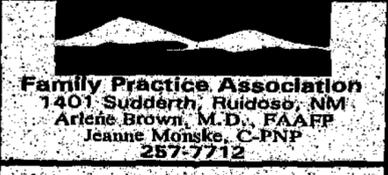
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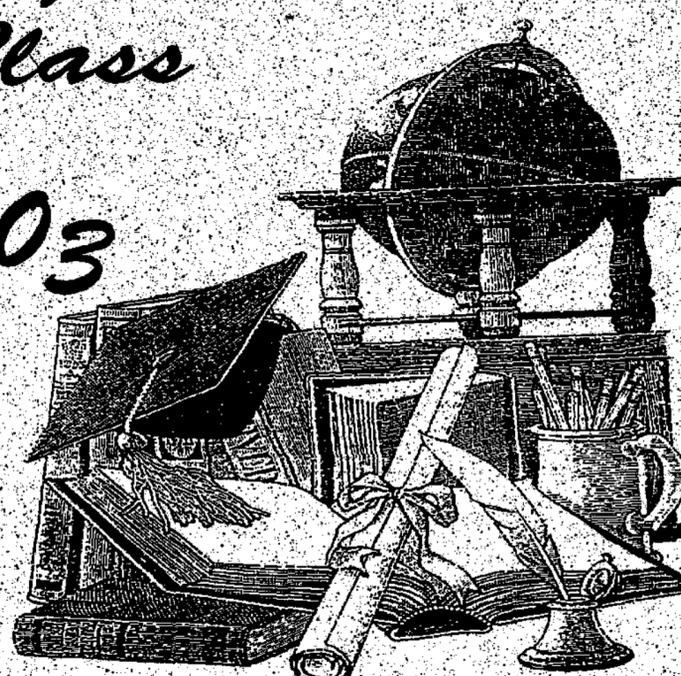


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Sheriff's Report

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

May 7:
 12:45 p.m. request for ambulance at Hondo School office. Hondo ambulance responded and requested Med 1 advanced life support ambulance.
 1:12 p.m. sexual assault at location on Gavilan Canyon.
 1:30 p.m. railroad advised of trespasser near the intersection of Highways 54 and 380 in Carrizozo.
 2:37 p.m. anonymous caller reported animal abuse in Lincoln area.
 3:29 p.m. subject in Denver requested a deputy to call him in Denver because his neighbor in Alto had cut down his tree.
 5:40 p.m. deputy advised of getting information in Ruidoso.
 8:25 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of domestic in the Agua Fria area, then soon after cancelled the call.

May 8:
 5:31 a.m. request for ambulance at location on Pinon in Alto. Med 1 transported to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.
 10 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Department

(CYFD) request for deputy for referral at location on B. Ave.
 10:10 a.m. request for ambulance for 76 year old female who fell at location off mile marker 279 on Highway 70. Med 1 transported to LCMC.
 11:57 a.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service in Ruidoso Downs.
 5:25 p.m. request for deputy at emergency room at LCMC for female who had been held against her will and was possibly assaulted at a mobile home park on Gavilan Canyon.
 6:06 p.m. request for deputy at location on Highway 70 in Hondo because someone said bad words to his minor daughter on May 2.
 8:35 p.m. state police requested deputy at accident without injuries at Riverside on Highway 70.

May 9:
 10 a.m. K-9 running at large on Alta Mira in Ranches of Sonterra.
 10:34 a.m. livestock, a brown cow, loose at mile marker 28 on State Road 246. Rancher advised he would get the cow in the fence, even though it was not his he would help out.
 11:15 a.m. CYFD referral at location on State Road 48 in Capitan.

11:27 a.m. Med 7 ambulance advised of possible accident with injuries at mile marker 298 on Highway 70. State police notified, Med 7 on scene advised there were no injuries, but the road was blocked about two hours.
 11:47 a.m. state police requested fire department on Highway 70. Hondo Fire Dept. responded.
 1:39 p.m. request for ambulance at Carrizozo clinic for 83 year old female cardiac patient. Med 1 transported to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital (GCMH) in Alamogordo.
 4:27 p.m. lost or stolen item from location on Sierra Blanca Drive in Alto.
 4:30 p.m. caller from Albuquerque requested deputy to go to location in Upper Canyon in Ruidoso.
 6:13 p.m. custody dispute at location on East View in Capitan.
 7:40 p.m. Ruidoso Downs advised of a stolen vehicle.
 7:58 p.m. dogs at large on E008 in San Patricio.
 8:01 p.m. Narcotics Enforcement Unit requested deputy for warrant service in Ruidoso Downs.
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 10:41 p.m. stolen property, 911 request for dep-

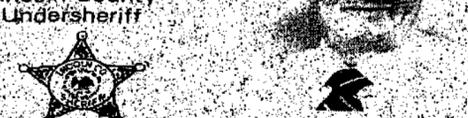
uty to report stolen guns at location on state road 368. Responding officers advised it was civil, part of divorce proceedings.

May 10:
 2:50 a.m. roll over at mile marker 12 on State Road 37. A subject came to the ranch house to report a roll over, yet no vehicle was seen, and the caller did not check for victims. Deputy, state police and ambulance responded but was refused.
 7:55 a.m. request for water tanker from Glencoe Fire Dept. to standby at the airport. Glencoe responded.
 9:03 a.m. CYFD referral at location in San Patricio.
 9:24 a.m. attempt to locate male subject in the Arabela area who had several warrants. Two deputies responded but made no contact.
 9:34 a.m. illegal dumping in Cedar Creek.
 10:36 a.m. property damage at mile marker 277 on Highway 70.
 11:23 a.m. dumping in Cedar Creek.
 1:36 p.m. civil/property damage at location on Sandia Dr. Neighbor cut down her fence to put up his own.
 1:38 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Gavilan Canyon for small child, smashed between car doors. Med 1 transported to LCMC.
 5:47 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of suspicious vehicle on ski run road. Responding deputy made no contact.
 6:39 p.m. go carts on 2nd and 3rd Streets in Capitan. Responding deputy spoke to the cart drivers, who were off the road for the time.
 6:51 p.m. neighbor removed fence on Sandia Drive. Responding deputy advised that the fence was down with the horse that went through.
 7:28 p.m. trespass in Nogal. Responding deputy advised the man pays rent and has a right to be there.

7:46 p.m. request for ambulance for wife at location on Mount Terrace Drive. Deputy and Capitan ambulance responded, then requested Med 1, deputy administered CPR until Med 1 arrived, then Med 1 on the way to Ruidoso requested the Office of Medical Examiner.

May 11:
 8:36 a.m. possible trespassing at mile marker 286.5 on Highway 70. Request to speak to deputy to take pictures of tracks of footprints. At 8:40 a.m. the caller cancelled the call because the horses had trampled all over the prints.
 11:52 a.m. breaking and entering of a vehicle on Musket Court, someone tried to break into a vehicle.
 3:11 p.m. several people swimming in the back side of Bonito Lake. The call was cancelled at 3:24 p.m. as the subject got out and left in a black truck.
 3:17 p.m. Lincoln County Detention Center reported a fight with a male inmate injured. Carrizozo ambulance responded to transport to LCMC.
 3:41 p.m. door open at location on Aspen in Alto. Responding deputy advised a storage area door was open, and all else was secure.
 5:41 p.m. broke down blue car 10 miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54. Responding deputy made no contact.
 6:02 p.m. missing person from location three miles south of Carrizozo.

from the
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
 by R.E. Virden
 Lincoln County Undersheriff



This service is provided to the citizens of our county in an effort to address their concerns and to better assist them in protecting their day to day way of life, and an attempt to continually move in a positive direction.

The most frequently reported crimes involve property. Property crimes include vandalism, theft, and burglary. The following home security tips can help you protect your family and home.

HOME SECURITY "Protecting Your Home"

- Check The Outside of Your Home**
- Look at your home from the outside. How would a thief find a hiding place? Where would you try to get in if you were locked out? Make sure you know these tips:
 - Put away ladders and tools that a burglar could use to break into your home.
 - When you travel, make sure your home looks lived in. Leave shades blinds and curtains in normal positions. Do not stop mail and newspaper delivery. Ask a trusted relative or neighbor to pick them up every day. Put several household lights on timers so they turn on and off at appropriate times.
 - Arrange to have grass mowed, or snow shoveled while you're gone. Leave a radio on a timer. Never leave the television on a timer. It pulls too many amps and might start a fire.
 - Never leave a message on your answering machine that indicates you may be away from home.
 - Keep garage doors closed and locked at all times.
 - Cover the garage windows to prevent people from viewing inside.

Judge Karen L. Parsons
COURT CALENDAR
 12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 Division III

Monday, May 12:
 Judge to hold court in Ruidoso, Juveniles 1:30 p.m.
 Jason Gentry; JR-2003-13 pre trial
 First Appearances:
 Buddie Hirsch; JR-03-20
 Beau Hirsch; JR-2003-16
 Joseph Hiera; JR-2003-33
 Sonny Littleton; JR-2002-18 & JR-2003-37 judicial inquiry
 Adjudicators:
 Eddie Weir; JR-2003-24
 John Ward; JR-2003-25
 Laura Loretto; JR-2003-03
 Other:
 Dakota Bloodworth; JR-2003-03 competency
 Jessie Roman; JR-2003-26 judicial inquiry
Tuesday, May 13:
 Judge continues court in Ruidoso for juvenile cases
 8:15 a.m.
 Check-ins
 Casey Laymon; JR-2002-10
 Ory Hoke; JR-2002-58
 Kaeli Hickman; JR-02-46
 Ryan Baker; JR-2003-05
 Cody Vega; JR-2002-59
 First Appearances
 Ronnie Hammett; JR-2003-27
 Tyson Apachito; JR-2003-28
 Cheri Metcalf; JR-2002-55 pretrial
 Derik Campbell; JR-2003-30
 Casey Smith; JR-2003-31
 Corey Serafin; JR-2003-28
 Robert Serrano; JR-2003-32
 Glynn Enjady; JR-2003-35
 Anthony Blankertz; JR-2003-34
 Dispositions
 Carlos Irvin; JR-02-05 & JR-02-49
 Diego Ortega; JR-2002-23
 Other
 Christina Conferas; JR-02-20 motions
 Zack Armstrong; JR-2002-36 adjudication
 1:30 p.m. JQ-2003-01 adjudication
 2 p.m. Wear v. Wear; DM-00-115 (Jordan / ProSe / C. Hawthorne) merits
Wednesday, May 14:
 9 a.m. Judge to preside over jury trial in Alamogordo; SNM v. Staley; CR-2002-530 (Ceballos/Atkins)

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Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

Nogal Presbyterian Church:
 BILL SEBRING, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

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 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
 Corona St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ
 TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3136
 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
 1-505-257-2366
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Claunch Community Church
 TONY SCACCIA, Minister
 849-1402
 Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches
 JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
 1000 D. Ave, 648-2893 / 648-2846
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women
 Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner on
 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

CAPTAN:
 Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
 Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
 ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter-denominational)
 514 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
 LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
 5th & Lincoln / 338-4827
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
 MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 648-2530
 Phone 354-2044
 Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona
 CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7875
 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

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Port Stanton FACTS & FICTION

by Betty Lou Joiner

Louise Joiner is 94 years young today. If only she had written a book. Know her writings would have made the best sellers. Edie, her youngest daughter has written down a lot of interesting facts to pass on to the little ones. Happy Birthday Louise, Ruth, Della and Patsy spent Saturday with her to celebrate Mother's Day and her birthday. Patsy is continuing her treatments and seems to be doing well. Our prayers continue to hope she will be healed.

A wonderful happy lady died this past week. Margie Payton was a very dear friend and will be missed greatly by me and my family. So many good memories were made when we visited with Margie and Roy. Her services will be in Capitan at the Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Margie had

been staying with Jim and Janet Leslie since Suzy's death. Our condolences to such a wonderful family.

The LC Sheriff Posse had their meeting at the Otero County Coop building in Carrizozo on Sunday, May 4. A small group discussed the many activities coming up that are needing many workers. The wrong date for the Hondo Fiesta was corrected and will be the 16th and 17th. The Fiber Fest in Lincoln, the Gun Show in Ruidoso, The St. Jude's Trail Ride, the Garage Sale work day at Port Stanton BLM, Fort Cemetery Memorial are just a few of the upcoming activities that Jim and Betty Browning are getting organized. Richard Rump is getting bids for the electrical work on the building and sheet rock and walls will be coming down and going up. Francine had the new

poster and the postcards at the meeting and will have them ready for selling at the next event. She was asking for help in this endeavor.

Clarence Leslie had a poster from 1941 that Johnson Stearns had given him that stated the LC Sheriff Posse was sponsoring a roping between Gerald Tully and Johnny Thomas. Do any of you know when the LC Posse began? We all thought we were the first. If you have info please contact one of us. It was really interesting. I wonder who won, Johnny or Gerald?

Caroline McCoy reported on the working border collie clinic that Gary Ericson presented at the Cox Ranch on May 2 and 3. We had about ten people attending and really had some interesting things happen. For all of us to be in a small pen with all of our dogs and watch each other work was fun. Sid Goodloe, Ann Evans, Marshall Peebles, Gary Lovelace, Trinka Cox, Caroline McCoy, a couple from Artesia, one from the Mescalero reservation, David Cox and his daughter, Dick Cox and a few others learned a lot about training and enforcing the training you give your dogs.

Away to me, Come by, That'll do, There and Down, were some of the commands we all learned and saw how effective they could become. On the second day Gary E. let Gary Lovelace use his little red border collie to pen the sheep outside the corrals. She did an excellent job with nine of the ten. Number ten took off over the hills and the race was on. Gary E. walked about two miles until Caroline caught up with him in the blazer. They got close enough to the sheep for the dog to catch it so they could rope it and bring it back in the car.

Mr. Ericson had a bad knee but didn't let that stop him from getting the sheep and working four big dry mean cows. He kept up a pace until he had loaded the big cows in a trailer for three or four times. The wind was a bad factor making it miserable and making it hard for the dogs to hear the commands. This was a big job but the dogs did a very good demonstration.

Gary had one young dog he is training that was part catahoula, kelpie, Australian and border collie. It was an unusual grey color. Pete his black and white dog was also a very young dog that was lots of fun to watch. He kept getting into trouble when Gary would work with our dogs and give commands. My dogs would not work at all. They wanted their play balls, sticks and ropes. Gary told me that you can do both tricks and work stock, but you should teach them the working part first.

The Buck Brannaman Clinic that was held the weekend before the dog clinic was enjoyed by many riders and spectators. Sally Canning the organizer said that she has already started planning for Buck to come back the first of April in 2004. Get ready and plan to attend as this was what we all needed.

Ten riders worked with young colts and 20 rode in the horsemanship class. I wish I could

retain all he told us, because it does work. I have worked with my three horses and can see what a big difference it is making. The part of getting on the fence to get on, is my favorite as I cannot jump on a bareback horse, and Buck said that was one of his problems. Not many people attending can. The hobbles, learning how to get a horse to let you pick up his back feet, using the string to teach the horses to back and turn, and how to divorce a couple of buddie houses were only a few of the things he showed us in the four day clinic.

One large paint from Carlsbad with his fireman owner was a big challenge to Buck and Lief Forester. Lief was Buck's helper and gofer and did an excellent job. He took money, built pens, saddled horses, rode horses, picked up the feet, and whatever else was needed to be done. He said he had been helping Buck for a year but had been working with horses for 12 years.

As they both said the timing of release, pressure and reward is very critical in training. A son and father from north of Roswell had two young colts that were very wild the first day. By the fourth day they were both in the saddle riding around the arena. A lady plumbing contractor brought three horses from Virginia and was also aboard on the fourth day. It was a rewarding sight to see Buck's five horses that he had brought staid very still the whole time. He was talking and then perform to a 't' when he asked them to. No pawing, backing their ears, moving around was allowed.

If you like to read books, you should pick up the book about this trainer and read about his life. It was very tough and made him where he will not put up with any foolishness. The 'I can't' words are not in his vocabulary after all he went through in his younger days.

Audrey Davis, Barbara Heiser, Callie, Cheryl and Chris Gnatkowski, Terry Bogle and friehd from Roswell, Joy from Lincoln, two or three ladies from Santa Fe, Caroline McCoy, and the others felt like they had been through the wringer but learned so much. Janice Gnatkowski, myself, and Fat Hobbs were on the sidelines wishing we could have participated. Thanks Sally for such a great four days of working with horses and making all the arrangements for this clinic.

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Students Are Awarded Zia Gas Scholarships

Zia Natural Gas Company has awarded scholarships to two Lincoln County high school students who are graduating this month.

Bo Houston Sparks of Capitan High School and Jaclynn Castanon of Ruidoso High School will receive the Zia Gas Company Scholarships.

The Zia scholarships are based on academic achievement, participation in school activities, community involvement and demonstrated need.

Court Calendar

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3 p.m. teleconference with CYFD Secretary and Rex Wilson

Thursday, May 15:

8:30 a.m. teleconference - Cardew v. Jones, CV-2001-252 (RB/Cusack/Terr/Jones & Antoine-ProSe) motion to ar. and

9 a.m. Judge scheduled for Alamogordo jury trial, if subject do not plea.

9 a.m. Freddy Baca; CR-2001-100; CR-2002-10 & 115 & 145 (Dobbs/Bongard/Holmes/Mitchell) half day for sentencing, motion to reconsider

7:30 p.m. CR-85-48 (Thompson/Reed)

Friday, May 16:

8:30 a.m. in courtroom in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo

First appearances

Dustin Sulzemeier; CR-01-176 pretrial

Tonia Tolle; CR-2003-72

Rhonda Newsome; CR-03-75

Todd Krezer; CR-2003-76

James Wooten; CR-2003-81

Shannon Meade; CR-03-93 plea

Johnny Flores; CR-97-93 pretrial

Sentencings:

John Baca; CR-2002-103

Josh Holmes; CR-2001-98

Brian Jaramillo; CR-02-87

Chez Douglas; CR-2001-03

Pre-trials

David Ehlman; CR-2003-26

David Vance; CR-2003-20

Ken Kulow; CR-2003-21

Kenneth Holmes; CR-03-09

Change of Pleas

Denny Ward; CR-2003-43

Courtney Belcher; CR-03-19

Kelly Trapp; CR-2003-24

Other

Daniel Rodriguez; CR-03-93 motion to reconsider conditions of release

Delores Marrujo; CR-00-127 judicial inquiry

1:30 p.m. Plea Conferences

Myron Morgenstern; CR-03-09

Andrew Sandoval; CR-02-149

Efrain Gutierrez; CR-2003-15

Corey Taylor; CR-2003-34

Allan Bambrick; CR-02-97 & 104

Frank Gallerito; CR-2003-40

Robert Mackenzie; CR-03-62

Raymundo Aguilar; CR-02-192

Daniel Rodriguez; CR-03-33

Steve Messmore; CR-03-41

William Shaw; CR-2003-42

Guy Dingus; CR-2003-44

Esteban Gastelum; CR-03-45

Erica White; CR-2003-50

Chris Compton; CR-2003-53

Jay J. King; CR-2003-59

Ricky Gurule; CR-2003-28

Shawn Rankin; CR-2003-61

Paul Begaye; CR-2003-54

Eric Flores; CR-2003-67

Leo Lee; CR-2003-66

Lashia Rue; CR-2003-58

Corey Taylor; CR-2003-57

Nicholaus Combs; CR-03-62

Ira Shanta; CR-2003-64

1:30-2 p.m. Judge to go to Carrizozo Schools for Career Seminar

4 p.m. Judge to go to Las Cruces for swearing in ceremony for Judge Martinez.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Corona Public School District #38, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will on Thursday, May 29, 2003, 6:00 P.M. at the Corona School Board Room, 250 Franklin Street, present and publicly review the budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

This is a Public Hearing and all school patrons and parents are invited to attend. Done at Corona, New Mexico, this 14th day of May 2003.

CORONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Gage, President

ATTEST:
Shad Cox, Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 02-03-018

"ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACT"

Due: Tuesday, June 10, 2003, 2:00 p.m. MDT

The County of Lincoln is requesting proposals for an annual Mental Health Contract that will begin July 1, 2003 and may be renewed annually for a total term of four years. Copies of the Request for Proposal can be obtained in person at the Office of the County Manager, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM or will be mailed upon written or telephonic request to Jane Williams 505-648-2385.

All proposals submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of a sealed envelope with the Proposal Title, Proposal Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the proposal is sent by mail, the sealed outside envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Proposal" along with the Proposal Number. Mailed proposals should be sent to the County of Lincoln, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Proposals received after the due date and time will be returned unopened.

The Lincoln County Commissioners will review the proposals and make their final determination during a Commission meeting on June 17, 2003.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the proposal, waive minor technicalities and award the proposal to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

JANE WILLIAMS
Purchasing Agent

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, May 15, 2003.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

May 27, 2003

The Village of Capitan invites all interested citizens to a Public Hearing to be held at the Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM at 6:30 P.M. on May 27, 2003.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to discuss the 2003 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. To advise citizens of the program objectives and receive public input on community needs and suggestions for CDBG projects.

The CDBG program is designed to meet activities, which will address one to three state and national objectives:

- 1.) Benefit principally low-moderate income families.
- 2.) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.
- 3.) Meet other community development needs of recent origin which pose serious and immediate threats to the health and welfare of the community.

All incorporated municipalities under 50,000 are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for funding assistance for Community Infrastructure, Housing, Public Service, Capital Outlay, Economic Development, Emergency Planning and Colonias.

For information contact:

Kathryn Griffin, Village Clerk
114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 88316
505-354-2247

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICIA DE ALERTA AL PUBLICO

Mayo 27, 2003, 6:30 P.M.

LA CIUDAD DE VILLAGE OF CAPITAN

La Ciudad de Village of Capitan, Nuevo Mexico tendra dos juntas el 27 de Mayo, 2003, a las 6:30 de la tarde, las dos en el ayuntamiento, situado en 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, Nuevo Mexico. El proposito de las juntas publicas sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del conjunto de Donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos de las metas del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Tambien es para obtener las opiniones de ciudadanos sobre desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de habitacion, particularmente las necesidades de gente con ingresos bajos y moderados.

Los Objetivos estatales y nacionales de programa CDBG requieren que las actividades del proyecto cumplan con por lo menos uno de los siguientes requisitos: Beneficio para las familias de ingresos bajos y moderados; ayuda en la prevencion o eliminacion de barrios desafortunados y insalubres, y de cumplir con otras necesidades del desarrollo de la comunidad de origen reciente que poseen una amenaza inmediata a la salud y bienestar de la comunidad y cuando otros recursos no estan disponibles para cumplir con estas necesidades.

Las categorias de fondos elegibles incluyen infraestructura para la comunidad, Rehabilitacion de Casas, Desembolso de Capitan para Servicio Publico, Planificasion, Emergencia y Colonias.

Todos los grupos interesados estan invitados a asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y datos del apoyo a su testimonio.

Los residentes que no pueden atender la junta pueden enviar sus comentarios a:

Kathryn Griffin / Village Clerk
114 Lincoln Ave.
Capitan, New Mexico 88316
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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 22-8-10, NMSA, 1978 compilation, that the Board of Education of Carrizozo School District #7, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, will on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, at 6:00 P.M. MDT, at the CMS Conference Room, 800 D. Ave., present and publicly review the Operating Budget for the 2003-2004 Fiscal School Year.

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

CARRIZOZO SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

STEVE HARKEY
President

ATTN: JANA CRENSHAW
Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. CV-02-279

COUNTYWIDE HOMES LOANS, INC.

Plaintiff,

vs.

DALREY D. DOYLE; CAROL L. DOYLE;
and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE,
(true names unknown), tenants.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 28, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. the undersigned Special Master will, at the east door of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant(s) in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 251 Sunny Slope Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and is situate in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 41 A, Block 2, of SUNNY SLOPE SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Replat of Lots 40 and 41, Block 2, Sunny Slope Subdivision, filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on February 7, 1997, in Cabinet F, Slide No. 617.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on April 17, 2003, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$111,743.99 and the same bears interest at 8.625% per annum from May 1, 2003. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$739.48. The Plaintiff has the right to bid as such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take the title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

NICK VEGA, Special Master
P.O. Box 383
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-2217

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LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. CV-03-17

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS),
Plaintiff,

vs.

SUSAN M. PRYCE, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RUIDOSO; JOHN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SUSAN M. PRYCE, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, or his/her designee, will, on June 10, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendant(s) in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 21, BLOCK 4, PINECLIFF, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, FEBRUARY 20, 1963, IN TUBE NO. 171.

The address of the real property is 122 MONJEAU DR., RUIDOSO, NM 88345. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 9, 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 \$161,882.39, plus interest from April 16, 2003 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.37500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, 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: April 29, 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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LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. CV-03-42

WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,

vs.

STANLEY D. STANBROUGH, KAREN L. STANBROUGH, a/k/a Karen Stanbrough, and ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO, INC. n/k/a Associates Financial Services Company, Inc.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on June 6, 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 right, 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 156 Smokey Bear Drive, Captain, New Mexico 88316 (erroneously referred to in the Complaint for Foreclosure, filed February 28, 2003, as 156 Smokey Bear Drive, Capital, New Mexico 88316) (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control), and is more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3, BLOCK 4 OF MT. CAPITAN SUBDIVISION, CAPITAN, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE (OFFICE) OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, FEBRUARY 5, 1965, IN TUBE NO. 210.

* Bracketed information is corrected on legal description in order to correct the legal description and conform it to the Plat of record for the property at the time of the Mortgage was given. The legal description was incorrect on the Mortgage due to scrivener's error.

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 \$73,263.85, and the same bears interest at 8.7500% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$17.56 per diem, commencing on May 1, 2003, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendants Stanley D. Stanbrough 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 \$73,263.85, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$649.72 for a total judgment plus interest of \$73,913.57. 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

INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS NO. 02-03-17.

"RESURFACING OF SCHLARB AND GAVILAN CYN ROADS"

DUE: Tuesday, June 10, 2003, 2:00 p.m. MDT.

The County is requesting competitive bids to resurface Schlarb Road (County Road A005) and Gavilan Canyon Road (County Road D001). Bid packets are available at the office of the County Manager, 300 Central, Ave., Carrizozo, NM 88301 or by calling Jane Williams at (505) 648-2385.

This work will be performed under NM Public Works Wage Decision LI 03-651 A.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

JANE WILLIAMS
Purchasing Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Carrizozo Municipal Schools Board of Education is calling for sealed bids to be delivered/mailed to the Administration Office, P.O. Box 99, Carrizozo, NM 88301, for the following:

1,960 Tons of Base Course for Running Track Surface

Complete specifications can be obtained at the above address or by calling (505) 648-2348.

Please mark on the outside of your bid envelope: SEALED BID - Base Course

Bids will be opened in the Carrizozo Municipal Schools Boardroom on May 23, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. Bids submitted after the deadline, May 23, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. will be marked VOID.

The Carrizozo Municipal Schools Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all technicalities.

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OBITUARIES

LOLA M. JONES

Memorial service for Lola M. Jones, 75, of Capitan will be Saturday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso with Randy Gleason officiating.

Lola died May 10, in Capitan. She was born May 15, 1927 in Joseph City, AZ. She had lived in the Capitan-Nogal area for eight years. She was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 32 years and was an antique refinisher and attended Trinity Baptist Church in Capitan. She married Don Jones on February 8, 1948 in Albuquerque.

She is survived by her husband, Don of Capitan; a daughter, Kelley Phillips of Capitan; two sisters, Freda Snelson of Homeland, CA and Marge Koskie of Boise, ID; three grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and was preceded in death by a daughter, Kevin Reid and a brother, Bryant Perry Davis II.

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

COLLEEN W. CAVANAUGH

Memorial service for Colleen W. Cavanaugh, 71, of Ruidoso will be Friday, May 16, at 10:00 a.m. at LaGrone Funeral Chapel with Ron Thompson officiating.

Mrs. Cavanaugh died May 11, in Ruidoso. She was born July 13, 1931 at St. Joseph, MO. She was a member of the Ruidoso Women's Club and Ruidoso Women's Bowling Association. She married Ed Cavanaugh in 1951 in Tijuana, Mexico.

Survivors include her husband, Ed Cavanaugh of Ruidoso; two sons, Jay Cavanaugh of Dacula, GA and Kenneth Cavanaugh of Birmingham, AL; a brother, Roger Robertson of California City, CA and eight grandchildren.

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

Free Concert Features Flying J Wranglers

Ruidoso Arts Commission begins the 2003 Concert-in-the-Park Summer Series with a free performance by the Flying J Wranglers at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 25 at School House Park on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

The public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the free two-hour concert. In case of rain, the concert will be moved into the Senior Center next to the park.

The Flying J Wranglers perform cowboy music and celebrate the cowboy lifestyle. Featuring five vocalists and musicians, the Flying J Wranglers is comprised of founders James and Cindy Hobbs, and Randy Jones, Marilyn Trotter and Roy Black.

The Flying J Wranglers perform throughout the summer season at the Flying J Ranch located off State Road 48 in Alto.

For more information about the free concert call Ruidoso Arts Commission at 378-4302.

LCMC Asks For

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service hospital. After discussing some of the capital equipment needs in the hospital, Gibson said the hospital has enough money to carry it for the next year. "Then we'll look at next year and maybe go with 2.4 mills for this hospital."

Gibson said he would make a formal request for the 1.1 mills at the budget hearing at the May 20 county commission meeting.

Martinez said the county commission isn't fulfilling its duties by getting the highest use of county property. (The county owns LCMC and leases to PHS for \$1 a year.)

LCMC and the health clinics ended last year with revenues in excess of expenditures of \$740,646. Also last year \$587,249 was spent on capital improvements.

Gibson presented the LCMC request for funding of \$200,000 for operation of the Carrizozo/Corona Health Clinics and \$29,850 for 11 needed pieces of equipment for Carrizozo and Corona. LCMC also requested \$1,400,000 for capital requests including the ambulatory surgery project, cardiac monitors in recovery, air handler, fire security system and boilers. Altogether the request was for \$1,629,850.

Fort Stanton Facts

(Con't. from P. 9)

It is a lot of work and next year she hopes many will volunteer to help out.

I took a little field trip with the third grade class last week. We walked down to the Smokey Bear Historical park and Lynn Hutchinson told us so much information about telling the difference in trees and plants. This was another learning day.

I have been reviewing my students' stamp albums and there are so many good ones I couldn't choose one over the other so just made up certificates and gave one to all 42. I couldn't believe we had learned about so many different subjects.

Look into the new growing box called the "Earth Box". I ordered one and it is quite the thing for growing lots of good things to eat. One of my customers went home and made one and already has peas, squash and cucumbers up about three inches high.

I stopped in at the library sale on Saturday and picked up some tomato plants. What a good job they did with all the items they had to make money to keep the library open. Nothing but good things do you hear about this project. Kay Finklestein and Pat Garrett were two very busy of all the workers. This is a great addition to our small town.

Time to get busy. Til next time, enjoy the couple of windless days and warm temperatures.!!! Betty Boop.

"Why do we need the mill levy?" Gibson asked. "It represents a part of the partnership effectively working for health care in Lincoln County. It has helped keep costs down and a high level of quality care to all in the county."

But Martinez said the county will never know if there is someone else out there who can provide better medical services until the county advertises for a request for proposals (rfp) to lease the hospital.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs then announced that he had lunch with a CEO of PHS and Gibson. "I think it is important when elected officials deal outside the norm it should be on the record," Hobbs said. He also said he learned a great deal about the hospital.

County commissioner Maurie St. John said LCMC does a very good job, and does need an ambulatory surgery where most surgery is done. She favored the Phase 3 project and capital improvements needs which she said need to be done.

"You're missing the big point," Martinez responded. "The private sector should provide all medical services without taxpayers subsidies."

Hobbs said philosophically he agrees with Martinez about private enterprise.

"LCMC is no better model of high quality affordable health care for the county," Gibson said.

But Martinez said it is unfair and not right to the taxpayers to not go to rfp. "Do an rfp and see where we stand," Martinez said. "Make me wrong, go to rfp and you be the winner," he said to Gibson.

"I would like to see PHS buy LCMC," Martinez continued. "But why buy it when you can lease it for \$1 a year, and money from the mill levy."

"We are not fulfilling our duties by getting the highest use of county property," Martinez said. "And no property tax or gross receipt taxes paid either."

"We are irresponsible if we don't do an rfp," Martinez said. "And if another private hospital moves in, that asset (LCMC) will be worth zip."

"Are we such a bunch of hayseeds to believe everything and not go for our own rfp?" Martinez asked.

Wilson said there is the LCMC board which has more local control and the hospital staff. "They are very prudent on the board," Wilson said. "And they have very strong discussions."

"We cannot shift the mill levy money for the hospital to county operations," Wilson said.

Martinez then agreed with Hobbs that the commission should listen to recommendations from the county manager, not from the hospital administration.

"They have more expertise," responded Wilson.

Gibson then spoke up. "I am a taxpayer and voter also," Gibson said. "You ought to listen to my recommendations as a taxpayer."

While Hobbs just commented about his dislike of government subsidizing health care when it came

to the discussion about LCMC, he questioned the representatives from La Casa de Buena Salud, which operates the Hondo Clinic.

Bottom line, the Hondo Clinic needed \$220,000 to operate next year, said La Casa representatives. But Hobbs was very concerned about the low patient visitation, which he figured costs about \$223.02 each visit. "That's a hell of a lot of money," Hobbs said.

"The quicker we get rid of La Casa the better off we will be," Hobbs said. "I can't image \$223 an encounter and only 5.15 encounters a day. It doesn't make sense."

"I suggest all the clinics should be under single management for economy of scale," Hobbs said.

Serefino Montano, director of La Casa de Buena Salud, reminded the commissioners that the Hondo Clinic belongs to the Hondo Valley Schools Board of Education. "If (the school board) wants to operate with La Casa it is their decision," Montano said. "Hondo is not your clinic."

"The expenses to operate the clinic are grossly disproportionate to the expenses of the other clinics," Hobbs responded. "There is no reason why they are so high."

When Montano said there is low utilization of the Hondo Clinic, Hobbs said to close it. "I'll provide taxi service to the emergency room."

Montano said it will take time for people to accept the clinic and build up the patient load. "Any other provider will have the same problem," he said.

County manager Tom Stewart said the contract with La Casa expires in September and plans are to go to rfp for operation of all the county-supported clinics.

Martinez said health care is a numbers game and Hondo does not have the numbers, or maybe it hasn't learned how to get them. He then said that the Carrizozo Clinic would have much less visitation if it did not have patients from

Tularosa, Alamogordo, Roswell and other places outside the county. "The mill levy money should be just for Lincoln County residents."

Martinez said the mill levy for the Hondo and Carrizozo clinics is a "done deal." "So we should provide service as money is allocated, but we don't have to do it in an irresponsible manner."

Montano said he has been in the health care business for 26 years and knows the patient numbers have to grow. "I do hope we get more people in the Hondo Clinic when the highway construction is done," he added.

"I respect the concerns of the commission," Montano said. "But it is a difference of numbers versus lives. And when the non-insured go to the emergency room, the costs get shifted to someone else."

"Your argument is specious," Hobbs said. "You said if the county does not spend the money, it does not care for the people in Hondo."

"That is not so," Hobbs continued. "We care as much but we have to watch the numbers. If

there is a more efficient way to operate the clinic we must find it."

"I resent your argument that we do not care for those people, we do," he added.

Montano apologized to Hobbs and said that most county commissions have gotten out of the health care business, "because they haven't done the greatest job."

Hobbs then told Montano to come back with a budget that better reflects the number of patients served.

"No one is saying we don't need your service or suspect it," St. John said. "I believe people are getting excellent care through the clinic, but we have to be responsible and the costs have to be justified."

"We have a right to continue to provide service with or without your approval," Montano said.

Wilson said last year the commission gave the

Hondo Clinic one more year to build up its operations. "So you had time," Wilson said. "We'll do an rfp and learn a lot in the process."

As a way to show how the Hondo Clinic has impacted the community the nurse provider listed the volunteer activities in which she participates and how the clinic provides medicines and referrals to the mostly uninsured patients.

Stewart concluded the clinic discussion by saying the 9 mill dedicated by voters to the clinics produces about \$487,808 a year. He also said the Carrizozo clinic operating expenses will be about \$200,000, La Casa operating will be \$180,000 with plans to go to rfp for all clinics in the fall. Also to be taken from the mill

levy funding for the clinics is \$29,850 for equipment, \$20,000 for the match for the Community Development Block Grant for the Corona clinic and \$278,990 for expansion of the Carrizozo Clinic.

County commissioners also discussed the indigent health care fund which gets funding from a one-eighth gross receipt tax. Stewart said he wanted to keep a cap on the fund claims which he estimates to be at about \$500,000 for the next fiscal year.

County commissioners will hold another budget hearing at their regular meeting scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 20 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Shuttle Camp Registration Now Underway

Slots are still open for the Shuttle Camp 2003 at the New Mexico Museum of Space History in Alamogordo.

Shuttle Camp offers classes for children from pre-kindergarten through high school.

For more information on Shuttle Camp contact the NM Museum of Space History Education Department toll free at 1-877-333-8589. Registration forms are also available on-line at the museum website spacefame.org.

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