

Billboard Stays In Carrizozo

by Doris Cherry

A "spectacular" billboard, twice the legal size limit for large signs, will stay up in Carrizozo.

Despite what some described as a conflicting message from the town attorney, Carrizozo trustees at their meeting Tuesday, February 8 unanimously granted a variance

to the existing billboard owned by Quail Outdoor Advertising, located behind Four Winds Restaurant. A contingency to the motion was the existing sign will not be lighted, and it will not serve as a precedence to allow any more signs larger than the maximum size allowed by town ordinance.

Town attorney David

Stevens spoke for trustees when resident Barbara Culler asked each one to say why he or she favored the variance. Culler said trustees and Stevens had first told the public that the billboard would not qualify for a variance. Culler was also concerned the variance would set a precedence for other companies to come to Carrizo-

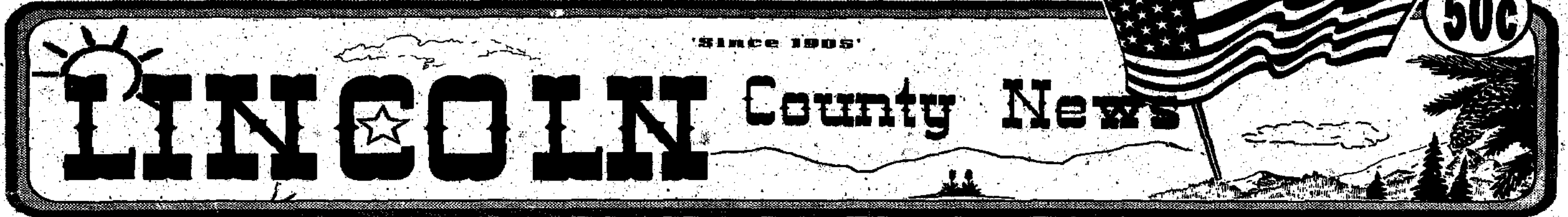
zo to put up huge billboards.

Stevens said he advised the trustees during executive session (held prior to regular business to discuss pending litigation) to grant the variance. "Based on errors by town of Carrizozo administration, and representations made to Quail Outdoor Advertising it is in the town's

best interest to avoid the cost of litigation necessary to remove the sign," Stevens said. "If the town was to be forced into litigation, Carrizozo would spend lots of money

and most likely lose," Stevens added. "I believe this is an economic situation, and it would not be economically

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GREGARIOUS GOVERNOR Bill Richardson meets young Lincoln County Democrat Allen Trujillo (above) prior to his talk to more than 100 Democrat party members, and other supporters, who gathered at a Democratic luncheon at Alto Country Club on February 3 (below). Richardson said Lincoln County is at the top of his favorite counties in the state, because he finds Lincoln County residents to be "fair minded". Richardson said he has not forgotten about the outlying counties which is why he has appointed people from Lincoln County to state boards and commissions. Richardson gave a quick overview of the current state legislature and his "very broad agenda to modernize education and get more money into the classroom". He supported his signing of the bill to provide a \$250,000 life insurance policy for every military person killed in combat, the first such bill in the nation. He announced the formation of a state Music Commission which will help preserve the music of New Mexico and Western culture and the need for New Mexico to promote and support Western traditions as rodeo and 4-H. Richardson also announced that he has instructed the state highway department to install a traffic light in Ruidoso Downs and he assured that Camp Sierra Blanca would stay fully funded. Richardson later addressed the Southwestern Hay Growers Association conference at the convention center in Ruidoso.



Fort Stanton Celebrates Sesquicentennial May 7

Fort Stanton will celebrate 150 years of history and service to the nation on May 7.

On May 7, Fort Stanton, Inc. a non-profit historical preservation organization, is sponsoring history and humanities events to commemorate the founding of the Fort in 1855.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and includes presentations by historians; people who lived or worked at Fort Stanton; and tours of the old Fort lead

by archaeologists and architects. Presentation topics will include first-person dramatizations on Apache history, the military years, tuberculosis hospital years, World War II German internment camp years and the state hospital and training school years.

Registration fee will include lunch, and afternoon high tea with a Fort Stanton birthday cake hosted by "Lydia Lane" (dramatization) who lived at Fort Stanton during its military years.

Fort Stanton's history involved the Apache wars, Civil War and the Lincoln County War. Fort Stanton became the nation's first military tuberculosis hospital and the first German internment camp. In its later years it served as the state hospital and training school for developmentally disabled adults.

Some famous personalities associated with Fort Stanton included Kit Carson, Victor

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Capitan Chamber Plans For Smokey Bear Days

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an arts and crafts fair in conjunction with the Lincoln County Fair in August.

Chamber members during their meeting Monday, February 7, gave their approval to host an arts and crafts fair, upon invitation from the Lincoln County Fair Association. Chamber president Mary Brothers said the fair association will help the chamber promote the arts and crafts fair. Members discussed possible locations for the fair, and agreed it should be located near the fairgrounds.

Volunteers are needed for the fast approaching Smokey Bear Days, May 6 & 7. The chamber is assisting the Smokey's Home Town Association with the event which will feature a free street dance next to Smokey Bear park on Friday, May 6, bear carving contest, car show and evening concert at Tiger Stadium on Saturday, May 7. Vendors will be located in one area across from Smokey Bear Park. Booth space may be purchased from the chamber by contacting Mary Brothers at 354-7021 or at the chamber visitor center at 354-2273. The fee does not include the temporary vendor permit which must be purchased from the village prior to the event.

Volunteers will be needed to serve as Smokey's Ambassadors to provide information to visitors and to assist with the vendor and music areas. Contact volunteer coordinator George Tippin at 354-7021.

The chamber Smokey Bear Days committee meets at 6:30 p.m. the first and second Wednesdays of the month at the chamber visitor center on Smokey Bear Blvd. Smokey's Hometown Association meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Contact Brothers for more details. Anyone interested in helping with the event is invited to attend the meetings.

The Chamber will also sponsor several events during the July 4 Independence Day celebrations. The chamber is sponsoring the Smokey Bear Fun Run, co-sponsoring with

the Village of Capitan the Smokey Bear parade with this year's theme of "Back to the 50s". will have a mini-carnival next to the visitor center after the parade and is considering a Frisbee golf tournament. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Contact Brothers or the visitor center.

Village of Capitan has appropriated \$3,000 to the chamber to help pay for promotion of events. Brothers reported she is finalizing an agreement between the chamber and the village which outlines the many services the chamber provides to the village in exchange for the funding. Brothers said the chamber must provide the service agreement to the village to avoid violating the state constitution anti-donation clause and to provide an audit trail for the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) which oversees all local government. She said the chamber advertises the village in several publications and provides information services to individuals and potential businesses as well as sponsoring many events that bring people to the village.

Brothers announced that Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce president Dean Lollar will be attending Capitan

Chamber meetings beginning March. Brothers said she plans to attend the Carrizozo Chamber meetings also, as a way to more regionalize efforts and for the communities to coordinate events to avoid conflicts.

The chamber may discontinue its flea markets due to declining participation by vendors and the buying public. Brothers said a recent increase in insurance per event also has made sponsoring the flea markets a money losing situation. Brothers suggested one flea market could be held during the vil-

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Bonito Fire Dept. Gets Federal \$\$\$

Bonito Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a \$180,000 grant to purchase a firefighting vehicle.

According to a press release from Rep. Steve Pearce's office, Bonito Fire Dept. will receive the grant from the US Dept. of Homeland Security "Assistance to Firefighters" program.

The one-year grants go directly to local fire departments to enhance their ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards in their communities.



NEW TOWN TRUSTEE Carrizozo alternate municipal judge Lee Roy Zamora (left) swears in newly appointed Carrizozo trustee Van Shamblin at the Tuesday, February 8 Carrizozo trustee meeting. Shamblin was selected by a committee, made up of a trustee and community leaders, from individuals who sent letters of interest in the trustee position, which was vacated when Eileen Lovelace resigned after being elected as county commissioner. Shamblin was former president of Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce and currently serves on the South Central Mountain RC&D Council.

Capitan Offered A Display For 'Smokey' Museum

by Ruth Hammond
The Smokey Bear Museum/Gift Shop in Capitan may have a new display soon. Shirley Pavlovic, deputy clerk for the Village of Capitan, said a man in California has the "one of only two known" display and has offered to donate it to Capitan if Capitan will pay the cost to have the display transported from California

to Capitan. The display is a vending-type riding machine that children may sit in. Capitan Village Trustees during their regular meeting Tuesday, Feb. 8 agreed to move forward with acquisition of the display. A resolution will be presented at the village trustee meeting in March to use funds from the Smokey Bear donation fund

at the museum to pay the cost of transporting the display, estimated to be about \$400.

Other business items during the trustee meeting Feb. 8 included a report on the baseball field, a joint venture between the village and Capitan School. The property is being surveyed, completion date Feb. 27. It was determined the property has not been annexed and should be annexed by the village to alleviate problems with the state department of finance and administration (DFA). An ordinance is to be prepared and a public hearing should be scheduled for the March 8 village trustees meeting concerning annexing the property.

Costs have increased for the road stabilization material, reported Johnathan LaMay, supervisor of the village street department. The village may need to budget more for this line item in the next budget.

Trustees accepted the standard contract form from Smith Engineering for waterline replacement on Long and Valley View pending review by the village attorney.

The Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) was discussed in conjunction with the waterline replacement project. The main concern was that the MAP chip seal project must be completed soon, even before the waterline is replaced, and directional boring will be necessary.

Trustees also discussed the need for culverts in one area. Pavlovic presented the budget review, complete with a budget calendar listing dates for budget workshops, etc. Pavlovic said it is hoped the budget will be finalized at the May meeting to be sent to Santa Fe by June 1.

The budget review, consisting of several pages, prompted trustee George Tippin to say, "this will be some nice reading."

Ernest Trujillo spoke to trustees about an ongoing matter. He showed trustees on a map where his property was located and discussed the issue. He is to discuss the matter with the mayor by February 22.

Village attorney Marc Prjelo reported on the Capitan

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Capitan Chamber

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io. General John J. (Black Jack) Pershing, Billy the Kid, Rafael Chacon, Gov. Lew Wallace, the Buffalo Soldiers and Lydia Lane.

Currently the New Mexico General Services Dept. which has ownership of Fort Stanton, is beginning restoration of several historic buildings. Fort Stanton Inc. is working to clarify Fort Stanton's future use as an important historic site, and currently operates a small museum at the facility.

For more information about the Sesquicentennial go to the Fort Stanton Inc. web site at www.fortstanton.com or call Cynthia Orosco at 505-258-2212.



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 and Carrizozo Outlook".

Friday, February 4, 1955

Request Made to restore Stanton Lands to Indians

A Joint Memorial, introduced by Sen. Murray E. Morgan, Memorializes the President of the United States of America, the Congress of the United States of America, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare requesting recognition of the ownership and return of possession to the Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Fort Stanton Reservation.

The text of Memorial No. 6 follows, in part: "Whereas, the Mescalero Apache Tribe has from time immemorial held Indian title to the land known as Fort Stanton Reservation, which is in the heartland of the Apache country, and . . . whereas the Mescalero Apache Tribe has never surrendered its title to said land, and the Indian title thereto has never been extinguished, and there exists at the present time a pressing need for additional grazing land due to the substantially increased population of the Tribe, and

"Whereas, the economic level of at least half of the Mescalero Apache Tribe is depressed by the lack of this grazing land, "Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico, that the President of the United States of America . . . the Congress, the Secretaries of Interior, and Health, Education and Welfare are hereby memorialized earnestly to recognize the title of the Mescalero Apache Tribe to Fort Stanton Reservation, subject to the proper and just determination of any other claims or rights that may have existed at the time of the withdrawals of such land for public purposes, and to return said land to the Mescalero Apache Tribe without delay, thereby restoring the possession of the land for its own use.

"It is understood that the Mescalero Apache Tribe makes no claim for so much of the land within the Fort Stanton Reservation upon which, the Marine Hospital was erected and such other land used in conjunction with and essential to operate of such hospital which is now being administered by the State of New Mexico".

Ramblin' Around

by Paul Baker, Publisher
Lincoln County News and Outlook

Fort Stanton is again under fire, this time a two-pronged attack from members of our own State Legislature. One measure would deal a death blow, but quick. It is a joint memorial sponsored by Rep. Luis Page (D-Guadalupe) and others that asks the State Welfare Board to get rid of Fort Stanton hospital, which it says is duplicating the services of the state tuberculosis sanatorium at Socorro.

The other proposal, said to be a memorial to Congress, sponsored by Sen. Murray Morgan of Alamogordo, asks that the reservation be turned back to the Indians. Lincoln County strongly protests any change in the status quo at Fort Stanton.

Under the provisions of a bill introduced by State Representatives S.M. (Sally) Ortiz and Herbert D. Bays, restrictions would be placed on applicants for driver's permits and would also broaden the driver training program. The bill would tighten restrictions on those who have had driver's licenses suspended for infractions of the law and those infractions for the law and those convicted of reckless driving.

Two traffic deaths within a period of a month on the same curve 3 1/2 miles west of Capitan mark this stretch as one of the most dangerous stretches along Highway 380. One driver, a young woman from California, was killed there late in December. Another young woman from Florida was killed last week when the car she was driving left the pavement and overturned several times. In both accidents the cause was laid to "excessive speed -- failed to negotiate

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- > 5th Annual Chocolate Buffet & Cabaret < featuring Cathie Ryan 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 14th, Tickets \$15 first ever
- > White Sands Film Festival < February 17th thru 20th visit www.whitesandsfilmfestival.com for more information & registration.

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Obituary

LESLIE, JR.
Ben Leslie, Jr., 82, a former longtime resident of Alamogordo, died Sunday, February 6, at his home in Capitan.

Mr. Leslie was born July 14, 1922 in Capitan. After graduation from Capitan High School he enlisted in the US Navy and served during WWII. Following the war he became a firefighter at Holloman AFB and retired from civil service after 20 years. He then worked at Facilities Engineer with the New Mexico State Police and retired after 18 years. He returned to Capitan in 1997.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Williams of Colorado Springs; five grandchildren, Debbie Densmore and her husband Dewery of Castorville, TX, Sherri Ward and her husband Jeffrey of Greenville, TN, David Sanders and his wife Gwen of Alamogordo, Renee Garcia and her husband Michael of Alamogordo, and Jeffrey Sanders and his wife Sandy of Colorado Springs; eight great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace Godon Leslie in 1991; and by two sisters and a brother.

Funeral services will be today (Thursday, Feb. 10) at 10:00 a.m. in the Hamilton-O'Dell Chapel in Alamogordo with the Rev. Tom Richardson officiating. Interment will follow in Monte Vista Cemetery.



Carrizozo Chamber Offers \$1,000 Scholarship

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo High School students will again be offered an opportunity to apply for the \$1,000 scholarship awarded by Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber members at their meeting Tuesday, February 8, unanimously voted to offer the \$1,000 scholarship again this year. Members agreed to approve the scholarship this month so there will be more time for Carrizozo students to be made aware of, and to apply for, the scholarship.

Carrizozo High School seniors interested in applying for the scholarship should contact the school counselor.

Renewal of annual chamber membership dues will be extended another month, announced Korene Walker, chamber secretary who presided over the meeting in the absence of president Dean Lollar and vice president Scott Shafer. Lollar was out of state to be with his father who was very ill.

Members discussed having a cut off date for membership renewal, with those paying before the cut off date being placed on the mailing list for the chamber newsletter, while those who pay after the cut off date will not be included on the mailing list. Walker said she would place the item on the March meeting agenda to make a final decision.

As for the newsletter, Walker said it does not cost any more in postage to include another page. She suggested the page be open for advertising or other announcements for a fee. After discussion members voted unanimously to charge \$25 to any business, event or anyone wishing to advertise on the page. The fee will help cover the cost of printing and mailing of the newsletter. Walker said she prints 125 newsletters. Of those she

mailed out about 60 and places the remaining around Carrizozo for the public to take.

Barbara Culler reported on the Carrizozo Art League (CAL) which has scheduled studio tours in Carrizozo on May 14 and September 24. Culler said the art for the studio tours is not juried, but it must be art and "made by you." About 18 people are currently working on the May studio tour. A fee will be charged to be included in the studio tour and entry forms are available at Carrizozo Joe's and Pizzazozo. Deadline for entry in the May show is March 15.

Culler invited anyone interested in the CAL to attend the next meeting at 7 p.m. February 15 at Dennis Dunnum's home in Carrizozo.

Culler also said the CAL is also working to have a student art show exhibit sometime this year.

Gay Spierbain reported the visitor center had three walk ins, 11 calls, two e-mails. She said she completed sending out 35 faxes and letters, containing the Carrizozo calendar of events to different publications. Spierbain said she also got a call from a writer in Boston who was interested in Carrizozo for an article about the West. Spierbain said the small conference of 24 writers is still on schedule for September 23 and 24 in Carrizozo.

Dirk Norris reported on the website which received 960 visits, 36,000 hits with 15 pages per visit. He said most of the visits were referral links from real estate sites, a n d f r o m Lincolncountynm.net and ruidoso.net. He said any chamber member with a business can contact him to be included on the website, or to become a link.

Members also tabled discussion until the March meeting about a possible Spring Fiesta event in May or June.

New Horizons director Jenny Kelly and staff were the guest speakers at the chamber meeting. Kelly gave a history of the center which is a residential facility for adults with developmental disabilities. With a capacity for 19, the center now only has 11 residents. Kelly said the state is not informing families that New Horizons has beds open for individuals who qualify for medicaid, as a result some people are not getting the services they need now.

New Horizons employs 25 people, all but three who live in Carrizozo. It operates with a board of directors with some members who have

served more than 20 years.

New Horizons has a resident employment program for the higher functioning residents where businesses that employ a New Horizon resident for up to 10 hours a week can earn a \$2,400 tax credit per year. All employed residents come with a job coach who helps them learn their work routine, and who assures the job is done. The program helps residents earn some spending money which is often spent in Carrizozo, or at the Special Olympics.

New Horizons will participate in Special Olympics for the fourth year this year, and receives community support

to pay for the trips to the special games.

Kelly said New Horizons offers its employees good employment benefits of health insurance, retirement and vacation. They also are in need of people who are willing to work part time to fill in for vacationing or sick full time employees. The center will provide training.

Anyone interested in visiting New Horizons, (their residents love to have visitors) or is interested in the resident employment program or employment with the center can contact New Horizons Developmental Center at 648 2120.

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

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS
--Juan Hernandez from 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, FEBRUARY 10
--Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee 1 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
--Capitan high school basketball v. Dexter, district game: beginning at 4 p.m. with JV in Cummins Gym in Capitan.
--Registration and first day of parenting class 5:30-7:30 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative Inc. Office in Carrizozo. For parents and students in fifth to 12th grade: \$125 cash award to those who complete class.
--Capitan School Board 6:30 p.m. administration building.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13
--Myra Green FREE Gospel Concert, 10:55 a.m. First Baptist Church in Carrizozo.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
--Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Authority meeting 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
--Lincoln County Commission 8:30 a.m. commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
--Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission 2 p.m. village hall.

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I am truly humbled and honored for the opportunity to serve all of our children at Carrizozo schools. I will represent our children with honesty, integrity and respect, and I will strive to maintain quality education at Carrizozo schools.

Thank you parents, for playing a major role in your children's education, and with great team work, I am confident that our children will excel and achieve success at every level.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Billboard issue divides town

By Ruth Hammond

Did you decide yea or nay in favor of the billboard? It seems some people believe that only 10 people object to the billboard while other people say most don't care. And those who object know there are many more than 10 who do not like the billboard but are afraid to say anything. The main thing is that the billboard issue is more about how all the town ordinances are enforced than about the billboard. It is unfair to punish one person for a suspected crime and allow others to flagrantly break town laws.

Instead of selecting which laws to enforce, wouldn't it be better for everyone involved to enforce ALL town laws? Comments made by an elected official at the town council meeting Tuesday night give the impression that certain laws WILL be enforced. What about other laws? Sometimes people are confused as to what the issue really is and this seems to be one of those times. It has been confusing getting two different answers to the same question, and even more confusing to have explanations given one way one time and another way at a later time. It even sounds confusing to tell what actually happened.

Carrizozo residents have a right to voice their opinions either way. They have a right to ask questions and expect answers, not double talk. Just as it is not fair to select which laws and/or ordinances to enforce, it is also not fair to deem that the majority is in favor of actions taken by elected officials without proof. Secret ballots, such as we have in our election system here in the USA, is one of the very few ways to verify if the majority approves or not.

Of course if you want to believe what a spouter says instead of the facts, you may reach any conclusion you want. If you prefer blatant percentages that float around in the air and are pulled out at random, you may say you have basis for the conclusions you reach. But if you want to know the truth, you will probably ask questions and expect straight answers before making your own decision.

Really, decisions should not be made in haste because it usually takes time to determine fact from far-fetched fiction. And if statements made behind closed doors in a few minutes can change a person's mind, maybe the rest of us should be privy to that same information. We agree with some of the reasons for closed meetings, but there are times that keeping the public in the dark is not right.

Doesn't it seem as if it would be better to be told the truth instead of imagining what could be or what was or who did what? Imaginations are great for fiction writers and for spouters, but not for fact-seeking people who want to know the truth. If truth was the motto of the people making the decisions instead of secrecy, this issue might not be causing problems and would not be dividing allegiances between friends and neighbors. Have a Heart!

Calendar of Events

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- Registration and first day of parenting class 5:30-7:30 p.m. Capitan Middle School, For parents and students in 5th to 12th grade; \$125 cash award to those who complete class.
- Carrizozo Board of Education 6 p.m. administration building.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District meets at 8 a.m. Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club. Public invited to attend.
- Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas board meets at 6 p.m. at the CCNG office in Capitan. Public invited.
- Lincoln County Fair Association meets at 7 p.m. at the fair office in Capitan.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- Carrizozo Extension Club meets at 1 p.m. at Otero County Electric Cooperative Inc. office.
- Lincoln Historic Preservation Board meets at 7 p.m. at the Community Church in Lincoln.

Capitan Offered Display

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Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) situation. Prior to selling CCNG, which is owned jointly by the village of Capitan and the town of Carrizozo, the CCNG property and assets must be appraised.

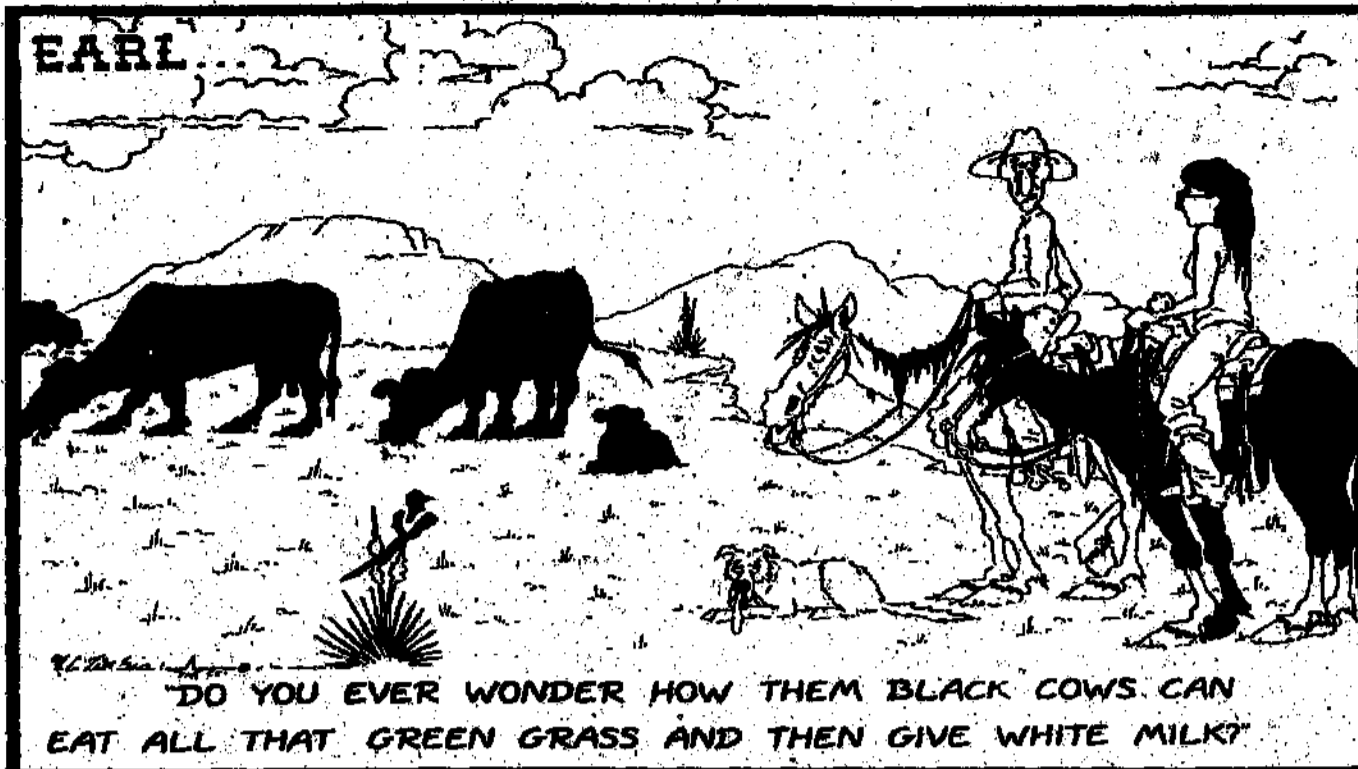
CCNG lowered the gas price for this past month. Trustee Ed Davis said that Capitan School gas bill dropped from \$20,000 to \$12,700.

Jane Tate was appointed to the DWI Council.

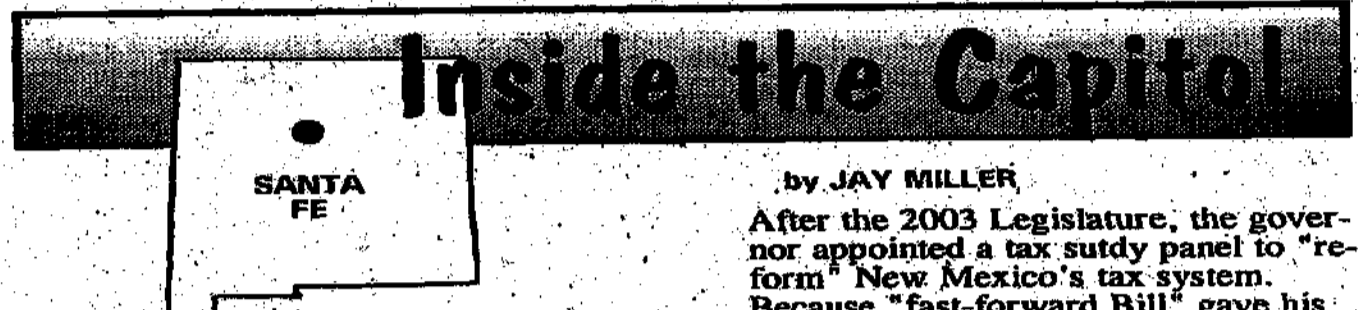
The resolution in support of the state legislation to increase motor vehicle administration fees was approved.

Resolution in support of state legislation - elected officials drug testing - was approved with trustees Davis, Tippin and Bill Martin in favor and trustee Bobbi Shearer casting a no vote. Shearer had researched the proposed state bill and was concerned that it might get political.

An executive session was held for one hour and 19 minutes for personnel matters, police dept., animal control, no action was taken after the board of trustees returned to open session at 9 p.m.



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SANTA FE -- Do we have a tax-cutting governor or what?

Well, he's probably more like a tax-shifting governor. he's cut here and added there. But perception is what counts, and on that count, Gov. Bill Richardson has done a great job of portraying himself as a tax cutter. The governor never lets an opportunity slip by to call himself a tax-cutting governor.

I has worked well. Those comments have been picked up by conservative national journalists and broadcasters who have given him credit for being a tax cutter, some making a big deal of a Democrat ever doing such a thing.

Some Republican lawmakers are up in arms over Richardson's success. Sen. Rod Adair, on his Web site, provides his computations of Richardson's tax cuts and tax increases and comes up with a \$130 million increase for the governor's first year in office.

Of course, numbers always are subject to interpretation. As the old says goes, "There are three kinds of lies: lies, darn lies and statistics."

This session, Gov. Richardson is proposing another \$42 million of tax cuts, many of them aimed at helping the state's economic development efforts.

Missing in the governor's initial proposal was any help to alleviate the "pyramiding" of gross receipts taxes on businesses that buy goods or services on which they have to pay those taxes. But since cutting that tax was the top priority of the state Association of Commerce and Industry, Richardson agreed to take a closer look.

The result is a 15 percent tax reduction on some services that businesses buy, such as legal or accounting. If passed, the hit on the state general fund will be about \$4.5 million.

Many years ago, I was a participant in a New Mexico First town hall meeting on state revenues. Even back then, pyramiding of gross receipts taxes was a major concern. It seems that most other states especially those with sales taxes lower than New Mexico's has found ways to solve the problem.

Whitc led me to ask what might be the effect on state revenues if we lowered our gross receipts tax to a measly one percent, but taxed everything that is bought or sold. In other words, we would eliminate all exemptions to the tax.

After digging through the ample source materials that New Mexico First provides for their town halls, my work group discovered that the revenue produced would be almost the same as the very complicated system we have.

It sounded like a capital idea to me. It was perfectly simple and probably a lot more fair -- a true flat tax. The idea lost its luster, however, when Rep. Max Coll, a member of the work group, noted that although the concept might be compelling, every industry that currently had an exemption would see to it that the proposal met a quick death.

A possible tax increase considered by Richardson is getting him in some trouble with the state's oil industry.

Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER

After the 2003 Legislature, the governor appointed a tax study panel to "reform" New Mexico's tax system. Because "fast-forward Bill" gave his blue-ribbon body very little time to accomplish the daunting task, he wasn't happy with many of its recommendations, especially those to increase taxes.

One of the suggested tax increases was to raise the so-called Emergency Oil and Gas School Tax rate on oil from 3.15 percent to 4 percent, which already is the tax rate on natural gas.

Although Richardson didn't like the idea than, it looks better now that he may need a little more revenue for some of his programs and to offset some tax cuts. But it has the oil producers screaming.

Oil Jobbers in Santa Fe currently are screaming about pumps being installed at Sam's Club, a Wal-Mart subsidiary. Gasoline prices in Santa Fe always fall when legislators come to town, for fear there might be another price-fixing investigation. This time, prices may not go back up at session's end.

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"Good" NEWS Bulletin

Just Some "Stuff"!

Patriots won Super Bowl and although kicker wasn't the hero the difference in the score was the field goal kicked by Vinateri, and T.O. wasn't all that great! Thank you very much!!!

Have to welcome back Chuck Rominger (Municipal Judge). Heard that more than one person had him dead and buried!!!!

A warning to owners of private airplanes. Especially the ones that use the air space around Old Lincoln and between Roswell. Watch out for fast moving objects!!

And congratulations to Van Shamblin for her appointment to the Carrizozo board of trustees.

A doozie of a town council meeting Tuesday night. Don't think it over yet. Stay tuned!!

The really "good" stuff for the week were the new gas bills customers received for last month from C-C Natural Gas. A big thank you to
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Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Unnecessary People, Places & Things will fade away. Ask yourself what you can do not only to help others but to help yourself when it comes to love. You're bankrupt and in the red. You need it too.

Places (Feb 19 - March 20)
This is not about money! It's about respect. To yourself, and how others see you. Don't allow the hurt to go on any longer. People treat you how you want to be treated. Love yourself first, then give more.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Be aware of your surroundings. You're not thinking with a clear mind since you're not eating and getting enough rest. And you wonder why you're tired? "Hello" You'll do better, feel better, once you do this.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
OH, Don't even let them start this without your permission. Don't get an ego and think you can bully your way through this. Handle this with love and respect and listen to what they need to say. You'll win.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Rock and Roll, Get up; get out, get jiggy because it's your time to make or break this habit you call a life. Money? How much do you want to make? Sky is the limit. Don't sit on your assets. Get out there.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Even if you're right, that doesn't mean they understand what you want them to do. Sit down and listen first, talk second. Look them straight in the eye and give all the love you can. This is a test about your life.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)
Throw up your hands and call it a day. You have done as much as you can. Others know you and they know how much you'll take without breaking. Don't let them hit you below the belt and sucker punch you. Have faith in you.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
The stars don't have a clue what you want, because apparently neither do you. Make a wish and believe with all your heart you deserve it. Remember: IF it doesn't come easy, then let it go. Love is free.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
Money? You'll be up to your ears in paper work but in the long run, once you get through with all of this and get organized you'll feel better about yourself and find the extra money you need. You'll make more.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Go away! Are you still here? You need a break and you keep coming back to the very thing or person that you need to get away from. IF you're not happy, then do something about it. You deserve to be happy too.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Get over it! Get around it, but do something so your mind can once and for all be happy. Remember: IF someone wants to be with you, they'll make the time. True friendship and love feels good.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
"Bring it on!" Your Ego and your Heart are about to go one on one. Ego will leave you cold, bold, and alone just like money. It doesn't care. Listen to your heart and share your gifts with others. Got Love?

Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken off dispatch incident reports in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

January 31
8:13 a.m. stray dog at visitor center in Lincoln. Deputy assigned.

9:50 a.m. request for deputy at location on north Gavilan reference a gun the caller's ex left her. Deputy assigned.

3 p.m. request for deputy for peace keeping at location on School Road. Deputy assigned.

3:47 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Jarrett, for a subject who was in an accident a couple of days prior and had swelling on the side of the face and needed to be transported to the hospital. Med 1 advanced life support (ALS) ambulance stationed at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso responded, arriving at 4:02 p.m. leaving at 4:18 p.m. and arriving at LCMC at 4:31 p.m.

4 p.m. deputy advised he did warrant service to a subject at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC).

4:07 p.m. request for animal control officer at location on Lance Trail in Fawn Ridge for neighbor's chow dog and pit bull that were loose and charging the reporting party and family when they attempted to go outside. Deputy dispatched.

4:27 p.m. County of Lincoln requested deputy for litter ordinance violation at metes and bounds location off Highway 70. Deputy dispatched.

7:59 p.m. damage to vehicle, someone broke a window in a vehicle at location in Sun Valley. Deputy assigned.

February 1

6:48 a.m. one vehicle roll over at intersection of Highways 70 and 380. Hondo ambulance arrived at 7:04 a.m. and at 7:23 a.m. received a refusal.

10:56 a.m. possible fraud at location on Mesita Drive, request to talk to an officer about the purchase of a mobile home. Deputy assigned.

12 noon Capitan police requested agency assistance with warrant service at location on Valley View and Main. Deputy dispatched.

1:27 p.m. request for am-

balance at ski area for subject with chest pains. Med 1 arrived at 1:59 p.m. and at 2:18 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 3:03 p.m.

6:41 p.m. alarm company advised of fire alarm sounding at location on Highway 70. Glencoe Palo Verde fire dept. arrived at 6:53 p.m. and at 6:55 p.m. advised all was okay.

February 2

2:26 p.m. small dog, Jack Russell terrier, at large at location on Dry Gulch in Nogal area. Deputy assigned.

2:56 p.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping at location in Enchanted Forest. Deputy assigned.

3:03 p.m. request for ambulance for 80 year old male at location on Birch St. Med 2 ALS arrived at 3:40 p.m. and at 3:45 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 4:23 p.m.

4:45 p.m. Torrance County Sheriff's Office reported a fire three miles south of Corona. Corona fire dept. arrived at the location at 4:57 p.m. and advised all was okay, it was a controlled burn.

4:55 p.m. unattended death at location on Connor Court, the caller arrived home and found her husband was deceased. The 50 year old male had been at the doctor's earlier that day with chest pains. Capitan ambulance arrived at

5:12 p.m. and requested the Office of Medical Investigator (OMI) at 5:22 p.m. The sheriff was also notified.

11:02 p.m. domestic at location on Ravenswing in Enchanted Forest, the caller wanted her husband out of the house. Deputies dispatched.

February 3

8:57 a.m. vandalism at Fort Stanton residential treatment facility. State police notified.

9:01 a.m. phone threats at job site at location on Randall. Deputy assigned.

10:19 a.m. request for ambulance for possible overdose at location on Hall Road, a 14 year old. Capitan ambulance arrived at 10:30 a.m. and at 10:35 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 11:09 a.m. Capitan police and deputy also responded.

11:30 a.m. adult probation officer requested a deputy for a pick up order. Deputy dispatched.

11:51 a.m. dogs at large in Enchanted Forest. Deputy dispatched at 12:05 p.m.

6:30 p.m. deputy advised of child neglect; a 16 month old, four year old and eight year old children were left in a vehicle at a business parking lot in extreme cold.

6:53 p.m. request for welfare check of subject who was working on a house at location on Juniper Springs, there was no vehicle and his cell phone message advised he had committed suicide. Deputy arrived at location at 7:19 p.m., Med 1 arrived at 7:28 p.m. but the call was cancelled at 7:45 p.m.

7:21 p.m. temporary restraining order violation at location on Jarrett, Deputy dispatched.

10:30 p.m. request to relay keys; Socorro state police dispatch had left keys in Carlsbad, her husband would meet a deputy at the county line, if the deputy could bring the keys to Carrizozo. Deputy dispatched.

February 4

7:54 a.m. request for ambulance for patient with breathing problems at location on Cedar Street, Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 8 a.m. and at 8:04 a.m. left for LCMC and requested a paramedic who came on board at 8:26 a.m. arriving at LCMC at 8:56 a.m.

10:26 a.m. request for ambulance at business. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 10:28 a.m. and at 10:45 a.m. left for LCMC. At 11:06 a.m. intercepted with Med 3 ALS for transport to LCMC arriving there at 11:33 a.m.

6:09 p.m. traffic hazard, a deer in the middle of the road at mile marker 104 on Highway 380, the deer was still moving. Game and Fish Dept, notified, deputy dispatched.

7:02 p.m. theft of several items from location at mile marker 274 on Highway 70.

7:08 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location on Connor Court for male subject unconscious with possible seizure. Capitan ambulance arrived at 7:23 p.m. and advised assignment completed at 7:45 p.m. Capitan police also responded.

10:04 p.m. request for courtesy ride to location in Cedar Creek. A female couldn't get home due to the snow. Deputy dispatched.

10:35 p.m. shots fired at location at mile marker 282 on Highway 70 in Hondo, possible fireworks or gunfire and a group of kids. Deputies dispatched.

February 5

8 a.m. K-9 hit at mile marker 17 on Highway 48. Deputy arrived at 8:06 a.m.

10:10 a.m. child abuse. Deputy dispatched.

11:28 a.m. request for ambulance. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 11:31 a.m. and at 11:41 a.m. requested ALS. At 11:45 a.m. Carrizozo ambulance left for LCMC and intercepted ALS at 12:04 p.m. for arrival at LCMC at 12:42 p.m.

3:32 p.m. state highway department requested agency assistance at mile marker 9 on ski run road, two vehicles were on the guard rail. State Police notified, deputy dispatched.

3:59 p.m. anonymous caller reported accident with injuries at mile marker 255 on



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curve." The highway at this point is not graded for high speed. The curve is a deceptive one, in a fairly flat terrain and is likely to trap any unwary motorist who exceeds the posted speed limit. Two separate car accidents within such a short space of time at this "Death Curve", should command prompt attention by the Highway Department. Posting traffic signs is not enough. The curve should be banked so that cars can take it with safety.

Car Stalls on SP Tracks Following Accident

"Car stalled on the SP main line at the White Oaks Crossing!"

Bob Means received another urgent call for tow car assistance last week when a second motorist failed to make the curve at the White Oaks junction with the SP tracks and ended up straddling the tracks.

Willard Hainer, of Milwaukee, Wis., going west on the White Oaks road, failed to make the curve approaching the Highway 54 junction: His car hit a ditch, blew out two tires and damaged a wheel, coming to rest astride the tracks. Once again the Means wrecker removed the car before a train hove in sight.

Lions Club Members Entertain Their Ladies

Members of the Carrizozo Lions Club entertained their wives Monday night. It was ladies night, and a program of entertainment was arranged.

Accompanied by Mrs. Jane Shafer at the piano, Bobby Rickerson sang a number. Miss Mamie Castorena played a piano solo and then accompanied Tino Lopez, Jr., and Miss Sallie Monreal who danced the Mexican Hat Dance and the LaRaspa.

Cub Scouts Were Guests to the SP

Cub Scouts who rode the train and asked many questions about railroading last week included John Petty, Thomas O'Rear, Bobby Rickerson, David Harkey, Michael Baca, Tommy Ingle, donnie Rickerson, Joey Means, Ronnie McDaniel, Johnny Armstrong, Charles Barnum, Bobby Sargent, Danny Armstrong, Buddy Hill, Wayland Hill, Johnnie Tisch, Mike Jones, Donald Gipe, Marcos Duron, Julian Chavez. Den mothers included the Mmes. Henry Means, Donald Gipe and Mrs. Welcolm Armstrong.

Wanted: Guessers On Piece of Rope

How long is a piece of rope? That question comes up every year, around this time, at the Yucca Bar in Carrizozo. Joe O.Sargent goes out buys himself a long piece of lariat, ties a bunch of knots in it and drapes it behind the Yucca backbar.

Guesses on the length of the rope are free -- along with a donation, large or small, to the March of Dimes.

The cowboy, greenhorn, or city slicker who guesses closest to the correct length of the rope, wins it, with no strings attached. He can lasso a fair damsel or maverick -- or take it apart and use the thread to sew up his jeans.

According to Joe, a city slicker won the guessing game last year. He hopes more cowboy experts will take a gander at the rope this year, because, he says, "I really put some fancy knots in it."

All guesses must be made by February 10, at which time the rope will be measured by a committee consisting of Sheriff Glen Bradley, Mayor Marvin Roberts and Paul Baker.

Future Homemakers Observe FHA Week

The Carrizozo Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America observed FHA week, Saturday, Jan. 15 through Friday, Jan. 21. Saturday was Hobb Day. As it was raining and snowing, only nine FHA members showed up. These girls brought in about \$45. Sunday the FHA members went to the church of their choice. After church they went to the Steak House and had dinner together.

Monday a display was placed in Rolland's drug store window. Those arranging the display were Maye and Faye Barnum, Pat Young and Lee Adele Baker.

Tuesday a dinner was prepared by the Homec II girls for the faculty. After the dinner a pro-

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Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

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

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
TERRY AIELLO, Pastor / 648-2024
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Sun. Evening Training at 8:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (AJG)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2188
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

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

Church of Christ

TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

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

Claunch Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister
649-1402
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 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 8:30 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 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 649-7975
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

Angus Church of the Nazarene

Serving All of Lincoln County
RICK HUTCHISON, Pastor / 338-8032
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.

Talkative lady driving down the street with nervous husband sitting next to her. "They took my licence away, but I find I drive just as well without it!"

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In Memory of
BILL WINKLER

Stearns Insurance Agency

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LEGAL

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
CV04-280**

READY AMERICA FUNDING, CORP.
Plaintiff,

vs.
**AFFORDABLE MANUFACTURED
HOMES, LLC, and LEE L.
WALKER, individually,**
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE ON
FORECLOSURE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 1112 Shoshone Trail, Alto, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3, BLOCK 2 OF RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NOVEMBER 30, 1982, IN CABINET D, SLIDES 99 THROUGH 103, INCLUSIVE, TOGETHER WITH THE 28X80 MODEL 332 4BDR/3BTH 2,080 SQ. FT., SERIAL NUMBER FCH-01-04-6983a, HUD LABEL OR TEXAS SEAL NUMBERS: NTA1298825, AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS OR ADDITIONS THERETO, AFFIXED TO THE AFORESAID REAL ESTATE.

The sale is to begin at 1:00 p.m. on February 25, 2005, outside the east entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America. The Property to pay expenses and costs of sale, and to satisfy the judgment in favor of Plaintiff, Ready America Funding Corp.

Ready America Funding, Corp., was awarded judgment on January 6, 2005, in the principal sum of \$87,072.72, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through December 17, 2004, in the amount of \$8,545.42 and accruing thereafter at the rate of 18.00% per annum (\$42,939.97 per diem), plus late charges in the amount of \$390.78, plus a deferred fee in the sum of \$9.72, plus corporate advances in the amount of \$939.70, plus delinquent late charges in the amount of \$63.71, plus attorney fees in sum of \$1250.00 and costs through December 17, 2004, in the sum of \$911.65, with interest thereon at the rate of 18.00% per annum until paid.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the judgment filed herein. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

Michael LaValle,
Special Master
c/o Leverick &
Musselman
5120 San Francisco NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 858-3303

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. CV 04-113**

**CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE
CORPORATION,**
Plaintiff,

vs.
**WILLIAM EDGE A/K/A WILLIAM EDGE
AND SHAMARIE MILLS,**
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on March 2, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the herein-after described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 108 Wyatt Earp Court, Alto, New Mexico 88312, (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

LOT 5, BLOCK 25, OF RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON NOVEMBER 30, 1982, IN CABINET D, SLIDE NOS. 99 AND 103, BOTH INCLUSIVE.

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile

homes. Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being, an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$90,392.76, and the same bears interest at the rate of 8.000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$19.81 per diem, commencing on December 1, 2004, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant William Edge a/k/a William R. Edge for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$90,392.76, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,822.52 for a total judgment plus interest of \$92,215.28. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Telephone: (505) 648-9925

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV04-225**

**MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.,**
Plaintiff,

vs.
**WENDELL POWERS; ELAINE POWERS;
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN,**
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 9, 2005, at 8:00 A.M., Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 10A, BLOCK 134 OF MESA VERDE ACRES UNIT 4, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT OF LOTS 7, 8, 9, 10 AND PARTS OF LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 134, MESA VERDE ACRES, UNIT 4, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, OCTOBER 23, 1996 IN CABINET F, SLIDE 555.

The address of the real property is 104 West Lobo, Capitan, NM 88316. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 19, 2005, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$302,083.87, plus interest from January 31, 2005 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with

herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: February 4, 2005.

"/s/"
Peter Baca
c/o Shapiro & Meinhold, L.L.P.
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013 (719) 634-4868

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
NO. CV-04-281**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY CREDIT
CORPORATION,**
Plaintiff,

vs.
**NANCY L. BANKSTON, THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF NANCY L. BANKSTON,
ROBERTA M. COX, THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF ROBERT M. COX, and
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE
CORPORATION,**
Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the following above-named Defendant(s): Nancy L. Bankston, The Unknown Spouse of Nancy L. Bankston, Roberta M. Cox, and The Unknown Spouse of Roberta M. Cox.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at #2 Shangrila, Alto, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 2 SHANGRILA SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, June 27, 1980, in Tube No. 708.

Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before March 21, 2005, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Plaintiff's attorneys:

ELIZABETH MASON, P.C.
ELIZABETH MASON
3104 Monte Vista NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106
505/872-8700

WITNESS the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 26th day of January 2005.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: Clydene Baca
Deputy

Published in the Lincoln County News on February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2005.

LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN THE PROBATE COURT
No. 2073**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LOUISE PATRICIA RACHER, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
BY PUBLICATION**

Mary L. Mariner has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of LOUISE PATRICIA RACHER, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative c/o Archie A. Witham, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, P.O. Box 338, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

Archie A. Witham
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 83
Nogal, New Mexico 88341
(505) 3543-7104

Published in the Lincoln County News on February 3 and 10, 2005.



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, Feb. 10
Mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers after 11 a.m. South winds between 5 and 10 mph near 48. Tonight mostly cloudy with 50 percent chance of scattered rain showers before 11 p.m. then scattered snow showers. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Low near 34 in Carrizozo.

Friday, February 11
Mostly cloudy with 70 percent chance of snow showers before 11 a.m. then rain showers. North winds 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast. High around 48. Tonight mostly cloudy with 70 percent chance for showers. Low around 41.

Saturday, February 12
Mostly cloudy with 70 percent chance of showers. High near 50. Tonight partly cloudy with 30 percent chance for rain showers before 11 p.m. then scattered snow showers. Low around 37.

Sunday, February 13
Mostly sunny with high near 56. Tonight mostly clear with low near 27.

Monday, February 14.
Valentine's Day
Mostly sunny with high near 56. Tonight mostly clear with low around 34.
Tuesday, February 15
Mostly sunny with high around 63. Tonight, mostly clear with low around 38.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona.

Today, Thursday, Feb. 10
Mostly cloudy with 30 percent chance of snow showers before 11 a.m. then scattered rain showers in Ruidoso and Capitan, 20 percent in Corona. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. South winds between 5 and 10 mph. High near 47 in Ruidoso, 48 in Capitan and 46 Corona. Tonight mostly cloudy with 50 percent chance of scattered snow showers in Ruidoso and Corona and 40 percent chance in Capitan. South winds 5 to 10 mph becoming west. Lows near 29 in Ruidoso and Capitan and 26 in Corona.

Friday, February 11
Mostly cloudy with 70 percent chance of snow showers before 11 a.m., then rain showers. West winds 5 to 10 mph becoming south. High near 42 in Ruidoso, 44 in Capitan and 43 in Corona. Tonight mostly cloudy with 70 percent chance of snow showers. Lows around 34 in Ruidoso and Capitan and 37 in Corona.

Saturday, February 12
Mostly cloudy with 70 percent chance of snow showers before 11 a.m. then rain showers. Breezy with high around 44 in Ruidoso, 47 in Capitan and 46 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with 40 percent chance for snow showers in Ruidoso and Capitan and 30 percent chance in Corona. Lows around 30 in Ruidoso, 32 in Capitan and Corona.

Sunday, February 13
Mostly sunny with high near 50 in Ruidoso and Corona and near 53 in Capitan. Tonight mostly clear with low near 27 in Ruidoso, 28 in Capitan and 26 in Corona.



LEGAL NOTICE

Results for the Hondo Regular School Board Election Held on February 1, 2005
Total Registered Voters: 585
Total Voters: 73

	Votes
Position 1 -- 4 year term Dennis R. Nosker	58
Position 2 -- 4 year term Luis A. Jimenez	43
Position 3 -- 2 year term Joseph I. Torrez	61
General Obligation Bond Question For	62
Against	8
Public School Capital Improvement Tax Question For	56
Against	11

Publication made this 10th day of February, 2005 in accordance with Section 1-22-15, NMSA 1978.

TAMMIE J. MADDOX,
Lincoln County Clerk

AVISO LEGAL

Resulta para la eleccion regular del tablero de la escuela de Hondo celebrado de febrero el 1 de 2005
Votos Totales Registrados: 585
Votos Totales Recibidos: 73

	VOTOS
Posicion 1 -- Plazo de Cuatro (4) Anos Dennis R. Nosker	58
Posicion 2 -- Plazo de Cuatro (4) Anos Luis A. Jimenez	43
Posicion 3 -- Plazo de Dos (2) Anos Joseph I. Torrez	61
Cuestion de Bonos de Obligacion General A Favor	62
En Contra	8
Cuestion Sobre Impuestos para mejoras materiales de las escuelas publicas A Favor	56
En Contra	11

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TAMMIE J. MADDOX,
Escribana del Condado de Lincoln

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LEGAL NOTICE

Results for the Carrizozo Regular School Board Election held on February 1, 2005
Total Registered Voters: 1338
Total Voters: 556

	VOTES
Position 3 -- Four Year Term Angelo Vega	185
Denise W. Hill	363
Position 4 -- 4 Year Term Wallace Matthew Ferguson	296
Deborah Lynn Ventura	150
Rosemarie Lea Kratochvil	7
Jack R. Ward	94

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TAMMIE J. MADDOX,
Lincoln County Clerk

AVISO LEGAL

Resulta para la eleccion regular del tablero de las escuela de Carrizozo celebrado de febrero el 1 de 2005
Votos Totales Registrados: 1338
Votos Totales Recibidos: 556

	VOTOS
Posicion 3 -- Plazo de Cuatro (4) Anos Angelo Vega	185
Denise W. Hill	363
Posicion 4 -- Plazo de Cuatro (4) Anos Wallace Matthew Ferguson	296
Deborah Lynn Ventura	150
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Escribana del Condado de Lincoln

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LEGAL NOTICE

Results for the Capitan Regular School Board Election held on February 1, 2005
Total Registered Voters: 3947
Total Voters: 218

	VOTES
Position 1 -- Four Year Term James Fields Write in Candidate	114
Position 2 -- Four Year Term Doris Mae Cherry Rudy A. Chavez Write in Candidate	85
	129

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TAMMIE J. MADDOX,
Lincoln County Clerk

AVISO LEGAL

Resulta para la eleccion regular del tablero de la escuela de Capitan celebrado de febrero el 1 de 2005
Votos Totales Registrados: 3947
Votos Totales Recibidos: 218

	VOTOS
Posicion 1 -- Plazo de Cuatro (4) Anos James Fields Candidato declarado por escrito	114
Posicion 2 -- Plazo de Cuatro (4) Anos Doris Mae Cherry Rudy A. Chavez Candidato declarado por escrito	85
	129

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TAMMIE J. MADDOX,
Escribana del Condado de Lincoln

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LEGAL NOTICE

Results for the Corona Regular School Board Election held on February 1, 2005
Total Registered Voters: 347
Total Voters: 105

	VOTES
Position 3 -- Fill Unexpired Term Mark Sulzemeier	84
Position 4 -- 4 Year Term Shirley Jeanene Gibbs	83
Position 5 -- 4 Year Term William E. Hignight	73
Public School Capital Improvement Tax Question For	71
Against	32

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TAMMIE J. MADDOX,
Lincoln County Clerk

AVISO LEGAL

Resulta para la eleccion regular del tablero de la escuela de Corona celebrado de febrero el 1 de 2005
Votos Totales Registrados: 347
Votos Totales Recibidos: 105

	VOTOS
Posicion 3 -- Para llenar un Termino No vencido Mark Sulzemeier	84
Posicion 4 -- Plazo de Cuatro (4) Anos Shirley Jeanene Gibbs	83
Posicion 5 -- Plazo de Cuatro (4) Anos William E. Hignight	73
Cuestion Sobre Impuestos Para Mejoras Materiales de Las Escuelas Publicas Al Favor	71
En Contra	32

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Escribana del Condado de Lincoln

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. D1226CV200500543

WELL FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELL FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL BROWN AKA MICHAEL K. BROWN; UNKNOWN MOBILE HOME LIENHOLDERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MOBILE HOME OWNERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL BROWN, AKA MICHAEL K. BROWN, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s):
GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 45 Little Big Horn aka 1413 Little Big Horn, Alto, NM 88312, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 45, BLOCK 3 OF RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NOVEMBER 30, 1982, IN CABINET D. SLIDES 99 THROUGH 103, INCLUSIVE.

INCLUDING THE MOBILE HOME: 2000 SILVER CREEK, 28X48, SERIAL #SCH01004636AB

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before April 4, 2005, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted
SHAPIRO & MEINHOLD, L.L.P.

By: Kelly J. McMullen

Sharon Hankla, NM Bar #8122
Kelly J. McMullen, NM Bar #17033
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
800/286-0013; 719/634-4868
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 3rd day of February, 2005.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

By: Jolene Biggs
Deputy

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GRIZZLY WEEKLY--

Broken Black "Hits" the Road

Carrizozo senior Nathan Chavez, guitarist of local metal band Broken Black, has a grin from ear to ear. His plan of pursuing music as his career is on the horizon of fully forming, as the group is in the midst of a "mini tour" of New Mexico. Broken Black is now receiving exposure outside of their hometown roots. After performing a bundle of shows at the Old House in Alamogordo, the group decided the time was ripe enough for them to hit the road. The decision surfaced after the most recent show, which was held on January 14, was a huge success. Over 100 metal-maniacs attended the show, which was undoubtedly the biggest turnout at a Broken Black show since the band formed May 12, 2004. Not even a year has passed, and already the band is booking shows in larger cities, such as Las Cruces, El Paso, and Clovis just to name a few.

Their most recent show was held in Las Cruces at a small coffee shop, the Bean, on January 29. During the week of the show the group began receiving a lump of attention from the press. An article on the show was featured in NMSU's *Roundup*, which is a college campus magazine. Chavez was interviewed over the phone for the article and was excited to see that things were on the verge of taking off. Then, on Friday, January 28, the group was interviewed on the radio in advance to their highly anticipated performance. Most of the band was present for the interview, with the exception of jaw-dropping drummer Wade McMahon. Broken Black received airtime on KRUX radio station from 12:00-2:00p.m. and promoted the show.

Prior to the concert, practices had been abundant as they approached the upcoming show with vicious intensity, itching anxiety, and aspirations of tearing the roof off the place. They did just that.

The crowd fed off of the energy screaming through the amplifiers, and soon a mosh pit erupted. However, it was short lived. The pit came to a close when the manager of the coffee shop fought through the ripping crowd, eventually reaching the stage, and exclaimed that this was not the place to be moshing. Obviously she had never been to a metal concert before.

They have been promoting the show for some time now, as former 'Zozo alumni Matt Hernandez, the band's screaming lead singer, and string thumping bassist Johnny Archer, decided they needed to get the word out around the busy streets of Las Cruces. The duo traveled to Las Cruces, with nearly 1,000 flyers in hand. They managed to give most of them away, and came home with a positive outlook on the show.

Broken Black was ecstatic due to the huge turnout and because the "Broken Fans" they've attracted from past shows made an effort to see one of the most explosive and up and coming bands in metal music.

Broken Black climbed over another steep step as the group finally made it into the studio this past weekend. They recorded 11 songs, and are keeping their other originals locked away for now. It's only a matter of time until the "REVOLUTION!" begins.

Their next performance is scheduled to be in Alamogordo at the Old House on March 4. The following day, the group will travel once again to Las Cruces, for another earth-shattering spectacle. These dates, however, are not yet confirmed.

With hopes of persuading local youths to attend the Broken Black shows, I'll take a line from one of the bands songs, entitled Bitter Blood; "If only for a second you'd sit down and find out one thing you're missing!"

Brandon Morales

We have had fog, snow, sleet, rain and we appreciate the moisture.

Marlene Westberg is working on her third novel. The research she did on Beloved Outcaste was extraordinary. It will take at least three months for the publisher to respond. With the use of computers, the writing time has been so shortened that authors are turning out more novels in a year than used to be done in four or five years.

Wanda Carnell writes that their pecan crop this year is the best ever. With hurricane damage in Georgia and flood damage in Texas, New Mexico pecans are much in demand.

Pete Porter returned two weeks ago after an 11 day stay in the Veterans Hospital with double pneumonia. He is not a happy camper, but Mrs. Porter says inhalants are helping. She stayed in Los Lunas with her son, Bobby and family. She found the traffic much worse than when they lived there more than 20 years ago.

Janetta Stewart is at home and recuperating from what ever sent her to the hospital from Tuesday to Friday last week.

Eva Mae Holleyman plans to come home this week after hip replacement surgery February 3rd.

The article about John D. Holleyman's birthday failed to mention that Mr. and Mrs. Lon Holleyman were hosts of the party from beginning to end. It was Lon's idea, his responsibility for invitations, menu, location, the stretch limo and the Willard couple in the kitchen who kept the hot things hot.

Mr. Ralph Bell is now at the home of his daughter, Dixie Heckendorn. Mack Bell moved his father from Amarillo, where he had been since the middle of December, to Tucumcari last week.

Mrs. Pearl Stone arrived Saturday evening from Beaverton, OR, to visit her sister Jonnie Bond.

Jerry Rasak was dismissed from an Albuquerque hospital, Thursday, after a week. He came home Friday for a complete rest. Home health will monitor his medication for pulmonary embolism.

Juanita Owen, and Wanda Marlowe, Las Cruces, Peggy Owen, Alamogordo, Sharon Hefker, Carrizozo, and Mike and Joan Tracey, Animas, were among those here for the funeral of Robin Pfeiffer, Saturday.

Mrs. Juanita Owen is scheduled for cataract surgery Wednesday.

Members of the Corona FFA and student council will be working over the weekend with their Valentine roses under the direction of Edie Porter and Melinda Harvey.

Don't forget your Valentine.



Have A Good Day!!

CLASSIFIED ADS
CALL: (505) 648-2333

(3) FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Saturday, February 12
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
140 Randle Road
Capitan

Furniture, appliances, Oreck vacuum cleaner, kitchen wares, linens, Christmas decorations, silk flower arrangements, etc. For more information call 505-648-2479.

1tp/2/10

VACANCY NOTICE
Capitan Municipal Schools
Employment Vacancy:
High School Principal
2005-2006 Academic Year
Application Deadline:
Until Filled

For detailed information and application please call 505-354-2239 or download from web page at www.capitan.k12.nm.us
Posted 1/31/2005
4tc/2/3-24

FOR RENT: Lovely Carrizozo home, 2 bdrm + den - short or long term. Call 648-2019.

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GARAGE SALE: Sat., 9-3, 1013 D. Ave., Carrizozo.

1tp/2/10

WANTED: Person experienced searching Lincoln County Public records, for title searches and document retrieval, experienced need only apply, call (505) 232-3555.

3tc/2/3-17

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EXHIBITORS NEEDED
For June 25th Arts and Crafts Fair. First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso. 257-2220 or 336-2696 for entry form.
1tc/2/10

Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

What a shock when we returned from Albuquerque to read about the passing of Keith Green. I knew he had not been in the office but did not know that he was seriously ill. He loved the newspaper business - from being an owner, publisher and editor. He was great to work with and will be sadly missed by everyone. My condolences to his family.

Lincoln County lost another of its old-timers Sunday with the passing of Ben Leslie. We always enjoyed Ben. He was full of stories and loved to tell stories about the early pageant performances.

The Creative Memories group had their retreat the last of January. It was a fun get-together with games, door prizes and showing off the pages the group had done. They are so creative. One can get so many ideas from each other.

We woke up on Sunday morning with snow on the ground.

I had a little bit of a problem Sunday morning and ended up at the NM Heart Hospital in Albuquerque and returned home Thursday. We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, concern and the food that was here when we got home.

They had a Lincoln contingent at the heart hospital. Russell Beckely had a pacemaker put in. Reggie Rithie had his annual checkup and then myself. The hospital personnel was having fun with "all" of Lincoln being there at the same time.

Those who were fortunate to attend the digital camera workshop by Herb Brunnell received a lot of information on the use and care of your digital camera. It was a popular class and more classes had to be added.

There will be a community cleanup in the Lincolntown area April 2nd.

MOVIE NIGHT! There

will a showing of "The Grey Fox" starring Richard Farnsworth in the lead. It will be February 11, Saturday, at the Museum in Lincoln. It will start at 6:00 p.m., is free and refreshments will be served.

Anyone interested in being a judge for projects for NM History Day? The 6-12 grades of the Ruidoso Regional Completion will have their projects judged April 12 at the Hubbard Museum. Call Coda Omness at 505-378-4142 or e-mail coda@hubbardmuseum.org

We have had the gamut of weather from mist, rain, snow, fog and cold weather.

Sheriff's Report

(Con't. from P. 5)

Highway 70. Law enforcement on scene advised there were no injuries.

4:13 p.m. state highway department reported an accident without injuries on Angus Hill, a red sedan was off the road. Deputy dispatched.

9:36 p.m. vehicles off and all over the roadway on Musketball Court. Deputy dispatched.

February 6
1:23 a.m. vehicle with four occupants over the cliff on Hale Lake Road. Glencoe fire dept. arrived at 1:42 a.m. and responding deputy advised assignment completed at 3:26 a.m.

7:38 a.m. diesel spill at business. Carrizozo fire dept. arrived at 7:48 a.m. and at 7:56 a.m. advised assignment completed.

8:07 a.m. 911 hang up at location off mile marker 285 on Highway 70 in Hondo area. The number was busy on call back. Deputy dispatched advised all was okay.

9:56 a.m. request for ambulance for possible deceased male. Capitan ambulance arrived at 10:01 a.m. OMI requested at 10:03 a.m. Deputy arrived at 10:18 a.m.

11:03 a.m. horse at large on Eagle Creek. Deputy dispatched.

11:29 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area for female on back board. Med 1 arrived at 12:03 p.m. and at 12:09 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 12:52 p.m.

12:31 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for female with hip injury. Med 2 ALS arrived at 1:02 p.m. and at 1:22 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 2:04 p.m.

2:10 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 12 year old female with neck injury. Med 1 arrived at 2:48 p.m. and at 2:57 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 3:47 p.m.

5:25 p.m. Capitan police requested agency assistance at location on Grandview where male subject on a cell phone with lots of static reported subjects arguing 20 to 35 minutes. Deputy dispatched.

7 p.m. child abuse that occurred on Feb. 3 at location on Quail Run in Alto. Deputy assigned.

February 7
9:31 a.m. theft of a Bob Cat from location at mile marker 279 on Highway 70. At 9:37 a.m. the caller called back and cancelled the call advising the Bob Cat was loaned to his neighbor by his wife.

9:53 a.m. K-9s at large on Mesa Ranch Road, two Shepherds again. Responding deputy advised he had checked the area but he was unable to locate the dogs.

10:15 a.m. anonymous female reported careless driving on Deer Park Drive, an orange colored snow plow was traveling at a high rate of speed and throwing snow every where.



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gram was held. Each teacher was asked questions about FHA and if they did not know the answers, they had to pay the consequences.

Wednesday was No-Gripe Day. Anyone found griping or frowning was fined from one cent to ten cents.

Thursday the FHA girls had an assembly for the Junior High and High School students. The Homec II girls modeled the clothes they made during the first semester. The Freshmen girls presented a skit "Charm-what it isn't". After the skit the girls bringing in the most money on Hobo Day were crowned Hobo Queen of 1954-55.

The girls crowned were Glenda Sue King and Faye Barnum. Attendants to the Queens were Carmen Vidaurri, Frances Vega, Rita Vega, Vivian Craig, Maye Barnum, Pat Young, Grace Zamora, Flavia Lopez, and Quirina Beltran.

Friday the girls donated \$5 to the March of Dimes.

New Members Get Girl Scout Badges

Investiture ceremony into Troop 5-2 was held Saturday evening, January 29, at the Truman A. Spencer home for the purpose of pinning Girl Scout pins on the following new members: Virginia Barela, Nina Sandoval, Rosa and Esther Torres. Assisting were Anna Jo Watson, Lee Adele Baker and Susan Spencer.

Capitan Wins Fifth Straight

Capitan took the measure of both A and B NMMI teams last weekend. It was the fifth straight win for the rapidly improving Tigers. Womack had 20 points, Stewart 17, Aldaz 16, Gallegos 11, and Payne 2 for Capitan.

The Tiger Bees also came to the wire in front, 61 to 48. Herrera had 13 and Hall for the Institute counted 14.

Jest In Fun

> Tripping lightly across the campus, the pretty co-ed noticed a handsome athlete approaching her with obvious interest.

"You probably don't know me," he began, "but I've seen you around a lot."

"I've noticed you, too," she admitted shyly.

"Well, are you doing anything tonight?"

"Why no," She replied excitedly. "What did you have in mind?"

"Oh," answered the he-man, "I thought maybe you'd be free to sit with our baby while my wife and I go to a movie."

> The gangster on a radio show growled, "Okay, you rat. I've got you covered and now I'm going to drill you!" Then there was complete silence over the air.

The gangster, realizing that the sound effects man had run into trouble, corrected himself with, "On second thought, I'm going to slit your throat!"

Then two shots were heard!

> A clergyman, just before the service, was called to the vestibule to meet a couple who wanted to be married. he explained there wasn't time before the service.

"But," he said, "if you will be seated, I'll give you an opportunity later."

The couple agreed, and at the proper moment the clergyman said: "Will those who wish to be united in the holy bond of matrimony please come forward?"

Fourteen women and one man made their way to the altar.

> Son, I'm 96 years old, and I haven't got an enemy on earth.

"That's a real accomplishment."

"Yes, sir, the last one died almost a year ago."

Former Students Visit

On Monday, Jan. 31, several former students visited the Hondo High School. H/3c James M. Kimbrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Kimbrell of Picacho, stopped for a brief visit. He is on his way to Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., where he is located.

Tracinto Polaco and Lucia Salcido, who are majoring in education at the University of New Mexico, visited many valley friends during their short vacation between semesters. Tracinto is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracinto Polaco, Sr., of San Patricio. Lucia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose L. Salcido of Hondo.

Orlando Pacheco, who is majoring in civil engineering at A&M, also visited with friends. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fermin Pacheco of San Patricio.

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Billboard Stays

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prudent to go into litigation." During audience comments prior to the vote on the motion billboard opponent Tona Macken from Nogal Mesa asked trustees to not grant the billboard because it is so much bigger than the town's zoning ordinance allows and because it encourages travelers to drive on through Carrizozo for cheaper gas and better food thus affecting local businesses. She said a variance is an exception to an ordinance, and the town zoning ordinances does not allow a variance solely based on financial hardship.

Asking again for the estimated cost of removing the existing sign in order to comply with the town ordinance of a maximum of 300 square feet (each sign face is about 650 square feet), Culler again did not receive a response. Culler said she agreed it was the town's responsibility for the error that allowed the sign in the first place. However there came a point when the owner of Quail Outdoor Advertising knew there was a problem with his sign but he put it up anyway, thus assuming some of the responsibility, Culler said.

Resident Marie Watkins said the town ordinance states that no variance is allowed when profit is the motive. "This was clearly done for profit," she said. "The town will pay for lawyers and it will get sued. And we will see several conflicts of interest when it is done."

"If you leave the sign up, it will fragment the community, if you make them take it down we will all work to minimize the effect," Watkins said. "The sign is not legal."

After Gary Joe Lovelace asked if the state Dept. of Transportation (DOT) had pulled the permit for the billboard, Stevens said DOT had but then issued a new permit subject to the sign becoming compliant to the town zoning ordinance.

Sign opponent Ray Dean said the DOT in September 2004 had given the sign owner 30 days notice to remove the sign or come into compliance. Dean said he feels the town trustees in 1974 had adopted the limit on sign size to prevent larger outside businesses from competing with Carrizozo businesses. "Your vote for the variance says you approve of businesses going away," Dean said.

Carrizozo planning and zoning committee chair Mike Gieb read a prepared statement of his own opinions in which he said the issue with the billboard is really about "how we honor our own laws." He told of how the P&Z was told a variance for the billboard was not applicable. He too was concerned a variance would set a precedence for future billboards.

"Be a proactive government with courage to admit mistakes," Gieb said. "Honoring the existing law sends a message of equal protection under the law with a high standard of ethics."

Barbara Ward said the existing sign is an eyesore because of the paintball vandalism, which she thought would continue.

Hans Brakob, owner of Quail Advertising present at the meeting, said he is offering a \$2,000 reward to anyone who provides information about who did the vandalism or for any future acts of vandalism on the sign, and once they have a conviction his company will file a civil suit for damages.

The mayor said the town has a good police department that knows what "shameful adults" are doing to the sign. "They are going to get caught," the mayor added.

Dean said the vandalism is illegal and what the trustees are doing with the variance is also illegal.

"This is not a matter if

the sign violates the ordinance," Stevens said. "It does. Rather, due to mistakes made by the town administration, it is more economically viable to grant the variance."

"This is strictly a business decision, contrary to what the legal counsel from Albuquerque or others with legal opinions tonight think," Stevens said. "I do not believe granting the variance violates the ordinance."

Jane Levy, attorney hired by Watkins, said there are three big legal problems with the billboard issue - the letter to the NMDOT approving the sign was a mistake and without authority; comments and approval by a trustee whose husband poured the cement for the sign; variance of the ordinance for the sign based on the cost of lawsuits. Levy said Watkins has authorized her to bring the legal problems with the variance to the attention of the courts.

"While no one likes to go to court, if you issue this variance which contravenes the (town) laws of 1974 (when the zoning ordinance was adopted) a lawsuit will be filed," Levy said.

Culler again asked each trustee their reason for supporting the variance. Trustee David LaFave who made the motion to approve the variance with conditions, said it was based on the advice of the attorney. Trustee Max Saucedo said Stevens' advice was his reason.

"But the law is on my side," Watkins said. "The pay offs are on you."

LaFave immediately responded that there were no pay offs. Culler said she did not believe that either.

Trustee Wes Lindsay said he had mixed feelings, but no problems with the sign to begin with. He said he talked with local people who say the same.

Newly appointed trustee Van Shamblin (appointed to fill vacancy created when Eileen Lovelace resigned

after being elected county commissioner) said her decision was because she heard things in executive session she had not heard before and the attorney's advice.

Macken asked if the town had done any mediation with the sign company. The mayor of Carrizozo said there were lots of meetings which finally got down to the sign company agreeing to not light the sign.

Macken said she contacted Brian Parrish, marketing director for the Inn, about the billboard and was told they were unaware of the conflict but their intent was to stay within all codes in their advertising.

Mrs. Brakob said Parrish did not pay to put the sign structure in Carrizozo, just their company.

The mayor said the town plans to revamp the zoning ordinance to "prevent this from happening again."

Watkins said there is no need for a new law when the town will not uphold its current laws.

The mayor said he and trustees have the authority to change ordinances.

Stevens then said Watkins seems to be accusing people of being bribed or having received some financial gain

in connection with the sign.

When Watkins and Dean both said Stevens had told the town's own P&Z not to base a variance on financial aspects, Stevens said that advice was given prior to his being informed about the acts of the town administration or former members giving consent.

The mayor said the Inn will provide about 2,500 jobs, including for people in Carrizozo. "To believe the sign will take business away from Carrizozo is wrong," the mayor said.

"We only have 10 people here in town who think the billboard is an eyesore," the mayor added.

Stevens finally suggested the billboard opponents get with Brakob to discuss options and possible solution. But Brakob said he would not meet with anyone and he would not remove the advertising for the Inn because that is freedom of speech. He said he talked with town people and businesses surrounding the sign and half the people were not even aware of the controversy and the other half did not care. He also said some businesses said they are having more business because of the sign.

Brakob said had he known

about the size limit he would have installed a smaller sign, but it would take several thousands of dollars to make the sign smaller now. "I will not take the sign down at my own expense just because you don't like it," Brakob added.

Fort Stanton Celebrates

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large wide yard sale weekend. All members agreed to table further discussion on the flea markets until Phyllis Macaw can make a report.

Pat Garrett made a report about the Capitan Public Library which will hold its annual yard/book sale on March 12. Garrett said the library would appreciate donations of anything but clothing. The yard sale is the major fund raising event for the library. Garrett said they would pick up large items if arrangements are made by calling the library at 354-3027. She also asked that donations be brought in close to the day of the sale because they have very limited storage. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The library will also hold its annual plant/garden sale during the Smokey Bear Days event, which is also the 150th anniversary of Fort Stanton. Garrett said the library is assisting the chamber in advertising of events.

The next chamber meeting is at 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 7, at the chamber visitor center in the Rio Ruidoso Realty office on Smokey Bear Blvd.

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