

C'zozo Mayor Says . . .

Allegations Against Police Chief Politically Motivated

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo officials are standing behind their decision to hire and keep their new police chief and the mayor is saying recent allegations and rumors were politically motivated.

Carrizozo police chief

Mike Howard was on the job less than a week when rumors of a past professional indiscretion that resulted in his resignation from State Police surfaced as being far more serious in nature.

An Albuquerque television station on March 16 came out with a report with inter-

views of Carrizozo officials and a resident. There was concern about Howard's past.

Former Carrizozo police chief Angelo Vega told *THE NEWS* in a telephone interview this week that when he considered hiring Howard as a temporary officer earlier this year, Howard disclosed

the information about his resignation for misconduct.

"Mr. Howard did reveal his situation to us (prior to being hired)," Vega said. "Mr. Howard did not misrepresent himself."

Vega said when he did the background check on Howard during the application

process, State Police were cooperative in providing information about Howard's resignation and misconduct.

Information from State Police showed that Howard was

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Have A Blessed Easter!!

County Okays CSI As Operator of Jail

by Doris Cherry

Correctional Systems, Inc. of San Diego, CA will continue to operate the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting March 15 in Carrizozo accepted the proposal from Correctional Systems, Inc. (CSI), one of two bidders for the contract. The county had sent packets to seven correctional firms, but only CSI and CivGenics of Marlborough MA had responded by the March 4 deadline, reported county manager Tom Stewart.

Stewart, one county commissioner, the county purchasing agent, the chief of finance and deputy treasurer made up the rfp evaluation committee. Each committee member was given copies of the proposals to evaluate, and on March 8 they met to compile the results of their independent evaluations. The proposals were evaluated based on 50 points for cost of operations, 20 points for past record of performance capacity and capability, five points for adequacy of transition plan, five points for beneficial programs for inmates, 15 points for a plan for expansion to include juvenile considerations.

"The committee scored the two proposals with CSI re-

ceiving 439 points and CivGenics receiving 363 points," Stewart said.

Stewart said based on the high score he recommended the county commission direct him and the county attorney to begin negotiations to enter into the contract with CSI.

Stewart said the contract price is about three percent higher than previous years, which was within his forecast of a five percent increase. The base year fee charged by CSI to operate the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) is \$123,333 a month for 82 inmates per month. CSI proposes to charge the county per diem rates per each inmate more than 82 housed in the facility.

Stewart said currently LCDC is housing about 120 per month, and this is one of the points he and the county attorney plan to negotiate with CSI.

County commissioner Maury St. John, who was the commissioner who helped evaluate the proposals, said there were two striking differences having to do with employees between the two proposals. She said CivGenics would have made employees wait 90 days before they received any health insurance or other benefits.

CSI is currently operating LCDC and all employees work for CSI, St. John said with the new CSI contract there would be no interruption in employee benefits. She also said CSI went into a

thorough detailed explanation about the requirements and laws for juvenile detention, advising that a juvenile detention facility would be prohibitive in cost (three times the cost of detaining adults) unless several counties joined together to construct a regional juvenile facility.

County commissioners voted unanimously to authorize the negotiations and to bring back the finalized contract for ratification.

County commissioners also approved the only bid for installation of a new electrical circuit at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. AE Electric of Ruidoso bid \$19,884.31.

County commissioners also heard a request from Glencoe Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department member Larry Mulligan to help the depart-

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LCSWA Discusses N M E D Issues About Private Dumps

by Doris Cherry

Some 117 individuals who own more than 300 acres of contiguous land in Lincoln County do not pay trash bills.

Instead, these individuals have "variances" on file with Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, and under the county solid waste ordinance are allowed to dispose of their own household trash in private landfill sites. However, under the new illegal dumping act, such sites on private property must be approved by the New Mexico Environment Department in order to be legal.

At the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) meeting on Thursday, March 17, in Ruidoso Downs LCSWA board members discussed the variance issue which surfaced at the February meeting. At the February meeting ranchers Sid Goodloe and Stirling Spencer attended with concerns about LCSWA billings and their applications for private landfills from the NMED.

LCSWA member Bobbi Shearer of Capitan said the two had been at the February meeting because NMED was denying their applications to have private landfill sites on their own property. Shearer said the two ranchers were assuring they would pay their LCSWA trash bills.

LCSWA operational supervisor Debra Ingle said under the illegal dumping act the county is looking at a situation pertaining to illegal sites on private property. "Where does the liability fall for the private landfills and who will clean them up," Ingle commented.

Ingle said private land owners should not have such variances without approval from the NMED. "Or we (LCSWA) are liable for them (private landfills)," she added. Ingle said LCSWA will send notices to the 117 property owners with variances that if they do not have NMED approval for their landfills, they may not have a variance, and they will have to pay for trash service.

Ingle said when she started as operational supervisor in 2001, none of the 117 property owners with variances had approval from NMED for their private landfills.

LCSWA board members recommended Ingle call the land owners or mail them notices advising them they will be billed for trash collection unless they can show an approved NMED application for their landfill sites.

Ingle asked if the board wanted LCSWA to bill Goodloe for trash service, as Goodloe had inquired at the February meeting. LCSWA attorney Angie Schneider-Cook said the county ordinance allowing the variances does not give LCSWA the power to bill those who have variances.

LCSWA member Tom Battin, representing Lincoln County, said this could be a big issue, but the responsibility to enforce the illegal dumping act falling on NMED.

Ruidoso representative to LCSWA, councilor Don Williams suggested getting the information from NMED to put in the letters to the 117 people with variances.

When again asked what to do for Goodloe, Battin told Ingle to tell Goodloe to make

his inquiry with NMED for guidance on the issue.

Shearer ended discussion when she made a motion to have Schneider-Cook work with NMED for assistance in writing letters to those who hold variances and the specific letter to Goodloe. All members voted in favor.

Schneider-Cook also answered questions about whether LCSWA appointed members have to be elected officials. Battin said he was advised that LCSWA members have to be elected officials because they set the trash collection rates. Schneider-Cook said she consulted with county attorney Alan Morel about the issue, and Morel said that according to the joint powers agreements (JPA) between all entities of LCSWA, board

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Easter Sunrise Service In Ruidoso At Two Rivers Park

Community United Methodist Church in Ruidoso will hold its annual Easter Sunrise Services at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, March 27 at Two Rivers Park in Ruidoso.

The park is located off Sudderth Drive next to the Chamber of Commerce visitor center.

Residents and visitors are invited to attend and are recommended to dress warmly. Coffee, hot chocolate and donuts will be served.

Parking will be at Two Rivers Park or the chamber parking lot.

For more information call the Methodist Church office at 257-4170.

Kindergarten Registration Begins in April

The Child Find developmental screening, kindergarten registration and Head Start registration is beginning in April.

Children who are birth through five years of age are invited to a free screening for the developmental areas of speech, language, vision, hearing, motor, dental, nutrition and classroom readiness for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration is for children who will be five before September 1, 2005.

Documents to bring are birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card.

Public Health will update immunizations for those who bring their records.

The schedule is:
Ruidoso, Friday, April 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Capitan, Wednesday, April 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Corona, Thursday, April 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Hondo, Friday, April 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Carrizozo, Wednesday, April 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



SPRING BREAK brought many visitors to Lincoln County, many seeking cold wet fun in the snow covered peaks of Sierra Blanca. Beautiful scenery awaits any motorists going up ski run road that skirts Eagle Creek which is already flowing above its banks in places, providing surface drinking water to the village of Ruidoso.

Allegations Against Police Chief

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never charged with any alleged rape, rather all charges were dropped due to insufficient evidence, Vega said. Vega said rumors that the female was an inmate are not true.

"Mr. Howard is in a situation now that is unfair to him," Vega added.

Vega recommended Howard as chief of police, after Vega was offered a job with the New Mexico Juvenile Justice Services.

Vega said Howard also dis-

closed the information about his resignation during the two and a half hour interview with Vega and the mayor of Carrizozo prior to the mayor making the decision to appoint Howard as chief of police.

"I believe that a person is innocent until proven guilty," Vega said. "I feel this issue was made open."

The mayor of Carrizozo told *THE NEWS* that Howard did disclose his resignation, and the reason behind it, dur-

ing the application interview. "Mr. Howard broke state police work policy rules," the mayor said. "He did not break any state or federal laws and there were no rape charges."

"Mr. Howard resigned and took early retirement from state police to avoid making an issue of the situation that was just a policy violation," the mayor continued.

The mayor said his opinion about Howard has not changed since the rumors surfaced. "I know he is honest," the mayor said. "He has a clean record and is a good police officer, who is sharp and knows the laws. That is what he was hired for."

"We have no plans to reconsider Mr. Howard's employment," the mayor added. "He never went to court on the allegations and he never will, the man is innocent."

"Mr. Howard came highly recommended from fellow state police officers and others who knew Mr. Howard from when he was stationed in Lincoln County in the past," the mayor added.

As for the mayor's comments to TV reporters that he knew nothing about the alleged "rape" charges, the mayor said he was unaware of the rumor when the TV reporter asked the question and answered as such. The mayor said he further explains the situation in his newsletter to be mailed to all town water customers.

As for questions about Howard's police certification, the mayor said it is state police policy to forward any misconduct by officers to the state police academy board and to the Attorney General for review. Under certain circumstances an officer's police certification can be revoked.

The mayor said he has not received any further information from the AG's office and does not expect to receive any about Howard's certification. "The chief of police position does not require police certification, although it is preferable," the mayor added.

The mayor said the rumors that brought the television crews to Carrizozo were politically motivated by individuals in the community who are leaving themselves open to lawsuit for defamation of character.

Town trustees had similar thoughts about the recent rumors and allegations against Howard.

"My opinion about the chief (Mike Howard) has not changed since these reports," Carrizozo mayor pro tem Wes Lindsay told *THE NEWS*. "I think he's (Howard) a nice guy who has been honest with us."

Lindsay confirmed that he along with the other town trustees - David LaFave, Max Saucedo and Van Shamblin - had been informed of the reason Howard resigned from state police, before they voted to approve his appointment by the mayor at the March 8 town council meeting. Lindsay said he also visited with Howard personally before the meeting.

"I don't see any reason to seek his resignation as police chief," Lindsay said.

LaFave, who said his phone has been ringing off the hook since the TV reports, confirmed that Howard had disclosed the reason for his resignation from state police prior to their vote to affirm the mayor's appointment. LaFave told *THE NEWS* his opinion of Howard had not really changed since the TV reports. "We can't condemn the man as the allegations are hearsay," LaFave said.

Saucedo told *THE NEWS* that Howard did disclose his resignation prior to his voting to confirm the mayor's appointment. "My opinion about Howard has not changed because there were no charges filed against him," Saucedo said.

County Democrats To Host Reception For Sen. Bingaman

Lincoln County Democrats are hosting a reception for U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman at 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29 at the Hawthorne Suites Hotel in Ruidoso (next to the convention center).

Sen. Bingaman will be in Ruidoso to speak at the Forestry Conference on March 30 at Ruidoso Convention Center.

Everyone is invited to attend the reception which will have a cover charge.

For more information call 354-2673 or 630-2004.



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 "Carrizozo News".

Friday, February 25, 1921

Oscuro Coal

THE El Paso Times of the 23rd has an article on the development of coal near Oscuro that indicates a very satisfactory condition. The article gives the holdings of the company, the width of the vein, analysis of the coal, etc. We reproduce the Times' article:

"Consumers' Coal company, composed of El Pasoans, has just received its first carload of 45 tons of coal, taken out of its coal mine at Oscuro, Lincoln county, New Mexico, 128 miles north of El Paso. The shipment is now on the siding of the El Paso and Southwestern railroad, a block and a half north of the El Paso Times building on North Santa Fe street.

A large number of local stockholders and others have been inspecting this carload of black diamonds. One-half of the load is domestic coal and the other half is high grade blacksmith coal, both of which have already been sold to local consumers.

"An expert of the United States geological survey visited the property and stated that the coal from this mine ranked in quality with the very best coal in Pennsylvania and West Virginia for blacksmithing purposes, and that it should all be sacked and sold for that purpose, as it should bring the very highest price. For heating and domestic purposes it equals any in the market. Blacksmith coal is retailing here at from \$28 to \$35 per ton.

Analysis of this coal shows: Moisture, 1 per cent; volatile matter, 25 per cent; fixed carbon, 65 per cent; ash, 8.5 per cent. The coal is a semi-anthracite.

"The coal vein, as mined, is 40 inches thick, with sandstone roof and a fire clay and shale floor. The vein dips east at 7 degrees from the horizontal and the outcrops are exposed along the surface about two miles north-south. The workings are 1,000 feet southeast from the main line of the El Paso and Southwestern railroad, the main entry of the mine being 80 feet higher than the railroad.

About 550 feet of development has been made in the main entry, all in high grade coal.

"The property has been leased by the company to Gimble, Cutler and Wood of El Paso, practical coal miners, who are operating it now, making extensive developments with a view of making it produce about 100 tons per day. The company is planning to install the latest machinery for coal mining purposes, such as compressor, air drills channeling machines, or undercutters, and Jeffreys of Sullivan digger machinery, and to build a tramway from the mine to the railroad at the nearest point.

"The officials of the company are J.C. Wilmarth, president; Dr. J.A. Rawlings, vice president; John T. Hills, secretary-treasurer; M.D. Gaylord, manager. The above and A. Proussaly of El Paso are directors.

Cut by a "Bo"

Howard Avant, railroad watchman at Duran, in attempting to eject a couple of "boes" from No. 4 Sunday night, was slashed with a knife, cutting his leather jacket and inside clothing, but not injuring him otherwise.

The boes were riding on top. One of them got off when ordered, and the other went back over the coaches. When Avant followed, the hobo turned, slashed him with a knife, jumped from the top of the coach and disappeared into the darkness.

The heavy leather jacket worn by the officer prevented him reaching his gun in time to halt the hobo. If he had clinched with his assailant it is probable that both would have rolled off with serious results. He stated that during the past six months he has seen more boes than in two years previous. Every passing train has from one to four.

A Trek to the Crater

A trek to the crater of the Malpais was made Tuesday by pupils from the High School and the Eight grade, teachers accompanying the pupils.

They returned late in the afternoon, tired and footsore, but feeling that the wonders of Nature

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Obituary

LOUISE LUCK PEARCE PERKINS

Graveside services for Louise Luck Pearce Perkins, a former resident of Lincoln County, were held March 9 at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso. She died February 19 at her home in Albuquerque.

Louise was born March 9, 1918 in Alto, attended Capitan High School, and worked for El Paso Natural Gas Co. for more than 25 years, rising to position of vice-president.

She is survived by daughter Lillian Pearce Biffle; three sisters, Gracie Luck England and Hazel Luck Mayer, both of Oklahoma City, and Reba Luck Barber of Alto; two granddaughters, four great-grandchildren; five nieces and one nephew, three stepchildren, seven step-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren.



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, MARCH 24

--Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitan and at 7 p.m. at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.
--Maundy Thursday services at 7 p.m. at Ancho Presbyterian Church.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, GOOD FRIDAY

--No class for Capitan Schools which begin Spring Break; students return to class on Tuesday, April 4.
--No class for Carrizozo Schools today and Monday, March 28 for Easter Holiday. (Spring break is April 4-8).
--Lincoln County Courthouse; Carrizozo Town Hall; Capitan and Corona Village Halls closed for Good Friday.
--Good Friday services at 1 p.m. at Santa Rita Church in Carrizozo, 3 p.m. at St. Theresa Church in Corona and 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Capitan.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

--Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. at Santa Rita Church in Carrizozo. There will be no Saturday Mass in Capitan on March 26.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

--Easter Sunrise Service 6 a.m. Carrizozo football stadium, breakfast served at First Baptist Church following the service.
--Corona Community Sunrise Easter Services 6:30 a.m. Corona ball park. Breakfast to follow at Corona Presbyterian Church.
--Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 p.m. Two Rivers Park in Ruidoso, hosted by Community United Methodist Church. Hot drinks to be provided.
--Corona Presbyterian Church services 9 a.m.
--Corona Baptist Church services 10 a.m.
--Easter Mass at 7:30 a.m. at San Juan Church in Lincoln.
--Easter Mass at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Capitan.
--Easter Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Santa Rita Church in Carrizozo.
--Easter Mass at 1 p.m. at St. Theresa Church in Corona.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

--Reception for Sen. Jeff Bingaman, 5-7 p.m. Hawthorne Hotel in Ruidoso (next to convention center). \$20 cover charge. Everyone invited.
--Ruidoso Village Council, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

--Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee meets at 10 a.m. at Watson House in Lincoln.

Thank You Card

Alex M. Serna

May 4, 1922 - March 15, 2005

During the time of sorrow we learn how much our friends and family mean to us. Thank you so much for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. Thank you for the lovely cards, beautiful flowers, food, your friendly smile, a casual touch. These are the things that mean so much. To know you are with us in our time of sorrow. Sharing our prayers, today and tomorrow. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever your part.

And, a special thank you to Father Dave Bergs and the Ladies of the Santa Rita Parish.

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- Nick Serna & family
- Martha & Tommy Guevara & family
- Patsy Serna
- Albert Serna & family
- Fred & Magle Serna & family
- George & Suzie Serna & family



LCSWA Discusses NMED

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members do not have to be elected officials to be appointed to the LCSWA board. Rather the elected officials of the entities can appoint whomever they want.

Battin said he thought only elected officials should set the rates.

Schneider-Cook asked for more time to do further research.

Battin said he did not intend to create an issue, rather he needed clarification. Shearer said the rate setting abilities of the LCSWA board has been a big issue for a long time with the LCSWA entities.

The meeting agenda also included a "new member orientation" item. Ingle said the orientation was so she could provide the new members with a packet of information containing all copies of JPAs, ordinances and contracts for LCSWA. Also she wanted to answer the eight questions posed by Battin at his first meeting with LCSWA.

Battin submitted the questions about the operation of LCSWA, budget and revenue from each entity. Ingle said LCSWA's customers are the entities, not the individual customers billed in each municipality or the county. She showed in the budget how the General Operating Fund for LCSWA, after all expenditures are accounted for, has about \$35,000 above the required reserves when the large (\$275,000) Environmental Gross Receipt Tax (EGRT) fund is separated. She said LCSWA uses the EGRT only for capitol outlay purchases such as the collection trucks.

Previously Ingle's financial

report showed the total revenue with the EGRT, which made it appear LCSWA was having a very large "surplus".

Ingle also said LCSWA has five customers outside the county - Otero County where LCSWA delivers old tires and yard waste and direct service agreements with Mescalero Care Center, Old Road Cafe, BIA Offices and Indian Affairs Hospital.

Battin asked for time to review the packet provided by Ingle, and asked to have an agenda item for more questions and answers at the April LCSWA meeting.

As for rate setting, Battin said he spoke with Gene Simmons with the Small Business Administration who provided an extensive business evaluation that could be used by LCSWA when considering rate setting. Ingle said some of the questions on Simmons' evaluation could not be answered without a time consuming breakdown. She said 85 percent of the business of LCSWA is from county residential and commercial accounts. The remaining 15 percent comes from the entities - Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona.

Battin said he would accept a compromise of practical information versus theoretical information requested by the small business evaluation.

Ingle also attached information showing trash collection rates from throughout the state in 1999 and in 2004. "I wanted to give new members an idea of LCSWA's rates, which remain at the 1999 level, and are the cheapest in the state," Ingle said.

Ingle said the budget for LCSWA is based on previous operational costs, current rates, and tipping fees at the landfill. Landfill tipping fees paid by LCSWA, again the lowest in the state, have held trash rates down, Ingle said. She said Capitan and other entities with individual poly carts cost more for trash pick up than does the county with its large dumpsters. Ingle closed the discussion by inviting the new members to call, FAX or email her for information and answers to questions.

Battin said at the February

meeting, his first, he asked for a lot of information and Ingle was extremely cooperative. He said because of his questions and perhaps his attitude, there seems to be a feeling with LCSWA staff that he is critical of the LCSWA operation.

"My questions were not intended to imply anything negative, which I hope to convey to the staff at the next staff meeting," Battin added.

"I am very supportive of what LCSWA does," Battin concluded.

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Obituaries

GRACE P. CHAVEZ

Funeral Mass for Grace P. Chavez, 94, of San Patricio was March 14, in St. Jude's Catholic Church, burial followed at St. Jude's Cemetery.

Mrs. Chavez died March 10 in Ruidoso. She was born September 9, 1910 at San Patricio and had lived in Lincoln County all of her life. She was a homemaker and attended St. Jude's Catholic Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Lydia Chavez of San Patricio; two daughters in laws, Cruzita Chavez of Tularosa and Nan Chavez of Ruidoso; 13 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Leo Chavez; children, Roy Chavez, Brezel Chavez and Richard Chavez.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

LAVONA LEONA MILLER

Lavona Leona Miller, 98 year old Ancho resident died March 17, in Las Cruces.

Mrs. Miller was born on September 27, 1906 in Granberry, TX, the daughter of Thur William and Ola Sue Peters Drake.

She is survived by a son Jimmie Junior Miller of Ancho; a sister, Lallah Lee Drake, of Graham, WA; nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Miller were conducted March 22, at the Ancho Community Church, with Ray Wells and Mel Gnatkowski officiating. Inter-

ment followed at the Ancho Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Miller, Joe Miller, Paul Miller, Jake Miller, Shawn Miller and Micah Whitlock.

ALEX M. SERNA

Funeral Mass for Alex M. Serna, 82, of Carrizozo was March 19, at Santa Rita Catholic Church, with burial following at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Serna died March 15, in Las Cruces, he was born May 4, 1922 at Manjano, New Mexico and lived in Lincoln County all of his life. He was a retired heavy equipment operator at White Sands Missile Range; was in the C.C.'s and attended Santa Rita Catholic Church. He married Elena Lueras on August 5, 1978 in Las Cruces.

He is survived by his wife, Elena of Carrizozo; six children, Nick Serna of Carrizozo, Martha Guevara and her husband Tommy of Carrizozo, Patsy Serna of Carrizozo, Albert Serna of Tularosa, Fred Serna and his wife Margie of Carrizozo and George Serna and his wife Suzie of Ruidoso; step children, Fred Lueras of Roswell and Geneva Aguilar of Albuquerque; two brothers, Felipe Villescas of Las Cruces, and Ernest Miranda of Albuquerque; three sisters, Adelina Montoya, Betty Serna and Gravelita Arana all of Dexter, 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Arrangements were, under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Rumors Are NOT News!

By Ruth Hammond

How often have you heard gossip and assumed what you heard was true? It's easy enough to assume that what you hear is actually the truth, but many times the gossip is gossip, not gospel. And if you are the one who is being gossiped about, you probably resent it and want people to find out the truth instead of accepting the lies about you.

Eventually the truth may surface, but the damage has already been done in many situations. The main thing to remember is that rumors are quite often not the truth and before making judgments, you should consider gossip and rumors as just that, rumors and gossip. You should try to learn what the truth is before you pass along any gossip and rumors you hear. Don't become a gossip-monger!

Another thing to remember is that rumors and gossip are not news. When rumors are spicy, that might be your first inclination to realize it is a rumor, not fact, and not news. It is unfair to accept rumors as truth and publish those rumors without first researching the matter fully.

Research is many things, getting quotes from people, obtaining information on both sides of an issue, and then making an effort to tell both sides impartially. It is not our place to judge others, it is our duty to report. It is not our intention to condemn, it is our duty to inform readers of issues and encourage them to make their own decisions. Our duty is to report the news, not rumors and not gossip.

Some people don't know there is a difference between rumors and fact. Others believe that if someone says it, it must be true. And others prefer to believe the rumors to learning the truth. Lynch mobs get started that way. Back in the old days rumor-mongers would hype up the public and the frenzy and hysteria would cause the lynch mob to do what the rumor-mongers wanted. Being hung from an old lone tree in the middle of nowhere was not a solution for the lynch mob, but it often appeased rumor-mongers.

And why would rumor-mongers do these things? Was it because the rumors had some basis of truth, or was it because the rumor-mongers had ulterior motives? Maybe the rumor-mongers wanted to get even with someone, or maybe the rumor-mongers wanted their covert actions to be kept hidden from the public. Whatever the reason, the rumor-mongers prevailed as the victims dangled from a lonesome tree and the lynch mob did all the dirty work.

Yielding to mob rule is not the way to get things done. Your first responsibility is to learn the truth and after you have the facts if you object to actions taken by officials, you have the right to voice your opinions. Being involved and attending public meetings is the best way to let your opinions be known. It is your right to ask questions and expect answers. Don't spread rumors, learn the truth, ask questions, and demand answers from the elected officials.

EARL



"STOP LETTIN HIM HAVE HIS OWN WAY ALL THE TIME!"

INSIDE THE CAPITOL

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE -- Are you still a little skeptical about tourist travel in space being just around the corner? Recent developments make it look as though it may not be just pie in the sky. And New Mexico is right in the middle of it.

We've written often about New Mexico being named last May as the site for annual X Prize Cup competitions. These competitions will begin in 2006. An exhibition is scheduled this year, probably in October. We'll keep you updated on that.

The 2006 competition is scheduled to be held at the Southwest Regional Spaceport, north of Las Cruces. Gov. Bill Richardson has created a New Mexico Space Commission to help develop and promote the spaceport and other related space activities.

This column doesn't think much of advisory commissions, but with all the skeptics out there, the spaceport can use all the promotion it can get. It's also good news that former Lt. Gov. Casey Luna will serve as chairman.

While he was lieutenant governor, from 1991-1994, Luna headed the Bruce King administration's space efforts with gusto. He also became national chairman of the association of states with space efforts. Any promotion of New Mexico space effort disappeared during the eight years of the Gary Johnson administration.

In January, Peter Mitchell resigned as director of the state's Office of Space Commercialization. He had led the successful effort to lure the X Prize Cup competition to New Mexico.

Richard Kestner replaces him. Kestner was the space marketing director for White Sands Missile Range, which is serving as the state's interim spaceport. He led WSMR's efforts to help New Mexico secure the X Prize Cup competition last year.

Last summer, the first of the X Prize competitions was won by SpaceShipOne, financed by Microsoft co-founder and part-time Santa Fe resident Paul Allen.

The following day, "Rebel Billionaire" Richard Branson, of Virgin Airways and Virgin Records, announced the creation of Virgin

Galactic, which will use SpaceShipOne's technology to offer commercial spaceflights, beginning in early 2007. He expects to fly 3,000 passengers in the first five years. Fares will begin at \$208,000.

Who would pay the kind of money Branson is talking about for a space flight? Branson already has collected \$20 million apiece from Dennis Tito and Mark Shuttleworth for trips to the International Space Station.

Volvo discovered the public interest in space trips when it gave a ride with Branson as a prize on a Super Bowl ad. Over 135,000 entered, generating press coverage over twice the value of the expensive ad.

That's not the end of big-name billionaires getting into the space tourism race. In January, video-game pioneer John Carmack announced his Armadillo Aerospace is working on a space vehicle that will provide the same rides as Branson for \$10,000 a ticket.

In February, Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon.com, announced he will build a commercial spaceport on 165,000 acres of desolate ranchland near Van Horn, Texas, south of Carlsbad. He also plans to build a spaceship that will launch and land vertically. Bezo's ultimate goal is not so much space tourism as space colonization.

Elon Musk, founder of PayPal, is developing a rocket in McGregor, Texas, near Fort Hood, for launching commercial and military satellites.

New Mexico's Office of Space Commercialization has announced that securing the X Prize will bring space industry to New Mexico, but it appears neighboring Texas is getting its share of the action. SpaceShipOne, designed by Burt Rutan, is being built and flown near Edwards Air Force Base in California.

But the X Prize folks are saying that everyone who is building a spaceship, will bring it here for the X Prize competition.

One company that will be setting up shop in New Mexico is StarChaser, a United Kingdom aerospace firm that will establish a U.S. subsidiary, based in Las Cruces. It also will enter the X Prize Cup competition.



Psychic Judi Christopher Ruidoso NM

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Aries (March 21 - April 19) Going up hill isn't all bad. Once you get to the top you can look below and see what you're missing. It's your turn to do what you want and need to do. You don't need someone else's permission. You're in charge.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Once bitten, twice shy? You only get out of love what you put in it. Anger, fear, and not trusting someone isn't love. If you don't love yourself then how can someone else. This is your year to love a lot.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) You're going to new places. Pack your bags and have fun. Even if it's on the TV or in a book, let yourself visit a happy place somewhere inside of you. Allow others to show their love to you. New things coming.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Sharing something with someone, and loving them are two different things! Send love to the person you're most upset with and see miracles happen. Let go of the pain you carry around. Heal by letting go.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) It's time to search your soul. Ego and being upset are getting you nowhere. Others can't come to you when you have your heart put away. Love is free and giving. Expect nothing in return and watch it come back to you.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Step back and regroup. Rest up, get more sleep, good food and heal what hurts you. It's your time to be happy. Walk in the woods, find a hiding place and come to terms with yourself. Pray and release the pain.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22) You'll have more than you can handle. The truth of the matter is not how much you can handle, but how you handle it. Laugh at what you can not change. Change what you can, and let the other slide by.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Not a good time to get in a snit. Anger will only slow you down, and upset others. Live, love and laugh your way through this. Everything will be better because of your attitude. Show more love.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec) If someone isn't touching your soul, while they touch your Mind and Body, then you're cheating yourself. Teach others to treat you with respect, and love. Surround yourself with true friends and loved ones.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You'll be learning a great lesson about yourself. Don't assume because someone loves you, that they'll be there for you forever. You'll receive what you give. You teach best what you need to learn most.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Your actions are telling others something that isn't true. They think you don't need them as much as you really do. Not a good time to be coy. Reach out and touch the ones you love, or lose them by default.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20) The hand is over. The truth is at wait. Stand tall and let others know that you talk from the heart and not just the wallet. You might not have a second chance to change things for the good. Your time to shine.

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Calendar of Events

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FRIDAY, APRIL 1

--Free breakfast program starts at Carrizozo Schools for all students. Free breakfast program will continue through the end of April. Call 648-2346 for more information.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

--Lincoln County Democratic Party combined precinct meetings and county convention, check in 9:30-10:30 a.m. call to order 10:30 a.m. at Ruidoso Senior Center at 501 Sudderth Drive. All registered Democrats invited to attend and help elect new county party chair and vice-chair, and precinct chairs. For information call 354-2673 or 630-2004.

MONDAY, APRIL 4

--Capitan Chamber of Commerce meets at 8:30 a.m. at the chamber visitor center on Smokey Bear Blvd. All interested invited to attend.

--Carrizozo Schools on Spring Break through April 8.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

--Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC) meets at 9 a.m. in the county commission chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.



Happy Easter !!

If you intend to be happy don't be foolish enough to wait for a just cause. There's life alone in duty done. And rest alone in striving. -- Whittier

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Sheriff's Report

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

March 16
1:06 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area. Med 1 advanced life support (ALS) ambulance stationed at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso arrived at 1:38 p.m. and at 1:51 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 2:33 p.m.

11:04 p.m. an unknown caller requested an ambulance at a location on 11th St for a male subject with laceration to the arms. Carrizozo

ambulance arrived at 11:14 p.m. and at 11:21 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 12:04 a.m.

March 17
9:44 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 20 year old male. Med 1 arrived at 10:20 a.m. and at 10:38 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 11:24 a.m.

11:04 a.m. request for deputy for peace keeping at location on Alvarado Lane so a female could get her clothes. Deputy dispatched.

11:49 a.m. check animal welfare at location in lower Eagle Creek. animals had no food or water since Monday.

Responding deputy advised at 11:58 that he spoke with the owner who advised the animals were fed and watered the day before and he will be moving the animals to a location in Hondo in the next day or so. At 12:18 p.m. the deputy advised the animals on lower Eagle Creek have food and water.

2:25 p.m. request for deputy to transport a prisoner from the Fort Stanton adult male facility to the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) in Carrizozo. Deputy dispatched.

4:18 p.m. Ruidoso police requested a deputy to do warrant service to a male subject at LCDC. Deputy dispatched.
5 p.m. request for escort for San Patricio church walk from the church in San Patricio to the old church west of the community. Deputies dispatched.

5:02 p.m. ski shop reported skis missing at ski area. Deputy dispatched.

7:17 p.m. possible drunken driver on Gavilan Canyon Road, a silver small SUV with Texas plates was all over the road. Deputy dispatched.

10:36 p.m. Capitan police requested an ambulance at location on Largo Way for possible man down. Capitan ambulance responded at 10:45 p.m. but the call was cancelled at 11:01 p.m.

March 18
9:53 a.m. Ruidoso police requested agency assistance at location on Mira Monte. Deputy dispatched.

11:01 a.m. two vehicle accident without injuries on Sierra Vista Drive. Deputy dispatched.

11:38 a.m. anonymous caller reported a trash truck on Fort Stanton Road did not have its load covered. Dispatched deputy stopped the truck and advised the driver of the complaint.

4:02 p.m. accident with injuries, possible fatal at mile marker 36 on State Road 247. Corona ambulance and fire dept. responded, arriving at 4:56 p.m. Southwest Life Flight was notified for air transport at 4:25 p.m. but was cancelled by Med 1 which responded as Corona ambulance did not have enough EMTs to respond. Chaves County Office of Medical Investigator (OMI) was notified at 5:35 p.m. Deputy dispatched.

6:13 p.m. burglary at location on Cedar Creek. The front door was damaged for entry and items were taken. Deputy dispatched.

7:02 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location on Deer Park Drive for elderly male with possible heart attack. Med 1 arrived at 7:19 p.m. and advised assignment

completed at 7:34 p.m.

9:30 p.m. deputy advised he was giving agency assistance to Ruidoso Downs police with a drunken driver.

10 p.m. deputy advised he was giving agency assistance to Ruidoso police in reference to a shooting.

10:16 p.m. suspicious activity at location off mile marker 294 on Highway 70, a dark skinned male was walking around the residence. Deputy dispatched.

11:40 p.m. accident with injuries at mile marker 169 on Highway 54. Corona ambulance was paged with no answer so Med 3 ALS in Ruidoso was paged. Med 3 responded at 11:47 p.m. and at 12:54 a.m. arrived at the location, then left for LCMC arriving there at 2:12 a.m. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at the location at 1:01 a.m. and at 1:08 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 2:13 a.m. Three patients were transported.

March 19
10:33 a.m. request for deputy for traffic control at location on old Fort Stanton Road. Deputy dispatched.

1 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a report of breaking and entering at storage units in Alto area. Someone broke into a storage unit and replaced the locks. Deputy dispatched.

1:31 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 15 year old male with possible broken femur. Med 1 arrived at 2:08 p.m. and at 2:14 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 2:57 p.m.

2:07 p.m. request for ambulance at location at mile marker 275 on Highway 70, a male advised he was in a red and white vehicle parked between two trees off Highway 70 about 20 miles east of Ruidoso, and he was possibly having a heart attack. Hondo ambulance and paramedics responded and at 2:29 p.m. when they located the vehicle they advised it was a red semi truck off the highway. At 2:39 p.m. they left for LCMC arriving there at 2:57 p.m.

4:25 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location in San Patricio for 12 year old female with burn on right leg that was red in color only. Hondo ambulance arrived at 4:38 p.m. and at 4:49 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 5:13 p.m.

7:06 p.m. request for agency assistance at mile marker 3 on Highway 42. Deputy advised he received a hit on a stolen vehicle from Albuquerque police dept. and requested Torrance County Sheriff's Office be notified and a wrecker dispatched.

11:45 p.m. request for ambulance at sheriff's office for 35 year old female who was hyperventilating. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 11:55 p.m. and at 12:06 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 12:53 a.m.

March 20
10:17 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area for female child who fell four or five feet onto rocks. Med 1 responded at 10:21 a.m. but the call was cancelled.

10:33 a.m. vandalism at country club in Alto area, a car was keyed the night before. Deputy dispatched.

11:09 a.m. Chaves County Sheriff's office advised they received a 911 report of two loose horses on Cora Dutton Road, no other information. Deputy dispatched.

11:21 a.m. request for deputy to follow up on case at location on Buena Vista. Deputy dispatched.

12 noon request for deputy at ski area for violation of Skier Safety Act, employee at ski area reported a subject wished to file charges on another subject under the act. Deputy dispatched.

3:08 p.m. sheriff's posse member requested deputy for dog attack, unwanted people at movie shoot at Parsons mine area. Subjects brought a pit bull dog on the set, the dog attacked a horse, with bites to the flanks bleeding, and the subjects were unruly and possibly drunk. Deputies dispatched.

3:40 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at ski area for 11

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they witnessed made a fair compensation for the effort.

The big windows of the Carrizozo Trading Co. are a thing of beauty, if not a joy for ever. The latest creations of the season -- and it was some modiste who designed them -- are so alluring that few are able to pass without stopping and admiring.

The fabrics displayed are calculated to make every woman want one, and every husband willing she should have it.

The management at the co-opertive store has rearranged its stock insuch a manner that practically every article may be seen at a glance. The grocery arrangement is very attractive and market division is neat and most invitingly displayed.

Howard Cole, who ranches in the Jack's Peak district, east of Ancho, is having the local dentist replace the set of ivories that nature supplied him.

His principal desire for teeth, he said, was not so much to masticate his food as it was to enable him to bit a chew off a plug of the Kentucky weed.

Anyone who enjoys the "weed" can sympathize with the old gentleman, and extend the heartiest wishes for a satisfactory and useful set of molars.

Frank Bloom, of Trinidad, Colo., president of the Bloom Land and Cattle company, was here this week on his annual visit to attend to tax matters.

The Bloom company owns three ranches in the eastern end of the county, including the Diamond A and Circle Diamond, and two in Chaves county. The company also has ranches in Montana and Canada. The small sock grower is steadily pushing the large companies off the range.

Methodist Church

People took advantage of the splendid weather last Sunday and we had a good day throughout. Most of the Sunday school pupils who were obliged to be absent on account of the whooping cough are in their places again.

It is a fine thing to attend services when the sun shines and the moon gives light. Let us also go though it may snow or the wind blow.

School Notes

This week closes the sixth month. The large majority of the pupils are doing fine work and will make their grades. Some who have taken things too easily are on the danger line of failure, and are being cautioned that they must brace up and do better work. There is yet time to make their grades, but they must work.

Going to school is a business which must be attended to carefully. One cannot play for six or seven months of the school year and expect to be able to make up so much lost time. They are likely to be "repeaters".

Parents can help a good deal right here by inspecting the cards of the pupils each month, giving them opportunities to study at home, helping them to some extent and giving encouragement at all times.

It was stated in last week's NEWS that George Weishar, the Jicarilla merchant, had shipped 70,000 pounds of pinon nuts to the eastern markets. It should have read 7,000 pounds. An additional cipher made a difference of about 30 tons.

Parsons News Letter

Quite a few people from here drove down to the Torres ranch last week to see the government demonstration for the extermination of gophers, the greatest pest in this country. As the demonstration evidently took place ahead of schedule time they were too late for the event.

A forest fire started from an unknown origin in the canyon back of the Parsons Mining Co. barn last week. It had got quite a start when first discovered and would have spread over considerable territory if it had not been for Messrs. White and Vincent, who fought the flames for several hours before they got the fire under control.

Local and Personal

More wind than moisture has been the weather feature the past week. The first we could dispense with, but the second is a necessity.

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Come See the Changing of The Life Guard on Carrizozo Beach

Meet the New Guard

Carrizozo Joe's Espresso Shop & More
Where the Beach is a State of Mind

113 Central Ave.
Carrizozo Beach
648-JCES

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Announces

The 2005 Biennial Organizational Convention

To Be Held On
Saturday, April 9, 2005
10:00 a.m.
(registration begins at 9:30 a.m.)

Commissioners Chambers,
Lincoln County Court House
Carrizozo, New Mexico

Purpose of this convention is to elect precinct officers, County Central Committee Members, and Officers, and the County contingent to the State Central Committee.

Visit our web site at nmrplc.org

A proxy for the County Central Meeting to be held during the convention can be obtained by calling
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CONSTRUCTION & FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

CAPITAN, NM
Saturday, March 26, 2005
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: From the intersection of Hwy 380 & Hwy. 48 go South on Hwy 48 to Lincoln County Fair Grounds.

WATCH FOR SIGNS!!

TRACTORS * CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT
INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT
FARM & RANCH EQUIPMENT
RV'S * ATV'S * TRUCKS * VEHICLES

NOTICE: WE WILL BE ON LOCATION TO UNLOAD AND CHECK IN YOUR CONSIGNMENTS:

- > Wednesday, March 23, 2005 (8:00 AM - 5:00PM)
- > Thursday, March 24, 2005 (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
- > Friday, March 25, 2005 (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
- > Saturday, March 26, 2005 (PRIOR TO SALE) 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

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HIGH MESA ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR 2005

Saturday and Sunday, April 2nd and 3rd, 9AM to 5PM

16 ARTISTS - 7 LOCATIONS

in Nogal (Loma Grande) Hwy 37, mile markers 3 to 7 Signs will be posted along the route.

Fine Arts and Crafts of wood, fiber, metal, stone and clay Jewelry, clothing, accessories for the home and garden Spinning, weaving, forge and lathe demonstrations

Lunches Prepared by **The Alto Cafe**

For info call Richard at 354-4263 Ad Paid for by Lincoln County Lodgers Tax



EAGLE CREEK gauging station has something to measure this spring, as warming temperatures melt the heavy snow pack on Sierra Blanca. Eagle Creek gauging station is located next to a primitive picnic and camping area on US Forest Service lands off mile marker 4 on Ski Run Road. Easter Sunday weather forecast has the day mostly sunny with temperatures in the 50s for the mountain highlands, giving an opportunity to either play in the snow or bask in the sun.

Sheriff's Report

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year old female with possible broken leg. Med 1 arrived at 4:15 p.m. and at 4:31 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 5:14 p.m.
11:45 p.m. request for ambulance at location on J. Ave. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 11:47 p.m. and at 11:55 p.m. left for LCMC, inter-compted with paramedic at 12:09 a.m. to arrive at LCMC at 12:48 a.m.
March 21
3 a.m. battery at location on Franklin in Corona. Deputy dispatched.
No time; theft at residence west of Hondo, the seven year old black lab was taken. Deputy Dispatched.
11:43 a.m. request to speak to deputy for trouble with a subject at location on Bradley Street, the subject was not leaving the property after eviction, Deputy responded but cancelled the call advising it was for Ruidoso police.
12:11 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Stanton Road for 17 year old male with chest pains. Capitan ambulance responded at 12:13 p.m. and requested Med 1, then arrived at the location at 12:18 p.m. and at 12:29 p.m. left for LCMC, arriving at 1:05 p.m.
1:20 p.m. State Police requested agency assistance at hit and run in Ruidoso. Deputy dispatched.
2:45 p.m. Magistrate Judge Bill Butts requested deputy for warrant service to female inmate at LCDC. Deputy dispatched.
5:56 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Summit for 47 year old male diabetic. Carrizozo ambulance and a Corona EMT arrived at 6:53 p.m. and at 7:42 p.m. received a refusal.
6:34 p.m. chimney fire at location on Skyview road, flames were coming out of the top of the neighbor's chimney. Capitan fire department arrived at 6:45 p.m. and advised all was okay at 6:57 p.m. Capitan ambulance also responded.

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

Monday through Friday, March 21 to 25
Judge to attend the National Conference on Juvenile Justice in Orlando, FLA.
Tuesday, March 22:
Darrell Brantley domestic case mediator will hear cases today.
9:00 a.m.
Armijo v. Luevano; DV-2005-91 New petition.
9:30 a.m.
Rose Brown v. Randall Brown; DV-2004-92: Order to appear.
Elizabeth Britton v. Daniel Shoop; DV-2004-87: Respondent's motion alleging violation.
10 a.m.
Anne Marie Sanchez v. Robert Dutchover; DV-2005-12: New petition.
Rick Beagles v. Sadie Franco; DV-2005-01 (Application to Modify)
11 a.m. Zeba French v. Lay Powell; DV-2004-143: Petition's motion alleging violation

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
648-2868 (Church) or 648-2107
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Sun. Evening Training at 6:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

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

Church of Christ

TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135
Ave. 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
849-1402
Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches

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

CAPITAN:

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

Christ Community Fellowship

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

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4827
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church of Corona

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

Angus Church of the Nazarens

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RICK HUTCHISON, Pastor / 336-8032
Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction
Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM

Sunday:
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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

Cook-off Entries Now Due

Entries for the National Beef Cook-Off contest are now being accepted. Categories include beef market basket, grilled beef, family favorites, and "Inspired By" beef recipes.

To enter, send your best original recipe using the required fresh beef cut or fully cooked beef product and other required ingredients, if indicated, by March 31. Entries may be submitted online www.beefcookoff.org or by mail. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than March 31 and received on or before April 7. Mail to: National Beef Cook-Off Entries, ANCW, PO Box 3881, Englewood, CO 80155. The top tasting beef dishes will be shown cased September 19031 in Rapid City, SD with 20 finalists competing for more than \$100,000 in cash prizes, including the "Best of Beef" grand prize.

You are eligible if you are 18 years of age or older on March 31, 2005 and are a legal resident of the United States or Puerto Rico. Visit the website for additional information, contest details and official rules.



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Spring is here, and so are the spring winds. Gusts up to 30 miles per hour are predicted in Carrizozo today and on Friday when there will be another chance for showers.

Easter Sunday is predicted to be mostly sunny with highs in the low 60s and high 50s.

For information and tips on dealing with winter weather, www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/prepare_dress/wwwxaware-2.htm on the internet.

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

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

Today, Thursday, March 24
Partly cloudy and breezy with west winds between 15 and 25 miles per hour (mph) with gusts up to 30 mph. High around 67. Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers after 11 p.m. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Low near 37 in Carrizozo.

Friday, March 25
Mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance for showers. Breezy with west winds 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph with gusts up to 35 mph. High near 58. Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers. Low around 36.

Saturday, March 26
Mostly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers. High near 54. Tonight mostly clear with low around 31.

Easter Sunday, March 27
Mostly sunny high near 61. Tonight, mostly clear with low near 32.

Monday, March 28
Mostly sunny with high around 68. Tonight mostly clear with low around 36.

Tuesday, March 29
Mostly sunny with high near 71. Tonight, mostly clear with low around 38.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona.
Today, Thursday, March 24
Partly cloudy and breezy with west winds 20 to 25 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. High around 59 in Ruidoso and Corona and 62 in Capitan. Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for snow showers after 11 p.m. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Lows near 35 in Ruidoso, 36 in Capitan and 31 in Corona.

Friday, March 25
Mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance of rain showers. Breezy with west winds 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph with gusts up to 35 mph. High near 49 in Ruidoso, 52 in Capitan and 51 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of snow showers. Lows around 33 in Ruidoso, 35 in Capitan and 30 in Corona.

Saturday, March 26
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers. High around 46 in Ruidoso and 49 in Capitan and Corona. Tonight mostly clear in Ruidoso and Capitan and partly cloudy in Corona. Lows around 30 in Ruidoso 31 in Capitan and 26 in Corona.

Easter Sunday, March 27
Mostly sunny. Highs near 52 in Ruidoso, 55 in Capitan and 54 in Corona. Tonight mostly clear with lows near 31 in Ruidoso, 32 in Capitan and 29 in Corona.

Monday, March 28
Mostly sunny with high near 60 in Ruidoso, 63 in Capitan and 61 in Corona. Tonight mostly clear with lows around 35 in Ruidoso 37 in Capitan and 33 in Corona.

Tuesday, March 29
Mostly sunny with high near 64 in Ruidoso, 67 in Capitan and 65 in Corona.

**LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CV04-332**

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

**vs.
MARK HICE,
Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF SALE
ON FORECLOSURE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 113 La Luz Lane, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

**LOT 12, BLOCK 3, COUNTRY CLUB
ESTATES, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN
BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND
EX-OFFICE RECORDER OF
LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,
JUNE 9, 1960.**

The sale is to begin at 1:00 p.m. on April 28, 2005, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, East entrance, 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 of sale and to satisfy the judgment granted Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., was awarded a Judgment on February 21, 2005, in the principal sum of \$154,356.04, plus outstanding interest through February 15, 2005, in the amount of \$8,361.00 and accruing daily thereafter at the rate of \$27.49 per day, plus late charges of \$321.40, plus escrow advances of \$2,437.44, plus property preservation fees of \$810.00, plus attorneys fees through February 15, 2005, in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through February 15, 2005, in the sum of \$459.67, with interest on the late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 6.50% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant, 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
5120 San Francisco
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
(505) 858-3303

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plaint will be granted to Plaintiffs in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is: Archie A. Witham, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341, Telephone: (505) 354-2698.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 14th day of March, 2005.

(SEAL)

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

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**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-04-305**

**CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE
CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,**

**vs.
KEITH GREER,
Defendant.**

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on April 6, 2005, at the hour of 12:00 pm the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301-0725, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendant, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at South 17th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

**TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 10 EAST,
N.M.P.M. LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO.**

A tract of land situate within the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 11, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 11; thence South 89° 43' West 1304.14 feet; thence South 660 feet to the point of beginning of this tract; thence South 257.49 feet; thence North 89° 46' 15" East 595.16 feet; thence North 257.49 feet; thence South 89° 46' 15" West 592.96 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.511 acres, more or less,

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes. Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendant, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a 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 \$60,044.54, and the same bears interest at the rate of 8.5000% per

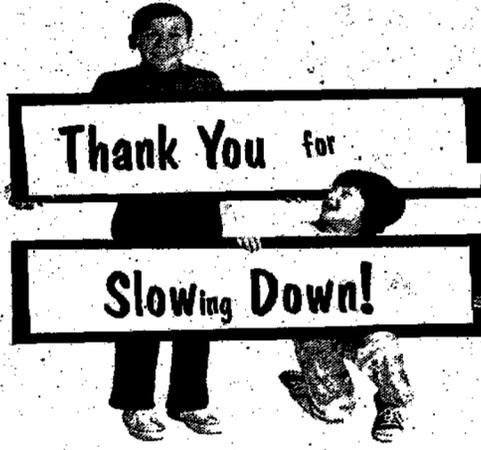
annum, which accrues at the rate of \$13.98 per diem, commencing on February 1, 2005, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant Keith Greer for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff 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 \$60,044.54, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$908.70 for a total judgment plus interest of \$60,953.24. 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) 648-0025

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**LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-05-79
Division III**

**ALICE L. REA,
Plaintiff,**

**vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE
FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED
PERSON: LEONARD EUGENE DART,
ALSO KNOWN AS LEONARD E. DART,
AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF
INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE
TO THE PLAINTIFFS.**

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF ACTION**

TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Alice L. Rea, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-05-79 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

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

Lot 5, Block 35, of RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico on November 30, 1982, in Cabinet D, Slide Nos. 99 to 103, both inclusive, TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereon, SUBJECT TO reservations, restrictions and easements of record.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before May 2, 2005, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Com-

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV04-292

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
KLAUS NIEMERG; MARIA NIEMERG; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ND; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN,

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 12, 2005, at 8:15 AM, 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:

Lots 11 and 12, Block 9 of ALTO CREST, UNIT TWO, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, July 9, 1968, in Tube No. 317.

The address of the real property is 103 Mont Blane Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 17, 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 \$55,421.90, plus interest from February 28, 2005 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.25% 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, at the time of sale, 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: March 7, 2005.

Peter Baca
Special Master
c/o Shapiro & Meinhold, L.L.P.
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
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**LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO
SUBMIT BIDS**

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids for the following County projects will be received by the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, NM 88301 until 2:00 p.m., Local time,

Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

SEALED BID NO: 04-05-009
"RESURFACING OF COUNT ROADS
A007, D002, D003, GAVILAN CANYON,
AND FAWN RIDGE SUBDIVISION
ROADS"

Complete specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse or by calling Orlando Samora, (505) 648-2385 ext. 105.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during the County Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

ORLANDO SAMORA,
Purchasing Agent

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

**County OKs
CSI As
Operator
of Jail**

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ment obtain a non-profit status in order to raise money to construct a new fire station. Mulligan also said the county has not fulfilled its promise in 2003 to purchase and set up water storage tanks for the department, even though the department has a site and a new tanker truck with no way to fill it. He also was concerned that even with the new communications tower in Hondo, the communications among the fire department volunteers is inadequate.

Stewart said the proposed site for the new fire station was unfortunately annexed into the City of Ruidoso Downs and the department needs to find another location in the county. As for the tanks, only one of three tanks considered for purchase for several departments in the county was actually bought and installed in White Oaks.

County attorney Alan Morel said he would assist the Glencoe department with the non-profit status by providing forms and advice, however the department will have to file for the status with the state.

**Three Questions
To Ask Potential
Stroke Victims**

The American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, says that a 60-second test can help determine whether someone may be experiencing a stroke.

A three question test has been used by health care professionals as a successful way of determining whether someone may be experiencing a stroke.

A research project by North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, N.C. looked into the question of whether non-medical professionals could administer the short test and correctly identify the symptoms of a possible stroke. The conclusions was yes, that bystanders could be helpful in determining whether a person is experiencing a stroke.

The three questions given to the suspected stroke sufferers were: Can you raise your arms and keep them up? Can you smile? Can you repeat a simple sentence?

The study found that when non-medical volunteers were asked by a telephone dispatcher to administer the test, they correctly identified the symptoms 96 percent of the time...especially the raising of the arms and the speaking of a simple sentence.

Any sign of weakness in the face; slurred speech, or weakness or numbness in the limbs should be evaluated by medical professionals immediately. If stroke victims are given proper help within three hours of the stroke, the ability to recover is greatly increased.

For the complete report, <http://www.americanheart.org/pr esenter.jhtml?identifier=3008841>

Testing

It's already that time of the year for every class from third grade through ninth grade, and eleventh grade to deal with an academic interruption.

It is time for testing. The test that they are taking is the New Mexico Standards-Based Assessment which is to see how well the students meet the standards set for reading, writing, mathematics, and science, but for the eleventh grade it is only reading and math.

Unlike the old test, this test does not compare students against other students in the nation, but it provides a better indication for parents, teachers, and administrators of how the student is doing compared to others in New Mexico. The students are compared to the test itself and are placed in four different categories depending on their scores. Each student may be categorized as advanced, proficient, nearing proficiency, and beginning, according to their skill level. The test scores may not be used against the student but is only a means of measuring a student's skill.

Each test is also different for each grade. This test follows the guidelines of the No Child Left Behind Act which was passed in the 2002 legislation. The test standards go along with state academic standards which were established by the teachers and the public. With this input, the tests for grades third through ninth were then developed by Harcourt Assessment, Inc. This new test is different from the old one because it is printed in color and has better illustrations to motivate and keep students interested, but for each section of the test each student has to take three separate tests on each of these three different subjects. The test for the eleventh graders was developed by a testing company called Pearson Educational Measurement. In order for the school to give the test, there has to be a 95 percent attendance from the students. Otherwise, the test is considered invalid because it does not give a true measurement of the student population.

Jacob Verdugo

Have
A
Safe
and
Happy
Easter !!



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 2, 2005, Ruidoso Downs Racing, P.O. Box 449, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, filed application No. 01315 into H-381 et al, with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion, place and purpose of use from surface to groundwater by ceasing the diversion of 49.92 acre-foot per annum, of the surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, a tributary of the Rio Hondo, diverted via the F. Herrera Ditch South at a point in the NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 25, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., and ceasing its use for the irrigation of 15.6 acres of land described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
Pt. SW1/4SE1/4	20	11 S.	14 E.	10.2
Pt. NW1/4NE1/4	29	11 S.	14 E.	5.4

The applicant proposes to commence the diversion of 49.92 acre-foot per annum of groundwater by using the following described existing wells:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-381	SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4	20	11 S.	14 E.
H-381-S	NW1/4NE1/4NW1/4	29	11 S.	14 E.
H-381-S-2	NW1/4NE1/4NW1/4	29	11 S.	14 E.

to be used for the irrigation of 15.6 acres of land described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
Pt. E1/2NE1/4	30	11 S.	14 E.)	
Pt. W1/2NW1/4	29	11 S.	14 E.)	15.6

The above described points of diversion and place of use are located within the City of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

P.T.D. ORDER
NO. 05-17
March 16, 2005

ORDER
EXTENDING
CERTAIN
DEADLINES
LINCOLN
COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

Pursuant to my authority under Section 7-38-85 NMSA 1978, I hereby extend the following deadline found in Section 7-38-20 of the Property Tax Code with respect to the 2005-tax year only:

1) The deadline for the Lincoln County Assessor to mail Notices of Value from April 1, 2005 to no later than May 1, 2005.

Done this 16th day of March 2005.
Tim Eichenberg,
Director, Property Tax Division

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 19, 2005, Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc., P.O. Box 449, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, filed application No. 01315 & H-381-Comb-S et al with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to supplement existing surface diversion, under State Engineer Office No. 01315 and the following existing shallow wells:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-381	SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4	20	11S.	14E.
H-381-S	NW1/4NE1/4NW1/4	29	11S.	14E.
H-381-S-2	NW1/4NE1/4NW1/4	29	11S.	14E.

by using the following existing wells as supplemental points of diversion:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-53	SW1/4SW1/4	20	11S.	14E.
H-53-S	SW1/4NE1/4NW1/4	29	11S.	14E.
H-54	NE1/4SE1/4NE1/4	30	11S.	14E.
H-55	SE1/4NW1/4NW1/4	29	11S.	14E.
H-56	NE1/4NW1/4NW1/4	29	11S.	14E.

for the continued diversion of up to 144,032 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater, used for domestic and commercial horse operation purposes at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Facilities located in Sections 20 and 29, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., and for the irrigation of 15.6 acres of land described as part of the E1/2NE1/4 of Section 30, and part of the W1/2NW1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M.

The above described points of diversion and place of use are located within the City of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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

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Extreme Gardening

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factors - fenced garden space to keep out pets and pests such as the neighbor pet deer and local rabbits, some type of wind blocking fencing materials such as rolled reed fencing, pickets (flat or coyote fencing), bamboo, shade cloth or old sheets, which ever fits your budget and/or aesthetics; and the cloche. The wind, cold and sun protection will increase your yields dramatically, and gives you a bit of privacy also.

For the accessible garden, have someone construct an easy to open and latch gate. Make cloches accessible by making them shallower and taller, with an easy opening front. This is accomplished by using a center stake at the apex of the cloche, and leaving the front half so it can be lifted.

Place the cloches out before you plant your seeds/seedlings. This is to avoid damaging the plants or disturbing the seeds.

You can leave the cloche up for the entire season, or remove it if it is used to start hot weather plants such as squash. Lettuce prefers to grow under the cloche or shade cloth, producing more tender and larger leaves. Tomatoes grown in the ground do better under the cloche all summer. Make sure to check the cloche as the weather warms, and leave at least one end open so it will not overheat.

Try to plant your seedlings or seeds in the bed under the cloche after the cloche has been set up, to avoid damaging the plants or disturbing the seeds.

The cloche, or even lightly spread row cover,

will protect your plants up to several degrees, and provides a more humid atmosphere. While it discourages bugs, once bugs find their way in they can be a problem. So whenever you water look for bugs.

Growing in the cloche can be extended even further into the fall by placing strings of twinkie lights. This is only possible if your garden is near enough to an electrical outlet for an extension cord.

There is a potential problem with cloches - you might want to climb inside. They also might make you want a greenhouse in which you can sit and just let the sun soak into your bones.

Another secret to the extreme garden is mulch. Mulch can be dead leaves, pine needles (which are in piles everywhere along the streets in Ruidoso), grass clippings (be careful the clippings do not come from a lawn that was treated with herbicide or fungicide and do not put directly on the plants as clippings rot hotly.) Mulch provides shade from hot summer sun, protects the soil from drying, and in cooler weather keeps the soils warmer longer. During the winter, mulch prevents the soils from drying and retains precious winter time moisture. Organic mulches break down and add to the soil.

Gardening is a pleasure, a gift from the Almighty, that gives back to us with bowls of wonderful delicious and fresh food.

In this day of concern about the safety of our food supply what could be

better than knowing the vegetables on your dinner plate were grown in your own backyard!

Plants that grow well in Lincoln County:

Spinach if started early and grown under cloche.

Swiss Chard; Kale; mustard greens.

Leaf lettuce such as curly, reds and small butter crunch avoid head lettuce.

Beets; carrots once established which can be difficult.

Kentucky Wonder pole beans; short season bush beans.

Yellow summer squash; zucchini.

Pie pumpkins; butternuts; acorn and other "winter" squash.

Sweet corn, red kernel variety for a different look.

Cabbage and broccoli which can be started inside early and planted out for early harvest, or seeds can be planted directly into the garden for late fall harvesting.

Chili and bell peppers if in Carrizozo or in cloche in Capitan or higher altitudes.

Tomatoes with small fruit and/or early maturing. This information can be found on the back of your seed package.

Seed packages also indicate if the seeds are for a hybrid or standard. While hybrids produce good plants, their seeds will not grow true if planted the next year. Seeds from standard plants can be saved and planted the next year.

Experiment with different varieties of your favorites, or try something new altogether! Most of all enjoy your time in the gar-

den!

Garden Jobs to do: March; Beginning now.

Indoors: Start warm weather vegetables such as tomatoes, bell peppers and chili indoors; and cabbage and broccoli for early harvesting. Recycle 1 cup yogurt cups for seedling pots.

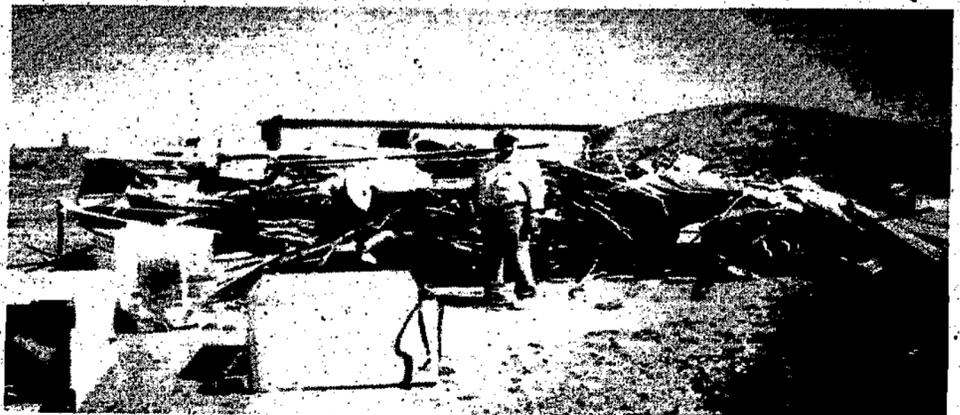
Outdoors: clean up old garden debris, compost; prune wintered over plants and remove if necessary.

If mud has dried, "repave" garden paths with pine needles or other similar mulch; rebuild or make raised beds; mulch.

April, Indoors: Transplant seedlings to bigger pots if two or more leaves.

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