

Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas Co. Sale Is Imminent

by Doris Cherry

With no other viable ways to reduce gas rates, Carrizozo representatives of Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) board are concluding the company must be sold.

The mayor of Carrizozo at the very end of the Carrizozo town council meeting on Monday January 10 announced his change of heart.

"After looking at the company and its books I agree people can get cheaper gas rates (other than CCNG) while the CCNG rates will keep climbing," the mayor of Carrizozo said, and added, "CCNG has not come up with ways to bring the costs (of gas) down."

The mayor's comments were a brief report on the special joint meeting of the Carrizozo Trustees with the

Capitan Trustees concerning CCNG on January 5 in Capitan. The mayor of Carrizozo said Capitan definitely wants out of the company, which leaves Carrizozo with few options. Carrizozo could keep the gas lines, meters and valves from eight miles east of town into town. "But we still won't get cheaper rates," he said and added, "If we sell the company as a whole, it will be worth more

money, and everyone might get cheaper rates overall."

At the last CCNG board meeting, the mayor of Carrizozo was elected chair of the CCNG board, and the board members all gave up the \$150 a meeting stipend they had received for years.

The mayor of Capitan had appointed Capitan trustee George Tippin to the CCNG board to allow CCNG to pay bills and do payroll for

CCNG employees.

An audience member asked how selling CCNG would help gas prices in the future.

Carrizozo police chief Angelo Vega said the option of selling the company was

coming...om Capitan.

Everyone is invited to a special public hearing on the CCNG issue at 5 p.m. Thursday, January 20, at the town hall offices in the Carrizozo

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Capitan Wants A Divorce From CCNG

by Doris Cherry

"We want a divorce," said the mayor of Capitan to the Carrizozo town officials at a special joint meeting of the Capitan Trustees and Carrizozo Trustees held January 5 in Capitan to discuss the future of Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) company.

"We don't see any way this company can be saved, or how it can cut gas prices," the mayor of Capitan said. "We want it to happen quickly because we don't want another gas bill."

By the end of the more than hour long special joint meeting of Capitan village officials and Carrizozo town officials, everyone agreed to

hold two public hearings, one in Carrizozo and the other in Capitan on Thursday, January 20. The hearing in Carrizozo will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the town hall offices and the meeting in Capitan will begin at 6:30 p.m. at village hall. The public hearings will be held to take input from the members of both communities about what

should be done with CCNG. A joint meeting of Capitan and Carrizozo trustees then will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25 in Carrizozo to make a final decision.

The public hearings were a suggestion from the town of Carrizozo to help determine what the constituents of the two communities want for CCNG. Carrizozo officials had also suggested a referendum be held so the people could vote on the future of CCNG.

The mayor of Carrizozo said the town of Carrizozo will support the sale of the gas company if the citizens say that is what they want. Carrizozo town attorney David Stevens said he believes a public referendum about the gas company would be a quicker way than going to court to resolve the issue which also would have additional attorney fees.

When the mayor of Capitan asked how quickly this could be done, Stevens said as quickly as the state procurement code and referendum process can be done.

Capitan trustee Bobbi Shearer questioned the cost of a referendum, which no one knew. Shearer said the people in Capitan have expressed their thoughts and they want relief from the high gas prices from CCNG.

Stevens said no one wants to pay high gas prices but the town of Carrizozo does not favor wrecking the value of CCNG for savings in gas bills next month. Shearer asked how a referendum would preserve the value of CCNG.

Gary Tregembo, president of the Capitan School Board, asked what would happen to the value of CCNG if the company is sold. The mayor of Carrizozo said any money from the sale of the company

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Capitan School Board Candidate Forum Jan. 17

Capitan Schools CACT teachers association and the PTA are sponsoring a meet the candidates at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 17 in the school multipurpose room cafeteria.

The public will have opportunity to hear from and meet the candidates for two positions on the Capitan Board of Education.

Election day for the Capitan Board of Education is Tuesday, February 1, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. Absentee voting is underway now, either by mail in paper ballot, or in person at the county clerk's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo until January 28.

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GOVERNOR'S DIRECTOR for Performance and Accountability William Gregoricus tells participants at a special meeting on Camp Sierra Blanca held on January 4 in Ruidoso that the governor is committed to keeping CSB open. Elected officials at the meeting (at left) included 12th Judicial District Judge Karen Parsons, Sen. Rod Adair, Rep. Dan Foley and Rep. Candy Ezzell.



Lincoln County Strongly Supports Keeping CSB

by Doris Cherry

Once again within six months, Lincoln County sent a loud and clear message to the New Mexico Secretary of Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD), "Keep Camp Sierra Blanca open under its current programs."

That message, expressed at a special meeting in Ruidoso on January 4, was delivered to CYFD Sec. Mary Dale Bolson at a special meeting on statewide juvenile issues on Friday, January 7 in Albuquerque. The meeting in Albuquerque was by invitation only.

"Basically the issue is bud-

Carrizozo School Board Candidate Forum Jan. 24

Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce is hosting a meet the candidates at 7 p.m. Monday, January 24 in the Lincoln County Commission chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

The public is welcome to come and hear from the candidates for the two positions on the Carrizozo Board of Education.

Election day for the Carrizozo Board of Education is Tuesday, February 1 at Carrizozo Schools. Early absentee voting is underway either by mail in paper ballot or in person at the county clerk's office in the courthouse until January 28.

get," said Ruidoso mayor Leon Eggleston to THE NEWS on January 10. Eggleston and several others from Lincoln County had attended the meeting in Albuquerque. Eggleston said he spoke individually with Sec. Bolson about taking the Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB) programs to other juvenile institutions elsewhere in the state.

American Marine Institute (AMI), which operates CSB on a contract, per diem basis, needs \$1.9 million a year to cover the costs of providing service to 39 male juveniles. However, at one point only \$1 million had been budgeted for the program in the next fiscal year which begins July 1. Eggleston said that has been raised to \$1.5 million, which is still short of the amount needed for the program.

During the January 4 meeting about CSB held in Ruidoso, AMI director Rusty Russell said AMI is in debt about \$450,000 because of the reduced number of juveniles being referred by CYFD to the CSB program. AMI operates CSB on a per diem basis, that is the state pays the private AMI for each boy sent to the program.

"We'll continue to borrow money (to keep operating) as long as we can keep operating," Russell said. After more than two hours of predominately positive comments about the AMI/CSB programs, the governor's director for Performance and Accountabil-

ity, William Gregoricus, announced the governor's position on CSB. "The governor's position on CSB has not changed," Gregoricus said. "There will continue to be a program at CSB and there will be no changes to the program in the foreseeable future."

Gregoricus said CYFD is conducting a request for proposals (RFP) for pre-manufactured dorms and kitchen, and has signed a contract with the US Bureau of Prisons to send federal juveniles to CSB. Also, CYFD has made an effort to search the system for more juveniles to send to CSB, with seven recently assigned.

Gregoricus said the January 7 meeting in Albuquerque was so Sec. Bolson and CYFD staff could learn more about the juvenile programs. Gregoricus made the announcement after Russell and many others spoke about CSB. Russell said AMI has its own school and as such must provide a certified staff. In 2003, 23 boys got their diplomas through CSB, some of whom went on to college or other institutions of higher learning. Former CSB student, Tony Gutierrez, with the help of legislators, was able to join the Army and is currently a sergeant on his second tour of duty in Iraq.

Russell thanked the community for providing Christmas presents and doing other volunteer services for the boys at CSB.

One good news from Russell was that the state is in

the process of bidding for new dorms and kitchen for CSB, and will provide \$450,000 to address other facility issues. Russell said the AMI program does not need fancy facilities, and many volunteers from the community fix things for free.

Russell said AMI has cut the wood shop and auto shop as ways to cut their budget costs, but have re-instituted the service dog training program with the help of the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

12th Judicial District Judge Karen Parsons, chair of the CSB community board, explained the purpose of the January 4 meeting was to find out what message she needed to deliver to Sec. Bolson in Albuquerque that following Friday. "I have a passion for the CSB boys and AMI for their rehabilitation services over the years," Parsons said. She said she has spoken with 300 or more juveniles who have been in other juvenile facilities in the state and she has found that juveniles grow at CSB.

"AMI shows the boys how better life would be if they are focused and know they are loved by people who don't know them," Parsons said.

From the perspective of the AMI/CSB board, Parsons said two months ago, AMI was advised CYFD was considering changing the CSB function from juvenile justice rehabilitation of males ages 14-18, to a transitional foster

care facility for juvenile males and females. Parsons said the AMI/CSB board acknowledges the need for the foster care, but does not want to change the current program that has the lowest recidivism (return of offender into the program) rate of all juvenile programs in the state.

In search of additional funding, and alternative methods to keep the AMI/CSB program going, AMI will be contracting with the federal government to bring federal juvenile offenders to CSB. (Federal justice deals with offenders from reservations and tribes.) Parsons also said she will soon begin going through the list of juvenile offenders who are appropriate for the CSB program.

Members of the public at the meeting in Ruidoso made several comments. Mike Runnells supported the exemplary program at CSB, and urged to keep it open.

Barbara Allbrecht, a volunteer, said in seeing how the boys are treated by staff at CSB, the program needs to continue.

Marie Idie, local restaurant owner, commended the CSB boys for their manners.

Stacy Miller, Kathy Osborn and others with Santa's Helpers commended the CSB boys who volunteered many hours wrapping and delivering presents and food to needy families at Christmas. Ellen Lucas said the leader-

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ship from the CSB staff shows in the boys. Lucas, director of the Humane Society, said she respects the governor and Sec. Bolson. "But why change a program if it is successful?"

Diana Billingsly, who does educational diagnostic services at CSB, said the educational level provided to the boys at CSB is a plus for the community and state.

County commissioner Maury St. John said AMI/CSB needs to be "cloned" not closed.

Several others from the community also spoke highly of the AMI program at CSB. Several CSB staff were also at the meeting.

Former Ruidoso police chief Lanny Maddox said AMI people conduct classes for CYFD staff in other parts of the state. "We felt pacified when Sec. Bolson in June said they would keep CSB open," Maddox said. "What she failed to say was under AMI."

Elected officials at the special meeting in Ruidoso were State Rep. Dub Williams who represents parts of Lincoln County, State Rep. Dan Foley of Roswell who represents part of Lincoln County, State Senator Rod Adair of Roswell who represents all of Lincoln County, State Senator Tim Jennings whose district includes part of Lincoln County, State Senator Mary

Kay Papan of Las Cruces, State Rep Candy Ezzell of Roswell, Ruidoso Downs mayor Bobby Miller, Eggleston, county commissioners Tom Batin, Earl Hobbs and St. John, former county commissioner Rex Wilson, Ruidoso councilors Ron Hardeman and Ray Nunley, Capitan trustee Bobbi Shearer, Carrizozo trustee Wes Lindsay, representatives from Congressman Steve Pearce's office and William Gregorius who is the Governor's new director for Performance and Accountability.

Foley asked what the community wanted the legislators to do to assure CSB will stay open under AMI. "What do you want us to take to Bill?" Foley asked. He said he had written letters and made calls about CSB. "Now tell us what you want us to do."

Parsons asked for legislation that would revise the state Children's Code to allow judges to make direct placement of juveniles to CSB. Currently under the CYFD codes, juvenile offenders are sent to Albuquerque for diagnostic testing, then referred to boys' school at Springer, the J. Paul Taylor center in Las Cruces or to CSB. "We have the model at CSB," Parsons said.

"Let the judges do what is best for the kids," she added.

Rep. Williams said as a legislator he does not want to

warehouse children, and the children's code needs change.

Nunley said CSB has adopted the program that is changing kids and legislators need to be encouraged to draft meaningful legislation to do what is good for kids.

Gregorius said the governor and Sec. Bolson appreciate CSB, the CSB board and the what is being done for the kids.

Sen. Jennings said he has seen both the CSB and Fort Stanton facilities and programs go through a bunch of changes in his 27 years as state legislator. "I feel CSB has finally found a useful purpose," Jennings said. He asked the public to not blame Sec. Bolson or the governor for the flat state budgets. He said departments that deal with programs for children need to grow. Jennings was concerned about putting federal juveniles at CSB, which he said has better programs than Springer. "If we don't put these services in the budget now, we all will be paying individually later," Jennings added.

Jennings said he does not support using CSB for a foster program. Sen. Adair said the budget is not flat, that money is there and such concern is an "artificial crisis." Adair described last summer's meeting with the Governor over CSB as a "soap opera" because the governor "saved" the program at CSB. "Here we go again, the same crisis," Adair added.

"I don't want the community I represent have its chain pulled every six months," Adair said. "Keep this program for the kids and never do this again to Lincoln County."

Gregorius said Sen. Adair is known for being very direct. Foley then wanted to know why they had been called to the meeting if there is no problem with CSB. Rex Wilson said the legislative issues around CSB need to be clarified for post-adjudication and the declining juvenile offender population. "Sec. Bolson asked CSB what it needed, it needs 37 juveniles a bare minimum to keep a float," Wilson said. "So we looked at the federal programs."

"There's a decline in kids in trouble?" Foley asked. "Bottom line," Wilson said. "Yes," Wilson said AMI/CSB really needs 50 boys to keep out of financial debt.

Sen. Papan said if she had a boy in trouble, she would do all in her power to get him into the CSB/AMI program. She said the J. Paul Taylor Center is also experiencing fewer numbers in its program. The Taylor Center is a state agency, with state employees.

Foley commented that the state is driving out programs that work while keeping those that are failing, which is "bureaucracy at its best" in his opinion.

"But we're not here tonight to hear about juvenile justice issues," Foley said. "Now we hear the governor is not going to close CSB. So what do you want us to fix?"

Russell said enough kids to keep the AMI/CSB program going. "We owe it to the boys at CSB," Russell said. He then described how although told CSB would be budgeted, no money was put in the CYFD budget for CSB. Then the state property control division advised them about the dorms, which are not designed for the type of AMI programs used.

Adair said Sec. Bolson works for the governor, and if the Secretary believes the CSB program works, then "the governor only needs to say you will fund it."

Wilson said CSB is fully funded for the current fiscal year which ends June 30. "The next issue is what funding is there for CSB in the 2005-06 fiscal year," Wilson said.

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As the Lincoln County News goes into its 101st year of being in existence (1905-2005), we will be randomly publishing articles that have been published in the NEWS from old files. The following article appeared in the "Lincoln County News"

Friday, April 7, 1939

CCC at Crossroads on 6th Birthday

by Joseph W. LaBine

Franklin Roosevelt had been President only five days before he called a select group of youth leaders into his office. By April 6, 1933 -- exactly six years ago -- the Viilian Conservation Corps was created as one of the first New Deal agencies.

Today, as some 250,000 youths in almost 1,500 camps celebrate the sixth anniversary of their benefaction, CCC has hit rough waters. By the time congress adjourns this least criticized of all Roosevelt agencies may either be sentenced to death or changed into a semi-military army of unemployed youth.

CCC has done such a good job that strong New Deal critics like Henry Link, New York psychologist, praises it in his "Return to Religion" and "Rediscovery of Man." In six years some 2,000,000 boys have gone through its routine, one-fourth of them emerging to take permanent private jobs. Some of the rest re-enrolled.

Most Recruits Needy.

Here's how CCC works: Its membership comes almost exclusively from underprivileged homes -- boys who have left school, can't get jobs and need both moral and physical training. They enroll and leave the group every three months, so there is a constant turnover. Last October, for example, 59,000 new enrollees were accepted, averaging 18.6 years of age. (They must be between 17 and 23).

CCC places these boys in camps, gives them \$30 a month of which \$22 must be sent home to needy parents, and teaches them not only the rudiments of hard work but a lot of "extra-curricular" activities as well. Reveille sounds at 6 a.m. Breakfast comes at 6:20 and inspection at 7:15. By 7:30 they are on the job, remaining until 4 p.m. with the exception of an hour off for lunch. From then until 10 p.m. there is time for dinner, amusements and recreation. It isn't a hard life, nor is there very strict supervision; certainly CCC enrollees aren't nigh well ready for active army duty, as Civilian Chief Robert Fechner would have us believe.

The lads get vocational training during evening hours. They learn crafts like photography, radio, cabinetmaking, leather work, blue printing and landscaping. But the training apparently is not very efficient because American labor unions object to having craftsmen turned out by CCC to the detriment of their apprentice system. Mr. Fechner is an old-time American Federation of Labor official.

Educational Accomplishments.

But craft or no craft, CCC does good work. Last year 8,817 illiterates learned to read and write, 3,517 finished grammar grades, 634 finished high school and 13 got college diplomas. Almost all of the youths take school work, either by correspondence or from part-time residence instructors.

If CCC enrollees range from 17 to 23 and come from underprivileged homes, they rise from the very stratum of youth responsibilities in 1937 for 13 per cent of our murders, 28 per cent of our robberies, 42 per cent of our burglaries, 51 per cent of our auto thieves, and 21 per cent of our sex criminals.

Youth camps are not a New Deal invention. In 1930 California tried the scheme, doubtless getting the idea from the English "hinksey diggers" of who Philosopher John Ruskin said their two-mile road was "the worst in three kingdoms." By 1933 work camps had existed in at least six European countries for an average of 10 years; contrary to popular belief, Germany had them long before Hitler came to power.

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What have they done constructively? As a sample of what CCC costs, the current fiscal year's

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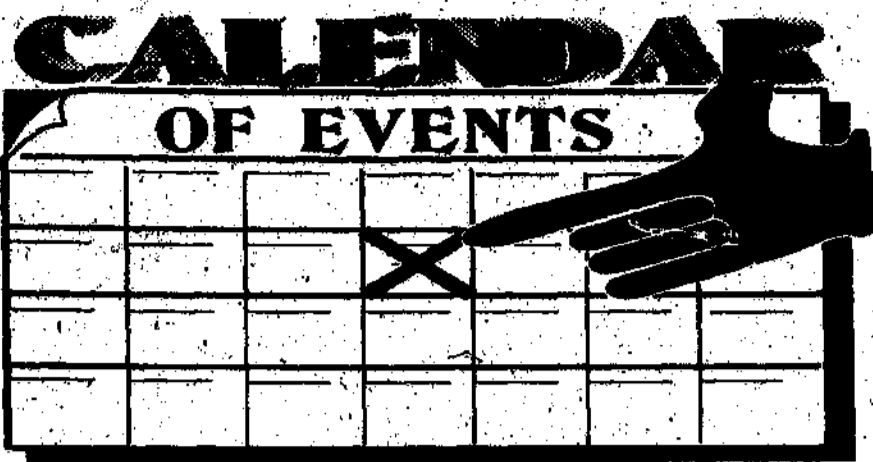
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With no opposition for the candidate positions on the Ruidoso School Board, the Ruidoso School District has decided to hold its election by mail or in the county clerk's office in Carrizozo.

"In an effort to save the Ruidoso School District money, the election for school board members will be conducted by absentee ballot, and on election day registered voters may cast their votes at the Lincoln County Clerk's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo," Lincoln County Clerk Tamme Maddox told *THE NEWS*.

"Potential savings to the school district is estimated at \$1,100."

Pursuant to section 1-22-6 NMSA, elections where only one candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for each position to be filled at an election and no declared write-in candidates have filed for any position, and there are no questions or bond issues on the ballot, there will be only one designated polling place. That could either be in the Lincoln County Clerk's Office or in the school district.

Section 1-22-12 provides that the county clerk shall perform the duties of the precinct board and no other precinct board shall be appointed, Maddox said.

Absentee voting for the February 1 school board election began on Friday, January 7. Absentee voting ends at 5 p.m. Friday, January 28.

Registered voters are encouraged to vote absentee, Maddox said. But if a voter wishes to vote on election day, February 1, they may come to the office of the

County Clerk in the courthouse in Carrizozo between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and cast their ballot.

This affects voters in the Ruidoso School District only. Voters in all other school districts may vote by absentee by mail, or at their designated poll on February 1.

Voters may request an absentee ballot or get more information by calling the Lincoln County Clerk's office toll free at 1-800-687-2705 ext. 6.

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
 --Trinity United Methodist Church, youth group, TIC TAC at 6:15 p.m. at the church at 10th and D. Ave. in Carrizozo. For youth in grades 7 through 12.
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 13
 --Capitan Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. school administration building; meeting to include discussions on CCNG, 2005 legislative requests, information on the Ski Program, and action on the superintendent's contract following an executive session. Public invited.
 --Carrizozo PFK meets at 6 p.m. at Carrizozo School Cafeteria. Parents and community members welcome to attend.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15
 --Capitan High School boys and girls basketball v. Tatum, beginning at 2 p.m. at Cummins Gym in Capitan.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17
 --Martin Luther King Jr. Day; post offices and federal offices, state offices, Lincoln County offices, Carrizozo town offices, Capitan village hall, banks and Carrizozo Schools closed for holiday; Capitan School will have classes. Ruidoso village hall will be open.
 --Capitan Schools PFA/CACT meet the candidates 6:30 p.m. multipurpose room (cafeteria). Public invited.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18
 --Lincoln County Commission meets at 8:30 a.m.; public hearing at 9 a.m. in the county commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
 --Carrizozo Board of Education 6 p.m. school administration building.
 --Capitan Village Trustees regular meeting 7:30 p.m. village hall. Meeting was moved from regular meeting date due to conflicts. Public hearings scheduled on ordinance changes.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
 --Local Emergency Planning Committee meets at 1:30 p.m. at Ruidoso Village Hall.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
 --Capitan High School JV basketball v. Hondo, starting at 4 p.m. Cummins Gym in Capitan.
 --Carrizozo Trustees special public hearing regarding CCNG 5:30 p.m. Carrizozo town offices.
 --Capitan Trustees special public hearing regarding CCNG 6:30 p.m. Capitan Village Hall.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24
 --Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce hosts meet the Carrizozo School Board candidates at 7 p.m. county commission chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo. Public welcome.

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As the meeting wound down with little new comments added, Maddox said the difference between CSB and CSB under AMI is fewer students per teacher ratios. "The state needs to fund AMI/CSB at a certain level, not on a per diem basis," Maddox said. "Don't fund inefficient programs."

Carrizozo police chief Angelo Vega also attended the January 4 meeting in Ruidoso and the January 7 meeting in Albuquerque. Vega is the governor's liaison to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. Vega told *THE NEWS* that he, Wilson, Judge Parsons, Debbie Haynes and Harvey Twite from Ruidoso attended the meeting in Albuquerque. He said he thought the CSB program made a good impression on everyone at the meeting, people who deal with juveniles issues throughout the state.

The meeting in Albuquerque consisted of a general session with participants seated at tables, then a break out session where participants were sent to groups of tables to discuss juvenile issues.

Eggleston told *THE NEWS* that he was in a group with Judge Parsons and other people from all over the state. Eggleston said he spoke with Sen. Harden who represents the Springer area. He said Harden told him he respected the CSB program and its community support. Harden also told Eggleston that people in Springer need to change their attitudes towards the juveniles at Springer school. Eggleston said a consideration for CSB now is to place high risk and high need boys at CSB. Currently it takes only low risk/low needs juveniles.

"We talked a lot about CSB," Eggleston said. "And there was a lot of support for leaving the CSB program under AMI," Eggleston said.

"I felt a little better about Sec. Bolson looking at the CSB program when I left the meeting," Eggleston said.

The Congressional delegation, US Senator Pete Domenici, Rep. Steve Pearce and Rep. Heather Wilson also sent a letter to Gov. Richardson to stick to his promise to keep CSB open as a rehabilitation program for delinquent boys.

Obituary

LELAND N. "Lee" MOREL

Funeral mass for Leland N. "Lee" Morel, 68, of Alamogordo and formerly Lincoln County was Dec. 21 with burial following at the Ruidoso Hondo Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Morel died Dec. 18 in Alamogordo. He was born October 1, 1936 at Zurich, KS. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. He married Norma Zerr on November 27, 1958 at Park, KS.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; two sons, Thomas Morel of Colorado Springs, CO, and Alan Morel of Ruidoso; daughter, Lori A. Mortel of Austin, TX; sister, Shirley Hixon of Spiva, KS and two grandchildren.

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Rec Center. People are encouraged to attend the special public hearing and make their thoughts about the gas company known.

Capitan trustees will hold a special hearing at 6:30 p.m. that same night.

The mayor of Carrizozo said Zia Gas only wants to buy CCNG's 1,000 meters, not the equipment or the CCNG office building in Capitan. He said there are about 500 meters in Capitan and 400 in Carrizozo.

Vega said any selling of the gas company will involve the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and the state auditor's office.

Regarding the proceeds of the sale of customer base, the mayor of Carrizozo said none of the money from the sale of CCNG should go to the Village of Capitan or to the Town of Carrizozo. "If CCNG does sell, the money should be divided among the users," he said, and added, "If we do sell the gas company I do think everyone will make out well, because people are tired of high gas bills."

Former town trustee Eileen

Lovelace asked when the next CCNG bills will be sent. She was told the bills were approved on Friday and were sent out that day (January 10.) The mayor of Capitan had put the bills on hold until after the special meeting on January 5.

Lovelace asked if the \$5 late fee would be extended since the bills were mailed late.

Town clerk Leann Weibrecht said the late fee will not be waived.

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Others have told us that the scholarship changed their lives, making a higher education not only a possibility for them, but even for other children in the family. Olivia Salazar's parents have impressed the importance of a higher education with each of the Espanola family's five children. Olivia graduated from ENMU and works at Los Alamos National Labs. She told us she and her brothers and sisters have attended, are attending or plan to attend college on Lottery Success Scholarships. Just as her parents said, having a degree has made and will make a big difference in their career opportunities.

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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

No Instant Relief For High Bills!

By Ruth Hammond

Just suppose your municipality had an extra \$250,000 or \$500,000 or whatever amount available suddenly in its coffers. Do you have any idea how that surprise bundle of money would be spent by the municipality? Probably not.

Using that money to provide better services for the residents of the community might be one suggestion, but there is a good possibility that certain people have already decided where and how the money should be spent, that is IF the municipality should receive any extra money.

Discussion and disagreements continue about selling Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas and comments have been made as to how either of the municipalities might spend that money. One suggestion is to return the money to the consumers. Another suggestion is for officials to blow the wad on a big party. But there are other issues to be settled before any money can be received and ultimately spent.

Governmental entities must follow strict rules as to how publicly owned property may be disposed. And it usually takes time to comply with these rules. What that means is that even if CCNG is sold, customers will see no relief in their high gas bills for several months. There is no way the gas company can be sold immediately, with the end result of lower gas bills from another company.

Meantime, back at the rabble rousers headquarters, there will be grumbling that some officials are dragging their feet, that some people are putting up roadblocks to delay the sale of CCNG, and then the fun begins. There is a question as to the disposition of the building which is in Capitan, and other assets. Will Capitan be willing to accept the building as a portion of their share of the sale?

Even if Capitan does accept the building as a portion of its share of the proceeds of the sale, how will the value of the building be determined? Which municipality will get the vehicles, office furniture, computers, software and other office machines. What about the supplies on hand? Is there a use for extra copies of CCNG monthly bill and what about CCNG envelopes printed with return address?

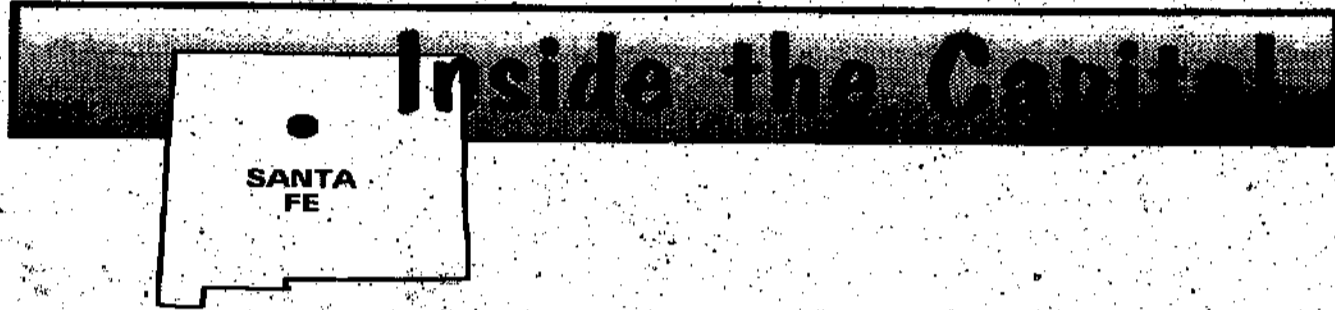
Naturally it would be nice if there was a solution that would be suitable for everyone, but don't assume there will be. Some officials want instant relief, they want gas bills to go down immediately, if not sooner, and they may even want their share of the money to be in their accounts as soon as possible, no later than early next week. Maybe they aren't aware that governmental wheels turn slowly.

The main thing to remember is that you as customers and residents have the right to voice your opinion at the public hearings that will be held concerning CCNG. It is your right to ask questions and expect answers. Please do not allow a lynch mob leader to sway your judgment one way or the other. Gas bills will not go down quickly.

EARL...



EARL SAYS HE CAN MAKE IT STORM ANYTIME HE WANTS TO ALL HE HAS TO DO IS GET TEN MILES AWAY FROM HOME ON HORSEBACK WITHOUT ANY WARM CLOTHES.



SANTA FE -- The dynamics of the 2005 Legislature will be very different from those of recent sessions.

This will be the first time in 16 years without Manny Aragon in a Senate leadership position. That may be the biggest change. The Senate without Aragon throwing his considerable weight around is sure to be a different body.

Both the house and Senate will have new majority leaders and both leaders have very close ties with former House Speaker Raymond Sanchez, Sen. Michael Sanchez, from Belen, is a brother. Rep. Ken Martinez, of Grants, is a protege. We don't know yet whether that will have any real effect, but it is very likely Raymond Sanchez's political career is not over.

Another major change is that Richard Romero will no longer be president pro tem of the Senate. He chose to challenge U.S. Rep. Heather Wilson again instead of seeking to retain his Senate seat. Romero had put together a coalition of all Republicans and three Democrats to take the pro tem post from Aragon.

Another dissident senator always could try to do that again. But it is hard work and it wears on a person. It makes one an outcast in his own party and doesn't really gain anything with the other party. Romero appeared to pick up no support from Albuquerque Republicans when he challenged Wilson.

Longtime Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ben Altamirano is the choice of the Democrat caucus to be Senate president pro tem. Unless a renegade Republican or Democrat can put together a new coalition, Altamirano will take over the Senate reins on January 18, the 2005 Legislature's opening day, and break the longtime Albuquerque control of that post.

Altamirano is from Silver City. Romero, Aragon, and Les Houston before him, all were Albuquerqueans. Prior to that, southern New Mexicans had a long run, mainly with Deming's Ike Smalley at the helm.

The powerful Senate Finance Committee chairmanship post will become vacant with Altamirano's step up. Blogger Joe Monahan says Deming's John Arthur Smith and Las Vegas' Pete Campos will vie for that. The holidays were very busy with senators and representatives angling for top committee posts.

Senate Majority Floor Leader Michael Sanchez is expected to be much more independent of Gov. Bill Richardson than former Senate leader Aragon was. The governor courted Aragon at every chance. Both were sports fans, big time, and often would be seen at all games together.

Sanchez was not Richardson's pick for the Senate leader's post. In the early going, Santa Fe's Phil Griego appeared to be the front runner. As a retired title company owner, Griego spent full time politicking for the job and appeared to be the favorite.

There is some indication that Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, who presides over the Senate, may have hedged the governor's bet somewhat toward the end by giving some support to

Sanchez.

With many new leaders to work with, and an ambitious legislative agenda, Gov. Richardson is trying to leverage his clout with the Legislature in any way he can.

One of this angles was to announce for re-election this month, putting to rest any thoughts that he might be entertaining early presidential thoughts and making it clear he will not be a lame duck during the upcoming session. Richardson calls the 2005 session his most important. It is the last 60-day session of his four-year term.

It has long been thought unfortunate that a governor's first session is a "long" session, in which legislation on any topic can be introduced. It really would work better if a governor had to prepare only for handling budgetary items in a 30-day session at the beginning of his term.

But that's not the way it works, so governors are left with only the 60-day session beginning the third year of their term to have the amount of time they need to put together a complete legislative package.

"Good" NEWS Bulletin

This makes "Good" Sense.

We All Are Equals
by Douglas Malloch

I would be like the grass
That cools
The feet of serf or king.
Whatever pilgrims pass,
But fools
Would ask what wealth they bring.
I would be king because
They need
Some kindness in this hour;
And only fools would pause
To read
Their rank or wealth or pow'r.

I would be like the grass
That greets
The feet of king or serf,
For man is but a mass
That meets
Upon the common turf.
It is enough to know
That they
And we, and all, are kin --
For all the grasses grow
In May,
For all the songs begin.

I would be like the grass.
Restore
Life's joy to all the sad,
Would cheer the ones who pass
My door,
Nor ask what wealth they had.
We all are equals here --
Be kind
Together walk the heath;
I know some other year
Shall find
Us equals underneath.



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Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You'll be rewarded for your good deeds. Not in your time frame but when you'll need it the most. Allow others to treat you with love and kindness. Trust your gut about an upcoming business deal.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) You may be fully aware of what is going on, but not aware of what is being kept from you. Someone wants you to be something you're not. In business especially. Tell them up front what you can and won't do.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20) It's a tale of two cities. You have to make up your mind once and for all. Time is running out. Money will follow. Take a leap of faith in you, and go after what you want, not just what you need. You'll be happier.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Don't get in the middle of any argument. It can turn on you in a minute. Surround yourself with like minded people that have your best interest at heart. Don't stand for anything that will hurt you in the long run.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) "What's up?" Are you interested? Then what are you waiting for? Time is money. You want to make more money then quit wasting time. Ask the right people how to get this accomplished. You can do this.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) You don't have time for anyone that is petty and little, much less mean. Tell them with kindness that you have to start a new life with loving people. A new job is in the mix too. Or expand this one. Go for it.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) "No way!" You are not going to take this anymore. If you do, then it's your own fault, for being miserable. This is your year to do whatever you want to do. You can make your dreams come true. Quit griping.

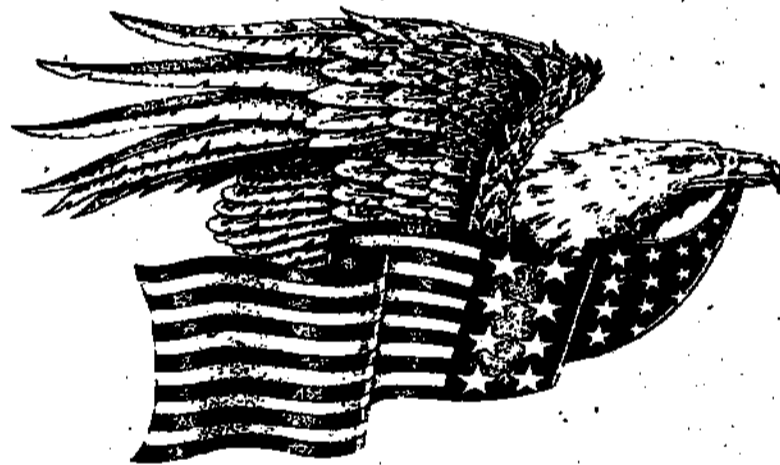
Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) Be quiet. Listen. What do you hear? Nothing? Good. This means you have the green light. But that doesn't mean others will try to run the red light and hit you. Beware of your surroundings. Keep your own council.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Your money is not working for you as good as it could. You need to double check why more is going out than coming in. Take pen in hand and write down everything. Be kind to all, especially the one in the mirror.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22) It's all a mess right now, but in all good time it will be in great shape. Don't lose your good energy over this. Do the best you can each day. Exercise and eat right so you'll have every chance to be the best.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You have no idea what's going on do you? It's all good. But don't let your temper get the best of you when everyone else has your life in an uproar because you didn't stand up for yourself. Pay attention.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) It's hard to let go of people, places, and things. But be assured that if they are your true friends then you won't lose them. It's time to open a new chapter in the book of life. An old love may come back.



Vote for
DENISE HILL
Position 3



Carrizozo Board of Education
Tues., February 1st

- Born and raised in Carrizozo
- Carrizozo High School graduate
- University of New Mexico graduate in Dental Hygiene
- Her children are third generation Carrizozo students
- Chose to serve Lincoln County.
- Strong leadership qualities
- Interested in Carrizozo Schools and upholding academic excellence for our children

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appropriation is \$350,000,000, and the nation should expect to get something tangible in return. It has. CCC has planted some 1,800,000 trees and built 4,000 fire towers to protect them. It has strung 75,000 miles of telephone from lookout post to watch tower. The country has 132,000 miles of new roadway and 5,000,000 dams to check erosion. There are countless new recreation centers and wild life habitat has been safeguarded to protect these innocents from the ravages of civilization.

CCC has also provided an emergency army. Its membership has done yeoman service in fighting forest fires, rescue work, flood relief and rehabilitation after disasters. The Red Cross recalls how, in the Mississippi-Ohio floods of January and February, 1937, more than 22,000 enrollees, hundreds of reserve officers and technical personnel were rushed to danger points:

Whither CCC? In his budget message last January the President recommended a slash of \$120,000,000 in the corps' budget (from \$350,000,000 to \$230,000,000). This means camps and personnel must be reduced, camps from 1,500 to 1,200 and men from 300,000 to 250,000. This reduction is already under way and the April enrollment will be smaller than usual. Worst of all, CCC will die naturally on June 30, 1940, unless extended.

Militarized Youth Camps?

Military minded congressmen are already thinking about this, wondering if CCC can't be retained and made an integral part of our defense program. This means adoption of the plan proposed by Kentucky's Rep. Andrew Jackson May, which would provide for not less than two, nor more than five hours of military training for CCC enrollees each week. The immediate result has been a protest, not only from anti-New Dealers but from what are jokingly referred to as the "tabbies" — pacifists.

You can paint a horrible picture of this militarized CCC's potentialities, if you let your imagination run away. You can see several million unemployed youths saved from hunger and privation, who would rally round the banner of the man who's responsible for it. You can see a political army, if you wish, armed, trained and disciplined but feeling greater loyalty to a political clique than to the nation itself. But CCC's militarization can be safeguarded against such evils.

Dangerous? Perhaps, but maybe it's even more dangerous to contemplate American youth's fate without some agency to keep idle minds out of mischief. CCC's 1936-39 budget of \$350,000,000 is far smaller than our annual national crime bill, which approximates \$15,000,000,000.

Jail Bars Transients

Ashtabula, Ohio -- Transients, once welcomed at the city jail for overnight stops, no longer find hospitality. By order of the city manager, only old persons and cripples can bunk there now.

An Invitation

The personnel of CCC Co. 3808, Camp DG-40-N, Carrizozo, New Mexico, requests that you and your friends attend open house at the Camp, 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 8th; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, April 9th, in celebration of the sixth anniversary of the establishment of the Corps.

To Play in S.W. Golf Tournament

Messrs. Ralph Petty and Ted Purcey left yesterday morning for El Centro, California, where Ralph will defend his championship title won last year in Tucson, Arizona, in the Southwestern Golf Tournament. Four states will be represented: California, Arizona, New Mexico and part of Texas. The tournament will start officially on Wednesday, April 12.

Dr. Sanford Files Appeal

Dr. John H. Sanford prominent New Mexico physician and former mayor of Santa Rosa, appealed to the supreme court yesterday his conviction on a charge of murdering his wife by poison. The appeal was filed by his attorneys, H.E. Blattman and James L. Briscoe, automatically staying his execution, originally set for April 21. The physician was convicted in district court at Tucumcari last January. The state charged he

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Sheriff's Report

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

January 3

1:53 a.m. Socorro State Police requested agency assistance at mile marker 47 on Highway 380. Deputy dispatched.

6:56 a.m. accident on Gavilan Canyon Road, vehicle roll over. State Police, Med 1 Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance stationed at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso were notified. Med 1 arrived at 7:07 a.m. and advised two vehicles were on their sides and a wrecker was needed, not an ambulance.

7:06 a.m. accidents on Angus Hill, State Police, Bonito fire dept. and deputy responded.

7:23 a.m. accident without injuries at location on Fort Stanton Rd. Med 1 arrived at the location at 7:45 a.m. and at 8:10 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 8:33 a.m.

7:25 a.m. request for ambulance at mile marker 2.5 on Highway 37 for an 89 year old male with high fever. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 8:11 a.m. and at 8:27 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 8:50 a.m.

7:40 a.m. accident with injuries at mile marker 92.5 on Highway 380, one vehicle and black ice. Capitan ambulance arrived at 7:59 a.m. and advised all was okay and received refusal at 8:10 a.m.

8:04 a.m. accident with injuries at Fort Stanton Rd. and Broadmore. Deputy arrived at 8:05 a.m. and advised they needed a wrecker.

11:50 a.m. theft from Nogal fire dept., a hand held radio. Deputy dispatched.

12:51 p.m. caller from Barstow, CA reported missing person, their 63 year old father who lives in San Patricio, was missing for two weeks. Deputy dispatched.

1:51 p.m. 911 request for ambulance for 50+ year old male with possible fatal heart attack at ski area. Med 1 arrived at 2:24 p.m. and at 2:33 p.m. requested the Office of Medical Investigator (OMI).

2:21 p.m. District Court requested a deputy to do warrant service to a 24 year old male at location on Highway 70 west and to a 41 year old male at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) in Carrizozo. Deputy dispatched.

5 p.m. trespass at mile marker 11 on Highway 37. Deputy dispatched.

January 4

8:14 a.m. request for animal control on Chisum Trail. Deputy arrived at 10:39 a.m. and checked the dog house and all appeared okay.

8:30 a.m. District Court requested deputy to do warrant service to a juvenile female in Carrizozo. Deputy dispatched.

9:51 a.m. Magistrate Court requested a deputy to do warrant service to female at location on Snell Road. Deputy dispatched.

10:09 a.m. K-1 at large in Nogal. Carrizozo police advised they received a call from a Nogal resident stating five K-9 pups were running at large, and the caller requested a welfare check of her horse and llama. Deputy dispatched.

12:49 p.m. disturbance at humane society. Deputy arrived at 12:49 p.m. and at 1:14 p.m. advised all was worked out.

1:08 p.m. possible abandoned vehicle with NM plates on Eagle Ridge for about a week. Deputy dispatched.

4:30 p.m. temporary restraining order (TRO) violation at location on Del Norte. Deputy dispatched.

9:19 p.m. request for ambulance at location on West 5th. Capitan ambulance arrived at 9:37 p.m. and at 9:53 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 10:38 p.m.

10:28 p.m. suspicious vehicle at mile marker 292 on Highway 70, two people were on the side of the road and the vehicle was partly in

the roadway. Deputy dispatched.

January 5

4:21 p.m. stray K-9 at location on Pinos Altos, the dog was on the back porch. Deputy dispatched.

5 p.m. Children, Youth and Families Dept. (CYFD) requested assistance at location in Palo Verde. Deputy dispatched.

7:40 p.m. Capitan police requested agency assistance at location on Main Road. Deputy dispatched.

January 6

12:54 a.m. request for ambulance at location on Sandia Drive. Capitan ambulance

arrived at 1:11 a.m. and a 1:29 a.m. left for LCMC and requested intercept with Med 1 which happened at 1:41 a.m. for arrival at LCMC at 2:16 a.m.

10 a.m. Ruidoso police advised of livestock in the road at Gavilan and Prospect. Deputy arrived at 10:08 a.m.

2:37 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Highway 380. Capitan ambulance arrived at 2:46 p.m. and at 3:33 p.m. advised assignment completed.

2:34 p.m. accident without injuries at mile marker 274 on Highway 70, a van in the west bound lane hit the call-

er's mirror. Deputy dispatched.

2:43 p.m. request for am-

bulance at ski area for 40 year old female. Med 1 arrived at 3:18 p.m. and at 3:31 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 4:11 p.m.

11:18 p.m. bus off road at mile marker 147 on Highway 54. A tour bus with Spanish speaking people was in the ditch. Two deputies and State Police notified.

January 7

9:45 a.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping at location on Co. Road 16. Deputy dispatched.

12:22 p.m. bloody blanket found on the side of Highway 380 at mile marker 75. Deputy dispatched.

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Please Vote for
Doris Cherry
Position 2:
Capitan Board of Education
My vision for Capitan Municipal School District is:
**Honor competitive traditions
**Uphold excellence in academics
**Guide policy with fairness and compassion.
**Enhance vocational programs
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(paid by candidate)

Church Directory

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

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

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

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

Capitan Church of Christ
LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel
Jerry & Lanita Rasak
Stearns Insurance Agency

Sheriff's Report

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5:25 p.m. dogs at large in Nogal Canyon. Deputy dispatched.

January 8
2:44 a.m. one vehicle roll over at location on Highway

48. Capitan ambulance arrived at 3:02 a.m. and at 3:37 a.m. advised assignment completed. Capitan fire dept. also responded.
8:45 a.m. Dexter caller advised

vised of a family dispute in Dexter. Deputy assigned.

10:05 a.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping at location on Del Norte. Deputy dispatched.

10:37 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area. Med 1 arrived at 11:11 a.m. and at 11:23 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 12:03 p.m.

10:39 a.m. request for ambulance at location on subdivision north of Carrizozo for male subject who was alone. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 11:05 a.m. Med 8 ALS arrived at 11:32 a.m.

1:54 p.m. Carrizozo police requested agency assistance for a domestic at location off 17th Street. Deputies dispatched.

2:12 p.m. Nogal resident reported criminal damage and possible breaking and entering of his brother's property in Nogal Canyon. The brother lives in Colorado. The caretaker notice broken windows. Deputy dispatched.

3:01 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at ski area for 14 year old male with knee injury. Med 1 arrived at 3:35 p.m. and at 3:45 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 4:24 p.m.

3:53 p.m. unwanted subjects, three, at location at mile marker 278 on Highway 70. Deputy arrived at 4:07 p.m.

3:47 p.m. trespass on property near Ancho, three male subjects in a white pick up with NM plates were there without permission. Deputy dispatched.

4:36 p.m. unwanted subjects, trespassing at location in Gavilan Hills. Deputy dispatched.

5:12 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at tubing area for male with possible jaw injury. Med 2 ALS arrived at 5:24 p.m. and at 5:37 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 5:51 p.m.

7:30 p.m. information report on possible damage to property. Deputy dispatched.

9:52 p.m. deceased male at location in Palo Verde, the 97 year old male's death had been expected and hospice was on route to the location. Deputy dispatched.

January 9
7:32 a.m. request for ambulance at location on Billy the Kid Court. Med 1 arrived at 8:01 a.m. and at 8:17 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 8:42 a.m.

8:38 a.m. request for animal control at location in Pine Meadows for a K-9 left behind when its owner moved out. Deputy dispatched.

11:05 a.m. dumpster fire at location on Enchanted Forest. Bonito fire dept. arrived at 11:18 a.m. and was unable to locate the fire, but would keep looking. At 11:26 a.m. Bonito fire advised the dumpster fire was out.

2:16 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at ski area for

female with possible broken femur. Med 1 arrived at 2:49 p.m. and at 3:01 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 3:46 p.m.

2:44 p.m. motorcycle accident with injuries at mile marker 9 on Highway 246. Capitan ambulance arrived 2:58 p.m. and at 3:18 p.m. left to intercept with ALS at 3:33 p.m. for arrival at LCMC at 4:05 p.m.

3:25 p.m. 911 report of a dumpster fire at Highways 380 and 70. Hondo fire dept. arrived at 3:37 p.m. and assignment completed at 3:52 p.m.

6:31 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police requested agency assistance for accident without injuries on Highway 70. Deputies dispatched.

6:55 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police requested agency assistance for officer having trouble with a prisoner. Deputy dispatched.

8:55 p.m. agency assistance for criminal trespass at location on 17th St. in Carrizozo where a female came to the property and starting arguing with the caller and she threatened to burn his house down. The female had been issued a criminal trespass notice by Carrizozo police. Deputy dispatched.

10:50 p.m. deputy requested agency assistance at location on 17th Street. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 12:24 p.m. and was done at 12:54 p.m.



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LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CV-0434

WESTERN BANK OF ALAMOGORDO,
Plaintiff,

vs.

FRANK W. DORAME; DEBERLY S. DORAME AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 10, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., the undersigned Special Master will sell to the highest bidder at the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse Building, located at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM, all Defendant's interest in the real property located 303 Westview, in Lincoln County, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, and more particularly described as:

Lots 4 and 5, Block 3, of RIVER PARK ADDITION, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, April 26, 1967, in Tube NO. 270.

The sale will satisfy a *In Rem* Default Judgment and Order of Foreclosure against Defendants, Frank W. Dorame and Deberly S. Dorame, entered on January 4, 2005, in the amount of \$7,461.28, with interest accruing at the rate of 14.5% per year (\$2.97 per diem) from December 15, 2004,; and

The Default Judgment and Order of Foreclosure may be obtained from either the court clerk or the undersigned Special Master prior to the sale date. Western Bank of Alamogordo, has the right to bid at the sale to apply its judgment to the purchase price as a credit in lieu of cash. For all other bidders, the sale terms are cash or its equivalent by the close of business on the day of sale. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the Special Master's discretion.

Peter Baca, Special Master
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LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Community Church in Lincoln County beginning at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 16, 2004

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Organization

a. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary

b. Establish meeting dates

c. Adopt Open Meetings Act

2.

3.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ficke Dog Kennel and house addition

2. Pekelsma

3. Blaney sign

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. REPORT - SITE VISIT BY BOARD (IF APPROPRIATE)

VIII. EARLY CONSULTATIONS ABOUT WORK IN THE DISTRICT

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS ON PENDING ITEMS APPROVED & UNDERWAY

1. Neil and Cindy Gurrard


X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - No action will be taken.

XI. ADJOURN

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Identity Theft Workshop January 19th in Ruidoso

Learn how to protect yourself from identity theft at a free workshop at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 19, at Ruidoso Public Library. Connie Kratzer, NMSU Family Resource Management Specialist, will present the Identify Theft! program, sponsored by the Lincoln County Extension Association and the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service. Topics will include how to protect your credit cards and bank accounts; checking your credit report; and what to do if you are a victim of identity theft. A resource list will be provided and a question and answer period will be held. The program is open to the public and free of charge. For more information call Lincoln County Home Economist Marshal Palmer at 505-648-2311.

**GRIZZLY WEEKLY**
by Carrizozo High School
JOURNALISM CLASS
Sarah Ball, Instructor

Changing Schools

Changing schools at the beginning of 2004, I enrolled at Onate High School (1500 students) in Las Cruces. It was a big change for me, since I had come from Carrizozo High School (56 students). The switch, there and back made me think about my education and the purpose of learning. Each had advantages and disadvantages, some of which had nothing to do with learning. At Onate, the school had a lot more electives to choose from, which was better. I didn't always have to choose the same field; I could try different ones, like dance, movie production, or theater. Also, they had a block schedule, which means four classes a day for approximately an hour and a half each, allowing us to receive eight credits a year instead of seven. This type of schedule would also let me only have to bring home two books because I would have only two main classes and two electives per day. The next semester, when I went back to school from Christmas vacation, I would change my two main classes to two different main classes. For example, if I took English and science one semester, and then the next semester I would take history and math. Onate also hosted exchange students from all over the world which was cool because they were different than everyone and you caught a glimpse of another country. Onate also had an excellent lunch; they had four different varieties of meals to choose from. On the other hand, Onate was just too crowded. I couldn't move quickly in the halls because there were a lot of kids going my direction and kids coming against me, so it was very difficult. When I went for lunch, I had to wait in line forever unless I got there early. However Carrizozo High is different. It is not a big school, so I really don't have to rush to get anywhere. We have a good athletic team, and we don't have to try out for it just to be on the team. We are all improving in our studies because we have a very small population so you have more of a chance to get help in our studies. In a big population, a lot of students blend in and have a hard time getting help. On the negative side, Carrizozo doesn't provide a variety of electives for the kids so we always have to take the same type of elective over again. Furthermore, our lunch period is too short.

What used to puzzle me most about both schools was why we have to learn certain things. Sometimes when I'm at school in one of my classes, for example history, I think to myself, what am I ever going to learn here that's going to help me in life, but I have finally begun to realize that information and learning don't have to be just "useful." Information and learning is more than that. It makes me think about new ideas that I normally wouldn't have dreamed of. It also makes me think about life and the way information makes my brain grow. Education should teach me to think so I can form my own ideas, my own opinions, and make my own intelligent decisions. Where will I be 10-15 years from now with an education as opposed to without one? I want to have the ability to know that I will not give up on any challenge and always do 100 percent in all my work. Also, my education should make me ready for the real world and broaden my vision for the choices that may come to me. Looking back at both, Onate and Carrizozo, I've decided size doesn't matter. I'm still grateful to have a school that does provide a quality of learning. But, I also know that there is room for improvement. If we all, (teachers, students, faculty, and community,) set our minds to it, maybe something even better could happen.

Krista Padilla

DISTRICT COURT
CALENDAR
*The Calendar for
District Judge Karen Parsons*

Monday, January 10
1 p.m. Teleconference, Carson Estate; PB-2004-20 (Threat/Burroughs) Status.
1:15 p.m. JQ-2003-04 Mandatory pre-hearing meeting.
1:30 p.m. JQ-2004-10 Pre-adjudication meeting in Small Courtroom.
JQ-2004-06 & 08
Tuesday, January 11 - Small Courtroom.
8:15 a.m. Teleconference, Carter v. Carter; DM-2003-160 (Craig/Pittman) Parenting plan.
9:00 a.m. Orr v. Smith; CV-2004-35 (R.Hawthorne/Leonard) Merits.
3:00 p.m. Hamberlin v. Vest; CV-2004-266 (R.Hawthorne/Leonard) Motion.
Wednesday, January 12
Judge to be at Children's Law Institute meeting in Albuquerque.
Thursday, January 13
8:10 a.m. Teleconference, Nutter v. NM MVD; CV-2004-118 (Mitchell/Belles) Merits.
8:30 a.m.
First Appearances:
Clay Word; CR-2004-11
Armando Munoz; CR-2001-134
Gary Parker; CR-2004-233
Dennis Johnson; CR-2004-234
Tammy Robinson; CR-2004-224

Gabriel Samora; CR-2004-225
Sandra Samora; CR-2004-226
Melissa Zamora; CR-2004-227
Juan Gonzalez; CR-2004-228
William Mendez; CR-2001-159
Jacob Ware; CR-1998-33
Change of Plea:
Sydney Baca; CR-2004-154
John Ward; CR-2004-137
Other:
Jose Limones; CR-2003-144 Competency/Change of plea.
Luis Triste; CR-2004-06 Motion.
Martha Manning; CR-2001-151 Merits.
Spencer Klinekole; CR-2003-127 Competency.
Guadalupe Solis; CR-2004-291 Competency.
Claralyn Hosetosavit; CR-2002-102 Pre-trial hearing and motion.
Patricia Sunquist; CR-2004-162 MRCR
Jerry Collins; CR-2004-221 Motion.

Sentencing:
Gloria Harris; CR-2004-38
Virginia Price; CR-2002-187
Steven Anderson; CR-2004-89
Evan McClendon; CR-2004-22
John Geneva; CR-2003-205
Gene Carney; CR-2003-135
11 a.m.
Filemon Aldama; CR-2002-154
Estepan Gastelum; CR-2003-45 Sentencing.
1 p.m. Plea conferences:
Floyd Ryan; CR-2004-191
Janimeigh McIntosh; CR-2004-192
Elizabeth Hubbard; CR-2004-194
Jessica Grant; CR-2004-203
Lisa Nichols; CR-2004-208
Robert Leniger; CR-2004-201
Heather McMillian; CR-2004-205
Jose Cordova; CR-2004-195
Bryan Commanche; CR-2004-204
Lisa Morris; CR-2004-196
Joseph Larue; CR-2004-198
Lisa Morris; CR-2004-196
Joseph Larue; CR-2004-198
Arthur Stoner; CR-2004-200
1:30 p.m.
Ricky Dutchover; CR-2003-139 Sentencing.
John Blackmon; CR-2004-72 Sentencing.
3 p.m.
McClennan v. NM MVD; CV-2004-235 Merits.
Dan McClennen; CR-2004-131 Motion.
Friday, January 14
Judge in Albuquerque: Children's Law Institute and at 12:15 p.m. Judge to attend Tribate State Consortium meeting.

Free Family Law Workshop In Las Cruces Jan. 26th

Information regarding divorce, custody and child support issues will be provided at a free Family Law Workshop set for January 26 in Las Cruces. The free workshop will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 26 at the Branigan Memorial Library at 200 E. Picacho Ave. in Las Cruces. The workshop will include presentations by volunteer attorney Edith Reeves regarding divorce, custody and other child support issues. The attorney will explain options and available services, and answer questions. The event is open to the public and free of charge as a community service of the State Bar of New Mexico and the New Mexico Civil Legal Services Commission. For more information call toll free 1-800-876-6227.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Cause No: SA-04-03
Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF TRAY DAN FIELD,
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO: JAMES ROBERT BOWEN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights is the above cause of action.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this suit is a Petition for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights, as more particularly set forth in the Petition on file in the above-captioned cause.

The Petitioner's attorney is H. John Underwood, H. JOHN UNDERWOOD, LTD., 1221 Mechem Drive, Suite 5, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you file an answer or responsive pleading to the Petition, on or before February 10, 2005, being twenty (20) days from the last date of publication of this Notice, appropriate relief will be rendered in the cause against you by default.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 22nd day of December, 2004.

**JAN PERRY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT**

(SEAL) **By: Mickie L. Vega
Deputy Clerk**

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LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CAUSE NO. PB-04-39
DIVISION III

In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL EUGENE NISHITANI, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
MARILYN NISHITANI has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MICHAEL EUGENE NISHITANI, Deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

MARILYN NISHITANI
Michael S. Line
Attorney at Law
Box 519
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355
(505) 258-4636

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-2004-00298
JUDGE: Karen Leigh Parsons

THE MONEY MAN, INC.)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
MARY DAVIS and DAVID DAVIS,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:
MARY DAVIS and DAVID DAVIS

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that **THE MONEY MAN, INC.**, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket Number CV-2004-00298 wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general object of said action is to foreclose certain mortgages dated June 5, 2002 and August 29, 2002, said mortgages having been duly recorded in the office of the Lincoln County Clerk on June 10, 2002 and November 12, 2002 in Book 279, Pages 485-487 and, Pages Book 295, Pages 490-491, of the Lincoln County Records, and the real estate which may be affected by and which is involved in the above-captioned and numbered cause in more fully described in said mortgages.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the February 28, 2005, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted.

The name and post office address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: **MARK A. FILOSA**, Post Office Drawer 391, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, 87901.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 27th day of December, 2004.

**JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court**

(Seal) **By: Elizabeth Ysasl
Deputy**

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
PROCLAMATION
NOTICE OF ALTO LAKES SPECIAL
WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT ELECTION
AVISO DE LA PROCLAMACION DEL
AVISO LEGAL DEL AGUA ESPECIAL DE
LOS LAGOS ALTO Y DE LA ELECCION
DEL DISTRITO DEL SANEAMIENTO

On the 10th of January, 2005, there will be held in the Alto Lakes Special Water & Sanitation District, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a special election for the purpose is to decide whether the territory described in the Petition to the District Court filed in this case on September 27, 2004 should be organized as a Water & Sanitation District called the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District and if the organization issue carries, the election of the initial five member board of directors of the district.

El 10 de enero de 2005, alli sera llevado a cabo en los lagos distrito, condado de Lincoln, New Mexico, alto, una eleccion especial para el proposito es decidir se el territorio descrito en la peticion a la corte de distrito archiva en esta caso de septiembre el 27, a 2004 se debe organizar como agua y el distrito del saneamiento llamado los lagos alto distrito riega y del saneamiento y si la edicion de la organizacion lleva, la eleccion de la unta directive inicial de cinco miembros del distrito.

The voting District and the Precinct Board Members for this election shall be as follows:

Los Distritos de votar y los miembros de la Junta de Pricinto seran especificados asi:

Table with 3 columns: Election Precinct, Polling Place, Precinct Board Members. Includes details for precincts 5.3 and 5.4, and absentee voting procedures.

The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Los lugares de votar estaran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. hasta la 7:00 p.m., el dia de la eleccion.

Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner, authorized by I-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m., December 7, 2004, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., January 7, 2005, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

El votar en ausente sera permitido segun I-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; como quiera que sea, segun la seccion 1-22-19, NMSA, 1978, electores calificados tambien pueden votar ausente (en persona) en la oficina del clerigo del condado de Lincoln mientras los dias de oficina regulares desde las 8:00 a.m., el dia 7 de Diciembre, 2004, siendo el dia 25 antes de la eleccion, hasta las 5:00 p.m., dia 7 de Enero, 2005, siendo el viernes antes de la eleccion. Las boletas de ausente se enviarian por aerea, o, si asi se piden, transmitidas electronicamente acualquier votante o aplicante que sea un elector calificado Federal y de ultramarino antes de dia 6 de Enero, 2005, siendo el ueves antes del dia de eleccion, segun seccion 1-6-5, NMSA 1978.

At such Election, the question to be voted upon shall be: SHALL THE TERRITORY DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON THE MAP MARKED EXHIBIT "A" TO THE PETITION FILED IN CAUSE NO. CV 04-245, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND TO BE KNOWN AS THE ALTO LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT BECOME A WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT.

- For Organization
Para la Organizacion
Against Organization
Contra la Organizacion

An additional question to be voted upon shall be: IF THE DISTRICT IS ORGANIZED, ARE YOU FOR A THREE OR FIVE MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

Una pregunta adicional ser votada sobre sera: SI EL DISTRITO se ORGANIZA, SEA USTED PARA UN TRES O CINCO Junta Directiva de MIEMBRO:

- For three members
Para tres miembros
For five members
Para cinco miembros

An additional question to be voted upon shall be: IF THE DISTRICT IS ORGANIZED, SHALL THE FOLLOWING PERSONS BE ELECTED TO SERVE AS THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS. YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH POSITION:

Una pregunta adicional ser votada somber iraseas: SI EL DISTRITO se ORGANIZA, IRA LAS PERSONAS SIGUIENTES SEAN ELEGIDAS a SERVIR COMO LOS DIRECTORES de DISTRITO. USED DEBE VOTAR PARA SOLO UN CANDIDATO PARA CADA POSICION:

Table with 3 columns: Position, Candidates, and VOTE FOR ONE / VOTE PARA UNO. Includes positions 1, 2, and 3 with candidates like C. Mark Clark, Don E. Brewer, Charles C. Rountree, Warren Barrington, and Michael J. Disanto.

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LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF LINCOLN COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO
No. CV 04-343

Tom E. Wood, Sr., and Sonora Corporation,
A New Mexico corporation,
Plaintiffs,

vs.
Max Loya, and the unknown heirs of Mrs.
Max Loya, deceased;

All unknown spouses of any of the
above-named Defendants, and all unknown
claimants of interest in the premises
adverse to the Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

To the above named and described
defendants: You are hereby notified that the
plaintiffs in the above entitled cause has
commenced a suit against you in the above styled
court by filing therein his complaint in writing;
that said suit is now pending; that the general
object of said suit is to determine and quiet the
title of plaintiff against the defendants in and to
the property described in the complaint; which
property is described as follows:

Thomas E. Wood, Sr. Property:

The West Half of Lots 7 in Block C of the
Ruidoso Springs Subdivision, a subdivision
to the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County,
New Mexico.

Sonora Corporation Property:

Lot 21 and the West Half of Lot 22 in Block
C of the Ruidoso Springs Subdivision, a
subdivision to the Village of Ruidoso,
Lincoln County, New Mexico.

together with all and singular the hereditaments
and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in
anywise appertaining, and the reversion and
reversions, remainder and remainders, rents,
issues and profits thereof; that said complaint
prays for the establishment of Plaintiff's estates
in fee simple against the adverse claims of said
Defendants; that the Defendants, and each of
them, be barred and forever estopped from having
or claiming any lien upon or any right or
title to the premises adverse to the Plaintiffs,
and that Plaintiffs' title thereto be forever
quieted and set at rest; that unless said Defendants
enter or cause to be entered their appearance
in said cause on or before February 25,
2005, judgment will be rendered in said cause
by default against them so failing to appear; and
that Plaintiff's attorney is Owen Russell, P.O.
Box 3580, Milan, New Mexico 87021.

DATED this 27th day of December, 2004.

JAN FERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: Jolene Biggs
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December
13, 2004, Ronald Ray Romack, 205 Granite,
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, filed application
No. 02694 into H-2965 with the STATE ENGI-
NEER for permit to change point of diversion,
place and purpose of use of surface water to
Groundwater in the Hondo Underground Water
Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to discontinue the
diversion of 10/5 acre-feet per annum of the
surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, a tributary
of the Rio Hondo, via the P. Chaves Spring, at
a point in the SW1/4NW1/4NW1/4 of Section
10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, and
supplemental shallow groundwater from well
No. H-135, located in the NW1/4SE1/4SE1/4
of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17
East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of
3.0 acres of land described as Part of the
SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South,
Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

The applicant proposes to commence the
diversion of 10.5 acre-feet per annum of shallow
groundwater to be diverted from well No.
H-2965 located in the NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4 of
Section 31, Township 11 South, Range 15 East,
N.M.P.M.

The move-from point of diversion and places
of use are located in Hondo, Lincoln County,
New Mexico.

The proposed move-to points of diversion,
and place of use are located southeast of Ruidoso
Downs, 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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Dry and windy are predicted with seasonal cool temperatures and only slight chances for precipitation on Monday, January 17.

For more information and tips on dealing with winter weather, go to www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/prep/agedness/wwwxaware-2.htm on the internet.

The following information was taken from the National Weather Service website. Weather reports, updated every four hours, can be viewed at www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/ on the internet.

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

Today, Thursday, January 13:

Mostly sunny with north wind around 10 miles per hour (mph) becoming west. High around 49. Tonight mostly clear with west winds around 5 mph. Low near 21 in Carrizozo.

Friday, January 14: Partly cloudy with west winds 5 to 10 mph. High around 49. Tonight mostly clear with low around 20.

Saturday, January 15: Mostly sunny with high around 49. Tonight partly cloudy with low around 22.

Sunday, January 16: Partly cloudy with high around 44. Tonight partly cloudy with low near 22.

Monday, January 17: Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of rain showers. High around 43. Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of snow showers. Low around 23.

Tuesday, January 18: Partly cloudy with high near 47. Tonight, partly cloudy with low around 25.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona.

Today, Thursday, January 13: Mostly sunny with north-west winds 10 to 15 mph. High near 45 in Ruidoso, 47 in Capitan and 44 in Corona.

Tonight, mostly clear with west winds 5 to 10 mph. Lows near 16 in Ruidoso, 19 in Capitan, and 17 in Corona.

Friday, January 14: Partly cloudy with west winds 5 to 10 mph. High near 45 in Ruidoso, 47 in Capitan and 43 in Corona.

Tonight mostly clear with lows around 19 in Ruidoso, 20 in Capitan and 18 in Corona.

Saturday, January 15: Mostly sunny with highs around 45 in Ruidoso, 46 in Capitan and 43 in Corona.

Tonight partly cloudy with lows around 23 in Ruidoso, 24 in Capitan and 20 in Corona.

Sunday, January 16: Partly cloudy with highs near 42 in Ruidoso, near 43 in Capitan and around 41 in Corona.

Tonight partly cloudy with lows near 23 in Ruidoso, 24 in Capitan and 20 in Corona.

Monday, January 17: Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of snow showers. High around 40 in Ruidoso and Capitan and 39 in Corona.

Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of snow showers. Lows around 26 in Ruidoso and Capitan and 20 in Corona.

Tuesday, January 18: Partly, cloudy with highs around 43 in Ruidoso, 44 in Capitan and 42 in Corona.

Tonight, partly cloudy with lows around 25 in Ruidoso, 27 in Capitan and 23 in Corona.



FAST ACTION
 Lincoln County News
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Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

Between doctors appointment and the weather we didn't return home until it was too late to get my news in last week.

Our sympathies to Patsy Racher family. One of my first memories is Patsy in 4-H. She was a dedicated postmaster at the Hondo Post Office for many years.

She had fought a brave battle against cancer. She always had a cheerful face and a great outlook on life.

Wynogene Hunter of Roswell passed away this weekend. She was the mother of Beulah Oyler and her husband Bob, Las Cruces and Rama Crouse, her husband Jim of Nogal.

The Lincoln State Monument is a busy place. They are putting in handrails at San Juan's Church from the street to the sidewalk. To those of us who have fallen on those steps a BIG Thank You Dee.

Other building and repair work includes shoring up the north wall of the Tun-stall Store, and on phase two of the Feather Cave exhibit which is scheduled to open in May.

Lincoln will be watching and lobbying for the state to acquire the Hubbard Museum. Also hoping we will receive enough money to put up a new water storage tank for Lincoln.

Passers by may have noticed the rock work that is being done by Neil Girard on his property west of Torrez Ranch. He is doing a wonderful job stabilizing his property with the rocks.

The Joe Lee Smith's addition to their home is coming along. It is going to be a big nice addition to the old adobe home.

The trees are nearly all planted in the courthouse park. If anyone wants to dedicate a tree - such as a family member or friend - can contact Johnson Stearns in Carrizozo for further information.

This is personal but there are many out there who will be interested in this item. There is a new treatment just coming out for those with macular degeneration, especially the wet. There is new injection called Macugen that is the first treatment that may help slow down the effects of MD. It is

an injection that is given in the eye over a one or two week period. The doctors are very encouraged that maybe there is a treatment that will work.



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poisoned his wife's coffee so he might be free to carry on a love affair with a red-haired waitress. -- Tucumcari Daily News.

"The Copper's Ball"

When it comes to putting on a dance where everyone can have a glorious time, the "Ladies Aid Society" of White Oaks can really "cut the mustard". All of them worked preparing sandwiches. All of them entered into the spirit of the affair -- and the "Coppers' Ball" was a grand success.

"Deserves No Sympathy"

There is one impoverished farmer down in Texas who is not asking for sympathy. He signs his name J. P. Rogers, of Greenville, Route No. 2. In a letter to the editor of the Dallas News, and published in that paper, he writes:

"I am one among many farmers who were hard hit last year. Beginning early and working hard to make a big crop, I came out at the end of the season with three bales of cotton, which were turned over to my merchant for supplies furnished.

"My 10 horses and three cows were mortgaged to the bank to secure an old debt and the bank now owns them.

On the first Tuesday in December the loan company foreclosed a lien it held against my farm and it now owns the farm.

"Truly I have been hit hard, but I deserve no sympathy; I voted for Hoover."

New Frididaire

Mr. English of the Carrizozo Hardware Company has the latest models meter-miser Frigidaires on display. He invites your inspection. His ad will be found on page 8.

"In all human activities, particularly in all matters of business, times of stress and difficulty are seasons of opportunity when the seeds of progress are sown." -- Thomas F. Woodlock.

8th Grade Banquet

Members of the 8th grade class are making big preparations for their banquet at Community hall tonight. Each girl is to invite a boy who does not belong to the class and vice versa.

A Complete Reply

An exchange prints a little story, clipped from an unknown source, which is very good and perhaps also very old. Anyway, it is worth repeating.

It concerns an Omaha wholesale house and a customer merchant in an Iowa cross-roads town. A shipment of goods received by the customer was rejected as unsatisfactory:

The wholesaler prepared to institute suit for collections, and wrote to the railroad agent at the village for information about the arrival of the merchandise; to the president of the bank for information concerning financial standing of their customer; to the mayor of the city asking him to recommend a good lawyer to handle their case; and to the merchant himself, threatening suit, if he did not make payment at once. This reply was received:

"I recently received your letter telling me I had better pay up.

"I am" the railroad agent here and received the letter you wrote about the shipment.

"I am also the president and sole owner of the local bank and can assure you as to my financial standing.

"Also, as the mayor of the city, I hesitate to refer you to a lawyer, since I am the only member of the bar in this vicinity.

"And, if I were not the pastor of the only church in the area, I would tell you to go to hell!"

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Convict -- What are you doing here?
 Reporter -- Only taking a few notes.
 Convict -- Well, you'd better be careful; that's what I'm in here for!

LEGALS

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Position 4
 Posición 4
 For a four year term
 Para un cuarto termino de ano
 Earl Adamy

Position 5
 Posición 5
 For a six year term
 Para un seis termino de ano
 Daniel B. Knorr

VOTE FOR ONE
 VOTE PARA UNO
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LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK
 CONDADO DE LINCOLN
 BY: /s/
 For: /s/

Tammie J. Maddox
 Lincoln County Clerk
 Escribana de Condado
 Lincoln County

(SEAL OF THE COUNTY CLERK)
 (Sello de la Escribana del Condado)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 13, 2004, Alfred McTeigue Estate, HC66, Box 32, San Patricio, New Mexico 88348, filed application No. 02677-A into H-974 et al with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion, place and purpose of use of surface water to Groundwater in the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to discontinue the diversion of 32.0 acre-feet per annum of the surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, a tributary of the Rio Hondo, via the Storm Ditch at a point in the SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., by the ceasing the irrigation of 10.0 acres of land described as the E1/2SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 5 and the SW1/4NW1/4, all in Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

The applicant proposes to commence the diversion of 32.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater to be diverted from the following described wells.

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-974	SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	29	11S.	14E.
H-974-S	SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	29	11S.	14E.
H-974-S-2	SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	29	11S.	14E.

Said waters are to be used for municipal purposes within the City of Ruidoso Downs. The move-from point of diversion and places of use are located in Hondo, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The proposed move-to points of diversion and place of use are located within the City of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm, corporation or other entity having standing to the objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objections 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 post-mark 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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Capitan Wants A Divorce

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ought to go to the people, not to the Town of Carrizozo or the Village of Capitan.

Stevens said the value of CCNG to any other company is CCNG's ability to raise revenue and its service area. The mayor of Carrizozo said there have been estimates the gas company is worth about \$1 million. Stevens said if the communities decide to sell CCNG, it will have to go through a request for proposals (rfp) and the market will tell the value of the company.

"I understand Zia Natural Gas is the precipitated public utility for this area," Shearer said. "Could another public utility come in and compete with Zia (for the purchase of CCNG)? I find that unlikely."

"Not to point fingers, but these high gas prices are costing the public tons of money," the mayor of Capitan said. "Yet we haven't heard many complaints from Carrizozo."

The mayor of Carrizozo said people in Carrizozo pay their bills and are happy they have gas service.

An audience member said Zia Gas is responsible for part of the high prices for CCNG, because of the transportation costs. "What guarantee do we have it will be different if CCNG sells," she asked. The mayor of Capitan asked if she had looked at her gas bills, to which the person said she was glad to be warm.

The mayor of Capitan said he agreed with Stevens in trying to avoid going to court, but on December 27 his board of trustees voted to take CCNG into receivership and demanded an audit.

The mayor of Carrizozo asked why they wanted another audit. The mayor of

Capitan again stated his concerns about how CCNG bills for gas that is measured at sea level but expands at higher altitudes. He suggested there is bad bookkeeping, a massive leak or some other situation.

Carrizozo CCNG member Angelo Vega said that Cliff Smith had been the Capitan representative on CCNG and had been involved with several budget processes, yet never raised an issue about how the billing was done.

CCNG finance officer Kay Strickland said CCNG has figured gas rates at sea level pressures, then bills out at Capitan altitude pressures since the very start of the company. Strickland said Smith was aware of this. Shearer said Smith said it took him three years to understand that and when he did he resigned from the CCNG board.

Strickland then asked why Smith had not brought up the issue before now. Shearer said everyone has tried to save the gas company and make it work.

After some more discussion about how CCNG measures and charges for its gas, Vega said Shearer was on the CCNG board when budgets were done.

"The problem is we're dead," the mayor of Capitan announced. "We're locked into a gas price and we can't compete."

Shearer said CCNG is not big enough for the expertise needed to find and lock into low bulk gas prices.

Capitan village attorney Marc Prelo said both communities need to work together. He said he did not think a referendum was necessary, rather the two boards which are duly elected

should make the decision. "The buck stops with your two boards," Prelo said. "Not the citizens."

Prelo agreed the process has to be done right, but said there is no question if the two communities work together it will happen a lot quicker. He also said a referendum might have a poor turn out of voters.

An audience member said it appears Capitan does not want to work with Carrizozo.

Shearer said the CCNG gas rates are straining the Capitan School District Budget. Tregembo said the current gas prices are a 29.67 percent increase in cost from those in 2003-2004. "With that much of a gas price increase, our school board was obligated to find an alternative," Tregembo said. "That is why we came to the village for a solution. We just can't tell our constituents we are willing to pay a higher bill."

The mayor of Carrizozo then authorized Stevens to research whether the trustees of the two communities have the authority to proceed with the sale of the gas company without a referendum. Shearer said in her opinion the Joint Powers Agreement for CCNG gives that authority.

Officials then argued about setting up special public hearings about CCNG.

Capitan Trustee George Tippin asked what will become of the CCNG employees. Stevens and Prelo said they would talk and come up with some options for the employees. Shearer said they certainly want to treat the CCNG employees fairly.

Stevens then asked the mayor of Capitan to appoint someone from Capitan to the CCNG board so the CCNG employees and bills could be

paid. The mayor of Capitan appointed Tippin.

When Prelo mentioned the need to commit to a special meeting, the mayor of Capitan said there is no time, because the Capitan School Board is upset because Zia gas lines are just feet away from the campus.

"The school board has a meeting (January 13) and this (CCNG) is on their dance card," the mayor of Capitan said.

"As mayor I want this on our agenda to consider releasing the school from the CCNG franchise," the mayor of Capitan said. "If the majority of my board says release the school from the CCNG franchise we will. Once the whole town knows, I'm sure my board will say release the whole town from the CCNG franchise."

"I'm sorry, I would rather see the school survive than CCNG," the mayor of Capitan added.

The mayor of Carrizozo said it sounded like Capitan has its mind made up about CCNG and there was no need for Carrizozo to be there.

Stevens said he and Prelo would move with diligence in finding whether the boards have authority and what the rules are for the Open Meetings Act and Procurement Act because he did not want to violate those acts.

A woman in the audience said as a citizen who pays her bills her rights go before anyone else's. "The board works for me and I say this has come to an end and needs to be taken care of now," the woman said. "This is the end, let's get it done."

The mayor of Capitan said if CCNG goes away tomor-

row, "there will be \$250,000 for the people." Strickland then reminded that the CCNG gas contract would have to be honored.

Finally, both boards of trustees and the two attorneys agreed to public hearings being held on January 20, at 5:30 p.m. in Carrizozo and

6:30 p.m. in Capitan. A final joint meeting of the two boards concerning CCNG will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 25 in Carrizozo.

The public is urged to attend the public hearings to provide their thoughts about the future of CCNG.

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