

Municipal Candidates File

Candidates for municipal offices filed with their municipal clerks on Tuesday, giving some of the contests a wide selection to choose from.

Voters in the City of Ruidoso Downs will have the widest slate of candidates from which to choose

two councilors, mayor and judge. Eight people filed for two council positions, three for mayor and four for municipal judge.

Any candidate who is a sitting trustee or councilor who wins a different municipal position must vacate their previous position,

which will be filled by appointment by the council or board of trustees. That position will become open at the next municipal election in 2006.

The following is a list of candidates who filed for municipal elections in Lincoln County. All are listed

in alphabetical order.

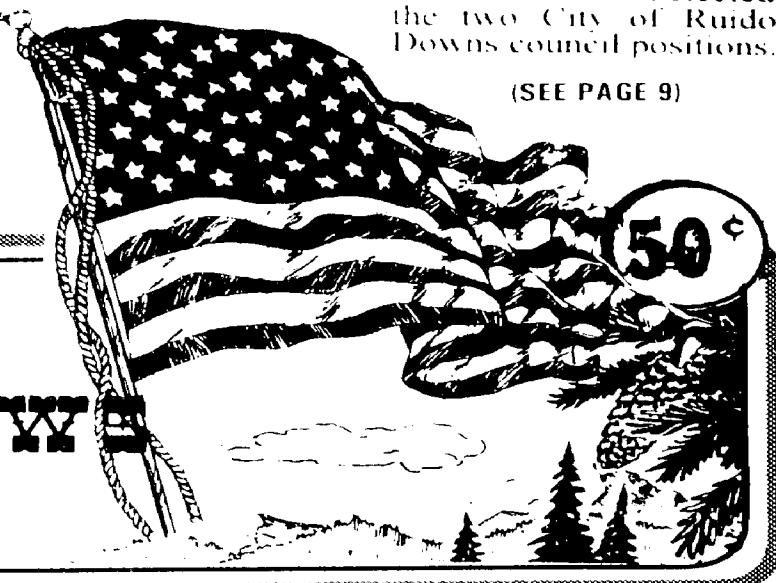
Ruidoso Downs

Candidates for the two City of Ruidoso Downs council positions, each a four-year term, are Virginia Armstrong, Corena Baca, Thomas Chavez, incumbent Susan Garrett, George McCasland, incumbent Judy

Miller, F. Dale Perry and Sally Turner. The two can-

didates who receive the most votes will be elected to the two City of Ruidoso Downs council positions.

(SEE PAGE 9)



"Serving All of Lincoln County"

LINCOLN County News

"Since 1905"

VOLUME # 99, NUMBER 2

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2004

CARRIZOZO, NM 88301

PLURAAC Seeks Budget

by Doris Cherry

At one time the Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) received 10 percent of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payment made to the county as the council's annual operating budget.

After the county adopted the comprehensive land use plan, the PLUAC evolved out of being the committee that actively developed the county's comprehensive land use plan into a committee that considers public land use and rural issues. County commissioners consolidated the two committees, the PLUAC with the Rural and Ag Affairs Committee into the Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC).

At the January 7 PLURAAC meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, PLURAAC members discussed the development of a budget for the group. Members primarily wanted to have a specific amount of funding to pay for mileage for members who attend pertinent meetings outside the PLURAAC. Currently members who wish to do such traveling must request funds from the county manager through the planning department under which the PLURAAC is administered.

PLURAAC member Sally Canning, using a print out of expenses for the PLURAAC, (she did not say if the print out was for 2002-2003 or how long a time period) said the group spends about \$700 a year for legal notice ads for the PLURAAC that are published in the two newspapers in the county. Canning suggested the PLURAAC contact the newspapers and do contracts to get a lower price for the legal advertise-

ing, and then use the money saved for travel.

(Editor's note: the cost of legal advertising for governmental entities, including county committees, is set by the state legislature. Legal notices of meetings is required by the Open Meetings Act.)

Canning also said only half the members are turning in their mileage reimbursements, which come to about \$400 a month. In order to develop an accurate budget she said they need to all turn in their requests for mileage.

PLURAAC chair Duane Frost recommended all members develop requests for mileage for meetings beyond the PLURAAC and submit these requests at the February meeting. The requests will be added to a budget request for PLURAAC to be presented to county commissioners as they develop the 2003-2004 fiscal year budget.

PLURAAC alternate member Doris Cherry recommended the committee include in its requested budget \$400 a year for legal ads and however much is needed for mileage for regular PLURAAC meetings and for mileage to outside meetings, instead of trying to pay less or nothing for legal advertising. (Editor's note: Patsy Sanchez, planning officer for the county told *THE NEWS* that beginning in 2003, the number of legal notices for PLURAAC were reduced. In 2003, only two were published listing the dates of six months of PLURAAC meetings. Another legal ad was published seeking nominations to the PLURAAC membership. For 2004, Sanchez said only one legal notice was published listing all 2004 PLURAAC meetings, in-

(SEE PAGE 2)



STATE LEGISLATORS Rep. Dan Foley, D-10 and Senator Rod Adair, consider requests for funding in the 2004 legislative session that begins January 20. The requests were presented during a legislative roundtable meeting on Dec. 30 in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

Local Entities Ask State for Millions in Projects

by Doris Cherry

Entities in Lincoln County gave their wish lists for state money to the State Legislators for Lincoln County at a Legislative Roundtable held December 30 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

The roundtable was hosted by Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) whose executive director Tony Elias conducted the meeting. State Representatives Dub Williams, District 56, Dan Foley, District 57, and Avon Wilson, District 59 attended. State Senator Rod Adair, District 33 was also present.

Current state Senator Pete Campos, District 8, was unable attend. Senate District 8 will no longer represent Lincoln County after the upcoming 2004 legislative session that begins in Santa Fe on January 20. Beginning in 2005, Lincoln County will be served by State Senate District 33.

Elias said Sen. Adair has already helped Lincoln County in 2003, by helping to bring back funding for various projects.

Only about \$250 million will be available statewide for capital outlay projects, Elias said. As of Monday, December 29, the SNMEDD office had received more than \$20 million in requests from entities in the eight counties which the office serves.

SNMEDD provides technical assistance on grant writing and legislative lobbying for its member entities.

Williams said in 2003 there was \$250 million available and more than \$1.8 billion in requests. He said he expects the total of this year's requests to also be in the billions.

All entities provided state required capital outlay forms filled with their requests, which will be submitted to the legislature. Representatives urged all entities to provide small dollar requests in addition to the large dollar ones, because the small amounts have better chances for approval, especially at the last part of the session.

Williams was especially interested in getting funding for the Fort Stanton Development Commission, which was established by action in the 2003 legislature. However, the commission has no money on which to operate.

Three of the Fort Stanton Development Commission members, Leon Eggleston, Lynda Sanchez, and Chay Rennick were present at the round table. Eggleston said the Fort Stanton Commission was charged with developing and presenting recommendations for Fort Stanton with that they requested \$517,000 for roof replacements for historic buildings at Fort Stanton, \$26,000 to remodel the can-

Fake Anthrax A "Joke," Closes PO For A Day

by Doris Cherry

An alleged practical joke played by a Carlsbad mother on her adult son in Lincoln County closed down the Alto post office on January 2 while the state police hazmat team and FBI investigated a substance that was marked as "anthrax."

According to a report filed by Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Pat Montes, he and deputy Minerva Davalos responded to a call from the Alto Postmaster who reported finding a suspicious substance. Lincoln County Emergency Manager Bill Martin was also called to the scene. The post office called state police and FBI.

Montes said he was advised that a Gavilan Canyon area resident Terry McMasters received mail with a bag of white substance marked "anthrax." Montes said McMasters thought the letter and substance were a prank.

Montes reported he also talked with McMasters' wife, who said she knew McMasters' mother, Anita

Once the state police hazmat team determined the powder was indeed baby powder the post office was re-opened, said Lincoln County Under Sheriff Rick Virden.

Montes and the sheriff's office turned the case over to state police and FBI immediately, since the practical joke involved the post office.

Hoyle, was sending some white baby powder marked anthrax as a prank. Montes also reported that Hoyle was known to do other pranks. McMasters' wife however had forgotten Hoyle was going to do the anthrax prank, the police report stated.

THE NEWS, seeking update on the incident, was referred by state police to an FBI office in Las Cruces, which then referred *THE NEWS* to the FBI office in Albuquerque. As of press time, the FBI office in Albuquerque had not responded to a voice mail submitted by *THE NEWS*.

Capitan Gets Extra Dump Day

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) emptied poly carts in Capitan on Friday.

It wasn't off their schedule to do this service, but LCSWA operational supervisor Debra Ingle decided to send a truck to Capitan when a customer called about his poly cart not being emptied on Friday, January 2. The customer said the Lincoln County News had Friday as poly cart pick up day listed in the calendar of events.

An error in the calendar of events in the December 30 issue of Lincoln County News stated LCSWA would empty poly carts in Capitan on Friday, January 2.

"I didn't want any customer complaints about not emptying the poly carts," Ingle told *THE NEWS* after

she altered *THE NEWS* about the error.

The mistake occurred because the Friday poly cart pick up in Capitan was only for the Christmas week schedule and the Friday was not deleted for the New Year's Day schedule in *THE NEWS* calendar. New Year's Day was the only day off in the New Year's week, while LCSWA employees got two days off for Christmas Eve and Christmas.

THE NEWS apologizes for the mistake and will be diligent in double checking the calendar dates in the future.

Residents who have poly carts can double check on all trash pick up schedules whether regular or for special holidays, by calling LCSWA offices at 378-4697.

ment with additional lagoon system, to chip seal subdivision roads, drainage in the subdivisions, to remodel the old fire station into a community center, and in cooperation with the school, the baseball field.

Foley asked about the status of 2003 funding for the Capitan Library. Until legal questions about the ownership of the library are resolved the funding will be on hold. The anti donation

(SEE PAGE 10)

Billy The Kid Rodeo 4-H Club Organizes

The Billy the Kid Rodeo 4-H Club meets on January 13. The club organized in November of 2003. Bylaws were adopted and officers for the club were elected at their first meeting in November. Officers are president Corrin Hall, vice president Trevor Sanders, secretary/treasurer Seth Hall.

Billy the Kid Rodeo 4-H Club, the group is open to any youth who is six years old up to not more than 20 years old by September 1 of the current 4-H year. Membership will be limited to 20 youth, except siblings of existing members may join even if membership exceeds 20.

For more information about the next meeting, or the club, call Tamara Hall, adult leader at 354-0558.

PLURAAC Seeks Budget

(Continued from Page 1)

stead of notices of meetings being published every month prior to the meetings.)

Members agreed to develop their budgets and bring them back at the February PLURAAC meeting for consideration.

The PLURAAC also voted to draft a letter to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, NM Ecological Services Field Office in Albuquerque requesting the service prepare an economic impact statement (EIS) for the critical habitat designation of the Mexican spotted owl. The letter will be sent to the Lincoln County Commission to consider and, if approved, to designate the county commission as the joint lead agency in preparation of the EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The request refers to specific federal rules that require the Fish and Wildlife Service to hold public hearing on the

economic impact of the spotted owl designation and makes reference to the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan which requires such documentation.

Frost said the US Fish and Wildlife Service did not hold any hearing and did not provide an economic impact statement about the effects of spotted owl habitat designation prior to the actual designation.

Frost said the Mexican spotted owl designation has been devastating to Lincoln County in terms of stopping timber production on federal lands, land planning, construction projects and ranching/farming.

Cherry requested the EIS give specific dollar values to the economic losses created by the spotted owl designation. She also questioned whether the timber industry was very strong in the county in the year the owl was designated as an endangered species.

PLURAAC members used a draft letter requesting the EIS, which was sent to the county from Howard Hutchinson, executive director of the Coalition of Counties, a non-profit multi-county non governmental organization with office in Glenwood, Catron County, NM. Lincoln County has been a member of the coalition but has not attended meetings in at least two years.

Hutchinson also sent draft letters to six counties in Arizona and Lincoln, Catron, Chaves, Eddy, Harding, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, Rio Arriba, Sierra and Socorro counties, requesting their county commissions adopt similar requests.

PLURAAC member Ken Nosker asked that a PLURAAC member attend the next county commission meeting where the draft EIS request letter will be considered by county commissioners. Nosker also asked that the draft letter not be sent through the county manager, rather be sent directly to the county commission for consideration.

Nosker said his time spent on the PLURAAC is not a circus, which the county manager had said about the PLURAAC. "We apparently stepped on someone's toes and authority was eroded."

Nosker said about the county manager's comments, "Concerned about the 'bad media' about the PLURAAC, Nosker then polled members on their feelings about serving on the PLURAAC. All said they were proud to serve although some were concerned about the media articles about past PLURAAC meetings and the county manager's statements about the group."

Carrizozo resident Fred Blodgett said a court has found the spotted owl designation was found to be illegal and the designation was fraud and the county should not connect itself to anything having to do with fraud.

Members voted unanimously to send the EIS request letter to the county commission.

PLURAAC members also approved of sending a draft

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish director, and request the director or his representative attend the February PLURAAC meeting to further discuss the MOU. Frost said he had opportunity to speak personally with the director at a meeting and the director was very receptive to the MOU and was willing to work with the PLURAAC. Frost said this is a considerable change from the previous Game and Fish Dept. directors who said they did not have to cooperate with the county.

The issue for an MOU with the Game and Fish Dept. arose after the department issued hunting permits for oryx on some west side county ranches without notice to the ranchers prior to the special hunts. The draft MOU simply requests the Game and Fish Department cooperate with and notify the county about all issues that could affect the county.

Members also authorized Nosker to attend the January 9 Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee meeting at 2 p.m. in the county commission room in Carrizozo. Nosker has expressed concerns about proposals coming from the water committee. The water committee originally was established as a subcommittee of the PLURAAC, but county commissioners turned it into own stand along committee at the request of the water committee members.

Alternate PLURAAC member Ronnie Merritt also discussed the need for a grazing board. County commission chair Rex Wilson had said another board would just create more bureaucracy and would be difficult to fill and have quorums.

County resident Jerry Carroll suggested the grazing board be a three or four member subcommittee of the PLURAAC and be called on as needed basis. Members agreed to present this option to county commissioners at their January 22 meeting.

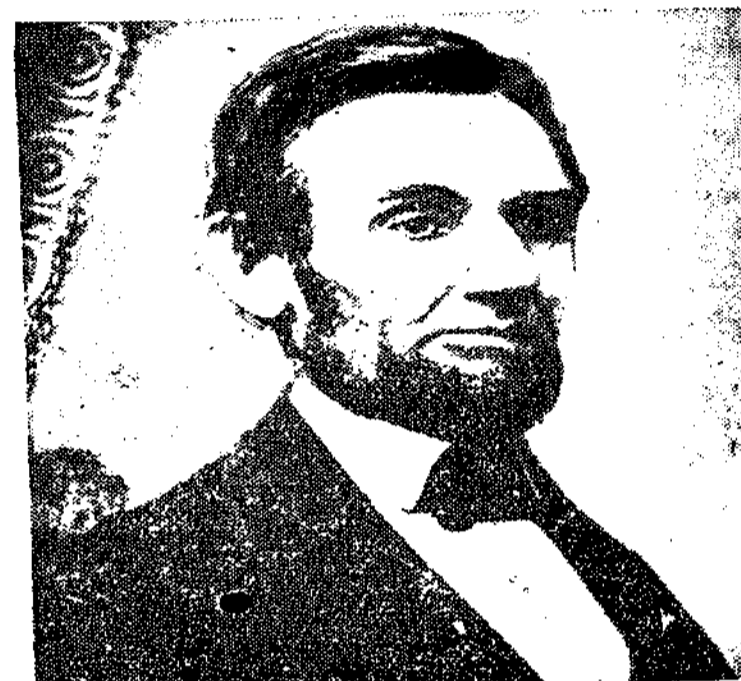
Meetings of the PLURAAC are open to the public and PLURAAC members encourage public participation in their group which they consider the very grass roots of government.



As the Lincoln County News nears the century mark of being in existence (1905-2005), we will be randomly publishing articles that have been published in the NEWS from old files. The following article appeared in the "Lincoln County News" -- on

Friday, January 31, 1936

Abraham Lincoln Goes to Washington



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(From Photograph taken in January, 1861)

by ELMO SCOTT WATSON

FEBRUARY 12, 1936 . . . a red-letter day in America's calendar . . . a holiday in most of the states of the Union . . . a day of remembrance, of eulogy, of "flinging his name against the stars."

For this is Lincoln's birthday. But let us go back to another Lincoln's birthday . . . to February 12, 1861.

A short, little locomotive with a flat-topped smokestack, is pulling along the single track that winds among the gently-rolling hills of Ohio. Back there in one of the wooden coaches a tall, gaunt man sits by a window gazing out over the bleak winter landscape.

Yesterday he had stood on the rear platform of a tram at the brick railway station in Springfield, Ill. A crowd of nearly a thousand people, silent, bareheaded in the cold, drizzle of rain, had listened to these words:

"Friends, no one who has never been placed in a like position can understand my feelings at this hour nor the oppressive sadness I feel at this parting, for more than a quarter of a century I have lived among you, and during all that time I have received nothing but kindness at your hands."

"Here I have lived from my youth till now I am an old man. Here the most sacred trusts of earth were assumed; here all my children were born; and here one of them lies buried. To you, dear friends, I owe all that I have, all that I am. All the strange checkered past seems to crowd now upon my mind."

"Today I leave you; I go to assume a task more difficult than that which devolved upon General Washington. Unless the great God who assisted him shall be with and aid me, I must fall. But if the same omniscient mind and the same almighty arm that directed and protected him shall guide and support me, I shall not fail; I shall succeed. Let us all pray that the God of our fathers may not forsake us now. To Him I commend you all. Permit me to ask that with equal sincerity and faith you will all invoke His wisdom and guidance for me."

"With these few words I must leave you -- for how long, I know not. Friends, one and all, I must now bid you an affectionate farewell."

"Now I am an old man," he had said. Yes, Abraham Lincoln is fifty-two years old this twelfth day of February, 1861. But he has come a long way in this 52 years.

This should be a happy birthday for Abraham Lincoln. But his three boys, Bob and Willie and Tad, hear the sigh that escapes from his lips as he turns from the window and they hush their noisy play. And Mary Todd Lincoln sees in the deep-set eyes that look of sadness which will shadow the face of this "Man of Sorrows" for the next four years.

Yes, he is President-elect of the United States

PAUL'S 4 DOLLAR TAKE-OUT SPECIALS

FULL MENU included, excluding the 'Five Dollar Specials'.

* Lrg. Combo Plates * Beef Enchiladas
* Chicken Strips * Relleno Plates
* Lrg. Smothered Burritos
(Take out Orders Only)

Carrizozo / 648-2832

Thank You Card

I want to thank all of our friends for their cards, flowers, telephone calls, and food, during Jack Harkey's illness, and his passing. They were all appreciated and comforting.

Christine Harkey

Thank You!

To the many wonderful volunteers who made the holidays so special in Carrizozo -- particularly . . .

- * Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- * Business and others for the December 6 openhouse.
- * Carrizozo Woman's Club.
- * Carrizozo Yacht Club.
- * Eileen and the luminaria volunteers.
- * Carrizozo Police and Fire Departments.

**"You Make A Difference."
Thanks!**

PD FOR BY CARRIZOZO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

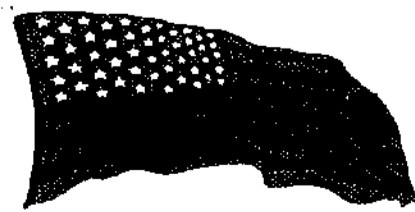
Free Family Law Workshop Jan. 15

A free Family Law Workshop will be held on Thursday, January 15 in Ruidoso. The free workshop is set for 6 to 8 p.m. in the Vowell Classroom at Eastern New Mexico University building on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso.

At the workshop a volunteer attorney will provide information on family law issues including divorce, child custody, child support, paternity, modification of existing orders and domestic violence. The attorney will also explain options and available services and answer questions.

The workshop is open to the public free of charge as a community service. Call toll free 1-800-876-6227 for details.

The workshop is sponsored by the State Bar of New Mexico Lawyers Care program and the New Mexico Civil Legal Services Commission.





Free Workshop Jan. 17 on Grieving Process

In January of each year, we turn the page of our calendars and begin a new chapter of our lives. We have the opportunity to change our story, but most of us continue in familiar pathways with the same job, relationships, and social group. In contrast, individuals who have sustained a significant loss in the last year find their lives turned upside-down with change all around them. Little seems familiar and often they lack the energy to handle the new situation.

find suitable outlets for expression of their grief. They may also judge themselves for their lack of feeling.

Intuitive grievers are more inclined to turn to others as they submerge themselves in their feelings. They often are overwhelmed with emotion and may feel unable to complete necessary tasks in their lives. They may try to stifle their feelings to bring comfort to family and friends who are concerned for them.

ward, what happens next? There are many options, many resources that are available here and throughout Lincoln County and the state of N.M.

Presenters for the *New Chapter* include Sandi Browne, licensed professional counselor, looking at grief from a psychological framework, and Kitty Jelsovsky Callender, sharing experiences from a survivor's viewpoint. Participants will determine their

style of grieving and then be given techniques to work within that style.

Anyone dealing with loss that is impacting their life is encouraged to attend the *New Chapter* workshop on January 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Light lunch served. If you have any questions or would like to register, please call 258-0028.

by: Sandi Browne and Kitty Jelsovsky Callender

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
--Carrizozo School Library open for public use, 5-7 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS
--Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

TUESDAYS
--Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour, 1 p.m.
--Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group, every other Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso;
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
--Crossfire Youth Group, 6:30-8 p.m. Trinity Baptist Church in Capitan. For junior and senior high school age youth.

WEDNESDAYS
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.
--AWANA club for kids age 3 to 6th grade meets 6-8 p.m. First Baptist Church of Carrizozo.

TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
--Special Lincoln County Commission meeting to review and discuss changes to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Ordinance, at 6 p.m. Community Church across the street from the Wortley. Copies of proposed changes available at meeting or by calling the county manager's office at 648-2385.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9
--Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee meets at 2 p.m. in the county commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Public invited to attend.
--Capitan High School Smokey Bear Basketball Tournament begins through Saturday, Jan. 10. Call school at 354-2567 for game times.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
--Democratic Party of Lincoln County meets at 9:30 a.m. at the Cherokee Mobile Home Village community room on the south side of Highway 70 west. (One block west of post office on the south side of Highway 70.) Representatives of presidential candidates John Edwards, Wesley Clark and John Kerry to speak.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12
--Capitan School Board meets at 6 p.m. in the school administration building. Items on the agenda include action on board policy concerning weapons in school, food bid, action on the superintendent's contract.
--Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Authority meets at 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13
--Ruidoso Utility Council 9 a.m. village hall.
--Ruidoso Village Council 6 p.m. village hall.
--Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m. town hall offices in the Carrizozo Recreation Center.
--Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m. village hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14
--Course given by Clara Farah Ph.D. at ENMU-Ruidoso through February 18. Call 1-6505-653-4983 or email clarafarah@aahawk.com for information.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
--Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee 2:30 p.m. village hall.
--Free Family Law Workshop, 6-8 p.m. ENMU-Ruidoso on Mechem Drive.
--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board regular meeting 7 p.m. Community Church in Lincoln.
--Corona Village Council public hearing 5:30 p.m. on transfer of liquor license. Regular meeting follows.

On Saturday, January 17 a *New Chapter* workshop will be presented by Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation for individuals dealing with loss. The workshop is three (3) hours in length and includes a light lunch. There is no charge, but reservations are required. You can call 258-0028 to get more information and to register.

Each person expresses their unique reaction and coping style when faced with loss. Some individuals let their emotions out and seek support while others use activity and cognitive skills to lessen their pain. "One size fits all" does not apply to the process of mourning. However, researchers have determined that, in general, grievers tend to fall into two categories called "instrumental" or "intuitive."

Instrumental grievers stoically continue forward in their lives, taking action and showing little emotion. They are inclined to continue with tasks and projects, as they use their mind to figure out their new life. They are often perceived as lacking feeling, when in fact, they may be feeling very deeply, but not showing that part of themselves to the world. As a result, the instrumental griever may not receive the social support of their community nor

Neither approach is superior to the other, but is part of a unique expression of mourning. Difficulties occur when the natural approach is stifled. Whatever the grieving approach, there are techniques and tips that can assist the individual to move forward with greater ease into their new life.

When grief is no longer overwhelming and people want or need to move for-

Carrizozo Chamber Announces Winners

Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce announces the winners of the 2003 Christmas Lighting Contest.

Willie Swift on 12th Street was the first place winner of the residential lighting category. He will receive a \$75 gift certificate redeemable with any Carrizozo chamber business member.

Joe Ortiz on Lava Loop was the second place winner of the residential category. He will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

Guy and Judy Terry on 11th Street were the third place winners. They will receive a \$25 gift certificate.

Sands Motel was the winner of the commercial category. The motel will receive the traveling plaque with its name added.

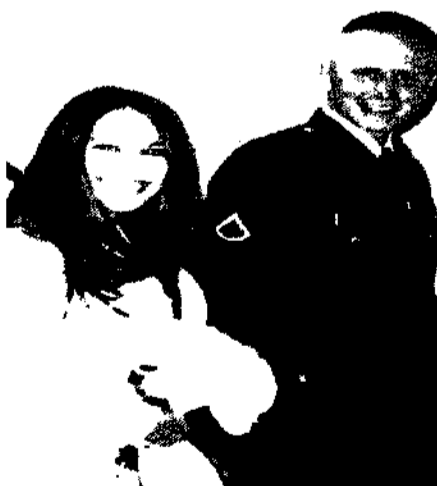
Honorable mention went to Mabel Vega on H. Ave., Rose Wheeler on Lava Loop and Gail Major on E. Ave.

Judges were Audrey Payton Sansone of Taos and Marilyn Renz of San Diego County, CA. Both were guests at a town motel on December 23 when judging was conducted.

Winners will receive their gift certificates and certificates for the honorable mention at the January 13 Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held at the Uptown Cafe in Carrizozo Recreation Center.

Wetzel/McDonald Wedding Nov. 22nd

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wetzel announce the marriage of their daughter, Brandee Lee Wetzel to PFC 1st class Nicholas William McDonald on November 22 at the East Amarillo Church of Christ in Amarillo, TX.



Brandee is the granddaughter of Larue Wetzel of White Oaks, NM, and Josie Alirez of Corona. Brandee will graduate from Caprock High School in the spring of 2004 with a diploma and a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate. Nicholas is a 2003 graduate of Caprock High School. He is presently waiting for his next assignment in the U.S. Army.

Capitan Chamber Announces Winners of Christmas Lighting

Capitan Chamber of Commerce congratulates the winners of the annual Christmas lighting contest: Residential - Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, 109 Cedar Road; runner-up - Gerald & Pat Garrett, mile marker 82 on highway 380; honorable mention - Ben Leslie, 400 W. Smokey Bear Blvd.; out of village honorable mention - Reyes Sanchez family, Gray & Spindle Road. Commercial - Wrights RV Park, 214 W. Smokey Bear Blvd.; honorable mention - Downtown Deli.

First place winners won \$50. The judges saw many beautiful light decorations and were very disappointed that the folks had not called to be judged. Better luck next year.

For ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS Call 648-2333

COMPUTER REPAIR

Web Hosting & Design

Will make house calls in greater Carrizozo area.

DIRK NORRIS

648-4007

In the of Historic Downtown 910 New York Ave. Alamogordo, NM 88301-6920 (505) 434-0036 or 437-7877

E-mail: miyagi13@webtv.net www.glassesbymiyagi.com

Take your glasses to the only Optician in Alamogordo with a specialized degree to make eye glasses!

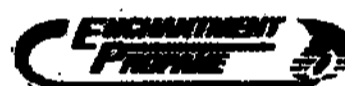


MIYAGI-ISLAND OPTICAL

James A. Miyagishima BS, AA, FMAO Certified American Board of Opticianry Veteran and Tularosa Basin Descendant

910 New York

505-434-0036



The Propane SERVICE Company

228 Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan, NM 1-800-463-0253 or (505) 354-1100

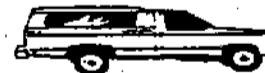
"Problems with water?" We Sell Reverse Osmosis Systems

LOCALLY OWNER "Serving ALL of Lincoln County"

THIS SPACE FOR RENT

DEAMCO TRUCK CAPS & ACCESSORIES

OFFICE HOURS: 9-5:30 -- Mon. - Fri. 9-1:00 Saturday



One Stop Shopping for All Your Truck Tops and Toys.

2917 N. White Sands Blvd. (505) 437-8777 Alamogordo, NM 88310 1-800-479-8773

You Are Welcome to Use Our Toll Free Number

Without it,

how would anybody know what to buy!

Advertising, use it!!

Find Out What Makes You Happy and Then Pursue It!
Course by CLARA FARAH, Ph.D. at ENMU-Ruidoso Starts January 14th Call 505-653-4983 or email: clarafarah@aahawk.com for information

PRINTING NEEDS? Call 648-2333

The Local Think Tank
113 Central Ave Carrizozo Beach 648-JOES
Carrizozo Joe's Espresso Shop & More DIVE IN!

THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Committee Members Need Training

By Ruth Hammond

Suppose only one boxer was in the ring for a title bout. Would you automatically declare that person the winner? And if not, why not? Yet, if you attend certain meetings the same situation happens and some people believe the one person talking, even though the opposition is not there. The fair thing would be to collect the information presented and do further research before making a decision as to what is or is not true. Decision making should be fair, not one-sided.

Evidently one way to help eliminate untrue accusations would be for every person appointed to a governmental committee, whether it is at the county level or municipal level, or for state or school, to take time to learn the rules. One of the most important rules committee members need to learn is the Open Meetings Act, which is mandated by the state. According to the Open Meetings Act, all meetings are to be open to the public, with the few exceptions that are specifically described in the Open Meetings Act. And the public is to be informed of when and where these meetings will be held, as is specified in the Open Meetings Act.

Needless to say, some committee members are not aware of the Open Meetings Act. Maybe all governmental groups appointing people to committees should require that each and every member read the Open Meetings Act before taking positions on the committee. And it might be a good idea for governmental groups to quiz committee members to make certain members understand the Open Meetings Act.

Sad to say, some committee members are not interested in doing what is best for the committee, instead they want to concentrate on matters that will benefit them personally. And here you thought only elected officials were in it for their own or their friend's benefit instead of trying to do a good job that would help the committee and everyone.

Exceptional people are on committees and they do spend much time trying to improve things, and we are thankful for them. These exceptional people are to be congratulated for the good work they do and the results they achieve. The things they accomplish can be seen in the improvements they make. And many more improvements need to be made.

Leaders should lead, not cause friction, and that is what happens too often. Committee members are also supposed to be leaders, but if committee members are not aware of what the Open Meetings Act requires, they are remiss in their duties. It is time for governmental groups to ask their committee members if they are complying with the Open Meetings Act and if not how they will remedy the situation.

Every appointed and elected official is required by the state to follow the Open Meetings Act, which includes publicizing when and where their meetings are held. And the cost for publicizing these meetings is to be paid for by the governmental entity, and the state sets the rates charged.

Sometimes people, even committee members, are not aware that state requirements are in place to help the public. Successful committees try to give correct information.

State Parks Reservation Systems is Now Improved

Visitors to New Mexico State Parks now are able to reserve campsites up to six months in advance by telephone or over the internet.

The state parks reservation system is in its fourth season, and includes 518 developed campsites in 28 of the 31 state parks. Many campsites have utility hook-ups. The system also includes reservations for 11 group shelters and eight group areas.

Visitors who use the new internet reservation system are able to view photographs and detailed maps of each campground and campsites. The reservation service fee continues to be \$9.95 added to the usual camping and utility fees. However, people with annual state park camping permits can make reservations paying only the reservation and utility fees. The new system also extends the ad-

vance reservation time from 90 days to six months.

Campsites that are not reserved will be available to annual permit holders and others for at least two days, or until the site is reserved.

Reservations can be made up to six months in advance, but no fewer than two days in advance by visiting www.nmparks.com or by calling toll free 877-664-7787. Call center hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mountain time seven days a week.

For more information about the New Mexico State Parks and the reservation system call the toll free number or visit the website listed above.

Have A Good Day!!

'Has to be the light!

Deep in the back woods of (you pick the state), a redneck's wife went into labor in the middle of the night, and the doctor was called out to assist in the delivery. Since there was no electricity, the doctor handed the father-to-be a lantern and said, "Here. You hold this light so I can see what I am doing."

Soon, a baby boy was brought into the world. "Whoa there," said the doctor. "Don't be in such a rush to put that lantern down. I think there's another one coming."

Sure enough, within minutes he had delivered a baby girl. "Hold that lantern up, don't set it down, there's another one!" said the doctor. Within a few minutes he had delivered a third baby.

"Don't put down that lantern, it seems there's yet another one coming!" cried the doctor.

After the fourth baby had been delivered the redneck scratched his head in bewilderment and asked the doctor, "You reckon it might be the light that's attracting 'em?"



EARL..

"I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH MIXED EMOTIONS... THAT'S MY MOTHER-IN-LAW GOING OVER THE CLIFF IN MY BRAND NEW PICKUP!"

Big Dry Syndicate



SANTA FE -- Gov. Bill Richardson wants to reform the way public works projects are funded. In May he appointed a Governor's Finance Council to develop an "articulated infrastructure plan." That plan has now been developed and it's going to hit the 2004 Legislature like a bunker-busting bomb.

"Pork politics is clearly at an end; let 2004 be that end," concludes the report from the Finance Council.

Nothing is more sacred to state lawmakers than pork. And at no time is it as sacred as in an election year. In 2004, all 112 members of the New Mexico Legislature must stand for election and the vast majority of these legislators firmly believe their reelection depends on the amount of pork they can deliver to their home districts.

So what will be the effect of the governor's effort to take pork out of legislative politics, especially in a year when all members of both the House and Senate have to defend their seats? It's going to be colossal.

Pork has long been derided by Legislature watchers as an immensely inefficient method of distributing scarce resources to local projects. All 112 legislative districts don't have equal needs. And the money isn't even distributed equally. Legislative leaders of the party in power get the most.

This doesn't happen just in New Mexico. It takes place in all states and it especially happens in Congress. Since Republicans took over Congress, the practice hasn't decreased a bit. Even arch-conservatives such as former Rep. Joe Skeen are proud of the federal projects they bring back to their districts. And as chairman of an appropriations subcommittee, Skeen leveraged an impressive amount of pork for back home. And Richardson was in line for his share as a congressman.

So this isn't a partisan issue. Every legislative body does it. The business community and the media everywhere criticize the practice as haphazard, unstable and highly political, however that hasn't stopped it. But Richardson apparently is going to take a shot at eliminating pork.

This doesn't mean an end to capital outlay projects, however. The Governor's Finance Council has identified \$15 billion of need around the state and has recommended an ambitious program to

fill those needs over the next 10 to 15 years, using money from public sources at all levels and from private sources. The difference is that the money will be spent according to a strategic plan and timetabled administered by an oversight agency.

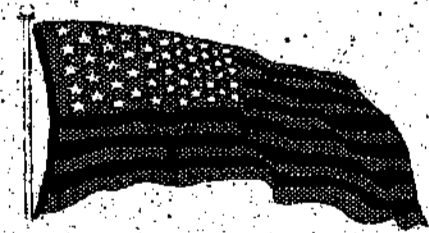
The Legislature still will be a participant in the process. It just won't get to divide the money in the way it has in the past. Legislative Democrats will be the most upset with the elimination of political decision-making on which projects are funded. That's because they currently control the decision-making process. Since Republicans don't have much of a shot at taking over the Legislature anytime soon, most of them won't be too unhappy about seeing their small allocations disappear.

Besides being in the legislative minority, Republicans also tend to represent districts with fewer unmet needs. A few years ago, two Republicans from the Albuquerque Heights couldn't find anything in their districts to fund, so they earmarked their allocations for an Albuquerque Valley project. But the money was kept out of the pork bill by Democrat lawmakers, who found it politically embarrassing.

Often pork allocations are not carried out by the local body in charge of the project. It happens when the pet project of a legislator doesn't fit the priorities of the local governing body.

Several years ago, a high school in the Albuquerque Heights received a new track. When the Albuquerque Public Schools lobbyist saw it in the bill, she ventured that the school administration would not be willing to endure the wrath of all the other schools in the district if one school got a better track.

Richardson might get a little Republican support for the elimination of pork, but that may be about it.



PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Quit it. Don't think another doubtful thought. What you think is what you'll get, so think about what you want and when you want it. It's your time to shine.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) It's not the money that's getting to you. It's you getting to you. You know what to do, and can't lie to yourself. Get off your assets and do it right. NOW.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You can do the same ole things, or start a real exciting life. Don't go inside for too long or you'll find that you'll get too comfortable. Walk on.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22) You may feel like you're getting behind, you're not. Look to the sun, because you're about to do something without your permission. Love and let go of control.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Make a list of what you need to do, because you're about to take on some more good things. You have control of what you want to do. So say so.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) When you realize that what your heart desires is just waiting for you to make up your mind, then everything will fall into place. You can do this.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You're looking for the right thing, but in the wrong place. What you want is not the same as where you want it. Start with your brain, then your heart.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Don't worry about money! You have a great idea on how to make more. Fear is your greatest enemy. Faith will see you through. A great time to start.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20) There is something that someone has that you need. You can ask, and get it, or you can go out and do it yourself and not have to ask any more questions.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) One plus one just doesn't cut it for you. You want it the hard way. Stop. What you need will come to you, once you quit putting out negative energy. Be Happy.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) The fight is over. You can win, because you are about to start a better life. One that doesn't include fighting. Why? You're going to stop fighting. Be happy.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Stop, drop and roll. Is there a fire? There should be. A burning desire to go out there and do what you have never done before. Go now.

judithchristopher@hotmail.com
(505) 257-2996

Lincoln County News
USPS 313460
"The Lincoln County News" is published Thursdays at 309 Central Ave., Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. Second-class postage paid at Carrizozo, New Mexico.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS, P.O. Drawer 459, Carrizozo, NM 88301.
ruth hammond and peter aguilera co-publishers

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
IN COUNTY: 1-Year \$30.00 / 2-Years \$55.00
IN STATE (NM): 1-Year \$33.00 / 2-Years \$61.00
OUTSIDE NM: 1-Year \$37.00 / 2-Years \$69.00

SHERIFF'S REPORT

from the
**Lincoln County
Sheriff's Office**

by R.E. Virden
Lincoln County
Undersheriff



This service is provided to the citizens of our county in an effort to address their concerns and to better assist them in protecting their day to day way of life and an attempt to continually move in a positive direction.

Heating Safety Tips

Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires in the United States according to the National Fire Protection Association. Most heating equipment fires start as a result of misuse or improper maintenance. Listed below are some safety tips to follow.

PORTABLE/SPACE HEATERS

- * Maintain a 36" clearance around all heating heaters.
- * Never leave children or pets unsupervised around portable heaters.
- * Never place cloths close to or on a portable heater to dry.
- * Always check to see that electrical wires are in good condition and not frayed.
- * Purchase portable heaters that have been listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

PORTABLE KEROSENE HEATERS

- * Use only the recommended fuel. NEVER USE GASOLINE, it will cause an explosion.
- * Always turn the portable heater off before refueling.
- * Allow the heater time to cool before refueling.
- * Always refuel your kerosene heater outside to keep from spilling fuel in the house.
- * Store your gasoline away from open flame or heat in an approved container that is clearly marked as to its contents.
- * Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heater.

FIRE PLACES / WOOD STOVES

- * Have your chimney/flue inspected by a professional before every heating season, and cleaned if necessary.
- * Always have a sturdy screen in place in front of your fireplace.
- * Burn only wood (dry, well seasoned hardwood).
- * DO NOT burn newspaper, wrapping paper, or dried greenery.
- * NEVER use flammable liquids for any reason in a fireplace.
- * Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from the fireplace.

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

December 29

9:45 a.m. request for deputy for funeral escort from church in Carrizozo to Angus cemetery.

11:07 a.m. 911 request for ambulance for a very sick woman in Capitan. Med 1 advanced life support ambulance arrived at the location at 11:35 a.m. and left for Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso at 11:51 a.m. arriving at 12:21 p.m.

11:16 a.m. El Paso caller reported attempted break in of his property on Lake Shore Drive, it appeared the doors at the back of the house were messed with.

11:44 a.m. request to check a furnace at location in the Nogal area, the caller heard a loud boom and could smell smoke. The natural gas company responded and advised all was okay.

12:48 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at the ski area for a 46 year old female with hip injury. Med 1 arrived at the ski area at 1:13 p.m. and left for LCMC at 1:28 p.m. arriving at LCMC at 2:11 p.m.

1:14 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at a health clinic for a woman with possible seizures. Capitan ambulance arrived at the clinic at 1:26 p.m. left for LCMC at 2:19 p.m.

1:16 p.m. Capitan caller reported cell phone lost in Ruidoso.

4:55 p.m. garbage fire at garbage dump on ranch at mile marker 14 on State Road 246. Capitan fire department arrived at 5:21 p.m. and completed the assignment by 6:04 p.m.

5:33 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location on Little Creek Road for an unconscious 64 year old male in a hot tub for an hour where he had been drinking. Med 1 arrived at 5:54 p.m. and left for LCMC at 6:14 p.m. arriving at 6:41 p.m.

11:48 p.m. motorist assistance requested on Highway 54 north.

December 30

8:53 a.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping at location near the intersection of Highways 380 and 70 in Hondo. The caller was having problems with her husband. The responding deputy transported the woman to San Patricio where she was going to call a victim's advocate with the DA's office. At 10:42 a.m. the deputy advised there was peacekeeping—for now.

9:45 a.m. a caller from Amarillo reported breaking and entering at location on High Mesa Road in Alto. Deputy responded and advised he had a remote control and a deck of cards with possible fingerprints.

10:38 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 13 year old with broken clavicle. Med 1 arrived at 11:13 a.m. and transported to LCMC arriving at 12:04 p.m.

10:41 a.m. horses with no water on Eagle Creek road.

11:05 a.m. missing livestock eight miles northeast of Ancho, 57 head of sheep. Deputy responded and took the report to the livestock inspector.

11:08 a.m. request for wrecker for an abandoned vehicle on Bueno Vista road.

11:35 a.m. breaking and entering at country club near Carrizozo.

12:22 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area. Med 2 advanced life support ambulance arrived at 1:01 p.m. and transported to LCMC arriving at 2:03 p.m.

12:25 p.m. Lincoln County Detention Center requested a test kit. Investigating deputy responded.

2:08 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 29 year old male with shoulder injury. Med 1 arrived at 2:43 p.m. left for LCMC at 2:52 p.m. arriving at 3:38 p.m.

3:01 p.m. abandoned vehicle at the intersection of Highway 380 and Capitan Gap Road. Wrecker called.

7:23 p.m. request for ambulance for 1 and a half month old baby who stopped breathing. Med 1 arrived at 7:44 p.m. but at 8:05 p.m. was refused transport.

December 31

10:20 a.m. animal complaint in Eagle Creek, animals with no water for the last two days. Animal control officer (ACO) advised he checked the day before and the horses had water. Another deputy was to check and at 10:40 a.m. advised that the horses' water was frozen and the owner will need to haul water. ACO was to call the owner again.

11:24 a.m. State Police in Alamogordo advised they were attempting to locate a vehicle with Texas plates to do a welfare check of a two or three year old child with two black eyes. At 11:43 a.m. the responding deputy advised he located the subject and was told the child had been seen at the emergency room on Christmas and all was okay. State police were notified.

2:08 p.m. trespassing at the Bonito falls. A caller on Santiago in Ranches of Sonterra reported a brown vehicle parked at the end of the road.

3:08 p.m. accident on Little Creek a one car roll over and the female driver was out of the vehicle. Deputy responded at 3:14 p.m. Med 1 arrived at 3:29 p.m. and transported to LCMC arriving at 4:09 p.m.

3:35 p.m. report of a pickup driver slumped over the steering wheel at mile marker 131 on Highway 54. Responding deputy searched the area and further with no contact.

January 1

1:18 a.m. deputy advised of a DWI at a motel in Ruidoso Downs.

9:48 a.m. smoke at Monjeau, two dark smoke clouds. By 9:57 a.m. the responding deputy advised it was fog clouds that were breaking up.

10:24 a.m. traffic hazard, deer in the road, at mile marker 162-163 on Highway 54.

10:27 a.m. domestic between father and son at location on High Mesa Road in Alto area, the son was fighting with the dad and tearing up the house. When deputies arrived at 10:51 a.m. the subject had left. At 10:53 a.m. a deputy found the subject and returned him to the residence.

10:28 a.m. deputy reported hearing a report of possible overdose/unattended death at location on Bruely on the Ruidoso Police Dept. scanner. Med 1 was paged at 10:32 a.m. and the Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU) was paged at 10:35 a.m. Deputies arrived at 10:52 a.m. and requested a wrecker to impound a vehicle. At 11:17 a.m. the Office of Medical Investigator (OMI) was requested and at 11:30 a.m. arrived at the scene. At 11:27 a.m. the undersheriff was notified.

2:21 p.m. alarm in the dining room at business in Alto.

2:50 p.m. Ruidoso police requested deputy for domestic in Eagle Creek Canyon that occurred the day before.

3:18 p.m. harassment, a male subject was harassing the caller's daughter at location at mile marker 274.5 on Highway 70.

3:56 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 47 year old female with lower

(SEE PAGE 10)

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

*The Calendar for
District Judge Karen Parsons*

Monday, January 5

8:15 a.m. Hinds-Sager v. Sager; CV-2002-277 (Perrin/C.Hawthorne) Pretrial hearing.

9 a.m. Dominguez v. Dominguez; DM-2003-78 (R.Hawthorne/Jordon) Merits.

3 p.m. Jury orientation in Ruidoso.

4:30 p.m. Judge to meet with Ruidoso Downs Police in Ruidoso Downs.

Tuesday, January 6

Judge Parsons holds court in Ruidoso.

8:15 a.m.

Sonny Littleton; JR-2002-18 & JR-2003-37 Check in and judicial inquiry.

Anna Bradshaw; JR-2003-52 Pretrial.

Aaron Kannady; JR-2003-66 Adjudication.

Daniel Montes; JR-2003-72 Adjudication.

Jason Fiveash; JR-2003-68 Adjudication.

Dakota Bloodworth; JR-2003-02 Judicial inquiry, competency.

Ryan Baker; JR-2003-05 & 44 Disposition.

Chance Stermer; JR-2003-73 First appearance.

Cassy Smith; JR-2003-74 First appearance.

Nick Combs; CR-2003-52 Pre-trial hearing.

Noon, Drug Court staffing.

1:30 p.m. Child Support Enforcement Bureau (CSEB) cases

Murillo v. Beavers; DM-2003-97 (Kennon/Coll) Pretrial 30 minutes.

CSEB v. Hernandez; DM-2003-99 Pretrial.

CSEB v. Berry; DM-2001-127 (C.Hawthorne) Present order.

3 p.m. Drug Court.

Wednesday, January 7

8:15 a.m. Samora v. MVD; CV-2003-138 Restore license.

8:30 a.m. jury trial, Nicholas Combs; CR-2003-52 (Dobbs/Mitchell)

Bench trial, Black v. Fox; CV-2003-05 (R.Hawthorne/C.Hawthorne) one day

1:15 p.m. teleconference, Federal Express v. Folk of the Wood; CV-2003-194 (Bregman/Rafkin) Schedule conference.

Thursday, January 8

7 a.m. Legislative Prayer in Alamogordo.

9 a.m. Jury Trial Docket call

Aloysius Sanchez; CR-2003-73 & 87

Brian Myers; CR-2003-74 & 88

David Anaya; CR-2003-60

Ricky Dutchover; CR-2003-139

Vickie Smallwood; CR-2003-179

Ronnie Allsup; CR-2003-174

John Langley; CR-2003-170

Michelle Brumlow; CR-2003-156

Troy Warren; CR-2003-182

(SEE PAGE 9)

Church Directory



**MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH,
SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY**

Nogal Presbyterian Church:
BILL SEBRING, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
TERRY AIELLO, Pastor / 648-2024
Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2988 (Church) or 648-2107
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Sun. Evening Training at 6:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2188
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
Corona St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

REV. RON THOMSON, Rector
Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
1-505-258-1242
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Claunch Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister
848-1402
Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
1000 D. Ave, 648-2893 / 648-2846
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 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 8:15 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 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 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

Angus Church of the Nazarene
"Serving All of Lincoln County"

RICK HUTCHISON, Pastor / 336-8032
Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction
Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM

Sunday:
Sunday School for all ages 8:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday:
Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

In Memory of

BILL WINKLER

Stearns Insurance Agency

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Obituaries

HAROLD "Cuni" CHAVEZ
 Prayer service for Harold "Cuni" Chavez were December 30th at 6:30 in St. Jude's Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be tomorrow, Dec. 31 at 10:00 a.m. with burial to follow at the Hondo Cemetery.
 He died Dec. 26 in Lubbock, TX. He was born August 17, 1949 in Capitan and lived all of his life in Lincoln and Chaves counties. He married Helen Sedillo on May 29, 1982.

He is survived by his wife, Helen of Roswell; his mother, Eva Mae Dutchover Chavez of San Patricio; four sons, Harold Chavez III and his wife Yolanda, Jason Chavez, Adrian Martinez, all of Roswell, and Lee Gillispie of Florida; two daughters, Elizabeth A. Zamora and her husband Junior of La Luz, and Andrea Martinez of Roswell; sisters, Alice Romero of Arabela, Rosemary Montoya of Roswell, Mac Rance and husband Ellis of Ruidoso.

so, Betty Miranda and husband Israel of Hondo, and Lucy Chavez of San Patricio; uncle Richard Dutchover of San Patricio; eight grandchildren and a great grandson.
 Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.



BEN PRITCHETT
 Ben Pritchett of Mineral Springs, TX, a former Carrizozo High School principal, died November 19. He was born February 27, 1922 in Phoenix.
 Mr. Pritchett was Carrizozo High School principal in 1969 and 1970. He worked with his good friend Glen Ellison who was then Carrizozo High School superintendent. Mr. Pritchett was also a teacher in several other New Mexico schools, including Dora, House and Encino.
 He was a World War II hero, earning a Purple Heart and Navy Cross for extreme bravery while in the Marines. He received a full military funeral.
 Mr. Pritchett was also a miner, rancher and police officer. He held two masters degrees, one from Eastern New Mexico University and the other from Texas A&M. He was preceded in death

by his daughter Karen Pritchett Klindera, daughter Cora Lea, brother Ray and sister Norma.
 Survivors include his wife Christine; daughter Virginia Pritchett of Mineral Wells, TX; sons John and Ben Pritchett of Clovis; daughter Kristy Pritchett Heeren of Mt. Vernon, Iowa; six sisters, Barbara Williams of Cleveland, TX, Ruth Dumas of Everman, TX, Jean Twaddle of Hammond, IN, Mary Brown of Ft. Worth, TX, and Margaret Toler and Ima Low, both of Arlington, TX; nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren and two step grandchildren.

CHARLES WILLIAMS
 Graveside service for Charles Williams, 75, of Capitan, was Dec. 19 at the Capitan Cemetery. He died Dec. 14 in Capitan. He was born July 14, 1928 at Pampa, TX and had lived in Capitan for 18 years.
 Survivors include his wife, Ethel Williams; son, Bobby Sours of Lampassas, TX; three daughters, LaDoris Sours of Ruidoso, Wanda White of Summerfield, OK, and Elizabeth Spangler of Heavener, OK; 12 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.
 Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

DAVID WAYNE LAMAY
 Graveside services for David Wayne LaMay, 37, of Carrizozo were January 5 in the Angus Cemetery with Rev. Hayden Smith officiating. Mr. LaMay died January 1 in Ruidoso. He was born May 3, 1966 in Carrizozo and had lived in Lincoln County all of his life.
 David is survived by his children, Brittney LaMay, Courtney LaMay

and Dana LaMay all of Carrizozo; his mother, Maxine LaMay of Carrizozo; his brother, Billy LaMay and his wife Gloria of Carrizozo; his sister, Kim LaMay of Carrizozo; a niece Chelsea LaMay and numerous other nieces and nephews; aunts, uncles and cousins.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
SECOND NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice of Supervisor Election for the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District (73-20-49 NMSA 1978).
 To all registered voters situated within the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District, counties of Lincoln, Torrance and Socorro, State of New Mexico.
 Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of February, 2004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. polls will be open to elect two supervisors of the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District, in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act.
 Polling locations will be:
 NRC's/Carrizozo District Office,
 409 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico
 The positions to be filled are position #3 currently being filled by Gordon Barham and position #4 currently being filled by Knollene McDaniel. Both positions may only be filled by resident owners of land within the district.
 Write in candidates must file declarations of candidacy on January 13, 2004 at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 Eligible voters within the district shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place on the day of the election; OR
 Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the referendum may request an absentee ballot application by mail, by phone, and in person. Absentee ballot applications will be available between January 4, 2004 and January 14, 2004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 The above address (409 Central Avenue, Carrizozo) C/O Sue Stearns, same address. To request an absentee ballot application, by phone call 505-648-2941 or 648-4203.
 Completed absentee ballots must be received at the address above not later than 5:00 p.m., February 3, 2004.
 Voters are asked to bring proof of residency to the polling location. This can be a voter registration card, utility bill, or other documentation of district residency.
 If you have any questions regarding this election please call Sue Stearns at 648-2941 or 354-2220.
 Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, January 8, 2004.

LEGAL NOTICE
SECOND NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice of Supervisor Election for the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District (73-20-49 NMSA 1978).
 To all registered voters situated within the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, counties of Lincoln and Chaves, State of New Mexico.
 Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of February, 2004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. polls will be open to elect two supervisors of the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act.
 Polling locations will be:
 Upper Hondo SWCD Office,
 516 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM
 The positions to be filled are position #3 currently being filled by Stan Thomas and position #4 currently being filled by Jim Cooper. Both positions may only be filled by resident owners of land within the district.
 Write in candidates must file declarations of candidacy on January 13, 2004 at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 Eligible voters within the district shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place on the day of the election; OR
 Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the referendum may request an absentee ballot application by mail, by phone, and in person. Absentee ballot applications will be available between January 4, 2004 and January 14, 2004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 The above address (516 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan) C/O Sue Stearns, same address. To request an absentee ballot application, by phone call 505-354-2220 or 648-2941.
 Completed absentee ballots must be received at the address above not later than 5:00 p.m., February 3, 2004.
 Voters are asked to bring proof of residency to the polling location. This can be a voter registration card, utility bill, or other documentation of district residency.
 If you have any questions regarding this election please call Sue Stearns at 354-2220 or 648-2941.
 Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, January 8, 2004.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
SECOND NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice of Supervisor Election for the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District (73-20-49 NMSA 1978).
 To all registered voters situated within the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District, counties of Torrance, Lincoln, Socorro and Valencia, State of New Mexico.
 Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of February, 2004 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. polls will be open to elect two supervisors of the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District, in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act.
 Polling locations will be:
 Robert J. Saul Recreation Memorial Building
 111 North Roosevelt St.
 Mountainair, New Mexico 87036
 Corona Public School Gymnasium
 Corner of DuBois Ave. and Franklin St.
 Corona, New Mexico 88318
 The positions to be filled are position #3 currently being filled by E.R. "Bud" Bagley and position #4 currently being filled by J. Brian Greene. Both positions may only be filled by resident owners of land within the district.
 Write in candidates must file declarations of candidacy on January 13, 2004 at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 Eligible voters within the district shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place on the day of the election; OR
 Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the referendum may request an absentee ballot application by mail, by phone, and in person. Absentee ballot applications will be available between January 4, 2004 and January 14, 2004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the address and phone number below.
 Completed absentee ballots must be received at the address below not later than 5:00 p.m., February 3, 2004.
 Completed absentee ballots must be received at the address above not later than 5:00 p.m., February 3, 2004.
 Voters are asked to bring proof of residency to the polling location. This can be a voter registration card, utility bill, or other documentation of district residency.
 If you have any questions regarding this election please contact Dierdre L. Tarr at 505-847-2243, 121 West Broadway, Suite 108, Mountainair, NM 87036.
 Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, January 8, 2004.

KEEP UP WITH ALL THE NEWS IN LINCOLN COUNTY IN 2004!

SUBSCRIBE NOW

TO THE

Lincoln County News

the Newspaper for All of Lincoln County

P.O. Box 459
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301

Or Call

(505) 648-2333

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

* In County:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Years \$55.00
* In State (NM):	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Years \$61.00
* Outside NM:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year \$37.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Years \$69.00

LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CV03-198**

ASSOCIATES FIRST CAPITAL CORPORATION, A DELAWARE CORPORATION (SUCCESSOR BY REASON OF MERGER WITH ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY, INC. SUCCESSOR BY REASON OF MERGER WITH ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO, INC.),
Plaintiff,

vs.
CRYSTAL I. TIVIS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, FAMILY RESTAURANTS, INC.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 901 17th St., Carrizozo, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1 OF HIGHLAND ADDITION, CARRIZOZO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND

THE SOUTHERNMOST 10 FEET OF THAT PARTICULAR STREET KNOWN AS 17TH STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS HIGHLAND STREET, AND PROBABLY FORMALLY KNOWN AS PACIFIC AVENUE, ADJACENT TO LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1 OF HIGHLAND ADDITION, CARRIZOZO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

This sale is to begin at 11:05 a.m. on January 29, 2004, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, East entrance, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the Judgment granted Associates First Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (successor by reason of merger with Associates Financial Services Company, Inc. successor by reason of merger with Associates Financial Services Company of New Mexico, Inc.).

Associates First Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (successor by reason of merger with Associates Financial Services Company, Inc. successor by reason of merger with Associates Financial Services Company of New Mexico, Inc.) was awarded a Judgment on December 4, 2003, in the principal sum of \$28,887.32, plus outstanding interest through November 20, 2003, in the amount of \$3,983.81 and accruing daily thereafter at the rate of \$10.12 per day, plus title appraisal fees of \$150.00, plus an escrow balance of \$2,458.42, plus attorneys fees through November 30, 2003, in the sum of \$850.00 and costs through November 30, 2003, in the sum of \$587.20, with interest on the late charges, appraisal fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 12.790% per annum.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants, as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

Michael LaValle
Special Master
5120 San Francisco
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
(505) 858-3303

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 23 and 30, 2003 and January 8 and 15, 2004.

LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-03-205**

CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

vs.
**PABLO FALCÓN a/k/a Dr. Pablo Falcon,
STATE NATIONAL BANK, and
FIRST CITY FINANCIAL CORP.,**
a Colorado Corporation,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on February 3, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m. the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendant, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at Goodnight Loving Trail, Alto, New Mexico, 88312 (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control), and is more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 9, 10, AND 11, BLOCK 10, OF RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON NOVEMBER 30, 1982, IN CABINET D, SLIDE NOS. 99 TO 103, BOTH INCLUSIVE.

including a 2000 Masterpiece Mobile Home VIN No. PFS661562, Plate 5759MHY, and any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendant, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy an in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's in rem judgment is \$139,593.12, and the same bears interest at 8.5000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$32.51 per diem, comencing

on September 1, 2003, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem judgment against said Defendant Pablo Falcon a/k/a Dr. Pablo Falcon for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its in rem judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its in rem judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed Peter Baca, as its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described in rem judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders:

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the in rem judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the in rem judgment due is \$139,593.12, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$5,071.56 for a total in rem judgment plus interest of \$144,664.68. Sale is subject to the entry of an in rem order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-9925

Published in the Lincoln County News on January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2004.

LEGAL NOTICE

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-03-282
Division III**

MARK ALAN BERSANO,
Plaintiff,

vs.
GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: R.C. PITTS, ERNEST D. PREHM, and OTTO ERNEST PREHM;

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

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDING OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Mark Alan Bersano, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-03-282 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject matter of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate, which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, of block 18, of O.P. ADDITION to the TOWN OF CARRIZOZO, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico. TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereon. Subject to reservations, restrictions and easements of record.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before February 5, 2004, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs is: Archie A. Witham, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 18th day of December, 2003.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: Jolene Biggs
Deputy

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 23 and 30, and January 8 and 15, 2004.

THANK YOU

I want to thank the Lincoln County Tax Assessor's office, Rick Silva and Doug Whittaker for allowing me to perform at their Christmas party.

Thanks also to Four Winds Restaurant and Lounge, Chris, Di, Sandra and Yolanda for their hospitality and great service.

Raymon Ponce de León
aka Wolfman



(Continued from Page 2)

of America... or should he say "the Disunited States"?

Six weeks after his election South Carolina had passed its ordinance of secession. During the next month Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida had followed the Palmetto state's lead. On February 4, representatives from these states had met at Montgomery, Ala., and organized the "Confederate States of America."

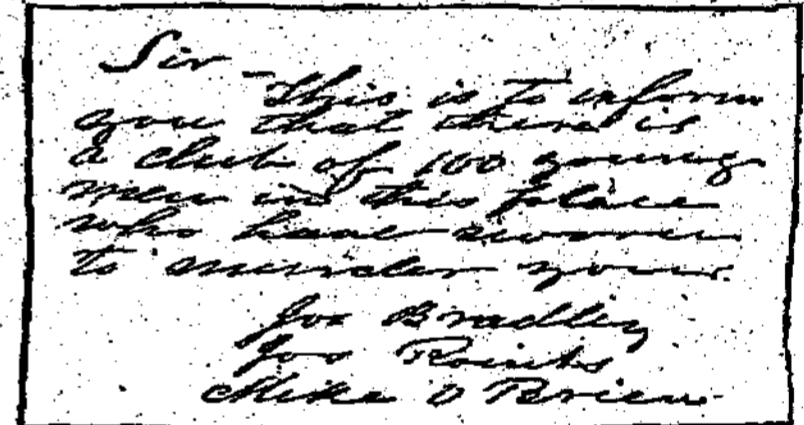
Five more, Texas, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Arkansas, were almost certain to join the six that had already departed from the Union. The future course of three "border states," Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri, as well as the northern slave state of Delaware, was doubtful. And always in the background loomed the threat of a fratricidal war between the North and the South.

So much depended upon what he said and how he said it that he had toiled, night and day, for three weeks over his inaugural address.

"He wrote it as a composer writes a symphony," says Don Glassman in the Washington Star. "He marshaled all the melody in words, all the rhythm of speech and euphony of language to build a monument out of cold syllables... He weighed every one on a musical scale. He employed them as full notes and half notes. He would pronounce each word separately and feel convinced of its necessity both as to thought and style. By the time he finished a sentence it would harbor no contradictory thought or coarse note. The words were riveted together so that to strike out an adjective or syllable would upset the thought and leave a gaping hole in the sentence."

Ever since his election, his mail had been full of letters bearing southern postmarks. Some were signed with the names and addresses of the senders; others were anonymous. They were filled with such words as "Black Republican," "mulatto scamps," "Jail-birds," "rascals" and "thieves."

"Caesar had his Brutus! Charles the First his Cromwell. And the President may profit by their example," warned another, which was signed, "from one of a sworn band of 10 who have resolved to shoot you from the south side of the avenue in the inaugural procession on the fourth of March, 1861." And still another declared;



A Letter From the South

"This is to inform you that there is a club of 100 young men in this place who have sworn to murder you."

It was hard for him to believe that anyone should desire his death. But conviction came at last. More disturbing, though, were the rumors of men in high places who were about to turn traitor to their country and who might have guilty knowledge of plans for reducing it to a state of anarchy. So he sent the adjutant general of Illinois to Washington to sound out Gen. Winfield Scott, head of the army. Scott was a Virginian and his loyalty was suspected. Back came the reply from that, doughty old fighter: "Tell Mr. Lincoln that, if necessary, I'll plant cannon at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue, and if any show their heads or even venture to raise a finger, I'll blow 'em to hell!"

But not even such reassurance could bring peace to Lincoln's troubled mind. As the train bore him nearer and nearer to the capital and to the day when he would take the oath of office, his despair deepened.

To the anxious, listening country his speeches on the journey to Washington were disappointing, writes Nathaniel W. Stephenson in "The Chronicles of America." "Perhaps his strangely sensitive mind felt too powerfully the fatefulness of the moment and reacted with a sort of lightness that did not really represent the real man."

Arriving in Philadelphia he was informed that Allan Pinkerton's Secret Service men had uncovered indisputable evidence of a well-laid plot to assassinate him. He was urged to leave the City of Brotherly Love that night. His reply was: "I have promised to raise the flag over Independence hall tomorrow morning and visit

(SEE PAGE 9)

Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

BRRR! It has been cold the past few days. But there has been no moisture. Sierra Blanca Ski Run has had a little snow. Besides the cold we have had some severe wind storms.

I hope all of you have seen the Rex Wilson family on KOAT-TV. They are promoting the ranchers and explain what they do on the ranch. Rex, Carol, Justin, Marshal and Kendall

have something to say about their ranch. Congratulations.

Christmas Eve was beautiful and San Juan's Church rang with music and good cheer. The church was filled with worshippers and the early service had a wonderful fellowship afterwards at the Dunlaps. We did miss some of our older generation, but know they had a wonderful Christ-

mas. Analisse Hausler again sang her special song for the church services. The little granddaughter of Pat and Tom Sullivan was able to participate as an acolyte.

I received word of the death of my aunt, Eleanor Carpenter Blundell. Her father, Mr. Carpenter was the Superintendent of the Carrizozo Schools in the 40s. Her mother died while they lived in Carrizozo.

Another former resident of Nogal, Austin Snow, died August 5 in Long Beach, Miss. Austin lived with parents, Jim and Elsie Snow and siblings Arthur and Teddy Lynn. The boys loved to come over and "help" Lois with her calves and play with the lambs. Austin was a Forest disease expert. He received many recognition's for his work.

Wishing you all a Very Happy New Year and many good things come your way.

Now we have to remember it is the new year and write 2004. The past year has really gone by fast.

One of the nicest things about the holidays are seeing old friends and making new ones. Although I missed many of the gatherings I did make a couple.

Some families spent the holidays with their families, friends or just enjoyed being home. Others got together with friends and had a picnic on the Bosque.

The George Cronin family of Alto will have great memories of the blackout. They had all their family home and were just sitting down for dinner. Most of the food was ready to be served when the blackout occurred. With candlelight the family had a wonderful time with the quiet, no TV and just talked. How long has it been when families have done this?

George said it reminded him of the times when he grew up and his family didn't have TV, electricity and all the modern conveniences.

The Cronins had all their family, along with the unborn, and was especially meaningful as all their children in the services were home. They have five sons in the armed forces and have been in the Middle East.

The Lincoln Preservation Board has two new members, Tom Mann and Cele Dickenson. Congratulations.

We have sad news again this week. Kenneth Reamy passed away after a long illness. Ken was one the hard workers at the county fair and was a well driller among the many things he was involved in.

Julia Penfield Reidy passed away at her home in Albuquerque. Julia was a member of the Penfield family that had a prominent part of Lincoln History. The Lincoln Community Church was a gift from the Penfield family and they owned the Tunstall Store from 1898 to 1958 when it was purchased by the state of New Mexico. She was such a lady and one

of the sweetest persons you could know.

If you have noticed that your trees are developing cracks on the trunk, they are suffering from lack of water. They need to be watered now.

Scott Shafer celebrated his 30 years of being associated with banking. It was a double celebration as he started working in the banks on his birthday. Many friends and co-workers from Albuquerque, Las Cruces and local banks were present. Lucy Rickman did a wonderful job with an album and also a large display of photos of Scott and bank activities.

A passing thought. This will take a lot of co-operation from former and present 4-Hers. I think it would be apropos to have a display of the 4-Hers through the years. I would need photos and history, newspaper clippings, which I think may have enough of clippings. I do have a few but from 1979 I don't have much.

If my readers are interested I would appreciate any help you can give me. But if you send any information do not send the originals.

Court Calendar

(Continued from Page 5)

Michael Keaton; CR-2003-180
Diana Wells; CR-2003-181
Jose Saenz; CR-2003-151
9:30 a.m. First Appearance
John Metcalf; CR-2003-241
Dion Reynolds; CR-2003-238
Ronald Wilson; CR-2003-237
Sherman Trujillo; CR-2003-240
Richard Butler; CR-2003-239
Paul Sanchez; CR-2003-217
Kevin Reed; CR-2003-203
James Canterbury; CR-2003-219
John Ortiz; CR-2003-220
Mitch Dembowski; CR-2003-222
Billy Harrison; CR-2003-226
Marcello Silva; CR-2003-227
Frank Apodaca; CR-2003-228
Roby Knight; CR-2003-229
Bill Daly; CR-2003-230
Steve Spall; CR-2003-232
David Hollingworth; CR-2003-236

Sentencing:
Armando Salazar; CR-2003-27 & 186
Ritchie Sanchez; CR-2002-201
Ismael Rivera; CR-2002-199
Michele Thompson; CR-2003-146
James Miller; CR-2003-91
Tonia Tolle; CR-2003-72
Carlos Anchondo; CR-2003-97

Other:
Billy Brewster; CR-2003-161 Status
Michael Keaton; CR-2003-180 pretrial
Nora Hill; CR-2003-165 Plea
Martin Valenzuela; CR-1987-53 & CR-2003-77 Correct sentence.
11:30 a.m. Joseph Bookhammer; CR-2003-157 Motion to suppress.
2 p.m. Adam Schiele; JR-2003-49 (Dobbs/C.Hawthorne) Adjudication.

Friday, January 9
9 a.m.
Gonzales v. Gonzales; DM-2003-19 (C.Hawthorne/Schneider) Merits.
Brazel v. Brazel; CR-2000-80 (C.Hawthorne/Martwick) Merits.

Looking Back...

(Continued from Page 7)

the legislature at Harrisburg. Beyond that I have no engagements.

After the Harrisburg reception a special train consisting of a locomotive, baggage car and coach sped back to Philadelphia. There Allan Pinkerton met the President with a well-guarded carriage in which he was taken swiftly across the city to another station where he boarded a sleeping car.

On the morning of February 23 the wires hummed with the news that the new President had made a secret entrance into the capital. "The Prince of Rails sneaked in under the cover of night," sneered some of his enemies. Others called him "that Illinois ape."

Thus Abraham Lincoln came to Washington. Never before nor since has a President-elect entered the nation's capital to assume the duties of his high office under such circumstances.

The next eight days were a nightmare -- of persistent annoyance by a horde of job-seekers, of rumors of disasters that were about to befall, or threats, of sneers, of countless indignities.

March 4 dawned a "blue Monday". I had been raining. Pennsylvania avenue was a broad highway of spattery mud. Silence hung heavy over the crowd massed around the Willard hotel as President Buchanan, and President-elect Lincoln entered an open barouche and started up the avenue toward the Capitol. Sharpshooters were stationed on the house-tops with orders to sweep the avenue with their fire if there was any uprising. In the side streets troops were massed ready for action. Other detachments were stationed beside the Capitol steps and near the north entrance a battery of artillery was ready to unleash a blast of death if need be.

Still unfinished, the Capitol dome was surmounted by huge derricks held in place by steel cables. "People might have drawn a striking parallel between the condition of the republic and its chief building . . . On a level with the spectators stood the bronze figure of Liberty which would later surmount the dome. Perhaps she was making silent appeal to the man in black."

He stepped forward until he stood beneath a canopy surmounted by the Stars and Stripes. For the first time a wave of cheering swept over the crowd of 30,000 massed on the Capitol steps and in front.

"Fellow citizens of the United States,"

There was emphasis on the word "United." The murmur of the crowd was hushed as his firm, clear, far-carrying voice went on:

"The Union will endure forever . . . no state upon its own mere motion can lawfully get out of the Union . . . I therefore consider that the Union is unbroken . . . there need be no bloodshed or violence . . . In your hands, my dissatisfied countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous question of civil war . . . The government will not assail you . . . You have no oath registered in heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the solemn one to "preserve, protect and defend."

And so on to the end.

"I am loath to close. We are not enemies; but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union when again touched, as surely they will be, but the better angels of our nature."

A roar of applause . . . from friend and enemy alike. Chief Justice Taney stepped forward holding a gold-clasped Bible. Then two men repeated together: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. So help me God!"

Abraham Lincoln was President of the United States.

FAST ACTION
Lincoln County News
CLASSIFIED ADS
CALL: (505) 648-2333

STEARNS INSURANCE AGENCY
CARRIZOZO
(505) 648-2911

FOR SALE: Carrizozo area, lots for Mobile Homes from \$100 month. 505-489-4941
12/23-30 / 1/8-15

BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR SALE IN CARRIZOZO
Must sell, 14 ft. ceilings, 5 acres w/2.5 acres fenced, ALL city utilities, GARAGE taped & textured, BARN w/horse stalls, FENCED backyard w/nice lawn.
\$99,000.00
Call 648-6229
102 East 14th Street
2tp/1/8-15

FOR RENT: House in Capitan, 2 BR, 1 bath, central heat, appliances. \$450 month, \$400 deposit.
354-0098
2tc/1/8-15

FOR RENT: Champions Run Condo, two bedroom, two bath, possibly furnished.
505-430-2876
708-218-1966
4tc/11/18-23-30/1/8

FOR SALE: Champions Run Condo, two bedroom, two bath, possibly furnished.
505-430-2876
708-218-1966
4tc/12/18-23-30/1/8

WANTED
Relief workers needed to work on an as needed basis with adults who are developmentally disabled. Apply at New Horizons, 810 "E" Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Phone 648-2379.
2tc/12/30/1/8

VACANCY NOTICE
Capitan Municipal Schools
Employment Vacancy:
Educational Assistant / Special Education - Secondary.
2003-2004 Academic Year (pro rated).
Application Deadline: January 19, 2004, 3:00 PM.
For detailed information and application please call 505-354-2239 or download from web page at www.capitan.k12.nm.us
2tc/1/8-15

FOR SALE: One acre lot in Carrizozo. \$9,000. 648-2323, 648-2832, 2tc/12/23-1/15
THE MENAGERIE, 105 W. Smokey Bear, Capitan will be CLOSED until January 30. We appreciate your patronage!
4tc/1/8-15-22-29

CLASSIFIED AD FORM

YOUR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____

I WOULD LIKE MY AD TO RUN (Check appropriate box for number of weeks)

1 2 3 4 5

Here's What I Would Like to Say

\$5.00 Per Week / for 20 words or less*

1 _____
20 _____

(* Add 10 Cents per word for each word over 20.)

COST OF AD: _____
TAX (.0625): _____
TOTAL: _____

MAIL OR BRING TO:
Lincoln County News
P.O. Drawer 4891 308 Central Ave.
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Ph. or Fax: (505) 648-2333

Local Entities Ask State for Millions

(Continued from Page 1)

clause in the state constitution prohibits giving state funds to any privately owned facility or entity.

Capitan Schools requested funds for: replacement and purchase of new cafeteria equipment to correct deficiencies noted at the last state department of education review; equipment for two gyms and replacement of acoustics in the Traylor gym; football equipment; kitchen equipment for the Careers Pathways program; roof replacement and baseball field.

Capitan School board president Robin Parks, Carrizozo and Corona school superintendents also expressed concerns about the mandates under the No Child Left Behind federal legislation which requires all teachers' assistants to have associate degrees with-

in in the next three years. Carrizozo schools did not ask for any funding.

Town of Carrizozo requested funding for: 500,000 gallon water storage and repairs to the swimming pool; Carrizozo school superintendent Sergio Castanon said the school has decided to assist the town with the pool as a life skills class.

Carrizozo Heritage Museum requested funds for Phase 1 of the museum expansion into the old town building next to the museum. The museum is housed in a town owned building, which allows the group to request state funding to upgrade the municipal owned properties.

Corona Schools requested funds for a drivers' education/VoAg vehicle, a truck to replace the 1980s station

wagon now used. School officials said the district plans to pursue a general obligation bond election in February to provide funds to upgrade buildings and campus.

City of Ruidoso Downs requested funding for: a 3 million gallon water storage reservoir; the Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility; sewer lines to connect about 25 percent of the city's residences that are now on septic tanks; a skate park.

Ruidoso Schools requested funding for: roof replacement and repair of mold damage at Sierra Vista Primary School that school officials admitted had a faulty design; kitchen equipment for the high school culinary program called TeePee Lounge to meet new Environment Department rules for commercial kitchens; paving of the parking lot for the fine arts building.

Lincoln County requested funds for: finishing the Public Health Facility building in Ruidoso; a DWI annex and counseling area at the Lincoln County Detention Center; remodeling of the old jail area in the courthouse into office and storage space. The county also asked for legislation to revise the Indigent Health Care Act to allow the county to pay doctors outside a hospital setting for treating indigent patients; funding for the Fort Stanton Development Commission.

Lincoln County Clerk Tammie Maddox also asked for legislation to correct precinct maps that were inaccurately drawn for the 2002 redistricting. However, the actual legal descriptions for the precincts

were correct, said Maddox. The inaccuracy affects the boundary of state representative districts of 56 and 57 in the Sun Valley area.

Eastern New Mexico University learning center at Ruidoso requested funds to: programs for higher education; re-roof and upgrade the roofing structure of the learning center building on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso; purchase a large building next to the ENMU facility for the Department of Labor One Stop Center to expand.

Citizen Joe Thornton asked for some type of legislation that would prohibit any federal IRS notice of federal tax liens from being filed as an actual lien in the county clerk's office. Thornton said such notices, that list the individual's social security number and so on, could be used for identity theft.

Doris Cherry, chair of the Governor's Committee on the Concerns of the Handicapped presented a page of requests for disability programs statewide, including \$1 million for the GAP program that provides money to retrofit homes with ramps, etc. so individuals who are disabled may continue to live in their homes instead of in nursing facilities or institutions.

South Central Mountain RC&D Council requested funds to: hire a weed coordinator who would write grants and provide public education about weed control and eradication; funds to construct a greenhouse at Smokey Bear Historic Park in Capitan as an educational facility and to hold tree seedlings for the State Forestry tree program.

Sheriff's Report

(Continued from Page 5)

back pain and tail bone injury. Med 1 arrived at 4:34 p.m. left for LCMC at 4:59 p.m. arriving at 5:41 p.m.

4:09 p.m. deputy advised of a disabled vehicle at mile marker 272 on Highway 70 and requested a tow truck from Roswell. The tow truck arrived at 4:24 p.m. and the deputy transported the children from the vehicle to a hamburger restaurant in Ruidoso.

7:18 p.m. 911 request for ambulance for a 54 year old male on Airport Road. Med 1 arrived at 7:35 p.m. left for LCMC at 7:50 p.m. arriving at 8:17 p.m.

January 2
7:28 a.m. one vehicle accident with injuries at mile marker 103 on Highway 54. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at the scene at 7:54 a.m. and left for Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo at 8:13 a.m. arriving there at 8:52

a.m. Carrizozo Fire Dept. also responded.

10:59 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area. Med 1 arrived at 11:25 a.m. left for LCMC at 11:39 a.m. arriving there at 12:18 p.m.

12:30 p.m. Carrizozo police advised of an unattended death at location on county road east of Corona. Deputy arrived at 12:50 p.m. Corona ambulance also responded and requested OMI who was brought out of Torrance County.

1:48 p.m. Alto Post Office reported suspicious substance. Bonito Fire Department and Med 1 were paged but cancelled. Two deputies, state police and FBI also responded.

3:12 p.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service at the sheriff's office at he had a prisoner he was transporting to LCDC.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Joint Lincoln County Village of Ruidoso Downs Extraterritorial Zoning Commission for three (3) member to serve on the Commission. (Nominee(s) shall be a property owner and must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations or letters of interest shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Joint Lincoln County Village of Ruidoso Downs Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. The members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the body appointing them and shall be appointed for terms of one (1) year and shall administer the zoning ordinance adopted by the Joint Municipal County Zoning Authority.

Nominations or letters of interest, will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., January 20, 2004.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, January 8, 2004.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for one (1) member to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be a property owner in the Lincoln Historic District; must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations or letters of interest shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board. In making the appointment to the Board, the Commission shall give consideration to maintaining the balance of interests and skills of the Board, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, including their interest, experience and knowledge in community and cultural traditions.

Nominations or letters of interest, will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., January 20, 2004.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, January 8, 2004.

RANCH STYLE BEANS
Original 26 oz.
99¢

Chills -and- Deals

NAVEL ORANGES
California Lunch Box Size
10\$1 FOR

BREAKFAST SIZE GRAPEFRUIT
5\$1 FOR

Frozen Foods
BLUE BUNNY ORIGINAL ICE CREAM
Assorted Flavors
1/2 gal. sz.
2\$6

LAY'S® OR WAVY LAY'S®
Assorted 13 oz. Reg. \$2.99 size
2\$4 FOR

ASSORTED **DAWN ULTRA** **2\$39**
25 OZ. BTL.

Aisle After Aisle
OF SAVINGS



CANNED CHIPS
Asst. Pringles or Tostitos, 5.13-6 oz.
99¢

NATURE'S GRAIN SELECT GROUP
BAGELS **2\$3**
6 COUNT

RUSSET POTATOES
U.S. #1 - 10 LB. BAG
\$1.79 EA.

WASH. EXTRA FANCY FUJI OR RED DELICIOUS **99¢** LB.
APPLES **99¢** LB.
HOT HOUSE CUCUMBERS **99¢** EA.
GREEN CABBAGE **3\$1** LBS.
NEW CROP CHILEAN SEEDLESS RED GRAPE **1\$1** LB.

YELLOW MEXICAN OR ZUCCHINI **99¢** LB.
SQUASH **99¢** LB.
DOLE ASSTD. 10 OZ. COMPLETE CAESAR SALAD **2\$4** FOR
GREEN ONIONS **2\$1** FOR
FRESH CRISP CELERY **69¢** EA.

TIDE DETERGENT
100 oz. Liquid
81-87 oz. Powder
15\$99

Downy Softener
asstd. 64 oz. **2\$99**

WESSON OIL
Assorted 48 oz. btl.
1\$69

STAR-KIST TUNA
6 oz. Chunk Light In Oil or Water
2\$1 FOR

Solid Albacore
In water 6 oz. **1\$29**

FOLGERS COFFEE
Assorted Grinds 34.5-39 oz.
4\$99

STURGES Venture

PRICES EFFECTIVE: Jan. 08 to Jan. 14
HOURS: Mon. thru Sat. 8:30 am - 7pm
CLOSED SUNDAYS

VISA 4th & Central / CARRIZOZO, NM / Ph. 648-2125
We Accept W.I.C. Checks -- We Honor EBT Cards for Food and Cash