

Train Wreck Shakes Entire Community

by DORIS CHERRY

When the two Union Pacific trains collided in Carrizozo early Saturday, February 21, the community came together quickly, and stayed late.

Many in Carrizozo heard, and some saw, the fatal train wreck that occurred at 7:54 a.m. A dispatcher at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office was outside having a break when he heard the noise and

saw the flash of fire and smoke from the collision three blocks away. Immediately dispatchers began paging Carrizozo Fire Dept., ambulance and police, state police and deputies.

Some witnessed the east bound train as it hit the cars in the west bound train just south of the overpass in Carrizozo. Two people who were in a vehicle on top of the overpass when the two trains collided just yards be-

low said it was the most incredible wreck they had ever seen.

Most people in town heard a loud noise and wondered what had happened.

When the east bound locomotive pulling empty vehicle transport cars collided with the full grain cars of the west bound train that had moved onto the side track to let the east bound go by, it caused the east bound locomotives to derail and catch fire. No

one in Carrizozo, even long time residents and those retired from the rail road, remember ever having a train wreck in town.

Fire from the impact began to burn the 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from the east bound locomotives that derailed onto the railroad dirt right of way just behind the Carrizozo Heritage Museum. Fears among emergency response crews were the tons of wheat that had spilled

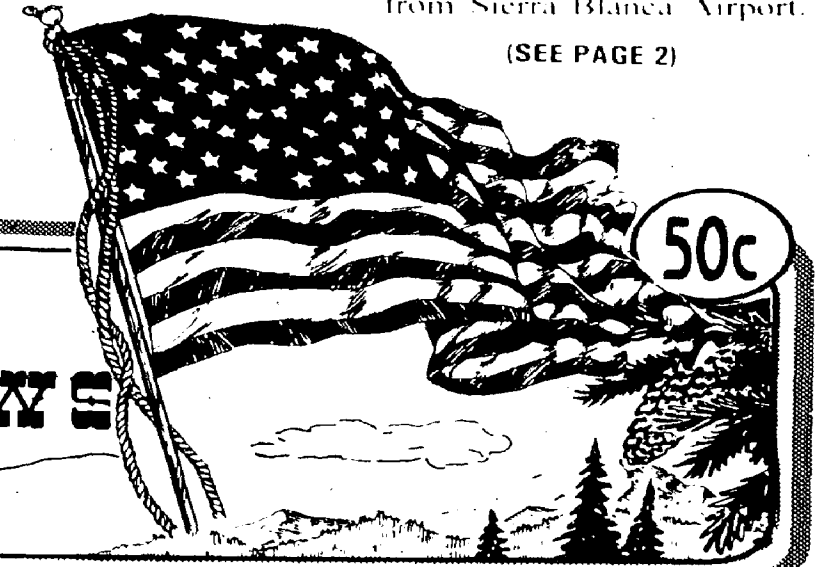
from the grain cars derailed from the east bound train would also catch fire.

Carrizozo Fire Department responded with 16 firefighters, bringing out all their engines. A working fire hy-

drant in front of the museum was utilized but the fuel fire needed foam.

Bonito Fire Department chief Carl Bartley and his wife Lisa responded with a tanker loaded with foam from Sierra Blanca Airport.

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HAUNTING HULKS

Wrecked locomotives and train cars sit in puddles of spilled diesel fuel on the Union Pacific Railroad tracks in Carrizozo after a collision on Saturday, Feb. 21.

(Photo by Ray Dean)



FATIGUED FIRE FIGHTERS. Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department crews take a break at the hospitality room set-up at Carrizozo Museum on Saturday, Feb. 21, fatigued from their response to a fatal train wreck. (Photo by Ray Dean)

Santa Rita Parish Council Requests Superintendent and School Board to Reconsider Decision

ED. NOTE: The letter sent by the Santa Rita Parish Council to Carrizozo Municipal Schools and Carrizozo School Board Members reads:

February 23, 2004
Carrizozo Municipal Schools
P.O. Box 99
Carrizozo, NM 88301

As members of the Santa Rita Catholic Church Parish Council, we would like to bring the following to your attention.

We are all members of the Carrizozo community and as such, we have a vital interest in its well being and an obligation to speak. A decision has been made not to rehire the current Carrizozo School Principal, Mr. Steve Barron. The decision was made by the current Carrizozo School Superintendent, Mr. Sergio Castanon, and was supported by the members of the school board.

The ultimate duty of the school superintendent is to do what is in the best interests of the students in the Carrizozo School District. Similarly, the ultimate duty of the members of the School Board is to act in the best interest of the community they were elected to serve and represent, and their duty includes oversight of, and if necessary, adjustments to the actions of the Superintendent.

We strongly believe that Mr. Barron has been extremely beneficial to the education and welfare of the students in Carrizozo and has contributed greatly to the community as a whole, and should be retained for the foreseeable future.

All evidence indicated that a sizeable majority of those acquainted with Mr. Barron and his work believe as we do. This majority includes students, parents, teachers and other members of this community. There has been no tangible or credible evidence presented to indicate Mr. Barron is unfit to continue in his present position. On the contrary, his performance has been outstanding, with many positive changes and improvements to our school system. Therefore, the decision not to rehire Mr. Barron appears inconsistent with the desire of the public and in the best interest of our community.

We respectfully request that the Superintendent and School Board reconsider their decision not to rehire Mr. Barron.

Respectfully,

SANTA RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL

Municipal Elections March 2nd

Friday is Last Day for Absentee

by DORIS CHERRY

Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs are holding municipal elections on Tuesday, March 2.

Absentee voting in person for the municipal elections will close at 5 p.m. Friday, February 27. All absentee voting in person is being done in the offices of the municipal clerk, which are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Voters who have requested and received paper absentee ballots have until 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 to return the completed and signed absentee paper ballots to the office of their municipal clerk.

On municipal election day, Tuesday, March 2, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in every municipality.

Anyone registered to vote, and whose registration shows he or she lives within the boundaries of a certain municipality, is eligible to vote in that municipal election.

Candidates for various positions for the municipalities in Lincoln County are as follows:

Capitan
Up for election are two positions for village trustees, which are four year terms. Candidates are John Egert, Don Brothers, Michael O'Brien, John Whitaker, Ed Davis, William (Bill) Martin, Leroy Montes, Debra Ingle. The two candidates with the most votes will win the two positions.

Voting on March 2 will be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds office in Capitan.

Carrizozo
Candidates are vying for municipal judge and two positions for town trustees, all four year terms. Municipal judge candidates are C.O. Chuck Rominger and

LeeRoy Zamora.

Candidates for trustees are Wes Lindsay, Tommy Guevarra and David Lafave. The two candidates with the most votes win the two positions.

Voting will be held in Carrizozo Recreation Center, Corona.

Three positions are open on

village council. April Bailey is candidate for the four year position and David Anderson is candidate for the two year position. The third four year position will remain open.

Voting will be done at Corona Village Hall.

Ruidoso
Three positions are open on

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Capitan Woman In Critical Condition From Fire Feb. 20

Account Started For Miller Family

by DORIS CHERRY

A Capitan woman remains in critical condition at a hospital in Lubbock from burns she received in a mobile home fire early Friday, February 20.

Kim Miller was flown to the hospital in Lubbock where she remains in critical condition with third degree

burns on her hands and arms and burns to her face. Miller, who is developmentally disabled, was trapped inside a single wide mobile home that was attached to a double wide mobile and was burned while getting out. Her parents Lou and Sylvia Miller were not injured.

A bank account has been started at the First Federal Bank in Capitan to help the

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ARE TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT AND



Train Wreck Shakes

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The foam made a difference in suppressing the diesel fuel fire. Carrizozo police chief Angelo Vega told *THE NEWS*.

Ironically, last year the engineer of the west bound locomotive, who was not injured in the accident, had conducted a training session with Carrizozo Fire Department on how to deal with train fires and wrecks, a fire fighter told *THE NEWS*. The fire fighter believed this training did help their response.

State police responded with its Hazmat team because of the diesel fuel spill. Additional State police officers led by Captain John Sena out of Alamogordo set up perimeter around the accident. Carrizozo police officers and

town crews helped keep curious onlookers and the media behind the perimeter and traffic moving on Highway 880 on the overpass. Carrizozo town trustees and the mayor came to the accident.

George Verdugo's crews from the NM State Highway Department in Carrizozo, the Lincoln County Emergency coordinator and Lincoln County sheriff's deputies assisted. Crews from Capitán Carrizozo Natural Gas, Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Lularosa Basin Telephone Co. also responded.

Early in the accident, Carrizozo police evacuated a few residents who live on the northeast end of Aspen Street because of the thick smoke and fumes. Residents were allowed to return to their

homes about two hours later, after smoke cleared, Vega said.

Dogs at the Carrizozo town kennels were also evacuated until later in the afternoon. "Of all days, two additional dogs were brought in by the county," Vega said. Alamogordo Humane Society assisted with evacuating the dogs, Vega added.

With so many emergency crews on scene, Carrizozo Heritage Museum opened a hospitality room in the back part of the museum, which is located just next to the accident. Volunteers set up tables of food for the fire department crews, state police, railroad police, media, and the railroad demolition team brought in from Hereford, Texas.

Businesses and individuals from the community brought sandwiches, fruit, cakes, fudge and other donations, Vega said.

Carrizozo Joe's sent over thermos bottles and gallons of coffee. Four Winds Restaurant also sent over gallons of coffee and other food. From morning until late on Saturday, volunteers from Carrizozo, and from Capitán and Ruidoso, served hot coffee and food and stationed the hospitality room.

"Everyone did an exceptional job in working together," Vega told *THE NEWS*.

The engineer and conductor, both from El Paso, in the east bound train were killed in the accident. A fire fighter at the scene told *THE NEWS* he doubted the two men felt any pain once the trains collided but it must have been terrifying for them to watch helplessness as the accident happened. The engineer and conductor in the west bound train were not injured. There also were no injuries among emergency response crews.

Although by 9:36 a.m. on Saturday emergency crews advised the Railroad Police of the location of the deceased, Carrizozo ambulance and other rescue crews were unable to get the bodies out until 2:32 p.m.

"The immensity of the wreck, the size of the twisted metal of the multi-ton locomotives was indescribable. Train cars were accorioned onto the dirt, track torn up, train car wheels scattered like tinkertoys," commented *THE NEWS* reporter Doris Cherry who was at the accident scene on Saturday.

By Sunday, demolition crews had wreckage moved off the tracks and damaged rails replaced. Trains began traveling through town again. By Wednesday, Feb. 25, demolition crews were almost done with cutting down the wrecked locomotives, getting them ready to haul away. Wheels had been removed from the wrecked grain and vehicle carrier cars and were being hauled out on flat bed semi-trucks.

It will be a long while before the official reports as to the cause of the accident are released from the Union Pacific Railroad and the National Transportation Safety Board investigators who combed the scene for all possible clues.

Every day 36 trains go through Carrizozo. Now it seems they go through town a bit slower, and they blow their whistles longer than usual as they pass by the wreck scene. It is as though the haunting eerie sound of the long train whistles are in mourning.

Municipal Elections

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village council, each a four year term. The three candidates with the most votes will fill the positions. Candidates are Angel Shaw, Bob Sterchi, Donald Williams and Michele Rebstock.

Voting will take place at Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso Downs.

The mayor, judge and two positions on city council, all four year terms, are up for election. Candidates for mayor are Bob Miller, Joe Hayhurst and Rene Olivo. Candidates for judge are Harold Mansell, Camille Johnson and Charlie Bagley.

Candidates for the two council positions are Judy Miller, Sue Garrett, Corina Baca, Sally Turner, Thomas Chavez, Virginia Armstrong, George McCasland and Dale Perry. The two candidates with the most votes will fill the positions.

Voting will be done in the Hubbard Room in Ruidoso Downs City Hall.

Voters with questions whether they are registered to vote within their municipality should call the office of their municipal clerk, or the office of the Lincoln County Clerk at 648-2384 Ext. 6.



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 "Carrizozo News" -- on

Friday, February 21, 1930

C.G. Gokey Meets Death on The Railroad

C.G. Gokey, a railroad man and a citizen of Carrizozo, met with an accident Wednesday evening, which caused death the following day. From what could be learned, brakeman Gokey was standing on top of the caboose, when the train gave a lurch, after the "pusher" engine was detached, which caused him to lose his balance. In order to avoid falling he is said to have jumped, landing on a pile of rocks.

He was picked up by the crew, and rushed to Corona, where he received first aid, and was then brought to Carrizozo where Dr. Paden and nurse met him, and a specialist being in readiness, he was conveyed to El Paso as quickly as possible. The 144 miles was covered in little more than three hours. An examination of his injuries at the hospital gave little hope of saving his life. His skull was broken, also one arm and leg, besides internal injuries. He died at 12:30 the following day without regaining consciousness.

The deceased was about 36 years of age, and in the employ of the railroad at this point for many years. He was numbered amongst our best people, all of whom were deeply pained to learn of his violent and tragic death. He leaves a widow, a daughter of Mrs. Sarah Gray of this town, and a daughter, Miss Cristine, besides other relatives to mourn his untimely death. Miss Cristine, who was a clerk in the local post office for the past year, until going to Pocatello, Idaho has been notified by telegraph, but on account of the distance cannot get here in time for the funeral.

The remains arrived here this morning on No. 2, accompanied by the sorrowing relatives and a number of friends who, through the courtesy of J.P. Nash, trainmaster, had a special coach attached for their comfort, and which was a most considerate and kindly action.

The News joins with the community in extending its sympathy to the bereaved widow, daughter and relatives.

Three Cornered Gun Fight Near Rabenton

One Dead -- Two Badly Injured

Word reached the sheriff's office yesterday about noon that a gun fight had taken place at Rabenton that forenoon; that one of the participants was dead and the other two badly wounded, and requesting the sheriff to bring a physician along.

Sheriff Duran and Dr. Johnson left immediately for the scene, which is about 16 miles north, and found conditions as represented. The dead man's name was T.L. Hinnard, and the two wounded are brothers named Starkey, all ranchers. First aid was given the injured, and they were conveyed to Carrizozo, where one was operated on later. He is believed to have about one chance in fifty of pulling through.

The dead man was shot three times in the left

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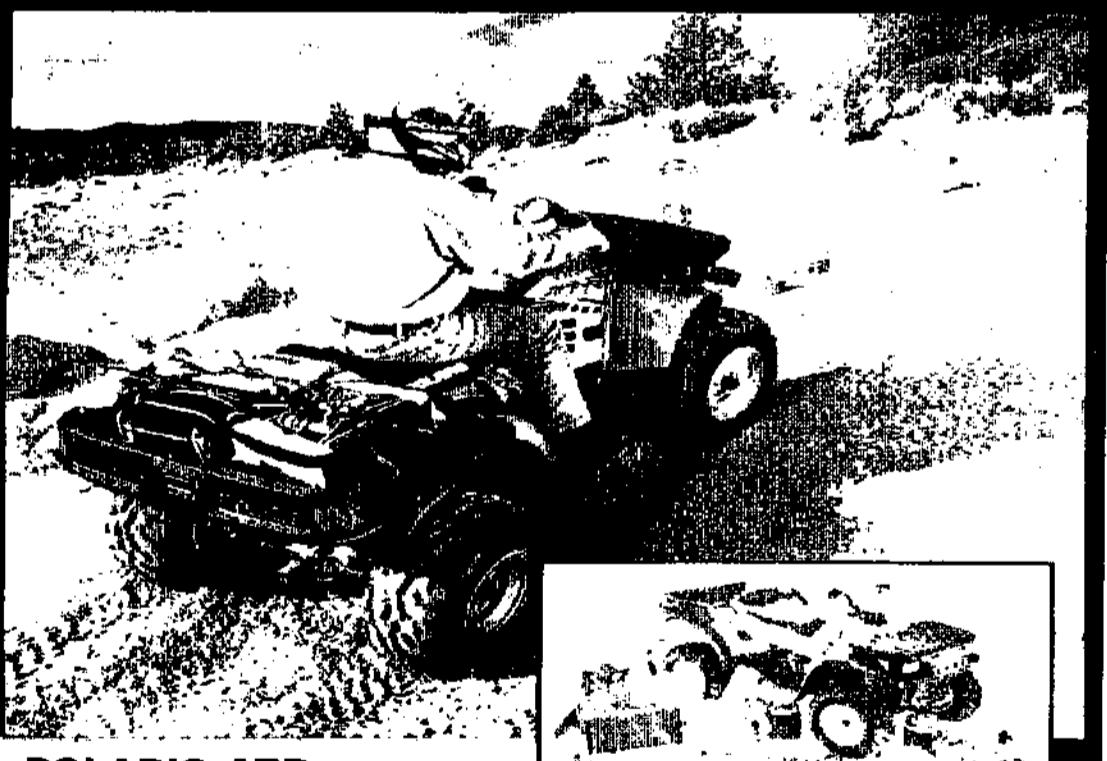
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MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

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

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

--Jayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
--Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group meets every third Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso. Call 354-3046 for more information.

TUESDAYS

--Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour at 1 p.m.
--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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

--No class for Capitan Elementary School, teacher in-service.
--Absentee in person voting for the municipal elections closes at 5 p.m. in the offices of the municipal clerks

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

--Fort Stanton Development Commission, 10 a.m. Fort Stanton Maintenance Shop. Public invited.
--Capitan Public Library adult art workshop 10 a.m. featuring Judy Pekelsma. Capitan weaver. Supplies provided, bring lunch. Free at the library. To register call Pearl Tippin at 354-7021 or email pgtips@zianet.com.

MONDAY, MARCH 1

--Capitan Chamber of Commerce, 8:30 a.m. chamber building on 2nd Street.
--Carrizozo Concerned Parents meeting 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo Fire Station.
--Lincoln County Community Center planning meeting 7 p.m. Carrizozo Schools Administration Building.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

--Municipal elections: polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Contact your municipal clerk for location of polls.
--Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee meets at 9 a.m. in the county commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Public invited.
--Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission 2 p.m. village hall.
--Lincoln County Republican Party meets, dinner at 6 p.m. program 7 p.m. K-Bob's Restaurant in Ruidoso. Speaker Rep. Dub Williams. Public invited. Call 505-937-1280 for more information.
--American Legion Post #57, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

--Ruidoso Library Board, noon, library.
--Lincoln County Planning Commission 6:30 p.m. in the Lincoln County Commission Chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

--Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District 7 p.m. district office on Highway 380 west in Capitan.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

--Corona Schools invite everyone to tour of renovated rock school building, 2-4 p.m. followed by reception for 90 year old Loretta Proctor Hodge in the school recreation room.

Lincoln County News

"Our 100th birthday will be celebrated in 2005".

Fort Stanton Streets Renamed

Five streets at Fort Stanton now have new names.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting February 17 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo unanimously accepted the new names for five streets located at Fort Stanton. At the January regular county commission meeting, county commissioner Maury St. John challenged the name changes because she was concerned the names were historical. The name changes were postponed until more information was provided.

On Feb. 17, St. John said they learned the streets were given names in 1979 to enable UPS and Fed Ex deliveries. "Before then there were no street names," St. John said.

"I have no problem with the names proposed, which I think are very appropriate, my only concern was the historic aspect," St. John

said.

Nick Skoagland, facility manager at Fort Stanton, Ervin Aldaz former Fort Stanton Hospital administrator, and Sherry LaMay, former Fort Stanton Hospital administrative secretary, all wrote letters to the county commissioners giving them history of the street names. They all stated that they knew of no names of any streets or roads at Fort Stanton prior to 1979, when the streets were named to facilitate deliveries.

The proposed names of streets were Black Jack Pershing Rd. for Sierra Blanca Drive (also known as Camp Sierra Blanca Drive), Kit Carson Road for Lincoln Dr. and 3rd Street, Buffalo Soldiers Trail for 1st Street, Whiskey Trail for Rio Bonito Drive and Pappy Grayton Trail for 2nd Street.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs challenged the name of Kit Carson asking if he should be memorial-

ized with a street name because of Carson's actions during the Indian wars.

County rural addresser Connie Stone said Kit Carson was part of the Indian control and Fort Stanton history and was a person who called for a more humane way to deal with the Indians.

County planning officer Patsy Sanchez suggested

Pappy Grayton Trail be changed to Cavalry Road, because Grayton in history was the one who wanted to exterminate the Indians.

With Sanchez's suggestion, Hobbs made a motion to amend the names to change Grayton to Cavalry Road. The motion was unanimously approved and the five new street names were unanimously accepted.

Thank You Card

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals and local businesses who donated their time and food during the recent trail derailment fatality.

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Two Capitan Men Inducted By Grand Jury For Sex Crimes

Lincoln County Grand Jury on Wednesday, February 18 handed down indictments on two Capitan men charging them with 50 crimes against minors.

Atman Kostendenous, 19, Aspen Drive in Capitan, was charged with 22 counts, stemming from incidents in January involving two female minors, 14 and 16 years old. Counts are two counts of criminal sexual penetration in the second degree (involving a child 13-18 years old); nine counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor; nine counts of conspiracy to commit crimes; one count of distribution of marijuana to minors; one count of tampering with evidence.

Bond was set at \$45,000 cash. Kostendenous remains in the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC).

Bayward Stone Jr. 42, 104 Aspen Drive #4 Capitan, was charged with 28 counts, also stemming from incidents in January involving the same two female minors. Counts are three counts of criminal sexual penetration in the second degree (involving a child 13-18 years old); two counts of tampering with evidence; 10 counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor; 11 counts of conspiracy; one count of false imprisonment and one count of criminal sexual contact with a minor in the third degree.

Bond for Stone was set at \$50,000 cash. He also remains in the LCDC.

Stone, and Kostendenous were arrested early February after an investigation by Lincoln County Sheriff's Office detective Jackie Raines, Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Gary Lindsey and Capitan Police officer Steve Minner.

A parent of the two minors first alerted police to the situation that led to the arrest of the two men and their consequent grand jury indictments. No date has been set for their first appearance in district court.

Capitan Woman

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Miller family.

"The family lost everything in the fire," Capitan Fire Department Chief David Cox told THE NEWS. "And they had no fire or medical insurance."

A neighbor reported the fire at 241 Main Road in the Capitan subdivision to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office dispatch at 12:50 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 20. Capitan Fire Department responded within 12 minutes with the two large engines, brush unit and rescue unit and 12 firefighters. By the time the fire department arrived both the double wide mobile and the single wide mobile were totally engulfed.

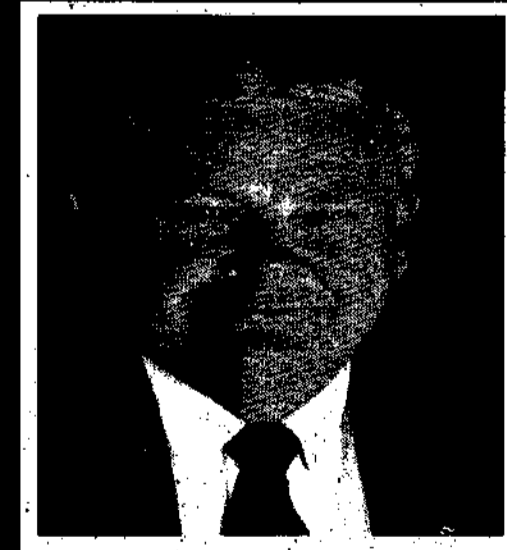
Capitan ambulance responded arriving at 1:13 a.m. EMS crews requested the Advanced Life Support (ALS) Med 1 ambulance from Ruidoso, which arrived at the scene at 1:25 a.m. Med 1 transported Kim Miller to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport from which she was air lifted to the hospital in Lubbock.

Red Cross assisted the family with some cash for the family to stay in Lubbock to be close to their daughter.

The family also lost their Suburban vehicle to the extreme heat of the fire.

Cox said Mr. Miller advised he smell an electrical smoke, but the state fire marshal investigator was called in to determine the cause of the fire. Cox said the fire marshal's report is expected sometime early this week.

Any donations of cash for the family can be deposited in the special account at First Federal Bank in Capitan. Along with the bank account, community members are collecting personal and household items for the family who lost everything. Anyone wishing to donate items are asked to call Joan Park at 354-2649 or 937-1280, Patty Jones at 354-2067 or Joe Mayberry at 354-2829, so donations of clothing or household items will not be duplicated.



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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Voting Values Should Be Respected

By Ruth Hammond

Caution should be taken when hearing accusations about people, especially about candidates. Sad to say, some people thrive on harming other people, and the harm is not always physical, but can cause much more pain than actual pummeling and pounding on a body. Recently there were unfounded accusations made against a certain few municipal election candidates, and we wonder, Is the accuser afraid of those certain few candidates and afraid they will do a good job if elected?

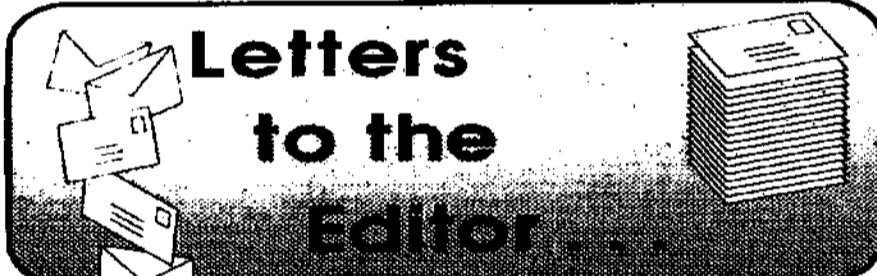
Had this sort of thing happened in the old west there might have been a shoot-out in the middle of the street. Back then the best shot usually won, but that is not the way it is when an accuser sets sights on a target. The target may be an honest, upstanding citizen desperately trying to help the community, but the accuser twists words, quotes half truths with maybe a few whoppers included, and unfortunately may convince unwitting voters into believing these false, garbled declarations.

One thing is certain, the accuser has little respect for voting values and for the intelligence of voters. Most voters decided a long time ago which candidates were their choices. These voters probably will vote for their first choice and not be influenced by stupid people. These voters are to be commended for taking their duty of voting seriously and researching important issues for themselves instead of listening to spouting half-truths.

If everyone believed accusers, there would be no reason to have elections. The accusers would select the winners from their list of "good old boy" friends and the public would be denied of the opportunity for dedicated people to serve the public in a governmental position.

Cowardly accusers should be shunned. Past history and dedication to the public should be the criteria for casting a ballot for a particular candidate. Make your choices wisely, ask questions, and do what is right.

Evidently there are other issues that are important that have not been publicized. The Village of Capitan has made a practice of transferring funds and amending the budget without approval from the state department of finance and administration (DFA) and these actions will need to be changed. DFA wanted daily reports of all transactions by Capitan. DFA instructed Capitan to make several other changes in order to prepare for the annual audit which is being conducted at this time.



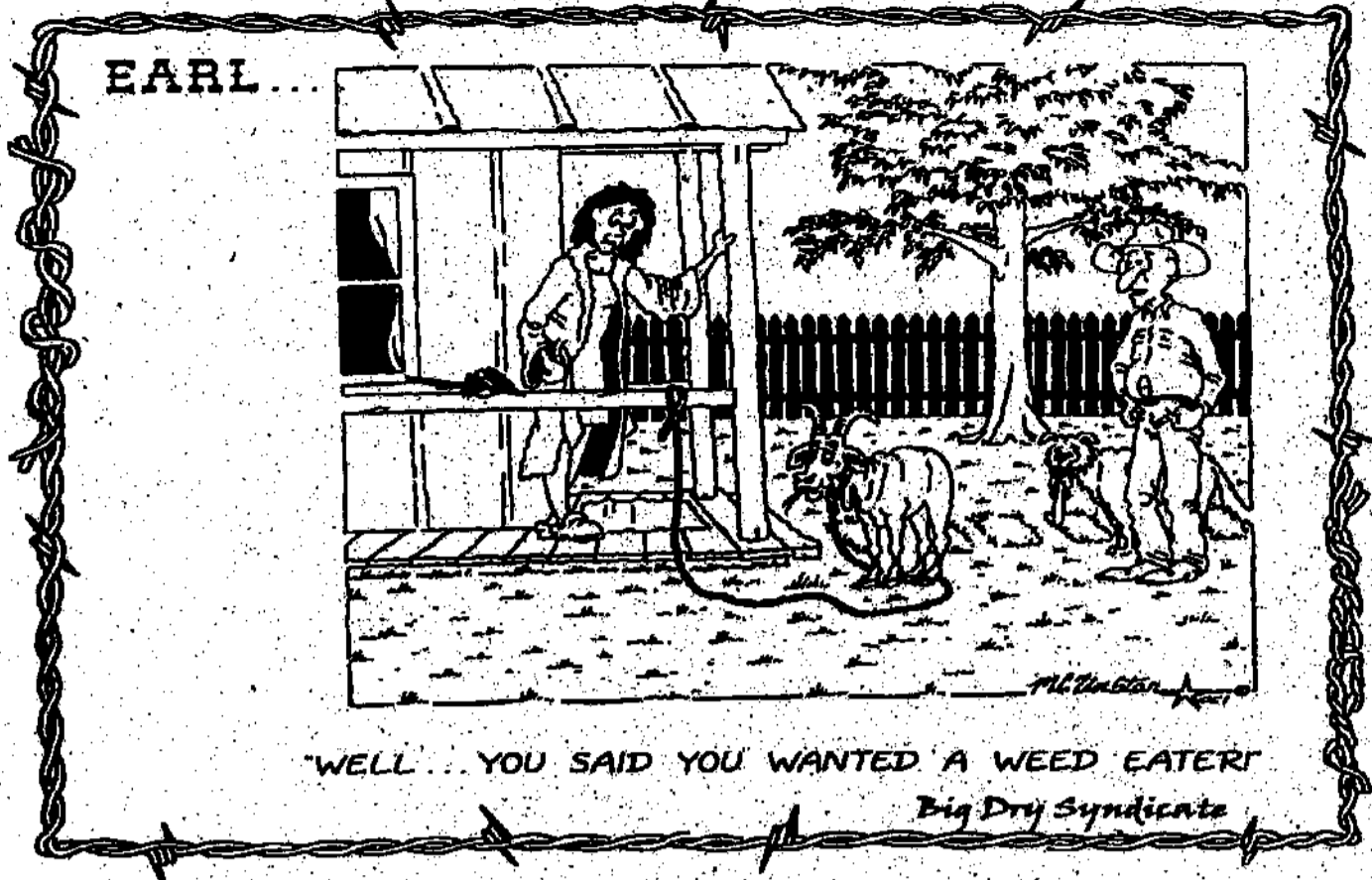
EDITOR: When we elect people to formulate policy, make decisions and implement programs we expect them to listen to "We the people," who have entrusted them with the authority of office. When these individuals neglect to use the very authority they hold, there is definitely something wrong with the system. We, the public have elected five (5) people from our community to be our voice in governing our school system. Regrettably, this elected body has conducted itself in such a manner that it has betrayed our trust and now, in the best interest of our community and our children, we must question their decisions, judgment and ability to serve in their elected position. Alas, they have failed us all miserably!!

Point in question is the failure to rehire Mr. Steve Barron, principal, for the Carrizozo Municipal Schools. There are a lot of stories floating throughout the community as to why Mr. Castanon chose not to rehire Mr. Barron. If there is any basis to the stories, it is indeed a very black day for our community. It is also a "black day" for our children, the very people who will be our leaders in the future. What kind of example does this type of behavior exhibit?

The Carrizozo School Board has put my children in danger before, not only physically but also emotionally with their deaf ears, and I am going to do everything that I can to prevent his from happening again. You know the old saying, "The first time shame on you, second time shame on me". As a parent of a child enrolled in the Carrizozo Municipal Schools I cannot with good conscience allow this type of behavior to repeat itself.

When we were blessed with Mr. Barron, a truly remarkable man, who not only cares about the students he is responsible for, but also for the community -- the same community in which he chooses to raise his children. We should be grateful for his presence. He did not have to choose Carrizozo, but he did. He has purchased a home and property in our community, which to me states, "I am here to stay". That is the type of commitment this community needs. We have always had "fly by night" people in this community who for example have started a business and left in the middle of the night, leaving utility companies and the Town of Carrizozo with a debt that is not recoverable. We have also had teachers and administrators who come

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INSIDE THE CAPITOL
by Jay Miller

SANTA FE -- Everyone around the Roundhouse heaved a sigh of relief when Gov. Bill Richardson began listing the items he will take back to the 2005 Legislature.

At least it means he's not planning a special session -- at this time, anyway. There is always a chance the governor will have a brainstorm between now and then and decide it constitutes an emergency.

It was a little early to be talking about next year, already, but Richardson figured this way no one could accuse him of springing any of the items on them for which they weren't prepared. If interim committees need to study Richardson proposals, between now and then, there is plenty of time.

The governor served notice that he will keep pushing on a commuter rail line between Belen and Santa Fe. He still wants to provide capital outlay for charter schools. He won't quit until he gets laptop computers for all 7th graders in the state. He wants to invest in getting the X-Prize competition to New Mexico and he's going to make another run at e-government.

Some of his legislative defeats, he can begin implementing by executive order without waiting for legislative approval. Former Gov. Gary Johnson did a lot of that often not even trying to get the Legislature on board in areas that required it. Richardson isn't expected to be that confrontative, but he already has pushed the envelope on distribution of federal pork and got away with it.

The governor surprised some people when he included ignition interlocks in his list of continuing objectives. That was the crusade of House Judiciary Committee Chairman Ken Martinez of Grants. Martinez wanted the devices on every car by 2009, arguing that nothing could be more effective in eliminating drunken driving.

But Martinez took so many hits for his proposal that some even predicted the meltdown of his promising political career. He owes Richardson big time for partly legitimizing his effort. The governor will appoint a committee to look at ways to expand the use of ignition interlocks, which Martinez will chair. Richardson says he wants a report within 90 days so he can begin executive action on it. Several of Richardson's DWI proposals failed to make it through the Legislature.

Likewise Richardson soon will begin a transition to electronic state government, giving citizens better access to information and services through the state's computer portal. A bill to set up a structure for the process ran into some unusual opposition and didn't make it through the session. But there evidently is still adequate authorization in current law, so fast-forward Bill will be moving ahead.

Richardson didn't get the process for distributing government pork changed this year, but he did announce an agreement late in the session that will set up a joint committee with the Legislature to take a much more unhurried and studied look at state and local capital outlay needs and then prioritize the projects.

Congressional redistricting came up again this session. State and national Democrat leaders have urged Richardson to allow the Democrat-controlled Legislature another shot at redistricting to counter the losses Democrats expect to suffer as a result of redone redistricting in Colorado and Texas. Richardson has rejected such requests during all three of the legislative sessions since he took office. He says they are too divisive but he also says the door isn't completely closed on the subject.

The business community expressed its pleasure with the 2004 Legislature. Several of its proposals for tax credits, incentives and job training made it through the session, although some didn't. On the downside, there were a number of tax and fee increases, although a few were supported by the business community.

The Association of Commerce and Industry currently is holding its annual series of Roundhouse Reviews throughout the state. The sessions, coordinated by local chambers of commerce, will continue until late April.



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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM
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Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)
Even tho you may have to be a team player, that doesn't mean it's in your best interest. Take care of you first. Mind, Body, and Spirit. Others will see your light shine, and respect you more.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
\$ Money \$. Dust off your old dreams and put pencil and paper to it again. The lessons that you have learned in the past will show you the way to do it right the first time, with faith and confidence.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Watch your temper. Your energy needs all the goodness it can get. Your health is the main key in your happiness. When you feel good, you look and do better. You'll make more money too.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
See the beautiful things around you. It's free. You have been so busy going through life that you have forgotten what makes the world go round. LOVE. A good time to make extra \$\$\$\$\$.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
What you seek has always been with you. It's inside of you, waiting for you to share your gifts with the ones that not only need it, but will respect you for it. Surround yourself with others like you.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)
If you have been out of sorts, then ask yourself if you are treating your body right? Sleep? Food? Then your Spirit, and Mind will work with you too. Your

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Sheriff's Report

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

February 16
 3:58 p.m. Deputy advised he was doing warrant service for Magistrate Judge Bill Butts to a 30 year old male inmate at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC).

5:50 p.m. suspicious activity in Shangri-la. Deputy dispatched.

February 17
 8:33 a.m. San Patricio Senior Center reported windows broken on the center van.

11:01 a.m. theft at location on Pine in Alpine Village.

2 p.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service at LCDC.

3:21 p.m. feline shot with a .22 in Nogal area. The cat was at the vet and the caller wanted to speak to a deputy. Deputy arrived at the caller's location at 4:07 p.m.

4:04 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for a nine year old female with neck and back pain. Med 1 advanced life support (ALS) ambulance arrived at 4:36 p.m. and at 4:52 p.m. left for Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso arriving there at 5:32 p.m.

February 18
 8:51 a.m. property damage at location on Birch on the Nazarene Campgrounds. Someone kicked a rock out from under a truck and the truck rolled into a tree. Deputy arrived at 9:12 a.m.

10 a.m. request for ambulance for a mental patient at location in Gavilan Canyon. Med 1 arrived at 10:15 a.m. left for LCMC at 10:42 a.m. arriving there at 10:50 a.m.

10:17 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) requested a deputy for a referral on Tina Road.

11 a.m. Capitan police requested assistance at location on North View to help with warrant service. Deputy arrived at the location at 11:14 a.m. Another deputy arrived at 11:18 a.m. and advised it appears they had a prisoner. At 11:19 a.m. the first deputy requested the Narcotics Enforcement Unit ASAP. At 11:26 a.m. the first deputy advised they had two prisoners. The second deputy advised he was on route with the female prisoner, and a third deputy arrived to assist with the other prisoner.

12:20 p.m. suspicious persons on East Grandview in Capitan.
 4:29 p.m. missing stuff from location on Apache Trail.

February 19
 2:20 a.m. vehicle roll-over on Aspen. Capitan police arrived and notified state police. Capitan ambulance arrived at 2:38 a.m. and requested ALS. Med 8 ALS arrived at 3:02 a.m. Capitan ambulance left to transport the injured to LCMC at 3:18 a.m. arriving there at 3:46 a.m.

8:29 a.m. Ruidoso Police requested a deputy for warrant service at court. Deputy dispatched at 8:30 a.m.

9 a.m. large amount of smoke at Big Bear and Alpine from the forest service burn and it was very windy. Bonito Fire Dept. was paged and advised the burn was the day before and at 9:06 a.m. advised Lincoln Zone (forest service) would handle.

9:38 a.m. Med 7 ambulance stationed at the construction zone in Hondo advised of a rear-ender involving a small car and semi at mile marker 282 on Highway 70 in Hondo. Med 7 requested Med 1 as Hondo ambulance was not available. Med 1 arrived at the location at 10:06 a.m. and at 10:17 a.m. left with one for LCMC arriving there at 10:48 a.m. Glencoe Fire Department was paged at 9:51 a.m. with

lots of static interference on the radio. At 9:55 a.m. Glencoe Fire Dept. responded and was cleared to return to station at 10:50 a.m.

5:27 p.m. Ruidoso Police requested agency assistance at some condos in Rancho Ruidoso where a female juvenile allegedly had stolen property on her person and who lives at the condos. Deputy dispatched.

6:15 p.m. runaway from lo-

cation in Rancho Ruidoso.
 February 20
 12:50 a.m. structure fire at 241 Main Road. Capitan Fire Dept. and ambulance responded.
 5:30 a.m. Ruidoso Police requested agency assistance at location on Bonanza. Deputy dispatched.
 8:38 a.m. K-9 on Richardson Road at mile marker 77 on Highway 380. Deputy dispatched.
 9:56 a.m. Ruidoso Police requested agency assistance at a burglary at location at the end of Flume Canyon. Deputy dispatched.

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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.

Abduction Prevention

TIPS TO TEACH CHILDREN

- Never say they are home alone when answering the phone. Teach your child to take a message and say their parents will phone back.
- Never answer the door. Whether home alone or with another adult, a young child is no match for someone trying to gain entry into the home or abduct the child from the entryway.
- Never invite anyone into the house without the permission of a parent or other responsible party within the home, like a babysitter.
- Never go into other people's houses without letting parents know where they are.
- Never get into anyone's car without a parent's permission.
- Never take gifts or food from strangers or anyone else without asking a parent first.
- Never play in deserted buildings or isolated areas.
- Move away from a car that pulls up beside them if they do not know the driver. Run in the opposite direction the car is driving. Remember, get away... right away.
- Say 'no' to anyone that wants them to do something you've taught them is wrong.
- Tell your school authorities or a police officer about anyone who threatens them.
- Never to keep secrets from you. Teach them to tell you if someone has asked them to keep a secret from you.
- Go to the nearest cashier if lost or separated from you in a store or mall.
- Know how to dial 911 and explain their emergency. If using a pay phone under pursuit or if detained in a stranger's home... DO NOT HANG UP THE PHONE. Police can use the phone to track the child.
- Never to hide from parents in a store.
- Scream and kick if someone grabs them and tries to take them forcefully. Teach them to yell, "Help, this is not my mom/dad."

SOURCE: Dignity Memorial

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

- Monday, February 23**
 8:30 a.m. Jury Trial. SNM v. Thomas Cate: CR-2003-188 (Esquibel/Mitchell).
- Tuesday, February 24**
 8:30 a.m. Jury trial continued. SNM v. Ermando Candalaria.
 12 p.m. Judges' Brown Bag Lunch in Alamogordo.
 1 p.m. Camp Sierra Blanca graduation.
- Wednesday, February 25**
 8:30 a.m. Jury trial continued. SNM v. Ermando Candalaria.
 Darrell Brantley domestic mediator at 10 a.m. Wednesday:
 McCoy v. Beveridge; DV-2004-15
 Morin v. Morin; DV-2004-16
 Herrera v. Hernandez; DV-2004-10 Motion.
- Thursday, February 26**
 9 a.m. meeting.
 3 p.m. Professionalism Committee in Albuquerque.
- Friday, February 27**
 8:30 a.m. First Appearances
 Daniel Dunn; CR-2003-79 Pretrial.
 Monroy Chavez; CR-2004-27
 Gabriel Green; CR-2004-21
 Dennis Foster; CR-2004-24
 Terry Coe; CR-2004-23
 Jose Arroyo; CR-2004-16
 Stuart Bass; CR-2004-14
 Charles Word; CR-2004-10
 Jose Cenicerros; CR-2004-02
- Pre-trial hearings:
 Frank Gallerito; CR-2003-40
 Nikos Thoksis; CR-2003-213 & 223
 John Geheva; CR-2003-205
 Marci Joiner; CR-2003-216
 Gerald Crow; CR-2003-198
 Aloy Garcia; CR-2003-144

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Your Vote and Support for re-election of **WES LINDSAY** for TRUSTEE OF CARRIZOZO on March 2, 2004 will be greatly appreciated.

- Eight years experience on Town Council.
- Familiar with Municipal Code and Regulations
- Encouraged about on-going improvements and projects for our town.

My concern is for the town and great people of Carrizozo.

Thank you, WES LINDSAY

Paid for by candidate

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, 648-2186
 Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community
 FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
 Corona St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ
 TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135
 Ave. G at 12th, Carrizozo, NM
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
 REV. RON THOMSON, Rector
 Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 1-505-258-1242
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Claunch Community Church

TONY SCAGGIA, Minister
 848-1402
 Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
 1000 D. Ave, 648-2893 / 648-2848
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women
 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 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
 5th & Lincoln / 336-4527
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7875
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

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 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 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 8:00 p.m.

Vote Tuesday, March 2nd

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**Make A
Difference**



Steve Barron

*It's never been more important
than it is today that WE, as a
community, make the commitment
to our schools that will ensure our
children's future.*

**WE support discipline, education,
fair and unbiased decision making
from our elected representatives
on the school board.**

**WE expect the representatives on the school
board to perform their statutorial supervisory
duties and to CORRECT the ERRORS of their
subordinates.**

**Those individuals who DO NOT support these
issues and principles should seek employment or
office elsewhere.**

**If you support these principles for the children
of Carrizozo, PLEASE ATTEND a community
meeting . . .**

**MONDAY, MARCH 1st -- 6:45 PM
at the Main Fire Hall**



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Coach
Wilson
"Ed"
Davis
 for
CAPITAN
TRUSTEE

**Long time resident,
 local educator
 and coach.**

Wilson "Ed" Davis
*wants the opportunity
 to work for increased
 business & employment,
 while retaining that
 small town charm.*

Wilson "Ed" Davis
*would be grateful
 for your
 March 2nd vote.*

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**Fort Stanton Get \$\$
 For Improvements**

by Doris Cherry

More than \$1 million in state appropriations were approved for improvements, restoration and rehabilitation to Fort Stanton, and for funding the Fort Stanton Development Commission.

"The Fort Stanton project caught the governor's eye," said Ruidoso lobbyist John Underwood to the Ruidoso Village Council on Tuesday, Feb. 24. "The governor also said he likes Ruidoso very much."

Underwood said Fort Stanton received \$135,000 from severance taxes for renovations and rehabilitation of buildings; \$30,000 from the general fund, which means the money will be available July 1, for improvements; \$100,000 from severance taxes for restroom rehabilitation; \$500,000 from severance taxes for renovation and restorations of historic buildings; \$100,000 from general fund for improvements and equipment.

In addition to the construction funding, \$125,000 from the governor's budget was approved for expenses for the governor's Fort Stanton Development Commission which was established in 2003 without any operating money.

Underwood said the governor's chief of staff Bill Hume helped coordinate the Fort Stanton funding and he is anxious to come to Fort Stanton in July to meet with the Fort Stanton Development Commission.

Underwood also said the Village of Ruidoso was very successful getting capitol outlay requests approved by the legislature. These requests are now in the governor's office awaiting signature, Underwood added.

If signed by the governor, Ruidoso will get \$300,000 from the general fund for construction of new main fire station; \$275,000 from the general fund for the Grindstone sewer extension; \$40,000 from the general fund to improve the Highway 48 (Sudderth) and Carrizo Canyon intersection.

Underwood commended Ruidoso Mayor Leon Eggleston who was in Santa Fe during the legislative session to promote an idea to use Bonito Lake to help meet the Pecos River Compact. Underwood said Senate Memorial 19, introduced by Sen. Pete Campos, was hurried through the senate in three days at the very end of the session.

The memorial calls for the Interstate Stream Commission to investigate Bonito Lake as a source of water to meet the state's delivery obligations under the Pecos River compact, "as well as provide a substantial regional water supply for areas within the Pecos River system."

The memorial asks for the study because water users in the Tularosa Basin have plans to end their reliance on diversions from Bonito Lake (by constructing and installing a Reverse Osmosis desalination plant in the Tularosa Basin) and Ruidoso is seeking additional water sources for village use.

Underwood said Mayor Eggleston, himself and Tom Turney (former state engineer) will meet with the Interstate Stream Commission on March 17 in Farmington.

"We are anxious to get the study underway so we can return the water of Bonito Lake to its rightful place," Underwood said.

Ruidoso resident Jack McGrahan, a member of the Sacramento Mountains Water Restoration Corporation that represents hundreds of households, commented that his group is concerned about the plans for the desalination plant which they claim was based on "faulty water models." He said once in operation the plant could "de-water" the entire western face of the Sacramento Mountains by severely drawing down the water table and ultimately drying up wells in

Nogal, Mescalero, and could dry up Bonito Lake. After the legislative report, village manager Lorri Mc-

Knight reported she is recommending the village re- (SEE PAGE 12)



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breast; one of the Starkeys was shot through the right lung, and the other through the abdomen, bullet passing through the left kidney and lodging under the right hip. Dr. Johnson assisted by Drs. Paden and Shafer removed one kidney and the man is said to have a fighting chance for life, if no complications set in. The other is in critical condition also.

As near as could be learned the trouble grew out of a right away between the Starkey's lands, and Hinnaards, the Starkeys objecting.

The dead man leaves a wife, and six children, and the wounded men have wives and children also. They are at present in the Padén hospital.

**Villa Surrenders
 to Mexican
 Government**

Mexico City, July 17 -- Francisco Villa is obeying all orders given him by the government, General Eduardo C. Garcia, chief of staff of the war department told the Associated Press today.

"Villa has been instructed to reconcentrate his troops at Sabinas, in the state of Coahuila, and he has done so," said General Garcia.

"The only guarantee the government has given Villa is a guarantee of life, but the other details of surrender are being handled by General Eugenio Martinez, commander of the northern operations.

"Villa has 600 men. He may come to Mexico City with Martinez to receive the full terms of surrender, which probably will be retirement to private life with possible government aid to get started in civil life, just as the United States handled the Apaches after their surrender."

Eagle Pass, Texas, July 27 -- Arrival of Francisco Villa, bandit chieftain, at Sabinas, was immediately followed by a sharp encounter with government forces numbering 25. A report reaching here said Villa had taken Carl Haeglin, an American, president of the Sabinas brewery and was holding him for ransom.

Eagle Pass, Texas, July 28 -- As a result of his surrender at Sabinas, Francisco Villa has been restored to full citizenship and will return to Chihuahua, his old home, according to information reaching the Mexican consul here today. He will receive a yearly allowance from the Mexican government, the report read, and his men will be restored to citizenship and lands for farming will be allotted to them.

Opinions freely were expressed Villa's surrender would do much to stabilizing mining and industry in Chihuahua, the state in which Villa chiefly operated.

Two month ago Villa told visitors to his camp that warfare he had waged in Mexico during the past few years had cost 40,000 lives of his enemies and that unless his terms were met for joining the new government he had the power and will to fight and take 40,000 more lives "if that were necessary to bring peace in Mexico."

**A Rancher Killed
 at Corona
 Motive for Killing
 A Mystery**

J.M. Gillespie, a well known ranch and cattle man of Corona was shot and instantly killed last Saturday morning by Baschal Luttrell, the bullet entering above the right eye and coming out back of the left ear. Gillespie was dead before aid reached him.

The only eye witness was a small boy who says the men were talking quietly when he heard a shot and saw Gillespie fall to the ground. He ran for aid and when it arrived Luttrell was standing over Gillespie's body. Luttrell gave himself up, but refused to discuss the killing or its cause.

Sheriff R.A. Duran, of Lincoln county, questioned Luttrell and the employees on the Gillespie ranch in an endeavor to find a cause for the shooting, but has been unable to learn of any trouble between the two men. All report the killing a mystery.

According to the information at hand the two men were sitting in front of the post office at

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here to get trained and then leave us for better pay. This is definitely not the case with Mr. Barron.

When you have gained the respect of our children, parents and most of the school staff, this says a lot about the type of person you are. This is exactly what Mr. Barron has achieved. During the board meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2004, the best explanation offered by the superintendent was that Mr. Barron had not met the criteria established by the superintendent. Unfortunately, evidence to support the case was unavailable.

However, since the arrival of Mr. Barron communications between the school system and everyone concerned has been greatly improved. The protection of our children has also improved and, fast by definitely not least the scholastic ability of the students has also improved. This is a "great accomplishment" and not one to be taken lightly, yet it does not satisfy the superintendent.

**Charlene "Punkin" Schlarb
Carrizozo, New Mexico**

EDITOR: What a wonderful world! One would think this mindless attempt to fire Steve Barron would result in little but sadness, anxiety, and community contention. But, in fact, like most events, a bright side can be found. Aside from how this challenge is bringing the community together, consider the illustrations of civics and opportunities to participate in the political process that are being presented to our children:

1.) They are seeing one of America's marvels of freedom: open politics in action. This is not the idealistic support of some distant presidential candidate; this is here, now, in our town. Our children are having an opportunity to be involved, to be heard, and to make a difference.

2.) They have seen adults guilty of the most needless and transparent lies. That sort of behavior is what we adults associate with young, unsophisticated children. But that's not so here -- these are adults clearly acting like children!

3.) They hear of secrets and are learning the value of sunshine to productive public debate. Secrets often shield shame -- but misconduct and corruption cannot endure the light of day, the light of exposure, or the irresistible force of truth.

4.) They are seeing, first hand, the essence and the brilliance of the jury system. How? They, as part of the community's and School Board's jury, are being presented with testimony, both true and false. They see the truth as truth and the lies as lies. They know the difference. The jury system, guaranteed by our federal constitution for both civil and criminal trials, is the ultimate bastion of the people's power over governmental abuse. It relies on the people's ability to separate truth from lies and right from wrong.

5.) In a small way, they are reliving the experience of our Founding Father's before 1776! How? Consider the following examples:

* They are seeing elected representatives and public servants demonstrate contempt for their constituents and the public who they are duty bound to respect and serve.

* They are seeing elected representatives and appointed public servants placing their private interests above their duty to the public.

* They are seeing secret, back-room politics displace the public disclosure and exchange so precious and necessary for public confidence in government.

* They are seeing "taxation without representation". Our tax dollars go to fund the local school system. The School Board members are elected to represent the public. When the School Board refuses to represent the public as expressed by the public -- that is *de facto* non-representation. That is a breach of duty as worthy of removal from office as it was 227 years ago.

6.) Finally, related to the first point and last points, they see that a serious contest seldom ends with win-win conditions. There will be injuries; there will be winners and losers. And, sadly, the good will not always prevail immediately. But, as our children will see, as the truth is revealed, good will prevail. Good always does if we keep the faith and fight the good fight.

Our children are learning about the real world. That, at least, is one bright side to this folly. Another, if this contest is maturely conducted, will be a stronger, more cohesive community with honest, open, representative government restored.

**JOHN C. TATE
Carrizozo, NM**

Sheriff's Report

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10 a.m. CYFD requested a deputy for a sex offender. Deputy dispatched.

11:10 a.m. possible fire at the Cedar Creek dumpsters. Bonito Fire Dept. chief responded in a private vehicle and at 11:24 a.m. advised all was okay, the barrels were full and the fire department call was cancelled.

1:58 p.m. CYFD requested agency assistance with a 16 year old male who refused to return to his parents. Deputy dispatched.

2:25 p.m. K-9 limping in the road at mile marker 303 on Highway 70. Deputy responded at 2:30 p.m. and at 3:03 p.m. advised he made no contact with the dog and he checked all the way to the Chaves County border.

3:09 p.m. request for ambulance for 26 year old male who was semi-conscious at

location on Terrace in Ruidoso. The call was received on the regular phone line. Med 1 responded at 3:11 p.m. but was canceled because the subject left the scene.

3:32 p.m. request for ambulance for male with chest pains at location in Alto north. Med 1 arrived at the scene at 3:33 p.m. but was refused.

4:24 p.m. 911 request for ambulance for transport from location in Alto north. Med 1 arrived at the location at 5:02 p.m. and at 5:12 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 5:30 p.m.

6:33 p.m. request for ambulance at location at mile marker 3 on State Road 220 for an accident that was reported to have no injuries but all nine occupants wanted to be checked. Med 1 arrived at 6:50 p.m. and at 7:24 p.m. left

for LCMC with nine patients, arriving there at 7:45 p.m.

February 21
6:55 a.m. Union Pacific Railroad reported crossing gates in Corona were hung up and they had someone on route to fix them.

7:54 a.m. train derailment in Carrizozo heard and seen from sheriff's office so dispatch began immediate paging of Carrizozo fire, EMS and police. Carrizozo fire department was cleared from the scene at 8:24 p.m.

9 a.m. K-9 at rest area on Nogal Hill. Deputy responded and took the K-9 to the Carrizozo kennels.

10:42 a.m. breaking and entering at location on Midiron in Alto.

1:45 p.m. K-9 in Nogal.
3:09 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at ski area for 11 year old male on backboard

and in C-collar. Med 1 responded at 3:09 p.m. but was cancelled at 3:35 p.m.

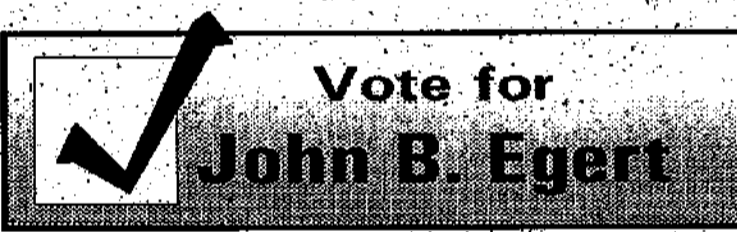
February 22
6:24 a.m. request for ambulance at location on E-015 off mile marker 284 on Highway 70. Honda ambulance arrived at the location at 6:48 a.m. and at 7:03 a.m. left for LCMC, arriving there at 7:32 a.m.

10:37 a.m. road rage, on the lava flow on Highway 380. The caller reported a road rage subject was pulled over by the lava flows. Two deputies responded and one advised the subject must have continued on the other at 10:48 a.m. advised he found a dark blue small car with dark windows but he could not identify the driver.

12:23 p.m. deputy reported missing person.

Capitan Needs A Change!!!

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LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
 No. CV-04-08
 Div. III

STATE NATIONAL BANK, a Texas banking corporation, successor in interest to Ruidoso State Bank.

Plaintiff.

ANITA JOHNSON and JOHN MANLEY,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:
JOHN MANLEY

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above styled and numbered cause of action has commenced and is now pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The general object of the action is Plaintiff's foreclosure of a Mortgage securing the following described real property:

Lot Eleven (11), Block Eight (8), BIG COUNTRY 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, New Mexico, February 8, 1975, in Tube No. 478.

You are further notified that unless you file an answer or responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before March 17, 2004, judgment will be entered against you by default and the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Plaintiff's Attorney:
 Lee Griffin
 LEE GREEN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102
 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

WITNESS my hand and seal this 3rd day of January, 2004.

JAN PERRY
 Clerk of the District Court
 By: /s/ Elizabeth Ysasi,
 Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 No. PB 04-1

In the Matter of the Estate of)
)
 of)
)
 EVALIE DOLLAHON,)
 Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2100 North Main Street, Suite 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 4th day of February, 2004.

/s/ Linda Ross, Pers. Rep.
LINDA ROSS
 Personal Representative
 P.O. Box 21698
 Albuquerque, NM 87154

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 9:00 A.M., on Tuesday, March 16, 2004, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the following proposed ordinance:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FLOOD ZONES DESIGNATED BY THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS AND THE FLOOD BOUNDARY AND FLOOD WAY MAPS; REGULATING FLOOD HAZARD AREA LAND USE AND PRESCRIBING CENTRAL MEASURES; DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AND APPEAL PROCEDURES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

MARTHA GUEVARA
 Assistant County Manager

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

Case No. DMI 03-161

JO ANN LAMBERT, a/k/a
 JO ANN SWEET
 Petitioner.

RICKY JAY SWEET,
 Respondent.

AMENDED 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 within twenty days after the date of the last publication of this Amended Summons and Notice of Suit Pending, 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 attorney for Petitioner is Sanders, Bruin, Coll & Worley, P.A. (Eric J. Coll), 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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LEGAL NOTICE
Timber for Sale,
Cibola National Forest

The Mars Timber Sale is located within T4N, R5E, SE1/4 Sec. 10, SW1/4 Sec. 11, NMPM / 34.5850N x 106.4028W, approximately 40 air miles SE of Albuquerque, NM. The Forest Service will receive sealed bids in public at the Mountainair Ranger District, #40 Ranger Station Road, Mountainair, NM 87036 at 12:00 PM local time on 03/15/2004 for an estimated 907 CCF (hundred cubic feet) of Ponderosa Pine sawtimber and 620 CCF of mixed Ponderosa Pine / Juniper post / roundwood / fuelwood material designated for cutting and optional removal. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Interested parties may obtain a prospectus from the office listed below. A prospectus, bid form, and complete information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and submission of bids is available to the public from the Mountainair Ranger District, 505-847-2990; or on-line at www.timbersource.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

1.) Request to vacate County Road B018, off SR 247 MM 23. Petitioner is Richard Vawter, represented by Attorney Ddam D. Ratkin.

2.) Request to abandon (approximately 800 feet) of Willow Street in the townsite of White Oaks. Petitioner is Lincoln County for the White Oaks Fire Department.

Pursuant to Section 67-6-9, N.M.S.A., the Board of Commissioners has appointed a Road Review Committee which will meet at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 11, 2004. The Road Review Committee will meet at the White Oaks Fire Department in White Oaks, and then proceed to the LC Road B018.

The report of the Road Review Committee will be presented to the Board of Commissioners during their regular meeting on March 16, 2004.

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

REX WILSON, CHAIRMAN
 Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

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Psychic Predictions

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money is tied up in the way you feel. Health?
Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
 You need to know if this is going to be another year like last year. It'll be a lot better when you throw out people, places, and things that you no longer need. Be free and fly with the eagles.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22) It's time you take care of things that are long past due. Others will just have to wait until you get it all together. If they love you, they'll understand. If not, then they can move on. Let love live again.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
 Your money and your mouth need to sit down and talk things out. Your mind needs to join in too. What you think you have is not what's coming in. Your mind had a good plan. This could work out.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
 You've got it. Now what are you going to do with it? Don't just look at it. Make it work for you. Time is running out, you can do this. It'll be a lot of work, but you'll make a lot more money.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
 Your feelings are very touchy. Your heart cannot convey to others what they see in your eyes. Understand where they're coming from, so they too, can understand you better. Time to talk.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
 Good or Bad Luck? It's your choice to do what needs to be done, by all around you. You are in charge. Choose to do the right thing. It's your luck. It will come back to you three times fold.

LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP #04-01

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive proposals for the trenching and dirt work needed to install distribution gas lines will be received by Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas at the business office, 217 Lincoln, Capitan, NM until 5:00 PM, Monday, March 8, 2004.

The Board of Directors will review the bids and make their final determination during their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at the business office in Capitan, NM at 6:00 PM.

All proposals must be clearly marked "RFP #04-01 - Expansion of Gas Lines".

A full request for proposal may be obtained from the office of Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas at 217 Lincoln, Capitan, NM or by calling 505-354-2260.

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the proposal, waive minor technicalities and award the proposal to best serve the interests of the gas company.

Kay Strickland
 Administrative Supervisor
 Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas

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Looking Back...

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Corona about 11 o'clock Saturday morning when the shooting occurred. Luttrell, it was reported, suddenly drew a pistol from his pocket. There was a shot and Gillespie fell dead, with a bullet hole through his face.

Luttrell refused to talk and the motive for the killing is a mystery so far.

Gillespie has lived near Corona for years, coming from Texas and investing heavily in land and cattle and is generally supposed to have been wealthy. Luttrell had been there about a year and has a farm adjoining the Gillespie ranch.

Gillespie is well known in El Paso where he once lived. He was a brother-in-law of A.F. Kerr, vice president of the El Paso Bank and Trust Co.

Luttrell will have a preliminary hearing in the justice court, Carrizozo today (Friday), and it is possible the motive for the killing will come to the surface.

Funeral services for J.M. Gillespie, who was killed Saturday at Corona, NM, were held Tuesday morning from the home of his brother-in-law, Alfred F. Kerr, 3101 Federal street, El Paso. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery.

Mr. Gillespie is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Gillespie; a small son; his mother, Mrs. J.W. Gillespie, of Nogales, Ariz.; and three sisters, Mrs. John J. Hopkins, of Garwood, Mrs. Kerr, of El Paso and Mrs. Arthur McKnight of El Paso, and a brother in Arizona.

The Carrizozo-Socorro Road

Robert H. Taylor, chairman of the board of County Commissioners is in receipt of a communication from the Socorro county authorities that a delegation from Socorro will be here Monday, August 2. The delegation coming from Socorro will represent Socorro county and the National Highway traversing that county.

The purpose of the visit is to meet our board of commissioners, our commercial club and citizens generally of this county, interested in a route out of Carrizozo to connect with the Socorro county highway.

This matter has been gone over time and time again, and it is unnecessary to elaborate on the feasibility and need for such a connection, further than to say the proposition is one that should interest every citizen of Lincoln County and a large number of representative citizens of the county should be present next Monday at the meeting.

We have no good outlet west -- let's get one. Everyone agrees that the proposed route is the natural one, therefore the best: let's get it.

Local and Personal

The fiesta known as Santa Anna was held on the Hondo Monday. It consisted of pony races and other sports.

Fishing in Nogal Lake is reported good. The bass are striking good. It requires a permit from the railroad company to fish there.

John L. Bryan was over Sunday from his home in the Capitans. Mr. Bryan was a county commissioner from his district a few years ago, and is one of the substantial citizens of the east side of the county.

Samuel Kelsey was here Saturday from the VV ranch. The Hatchett Cattle Co. has the VV holdings leased and Sam looks after the headquarters ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Spencer and children, George L. Ufrick and Mrs. Allen drove to El Paso Wednesday. They expect to return tomorrow.

Frank Gurney, Jr., accompanied his father up from El Paso Monday. Frank had just returned from Los Angeles, having been there during the earthquake that recently shook that section of California, and was exceedingly glad to return home to parents and -- safety.

Letting the Widow Down Easy

Brown always did possess a soft heart. This is how he wrote:

"Dear Mr. Harrison -- Your husband cannot come home today because his bathing suit was washed away.

"P.S. -- Your husband was inside it."

Obliging

"Father, do you mind advancing me my allowance for next week?"

"My dear child, I've already advanced it to you."

"All right, my allowance for the week after will do as well."

WEATHER REPORT



The northern high plains portion of Lincoln County, including Corona, continues today to dig out of an 18 inch snow that fell Monday, February 23. Higher elevations around Capitan, Alto and Sierra Blanca got about seven inches of wet snow, while Carrizozo, Capitan village core, Hondo, Lincoln and parts of Ruidoso got mostly rain.

Another storm is expected to come through the county on Friday and Saturday which could bring additional snow and rain showers.

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

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

Today, Thursday, Feb. 26

Partly cloudy with north-west winds at 9 miles per hour becoming south. High of 61 in Carrizozo. No chance for precipitation. Tonight partly cloudy with southwest winds around 10 mph and low of 32.

Friday, February 27

Partly cloudy with southwest winds 10 to 13 mph increasing to 18 to 21 mph. High near 57. Friday night mostly cloudy with southwest winds 21 mph. A 20 percent chance of showers and low of 36.

Saturday, February 28

Mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance of rain showers. Southwest winds 18 to 21 mph with high of 54. Saturday night partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of snow showers with low of 31.

Sunday, February 29

Partly cloudy and breezy with high around 56. Sunday night partly cloudy with low of 31.

Monday, March 1

Partly cloudy with high near 56. Monday night partly cloudy with low around 32.

Tuesday, March 2

Partly cloudy highs in the mid 50s, lows in the low 30s.

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

Today, Thursday, Feb. 26

Partly cloudy and warmer with a high of 57 in Ruidoso and 59 in Capitan. Tonight partly cloudy with lows near 29 in Ruidoso and 30 in Capitan.

Friday, February 27

Partly cloudy with southwest winds 10 to 20 miles per hour in the afternoon with slight chance of showers after 5 p.m. Highs near 56. Friday night mostly cloudy with slight chance of showers. Lows near 30.

Saturday, February 28

Mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance for rain and snow showers. Highs in the 40s to upper 50s. Saturday night mostly cloudy with chance for snow showers. Lows upper 20s to near 30.

Sunday, February 29

Partly cloudy and brisk with highs in the 50s. Sunday night partly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s to near 30.

Monday, March 1

Partly cloudy with highs in the 40s to mid 50s. Monday night partly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s to near 30.

Tuesday, March 2

Partly cloudy with highs in the 50s, lows in the upper 20s to near 30s.



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FOR RENT in Carrizozo, one bedroom unfurnished apartment. \$265 per month plus utilities. Security deposit required. 648-3015 2tp/2/26-3/4

Carrizozo Lots for Sale. Seller finance. 505-489-4941 4tc/2/26-3/18

FOR SALE: Kimball piano -- excellent condition. \$500; hide-a-bed sofa \$75; double recliner \$125; bar table & 4 chairs \$125; rocker \$35. If interested in seeing call 354-2487 and leave message. 4tc/2/26-3/18

FOR RENT in Carrizozo, 2 or 3 bedroom house, unfurnished, fenced back yard. \$325 per month plus utilities, security deposit required. 648-3015 2tp/2/26-3/4

FOR SALE: Ford F-150 ext. cab. 6-cyl., 5 spe., \$3,200. 648-4242. 1tp/2/26

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Qualified applicants are needed for the position of WEED COORDINATOR for the Upper Hondo & Carrizozo Soil & Water Conservation Districts. The position will be located at the Upper Hondo SWCD office located in Capitan, NM 88316.

Position provides technical support for the Lincoln County Cooperative Weed Management Area. Incumbent should have knowledge of weeds and chemicals used to control noxious and/or invasive weed species, grant writing abilities, and basic computer skills.

This is a temporary position consisting of approximately 24 hrs. per week. Salary: \$360/week plus mileage. Position description available at district offices at 409 Central Avenue in Carrizozo, or 516 Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan. Resume should be submitted to Upper Hondo SWCD, P.O. Box 900, Capitan, NM 88316 no later than March 15th, 2004. 2tc/2/19-26

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Corona News

And we had snow last week! Light and drifting, maybe as much as 18 inches in spots.

Corona Public Schools cordially invites everyone to the grand opening of the newly renovated rock building that formerly housed the elementary grades as well as rooms for music (vocal, orchestra and band) and art. The building will now house the new cafeteria and classrooms for art, music and agriculture. Tours of the facility will be

held March 6 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. with a treat to show appreciation for the support of the public. After this, friends are invited to stop by the school recreation room and greet Loretta Proctor Hodge who will be celebrating her 90th birthday with dinner and dancing for all her friends. She says, "No guts - just come and enjoy."

The Beaver-Bond American Legion and Auxiliary will host the district meeting in Corona Saturday, March 20. Johnnie Lyle Harelson, auxiliary president, announced the coupon clippings project for families of overseas troops. Coupons for diapers, soap, soup, etc., any household items or groceries will be appreciated. Coupons may be sent to Johnnie Lyle

or any auxiliary member.

Irene Mayhill, chairman, reported on the war memorial project. Plans call for a carved brick for each individual from Corona who died during wartime, beginning with World War I. Eight names on the list so far are: Charles Walter Beever, Leland Stanford Bond, John Young Crawford, John W. Lee, Jr., Ollin A. Roper, Elliot L. Jones, Howard L. Porter, and Jay Willingham. Dedication of the memorial is tentatively scheduled for Memorial Day, 2004.

Appreciation goes to Corona merchants who allowed canisters for the Children's Miracle Network, UNM Hospital, to be placed on their counters. Collection total was \$27.50.

Corona FFA and student council members held their annual rose sale for Valentine's Day in spite of the very welcome snow. Edie Porter worked her usual magic and people all over Torrance and Lincoln County enjoyed roses in the middle of winter. The students express appreciation to everyone for their support and help.

Fort Stanton

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main in Phase 3 of the Village Water Conservation Plan. She said she made the recommendation because the flow in Rio Ruidoso is so diminished the village cannot divert water to Grindstone Lake and because of other trigger factors. Under Phase 3 no spray or sprinkle irrigation of lawns is allowed. Monitored, hand held watering of trees, bushes, flower beds and container plants is allowed from 3 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Village councilor Ray Nunley asked if the village could require drip irrigation. McKnight said a task force is

working on the village water ordinances, looking at rates and water conservation phases with recommendations for the council by April.

The council also reviewed the first draft of the Village of Ruidoso 40 Year Water Plan which helps establish the need for water rights owned by the village now, or to be purchased or leased in the future. Currently, municipalities can lose their water rights if they cannot prove the rights are needed now or in the future.

Copies of the water plan may be viewed at Ruidoso village hall.

Court Calendar

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Faustino Salcido, CR-2003-212
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Brian Jaramillo, CR-2003-176
Lewis Germany, CR-2003-63 & 89

Change of Plea
Sean Demiter, CR-2003-221
Billy Brewster, CR-2003-161
Terry Kerr, CR-2003-101
Pablo Falcon, CR-2003-149
Fernex Patterson, CR-2003-195


Other
Armando Salazar, CR-2003-27 & 186 Judicial inquiry
1:30 p.m.

Roger Bagwell, CR-2003-178 (Storror ProSe) Appeal, merits
Michael Keaton, CR-2003-180 (Kinsella Ratkin) Motion to suppress.





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US 70 Activities Underway In March 2004

Shoulder and lane closures will continue along the 38-mile project corridor through the month of March. Construction activities include, but are not limited to:

Sec B (MP 267 to MP 275 East of Glencoe) Excavation & Blasting will continue with frequent lane closures. Completions of fill walls and box culvert work on the south side. Traffic will be switched over to newly constructed portion of the south side late March-early April.

Sec C (MP 275 to MP 285 Hondo) Excavation will continue from Rio Bonito Bridge westward to San Patricio. Rio Bonito bridge work and grading will continue through March.

Sec D (MP 285 to MP 289 East of Tinnie) Driveway Turnout work will continue through Mid March with paving operations starting back up Mid March with 4-lanes of traffic complete by mid-April.

Sec E (MP 289 to MP 293 Pieacho) Fill wall construction, base & paving will continue in the Pieacho area.

Sec F (MP 292-298 West of Riverside) Excavation, drainage, walls, base course and paving will continue in March between.

Various lane shifts, detours and roadway re-striping will occur as the work progresses. Please allow an extra 20-30 minutes of your travel schedule to accommodate general construction activities.

Blasting will continue to be more frequent on weekdays (Mon-Fri) in Section B and F at the following locations: MP 272-275 located West of Glencoe East of Fox Cave; MP 267-270, located East of the Rio Ruidoso Bridge and MP 295-297 located at Tim Top area. Please call the hotline or visit the website for details. Lane closures will begin at 12 pm lasting up to one hour.

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March 2004 Calendar of Events
Next US 70 Hondo Valley Citizens Task Force Meeting
Thursday, May 20, 2004

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