

Ditch Owners Want Water Rights Fairness

by Doris Cherry

People with old rights to water in the acequias in Lincoln County want assurance they will get their water when there is water shortfalls to Texas as required under the Pecos River Compact, and they want to know who will pay for the mandated meters and gauges for wells and acequias.

As storms drenched the area with heavy rains causing the Rios Bonito, Ruidoso and

Hondo to flood, more than 175 people crowded the multipurpose room at Hondo Valley School on Tuesday, September 6. They were there to attend a special Lincoln County Commission meeting with New Mexico State Engineer John D'Antonio and several of his staff, who were there to explain, and answer questions, about the draft Lower Pecos River Water Master District-specific rules.

D'Antonio opened with a statement that New Mexico is

trying to put in place tools to help administer its limited water supply, even during drought cycles. "We can't be complacent," D'Antonio said. "Even though it is wet now, we are still in a drought."

D'Antonio said the state needs water master manuals and water masters in the field to help protect the owners of senior water rights. He also said the state is trying to bring the administration of all water under one umbrella with basin

specific rules. Hondo Basin which includes the drainages of the Rios Ruidoso, Hondo and Bonito, is one of four basins or subdistricts in the Lower Pecos River District which runs from above Fort Sumner lake to where the Pecos River runs into Texas.

The proposed rules for the Lower Pecos River District, released August 23, were drafted by a committee of regional water users - officials from counties and municipalities, Interstate Stream Commission, Fort Sumner

Irrigation District, Roswell Artesian Basin and the Carlsbad Irrigation District (CID), D'Antonio said. The draft rules are intended to serve as an alternative to a "priority call" in order to meet the water requirements of the Pecos River Compact, and to assure the CID will receive its entitled amount of water to be

stored in its two lakes near Carlsbad.

The Pecos River Compact, which Texas first litigated against New Mexico in 1948 and again in 1988, requires New Mexico to deliver a minimum 50,000 acre feet of water every year in the Pecos

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CONCERN and SKEPTICISM came from the crowd of more than 175 who attended the special county commission meeting held Tuesday in Hondo to allow NM State Engineer John D'Antonio and his staff explain, and answer question, about the proposed rules governing how water, from ditches and wells, can be used in the Rio Ruidoso, Rio Hondo and Rio Bonito drainage systems in order to meet the Pecos River Compact with Texas.



Volunteers Needed To Review Land Use Plan

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC) is seeking citizens who are interested in helping draft recommendations for updating the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of a subcommittee to help draft recommendations to update the county land use plan can contact PLURAAC chair Sally Canning at 505-653-4041.

At the PLURAAC meeting Tuesday, September 6 in Carrizozo, Canning called for a land use plan review subcommittee after the PLURAAC heard from Howard Hutchinson and Dr. Alex Thal. The men consulted with the county during the drafting of the first land use plan adopted in 1997. Hutchinson is the executive director of the Arizona-New Mexico Coalition of Counties, with office in Glenwood, NM. Thal is a professor at Arizona State University with PhD in land law.

Hutchinson provided an overview of land use planning in New Mexico, which he said should include water planning and wildfire protection planning. He said there needs to be ongoing review and updating of any land use plan. As example, he said Catron County has an ordinance that requires the county water plan to be reviewed the first meeting of each year and updated accordingly.

Planning is not mandated by state law and no single definition of a comprehensive plan

exists nor are there substantive standards for what key issues must be addressed in a plan, Hutchinson said. "A workable approach for each community must be figured out locally," he added.

As for a land use plan being adopted as resolution or ordinance, Hutchinson said by state law adopting a land use plan by ordinance only requires public hearings if the majority of the county commission votes to hold them. Hutchinson recommended having public involvement in order to have broad "public buy-in". Hutchinson said adopting a plan by resolution gives it flexibility so it can be reviewed and updated regularly. He said the land use plan provides a foundation for the county to adopt ordinances to address problems identified in the land use plan.

Hutchinson said he tends toward "interest based" plans which look at the interests of the public, instead of presenting problems and figuring how to resolve them. He said figuring how to engage the public in the process is the real challenge. He suggested surveys mailed out in utility bills and contacting interest groups such as Farm Bureau, Cattle and Sheep Growers, Audobahn Society, Sierra Club, mining associations, spelunkers, etc. in order to gain input.

The men also discussed the state laws concerning Extraterritorial Zones which have explicit procedures to set up the zones either by mutual agreement of the municipality and county or when at least 25 percent of the electorate living within the proposed

ETZ petition the county commission for an ETZ.

As far as overall zoning, Thal said zoning is to protect property values but zoning concepts are undergoing change from those four to five different classes of use. He said the county's 1997 land use plan does make reference to existing county ordinances and state laws on such things as subdivision rules and flood plans.

Hutchinson said what they aimed for in the 1997 land plan was preservation of the character and nature of the community while recognizing change will happen.

"Instead of being regulatory, I think the best plans are more like a disclosure so newcomers and outsiders moving in have good information in order to make good decisions and to provide a document that elected officials use as a basis for good decisions," Hutchinson added.

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Assessor's Request For Special Vehicle Nixed

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Assessor Rick Silva will get a standard fleet vehicle, not the custom colored SUV he really wanted.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their August meeting confronted Silva who was unhappy that the county man-

ager had changed the specifications on a bid for a new SUV type vehicle for the assessor. Silva said he put together a bid for a SUV that was forest green, keyless entry, tinted windows, carpeting and lumbar support but was told by county manager Tom Stewart that there were problems with the bid.

"What is the policy for county bids," Silva asked.

Stewart said it was his responsibility to get vehicles for the county at the lowest cost possible, which means standard factory-produced.

"When I read the request (from the assessor) I changed the specs and that is why we are here," Stewart added.

Silva said Stewart wanted a white vehicle, yet the road department vehicles were all red and the sheriff's office has four colors.

County commissioner Rick Simpson said the main objective was to get the best price. He agreed with the county manager's request that Silva pay out of his own pocket for any of the "creature comforts" above the generic state purchase package. "It would only be fair for anything above the state price that you pay the difference," Simpson said to Silva.

Stewart said vehicle, with factory standard items, was being offered on state purchasing in a tan color for \$24,495. Needing to close the budgeted item before the end of the fiscal year, Stewart said he approved the specs with the tan color.

When Simpson asked if the vehicle was available on state contract, Stewart said he since has found the county can get a

Remodeling Begins At County Clerk's Office

by Doris Cherry

Starting this Friday, September 9, the office of the Lincoln County Clerk in the courthouse in Carrizozo will begin a much needed remodeling.

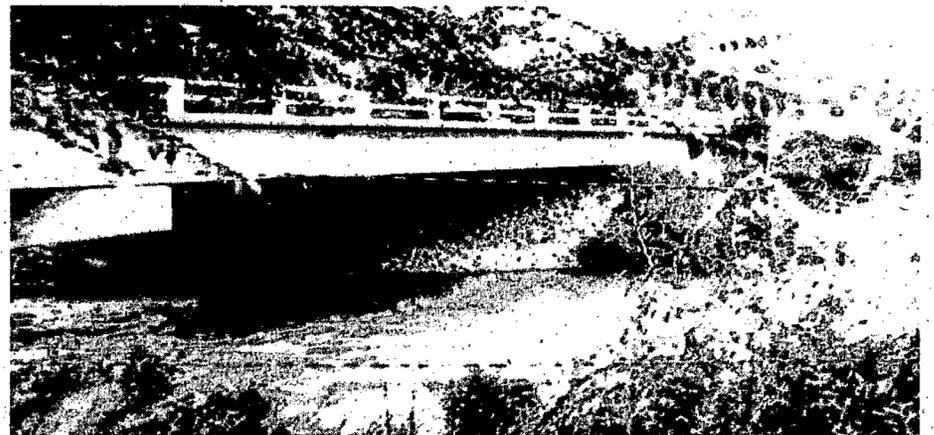
The clerk's office, located in the northeast wing of the courthouse complex, will be closed from September 9 until September 23. During the remodeling, the clerk and her staff will be relocated into surrounding county offices within the courthouse where they will carry on minimum daily operations. Research will be allowed only on a very limited basis, Maddox said.

"Copies of plats and maps, however, will not be available during the remodeling," Mad-

dox added. Maddox suggests those who need to do business with the clerk's office to call first, to 505-648-2385 ext. 6. The extension will ring to a clerk's staff member who will have further information about where certain staff are located within the courthouse.

Those who stop by the courthouse should ask for clerk's staff at the offices of the county manager, treasurer or assessor, Maddox said.

"We ask for the public's patience during the remodeling," county clerk Tammie Maddox told THE NEWS. "I also want to thank the Lincoln County Commission for funding the remodeling project which we know will improve the efficiency and flow of the office."



TORRENTIAL STEAM. Heavy rains on Tuesday afternoon swelled the Rio Bonito into a torrential flood under the bridge at the east end of the Lincoln Historic District. Heavy rains on Labor Day afternoon east of Carrizozo caused at least one county road to wash gravel and dirt onto Highway 380, as heavy rains made many roads muddy and nearly impassable. Rainfall is predicted to taper off as the weekend arrives.

Ditch Owners Want Water

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River to the Texas line, which is considered the "1947 condition." D'Antonio said the state cannot deplete the water in the Pecos, whether from withdrawals of surface water or through depletions from ground wells, beyond the 1947 condition. "With metering of wells and measuring of surface water we will be more aware of how much water there is and how much is being used," D'Antonio added.

D'Antonio said the committee of water users came up with the Pecos River Committee Consensus Settlement Plan, which was partially funded by the state legislature in 2002. The plan required the state to purchase 18,000 acres of farm land (and associated water rights) along the Pecos River and then put the land out of farm production and move the lands' associated water rights into wells that will be used to return water into the Pecos River when the state does not meet its water obligations under the compact. Under the latest portion of the consensus agreement, a

total of 12,000 acres will be purchased in the CID and Roswell Artesian Basin giving another 15,700 acre feet of water to the well field to replenish the Pecos River.

"With this plan we hope to bring the river into water balance without a priority call," D'Antonio said.

Under a priority call, water rights would be curtailed according to the date which they were filed with the state. For example, under a priority call, if a water right (or domestic well permit) was dated 1946, it would be more entitled to water before a right dated 1955 and so on. Thus under a priority call, all "junior users" could be faced with having to cut back or not use their water at all in order to meet the terms of the Pecos Compact.

D'Antonio said another \$18 million is needed to implement the minimum requirements of the settlement plan and he asked citizens to contact their state legislators to urge them to approve or sponsor bills with funding for the settlement plan.

"But if we can't raise the additional money, or we run out of time (August 2006 is the deadline to meet the conditions of the settlement) and we have a water shortage, we could find we have to administer the water by priority means anyway," D'Antonio added.

"Don't be scared of the water masters," he continued. "Long time water users should welcome someone to come in and actively administer the water." The water masters will also identify who owns what water and will help administer these as well as check meters and measuring devices to assure no one is taking more or less water to which they are entitled.

As for domestic wells, D'Antonio said there are at least 8,000 domestic wells in use along the Pecos River. He said in some cases where domestic wells are close to the river, well use will reduce the flow of water in the river.

But people in the Hondo Valley, whose acequia water rights pre-date New Mexico territorial law, wanted assurance they get their share of water first, because their rights are older than those that CID holds.

County commissioner Rick Simpson said his constituents who live along the Rios Hondo and Bonito do not like being lumped with the Pecos River valley because their custom and culture is different. Many of the Rios Hondo and Bonito water rights date to 1850 when the US Army came into the area, and some are as old as 1790 with records in archives in Mexico. Simpson said he was also concerned because the county

commission was left out of the loop in the drafting of the proposed rules.

D'Antonio said the state engineer's office recognizes the seniority of the water rights in the Hondo basin. "We are not interested in managing the individual acequias, we are only interested in making sure junior users do not impair senior user supplies," he said.

State Rep. Dub Williams said he welcomes meters and gauges on wells and acequias but "who will pay for them?"

Valley resident Ernest Sanchez asked who would pay if they have to put acequias into pipes in order to meter the water. D'Antonio said meters would only be required on wells, surface water would require flume gauges with electronic reporting devices.

"Our water rights are senior to the CID," said Jackie Powell, Hondo valley resident who owns acequia water rights. Powell said that the Rios Hondo and Bonito are not perennial streams rather are torrential that flood with snow melt and summer storms and go dry or very low in between. "At times the only water in the river is from the Ruidoso sewer plant," Powell added.

"You talk about making us meter the ditch water, but how can we measure it when there is not enough water in the river to put in the ditch," Powell said.

Powell was also concerned that uncontrolled growth of county subdivisions with tracts with domestic wells as the only water supply is affecting the water supply in the rivers and acequias. "We deserve to have our water without subdivisions taking it away," Powell said. She then requested the state engineer give no favorable opinions on all future subdivisions proposed in Lincoln County until the developers can provide a known water supply.

Lincoln acequia water rights holder and resident James Sanchez was concerned about who will pay for the mandated installation of gauges at their diversions from the rivers into the ditches and who will pay for domestic and irrigation well meters.

Ken Nosker, mayordomo of two acequias for 50 years, was concerned ditch gauges and meters will require electricity to operate, adding to the cost to the water users.

D'Antonio said the ditch gauges cost about \$5,000 and well meters cost about \$300. He said his office is looking into the availability of grants and low cost federal loans for these devices. As for the cost of the water master, D'Antonio said his office is now paying for that person, but unless the legislature provides for future funding, the irrigators and water users will have to pay for the water master.

Nosker also asked why New Mexico has to provide water to Texas in the Pecos, when Texas is depleting the Oglala aquifer which is replenished by underground water from Colorado and New Mexico, and thus taking away water supplies from eastern New Mexico. D'Antonio said there is talk about the need for a ground water compact between New Mexico and Texas, but that is not now as high of a priority as the Pecos River settlement.

Keith Kessler, manager of Bonito Lake for the city of Alamogordo, asked how deep the wells will be on the Pecos River that will return water to the river. Estevan Lopez, from the SEO, said the wells will be 800 feet deep to tap into the artesian aquifer. Kessler then asked how the settlement plans will take into account faults in the Lincoln County area that have been theorized to take surface water into an aquifer that is unreachable to the Pecos river recharge. D'Antonio did not know an answer and said he would try to get one.

A 750-year visitor from Texas who recently moved to Alto said the valley needs to



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, December 1, 1916

Villa Captures Chihuahua

From the El Paso Times of today we take the following concerning the capture of Chihuahua by Villa.

Refugees from Chihuahua City, who reached the border yesterday brought with them the first authentic accounts of the capture of the city by the bandits. They declare cowardice, on the part of the Carranza officers and soldiers, especially the artillerymen on Santa Rosa hill, and not shortage of ammunition, brought about the fall of Chihuahua.

When the Villa bandits made a determined attack early Monday morning on Santa Rosa hill, the gunners, apparently panic stricken, deserted their posts, leaving the big modern guns and enough ammunition to last eight days to fall into the bandit's hands.

A military train carrying about twenty obsolete and almost worthless canon which had been kept at Sauz, started for Juarez in advance of a refugee train. More than fifty foreigners, comprising chiefly Turks, Syrians, and Greeks, were passengers. No Americans were aboard the train, and failure to hear anything regarding their fate is causing considerable anxiety here among their friends and relative.

The attack upon the city commenced late in the morning of Thursday, November 23. Carranza forces had been expecting an attack, and the day before had withdrawn all outposts to the city. Four hundred troops at Sauz were called in, and small detachments stationed along the Mexico Northwestern railroad west of the city were recalled.

The first attack came from the south, the bandits following the route of the Mexican Central railroad east of Cerro Coronel to the outskirts of the city. Residents of the city were unaware of the attack until the firing of cannon from the batteries on Santa Rosa Hill began.

Friday the Villistas attacked upon the entire southern front of the city. This attack was much more savage than that of the city through which runs the Mexican Central railroad, east of Cerro Coronel. This attack resulted in the bandits penetrating approximately as far as they had the day before.

Saturday morning the attack was resumed along the entire southern front of the city. The attacking party making its way along the Mexican central tracks, penetrated almost to the railroad station, and was driven back with heavy losses, after getting as far as the slaughter house.

Late Sunday the bandits attacked again, pursuing a policy of making a number of short, fierce attacks. From the time these tactics commenced until the city finally fell, there was hardly a cessation in the attack. The Villistas attacked again and again, finally retiring suddenly for apparently no cause after each brief advance. Sunday night they captured the penitentiary, which was sheltered from the Santa Rosa fire by being beneath the range of its guns.

General Trevino, with a column of infantry and cavalry, and a small force of artillery, started to cut his way from the city through the bandit lines to the south. General Carlos Osuna at the same time with part of a regiment of cavalry boarded a train which left the city for the north.

General Trevino cut his way through the bandit lines, following the tracks of the Mexican Central railroad. Three miles south of the city he encountered another band of

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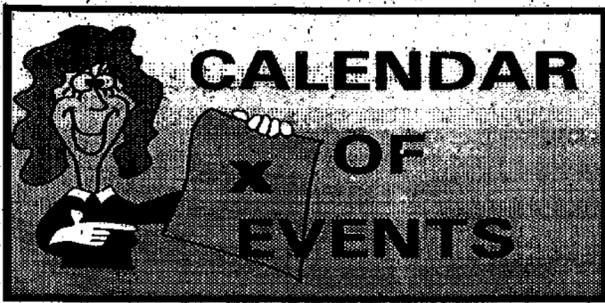
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS

--Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

EVERY WEEKEND

--White Oaks School House Museum open to visitors 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every weekend through September.

TODAY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

--New Mexico State Monuments public scoping meeting for development of management plan for Lincoln State Monument, 2-5 p.m. San Juan Church in Lincoln. Public encouraged to attend and comment. Reception to follow at 5 p.m.

--Lincoln County Democratic Party meets at K-Bob's Restaurant in Ruidoso. Dinner off the menu at 5:30 p.m. business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

--Tiger Varsity Football v. Fort Sumner, kick off at 7 p.m. Tiger Stadium.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

--Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) fall clean up begins with roll-off container from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Butches Service Center on Dean Rd. off Highway 380 west of Capitan. Open to county LCSWA customers without green waste service. Bring copy of current trash bill to dispose for no cost.

--Capitan Public Library semi-annual yard and book sale and Village Wide Yard Sale beginning at 8 a.m. Sale for village residents or businesses or those within five miles of the village. Registration forms at the library or Capitan Chamber visitor center on Smokey Bear Blvd. Call 354-3035 or 354-2273 for more information.

--8th Annual Run for the B.E.A.C.H. 5K walk and run, 8 a.m. McGary Studio parking lot on Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso. To help raise funds for low cost mammograms for county residents. For more information call Becky at 257-9251.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

--Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall. Call 258-4343 to make sure meeting will take place.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

--Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, 12 noon Four Winds Restaurant.

--Carrizozo Town Trustees 6 p.m. town hall.

--Ruidoso Village Council 6 p.m. village hall.

--Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District 6:30 p.m. NRCS office on 12th Street in Carrizozo.

--Capitan Village Trustees 6:30 p.m. village hall.

--Corona Village Trustees 7 p.m. village hall.

--Corona School Board 7 p.m. school administration building.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

--Carrizozo Chapter of the Extension Assoc. of NM meets at 1 p.m. at Otero County Electric Cooperative office on 12th St. in Carrizozo.

--Capitan School Board, 6:30 p.m. school administration building.

--Carrizozo Roundtable meeting 7 p.m. Otero Electric Coop community room, 12th Street Carrizozo. If you have anything you would like to discuss at the Roundtable please email to zozoroundtable@yahoo.com by Sept. 12, or bring it to the meeting.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

--Governor Bill Richardson's southern New Mexico office staff member Andrew Morales will meet with constituents from 10-11 a.m. at the Capitan Village Hall meeting room. Constituents should bring documentation regarding cases or issues including a written history of events. For more information call the Governor's Southern New Mexico Office at 505-541-0087.

SEPTEMBER 17

--LCSWA clean up; roll off at Nogal Fire Station 8 a.m. to 12 noon or until filled. Bring copy of current LCSWA trash bill to dump at no cost. Call LCSWA at 378-4697 for more information.

--Mexican Independence Day Fair, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. School House Park on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. For information call Ivan Munoz at 937-4326 or 257-3038.

Assessor's Request for

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vehicle for less cost than the state purchasing. "So there is no harm in going out to bid," Stewart added.

Silva said he requested a 2005 program vehicle in his specs, which would give a better opportunity for the local car dealers to bid, and so spend county money in Lincoln County, not in Albuquerque.

County attorney Alan Morel recommended the bid be for a base vehicle with a maximum price.

Silva argued that since there is no county policy concerning vehicle colors, he wanted the forest green, also the vehicle will have a higher resale value if it does not look like a government vehicle.

Simpson said follow the advice of the attorney. Which is what the county commission did, after several more minutes of disputing what the assessor should be allowed.

"When the assessor asks for something, he has to clarify everything," Silva complained. "I have had it in my budget to buy a vehicle for several years."

County commissioner Maury St. John said the commission was not treating Silva any differently than the other elected officials. Silva said the commission has put obstacles before his office for months and yet only commissioner Earl Hobbs had been to his office. Stewart said he received "nasty notes" from Silva about the specs.

"We need to have in writing for specs for all county vehicles," St. John said.

Hobbs tried a motion to accept Silva's specs, but got no second. Finally St. John made the motion to go to bid on the specs submitted by the county manager. Hobbs seconded the motion which unanimously passed.

--Approved the 2007-2011 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) with priority #1 Glencoe Fire Dept. for \$250,000; priority #2 Detention Center annex at \$129,756; #3 renovate old jail in courthouse at \$84,000; #4 county fairgrounds phase 3 at \$60,900 and #5 Lincoln County Medical Center phase 3 at \$5 million.

--Selected three lodgers from a pool of 29 lodging vendors for the annual audit of randomly selected vendors to verify the payment of the occupancy tax according to county ordinance 2002-07.

--Authorized public hearing on changes to the county personnel ordinance concerning annual leave and vacation hour accrual.

--Awarded bid for remodeling the county clerk's office to Alamo Framing plus construction of Alamogordo for \$31,420 which was within the \$31,736 budgeted. No bids were received for the well at the Modesto Chaves Fire Station.

County Commissioners also:

--Were introduced to Eddie Bateson, new Roswell Field Manager for the Bureau of Land Management.

--Heard a report on the very successful Fort Stanton 150th Anniversary report from Fort Stanton Inc. director Tony Hoffman, who also pointed out that the 2005 New Mexico tourism highway maps show Fort Stanton as a state prison closed to all public access.

--Heard Jim Gibson, Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) administrator request the sole community provider supplemental payment of \$565,208; also county commissioners approved the LCMC request to purchase dental equipment for the Carrizozo Health Center.

Medical Equipment Needed for Hurricane Evacuees

The Governor's Commission on Disability is seeking donations of Durable Medical Equipment for the evacuees from Hurricane Katrina who have been relocated to New Mexico.

"We are seeking donations of wheelchairs, canes, crutches, walkers, oxygen tanks to help evacuee adjust to the high altitude and other durable medical equipment," said Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD) executive director Dr. Mary Beresford. "Your donations will go directly to the individuals who need the help."

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off during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday at the GCD office in the Lamy Bld. on 491 Old Santa Fe Trail in Santa Fe, or can be delivered until 9 p.m. each day to the south side of the Albuquerque Convention Center on Tijeras Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets in Albuquerque.

For donors who live outside of Albuquerque or Santa Fe, call the GCD office toll free at 1-877-696-1470, or call the New Mexico Human Services Dept. toll free at 1-866-638-6819 for information on where to send durable medical equipment donations.

Volunteers Needed

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Referring to a template for planning from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Hutchison said it has several good points that should be considered when updating a land use plan. He said any update should include information on land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, economic development, wildfire protection and water.

"Lincoln County's land plan is an incentive based private property concept, with emphasis on protection of private property rights," Hutchison continued.

"You must contemplate all scenarios in a county land plan," he said.

As for the county land plan meeting requirements for Community Development Block Grant information, Hutchison said the 1997 land use plan meets these but needs to be updated on its economic indicators.

Another element not included in the 1997 county land use plan is wildfire protection. Hutchison said the wildfire protection process

came out of the Healthy Forest Act which gives the state of New Mexico jurisdiction over watershed plans with the county governments being integral elements to these plans.

After more discussion, That suggested the county keep its 1997 land use plan as it is and make revisions to the economic statistics and demographics of population while broadening it to incorporate language for water/drought and wildfire protection plans. That said it will be very important in the year coming for a community wildfire protection plan to be included in the county land use plan because the US Forest Service is beginning a new forest plan process.

Canning requested PLURAAC members, or members of the public, interested in serving on the subcommittee to review the land use plan to contact her by September 20.



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Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Install meters on water wells?

By Ruth Hammond

Many things we live with from day to day and take for granted, such as gas meters when we buy fuel for vehicles, and electric meters that determine the amount of electricity we use. Water meters are also common in municipalities, but wells thus far have not been required to be metered.

Exit the way things have always been and now a new era is beginning. New wells may be required to have meters to determine the amount of water being used. Luckily, the existing wells are grand-fathered in and will not need to have meters installed, or at least they won't at this time.

And this new procedure has been brought about because of water having to be sent to Texas and New Mexico needs to be certain people in New Mexico are not using more water than they are supposed to be using. The big question is who will pay for the new water meters on wells and who will be responsible for reading those out of the way meters.

Sometimes new regulations are necessary, and but most of the time new regulations are not much different than the old regulations. Not so with these new regulations that will require meters to be installed on newly drilled water wells.

Using meters on water wells may help the state know if people are using more water than they are entitled to use, but what about the people who don't use their allotted amount of water? Will they get credit for that water to be used during drought conditions in a later year? Or will the amount of water they are entitled to be reduced to total the amount they have been using in those non-drought years.

Rather an interesting dilemma could arise. And what about the people in municipalities who waste water? Will they be penalized, other than exorbitant water bills? Or will they be allowed to continue to waste water with no penalty?

If you doubt that people in municipalities waste water, what about the times sprinklers are left on and water runs down the street? Or what about people who have timers on their sprinklers and don't shut them off when it is raining? And what about the governmental entities wasting water?

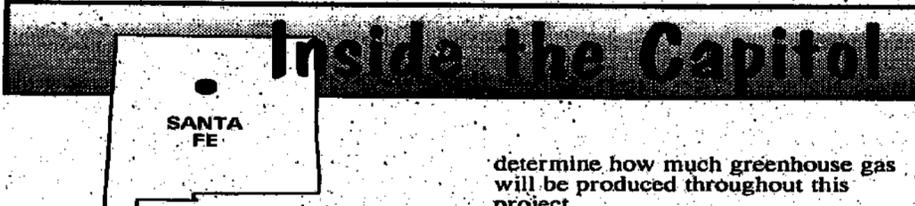
Needless to say, there are numerous ways to conserve water. The environment department would not allow water from washing machines to be used for outside watering until only recently. Rinse water from washing machines should be used for outside watering instead of going down the drain and over-taxing waste water treatment plants. It would help conserve water and that way there would be more to send to Texas, or wherever it would need to go.

Getting more people to conserve water is important. If more people would use native plants and xeriscape instead of planting water-hungry lawns, water would be conserved. If native grass was not considered weeds by some people, the natural beauty of New Mexico would abound, water meters would not have to be installed on domestic wells.

EARL



EARL SAYS HE SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID 'TRY UPS' WHEN HIS COSMOPOLITAN BRIDE SAID SHE ONLY WANTED TO EXPRESS HERSELF



by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE -- The Capitol Holiday Tree effort appears to be much better organized and communicated than back in 1991, the previous time New Mexico provided a tree.

That's not meant in any way to diminish the effort by the people of Taos, 14 years ago. They created an almost impossible task for themselves without nearly as much help from the state and federal government than exists this year.

Taosenos decided they would send the first live tree to the Capitol that any state had provided. It turned out to be a bit of a nightmare, but the tree got to Washington and was planted. Later it was transplanted at the National Arboretum.

Along the way, Taos ran into more than its share of difficulties. It found a Houston company willing to truck the tree to Washington as a donation. But the company said the only safe way to transport it that far would be by air.

The Air Force and air express companies demurred. So truck it they did, through bad weather, detours and delays to obtain permits at every state line. This was after weather delayed getting the tree out of the ground for a week, onto a truck and down treacherous mountain roads.

The Taos effort, led by the Chamber of Commerce had to fund all the costs of the operation. At the time, U.S. Forest Service personnel were only allowed to work on the project after hours.

This, despite it being the Forest Service that sponsored the Capitol Holiday Tree program and that chose the Carson National Forest to donate the 1991 tree. Taos could have paid to have the tree shipped by air, but there were too many other costs tied to the entire operation.

Nevertheless, all went well at the nations capitol. The tree was lit on December 11, it's intended date. Indian and Spanish dancers were there to provide a taste of New Mexico culture.

And the Taos Chefs Association prepared a New Mexico feast at a reception afterward, sponsored by the NM Society, a group of displaced New Mexicans in Washington.

This year, the entire operation can be expected to go much more smoothly. The idea using a living tree was abandoned. It had never happened before and it has't been tried since. Forest Service personnel are now allowed work time to help organize the project.

The state is taking a role, with First Lady Barbara Richardson leading the effort to make thousands of decorations for the tree and state agencies taking care of the permits necessary to get the truck past state lines without delay.

And this year, most of the work will be done by an organization called Tree New Mexico. As you might guess, they dig trees, er, more accurately they plant trees. It was Taos that did the digging as a way of encouraging the use of live trees at Christmas.

Tree New Mexico has asked scientists from across the nation to help

determine how much greenhouse gas will be produced throughout this project.

It will then calculate how many trees will need to be planted to absorb that carbon dioxide, making the Capitol Holiday Tree 2005 a carbon-neutral event. Those trees will be planted to communities and forests throughout New Mexico in 2006. The organization anticipates that more than 5,000 trees will be planted.

Tree New Mexico is also taking care of the fundraising for the project. Since it is a non-profit, donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made to Capitol Holiday Tree 2005 and be sent to Tree New Mexico at P.O. Box 81827, Albuquerque, NM 87198.

National Van Lines will provide the vehicles, trailers and drivers to transport the big tree and 60-80 smaller companion trees to Washington. New Mexico Tree Growers will donate those companion trees.

It appears that all parties have learned much from past experience and that New Mexico will have a truly enchanting gift for the nation.



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Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)
What did you expect? You knew you had a 50/50 chance but you need to be 100% sure this is what you really want. There are 3 sides of a coin. You can't step in the end and expect to win. You have what it takes.

Libra (Sept 22-Oct 22)
You're standing in mud and it could get deeper the longer you wait. Make up your mind what you want and you'll get there half as fast. Don't ask for permission. This is your life make the best of it while you can.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)
Be sure to have the best of the best around you. You have a lot to offer but at this time others could take advantage of you. It's okay to give from the heart but don't get upset if they take your money too.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)
Look behind you. What do you see? Your past? No you see what you could have been. Don't let this stop you because the lessons you have learned up to now will only make you stronger. Plow right through and win.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)
You can come out now. The storm is almost over. Don't be scared anymore. Your new journey awaits. You can be anything you decide to become. First Rule: Don't get good at anything you dislike.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)
Your Body, Mind and Spirit need to sit down and have a good talk. If you don't take care of your Body then it's not going to take care of your Spirit. Your Spirit can't fly if your Mind can't think straight. Fix it.

Pisces (Feb 19-March 20)
Hold on! Before you decide to buy something big, you better be able to pay for it when you can't work. Have a saving account first just in case you want to take some time off instead of working forever.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
They don't know how you feel. Don't get mad. You don't even know how you really feel so give yourself and everyone else a break. Take a long hot bath. Go to the show. Play golf. Do something good.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Nature is your friend. Seek the stars, the moon, and wander where there is no return. Go inside and find how you really tick. The truth is about to speak so be sure you want to listen to what is being said.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Expand yourself. I'm not talking about getting fat. (That's another subject we'll talk about later on) Expand your thinking. Get out of the box. Let your creative spirit soar. More money once you allow this to happen.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Shake your head and throw up your hands and call it a day. Remember to HALT! Don't react when you're Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired. Sleep on it and you'll see others have over reacted. Got Love?

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)
You're not getting older you're getting better. "Tell it to the judge." You are right where you're supposed to be. But on the other hand you also have the right to change anything you want to. Deal the cards.

"Good" NEWS Bulletin

The Long Wait Is Finally Over!

The 'long wait' began some time in January when the last NFL game was played or the last college bowl game was played earlier this year. And to some the 'long wait' ended earlier last month with the start of high school football; already going into its third week; or YAFL football season, which is going into its fourth week this weekend; or this weekend when college football kicked off... and finally this weekend when the NFL football regular season kicks off, and everyone's favorite team is still undefeated.

Nothing like having nothing to do on a lazy autumn Sunday afternoon except watch NFL football until your eyeballs feel like burning coals, and you've eaten everything in the fridge and have drank every beverage in the house and have run out of cigarettes and/or tobacco. And you know that this is just the beginning, and have 16 weeks to look forward to, not to mention the few Thursdays and Mondays.

To those who are real football fanatics, the NFL is just the cherry at the top of the float, because you can start your weekend by taking in a jr. high football game on Thursdays, varsity football game, usually on Friday nights, or on Saturday a.m., or your favorite YAFL team (Rams) if you want to make the trip to Albuquerque.

By the end of Saturday night you are so tired from watching all the football on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, that the ONLY thing one could possibly do is watch a few more football games on Sunday. It doesn't get any better than that! ENJOY THE SEASON!!

Grand Jury Hands Down Indictments

Lincoln County Grand Jury handed down several indictments which were based on testimony from witnesses and law enforcement given during the closed-to-public jury deliberations on Friday, August 26 in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

True bill indictments, with associated alleged charges were filed against the following. All indictments from the grand jury have been filed into district court, and all individuals indicted are considered innocent of the charges against them until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

James Procin (alias Douglas Petty) 33, El Paso, TX; nine counts of forgery.

Gregory Jolly, 31, Ruidoso; Ct. 1 trafficking cocaine; Ct. 2 trafficking controlled substance conspiracy; Ct. 3 distribution of methamphetamine; Ct. 4 distribution of marijuana; Ct. 5 distribution of controlled substance, prescription medications; Ct. 6 possession of firearm by felon; Ct. 7 use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

John A. Box, 46, Capitan; Ct. 1 driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol; Ct. 2 driving while license suspended or revoked; Ct. 3 Open Container; Ct. 4 speed-

ing 16-20 miles per hour in excess of limit.

Christopher E. Watts, 39, Ruidoso or Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC); Ct. 1 DWI/DUI of alcohol 5th; Ct. 2 driving while license suspended or revoked; Ct. 3 open container.

Christopher E. Watts, 39, Ruidoso; Ct. 1 burglary of a dwelling; Ct. 2 larceny over \$250; Ct. 3 tampering with evidence; Ct. 4 criminal damage to property over \$1,000.

Christin Crouch, 36, Nogal; Ct. 1 possession of cocaine; Ct. 2 use or possession of paraphernalia.

Frances Doan, 38, Ruidoso; Ct. 1 distribution of methamphetamine; Ct. 2 distribution of methamphetamine conspiracy.

Carrie McLeod, 26, Mescalero; Ct. 1 distribution of methamphetamine; Ct. 2 distribution of methamphetamine conspiracy.

Christopher McAdams, 36, Ruidoso; Ct. 1 distribution of methamphetamine; Ct. 2 possession methamphetamine; Ct. 3 possession of marijuana one ounce or less.

Matthew Wayne Lee, 22, Ruidoso Downs; Ct. 1 possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; Ct. 2

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Sheriff's Report

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

August 29:
 6:57 a.m. medical call at location on 100 block of Spring Canyon Road. Med 1 advanced life support ambulance (ALS) stationed at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) dispatched.
 9:26 a.m. superintendent requested deputy for assault at Corona High School. Deputy dispatched.
 9:50 a.m. animal call at location on 100 block of Chisholm Trail in Rancho Ruidoso. Deputy dispatched.
 11:33 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) requested deputy for referral at location in Ruidoso Downs area. Deputy dispatched.
 12:03 p.m. abandoned vehicle at mile marker 105 on Highway 380 in Hondo area. Deputy dispatched.

12:06 p.m. traffic accident on 300 block of Central Ave. in Carrizozo. Deputy dispatched.

1:13 p.m. disturbance/disorderly conduct at location on Nogal Pl. Deputy dispatched.

1:50 p.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping at location in Alto area. Deputy dispatched.

6:47 p.m. deputy advised he did warrant service in Carrizozo.

8:26 p.m. juvenile at location on 100 block of Warbow. Deputy dispatched.

11:07 p.m. unknown trouble call at location on 100 block of North St. in Alto area. Deputy dispatched.

August 30
 12 midnight deputy advised he did warrant service in Carrizozo.

9:17 a.m. request for assistance with structure fire at location on 1100 block of Main Rd. in Ruidoso. Bonito

fire dept. dispatched.

2:21 p.m. disturbance/family at location on 100 block of Wyatt Earp Ct. in Rancho Ruidoso. Deputy and Med 1 dispatched.

3:10 p.m. County Road Department reported accident with injury at mile marker 14 on Highway 48. Med 2 ALS, Bonito Fire Dept. and deputy dispatched.

4:38 p.m. gas skip in Alto. Deputy dispatched.

6:44 p.m. temporary restraining order violation at location on 300 block of Gavilan Canyon Rd. Deputy dispatched.

6:47 p.m. deputy advised he did warrant service.

7:05 p.m. larceny/theft at location on 100 block of Jarrett Ct. Deputy dispatched.

8:23 p.m. check welfare at location on State Road 220. Deputy dispatched.

9:38 p.m. domestic battery at location on 100 block of Buck Dr. Capitan police dispatched.

10:15 p.m. agency assistance requested at location in mobile home park in Ruidoso Downs area. Deputy dispatched.

August 31
 11:59 a.m. medical call at location on 2000 block of Highway 70 in San Patricio area. Med 1 dispatched.

1:27 p.m. deputy advised he did warrant service at location on CR22 Coyote Ridge in Capitan area.

4:17 p.m. animal call at location on High Mesa Drive in Alto. Deputy dispatched.

6:01 p.m. juvenile at location in Glencoe area. Deputy dispatched.

9:29 p.m. residential structure fire on AO25, Red Cloud Road near Corona. Corona fire dept. and ambulance and deputy dispatched.

11:29 p.m. accident with injury at location on Highway 380. Hondo ambulance and fire department dispatched.

September 1
 1:48 a.m. burglary at location on 1100 block of 5th St. Carrizozo police dispatched.

6:53 a.m. CYFD referral at location in San Patricio. Deputy dispatched.

8:13 a.m. civil dispute at location on 100 block of CO22 in Capitan area. Deputy dispatched.

9:17 a.m. vandalism in Alto area. Deputy dispatched.

2:17 p.m. trespassing at location on Mud Canyon Rd. in Ruidoso area. Deputy dispatched.

5:05 p.m. suspicious activity/other at location on 400 block of Highway 37 in Bonito area. Deputy dispatched.

5:11 p.m. harassment at location on Carrizo Canyon Rd in Ruidoso area. Deputy dispatched.

8:51 p.m. disturbance/disorderly conduct at location on 500 block of Gavilan Canyon Rd in Ruidoso area. Deputy dispatched.

September 2
 3:08 a.m. disturbance/family at location 300 block of B. Ave. Carrizozo police dispatched.

3:34 a.m. state police requested ambulance at business. Carrizozo ambulance dispatched.

7:52 a.m. CYFD referral at location in Lincoln. Deputy dispatched.

9:47 a.m. telephone offenses at location in Ruidoso. Deputy dispatched.

9:58 a.m. alarm at location on 900 block of Deer Park in Alto. Bonito fire dept. dispatched.

1:26 p.m. disturbance/other at location on 500 block of 17th St. Carrizozo police dispatched.

2:28 p.m. medical call at location on 600 block of D. Ave. Carrizozo ambulance dispatched.

5:01 p.m. juvenile at location in San Patricio. Deputy dispatched.

7:17 p.m. alarm at location on Eagle Ridge Rd in Alto area. Bonito fire dept. dispatched.

8:16 p.m. medical call at Corona football field. Corona ambulance dispatched.

September 3
 1:23 a.m. animal call at location on 300 block of Cedar St. Carrizozo police dispatched.

1:30 a.m. medical call at RV park on 600 block of Highway 70.

1:32 a.m. traffic hazard-traffic control at mile marker 117 on Highway 54. Carrizozo police dispatched.

7:23 a.m. animal call at location on 100 block of Comray. Deputy dispatched.

8:28 a.m. medical call at location on Angel Mesa in Ruidoso Downs area. Med 1 dispatched.

8:37 a.m. suspicious activity-vehicle at location on 500 block of Enchanted Forest in Alto area. Deputy dispatched.

9:56 a.m. shots fired at location at mile marker 277 on Highway 70 in Hondo area. Deputy dispatched.

10:58 a.m. abandoned vehicle at location on 100 block of Randall. Capitan police dispatched.



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Villistas. Here his infantry was dispersed completely by the bandit cavalry, and the few cannon which he was attempting to save were abandoned.

With but 700 cavalymen he finally pierced the bandit lines. Villa cavalry followed his column, shooting stragglers. Trevino was wounded in the right side. He led his men several miles south, and camped in the hills near the Santa Eulalia mines, where he awaited reinforcements from General Francisco Murguia, whom he still believed to be loyal and hurrying to his aid. Murguia in reality had fled for Torreon.

The train bearing Carranza wounded and cannon saved from Chihuahua reached Juarez yesterday. Aboard this train were Colonel Borquez and Colonel Maltos, both of Osuna's cavalry command. Governor Francisco Trevino was picked up by this train at Villa Ahumada, where he had fled with a bullet hole in his hand. A number of cannon were on flat cars on this train. Among these were two naval guns of an almost obsolete pattern, mounted on stationary steel bases.

The refugee train was the last to leave Chihuahua City. Aboard this train were 50 refugees, none of whom were Americans. This train proceeded to Gallego, where it was met by the southbound train on which was General Francisco Gonzalez, of Juarez, with 160 men to reinforce Osuna. The refugees were transferred to Gonzalez's train, and Gonzalez's troops were transferred to the refugee train. A number of the Carranza soldiers, after hearing the tale of refugees, protested against being sent to the south. They were forced to board the train under penalty of death if they refused. This train left for Sauz, and the train from Juarez started north again, bearing General Gonzalez and the refugees.

Villa established himself Monday in his old home in the southwestern part of the city, near the paseo Bolivar. This home is a veritable castle, constructed during Villa's regime in the city eighteen months ago, so as to resist any attempts that might be made on his life. It has a number of underground passages to nearby adobe houses so the occupants may escape if the place is attacked.

Carranza officials in Juarez declare Trevino, reinforced with troops from a southern garrison, and Osuna, reinforced with troops from garrisons in northern Chihuahua, are planning an attack on the bandits now in Chihuahua City.

A train left Juarez yesterday afternoon for Casas Grandes. This train is to bring additional soldiers from the garrisons at Pearson, Guzman and Casas Grandes to Juarez, from where they will be sent to Sauz to reinforce Osuna.

Ancho News

Our school adjourned this week on account of the meeting of the teachers at Santa Fe, as Miss Ethel Gaddis, our primary teacher wished to attend.

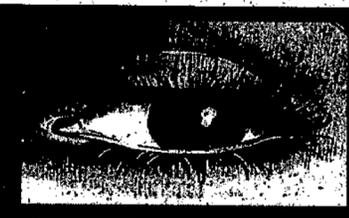
Last week was moving week with Ancho and vicinity. I was told that about ten families changed places, for the most part, or some of them, moving from the country for the privilege of sending their children to school.

Miss Ad Christian and William Burgett went rabbit hunting in the late afternoon Monday and brought in thirty-one. Ad says they are going to bring in about one-hundred on Thanksgiving day.

We are pleased to say that Ancho is forging to the front on many lines. We have some enterprising ladies who are determined that the children shall not be cheated out of a Christmas tree. They have already collected a snug little sum for the occasion, which comes off December 23.

There is almost a "craze" among us for building chimneys. There are too many that have had them constructed to mention all of them. Mr. Burgett, the genial superintendent of the brick plant, has had a nice one built, not for ornament altogether, but it has no

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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
 648-2868 (Church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, Sept. - April
 AWANAS 8:00 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 8:30 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) 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 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 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 648-2630
 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 / 649-7875
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

Angus Church of the Nazarene

'Serving All of Lincoln County'
 RICK HUTCHINSON, Pastor / 336-8032
 Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction
 Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM
 Sunday:
 Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Children & Youth dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
 Kids Club & Youth Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

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

School Daze

Ready, set, go! And they're off... Carrizozo High School students that is, and they're well on their way to making a dent in a brand new year. School commenced on August 16th for high school students, August 23rd for elementary.

Opinions on the coming year are varied among the students interviewed. The seniors are generally optimistic about their expected graduation, as expressed by Justus Wilson, 18. "It's my last year, and you get to do the hibbity-dibbity." Ryan Gaines, also a senior, knows what he'll be doing after graduation: "Most likely I have a future in agriculture. I think being in Ag. is good for my future." He also cited rookie Ag Teacher of the Year, Mr. Christopher Scott, as his "favorite."

Conversely, the universal reply from all students when improvements of the school come into question is that of a "longer lunch hour." Senior Whitney Whittaker, the newly elected president of student council, has circulated a petition with an aim to lengthen the time allotted for eating (currently the school allows only 28 minutes).

Among other students, reasons to be excited about the coming year predominantly concern friends, sports, and extracurricular activities. Kim Corley, captain of the cheerleading squad, said, "We have a really good group of girls this year." She cited cheerleading and her friends as her main enjoyments in school. Jace Ventura, another junior, was glad to be in football again. "You get to lift, do hitting drills, stay in shape... Keep the fans happy."

As to electives and extracurricular activities, a new P.E. course will be offered this year, coached by counselor Daniel Watkins. This is, of course, in addition to all the old favorites, Family and Consumer Science, Integrated Arts, Ag Mechanics, etc. Also, a pending Chess Club brings hope of a stimulating after school activity to some students.

For Carrizozo students, every passing minute is another chance to adopt a new attitude, make the right choices, and do great things with their lives. Only they can decide what will have been accomplished at the end of the year - they have all the tools that they need.

Gabriel S. New

Same School, New Squad

The Carrizozo cheerleading squad takes on a new year and a new coach. Under the leadership of Becca Graham-Romero, the cheerleaders held their first pep assembly and cheered at the first football game against the Ramah Mustangs, Friday, August 26.

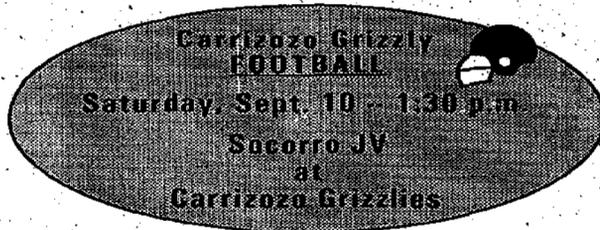
Coach Graham-Romero isn't a stranger to the sport of cheerleading. She gained her knowledge of cheerleading through personal experience and camps. She was a cheerleader in high school, attended NMAA cheerleading coaching programs as well as the Youth Cheerleading Association (YCA) cheer program, and coached at Estancia for three years.

This year's squad consists of 11 girls, junior varsity and varsity. The varsity squad consists of junior captain Kim Corley and Angela Lueras, freshman co/captain Kathleen Schlarb and Amber Vigil. The junior varsity consists of eighth grader Erika Culley, seventh graders Chelsea LaMay, Brianna Ochoa, Kylie Gaines, Destiny Dutchover, and Stephanie Zamora, and sixth grader Adriana Graham.

Coach Graham-Romero said this year will be "an exciting and learning experience for everybody." She added, "My goals for the squad this year are to maintain a steady cheer squad and to be competition ready and goal oriented for the future, while maintaining an academic schedule." The coach said she has taught the squad several new techniques, but the most important aspect of cheerleading is teamwork.

The Carrizozo cheerleading squad has several competitions planned for this year. Their first competition is scheduled for November 20th in Albuquerque at UNM in The Pit.

Stacia Calvert



Carrizozo Grizzly
FOOTBALL
Saturday, Sept. 10 - 1:30 p.m.
Socorro JV
at
Carrizozo Grizzlies

**High School Football
AREA SCORES**

Carrizozo 20	Hagerman 14
Goddard 25	Alamogordo 21
Portales 26	Tularosa 6
Tatum 38	Logan 18
Vaughn 56	Hondo 47
Melrose 62	Mountainair 36

**Student Poster Contest
For Santa Fe Opera**

The Santa Fe Opera celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2006 and it invites New Mexico students to participate in its annual Youth Poster Design Contest.

Students should use color and creativity to depict either the Opera's 50th Anniversary, characters from any of the 2006 Youth Nights at the Opera performances of *The Magic Flute*, *Carmen*, or *Massepet's Cinderella*, or the opera house itself.

At least two winners will be selected. Winners will receive a cash prize and family package of six tickets per performance of all Youth Night at the Opera productions. In addition, winners will receive discounts on opera shop merchandise.

Student artists may submit more than one entry work in any medium. Final works should be at least 8 1/2 x 11 inches and no larger than 11 x 17 inches. All entries become property of The Santa Fe Opera.

Deadline for submission is October 31. Winners will be notified by November 14.

Artists should print full name, age, school, home address and phone number on

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the back of each art work submitted.

Entries should be mailed to: The Santa Fe Opera Youth Poster Design Contest, POB 2408, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2408; or shipped to The Santa Fe Opera, 7 miles north of Santa Fe, Highway 84/285, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

Art work may also be hand delivered, or for more information, call Andrea Fellows Walters at 505-986-5928, or e-mail walters@santafeopera.org.

Winning art work will be used in promotion of opera education programs and two major opera events for the entire family scheduled in May, June and July 2006.



Sheriff's Report ---

(Con't. from P. 5)

12:13 p.m. suspicious activity-subject at location at mile marker 278 on Highway 70 in Hondo area. Deputy dispatched.

1:22 p.m. animal call at location on 100 block of Wrangler in Ruidoso Downs area. Deputy dispatched.

3:25 p.m. burglary at location on 100 block of Jarrett Rd. Deputy dispatched.

3:43 p.m. forest service requested agency assistance at Highway 48 and Enchanted Forest. Deputy dispatched.

8:06 p.m. trespassing in Bonito area. Deputy dispatched.

9:17 p.m. disturbance/loud party at condos in Alto area. Deputy dispatched.

10:35 p.m. fire at business in Tinnie. Hondo fire dept. dispatched.

10:51 p.m. disturbance/loud party in Kraut Canyon next to Bonito Lake. Deputy dispatched.

11:09 p.m. disturbance/loud party on Forest Road 120 in Alto area. Deputy dispatched.

September 4
4:46 a.m. disturbance/loud party at location on 100 block of Musket Ct. in Alto area. Deputy dispatched.

10:05 a.m. animal call at location on 100 block of Warbow St. Deputy dispatched.

11:02 a.m. vandalism at Maggado Creek turn off on Highway 37. Deputy dispatched.

12:17 p.m. disturbance/other at camp in Bonito area. Deputy dispatched.

12:49 p.m. medical call at EMS shed. Capitan ambulance dispatched.

2:47 p.m. larceny/theft at LCDC. Deputy dispatched.

5:45 p.m. check welfare at location on Pine Lodge Rd. Deputy dispatched.

9:32 p.m. missing person at West Lake campground, Bonito Lake. Deputy dispatched.

September 5
8:56 a.m. traffic accident at Peebles and Highway 220. Deputy dispatched.

12:36 p.m. peace keeping at location on Tombstone Cr.

12:45 p.m. medical call at intersection of Highways 380 and 70. Hondo ambulance and fire department dispatched.

12:48 p.m. sex offense at location on W. Grandview. Capitan police dispatched.

5:07 p.m. medical call at location in Nogal. Carrizozo ambulance dispatched.

6:57 p.m. check welfare at location on 100 block of Musketball. Deputy dispatched.

9:43 p.m. agency assistance at mile marker 270 on Highway 70 in Glencoe area. Deputy dispatched.

11:43 p.m. disturbance/disorderly conduct at location on Little Creek Rd in Alto area. Deputy dispatched.

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Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

Lincoln was rather quiet for a Labor Day weekend. We are still having our afternoon showers. It appears we will have them for the next few days with some of them heavy.

I heard a very interesting story about rainbows the other day. Our friends were driving toward Tinnie on one of our black nights and they saw an awesome sight. A partial rainbow against the dark black night. What an awesome sight that must have been. Mother nature is so wonderful.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are suffering from Hurricane Katrina. New Mexico is doing its share in accepting those who have lost everything. One of the Albuquerque Hospitals has accepted a good number of babies. There is a big job of getting families, especially the children, with their families.

What a huge clean-up task the agencies and the volunteers have ahead of them. Now comes the terrible task of finding those who did not survive.

Grand Jury Hands

(Con't. from P. 4)

distribution of marijuana; Ct. 3 possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

Dameon Powers, 24, Fort Stanton rehab center; Ct. 1 bringing contraband to jail; Ct. 2 possession of heroin; Ct. 3 trafficking controlled substance.

Janielle Dembowski, 24, LCDC; Ct. 1 possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; Ct. 2 conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Sarah Pullen, 33, Ruidoso; Ct. 1 criminal damage to property over \$1,000; Ct. 2 breaking and entering; Ct. 3 reckless driving; Ct. 4 battery; Ct. 5 interference with communications; Ct. 6 no evidence of financial responsibility; Ct. 7 battery on household member.

Nathan Medina, 23, Ruidoso Downs; Ct. 1 criminal sexual contact with a minor child under 13.

Dean Shelby, 48, Capitan; Ct. 1 escape from jail (July 8, 2005).

Gonzales R. Gonzales, 22, Ruidoso Downs; four counts of forgery.



Philosopher -- And what do we want in this world to make us happy?
Cynic -- The things we ain't got.

Exam. Paper -- If it took seven men four hours to dig a ditch four feet deep and two feet wide, sixty feet long, how long would it take three men to dig the same ditch?

Bright student -- No time at all, the ditch is already dug.



**LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CV-05-153**

MERS,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALFRED ANTHONY BEJAR,
LUZ E. BEJAR,
Defendants.

**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 302 30 La Luz Lane, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345 and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 7A-1, BLOCK 9 OF COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT OF LOTS 7A AND 7B BLOCK 9, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NOVEMBER 3, 1995, IN CABINET F, SLIDE NO. 325.

The sale is to begin at 10:30 a.m. on September 23, 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 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 MERS.

MERS was awarded a Judgment on July 29, 2005, in the principal sum of \$87,275.94, plus outstanding interest through July 15, 2005 in the amount of \$2,833.48 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$14.35 per day, plus escrow advances of \$549.30, plus late charges of \$163.30 plus property preservation fees of \$29.00, less a suspense credit of \$700.00, plus attorneys fees through July 15, 2005, in the sum of \$900.00 and cost through July 15, 2005 in the sum of \$459.53, with interest on the late charges, escrow advances, property, preservation fees, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 6.00% per annum.

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.

Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
2222 Parkwest Drive NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120

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**LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-05-252
Division III**

MARLIN O. ALSTON,
Plaintiff,

vs.
GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMES PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: ANTONIA MOSKALSKI, PATRICIA M. CHEW, AND WELLINGTON CHEW.

GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, AND ASSIGNS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: E.R. HALE, INEZ HALE, ANNA HUSSMAN, I.N. WINGFIELD, AND LULA WINGFIELD.

GROUP III: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE
OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Marlin O. Alston, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-05-252 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiffs seek 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:

Lots 48, 49 and 50, Block "O", of RUIDOSO PINE LODGE CO. SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, 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 March 26, 1925, and

as shown by the Boundary Survey Replat of Lots 48, 49 and 50, Block "O" of Ruidoso Pine Lodge Co. Subdivision into Lots 48A and 50A, filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on November 18, 2003, in Cabinet H, Slide No. 714; TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereon;

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before October 10, 2005, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations to the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is: Archie A. Witham, (505) 354-7104, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 22nd day of August, 2005.

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
CV05-147**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ACTING RURAL HOUSING
SERVICE,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ESTRELLITA LUCERO, a single woman,
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUIT**

TO: Defendant Estrellita Lucero:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on May 9, 2005, against the above-named Defendant. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 107 Clover, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 13, BLOCK 4, GREEN MEADOWS ADDITION, 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 09/29/58, IN TUBE #68.

SUBJECT, TO all outstanding easements, rights-of-way, mineral leases, mineral reservations and mineral conveyances of record.

and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendant and any other parties bound by the notice of his pendens in the Property, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action.

FURTHER, the above-named Defendant Estrellita Lucero is hereby notified that she has thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the Complaint and should Defendant Estrellita Lucero choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendant.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-8308 is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

WITNESS the seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, this 9th day of August, 2005.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the Court.

(Seal of the Court)

By: Gloria LaMay

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**LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
No. CV-05-224
Div. III**

THE INNSBROOK VILLAGE TIMESHARE ASSOCIATION, a New Mexico non-profit corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JAMES R. COOK, and his
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any,
JOHN MAC HUNLEY and his
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any,
TYRONE M. KLEIN and his
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any,

JAMES M. PARKER and LINDA H. PARKER, TRUSTEES TO THE JAMES M. PARKER AND LINDA H. PARKER REVOCABLE TRUST,
SWEETWATER FINANCE, INC., a Utah corporation,
Defendants.

**AMENDED
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF ACTION**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO EACH AND EVERY DEFENDANT NAMED IN THE CAPTION OF THIS CAUSE:

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

The general object of the action is to foreclose Plaintiff's Notice of Assessment of Lien recorded against certain time share unit weeks owned by the Defendants at Innsbrook Village in Ruidoso, New Mexico, as more particularly described in the Complaint on file.

You are further notified that unless you file and answer or responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before September 28, 2005, judgment will be entered against you by default and Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Plaintiff is represented by:

Lee Griffin
LEE GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(505) 257-2443

WITNESS my hand and seal this 23rd day of August, 2005.

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

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**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV-05-193**

JAPHET MARITAL TRUST, LTD.
Plaintiff,

vs.
**GROUP I:
THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: TIMOTHY W. STARR, and if married, JANE DOE STARR, his wife; et al.,**
Defendants.

**AMENDED
NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

GROUP I: The following named Defendants, if living, if deceased, their unknown heirs: Timothy W. Starr, and if married, "Jane Doe Starr", his wife, and Linda M. Childs, and if married, "John Doe Childs," her husband.

GROUP II: Resort Exchange, Inc., a Texas corporation; Bankwest Boulder Industrial Bank, and its Liquidator, Financial Management Task Force, Inc., a Colorado Corporation; Wellborn Paint Manufacturing Company.

GROUP III: all unknown heirs of the following named deceased person: James F. Japhet, Deceased; and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the plaintiff.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in the above-styled cause, Plaintiff has filed an action to quiet title to the real property more particularly described as follows:

Apartment 703, Building 7, WHISPERING BLUFF CONDOMINIUM, together with its undivided 1.886% of the common elements of the Whispering Bluff Condominium, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as the same is shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the Lincoln County Clerk dated March 5, 1982, in Cabinet D, Slide No. 62, and subject to the Declaration of Covenants and By-laws recorded in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, in Book 78 of the Miscellaneous Records, Pages 1063-1098, inclusive, and further subject to that certain Affidavit dated October 13, 1983, recorded October 14, 1983, in Book 88 of the Miscellaneous Records, Page 862; commonly called Apartment 703, Whispering Bluff Condominiums.

UNLESS YOU ENTER YOUR APPEARANCE on or before the 19th day of October, 2005, judgment will be rendered against you by default; Mel B. O'Reilly, 7125 Prospect Place, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110-4313, is the attorney for Plaintiff.

WITNESS the hand and seal of the District Court this 26th day of August, 2005.

JAN PERRY
District Court Clerk

(SEAL)

By: Elizabeth Ysasi
Deputy Clerk

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The following information was taken from the National Weather Service website. For more up to date weather reports, which are updated every four hours, go to www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/ on the internet.

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

Today, Thursday, Sept. 8
Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 5 to 10 mph per hour (mph). High near 81. Tonight partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Low 55.

Friday, September 9
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. South winds 5 to 10 mph. High around 84. Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Low near 54.

Saturday, September 10
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High near 85. Tonight partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low around 54.

Sunday, September 11
Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High near 84. Tonight partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low near 54.

Monday, September 12
Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. High near 83. Tonight partly cloudy with 20 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Low around 53.

Tuesday, September 13
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. High near 83. Tonight, partly cloudy with low around 52.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona.

Today, Thursday, Sept. 8
Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. West winds 5 to 10 mph in Ruidoso, south and southwest winds 5 to 10 mph in Corona. High near 73 in Ruidoso, 78 in Capitan and 76 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with 20 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms mainly before midnight. South winds around 5 mph in Ruidoso and Capitan, west winds 5 to 10 mph in Corona. Lows near 49 in Ruidoso, 51 in Capitan and 53 in Corona.

Friday, September 9
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms after noon. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. High around 75 in Ruidoso, 79 in Capitan and near 77 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 49 in Ruidoso, 50 in Capitan and 53 in Corona.

Saturday, September 10
Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High near 75 in Ruidoso and 76 in Corona. In Capitan, partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High around 80. Tonight partly cloudy with 20 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 49 in Ruidoso, 50 in Capitan and 51 in Corona.

Sunday, September 11
Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. High near 75 in Ruidoso, 80 in Capitan and 78 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with lows near 47 in

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Ditch Owners Want

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be protected because of its green beauty. He said the growth of subdivisions in the county need to be controlled because the water taken for those developments is sucking water away from the valley. "If the county commission has the authority over subdivisions, what is the county commission going to do about taking control of the water," he asked.

Domestic well owner Doris Cherry asked how the draft rules will affect domestic well water use. D'Antonio said under the agreement, if a priority call is made in order to meet the Pecos River Compact, domestic wells will be allowed to continue for in-door use only.

As for "out of priority use" Bill Cassel, managing attorney for the Pecos River Adjudication, said the priority date means the date a well permit was issued. If a priority call to a certain date is made, all water users with permits issued on or after the certain date will be required to limit their use.

State Rep. Candy Ezzle from east of Roswell was concerned that the farm lands purchased by the state have been allowed to grow up in noxious salt cedar and other weeds. She demanded the state put these lands into permanent native grass before retiring the water rights. D'Antonio said his office is aware of the problem and is now requiring the native grass be established before dismantling water systems.

Ezzle also asked if the draft plans will affect livestock wells which were legislative separated from the same category as domestic wells. D'Antonio said if a person can show a well is used only for livestock it will be classified as such in his office.

County commissioner Maury St. John was concerned the State Engineer's Office did not include the county commission in the loop when selecting the water master for the Hondo. D'Antonio said his office was under such a tight schedule and had no protocol to check first with the county commission. "We probably should have met with the county commission and water users," he added.

County commissioner Tom Battin was concerned about future growth in the county and water availability. He said the county needs to address water issues and provide leadership to develop its own plan for water so the county has more control of its destiny. He asked that at the September 20 county commission meeting they discuss including a water plan in the county's land use plan.

County commissioner Eileen Lovelace agreed with Battin, and added that the state should pay for all metering and measuring if the federal and state government requires such.

Simpson closed the meeting by saying that no one was satisfied with feeling the proposed plan is being forced upon them. "We're not required to like this," he added.

September 23 is the deadline for citizens to make written comment on the proposed Lower Pecos River Water Master District-Specific rules and regulations, which can be downloaded from the Office of the State Engineer's website at www.ose.state.nm.us.

Comments regarding the Active Water Resource Management in the Lower Pecos

River Basin and the draft rules and regulations can be mailed to Christina Malessa, Interstate Stream Commission, Office of the State Engineer, PO Box 25102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102, or emailed to christina.malessa@state.nm.us.



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fireplace. The writer had one built, but it smokes at times; a little.

For a New County

A correspondent of the Albuquerque Evening Herald from Lincoln says that a few defeated candidates are wanting a new county organized from territory off the east part of Lincoln county. The Herald's correspondent is evidently mistaken about the move for a new county being started by defeated candidates.

From what can be learned the idea is not a new one; but is just taking shape and is meeting with favorable consideration all over the eastern part of the county. The proposition is based on equitable grounds. That the county is too large; that people living in the eastern part of the county have to travel from 50 to 70 miles to reach the county seat when they are summoned to attend the courts and to transact other necessary business.

It is a move that will not be downed nor can it be ignored; it may be delayed for a short time, but it is a live proposition and will have consideration in the near future.

When a large number of interested and determined people make a just and reasonable demand for their betterment, the demand must be conceded by the powers to be. There will undoubtedly be a bill introduced the next legislature to for a new county, but the outlines cannot be determined at this time.

Three young chaps were eating in the dining room at one of Pittsburgh's pleasure parks, and incidentally were trying to flirt with the pretty waitress. After devouring everything in sight they decided to have some ice cream and cake.

"What kind will you have? Devil's food, plain or nut cakes?" asked the waitress.

"Give me devil's food," said two of them, and the other asked for walnut cake.

"Two devils and one nut," replied the bright young girl.

A Model Son

"Oh, well, wife," said ohn Rumbles, the honest farmer, "though our corn was stricken with quinsy this year, and our pigs all got the ear disease, and our babbages were all hollow, and our wheat had appendicitis, we have the consolation of knowing that we ahve a model son. Just think, Roland has never smoked a cigarette in his whole life."

"Nor anything else, for that matter," replied Susan, his honest wife. "And he would no more think of taking strong drink than he would of flying."

"True," asserted Honest John, with a sickly smile. "And the regular hours he keeps!"

"Yes," put in Honest Susan, eagerly. "To bed right after supper every night regular as clockwork."

And for a while John smoked in contemplative silence, while Susan knitted away in her easy chair.

"But of course, there's this," said John at length. "We can't tell how he'll be later on. We must remember he's only six months old."

"Ah, John, we mustn't borrow trouble. We have enough already, goodness knows," snickered Susan.

Two brothers, in appearance very much alike, were being registered at school.

"Are you two twins?" asked the teacher, smiling at the boys.

"No, Ma'am, we're not," replied the lads in unison.

"You certainly look alike," returned the schoolmarm.

Then as the brothers filled in their forms, the teacher noted that they gave the same birthday.

"But you said you were't twins, yet you have the same birthday?" she queried.

"That's right, we aren't twins," replied one, "we're what's here of triplets!"

Obituary

ANGELITA N. DELGADO

Graveside services were held September 3 in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery for Angelita N. Delgado, 80, of Carrizozo. Hayden Smith officiated.

Ms. Delgado died August 30. She was born October 1, 1924 at Ancho and had lived in Lincoln County all her life. She worked at Fort Stanton Hospital until her retirement. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Carrizozo.

She is survived by three sons, Fred Delgado of Ft. Bayard, George Delgado of Carrizozo and Daniel Delgado of Fr. Bayard; three daughters, Helen Turcotte of Capitan, Grace Martinez of Carrizozo, and Delores Guiterrez of El Paso; three brothers, Fermin Delgado and Rafael Delgado, both of Carrizozo, and Tony Delgado of Ft. Bayard; sister Jana Farrar of Napa, California; 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Arrangements were with LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.



WEATHER REPORT

(Con't. from P. 8)

Ruidoso, 51 in Capitan and 52 in Corona.

Monday, September 12
Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 74 in Ruidoso, 80 in Capitan and 76 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with 20 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 47 in Ruidoso, 49 in Capitan and 50 in Corona.

Tuesday, September 13
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with highs in Ruidoso near 73, 80 in Capitan and 76 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms with lows around 46 in Ruidoso, 48 in Capitan and Corona.

New Baby



Elise Alina Vanier was born August 2 to Shawn and Cheryl Hightower. Vanier of Boulder City, Nevada. She weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. and was 19 inches.

Grandparents are Bernard and FleurAnge Vanier of Vermont and Gary and Beth Hightower of Ancho. Great grandparents are Vernelle and the late John Allen Hightower of Ancho and Ruth and the late Joe Flynt of Alamogordo

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VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE & CAPITAN PUBLIC LIBRARY SEMI-ANNUAL YARD SALE

Saturday, Sept. 10, 8:00 a.m. \$5 fee will cover advertisement and a directional map to your sale (maps may be picked up at the library or chamber). Any money not used for advertisement will go to the Capitan Chamber. Sale is exclusively for residents and businesses in Capitan or within a 5 mile radius. Registration forms are available at the library or chamber. Deadline to register is 9/5/05. The library is accepting donations - no clothing, please. Start your day at the library for hours of treasure hunting. Call 354-3035 or 354-2273 for additional information.
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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Lincoln County is now accepting applications for the position of FULL TIME DISPATCHER in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must be 18 years or over, have a high school diploma or G.E.D. and must be able to obtain a New Mexico Dispatcher Certification within one year from date of hire and N.C.I.C. Certification within six months of hire. Employment will be condition upon applicant's successful completion of a physical examination and substance abuse test. Obtain applications at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505-648-2385. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.
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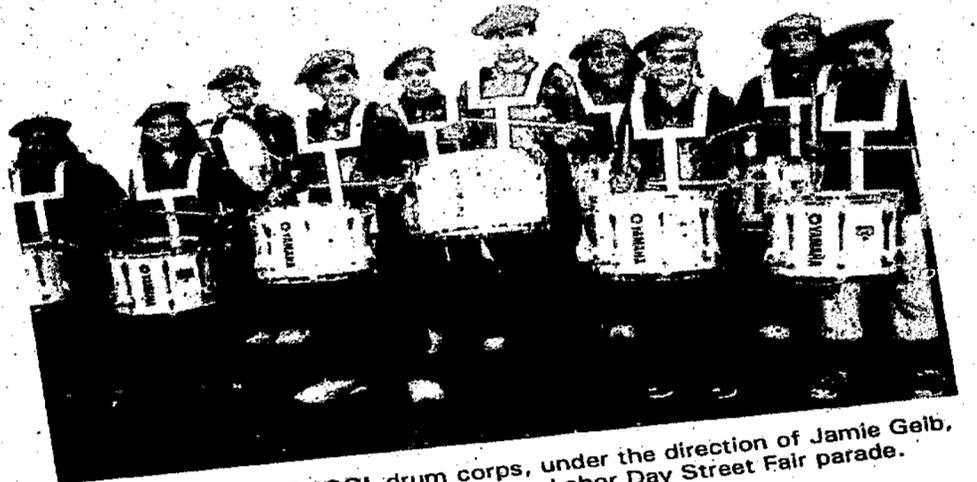
"Fun Day" at Carrizozo Street Fair !!



KATHY WILLIAMS of Carrizozo was grand marshal of the Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair parade on Monday. She served 24 1/2 years on ambulances in Lincoln County, stepping down in December 2000. Her first basic EMT course was in 1997 and 17 months later she graduated from the IV class. She helped start the clinic in Corona and volunteered there every Tuesday for five years. When she and her husband, Robert, moved from south Corona to Nogal, Kathy was a volunteer for the Nogal Fire Department. She started working at Carrizozo Health Clinic in 1980 part time and in 1983 she became a full time employee. After 22 years at the Carrizozo Health Clinic she retired. Kathy and her husband of more than 41 years when he died, have three children and five grandchildren. Kathy is presently a member of the Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Committee.



OUT GETTING THE DAILY SCOOP. Jeff Hammond, member of the Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair parade committee, was an important person Monday, getting the "daily scoop" after the Sheriff's Posse and other horse entries. Pooper Scooper was sponsored by Lincoln County News.



CARRIZOZO SCHOOL drum corps, under the direction of Jamie Geib, provided candence to the Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair parade.



UP, UP, AND AWAY, almost. The Patriot hot air balloon inflated only for a while on Labor day, gusty winds cutting short its stay at the Carrizozo Street Fair event. The hot air balloon was to have given rides to visitors to the event.



EXTENSION CLUB LADIES. Peg Schimmelpfennig, president of the Carrizozo Chapter of the Extension Association of NM, and member Ammel Bevill, set their club booth at the Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair. Along with selling cook books and other items, they asked passers-by to donate to the American Red Cross to help the Hurricane Katrina survivors.