

County Employees Raise To Be In Holiday Paychecks

by Doris Cherry

Beginning November 22 classified county employees and beginning December 10 sheriff's deputies will get a 5.7 percent pay increase and an additional paid day off in 2004 for President's Day. Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, November 18 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse accepted the recommenda-

tion of county manager Tom Stewart to give the 5.7 percent pay increase. The raise will be given to all employees, including those in a probationary period, except the sheriff's executive secretary, chief deputies, county manager, RC&D secretary, Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) employees and elected officials. "Our employees have not seen any permanent increase for the past two years."

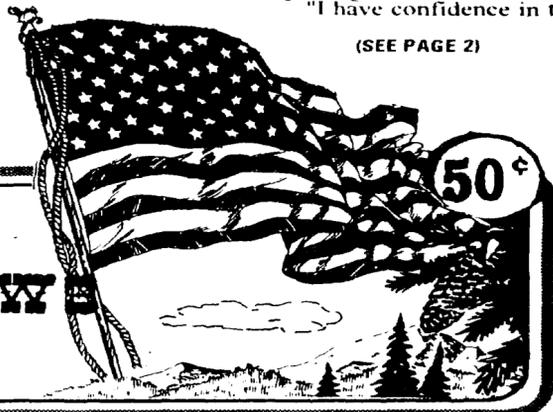
Stewart said in presenting budget information that showed sufficient funds to cover the \$95,793 needed to cover the increase in salaries and benefit payments for the rest of the fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2004. County commissioner Leo Martinez wanted a 10 percent increase. He reasoned that property values and taxes are increasing and will continue to increase. Also

he pointed to Stewart's report on how the federal Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) have increased about 21 percent in the last two years with expectations to be the same or higher for 2003 than for 2002. And he said Stewart had originally figured the salary increase request on 10 percent. "We can sustain a 10 percent increase," Martinez added. "A lot of our employees are at poverty lev-

els." "My worst fear there will be no PILT," Stewart said in response to Martinez's request. "If there is no PILT everything will be different."

The 2002 PILT to the county was \$959,752. County commission chair Rex Wilson said it has taken the county several years of managing its budget to get "here." "I have confidence in the

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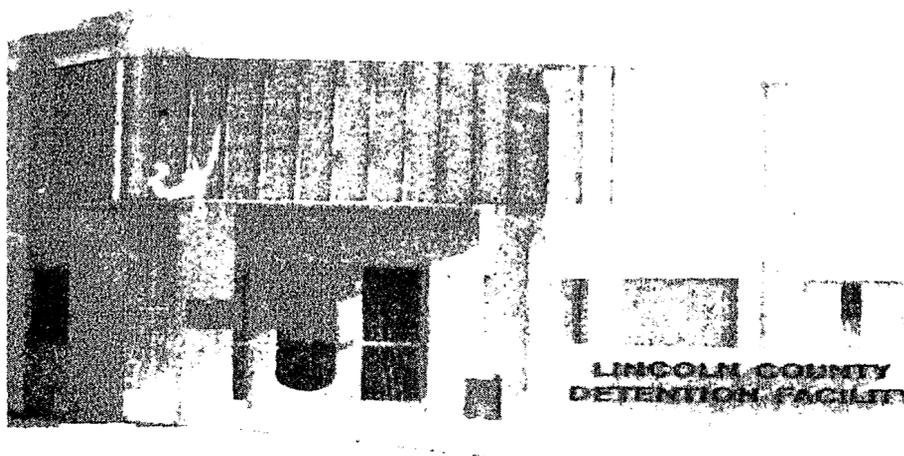


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State Lacking In Jail Staffing Rules

LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER near Carrizozo houses 124 inmates, of whom 24 are federal prisoners. Detention center operator Correction Systems, Inc. presented a report about the detention center to the Lincoln County Commission on November 18 but would not discuss why the ambulance and county sheriff's office visited the facility numerous times recently because those incidents are currently in litigation.

by Doris Cherry

New Mexico has no standards concerning the ratio of guards to inmates within county detention centers. This was reported by Bill Garrison, corporate officer for Corrections Systems, Inc. (CSI) the private company that contracts to operate the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) in Carrizozo.

Garrison was present at the Lincoln County Commission meeting on November 18 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo to give a report about LCDC operations. At the October meeting, county resident Doris Cherry had requested the LCDC update because she was concerned about the number of ambulance and sheriff's office calls made to the LCDC.

When Oscurio resident Jerry Carroll asked why there have been so many such calls he was told by county attorney Alan Morel that those questions were "headed in the direction that involves litigation. So I advise caution."

(The county is involved with more than 12 civil cases filed by inmates.) Garrison presented several pages of information about training, staffing trends and patterns and levels, programs at LCDC, average number of detainees by type and offense, federal inmate populations and current difficulties.

Garrison said they are now offering inmates a full range of programs, including the reinstated GED program. Eastern New Mexico University center at Ruidoso had threatened to stop the GED program within LCDC unless the county paid more than \$4,000. Garrison said programs are needed so there is no dead time for inmates.

As for staffing he said there has been no staff turnover that was directly related to specific discipline. "We have less turnover here than in other comparable operations," Garrison added. "We are well below the average of 12 percent turnover in corrections."

Garrison said they had added another employee to the day watch to cover the demands for inmate transportation to court and for medical services, which makes all 30 positions filled.

County commissioner Maury St. John asked if there are requirements for

the percentages of staff to inmate.

Garrison said New Mexico has no such standards, but in Texas the requirement is one staff to 40 inmates per shift. "We exceed that except at sleep time," Garrison said. "Our ratio is 128 to 30."

St. John questioned the 30 staff, which she said includes kitchen and clerical. "These are all officers are they?" she asked.

Garrison said all staff are trained as detention officers. "Our training is extensive and our records are open for review," he offered.

In the LCDC report it stated CSI is running about 20 hours overtime each week, mostly due to issues of transport. "But this is a marked improvement over past staffing trends," it stated.

"We always have at least seven staff in the facility during the day," Garrison said. These include the booking officer, two correctional officers in the control room, administrator and support employee, maintenance and food service. "And we always have a sergeant on duty," he added.

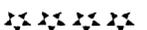
During the early evening shift they never have less than three staff in the facility, Garrison said. All staff, including clerical, are trained, he added.

There is only one county employee left at the LCDC with all others now CSI employees. The one employee

chose to stay with the county due to medical insurance, Garrison said.

In the information provided about inmates in LCDC, it shows that there were 124 inmates at the time of the report, which is near the 128 inmate capacity for the facility. Some 19 percent of the total inmate population or 24 inmates are federal prisoners; 16 percent or 20 inmates are detained for battery and assault; 14 percent or 17 are parole/probation violation; 10 percent or 12 are for DWI; 9 percent or 11 are for Failure to Appear; 6 percent or 7 are for possession of controlled substance; 3 percent or 4 are for larceny; 3 percent or 4 are for Criminal Sexual Penetration; 1.5 percent or 2 are for homicide by vehicle; 1.5 percent or 2 are for forgery; 1.5 percent or 2 are for burglary/robbery; 1.5 percent or 2 are for criminal damage to

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News To Publish Early Next Week

The Lincoln County News will publish two days early next week because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

All copy to be published in The News next week must be in The News office no later than 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. There is a slot in the bottom of the door.

Citizens Unhappy With County Commissioner

by Doris Cherry

The remedy for citizens dissatisfied with their representation for Lincoln County Commission District 5 is the state constitution's recall process.

This was told to Glencoe area resident Lester Stout who waited all day at the November 18 Lincoln County Commission meeting to express his dissatisfaction with the representation by county commissioner Rick Simpson.

"There is nothing the county commission can do," said county commission chair Rex Wilson after he asked the county attorney to read what he called the appropriate statute.

County attorney Alan Morel then read Chapter 10, Sec. 9 of the New Mexico State Constitution which outlines the provision for recall process of elected officials.

"We are not a court," Wilson said to Stout. "We will not pass that type of judgment."

Stout then left the meeting room quickly, saying, "Okay." The short discussion was for an agenda item requested by county commissioner Leo Martinez who explained he did not want to talk about legal issues in-

volving Simpson. "I was approached by a citizen wanting sponsorship to be on the agenda (to express his concerns about his county commissioner)," Martinez said.

Martinez then commented he thought the one lacking in the Simpson legal issue (involving per diem and

mileage payments while Simpson was manager of Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority) is district attorney Scott Key. "Who should have done this (filed charges against Simpson) a long time ago," Martinez said. "We've gone through two

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Rick Simpson Waives First Appearance

by Doris Cherry

Rick Simpson, a Lincoln County commissioner and former manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, waived his first appearance in district court on charges of accepting overpayment of per diem and mileage.

Simpson was ordered to appear before District Judge Karen Parsons on November 14 for arraignment on nine counts of allegedly accepting \$3,850 in over payments for per diem and mileage while he worked as manager of Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA).

On November 3, Judge Parsons signed an order ap-

pointing Gary Mitchell as Simpson's attorney. Because Simpson was unable to pay for an attorney at this time, yet he did not qualify for a state paid attorney due to his income level, the judge ordered Simpson to pay the state \$2,500 for the legal representation.

Mitchell on November 10 filed a waiver of first appearance and arraignment and entered a plea of not guilty on behalf of Simpson, who also signed the waiver. On November 12, Judge Parsons signed approval of the waiver which was filed in district court on November 13.

Capitan Woman Dies In House Fire

by Doris Cherry

Even though Capitan Volunteer Fire Department responded within five minutes to a house fire report at 8 p.m. Friday, November 14, fire fighters were unable to save a house occupant who had gone back in to retrieve something.

According to Capitan Fire Chief David Cox the department was paged to the fire in a mobile home at the corner of Aspen and Cedar in Capitan. Cox said the fire reportedly started when a house occupant tried to light a wood stove with gasoline and the fuel was spilled.

Cox said he was told when the first fire department volunteers arrived at

the scene all house occupants were outside, but Constance McDaniel, 33, decided to go back into the mobile home to retrieve something. Cox said when he arrived he was told someone was inside, so firefighters began putting on bunker gear and breathing apparatus to go in. But the house was so fully engulfed with flames they had to put the flames down before anyone could enter, Cox said.

When Cox arrived at the scene, he said the children from the house were taken to a neighbors and were not present at the scene.

It took fire fighters about 10 minutes to diminish the

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State Lacking in Rules

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property, 1.5 percent are for disorderly conduct and 12.5 percent are "miscellaneous."

The report stated the federal inmate count has been up and down due to a new facility opening in Otero County. CSI has spoken with the US Marshals' Service who advise they are happy with LCDC and are committed to keeping the 25 federal detainees.

As for training, the report stated the LCDC manager Ray Alvarez attended a 40-hour management training course and ongoing training is being provided by CSI

Staff has received extensive training in the American Correctional Association officer training program for dealing with blood borne pathogens and suicide prevention, and CPR and first aid. Staff were also certified in fire arms training.

LCDC employees will soon begin random drug testings, done by the same company that does drug testing of county employees. CSI has also begun random drug testing of all inmates, drug testing of inmates before they are sent to the state prison system and all inmates when they go to and return from furlough.

County commissioner Leo Martinez asked Garrison if the LCDC staff "drop the iron doors" when matters get out of hand with inmates.

"We take action before it gets out of hand by using preventative activities," Garrison responded. He said they try to avoid having to use force. "We will have incidents," Garrison said. "Because we deal with people with poor impulse control. That is why it is critical

for staff to maintain a good environment."

The CSI report stated the current difficulty at LCDC is transport. "We are retrieving arrestees on warrants from outside the county at the direction of judges on a court order," the report stated. "Some of these are extradition warrants, others are transporting inmates to their attorney, or even to child protective services. We are required by court order to pick up these offenders or to transport to these court-ordered activities which directs key staff away from the facility."

"Because neither the county or CSI anticipated

this transportation requirement, the detention center was never staffed for this type of transport activity and therefore this service may be better handled by the Sheriff's Department," the report concluded.

As for the proposed DWI annex, CSI advised it had not heard from the county about the project, which would help free space in the main facility so they might better segregate inmates who require such.

County manager Tom Stewart gave an update on the DWI annex. He said a local architect is working with specifications for a prefabricated building to house 30 non-violent trustee type prisoners, located next to the LCDC.

PLEASE NOTE

The memorial service for Elizabeth Dow Branham scheduled for November 29 has been cancelled.

Obituary

ELIZBETH BRANHAM

Elizabeth Mae Branham, 82, died Nov. 7 in her sleep at home. She was born to Eugene C. and Jennie Peppin Dow on May 5, 1921 in Lincoln, NM.

Survivors include sons Ken Walther and Randall Branham of Las Vegas, NV; daughter Barbara Dennie of Kansas City, MO; brother Roy Dow of Carrizozo; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She retired from the Dept. of Army from Fort Bliss after a career spanning more than 35 years. Prior to federal service she taught school in New Mexico and worked for Western Union. She graduated from Carrizozo High School in 1939 and attended Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM.

County Employees

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manager's caution." Wilson said in support of Stewart's recommended 5.7 percent increase.

County commissioner Maury St. John asked why Stewart wanted the increase now instead of in January. Stewart said this is a good time to look at all the county's significant expenses.

County commissioners, upon Stewart's request, in October gave him permission to research whether the 5.7 percent salary increase was financially feasible.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs concurred with the manager. "We find ourselves in the fortunate position to give an increase due to our fiscal responsibility," he said. "When the new county commissioners come in next year I hope we leave the county in the same position."

Then Hobbs said he did not support the 10 percent. "I think the 5.7 percent is appropriate."

County assessor Rick Silva said while he understands the dilemma he was for the 10 percent if the money is available, with seven percent now and three percent next July when the county knows how much it will receive from P.I.T.

County treasurer Beverly Calaway said she liked Silva's idea, because it is difficult to hire qualified employees with the county's current pay scale.

County road superintendent Albert Hernandez said he was comfortable with the 5.7 percent. "I would rather have 5.7 percent every year than 10 percent his year and nothing next year," Hernandez said. "And every time we get a raise it raises the insurance."

St. John also thought the increase should be 5.7 percent as recommended by the manager. She said Stewart had provided details of the pay increase at the October meeting. "I think he was very prudent," St. John said.

Stewart said a 10 percent increase would use about \$291,000 of the projected \$292,000 growth in revenue for the next year.

"The employees deserve more than 5.7 percent," Martinez appealed. "I do not think 10 percent is out of line."

Hobbs made the motion to give the 5.7 percent increase and the additional paid President's Day holiday in 2004. All commissioners voted in favor.



As the Lincoln County News nears the century mark of being in existence (1905-2005), we will be randomly publishing articles that have been published in the NEWS from old files. The following article appeared in the "Lincoln County News" -- on November 30, 1928.

Will Build Road to Billy the Kid's Grave

Fort Sumner, Nov. 22 -- The county authorities of DeBaca Co., are planning at an early date to build a new road from US Highway 70 to the present fine county road leading to the grave of Billy the Kid and his two pals, Bowdry and O'Phalliard. The present connecting road between the state highway and the county road is of a low grade type which is good in dry weather but uninviting in wet weather.

The new road will be built because of the interest manifest by tourists in visiting the cemetery at Old Fort Sumner and the ruins of the old town. It is expected that many more tourists will visit this district of the state when the new road is finished.

A movement which has been on foot for some time to collect enough money to put a suitable marker over the graves of the three famous desperados is announced as bearing fruit. At the rate subscription are coming in from tourists all over the United States who have visited the old graveyard and from residents of the state who are anxious to preserve the relics of the colorful past of this country, it will be but a short time until the monument can be set up.

It is planned to set this marker so that it will indicate the last resting place of all the three notorious friends who are properly enough buried side by side. Arrows are to be chiseled in the rock of the marker pointing to the exact location of the bodies.

The present marker in the cemetery which is supposed to indicate the burial spot is inaccurately placed, many residents of this country hold among them Charley Forr, well known old timer who is intimately conversant with the facts of the lurid period of old Fort Sumner's history.

The relics of the Kid era are to be gathered together and placed in a building designed as a museum, if present plans are carried out. Those consist of the table on which he was laid out after his killing in Pete Maxwell's bedroom, the old fireplace of that room behind the offset of which he tried to hide, pictures of him and other similar things. Although this move has met with some resistance on the part of some members of the community, who hold that immortalizing a desperado is not proper, others believe it to be good business to use this unquestionable interesting story and its appurtenances as a point of interest for tourists.

What We Think

by Frank Dixon

The mal contents who quit the Democratic party the last campaign should join hands with the Anti-Salon Leaguers -- they'd all be antis, mutually opposed to something at all times. They wouldn't even have to profess a political principle -- just be antis.

Philadelphia come to the front again. A local investigation showed that there were 1,418 saloons -- with real bars -- in the city, and 3,000 speak-easies. This discovery was made, and machinery put in motion to punish the offenders by a little red-headed Irish district attorney, without the assistance of the Federal enforcement authorities. In fact, General Smedley Butler, with Uncle Sam's backing, failed ignominiously to disturb in the least the flow of moisture in the "City of Brotherly Love."

* The world's champion optimist is no doubt the fellow who steals a second hand motor car.

* Folks who eat onions or sit at the wheel of an auto ought to be good judges of distance.

* As far as most of us are concerned we wouldn't give a hang for "some gift or power to see ourselves as others see us," if we could have one that would enable us to make others see us as we see ourselves.

* The only labor-saving device a woman is really enthusiastic about is made in the United States mint.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

TUESDAYS
--Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour, 1 p.m.
--Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group, every other Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso.
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
--Crossfire Youth Group, 6:30-8 p.m. Trinity Baptist Church in Capitan. For junior and senior high school age youth.

WEDNESDAYS
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.
--AWANA club for kids age 3 to 6th grade meets 6-8 p.m. First Baptist Church of Carrizozo.

TODAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
--Social Workers Luncheon 12 noon at Ruidoso Senior Center on Sudderth Drive. RSVP by Nov. 18 to 257-0491.
--Carrizozo FCE club meets at 1 p.m. at Otero County Electric Cooperative Inc. office in Carrizozo. Program on easy meals for one or two.
--Carrizozo Town Council special meeting for approval of plans for city hall, 5:30 p.m. at Rec Center.
--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board meets at 7 p.m. at the community church in Lincoln. Public invited.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21
--Blood drive 12 noon to 6 p.m. Hondo Valley Schools multipurpose room. Call 1-866-653-4069 for information.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
--Carrizozo Heritage Museum hosts Business Holiday Open House 2 to 4 p.m. at Carrizozo Heritage Museum. Activities and refreshments.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
--Ruidoso Village Council special meeting at 5 p.m. for closed session to discuss purchase, acquisition and/or disposal of real property and/or water rights.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
--Lincoln County News publishes early because of Thanksgiving holiday.
--Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority regular meeting postponed until December 9.
--Ruidoso Village Council, 6 p.m. in village hall.

NOVEMBER 29
--Christmas Party, 2-5 p.m. Anderson Freeman Visitor Center and Museum in Lincoln.



TREASURER'S HELPER: Becky Dunn, new financial accounting officer for the Lincoln County Treasurer's office was introduced by Treasurer Beverly Calaway during the Commission meeting Nov. 10. Dunn is helping the treasurer's office with the more than 95 percent response payments to the 2003 tax bills.

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San Patricio who are most benefitting from the highway expansion effort can participate. The blood drive is also intended as a reminder to area residents to drive safely during the upcoming holidays. For information about donating blood or the blood drive, call United Blood Services toll free at 1-888-676-5433.



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Capitan Woman

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flames enough to enter the dwelling, Cox added. By the time fire fighters were able to enter the dwelling, they found McDaniel was no longer alive. Capitan ambulance and Sheriff's Deputy and fire investigator Jackie Raines also responded to the fire. Raines requested the Office of the Medical Investigator for the death declaration. Capitan Fire Department responded with five fire trucks and 16 volunteers. Two sheriff's deputies also responded, as did Capitan police chief Chuck George. Cox said the proximity of a working fire hydrant helped the fire fighting effort, which took about 10 minutes to put down the initial flames. About eight volunteers stayed at the scene until about 2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 to mop up the hot spots in the mobile and the add-on rooms. Red Cross responded to the scene to provide assistance and pastor Ed Vinson was called to the scene to help counsel the family. Vinson told THE NEWS that the McDaniel children were with their grandparents who live out of state. This is the second fatal house fire in Capitan in a year. In December of 2002 a young man was killed in a fire when he went back into a burning house to retrieve something. Cox said he plans to ask the state fire marshal's office to provide professional counseling for Capitan fire fighters who need it. Cox said the department tries to present a program on fire safety to Capitan elementary students each year, but he had not had time to do so this year.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Some Laws Are Stupid

By Ruth Hammond

Most older people remember exactly where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news that President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated. On November 22, 1963, just 40 years ago from Saturday, has been speculation through the years as to whether the shots were actually fired from the building or if possibly another person was involved and shot from the grassy knoll. That area in Dallas will always be remembered as the place where the president was shot, just as the Ford Theater will always be remembered as the place where President Lincoln was assassinated. Isn't it a shame that those places couldn't be known for something good instead of terrible things?

Evidently until President Kennedy was assassinated there was no law against killing a president. There were laws against killing people, but no law against killing a president. Our question at the time was, "Isn't the president a person?" Apparently the president is not a person. Does it make sense to exclude the president from being a person? Yes, the presidency is the highest office in the land, but why should the president not be considered as a human person?

Mastering the rules of making laws must be complicated because most laws need to be explained. Laws should be simple and easy to understand. Do you suppose anyone will change stupid laws and make them more people friendly? Probably not, but something needs to be done about it.

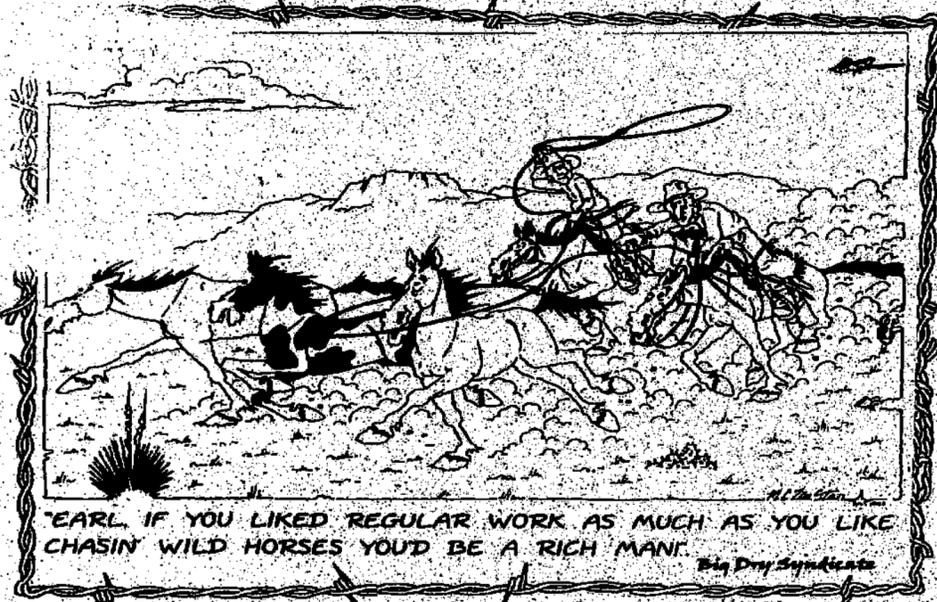
Obeying laws, even stupid laws, was probably easier years ago. One stupid law was that a person with a full beard was not allowed to walk down the street. Another stupid law was that a person cannot whistle while carrying a pig. Who ever made these stupid laws must have had a lot of free time. Or maybe the lawmakers had a sense of humor and depicted that humor in the laws that were enacted.

Reading about stupid laws can be fun, but it makes a person wonder why anyone would waste their time working on stupid laws. Maybe the lawmakers were not aware the laws were stupid when they were working on them. Maybe there was a legitimate reason for not wanting a person to whistle while carrying a pig. Maybe pigs don't like to hear whistles. Maybe someone wanted men to shave beards off.

It was important enough to have a law against killing the president that Congress did enact that law. We do hope the law will never need to be used to prosecute anyone because presidents should never be assassinated. If you disagree with the president, relay your disappointment by voting.

Exercise your right to vote and if you don't like what elected officials do, vote them out of office. There are a few elected officials who should be voted out of office soon.

Simplified laws would help people understand what they can or cannot do legally. Maybe a good platform for a candidate would be to simplify laws. Maybe that person would get elected. And maybe that person would do a good job and fulfill the duties of that office efficiently.



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SANTA FE

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE -- New Mexico's former governors have been making the news lately. Here's a sampling: Dave Cargo (R, 1967-70) and Jerry Apodaca (D, 1975-78) got together early this month to join in a discussion of national and international issues at the University of New Mexico. It was one of 14 such panels in major cities throughout the nation, called "The People Speak." Cargo and Apodaca have enjoyed roles as the intellectual and analytical elder statesmen among past governors.

Apodaca also described himself as "the first jock governor" when responding to questions about Bill Richardson revoking a state employee exercise policy instituted during the Apodaca administration. Apodaca liked to work out or play handball in a fitness club at lunch and found he was having trouble squeezing it in even though he had a State Police driver to whisk him around town.

So Apodaca issued a policy allowing workers an extra half-hour, three times a week for exercise. The policy wasn't meant to shorten regular eight-hour days. Employees had to schedule with supervisors to start work earlier or finish later.

In fact, Apodaca was especially tough on seeing that state employees put in a full eight-hour day. Santa Fe restaurants are noted for their casual service, which often caused employees to get back to work somewhat late.

So Apodaca instituted a 55-minute lunch hour. And to be sure employees were back on the job exactly at 1 p.m., he would make random calls to state agencies and raise holy heck when he didn't get an immediate answer. Restaurants around the Capitol began posting guarantees that they would get state workers in and out in less than 55 minutes.

When Richardson revoked the extra 30 minutes for exercise, he naturally thought it was a policy initiated by his immediate predecessor, Gary "Iron Man" Johnson (R, 1995-2002). But Apodaca immediately stepped into the fray, noting that he was the first jock governor and it was his policy.

But Johnson certainly revived interest in the policy, encouraging workers to use that extra 30 minutes at sometime during the day even if it was just for walking around the block. Johnson, of course, did his own exercising beginning at 5 a.m., often ending with a run to work.

While governor, Apodaca entered marathons and Johnson entered triathlons, which surely qualified them as jock governors. Other governors were athletes in their youth. Bruce King, a three-term Democrat who served in the '70s, '80s and '90s, played center on UNM's football team in the early 1940s and Bill Richardson was offered a professional baseball contract upon graduating from college.

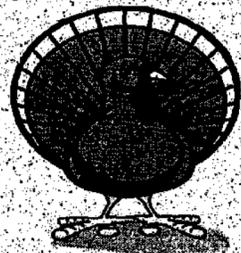
Johnson is also a mountain climber, scaling Mount Everest less than five months after leaving office. A narrated video of his climb is receiving good reviews. Johnson is also continuing the annual Trek for Trash he inaugurated his first year in office. This year's trek was a shorter 290-mile route, from Roswell to Albuquerque.

Apodaca suffered a heart attack early this year and has stepped up his exercise program. He is often seen now bicycling around downtown Santa Fe. Maybe Johnson can enlist him next year in his Trek for Trash.

While governor, Apodaca was appointed chairman of President Jimmy Carter's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Also while governor, Apodaca got lost while running in New York's Central Park. Not only had he ditched his State Police security, he didn't have any identification to show the cops who stopped him.

Garrey Caruthers (R, 1987-1990) served as Gov. Bill Richardson's co-chair of the effort to pass constitutional amendments 1 and 2 and is now heading the committee to implement the educational changes called for by the two amendments.

Finally, I stand corrected on my story about Dave Cargo introducing his State Police driver as the governor at a meeting in Colorado. That story is told by Bruce King, who succeeded Cargo. My wife was first to catch the mistake. I should let her proofread everything. I write.



Former Downs Judge Sentenced to 8 Years

Former Ruidoso Downs Municipal Judge Martin Valenzuela has been sentenced to eight years in jail for the sex crimes he committed in July 1986.

According to a press release from District Attorney Scot Key, District Judge Karen Parsons on November 14 sentenced Valenzuela to eight years for criminal sexual penetration in the third degree and criminal sexual contact of a minor under 13 years old. A Lincoln County jury found him guilty of the charges at his trial on July 15 and 16, 2003.

Valenzuela had fled to Acapulco, Mexico soon after the investigation of the crimes against 12 year old and 15 year old sisters began in July 1986. He was not captured until September 2002 when he applied for a new drivers license in Texas.

Key expressed his thanks to the 12th Judicial District Victim's Assistance Unit for locating the victims 15 years after the crimes were committed. Key said that over the years at least one officer witness had died, evidence had been misplaced and the young victims had grown up with families and careers of their own. Key also noted that Judge Richard Parsons was on the bench when the case was indicted in 1987, and Judge Parsons daughter, District Judge Karen Parsons heard the case at jury trial in 2003.

"Judge Parsons also made the appropriate judicial findings aggravating the defendant's sentence by one third because of his flight," Key stated. "And because of his failure to take responsibility for his crimes and his remorseful behavior. The court also found the crimes to be serious violent offenses which the defendant will have to serve at least 85

percent of his sentences." Valenzuela was also sentenced to 18 months in prison for contributing to the delinquency of a minor for showing pornographic movies to a minor during the same time period in 1987.

LIHEAP Funds Are Released

US Representative Tom Udall, D-NM, announced the release of \$3,810,393 in federal funding to help low income residents with their winter heating bills. The funds are part of \$844 million being distributed by the US Dept. of Health and Human Services through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The following grants were awarded: \$3,351,678 to New Mexico Human Services Dept., \$10,300 to five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, \$5,618 to Jicarilla Apache Tribe, \$221,574 to Navajo Nation, and \$21,223 to Zuni Pueblo.

LIHEAP is the primary federal program available to help needy households pay their home energy bills. States determine which low income families receive LIHEAP support, which includes families with small children, senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

To learn more about the program, contact the New Mexico Human Services Dept. at 1-888-473-3676. Applications are available at regional food stamp offices.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

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Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) You can be a step ahead of the game, if you don't let others hurt you. You have the opportunity to make more money. Don't feel guilty. Do it.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Keep your eyes open and your mouth closed. Watch others stick their foot in their mouth for a change. Sit back and watch the fireworks, for free.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Yes, you can have a better life with more money and more love. What is holding you back? You! You can't keep one foot in the past. Go forward.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20) Don't keep secrets. Look anyone in the face, with the truth at hand. If you can't afford to do it right, then you dang sure can't afford to do it wrong.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Moving? Leaving? If so, then make sure you're leaving because you want to, not because you're hurt. Stand up and say what needs to be said, with love.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Don't go there! Talking to yourself is great, as long as you can justify what you're saying. Look at both sides, before it's too late to turn back.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Really? You think so? You're right, but is it okay to be right when you hurt someone? Balance this out. Think before you speak the truth. Give Hugs.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) What you think you want and what you really want are totally two different things. You want to be right and win the game! But at what cost?

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) You can make extra money now, but watch your health. Eat right, and sleep good, or the extra money you made will be in vain. Enjoy yourself.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Money is the question, now that you've decided to do something different with your life. You did the right thing. Now just do the right thing with money.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22) It's all down hill from here. The question is, are you ready to hit bottom so you can relax? Put on the brakes, and watch what you're doing with your life.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) This can be a different year, once you do different things by saying "NO" when you really want to. Others only put on you what you don't stop.

Sheriff's Report

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.

Fire: The Silent Killer

Fire kills more people every year than all of the natural disasters in the United States combined. Approximately 5,500 people die from fire every year in this country. The real tragedy is that most of these deaths could easily be prevented with a few simple precautions. Working smoke detectors along with a well rehearsed escape plan can mean the difference between life and death. The following covers the most important areas to consider in developing a family home escape plan.

HOME ALARM SIGNAL: A smoke detector is your best alarm. They will buy you time to make your escape. Working smoke detectors could reduce residential fire fatalities by up to 90 percent. Test your alarms regularly. If you have a battery powered alarm, change the battery every six months.

TWO WAYS OUT of each bedroom is a primary consideration of a home escape plan. A window is usually going to be the second exit. Make sure it is not blocked by furniture and is easily operable by children. Screens must come off easily. If you have security bars, they must have inside quick release devices. If you live in a two story home, a fire escape ladder is a must. Have one for each occupied bedroom.

GET OUT FAST once the alarm has sounded. Do not stop to dress or gather valuables. We are discussing survival and you do not have the luxury of time.

TEST THE DOORS BEFORE OPENING. To make sure it is safe on the other side. Feel door, look for smoke seeping in around edges. If you feel it is safe to open, do so slowly and be prepared to slam shut if heat/smoke rush in.

REHEARSING ESCAPE PLAN is essential. A practiced routine will override panic in an emergency situation. A small amount of time spent planning/rehearsing your escape plan may mean difference between life and death.

OBITUARIES

CELIA SANCHEZ MONTOYA

Funeral mass for Celia Sanchez Montoya, 74, of Tularosa was held Oct. 8 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in San Patricio. She died Sunday, Oct. 5 at her home in Tularosa. She was born July 19, 1929 in San Patricio and lived all her life in Lincoln and Otero Counties. She was a retired nurse from Fort Stanton Hospital. She was a member of St. Francis de Paula Church in Tularosa.

She is survived by sons Jerry Montoya of Mountainair, Jimmy Montoya of Las Cruces, Manuel Montoya Jr. and wife Nancy of Albuquerque, Rueben Montoya, Carlos Montoya, Michael Montoya, Larry Montoya all of Tularosa, Henry Montoya of Belen, daughter Virginia Maes and husband Juan of Tularosa; sisters Erminia Gallegos of Alamogordo, Eva Kimbrell of Ruidoso Downs and Magdalena Montano of San Patricio; brothers Pat Sanchez of Ruidoso, Danny Sanchez and Melvin Sanchez of San Patricio; 21 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Mary Helen Montoya. Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

VERA LEE CORY

Funeral services for Vera Lee Cory, 80, of Ruidoso who died Nov. 3 at Ruidoso Care Center were held November 6 at Angus Church

of the Nazarene with Rev. Garth Hyde officiating. Burial followed in Angus Cemetery.

She was born in Missouri on August 22, 1923. She married George Cory, Jr. in Fresno, CA. They moved to Ruidoso area from Odessa 26 years ago.

Survivors include her son John F. Cory of Lubbock; daughters Neva Smith of Capitan, and Mary Peyton of Colorado Springs; grandchildren John F. Cory, Jr. of Eielson AFB, Alaska, Michael Cory of Lubbock, Crystal Peyton, Wade Smith, Jeffrey Peyton all of Colorado Springs, Faith Smith and Dianna Smith of Capitan; four great grandchildren; sisters Hazel McSwane of Plymouth, CA, Mary Miles of Citrus Heights, CA and Ester Gonzales of Paradise, CA.

Pallbearers were Michael Cory, Wade Smith, Jeffrey Peyton, Terry Saucier, Stan Cogdill, and Rich Jolly, honorary pallbearers were Don Brown and Crinton Ford.

ALTA M. WALTRIP

Alta M. Waltrip, 71, of Ruidoso, died on November 4 at Lincoln County Medical Center.

She was born on November 17, 1931 in Corpus Christi. She married Derald Waltrip on September 1, 1951 in Corpus Christi and they moved to Ruidoso in 1959.

Graveside services were held November 8 at Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Cemetery with Rev. Wayne Joyce officiating.

Survivors include her husband Derald of Ruidoso; sons Mike and Don Waltrip of Ruidoso; daughter Shirley Ray of Victoria, TX; brother Billy Brock of Corpus Christi; and three grandchildren.

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

November 11
8:03 a.m. request for officer for peacekeeping at location on Zia. Capitan police were notified.

9:21 a.m. trespassing at corner of Janet Drive and Cavilan Canyon Road.

10:18 a.m. trespassing, illegal killing of deer at mile marker 25 on State Road 247. Three male subjects killed deer on private property. Dispatch called the NM Game and Fish office but no officer was on duty, so deputy advised he would respond.

10:41 a.m. trespassing at mile marker 15 on State Road 246.

4:39 p.m. Ruidoso police request agency assistance at a domestic at an RV park. Deputy and Med I advanced life support ambulance responded and advised the second party left the scene.

4:47 p.m. agency assistance for lost hunter in Capitan Gap area. A caller advised that her boyfriend called her by cell phone to report that a hunting buddy went missing at about 10:47 a.m. State police were notified at 4:57 p.m., one deputy responded to the Gap Road at 5:07 p.m. and at 6:43 p.m. advised he was going to meet with the searchers, and another deputy had arrived at the hunting camp to stand by for the state police search group. At 9:15 p.m. a deputy advised the subject had been found and had returned to base camp. The assignment was completed at 9:21 p.m.

7:22 p.m. request for ambulance for 18 year old female having seizures. Corona ambulance responded to the location at 7:35 p.m. and requested Med I intercept, which was done at 8:25 p.m. with Med I arriving at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso at 9:38 p.m.

8:16 p.m. Ruidoso police requested agency assistance and report at a business. Deputy responded at 9:14 p.m. and advised of a report of battery and possession of marijuana.

10:21 p.m. dumpster fire on Highway 380. Hondo fire department responded at 10:26 p.m. at one location and at 10:40 p.m. at another dumpster fire and at 10:53 p.m. advised both fires were out.

11 p.m. request for ambulance at location in San Patricio. Hondo ambulance responded to the location at 11:20 p.m. and requested Med I meet them, which it did at 11:28 p.m. and at midnight Hondo ambulance arrived at LCMC.

November 12
12:46 a.m. accident with injuries on lower Eagle Creek. Bonito Fire Department responded to the location at 1:02 a.m. and at 1:19 a.m. advised all was okay.

8:42 a.m. trespassing at ranch north of White Oaks. Game and Fish officer responded to the location at 9:54 a.m., deputy responded at 9:34 a.m.

9:45 a.m. male in car on CR12 on Indian Divide Road could be sick. Two deputies were dispatched, but at 9:51 a.m. the caller advised the car left.

10:55 a.m. caller wanted persons, non-renters, removed from location on mile marker 286 on Highway 70. Two deputies responded at 11:58 a.m. and talked to both parties, completing the assignment at 12:07 p.m.

11:49 a.m. four wheelers trespassing on CR368 in Arabela. Callers had requested the four wheelers to stay off the property, but the four wheelers said it was not their property. Deputy responded to the scene at 12:29 p.m. and at 12:37 p.m. advised he warned the subjects not to trespass and

they said they would comply.

3:21 p.m. trespasser in a pickup with New Mexico plates at location on Forest Road, 139, the truck was parked in front of No. Trespassing signs.

4:15 p.m. Chaves County sheriff's office reported accident without injuries at mile marker 156 on Highway 54. State police, deputies notified.

4:56 p.m. request for ambulance at Carrizozo health clinic to transport patient to hospital in Alamogordo. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at the clinic at 5:07 p.m. and transported to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo at 6:30 p.m.

5:03 p.m. county manager requested officer for peacekeeping at the Lincoln Community Church for unruly citizens who are to show up at a community meeting. Deputy responded.

6:56 p.m. small fire on the side of Highway 70 at mile marker 265. Caller was trying to put it out with a shovel. Glencoe Palo Verde Fire Dept responded at 7:10 p.m. and assignment completed at 7:53 p.m.

8:20 p.m. Torrance County Sheriff's Office requested ambulance at Red Cloud Campground for male subject with seizures. Corona ambulance arrived at the

location at 9:02 p.m. and transported to LCMC arriving at 11:01 p.m.

November 13
9:20 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Dept. (CYFD) requested deputy for referral in Rancho Ruidoso.

10:52 a.m. K-9 v. goats at location on Indian Divide Road.

2:52 p.m. threats at trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs. Deputy at Ruidoso Downs police department advised he would respond.

4:29 p.m. welfare check at location on west 2nd St. for female involved in domestic and suspect may have returned.

4:34 p.m. wood stove pipe fire at location on Valley View. Capitan fire department responded to the location at 4:39 p.m. and cancelled the ambulance run. Deputy arrived at 4:59 p.m.

5:19 p.m. Med 3 ambulance reported reckless driver on State Road 37 and westbound on Highway 380. A white pickup. Deputy notified.

7:41 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Police Department requested agency assistance at a business regarding a domestic. Deputy responded.

11:04 p.m. intruder at location on 2nd Street in Capitan. Deputy assigned.

November 14
12:16 a.m. request for officer for 16 year old son

trouble at location on Cowboy Court.

9:49 a.m. K-9 hit and injured at State Roads 48 and 220. Deputy responded at 10:12 a.m. and advised he euthanized the dog with one shot fired.

9:55 a.m. illegal parking by Sonterra Fire Station on State Road 220.

10:23 a.m. request for ambulance at ranch south of Picacho. Hondo ambulance responded to the location at 11:04 a.m. and requested Roswell ALS intercept, which was done at 12:10 p.m. at Riverside.

11:35 a.m. rollover accident with injuries five miles south of Corona on Highway 54. Corona fire department responded at 12:12 p.m.

4:44 p.m. Capitan caller reported cell phone stolen while in El Paso.

4:45 p.m. request for ambulance at location at mile marker 96 for 56 year old male semi-conscious, possible heart attack. Hondo ambulance arrived at 5:08 p.m. requested Med 1, which intercepted at 5:24 p.m. for transport to LCMC arriving at 6:09 p.m.

8 p.m. trailer house fire. Kitchen/wood stove, at location on Aspen and Cedar. Capitan fire department responded to the location at 8:11 p.m. Capitan ambulance arrived at 8:15 p.m.

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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

TERRY AIELLO, 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)

JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor

Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth; 648-2166

Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor

213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
Corona St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135

Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. DON THOMSON, Rector

Corner of E Ave. and Sixth; Carrizozo, NM

1-505-268-1242
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Church Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister

849-1402

Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor

1090 D Ave, 648-2893 / 648-2848

Carrizozo, NM 89301

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.

CAPITAN:

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

Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter-denominational)

514 Smokeey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister

5th & Lincoln / 336-4627

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

GAL WEST, Pastor / 649-7975

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

Angus Church of the Nazarene

Serving All of Lincoln County

RICK HUTCHISON, Pastor / 336-8032

Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction

Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM

Sunday
Sunday School for all ages 8:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

In Memory of

BILL WINKLER

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Stearns Insurance Agency

LEGALS

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

No. CV-03-209
HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
STEPHANIE HAY, STEVE LEE, and PIERCE A.
HUMBLE, SR.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on December 2, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 247 Fourth Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (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 24 AND THE EAST 15' OF LOT 25,
BLOCK 0 OF RUIDOSO PINE LODGE CO.
SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY
THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF
LINCOLN COUNTY, MARCH 26, 1925.

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 \$132,214.13, and the same bears interest at 9.4000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$34.05 per diem, commencing on September 1, 2003, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendants Stephanie Hay and Steve Lee 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 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 \$132,214.13, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$3,166.63 for a total judgment plus interest of \$135,380.78. 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, New Mexico
(505) 648-9925

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

Case No. DM 03-161

JO ANN LAMBERT, a/k/a
JO ANN SWEET
SSN: 447-70-3329,
Petitioner.

RICKY JAY SWEET,
SSN: Unknown,
Respondent.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF SUIT PENDING
TO: RICKY JAY SWEET
GREETINGS

You and each of you are hereby notified that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein, Jo Ann Lambert, a/k/a Jo Ann Sweet is the Petitioner, and you and each of you are the Respondent, the same being Cause No. DM-2003-161 on the Domestic Docket.

The general object of said action is to dissolve the marriage of Jo Ann Lambert, a/k/a Jo Ann Sweet and Ricky Jay Sweet.

You and each of you are further notified that unless you enter your appearance or plead herein on or before December 15, 2003, Petitioner will make application to the Court for Judgment by default, and judgment by default will be rendered against you, and each of you, as prayed for in said Complaint. The name of the attorneys for Plaintiff is Sanders, Bruin, Coll & Worley, P.A., P.O. Box 550, Roswell, New Mexico 88201.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

JAN PERRY
District Court Clerk
By: Elizabeth Ysasi
Deputy

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Old Lincoln Town

This has been a difficult week, both happy celebrations and the end of life's journey of friends.

Amanda Torrez was honored Tuesday by the FCE Club on her 80th birthday at the home of Ernest and Cecelia Booky of Hon-do. She received many lovely gifts and a lot of hugs. Amanda also had some of her children present.

John Cooper was honored on his 80th birthday at Linnie Sunday. There were so many people there that it was impossible to say hello to everyone. His friends and family came from near and far to join in the celebration. The youngest to attend was little 5 week old Masey Pope, daughter of Ray and Kelly (nee Racher) Pope of Roswell.

A final farewell was said to Ofelia Salas Friday. As Fr. Bergs said, she was on the final journey of her life. He compared our lives to the four seasons, with the two most influencing in our lives being spring, the beginning of life, and fall, when the leaves fall and die and then begin another life the next spring.

Ofelia had so many family members and old friends that attended. She had taught school in Capitan for so many years.

One of her last dreams was having plaques in San Juan Batista Church recognizing the people who built the church. After she and Cy moved to Albuquerque,

friends and family brought her dream to fruition. A copy of original journals and brass name plaques can now be seen in the front of the church.

Friday evening Jay Walley suffered a stroke and is being transferred to Veteran's Hospital. He is aware of what is going on but his right side has been affected.

Fr. Ron Thomson had a bad fall and injured his left eye. He was transferred to Albuquerque and will know whether they can replace the cornea or if he will lose his eye.

Nora Henn fell about three weeks ago, but is doing fine now except for her knee.

Neither Fr. Ron nor Nora know how they fell. It is so easy to do.

Norman VanGorder, Carrizozo, passed away Saturday night, following his short battle with a rare leukemia. Our love and prayers go to Barbara and family and his brothers and families. There will be no services.

The Ruidoso Boy Scouts were busy Sunday delivering their popcorn orders. They were a busy group of boys while they were being salesman for their troop.

Susie and Dick Kuns are visiting in Lincoln this week.

Sheriff's Report

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Four deputies and Capitan police chief responded. The fire marshal was requested at 8:36 p.m. and the Office of Medical Investigator called at 8:41 p.m. All units returned to their stations by 1:05 a.m.

10:03 p.m. accident with injuries at mile marker 168 on Highway 54. Corona ambulance arrived at 10:26 p.m. and began transport and intercepted with Med 1 at 12:08 p.m. and Med 1 arrived at LCMC at 1:05 a.m. Carrizozo ambulance also responded, transporting the injured to LCMC arriving at 1:05 a.m. Corona Fire Dept. arrived at scene at 10:23 p.m. and left at 12:08 a.m. Medical helicopter was called but would not fly because of the fog. State highway department also responded.

November 15
2:08 a.m. Ruidoso police requested agency assistance. Deputy notified.

5:08 a.m. request for ambulance at the lobby of the sheriff's office for male with numbness. Carrizozo ambulance responded at 5:19 a.m. but was refused.

9:12 a.m. request for ambulance for man who fell and had a head injury at location at mile marker 274 on Highway 70. Med 1 responded to the location at 9:32 a.m. and transported to LCMC arriving at 10:07 a.m.

11:36 a.m. caller from El Paso requested a welfare check at location in Nogal Canyon. Responding deputy advised he located the subject who was okay and requested the subject call home.

12:56 p.m. diesel spill at corner of Highways 380 and 54. Carrizozo Fire Dept. responded at 1:03 p.m. and state highway department brought in sand.

5:23 p.m. agency assistance at location on 2nd Street for a possible domestic. Capitan police, and deputy for back up, responded and advised it was verbal dispute.

6:10 p.m. request for agency assistance for gas skip at business in Capitan. Deputy responded at 6:50 p.m.

9:54 p.m. Torrance County Sheriff's Office requested agency assistance for stolen vehicle on State Road 55. Lincoln County Deputy, two state police officers and six Torrance County deputies responded.

November 16
12:23 a.m. accident with injuries at mile marker 269 on Highway 70. an 18 wheeler was on fire. Glencoe Palo Verde Fire Dept. responded to the location at 12:34 a.m. Med 1 responded at 12:36 a.m. and transported two to LCMC arriving there at 12:53 a.m.

9:12 a.m. vandalism at shooting range on Highway 380 east of Capitan.

1:53 p.m. K-9 running at large on Ravenswing, a large red Lab with collar was climbing the fence.

4 p.m. hit and run accident without injuries on Aspen St. in Carrizozo. Deputy assigned.

6:48 p.m. suspicious person behind the cemetery at mile marker 267 on Highway 70. A male subject in his 20s came to the door and requested a place to stay for the night, the caller told him no and he started walking to the river and the caller had an uneasy feeling. Deputy assigned.

11:37 p.m. prowler at location on Highway 70 east of the Highway 380 junction. Deputy assigned.

by Rosalie Dunlap

Also Dick and Louise and daughter Erica and friends were in Lincoln Saturday. Bert was picking up his mother's estate. Bert is stationed in Colorado

Springs, CO and the family will join in in January.

We have had some cool nights that has frozen the standing water, but it has warmed up again.



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Modern scientific efficiency has designed many devices for home comfort, but never one that will open the window after you have gotten in bed.

My Favorite Stories

by Irvin S. Cobb

A Little Story of Gratitude

I don't know just how old this story is, probably if the truth were known, it's a great deal older than any of us now alive. Indeed, an amateur archeologist - who specializes in prehistoric humor told me the other day that, according to his best information and belief, it dated back to the First century B.C. and originated in Rome. He was quite certain that it circulated at Newgate prison in London during the Elizabethan era.

So what I claim is that, if it has lived this long and remained so fresh and rigorous through all the ages, it deserves to go on living.

The modernized version is to this effect: A visiting clergyman is touring a state penitentiary. When his round is almost completed he is joined by one of the keepers.

"My friend," says the caller, "I am glad I came today to this dismal place and spent hours wandering through its stone-walled corridors. For now I am more convinced than ever that in the mind of the lowest and most depraved creature here there is some love left. Every heart beats to some tender throbbing, some lingering sentiment of affection. In fact, at this moment I have before me proof of it. Look yonder." And the minister pointed a finger toward the barred front of a nearby cell.

"They tell me," he went on, "that in yonder cell is confined a man serving a life sentence for having committed a cold-blooded murder. And yet see what he now is doing? He has made a friend and a companion of an ordinary rat. At his call he comes from a hole in the wall. It plays about him. It perches on his hand while he strokes its back. It is his friendly and confiding companion in the long hours of his solitude. The turnkey on duty in this hallway informs me that the two are inseparable.

"So I ask you, is not this evidence of what I have been saying?" But hold: I shall demonstrate my theory beyond a doubt.

The reverend gentleman advances to the cell door.

"My dear brother," he says, addressing the inmate, "would you mind telling me why you are so deeply attached to this dumb animal?"

"Sure I'll tell you," answers the criminal. "It's because once he bit the warden."

Show Your Gratitude Throughout the Year

A beautiful story of true gratitude is told of a little child living in a poverty-stricken home. The mother had leaned a door shutter up in one corner of her cabin so that her shivering little ones could shelter behind it from the icy wind. One of the children, creeping behind this poor shelter, said: "Mamma, aren't you sorry for the poor little children that haven't any door shutter to go behind?" In this child was exemplified the true sentiment of the gratitude express by the Pilgrim fathers.

Gratitude is the open door through which we enter into true peace and happiness, and this must find its rightful expression in unselfishness and consideration for others. What a different world it would be if the spirit of Thanksgiving day were to be demonstrated, not only on a special occasion but throughout every day of the year!

Into the thought filled with gratitude, envy, malice, hatred and jealousy can find no entrance. Thus is not true gratitude a powerful factor in bringing peace and harmony to all mankind? - Exchange.

Corona News

Joel Romero is visiting his grandparents Tim and Janell Kane this week. He is in the Air Force and stationed at Biloxi, Mississippi.

The Corona School is asking for volunteers to be reading tutors. If you are interested, in volunteering contact Janell Kane 849-6886 for information.

The Corona FFA went to Capitan Monday for a program called COLT, which stands for Chapter Officer Leadership Training.

The girls basketball team will start playing at 5 p.m. on Friday in the Hondo Tournament.

The boys basketball team will play right after that at about 6:30 p.m. Coach Mulkey took

the Corona football team to Albuquerque to see the UNM Lobo football team play. They also had dinner in Albuquerque.

The Corona School will be out for Thanksgiving break starting Wednesday the 26th and resume classes on Monday December 1st.

Curtis Duke returned from Texas where he visited his sister Lily Faulkner before she passed away from cancer. After the funeral he also visited with his remaining sister and her husband, Curtis and Gladys Collins.

The Sierra Blanca Chapter DAR met Thursday, November 13 in Ruidoso.

Chaplain Majel Powell conducted a Memorial Service to honor Wanda

Duke, who served as Regent of the Sierra Blanca Chapter from 1997 to 1999.

Mrs. Powell's son Lay Powell gave the program about petroglyphs in New Mexico and preservation efforts he has made by photographing them.

Regent Lanita Rasak brought to the meeting the school bus her husband Jerry had taken to Albuquerque and had painted with signs of the DAR logo and Chapter name.

The bus will be used in parades to bring attention to the six schools that the DAR supports with funding, and the numerous essay contests it holds every year. And of course, it will be used for the purpose of transporting members to local functions.

The DAC, Daughters of the American Colonists, met Tuesday, November 11 in Albuquerque at the Petroleum Club. Regent Lenore Stöber presided over the meeting and Henrietta Loy announced that a census from Chataqua County, Kansas was purchased and donated to the Special Collections Library in memory of Wanda Duke.

The library already had the Lincoln County census and so the Chataqua County census was chosen because Mrs. Duke had ancestors from there. The library was glad to have the

new addition to the library. Lanita Rasak won the door prize of a handmade quilted turkey.

A wedding shower was held for April Kessler and Cesar Arreanes Sunday at the meeting facilities of the Baptist Church. All enjoyed watching the bride and groom open presents and the punch and cakes and other refreshments.

Renee Kessler and daughters Amy and Julie and her husband were there as well as Michelle Huey who was crowned shower queen, complete with a tiara and sash.

There were many guests and all had a good time. The guests were reminded the wedding started at 6:30 at the Presbyterian Church on November 29th.

Lincoln Historic Preservation Board Meets Tonight

Lincoln Historic Preservation Board meets at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, November 20 at the community church in Lincoln.

Items on the agenda include new business of Robert Salas painting project, Girard rock walls and the passing of Ofelia Salas.

Old business includes discussion of the Heimann construction beginning on barn project.

Reports will be given on early consultations about work being done in the district; and on the pending Girard issue.

The public is invited to attend.

Grizzly

WEEKLY

by Carrizozo High School
Journalism Class
Sarah Ball, Instructor

A New Class for High School

This year at Carrizozo High School, a new class is in our schedule. It is a twenty-four minute class from 11:36 to 12:00 called enhancement period.

The purpose of this period is for students to get help from other teachers, to make up work when absent, to have class meetings or to take care of any non-academic business. At the beginning of the school year, each student was assigned to a teacher's classroom; however, if the teacher feels that the student needs help somewhere else, they can swap student for student. The schedule can be very flexible.

However, this is a class that has specific rules. It is treated as a regular class. Students must attend. No tardies or absences are allowed, unless excused. Students are allowed to go to one teacher per enhancement period and have to stay there for the remainder of the class.

Britni Ward said, "It is a good class to catch up on work. Also, you don't have to really worry when you miss a test. You won't have to go in after school. You can make it up in enhancement."

After the first nine weeks the staff re-evaluated the students' placement and re-placed them according to student and/or teacher needs.

The success of this class will be evaluated at the end of the year to see if it will remain in our curriculum next year.

Amanda L. Hurley

"Football Dynasty"

It has been a long, rocky road this year in ZoZo's return to 11-man football. They followed a path that had many highs and lows on a speeding roller coaster. ZoZo started their season on a good note, but those who followed them began to question whether or not they could close it out that way.

As the sun began to set and darkness engulfed the stadium, the Grizzlies slowly approached the last game of the season on Halloween. After losses to Capitan, Cloudcroft, and Santa Fe Indian School in the previous weeks, ZoZo was no longer a contender for the playoffs. However, the Grizzlies did not hang their heads, but looked the Faith-Christian Lions right in their beady eyes. The Grizzlies realized that they had nothing to lose and everything to gain.

The game began with the Lions taking the lead, and they would not relinquish their stronghold on the Grizzlies. ZoZo pounded and pounded, leaving the Lions black, bruised, and tattooed. The Grizzlies only downfall was they could not contain Faith-Christian's fierce running back. He would be responsible for most of the Lions' points.

ZoZo refused to go down without a fight, as was their custom throughout their season.

Joseph Samora, the leader of the Grizzlies, accounted for two of the Grizzlies' touchdowns, one of which was an impressive kickoff return. Josh Calvert would be responsible for the Grizzlies' final touchdown in the final seconds of regulation. The Lions proved to be too much for the Grizzlies, but in the final quarter the Grizzlies began playing football. Nevertheless, the Lions would defeat the Grizzlies by a final of 41-22.

When asked about the transition from 6-man to 11-man, senior Josh Calvert responded by stating, "I'm glad we went back to 11-man, but I am curious how 6-man would've been this year. It had to start somewhere, so it might as well be our class."

Junior Joseph Samora added, "It was fun and an awesome experience. I can't wait for the opportunities we are going to have next year."

However, for the seniors, there is no next year. "I think everybody improved this year," said Calvert. "Next year they will be a lot better. I wish I had one more year. It's going to be weird being over. I'm going to miss being part of the team."

Joseph also had his expectation for next year. "We're only losing three people, but I am not saying that as a positive thing. We really grew up since the beginning of the season and still have room for improvement. We have a lot of talent and I hope next year we can live up to our potential and perform the way I know we can. Next year is my last year of football. I hope we have a winning season, as well as making the playoffs or even state. I think we will do good next year because most of the teams we played were senior heavy."

Despite having a losing record, the Grizzlies look at next year's season in a positive light. They have a lot of talent and the school, along with the community, supports Grizzly football.

It only goes up from here.

Brandon Morales

LEGALS

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

No. CV-03-205

CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

vs.
PABLO FALCON a/k/a Dr. Pablo Falcon, STATE
NATIONAL BANK, and FIRST CITY
FINANCIAL CORP., a Colorado Corporation,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on December 2, 2003, at the hour of 9:10 a.m. the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell, all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at Goodnight Loving Trail, Alto, New Mexico, 88312 (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:

LOTS 9, 10, AND 11, BLOCK 10, OF RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO; AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON NOVEMBER 30, 1982, IN CABINET D, SLIDE NOS. 99 TO 103; BOTH INCLUSIVE.

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes, subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy an in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's in rem judgment is \$139,593.12, and the same bears interest at 8.5000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$32.51 per diem, commencing on September 1, 2003, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem judgment against said Defendants Pablo Falcon a/k/a Dr. Pablo Falcon for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be caused by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its in rem judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its in rem judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the in rem judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the in rem judgment due is \$139,593.12, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$3,023.43 for a total in rem judgment plus interest of \$142,616.55. Sale is subject to the entry of an in rem order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-9923

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DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for
District Judge Karen Parsons

Monday, November 17
8:30 a.m. Jury trial, Jose Saenz; CR-2003-151
(Singh/Rafkin)

Tuesday, November 18
8:15 a.m. teleconference, Cafe Lobo v. Stinnett; CV-2003-107 (Bass/ProSe) motions.
1 p.m. Camp Sierra Blanca graduation.

Wednesday, November 19
8:30 a.m. Jury trial, David Zamora; CR-2003-46 two days
12 p.m. teleconference, Communications with jurors subcommittee.
Darrell Brantley domestic case mediator; 10 a.m.
Aragon v. Sanchez; DV-2003-115
Montes v. Zucco; DV-2003-77

Thursday, November 20
8:15 a.m. Eget name change; CV-2003-237 (Morel)
Teleconference, Waddell v. Waddell; DM-1998-63 (Beauchone) judicial inquiry about letter dated October 9, 2003.
9 a.m. Jury trial, David Zamora; CR-2003-46 second day

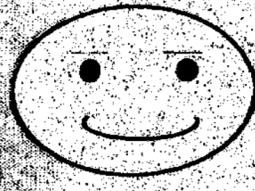
Bench trial, Waltrip v. Pike; CV-2002-242 (R.Hawthorne/Denise Soto)
1:15 p.m. teleconference, Callahan v. Wille; CV-2003-106 (Brack/Garcia) schedule conference.

Friday, November 21
8:30 a.m. First appearances:
Ermando Candelaria; CR-2003-187
Thomas Cate; CR-2003-188
Frank Dorame; CR-2003-192
Claralyn Hosetosaviti; CR-2002-102
Donald Woods; CR-2003-02
Lawrence Chice; CR-2002-181 and CR-2003-47
Matt Goff; CR-2003-202

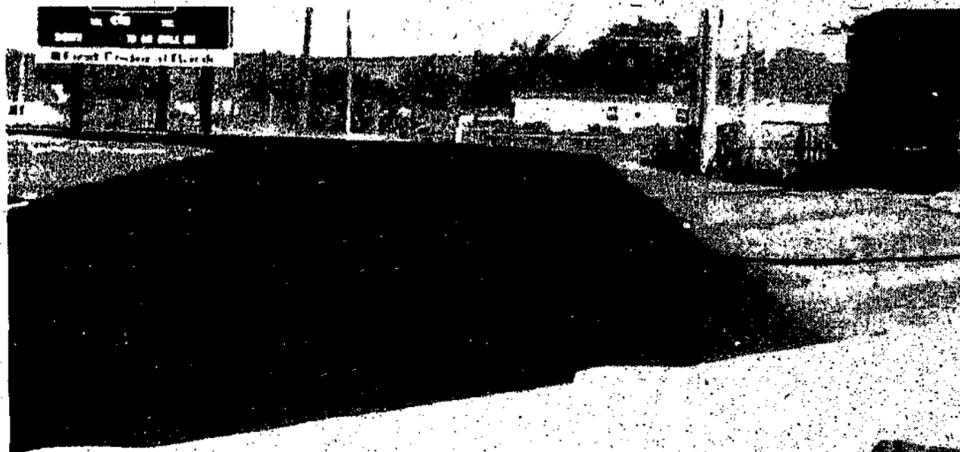
Merits:
Kerry Rukasy; CR-1999-209
Susan Spall; CR-2002-47
Brandon Belin; CR-2001-66

Sentencing:
Buddie Hirsch; CR-2003-150
Jose Limones; CR-2003-144
Guy Dingus; CR-2003-44

Other:
Nora Hill; CR-2003-165 pretrial.
Oscar Samaniego; CR-2003-162 pretrial.
James Bullard; CR-2003-166 plea.
Darla Baca; CR-2002-131 restitution.
Uvaldo Baca; CR-2002-132 restitution.
Raymundo Anaya; CR-1999-39
Terry Kerr; CR-2003-101 judicial inquiry and judgment and sentencing.
11 a.m. Daniel Villa; CR-2003-01 evidentiary, priors 1:30 a.m.
Ruperto Romero; CR-2002-130 & 185 sentencing.
Darwin Kinzhurna; CR-2002-141 & 142 sentencing.



**HAVE
A
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DAY!!**



RUBERIZED RUNNING TRACK will be ready for the Carrizozo High School track season this spring, as crews from SRI Sports Inc., of Albuquerque lay down the neoprene surface on Labbs Field this week. Bond funds helped pay for the project and a new scoreboard was donated to the school by First Federal Bank.

**NOTICE TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS
PROPERTY TAX
DELINQUENT DATE**

LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER reminds Lincoln County property owners that they must pay their first half property taxes by **December 10, 2003** to avoid penalties and interest.

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INTEREST shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or any portion of a month. (Statute 7-38-49 NMSA 1979).

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By N.M. State law, property taxes are the personal obligation of the property owner, whether or not the tax bill was received. Mail payments or contact us at the address and phone number below should you have questions regarding your property tax bills.

Thank You.

**Beverly A. Calaway
Lincoln County Treasurer
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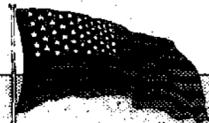
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Obituary

NORMAN R. VAN GORDER

Norman R. Van Gorder, United States Air Force, retired, died November 16 at his home in Carrizozo following a brief illness. His wife and brother were with him. Norman was born in New York state December 18, 1933. Norman and Barbara moved to Carrizozo in 1997.

He is survived by wife Barbara of the home, brothers Edward Van Gorder of Kentucky, Rees Van Gorder of Albuquerque, and William Van Gorder of Florida; four children, Craig Pedroni of Florida, Kenneth Van Gorder of California, Lori McNaull of California and Brian Van Gorder of California; and two step-children, Linda Garner of Canada and James Goodmar of California; and 13 grandchildren.

Norman was a military policeman and radar technician in the Air Force. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked at Goldstone Deep Space Tracking Station near Barstow, CA.

He built ultralight airplanes and was an ultralight flight instructor. He loved to fly. A highlight of his life was when he

flew an ultralight around the Statue of Liberty.

Carrizozo residents were accustomed to seeing Norman around town on his moped with his beloved dog, Shellie. He got interested in politics while working as a Desert Tortoise crossing guard in California and ran for office in Carrizozo and Lincoln County.

He was a member of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln County Historical Society and the Daguer Historical Society in California.

No services are planned at this time.



Citizens Unhappy

(Con't from P. 1)

audits at the (LCSWA) authority with this same issue."

Wilson did not respond to Martinez's comments, rather said to Stout that he was unsure what Stout had to say, only to ask what the subject was.

Stout then said he was dissatisfied with the representation, more than the (alleged) misappropriation of money.

After Stout left the meeting room, county commissioner Maury St. John said she thought Stout was trying to start a fight.



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**Carrizozo Museum
Hosts Open House
Sunday, Nov. 23**

Carrizozo Heritage Museum is hosting a Carrizozo Business Holiday Open House from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, November 23.

Festivities will be held at Carrizozo Heritage Museum in the old ice house on 12th Street in Carrizozo.

Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce members and all business owners and operators in Carrizozo are invited to the open house. Refreshments will be served and all visitors will be able to participate in making old fashioned Christmas ornaments which will be put on display at the museum.

Everyone is invited to attend the open house.

WEATHER REPORT

A two day slow rain saturated Lincoln County last week, but winds soon dried out roads and vegetation as days warmed back up.

Saturday is predicted to be windy county wide making Sunday cold with highs in the 30s and lows in the teens and 20s.

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

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln, Hondo and high plains of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, Nov. 20. Mostly sunny and warmer with southwest winds 10 to 20 miles per hour in the afternoon. High of 71 in Carrizozo with no chance for precipitation. Tonight mostly clear with low of 35.

Friday, November 21. Partly cloudy and breezy with high of 72, low of 36.

Saturday, November 22. Partly cloudy, windy and cooler. Highs in the 50s to mid 60s, lows in the mid 20s to upper 30s.

Sunday, November 23. Partly cloudy, breezy and cold. Highs in upper 30s to mid 40s, lows in the 20s.

Monday, November 24. Mostly clear and breezy with highs in the 40s, lows in the 20s.

Tuesday, November 25. Partly cloudy and breezy with highs in the mid 40s to low 50s, lows in the mid 20s.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and higher elevations of the northern Sacramento mountains:

Today, Thursday, Nov. 20. Mostly sunny and warmer. Southwest winds 10 to 20 miles per hour. High of 67 in Ruidoso, 69 in Capitan. No chance for precipitation. Tonight mostly clear with low of 25 in Ruidoso and 30 in Capitan.

Friday, November 21. Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 50s in Ruidoso to mid 60s in Capitan. Lows in the 20s in Ruidoso and Capitan.

Saturday, November 22. Partly cloudy, windy and cooler with highs in the 50s. Lows in the low 20s to mid 30s.

Sunday, November 23. Partly cloudy, breezy and cooler with highs in the mid 30s to low 40s. Lows 17 to 27.

Monday, November 24. Mostly clear with highs in the mid 30s to low 40s, lows 17 to 26.

Tuesday, November 25. Partly cloudy and breezy with highs in the 40s, lows in the mid 20s.

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-02-236
Div. III

RANCHO RUIDOSO CONDOMINIUM OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a New Mexico non-profit corporation,

Plaintiff,

EARL B. BLANN and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,

RICHARD J. BRAUNER and DAWN M. BRAUNER,

MICHAEL BYRUM and KATHY BYRUM,

CARLOS DANIEL CASAREZ and IRENE CASAREZ,

ROSE M. GOMEZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,

JAIME CARDENAS HERMOSILLO and MARIA del CARMEN GUEVARA de CARDENAS,

DANNY JOHNSON and LINDA JOHNSON,

FRANCIS E. LAPSLEY and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,

DAVID B. LOCKE and SANDRA J. LOCKE,

JOHN ALLEN MARTINEZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,

HECTOR MIGUEL and LAURA MIGUEL,

ERNE R. MONTOYA and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,

JOSE LUIS ARIAS MURILLO and MARTHA E. LIEVANO de ARIAS,

DANIEL OLMEDA and LOURDES OLMEDA, and DIANA LOURDES OLMEDA GARCIA and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,

JOE A. PAYAN and SONIA Z. PAYAN,

HUMBERTO PERUSQUIA FORTILLO and MAYELA MARTINEZ de PERUSQUIA,

DARREN C. PIERSOL and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,

DAVID RAMIREZ and MIRNA RAMIREZ,

JEFFREY JAMES RICHTER and MICHELLE L. RICHTER,

LUCILLE SALLEE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,

GREG A. SALLEE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,

DAIN E. SALLEE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, and JAIME P. SALLEE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,

ROGELIO ZANELLA and MARIA de JESUS ZANELLA, LUIS LOPEZ and MARSHA LOPEZ, and HECTOR MARTINEZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,

DANIEL FRANCIS ZICCARELLI and MARY D. ZICCARELLI,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 17, 2003, at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Complex located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash, all right, title and interest of the following named Defendants in and to the following described properties of the Rancho Ruidoso Condominium Owners Association, Inc., a New Mexico non-profit corporation, located on Little Creek Road in Alto, New Mexico.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the following described judgment liens:

- a) Earl B. Blann and Unknown Spouse, if any, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 05 restricted to Red/Summer Season
Maintenance Fees \$ 915.84
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,252.89
- b) Richard J. Brauner and Dawn M. Brauner, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 17 restricted to Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,422.26
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,759.31
- c) Michael Byrum and Kathy Byrum, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 16 restricted to Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- d) Carlos Daniel Casarez and Irene Casarez, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 05 restricted to the Red/Summer Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,285.99
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,623.04
- e) Rose M. Gomez and Unknown Spouse, if any, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 11 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- f) Jaime Cardenas Hermosillo and Maria del Carmen Guevara de Cardenas, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 17 restricted to the Red/Winter Season
Maintenance Fees \$2,796.36
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$3,133.41

- g) Danny Johnson and Linda Johnson, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 05 restricted to the Red/Winter Season
Maintenance Fees \$ 976.63
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,313.68
- h) Francis E. Lapsley and Unknown Spouse, if any, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 02 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,383.38
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,720.43
- i) David B. Locke and Sandra J. Locke, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 16 restricted to the Red/Summer Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- j) John Allen Martinez and Unknown Spouse, if any, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 09 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$ 784.78
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,121.83
- k) Hector Miguel and Laura Miguel, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 10 restricted to the Red/Winter Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,824.04
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$2,161.09
- l) Ernie R. Montoya and Unknown Spouse, if any, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 18 restricted to the Red/Summer Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,418.44
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,755.49
- m) Jose Luis Arias Murillo and Martha E. Llevano de Arias, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 08 restricted to the Red/Winter Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,014.83
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,351.88
- n) Daniel Olmeda and Lourdes Olmeda, husband and wife, jointly and severally, and Diana Lourdes Olmeda Garcia and Unknown Spouse, if any, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 12 restricted to the Red/Winter Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- o) Joe A. Payan and Sonia Z. Payan, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 01 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$4,195.07
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$4,532.12
- p) Humberto Perusquia Fortillo and Mayela Martinez de Perusquia, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 15 restricted to the Red/Winter Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,106.23
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,443.28
- q) Darren C. Piersol and Unknown Spouse, if any, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 17 restricted to the Red/Summer Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 21 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 21 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 21 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- r) David Ramirez and Mirna Ramirez, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 01 restricted to the Red/Summer Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,106.23
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,443.28
- s) Jeffrey James Richter and Michelle L. Richter, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 07 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- t) Lucille Sallee and Unknown Spouse, if any, Greg A. Sallee and Unknown Spouse, if any, Dain Sallee and Unknown Spouse, if any,

- Jaime P. Sallee and Unknown Spouse, if any, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 19 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,224.40
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,561.45
- 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 21 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 21 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- David Ramirez and Mirna Ramirez, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 01 restricted to the Red/Summer Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,106.23
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,443.28
- Jeffrey James Richter and Michelle L. Richter, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 07 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,011.01
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,348.06
- 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 10 restricted to the Red/Summer Season
Maintenance Fees \$1,106.23
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,443.28
- Daniel Francis Ziccarelli and Mary D. Ziccarelli, husband and wife, jointly and severally 1/52nd fractional interest in Unit 11 restricted to the Blue/White Season
Maintenance Fees \$ 953.28
Attorney's Fees and Costs 337.05
\$1,290.33

In addition to the Judgment liens referred to above, additional costs will accrue, including costs of publication of this Notice. The Special Master may continue the Special Master's sale scheduled December 17, 2003, by appearing at the time designated for the sale and announcing the postponement of sale to another specific date.

Sarah Prothro
Sarah Prothro
Special Master

Lee Griffin
LEE GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
Attorney for Plaintiff

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LEGAL NOTICE 12TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR LINCOLN COUNTY No. CV83-249

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF Priscilla Diane McDaniel #8 Nogal Canyon Road Nogal, New Mexico, 88541 FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO Diane Kathleen Daunt

NOTICE: That in accordance with the provisions of Sections 40-8-1 through 40-8-3, N.M.S.A. 1987, Priscilla Diane McDaniel will apply to the Honorable Judge of the 12th Judicial District Court at Lincoln County, New Mexico, city of Carrizozo, New Mexico at 8:15 a.m. on the 3rd day of December, 2003, during a regular term of the court, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard for an order for a change of name of Priscilla Diane McDaniel to Diane Kathleen Daunt.

JAN PERRY
District Court Clerk
By: Jolene Biggs
Deputy Court Clerk

Published November 13 and 20, 2003.



LCSWA Postpones November Meeting

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) has postponed its November meeting until Tuesday, December 9.

The regular LCSWA meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, but was conflicting with the Thanksgiving holiday.

Poly cart collection routes will also be adjusted for the Thanksgiving holiday. All poly cart collections in Ruidoso Downs, Carrizozo and Capitan will have a one day charge on Thanksgiving week.

Ruidoso Downs poly carts will be emptied on Monday, all poly carts in Carrizozo and poly carts in Capitan north of Smokey Bear Blvd. will be emptied on Tuesday. All other poly carts in Capitan will be emptied on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving.

For information about the changes call LCSWA at 378-4697.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. CV03-51

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION
SYSTEM, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES HELDT a/k/a James R. Heldt,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on December 2, 2003, at the hour of 9:05 a.m. the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1012 A Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 (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:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 10 EAST,
N.M.P.M. LINCOLN, NEW MEXICO
A tract of land in the SE/4NE/4 of Section 3,
more particularly described by metes and bounds
as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point approximately 16 feet West
of the Northwest corner of Lot 6, in Block 38 of
McDonald's Addition to the Town of Carrizozo,
Lincoln County, New Mexico; thence West a
distance of 350 feet, more or less, to a point;
thence South 345 feet, more or less, to a point;
thence East 350 feet, more or less, to a point;
thence North 345 feet, more or less, to the point
of beginning, and containing 2.58 acres, more or
less.

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 Defendant,
the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclo-
sure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-
entitled and numbered cause, being an action to fore-
close a mortgage on the above-described property.
The Plaintiff's judgment is \$43,243.02, and the
same bears interest at 7.8750% per annum, which
accrues at the rate of \$9.33 per diem, commencing
on May 31, 2003, with the Court reserving entry of
final judgment against said Defendant James Heldt
a/k/a James R. Heldt for the amount due after fore-
closure 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 judg-
ment 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 duty 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 addi-
tional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertise-
ment and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special
Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total
amount of the judgment due is \$43,243.02, plus
interest to and including date of sale of \$1,735.38
for a total judgment plus interest of \$44,978.40. 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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30 and November 6, 13 and 20, 2003.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
NO. M32-CV2002-00024
DIVISION II

RONNIE COONS
Plaintiff

vs.

WESLEY OWENS dba CIRCLE W.
EQUIPMENT
Defendant

(Amended)
NOTICE OF
SHERIFF'S SALE

On Monday, Dec. 1, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the
front steps of the Lincoln County Sheriff's office,
300 Central Avenue, Lincoln County, New Mexico,
I will offer for sale and sell the below described
property to the highest bidder for cash or
immediately available funds. Amounts due on the
date of sale \$6,663.65.

Said sale is pursuant to a judgment in the
captioned cause M32-CV2002-00024 filed in the 2nd
division Magistrate Court Lincoln County, New
Mexico wherein the following property was seized
under a Writ of Execution by the Lincoln County
Sheriff's department.

- 1.) 1978 CHEVROLET C65 TRUCK,
VIN#TCE678V600574.
- 2.) 1953 INTERNATIONAL SEMI TRUCK
VIN#6781
- 3.) MILLER BOB CAT WELDER
MODEL #225GPLUS
VIN#0993440850
- 4.) INGERSOL RAND AIR COMPRESSOR
MODEL #2475F11G
SERIAL #30TC830745
- 5.) 2' BACKHOE BUCKET

- 6.) 2 HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS
- 7.) HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK
- 8.) 6 HOSE REELS
- 9.) 1 FOUR HUNDRED GALLON
FUEL TANK
- 10.) 1 METAL GUN SAFE
- 11.) 1 GUMMINS DIESEL ENGINE
VIN#CKW133G434.
- 12.) 1 GRACO AIR POWERED PUMP
- 13.) 1 LOT OF MISCELLANEOUS TOOLS

Pursuant to New Mexico Statutes
SS39-4-9NMSA 1978, Defendant may redeem
Ownership of above listed properties, by full
payment of judgment and costs up to time of sale.

TOM SULLIVAN,
Lincoln County Sheriff

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

No. CV-01-292
Division III

RILEY R. SMITH and ALMA L. SMITH,
husband and wife,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

GROUP I
BREWSTER OIL COMPANY,
a New Mexico Corporation, d/b/a
BREWSTER RANCH, and ALAMOGORDO
IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, a
New Mexico Corporation, their heirs, devisees,
successors, and assigns;

GROUP II
JOHN DOES, 1 through 100, and all
of their lawful heirs, devisees
or assigns, and

GROUP III
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS
OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES
ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS;

Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF ACTION
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO
THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

THOSE UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS IN
GROUP II AND GROUP III ABOVE

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Riley R.
Smith and Alma L. Smith, Plaintiffs, have filed an
action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New
Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-01-292 (III), wherein
you are named as Defendants and wherein said
Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive service upon you.

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

An undivided one-third (1/3) interest in and to
White Oaks Avenue which is adjacent to Plaintiffs'
real property more particularly described as
Lots 15 and 16, Block 75, G.P. Addition, Vil-
lage of Capitán, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

You are further notified that unless you enter
your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said
cause on or before December 5, 2003, judgment will
be rendered against you by default and the relief
prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to
Plaintiffs in conformity with the allegations of the
Plaintiffs' Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the
Plaintiffs are as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P.
Morel, P.A., Post Office Box 1030, Ruidoso, New
Mexico, 88355-1030.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Twelfth
Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New
Mexico, on this the 5th day of Nov. 2003.

JAN PERRY
Court Administrator/
District Court Clerk
By: Elizabeth Ysasi
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION #1 - 2004
UPPER HONDO SOIL AND
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open
Meetings Act (Sections 10-15-1) through 10-15-4
NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise
provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the
Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of
members of any board, commission or other
policy-making body of any state agency held for the
purpose of formulating public policy, discussing
public business or for the purpose of taking any
action within the authority of such board, commis-
sion or other policy-making body, are declared to be
public meetings open to the public at all times, and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open
Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of
any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal
action occurs shall be held only after reasonable
notice to the public, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open
Meetings Act requires the Upper Hondo Soil and
Water Conservation District to determine annually
what constitutes reasonable notice of its public
meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the
Upper Hondo SWCD on this 6th day of November,
2003, that:

1.) Regular meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD
shall ordinarily be held on the first Thursday of each
month at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office located at
516 Smokey Bear Boulevard (Hwy 380 West
Forest Service Complex), Capitán, NM. A proposed
agenda will be available from the Program Director.
Notice of regular meetings will be given seven days
before the meeting to parties who request it in
writing. Notice of regular meetings will be released
seven days before each regular meeting. Meeting
dates for 2004 are: January 8 (in lieu of regular

meeting date which would fall on January 1st -- a
holiday); February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6,
June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7,
November 4, December 2.

2.) Special meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD
may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the
members upon seven days notice. Parties who have
requested notice of meetings in writing will be noti-
fied by telephone. The Lincoln County and Ruidoso
News will be notified by telephone.

3.) Emergency meetings of the district are meet-
ings called under circumstances which demand
immediate action by the Board of Supervisors.
Although the board of supervisors would avoid
emergency meetings whenever possible, such cir-
cumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meet-
ings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of
the members upon three hours notice. Parties who
have requested a notice of meetings in writing will
be notified by telephone. Notice of emergency meet-
ings will be posted at the district office, at the Post
Office in Capitán, at Ruidoso State Bank, the Post
Office in Ruidoso, and other pertinent places.

4.) Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA 1978,
the Upper Hondo SWCD may close a meeting to the
public if the subject matter of such discussion of
action is included in Subsection E of the Open
Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any
Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to
Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA, such closure:

(1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved
by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of
Supervisors and authority for the closure shall be
stated in the motion calling for the vote on a closed
meeting. The vote on a closed meeting shall be taken
in open meeting and the vote of each individual
member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those
subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by
the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a
closed meeting; and

(2) if called for when the Board of Supervisors is
not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not
be held until public notice, appropriate under the
circumstance, stating the specific provision of law
authorizing the closed meeting is given to the mem-
bers and to the general public.

MARY SHANKS

Chairman

DATE: November 6, 2003

This resolution passed upon motion by James Sán-
chez and second by Preston Stone with vote as fol-
lows:

Mary Shanks	Yes	Preston Stone	Yes
James Sanchez	Yes	Robert Runnels	Absent
Jerry Burchett	Yes	Stan Thomas	Absent
Jim Cooper	Yes		

ATTEST: Sue Ann Stearns DATE: 11/6/03

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NOTICE

LINCOLN COUNTY
LODGERS TAX COMMITTEE
MEETINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County
Lodgers Tax Committee will not hold the regular
November and December 2003 meetings.

The regular meetings will resume on January 28,
2004 at 10:00 A.M., at the Watson House in
Lincoln, New Mexico.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County
Water Research and Conservation Committee will
hold a regular meeting on Friday, December 5,
2003, at 2:00 P.M., at the Lincoln County Court-
house (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New
Mexico.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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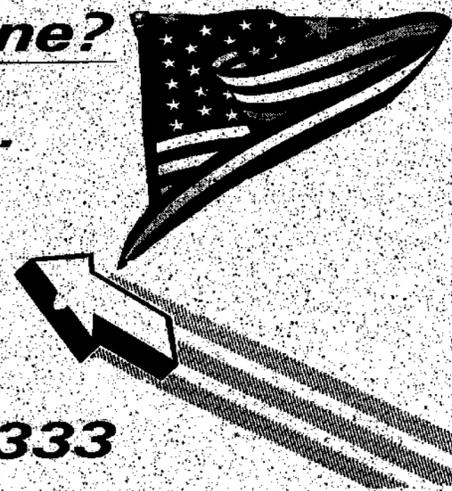


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LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-03-244
Division III

VERNA ELLEN WELLS,
Plaintiff,

vs.
GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, KATHRYN CHRISTIAN;

GROUP II: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF;

Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDING OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, KATHRYN CHRISTIAN;

GROUP II: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF;

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Verna Ellen Wells, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-03-244, Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

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

Tract C, RUIDOSO DOWNS HEIGHT, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on March 26, 1957, in Tube No. 151, containing 2.4 acres more or less, subject to any easements, restrictions and reservations of record.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before December 18, 2003, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

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

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 3rd day of November, 2003.

JAN PERRY,
Clerk of the District Court
By: Jolene Biggs,
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV03-173

WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. F/K/A NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

FRANCIS P. PICCHI, JR. AKA FRANCIS PATRICK PICCHI; ELLIOT M. PICCHI; FIRST TRUST OF CALIFORNIA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCIS P. PICCHI, JR. AKA FRANCIS PATRICK PICCHI, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELLIOT M. PICCHI, IF ANY;

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants:

GREETINGS:

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LOT 19, BLOCK 4, OF JUNIPER HILLS SUBDIVISION, 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, FEBRUARY 28, 1974, IN TUBE NO. 508.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before January 5, 2003, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
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WITNESS the honorable Karen L. Parsons, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 29th day of October, 2003.

JAN PERRY,
Clerk of the District Court
By: Jolene Biggs,
Deputy

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Fort Stanton Inc. Seeks More Room

by Doris Cherry

Fort Stanton Inc. has outgrown its space in the little old museum building at the old fort grounds.

The small all volunteer museum has been open two years, and last year alone more than 10,000 people went through its doors, attracted without the help of advertising.

Now the volunteers are seeking more space and they requested the help of the Lincoln County Commission to get the New Mexico Property Control Division (NMPCD) to allow Fort Stanton Inc. to move into Building 830, which was known by many as the administration building.

At the November 18 county commission meeting in the commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Fort Stanton Inc. president Tony Hoffman submitted a letter of request for the county commission to ask the state for the additional space, and to elaborate on the discussion. Hoffman said the plan is for Fort Stanton Inc. to rehabilitate the old administration building which has about 8,000 square feet of space. The current museum is 1,600 square feet in size. With the aid of volunteers and support grants, Fort Stanton Inc. believes the building and contents could be ready for visitors within six months of moving in.

The Fort Stanton Development Commission, created by state legislative action, at its meeting on October 25 requested Fort Stanton Inc. make a formal request to expand the museum to building 830.

Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez said he is frustrated because there is still no commitment from the state legislature about Fort Stanton. "We need to start by passing a resolution asking for legislative commitment to preserve Fort Stanton," Martinez said to his fellow county commissioners. "I commend the Fort Stanton Inc. volunteers for not burning out," he added.

Hoffman said his organization needs a county commission resolution asking for a legislative resolution to preserve Fort Stanton in the upcoming state legislative session. He also said the group wants to reach out to federal and private sources for funding to rehabilitate the administration building.

"We need commitment from the state that it will not bulldoze Fort Stanton," Hoffman said. "That is why we are asking for support."

County manager Tom Stewart said the Fort Stanton Inc. museum is a success story that needs more advertising. He also said the Fort Stanton Development Commission, of which county commissioner Maury St. John is a member, is on the right track although the commission had no state money attached.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs asked how the requested expansion would be affected by the drug rehab program at Fort Stanton operated under state corrections department supervision.

Hoffman said they asked that of NMPCD which has advised they would work with corrections.

Hoffman said there appears to be no problem in using the administration building because the south side street entrance will be used. Plans are to convert the upstairs area in the building to an archive with area for photocopying documents and old photos.

Downstairs will be the museum area which will be expanded to include more of the hospital, since Fort Stanton was the first federal TB hospital in the nation.

Fort Stanton Inc. will pay for fire and general liability insurance for both buildings and would pay pro-rated portion of utility expenses for each building until the new space is ready for visitors.

Hoffman said the Fort Stanton Development Commission will be asking the state legislature for funding to stabilize the windows and other needs, although building 830 has a good roof.

St. John said the museum plans are to do one room at a time, and when it is all completed they will move from the current location.

St. John said the Fort Stanton Development Commission at its October meeting discussed with two state officials about a long term agreement between the state and Fort Stanton Inc. for

use of building 830 for a museum. "The concern in the past is no one wanted to put money into Fort Stanton because of the threat that the state could take the facility back with one year's notice," St. John added.

"We would rather have Fort Stanton Inc. occupy more space and show the world that Fort Stanton can be a major tourist attraction and historical site," St. John said. "This is the first step."

"Ten thousand visitors in one year without outside advertising and not being on the state list of museums, only by word of mouth," St. John commented about the museum.

County commissioner Rick Simpson made the motion to authorize a county commission request on behalf of Fort Stanton Inc. to the New NMPCD to allow the organization to expand its museum into building 830 and adjust the space agreement with NMPCD accordingly. All county

commissioners voted in favor.

Since November 2000, Lincoln County has served as the lead agency for a space agreement with the NMPCD for the Fort Stanton Inc. partnership operation of the museum at Fort Stanton. As lead agency, the county has provided required reports and annual space agreement renewals. Fort Stanton Inc. partnership (with BLM, Roswell office, Lincoln County Historical Society, Mesquero Apache Nation and Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce) has reimbursed the county for all utility bills promptly, and has maintained building 850 as a museum in "outstanding fashion."

Stewart also said at the October 25 Fort Stanton Development Commission meeting Bill Taylor, director of the NMPCD was present and stated he thought the plan to expand would be fairly simple.

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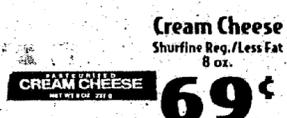
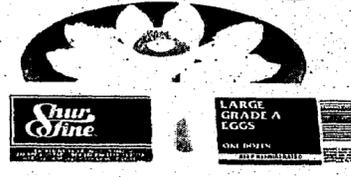
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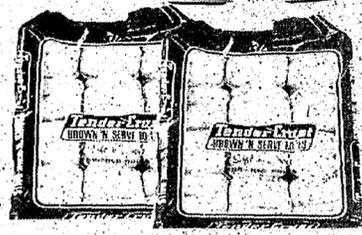
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