

County Considers Retirement Health Care

by Patrice Brazie

The New Mexico Retirement Health Care Authority, which was initiated in 1990, provides a health care package for retired public employees. Although the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners of 16 years ago opted to refrain from participation in the program, current officials are now considering a buy-in.

Catching-up with the 16

years of reserved funds already paid into the program by those entities who signed-on at inception would have a marked affect on the county's budget but, according to county manager Tom Stewart, is certainly something the county can do. The catch-up payments would be spread over a period of 13 years, at about \$30,000 annually, Stewart said. The county would also pay twice the

monthly premiums paid into the plan by county employees, which Stewart estimated would amount to about \$57,600 per year. The combined premium payments and catch-up monies would equal a draw of \$87,462 from the county's annual budget, Stewart said, with payments beginning in July.

Stewart said that Lincoln County's budget increases by around \$344,000 each year.

Of those monies in the coming fiscal year, the county plans to spend about \$38,000 on the second phase of a United States Geological Survey water mapping project, and another \$40,000 to cover increases in county

employee medical insurance costs. \$146,000 has been dedicated to a 4.04 percent increase in county employee salaries. Add the \$87,000 for the county retiree health care program, and the county is left with something like

\$32,000 in undedicated general funds beyond reserve. The county's reserves, however, are about \$1,080,000.

Stewart told the county commissioners that, based on his estimates, the county would be able to afford the

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County Updated By Forest Service On Jicarilla Status

by Patrice Brazie

Buck Sanchez, the district ranger for the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, provided a report to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on March 21st regarding the historic area known as Jicarilla.

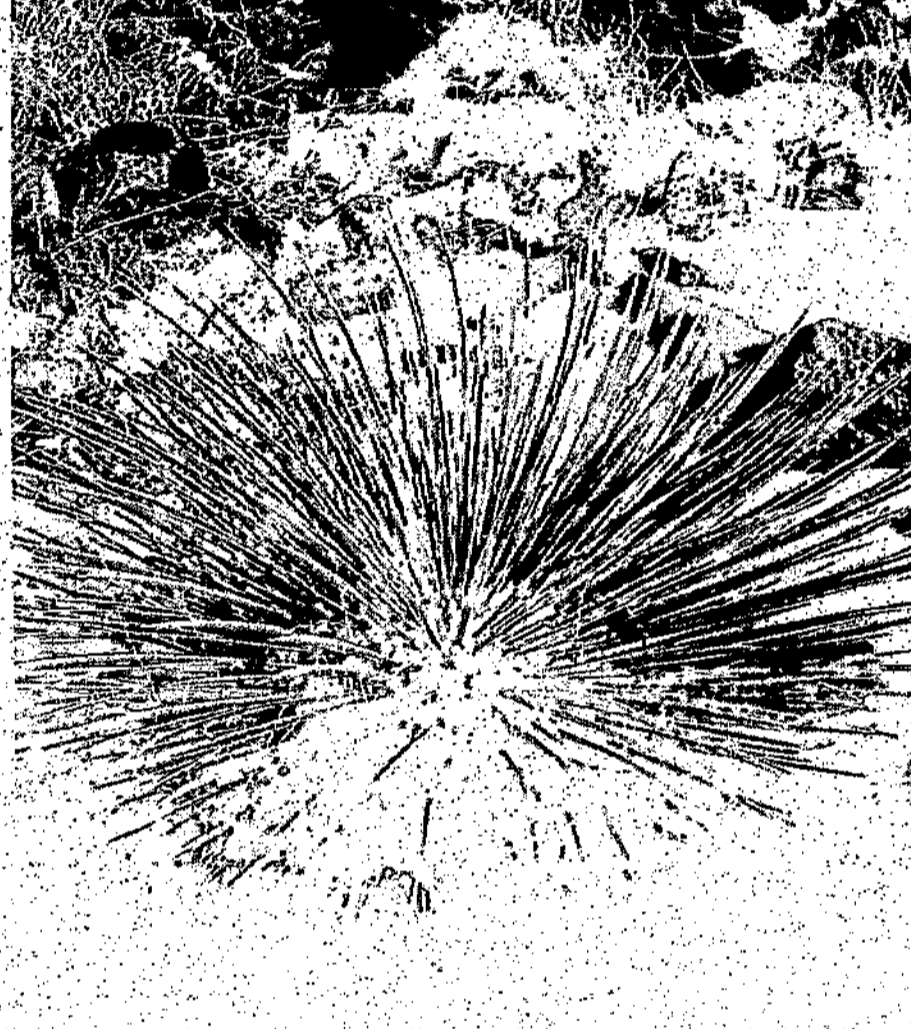
"Where we're at today," Sanchez said, "is that the in-

dividuals that were residing in the area have vacated co-operatively." He said that an agreement had been reached through the courts, and that all parties are acting in accordance with that agreement. "It seems to have worked out pretty well," Sanchez said. The Forest Service completed a reconnaissance of the area in early March, and is currently working to remove any remaining debris that is not of any real value or historical significance.

"The next step will be to conduct an assessment of the area with the state historic preservation officer and our Forest Service archeologist," Sanchez said. The goal of the assessment will be to determine the historic significance of the structures that exist in the former Jicarilla settlement, as well as the historic nature of the over-all area. "Based on that," Sanchez said, "the Forest Service would like to work with the county, the historical societies in Lincoln County and others, to come up with some planning for the long-term management of that area." Sanchez said the Forest Service would like to work collaboratively to ensure that the management of the area is done in a way that will preserve it, make it available to the public and for educational purposes.

Jerry Carroll, long-time

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This scenic photo, taken by LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS reporter/photographer Patrice Brazie, shows the welcome moisture in the form of snow, that most of Lincoln County received on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

State and County Declare A Drought Emergency

by Patrice Brazie

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson has declared a statewide drought emergency and ordered all state agencies to implement water-saving strategies. According to a news release issued by Richardson's office on March 5th, some areas of the state have just experienced the driest winter on record, and most of the rest of the state hasn't seen such conditions in at least 100 years. "We must plan for the future with the possibility that the drought will be with us for some time," Richardson wrote, and urged that all levels of government within New Mexico make water conservation a critical priority.

In an executive order mandating that conservation techniques be used by all state government agencies, Richardson also urged other agencies and local governing bodies to implement comprehensive

conservation and water saving methods. The order makes several specific recommendations regarding those methods. They are:

Limiting irrigation to early mornings and late evenings to minimize evaporation, and using the minimum amount of water needed to keep landscaping plants alive.

Eliminating unnecessary water use such as car washing and spraying down driveways and sidewalks.

Ensuring that dishwashers and clothes washers only be used when filled to capacity, reducing shower time and fixing leaking faucets.

Adjusting thermostats to reduce energy and water use.

Ensuring that evaporative coolers and air conditioners are working properly. Turning evaporative coolers off in the daytime.

The governor also urged compliance with all state and local fire restrictions, the implementation of drought plans, careful monitoring of water use and a move to more advanced alert stages.

In speaking to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on March 21st, Greg Cory, former president of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and a commercial banker, spelled-out some of the effects the dry conditions have had on local businesses. "The dry winter has had a significant impact on our local economy," Cory said. He referred to a statement issued by the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino on March 15th, which reported a \$4.6 million loss for the three-month period ending January 31st. Cory said that lodging revenues for the same period in Ruidoso showed a 16 percent drop from last year, and that reports for the month of February are even lower.

"My banking customers are facing tremendous challenges," Cory said. "We're looking at the potential foreclosures on one lodging property, and are receiving numerous requests for the allowance of payment extensions from a number of other lodgers and retail borrowers." Cory said that the local

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Notice To All Primary Candidates

The Lincoln County News invites all declared candidates for the primary election to submit an announcement of their candidacy to the News. The announcement must be in the News office no later than 5 p.m. on April 11 to be considered for FREE publication in the News. The announcements will be published at a later date at the discretion of the News.

The News reserves the right to edit announcements and asks candidates to be concise. Accusations against other candidates will not be allowed.

Mail announcements to PO Box 459, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or bring to the News office at 309 Central in Carrizozo or call 505-648-2333 for information.

Trinity Site Open to Public April 1st

Trinity Site, where the explosion of the first atomic bomb took place on July 16, 1945, is now a national historic landmark and only open to the public twice a year, the first Saturday in April and the first Saturday in October. Trinity Site will be open to the public on Saturday, April 1st.

Trinity Site is located on

the northern portion of the White Sands Missile Range. There are two ways to enter the restricted missile range on April 1st:

The Stallion Gate entrance is 53 miles west of Carrizozo on Highway 380, which is 12 miles east of San Antonio, N.M. on Highway 380. Stallion Gate is five miles south of Highway 380. The gate will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and visitors will be allowed to enter and exit unescorted between these times.

The Alamogordo tour, sponsored by the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce, is a convoy that forms at the Otero County Fairgrounds parking lot in Alamogordo and leaves at 8 a.m. The convoy will be an escorted group to and from Trinity Site. The drive is 170 miles round trip and there are no service station facilities on the missile range. The convoy is scheduled to leave Trinity Site at 12:30 or 1 p.m., depending on its size, for the return to Alamogordo. Visitors may leave by the Stallion Gate unescorted before 2:00 p.m.

Cameras are allowed at Trinity Site but their use is strictly prohibited anywhere else on White Sands Missile Range.

Visitors should have a full tank of fuel and a spare tire as no services are available. It is also suggested that visitors should have drinking water with them. Umbrellas might be needed.

Driver's license or a photo identification may be required to enter the area.

Pamphlets giving a history of Trinity Site will be given to all attending.

Ground zero, where the blast occurred, is a fenced in area open to the public, where the remains of the steel tower that held the bomb still stand and a monument has been built in this area. To the west of the monument is a low structure which is protecting an original portion of the crater area. Trinitite is visible through openings in the roof.

McDonald House, where the plutonium core to the atomic bomb was assembled, is located two miles from ground zero. A shuttle will be available to take visitors to and from McDonald House. McDonald House did not receive much damage during the explosion, though most of the windows were blown out. The house was

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JICARILLA UPDATE was provided to Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting March 21, by Buck Sanchez, the district ranger for the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

County Considers Retirement

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retirement health care program. "We will have to watch our ability to respond to any additional increases in requirements," Stewart said. "The budget situation, however, is manageable with our reserve."

Under the retirement health care plan, payments billed to county employees would be based at .0065 percent of their salaries, or \$6.50 for every \$1,000 they earn. Stewart estimated the average salary of the county's 98 qualified employees to be \$28,085, so an average employee payment into the program would be \$15.21 per month. Taxpayers would

match that at double the rate, or an average of \$30.42 per month for each county employee. Upon retirement, county employees would be able to choose from several health care plans with premiums determined according to the number of years of employment.

Under an average plan, those retiring today with 20 years of service could insure themselves and their spouses for \$310 per month.

The average after-taxes retirement benefit now provided for county employees with 25 years of service is about \$1,100 per month, according to the county man-

ager, which is 62.5 percent of the salary earned before retirement.

A simple ballot that was included with the paychecks of all 98 county employees indicates that 65 of the workers are in favor of the buy-in, 14 against. In discussion of the proposed buy-in, county commissioner Maurice St. John, who has a background in health care, questioned whether or not retirees would be able to afford the monthly premiums associated with the retirement plan. She said that she had expected the retiree's monthly payments would be similar to the cost prior to retirement, and questioned how many retirees would be able to spend one-third of their retirement income on a health care package. St. John said it was a concern that the county would invest a huge sum of money to buy into the plan, only to see the benefits priced out-of-reach for the retirees. "I know that it's probably cheaper than other plans," St. John said, "but I don't think people are going to be able to afford that either."

St. John told the county commissioners that she was aware of a plan offered by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) that offered hospitalization coverage to persons between the ages of 50 and 64. "It has really good benefits," St. John said. "It's only \$10.75 a month."

County commissioners Tom Battin, St. John and chair Rick Simpson all expressed concern over entering into a program that they could not withdraw from at some point, if desired or necessary.

Stewart explained that the cost of the retirement program would see regular increases, just like other programs, and Battin said he had concerns about locking into something without an idea of what its ultimate cost would be.

Lincoln County's finance officer, Punkin Schlarb, defended the state retiree plan's latest published premium increase, comparing it to the increases in health care premiums from other agencies. "Blue Cross went up six percent and Presbyterian went up nine percent," Schlarb said, "and public health retirement only went up one percent." She questioned the quality of the coverage that AARP would offer for \$10.75 a month. "I want somebody that can take care of my husband, with the same kind of insurance that we have right now, so that he can go to the same hospital and go to his cardiologist," Schlarb said. "I don't want

him going to Presbyterian," she added.

The commissioner with the health care background said that she was surprised by the benefits of the AARP plan, in that it pays benefits directly to the insured member. "So you could go anywhere you want and be covered," St. John said. She explained that the AARP plan awarded \$60 per day for a covered hospital stay, \$120 per day for intensive care, and \$120 per visit for covered outpatient surgery.

Schlarb explained to St. John that the AARP plan would nowhere near meet the kind of coverage she now has. "If my husband had to go into the hospital right now, and we were under the AARP insurance, there is no way that would cover anything," Schlarb said. She added that, under the AARP plan, she would have to apply for indigent care assistance. According to Schlarb, the state retiree coverage is similar to what county employees now receive.

St. John disagreed. "And I don't think you're going to be able to pay for it anyway," she said, "because you're not going to have enough money. A third of your retirement is going to be paid for health insurance?" St. John asked Schlarb. "You're not going to be able to eat," St. John said.

County assessor Rick Silva told St. John that, although the average retiree will have to spend \$350 per month under the state retiree program, similar coverage purchased privately would cost about \$1,000. "That's their whole retirement," Silva said. He stated his belief that county employees aren't paid very well and don't have very good fringe benefits. He added, "this gives them an opportunity to be able to retire."

Paul Baca, also an employee of the assessor's office, suggested that the county commissioners acquaint themselves with the health coverage benefits of different insurance providers before voting on the state retiree plan. "If you're looking at just the premiums, you can't do that," Baca said. He told St. John, "the ten dollars that you're looking at is for one type of coverage, where the coverage that we're looking at here is a different type of coverage."

St. John acknowledged that the state retiree plan might be the best and most affordable plan, but again questioned a county retiree's ability to pay the premiums. "I hate to expend this amount of money, and then have nobody be able to take advantage of it," St. John said.

Baca told her that he would prefer to spend a third of his retirement on health care rather than the whole thing.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs, who stated full support for buying into the state retiree health care plan, moved to schedule a public hearing on the issue for May 16th. Simpson said that he would like to compare the plan with what else is available.

The county commissioners agreed to look into the benefits and premium costs of other insurance plans, and to hold the public hearing on the issue on May 16th, during their regular meeting.



As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 102nd year of being in existence (1905-2006), we will be randomly publishing articles that have been published in the NEWS from old files. The following articles appeared in the "Lincoln County News".

Friday, April 1, 1927

Putting the School House On the Air

IF ALL THE PEOPLE will not go to school, then the school will be taken to all the people. This guiding spirit of far-sighted educators during the last half century is rapidly enveloping the field of radio. Educators set up "mail courses," or college extension work, on the surface of the earth. They sent correspondence school lessons down to miners beneath the earth. But not until they recently resorted to broadcasting knowledge through the ether above the earth did the school really penetrate into millions of homes, town halls, churches and other places where people gather.

Thousands of graduates of the University of Hard Knocks are boasting that Radio is the most popular member of their Alma Mater's faculty. Now, the air holds education for the whole family -- for the twins in kindergarten, for little Sister and big Brother, as well as for Father, Mother and Grandpa.

Jack and Jill, the kindergarten twins, perform physical exercises and hear new nursery rhymes, which are part of the rural school program broadcast every morning of the school year by Station KSAC at the Kansas State Agricultural College. Mary and John, in third and fifth grades, respectively, join in singing with the "Radio Leader" and give rapt attention to the geography lesson and description of trips and places, also part of the Kansas rural school program.

"The radio broadens the horizon of many young people and brings new ideas into the community," reported S.J. Meher, superintendent of Lehigh, Kansas schools, which regularly receive the state college's radio educational programs. "Rural communities tend to employ home teachers who have received little instructions or inspiration from outside their home neighborhoods. Consequently, they sometimes lack new ideas to impart to their pupils. In this respect radio is helping both teacher and pupils."

"In addition to the regular morning instruction over the air, each class is occasionally given the use of the radio in the afternoon for some good organ or concert music. A promise of the radio is an incentive to intensive study, for the pupils know they must have their lessons before they can listen to radio programs on these special occasions."

A Dixie city, Atlanta, Georgia, was first to adopt radio as a definite part of the school equipment. With the cooperation of A. Atwater Kent, radio manufacturer of Philadelphia and strong believer in the value of radio as an educational agency, Atlanta school officials accomplished their goal of placing a radio set in every school, and then, with the Atlanta Journal's station, WSB, they arranged for the broadcasting of one radio period weekly to each grade both in elementary and high schools. Every pupil in Atlanta's schools heard President Coolidge on Washington's birthday.

Connecticut is this year installing receiving equipment in all its rural schools and claims the distinction of being the first state to make this advance.

"A new school life has resulted from the use of radio," Professor Willis A. Sutton, Atlanta's superintendent of schools, observed.

"Radio gets hold of that ethereal element known as the imagination. Curiosity is

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Trinity Site

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empty until 1982 and through those years rain, wind and weather did much damage. The U.S. Army stabilized the house in 1982 to prevent further damage. The National Park Service completely restored the house, completing the project in 1984. The McDonald House now appears as it did when the atomic bomb was exploded.

For more information contact the missile range Public Affairs Office at (505) 678-1134/1700.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

-UMC League Zia Detachment meeting at 11 a.m. at Four Winds Restaurant in Carrizozo. All Marines welcome. Meeting followed by no-host lunch. For information call Al Goddard at 505-437-3045.

-Lincoln County Historical Society meets at Dr. Woods Annex in Lincoln at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

-Daylight Savings time begins at 2 a.m. Set clocks ahead one hour.

APRIL 3-7

-Spring Break, no school in Carrizozo.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

-Capitan Chamber of Commerce meets at 8:30 a.m. at Visitor Center on Smokey Bear Blvd.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

-Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC) meets at 9 a.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo in commissioner's room. Agenda includes revisions to comprehensive land use plan, national animal identification system and sustainability presentation. Public welcome.

-Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee meets at 2 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo in commissioner's room.

-Capitan School Board special meeting at 12 noon to accept bid for restroom remodel.

-Capitan School Board work session at 6:30 p.m. for district financial planning.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

-Child find developmental screening and kindergarten registration at Ruidoso Convention Center 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring child's birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card.

-Lincoln County Planning Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. in commissioner's room of Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

-The Republican Party of Lincoln County meets at Cree Meadows Country Club. Dinner and the business meeting start at 6 p.m. There is a charge for dinner. Candidates will speak at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

-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 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

-Child find developmental screening and kindergarten registration at Capitan School Cummins Gym 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Bring child's birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

-Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will place a dumpster at Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates from 8 a.m. to 12 noon for spring clean up. Bring a copy of your current trash bill.

-Rabies vaccination clinics in Lincoln County.



David Stevens Announces As Candidate for County Commission District 5

Local attorney and businessman David M. Stevens has announced his Republican candidacy for the Lincoln County Commission District 5 position currently held by commissioner Rick Simpson, who is ineligible to run for the office this term.

Stevens, an area New Mexico native states that concerns for water quality, water supply and economic development in Lincoln County are the vital issues which prompted him to agree to seek the seat Simpson will vacate, and which demand immediate, county-wide attention. Stevens believes the county should take a strong leadership role in these issues to insure that the interests of the entire county are addressed and protected.

"I am particularly concerned about liquid waste disposal into the Rio Ruidoso and its adverse consequences

on the health and welfare of county residents downstream of Ruidoso Downs. Lincoln County needs to take a greater leadership role in preventing further damage to the Rio Ruidoso, the people, livestock, property values and the way of life adversely affected by poor water quality.

At the urging of many of his neighbors, Stevens decided to run for this position, and to run at this time. "I am honored and humbled by the encouragement and support I have received from so many people around Ruidoso, Carrizozo and the Hondo and Bonito Valleys."

Stevens has practiced law in Ruidoso since 1992, and brings 31 years of business and real estate experience, knowledge of land development and water rights, to this commission race. Stevens resides at the Spring Ranch between Hondo and Lincoln.

State and County

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ski shops have been hit particularly hard, and pointed out that Ski Apache found it necessary to shorten the 2005-06 skiing season by six weeks because of the drought.

In absence of any relief from the dry conditions, Cory suggested that Lincoln County businesses are seeing only the tip of the iceberg. "The economic devastation will be heightened in the next two months," he said, as businesses are operating without the financial reserves generally gained in the winter months. Those reserves are needed to get businesses through the generally slower months of March and April. Cory asked the county commissioners to actively support a declaration of a prolonged drought emergency in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart suggested that the official issuance of such a declaration could facilitate the appropriation of additional small-business and agricultural assistance to those businesses most impacted by the drought conditions.

County commissioner Maury St. John said that federal monies are available to help the area's small business survive until the next season, especially those that depend on the skiing tourists. County commissioner Tom Battin suggested that the emergency declaration could open doors to low-interest loans, grants and assisted refinancing for affected small businesses. The board of commissioners unanimously approved a resolution declaring a prolonged drought emergency in Lincoln County.

PRC Okays Ruidoso Shuttle Permit for Non Emergency Medical Transport Service

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) on March 28 approved a permit for Shuttle Ruidoso to provide non-emergency medical transportation service.

In granting the permit, the NM PRC also gave Shuttle Ruidoso temporary authority to provide non-medical transportation service anywhere in the state under a contract with the New Mexico Human Services Dept., Lovelace Community Health Plan, Superior Medical Transportation, Integration Transportation Management and Mo-

lina Health Plan. The application was uncontested.

"Shuttle Ruidoso will provide a much needed service to the citizens of Ruidoso and surrounding Lincoln County communities," said PRC Commissioner E. Shirley Baca, who represents Dist. 5 that includes Ruidoso and other communities in Lincoln County. "Such non-emergency medical transportation services are vital to elderly and others who are unable to drive to their medical providers."

PRC Commissioner David King, who represents Dist. 2 that includes Capitan, Corona and the Hondo Valley in Lincoln County, said, "This is an important service for many of the rural residents of Lincoln County."

Shuttle Ruidoso has also applied for permanent authority through the NM PRC Transportation Division to provide the non-emergency medical transportation services. The PRC Transportation Division certified that Shuttle Ruidoso provided all information required under the PRC Motor Transportation Rules.



Daylight Savings Time Begins On Sunday, April 2

Sunday, April 2 at 2 a.m. Daylight Savings Time begins. Remember to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour. You might find it easier to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

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MEET THE LINCOLN COUNTY CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Republican Party of Lincoln County will hold the Monthly Meeting -- at -- Cree Meadows Country Club on Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

All Republican Candidates for Lincoln County positions have been invited to speak to the assembled Republicans and Independents.

The candidates will start speaking at 7:00 p.m. Come a few minutes before 7:00 to attend only the speeches.

Dinner and the business meeting start at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is optional with the charge for those that eat dinner at \$14.00.

Rabies Clinics In County Areas Saturday, April 8

Rabies vaccination clinics will be held by veterinarians in several locations on Saturday, April 8. All pets should be on a leash or in a carrier. Times and locations:

- Nogal, across from the store, 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.
- Carrizozo fire station 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Ancho 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Corona fire station 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Capitan fire station 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Lincoln fire station 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Old Hondo post office 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Ruidoso Downs fire station 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Ruidoso tennis court fire station 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and again from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Ruidoso White Mountain Dr. fire station 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Will Jicarilla Be Saved?

By Ruth Hammond

Before New Mexico was a state the community of Jicarilla in Lincoln County was established. Jicarilla is located between White Oaks and Ancho and at one time was the route the stagecoaches took when heading north to Santa Fe. A post office was at Jicarilla for many years and now the area is serviced by rural mail carriers. There was a store at Jicarilla and the proprietor had groceries and other goods for sale and he bought gold from miners and others. Years ago the children of one mining family would pan the placer gold and take it to the store and sell it, thinking they were keeping a secret from their family.

Usually the amount of money given to the children was only enough to buy a penny candy or two. What the children didn't know was that the store owner would put the remainder of the money toward what the family owed. The parents did know what the children were doing and really didn't object to having their bill reduced a bit.

Reality is that Jicarilla has long been a historic area. The old log cabin school house was dedicated as historic. The newer school, just off the road has received little if any recognition, though many children attended there.

Now Jicarilla is empty and the Forest Service is in the process of finding out if there is any historic value to the area. The old post office still stands, as does the building that had been the former store where children sold their gold. There is also a cabin across the road from these two buildings, which are just about the only three buildings left in the Jicarilla area anywhere from White Oaks to Ancho. Most of the other buildings have been burned through the years. The majority were burned after 1983.

It seems that everyone should do their bit to try to help save this historic area and convince authorities that these buildings should be preserved, not burned. One family had lived in Jicarilla for several decades and were proud of the Jicarilla area history. They gladly shared stories of how people eked out a living panning for gold all those years ago. Often they would take people on tours of the iron mine and the turquoise mine and the old stagecoach stop that is to the west of the old log cabin schoolhouse.

Now those people are gone and all that remains is the memory of their dedication to saving Jicarilla. Betty had lived in the Jicarilla area as a child and chose it as her home in her later years. She willingly showed people how to pan for gold and said that the "creature comforts" she didn't have in Jicarilla weren't important. There was no electricity except for a generator a few hours a day and a cistern with a hand pump in the kitchen provided water. It may have been rustic, but her family enjoyed life there.

Gold is still in the area, but the true gold is Jicarilla and it should be saved for future generations. Please help.

ED. NOTE: Ran across this on the internet and thought it had some merit to it -- if someone out there doesn't agree with it, please enlighten us!

Can a "devout" Muslim Be An American Patriot and A Loyal Citizen?

Consider this:

Theologically, no. Because his/her allegiance is to Allah, the moon god of Arabia.

Scripturally, no. Because his/her allegiance is to the five pillars of Islam and the Quran (Koran).

Geographically, no. Because his allegiance is to Mecca, to which he turns in prayer five times a day.

Socially, no. Because his allegiance to Islam forbids him to make friends with Christians or Jews.

Politically, no. Because he must submit to the mullah (spiritual leaders), who teach annihilation of Israel and destruction of America, the great Satan.

Domestically, no. Because he is instructed to marry four women and beat and scourge his wife when she disobeys his (Quran 4:34).

Religiously, no. Because no other religion is accepted by his Allah except Islam (Quran, 2:256).

Intellectually, no. Because he cannot accept the American Constitution since it is based on Biblical principles and he believes the Bible to be corrupt.

Philosophically, no. Because Islam, Muhammad, and the Quran do not allow freedom of religion and expression.

Democracy and Islam cannot co-exist. Every Muslim government is either dictatorial or autocratic.

Spiritually, no. Because when we declare "one nation under God," the Christian's God is loving and kind, while Allah is NEVER referred

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EARL



"WE DONT KNOW IF THE BARN WAS DAMAGED IN THE TORNADO. CUZ WE AINT FOUND IT YET."

Big Dry Syndicate

Inside the Capitol



SANTA FE -- Oh, c'mon. Get serious. Gov. Bill Richardson has a lot of explaining to do to New Mexicans.

The governor wants to spend \$400,000 to examine the feasibility of bringing a National Football League franchise to New Mexico. For two cents, most New Mexicans can tell you that's about as feasible as Terrell Owens being the answer to Dallas Cowboy woes.

Despite Gov. Richardson's lack of success in attracting even a preseason NFL game to New Mexico, somehow he thinks he can get the whole enchilada here.

What do we have to offer? Certainly not population. We are beaten badly there by many metropolitan areas, led by Los Angeles, which supports two major league baseball and basketball teams, but which has no NFL franchise.

Is it industries to buy those expensive skyboxes? New Mexico ranks close to the bottom in industrialization. Our two biggest are government contractors.

Is it disposable personal income to buy those expensive seats game after game? No. New Mexicans are down near the bottom in that category too.

Is it football mania? Many of us follow the NFL avidly, but we don't have traditions like Oklahoma, Nebraska, Arkansas or Alabama, none of which have NFL franchises yet. Our colleges have small stadiums by NFL standards, and have trouble filling them.

So we must think on a regional basis, like the Arizona Cardinals, Minnesota Vikings, Tennessee Titans and New England Patriots. But even that doesn't do it. So Gov. Richardson is looking internationally, at Mexico.

Our southern neighbor is surprisingly turned on to the NFL. They have no trouble attracting preseason games to their huge soccer arenas. But will those fans travel all the way to Albuquerque eight times a year to watch a U.S.-Mexico team play?

That's what Albuquerque is hoping, because it contributed \$100,000 to the feasibility study. But how do you get buy-in from Mexico for an Albuquerque franchise?

Maybe the team could be named the New Mexico Chihuahuas. The Santa Fe New Mexican suggests the Chihuahuan Desert Yappers, since that geographical area overlaps the two nations, as we've learned from the battle over drilling Otero Mesa.

Or maybe we could call ourselves Nuevo Mexico and further confuse the rest of the nation about whether we are one of the 50 states.

But Mexican participation is much more likely if the team were to be based, say, in Sunland Park, on the border. The site also borders the state to the east, which is not mentioned in this quest, although El Paso's population and business community would be crucial to success.

One idea is to play games all over the area, including in Mexico. That gets the buy-in, but it also makes every game a road game, which the New Orleans Saints can tell us is no fun.

What sort of NFL owners would want to move their team into such a situation? Only small-market teams desperate enough to gamble on an even smaller market, with problems yet unsolved by anyone else.

Arizona has never been pleased with its Cardinals, which fled St. Louis and never have done well in the desert. Ask most fans, and they'll tell you they just as soon the Cards continue to fare poorly enough that they will have to move and hopefully make room for a better team.

Any team New Mexico would get would either be an expansion team or a perennial loser. How much support will they get from a crowd that doesn't support the Lobos very well when they are winning?

Richardson admits New Mexico isn't ready for the NFL at this time, but he's looking five years down the road and wants to be positioned for the future, including stadiums and a financial package. We're already building a spaceport, for which all conditions appear right. Let's not get ahead of ourselves on this, Bill.

Sorry, I can't support you. Guess it's the vision thing.

Jay Apparently No Cowboy Fan

I have the pleasure of type setting the Jay Miller column every week, and enjoy reading them as I do the keyboarding, except this week.

I think Jay should be flagged for a "personal foul" for using the signing of T.O. by the Cowboys as an analogy for pointing out Gov. Bill Richardson wanting to spend \$400,000 to examine the feasibility of bringing a National Football League team to New Mexico.

I agree with Jay that the governor is way out of bounds on this one. If the governor can't figure this one out on his own, whether it's for the present or five years or more down the road, someone ought to advise our honorable governor to save the money and spend it more wisely. Like more funding for the schools, or more computers for the Corrections Department! It might save someone's life.

As for me jumping to the conclusion that Jay isn't a Cowboy fan... it's just that I have yet to hear any Cowboy fans being critical of the T.O. signing. But, I have heard a whole lot of Cowboy haters whining about it. And I do agree with Jay's assumption that Owens signing is not the answer to all of the Cowboys' woes, but Jay you must realize that Jerry Jones and the Cowboys did sign other players besides T.O. to help with those numberable problems. All T.O. has to do is catch passes.

In closing I'll just repeat what T.O. said, "get the popcorn, ready, because there's going to be a show in Dallas this year".

peter aguilar



Psychic

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Aries (March 21-April 19)
It was once said you can't go back home. True, but if you carry your home in your heart then you can go anywhere you want at any time you please. (Smile)

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Forget the fighting and let them think they have won when all they can see is your hand waving bye-bye to them in your rear-view mirror. Get a life.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
You can walk away, run away but the heart knows the truth. It can feel when it is loved. More people love you than you will ever know. Enjoy it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
It's all good. It's how you look at the problem that becomes a problem. It's like fire: You can warm by it or get burned by it. You have the control. Use it.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)
Don't get tired, or you'll find you'll lose by default. Your power is in what you eat, feel and think. You can be your own worst enemy if you choose. Do it right.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)
You're in for a surprise. Don't let ego get you into trouble just because you think you can get out by your winning smile and charming personality. Think again.

Libra (Sept 22-Oct 22)
It doesn't matter who's money it is. Quit fighting over something that can tear a hole in the fabric of your love and life to the point of no return. Got love?

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)
It's all a matter of time. Time is money. Money can make you happy. Happiness is a thought. Thinking you're happy is not the same as love. Love someone.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)
Your feelings are hurt by someone or something you can't control. Love them in spite of what you receive. True friendship can't be lost. Be a good friend.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)
If you're trying to do the right thing but wrong things are all you're getting, then maybe your doing the wrong things with the right intention. Start over.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)
Travel can be good or it can upset your plans to the point that you wished you hadn't started out at all. Look for the good and let go of what you can't control.

Pisces (Feb 19-March 20)
Don't start out thinking old thoughts. Reinvent yourself so much that others ask: "Who are you!" It's time to live that dream.

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Southwest's Oldest Zoo is Site For Alamogordo's 12th Annual Community Earth Day Fair April 29

Butterflies, live cultural entertainment, outdoor recreational activities, Boy and Girl Scouts, Lions, NMSEA and an Alamogordo Landmark join forces April 29, 2006 for the 12th Annual Community Earth Day Fair, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Alameda Park Zoo. Admission is free.

On Friday evening April 28 at 6:00 p.m. Eric Blinnman, Ph.D., Director Office of Archaeological Studies, NM Department of Cultural Affairs will present a free lecture/discussion, "Concepts of Evolution in Anthropology and Archaeology" on the state inside the Zoo.

The second annual free "Solar Tour" will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the 29th with the 4th stop being an escorted trip to the White Sands National Monument Solar installation. This will include a tour of the award winning building at the Zoo and a large Grid tied Photo Voltaic System and then transportation will be provided to White Sands. Seating is limited so reservations are required.

There are many exhibitors new to this years event. "A wide spectrum of entertainment, exhibits and activities designed to provide entertainment and enlightenment to visitors of all ages." The event features live entertainment all day, a live butterfly release, a jumping balloon, the US Army's Rock Climbing Wall, The 3rd Annual Earth Day Science Fair, the 2nd annual solar car kit contest, Scout-O-Rama, a dunking booth and supervised children's activities all day.

Among the 100+ groups participating will be cultural exhibits, and informational booths offering opportunities to learn about water and environmental issues.

PNM will have an educational display, alternative fuel vehicles, solar and other forms of

Renewable energy, low use watering and gardening with native plants. Public Radio's KUPR 91.7FM will broadcast live from the event.

While pets are not allowed in the Zoo there will be a number of exhibitors dealing with animal rights and animal welfare and many have special treats available to buy and take home to your pet.

Another new addition this year FREEnergy a new business in the Tularosa Basin specializing in solar hot water systems.

Lincoln National Forest, Oliver-Lee State Park and White Sands National Monument and other State Parks will have displays and the NM Museum of Space History will be on hand. The Museum of New Mexico, Department of Cultural Affairs will display New Mexico history and Ft. Bliss Directorate of Environment will have an archeological display of the history of the base.

A mini health fair addressing health issues free diabetes screening and other free health screenings. A one mile Walk Otero Walk with Free T-shirts to early registrants and other fun. Education on health issues in our day to day lives will also be presented.

A full sized hang glider on a training simulator will allow visitors to experience the feeling of flight.

Bring along your appetite as all food services and bake sales will be provided by local service organizations such as Lions and 4H and won't break your budget.

There will be super-

vised children's activities all day, also taking place in the covered area provided by HAFB Bear Base will be the 3rd Annual Environmental Science Fair and the 2nd Annual Solar Car Kit Contest. The covered area is adjacent to the stage area giving parents the chance to relax and enjoy the live entertainment on stage all day while the children enjoy the activities put on by the Student National Education Association class from NMSUA.

Entertainment will be provided by Silver Dunes Dance Troupe, Ballet Folklorico, Robin Hastings, Show Time Stars, St. Francis youth Dancers and others.

The main entrance to Alameda Park Zoo is located on 10th Street just west of White Sands Blvd. There will also be an entrance open by the Chamber of Commerce Office on White Sands Blvd. The zoo features many new habitats and is home to 300 animals representing more than 90 different species.

For more information about the 12th Annual Community Earth Day Fair contact Chuck galusha at 505-434-6296 or chuckg@zianet.com.



CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
¡BRAVO! Achievers for Month of February, 2006
Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades

BACK ROW: (Left to right) Tiffany Vega, Johnathan Smith, Sarah Ferguson, Jade Roper, Shayna Zamora, Victoria Ventura, Josh Ventura.

FRONT ROW: (Left to right) Jace Hill, Shayna Gallacher, Mason Huston, Juanita Gallegos, Rylah Zamora, Shaye Ventura, Arturo Najera, Amanda Gallegos, Sierra Anaya.



CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
¡BRAVO! Achievers for Month of February, 2006
Kindergarten, First and Second Grades

BACK ROW: (Left to right) Hannah Ventura, Andrea Apodaca, Jayden Kassel, Xavier Zamora, Nikko Chavez, Cody Carter, Victor Najera, Cheyanne Apodaca, Miccah Hamilton, and Eli Langley.

MIDDLE ROW: (Left to right) Lexi Zamora, Taylor Thornton, Patience Anaya, Caleb Ventura, Emily Comstock, Marissa Sanchez, Kristie Gallacher, Lashae Lueras, Dillon Walema, Christian Najera, and Tyrrell Barela.

TOP ROW: (Left to right) Lindsay Chavez, Kadee Sedillo, Mikhall Barela, Dominic Vega, Kaylee Thomas, Anthony Vallejos, Francisco Rivera, Alex Randolph, Cirsten Barela, and Desirae Zamora. / Not pictured: Aaliyah Mitchell, Dominique Zamora, Tyler Hallacy, and Gracie Hooten.

Corona News

Nice to have a skiff of white last week!

Betty Merritt Minton and Karl Ryberg were in Corona one day recently making plans for their 50th class reunion during the Corona Festival the last Saturday in July.

At the district meeting of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary held recently in Morarity, Johnnie Faye Harelson was re-elected president, Corrine Gallegos of Vaughn will serve as vice-president and Bernandine Dial of Estancia

is secretary-treasurer. Bill Harelson is a member of the district executive committee which serves in an advisory capacity for the units and posts. Leroy and Kathie Pacheco accompanied the Harelsons to the meeting.

In the Otero 4-H Winter Series - 2006 recently completed, Kyler Bell, five and under, was the All-Around Champion and brought home the saddle. He was also goat touching champion which earned him a buckle.

Saige Bell, 6-8 division, was Reserve All Around Champion and pole bending champion which earned her two buckles. She took first in girl's goat tying.

There are 12 circuits in the United States, Winning the calf roping in the Turquoise Circuit qualified J.D. Kibbe for the circuit finals in Pocatello, Idaho. Winning the calf roping at the circuit finals earned Kibbe a new pair of boots and the use of a new Dodge pickup for a year along with other prizes. His parents and sister didn't make it to the finals because the

roads were closed and J.D. didn't make it to the rodeo in Buckeye, AZ for the same reason.

Debra Ingle, operational supervisor of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), attended the village council meeting in Corona March 3 to answer questions and to encourage recycling. Notice the new signs and the blue container for refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, etc. and TIN CANS. A special area is now provided for tires, batteries and yard waste. Cardboard, (flattened), feed sacks and plastics 1-9 should be placed in the recycle container. Better use of the containers may help control haul off fees. Trash control should be an objective with all of us.

There is a rumor going around that there will be excellent posole at the Spring Fling Saturday, April 1 at the Corona Public Schools Auditorium. See you there!

Gunnery Sergeant Paul Rodriguez, grandson of Curtis

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UMW, 3rd Weds, 2:00 pm
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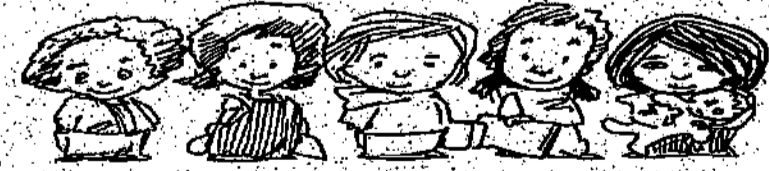
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Kildoso Convention Center	Wednesday,	April 5, 2006	(11:00-2:00)
Captain Cummins Gym	Friday,	April 7, 2006	(9:00-12:00)
Corona Schools Auditorium	Tuesday,	April 4, 2006	(9:00-11:00)
Carrizozo High Gymnasium	Wednesday,	April 12, 2006	(9:00-12:00)
Tularosa Elementary	Thursday,	April 13, 2006	(9:00-12:00)
Cloudcroft Elementary Gym	Wednesday,	April 19, 2006	(9:00-11:00)
Honda Schools Multi-Purpose Room	Friday,	April 21, 2006	(9:00-11:00)

For more information contact Region IX Education Cooperative (505) 257-2368

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Sheriff's Report

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

March 20
 12:00 a.m. Information report needing deputy present to collect evidence at Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:20 a.m. Stand-by presence requested at location in White Oaks, deputy dispatched.

9:42 a.m. Accident reported on Hwy 380 near Lincoln town limits, deputy dispatched.

10:23 a.m. Burglary reported at mile marker 140 on Hwy 54, deputy dispatched.

12:49 p.m. Alarm reported at location on La Cresta Vista in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

1:00 p.m. Warrant service requested at Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

March 21
 10:30 a.m. Welfare check requested for person at residence on Este Drive in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

11:55 a.m. Children Youth and Family Department (CYFD) referral at location on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy and CYFD representative dispatched.

12:29 p.m. Traffic hazard, litter blocking traffic at mile marker 4 on Hwy 37 near Nogal, deputy dispatched.

1:15 p.m. Suspicious activity by person reported at mile marker 5 on Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

3:12 p.m. Burglary reported at location on Spring Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:40 p.m. Accident reported on Lower Eagle Creek Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:20 p.m. Suspicious activity by person in vehicle reported at business on Hwy 380 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

March 22
8:04 a.m. Stand-by police presence requested in Jicarilla, deputy dispatched.

10:37 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at business in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

11:29 a.m. Traffic hazard reported on Hwy 380 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

12:25 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on Hwy 37 near Nogal, deputy dispatched.

5:02 p.m. Animal reported running loose on Wyatt Earp in Alto, deputy dispatched.

March 23
8:23 a.m. CYFD referral from location on Flute Player Way in Alto, deputy and CYFD representative dispatched.

9:32 a.m. Stand-by police presence requested in Jicarilla, deputy dispatched.

10:38 a.m. Identity theft reported at location on Lazy Horse Circle in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

2:33 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at Alto Post Office, deputy dispatched.

3:41 p.m. Child abuse reported at location across street from hospital in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

5:29 p.m. Accident reported on Hale Lake Road in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

March 24
12:50 a.m. Accident reported on Old Fort Stanton Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:40 a.m. Disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace reported at location on Corral Street in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

3:45 p.m. Bomb reported at location on Lakeshore in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:39 p.m. Welfare check requested for person on Mogul in Alto, deputy dispatched.

March 25
12:50 a.m. Traffic accident reported on Old Fort Stanton Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:06 a.m. Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) violation reported at residence on Resovior in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

9:34 a.m. Traffic offenses reported on Enchanted Forest Loop in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:54 a.m. Disturbance reported at location on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

12:27 p.m. Civil dispute reported at mile marker 267 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

12:42 p.m. Welfare check requested for person at End of Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

3:07 p.m. Shots fired in Philadelphia Canyon in Bonita, deputy dispatched.

3:31 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

6:14 p.m. Agency assistance requested at mile marker 71 on Hwy 380, deputy dispatched.

10:29 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at location on Hwy 70 in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.



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aroused. More information is sought. Direct vocal, audible contact is established with the outside world. Great educators, statesmen and captains of industry speak their messages directly to the student. Ambition is stirred. Brain cells, previously dormant begin to function.

"Thanks to radio, this has been the best year in all Atlanta school history."

Striking proof that the children learn as they listen in comes from a schoolboy himself -- (Ford Sammis) -- editor of the Central High School Bulletin, of Washington, D.C. In an editorial regarding a popular broadcaster's weekly talks he declared:

"The English which he uses is the most striking that we have ever heard. The fine choice of words leaves a strong impression on the listener as phrase follow phrase, each rich in diction, and sparkling with splendid epithet."

"Every talk is invigorating, and is far more of an inspiration to the average student to speak better English than a comparatively dry textbook which tells that copular verbs cannot take an object."

"Boys in Kansas City whistle grand opera music more than jazz tunes," added Ira Insko Cammack, superintendent of schools of Kansas City, Mo., a pioneer in teaching by radio.

"Why? Because radio has made their musical education much more than a mere singing of 'do-re-me-fa.' Teachers tell them to tune in every Sunday evening and hear the greatest artists singing and playing in the radio concerts. They do this. As a result, Kansas City schools, where Marion Talley was discovered, hope soon to produce a second artist equally as great."

"In the inaugural year we teach the Civics lesson on 'How the President of the United States is Inaugurated' by assembling the children in their school auditoriums, where from loud speakers installed there they actually hear the Chief Justice administer the oath of office to the President and listen to the President's inaugural address. That is much more effective than simply making children memorize the oath of office from a book."

Even books don't hold all the lessons that radio teaches. Mrs. Oliver Swaney of Platte county, Mo., noted that her husband and boys, who by day shouted loudly at cows and pigs on their farm, unconsciously toned their voices down when in the house, in imitation of the soft, cultured voices of entertainers, which came to them via the ether waves.

By carrying instruction to adults who left school prematurely, radio is striving to give everyone in the United States a high school education, declared School Chief Cammack of Kansas City.

Colleges are aiming to surpass that. Already twenty-three state colleges broadcast regularly eleven of them, giving such college courses as psychology, dairy production and marketing, agricultural engineering, sociology, business English, English literature, economics and agricultural journalism. One of every five farmers in the corn and wheat belts is attending these ethereal schools, a survey by Station WLS of Chicago revealed.

Keeping pace with her American sisters in learning, the University of Paris, one of the two oldest universities in the world, has established a Radio Institute of University Extension, with Raymond Poincare himself as President of the Committee of Patronage.

Although millions of school children are helped by radio -- although scores of state colleges give parents the schooling they missed when young -- although H.G. Wells and Herbert Hoover can point out that more education of all the people is needed to prevent wars and industrial troubles -- if the taxpayers do not support education, it cannot advance.

By making taxpayers willing and eager to pay radio renders its greatest service, in the opinion of Dr. John J. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education.

"The greatest value of radio in education is that it increased the public appreciation of education, and thereby raises educational standards of the nation," Dr. Tigert said.

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to as our heavenly father, nor is he ever called love in the Quran's 99 excellent names.

Therefore after much study and deliberation perhaps we should be very suspicious of ALL MUSLIMS in this country. They obviously cannot be both good Muslims and good Americans.

If you find yourself intellectually in agreement with the above, the better it will be for our country.

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 / 649-0105
 Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Corona United 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 6:00 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. JOHN HUFFMAN, RECTOR
 Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 605-297-2359
 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 / 648-2848
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women
 Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner on
 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

CAPITAN:

Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
 Handmaids (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 FARWOOD, Minister
 5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church of Corona

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

Angus Church of the Nazarene

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

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

In Memory of
BILL WINKLER

Insurance Exchange
 Carrizozo Branch

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. D1226CV200500326

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO
WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE,
INC., FKA NORWEST MORTGAGE,
INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.
DANNY KEITH DAWSON; SALLY
D. DAWSON; JIMMY GAFFORD;
SYLVIA GAFFORD,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 11, 2006, at 8:30 A.M., Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 8, BLOCK 3 OF DEL NORTE ADDITION, UNIT 4, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT OF LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 AND 13, BLOCK 3, DEL NORTE ADDITION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, AUGUST 6, 1982, IN CABINET D, SLIDE 86.

The address of the real property is 614 Del Norte, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 16, 2006, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$64,142.01, plus interest from March 15, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.75% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair.

Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

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

Dated: February 24, 2006.

Peter Baca, Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiariski
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013 / (719) 634-4868

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 15, 2006, Eleverto and Veronica Gutierrez, P.O. Box 462, La Luz, 88337, filed application No. H-47-S with the STATE ENGINEER FOR PERMIT TO SUPPLEMENT THE DIVERSION OF 77.68 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater by drilling a shallow well approximately 10 inches in diameter and 300 feet in depth at a point in the SW1/4NE1/4NE1/4 or NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

The applicant proposes to supplement shallow well No. H-47 located in the NW1/4SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. for the irrigation of 23.9 acres of land described as Pt. NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

Currently two applications are pending before the State Engineer under water right file No. 01384 & H-47. Application 47-S is contingent upon approval or denial of application No. 01384 & H-47 into 0275-A & H-272 et al. If the Application No. 01384 & H-47 into 0275-A & H-272 et al is approved, then the subject water right would have been moved to the Village of Ruidoso and the supplemental Permit No. H-47-S would no longer be a valid point of diversion for the water right, and said Permit No. H-47-S would then be cancelled.

The above described wells and places of use are located in Hondo, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person or other entity shall have standing to file an objection or protest if they object that the granting of the application will:

- (1) Be detrimental to the objector's water right; or
- (2) Be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state, provided that the objector shows how they will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application.

A valid objection or protest shall set forth the grounds for asserting standing and shall be legible, signed, and include the complete mailing address of the objector. An objection or protest must be filed with the State Engineer not later than 10 calendar days after the date of the last publication of this notice. An objection or protest may be mailed to the Office of the State Engineer, 1900 West Second, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, or faxed to 505-623-8559 provided the original is hand-delivered or postmarked within 24 hours after transmission of the fax. The State Engineer will take the application up for consideration in the most appropriate and timely manner practical.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ELECTION
CANCELLATION
CARRIZOZO
SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The canvassing board for the CARRIZOZO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT certifies that, whereas candidacy for position #1 Jack Allen Davidson, position #2 Steve Harkey, and position #5 Jim Grider is uncontested and there are no other questions on the ballot, the election scheduled for May 2, 2006 has been canceled pursuant to 20.9.214 NMAC.

Date of this certification 3/21/06

Signed: Glenda Booher

Signed: Hollis Fuchs

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**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-05-330**

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

FRIZZELL J. FRIZZELL JR. A/K/A
FRIZZELL JOSE FRIZZELL, JR. AND
NARCISA R. FRIZZELL,
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: NARCISA R. FRIZZELL

You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "MERS"), in which MERS prays for foreclosure on its Note and Mortgage on real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the property described in the claim in said cause against Defendants named above, that the said real property be sold according to law and practice of this Court to pay the lien of the Plaintiff, and that the interest of the Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming under or through them and all other persons bound by these proceedings be barred and foreclosed of all rights, interest of claims to said real property, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

The property involved is the real estate and improvements located at 214 Mountain View Lane, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, and more particularly described as:

LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 1 OF SPRING

PARK SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO DOWNS, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY REPLAT OF LOTS 2, 3 AND 4, BLOCK 1, OF SAID SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MAY 22, 1979, IN TUBE NO. 662,

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or file responsive pleadings or motions in said cause within twenty (20) days for the third consecutive publication of this Notice of Suit, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you be default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorneys for MERS is Little & Drantel, P.C., 7430 Washington Street, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, Telephone (505) 833-3036.

WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County on March 15, 2006.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

(SEAL)

By: Jolene Briggs
Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT
No. JQ-2005-05
Div. III**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel.
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND
FAMILIES DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of J.G.R., a Child,
And Concerning Charity Walker and
Jose G. Ramirez, Respondents.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

TO THE ABOVE NAMED
RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you in the above named Court and County by the State of New Mexico in which the State of New Mexico has filed a petition alleging that you have abused and neglected J.G.R., a child. The above proceeding could ultimately result in the termination of your parental rights.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file a written answer to this petition on or before May 1, 2006, with the Children's Court Division of the Twelfth Judicial District Court in Lincoln County, you will be in default and the matter will proceed without you.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

(SEAL)

by: Gloria LaMay
Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:
Lynne Jessen, P.O. Box 2,
Alamogordo, NM 88301
(505-434-5950)

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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

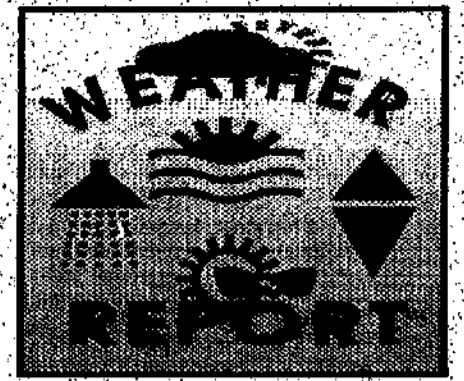
NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following:

Proposed Ordinance to consider revisions to the Lincoln County Subdivision Ordinance No. 2002-06

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of proposed revisions may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 30, 2006.



Currently Lincoln County is under a wind advisory, and even with the light sprinkle Tuesday afternoon and evening, parts of Lincoln County are still under Fire Weather Watch.

The winds should calm a little by late Friday evening to early Saturday morning in the higher elevations, and by Saturday evening across the rest of Lincoln County.

No moisture in the forecast except for the occasional early morning heavy dew that disappears within moments of sunrise.

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

Today, Thursday, March 30
Partly cloudy, with a high near 65; Breezy, with a west wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.; night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, March 31
Mostly sunny, with a high around 74, night: Mostly clear, with a low near 37.

Saturday, April 1
April Fools Day
Partly cloudy, with a high near 75, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Sunday, April 2
Partly cloudy, with a high around 74, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

Monday, April 3
Mostly sunny, with a high near 77, night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 46.

Tuesday, April 4
Partly cloudy, with a high around 71, night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 45.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitán and Corona:

Today, Thursday, March 30
Partly cloudy, with a high near 63. Windy, with a west wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.; night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, March 31
Mostly sunny, with a high near 69, night: Mostly clear, with a low near 36.

Saturday, April 1
April Fools Day
Partly cloudy, with a high around 71, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

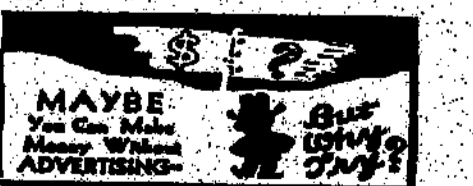
Sunday, April 2
Partly cloudy, with a high around 70, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

Monday, April 3
Mostly sunny, with a high near 72, night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 44.

Tuesday, April 4
Partly cloudy, with a high near 66, night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 41.

For up to the minute road conditions, the New Mexico Highways Department has a toll-free number you can call for road closures and driving conditions; the number is 1-800-432-4269.

The above 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.



LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO CV-05-119

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST, SERIES TMTS 2003-6HE, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,
Plaintiff,

vs.

HUMBERTO MALDONADO, DONNA B. MALDONADO, SUN WORLD FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Defendants.

AMENDED 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 see the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 205 Stetson Road, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 24 AND 25, BLOCK 3 OF PALO VERDE SLOPES SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK LINCOLN COUNTY, MARCH 11, 1958, IN TUBE NO. 164.

The sale is to begin at **3:00 p.m. on April 14, 2006**, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, Main entrance, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the Judgment granted JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for the registered holders of Terwin Mortgage Trust, Series TMTS 2003-6HE, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for the registered holders of Terwin Mortgage Trust, Series TMTS 2003-6HE, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates was awarded a Judgment on January 4, 2006, in the principal sum of \$134,486.05, plus outstanding interest through October 7, 2005, in the amount of \$7,961.81 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$43.71 per day, plus escrow advances of \$951.51, plus late charges of \$820.05, plus property preservation fees of \$447.86, less a suspense credit of \$713.82, plus attorneys fees through October 7, 2005, in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through October 7, 2005, in the sum of \$470.17, with interest on the late charges, appraisal fees escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 8.99% per annum.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants and to a nine (9) month right of redemption of Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of New Mexico, 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
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. CV.05-194

THE JAPHET MARITAL TRUST, LTD.,
Petitioner,

vs.

MIRTA A. LOPEZ and CLEMENTE NAVARETTE, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of **CLEMENTE NAVARETTE**, deceased.

Respondents.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 11th day of April, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at the northeast entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey all right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant(s) in and to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New

Mexico:

Apartment Number 406 in Building 4 of WHISPERING BLUFF CONDOMINIUMS, together with an undivided 1.8867% interest in the common areas of Whispering Bluff Condominiums, all as shown on the plat thereof filed in the Office of the Lincoln County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on March 5, 1982, in Cabinet D at Slide 62 and as amended by that certain Affidavit dated October 13, 1983, recorded October 14, 1983, in Book 88, Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County, page 682;

commonly called Apartment 406, Whispering Bluff Condominiums.

Said sale will be conducted pursuant to the ORDER entered February 27, 2006, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to partition the above-described real property, and whose value the Court determined to be \$98,500, and which the Court ordered to be sold for cash in an amount of no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the value of said real property.

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

DATED this 7th day of March, 2006.

Peter Baca
SPECIAL MASTER

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is hereby accepting nominations to the Road Review Committee for two members to serve on the Board. The nominee must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations or letters of interest will be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Road Review Committee.

Nominations or letters of interest will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 5:00 P.M., April 17, 2006.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is hereby accepting nominations to the Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for four members (one regular member, two members-at-large and one alternate member) to serve on the committee.

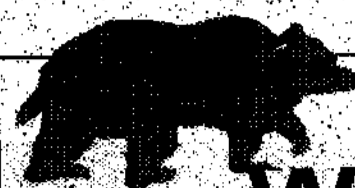
In making appointments to the PLURAAC, the Board of County Commissioners will give consideration to maintaining a balance of interest and skills of the appointees, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, their experience and knowledge of the community.

Nominations or letters of interest will be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 5:00 P.M., April 17, 2006.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 30, 2006.



GRIZZLY

WEEKLY
by Carrizozo High School
JOURNALISM CLASS

Sarah Ball, Instructor

Start of FFA's Competitive Season

The judging season for Carrizozo FFA has been booming in terms of contribution and commitment from FFA members. "They all have set goals for themselves, and are making every effort to reach them by the end of the judging season," Christopher Scott, AG teacher and FFA adviser, commented. Their success is evident by the plaques that the students have carried home from the invitationals they have competed in this year. The number of Carrizozo FFA members has almost doubled since last year.

At the Las Cruces Invitational on Saturday, March 18, students did very well. Ryan Gaines was second high individual in agricultural mechanics; Greg Vigil earned second high individual in landscape design, and Tanner Elston was third high individual in landscape design.

Overall, Carrizozo FFA placed second in entomology and landscape design, third in land and in meats, and fourth in agricultural mechanics. Mr. Scott added, "We will be competing at the ENMU FFA Invitational on March 23-24. We will also compete in Pecos Valley Invitational on March 25. The state competition will start on March 28 in Las Cruces."

This year the team has established practices where they have the opportunity to hone their skills in the eight career development events they participate in each year. According to Mr. Scott they practice four days a week for two hours a day.

Each contest has a specific day in which they meet for practice. For example, livestock meets on Monday and Wednesday for two hours each day. This format ensures that the students have sufficient time to grasp, sharpen, and perfect their skills in each career development that they have chosen. Scott's desire is that all teams contending this year can position in the top 10 at every invitational. "I expect that they all meet their goals, set by themselves. If they can have fun and benefit from the journey they have selected to take, I will be pleased," Mr. Scott remarked.

Matthew Samora



Carrizozo FFA Landscape Design team (l. to r.) Soph. Greg Vigil, Sr. Justus Wilson, and Soph. Kevin Gore



Carrizozo FFA Agricultural Mechanics team (l. to r.) Sr. Ryan Gaines, KC Hendricks, and Matt Barela

Old Lincoln Town News

by Rosalie Dunlap

It has been a month of so many friends losing loved ones. Some passed away while we were gone.

Bob and Ann Scribner passed away within two days of each other. They were responsible for the start of Alto. We would see them at the restaurant in Capitán on Saturday nights when we would eat there. Bob and Ann made that their Saturday ritual.

Veda Lou Branum, of Carrizozo, brother, C.A. Branum, passed away in December.

William "Bill" Treat, a Lincoln County rancher, passed away the first of the month. He was 95 years old. He was active in the New Mexico Cattle and Wool Growers.

Herb Brunell's mother, Nell Brunell Mullins, passed away about the same time as my mother. Nell and her husband opened up the Brunell clothing store in Alamogordo and Ruidoso.

Gary Lovelace, Carrizozo funeral was held Wednesday. He was a member of one of pioneering families of Lin-

coln County. He was doing cement work. His wife, Eileen is a member of the Lincoln County Commission. He leaves many family members and friends.

Another member of a pioneering family in the Ancho area who passed away this week is Mozelle Harkey. Her funeral was Tuesday, March 28th.

Agatha Long lost a niece the past week. No info on the niece. She has lost three members of her family in the past few months.

Ralph's former secretary,

Marie Walker, died passed away in Rowell, Pa. She was a single mother raising two children, living in Capitán. She was great secretary, a good leader and involved in community activities. If you want to find her you looked for the lady in purple and talked to her special laugh.

Bonnie Jones of Timmie lost her mother recently. Our condolences to all those families.

We just received word that

