

Municipal Election Results

by DORIS CHERRY

Ruidoso Downs Candidates Break Tie With Coin Toss

Ruidoso Downs had the most interesting election of all the county's municipal races on Tuesday, March 2, with the final result for a council position decided with the toss of a coin.

Some 33.4 percent of the registered voters in Ruidoso Downs cast ballots for what

was the longest slate of candidates in all the county's municipal elections. Out of eight candidates for two city council positions, incumbent Sue Garrett easily retained her seat with 145 votes. The other open seat was a different story.

Council candidates Judy Miller and Dale Perry each received 122 votes, the second highest number of votes for a council candidate.

According to state election

laws the two had to break their tie in a mutually agreed upon method of casting lots, said city clerk Carol Virden.

Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor canvassed the Ruidoso Downs election votes on Wednesday morning, and while five absentee votes were added to a losing candidate's total, the judge made the final determination that the noon-time casting of lots was necessary.

Miller and Perry met at city

hall and agreed to toss a coin. When the call was made, Miller, the incumbent, was the winner.

Official canvassed vote totals for the other city council candidates were 115 votes for Sally Turner, 84 for Thomas Chavez, 79 for Virginia Armstrong, 40 for Corinna Baca and 35 for George McCasland.

Ruidoso Downs incumbent mayor Bob Miller held onto his position by getting 181

votes. Challengers, former mayor Joe Hayhurst received 127 votes, Rene Olivo received 97 votes, and write in candidate Maya received three votes.

Ruidoso Downs Municipal Judge Harold Mansell also retained his position by getting 210 votes to challengers Edwin Clecker with 109, Camille Johnson with 38 and Charlie Bagley with 38.

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Fort Stanton Commission To Seek Independent Status

by DORIS CHERRY

Fort Stanton Development Commission will be asking the state to consider making it an independent stand alone agency, similar to the State Fair or Toltec-Cumbres Railroad.

Meeting Saturday, Feb. 28 at Fort Stanton, members of the Fort Stanton Development Commission did not vote unanimously in favor of studying the stand alone status. Commission vice chair Lynda Sanchez and member Charles Rennie voted against the motion calling for the

consideration because it was not on the meeting agenda and because they wanted to take some time to further explore the concept of the independent status. Other members, chair Leon Eggleston, Keith Green, Maury St. John, Dave Simon from State Parks, and Ken Earle for Kathrine Slick from the state historic preservation office voted in favor of exploring the concept.

The motion came out of a discussion about a "collaborative work" of St. John, Lincoln County Commissioner and Fort Stanton Development Commission member, and Fony Hoffman, president of Fort Stanton, Inc. presenting the ultimate goal of "transition present-day Fort Stanton from a money-needing project to a self-sufficient Fort Stanton Heritage Park."

St. John said on January 28, Bill Hume representing Governor Richardson voiced disappointment that Fort Stanton Development Commission had not submitted the governor a written plan for the use of Fort Stanton. "This is the reason Tony and I sat upon a task that has resulted in the document," St. John said. "This is a combination of our ideas and incorporates what we have been hearing from many sources over a period of time."

St. John said a major concern is where Fort Stanton will end up - parks department, cultural affairs or property control. "Or we could ask the legislature to make us an agency of our own, like the Toltec Cumbres Railroad," she added.

After briefly summarizing the history of the Fort Stan-

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A SURPRISE FROM THE PAST. Fort Stanton Development Commission vice chair Lynda Sanchez shows the old compass once owned by a Fort Stanton cavalry soldier that was donated by the Tully family to the Fort Stanton museum during the commission meeting held at the Fort on Feb. 28.



RUIDOSO IS FIREWISE. Ruidoso mayor Leon Eggleston during the Feb. 24 council meeting displays the award given to Ruidoso by the US Forest Service for the village's efforts toward becoming a "Firewise" Community. Eggleston presented the award to village urban forester Rick Delaco and staff.

Carrizozo Concerned Parents Meet March 9

by DORIS CHERRY

Carrizozo parents concerned about the release of Carrizozo school principal Steve Barron are holding another meeting at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday March 9 at the main fire station in Carrizozo.

About 45 parents and community members attended a standing room only meeting held at the Carrizozo fire station on Monday, March 1. They discussed their concerns about the school and began organizing to protest the decision by the Carrizozo school superintendent to not renew the contract for Barron for the 2004-2005 school year. At the February 17 school board meeting, Carrizozo superintendent Sergio Castanon announced he would not renew Barron's contract based on evaluations.

Concerned about the new state law that gives school superintendents the power to hire principals and other staff without school board approval, several at the March 1 community meeting discussed the need to have a strong school board that keeps control over the superintendent. A subcommittee was appointed to draft a resolution that will be circulated around the community for signatures expressing concern about Barron's dismissal and concerns that Carrizozo school board conduct all its business according to the

LCSWA and Capitan Agree On Landfill

by DORIS CHERRY

After years of dispute over the financial responsibility for closing the Capitan Landfills, Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority and the Village of Capitan have come to an agreement.

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) members at their regular meeting February 24 in their offices in Ruidoso Downs unanimously approved an agreement with the Village of Capitan over the landfill issues.

Capitan trustees had approved the agreement at a special meeting held Thursday, February 19, said LCSWA operational supervisor Debra Ingle. Details of the final draft of the agreement were not revealed at the time of the LCSWA meeting.

LCSWA member and county commissioner Leo Martinez made the motion for both parties to enter into the written agreement "setting the rights of each party." Ruidoso member Frank Cummins seconded the motion which carried unanimously with present members Martinez, Frank Cummins, Ruidoso Downs member Don Coleman, Bobbi Shearer carrying the Capitan mayor proxy, and Carrizozo member Ray Dean voting yes.

"It's over," Martinez exclaimed after the unanimous vote.

Shearer said the LCSWA attorney Angie Schneider did an excellent job keeping everyone at the table. "If it had not been for Angie I would have walked away," Shearer said.

Ingle thanked everyone who participated in the negotiations. Martinez also thanked Shearer for her research on the landfill history. "I have a new job for her," Martinez joked. "Researcher."

LCSWA members also unanimously approved an agreement with the Village of Ruidoso for LCSWA to operate the village recycling programs. In exchange for LCSWA getting all the recy-

clable materials from Ruidoso, LCSWA will place two 40-yard containers per month at the Ruidoso solid waste transfer station in which non-household trash such as old furniture and appliances will be placed and LCSWA will haul away.

Ingle said the LCSWA recycling program has diverted 73 transporter trucks full of recyclables from going to the landfill.

Another agreement approved was to allow LCSWA to cooperate with private land owners adjacent to the new LCSWA property along Highway 70 for access to the Ruidoso Downs sewer lines. By cooperating with private entities, the project becomes a private project and not subject to the governmental project wage requirements.

LCSWA members approved a new agenda policy that requires anyone wishing to be on the meeting agenda to submit to the LCSWA of-

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Lincoln County Pledges \$\$\$ To SEAT Plane

At a cost of \$2,500 a day, the Single Engine Attack Tanker (SEAT) airplane is sitting parked at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport (SBRA) so as to be ready to respond to a wildfire instantly.

Village of Ruidoso and NM State Forestry shared the cost of keeping the SEAT parked at SBRA in 2003.

"When the SEAT is actually flying for a fire, the cost of the aircraft is paid through a state or federal agency that employs the craft," explained Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their February 17 meeting in the Lincoln County courthouse in Carrizozo.

County commissioner Maury St. John said the SEAT gives a certain amount of security for responding to wildfire. She suggested the county "do its fair share" and contribute a week of funding to keep the SEAT parked at SBRA. The week would be \$17,500.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs agreed the county is getting the service for "nothing" by having the SEAT parked at SBRA with Ruidoso and state forestry paying.

"We're always criticized for not cooperating and paying our share," St. John said of the county.

"I think we owe a portion

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C'zozo Special Meeting Tonight

Carrizozo Town Council is having a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. tonight concerning water rights issues.

According to town clerk Leann Weibrecht, town attorney David Stevens and several people who filed protests to the proposed Village of Ruidoso water rights transfers from the Carrizozo area will be discussing water issues.

The meeting will include an executive, closed to public session, where trustees will discuss purchase or acquisi-

tion of real property or water rights.

Carrizozo town council has also rescheduled its regular monthly meeting, which was to have been held March 9, to Monday, March 8, at 6 p.m.

All town council meetings will be held in the town offices in Carrizozo Recreation Center.

Agendas for the meetings will be available from the town clerk 24 hours prior to the sessions.

Municipal Election

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Virden said 98 people voted absentee with most voting early in person on machine.

Voters in Capitan showed their desire for new blood on the village board of trustees. Out of eight candidates for two trustee positions Lincoln County emergency manager Bill Martin and Capitan High School football coach Ed Davis got the most votes, ousting one incumbent by only five votes.

Martin received the most votes of all the candidates

with 201, followed by Davis who received 140. Incumbent John Whitaker received 135 votes and incumbent Leroy Montes received 102. Challengers John Egert received 122 votes, Debra Ingle received 52, Donald Brothers received 39, Michael O'Brien received 34.

There were 42 absentee early voters said village clerk Anna Gail Grassie who was very pleased with her first municipal election. Judge Proctor was to canvass the votes at 8:30 a.m. today.

Thursday, March 4 at village hall.

Carrizozo had the best turnout with 36 percent of those registered voting to put a new face on the board of town trustees. David LaFave received the most votes with 160 to oust incumbent Tommy Guevarra who received 140 votes. Incumbent Wes Lindsay retained his position with 157 votes.

Carrizozo Municipal Judge C.O. Chuck Rominger also retained his position with 155 votes, to challenger Lee-Roy Zamora's 121 votes.

Zamora is a sitting trustee with two years left on his term.

There were 57 absentee early voters for the municipal election, said town clerk Leann Weibrecht. Of those, eight were on paper absentee ballots and the rest voted in person on machine. Weibrecht also reported no problems with the election.

Judge Proctor canvassed the votes on Wednesday afternoon.

Only 12 percent of registered Ruidoso voters cast ballots to replace an incumbent and put two other new faces on the council which had three positions open.

The three highest vote getting candidates were Michele Rebstock who received the most votes, with 385, followed by Don Williams with 377 and Angel Shaw with 370. Incumbent Bob Sterchi received 361. Write in candidate Gregg Kotila received 159 votes.

The election went really well, said Ruidoso village clerk Irma Nava. This was also her first election as clerk. She was concerned about the low number of absentee/early voters, 65, and said she had received several questions and calls from people confused about the absentee and early voting.

Corona voters, despite a snowy day, filled the three open positions on their village council with April Bailey with 19 votes, write-in Sherrill Bradford with 21, and David Anderson with 16. A total of 35 voters came into village hall on election day, said village clerk Cathy Perez. There were no absentee voters, either by mail in ballot or in person. Perez added, "For several voters, it was their first visit to the new village hall. Perez said, "And as always, everyone loves it," she added.

The next election will be the June primary where congressional, state and county candidates will be vying for voters of their party to make them the candidates to square off in the November general election.

Municipal candidates will be sworn-in early next week.

Free Watershed Workshop To Be Presented Mar. 10

Sonterra Watershed Management Area (SWMAC) will present a free watershed vegetation management workshop on March 10 at the Sonterra Fire Station on airport road from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Watersheds are the life blood of a community. Lincoln County watersheds are suffering from unplanned fire, drought and over-vegetation. Water quality and quantity problems are becoming apparent. This first seminar, in a series of three, will focus on the definition of what a healthy watershed is. This morning seminar features several of the state's most highly respected experts in watershed health.

The speakers will discuss the characteristics of a healthy watershed, and what causes shed to become non-functional. The morning's presentation will discuss individual issues within the watershed, but provide sound directives for solutions that can address a multitude of problematic areas.

Watersheds become damaged for many reasons, some which we know well, over-vegetation, construction, catastrophic fire and drought. This workshop, designed for sharing information and open discussion, will address what a community can do to return the watershed back into a working partner.

Lunch will be served during a round-table discussion to identify specific problem areas in the Ruidoso and Upper Hondo watersheds. Sonterra WMAC will have membership applications available and participants are invited to attend regularly scheduled SWMAC meetings. SWMAC is dedicated to community involvement for watershed management, accurate public education and getting watershed management out of the classroom and into the field.

The day begins with coffee at 8:45 a.m. followed by registration and meet the speakers. At 9:15 Dr. Karl Wood, director, Water Research and Resource Institute, will speak on what is exactly meant when we talk about watershed health. What characteristics are found in a healthy watershed, what events and activities cause the damage, and what are the facts of watershed function.

At 10:30 Sid Goodloe, Carrizo Valley Project, will speak on the relationship between vegetation and watershed health.

At 11:30 Jay Esperance, US Forestry, will speak on the state of the county's forests.

Lunch, speaker, and Round-table discussion begins at 11:40.

For more information contact Peggy Whitmore at 505-336-1436 or pegw@zianet.com, Sally Canning at 505-653-4041 or laughingsheep@pvtnetworks.net



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, March 1, 1918

Only A Dream

As I wonder round the homestead
Many a dear families spot,
Brought with in my recollection
Scenes I'd seemingly forget;
There the orchard, meadow, yonder
Where the deep old fashion well
With its old moss; covered bucket
Sent a thrill no longer can tell.

Through the house was held by strangers
See remain the same within,
Just as when a child I rambled
Up and down and out and in;
To the garetts dark ascending
Once a source of childish dread,
Peering through the misty cob-webs
To, I saw my tundle bed.
Hush! my dear, lie still and slumber,
Holy angles guard thy bed.

Quick I drew it from the rubbish
Covered o'er with dust so long,
When behold I heard in fancy
Strains of one families song
Often sung by my dear Mother
To me in that tundle bed
Hush! my dear lie still and slumber
Holy angles guard thy bed.

While I listen to the music
Stealing on in gentle strain,
I am carried back to child-hood
I am now a child again;
'Tis the time of my retiring
At the dusty evening title,
Near my tundle bed I'm kneeling
As of yore by Mother's side.

Hands are on my head so loving
So they were in childish days,
I with weary tone am trying,
To repeat the words she says;
'Tis a prayer in language simple
As a Mother's lips can frame,
Father thou who art in Heaven
Hallowed ever be thy name.

Prayer is over to my pillow
With a Good-night kiss I creep,
Scarcely waking while I whisper
Now I lay me down to sleep;
Then my moher o'er me bending
Prayer in earnest words but mild,
Hear my prayer, Oh Heavenly Fath'r,
Bless, Oh Bless, my precious child!

Yet, I am but only dreaming,
Ne'er I'll be a child again,
Many years has that dear mother
In the quiet church yard lain;
But the mem'ry of her counsels
O'er my path a light has shed,
Daily calling me to Heaven
Even from my tumble bed.

--Mrs. Ina May Phillips

Looking Over Roads

Messrs. Long and Anderson, forest officials from Albuquerque, reached here Wednesday to look into the Lincoln county road situation with a view to determining where best to expend the forest money.

They went to Capitan yesterday and were accompanied by a delegation from here. Before reaching Capitan a delegation from Capitan and Lincoln were encountered and the merits of the central road over which the party was driving were gone over.

The forest officials admitted the feasibility of the route and its service to a greater number of our people, but gave no intimation as to what decision would be reached.

The Ruidoso route, they said, was preferable as a tourist proposition; so it is now a question as to whether the people of Lincoln county are to be served-or the comfort of tourists looked after.

Oscuro Oil Co.

E.G. Raffety and Chas. F. Grey were here Tuesday from Oscuro. In a short talk with Mr. Raffety we were informed that his well rig is ready for business and he awaits only the arrival

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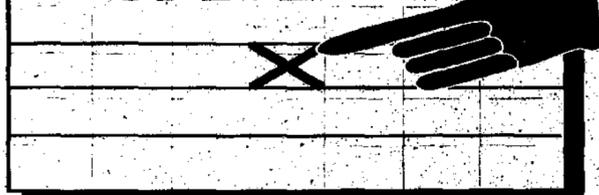
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

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

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

--Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
--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.

TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 4

--Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District 4 p.m. district office on Highway 380 west in Capitan.
--Special Carrizozo Town Trustees meeting 5:30 p.m. town hall offices in Carrizozo Recreation Center for update on water rights transfer protests.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

--Carrizozo Girls Basketball team participate in the regional playoff games in Tatum through March 6.

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.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

--Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) council meets at 1 p.m. at Fort Stanton Administration Building. Tour of the Fort Stanton museum and grounds at noon. Review of REDTT grant applications following meeting.
--Carrizozo Town Trustees regular meeting 6 p.m. town hall offices in Carrizozo Recreation Center. (Meeting moved from regular second Tuesday for this month only.)
--Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Authority 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

--Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce noon. Uptown Cafe. Carrizozo Recreation Center.
--Ruidoso Village Council 6 p.m.
--Carrizozo concerned parents meeting 6:45 p.m. main fire station.
--Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District 7 p.m. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices in Carrizozo.
--Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m.
--Corona Village Council 7 p.m.
--Corona School Board 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

--Sonterra Watershed Management Area workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ranches of Sonterra Fire Station on State Road 220.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

--Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m. Capitan School Administration building board room.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

--Democratic Party of Lincoln County meets at 9:30 a.m. at the old Buckhorn (Larry Mulligan's home) near Glencoe. All interested invited. Call 354-2673 for directions and more information.

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County Should Encourage Schools To Do Risk Survey

Lincoln County Commission should encourage the county's school boards help get more accurate information about youth substance abuse in order to participate in grants.

Ignoring alcohol and other substance abuse among the county's youth will not make the problem go away, said Jennifer Chadwick, chair of the Lincoln County Health and Wellness Council to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting on February 17. Chadwick presented the Health and Wellness Council's quarterly report, as required by county ordinance that established the group.

"We have a problem getting accurate information regarding youth behaviors because Lincoln County schools do not participate in the Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey which is given by the Department of Health," Chadwick continued.

"Why not?" responded county commission chair Rex Wilson.

"It is a bit of the head in the sand not wanting to know," she answered.

In the council report it showed tobacco and drug use within Ruidoso Schools, where 1000 students have access to school health centers. From August 2002 to December 2003, the student health center documented 89 coming in for tobacco dependence and 115 for non-specific drug abuse.

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) reported that during January to March 2002 they saw 67 for use of drugs/possession of paraphernalia; 224 for unlawful procurement of tobacco by a minor; one traffic controlled substances; three consuming/possessing open container of alcohol; 76 possession of alcoholic beverage.

ages by a minor and eight possession of one ounce or less of marijuana.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) transported 62 juveniles to out of county juvenile detention centers from July 2001 to June 2002.

DWI reports from magistrate courts for July 2001 to June 2002 show one juvenile case from Carrizozo and five through the LCSO. New Mexico State Police had 100 juvenile cases. Ruidoso Down Police had 42 and Ruidoso Police had 52 juvenile DWI cases.

Currently the Health and Wellness Council has a Substance Abuse subcommittee working to reduce substance abuse among county youth with education through weekly radio and newspaper articles on health related topics. Funding for the council's work is from grants, Chadwick added.

Health and Wellness Council coordinator Terric Elliott then spoke about state legislation that proposed to cut the state funding for the county maternal and child health programs which would jeopardize the full time coordinator position.

County commissioner Leo Martinez said he would like to see more youth involved with student representatives from the schools. "The drug situation is a big problem happening throughout the county," Martinez said referring to the statistics from the county agencies. He suggested the county commission cover any state funding cut for the health and wellness coordinator. "It is important that kids get encouragement to stay away from drugs," Martinez added.

Wilson said the county would write letters to the legislature opposing any funding cuts. And at the March county commission meeting they would have a resolution asking the school districts to conduct the youth risk surveys.

Anyone interested is invited to attend the Lincoln County Health and Wellness Council meetings held at 8 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month at Ruidoso Senior Center.

Later in the meeting county commissioners agreed to become the fiscal agent for the Lincoln County Community Collaborative (LCCC) to apply for a grant from CYFD to fund trips for local officials to travel to Fort Worth and Deming to tour juvenile programs in those cities.

Juvenile Probation Officer Sergio Castro, on behalf of the collaborative, reported on the accomplishments of the LCCC, including establishment of truancy programs in all schools but Corona; working with the "James Ranch" youth shelter in Roswell to provide safe places for kids who are not in detention but have no where to go.

CERTIFIED CLERK. Ruidoso Village Clerk Irma Nava recently completed course work and was awarded certification as a municipal clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. To obtain the certification clerks must complete hours of course work and pass exams and including a written essay.



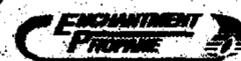
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Carrizozo/Otero Electric	3:30-6:00
Wednesday, March 10	
Carrizozo/Otero Electric	7:30-8:30
Nogal Post Office	9:00-9:45
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe	10:15-11:30
Fort Stanton R/C	12:30-1:30
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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

New And Used Election Winners

By Ruth Hammond

All the candidates in the municipal elections held on Tuesday are to be congratulated for placing their names on the ballot. Voters had the opportunity to choose between incumbents and newcomers in many elections. Reports are that there were no glitches in the elections and once again The News is publishing the results.

Uneventful was one word used to describe election day at most polls. Those who were not successful at the elections showed their dedication by being candidates. The incumbents who were not successful should be thanked for the years they did serve. It is hoped they will continue to serve their friends and neighbors, even though they did not win their bid for re-election. Many times these incumbents worked diligently and often the public was not aware of the time they spent serving.

The newcomers have quite a job ahead. They will need to learn about the Open Meetings Act and how to comply with other state requirements in conducting their duties. Sometimes candidates believe they can make drastic changes, but much municipal business has to be conducted according to state mandates. The state department of finance and administration (DFA) has certain guidelines that must be followed. Money can not be transferred willy nilly from one line item to another line item without approval from the DFA.

However, the most important thing for newcomers to learn is that they should serve the public. It is their duty to try to fulfil their positions as efficiently as they can and try to not be influenced by special interests.

Other things that need to be taken into consideration are that there are several different departments in their municipality that need to be addressed, it does not serve the public to try to improve only one department.

Rarely can drastic changes be made quickly at the municipal level. Some actions require changes in the municipal ordinances while other changes may be made by resolution. And state mandates must be followed.

Instead of trying to make changes, newcomers might be ahead to learn the way things are and why they are. Some rules are in effect for very worthwhile reasons.

The votes have been counted, the newly elected officials, whether incumbents or newcomers, will be sworn in soon, and municipal business can resume.

Yes, the election process continues to be great.

Lincoln County Pledges \$\$

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of the SEAT cost," Hobbs added.

County commissioner Leo Martinez also wanted the county to contribute to the SEAT cost. "We need to remember that when we have fires in the county, the Village of Ruidoso sends its fire fighters out into the county," Martinez said. "Do they get paid?"

County manager Tom Stewart said there is a collaborative effort when that happens and fire department and other emergency response people from Ruidoso are reimbursed.

"Let's pay to have the SEAT sit on the ground," Hobbs said.

With that, county commissioners voted unanimously to fund a week of parking costs for the SEAT.

Prior to discussion and action on the SEAT, Lincoln County Emergency Services manager Bill Martin presented his recommendations for the county's emergency services especially fire departments. His recommendations included adoption of the state fire code and establishment of county code enforcement; county fire marshal; enhanced county fire planning ordinances; implementation of county fire protection excise tax; county fire district insurance funding; county water supply points and designate county land for fire training.

Stewart questioned the cost and benefits of adopting the state fire code and having a county code enforcement officer. He said there is a voluntary fire planning underway now; a tax would ultimately require approval by the voters; insurance coverage of vehicle liability and

other liability insurance would cost the county about \$45,000 a year. Stewart said health insurance would not be county programs but are under the State Cafeteria plan, which by his research are not open to volunteer fire fighters.

As for water supply points, Stewart said the idea has been discussed and the fire departments need to assist in establishing these locations.

As for a county training center, Stewart said it is feasible, but county commissioners took a different idea.

St. John suggested the county volunteers train at the fire center in Socorro. Martin said that is a good training center, but most volunteers do not have the time or the extra money to attend a multi-day out of town training session.

Martin said the recommendations and report was a cooperative venture of the volunteer fire departments with good community based involvement. "I hope we can see these recommendations expanded in the future," he added.

County commissioners did not act on any of the recommendations at the meeting.

They did unanimously vote on the county manager's recommendation to split \$125,000 from the US Highway 70 Community Enhancement Funds between the Glencoe Palo Verde and the Hondo Fire Departments, both of which are along Highway 70, with funds to be used to construct two new fire stations.

EARL...



"I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED SOMETHING THIS MORNING WHEN HE ASKED ME IF I ENJOYED THE SMELL OF FRESHLY MOWN HAY"
Big Dry Syndicate

INSIDE THE CAPITOL

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE -- "This will be the year of the Legislature," Gov. Bill Richardson announced in his State of the State address. Law makers politely applauded, remembering their last year definitely was The Year of the Governor and wondering how this year could be different.

"This really was the year of the Legislature," Richardson enthused as the session came to an end. Law makers no longer were applauding. Things had gone as they expected. Occasionally the governor had sweet-talked them, but more often it had been tough talk that escalated to bullying and finally to threats.

Where was the suave international negotiator who extricated hostages from foreign strongmen? Richardson was acting more like those strongmen than a diplomat. But then, there's a difference between diplomacy and running a government, especially when the chief executive wants to run it as hard and fast as Richardson does.

Richardson has been a hard-charging kind of guy ever since he set foot in Congress 21 years ago. He moved quickly into the lower leadership ranks of the Democratic Party. If he were still in Congress, he would have been fighting with Nancy Pelosi and Steny Hoyer for minority floor leader when Dick Gephardt stepped down.

But Richardson's sights were higher and now he's a governor trying to prove he can move a poor, small state into the national limelight. He has the ambition and energy to do it, but he also needs a staff and Legislature with equal energy. He can hire and fire staff, but he can't pick his Legislature. He's gotta dance with the blind date voters sent him.

Contrary to what many think, their legislators are hard workers. The trouble is, they also have minds of their own and are quite jealous of the powers granted them by the state constitution. They don't necessarily go to Santa Fe to do the governor's bidding. So when they are poked and prodded, they don't respond gracefully.

Two days before the end of the session, Richardson issued his final ultimatum: get busy on my legislation or I'll call a special session.

There are few things legislators like less than a do-this-or-else governor. One of them is special sessions. These folks give up jobs and busi-

nesses to come to Santa Fe and bust their tails for free. They don't like having to come back later, especially during an election year, and do more of it. So they gave the governor some of what he wanted. Richardson declared a victory and promised there would be no special session.

Lawmakers have never seen a governor like Richardson. Former Gov. Gary Johnson was my-way-or-the-highway, just like Richardson, but he exerted no effort during the session to influence the final product. Richardson's style is more like that of President Lyndon Johnson's than anyone else. Johnson didn't make any friends, but he got to the top.

Much of Richardson's hard-hitting style comes from the major-league level-back in Washington. Richardson plays a much rougher brand-of ball than we are accustomed to out here. And we may see some of that rough-and-tumble stuff during this year's election campaign.

Richardson has a big war chest and he may try to use some of it to mold a little more pliable Legislature for next year. Since he will have no special session and no constitutional amendment elections this year and the presidential caucuses are behind him, Richardson's only major distraction will be the Democratic National Convention this summer in Boston.

That will give the governor time to get involved in the primary and general elections, if he chooses, helping those who helped him and not helping those who didn't. It is dangerous, as deposed state GOP chief John Dendahl can attest. But maybe Richardson will be more discreet.

Meanwhile, lawmakers are likely to spend some time in the coming months strategizing about how to make next year truly the Year of the Legislature.



PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

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Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)
The people you are around may seem a little unruly. Get in with the game of life and have extra fun. You might find out, when you're happy you'll allow more money to flow to you.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Stress isn't the problem. It's how you're handling it. Walk away from stressful people, places, and things. You can only bring so much to the table. Let others carry their own weight for a change.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Your money can grow when you decide to do two things: #1. Don't spend money on unnecessary things. #2 Save the money you just saved by not spending on unnecessary things. For 30 days:

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Don't let a setback change your good mood. It's all energy. Decide if you want the good, bad, or the ugly. Your energy will decide what you want and will put up with. Breathe in good.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Not yet, but soon. Time is always just around the corner. "Not" it's here and now. Use it or lose it. Don't stand behind someone else if you want to be noticed. Get out there and play ball. Win.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)
Your mood is tied up in your health. You know what needs to be done. Clean out your clutter and revamp your body. Energy you lack is because you are not treating yourself good. Start over.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
This time last year you wanted something different. Do what needs to be done so next year at this time your not saying the same thing. You have the green light. It's a go. More money.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
The truth is here. In front of you. Stop long enough to look at the people you associate with. Are you really with people that love you no matter what? If not: Change it, so you can share real love.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Don't think when you're too tired, to make the right decision. Your red hot temper could stop everything. Get good rest, good food, and sleep. Start a new day feeling better. Your actions speak loud and clear.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Don't expect to step in the end of the game and win. In the game of life, you have to prepare, first. Start with a great idea. Don't worry. Just do it. Remember: Eagles don't catch flies.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Get away and think about what is good for you, so you can serve others better. Your happiness lies inside your heart. You can't starve yourself of love and expect to give away what you don't possess.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Before you start your new life, you better make sure the old one is gone. Bringing in old baggage isn't going to help you to be successful in the future. Make sure the past is cleaned out.

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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.

Free Prize Scheme

It happens every day. Thousands of people are notified by mail that they have won a free prize. Usually, it's a postcard notice that says your prize will be one of four or five valuable items -- a new car, a vacation, a color television, or a \$1,000 savings bond. Major companies sometimes give away expensive items in special promotions, but they usually don't notify winners with a postcard. Typically, these notices are mailed by con artists whose sole purpose is to rip you off.

Often you never get a prize. If you do get one, it typically is an inferior, overpriced, or grossly misrepresented piece of merchandise. For example, an "all terrain vehicle" turned out to be a lawn chair with wheels, a "sport fishing boat" was an inflatable raft, and a "genuine fur coat" was a dyed rabbit pelt worth about \$30. Beware if the notice lists nice surrounding prizes like "designer" or "diamond" watches. They are likely to be cheap or practically worthless junk.

Further, the scam artist makes you pay for "free" items, either by requiring you to order merchandise or by charging a shipping, handling charge, or processing fee. You can almost be certain that the fees required to get the prize will exceed the true monetary value of the prize itself. And the merchandise you are required to buy will be grossly overpriced, as has been the case with the water filters and purifiers and the vitamins that are often marketed to the lucky "winners".

Every day, consumers throughout the U.S. lose many thousands of dollars to these unscrupulous free prize promoters. Their operations, known as boiler rooms, are staffed by high pressure sales people armed with sophisticated selling techniques designed to get you to send them money. Don't be swayed by their carefully scripted sales pitches and pressure tactics. Even better, arm yourself in the best possible way against falling victim to these kinds of frauds -- by knowing how these con men operate and being prepared to ignore their come-ons.

If you receive a mailing promising you a free prize or if you have been victimized in a free prize promotion through the mail, contact your local postmaster or the nearest Postal Inspector.

SOURCE: Postal Inspection Service

**DISTRICT COURT
CALENDAR**

The Calendar for
District Judge Karen Parsons

Monday, March 1
1 p.m. Judge to be in Estancia for Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) case JQ-2003-04; internal judicial review all parties.

Tuesday, March 2
8:15 a.m. Judge Parsons in Ruidoso
Kaeli Hickman; JR-2002-46; check in.
Ryan Baker; JR-2003-44; check in.
Sonny Littleton; JR-2002-18 and JR-2003-37; check in.
Autumn Judd; JR-2004-10 first appearance.
Jake Dominguez; JR-2003-85; disposition.
Casey Smith; JR-2003-74; Pre-trial.
Chance Stemer; JR-2003-73; Pre-trial/status.
Esmeralda Sanchez; JR-2003-76; pre-trial.
Chet Wilkinson; JR-2003-82; first appearance.
Dakota Bloodworth; JR-2003-03; adjudication.
10:30 a.m. New York Life v. Cantu; CV-2003-44 (Strelitz/Rafkin)

2 p.m. Sunrise Mobile v. Blackburn; CV-2003-265 (ProSe) Appeal.

5 p.m. Drug Court
Dawn Salcido; JR-2003-43
David McLeskey; JR-2002-56 & JR-2003-43
Nicholas Harford; JR-2003-64

Wednesday, March 3
8 a.m. Judge meets with jurors.
1:30 p.m. JQ-2004-04 (10 day.)
Darrell Brantley domestic mediator hears cases at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Morin v. Morin; DV-2004-16
Payne v. Payne; DV-2004-17
Carson v. Carson; DV-2004-18

Thursday, March 4
8:30 a.m. teleconference meeting.
1:30 p.m. meeting.

Friday, March 5
8:30 a.m. First Appearances:
Tim Underwood; CR-2003-55 & 96
William Shaw; CR-2003-42
Ross Hensel; CR-1999-40
Brian Painter; CR-2002-51 & 121
Jose Arroyo; CR-2004-16
Cynthia Encinas; CR-1999-156
Change of Plea; Terry Kerr; CR-2003-101
Pre-Trial Hearings: Daryl Carson; CR-2003-215

Sentencing:
Jose Limones; CR-2003-144
James Bullard; CR-2003-166
Angel Saenz; CR-2002-11
Natalie Aguirre; CR-2002-177
Angella Steele; CR-2003-168
Christopher Harris; CR-2003-103

Motions and Other:
Marisa Garrett; CR-2003-248
Freddy Salazar; CR-2003-231
Jose Marquez; CR-2003-145
William Gardner; CR-2002-23
Jeff Chavarria; CR-2003-25 judicial inquiry.
Ralph Boswell; CR-1996-131 judicial inquiry

Merits:
John Ortiz; CR-1997-43
Robert Palmer; CR-2000-144
Jennifer Vega; CR-1999-06 & 26
11 a.m. David Hollingsworth; CR-2003-236 (Kinsella/Beu-
vais) first appearance and motions.
1:15 p.m. Vickie Smallwood; CR-2003-179
(Kinsella/C.Hawthorne) Plea on counts 2-8.

Sheriff's Report

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

February 23
9:58 a.m. trespass. Caller who lives east of state road 37 wanted to make a report of a male who keeps tearing down a tire fence.

3:16 p.m. report of possible fight between two groups of children at Cedar Creek.

3:46 p.m. horses with no food or water at location in lower Eagle Creek. Deputy dispatched.

4:24 p.m. anonymous young female reported possible fight at location in lower Eagle Creek.

4:50 p.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping at condos in the Alto area to meet with a subject who lives in a condo and escort the manager away from the office after he is terminated. Deputy dispatched.

5:22 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location on 5th Street for elderly male with possible heart attack. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at the scene at 5:31 p.m. and at 5:45 p.m. left for Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso and requested Med I advanced life support ambulance meet them on route which happened at 5:53 p.m. with the ambulances arriving at LCMC at 6:36 p.m.

8:49 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Antelope Trail for 69 year old with possible stroke. Med I arrived at 9:24 p.m. and was refused.

8:54 p.m. burglar alarm sounding at country club dining room. Two deputies dispatched.

February 24
1:30 a.m. request for motorist assistance at location on Highway 54. Deputy dispatched.

8:14 a.m. K-9 running at large west of Lincoln north of Highway 380. Deputy dispatched.
12:17 p.m. request for ambulance at Carrizozo clinic. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 12:26 p.m. and at 12:39 p.m. left for the hospital in Alamogordo arriving there at 1:29 p.m.

2:55 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 23 year old female with asthma attack. Med I arrived at 3:28 p.m. and transported to LCMC.

6 p.m. broken window at location on B. Ave. in Carrizozo. Deputy dispatched.

7:40 p.m. request for ambulance for male with seizures who was traveling to LCMC. Male called again and requested an ambulance meet him. At 8:03 p.m. Med I intercepted with the caller and transported him to LCMC arriving there at 8:36 p.m.

7:50. 8:10 and 9 p.m. three different reports of animals without feed in lower Eagle Creek. Deputy dispatched.

February 25
12:38 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 41 year old female with hip pain and on back board. Med I arrived at 1:10 p.m. and transported to LCMC.

2:53 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 21 year old male with chest pains. Med I arrived at 3:26 p.m. and at 3:45 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 4:24 p.m.

3:30 p.m. request for ambulance at ag farm in Carrizozo for male with hurt shoulder. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 3:39 p.m. and at 3:52 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 4:26 p.m.

3:31 p.m. high school kids fighting at location in Eagle Creek. One deputy arrived at 3:42 p.m. another at 4:26 p.m.

3:53 p.m. K-9 at large at mile marker 96 on Highway 380 west of Lincoln. The neighbors two big white dogs were at large at random times, and that day they were in the caller's fenced yard where their dog was chained. At 5:37 p.m. a deputy was dispatched, at 6 p.m. arrived and spoke to both parties. At that time the dogs were on their property.

4:33 p.m. deputy advised of subject with holding ID at location on Eagle Creek.

5:43 p.m. accident without injuries at the intersection of state road 48 and ski run road. Deputy dispatched.

6:42 p.m. small fire west of the railroad tracks south of Corona. Corona fire chief responded and at 7 p.m. advised it was a controlled burn.

7:53 p.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping at location on Aspen Lane. Deputy dis-

patched.
9:57 p.m. burglary of a fire-arm in Nogal area.

11:12 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Highway 54 in Oscura. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 11:35 p.m. but was refused.

February 26
2:30 a.m. state police reported overturned cattle truck at mile marker 131 on Highway 54. Deputy dispatched.

8:12 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) requested deputy for welfare check and referral of elderly subject in the Hondo valley area. At 11:50 a.m. deputy arrived but made no contact with the subject because she was being taken to the doctor by her daughter. CYFD was advised.

10:01 fear for life and unwanted subjects at condos in Alto area. Deputies dispatched.

11:24 a.m. stray dog at mile marker 270 on Highway 70. Responding deputy advised he did not make contact with the dog.

11:28 a.m. truck blocking mailboxes on Roadrunner Drive.

11:58 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 22 year old male with fractured wrist. Med I arrived at 12:33 p.m. and at 12:48 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 1:27 p.m.

2:30 p.m. information report, the caller sold a vehicle and the new owner had not registered it.

2:56 p.m. request for ambu-

lance at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) for prisoner who was disoriented and throwing up. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 3:05 p.m. but was refused transport.

9:27 p.m. possible stolen wallet, taken from the caller's purse while she was at work at an Alto area.

February 27
8:52 a.m. gas skip on ski run road.

9:04 a.m. gas skip on ski run road.

10:41 a.m. assault at location on Bewly Lane.

3:40 p.m. deputy advised he did warrant service to a 23 year old female.

4:32 p.m. deputy advised he did warrant service to a 33 year old male inmate at LCDC.

5:02 p.m. custodial interference at location on Sun Valley Trail, a child was not turned over to the caller as stated in the custodial order. Also the caller had received threatening

messages on his answering machine made by the child's mother.

5:25 p.m. semi-truck doing business on the side of the road near Maggado Creek Estates. Deputy advised the truck was legal for 30 days, however the semi left to load up marble and a pick-up was left in its place. Deputies arrived at the location at 5:41 p.m.

5:59 p.m. request for ambulance at a rehab center. Med I arrived at 6:33 p.m. and at 7:54 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 8:25 p.m.

10:55 p.m. Ruidoso Police reported racing on State Road 220 in front of the performing center. State police and deputies dispatched.

11:29 p.m. possible prowler on Vail Road.

February 28
7:10 a.m. domestic violence at location at mile marker 19 on State Road 246.

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Church Directory

Claunch Community Church
TONY SCACCIA, Minister
849-1402
Second Sunday of Each Month 8:00 a.m.

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

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 WINSO, 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 / 336-4627
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
CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7975
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

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.
Prayer Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel
Jerry & Lanita Rasak

In Memory of
BILL WINKLER
Stearns Insurance Agency

Corona News

Corona had another snow! This one eight to ten inches and wet. Sunday morning there was an inch of new snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bagley, Anchorage, Alaska, were visiting friends last week. They had been in Arizona for three months. They are looking for a place warmer than Corona to retire.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yancey and Bernice McCord were in Roswell Friday and Saturday. Friday on business and Saturday to attend the birthday party for three year old Aaron Schnoor. Aaron lives with his grandparents. Crystal and Charley Lueras. His brother and two cousins helped with the party. His paternal grandparents were unable to attend because of Albuquerque weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lueras are both back from service in Iraq and are at home in Roswell.

Myrtle Kaiser, 83, of Los Chavez died Sunday morning, Feb. 22, a victim of lung cancer. She loved her family and she loved Corona. Her

remains were to be interred in the Porter Family plot in the Corona Cemetery.

Don't forget the open house at the Rock Building, Saturday, March 6 from 2:00 - 4:00 with the birthday party to follow.

The Ed Heiman barn and corrals are really coming along. In ways it reminds me of the old photo showing the large wool warehouse that was in Old Lincoln town.

The new walls are going up on the Dr. Woods Annex. They are now putting up the adobe walls inside the frame.

A moving, beautiful story was read to the church members at coffee time Sunday. It is a story of a mother's and father's struggle with a daughter's fight against anorexia. It was a hard won battle, with God's and friends help.

Several area residents have gone to Roswell and see the *Passion of Christ*.

I can hear better now that my ear infection is better.

muddy yards?

Mr. and Mrs. Herman McArthur journeyed to Socorro to see their grandson, Aaron Hooper participate in the Science Olympics. The activities were held at the NM School of Mines Saturday, February 21.

Aaron won first place in state for Robotics. Aaron designed and build his remote control robot, similar to the rover Spirit, which executed designated tasks in the shortest period of time among the competitors. Aaron's team from Sydney, Gutierrez Middle School in Roswell came in third in overall competition. There were 26 school participating in the 18th Olympics of the Mind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunlap met friends from Las Cruces in Ruidoso Saturday. They were part of the Gideon group who were meeting in preparation for their annual meeting. One of those present was the former Elaine (?) Lassiter. The Lassiter family was employees of the New Mexico State Monument of Lincoln and lived in the Wat-



Grizzly WEEKLY

by Carrizozo High School Journalism Class
Sarah Ball, Instructor



Valentines for Vets!

Junior Rotary is all about service. This time the service project was making home-made Valentine cards for veterans for serving our country with great pride and honor. Junior Rotarians Jesse Samora and Josh Calvert co-chaired the event.

Each Junior Rotary member was assigned to make six cards, three to local veterans and three to the veterans in the hospital in Albuquerque. Even though Junior Rotary sponsored the event, junior high and other high school students were involved. Each card was embedded with a personal message which came from the heart.

Junior Rotary members received names of veterans from the America Legion and by word of mouth. Almost 80 Valentines were mailed locally, and another 80 were sent to the VA hospital. If by chance we did not receive your name and you are a veteran, we are sorry and wish you a Happy Valentine's Day!

Britni Ward

Poems From the Heart

On Tuesday, February 3, Karen Alexander, published poet, came to Carrizozo High School to present her poetry, give insight on what poetry is, and a lesson on how to write it. Mrs. Alexander, or, as she preferred to be called, Karen, showed the students a variety of techniques of writing poetry. She wanted the students to express themselves through words, particularly using figurative language.

Karen began by reciting some of her own poetry, distributing classic poems for students to read, and having students listen to poems on CD because, as she said, poetry was meant to be heard. Through example, she exposed the students to rhyme, blank verse, free verse, alliteration, and other poetic devices.

Ms. Ball, our English teacher, responded to Karen's seminar by saying, "Poetry is my weakest area, and I wanted someone to come in with poetry being her strongest area and to give my students the benefit of her expertise. With her presentation, students wrote some exceptional poetry."

The students seemed ecstatic and eager to put their pens to the paper. Some had so much to say, so many feelings to express, and a lot of imagination to convey. The poems were mouth-watering to the heart, but were easily digested.

Dr. Hawk, our science teacher, was also infected with the "poetry disease." The following day, he took it upon himself to allow his students to write poetry in his classes concerning each of his subjects. "The value of cross-curricular exercise is immeasurable, but nonetheless quite valuable. We use English to express ourselves in science, science to serve as material for English, and math to show that in all classes, it adds up to a well rounded education," avowed Dr. Hawk.

Karen helped the students express themselves by digging inside, exposing their souls. There were many extraordinary poems that the students wrote, all of which triggered the minds and rejuvenated their core characters.

Brandon B. Morales

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 6, 2004, Reginald Wade Richey, P.O. Box 237, Lincoln, New Mexico 88338, filed application No. 01913-C with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change partial point of diversion of the surface waters of the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to supplement the diversion of 24,375 acre-feet per annum of surface waters, with the present point of diversion being a river pump located on the Hulbert Ditch in the NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., by adding a supplemental point of diversion being, a shallow well to be drilled approximately 100 feet in depth and 8 inches in diameter at a point in the NE1/4NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., for the continued irrigation of 7.5 acres of land described as Pt. N1/2SW1/4 of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

The points of diversion and place of use are located approximately one mile southeast of Lincoln, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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

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Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

Another month gone by and another Leap Year month has come and gone. Time does fly.

Wasn't it nice to have mud for a change? The last snow was so wet. Who would think we would be glad to see



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Fort Stanton FACTS & FICTION

by Betty Lou Joiner

Hopefully the money that is being funded to Fort Stanton will be the first of many dollars given to fix all the buildings. Barbara Heiser and I tried to get the word out to write Steve Pearce about the funding. Thanks to all who wrote a note to him. I do think he and Gov. Richardson may do a lot for the Fort.

Willie Hobbs is feeling so great about the new heater in the post office. Way before I was there, the only heat was a small heater hanging from the ceiling and it never got very warm. Nick Skogland and Sam Townley found a big brown heater and installed it in the post office last week. It is now very warm, and doesn't matter that the heater is nearly bigger than the post office.

The posse is getting ready to try and bring the pony express ride back to the way we had done it for seven years. A trial run last year was very unsuccessful and the many comments were they liked the ride over the mountains instead of a one camp situation.

Already Clarence Leslie, chairman, has things going good. The deadline for the poster entries was March 1 and we have several good pictures to choose from. A new project of having the Lincoln County school students participate has had great participation from so many teachers.

Kudos to all the teachers who took the time and effort to help the students draw a poster. It will definitely be a tough decision. Dottie MacVeigh worked with me to get the Hondo elementary school involved. She brought me several and was kind enough to let me take a dog to the Hondo schools to show the students about stamp collecting. Today in the mail I got thank you letters from her class. Wish everyone could see the pictures drawn by her class and the thank you notes they sent. Joe Heiser picked up several from one of the schools in Ruidoso and we expect to get several from a request I made on Friday two weeks ago.

I visited the Capitan schools on Friday and enjoyed the classes in the music room where Sherry Gowen and Mr. Briggs were teaching the students how to play pictionary. This was a lot of fun. They let me explain a little about the pony express art contest and hopefully several will enter from Capitan. Kindergarten through fifth came to the music room at different times and got to enjoy all of the different drawings of the statue of liberty to ear rings. The first three winners from each school will be given prizes with some participation awards.

Rosemary LaRue, Jane Livingston, Verla Caster, Barbara Heiser, Lucille Smith, Tad Vanderhyde and myself are the committee working on these projects.

Roland Caster and Tad Vanderhyde installed a new door in the trailer on the property last week.

We hope to have the water and electricity in soon and then we will begin on the buildings.

The posse was sad to hear of Maureen Sullivan's death. She was a dear friend of mine and always had something good to say to me. Her writings to the Lincoln County News was enjoyed by many. I was sorry I didn't get to see her the last time she was in Capitan. Our sympathy goes to Tom and Pat and their family.

Rosemary and Bob LaRue are in California where Rosemary has had surgery on her ankle. Margaret and I talked to Bob on Saturday and he said she had come thru the surgery fine and the cast was nearly bigger than she is. They will stay there for a couple of weeks and then be home for the rest of the long recuperation.

Stopping in at Alto post office this morning, found Mary, David and Vicky hard at work putting up the mail. Mary reported she will soon be enjoying her oldest daughter coming to stay with her while her husband goes to Iraq. Michelle, the younger daughter, is working to complete her nursing degree and Mary is enjoying helping with the grandbaby.

Bessie Jones moved home from the assisted living place in Roswell. She is happier at home and has many friends coming by. The senior citizens, Betty Browning, Masons, Doris Pounds, the mailman and Janice Gnatkowski, along with Audrey and Jace and Kersti helped her out. The day we went for furniture there were several new one moving in and out. The elevators nearly quit working with all the trips up and down.

Remember the upcoming Smokey's sixtieth celebration on May 7-8 and 9. I stopped in at the Historical Park last week and Eddie, David and Lynn were getting the brochures ready to mail with the information.

There will be a car show, a couple of plays done by the school kids, a big band which will play at the football field, chuck wagon exhibit, chainsaw carving of the bears, and hopefully I will get two or three special cancellations ready. Check with the park to find out more about this. It will be here very soon.

CowBelles will soon be planning their Ag day and the roping they put on for their money maker. Think it will be the last week in June.

Jane Livingston visited her daughter in Las Cruces last week in between the storms. I thought she had gone the week before and didn't call to tell her we had a meeting of the pony express at Jim Tharpe's on February 19.

A full house with lots of new ideas made for a good meeting. Clarence and Bessie Leslie have made arrangements where we will be able to use the White Oaks school house this year for the Thursday

night supper and we can use the stage for entertainment.

Dave and Valerie Thomas always let us impose on them for the Thursday night fun. The Fort Stanton camp will go back to the original place by the bridge. Not sure where the first night's camp will be yet. Anyone wanting to donate can contact any posse member.

I stopped in at Joy Downey's to ask her about the medallion she had made for the pony express race in 1988. Hopefully she will design another one for next year when it will be the 35th year. Joy said Bob Watson had been the one who was in charge of the one in 1988. Lots of people have had a part in this

very interesting part of Lincoln County history.

When I went to research some things to tell the students about the pony express I was surprised to read in a post office brochure where the donut came to be from the pony express mail ride. It states that the riders could not stop to even eat and so the girlfriends or wives would make a hole in their cakes or cookies and throw it on the rifle as they went by.

Not sure if this is "fact or fiction". Another place on the internet said that the log cabin quilt came about when Johnny Frye, the first rider of the pony express's girlfriend asked him for his scarf to put in a quilt she was making. He wouldn't give her one

so she got on a horse and when he came by she tried to grab the neck scarf from him, but when she missed she got his shirt instead and tore a piece of it off and used it for the piece in the log cabin quilt. Again I didn't make this up. It is written in these articles. Anyway it is an interesting thought.

Lydia Rue has leased the Glencoe store from Ray Sanchez. Be sure and stop in and buy a burrito. She has all kinds of hopes to soon be serving tacos

and other foods. The other day she had a bowl of apples, oranges, and bananas there and they looked so good. The homemade cookies are also a treat.

Harley and her sheep are doing good. She has some new baby lambs and will soon be leading them around. She keeps busy with her gymnastics and school work. Mom and Dad have been attending a fire school in Ruidoso and so grandpa got to take her to school.

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Lincoln County Manager's Report

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart presented the following report to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting on Tuesday, February 17, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Space Utilization Agreement for Fort Stanton Partnership

Stewart reported he was in contact with Bill Pulley, architect and facilities planner for the New Mexico Property Control Division, for the expansion of space utilization agreement for the Fort Stanton Partnership to use the concession building (canteen) and Building 830 (administration building). He sees no obstacles to having a renewable agreement for a minimum of five years ready by the end of February.

County Construction Update

Carrizozo Clinic construction was 92 percent complete

at the time of the meeting. "We are currently anticipating a certificate of occupancy and fire marshal's inspection toward the beginning of March," Stewart said. On January 28 the project was inspected by a project supervisor from the Department of Health Office of Engineering Services. "He was very pleased with our progress and found all in order," Stewart added.

The Ambulatory Surgery Project at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso is also progressing well. The project is about 48 percent complete and we are still estimating a completion date at the end of June.

The Public Health Facility in Ruidoso is 29 percent complete. On January 28 the project was inspected by a project supervisor from the Department of Health Office of Engineering Services. He

was pleased with the progress and found all in order there also. Estimated completion date is end of June.

Progress on Stevens Tower for Hondo Valley Communications

The repeater is installed and power is being connected. The site building has been delivered and operations will probably commence soon. Other repeater sites are being updated to communicate with the Stevens Hill Tower.

Leadership Lincoln Visit With the Governor

On February 5, our Leadership Lincoln group visited with Governor Richardson in Santa Fe. According to Scott Shafer with Leadership Lincoln, the Governor promised \$517,500 in support from his budget for the project to conserve buildings at Fort Stanton. The Governor stated he is committed to the project and that it will be great for the state.

Citizen Jerry Carroll objected to the Leadership Lincoln group holding a closed to public class in the county commission chambers in January, because it violated the state constitution anti-donation clause to allow use of public facilities for private gain.

County commission chair Rex Wilson said the county makes the courthouse available to the public. "I was not aware of a private meeting," Wilson said. "I just talked to the group."

Carroll requested the county attorney clarify if this was a private meeting, and Wilson asked the attorney to "look into it."

Video Arraignment for Carrizozo Magistrate Court

The NM Administrative Offices of the Court found some additional revenue for establishing a video arraignment for the Carrizozo Magistrate Court. The cost to the county will be about \$502 for installation and \$357 per month for the connection.

Sewer Problems in Annex Building

"We have encountered sewer pipe problems in the court house annex that houses the DA and Extension Offices," Stewart reported. "Last week the pipes overhead in the basement split open and poured sewage into the basement hallway. The problem has been resolved but we had to evacuate some file locations." The fix estimate was \$2,500.

Unannounced Detention Center Shakedown

On February 12 there was an unannounced shakedown of the entire detention center. State police used the event as

training. State police and border patrol dogs were used to check all vehicles in the parking lot and the entire detention center. "No contraband was found," Stewart reported.

At the conclusion of Stewart's report, county commissioner Maury St. John said she was very proud of "our county manager" for his long hours spent in Santa Fe during the legislative session following the indigent health care clarification bill sponsored by Sen. Tim Jennings. "I want him to know how much I appreciate him," St. John said to Stewart.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs said the county is very fortunate to have Stewart who works for the whole county and spends long hours.

Wilson joked that he wouldn't be surprised when Stewart asks for a helicopter.

County commissioner Leo Martinez gave "accolades" to Stewart for his work with the legislature in Santa Fe. "More importantly, you went against the hospital lobbyists, and fought to keep the language in the bill. I applaud you for that," Martinez said to Stewart.

Ft. Stanton Facts & Fiction

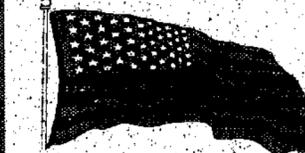
(Con't. from P. 7)

My sheep just keeps getting bigger and bigger and makes everybody really run fast when they get out of their cars. He tries to beat them to the door where he can get in the back room to eat dog food.

It is really funny to see if the visitor can outrun him. He is almost so strong I can't get his head out of the dog food bag.

Anyone trying to get in touch with me will have a really hard time now. Most of the time they could only get me at work. I have had a computer about a month now and without a second phone line, I cannot be reached with the computer on. This has been a tough go, as I have so much to learn and without the phone line I have a hard time remembering what they tell me to do. Margaret Woodard is trying to learn and has taught me many things by pushing the wrong keys. It is quite an adventure. Anybody with any good computer tips, please send them US MAIL.

Til the next time I write, enjoy the good moisture and come by and buy some of the new stamps. The floral bouquets are beautiful and the Dr. Seuss are very different. We hear there will soon be a John Wayne stamp out. This will make a good one for our letters for August.



Have A Good Day!

Lady Grizzlies Capture District Championship

Another Notch on Their Belt

On Friday, February 27, another district championship was added to our collection.

The Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies cruised their way to hosting another district championship game. Having earned a bye, they could only wait to see who would be their next victim.

The Lady Grizzlies would face the victor of the Mountainair-Temple Baptist game. They found out that they would be facing one of their deep-rooted rivals...the Mountainair Mustangs. This promised to be another cat-fight.

Zozo, having defeated the Mustangs twice earlier in the season, did not look at this game as a push over. The scenario for the big game was all too familiar. A few years ago, Zozo defeated the 'Stangs throughout the entire season...but lost in a stunning upset in the district championship, which was held at Carrizozo. The Mustangs surely couldn't defeat the Grizzlies at home again...or could they?

The Lady Grizzlies appeared to be prepared for the game. In their eyes was the sparkling glimmer of a district championship trophy. They wasted no time disposing the Lady Mustangs, defeated them by more than 20 points, adding yet another district championship to their collection.

Adrienne Zamora led Zozo with 18 points, followed by Kaitlyn Vega with 15, and Stephanie Brewer with 14. The Lady Grizzlies head into Regionals, March 6-7, with a tough defensive unit. This could possibly be the last game(s) for seniors Adrienne Zamora, Ariel Burr, and Ariel Vallejos, although they'd rather close out their season with a State title. However, before they can plan for state, they must travel to Tatum for Regional play.

Although the Lady Grizzlies continue on their seasonal path, the Zozo boys have reached the end of their rope. The Grizzlies suffered a loss to the Mountainair Mustangs the night before the girls' district championship. They needed to win that game to advance in the district playoffs, but couldn't overcome the Mustangs.

Now the question is whether the Lady Grizzlies can coast their way into the state playoffs. The fate of the Lady Grizzlies' season is in their hands. We will see if they can keep a stronghold on their competition.

Brandon B. Morales

Vega Not Running for Sheriff or Undersheriff

The political year is upon us! With official agendas brewing and aspirations for office running high, it is difficult to decipher between what is true and what is not. Hence, the name of the game! What happened to "may the best man win" and "vote your conscience"? Good politics begets good issues which begets good candidates which begets good results. But this is not always what happens in the election process. We often vote for whomever can convince us that he or she is the best person to vote for...notwithstanding honesty, integrity, dignity, nor morality!

Contrary to recent rumor, I have not been approached, nor have I committed to running for, nor have I accepted any County position other than my present position as Chief of Police of the Town of Carrizozo. To use my name in connection with a candidate to excite negative public response toward that candidate is a desperate play by the opposition!

My Law Enforcement involvement goes back 15 years and is all I have ever known. My tenure with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department was educational and rewarding to say the least in that very few cases assigned to me ever went unsolved. My experience is extensive in investigations involving almost every aspect of criminal activity including burglary, property damage, theft, and homicide.

There is *no one* who is liked and respected by *everyone*! We all have our own faults that we must accept and try to improve upon. My life has been dedicated to my parents, five brothers and one living sister, and my own family including my wife and three children. My work has always been Law Enforcement during which time I have faithfully and conscientiously executed my duties to enforce and uphold the law and protect the citizens of Lincoln County.

The issue here is Law Enforcement. Consider the source of the rumors, the objective of the source, and yes, may the best man win!

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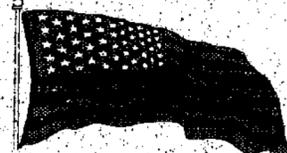
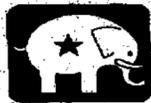
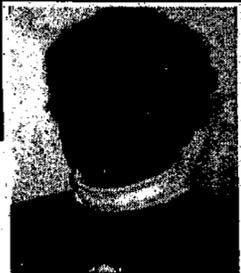
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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO. CV 03-216

WHISPERING BLUFF INTERVAL
OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.,
a nonprofit Corporation,

Plaintiff,

GROUP I:

THE FOLLOWING NAMED
DEFENDANTS, IF LIVING;
IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING
NAMED DEFENDANTS:
DAVIE L. FRANKLIN, AND
YOLANDA Y. FRANKLIN, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 30th day March 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey all right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

An undivided one-fifty-second (1/52nd) interest in and to Apartment Number 703 in Building 7 of WHISPERING BLUFF CONDOMINIUMS, together with an undivided one-fifty-second (1/52nd) in and to an undivided 1.8867% of the general common element of Whispering Bluff Condominiums, a condominium described in that certain Declaration of Condominium recorded in Book 78, Pages 1063-1098 of the Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County Clerk's Office, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Together with: The exclusive right to occupy the said Residence Unit and as between owners of interest in said condominium to use and enjoy the said Common Areas and rights and easement appurtenant to the said condominium, during Unit Week #8 and as said Unit Week is defined in the instruments entitled "Declaration" and "Master Deed" of Whispering Bluff Condominiums.

Said sale will be conducted pursuant to the judgment entered February 24, 2004, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a Lien, wherein the Plaintiff was adjudged to have a valid first lien upon the real property and said lien was ordered foreclosed to satisfy Plaintiff's Judgment of \$11,577.81, plus interest of \$3.04 per day from February 1, 2004 which to the date of sale is \$182.40, plus court costs and the expenses of foreclosure sale to accrue after entry of judgment.

Said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash.

DATED this March 2, 2004.

PETER BACA
Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301

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LEGALS

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
No. CV-03-165
Div. III

CROWN POINT OWNERS ASSOCIATION,
INC., a New Mexico corporation,
Plaintiff,

JOSEPH A. BROWN and SANDRIA F. BROWN,
SABAS E. CANAVITI F. and MARIA T. de CANAVITI,
KATHY SUE MOORE CARNEY and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any,
DEBORAH LEE MOORE BROWN, and
KAREN BETH MOORE MEYERS,
MICHAEL H. CARPER and SHARON CARPER,
OSCAR DIMAS CONTRERAS and DOLORES CONTRERAS,
DOLPH C. COSPER and MARIA COSPER,
CROWN POINT CORPORATION, a Texas corporation,
JOETTA C. DANIELSON and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any,
THE ESTATE OF JOHN R. DAVIDSON, deceased, and his
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES and ASSIGNS,
ANNETTE M. DeGRAFF and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any,
LUIS A. GAMILLO and ALEJANDRA A. GAMILLO,
EDUARDO GIRALT and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any,
NATIVIDAD J. GONZALEZ and SARA A. GONZALEZ,
PATRICK D. IRWIN and DARLENE F. IRWIN,
MICHAEL L. JOHNSTON and AMY DIANE JOHNSTON,
ROBERT E. KEITH and PATRICIA H. KEITH,
THE ESTATE OF H.B. MOORE, deceased, THE ESTATE OF
RUTH MAXINE MOORE, deceased, and their UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES and ASSIGNS,
ANNETTE HANCOCK PEREZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any,
DAVID SANZ and CATALINA ABBUD de SANZ,
RUDOLPH G. SELLERS and ILLA LOUISE SELLERS,
TONG KANG SONG and MARCENA MAY SONG,
PATRICK L. STEPHENS and BETTYE A. STEPHENS,
LOU ANN THOMPSON and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any,
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JOSE ANTONIO AREVALO V.,
RICHARD G. WARRINER and YOUNG AE WARRINER,
ALBERT G. WRIGHT and CHARLOTTE THOMAS WRIGHT,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on March 31, 2004, 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 bidders for cash, all right, title and interest of the following named Defendants in certain properties of the Crown Point Owners Association, Inc., a New Mexico corporation, located at 220 Crown Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The sale will be held pursuant to the following judgment liens:

- a) Joseph A. Brown and Sandria F. Brown, husband and wife, jointly and severally -
Week 5, Building 2, Unit 5
Maintenance fees ----- \$1,647.50
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$1,995.76
- b) Sabas E. Canaviti F. and Maria F. de Canaviti, husband and wife, jointly and severally -
Week 31, Building 4, Unit 6
Maintenance fees ----- \$2,616.87
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$2,965.13
- c) Kathy Sue Moore Carney and unknown spouse, if any, Deborah Lee Moore Brown, a married woman dealing in her sole and separate estate, and Karen Beth Moore Meyers, a married woman dealing in her sole and separate estate, jointly and severally -
Week 3, Building 7, Unit 3
Maintenance fees ----- \$1,647.50
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$1,995.76
- d) Michael H. Carper and Sharon Carper, husband and wife, jointly and severally -
Week 42, Building 1, Unit 1
Maintenance fees ----- \$2,555.75
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$2,904.01
- e) Dolph C. Cosper and Maria Cosper, husband and wife, jointly and severally -
Week 42, Building 3, Unit 2
Maintenance fees ----- \$1,951.32
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$2,299.58
- f) Joetta C. Danielson and her unknown spouse, if any, jointly and severally -
Week 27, Building 9, Unit 4
Maintenance fees ----- \$1,951.32
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$2,299.58
- g) The Estate of John R. Davidson and his unknown heirs, devisees and assigns, and Crown Point Corporation, a defunct Texas corporation, jointly and severally -
Week 40, Building 6, Unit 1
Maintenance fees ----- \$2,535.10
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$2,883.36
- h) Annette M. DeGraff and her unknown spouse, if any, and Crown Point Corporation, a defunct Texas corporation, jointly and severally -
Week 48, Building 8, Unit 5
Maintenance fees ----- \$3,073.62
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$3,421.88
- i) Luis A. Gamillo and Alejandra A. Gamillo, husband and wife, and Crown Point Corporation, a defunct Texas corporation, jointly and severally -
Week 13, Building 1, Unit 5
Maintenance fees ----- \$3,650.58
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$3,998.84
- j) Eduardo Giralt and his unknown spouse, if any, jointly and severally -
Week 5, Building 3, Unit 3
Maintenance fees ----- \$1,951.32
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$2,299.58
- k) Natividad J. Gonzalez and Sara A. Gonzalez, husband and wife, jointly and severally -
Week 37, Building 2, Unit 7
Maintenance fees ----- \$1,659.39

- l) Patrick D. Irwin and Darlene F. Irwin, husband and wife, jointly and severally -
Week 6, Building 1, Unit 2
Maintenance fees ----- \$1,967.04
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$2,315.30
- m) Michael Johnston and Amy Johnston, husband and wife, jointly and severally -
Week 45, Building 2, Unit 3
Maintenance fees ----- \$1,647.50
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$1,995.76
- n) Robert E. Keith and Patricia H. Keith, husband and wife, and Crown Point Corporation, a defunct Texas corporation, jointly and severally -
Week 45, Building 9, Unit 2
Maintenance fees ----- \$5,255.37
Costs and attorney fees ----- 338.26
\$5,603.63
- o) The Estate of H.B. Moore, deceased, and The Estate of Ruth Maxine Moore, deceased, and their unknown heirs, devisees and assigns, jointly and severally -
Week 18, Building 8, Unit 1, and
Week 43, Building 2, Unit 5
Maintenance fees ----- \$4,764.02
Costs and attorney fees ----- 696.52
\$5,460.54
- p) Annette Hancock Perez and her unknown spouse, if any, jointly and severally -
Week 8, Building 4, Unit 5, and
Week 19, Building 1, Unit 5
Maintenance fees ----- \$3,614.54
Costs and attorney fees ----- 696.52
\$4,311.06
- q) David Sanz and Catalina Abbud de Sanz, husband and wife, jointly and severally -
Week 12, Building 3, Unit 4,
Week 13, Building 3, Unit 4, and
Week 14, Building 3, Unit 4
Maintenance fees ----- \$5,853.96
Costs and attorney fees ----- 1,044.78
\$6,898.64
- r) Rudolph G. Sellers and Illa Louise Sellers, husband and wife, jointly and severally -
Week 39, Building 2, Unit 4
Maintenance fees ----- \$2,616.87
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$2,965.13
- s) Tong Kang Song and Marcena May Song, husband and wife, and Crown Point Corporation, a defunct Texas corporation, jointly and severally -
Week 46, Building 8, Unit 9
Maintenance fees ----- \$4,193.55
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$4,541.81
- t) Patrick L. Stephens and Bettye A. Stephens, husband and wife, and Crown Point Corporation, a defunct Texas corporation, jointly and severally -
Week 21, Building 8, Unit 14
Maintenance fees ----- \$1,647.50
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$1,995.76
- u) Lou Ann Thompson and her unknown spouse, if any, jointly and severally -
Week 41, Building 7, Unit 4
Maintenance fees ----- \$2,147.15
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$2,495.41
- v) Ma. Virginia Gonzalez Torres and Jose Antonio Arevalo V., wife and husband, jointly and severally -
Week 51, Building 1, Unit 4, and
Week 52, Building 1, Unit 4
Maintenance fees ----- \$3,934.08
Costs and attorney fees ----- 696.52
\$4,630.60
- w) Richard G. Warriner and Young Ae Warriner, husband and wife, jointly and severally -
Week 19, Building 8, Unit 4
Maintenance fees ----- \$3,073.62
Costs and attorney fees ----- 348.26
\$3,421.88

The sale is made pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by the Court on February 24, 2004, in a suit brought to foreclose Plaintiff's lien for maintenance fees and assessments owed by the respective Defendants.

The Special Master will sell the unit weeks to the highest bidders for cash or certified funds, and Plaintiff may bid its judgment amounts at the sale in whole or in part without the requirement of bidding cash.

The Special Master may continue the Special Master's sale by appearing at the time designated for the sale and announcing the postponement of sale to another specific date.

Sarah Prothro, Special Master

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Sheriff's Report

(Con't. from P. 5)

10:56 a.m. gas ski on ski run road.

11:13 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area. Med 1 arrived at 11:40 a.m. and at 11:50 a.m. left for LCMC.

11:53 a.m. 18 wheeler roll-over at mile marker 180 on Highway 54. Carrizozo Fire Dept. responded but received the call at 11:55 a.m. that the semi roll over was at mile marker 142 on Highway 54. Carrizozo ambulance responded but was refused.

1:39 p.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping so caller could pick up personal items from her exhusband at location off mile marker 11 on State Road 48.

1:50 p.m. 911 report of accident without injuries at mile marker 9 on ski run road, a vehicle slid into the guard rail with minor damage to the vehicle.

2:48 p.m. request for ambulance at ski run for 21 year old female with neck and back injuries. At 3:16 p.m. Med 1 advised they were stuck in a traffic jam at mile marker 7 on ski run road. At 3:49 p.m. they arrived at the ski area. By 4:14 p.m. Med 1 advised they were stopping at the accident site to pick up a patient with a broken collarbone, at 5:06 p.m. they arrived at LCMC.

5:43 p.m. request for officer to remove kids sledding on the 11th Green at Cree Meadows golf course. Deputy arrived at 5:49 p.m. and advised the kids of the no trespassing signs and he advised there was no damage.

10:11 p.m. loud music on Honey Dew Road.

February 29

10:02 a.m. burglary at ranch east of Carrizozo.

11:08 a.m. request for ambulance for possible heart attack at ranch off mile marker 29 on Highway 380. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 12:01 p.m. and transported the patient to the hospital in Socorro.

1:59 p.m. 911 report of accident at mile marker 11 on State Road 368 to Arabela. A vehicle went off a cliff and fell 40 or 50 feet to land on its top, but one female was out of the vehicle. State police were notified. Hondo ambulance arrived at 2:18 p.m. and at 2:51 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 3:33 p.m. Hondo Fire Dept. responded when Arabela department did not respond to dispatch.

2:23 p.m. subjects trespassing at motorcross track on lower Eagle Creek. Request for deputy to keep subjects off the property.

7:50 p.m. deputy advised he was doing agency assistance for Ruidoso Police conducting a roadblock.

LCSWA and Capitan

(Con't. from P. 1)

fices a written request, with information about the request, at least 15 days prior to the meeting. They also approved a policy that allows the Ruidoso member on the LCSWA board to vote on LCSWA issues, because the village has signed an agreement for the recycling program and all issues involving the regional landfill.

LCSWA members also unanimously approved a resolution authorizing submission of application for financial assistance from the New Mexico Finance Authority to pay for land purchase and construction of the new LCSWA yard, recycling facilities and offices.

LCSWA budget is at 58 percent through the current fiscal year. So far this fiscal year (started July 1, 2003) LCSWA has received in revenues 58 percent of what it budgeted. Actual expenditures are at 50 percent with \$181,989 reserve in the bank. "We're still in the black," Ingle reported.

"At this time last year, revenues in excess of expenses were at \$145,431. Ingle added. "This was accomplished without a rate increase by providing better service and auditing accounts, and more efficient operation." "And shorter board meetings," added Dean jokingly.

Fort Stanton Commission

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ton Development Commission that was legislatively established in 2003 without any funding. St. John said the next task for the group is to secure a self-identity. "If that is the direction we want to go," she added.

In St. John's and Hoffman's presentation, they listed "plans for emergency architectural stabilization of deteriorating buildings." The 2004 legislature appropriated several hundred thousand dollars for roof repairs and other emergency stabilization projects on the historic buildings at Fort Stanton. But Nick Scoagland, maintenance director for Fort Stanton, said the state General Services Department will be handling all rehab, roof and other work on the buildings, instead of the commission.

Hoffman then said Fort Stanton Development Commission needs to get on the agenda of the next state Legislative Finance (Interim) Committee meeting to present the proposals.

Eggleston, mayor of Ruidoso and a statutory member, said the commission is at Step 2 in St. John's and Hoffman's plan. Step 2 proposes a plan for the administrative needs of the commission, including hiring an administrative assistant, office supplies, per diem and travel reimbursements. The Step 2 also includes Fort Stanton, Inc. for grant writing for rehab funds and creation of 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Fort Stanton Foundation and an administrative office for Fort Stanton, Inc. in the old infirmary (currently being used for the Fort Stanton Museum operated by Fort Stanton Inc.) after the administration building is renovated and the museum is moved.

Steps 3 and 4 in St. John's plan has the commission seeking separate and independent legal status for the Fort Stanton Reservation and developing operational funding alternatives for the new Fort Stanton agency. "Six state agencies have a stake in a Fort Stanton Heritage Park," St. John said. Those include Economic Development, Cultural Affairs, State Parks, General Services, Tourism and Veteran Affairs.

Secretary of Veteran Affairs John Garcia is scheduled to meet with the Fort Stanton Development Commission at its March meeting. Veteran Affairs are looking at Fort Stanton to possibly use some of the dormitory facilities and the restoration of the hospital for retired veterans and for a veterans museum. The plan also proposes to use the newer infirmary for emergency services/first aid, rental offices and the Fort Stanton Development Commission administrative office.

Sanchez said the commission needs to cultivate a friendship with Veteran Secretary Garcia because the governor has tasked him to find places for the state's veterans.

Before the group took the vote on exploring the stand alone status, Rennick said he did not feel well enough informed on the subject to vote. He also did not think the motion was proper since it was not on the meeting agenda. "I suggest we establish a sub-committee to explore the option and report back," Rennick added.

Sanchez agreed saying the group needed to examine the idea to avoid any turf fights.

Simon said Rep. Dub Williams, who was at the meeting and who praised everyone who helped obtain the funding for Fort Stanton in the 2004 Legislative session, is the one who can request the Legislative Council Service help draft language for a bill to explore the concept of a stand alone agency for the Fort.

Also at the meeting, the three governor appointed members drew lots to determine the length of their appointments, in order to establish staggered terms. Rennick drew the six year term, Green the four year terms and Sanchez the two year term. After the end of the two

shorter terms, all members will go to six year terms.

Sanchez announced the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance Conference in Las Cruces April 16 and 17 and suggested members of the commission attend. The conference will include tours of the historic J. Paul Taylor home in Mesilla which the family is donating to the state as a museum and a dance on the Mesilla plaza. Information about the conference can be obtained from the website at www.nmhpa.org.

Sanchez also had a surprise for the group, a brass compass once owned by Fort Stanton soldier F. G. Hesse given to Fred Tully of Glencoe, and now donated to the Fort Stanton museum. Sanchez said holding the compass was like touching a bit of the past. She also said the donation was one of the reasons why a bigger museum is needed.

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Looking Back...

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of two experienced oil well drill men from California to begin operations.

The plant is equipped to sink to a depth of 2,000 feet and many believe oil will be encountered before that depth is reached. There has never been, however, a systematic effort to secure oil there and the surroundings and indications are the main incentives for the present exploration.

Bender Mine Bonded

The Bender mine at Nogal, owned by J.C. Bender and Lin Branum, was leased and bonded this week to George F. Strachota, of Milwaukee. Mr. Strachota spent the week here, made a thorough investigation of the property and found it quite satisfactory.

A large sum of money is involved in the bond and in addition Mr. Strachota intends to put a good sum of money into the development of the property. The present development of the property shows a strong ore vein, bearing gold, silver and other metals of a very substantial value, and several hundred tons of valuable ore is already on the dump.

Those best acquainted with this property predict good results from its proper development.

Whole Field Oil Co.

J.H. Greeno, representing the above named company, spent several days here last week and is here again in the interest of his company. The company has holdings all over the Electra, Texas, oil field; hence its name. Near its holdings are some of the best producing wells in the field and this company is selling lots to procure funds with which to put down wells on its own property.

Mr. Greeno had no difficulty in interesting a number of our citizens in his proposition and has realized several thousand dollars from his transaction, all of which speaks volumes for the field and for Mr. Greeno himself who is thoroughly acquainted with the proposition and is a most agreeable representative to meet.

Should these oil ventures prove successful, and the company represented by Mr. Greeno appears to be among the most attractive, the people of this section will realize handsomely on their investments. We have such faith in the ultimate development of this property and believe with Mr. Greeno that excellent results will come from investments, however small they may be.

Trading Co. Opening

A large crowd gathered at the Trading Company Monday afternoon, not only from Carrizozo and its environs but many coming from adjoining towns. The modern furniture and fixtures, the convenient arrangement of the interior and the delightful music discoursed by Nash's band from El Paso all received their full reward of commendation. And the Bevo flowed, too, dispensed by two beautiful young ladies, which was indulged in by saints and sinners alike. Flowers and souvenirs were distributed to all.

In the evening a large, jolly crowd gathered in the hall upstairs, still the guests of the company whose generosity furnished splendid music and an invitation to the public to "go as far as it liked" in the pleasures of the occasion. M.U. Finley, president of a local club introduced J.H. A. Haley who spoke a few words of appreciation on behalf of the town for the magnificent building Mayor Lutz had erected, for the modern equipment the Carrizozo Trading Company had installed and the pride the people of Carrizozo felt in these splendid achievements in a small town -- the building, equipment and arrangement being of such a nature that they would reflect credit upon cities many times larger than our own.

Following that lull in the meriment mentioned above, the band struck up a lively air and the whole seething mass of humanity began to move to its rhythmic measure. Each number was encored again and again and the accommodating musicians smilingly complied with each call, until ere we knew the evening hours had glided by and time was stolen from the following morning. It was a happy, tired crowd that departed and all pleased with the day and night's entertainment courteously extended by the company.

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