

County Approves New Subdivisions

by Patrice Brazie

The proposed Copper Mountain subdivision, which failed to receive approval of its preliminary plat from the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners in May, was found in June to have met all of the requirements for that approval.

Speaking to the county's board of commissioners during their regular meeting on June 19th, county planning director Curt Temple reported that all of the required

engineering reviews for the 85 lot subdivision have been completed. "All items have been taken care of for the Copper Mountain subdivision units one through eight," Temple said.

County commission chair Tom Battin questioned differing information found in the subdivision's disclosure statement and restrictive covenants. According to Battin, the disclosure statement limited the amount of irrigated land on each lot to one acre,

while the restrictive covenants set the limit at 800 square feet.

Attorney Mike Runnells, speaking on behalf of the subdivider, R.D. Hubbard, explained that the disclosure statement reflects the requirements laid down by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer. "When we first wrote the disclosure statement we were told that we could not play with the language of the statute," Runnells said. "We can re-

strict that by our covenants, but we have to disclose their legal rights as they are," he added.

Similar contradictions occurred in the disclosure statement's limit of water use to three acre feet annually per shared well. The subdivision's restrictive covenants limit water usage to one acre-foot per household on shared wells.

"We're not allowed to mess with that in disclosure, but we can, and do, limit wa-

ter use in the covenants," Runnells said. "It's confusing, and we tell people that the law will let you do this, but our covenants say you

can't do that much," he said. Runnells told the county commissioners that limiting irrigation in new subdivisions to an area of no more

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SMOKEY BEAR 4th OF JULY PARADE (in Capitan) -- The Ballut Abyad Shriners of New Mexico, Legion of Honor, brought a colorful float full of flags. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

Trash Pickup Rate Increases Approved

by Patrice Brazie

The board of directors of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) approved an increase in collection rates in May and the proposal was brought before the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners in June for approval. Speaking to the county commissioners on June 19th, LCSWA operational supervisor Debra Ingle briefed the county commission on the reasons behind the rate hike.

"Lincoln County Solid Waste is here to ask for an increase in residential, commercial, and also to let us take a look at the vacant lot situation with yard waste," Ingle said. "In making this request, the board and I have confronted with a number of emerging challenges in the solid waste disposal and recycling in Lincoln County," she said.

Ingle told the county commissioners that their approval of 22 new subdivisions in recent years has raised the need for the continued building of the solid waste authority's infrastructure.

Those subdivisions must be furnished with waste convenience sites and equipment and supported by expanding route schedules, additional trucks and drivers and site maintenance, Ingle reported. While some developers con-

tribute financially to the establishment of solid waste disposal services in new subdivisions, the majority of the costs will be assumed by the LCSWA, she said. There are also four non-subdivision sites that require immediate development in the county, according to Ingle, including the new Hondo Senior Citizens Center, at an estimated cost of \$30,000 per site. "Development and placement of more trash compactors at the Hondo Center site will make a significant step towards cleaning up the unsightly dumpster locations currently along Highway 380," Ingle said.

"My staff and I are making every effort to seek outside funding in the form of grants to underwrite some of these one-time infrastructure costs," Ingle told the county commissioners. She said that she had just received word that the LCSWA has been awarded a grant from the New Mexico Environment Department, and that other grant applications are pending.

"Also, with the aid of our Representatives and Senators for Lincoln County, and the governor, we have received the final notice that we need to complete our Greentree site," Ingle said. "We got one-point-two-million," she added.

Public Transportation Exploration Supported

by Patrice Brazie

Former county commissioner Maurice St. John addressed the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners during their regular meeting on June 19th, to ask for support in her efforts to explore the possibility of bringing public transportation to Lincoln County.

St. John reported that the New Mexico Department of Transportation's (NMDOT) Transit Rail Bureau is making available grant monies to support the development of public transportation within the state. "There are four different grants that we would like to at least have the opportunity to receive the application packet and be able to see how we fit in those categories," St. John said. Before St. John can access the grant applications from the Transit Rail Bureau, she said, the county is required to is-

sue a letter of intent to show interest in developing public transportation.

Once the county issues its letter of intent, St. John said, the NMDOT will send out a packet to assist in the development of a plan and an application for funding. "This is the first step," St. John told the county commissioners. "It's strictly a letter of intent that we want information on these four grants," St. John said that the letter from county officials implied no commitment on behalf of the county at this point, but simply constituted interest in the development of public transportation.

"We have to come up with a plan, and then come back to talk to about in-kind matching funds or administration or fiscal agent," St. John said. "Those kinds of

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SHOULDER GIRL -- Some bring lawn chairs, others like the tailgate of the family pick-up, but for some, like 2 1/2-year-old Emily Hill, the best view of a parade is seen from atop Dad's (C'zozo fire chief Walter Hill) shoulders. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

County Reviews Priorities for Legislative Funding

by Patrice Brazie

After not faring as well as hoped in last year's Legislative appropriations, county manager Tom Stewart has reprioritized Lincoln County's list of projects in its Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). Eight of the county's priority projects were under funded or received no funding at all last year from the New Mexico State Legislature. Of the \$4,397,000 requested for nine projects, Lincoln County received \$485,000. Of that funding, \$325,000 was awarded to the non profit organization H.E.A.L. to support the development and operation of a domestic violence shelter.

Three million dollars of the county's requested funding was to build a facility to house the District Court, a state administered entity.

Among the recommendations presented to the Lincoln County's Board of Commissioners on June 19th by the county manager was that funding for the judicial complex, top the county's priority list in the next funding round in Santa Fe. Stewart has recommended that the county ask for \$4,850,000 to fund the project, while promising a \$500,000 match from the county.

Three requests for fire department funding also made it to Stewart's priority list, with proposed requests for \$275,000 for an addition to the Lincoln Fire Station, \$250,000 for a tanker-pump-

er for the Hondo Fire Department, and \$120,000 for a new Glencoe Fire Station.

Stewart said that one of last year's priorities, the funding of a water study in the Upper Hondo river basin, could be moved down the list because the county has received ample funding to continue the project through the next state Legislative session.

"I'm worried about trying to get funding for what's immediately in front of us," Stewart told the county commissioners. "The reason I list fire departments is because there seems to be a tendency to get those funded by the Legislature," Stewart said. "I think we always ought to put in a couple of fire department requests, to take advantage of anything that we can get out of our Legislators," he added.

Stewart said he would address the county's G.R.I.P. II (Governor Richardson's Infrastructure Partnership) projects in his ICIP narrative to the state legislators. "They haven't funded G.R.I.P. I; they're 30 million dollars short," Stewart said, "so I don't know how they're going to get around to G.R.I.P. II."

The county manager said he wasn't sure how the state Legislators would view the county's request for almost five million dollars to fund a new judicial complex. "I think we need to go for it," Stewart said.

County commission chair Tom Battin told Stewart that

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THE CAPITAN HIGH SCHOOL marching band layed down some tunes along the 4th of July parade route in Capitan Wednesday last. (Photo by Patrice Brazier)

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than 800 square feet per lot has become the standard, but county commissioner Jackie Powell said that many subdivisions do not allow any outside watering.

The county board of commissioners approved the preliminary plat for the Copper Mountain subdivision, units one through eight, in a four to one vote. County commissioner vice-chair Eileen Lovelace cast the dissenting vote.

The county commissioners also considered requests for summary review plat approvals for two lots in the Vera Cruz Mountain Ranch subdivision. The subdivision is approximately eight miles east of Carrizozo and north of Highway 380, and was exempted from compliance with state and county subdivision regulations approximately one year ago due to each parcel being of 140 acres or more.

One request was for the division of a 141 acre tract into three tracts of more than 40 acres each.

"Basically what you're looking at here is a summary subdivision of that subdivision that was broken up before as a claim of exemption," Temple said.

Powell suggested that the large parcels in subdivisions like Vera Cruz Mountain Ranches will continue to be divided into smaller and smaller parcels, and Battin asked if the restrictive covenants might restrict further division of the three new tracts.

"That would be restrictive covenants set on their own, and they'd have to enforce those themselves," Temple said. He added that the county could not enforce any covenants applied to the new tracts. "When this subdivision was put in, they didn't have any type of review or water study because this was a subdivision that was done as a claim of exemption," Temple said. He added that decisions regarding the type of waste water treatment systems appropriate for the subdivision, which is on rocky soil with extreme slopes will be up to the New Mexico Environment Department. That department will base its recommendations on information generally provided by the septic tank installer, Temple said.

The county commissioners approved the summary review for Lot 2 of the Vera Cruz Mountain Ranch subdivision, as well as the review for Lot 6 in the same subdivision, which is being similarly divided into three parcels.

County commissioners also approved a summary review plat for the division of 394 acres along Salazar Canyon Road into six tracts ranging from about 43 acres to 152 acres.

The division of a 91 acre tract near the Eagle Crest subdivision just off of Highway 37 was approved for the creation of five new parcels ranging from about eight acres to about 54 acres in size. That subdivision is being called the Naron Tract subdivision.

All of the mentioned subdivision summary plat reviews were approved by the county commissioners on a vote of one to four with Lovelace voting against each approval.

New Horizons Offers \$500 Scholarship to County Graduates

The board of directors of New Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo has announced that a \$500 scholarship is available for graduates of high schools in Lincoln County. Lincoln County residents who have completed GED certificates are also eligible.

Applicants must be enrolled in a college or university and have completed the equivalent of two years of college courses with an identified major in health or human services.

Deadline to apply is August 10. For applications call 505-648-2379 or at New Horizons, 810 E. Avenue in Carrizozo.



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 and Carrizozo Outlook".

Friday, July 7, 1950

Too Late

"The tombstones marking the tragedies of statesmanship should almost all bear the same inscription: "TOO LATE." The reason for this is that more than 990 of every 1,000 people in the nation have as their first and constant interest their next meal, their clothing, their mate, their home and children, and only a few give thought to the structure of the society in which they live.

The American Republic was created by a handful of leaders. When the crowd goes wrong, it is difficult for the few with insight to set it right. But when the crowd is astray and the front rank suddenly sees it has one foot over the precipice, its realization of the imminent danger may cause a wave of fear to spread back through the crowd.

Then leadership has its last minute opportunity to turn the crowd around and set it on the right course.

Too often leadership fails to arise, or to act soon enough, and then another tragedy of statesmanship must bear the tombstone inscription "Too Late." That is what the prophet Isaiah meant when he said, "When there is no vision the people perish." -- Theodore Roosevelt

GOOD CITIZEN

Democratic Government Based on Individual Freedom, Dignity

This is an article from the booklet "Good Citizen" published by The American Heritage Foundation concerning the rights and duties of an American.

Composed of leaders in the fields of religion, education, industry, labor and commerce, the foundation was organized early in 1947 to fight the rising tide of indifference and cynicism toward the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship.

It is strictly a nonpolitical, educational organization. It is not antagonistic to any group or principles unless those groups or principles are hostile to the dignity and freedom of men.

Whether you call it democracy or a Republic, whether you judge its benefits by the car in your garage or by freedom to worship at the church of your choice, by the food on your table or by your freedom to speak out in public without fear, you are living under a system of government based on the dignity and freedom of the individual, that derives its powers from the bottom up rather than from the top down.

Clearly we must work at democracy to make democracy work -- we must work for the freedom that works for us.

What are your rights as an American citizen?

- 1.) FREEDOM of worship according to your conscience.
- 2.) FREEDOM of speech and freedom of the press, including right to criticize the government and public officials.
- 3.) RIGHT of the people to assemble peaceably and to petition the government for a redress of grievances -- fancied or real.
- 4.) THE RIGHT to keep and bear arms. (This means that the people as a whole shall have the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of their country. Their right to carry certain types of weapons for personal use, or to have them in their homes, is frequently limited by various federal, state, and local regulation, such as the Sullivan act in New York state.)
- 5.) PROTECTION of the people against unreasonable search and seizure of person and property by the government without proper authority and good cause.
- 6.) NO PERSON shall be held to answer for any major crime without review and indictment by a grand jury.

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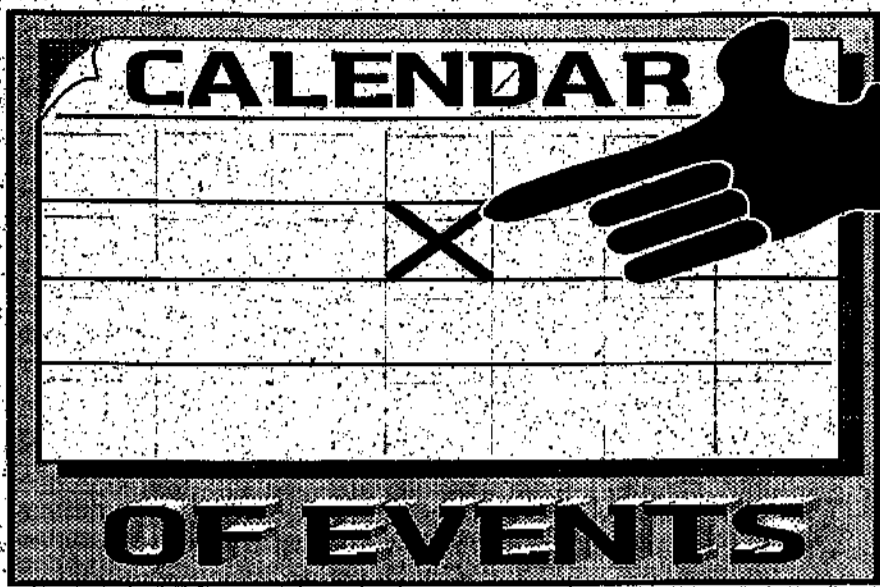
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Trash Pickup Rate Increases

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Ingle said the LCSWA board decided, after a public hearing on May 24th that was attended by three people not serving on the board, that the proposed rate increases were needed. The proposal calls for an increase of 60 cents per month for residential service for county residents, as well as those living in the municipalities of Carrizozo, Capitan and Ruidoso Downs. The increase is the same for those whose trash is collected at home as it is for those who must haul their trash to a dumpsite.

Lincoln County residents who have the home polycart service will continue to pay one dollar more per month than those who haul their trash to a dumpsite. Those with polycarts will be asked to pay \$16.45 per month; those without will pay \$15.45.

Capitan and Carrizozo residents will see rates go from \$15.50 to \$16.10; and Ruidoso Downs residents will pay \$15.70 instead of \$15.10.

Ingle reported that the LCSWA's rates for commercial customers have not seen an increase in seven years. She proposed a \$6.75 hike in the rates for commercial dumpster accounts, bringing the fee to \$55.00 per dumpster. Commercial polycart customers will be asked to pay \$20.00 per cart, up from \$16.75. The proposed rates for vacant lot grapple service in areas that have regular green waste collection will be \$10.00 per yard.

Subdivisions, sanitation districts and some others, Ingle said, will now have the

option to pay a quarterly rate of \$35.00 or an annual rate of \$120.00 instead of the \$10.00 per yard rate for green waste.

The LCSWA collection rates do not reflect the additional one dollar surcharge for fuel or the applicable sales taxes.

County commissioner Dave Parks, who is the county commission's representative on the LCSWA board, said that a committee of members of the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club and the Alto Homeowners Association were very much in favor of the implementation of a quarterly and annual fee schedule for vacant lot services, suggesting that the service will greatly aid in the efforts to reduce the area's potential wildfire fuel load.

According to Ingle, illegal dumping has increased, and areas along Highway 380 are among the county's worst for illegal dumping. "Highway

380 is a serious problem," she said. "If we can get one of those compactors at the senior center, maybe we can head off illegal dumping on 380," she said. Since new compactors were installed in Glencoe and San Patricio, Ingle said, illegal dumping in those areas has ceased.

County commissioner Jackie Powell said that she gets a lot of phone calls from senior citizens who are already struggling to pay solid waste disposal fees. She suggested that it might be appropriate to offer reduced fees to senior citizens.

Ingle said that the LCSWA could begin to look at a possible senior citizens rate within the next year.

County commissioner vice-chair Eileen Lovelace questioned the rates paid by county residents who must haul their garbage to a dumpster, which can be miles from their homes. "Do you think it's fair that they have to pay the same amount as the people that get door service?" Lovelace asked.

Ingle pointed out that the residents with the polycart service pay one dollar more per month than those who haul their own trash. "If you want me to take more of a look at (the difference in rates), I'll be happy to do it," Ingle said.

Lovelace suggested that the residents who have to haul trash to a dumpsite might be exempt from the proposed rate increase, but Ingle said she would have to go back and review the entire rate structure before changing the proposed increases.

Attorney for the county, Alan Morel, questioned Ingle regarding a planned rate study. "The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority had promised a rate study over a year ago," Morel said. "It goes into trying to define how much each person should be charged and why you're charging different rates, or the same rates for different services," he said. "I was just wondering what happened."

Ingle said that the study was started, but due to circumstances that she did not elaborate on, the LCSWA

changed its priorities. "I'll try to get that completed as soon as possible," Ingle said of the rate study.

County commissioner Don Williams made a motion to approve the proposed rate increases, but Lovelace suggested an amended motion that would postpone approval

until the rates for customers without home collection services could be re-examined.

Williams's motion died for lack of a second, and a motion to approve the increases with a possible amendment to those fees after the rate study is finished passed four to one. Lovelace cast the single vote in opposition.

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.

THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
 --American Legion Post 11, serving the Carrizozo area, meets at 9:00 a.m. at Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo.

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

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, JULY 12
 --Carrizozo Street Fair committee 6:00 p.m. at Otero County Electric Bldg. on 12th Street in Carrizozo.
 --Capitan School Board 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 13
 --Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) board of directors quarterly meeting, 10 a.m. at ENMU-Roswell.

TUESDAY, JULY 17
 --Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
 --Carrizozo School Board 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 19
 --Lincoln Historic Preservation Board meets at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Church in Lincoln.



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Lincoln Post Office	3:30 - 4:00
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OBITUARIES

ROY C. CRUMLEY

Graveside services for Roy C. Crumley, 71, of Ruidoso were July 9 in the Ruidoso Hondo Valley Cemetery near Ruidoso. Downs with the Rev. Al Lane officiating.

Mr. Crumley died July 4 in Ruidoso. He was born December 9, 1935 in Carrizozo to Bessie and Earl Crumley who both preceded him in death. Mr. Crumley retired from GTE in 1998 after 29 years of service as an outside plant engineer. Roy was a lifetime member of the Truth or Consequences Fire Department. He moved to Ruidoso in 1980 from Fruth or Consequences. He married Pat Helfrich on December 9, 1969 in Mexico.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Pat; daughters, Joyce Smith and her husband Kenneth of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Susan Males and her husband David of Roswell; sisters, Lillian Swift of Carrizozo, Atla Smith and her husband Jerry of El Paso and Billie Blackwell and her husband Jim of Aztec; seven grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Betty Clark and a brother, Clayton Crumley.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

There has to be a better way!

By Ruth Hammond

Trash pickup costs are increasing. There is more trash and it is only normal for the rates to increase, but there is a catch. The increase is not basically because people have more trash, it is mostly because the new subdivisions are causing a need for additional routes for the trash trucks. Yes, the new subdivisions deserve good trash service and we certainly don't begrudge them for that, but the way it was presented, the remainder of the county is going to be paying for those additional routes and equipment that is needed to provide service to those new subdivisions.

Rather than complain about a done deal, such as the increase that will soon be imposed on trash service, the best thing to do would be for the county to consider this situation and incorporate some facts in the ordinance that governs subdivisions. Maybe the county could include a charge for the additional trash service that will be needed, and pass that money along where it should go to the trash people instead of putting it in the county general fund.

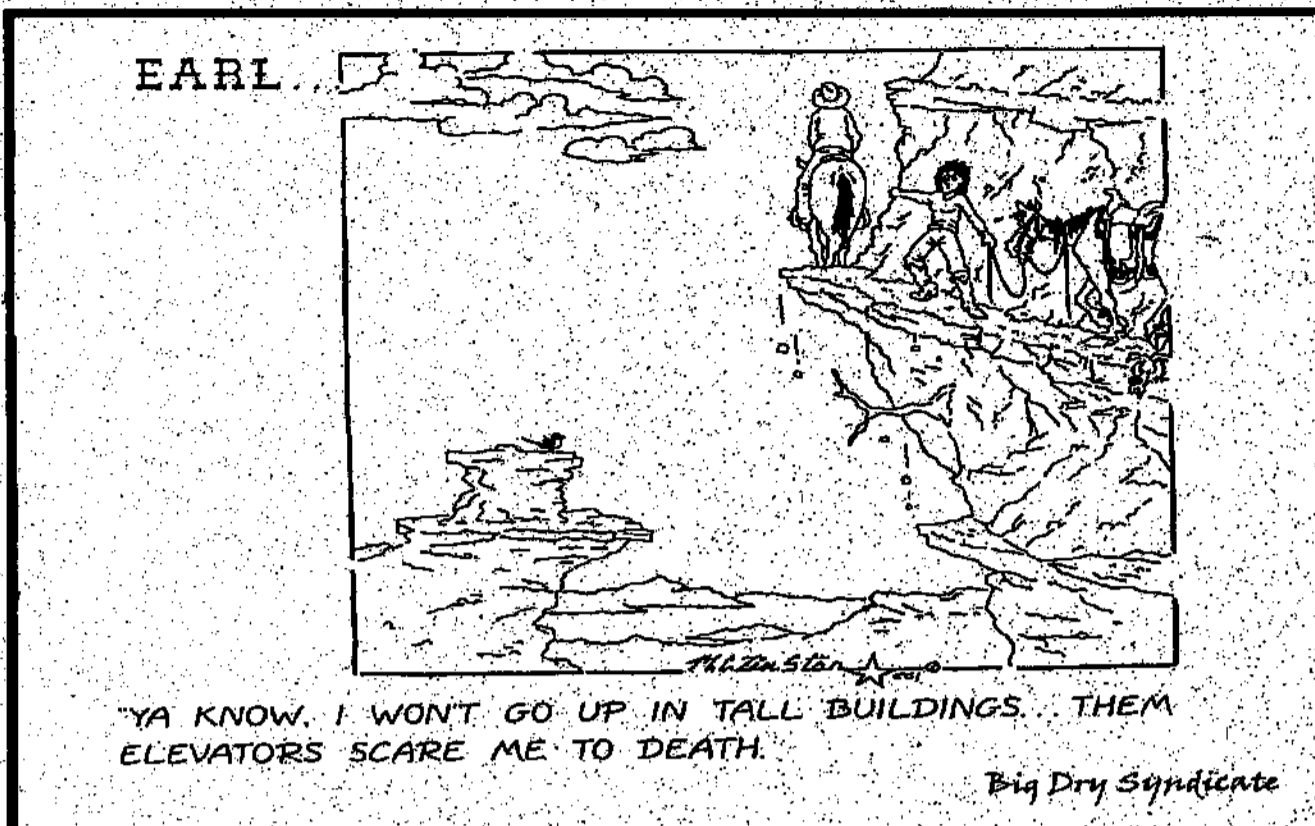
Although this suggestion will probably not be in any of the proposed amendments for the new version of the ordinance that is now in progress, it should be considered. Yes, water is a priority but there are other necessary items that need to be on that priority list. Buyers in these new subdivisions are informed about the water situation and know they will have to pay for electrical connections and provide their fuel, whether propane or natural gas, but how often do they think about the trash service? Sewer or septic systems, depending on the location, is also defined, but not trash service. Is this an overlooked discrepancy?

Sometimes people omit the most obvious things. They don't realize the costs involved with moving, whether it is across the street, across the county or across the nation. Trash pick up is one of those services many people take for granted, assuming it is provided while giving little thought about the costs involved. They complain about the illegal dumping and some of the messes around the dumpsters, apparently unaware these messes are caused by their neighbors and probably acquaintances. And they may also be guilty of disposing of some items improperly.

Having convenient trash service helps keep areas clean and we appreciate the efficiency of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority. People in municipalities no longer have to hear the rattle of metal trash cans being emptied nor do they people have to look for the lids of those cans. It is less convenient for people outside municipalities and possibly the new residents of some of those subdivisions will complain because they aren't getting door to door trash pick up service. Hopefully someone will explain to them that everyone in the county is paying extra for them to have the trash service at all. Even though there has to be a better way, this is the solution in effect at this time.



UNCLE SAM -- A creatively designed Uncle Sam looked out over the 4th of July parade in Capitan, from a vantage point along Smokey Bear Boulevard. (Photo by Patrice Brazier)



Inside the Capitol

SANTA FE -- Should state employees be allowed to telecommute? Normally, telecommuting is reserved for special cases of valuable workers who need to be at home.

Businesses use telecommuting more often than government does. There is a worry that taxpayers will figure they aren't getting a full day's work for a day's pay.

But telecommuting can save money too. Much is spent on transporting employees around for meetings, consultations, and other purposes. The streets of Santa Fe are full of state cars going to and fro among state office buildings about town.

Many of these state employees sit in front of a computer most of the day. All of our new telecommunications technology could keep these employees where they are instead of running around.

Not only can the state save money, it can reduce traffic and pollution. The state has instituted a Park & Ride system to encourage employees to leave their cars at home.

And now there's the RailRunner, on which we've spent \$393 million hoping to encourage state employees to take it to work. Letting them stay at home in front of a computer would be a lot cheaper.

Telecommuting would be a benefit for state employees. And considering the benefit it would be to the state, maybe it should be considered.

Speaking of reducing costs, the Legislative Finance Committee has released a report revealing that New Mexico pays twice as much per inmate to operate its private prisons as Texas does.

The LFC says the cost to operate private prisons in Hobbs and Santa Rosa is around \$70 a day per inmate. In Texas, it is \$35 a day per inmate. Other states in the area are Colorado at \$50, Oklahoma at \$41, Idaho at \$42 and Montana at \$55.

It appears that our chief negotiator, Gov. Bill Richardson, should turn his attention from North Korea, Darfur and the Middle East and start doing some tough bargaining with New Mexico's private prison operators.

Another gambling request is on the way. The Tigua Tribe, from the El Paso area, is trying to replace its shuttered casino with one on 10 acres in southern New Mexico.

The Tiguas aren't the first out-of-state tribe to try to get into New Mexico. An Apache tribe in Oklahoma is trying to put a casino in the

Deming area where they once roamed.

The Tiguas made national news last year when it was revealed that convicted con man Jack Abramoff was taking money from interests trying to close the Tigua casino, in Ysleta, Texas, east of El Paso, while also taking money from the Tiguas to keep it open. The casino was closed so the Tiguas are seeing if they might stand a better chance in New Mexico.

The Tiguas really aren't foreign to New Mexico. They are a Pueblo tribe, originally from Isleta, south of Albuquerque. They accompanied the Spanish out of the state during the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 and reestablished at Ysleta del Sur, near the present El Paso. They speak Tiwa, the language of Isleta, Sandia, Picuris and Taos pueblos.

Abramoff also took a re-

ported \$2 million from Sandia Pueblo to help it gain title to some disputed land. Sandia won, but it was revealed that Abramoff had nothing to do with the victory.

I'll miss the two huge smokestacks at Hurley. Yes, they were eyesores and polluted the skies terribly. But they were a landmark during the time I grew up in Deming and Silver City. We drove by them often. Silver City had the closest mountains to Deming so we'd go there often to escape the summer heat. The smokestacks were a sign that we were about to reach the foothills.

El Paso was the shopping center and medical center for much of southwestern New Mexico so we'd pass by those smokestacks on our way to the big city.

We're better without the stacks. But a fond good bye.

County Reviews Priorities

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things have to be worked out in a plan, but at this point there is no obligation that goes along with it."

St. John said that public transportation in Lincoln County could entail fixed route transportation systems in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. "It could involve a door to door type thing, where you'd call and ask for a ride. It could include a park and ride type of thing in Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona," she said. "At this point

there's nothing in concrete."

County commission chair Tom Battin suggested that St. John's efforts and interest in the development of public transportation could coincide with the county's development of a comprehensive plan.

The county commissioners voted unanimously to issue the letter of intent to the NMDOT in support of St. John's proposal to investigate public transportation possibilities.

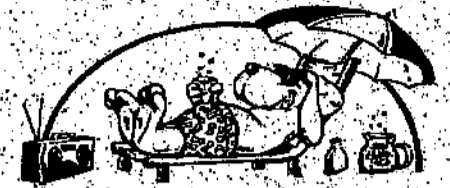
Public Transportation Exploration

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there had been discussion among the New Mexico Association of Counties representatives regarding a lobbying effort to get more state funding for state facilities. "A number of counties have expressed the same frustration about the counties having to fund state facilities,"

Battin said.

Stewart said he would continue to fine tune the ICIP and bring it back to the county commissioners for review during their meeting of July 17th. The plan would then be discussed during a public hearing, likely in August, Stewart said.



WEATHER REPORT

by JEFF HAMMOND

The forecast for the upcoming week looks like the same as the last couple of weeks has been, continued partly cloudy skies, scattered thunderstorms and showers at all elevations.

The monsoon season is supposedly finally here, so look for wet conditions ANYTIME.

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

Today, Thursday, July 12: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. West wind around 5 mph becoming south. Fair chance of precipitation, night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east. Fair chance of precipitation.

Friday, July 13: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Saturday, July 14: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Sunday, July 15: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with low around 61.

Monday, July 16: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 93, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with low around 60.

Tuesday, July 17: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 89, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with low around 60.

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

Today, Thursday, July 12: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph. Fair chance of precipitation, night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Fair chance of precipitation.

Friday, July 13: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Saturday, July 14: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Sunday, July 15: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with low around 56.

Monday, July 16: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with low around 55.

Tuesday, July 17: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms.

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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.

June 23
 6:06 p.m. Welfare check requested at business location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.
 7:21 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on Screaming Eagle Road in Enchanted Forest, deputy dispatched.
 8:07 p.m. Medical call at residence on Enchanted Forest in Enchanted Forest, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 8:36 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 9:20 p.m. Welfare check requested for person sitting in vehicle on Bonito Road, deputy dispatched.
 10:07 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 303 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, Hondo

emergency units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

June 24
 11:11 p.m. Information report at Osó Loop in Alto, deputy dispatched.

12:01 a.m. Welfare check requested via Medic Alert/Onstar for vehicle at mile marker 67 on Hwy 380, deputy dispatched.

12:43 a.m. Disturbance/loud party reported at location on Tanglewood in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:32 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Third Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

11:06 a.m. Agency assistance requested at location near Hwy 54 and Ancho turnoff, Carrizozo ambulance and emergency units and deputy dispatched.

12:22 p.m. Welfare check requested for person(s) sitting in car at mile marker 18 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

12:41 p.m. Accident re-

ported on Alpine Village Road in Alpine Village, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

1:54 p.m. Medical call at residence on Las Golondrinas in Hondo, ambulance dispatched.

4:43 p.m. Medical call at Bonito Lake campground, Bonito emergency unit and ALS ambulance dispatched.

5:35 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Pine Knot Hill Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

7:40 p.m. Disturbance reported at Angus Bramble in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:21 p.m. Disturbance/loud party reported at residence on Franklin Street in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:51 p.m. Dog reported running loose Near Old Glencoe Feed Store on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

June 25
 8:43 a.m. Medical call at location on Lavender Court in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.

9:09 a.m. Welfare check requested for person sitting in car in the Lincoln County Courthouse complex parking lot on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

11:04 a.m. Suspicious activity by person reported on Alto Vista in Alto, deputy

dispatched.

11:18 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Enchanted Forest Loop in Enchanted Forest, deputy dispatched.

11:31 a.m. Fire reported at mile marker 108 on Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo, Carrizozo fire units dispatched.

12:34 p.m. Fire/burning without permit reported on Country Lane in Alto, Bonito fire units dispatched.

1:27 p.m. 911 Hang-up from location on Coggins in Alto, deputy dispatched.

1:59 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on 12th Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

3:16 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported in Ancho, deputy dispatched.

4:15 p.m. Abandoned vehicle reported on Hwy 70 in Riverside, deputy dispatched.

4:38 p.m. Accident reported on Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

7:42 p.m. Agency assistance requested at mile marker 267 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

7:55 p.m. Accident reported on Hwy 48 on Angus Hill in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:55 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.

June 26
 12:34 a.m. Information report at location in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

10:36 a.m. Information report at location in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

1:03 p.m. Medical call at residence on More Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

1:12 p.m. Fire reported at location on Deer Park Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:42 p.m. Abandoned vehicle reported on Santiago Estrella Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

2:53 p.m. Afarm reported at location on Deer Park Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:56 p.m. Littering or illegal dumping reported at mile marker 105 on Hwy 380 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

4:05 p.m. Warrant service requested at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

4:47 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at mile marker 112 on Hwy 54 near Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:41 p.m. Fire reported on Ancho Road in Ancho, Carrizozo fire units dispatched.

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LINCOLN COUNTY

Manager's Report

by Patrice Brazie

County manager Tom Stewart briefed the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on several items during their regular meeting of June 19th.

He reported that Lincoln County has applied to be the recipient of three new mobile repeaters for use during emergency incidents. If the application is approved, the repeaters will be purchased for the county by the New Mexico Office of Emergency Management, at a total cost of \$15,573.84. The mobile repeaters will be stored in the county's mobile command unit, Stewart said.

Capitan District State Forester Barbara Luna has retired from the New Mexico State Forestry Division after 25 years of service, Stewart reported. Luna's last day on the job was May 31st. "She will be missed," Stewart told the county commissioners.

Stewart said that he anticipated that the county's Congressional appropriation of \$1,070,567 from the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program would arrive within a week. "This is down from last year's but based upon all the discussion on cuts we heard from the president, we were conservative on the revenue and had only counted on receiving \$861,632. This is good news for our current budget," Stewart said.

The PILT program was designed to compensate counties that include large areas of public lands for taxes that might otherwise be collected by the county if the lands were in private hands. According to a letter to Stewart from Congresswoman Heather Wilson, New Mexico is 35 percent federally owned and receives more PILT funding than any other state. The county manager expressed concerns over the possibilities of the program being underfunded or discontinued in the future, but a report issued by U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman on June 19th may have alleviated some concerns.

According to the Bingaman report, the Senate Finance Committee has approved an amendment that will increase payments to New Mexico counties by tens of millions of dollars over the next five years. A press release issued by Bingaman's office reads, "The amendment takes two steps for New Mexico: it expands and extends the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, increasing payments to

New Mexico counties under the program next year from about \$2.3 million to about \$22 million. That program supports counties that rely economically on national forest lands. The bill also fully funds the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, which compensates counties that have extensive federal land that cannot be a source of property taxes."

If approved by Congress, the amendment would ensure that the PILT program would remain fully funded through 2012.

A new \$457,800 dispatch center has been installed in the old jail portion of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Stewart said the new dispatch system will be the first in the state to employ Voice Over Internet Protocol, and will be able to pinpoint the location of incoming 911 calls from both landline telephones and cell phones.

Stewart said that he had met with Cabinet Secretary Katherine Miller of the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) on June 5th. He said that the meeting was arranged for the discussion of an emergency loan of \$175,000 for the Hondo Senior Citizens Center, but that the hour long meeting also included the discussion of several of Lincoln County's other concerns including capital outlay appropriations and the lack of funding for the proposed new judicial complex and GRIP II. The county did receive DFA approval of the \$175,000 loan and will go ahead with the purchase of the Hondo senior center.

The Nogal volunteer fire department's new water tender was delivered on June 16th. Stewart reported that the \$185,698 tanker was funded with \$110,000 from a legislative appropriation and the remainder from the department's fire funds.


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St. Matthias Episcopal Church
 REV. JOHN HUFFMAN, RECTOR
 Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 Ph. 505-297-2958
 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
 Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
 1st and 3rd Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
 ED VINSO, 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 / 338-4627
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Church of Christ
 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.

White Oaks Community Church
 Non-denominational
 Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.


Anges Church of the Nazarene
 'Serving All of Lincoln County'
 RICK HUTCHINSON, Pastor / 338-8032
 Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction
 Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM
 Sunday:
 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 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. Cat. 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.

Lincoln County News
In Memory of
BILL WINKLER
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Jerry & Lanita Rasak
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THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU, IS NEVER AS GREAT AS THE POWER BEHIND YOU.



BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. EPHESIANS 6:10

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen"

"Looking Back" THROUGH OLD NEWS' FILES

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7.) **NO PERSON** shall be placed in jeopardy (indicted, prosecuted or imprisoned) twice for the same crime.

8.) **NO PERSON** shall be compelled to act as a witness against himself in any criminal case.

9.) **IF A PERSON** is accused of a crime, he has: the right to a speedy trial; the right to the help of a lawyer; the right to trial by a jury, impartially selected; the right to call witnesses in his favor.

10.) **NO WIFE** may be required to testify against her husband (or vice versa) in any criminal proceeding.

11.) **NO PRIVATE** property may be taken for public use without just compensation and the process of law.

12.) **EXCESSIVE** bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

13.) **A PERSON** is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty.

14.) **THE RIGHT** to vote, secretly, for anyone you want. (The constitution protects you against abridgement of this right. The specific right, however, is granted by the various states.)

15.) **FREEDOM** of person, under the protection of habeas corpus, which given any person who claims to be unlawfully held by an officer or private person the right to have a hearing at once so that he may know the reason why he is being held. (This means that the government of the United States cannot secretly, or openly for that matter, arrest persons as individuals or groups, throw them into prison or concentration camps, hold them there indefinitely and do what it pleases to them.)

16.) **NO "EX POST FACTO"** law can be passed. (This means that in our daily living and thinking we can enjoy the liberty and doing and saying all that the existing law permits. Even if, at a later date, our government makes these things illegal, it cannot "date back" the law to make illegal anything that was done before the law was passed.)

Not Superstitious

The smiling confident young man entered a New York bank. He stepped up to the manager's desk and began, "Good day, sir. Has your bank any need for a highly intelligent, college-trained man?"

The manager poised over a form, "Your name?"

"Gradwell Lesserman."

"Experience?"

"Just out of college."

"I see," said the manager. "And what kind of a position are you seeking?"

"Well, mused the young man, "I want something in the executive line, such as a vice-presidency, for example."

The manager put down his pencil. "I'm really very sorry," he said sarcastically, "but we already have 12 vice-presidents."

The young man waved a hand, then stated happily, "Oh, that's all right; I'm not superstitious!"

Kindness Rewarded

A poorly dressed man was standing in front of a vacant store building, and from her window above the store a woman noticed that several people stopped, in passing and gave him some money. It was a scene that touched her deeply. She wrote on a piece of paper, "Take Courage," placed the paper in an envelope with a two-dollar bill and tossed it to the man.

Several days later, when she was returning from an out of town visit, she was accosted by the man, who said:

"Here's your \$52.00, lady. "Take Courage" won at 26 to 1."

Pardon Us!

"Your have told me about some of your worst prisoners," said the reporter interviewing the veteran prison warden. "Now tell me about some of the more genteel fellows. Who, for instance, was the most polite criminal you ever had here?"

"I think," replied the warden, "that it was Genteel Joe."

"He was really polite, eh?"

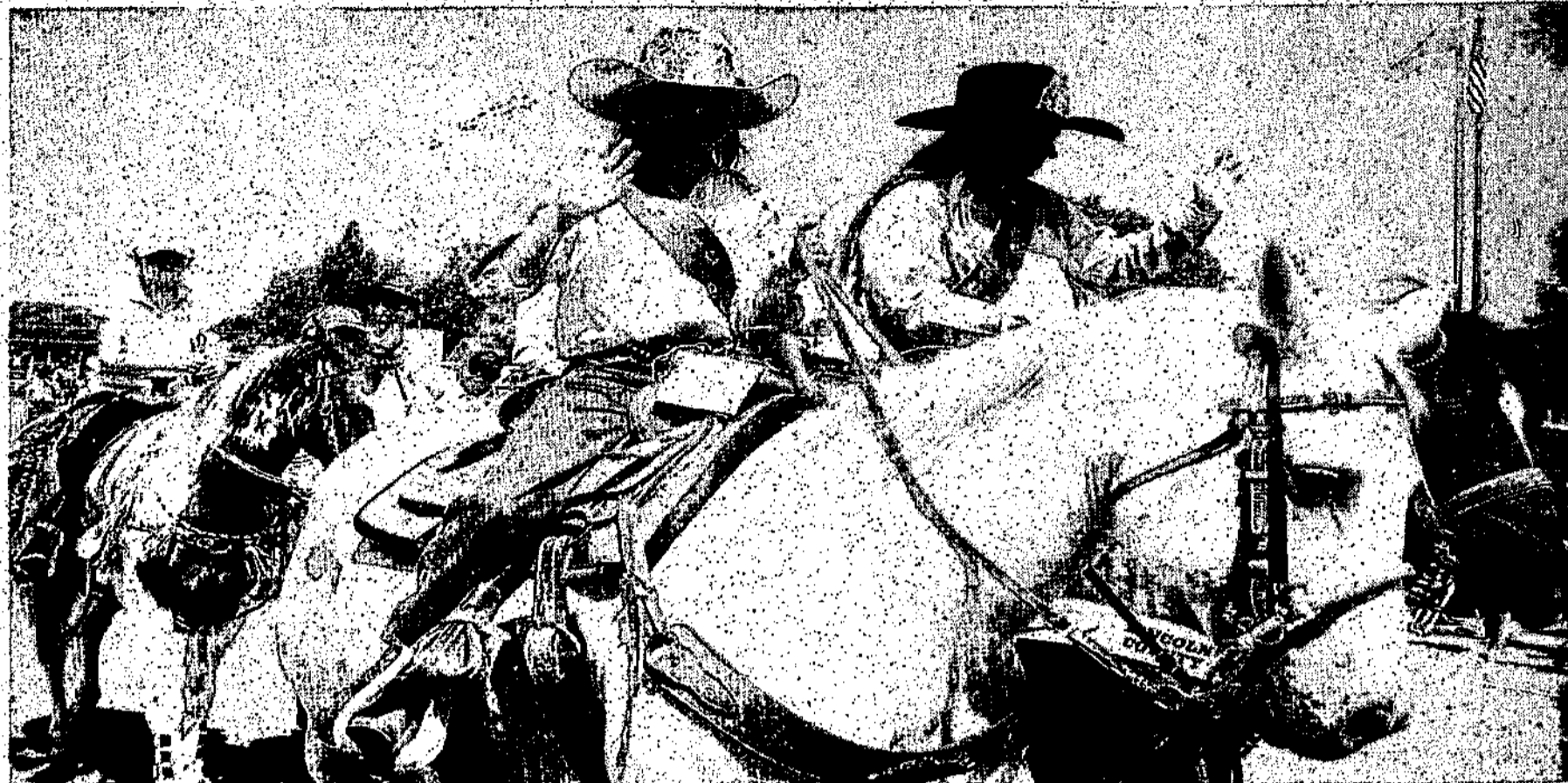
"Yes," replied the warden. "When he escaped he left a note for me reading: "I hope you will pardon me for the liberty I am taking?"

CAN YOU REMEMBER -- Away back when the cops could handle any street-corner gang of kids? And for keeps?

VANISHING AMERICANISMS -- "Now that

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Capitan 4th of July Parade Enjoyed by Many



PINK RIDERS -- Members of the Lincoln County Rodeo Club came out in pink, to show support for cancer awareness.



SHINER FLOAT -- The Ballut Abyad Shriners of New Mexico, Legion of Honor, brought a colorful float full of flags.



COLOR GUARD from Holloman Air Force Base -- a dapper looking foursome at the parade.



FULLY PREPARED -- For the tykes lining the curbs, candy collecting is a big part of the parade. This little guy brought his own bag and waited anxiously for his opportunity.

Parade photos by Patrice Brazle.

LEGALALS

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT

No. CV-07-238

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN G. SPANDE, KATHRYN A. SPANDE, AND MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOMEAMERICAN CREDIT INC. D/B/A UPLAND MTG.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: Steven G. Spande

You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff, LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, in which LaSalle Bank National Association 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 106 Birch Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, and more particularly described as:

LOT 17, 18, AND 19, BLOCK 1 OF PONDEROSA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, JULY 30, 1956, IN TUBE NO. 148, 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 of the third consecutive publication of this Notice of Suit, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorneys for LaSalle Bank National Association is Little & Dranttel, P.C., 7430 Washington Street, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, Telephone: (505) 833-3036.

BY ORDER OF 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, entered on June 22, 2007.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-07-253

CHASE AUTOMOTIVE FINANCE,
Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF LEWIS F. TOGNACI, DECEASED AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF LEWIS F. TOGNACI DECEASED,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: The Estate of Lewis F. Tognaci, Deceased and Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Lewis F. Tognaci, Deceased

You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff,

Chase Automotive Finance, in which Plaintiff prays for a Writ of Replevin of its Collateral described in its Petition for Replevin and Complaint for Debt and Money Due against Defendants named above, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

The property involved is described as a 2007 Ford Taurus VIN # 1FAPP53U77A125735.

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 of the third consecutive publication of this Notice of Suit, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

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

BY ORDER OF 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, entered on June 25, 2007.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT

No. D1226CV2007000061

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DONALD P. NASON; MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION; RAY L. BAKER; BALLEW DISTRIBUTING COMPANY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD P. NASON, IF ANY,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 14, 2007, at 8:45 P.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 12-B OF MOUNTAIN HOME SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO DOWNS, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT OF A DIVISION OF TRACT 12, MOUNTAIN HOME SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NOVEMBER 9, 1967, IN TUBE NO. 297.

The address of the real property is 752

Turkey Canyon Lane, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 26, 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 \$104,212.50, plus interest from April 19, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.5% per annum, the cost of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair.

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for and 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: July 3, 2007.

Peter Baca,
Special Master

c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawarski
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013 (719) 634-4868
06-2841/Nason, Donald P.; P303299

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Think Rain!!!

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 13, 2007, the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, filed application No. H-1497 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well by ceasing the diversion of 1498.49 acre feet per annum of groundwater and supplemental ground water from well No. H-1497 located in the SW¼ NW¼ SE¼ of Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

The applicant proposes to commence the combined diversion of 1498.49 acre feet per annum of ground water and supplemental ground water from exploratory well No. H-1497-Expl, located at a point in the SW¼NW¼SE¼, Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

The move from and move to locations are located approximately two and half miles west of the intersection of State Highway 532 and State Highway 48. All are in 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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Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

Lincoln was a busy town the past week with the Smokey Bear activities in Capitán, Mesalero and the art tour.

The weather has been hot with a few showers. One evening we had a beautiful view of the lightning and thunder along with the rain.

Several friends were by including Darwin and Helen (Lock) Nelson. Helen lived in Carrizozo for several years and was active in the Extension Club.

Also had a nice visit with Mike Uller and caught up with his family.

Mack and Betty Ann Bell and grandchildren of Corona were in town. They had taken the children on the stagecoach and thoroughly enjoyed it. They took the ride early in the morning and it was a little chilly on top.

Our sympathies to the Bennie Stromeier (Knoblock) family. Her daughter, Peggy, was active in the Happy Homemakers 4-H Club in Carrizozo when her father was with the state police for several years.

We have had lots of company the past week. Lois and David Coleman of Portland TX (Corpus Christie). David did a lot of yard work while they were here. The Locke property is now pretty down to the river.

Ralph's nephew and family, Kenny, Julie, Kevin, Madeline and Mary Dunlap of Tucson spent a couple of days. The children loved touring Lincoln and eating at the local eateries. They had started at Santa Fe and worked their way down to Lincoln. They were going to stop at White Sands on their way home.

The Lincoln State Monuments is still working on the Lincoln Sheriff exhibit.

The paintings of all the Lincoln County participants are still hanging. What a wonderful talent to do so many paintings of the characters of Lincoln County law.

Around Corona

Corona Community Vacation Bible School (VBS) started Monday with 30 students enrolled. VBS is being held at the Presbyterian Church this year. The theme is Quest for Truth.

Students from the Collinsworth School of Music at California Baptist University will present a free-will offering concert at the Corona Presbyterian Church, Friday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m.

The Corona High School classes of 1957, 1962 and 1987 are planning reunions for the Corona Festival, July 28 and 29.

Festivities will start Friday at 6:00 p.m. with a hamburger fry at the Senior Citizens. At 7:30 p.m. the Village of Corona Library will sponsor a Storytelling Theater with live music.

A rock band concert featuring Corona's own Andrew Bagley will perform at the Pond at 8:30.

Saturday morning at 8:45, the memorial wall honoring veterans at the Corona Cemetery will be dedicated.

The parade will start at 10:00 (contact Janet Verna - 849-5511 - if you have an entry) with the FFA luncheon and Ranch Rodeo following. The dance starts at 8:00. See you there.

Sheriff's Report

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7:27 p.m. Stand-by presence requested at location on Rancher Road in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

8:14 p.m. Embezzlement reported at location on Alamo Canyon Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

11:32 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Dead Horse Lane in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

June 27

7:50 a.m. Medical call at location on East Grandview in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

7:52 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Tiger Drive in Capitan, police dispatched.

7:54 a.m. Burglary reported at location 3 miles up Alamo Canyon in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

9:35 a.m. Civil paper service at location on Shoshone Trail in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:35 a.m. Vandalism reported at intersection of Birch and Dogwood in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

6:25 p.m. Threats reported at location on Du Bois in Corona, deputy dispatched.

9:37 p.m. Alarm reported at mile marker 11 on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:33 p.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Sheriff's Office located in the Lincoln County Courthouse complex on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

June 28

4:02 a.m. Welfare check requested at location on Salazar Canyon Road in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

8:03 a.m. Breaking & Entering (B & E) reported at business location on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:12 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Crest View in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

9:04 a.m. Accident reported on Hwy 54 approximately seven miles south of Corona, Corona emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

11:03 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Long Road and Lobo Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

11:12 a.m. Littering or illegal dumping reported on Deer Trail in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

11:40 a.m. Accident reported on Main Road in Capitan, police dispatched.

11:42 a.m. Arrest requested at Lincoln County Magistrate Courtroom in Carrizozo, requested by presiding judge, deputy dispatched.

12:28 p.m. Welfare check requested on Gerrett Cedar Creek in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

12:50 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Los Altos in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

1:30 p.m. Disturbance/disorderly conduct reported at business located near the Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 intersection in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

2:26 p.m. Medical call at location on El Valle Loop in San Patricio, ambulance dispatched.

3:57 p.m. Juvenile offenses reported at location on El Centro in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:53 p.m. Medical call at residence on Los Chosos in Hondo, ambulance dispatched.

11:20 p.m. Dog reported running loose at business located at Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 intersection, deputy dispatched.

June 29

12:17 a.m. Medical call at residence on Mount Capitan Road in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

9:30 a.m. Littering or illegal dumping reported at Alto Alps Condo office dumpster, deputy dispatched.

9:38 a.m. Public relations at location on Little Creek Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

10:25 a.m. Larceny/theft

reported at business location on Carrizo Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

11:42 a.m. Arrest requested at Lincoln County Magistrate Courtroom in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

11:49 a.m. Public relations at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

1:05 p.m. Accident reported on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

1:07 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at business located on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

4:28 p.m. Traffic offenses reported on Carol in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

6:35 p.m. Warrant service requested at location on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

8:11 p.m. Auto burglary reported at location on Crestview in Capitan, police dispatched.

8:21 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 165 on Hwy 54 near Corona, Corona

emergency units and ambulance dispatched.

8:37 p.m. Traffic offenses reported at location on Little Creek Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

June 30

2:03 a.m. Disturbance/loud party reported in Bonito Lake area, deputy dispatched.

3:22 a.m. Disturbance/loud party reported at residence on White Angel in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

8:04 a.m. Disturbance/disorderly conduct reported at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

9:35 a.m. Juvenile offenses reported at location on West Grandview in Capitan, police dispatched.

9:48 a.m. Medical call at residence on 14th Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

12:10 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

1:39 p.m. Medical call at

Bonito Lake, Bonito emergency units and ambulance dispatched.

2:14 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Alto pines in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:32 p.m. Alarm reported mile marker 282 on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

3:45 p.m. Disturbance/disorderly conduct reported at mile marker 2 on Airport Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:30 p.m. Medical call from location on Quintana in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

5:41 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Cedar Creek in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

6:41 p.m. Embezzlement reported at Mesa Ranch in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

7:35 p.m. Fire/burning without permit reported at Bonito Lake area, deputy dispatched.



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he's graduated, our worries are over." A dozen big Wall Street houses want him. "With a diploma he is sure of a good job." "Ladies and gentlemen of the graduation class, the world awaits you."

A Little Secret of Murder -- Revealed After 40 Years

On an October morning in 1903, in a village not far from LaRoche in eastern France, a young priest paled as he listened to his first confession.

"Yesterday afternoon," he heard the penitent on the other side of the curtain say, "I met a strange girl on the dirt road that runs by the pond. When I tried to make friends with her, she laughed at me, and I got so mad I picked up a stone and hit her to make her stop laughing. She fell down, and when I yelled and she didn't move I got scared and buried her beside some bushes."

Father Antoine recognized the voice as that of a 15-year-old who was known in the village as "the story teller"-- a boy who was always talking about his daydreams as if they had actually happened.

Even though he didn't know whether the confession was fact or fiction, the priest imposed the most severe penance, and in addition ordered the boy to visit him every day after school for a friendly talk.

A few weeks later, Father Antoine was almost certain the "crime" was an hallucination. For one thing, there had been no report of a missing person in the district and, for another, the boy's descriptions of the murder grew more and more confused.

One afternoon he finally admitted to the priest that his story was a fabrication. "I did meet a girl," he said, "and she got me so angry that I wanted to kill her. But I never touched her, and afterwards I got all mixed up about what I wanted to do and what I really did."

"I suspected as much all along," said Father Antoine, "but I must admit I was shocked at first. You see, you were the first person who had ever confessed to me."

Two years later, the boy's family moved to Paris and the priest all but forgot the incident -- until a new paved road was laid alongside the old dirt one. Under a brush near the pond was found the decomposed body of a girl, and the coroner testified it had been there about two years and the skull had been crushed by some heavy object.

Bound by his vows, Father Antoine could say nothing, and for the next 40 years the secret remained with him.

The years of the German occupation were difficult ones for those who lived in the LaRoche district, but many of the villagers did what they could for the resistance movement -- and not the least among them was the priest, now in his late 60s. And when liberation finally came, a great celebration was arranged with Father Antoine as the guest of honor.

After the dinner there was a good deal of reminiscing among the veterans of the underground, but when someone asked the priest to tell of his own adventures, he smiled and declined. "The occupation was eventful for all of us," he explained, "but in my calling the eventful is almost an everyday occurrence. As a matter of fact, the first confession I ever heard was that of a murderer."

Then remembering his vows, Father Antoine apologized for his off-guard remark, and despite the urging of the guests would say no more.

Later that evening a delegation of underground workers from other districts joined the celebration and one of them, a colonel in the Maquis, was asked to say a few words.

"Meeting Father Antoine tonight is a great pleasure," he said to the gathering, "and not only because of his war record. Although he doesn't remember my name or face, I knew him when I was a boy -- as a matter of fact, I was the first person who ever confessed to him."

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