

County Reconsiders Gerald Champion Contract

by Patrice Brazie

Rhonda Burrows, Indigent Health Care administrator for Lincoln County, has long been lobbying representatives of Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center in Alamogordo to sit down with her and discuss some policy issues.

The Alamogordo hospital shares a contractual agree-

ment with Lincoln County that qualifies the hospital to receive reimbursement from the county's indigent health care funds for medical treatment provided to the county's lower income residents. Certain services like osteopathic medical treatment are not contracted to any provider within the county, so patients are often referred to Gerald Champion. The hos-

pital is then reimbursed for 77 percent of a patient's qualified admission, medical deductible and co-payment expenses through the Lincoln County indigent health care funds.

The policy at Gerald Champion is to continue to bill Lincoln County patients for any costs not covered by Medicare, Medicaid or the county's indigent health care

fund and Burrows has questioned the fairness of that policy. It seems especially unfair, according to Burrows, since Otero County does not reimburse the Lincoln Coun-

ty Medical Center for any expenses incurred by that county's indigent care patients. In a memorandum to the Lincoln County Board of

Commissioners dated February 14th, Burrows reported that she had made several attempts over the past two years to enter into talks with Gerald Champion officials to

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District and Regional Champs

CARRIZOZO GRIZZLY varsity basketball team left by bus to Albuquerque Tuesday afternoon to participate in the '1A' State Basketball Tournament which started on Wednesday, Carrizozo (20-7) faced off against Gateway Christian (20-6) at 3:15 p.m. in Rio Rancho. The winner of this game advanced to semi-finals on Thursday against Cimarron/Animas winner. Finals will be played on Saturday at UNM Arena at 6:30 p.m. Pictured above are: Kneeling (l. to r.) Kinsey Vega, Ryan Guevara, Rory Zamora, Greg Vigil, Jeremy Zamora and Troy Koroscil. Standing (l. to r.) Cody Ventura, Head Coach Brad Holland, Daniel Hernandez, Eric Koroscil, Johnny Beltran, Robert Dutchover, Casey Barela, Antonio Sambrano and Asst. coach Jimmy Samora. (See related story on Page 6 / Photo by Carrizozo Journalism Class)

County Citizens Speak Out on Impeachment

by Patrice Brazie

Public comment periods during government meetings have been discussed and debated by citizens and officials almost since government began, and meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners have carried a certain notoriety for an almost anything goes approach. The first meetings of a new commission with Tom Battin as chair, indicate that things might be changing. Just prior to opening the public comment portion of the February 20th meeting of the county commissioners, chair Tom Battin offered a set of guidelines for those who might wish to speak. Battin was just elected to chair the board in January, and had not yet presented his idea of proper protocol for public comment.

During the February meeting, Battin asked that speakers identify themselves at the podium, be concise and respectful of time limits, that they avoid being redundant, and that no one comes to the podium a second time until all who want to speak have had an opportunity to do so. Battin also explained that it is customary and traditional for gentlemen to remove their hats before speaking at the podium. By show of hands, Battin counted the number of people who hoped

to speak, then indicated that there would be a three-minute time limit for speaking.

The topic of the day was the impeachment, and first to the podium was Carrizozo resident Joe Thornton who reported attending the hearing on Friday, February 16th in Santa Fe, during which the New Mexico Senate Rules Committee passed a joint resolution calling for the impeachment of President George Bush and Vice-President Dick Cheney.

The New Mexico Senate Joint Resolution 5 (SJR5) alleges that Bush and Cheney conspired to defraud the United States by misleading Congress to justify war, and that the president ordered the electronic surveillance of American civilians without required warrants. It accuses Bush and Cheney of conspiring to strip citizens of their constitutional rights regarding arrest and detention by side stepping all of the normal protections of those rights, "by ordering indefinite detention without charge" and without the opportunity to appear before a civil judge and challenge the detention.

Thornton read from a portion of the testimony of retired District Judge Anne Kass of Albuquerque who was first to speak during the public hearing in Santa Fe.

Kass spoke of the importance of the Rule of Law, and that no man is above the law. Thornton said, and that by the rule of law crimes must be prosecuted. "If the Rule of Law is to be anything more than an empty slogan," Thornton read, "then all American citizens, but especially legislative bodies such as this, where both laws and the consequences for breaking laws are established, must demand, when there is compelling evidence that criminal acts have been committed, that there be a formal, official investigation and prosecution."

Tony Davis of Alto was next to speak, and he listed the constitutional reasons for impeachment which are treason, bribery and high crimes and misdemeanors. Davis also cited Article II of the

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County Audit Findings

by Patrice Brazie

County manager Tom Stewart reported to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on February 20th that the results of the county's annual audit report showed five findings. Stewart said that findings regarding a late audit report and a capital asset inventory roll-over issue had been resolved. The first of the findings dealt with PERA (Public Employees Retirement Association) payments not withheld from the paycheck of one county employee. "In essence what occurred was, we hired the individual as a temporary employee, and when you do that there's no PERA," Stewart said. "Sometime in the tour of his service, he became a part time employee, which then entitled him to PERA and obligated the county to pay a share of the PERA." Stewart said that arrangements had been made for the employee to pay the county back for the PERA payments that were not withheld from his pay. "He'll be back up to speed in September of this year," Stewart added.

Stewart said that a number of state checks failed to be cancelled by the county, resulting in another unfavorable finding. "We did not have a system for controlling those things," Stewart said, "because we don't know it's late until probably a month after it comes in. The treasurer is catching up on that and we'll catch those the

month prior, so that at the eleventh month point we'll start to declare whether the checks should be voided," he said.

The third finding of the county's audit report related to the early destruction of obsolete county records that are more than five or 10 years old. Stewart said, "You're supposed to write to the state and say give us permission to destroy these documents," Stewart said. "Upon authorization, you have to wait 60 days before destroying the records. Unfortunately, the destruction truck was coming around and Tammie (Lincoln County Clerk Tammie Maddox) did it in 50 days," he explained.

The next finding has to do with credit card expenditures. "What this consists of is, in our examination of credit card expenditures, two expenditures contain non fuel purchases," the manager reported. Stewart said that bills sometimes come back for fuel but individuals have had added on expenditures, mostly for car washes. "You present your card, you get your fuel, and then you go through the car wash. Well, that tacks on four dollars," Stewart said. "You can't have something that says other or miscellaneous, without being able to explain it. So now we have a system where, when you see other or miscellaneous, we go back to the departments and say give us a statement or a receipt for what you did here." Stewart

said the errors did not reflect any abuse of county credit cards, but rather was an issue of documentation.

The county manager questioned a finding that the county exceeded its budget in

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EVERGREEN CEMETERY in Carrizozo was the scene of a first ever event in Carrizozo on Tuesday, March 6. What was happening? Read the News next week for details.

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address some policy issues but the attempts were without favorable results. Burrows said she also takes issue with the Gerald Champion policy that does not allow uninsured low income patients to apply for any type of uninsured assistance to help reduce their account balances after Lincoln County has allocated indigent health care

funds. In 2006 Lincoln County was able to increase the maximum annual amount it will cover for any one patient in the indigent care program. That amount was raised from \$7,500 to \$10,000. Burrows said the intention of the increase was to assist health care providers, such as Gerald Champion, with cli-

ents who were facing larger bills than the county could reimburse for.

In her memorandum to the county commissioners, Burrows said that Jim Childers, chief financial officer for the Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center, had decided that any solution to the policy issues expressed by Burrows would require changes in Lincoln County's Indigent Health Care Ordinance. Burrows said she had explained that such a solution was not viable as the county has other care providers and payment solutions to consider, and that other hospitals have policies in place that adequately address the issues in question.

Burrows recommended that the county's board of commissioners consider terminating the contract with Gerald Champion and begin to find other providers for the services that Gerald Champion offered.

In a sort of last ditch effort to reach an agreement with Gerald Champion administrators, Burrows invited them to discuss their differences before the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on February 20th. During that day's meeting Burrows acknowledged that the Alamogordo facility has provided many valuable services to the people of Lincoln County and then summarized the issues that could lead to a termination of those services for the county's indigent health care clients.

"Currently, one of the problems is that we have no orthopedic surgeons associated with our hospital," Burrows explained, "so many people are transferred down to Gerald Champion hospital."

She said that low income and uninsured patients are often left with a significant

account balance even after Medicare and Lincoln County Indigent Health Care payments have been exhausted. Burrows said that private insurance companies often have contracts with health care services providers that will accept a flat payment or allow a cost reduction or administrative write-off to some patients based on that contract. "We don't state that specifically in our contract with Gerald Champion," Burrows said. "So I've been trying to develop an agreement with them to assist those people who we've paid the max on but who still have a significant balance."

Burrows said that, until about two years ago, Gerald Champion had a policy that would allow Lincoln County's indigent care clients to pay outstanding uncovered balances based on a sliding scale adjusted according to income and ability to pay.

"Because of some internal policy changes, we kind of got kicked out of that," Burrows said. "It's come to the point where we needed to come before the commission and resolve this once and for all so that we can be clear on our policies."

Suggestions to rewrite the county's ordinance or its health care service contracts to require the write-off, or forgiving, of account balances above what the county's indigent health care funds pay didn't sit well with Burrows, she admitted, because some clients may be able to make payments on the balance. "I felt that placed an unfair restriction on providers," Burrows said.

Sue Johnson-Phillippe, Gerald Champion administrator, apologized for any frustration experienced by Lincoln County officials in their attempt to resolve the indigent claims issues, but said that the indigent health care policies of Lincoln County and Otero County are different. "After the indigent care payment has been provided in Otero County, we no longer bill. We consider that charity care at that point," Johnson-Phillippe said. "The confusion has been when we try to, because of the ordinance in Lincoln County, go ahead and bill for that remainder. Sometimes that's applicable and sometimes it's not," she said.

Johnson-Phillippe said that her goal was to ensure equity and consistency for all patients, and that she believed some sort of compromise could be reached. She agreed to further negotiations between her office and Lincoln County officials to attempt to reach a solution.

After hearing from Johnson-Phillippe, Burrows said that she was confident an agreement could be reached to the satisfaction of all parties involved. Burrows and Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart both withdrew their recommendations to terminate the contract with Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center.

The county commissioners plan to review the progress toward a new agreement during their regular meeting of March 20th. County commissioners approved 57 indigent health care claims in January that totaled just over \$27,000. Annually, monthly indigent care payments average about \$32,680.

County Audit

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several funds. "We don't think that's a correct statement, and I'll challenge the auditor on it," Stewart said. "We may have exceeded by fund line, but not the total fund. That's the way we've always operated."

Lincoln County Treasurer Beverly Calaway said that, although the auditor may have been nit-picking a bit, an audit is always a great tool for finance personnel to use to improve their methods and systems.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the county's audit report.



As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 103rd year of being in existence (1905-2007), we will again 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 18, 1930

No Excellence Without Labor

I was at a concert in New York, where a celebrated teacher of the violin was exhibiting his pupils. A boy of eighteen stepped over the stage and began to play. A hush fell over the room. His face, his fingers, every move and look proclaimed an embryo artist.

With easy assurance in which there was no trace of effort, he played one number after another, the audience urging him on with enthusiastic applause. Each of us felt the thrill of personally discovering this new star in the musical heavens. The concert over, a gentleman rushed forward to congratulate the teacher.

"You must be wonderfully proud of that brilliant boy!" he exclaimed.

The teacher was unresponsive. "Not very proud," he said.

"But, surely he will be a master."

"No, he will probably be a fiddler in a restaurant."

The man was a bit indignant. Was this coolness born of professional jealousy -- the envy of an older man for the brilliant youth? The teacher did not leave him long in doubt.

"The boy could be a master," he explained, "but he never will. Some of the others who performed less well today you will hear from later. But he--no. He will be a fiddler. It comes too easy; he will not work."

If you have read much of biography you know that the teacher was right. Nothing is more impressive than the infinite pains which great men have taken, not merely to achieve position, but to keep it.

Emerson tells of a letter from an artist friend describing Michaelangelo's huge mural painting of the Last Judgment, which the friend "had the opportunity of seeing very near, and was astonished of the minute finish of muscles and nerves, finished like a miniature." No deal was too small for the artist whose shoulders were bent by the long effort of finishing his immortal picture under the dome of St. Peter's.

Booth, the great actor, was never satisfied. One night, after a performance in which he seemed to the audience to have surpassed himself, a friend went to congratulate him.

He "found Booth with his head in his hands in the deepest dejection, from which not even the praise of an old friend could arouse him, disgusted at having given so miserable performance."

Whether great success is worth what it costs or whether mediocrity is a happier state are debatable questions. But there is no secret about the formula. Eternal work is the difference between the artist -- and the fiddler.

Nogal Nugget

If you want to see a fine set of antlers, from one of the biggest bucks killed last fall, Jese May has them mounted and at his home.

Mr. Runnels, of South Fork, a gifted taxidermist, did the mounting, which is a fine piece of work. The buck was a 13-pointer.

Western Motors Sells

The entire stock and fixtures of the

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Card of Thanks!

We would like to thank everyone for their cards, thoughts, prayers, food, plants and donations, during the loss of my Dad (Ralph Thrall) in Oklahoma. With heartfelt gratitude we thank each of you.

Kim Roper and family

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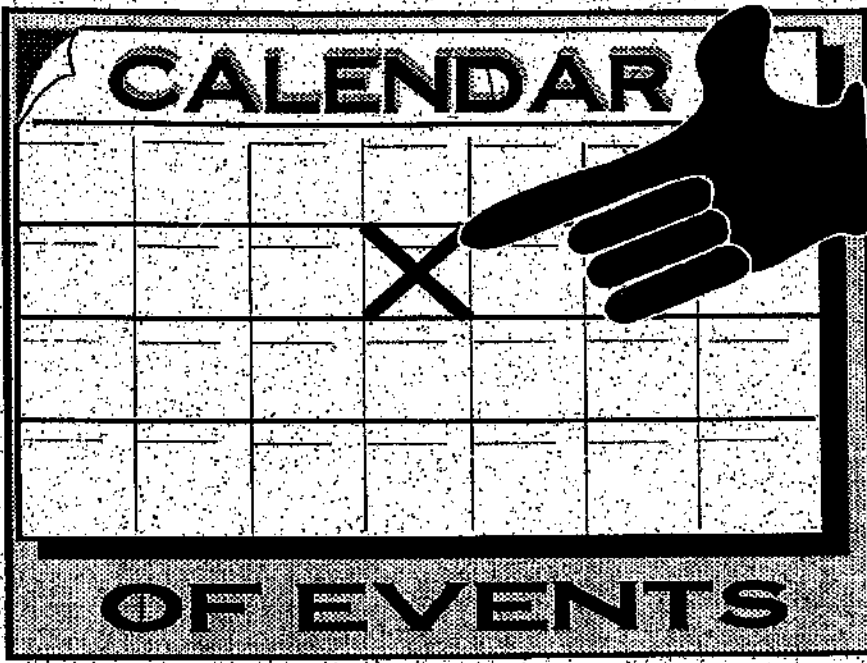
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County Citizens Speak Out

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U.S. Constitution which reads, "he (the President) shall take care that laws be faithfully executed."

"The use of the Fourth Amendment regarding unreasonable searches and seizures," Davis said, "reflects there a concern over undue power residing in the government." He named extraordinary rendition, Abu Graib, the definition of enemy combatants and the Military Tribunals Act of 2006 as some of the violations of Bush's constitutional authority.

"Congress's duties and powers include oversight and inquiry," Davis continued. "The impeachment process begins with inquiry, and the subsequent action by the House is similar to indictment," Davis said. From a homeland security standpoint, Davis quoted Benjamin Franklin as saying, "He who sacrifices freedom for security deserves neither." As to our enemies, Davis asked, "What could give them more comfort than to see us persist in falling, while giving up the principles that define our existence?"

Mary Skeen, widow of the late Congressman Joe Skeen, spoke in opposition to the impeachment resolution. She said she could not believe the accusations. "President Bush

and Vice-President Cheney were accused of lying," Skeen said. She suggested that Bush, Cheney, former President Bill Clinton, The New York Times and the Washington Post all believed the stories about weapons of mass destruction because of a cover-up. "Were there weapons of mass destruction?" Skeen asked. "Personally I think there were. The U.N. inspections gave them time to slip the weapons to Syria," she conjectured. As for the torture of prisoners at Abu Graib, Skeen said, "I haven't seen any of them get their head cut off." She spoke of the mistreatment and torture of a former prisoner of war. "I haven't seen anyone treated as Sam Johnson was," she said. "He was held in isolation for three and a half years. They put cuffs on him; they put ankle bracelets on him. They put a rod between his legs so he was permanently impaired. He was a Congressman from the state of Texas," Skeen added.

Skeen addressed the allegations of illegal surveillance by saying, "They did not do anything that was about you and me, unless you're a terrorist, someone associated with a criminal or someone suspected of being Al Qaeda," she said. "It was for foreign people." She said that people have to put country first and believe that the President and Vice-President are very concerned about the safety of the country. "I hope and pray that each of you will thank the good Lord for the knowledge, for the comfort, for educating people to understand that you can't have everything," Skeen said. She added that people should be grateful for living in a country where they are allowed to criticize the actions of their government.

Another speaker pointed out that Hillary Clinton voted for the war in Iraq, and that the media has treated the Bush administration unfairly.

Ken Nosker, from San Patricio, said that he completely rejected most of the comments that he heard from the public. "This is nothing but a party demonstration. They (some of the speakers) lost the last election and they are carrying this to the county level to exonerate themselves from their own past mistakes in detriment to this country," Nosker said.

NM SJRS passed through the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday, but drew no comments from the Lincoln County Commissioners on February 20th.



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local Ford Agency, known as Western Motors, Inc., have been purchased by Mr. Roy Shaffer, of Carlsbad, New Mexico. The stock was invoiced this week and the formal transfer was made yesterday, at which time Mr. Shaffer took charge. Mrs. Shaffer and children will join Mr. Shaffer as soon as school closes at Carlsbad.

The purchaser until a few weeks ago was engaged in the ranching business in Eddy county with Mr. C.N. Farnsworth, of the Roswell Auto Company, and will, for the present, have associated with him some of the Roswell Auto Co. organization, which has had many years experienced in the Ford business. The new company will remain in the location formerly used by the Western Motors.

The good will and best wishes of the retiring Ford dealers go with Mr. Shaffer in his new undertaking and we welcome Mr. Shaffer's coming and entry into the commercial life of the town.

Every busy man, when called upon to do some work outside of his business, feels at times like turning down all such demands upon his time by the community.

On the other hand, if every citizen of this community had refused to give up a portion of his time for community work this town would have had no electric lights, no water, no sewer, no cement sidewalks, and many other conveniences we enjoy -- and the same thing is true of every town.

"I lost \$30 and 1-cent yesterday."

"How?"

"I offered Dora a penny for her thoughts."

"Well?"

"She was thinking that I ought to take her out for the evening."

Speech is of time, silence is of eternity.

— Carlyle

South West News Items

--District Judge Reed Holloman of Santa Fe recently held that absentee votes may be cast in city elections. This opinion was in the suit by Palmer Ketner, mayoralty candidate in Gallup on the citizens' ticket, to restrain the Gallup clerk from issuing absentee ballots. His suit was brought to test the present law.

--More game is bagged in New Mexico than Pennsylvania (aside from squirrels and smaller game); three times as much in this state as in Wyoming, said Game Warden Edgar L. Perry in Santa Fe, and he has compiled figures to prove it. These are considered representative states in their respective sections, he added. Either New Mexico has better marksmen or there is more game in proportion to the number of nimrods, as the kill is higher per hunter here than elsewhere.

--New Mexico is destined to become an educational center as it is already a cultural center of the nation, in the opinion of F.A. rieder, secretary of the Santa Fe School for Girls. New Mexico offers unexcelled opportunities along educational lines, and the climate, scenery, historical background and other features of the state make it an ideal location for schools, he said. The new school is now being built on the LaLoma ranch, five miles from the plaza in Santa Fe.

--Gov. R. C. Dillon will drive the first train to cross the new Texas-New Mexico railway into Hobbs, NM. Governor Dillon will be the engineer and State Corporation Commissioner Hugh Williams will be the conductor. The line which becomes the first railroad to enter Lea county, will be opened on some date during the latter part of April.

It's a fact that the greatest curiosity ever discovered was found in a woman.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS
 --Juan Hernandez from the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
 --Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group meets every third Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's, Ruidoso. 354-3046 for info.

MONDAYS
 --Free GED class 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carrizozo School.

TUESDAYS
 --Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour at 1 p.m.
 --Free GED class 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carrizozo School.
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAYS
 --Corona Lending Library story hour 4 p.m.
 --AWANA club for children ages 3 through 6t grade at First Baptist Church of Carrizozo from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Non-denominational program. For information contact Hayden Smith 648-2107.
 --Tic Tac for 7th through 12th grade at Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo 6 p.m.
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 8
 --Capitan School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. Agenda includes wearing in of new board members, reorganization of board, discussion on bond issue and financial planning, adoption of textbooks, and closed session.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13
 --Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, 12 noon at Four Winds Restaurant.
 --Ruidoso Village Council 4:30 p.m.
 --Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m.
 --Capitan Village Council 6:30 p.m.
 --Corona Village Trustees 7:00 p.m.
 --Corona School Board 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15
 --Lincoln Historic Preservation Board meets at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Church in Lincoln.



Card of Thanks!

My Sincere and heartfelt thanks to all my friends and relatives.

Thank you all very much for your prayers and warm thoughts and comforting words. I am now at home recuperating and hope to fully recover soon.

Thank you very much and God Bless everyone of you.

Ysabel Hernandez

ENMU/Ruidoso Community College Board Sworn In

The first ever elected ENMU-Ruidoso College Board was officially sworn in during their regular meeting Thursday, March 1. The five member board chosen by residents living within the ENMU-Ruidoso college district on February 6 includes Dr. Tim Harkins, James Paxton, Michelle Perry, Tom Rigsby, and Dr. Lynn Willard. Board members elected Dr. Lynn Willard to serve as chair and Tom Rigsby for secretary. The ENMU-Ruidoso College Board is a separate legal entity not associated with the Ruidoso School District or their school board. By New Mexico statute board members will hold office for staggered four year terms. An interim College Board was selected in 2005 immediately following legislative approval of the ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Campus status. Paxton, Rigsby, and Willard all served on the interim board along with James Stoddard and Irma Nava.

Daylight Savings Time Begins On Sunday, Mar. 11

Daylight Savings Time begins this year and will last longer.

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 a.m. Remember to spring forward and set your clocks ahead one hour.

Services for Genevieve Duncan

A service honoring the life of former Lincoln County resident Genevieve Duncan, 91, who died Sunday, March 4 in Santa Fe, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 14 at the Ruidoso Woman's Club at 116 South Evergreen in Ruidoso. Mrs. Duncan was the past president of the Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club.

Pastor Vern Edmonds will preside over the service. All of Mrs. Duncan's friends are invited to attend.

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Editorials / Opinions & Other Stuff

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Daylight Savings - Already?

By Ruth Hammond

The powers that be have decided that Daylight Savings Time really does save time and this year Daylight Savings Time is starting much earlier than it has in past years. The one thing we do know for certain is that one hour will be saved on Sunday when the clocks are set ahead one hour. When it is 2 a.m. the clocks are to be set ahead to 3 a.m., which means no babies will be born between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. on March 11, 2007. That hour is lost and will not be regained until November when Daylight Savings Time officially ends. That is a long time to wait for one hour.

Years ago if people wanted to save an hour they just did things earlier, which meant they completed their tasks earlier. It wasn't official, but people could set their own time and do whatever they wanted at their own pace. It didn't matter much if they had an extra hour of daylight in the evening or in the morning. It was their choice. They did have to regulate their purchasing to the hours when businesses would be open, which was not very difficult.

Regulating their own hours was simple enough, but during World War II officials decided it was important to save that hour in an attempt to conserve energy. There was little opposition at that time, many things were done in the effort to win the war. There were several years that Daylight Savings Time was only a memory but now the officials have decided that Daylight Savings Time does conserve energy and it is official each year in most states.

And here we are in 'ought seven' and starting Daylight Savings Time a few weeks early. Our inner clocks have accepted Daylight Savings Time, but not quite this early in the year. It will be a jolt to get up while it is still dark and get out and about with the sun barely peeping out.

Not to worry, inner clocks will make the adjustment fairly quickly, but it makes us wonder why not put the system into effect all year long. That way we won't have to adjust twice a year. Maybe the powers that be don't want people to get complacent and changing clocks twice a year helps eliminate the complacency they don't want.

Not having that extra hour isn't a big deal, the only thing is that if you don't set your clocks ahead one hour you will be late for everything. Thank goodness most of the computers automatically change the time when it is Daylight Savings Time, but with it starting earlier this year the clocks in many computers may not be correct.

You may appreciate having an extra hour of daylight in the evening and it may not bother you that darkness envelops everything when you face the day, but it does bother some people. Beware of the naysayers and those who will be in a foul mood until their inner clocks accept the change of time. Eventually they will be happier, that is until November when the entire procedure is reversed.

Ph. Book Recycling Continues

Used telephone book recycling by the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) is continuing in Lincoln and Otero counties due to spread out distribution of the seven phone books serving the region. As a result, residents will have additional opportunities to drop off discarded phone directories. Tear off the front and back covers, bundle the phone books together if you have several and you are ready to 'throw the book at them' into a recycling collection container.

This year's regional goal is to divert and recycle 13 tons of old phone directories.

Specially marked green polycarts or larger dumpsters are now in place exclusively for phone book disposal at the following locations:

Alto waste convenience site; the Sun Valley compactor site; Seasons Nursery and Gift shop parking lot in Ruidoso; the Capitan and Carrizozo Town Halls, the

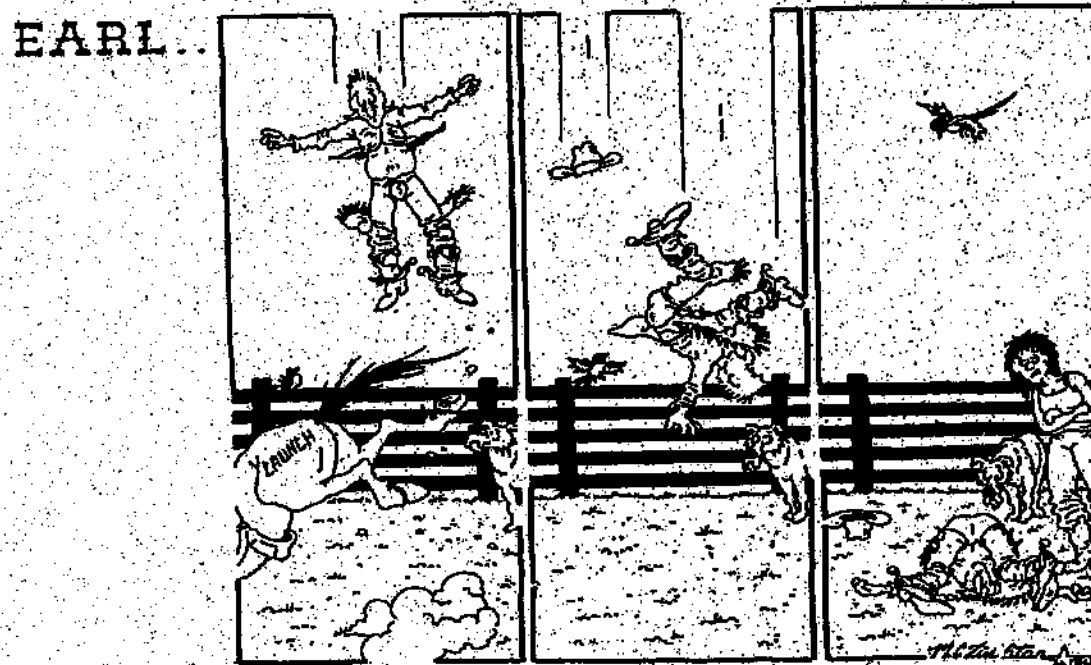
Corona Waste Disposal site, the LCSWA offices at 222 2nd in Ruidoso Downs.

Otero County residents may drop off directories at the La Luz disposal site.

For more information about phone book recycling programs in Lincoln and Otero Counties, contact operational supervisor Debra Ingle at 378-4697, toll free at 1-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com. Visit the new website at www.lcswa.org.



It's Almost Time to Start Thinking Rain!



"EARL, IT'S A GOOD THING YER NOT AN AIRPLANE PILOT... YOU STARTED THE DESCENT WITH THE LANDING GEAR DOWN, BUT YOU HIT THE RUNWAY WITH THE WHEELS UP" Big Dry Syndicate

Inside the Capitol

BY JAY MILLER

SANTA FE -- As the 2007 Legislature approaches its March 17 deadline, several bumps in the road lie ahead. But none of them are likely to block the path toward an on-time finish.

This is the point in the session when train wrecks traditionally begin to be predicted but they seldom actually happen. And this year, a train wreck is even less likely because we have a governor who can't afford the time for a special session.

Gov. Bill Richardson has some initiatives he would like to see passed so he can brag about them on the presidential campaign trail. But the worst thing he could do is have a stormy session that would cast doubt on his well-publicized negotiating skills.

So the governor must use those skills to get what he can from a Legislature that realizes its hand has been strengthened by Richardson's need for peace at home.

The focus on the need for peace was dramatized by House Speaker Ben Lujan, a close ally of the governor, when House Democrats held firm and picked up six Republican votes to pass the big general appropriations act.

During the friendly debate, Lujan observed, "We still have a love affair going on."

Richardson's first legislative session was characterized by most as a honeymoon. Lawmakers approve sending constitutional amendments to voters calling for shifting control of education to the governor's office and designating more of the state's big permanent fund for schools.

During the campaign that secured passage of those two votes and a subsequent special session, Richardson used the remainder of his honeymoon good-will. The next three years were marked by what many lawmakers called bullying tactics.

Richardson showed a side of himself that few had seen while he was in Washington. The first signs came when Richardson strong-armed Democrat opponents out of his gubernatorial path. The second sign was when he required letters of resignation from all his political appointees.

It became apparent at that point that Richardson's management style was going to be similar to that of former President Lyndon Johnson, not the hail fellow he had been as a member of Congress or United Nations delegate.

That style also emerged in many ways in Richardson's dealings with the Legislature. Indications this year are that the governor's style may be returning to the sweet-talking ways of a master negotiator.

One evidence of a return to a balance of power is the Legislature's introduction of bills in each house restoring over \$50 million in cuts made by Richardson vetoes last year to hundreds of pork projects.

The governor said at the beginning of the session that he would approve those projects this year if lawmakers pass the cornerstones of his legislative agenda.

Those gubernatorial priorities include a raise in the minimum wage, tax cuts for low and middle incomes, an energy transmission authority and a five-year transportation program, all of which failed to make it through last year's session.

Those measures are still alive. Richardson asked that they all pass by mid-session but when they didn't, he said he was content with their progress.

Adding to hope the love affair will continue is good progress for Richardson-backed bills providing military tax breaks, a new Homeland Security Department, eminent domain reform and school computers.

But bumps in the road include gubernatorial desires for bigger teacher raises, more pre-kindergarten programs, renewable energy initiatives, stem cell research and approval of an Indian gaming compact extension.

None of these measures are hopelessly dead. Some will pass, but some are bound to fail to make it through the legislative process to the governor's desk.

Sufficient time becomes a problem at the end of every legislative session, but lawmakers have been working weekends recently to do what they can to get everything considered.

WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

Mostly sunny days, clear and cold nights, with occasional winds out of the west and southwest is what we can expect for the upcoming week.

Nothing out of the ordinary is expected for Lincoln County, temperatures will continue to get warmer during the daylight hours, but are staying in the cool to chilly range at night, at least for awhile longer.

Sunny clear days and nights ahead until the next pressure system approaches out of the west, but don't look for that until mid-week next week at the earliest.

As a courtesy the Lincoln County News is including ski conditions at Ski Apache; current snow conditions are a 68 to a 71 inch base at all elevations. Surface snow is packed powder, machine groomed.

There are 55 runs open, 9 of 10 lifts are operating, and there has been no fresh snow in the last several days. Currently 35 acres of skiing area is currently open for use, and approximately 100 percent of the prepared terrain is open for winter sports.

The projected closing date for the lifts at Ski Apache is March 19, but if favorable conditions continue to exist the resort will consider staying open until a later date.

Ski Apache Snow reports can be accessed at <http://www.onthesnow.com/NM/367/skiareport.html>

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

Today, Thursday, March 8
Partly cloudy, with a high near 71. West wind between 5 and 10 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, March 9
Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Saturday, March 10
Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

Sunday, March 11
Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

Monday, March 12
Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39.

Tuesday, March 13
Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona and most of the Hondo Valley:

Today, Thursday, March 8
Partly cloudy, with a high near 67. West wind between 10 and 15 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. West wind around 10 mph.

Friday, March 9
Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Saturday, March 10
Mostly sunny, with a high



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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.

February 26
 10:39 a.m. Medical call at Ski Apache. Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.
 1:37 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Deer Trail in Capitan, police dispatched.
 2:32 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Badger Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

3:11 p.m. Peacekeeping presence requested at mile marker 281 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 3:21 p.m. Peacekeeping presence requested at Barney Luck in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:10 p.m. Medical call at residence on Pine Knot Trail in Alto, Bonito emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 5:22 p.m. Animal/deer struck by vehicle on High Mesa reported by New Mexico Game and Fish, deputy dispatched.
 7:14 p.m. Medical call at

location on Hwy 48 in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 8:11 p.m. Warrant service requested at business location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

February 27
 7:48 a.m. Medical call at location on Lincoln in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 9:31 a.m. Fire reported at location in White Oaks Canyon Road in White Oaks, White Oaks emergency units and deputy dispatched.
 10:57 a.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 12:28 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Winter Park Drive in Sun Valley, deputy dispatched.
 2:33 p.m. Welfare check requested at mile marker 286 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 3:22 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Broken Arrow in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

5:13 p.m. Dog reported running loose in Philadelphia Canyon in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
 11:47 p.m. Domestic battery reported, resulting in agency assistance request by Capitan police, police and deputy dispatched.

February 28
 11:05 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Wolf Creek Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 12:47 p.m. Fire reported at residence on 11th Street in Carrizozo, emergency units dispatched.
 1:22 p.m. Accident reported on Angus hill north of Alto on Hwy 48, Bonito emergency units, Bonito fire and ambulance dispatched.
 2:17 p.m. Accident reported on Sun Valley Road in Sun Valley, deputy dispatched.
 2:23 p.m. Accident reported on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, emergency units and deputy dispatched.
 7:08 p.m. Fire reported on Ruth Road in Nogal, Nogal emergency units and deputy dispatched.
 8:12 p.m. Warrant service requested at location on Bonito Road in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
 8:20 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Bonito Lake Road in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
 10:08 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle

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DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

Monday, February 12
 Judge Wilson - Jury Trial
 1:00 p.m. Kim McCarty: CR-05-130
 Judge Parsons
 8:00 a.m. Meeting with Jurors
 8:30 a.m. Telephone Conference, Scarry v. Garland; CV-06-543 (Otero County Case) (Mot. Partial SJ) (Parnall/Stiff)
 9:00 a.m. Mansfield v. Lewicki; CV-2006-148 (Mot. Set Aside Def.) (C. Hawthorne/Cook)
 10:00 a.m. Romack v. Romack; DM-2005-192 (C. Hawthorne/Kraft) (Present Order & Motion to Hold Resp. in Contempt)
 11:00 a.m. Boss v. Travois; CV-06-16 (Rafkin) (OTSC)

Small Courtroom
 1:15 p.m. Martinez v. United Services; CV-2007-12 (Approve Settle) (Prelo/Denson/ProSe)
 1:30 p.m. McCoy v. McCoy; DM-03-83 (Denson/Beauvais (Merits) (1/2 day)

Tuesday, February 13
 Judge Wilson - Jury Trial - Kim McCarty; CR-05-130
 Judge Parsons - CYFD Cases will be held in Carrizozo, Magistrate Courtroom
 8:30 a.m.

JQ-2007-01 (10 Day)
 JQ-2005-03 (TPR)
 JQ-2006-08 (Adj)
 JQ-2004-01 (PJR)
 JQ-2006-07 (Adj)
 JQ-2005-11 (Subseq. Perm)
 JQ-2004-07 (Perm./Ext. of Custody)

Meetings:
 JQ-2006-03
 JQ-2006-04
 Small Courtroom
 11:00 a.m. Monet v. Monet; DM-05-155 (Pina C. Hawthorne) (TRO)
 1:30 p.m. Romero v. Hall; CV-06-79 (Denson/Bennett) (1/2 day - Merits)

Wednesday, February 14
 Judge Wilson - Jury Trial - Kim McCarty; CR-05-130
 Judge Parsons - In-Office Work Day

Thursday, February 15
 Judge Wilson - Jury Trial - Kim McCarty; CR-05-130
 Judge Parsons - Santa Fe - IFC Hearings

Friday, February 16
 Judge Wilson - Jury Trial - Kim McCarty; CR-05-130
 Judge Parsons - Santa Fe
 Chief Judges' Meeting (if needed)
 Darrell Brantley
 10:00 a.m.
 Courtney Hutton-Harris v. Jeremy Varner; DV-2007-05
 Wendy Brown v. Jacob Brown; DV-2006-04 (Mot. Modify)

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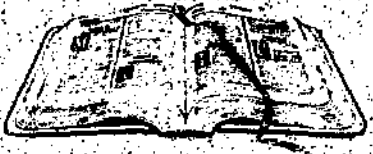
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 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
 TERRY AJELLO, Pastor / 849-0105

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
 848-2968 (Church) or 848-2107
 Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, Sept. - April
 AWANAS 6:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

Barbara Bradley, Pastor
 Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth
 Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. FRANKLIN, Pastor
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 848-2853
 DAILY MASS / Santa Rita 8:30 a.m.
 SATURDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 7:00 p.m.
 SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 8:30 a.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
 Corona St. Theresa 1:30 p.m.

Angus Church of the Nazarene

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 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 6:00 p.m.
 Adult classes, Youth games and study,
 Kids Klub 7:30 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.

White Oaks Community Church

Non-denominational
 Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. JOHN HUFFMAN, RECTOR
 Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 Ph. 505-257-2358
 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, 848-2893 / 848-2846
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women
 Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner on
 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

CAPITAN:

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

Christ Community Fellowship

ED 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 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 848-2530
 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 WES., Pastor / 849-7975
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

Sunday:

Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
 Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

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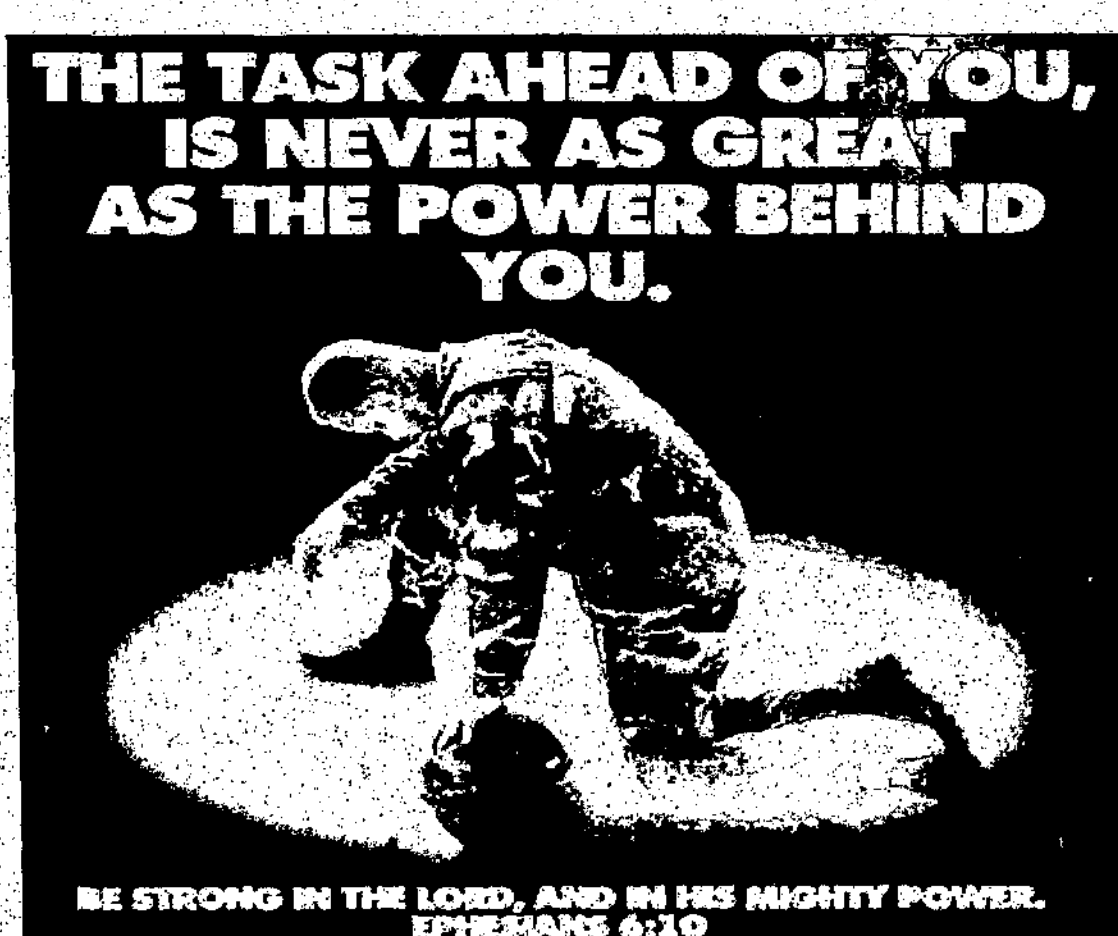
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Weather Report

(Con't. from P. 4)

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 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.

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.



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BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT CLASS '1A' PAIRINGS
Games to be played on Wednesday

Gateway Christian (20-6)
(Rio Rancho) vs. (Wed., 3:15 p.m.)
Carrizozo (20-7)

Cimarron (21-6)
(Rio Rancho) vs. (Wed., 5:00 p.m.)
Animas (13-14)

Dora (21-6)
(Rio Rancho) vs. (Wed., 6:45 p.m.)
Springer (18-6)

Cliff (23-3)
(Rio Rancho) vs. (Wed., 8:30 p.m.)
Elida (25-4)

Thursday Games

Winner of Gateway Christ. / Carrizozo

vs.
Winner of Cimarron / Animas
at Star Center 4:45 p.m.

Winner of Dora / Springer

vs.
Winner of Cliff / Elida
at Star Center 8:15 p.m.

Two winners of Thursday games
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GRIZZLY

WEEKLY

by Carrizozo High School
JOURNALISM CLASS

Sarah Ball, Instructor

Grizzly Boys Win Regional, Now Move on to 'State'

The Carrizozo Grizzlies have fought their way through their basketball season with great results. Both the Grizzlies and Lady Grizzlies beat the Hondo Eagles on Saturday, February 24 for the district championships.

At one time the girls were down by 17 points, but in the fourth quarter brought the score up and were trailing by very few in the last couple minutes of the game. Eventually the ladies pulled ahead and finished the game with a victory. The girls won 42-38 and moved on to regionals. Senior captain Kaitlyn Mary Vega stated, "We didn't show up to play. The score should have easily been a 20 or 30 point difference, and our defense was weak. We finally came together in the fourth quarter and played like the team I knew we could be."

The boys, on the other hand, ruled the court that Saturday night, staying ahead throughout the majority of the game. The Eagles rarely had any chances to pull ahead considering the 10 plus point lead the Grizzlies held on them. Towards the end of the fourth quarter the Grizzlies began to think that they had the game won. Little did they know the Eagles

were not going to give up that easily. The Eagles brought their score up and tied the game. The battle for the victory took place during the last three minutes of the game, but in the last seconds the Grizzlies took an eight point lead and won the game 64-56.

"I wouldn't say that this was our best game. We came out and played hard and took the victory," says senior captain Robert Dutchover. With this victory the Grizzlies moved on to regionals.

Both teams competed in regionals last week. The Lady Grizzlies played on Friday night, March 2, against the Hagerman Bobcats, and the Grizzlies played on Saturday night against the Tatum Coyotes.

At the end of the night the ladies were not satisfied. They lost 47-74. It wasn't their best game, but the Bobcats are a very good team. These two factors add up perfectly. The ladies had a bad game and the Bobcats had a very good game, which resulted in a loss for the Lady Grizzlies. "We played ok, but they were a good team. I was proud of everybody. We had a great season that ended very sadly. It was my last game, but everyone tried their hardest. We just didn't have luck on our side," said Kaitlyn Vega, senior captain of the Lady Grizzlies. The girls' season is now over, and they will soon start track. Maybe next year the girls will have a better chance of a victory.

The Grizzlies, on the other hand, went home Saturday night enjoying the anticipation of participating in the State Tournament. The boys went all out and put everything on the line, just to win the game. They played magnificently. The Grizzlies came out of the game with a victory of 54-44. They will now move on to state.

Senior captain Johnny Beltran said, "We could have won by more, if we had had more time because we started rollin' with three minutes in the game. There is no way they could have caught up to us if we had more time." Johnny continued, "I think our next game against Gateway will be good. They have beat Tatum and Tatum has beaten them. We have also beaten Tatum, so we have a chance to move to the next level when we play Gateway. We need to stick together and play our hearts out if we want to be victorious."

Jace LeBlanc



A FINE GIFT FOR SOME ONE

A SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS NEWSPAPER

"Letters to the Editor"
Carrizozo Students Speak Out

Editor:
I have a lot of respect for the student-athlete. Each of them has very excellent qualities in them, such as a work-ethic, dedication, perseverance, and sacrifice. These sacrifices can be enormous. It is not so critical where it's life and death, but to whether or not they are willing to change their whole schedule around to play the sport that they love. Almost every weekend these athletes have a game of some sort. So instead of just hanging out, they have to wake up early and go play, which is not a bad thing. Having little time to complete tasks is very usual for them. They practice from 2:00 pm to 5:30 or even 6:00 p.m. every day. These athletes also sacrifice many of their family trips. Their families either can't go out of town or go out of town without them. The school has skiing trips for the students on Wednesdays, but the athletes do not get to go because they have to stay here and practice. Despite being out of school so much most of them have very good grades. They don't ask for many favors either. Some are in other extra curricular activities such as NHS, Junior Rotary, Student Council, and FFA.
I am not saying that just the athlete should get respect; we should recognize the student who is juggling jobs and school also.

Ashley Ventura

Editor:
I feel that we need a grocery store. We did have a grocery store in this town, and it closed down. A lot of people used it, and having a store helped the immobile people buy their everyday needs. Often, we need last minute supplies for a recipe and the gas price is too high to drive so far to another town. Also, some people don't have a car to go shopping. A store will help people who cannot drive 20 miles to the nearest grocery store every time they need something. People will also enjoy having a store instead of taking time off work to go out of town to shop. Waiting until after work people are tired, and they would get back late at night from shopping. Maybe accidents could also be avoided.
Possibly a group of investors could start the grocery store. If someone does open a store, I think that the community should then support it.

Mariah

Editor:
I am concerned about the fact that we can't use the Recreation Center anymore. The town could have just remodeled it or cleaned the place up. They could fix it up, put a game room in, as well as pool tables and things like that, to make it kind of the way it used to be. The town should fix and reopen the center so we could go over there to play and just have fun.
I realize it doesn't make a lot of money for the town, but if they kept it open for at least four days out of the week, hopefully they would make a profit. People still liked it open because it was one of the places to go have fun with their friends. The bowling alley is a good way to keep people off the streets because they would be having fun instead of getting into trouble or doing nothing.
I think it would be a great move for this town to keep the recreation center open for the people.

Ryan Guevara

Editor:
I would like to see us get back our free Fridays. It used to be given to students who had a B in every class, no absences, and no tardies. This idea of getting free Friday back would be good for lots of different reasons. Students will be more stress free because students, that didn't get the free Friday, wouldn't have to worry if they don't have something done because they could do it on Friday. Free Fridays could let the other students get help and catch up on their school work if they are behind, check on their grades, and also get one-on-one help. The best reason is that it will make students work harder for their grades, at least I did. I asked some of my fellow classmates about the free Fridays and they all said it made them work harder too. They all said that it gave them something to look forward to at the end of the week.
I would also like to address the C student. If the student has straight C's at least, with all their work in they can get it. That will be good instead of having to be a B student.
Maybe I am wrong about the C's but just give us one free Friday every month if we have everything in, no absences, no tardies. Everybody knows that it provides an incentive. We can improve our academics by getting back our free Fridays and it will cut down on our tardies and absences.

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Editor:
I am addressing the issue about a new motocross track in Carrizozo. If we had a new track, it will bring newcomers and visitors to the area. Carrizozo is far from the nearest motocross in Tularosa, Albuquerque, and other towns. The racers would not have to travel so far, and we would get a lot of people and racers to come to Carrizozo.
It will be good for Carrizozo because stores will get more customers and so will the restaurants and motels. The economy here would benefit from this motocross track.
Adding a track in Carrizozo would help keep the youth busy and out of trouble. Young people would not have to ride or race in people's private property or on the roads, which would be safer for everyone.
There are people in the community who had volunteered to put in the motocross track and that would save money. Those who would use the track could contribute to buy the land for the track and that would also save money.
I am asking the community to consider having a motocross track in Carrizozo.

Kenneth Vega

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Deceased No. 2199

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, at the following address: Post Office Box 338, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301-0338.

DATED: February 22, 2007.

DOROTHY SINGLETON
Post Office Box 7065
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-7065
(505) 257-3062

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D1226CV200600343

**BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDER,
ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES,
SERIES 2006-7.**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**AARON R. LACOMBE, CITY BANK
NEW MEXICO; CHAMPIONS RUN
CONDOMINIUMS HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES
ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF AARON R. LACOMBE,
IF ANY,**

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 27, 2007, at 8:45 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:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION PLAIN-TIFF'S EXHIBIT A Unit No. 709 of CHAMPION'S RUN CONDO-MINIUMS, formerly known as Triple Crown Condominiums, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as the same is set forth and established by that certain Declaration recorded May 3, 1985 in Miscellaneous Book 99, pages 539 to 581, both inclusive; Amendment recorded Miscellaneous Book 100, pages 19 to 21, both inclusive; Articles of Amendment recorded in Book 1990-9, pages 809 and 810; Articles of Amendment recorded in Book 1990-9, pages 811 to 814, both inclusive; Articles of Amend-ment recorded in Book 1991-4, pages 799 and 800; and by that certain Amended and Restates Declaration recorded in Book 1991-15, pages 537 to 605, both inclusive, all in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico; and as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico on May 3, 1985 in Cabinet D, Slide No. 362; TOGETHER WITH said Unit's undivided interest in and to the common area and facilities of Champion's Run Condominiums, attributable thereto; The address of the real property is 709 Champions Run, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 2, 2007, 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 \$87,362.17, plus interest from January 11, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 10.9% 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 the sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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

Dated: February 14, 2007.

Peter Baca, Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawinski
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013 (719) 634-4868
06-3140/LaCombe, Aaron R.; P277286

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

No. D-1226-CV-200600275

**LASALLE BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE
FOR STRUCTURED ASSET
INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST
SERIES 2003-BC2.**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MANUEL R. FELIX A/K/A
RODOLFO FELIX AND
TRINIDAD M. DE FELIX
A/K/A TRINIDAD FELIX.**

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on March 27, 2007, at the hour of 9:15 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold at Tract M Eagle Creek, Alto, New Mexico 88312, (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

Tract M, EAGLE CREEK ACRES, 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, August 7, 1973, in tube no. 488,

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes. Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 26, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$508,790.55, and the same bears interest at the rate of 8.5000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$118.49 per diem, commencing on December 1, 2006, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant Manuel R. Felix a/k/a Rodolfo Felix for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed Peter Baca, as its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay

the above-described judgment, interest, and costs of sale and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$508,790.55, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$13,863.33 for a total judgment plus interest of \$522,653.88. Sale is subject to the entry of order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Telephone: (505) 833-3036
E-mail: sale@littledranted.com

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LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will open Sealed Bids at 10:00 a.m. on March 19, 2006 at the Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346; on the following:

**Chaparral Convenience Station
Construction**

Bid forms and Specifications may be obtained from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, or you may call Operational Consultants, (505) 437-8986. Mailed Bids should be addressed to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, P.O. Box 2405, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346; with the envelope clearly marked: Chaparral Convenience Station Construction on the lower left hand corner of the submitted envelope. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to see that their Bid is delivered to the Authority's office by the date and time set for opening. If the mailed or delivery of said Bid is delayed beyond the opening date and time, Bid thus delayed will not be considered. A public opening will be held on March 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., any bidder or their authorized representatives are invited to attend.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority reserves the right to reject any/or all Bids submitted.

**LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID
WASTE AUTHORITY**
Debra Ingle,
Operational Supervisor

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on February 28, 2007, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C., by MTD, Inc., licensee of Radio Station KNMB-FM at Cloudcroft, New Mexico, seeking consent to change the community of license of KNMB-FM to Capitan, New Mexico.

KNMB-FM currently operates on assigned frequency of 96.7 MHz. If the requested application is granted, KNMB-FM would continue to operate on 96.7 MHz but at a new transmitting site located on land within the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation, with geographical coordinates of North Latitude 33-23-23, West Longitude 105-48-41. A copy of the FCC Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the following location: 1086 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, NM.

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**Old
Lincoln
Town**

by Rosalie Dunlap

Vick and Cathy Garrison are the new owners of the Wortley Hotel. They are from Edgewood, FL. They were in the real estate business and have been in the restaurant business. They are former Ruidoso residents when they owned the Idle Hour cabins. They have lots of work to do before they open. The tentative date is the first part of May.

The Lincoln County Historical Society board met at the Dr. Woods Annex Saturday. They had a lot of business to take care of.

Lynda Sanchez gave an update on Fort Stanton, which has been designated a NM State Monument.

Susie and Dick Kuns, Scottsdale, AZ, spent the last week in Lincoln.

The elm trees and the cedars are starting to bloom much to the distress of those who are allergic to them. Also the cottonwoods will be blooming soon. It is great to see warmer weather and spring time around the corner but it sure is hard on those with allergies.

I haven't heard of any damage with the severe wind storms we had. It did some damages to our roof ridge.

There are some new additions to the San Juan Church. There is a new pellet stove to replace the big wood stove and a beautiful organ that was donated. I am sure that Cleis Jordan will enjoy playing the new one after playing the old pump organ.

The summer looks as if Lincoln will be a busy place. There are more businesses opening soon. I will keep you updated as they progress.

The Lincolnites of Lincoln attended the First Friday night program at the Capitan Library. Leif and Susan Ancker gave a very interesting history on Greece. They had taken a trip to Greece recently.

**Sheriff's
Report**

(Con't. from P. 5)

reported on West Third Street in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.

March 1
10:20 a.m. Medical call at residence on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

12:47 p.m. Fight reported at location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.

6:44 p.m. Accident reported on West Deer Trail in Capitan, police dispatched.

7:00 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at Carrizozo High School, police dispatched.

8:27 p.m. Threats reported at location on Main Road in Capitan, police dispatched.

10:11 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Carrizozo police at business location located on Hwy 380 and Hwy 54 intersection, police and deputy dispatched.

March 2

8:21 a.m. Suspicious activity reported by person(s) in vehicle on F Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

7:30 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Fourth Street in Capitan resulting in agency assistance request, police and deputy dispatched.

7:55 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Butch Cassidy in Ranch Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

Corona News

Volunteers spent Monday morning marking the spots for the broadleaf maple trees that will be planted at the Simpson/Sloan Park around the pond. They also marked out the path the walking trail will follow. Plans are under way for a special day of fishing on the "tree" fishing day in New Mexico, Sat. June 2.

Results of the Spelling Bee in Corona Elementary School are first and second: first grade, Tyler Bell and Jim Racher, second, Angelina Romero and Aubrey Brandenberg, third, Haileigh Erramoupe and Hannah Gage, fourth, Angel Whitlock and Cutler Cox, fifth, Christy Huey and Ly Brown, sixth, Allyson Huey and Ethan Johnson.

HA students from Corona

High School participated in the first judging contest of the year at Carrizozo last Saturday. Teams participated in entomology, livestock, wildlife, homescap, landscape design and wood judging. The wood team took first place with Randa Hutcheson 1st high individual and Dulcie Sultemeier, 2nd high place individual. The landscape design team placed 3rd overall with Markie Sherwood 3rd high individual and Jordan Huey 7th high individual. The teams will compete again in Monterey, March 10.

The Basic Xeriscape Design class enjoyed by 15 students and taught by tree specialist Jim Miller, Ruidoso, will be repeated March 16 and 17. The class will begin at 1:30 pm Fridays and 8:30

OBITUARY

MARTHA ARLIS YANCY
Martha Arlis Mogford Yancy, 78, of Mountain Home, Idaho, died Jan. 26.

A memorial service was held January 29, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Idaho Stake Center, Cremation was under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

Artilis was born December 17, 1928, in Kerrville, TX, to Levi and Lillian Mogford. She moved to Corona with her family in 1945, where she met and married her husband, Roy Yancy in 1946. She and her children moved to Albuquerque in 1955. The family moved to Alaska in 1979, and then to Idaho in 1997.

Artilis worked in the cafeteria at the University of New Mexico while living in Albuquerque. She loved to paint, do crossword puzzles and write poetry in her spare time.

Artilis is survived by her sons, Duane and wife, Susan, Helena, Montana, Bryce and wife, Milissa, Alamogordo and wife, Martin, CA; daughter, Janice and husband Charles Levensance, Mountain Home, ID; sisters, June Tyree, Corona, and Nona Fay Holt, La Grange, NC; brother, Dean Mogford, Las Vegas, NM, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Yancy, both of her parents, Levi and Lillian Mogford and her brothers, Viril and Nolan Mogford.

FAST ACTION

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CLASSIFIED ADS

CALL: **505-648-2333**

NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT

The Town of Carrizozo is seeking applications for a full-time Office Manager for the Police Department. Complete job description and applications are available at Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Street, PO Box 247, Carrizozo NM 88301. Applications will be accepted until March 9, 2007.

LEANNE WEIHBRECHT, CMC
Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Carrizozo

2tc/3/1-8

NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT

The Town of Carrizozo is seeking applications for a full-time New Mexico Police Officer or eligible to certify by Waiver. Must be able to pass an entry exam and be able to meet New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy minimum physical fitness standards. Starting salary is \$33,280.00 annually plus a benefit package. Complete job description and applications are available at the Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Street, PO Box 247, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Applications will be accepted until March 23, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

LEANNE WEIHBRECHT, CMC
Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Carrizozo

3tc/3/1-8-15

HELP WANTED -- Prep Cook, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Outpost. 648-9994 tfm/3/1

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FOR RENT -- Apartment in Carrizozo. Call between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. 648-2836 tfm/3/08

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First Book Published By Carrizozo Resident

Rita Mercer of Carrizozo has had her first book published. *Earl the Squatchman* is a book about friendship and explaining and how to deal with each other and each other's bad habits. The book is written for young adults in southern style with slang and was self-published.

Mercer said it took about a year from start to finish on the book. She is now writing her second book and has plans for other books.

Mercer and her husband, J.C., moved to Carrizozo about a year ago. They have two grown sons.

I had the Squatchman by Rita Mercer of Carrizozo
the book is on sale at 800-834-1803
or bookorders@rosedogbooks.com
or Yahoo! Store at
www.rosedogbookstore.com



Carrizozo Schools BRAVO! Recipients for Month of January 2007 3rd, 4th and 5th grade

Back Row: (l to r) Meon Huston, Sarah Ferguson, Josh Hernandez, Zachary Zamora, Devon Arteche, Jonathan Smith, Jeremiah Sedillo, Josh Ventura, Lisa Ventura.

Middle Row: Christian Najer, Caleb Ventura, Erica Vega, Jace Hill, Rylah Zamora, Jacylin Ortiz, Criston Barela, Levi Zamora, Tiffany Vega.

Front Row: Zhane Vega, Juanita Gallagos, Shayna Gallacher, Dalton Vega, Kadeo Sedillo.



Carrizozo Schools BRAVO! Recipients for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade

Back Row: (l to r) Lashae Luetas, Gracie Hooten, Deline Arteche, Mikhail Barela, Danny Roper, Garrison Ventura, Hannah Ventura, Taylor Thornton, Alex Randolph, Justice Kassel.

Middle Row: Kristie Gallacher, Dominic Garcia, Patrick Hooten, Cody Carter, Nikko Chavez, Victor Najera, Xavier Zamora, Daniel Zamora, Janae Willingham, Haley Autrey.

Front Row: Savannah Sanchez, John Wyatt Hemphill, Jayden Kassel, Dominic Barela, Isaiah Ysais, Jared Guevara, Julian Garcia, Aurora Vega, Tristen Barela, Kaycie Bishop, Orion Wyatt.

County Owned Equestrian Center Proposal

Lincoln County residents packed the chambers of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on Monday, March 12 to discuss a proposal that would create a county owned multimillion dollar equestrian facility just outside of Capitan. A special meeting of the board of county commissioners was called because, according to county manager Tom Stewart, state officials were hoping for a decision from the county on whether or not to go ahead with project planning by Monday afternoon.

Former county commissioner Rick Simpson opened the discussion by reporting that he was employed by Lionel Burns, of Alto, "Mr. Burns has been working on this project for about two years now," Simpson said, "and once he completed the purchase of portions of the G Bar F Ranch, then this dream of his grew a little bit closer to becoming a reality."

Burns, who said he plans to develop approximately 1,800 acres of the G Bar F Ranch near Capitan, has offered to donate to the county approximately 30 acres of land just east of Capitan for the equestrian center. Burns said that, once completed, he would like to lease the facility from the county and operate it himself, but his donation of the land would stand no matter who operated the facility.

Simpson said that Burns has met with Governor Bill Richardson several times to discuss the proposal. "Governor Richardson is very much in favor and wants to fund the project," Simpson said. "The question is, does Lincoln County want this project and, if so, can a plan

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J.R. Davis Is Appointed As New Capitan Trustee

The Capitan Trustee of former trustee Bill Martin at the regular Village Council meeting Tuesday, March 13, J.R. (James Roy) Davis was appointed and sworn in to fill the vacancy left by Martin.

Capitan resident Gary Cozzens reported on the progress of efforts to restore and preserve the old railroad depot located in Capitan. Cozzens said he has been in communication with representatives of the Main Street New Mexico Program, specifically Rich Williams of the state's economic development department and Main Street New Mexico.

"We were told to email this letter and one page scope of work to them for review, to see if it would fit into their guidelines," Cozzens said. "The very next day he said I have money now. I want to commit it," Cozzens reported.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Main Street New Mexico followed shortly thereafter, Cozzens said, which delineates the village's responsibilities and spells out some requirements like the submission of progress reports and the appointment of a project coordinator.

"Main Street New Mexico is going to provide an intern from the University of New Mexico School of Architecture as a project coordinator, stressing the need to review materials, adaptive reuse and any issues pertaining to historic renovation," Cozzens said. The intern will provide asset of conceptual drawings and plans, and an estimate of the cost of renovation.

"This MOU has been approved; the state has money right now for the architect, the plan development and the budget development," Cozzens said, "so we'll proceed."

Preston Stone, chair of the community advisory board for the Rose Clinic, Jim Mill-

DISINTERMENT was conducted at Evergreen Cemetery in Carrizozo on March 6, the first time for such an event in Carrizozo. The casket with remains of Willie Matthew Earp will be buried in Apple Valley, California. Earp's two sons watched as the casket was removed from the grave. Town employees were also on hand for the historic event.



Grave Moved From Evergreen Cemetery in Carrizozo Mar. 6

The first time a casket with body has been exhumed or disinterred from a grave in Carrizozo occurred March 6 at Evergreen Cemetery.

Willie Matthew Earp was born in 1914 and died after a sudden illness when he and his wife were in Truth or Consequences in 1993. He was buried in Carrizozo because his wife, Ruby, the older sister of Carrizozo resident Johnny Anderson, had bought plots in Evergreen Cemetery. She had bought the plots because she thought they might retire in Carrizozo.

Anderson said the family has been planning the disinterment for years. Burial will be in Apple Valley, California, near family.

Willie Matthew Earp was a cousin of noted lawman Wyatt Earp of Tombstone, Arizona fame.

County May Reconstruct Sonterra I Subdivision Rds.

County road superintendent Albert Hernandez suggested that the county commissioners consider reconstructing the roads in the Ranches of Sonterra I subdivision.

"Some of these roads, like in Sonterra I and II subdivisions were built very poorly," Hernandez reported to the county commissioners on February 20th. Hernandez said that those roads were constructed prior to the adoption of the county road code.

County Pursues Gavilan Transfer

On February 20th, during their regular county commission meeting the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution to negotiate the transfer of ownership of Gavilan Canyon Road to the New Mexico State Department of Transportation.

The move, spearheaded by county commission chair Tom Battin, stems from a desire to reduce traffic congestion in the Ruidoso business district on Highway 48 as it bisects that village as Sudderth Drive.

Battin has suggested that Gavilan Canyon Road might best serve commuters and travelers driving from New Mexico Highway 48 near Alto and the Capitan area to points south of Ruidoso along U.S. Highway 70 and vice versa, while alleviating high traffic flow in the Ruidoso midtown shopping area.

The first flowers of spring are often attached to weeds, but pretty to look at anyway. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

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