

County's Bonding Capacity is Renewed

by Patrice Brazie

In his efforts to investigate funding possibilities for the construction of a new judicial complex in Carrizozo, county manager Tom Stewart invited Kevin Powers, of RBC Capital Markets of Albuquerque, to explain the county's bonding capacity to the board of county commissioners on January 16th.

Powers said that there are two basic ways the county can raise money for capital improvements; through increased property taxes or increased gross receipt taxes. Bonding capacity, Powers said, is based on four percent of the county's assessed evaluation, which is currently \$721,934,100.

"So you have the ability, if you should determine to go

to the voters and ask for approval, you could issue up to 28 million dollars worth of general obligation bonds," Powers said.

Lincoln County has experienced an average growth in its tax base of about eight percent per year over the past 10 years, according to Powers, which ranks the county in the top 20 percent for growth among the states 33

counties.

"The general obligation bond is the most efficient, effective and lowest cost method of borrowing money," Powers said, "but the

down side that most governments see in it is that you have to put the question before the voters, and you have to have voter approval to do such transactions." Lincoln

County currently has no outstanding general obligation bonds.

Powers presented a chart to illustrate the costs to tax payers if a \$3,000,000 general

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Voters Nix Capitan School Bond Question

Voters in the Capitan School District voted 702 against and 200 for the bond question that was on the school board election ballot Tuesday. The two mill levy questions in Carrizozo and Ruidoso were approved by voters.

The Capitan School question was for a general obligation bond not to exceed \$7,500,000 for the purpose of erection, remodeling, making addition to and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds, purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public schools, providing matching funds for capital outlay projects funded pursuant to the Public School Capital Outlay Act or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad-valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine.

Election results from all the school districts in Lincoln County are unofficial until after the canvass that will be held by Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor tomorrow. There will be some provisional votes to be counted during the canvass.

Unofficial school board election results are:
Capitan School Board - position 1, Nathaniel P. Dunn 593; position 4, Laura L. Nall 352 and Mitchell M. Young 357; position 5, Robin Rhodes Parks 619.

Carrizozo School Board - position 1, Steven P. Harkey 112; position 2, Henrietta R. Griego 106; position 3, J'Lane Zamora 111. Votes for the two mill levy were 98 for and 30 against.

Ruidoso School Board - position 1, Bobby D. Austin 253 and Susan Marie Lutterman 369; position 2, Franklin D. Sayner 383 and Shane D. Holder 222; position 3, Rhonda K. Vincent 524. Votes for the two mill levy were 466 for and 134 against.

ENMU-Ruidoso board - position 1, Timothy James Harkins 498; position 2, James D. Paxton 505; position 3, Tommy H. Riggsby 521; position 4, Michelle Yvette Perry 371 and Don Edward Dutton 213; position 5, F. Lynn Willard 543.

Corona School Board - position 1, Shad Heth Cox 9; position 2, Richard L. Gage 8; position 3, Mark Sultemeier 9.

Hondo School Board - position 2, James M. Cooper 17; position 3, Joseph L. Torres 17; position 4, Corinne P. Predencio 17; position 5, Godfrey K. Gomez 15.



THE LINCOLN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE and CONSERVATION COMMITTEE selected new officers at their regular meeting last Tuesday. José Torres (left) will serve as Vice-Chairman, County Commissioner and former LCWRCC chairman Jackie Powell (center) is the new Secretary, and Sterling Spencer (right) was elected to the Chairman position. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

NM House Opposes REAL ID Act

by Patrice Brazie

The REAL ID Act was adopted by the U.S. Congress in 2005, and is slated to go into effect in 2008 unless pressure from the states can force repeal. This week the New Mexico House of Representatives, through the New Mexico House Joint Memorial 13 introduced by W. Ken Martinez of Grants, joined the growing number of states to officially express their opposition to the Act.

The REAL ID Act will make it illegal for any federal agency, for any official purpose, to accept a driver's license as valid identification if that license was issued by a state not in compliance with the Act. States must be certified by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation to have met the requirements of the REAL ID Act.

The minimum information required to be shown on the new licenses include the person's full legal name, date of birth, gender, identification number, digital photograph of licensee, address of principal residence, and the license holder's signature. Licenses will be required to have some as of yet unclearly defined security features and must be electronically readable.

To get one of the new driver's licenses, or national identification cards, applicants will be required to present a photo identity document, proof of one's date of birth, proof of one's social security account number or verification of ineligibility for social security, proof of citizenship or immigrant status and documentation verifying the physical address of one's principal residence.

States will be required to make digital copies of the

documents provided by the license applicant, and keep those copies for a period of no less than 10 years. The images will be required to be

stored in an electronically transferable format and added to a national database.

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County Takes No Action on Low Income Tax Program

by Patrice Brazie

In the first month of every odd year, state statute requires county officials across New Mexico to consider a property tax relief program for low income property owners. The state program offers, essentially, a rebate of an individual's state income tax of up to \$350 to offset the cost of owning property in New Mexico. The program would apply only to those with an annual income of less than \$24,000 per year.

The caveat connected to the program is that in July the county would be required to send to the state the same amount of money that the state refunded through the program.

During the regular January 16th meeting of the county's board of commissioners, county officials met their legal obligation to hold a Tax Rebate Ordinance Hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would make the county a program participant.

County manager Tom Stewart explained the element of the tax rebate program that requires the county to cover its costs to the state. "There is an implication here that, if you adopt this and individuals claim the rebate on their income tax, then according to the statute the

county shall promptly pay the amount certified to the (state) department," Stewart said. "The state will tabulate how much is owed and send that in the form of a bill to the county for us to make up in other ways," Stewart said.

"By giving these individuals a tax break, you'd actually need to find a revenue source to make up the difference," he added.

Stewart said that the amount of revenue needed to allow for the tax break would be difficult to estimate. "It could be a significant amount of money considering our population," he said.

The county manager said that the only county in New Mexico that has adopted the tax relief program is Los Alamos County. "The average income is considerable up there," Stewart said. "I think we're in two different ballparks."

County commission chair Tom Battin said that most people empathize with lower income residents and any difficulty they might face in paying property taxes. "The concern I have is the unknown financial responsibility that could fall on the county," Battin said.

The public hearing drew no comments, questions or discussion from the public, and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners took no action on the item.

Statistics Show County Growth, Age and Income

by Patrice Brazie

During a January 29th public meeting with representatives of the firm hired by Lincoln County to develop a comprehensive plan for growth, Barbara Herrington of Sites Southwest in Albuquerque provided some demographic statistics and trends to the public in attendance.

According to figures presented by Herrington that cite information from the U.S. Census Bureau, Lincoln County's per capita average income of \$19,338 is slightly higher than the state average of \$17,261, but the county's

median household income of \$33,886 is about \$250 less than the state average. Fewer Lincoln County residents earn an income below the poverty level than throughout the state, with 12 percent of county residents falling into that category compared to 16.8 percent statewide.

The percentage of county residents over the age of 25 who have graduated from high school is 84.5, higher than the state percentage of 78.9, but only 22.8 percent of those county residents have earned a bachelor's degree or higher. In the state overall,

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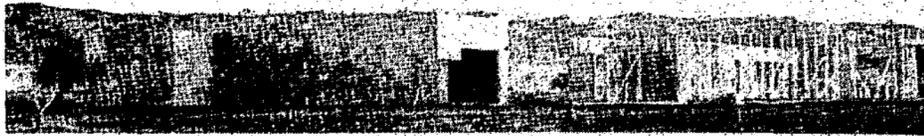
Delia Beltran Wins Super Bowl Contest

Delia Beltran of Carrizozo edged out Christine Harkey and won the \$100.00 first prize, in the Lincoln County News 'Super Bowl Contest'.

Both Mrs. Beltran and Mrs. Harkey picked the Indianapolis Colts to win the super bowl, and both contestants guessed that the Colts would score 28 points, which was one point less than the actual 29 points scored by the winning team. Going to the 1st tie-breaker (which was to guess the total number of points scored by both teams without exceeding the total), Mrs. Beltran's guessed 44 points and Mrs. Harkey guessed 49. Mrs. Beltran's guess of 44 was two less than the actual 46 points scored in the game; Mrs. Harkey guessed 49 points total, which was 3 points over, making Mrs. Beltran the winner. Mrs. Harkey will receive the \$25.00 second prize. Both contestants by the way, also picked Payton Manning as the MVP of the game, which was correct.

There was a good number of entries which came close, but none were able to get as close as the above named winners. Bonifacio Zamora picked the Colts with 27 points, with a total of 44, and Manning as his MVP; Raphael Delgado also picked the Colts with 27 points and had 40 for the total points scored and also had Manning as the MVP; Tim Thompson picked the Colts scoring 27 and his total points guess was also 40, and Manning as his MVP; Albert Luna picked the Colts with 27 points and guessed 30 as the total, with Manning his MVP pick; and Bob Stearns picked the Colts scoring 30 and his total guess was 44. RB Joseph Addai was his pick for MVP.

We want to congratulate the two winning entries, as well as all the people who participated in our contest. We enjoyed it and hope everyone who participated had fun too. We anticipated a larger number of entries, but still, had a good turnout. We might sweeten the pot a bit more for next year and hopefully we will all still be around to give it another try. One comment on week leading up to the superbowl and the contest was, "I haven't seen that many people walk into the Lincoln County News in all the years I have been here!" Again thank you for participating.



Construction of the new Carrizozo Golf Course clubhouse is underway as the greens and fairways continue to be re-ramped and irrigated in preparation for the upcoming golf season. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)



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 "Carrizozo News".

Friday, April 10, 1925

Otero Contest Handed A Body Blow

Judge Mechem, sitting in the Oterohantett contest case, sustained the motion of Governor Hannett's attorneys, Thursday, to strike out two of the most important items in the Otero complaint. They related to the Quay county ballots, which he held to be legal, and the voting of Indians, which he held to be unconstitutional.

Commenting on the opinion and the case, the Santa Fe New Mexican says: Judge Edwin Mechem has denied a motion by counsel for Manuel Otero for an appeal to the supreme court direct from the court's decision at Albuquerque Thursday eliminating two of the big issues on which Otero had hoped to gain the office of governor.

The only course open to Otero now is to go to trial with a couple of large holes torn in his case. A.B. Renahan, who with Carl Gilbert represented Otero, stated in Albuquerque, following Judge Mechem's decision, this is what he will do. Renahan admitted 'our case would have been helped considerably' had the court's decision been otherwise, and added 'we can win without that.'

It was Otero's hope to throw out the entire Quay county vote because of the fact that stickers were pasted over the names of several third-party candidates who were reported to have withdrawn. This would have reduced Governor Hannett's vote by approximately 1,400.

Several points were raised in the motion to strike, but the most important were as to the use of the Quay county stickers and whether Indians who were permitted to vote for the Republican ticket in McKinley county (in the face of a gentlemen's agreement between the state chairman of the two parties not to try to vote them) were legal voters under the constitution. Judge Mechem ruled that the Indian votes were unconstitutional and should not be counted. Hannett's answer charges that more than a score of Indians are known to have voted for Otero in one precinct of McKinley county.

Incidentally, it is pointed out, the court's ruling is likely to have an effect on H.O. Bursum's contemplated contest against United States Senator Sam G. Bratton. It is not believed likely that the senate elections committee will attempt to overrule the New Mexico court if Bursum raises the stickers question in his contest. According to rumor, Bursum intended to rely mainly on this and the declaration of martial law in San Miguel county. As to the latter point, it is pointed out that the testimony of national guard officers (and Republicans at that) in the San Miguel county contests in the Seventh legislature dealt a severe blow to the theory that the state troops exercised any influence on the results in San Miguel - that is, any unlawful influence.

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NM House Opposes REAL ID

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Paper copies of original documents will have to be stored for seven years. Facial image capture, a digital photograph that can be scanned and stored in the database, will be mandatory. States will also be expected to confirm social security account numbers through the Social Security Administration, and provide sufficient security at locations where licenses are produced and documentation stored. Training programs, background checks and appropriate security clearance will be required for persons producing the licenses.

New Mexico Legislators are opposing the Act for a number of reasons beyond the usual objections to privacy and civil rights violations. The REAL ID Act prohibits not only federal agencies, but federally regulated commercial airlines from accepting other forms of identification. The requirement to comply with the Act comes without funding to the states, and compliance has

been estimated to generate a cost of more than \$37,000,000 to New Mexico alone over the first five years. National cost estimates are at more than 11 billion dollars for the first five year period.

Opposition to the REAL ID Act also stems from concerns over who might gain access to a national database containing personal information on all Americans, and how that information could be misused. The possibility of errors in the system and procedures could result in significant hardships for Americans attempting to fly, open a bank account or receive social security or other federal benefits to which they are entitled.

New Mexico Representatives also object to the potential costs to motor vehicle departments throughout the state and the burdens that will befall the businesses, public utility companies, government service and health

agencies who will be mandated to respond to documentation verification requests from the motor vehicle division. License applicants are expected to experience long-lines, documentation hardships, increased costs and mandatory waiting periods in the process of getting a driver's license, if the state is forced to comply with the requirements of the REAL ID Act.

Language in the House Joint Memorial 13 states that the REAL ID Act provides little security benefit and leaves identification systems open to insider fraud, counterfeit documentation and database failures. States that have issued official opposition to the Act include Arizona, Georgia, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Utah, Wyoming, and now New Mexico.

Statistics Show County

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23.5 percent of adults have achieved that level of education.

Lincoln County's ever growing population of retirees is reflected in the county's income statistics. In the county, 69.2 percent get their income through wages or salaries, compared to 75.8 percent of New Mexicans. 34.3 percent of county adults receive Social Security, almost 10 percent more than the state percentage, and the percentage of those in the county receiving retirement income is also higher than state percentages. 3.2 percent of county residents list public assistance as their income source, while that percentage statewide is 4.7. The county's unemployment rate of 3.9 percent is lower than the state rate as well.

Professional positions, management, sales and office workers make up 56 percent of the county's workforce. 19 percent work in service occupations, 14 percent in construction and maintenance, nine percent in production and transportation and only two percent of county workers are employed in the farming, fishing and forestry fields. Private businesses account for 66 percent of the county's employers; another 17 percent are associated with government enterprise and the self-employed make up 16 percent of the county's employers.

17 percent of the county's industries are in education, health care or social services, but art, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services make up another 16 percent. Retail trade is not far behind at 15 percent. Only four percent of Lincoln County industries are in the agriculture, forestry and mining arenas.

Lincoln County residents are, on the average, almost 10 years older than the average New Mexican. The county's average citizen is 43.8 years old.

Historical data on population growth in Lincoln County shows that the county was home to about 8,000 people from 1910 to about 1970 when the growth rate began to accelerate. At about 20,000 now, the population is expected to reach 24,000 by 2010 and 30,000 by 2030.

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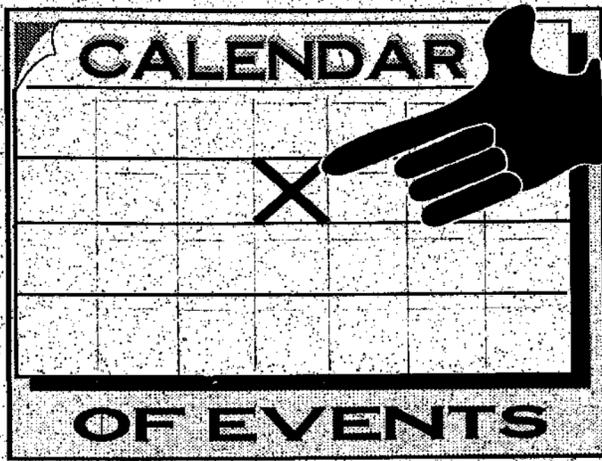
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FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

--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 6th 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, FEBRUARY 8

--Capitan School Board 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

--Canvas of school board election votes from all schools in Lincoln County. Canvas to be conducted by Magistrate Judge Martha M. Proctor in Magistrate Court in Carrizozo starting at 9:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

--Valentine's Day! Remember your loved ones.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

--The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.
 --Lincoln Historic Preservation Board meets at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Church in Lincoln.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is hereby accepting nominations for appointment to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee for one member to fill a vacancy on the Committee. The prospective members must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 8:00 A.M., February 20, 2007.

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Corona Post Office	12:30 - 2:00
Carrizozo/Otero Electric	3:30 - 6:00
Wednesday, February 14	
Carrizozo/Otero Electric	7:30 - 8:30
Nogal Post Office	9:00 - 9:45
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe	10:15 - 11:30
Fort Stanton RTC	12:30 - 2:00
Camp Sierra Blanca	2:10 - 3:10
Lincoln Post Office	3:30 - 4:00
Hondo Store	5:00 - 6:00



County's Bonding Capacity is

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obligation bond was issued to raise money for the proposed new judicial complex. If issued for a 10-year period, the bond would result in a \$0.47 mil increase or about a \$12.36 per year increase in property taxes for a \$100,000 home. A 15-year bond would lower that cost to about \$8.40 per year. A county-wide general obligation bond would affect all of the county's taxpayers, including residents of the county's five municipalities, Powers said.

Another alternative for fund raising would be to increase the county's gross receipts tax, which is currently set at 5.375 percent in the county's unincorporated areas. Gross receipts taxes could be increased by as much as one-eighth without a referendum, by just a vote by the county commissioners, and would create additional available revenue of about \$585,000 annually.

"The county currently has some (gross receipts tax) bonds outstanding for the detention center facility," Powers said. "Those bonds were issued in 2002. A review of possible savings to the county by refinancing the loan for the detention center did not prove much of a cost savings through refinancing at this time."

The first one-eighth of the county's gross receipts taxes have been pledged to the detention center operations, the second one-eighth to indigent health care services, with another one-eighth and one-sixteenth increases possible through a referendum vote of the taxpayers, according to county manager Tom Stewart.

"The third eighth and the

sixteenth, if you were to impose those," Stewart said, "would raise the gross receipts taxes to probably the highest in the state. The state looks at how we are managing those eighths, and if we were to impose those, the county would be eligible for what's called a Small Counties Assistance Program, which would generate another \$70 to \$80 thousand from the state." That funding is made available to counties that have imposed all of their eligible one-eighths of gross receipts taxes and have therefore tapped out all of their resources available through the tax, Stewart explained.

"We are one of the few that don't get that small county assistance," Stewart said. "They say Lincoln County's doing fine, we don't need to help them."

Stewart said he is regularly asked by the state legislators, when he makes requests for capital outlay funding, what the county's bonding capacity is. "I say 28 million, and they say, well, you're asking for three (million). We're trying to be fiscally responsible, and yet we're asking for assistance," Stewart said. "That always comes back to haunt me when I appear before the legislative finance committee. It's a double-edged sword that I walk up there with."

Powers acknowledged that any increase in gross receipt taxes would make the village of Ruidoso the first entity in the state to have reached the eight percent mark for that tax.

According to county commissioner Jackie Powell, only one municipality in the state currently has a higher gross receipts tax than Ruidoso.

County commissioner Eileen Lovelace commented, "that's the price you pay for paradise."

Powers said that by not having imposed the maximum taxes, the county has options for fund raising that many other counties don't have.

The county manager did suggest during the January 16th meeting that, given two or three years to explore funding, he could find a way to build the new judicial complex without imposing any additional taxes.

Replat Approved for Magado Creek Estates

During their regular meeting of January 16th, Lincoln County Commissioners heard and approved a request to divide a 10.44 acre parcel of land in the Magado Creek Estates subdivision into two 5.22 acre lots. Magado Creek Estates is located just off Cora Dutton Road near its intersection with Hwy 37.

According to Tim Collins, of D.T. Collins Land Surveying, the land is currently jointly owned by two families and the division will simply divide the land between those families.

County planning director Curt Temple told the county commissioners that when a property owner wishes to divide land in a previously approved subdivision, they are required to get approval from the county commissioners in accordance with the Lincoln County Subdivision Ordinance.

Collins said that he suspected the current owners will retain the property for their personal use.

Should the property owners choose to further divide the lots at sometime in the next seven years, Temple said, county commission approval would again be required.

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karan Parsons

Monday, January 22
 8:15 a.m. Traylor v. Traylor; DM-2004-141 (Rhodes/Rafkin) (Mot. Atty's Fees)
 9:00 a.m. Whatley v. Wilson; CV-2006-33 (Merits) (McSwane/C.Hawthorne) (1/2 day)
 1:30 p.m. Monet v. Monet; DM-2005-155 (TRO & Mot. & OTSC) (Stevens/C.Hawthorne)
 3:00 p.m. American State Bank v. Wardrup; CV-2006-2-98 (Default/Damages) (W.Griffin)
 3:30 p.m. Quinn Estate; PB-00-04 (Denson/O'Reilly) (Mot. for OTSC)

Tuesday, January 23
 Judge Ritter - Jury Trial
 Judge Parsons - Ruidoso
 1:30 p.m. Juveniles
 Jordan Melendrez; JR-2006-55 (FA)
 Crystal Silva; JR-06-56 (FA)
 Cody Scott; JR-2006-40 (Pl. Placement)
 3:00 p.m. Drug Court Screening
 4:30 p.m. Drug Court
 Darrell Brantley
 11:00 a.m. Courtney Hutton-Haus v. Jeremy Varner; DV-2007-05

Wednesday, January 24
 8:30 a.m. - 6 Person Jury Trial
 #1 Michael Spurlock; LR-2006-02 (Thompson/Mitchell)
 #2 Tiffany Gurule; YR-2006-07 (Grisham/Mitchell)
 3:30 p.m.
 David Dalton; CR-04-04 (Esquibel/Mitchell) (Sentence)
 Jeremiah Thomas; CR-2006-74 (Wills/Mitchell) (Mot. Suppress)

Thursday, January 25
 8:15 a.m. Aguilar v. Aguilar; DM-2006-134 (Jl-Final Decree) (ProSe)
 8:30 a.m. CYFD

JQ-2006-07 (Custody Hearing)
 JQ-2004-06 (Jl)
 JQ-2005-09 (PJR)
 JQ-2004-07 (Status- Jud. Rvw)
 JQ-2005-05 (TPR)
 JQ-2006-05 (JPR)
 JQ-2006-06 (JPR)
 JQ-05-12 (Subseq. Perm)
 JQ-2005-03 (TPR)
 JQ-2005-10 (TPR)

Meetings:
 Albuquerque - 1:30 p.m. - CIP Meeting

Friday, January 26
 8:15 a.m. - Docket Call
 Destry Kirk; CR-2006-66
 Jacob Brown; CR-2006-142
 Shane Paquin; CR-2006-146
 Angelo Mendoza; CR-2006-144
 Martin Amaya; CR-2006-143
 Manuel Blackmon; CR-06-153
 Carlos Negrete; CR-2006-85
 Jeremiah Thomas; CR-2006-74
 Javier Dominguez; CR-05-249
 Jason Hermann; CR-2006-112
 Jesus Navarette; CR-2006-106
 Joe Ray Chavez; CR-2006-116
 Andrew Megarity; CR-2006-98

8:30 a.m. - Criminal Day
 First Appearance:
 Amber Canning; CR-2006-201
 Laura Parr; CR-06-194-195-196
 Luis Comacho; CR-2006-202
 Ruben Valles; CR-2004-230
 Lee Evans; CR-2004-112

Change of Plea:
 Tim Underwood; CR-03-55/96
 Gonzales Gonzales; CR-06-154
 Chris Putnum; CR-2006-149
 Richard Fralick; CR-2006-157
 Dustin Sultemeier; CR-06-43/184
 Christina Portillo; CR-2005-233 & CR-2006-166 (COP/PT)

Anthony Rue; CR-2006-93
 Johnny Zamora; CR-2006-155
 Sentencing:
 Glenda Long; CR-2006-30 & 46
 Keli Hughes; CR-2006-162
 Julian Orozco; CR-2003-200
 Frances Ochoa; CR-2006-35

PTR-Merits:
 Jay J. King; CR-2003-71
 Tony Ornelas; CR-2005-125
 C. Anchondo Soto; CR-04-120
 Steve Messmore; CR-2003-41
 1:00 p.m. - Plea Conf.
 Adam Gonzalez; YR-2006-03
 Pete Contreras-Hernandez; YR-2006-04
 Brandon Pablo; CR-2006-139

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State Workers Move the Goal Posts

By Ruth Hammond

When the teams entered the playing field for the Super Bowl they had high hopes, but weren't sure which team would win the game. The one thing they did know was that the goal posts at each end of the field were stationary and would not be moved at any time during the game. They were also fairly certain that officials would abide by the rules and not make changes halfway through the game, changes that could affect the way the game was played as well as affect the outcome and XFL Super Bowl winner.

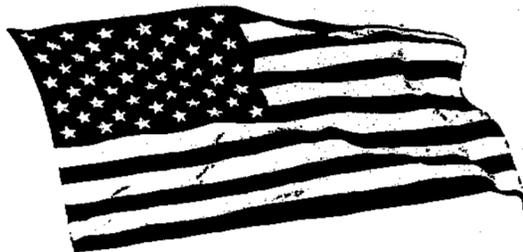
It is a shame that officials in other capacities are not as conscientious as referees and judges on football fields. Former Fort Stanton residents, now living in community settings, are constantly bombarded with changes from the state officials who are supposed to be doing what is best for them but instead are causing grief. State officials are in the process of changing the rules and demanding duplication of information, most of which is not reviewed by the state even after it is being required. One instance is the annual plan that is required for each former Fort Stanton resident. A few years ago the state decided there should be a personal profile on each person, and it contained the same exact information as the annual plan.

Sounds reasonable, but now state workers also want a vocational profile on each person and guess what? The nine page vocational profile document is a duplication of the personal profile. It is understandable that referees on the football field would impose the identical penalty for similar infractions, but not duplicate a penalty for only one infraction. Yet, the state is requiring this duplication.

Direct care workers should be spending their time with the former Fort Stanton residents, not sitting in meetings for hours duplicating information. It seems state workers are unaware of other important issues also. State officials have decided that if a person can read at the second grade level they should set a goal of reading at college level, the goal to be accomplished within six months or a year, and that then the person should be working in the court house reading microfiche. The fallacy of this is that most of the high school graduates are unable to read at a college level and they have been studying reading for 12 years or more.

One thing is certain, state workers are not as dedicated to their jobs as football referees and judges. While some of the calls made on the football field at the Super Bowl were controversial, most people agreed that officials were doing their best. And even if your team didn't win, you may also agree that there were some exciting moments in the game that was predicted to be boring, boring, boring.

Maybe football is not your favorite spectator sport and your energies are geared toward other activities, but most of these activities have official standard rules to follow.



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"BUT I DONT WANNA SEE NO DOCTOR THAT CALLS HIS OCCUPATION A PRACTICE"

Big Dry Syndicate

Inside the Capitol

by
JAY
MILLER

SANTA FE — If the problems with SHARE, the state's new \$28 million computer system, can't be worked out by the end of the 2007 Legislature, they'll probably languish for another year.

Operation of the state government's computer system isn't the Legislature's responsibility, but it has oversight power and no one else is taking much care of getting the many problems fixed.

Competent operation of the state computer system is the executive branch's responsibility, and that ultimately means Gov. Bill Richardson.

But it hasn't become a priority of the governor yet. His only priority, so far, has been to assure that no state employee publicly criticizes the faulty system.

A Roswell businessman who has been harmed by the new system e-mails asking where is the uproar from supervisors, division chiefs and cabinet secretaries?

They've all been told their job is to defend the system to the 60,000 contractors and vendors and the 24,000 state employees who may complain about being damaged.

State employees blame their cabinet secretaries for telling them not to criticize the system but cabinet secretaries tell me they are being muzzled too. And the plea from everyone is not to use names or they will be in big trouble.

The entire scenario is typical Bill Richardson. The system was bought off the shelf, for the cheapest price possible, with no special adaptations for New Mexico's needs. A company was hired to install the system and get it operating. Of the four bidders, the award went to the least known company.

The governor ordered that everything be up and running in half the recommended time and with many fewer consultants. It didn't work.

Many state employees weren't paid on time or received only partial payments. That resulted in bank overdrafts and insurance lapses. The state wrote letters to financial institutions

explaining the situation and requesting them to eliminate their charges. But the state has assumed no responsibility to make its employees whole.

Many contractors and vendors went months without being paid. Some refuse to do any more business with the state. Others have sued.

Much of the state government has slowed down because not only does the computer system handle payments, it handles agency budgets and human resources.

Even though SHARE has inconvenienced many more people than the recent storms that stopped traffic going east out of Albuquerque, it hasn't received the publicity. By our third snow storm in three weeks, Gov. Richardson has state agencies mobilized so completely that we may have been over-prepared.

The governor needs to do the same thing with SHARE and the Legislature should pressure him to do it before its March 17 adjournment.

The interim Legislative Finance Committee did a good job of grilling SHARE executives at its October meeting. By the panel's December meeting, the SHARE chiefs had some answers and promises, but state employees tell me the committee went far too easy on them.

One of the promises was that all problems will be ironed out by March. There are suspicions that might mean the end of March, when lawmakers already have gone home.

The state has a bonanza of new money streaming in for this legislative session. Let's spend a little of it on hiring the necessary people to get our newest faulty computer system working.

We never seem to learn. This is not the first new computer system to tie state government in knots. Remember the new system at the Taxation and Revenue Department several years ago that was supposed to solve all our tax reporting problems?

And then there was the State Land Office's ONGARD system for oil and gas accounting. People in the industry tell me they spent millions adapting to the system, which still has its flaws 20 years later.

WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

What can be said for the upcoming weeks? weather except it will be a definite change from the past two to three weeks. NO snow is forecast until possibly late Monday evening, continuing into Tuesday, and then only a slight chance for snow, mostly at the higher elevations of Lincoln County.

Daytime temperatures will be high 50's to low 60's, with clear and sunny skies.

Nighttime temperatures will continue to be around freezing, high 20's to low 30's.

All of Lincoln County can expect winds out of the west averaging 5 - 15 miles an hour, with gusts up to a possible 25 miles per hour in the high desert and high in the areas.

As a courtesy the Lincoln County News is including ski conditions at Ski Apache; current snow conditions are a 76 inch base at all elevations, powder, packed powder, machine groomed.

There are 47 runs open, 7 of 10 lifts are operating, and there have been NO reports of fresh snow in the last 24 hours. Currently 35 acres of skiing area is currently open for use, and approximately 90 percent of the prepared terrain is open for winter sports.

Ski Apache Snow reports <http://www.onthesnow.com/NM/367/skiereport.html>

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

Today, Thursday, Feb. 8. Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. West wind between 5 and 10 mph., night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, February 9. Mostly sunny, with a high near 64, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Saturday, February 10. Partly cloudy, with a high near 61, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32.

Sunday, February 11. Partly cloudy, with a high near 63, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Monday, February 12. Partly cloudy, with a high near 58, night: A slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Tuesday, February 13. A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 56, night: A slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

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

Today, Thursday, Feb. 8. Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. West wind between 5 and 10 mph., night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, February 9. Mostly sunny, with a high near 61, night: Partly cloudy,

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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.

January 24
12:00 a.m. Sex offenses

reported at location on Arabella Hwy in Arabella, deputy dispatched.
9:43 a.m. Assault reported at location on Corona Hwy in Corona, deputy dispatched.
2:00 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Franklin in Corona, deputy dispatched.

2:18 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 70 in Picacho, deputy dispatched.
3:26 p.m. Warrant service requested at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
3:53 p.m. Abandoned vehicle reported at location on Linda Vista in Alto, deputy dispatched.
5:00 p.m. Agency assistance requested by New Mexico State Juvenile Parole at location in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
6:57 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 13 on State Road 487 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
10:51 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Eagle Creek Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

January 25
12:00 a.m. Abandoned vehicle reported on Linda Vista in Alto, deputy dispatched.

7:34 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Sun Valley

Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
11:43 a.m. Missing or lost person reported at business location on Hwy 380 in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.

12:00 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Fort Stanton Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:10 p.m. Unknown trouble call from location on West Grandview in Capitan, police dispatched.

2:24 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Wapati Way in Alto, deputy dispatched.

3:26 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at Ruidoso cemetery, deputy dispatched.

4:55 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Capitan Trail in Capitan, police dispatched.

6:13 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso police at location on Roswell Street in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

7:30 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Mary Joe Lane in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

8:06 p.m. Medical call at location on East Grandview in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

9:17 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Dry Court in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

9:24 p.m. Suspicious activity by person reported on Antler in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:06 p.m. 911 Hang-up from location on Hwy 54 in Corona, deputy dispatched.
January 26

12:00 a.m. Information report at location on Schlarb Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

12:23 a.m. Medical call at location on Franklin Street in Corona, deputy dispatched.

7:19 a.m. Accident reported at location on Hailey Hill on Hwy 380 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

8:03 a.m. Traffic hazard reported on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

8:10 a.m. Information report at location on Pine Hill Loop in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:51 a.m. Medical call at Rose Clinic on Hwy 380 in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

10:32 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Alto Mesa in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:18 a.m. 911 Hang-up from location on Wolf Creek Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

1:12 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

4:31 p.m. Identity theft reported at location on Fire Lane in Sun Valley, deputy dispatched.

6:40 p.m. Accident reported by Onstar operator for vehicle on Hwy 70 in Picacho, Hondo emergency units and deputy dispatched.

8:59 p.m. Motorist assistance requested on Hwy 55 between Hwy 54 and Claunch, deputy dispatched.

11:20 p.m. Fight reported at residence on Sixth Street

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Court Calendar

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Robby Williams; CR-2006-163
Michael Massey; CR-2006-132
John Ambrose, Jr.; CR-06-160
Jay King; CR-2006-161
Valarde Gonzales; CR-06-152
Jerald Williams; CR-2006-165
Miguel Sanchez; CR-2006-174
V. Apodaca-Brown; CR-05-104
Tammy Duncan; CR-2006-178
Lissa Monet; CR-2006-164
Joe Sanchez; CR-2006-167
Adam Fleck; CR-2006-177
Wade Brown; CR-2006-178
1:30 p.m. James Norman; LR-06-04 (App)
3:30 p.m. Estate of Jimenez; PB-2006-33 (Mots. to Appt Successor PR)



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New Mexico Bankers Acquitted by a Jury

Santa Fe, April 6 -- Not guilty was the verdict returned Saturday afternoon by the jury in the federal court in the cases of J.B. Herndon, W. C. Hammel and C.E. Bigelow, indicted on charge of conspiracy to deceive the war finance corporation in order to obtain from it through the Live Stock and Agricultural Loan Co., of Albuquerque, a loan of \$175,000 for Nunn and Latham, Sierra county stockmen, in 1921.

The verdict followed a trial lasting three weeks, in which a mass of testimony was adduced by the government in an attempt to show that the defendants had been parties to misrepresentation of the number of cattle Nunn and Latham had on their ranges as collateral for the loan.

Arch Latham, O.N. Marron and Roy McDonald, also indicted, were previously discharged by the court. Herndon, Bigelow and Hammel displayed viable emotion following the verdict, shaking hands fervently with the jurors and defense counsel in the court room. They were hardly able to control their voices sufficiently to speak.

Mrs. Herson wept as she thanked the jurors. The case aroused statewide interest, owing to the prominence of the defendants. Herndon was formerly president of the now defunct State National Bank of Albuquerque, and four other banks, and head of the war finance corporation agency. Hammel was the cashier of the defunct Sierra Bank at Hillsboro, and Bigelow secretary of the livestock concern.

Byron O. Beall Wounded

Gun Went off Accidentally Shooting at a Rabbit

Santa Fe, April 7 -- Byron O. Beall, recently appointed chief tax commissioner by Governor Hannett, was found in a canyon six miles from Santa Fe, Monday, suffering from a bullet wound in the left side inflicted with a 32 calibre pistol, while Beall was driving in his car in Santa Fe Canyon. Beall, who is now in St. Vincent's hospital, stated to the physicians that the gun went off accidentally when he was drawing it from a holster to take a shot at a jack rabbit. The bullet entered the left side below the heart and came out at the back, touching no vital organs. The wound, though serious, is not dangerous, unless of an infection developing.

Two boys found Beall in a small side canyon staggering to a brook in an effort to get water. The boys ran to Granite point ranger station, half a mile distant, and notified ranger Walter Pinson. When Pinson reached the wounded man, he was sitting on the roadside near his automobile. Pinson notified forestry officials by telephone and a physician responded and removed Beall to a Santa Fe hospital.

Beall, a prominent Democrat, formerly served as secretary to the state tax commission, speaker of the legislative house and a secretary of the state Democratic committee. He had not yet taken the office of state tax commissioner, pending dismissal of a suit for an injunction brought by J.E. Saint, previous incumbent, who challenged the appointment, on the grounds that Beall could not qualify under the recess appointment, lacking senate confirmation.

Friday, April 17, 1925

Charged With Poisoning Cattle

J.A. Adams, a rancher north of the Capitan mountains, was given a preliminary hearing Monday before Justice W.W. Stadium, on the charge of poisoning cattle. The complaint was made by R.C. Sowder.

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Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

Nogal Presbyterian Church:
E.W. "Bo" LEWIS, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:

TERRY AIELLO, 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
648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. - April
AWANAS 6:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (AJG)

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
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

'Serving All of Lincoln County'
RICK HUTCHINSON, Pastor / 336-8032
Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction.
Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM.

Sunday:
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship and
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.

Family Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Community dinner 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. 505-257-2356
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Cleunch 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 / 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 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 / 336-4627
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church of Corona

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

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS

The Village of Capitan is accepting sealed bids to lay asphalt on approximately 1.7 miles of road within the Village city limits. Bids will be accepted at the Village Hall at 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM until 2:00 PM Monday, February 26, 2007. A complete bid package may be obtained from the Village Clerk or by calling 505-354-2247. The Village of Capitan reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received.

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"Looking Back"

THROUGH OLD NEWS' FILES

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who had lost a number of head of cattle, and investigation pointed to poison as the cause fo death.

The evidence was to the effect that Adams was seen onthe Sowder range with salt; that the salt was believed to be poisoned, and that the circumstances and surroundings pointed to Adams with the offense, but witnessed testified to having seen Adams riding over the range, and when an investigation was made along the trail where he was seen to ride, salt was found.

Cattle began to die, and when the dead carcasses were examined, it is said, the intestines and stomach showed that some strong poison had been taken with food, or otherwise, and those examining the carcasses state that the action of the poison resembled potash or lye.

The defense put not witnesses on the stand, and at the conclusion of the prosecution, the defendant's attorney, H.B. Hamilton, moved to dismiss for lack of evidence. This the court declined to do, and the defendant was held to bond in the sum of \$1,000, which he has since given, and been released. Attorney G. B. Barber appeared for the prosecution.

\$50.00 Reward

A reward of \$50 is hereby offered and will be paid by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person, or persons, guilty of polluting the water in the railroad reservoir adjacent to the Village of Carrizozo, the alleged offense having been perpetrated during the week beginning February 22.

A like reward will be paid for the apprehension and conviction of persons who wilfully and maliciously trespass upon and damage the property upon which said reservoir is located, or who shall in any way pollute the water in said reservoir by throwing therein anything of an offensive and damaging nature, calculated to pollute the source of water supply for Carrizozo.

Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce,
H.B. Hamilton, Pres.

Strikes a Pure Gas Flow Near Duran

Duran, April 13 -- Considerable excitement prevails here as the result of a shallow well eight miles west of this place that is making almost pure gasoline from a depth of 66 feet.

Located on the Melcor Luna ranch, Torrance county, the well, it is said, will cause considerable drilling, as from all indications the present production is coming from a deeper pay sand.

Drilled by Mr. Luna for water, the well suddenly turned to making oil which has tested 74 gravity, and is making approximately 15 to 20 gallons daily, which is being used in local cars.

According to Alex Hindi, local merchant, the well was completed on March 12, but residents of this section refused to believe the land owner when he advised them that he had drilled in an oil well instead of the expected water. However, after prevailing upon them to visit his ranch, the owner convinced them by pouring some of the fluid into their gas tanks. Further proof of the production is the daily baling of the hole.

A number of large company geologists, land men and scouts, have visited the lease during the past ten days and many are convinced that big production will be obtained in this section of the state.

Duran is about 70 miles north of Carrizozo on the E.P.&S.W. railroad.

One may have the right to express all of his opinions and sense enough not to.

Sheriff's Report

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in Carrizozo resulting in agency assistance request and medical call, police, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

January 27
12:54 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.

1:53 p.m. Accident reported on High Mesa Road in Alto, Bonito emergency units and ALS ambulance dispatched.

2:34 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at business location on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

3:45 p.m. Unknown trouble call at Ski Apache, deputy dispatched.

5:37 p.m. Breaking and Entering (B & E) reported at public building in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

5:58 p.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at location on Licker in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:18 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle

reported at River Ranch RV in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

8:36 p.m. unknown trouble call from residence on Aspen Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

9:52 p.m. 911 Hang-up from location on Post Oak Lane in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:17 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 278 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, Glencoe emergency units, ALS ambulance, second ambulance and deputy dispatched.

10:35 p.m. Medical call at residence on Fifth Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

11:34 p.m. Domestic battery reported at location on West Grandview in Capitan, police dispatched.

January 28
8:13 a.m. Agency assistance requested by Union Pacific Railroad approximately 5 miles south of Carrizozo on Hwy 54, deputy dispatched.

8:45 a.m. Medical call at residence on 14th Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

12:04 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 278 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, Glencoe emergency units dispatched.

7:05 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

January 29
8:14 a.m. Funeral escort requested to mile marker 290 on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.

8:46 a.m. Children Youth and Family Department (CYFD) referral at location on Peterson Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:51 a.m. Accident reported at location on Pine Hill Loop in Alto, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.

10:13 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

patched, 11:41 a.m. Medical call at location on Hwy 380 west of Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

patched, 1:29 p.m. Accident reported at location on High Mesa in Alto, Bonito emergency units dispatched. (SEE PAGE 8)



GRIZZLY WEEKLY

by Carrizozo High School JOURNALISM CLASS

Sarah Ball, Instructor

FFA Judging Contest

The annual Carrizozo FFA Judging Invitational, which is going to be held on March 3rd, is the most time consuming event for the Carrizozo FFA Chapter. Requiring countless hours of preparation from the chapter and also the community, this contest always shows how much our community supports and assists the school organizations.

Although preparation for the contest is still going on up until the day of the contest, it starts much earlier than most people realize. The beginning steps of preparation actually start one and a half to two months in advance. From mailing notifications to all the FFA Chapters in the state to making sure we've purchased enough food to feed the many schools that attend the contest, the jobs are endless. Mr. Scott, our agricultural education teacher, has the most responsibility during the preparation process, but the officers also contribute to this effort. FFA members are a big help in making sure the contest runs smoothly, since the members aren't allowed to judge in the judging invitational which they are hosting, and many community members help to organize the individual contests.

Last year approximately 1,000 students from 43 different schools participated in 13 contests at the Carrizozo Judging Invitational. For a school that is used to accommodating about 200 students on a day to day basis, hosting hundreds of visitors can be a challenge. Still, our school always does a great job of preparing and organizing this contest, and our community is very supportive and welcoming.

Despite the small size of our school, our judging invitational has continued to have contests and competition of the highest caliber. After doing this for over 30 years, it has become a tradition, and as the rules and technological advances have increased, our contest has maintained its quality.

Hopefully this year's contest will be a positive reflection on our school and community as it has been in past years.

Jennifer Shafer,

Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

Isn't it nice to wake up to sunshine? The wet snow has been nice, but so is the sunshine. Maybe the snow in the shade and around the homes and buildings will melt. You have to watch so you don't slip.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and a good time to remember those that you love - family and friends.

There will be a three hour session February 14th, 9 a.m. to 12 noon *How to prune Young Shade Trees*. This is the first session of the course. It will held at the Seasons Nursery at 317 Sudderth. Bring a digital photo of your landscape at the first meeting.

For further information and registration call Coda Omness at 505-630-8181.

There will a Creative Memories retreat at Ft. Lone Tree February 16-19.

There are quite a number of Lincoln County agriculture people attending the Ag Fest in Santa Fe February 15.

We spent part of last week visiting Ralph's brother and wife, Kenneth and Carol Dunlap, Willcox AZ. Kenneth had suffered a stroke after having a knee replacement. All the mountains were so pretty with their covering of snow. I can't remember seeing all the mountains from Ruidoso to Willcox all covered at the same time. We did hit some slick spots and rain on our return home.

Lloyd Hobb's baby girl is so cute. She is doing fine and is now 7 months old.

The Rabke baby is doing fine also.

Lincoln will be having another baby soon.

Susie and Dick Kuns returned home to Scottsdale last week after a week's stay. Visiting them from Santa Fe was Bill Shrecengost and fiancé, Pam.

Marilyn Burchett has received over 200 stories of Lincoln County - old and new- as of Feb. 1st. Will there two books instead of one? It will probably be a year before it will be ready to go to print as there will be editing, etc. These stories will be in the Lincoln County Historical upcoming book. They should be fascinating and informative history of the families of the county.

Happy 80th birthday Ralph and the wonderful 60 years we have been together.



Carrizozo Schools BRAVO! Achievers Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades Fall Semester 2006

FRONT ROW: Julian Garcia, Dominic Barela, Orion Wyatt, Aurora Vega, Isaiah Ysasi, and Johy Wyatt Hemphill. MIDDLE ROW: Cody Carter, Victor Najera, Xavier Zamora, Savannah Sanchez, Daniel Zamora, Patrick Hooten, Garrison Ventura, and Danny Roper. TOP ROW: Kaycie Bishop, Deling Arteche, Gracie Hooten, Dominic Garcia, Mikhail Barela, Kristie Gallacher, Lashae Lueras, and Alex Randolph.



Carrizozo Schools BRAVO! Achievers 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades Fall Semester 2006

Front Row: Jeremiah Sedillo, Juanita Gallegos, Jace Hill, Dalton Vega, Cirsten Barela, Kadee Sedillo. Back Row: Rylah Zamora, Isaac Vega, Sarah Ferguson, Mason Huston, Shayna Gallacher, Josh Hernandez, Jonathan Smith.

Fort Stanton facts and fiction

by Betty Joiner

Lots of snow at the Fort and on the road from Capitan had several taking it slow and had a few fender benders. No one was injured and this is good. Seems to me it has been extra cold. Several including myself have had the sniffles and flu bugs.

Our condolences are sent to Robert McCarty's family. This had to be a terrible time for everyone. Many of us here at the Fort knew Robert very well and for many years.

Stamp Lady Goes to School

The first week in January I knew time is running out for me to begin my stamp program. I unexpectedly stopped and was welcomed as usual. Betsy and Susan said I was welcome to bring what I wanted to show them, so the first day I took them a piece of paper that had an envelope drawn on it. They took it home and asked for help in finding what their addresses plus zip+four was. Teachers said they didn't think they would bring them back. I was amazed that only about four or five didn't have their homework back. We are having to do it his way as the teachers are so short of time with the four day week and more things to teach.

I took the papers home and then the next week I go with my quilt blocks (yearly quilt making for the third graders) the paints and wonder how we will get this done. I asked if we might do this on one day of their art class.

Mrs. Newell the art teacher stepped up and was so supportive and in about thirty minutes we had the addresses on the quilt blocks and I was thrilled.

The first day I went to the school all over the halls were these posters that all the kids made that said welcome Melanie. Asking Mozie who is Melanie. I found out that she was an author who came to tell the kids about books she had written. These posters were awesome and the work of this art teacher and the students. Melanie should have felt very proud.

Thursday was Mrs. Owings art day and now next wednesday will be Mrs. Peralta's class day. I cannot wait to get this quilt done. It is made with stamps from "The Wonders of America". The 40 stamp are so colorful and are very interesting subjects with the longest mountain range, the biggest animal, etc. Check with your postoffice and see if you can buy some. They will soon be gone as these are commemorative stamps and are only available for a few months.

Greysin Smith and I visited and found we knew someone very dear. Wes Smith is his grandpa. I always hope one or two of the students are kind to some of my previous stamp collectors. I have the folders ready and now we will begin learning about the baseball players, Disney Characters, and about fifty more. Know that with the are teachers' help we will accomplish my dream. Plan to take one dog next week and show the many hats of

stamp collecting. This should be interesting. I has been 12 years since the first time I took three dogs to the Ruidoso Downs post office for a stamp program for Nob Hill students. Wayne Bradley still has nightmares about that faithful snowy day so long ago.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Basketball Team

As soon as I have left the art room, I headed to the gym where the 7th grade girls were ready to take on the Hagerman girls. My granddaughter, Crystal and Jay Eldridge's daughter and several more are an undefeated 7th grade team. These girls get to pay with the 8th graders too. Have really missed a bunch of exciting games.

The next night the girls played a team from Roswell with the 7th graders winning again. The 8th graders played well but were a few points short from missing their free throws. I had not met the coach or the principal of the middle school and high school. Mike Booty and Mr. Miller have been very kind and helpful with all of my questions along with mothers of these 7th and 8th grade girls. I cannot believe this bunch are nearly five feet tall. I remember when they were five and six years old and couldn't even dribble. Not they're playing team ball and are so impressive. Hope to get to watch one or two games of the 7th and 8th grade boys.

Outryders Meeting

The Outryders have had meetings at Roland Casters, Dave Spencers and Joe and Barbara Heisers houses. The group is discussing the stable project which they hope to help with and the National Day of the Cowboy.

There is going to be lots of fun things in Carrizozo the last week of July to celebrate the "Cowboy". Everyone would love to be a true cowboy but they are nearly a thing of the past.

I wish I had time and money to attend the latest horse whisperer I have been reading about, Stacey Westfall. She has really some good tapes and ideas the guys haven't come up with. She performs in Tennessee and sure hope to attend one of her clinics. The one for 2007 ins already sold out, showing how good she is. Chuck wagons, contests, music, western style shows, and many vendors are a few of the things in the planning stages between committee members for the NDOC Ranchers

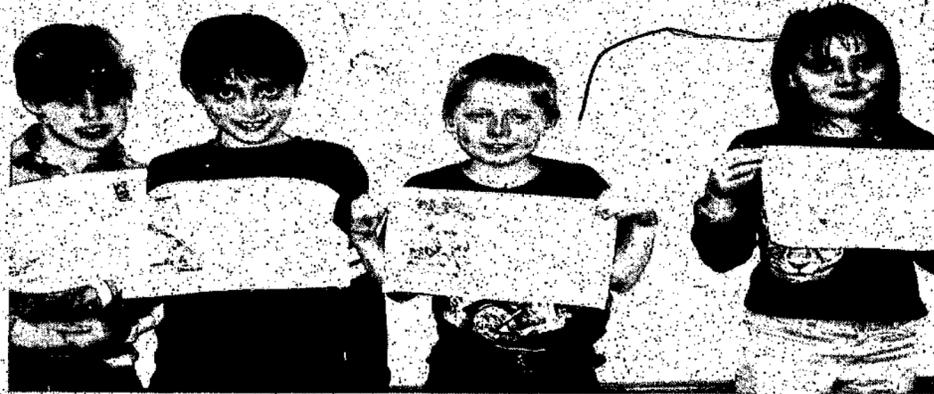
from Carrizozo are participating and they hope to have cattle close by for some branding and for many just to see how it is done. Joe Smith will be the next host for this group of people.

Miner's Day Becomes White Oaks Gold Rush Days

Ruth Birdsong has worked her fingers to the bone and had to give up her miner's day event. A group from White Oaks and others have decided to continue a day at White Oaks but call it White Oaks Gold Rush Days. Gold panning, voices of the past, which has had local celebrities playing celebrities buried in the White Oaks cemetery will change this year to a play that will be performed on the White Oaks School house stage. Make plans to attend this as Evelyn Sidwell and Ruth have come up with some great ideas.

Susan McSween who is played by Evelyn Sidwell and the governor of New Mexico, Jackson the black man from White Oaks, a Miner and many others will make for a fun show. The date for this event will be May 26 and 27 on Memorial Day weekend. Chuck wagons are hoping to be there along with many other events. Hard work but lots of fun.

The Candy Kiss stamp is out so be sure and buy some of them. Warm weather looks like it will return for a few days. Hurrah!!!!



Capitan Elementary students learn about stamps. (Photos courtesy of Betty Joiner)



CAPITAN 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM -- TOP ROW (L-R): Jerami Vance, Roseanne Dobbs, Kaitlin Keaton, Kylee Osborn. SECOND ROW: Dustee Rae Eldridge, Ashley Demerritt, B. Aguilar, Kasey Kessler, Scheryiah Romero, Coach Mike Booty. THIRD ROW: Mara Thomas, Abrah Aguilar, Kersti Davis, Monique Quivoz, Emily Swanner. FRONT ROW: Sevena Pardon, Jamie Fields, Dani Jones.

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Sheriff's Report

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agency units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched. 4:15 p.m. Medical call resulting in agency assistance

LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will open Sealed Bids at 2:00 p.m. on February 20, 2007 at the Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, on the following

Construction of 10'x14' Gatehouse

Bid Forms and Specifications may be obtained from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority's office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346. 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, "Construction of 10'x14' Gatehouse" on the lower left hand corner of the submitted envelope. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to see that the 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 February 20, 2007 p.m., any bidder or their authorized representative 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,
Operations Supervisor

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 20, 2007. The Public Hearing will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers), 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following application:

New Restaurant Liquor License Number 0000/Application Number A-505861 (Beer and Wine Only) from Jesus Moreno, d/b/a La Sierra Mexican Restaurant, Post Office Box 1806, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355. The physical location where license is to be used is 100 Lakeshore Drive, Alto, Lincoln County, New Mexico 88312.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Capitan, New Mexico will hold a public hearing in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Village Hall Meeting Room of the Village of Capitan, New Mexico. The public hearing is concerning the following:

1. Adopting Ordinance 2007- An Ordinance Consenting to Landowners Petitions for Annexation into the Village of Capitan, New Mexico, certain contiguous lands owned by:
Benny L. Taylor at 157 West Lobo Rd, Capitan, NM
Bartley K. McDonough at 111 Tiger Drive, Capitan, NM
Tom & Denise Snyder at 116 Long Rd, Capitan, NM

The public is invited to attend the Public Hearing

Comments or inquiries should be directed to Village Hall, 114 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan, New Mexico 88316; 505-354-2247 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM Monday through Friday.

ATTEST:
Kay Strickland,
Village Clerk
Village of Capitan, NM

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request at residence on J Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

5:43 p.m. Alarm reported at business location on White Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

7:12 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on Enchanted Forest Loop in Alto, deputy dispatched.

January 30

12:00 a.m. Threats reported at location on Franklin Street in Corona, deputy dispatched.

12:12 a.m. Medical call at location on Pine Hill Road in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.

8:27 a.m. Abandoned vehicle reported on Silver Fox in Enchanted Forest, deputy dispatched.

12:31 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Patsy Road in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.

3:52 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.

4:17 p.m. Unknown trouble call from business location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:30 p.m. Medical call at location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

4:36 p.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on Aspet in Capitan, police dispatched.

4:58 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Peterson Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

7:08 p.m. Medical call at residence on Peterson Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley estates, ambulance dispatched.

7:30 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Nogal Hill in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

11:56 a.m. Medical call at Lincoln County Detention Facility at Lincoln County Courthouse complex on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

January 31

12:16 a.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at business location on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:13 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Mogul in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:43 a.m. Information report at Paradise Canyon and De Bord intersection in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

1:31 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on Altamira Drive Alto, deputy dispatched.

1:40 p.m. Fire reported at

Hwy 380 and Fort Stanton Road on Fort Stanton, Fort Stanton emergency units and deputy dispatched.

4:21 p.m. Warrant service requested at ECDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

9:56 p.m. Domestic battery resulting in agency assistance call at residence on Second Street in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.

10:41 p.m. Domestic battery at location on Bonito Lake Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

February 1

8:30 a.m. Warrant service requested at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

8:57 a.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on Hockradle Avenue in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

9:39 a.m. Warrant service requested at location on Central Avenue in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:05 a.m. Alarm reported at location on High Mesa in Alto, Bonito emergency units dispatched.

12:41 p.m. Warrant service requested at residence on River Cove in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

1:09 p.m. Medical call at business location on Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

1:10 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Mount Hood in Alpine, deputy dispatched.

3:45 p.m. Accident reported at High Mesa and Crown intersection in Alto, deputy dispatched.

3:51 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Aspen in Capitan, police dispatched.

5:21 p.m. Welfare check requested for person sitting in car 1/4 mile south of Angus Drive Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:35 p.m. Accident reported on Aspen in Capitan, police and ambulance dispatched.

5:45 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

10:28 p.m. Medical call at residence on B Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

11:30 p.m. Motorist assistance requested at mile marker 10 on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

February 2

5:40 a.m. Medical call at location on Peebles Ranch Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

9:14 a.m. Information report at mile marker 66 on Hwy 380 east of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:09 a.m. Agency assistance requested at location

approximately one mile up Ski Run Road from Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched. 10:32 a.m. Alarm reported

by alarm company at location on Midiron in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS

The Corona Public School District will be accepting separate sealed bids for the following properties:

1990 Chevrolet Caprice Classic Station Wagon, Anets Deep Fryer, Hobart Model 211, 1/4 horsepower Meat Slicer, and a Thurmaduke Service Station with Hot Food Well.

All bids must be received in the superintendent's office at PO Box 258, 250 Franklin Street, Corona, New Mexico 88318 on or before 2:00 p.m., February 28, 2007.

All proposals must be received in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked: Bid and item the bid is valid for. It is anticipated that the awards will be made within seventy-two (72) hours.

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Saturday, February 10
Partly cloudy, with a high near 55, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Sunday, February 11
Partly cloudy, with a high near 58, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Monday, February 12
Partly cloudy, with a high near 54, night: A slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Tuesday, February 13
A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 51, night: A slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

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.

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