

# County Updated On Wolf Program

by Patrice Brazie

In participation as a cooperating agency in efforts by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to readdress the Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Program, Lincoln County is represented by former county commissioner Rick Simpson. In September, Simpson reported to the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners regarding his first meeting associated with the development of a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the program.

The wolf reintroduction and recovery program designed in 1998 is being re-examined after previous reviews of the program in 2001 and 2005 made clear that there are problems that need to be worked out, problems ranging from economic impacts on the ranching community to a failure to meet the population goals established 10 years ago.

During the last half of 2007, the Fish and Wildlife Service held a series of scoping meetings to gather input from public and private orga-

nizations, government agencies and opinion regarding the program.

Data and opinion collected in those meetings, as well as future meetings, will be considered in the completion of a new Environmental Impact Statement and, eventually, a new Rule for the wolf recovery program.

"On September 10th we had our first meeting with the big, bad wolf gang," Simpson told the county commissioners last month. "I was fairly impressed with their well orchestrated pageantry,"

he added.

Simpson described the meeting facilitators, representatives of an organization called Bridges of Peace, as "a couple of real nice gals left over from the '60s. They had shed their flowers and their skirts, but they were the same gals," Simpson said.

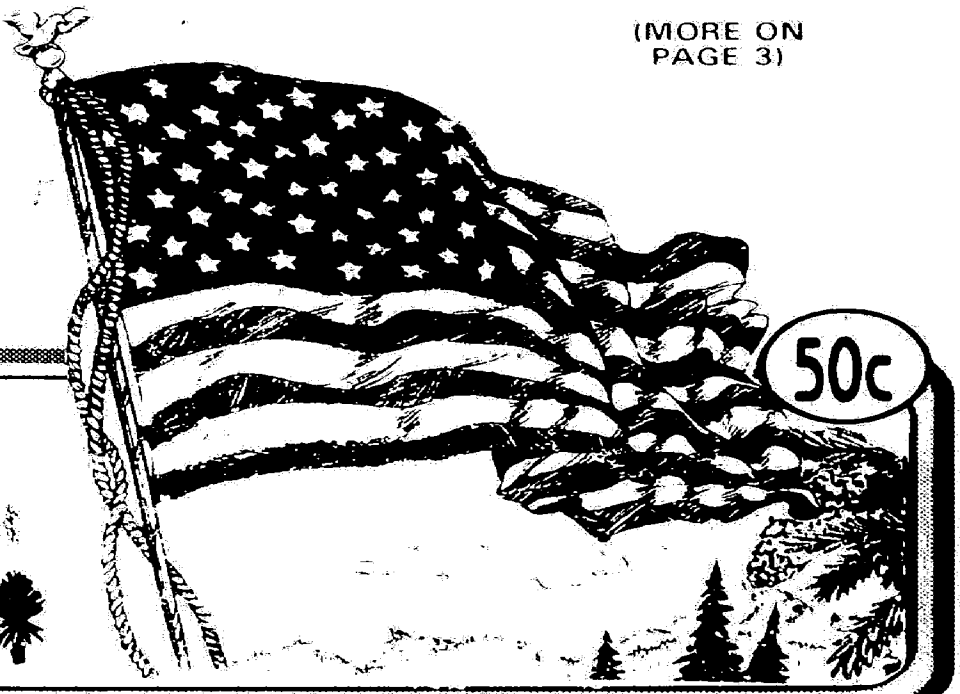
"We started out listening to the federal wildlife head guy for this whole end of the United States, a Dr. Fettle," Simpson said, referring to Dr. Benjamin Luggie, southwest regional director of the Fish and Wildlife Service,

"and he got his job because he is also very smooth, a good talker," Simpson said. "One of the main things that he was there to make people

understand is that this program is here to stay. It's not going to go away," Simpson said.

Although a poll taken ear-

(MORE ON PAGE 3)



50c

"Published Weekly From Beautiful Downtown Carrizozo, New Mexico"

## Lincoln County News

Independent Since 1905

VOLUME #103, NUMBER 40

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008

CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO 88301

### Fort Stanton Is Now A State Monument

by Patrice Brazie

During the September 16 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, county officials heard a presentation from Ernesto Ortega, director of New Mexico State Monuments, regarding the new status of Fort Stanton and its future as a historically preserved site.

"Fort Stanton State Monument was transferred to the Department of Cultural Affairs through the Property Control Division on September 4th," Ortega said. "Fort Stanton represents the very

colorful and comprehensive history of the southern part of New Mexico and the nation's southwest."

In giving a brief history of the Fort Stanton property, Ortega reminded the county commissioners that the New Mexico State Monuments have been a division of the New Mexico museum system since 1931, and today includes a total of eight state monuments. Along with the Lincoln State Monument, Fort Stanton is now the second state monument in Lincoln County.

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson signed a proclamation designating Fort Stanton as a state monument in August of 2007. The original military reservation consisted of approximately 27,000 acres, 1,326 of which were transferred by the federal government to the state of New Mexico in 1955 when the U.S. Public Health Service hospital was closed. Ortega said a 240 acre portion of that land constitutes the Fort Stanton state monument property.

"We will now begin the very comprehensive task of transforming the state property into a state monument," Ortega said. He told the county commissioners that he learned in working with the National Park Service in the 1970s that monuments and parks are forever. "We need to be patient in their development and their organization," he said.

Ortega said that his department is now looking for a manager for the monument, an historical architect and two maintenance workers. "We have two people that are presently employed by the Building Services Division that are being transferred to us, along with about

\$250,000 in funding from the Department of Cultural Affairs," Ortega said.

Dee Kessler, the manager

of the Lincoln State Monument, is presently acting as

(MORE ON PAGE 3)



**PINON NUTS** -- Pinon trees in the mountains of Lincoln County are producing the popular nuts this year, after eight years since the last crop in some areas. Experts advise harvesting the nuts after the first frost, which is said to cause the nuts to open. Raw or roasted, the nuts are considered by many to be worth all of the effort it takes to enjoy them. Permits are available from the Lincoln National Forest Smokey Bear Ranger District headquarters in Ruidoso to harvest the nuts in the forest. Photo by Patrice Brazie.



**FORMER COUNTY COMMISSIONER** Rick Simpson recently briefed the current county commissioner on his participation in a meeting addressing the issues surrounding the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Program. Photo by Patrice Brazie.

### Meet and Greet State Candidates Event October 9

Leadership Lincoln LSCM, Ruidoso and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Lincoln County Meet and Greet state legislators and state candidates on Thursday, October 9, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Spencer Theater in Alto.

### Holloman Announces More Sonic Booms

by Patrice Brazie

In a September meeting with local government officials and representatives from the business community, officials from Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo announced that Lincoln County residents might begin to hear some booms more frequently.

In briefing the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on September 16th, county manager Tom Stewart

explained that the increased possibility of sonic boom occurrence is due to the arrival of a growing fleet of F-22 Raptor fighter jets at the base.

Stewart said that Holloman AFB is presently home to two of the Raptors but, beginning in December, will add two each month until the fleet is complete with 40.

Colonel Jeffrey Harriman, Holloman Base Commander, estimated that the Raptor

pilots will execute approximately 36 flights per day, Monday through Friday, when the full fleet is stationed at Holloman. Stewart said a 15 mile no sonic boom zone has been designated around Ruidoso, and flights will be contained to the White Sands Missile Range as much as possible, Stewart said.

He also reported that no supersonic flights will occur after 10:00 p.m.

### LCMC Housekeeper Retires After 27 Years

Rayna Martinez plans on cleaning houses after 27 and a half years of cleaning patient rooms at Lincoln County Medical Center.

"Hey, man." "How's it going, man."

Patients and employees have heard that for more than 27 years from Rayna Martinez. It's also how Martinez will most likely be remembered.

Martinez was a housekeeper at the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) until she retired on Friday, September 19. She greeted everyone, patients, co-workers, nurses, physicians, managers, administration and the like the same way, "Hey, man."

"I'm going to miss the patients and the people that

work here," said Martinez. "It's easy to get attached to them, especially those patients that come and go a lot," Martinez added.

Martinez started on March 3, 1981 when the county owned facility was the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital.

Martinez said the hospital has changed quite a bit during her tenure.

"A lot has been remodeled," said Martinez. "The ER (emergency room), ICU (intensive care unit), x-ray, lab, warehouse have all been remodeled. This hospital has changed a lot," Martinez added.

Martinez has been a housekeeper during the entire time while employed at the hospital.

"Rayna really enjoys clean-

ing, especially the patient rooms," said Brecca Dixon, LCMC environmental services manager. "The Environmental Services department is a staff of 11 and Rayna is our most tenured staff member. The staff really looks up to her," Dixon added.

Dixon said she felt that the stability of hospital employment as well as the benefits offered contributed to her longevity.

"When we receive new products to test, Rayna is usually the first person to try them out and let us know how they work," said Dixon. "Rayna is very knowledgeable, experienced and very caring of her fellow staff members," Dixon added.

Positive Affect Dixon said that Martinez

knows just about everyone on staff at the hospital. She said she knows most everyone's birthdays and anniversaries and that strong connection with her co-workers has created a great team.

"Rayna is a very caring, soft-hearted person. She wants to make sure everything is OK with her co-workers and their families," said Dixon. She said Martinez has the same affect on patients.

"Rayna has the same positive affect on patients as she does with her co-workers. She always is asking them if they have everything they need in order to be comfortable," said Dixon. "We have had patients specifically ask

(MORE ON PAGE 4)

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) housekeeper Rayna Martinez was caught next to her housekeeping cart on her last day, Friday, September 19, prior to her retirement from the position. Martinez began her employment with LCMC on March 3, 1981.



# County Updated On Wolf

(Continued from Page 1)

Just this year of 1,000 registered voters in Arizona and New Mexico indicated that a large majority of those voters support the wolf recovery program. Simpson estimated that a majority of those in attendance at the meeting were, as he was representing New Mexico and Arizona counties, military bases and a Native American tribe that are opposed to the wolf reintroduction program.

"The majority were not there because they love the idea of this program," Simpson said. "This meeting was just kind of to go over what's been discussed in the past and what we will discuss in the future."

Simpson told the county commissioners that, among the most important information that he brought from the meeting, was the knowledge that the Environmental Impact Statement is not ex-

pected to be completed until 2012.

"Our only chance to get anything done is to show what an adverse affect this will have on the economies of the different regions. I don't see any other way to get any major changes done, other than to show it on this Environmental Impact Statement," Simpson said.

He suggested that the program that reintroduced endangered whooping cranes to the southwest initially cost about one million dollars per crane, and said that the main question he had for Tuggle was in regards to the cost of the wolf program, but Tuggle had no answer to that question, Simpson said.

"I kind of felt like I was being brushed off, because I had more questions I wanted to ask," Simpson said. "When I got a number from him I wanted to ask him how

much of his salary was included in that number. And John Sloan, who is the number one guy in the program, I wanted to ask how much of his salary and benefits and vehicle was included in that, but I couldn't get any number at all," Simpson said.

The Mexican Gray Wolf recovery program includes all of the land in New Mexico that is located between Interstate Highway 10 and Interstate Highway 40, Simpson said.

He reported that the program in Arizona and New Mexico has an estimated 52 surviving wolves currently, and plans are to eventually release 335 more.

According to information provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a goal of 100 wolves surviving in the program by 2006 was never reached. The wolf population in 2007 was 59, and

is currently estimated at 52.

"That's a lot of wolves," Simpson said of the 335 figure. He told the county commissioners that the wildlife service officials have found the White Sands Missile Range, the Lincoln National Forest White Mountain Wilderness and the Capitan wilderness area to be too small to host the wolves.

"The idea is to introduce them over there (in the Gila Mountains) and let them bleed over to here eventually," Simpson said. "I like the word bleed. I think it's appropriate," Simpson added.

Simpson said that he objected to the three strikes policy that results in the removal of a wolf after it has killed livestock three times. "They have a system where they reimburse for livestock losses," he said. "But this has to be proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that a wolf killed (the livestock)."

The disappearance of a calf is not automatically attributed to wolves, and the fact that a wolf is seen feeding on an animal carcass is not proof that the wolf made the kill, Simpson said. "It's not a real good reimbursement program," he said.

Simpson told the county commissioners that his idea for a solution to the issue of livestock lost to wolves is to allow the livestock producers to buy wolf insurance and have those who support the wolf recovery program pay for the premiums.

"And don't just reimburse the price of the livestock. Do the whole picture," he said, suggesting that the cost of emotional stress should be included in the reimbursement.

Simpson also questioned the value of the argument that wolves help to control deer and elk populations, stating that deer and elk are marketable products. "That brings hundreds of thousands, even millions of dollars into the local economy," Simpson suggested.

County manager Tom Stewart and county commission chair Tom Battin objected to what Simpson described as Dr. Tuggle's admission that the program would continue regardless of any opposition to it.

Battin suggested that Lincoln County should take leadership in developing a coalition to aggressively put some democracy into this situation. "In my view, it threatens an industry," Battin said, "and the public seems to have gotten on the wrong side of this issue."

County commissioner Dave Parks was the only commissioner on the board to suggest that it would be beneficial to hear both sides of the wolf issue. "We need to be talking to both sides to get their positions," Parks said.

Oscuro resident Jerry Carroll equated the reintroduction of wolves into the wilderness to the release of a trained attack dog into a community, and suggested that supporters of the wolf

(MORE ON PAGE 6)



As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 103rd year of being in existence (1905-2008), we will again be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following articles appeared in the "Lincoln County News".

Friday, February 18, 1927

## A Letter and Correspondence

Bridgeton, N.J., February 9 1927

Dear John:

All good friends are poor correspondents, so we must still be good friends. The "Who's Who and Why" article in the Post brought us prompt news from W.H.B. Kent, Arthur Ringland, yourself and a new generation at Fort Stanton who know me not. I enclose the last named correspondence for your entertainment. I often think of the old days at Capitan and am glad to know you are still going strong and running such a fine paper. Keep it up.

Always sincerely,  
George Chamberlain

Please remember me warmly to old friends.

Number Four Club  
Fort Stanton, NM, Dec. 17, 1926

Mr. George Agnew Chamberlain  
Care Saturday Evening Post  
Curtis Publishing Co.,  
Philadelphia, PA

My Dear Sir:

In the issue of the Saturday Evening Post dated December 18, 1926, under the "Who's Who" column, you mentioned that at one time you were business manager of El Farol, a weekly newspaper published in Capitan, New Mexico.

We are regular subscribers of the Capitan Mountaineer, a weekly paper now published in Capitan, Lincoln county, New Mexico, and the present publication has a staff of one, and we cannot conceive of it ever being necessary for a paper in Capitan to need the services of a business manager.

Now the question is, is it Capitan, Lincoln county, New Mexico, to which you refer? If it is, you will probably understand this neighborly interest on the part of a few Fort Stanton people.

Most cordially yours,  
W.C. Hendren

P.S. -- We will send you a copy of the next issue of the present publication in Capitan.

Ninety-nine West Commerce St.  
Bridgeton, New Jersey

December 23, 1926

Dear Mr. Hendren:

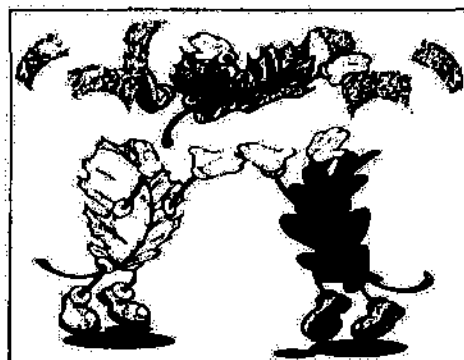
Fame is short-lived indeed! El Farol was edited by Don Clemente Hightower, managed by myself and published at Capitan, Lincoln county, New Mexico, by John Haley, now of Carrizozo. It paid 100 per cent on the capital invested from the first day of issue and as long as I managed it, had as many ads as the other two papers in Lincoln county put together. In lieu of the dollar and a half annual subscription it would accept a bale of alfalfa, three chickens or six dozen fresh eggs. Using a secret formula I even got an ad from the tightest-banked banker and sportsman in Roswell, to say nothing of easier marks in the same distant town.

Under the auspices of El Farol the greatest badger fight ever held in the county was pulled off at Fort Stanton in spite of the stubborn opposition of Mayor Harrington, Arthur Ringland, of the forestry service (since decorated for his services in France) not only held the dog, a large bull terrier, but carried him in his lap the six miles from Capitan to the fort. A huge amount of money changed hands, as many a witness can testify. El Farol then reversed its attitude and published a scathing editorial attacking the cruelty of the sport. The editorial was copied by exchanges throughout the west.

El Farol was published in Spanish and had four its motto "Diogenes look for an honest man." It was started by a Democrat, a Republican and a mugwump with a view to selling it to the highest bidder at the forthcoming elections. I left before the deal was consummated. If you can scratch that record bring on your paper.

Yours for the press,  
Geo. Andrew Chamberlain

(MORE ON PAGE 6)



# FALL RATES

A buck a hole!



9 holes w/ cart - \$9  
18 holes w/ cart \$18  
Play all day w/cart - \$25

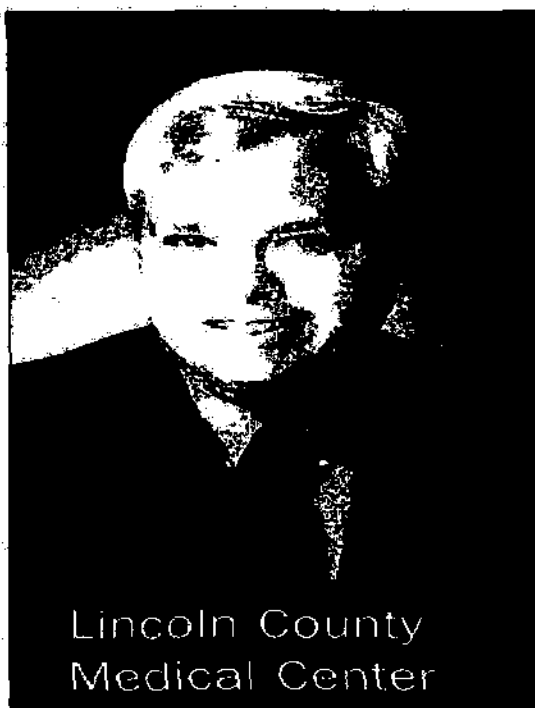


Hours of Operation  
8am - 6pm

Call for tee times  
575-648-2770

Be sure to have  
lunch at the  
10th Hole  
Snack Bar

6634 Highway 380 • Carrizozo, NM 88301  
575-648-2770



Experience and convenience available for women's healthcare needs.

When you need an experienced physician who specializes in the care of women, Tim Harkins, MD, FACOG, is available to help. From prenatal care to childbirth deliveries to gynecological needs, Dr. Harkins has provided comprehensive obstetric and gynecologic (OB/GYN) services for women at every stage of their life for more than a decade.

Dr. Harkins is Chief of Staff at Lincoln County Medical Center and has been a member since 2004. He received his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia and is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Harkins sees patients at three convenient locations in Lincoln County. For an appointment, please ask your physician for a referral or contact one of our clinics.

Lincoln County Surgical Clinic, 205 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 630-4200

Rose Clinic, 330 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, 354-0057

Carrizozo Health Center, 710 Ave. E, Carrizozo, 648-2317

www.phs.org/lcmc

**PRESBYTERIAN**





# Fort Is Now A State Monument

(Continued from Page 1)

manager of the Fort Stanton monument until that position can be filled.

The Community Education Center, which rents property from the Department of Cultural Affairs, will continue to operate out of Fort Stanton for at least another six to 18 months.

"We don't know exactly what the time frame will be," Ortega said, "but they will transfer out of Fort Stanton to Las Lunas. We are coordinating with the Department of Corrections and with the Community Education Center at facilitating the process by which the transfer will occur."

Ortega said that there are some staff members of the Community Education Center occupying some of the quarters within the Fort Stanton State Monument, renting those quarters from the Property Control Division. "We are coordinating with the Property Control Division and the staff there, so they in turn will now be renting those properties from the De-

partment of Cultural Affairs," Ortega said.

The women's correctional program at Las Lunas will be moved to the Turquoise Lodge on state owned property in Albuquerque. "Once that happens, they will be preparing the site at Las Lunas to transfer the Community Education Center, the Civilianics program, from Fort Stanton to Las Lunas," Ortega reported. "We are not anxious to see them leave yet because they are providing a very good service to us. They are occupying facilities and helping us with grounds keeping and many other responsibilities that we have so we will continue to work with them as long as they are with us," he said.

Ortega told the county commissioners that the site at Fort Stanton will eventually require a minimum of 15 full time employees, including the manager, architect, conservation workers, interpreters, educational coordinators and administrative personnel. "Within the next five to 15

year period we will get up to what we consider minimal standard of operations, ideally with 15 to 20 full time employees," he said. "There is approximately 270,000 square feet of buildings, many of which are historic and in need of a lot of work."

Four buildings on the property will see some work being done in the next year, including the administration building, officers' quarters and commandant's quarters.

Another building, currently occupied by Fort Stanton Incorporated will have repairs done to the roof, Ortega said.

County commission chair Tom Battin commented that the State Monument designation for Fort Stanton is the fulfillment of the dreams of many people.

"This is a great day and an historic occasion," Battin said.

- MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS**  
-Free GED classes 6 to 8 p.m., Carrizozo School Library.
- TUESDAYS**  
-Capitan Public Library preschool story hour 4:00 p.m.  
-Alcohol Anonymous 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
- WEDNESDAYS**  
-Corona Public Library Story Hour 4 p.m.  
-AWANA for children age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Carrizozo, non denominational activities. Call 648-2107 for information.
- FIRST and THIRD THURSDAYS**  
-Representative from State Engineer's office is at Ruidoso Village hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
-American Legion Post #11, service Carrizozo area meets at 9:00 a.m. at Wells Fargo Bank.

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
-Trinity Site is open.
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
-Area code 505 changes to 575 for southern counties in New Mexico.
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
-Corona School Board 6:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
-Meet and Greet state legislators and candidates at Spencer Theater 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., sponsored by Leadership Lincoln, ENMU-Ruidoso and Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.  
-Capitan School Board 6:30 p.m.  
-Carrizozo Woman's Club 6:00 p.m.

## Obituary

### CLIFFORD "SAM" ALFRED SAMBRANO

Funeral Mass for Clifford "Sam" Alfred Sambrano of Tularosa was October 1 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in San Patricio with burial following at the Salcido Family Cemetery, outside Hondo.

Clifford was born on June 11, 1957 in Ruidoso to Moises M. and Elizabeth Sambrano and died on September 27 in Alamogordo at the age of 51.

He was raised in Hondo and Carrizozo and graduated from Carrizozo High School. He went on to obtain an Associate Degree from New Mexico State University Agriculture, Mechanics. He moved to California and worked for the Union 76 Refinery and it was there that he met his wife Irene and they married on October 10, 1979 in Long Beach, California. They returned to the area in 1989 and have resided in the Tularosa Basin area since 1995. Clifford was working as a facilities technician at the Missile Range upon his death.

He was a Navy Veteran and a member of the American Legion Chapter #8. He was a member of the Patriot Guard Rider Organization. He had been a member of the Lincoln County Sheriffs Posse and a dispatcher for the Ruidoso Police Department.

His best love was riding his motorcycle with his friends and riding his horse. He even tried bull riding, just once.

Clifford is preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

He is survived by his wife Irene Sambrano; his mother, Elizabeth Sambrano; his sons, Clifford Sambrano Jr. and Salvador Sambrano; his daughter Julia Sava; his brothers, Gilbert, Lorenzo, Moises Jr. and Alex Sambrano; his sister, Bernice Ajustad

and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers for Clifford will be Gilbert Sambrano, Lorenzo Sambrano, Moises Sambrano Jr., Alex Sambrano, Tyrel Gooch and Bob Ryszkowski. Honorary Pallbearers for Clifford will be James Ajustad, Carrissa Davis, Jonathan Davis, Regina Davis, Elizabeth Gooch, Katie Jo Gooch, Alissa Sambrano, Amodo Sambrano, Angelle Sambrano, Antonio Sambrano, Ceresia Sambrano, Elliana Sambrano, Gilbert Sambrano Jr., Joseph Sambrano, Moises W. Sambrano, Tara Sambrano, Alyssa Sava and Anthony Sava.

Arrangements with La Grone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.lagroneiruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneiruidoso.com)

**This Space for Rent**  
**575-648-2333**  
**for THE BEST Rates**

**CARRIZOZO GRIZZLY**

**2008 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

August 29	Carrizozo 46	Tucumcari 20
September 5	Capitan 20	Carrizozo 14
September 12	Marfa, TX 17	Carrizozo 14
September 18	Alamo JV 46	Carrizozo 32
September 27	Carrizozo 48	Escalante 12
October 3	Hagerman	Home 7:00 PM
October 10	OPEN	
October 17	Fl. Summer	Away 7:00 PM
October 24	Mescalero	Away 7:00 PM
October 31	Jal	Home 7:00 PM

**JR. HIGH SCHEDULE**

Sept. 4	Carrizozo 6	Mescalero 6
Sept. 11	Carrizozo 6	Capitan 28
Sept. 25	Carrizozo 14	Mescalero 12
Sept. 29	Carrizozo 28	Capitan 43



The Poor Cave Man Had No Newspaper To Advertise In. But You Have!!



"We Salute and Thank All of Our Service People."

**19th Annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium**  
575-378-4431 [www.cowboysymposium.org](http://www.cowboysymposium.org)

**October 10-12, 2008**  
At Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino in Ruidoso Downs, NM.

**FAMILY FUN!**

Chukwagon Cook-Off • Demonstrations  
Western Arts • Crafts • Old West Town  
Cowboy Poetry • Music & Storytelling  
Craig Cameron - Master Horseman  
Rodeo & Roping Events for the Kids  
Sunday Gospel Music • Trail Ride  
Thursday Night Concert featuring:  
Arling at the Wheel  
The Texas Playboys  
Quilt Sisters  
Friday & Saturday Night  
Western Swing Dances  
with the Texas Playboys  
Johnny Allison, Leon Rausch  
Dustin Treadwell, Billy Mann  
Honey Mae  
Bobby Flores and More!

**TOOLS. NOT TOYS. STIHL Farm Boss**

**MS290 Chain Saw with 20" Bar**  
Robust, durable with an engine that develops considerable torque even at medium speed. The perfect helper for a wide variety of sawing jobs on farms, orchards, gardens.  
**\$379.95**

**Get a Carrying Case and Extra Chain for \$29.95 with purchase**

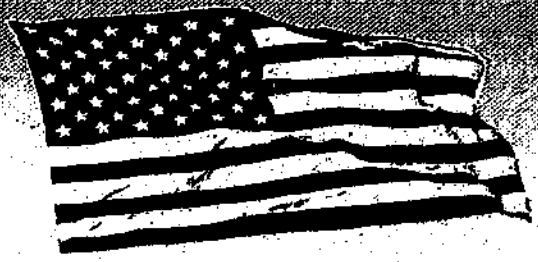
**FS 55R String Trimmer**  
Powered by STIHL HomeScaper Series™ engine TapAction™ 2-line AUTOCUT head Support strap with bike handle version.  
**\$219.95**

**BR 550 Backpack Blower**  
With dependable starting and comfortable operation, our backpack leaf blowers are strong, fuel efficient and ready for even the toughest jobs.  
**\$399.95**

**Are you ready for a STIHL?**

2-hour chain sharpening.  
2515 N. White Sands Blvd. Alamogordo, NM 88310 575-437-8276  
1-800-675-8276 Mon - Fri: 8-5:30, Sat: 8-4 [rockymountainupply.com](http://rockymountainupply.com)





UNTIL THEY COME HOME

# Editorials / Opinions & Other Stuff

## THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### Candidate Pat Paulsen Needed Today

By Ruth Hammond

Pat Paulsen was the proverbial presidential candidate for many elections. Some people may remember his dour face and promises during The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour on TV. He was never an official candidate but he did have some unique things to say. His first campaign for U.S. president (unofficial of course) was in 1968.

Actually Pat Paulsen probably had a larger following than some of the candidates. The 1968 election was when one person nearly got tossed out of the election room for making a comment about wanting to vote for Pat Paulsen. The election workers took their jobs seriously and didn't accept any comments, silly or serious, about the election.

Needless to say, elections are serious, but candidates should know that the public can be influenced by humor just as by facts, if negative ads are facts. According to the rebuttals from some candidates the facts are skewed and not as factual as they are touted to be. What a shame.

On line research indicates that Pat Paulsen's campaign for president was comedic rather than political and ran in 1968, 1972, 1980, 1988, 1992 and 1996. His quotes were unique and his memory will remain with many for years.

Right now people are concentrating on the debate that is to be held tonight between vice presidential candidates. It could be interesting especially with the record of years of vice presidents doing nothing notable. But next year it could be different. Maybe the vice president will be given authority to compose comedy sketches for the public that will depict what might happen if the vice president were allowed to perform for pay in addition to their VP duties.

And even though the vice president seldom does much it could be the start of a new trend. Maybe the VP could write a book about how negative ads cause distrust in the system instead of bolstering trust. It could be an expose of sorts, citing actual negative ads that cause people to want to have the losers deported after the elections. Now if you had a choice, would you want someone living next door to you who is capable of having done the terrible things reported in negative ads before the election day?

Maybe negative ads are popular somewhere, but many people object to them. See Jay Miller's *Inside the Capitol* column today on this page for his view on negative ads.

A better approach might be for candidates, whether national, state or county, to consider a different way to influence voters. Even though Pat Paulsen was not an official candidate for US president, he did receive some votes in different states. And his name continues to be well known after his first campaign four decades ago. His comments on TV were worth listening to because they had wisdom through their tongue-in-check delivery. We need Pat Paulsen to teach candidates that, "Politeness is to do and say the nicest thing in the nicest way."

## Forest Firewood Permits Available

by Patrice Brazie

Ambitious folks looking to save some money on the cost of heating this winter can get a permit from the Lincoln National Forest to harvest their own firewood. Portions of the forest are open to fuel wood harvesting year round, whenever the weather conditions aren't conducive to wildfire, road damage or other forest and human health hazards, and those who are able can save a bunch on the cost of firewood.

The News spoke with John Kennedy of the Lincoln National Forest Smokey Bear Ranger District last week to talk about the prospects and procedures of cutting one's own wood.

Kennedy said that there are areas in the forest that are available for small harvest operations and commercial brokers as well.

There is a minimum fee of \$20 which allows anyone with the gumption to harvest up to two cords of wood, and plenty of areas designated for harvesting.

"These areas are usually going to be good pinon and juniper fuel wood areas," Kennedy said. Juniper is one of the more expensive varieties sold by commercial brokers, and one of the easiest to split.

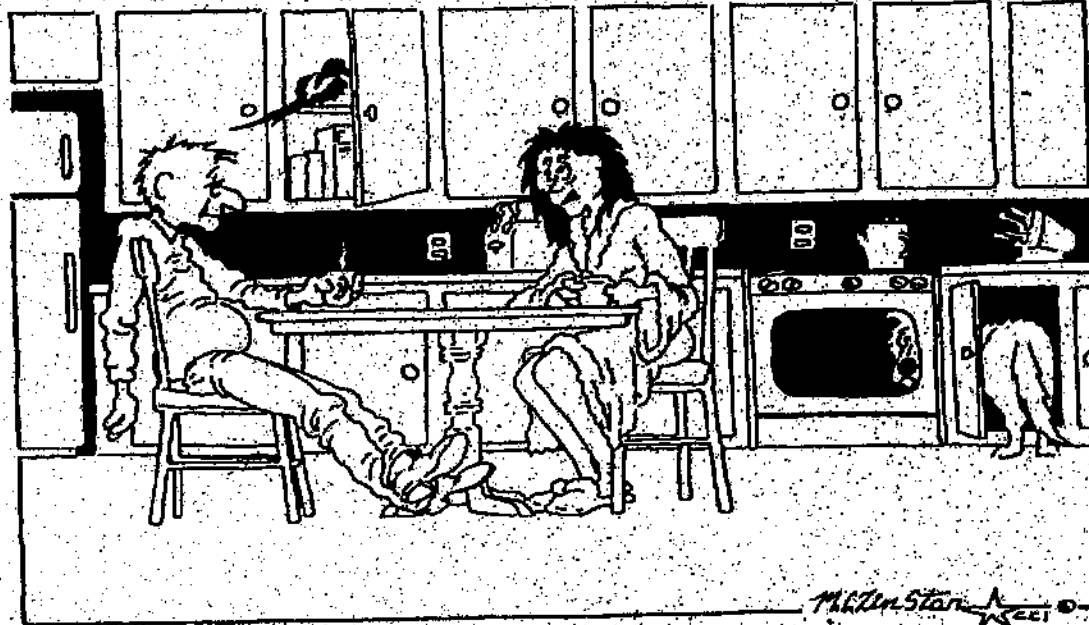
About half of the areas currently open for firewood harvesting in the Smokey Bear Ranger District are areas where the trees are dead and therefore already seasoned; ready to burn this winter.

"I have another couple of areas that are standing green pinon and juniper," Kennedy said, "and a lot of people will cut their firewood for next year in those areas this year. At least people with foresight do that," he added.

"There are times when weather conditions dictate that we err on the side of caution and close our fuel wood areas," Kennedy said. "Sometimes the weather conditions are such that if we let people in there they're going to get stuck, or tear up the

(MORE ON PAGE 7)

## EARL...



"OF COURSE YOU NEVER GET DEPRESSED... THAT'S BECAUSE YOU CONSTANTLY CONFUSE BAD MANAGEMENT WITH DESTINY!"

By Dry Syndicate

## Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- Enough. I've had enough. In August, the two presidential candidates reported record spending of over \$3 billion a day. More than half of that went to increasingly negative advertising.

In September, the advertising became even more negative and undoubtedly spending increased to new record levels. And there is no reason in the world that October will not see a further escalation of spending and negativity.

To make matters worse the major portion of the presidential spending will be directed at about 12 target states, one of which is New Mexico.

It is estimated that over \$25 million will be spent on advertising here. It already appears we are at the saturation point here but they tell us there is more to come.

And with a Senate race and three House contests with no incumbents this year, our exposure to negative advertising is multiplying, with national parties and special interests pumping in millions more to the congressional races.

I don't care if Texans think El Pasoans are fortunate to be privileged to watch television ads aimed at New Mexicans. I'll bet the ranch that El Pasoans are as anxious as New Mexicans to see this all be over.

My wife and I established a rule two weeks ago that we will watch no more television news. It's strictly sports, weather and PBS. I can get all the news I need from newspapers and the Internet.

And just to be sure we aren't annoyed by all the goings on, we have found an October cruise through the Middle East that will take us to places we have always wanted to see and which have become much more relevant in today's world.

It may be a cop out, but I can follow the action by computer and send you my thoughts as I have for the past 22 years. And all that time I can be checking on what it is that makes those folks tick over there.

It is a land of sharp contrasts. Ultra modern cities, such as Dubai, Abu Dhabi and who knows where else, exist alongside 7th century religious and cultural traditions.

We will spend our time cruising the Red Sea, the Arabian Sea and the Persian Gulf. On the Red Sea we will be treated to some historical sights such as the city carved out of Red Rock cliffs at Petra, Jordan. That's where Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade was filmed. And we'll tour the tombs of the Valley of the Kings in Egypt.

We'll also see religious sights such as Mount Sinai, Job's tomb and the oldest Christian monastery in the world with ties going back to Moses and the exodus of the Jews from Egypt.

On the other side of the Arabian Peninsula, we'll visit some of the areas involved in the current conflicts. We'll travel through the Strait of Hormuz, stopping on both sides, at Oman and at Bandar Abbas, Iran.

There also will be stops in Bahrain, Qatar and three of the United Arab Emirates. We are looking forward to a real education.

Finally, another political perplexity I have been pondering. My parents always taught me that it is impolite to point at people. So why do so many politicians start pointing in every which direction as soon as they walk onto a stage?

Are they pointing at old friends? Big money supporters? People with funny hats? Or are they just pointing to make it look like they have a lot of friends and supporters in the audience? President

George W. Bush is one of the most avid finger pointers. Hillary Clinton is just as bad.

When making speeches, most politicians avoid pointing a finger when making a point. Some will gesture with all four fingers. While he was president, Bill Clinton would point a crooked finger while making a point. Recently, he has been straightening that finger out. FRI, 10-03-08



Please Observe Crosswalks.

## LCMC Housekeeper

(Continued from Page 1)

for her when they come back. She makes every patient feel like she has nothing else to do but to clean their room and she wants every patient to know that she cares about them," Dixon added.

"We're never going to be able to fill Rayna's shoes, that's quite a feat in itself, but it may take a little time for everyone to become totally acclimated after Rayna retires," added Dixon.

Martinez has enjoyed her entire time at the hospital and it showed in her work. There was a special, unique way she touched people's lives, regardless of whether they are patients or co-workers.

"I love people. I like to make them feel good," said Martinez.

"I look forward to cleaning the rooms everyday, especially when there are older people are in them," said Martinez. "I like talking to them, giving them attention when they're here. I really like to make them feel good, to make their day," Martinez added.

Martinez has a number of fond memories during her time at Lincoln County Medical Center. She can recall a number of employees that have come and gone, including supervisors, managers and even administrators. She especially remembers working with some other tenured employees.

"I've worked here a long

time just like Maria and Sue and Jim," said Martinez. Martinez was referring to Maria Soto, a fellow Environmental Services employee who has worked at Lincoln County Medical Center for 25 years; Sue Lewallen from the business office that has worked for the hospital for 31 years and Jim Stover who has worked for EMS for 21 years.

"I knew her from high school," said Lewallen. "I hate to see her go. We're going to miss her," added Lewallen. Lewallen will celebrate her 32<sup>nd</sup> year working at the hospital next month.

"I'm really going to miss her. Hey, man," said Nancy Hollis who has worked at Lincoln County Medical Center for the past 10 years.

Martinez has two children, a daughter and a son and two grandchildren.

Lincoln County Medical Center is a county-owned facility leased by Presbyterian Healthcare Services. This partnership has existed since 1972 and is dedicated to improving the health of individuals, families and communities. In Lincoln County, Presbyterian Healthcare Services operates Lincoln County Medical Center, six clinics and a countywide ambulance service. Lincoln County Medical Center employs more than 250 people, including more than 15 providers throughout Lincoln County.



## WEATHER

by Jeff Hammond

Fall is here. Expect lower nighttime temperatures, as low as the mid 30s at the higher elevations of Lincoln County, and mid 40s at the lower elevations.

Daytime temperatures will vary, from the mid 60s at the higher elevations and up to the low to mid 80s at the lower elevations.

A slight chance of thunderstorms and showers has been forecast for early next week, but don't be surprised if there is rain at the higher elevations in the Sacramento Mountains surrounding Ruidoso.

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

Today, Thursday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2008.

Mostly sunny, with a high near 81, south winds between 5 and 15 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47, south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, October 3. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Saturday, October 4. Mostly sunny, with a high near 80, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Sunday, October 5. Mostly sunny, with a high near 78, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Monday, October 6. Mostly sunny, with a high near 74, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43.

Tuesday, October 7. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 77, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42.

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

Today, Thursday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2008.

Mostly sunny, with a high near 73, southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41, southwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday, October 3. Mostly sunny, with a high near 74, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Saturday, October 4. Mostly sunny, with a high near 71, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43.

Sunday, October 5. Mostly sunny, with a high near 69, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Monday, October 6. Mostly sunny, with a high near 64, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Tuesday, October 7. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 68, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

(MORE ON PAGE 7)



Waiting For a Sail  
The Modern Merchant  
Doesn't wait for SALES  
HE ADVERTISES

## Lincoln County News

USPS 313456

"The Lincoln County News" is published Thursdays at 304 Central Ave. Carrizozo, New Mexico 88001. Second class postage paid at Carrizozo, New Mexico. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS, P.O. Drawer 451, Carrizozo, NM 88001.

with a national and print equivalent 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





# Fort Stanton Facts and Fiction

by Betty Joiner

The Fort does look great! Lots of the guys, Sam, and others were mowing, weed eating, and ranking everywhere. It used to be they only kept the quadrangle perfect but around the highway it is really looking sharp. About ten cars with BLM people from Carlsbad toured the whole area on Wednesday. Maybe the more we have see our historic keepsake will then write letters to help preserve everything around here. Remember to be sure and write all congressmen and senators to allocate the money to start the hiring of a crew of our in the middle part of next year. The money will have to come from the legislature, so be sure and ask them to give us the \$750,000 we hope to get to pay wages, run vehicles etc. Every letter will help.

Rosalcee Patterson, PM at Hondo has helped us all out again. She started trainging a PMR and she is now going to be working when I take off. She knows the computer and I cannot keep up with what she is showing me. Roselee has "only" trained four clerks that have fallen into postmaster positions within very short times after her training. She has also trained about six other clerks that have been used by most every postmaster in our area. No one knows what it takes. The time and knowing how much and exactly what to teach them takes a very educated and patient person. She has tried to train me for six years.

Hondo postoffice is very busy and it is hard to have time to show a new trainee what the procedures are, but at offices as small as Fort Stanton, you only do a few of the thousands of transactions that customers request at all different times. If you train clerks on Priority then people are wanting Express. If you train on the credit card, they pay with checks and the struggle goes on and on. Only "24" hours are given to do this large task. Everyone and especially me take our hats off to Rosalcee. Come by the postoffice and meet our new clerk and buy a sheet of the 20 car stamps or the nature series. Beautiful stamps for all of us stamp collectors. Maybe now with a clerk I can go back to the schools which I really do miss.

Outryders are gearing up to judge lots of poems written by the students at Chite Mountain Elementary. For the past two or three years, these school bus these students to the LCC Symposium on Fridays. This year it will be on the 11th of October. Dave Spencer, Dave Scott and Ruth and Walt Birdsong went a couple of week ago and told two or three classes about what the chuckwagons offer the symposium visitors.

We were all so sad when we were told Ruth had fallen that following Monday and broken both knees. One is very bad and the other not so good. Three months of no weight on these knees will be a tough row to handle. Walt is doing great and has some wonderful friends who are checking on him daily.

Raymont Reed was

helping Ruth when she fell. This was a big blessing and is still helping out both Ruth and Walt. Ruth we are knowing you will bounce back once again from the unthinkable. Ruth is in Alamogordo hospital. The next week the two Daves and Evelyn and myself went back to White Mountain to give a short program and suggestions on words and things that the students might write about. The overall prize is a beautiful trophy made with a miniature chuck wagon, wood, and plaque made by Bill McVeigh. Dave Spencer sang his song he wrote for the radio "Going to the Symposium" and also wrote a poem while we are there to show the classes what you could do. We will judge the poems on October 4, at Barbara Heisers house in Alto. Will be looking forward to seeing all these students and hearing them read their poems. A couple asked if I would have the dogs there this year. A couple asked if I would have the dogs there this year. Had not planned to take them as I thought I would have to put two more to sleep, but the favorite Grandpa is still hanging in and wanting to catch a ball or two so am still pondering what to do. I really wanted to try and get as much information for the committee chairmen to maybe make a nice program book next year with some of the special performers, vendors, horses trained by Craig Joe's boot shop and the kids events that have been involved at the symposium for the 20 years.

I have really had bad luck with the dogs. Putting two to sleep in March. Curly spent a week at the vets in February and then 13 days in July Warren could not pin point what is wrong. Seems to be with the diet and something like pancreatitis. Last week Marty; my little red female border collie pulled a ligament in her hind leg and chipped a bone. The surgery was very expensive and I changed my mind three times. When Warren finally went ahead on last Thursday afternoon, he put a pin in the leg and wire around the injury. I went to pick her up on Friday at 3:30. She was in a cast made from gauze and wrap and is doing great. Warren said he had to take some bone marrow from her hip to place in one of the spots where it needed to be fixed. I took several

pictures of Warren, Dusti, Michelle and Dawn. I told them I am going to start a book on the stories I have to tell of what Warren has done with now five of my best friends and two or three of their offspring from owners in the Hondo Valley. I wonder if these four and others who work in vets offices have any idea how we all feel when they try and most times fix our animals? I wish there were words to express how we all feel. Thanks to you especially from me. Chia, Doe, Doe, Smokey, Curley, and Marty. You are all the BEST!!

Junior high JV and varsity volleyball is in full swing. It is so hard to watch the girls lose when they play so well. I am beginning to know several who are playing and it really makes for a fun afternoon. Check the Capitan school web site for the schedule.

I have to get up and see the fence around the CSB area. Some say it is nearly done and I am hoping they bring in some good boys

to help make revenue for the post office. If CEC moves to Los Lunas in the near future we will have to ask for help in bringing in revenue to keep the office open.

Bessie Jones will turn 95 years old tomorrow. She is still at a nursing

home in Alamogordo. So wishes she could be home but is mostly in a wheel chair and in bed. Several people we know are also in the same place and really makes it better with knowing some friends. Anyone else who is having a birthday. Happy Birthday to you!!

## DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

- Monday, September 29**  
 8:15 a.m. Telephonic - State National Bank v. Robert Aguilar CV-2006-164 (Labree)  
 8:30 a.m. Nateal Hart v. Patos, Inc. CV-2007-258 (Approval Settlement)(Biehler/Gibson)(R. Hawthorne)  
 9:00 a.m. Wyona Brazel v. Whitney Palm; CV-2008-242 (Merits)(Hawthorne/Hawthorne)
- Tuesday, September 30**  
 8:15 a.m. Jimmy Underdown v Village of Ruidoso; CV-2007-417 (Presentment)(Rafkin/Bryant)  
 8:30 a.m. One Day - George Gates v. Donald Smith; CV-2007-333 (Merits)(Leonard/Cook-ProSe)  
 4:00 p.m. In the Matter of PQ-2008-06. (Guardianship)(Schissel/McSwaneGAL)  
 3:00 p.m. Drug Court Screening (McSwane)  
 4:00 p.m. Drug Court (McSwane)  
 Darrell Brantley  
 10:00 a.m. Sarah Walls v. Roy Page; DV-2008-71  
 11:00 a.m. Autumn Judd v. Jason Enjady; DV-2008-72  
 1:15 p.m. Paul Miller & Kimalce Miller v Solana Payne; DV-2008-73  
 2:00 p.m. Patricia Autrey v. Charles Autrey; DV-2008-66  
 3:00 p.m. Pamela Dunn v James Dunn; DV-2008-53 (Mtn/Terminate)
- Wednesday, October 1**  
 8:15 a.m. Telephonic - Jay Roehl v. Tomsine Aber; CV-2006-244 (JI Reg. Order) (ProSe/Keithley)  
 8:30 a.m. One Day Merits/OTSC - Peter Adenauer v. Conleys landscaping, Inc; CV-2004-214 (Rafkin/S-Cook)  
 1:15 p.m. Neiderstant v. Town of Carrizozo; CV-2004-334 (Status)(Kennedy/Leonard)  
 4:30 p.m. Audit (CASA)
- Thursday, October 2**  
 8:05 a.m. Lamay Estate; PB-2008-27 (Mtn/Order Distribution Bequest)(R. Hawthorne)(Witham)  
 9:00 a.m. Chris Sanchez v. Camilla Lawrence; DM-2008-85 (Merits)(S-Cook/Rose)  
 1:30 p.m. 1/2 Day Merits - Corey Rushing v. Regina Rushing; DM-2007-50 (Mtn/Modify Parenting Plan)(Pro Se/McSwane)  
 4:00 p.m. City Bank v. Angelo Vega, Ruby White, Peter Wolf. CV-2007-360 (Mtn/Dismiss Amended complaint/Sanctions)(Griffin/Beauvais)
- Friday, October 3**  
 8:15 a.m. Treas Name Change; CV-2008-248  
 8:30 a.m. One Day Merits - P.C. Carter v. Scott Miller; CV-2006-169 (DeYoung/Rafkin)  
 1:15 p.m. Unifund CCR Partners v. Sharon Miller; CV-2007-367 (Mtn/Judgment/pleadings) (Kanter/ProSe)



Warren Franklin



Michelle Werner

*An Excellent Gift for Anyone!*

*Anytime of the Year!*

**THE Lincoln County News**  
*the Newspaper for All of Lincoln County*

"SINCE 1905" P.O. Box 459 Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 "SINCE 1905"

Or Call  
**(505) 648-2333**

**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

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

**September 15**  
 2:03 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Jackalope Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.  
 9:51 a.m. Medical call at residence on French Drive in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.  
 11:32 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Jarratt Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.  
 3:01 p.m. Dog reported running loose on CR C006 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.  
 4:11 p.m. Information report at Railroad Crossing in Oscura, deputy dispatched.  
 6:49 p.m. Information report at business location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

**September 16**  
 12:55 a.m. Shots fired reported at location in Alpine Village in Alpine, deputy dispatched.  
 8:09 a.m. Juvenile offenses reported at location on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.  
 1:02 p.m. Medical call at location on White Oaks Hwy in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.  
 1:30 p.m. Information report at location on Sudderth in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.  
 4:08 p.m. Juvenile offenses reported at location on Horton Circle in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.  
 7:26 p.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.  
 10:16 p.m. 911 Hang-up from residence on El Valle Loop in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

**September 17**  
 1:46 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.  
 8:30 a.m. Accident reported at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.  
 10:00 a.m. Sex Offender Checks at Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) located on Central Avenue in Carrizozo.

deputy dispatched.  
 10:50 a.m. Code enforcement report at location on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.  
 12:17 p.m. Code enforcement report at location on White Angel Lane in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.  
 1:16 p.m. Dog reported running loose near intersection of FR 108 and FR 107 in Bonita, deputy dispatched.  
 3:20 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Ironwood in Carrizozo, police dispatched.  
 9:41 p.m. Disturbance reported at business located at Hwy 380 and Hwy 54 intersection in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

**September 18**  
 8:24 a.m. Medical call at residence on 14th Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.  
 8:48 a.m. Trespassing reported at Capitan Gap and Base Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.  
 1:34 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Partridge Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 2:39 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on 18th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.  
 6:54 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Alamo Canyon in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

9:31 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Moccasin in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.  
 11:51 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at Pine Hill dumpsters in Alto, deputy dispatched.

**September 19**  
 12:14 a.m. Medical call at location on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

8:43 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Wyatt Earp Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:56 a.m. Medical call at mile marker 108 on Hwy 54 in Oscura, Carrizozo ambulance and deputy dispatched.

12:13 p.m. Medical call at residence on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, ALS ambulance dispatched.

12:32 p.m. Civil dispute reported at location on Downs Drive in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

1:54 p.m. Fire reported at location in Chama Canyon in Ranges of Sontero, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

3:30 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 8 on Hwy 37 in Nogal, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

3:47 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Jarratt Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

5:36 p.m. Found property reported at location on Buckhorn Loop in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

5:52 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 55 on Hwy 380 west of Carrizozo, Carrizozo fire units dispatched.

5:57 p.m. Traffic offenses reported on B Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

6:29 p.m. Fire reported on Water Canyon Road in Carrizozo, fire units dispatched.

8:13 p.m. Medical call at mile marker 76 on Hwy 380 in Capitan, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

8:46 p.m. Domestic battery reported at business location on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.

9:17 a.m. Medical call at Tiger Stadium located on Capitan High School grounds, ALS ambulance, police and deputy dispatched.

10:57 p.m. Welfare check requested at location in Alto, deputy dispatched.

**September 20**  
 4:02 a.m. Medical call at residence on Buck Drive in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

10:03 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

(MORE ON PAGE 8)

## Weather Report

(Cont. from Page 4)

The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For up to date weather, [www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/) on the internet. This website is updated every four hours.

The New Mexico Highways Department has developed a new toll free number for up to the hour road construction/ conditions information. Just dial 511, listen to the options and go from there. You can get up to the minute in depth construction updates by logging in to [www.nmroads.com](http://www.nmroads.com) for any area of the state.

## County Updated On Wolf

(Cont. from P. 2)

program should be held accountable for something.

County commissioner Jackie Powell suggested that an expansion of the wolf program would be "absolutely devastating" economically to the village of Capitan and the town of Carrizozo.

"It's an absolutely horrible thing to even think about," Powell said.

Simpson said that he anticipated receiving a report of the meeting from one of the facilitators and that he would forward the report to the Stewart for distribution to the county commissioners.



(Continued from Page 2)

From the desk of Jno. A. Haley,  
 Editor and Publisher

## Senator Bruce

"There is no good reason to believe that man will ever cease to drink altogether, though there is every reason to believe that he will become more and more temperate. God did not conceive him in an acrid, ascetic, or puritanic spirit. He filled his veins with drops of ruddy blood and clothed his flesh with a warm vesture of glowing sensation, appetites, and desires.

It was His intent that so long as His creatures should heed the voice of virtue and observe the laws of social decency, or in other words, so long as they worked no detriment, either to themselves or others, they should enjoy everything that ministers to the satisfaction or delight of their moral or intellectual being. The idea that the human frame is but a darksome house of mortal clay did not originate with Him, but only with distracted children of His, who, for one cause or another, had misconceived His purposes.

Repeatedly, in human history, false conceptions of pity or morality have given a distorting or perverting turn to human conduct, as the case of those pietists of the early Christian church who lived in deserts far from the cheerful accents of man, woman, or child, and subjected their wasted frames to every form of physical deprivation and denial, or as in the case of those Puritans in the Old and New World, of whom I have already spoken, who thought that they rendered service to God by rebuking the free play of human joy and happiness by innumerable petty restrictions.

But always, under such circumstances, man has reclaimed his lost balance and come back to what he really is -- not a seraph, not some mere pallid abstraction of the human imagination, not some mere artificial product of conventional morality, but a "living soul," to use the words of Genesis, fashioned out of the dust and not of the clouds -- endowed with physical promptings which work his utter ruin if not kept within proper check, but endowed also with a conscience and a reason fully equal to the task of safely guiding his feet if only their admonitions do not fall upon ears sealed by human fanaticism and error to all rational persuasions."

The 5-cent gas tax, which has been proposed and has passed the lower house at Santa Fe, appears to have some strong backing and stands more than an even chance of becoming a law.

No one will question the statement that we need more money for roads, but there are divergent opinions as to whether a very high gasoline tax, as the one passed by the house, may not have the effect of producing less revenue than a lower tax. It is almost certain to result in less travel by New Mexicans, themselves, but the most dangerous feature, perhaps, is that tourists, who contribute very largely to our present road fund, may devise some means whereby their gas tanks will be full when they pass through the state.

Gas is so much cheaper in some adjoining states that it causes no stretch of the imagination to vision this result. Then again, many tourists are likely to regard it as a "hold-up" and may take some other route than through our state. So we stand to lose both ways.

## Against A Change

by A. Nester

Will New Mexico's troubles never cease? It sure doesn't look like it. First it's one thing and then something else, and has been like that ever since the first Spaniard set foot in the country, and now some darned fool wants to change it's name to Coolidge. Whether this is election propoganda for the next election, or just plain d--n foolishness, I do not know.

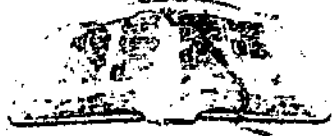
What is the big idea, anyhow? Why isn't the name New Mexico 'good enough'? That reminds me of an old song calle "The Old-time Religion," which goes something like this: "It was good for my old father and it's good enough for me." The same applies to New Mexico -- it was good form my old father and it's good enough for me, and if that fellow don't like it let him move, but tell him to stay away from Arkansas, for if he goes there and folks ever find it out somebody will sure kill him.

Wouldn't it sound fine to say Carrizozo,

(MORE ON PAGE 8)



# Church Directory



### MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

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

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church  
 Worship 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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

### First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor  
 314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM  
 648-2568 (Church) or 648-7107  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.  
 Sun Evening 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Sept. April  
 AWANAS 6:00 p.m.

### Carrizozo Assembly of God

Corner 13th & C Ave  
 Barbara Bradley, Pastor  
 Children's Ministry and Nursery Available  
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Youth Service 6:00 p.m.

### Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR FRANKLIN, Pastor  
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
 DAILY MASS - Santa Rita  
 SATURDAY:  
 Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.  
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 7:00 p.m.  
 SUNDAY:  
 Capitan Sacred Heart 8:30 a.m.  
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.  
 Corona St. Theresa 1:30 p.m.

### Angus Church of the Nazarene

"Serving All of Lincoln County"  
 RICK HUTCHINSON, Pastor / 338-8032  
 Southwest Corner of Hwy 48 & 37 Junction  
 Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM  
 Sunday  
 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:30 a.m.  
 Family Worship 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday  
 Community dinner 6:00 p.m.  
 Adult classes, Youth games and study, Kids Klub 7:30 p.m.

### St. Matthews Episcopal Church

Rev. d Canon Peter Sanderson,  
 Priest in Charge  
 Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM  
 505-735-7356  
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

### White Oaks Community Church

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

### Claunch Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister  
 849-1402  
 Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

### United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor  
 1000 O Ave, 648-2893 / 648-2848  
 Carrizozo, NM 88301  
 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.  
 United Methodist Women  
 Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.  
 Fellowship Dinner on 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

### CAPITAN:

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

### Christ Community Fellowship

ED 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 / 338-4627  
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 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 WES., Pastor / 849-7975  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
 Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

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

### Grace Fellowship Church

TERRY AIELLO, Pastor / 848-0105  
 Ancho  
 Worship 2:00 p.m.  
 Sunday School 3:15 p.m.

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

In Memory of  
**BILL WINKLER**

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Insurance Exchange  
 Carrizozo Branch



**LEGALS**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**VILLAGE OF CAPITAN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Capitan, New Mexico will hold a public hearing in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2008, beginning at 6:30 PM at the Village Hall Meeting Room of the Village of Capitan. The public hearing is concerning the following:

1. Ordinance 2008- An Ordinance Revising Village Officers and Employees, Title I, Chapter 6, Section 1-6-2(A) - Appointment of Village Officers and adding to Section 1-6-3 item B(1) - Duties of Appointive Officers;
2. Ordinance 2008- An Ordinance Revising Public Ways and Property, Title 7, Chapter 1, Section 7-1-2 - Curb Cuts to Existing Curbs.

The Public is invited to attend the Public Hearing.

Comments or inquiries should be directed to Village Hall, PO Box 246, Capitan, New Mexico 88316; 575-354-2247 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

ATTEST:  
Kay Strickland, Village Clerk

Published in the Lincoln County News on September 25 and October 2, 2008.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

No. D-1226-CV-2008-131

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION JPMAC 2007-CH4,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
DAVID CLARKE, WENDY CLARKE A/K/A WENDY B. CLARKE, AND CHASE BANK USA N.A.  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that on October 9, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the North Side entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate or the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 101 Del Monte Drive, Alto, New Mexico 88312. (if there is a conflict between the legal description the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

LOT 28, BLOCK 15 OF ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION, UNIT 5, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, JULY 8, 1969, IN TUBE NO. 344

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes. Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendant from entry of an order approving sale. The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy an in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on September 2, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's in rem judgment is \$251,801.65, and the same bears interest at the variable rate of 7.9000%, which accrues at the rate of \$54.50 per diem, commencing on July 9, 2008, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem judgment against said Defendant, David Clarke, 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 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 into 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 \$251,801.65, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$5,123.00 for a total in rem judgment plus interest of \$256,924.65.

EDWARD LITTLE, Special Master  
1509 37th St SE  
Rio Rancho NM 87124  
Telephone: (505) 891-1918  
E-mail: sale@littledranitel.com

Published in the Lincoln County News on September 11, 18, 25; and October 2, 2008.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

No. CV-2008-268  
Div. III

ANCHO CATTLE COMPANY,  
Plaintiff

vs.  
**GROUP I**  
JOHN W. & ELLA DALE, ELMO DALE, and Spouse, if any; W.D. CLAYTON, and Spouse, if any; PAUL CHALMERS GORDON, and Spouse, if any;

**GROUP II**  
JOHN DOES, 1 THROUGH 12, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns, and;

**GROUP III**  
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS

Defendants.  
**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDING OF PROCEEDING**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

To: JOHN W. & ELLA DALE, ELMO DALE, and Spouse, if any; W.D. CLAYTON, and spouse, if any; PAUL CHALMERS GORDON, and Spouse, if any; JOHN DOES, 1 THROUGH 12, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns; and, Unknown persons who may claim a lien, interest or title adverse to Plaintiff.

GRBTINGS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above named Plaintiff has commenced a proceeding against you in the above entitled Court and Cause, the object thereof being a Complaint for Quiet Title with respect to real property located in Ancho, Lincoln County, New Mexico as more particularly described in the Complaint on file herein.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you serve and file a responsive pleading or motion in said Cause on or before the 14th day of November 2008, judgment will be rendered against you in said Cause by default.

Plaintiff's attorneys are: Gibson & Leonard, P.C., whose address is 1221 Mechem Dr. Ste. 1. Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, this 12th day of September, 2008.

JAN PERRY  
Clerk of the District Court  
By: Gloria LaMay  
Deputy Clerk

Published in the Lincoln County News on September 18, 25; and October 2, 2008.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

PB-2008-11

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ROBERT H. STEPHENS, Deceased:

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Personal Representative at P.O. Box 850, Roswell, NM 88202-0850.

DATED this 21st day of May, 2008.

Thomas Lee Stephens  
c/o Kraft & Hunter, LLP  
Richard L. Kraft  
P.O. Box 850  
Roswell, NM 81202-0850  
Attorneys for Personal Representative

Published in the Lincoln County News on September 25 and October 2, 2008.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing to amend, repeal, or reenact beginning at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 19, 2008. The Public Hearing will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301, to consider the following:

**A. RECONSIDER THE LINCOLN COUNTY ORDINANCE 2008-06, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EFFICIENT AND SANITARY COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE IN LINCOLN COUNTY.**

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed documents may be obtained from the County Manager's office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary and or service, please contact 575/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

BILLIE-JOE GUEVARA  
Administrative Assistant/  
Human Resources

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, October 2, 2008.

**Firewood Permits**

(Con't. from P. 4)

roads or they're going to get stranded," Kennedy said. "But generally around here, our winters are pretty mild as far as moisture. It might be cold out, but as long as there's not enough snow to mess up the roads, we'll continue to issue permits and let people go out there," he said.

Kennedy said he uses a formula to determine how much fuel wood is available for harvesting in a given area.

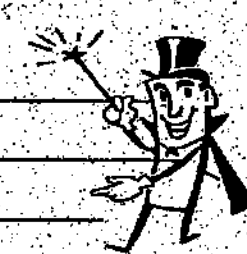
"I have some small areas, five acres or so, suitable for Mom and Pop or two brothers going out and cutting, and I've got some areas that are several hundred acres for these guys that hire crews to go in and cut semi-loads," he said.

Kennedy estimated that about 2,000 cords or more of fuel wood are harvested from the Smokey Bear District annually.

Kennedy said that the Forest Service tries to accommodate people by directing them to the harvesting areas closest to their homes.

**CLASSIFIED AD FORM**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



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

**\$6.00** per Week / for 20 words or less \*\*

1.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 20. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

COST OF AD: \_\_\_\_\_ MAIL or BRING TO:  
Tax: (.0625) \_\_\_\_\_ **Lincoln County News**  
TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Drawer 459  
309 Central Ave.  
CARRIZOZO, NM 88301  
Ph. or Fax: 575-648-2333

**"Have A Good Day!"**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 14, 2008, Eleverto and Veronica Gutierrez, P.O. Box 462, La Luz, 88337, filed application No. H-47-S with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to drill supplemental well to supplement the diversion of 77.68 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater by using existing well H-3373 located at a point in the SE1/4SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

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

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

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public welfare/conservation of water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with John R. D'Antonio, Jr., P.E., State Engineer, 1900 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protest can be faxed to Office of the State Engineer, (575) 623-8559. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6, and 72-12-3.

Published in the Lincoln County News on October 2, 9 and 16, 2008.



# "Looking Back"

THROUGH OLD 'NEWS' FILES

(Continued from Page 6)

Coolidge or to have some one ask where you live, and have to be told that you live in Coolidge? It is not Coolidge the man I am living on, but Coolidge the name. We wish to thank you very kindly for suggesting it, but we don't want it. Let us alone for the love of Mike. Personally I am the peaceblest hombre you ever saw, but confound it, there is a limit to all things, and this is the last straw. Let them get away with this, and probably some other bird, hunting notoriety, will come along and want to call it Booker T. Washington.

I think we ought to elect somebody to the office of Dook-killer. I will furnish him a big club fee of charged, and when he gets tghrough with the fellow who is trying to foist the name of Coolidge onto a long suffering people, I would like to be permitted to write the epitaph that goes onto that hombre's tombstone. It will be comprised of but three words.

THE JACKENUE



## Scraps of Humor

An old gentleman, watch in hand, stopped a passing instructor at a bathing pool.

"Instructor," he said, "what is the longest time anybody ever stayed under water?"

"Why, about five minutes, I guess," said the instructor.

"Then," said the old gentleman, "there's a fat business man over there in the deep part of the pool who has broken all the records. I've been timing him. He's been down over nine minutes now, and you can see for yourself, that he shows no signs of coming up yet."

Of wisdom China has a lot.

The records plainly show --  
But most of it those folks forgot  
Some centuries ago

Doctor -- You have a strong constitution, and under favorable circumstances you ought to live to be nearly a hundred.

Mr. Peck -- Yes, but I am married, doctor. I am married, you know.

A man had been visiting a certain widow every evening.

"Why don't you marry her?" asked a friend.  
"I have often thought about it," was the reply, "but where would I spend my evenings then?"

From the Desk of  
Jno. A. Haley, Editor/Publisher  
Friday, April 22, 1927

Washington, D.C. April 16 -- That prosperity is general throughout the country, as claimed by the Coolidge administration, is refuted by bank and commercial failures throughout the country during the first three months of 1927. Bank suspensions during the first quarter of this year numbered 174 with liabilities of \$65,801,527 as compared with 94 failures with liabilities of \$25,893,778 during the same quarter of 1926. They also greatly exceed the number of failures during the comparative quarter of 1925. For the first three months of 1927, commercial failures numbered 6,643 as compared with 6,081 for the same period of 1926. Liabilities were 50 per cent greater.

Europe may fund her debt of billions, but she seems to be bankrupt in gratitude.

The proper community spirit can make anything happen within the realm of community possibility.

Jefferson and Hamilton were no further apart in their theories of government from Lincoln and Coolidge, yet the last two are placed under the same banner.

**"Have A Good Day!"**

# Sheriff's Report

(Con't. from P. 6)

10:16 a.m. Gas spill reported at business located at Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 intersection in Carrizozo. Carrizozo emergency units dispatched.

1:52 p.m. Medical call at mile marker 7 on White Oaks Hwy in White Oaks, ambulance dispatched.

2:07 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Pinon Lane in Capitan, police dispatched.

2:15 p.m. Medical call at mile marker 23 on Hwy 244 in Ancho, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

4:18 p.m. Sex Offender checks at LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:19 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 380 and Hwy 54 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

6:37 p.m. Motorist assistance requested at Hwy 70 and Glencoe Post Office intersection in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

11:57 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Nogal Canyon Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

September 21

5:05 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Chama Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:24 a.m. Disturbance reported at location on DeBord Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

11:36 a.m. Medical call at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport Road in Carrizozo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

11:54 a.m. Medical call at Bonito Lake, ALS ambulance dispatched.

1:20 p.m. Shots reported at location on War Bow Trail in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

1:43 p.m. Shots fired reported at location on Poma Trail in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:03 p.m. Disturbance reported at residence on 10th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

4:14 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Adobe Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

5:11 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.

6:03 p.m. Harassment reported at location on Lamay Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

6:35 p.m. Disturbance reported at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

9:27 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

## Obituary

**BONNYE M. RICH**

Funeral service for Bonnye M. Rich, 76, of Ruidoso was in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Burial followed at Fort Stanton Cemetery.

Mrs. Rich died Sept. 24, at her home. She was born February 21, 1932 at Channing, Texas.

She married Tim Rich on June 5, 1955 in Saligman, Missouri and celebrated their 53 wedding anniversary this past June.

Bonnye is survived by her husband, Timothy Holman "Tim" Rich; daughter, Kim Partain and her husband Terry of Mesa, Arizona; daughter, Kelly Squyres and her husband Rusty of Pittsburg, Oklahoma; son, Todd Rich and his wife Betsy of Aurora, Texas; 12 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; a brother, Sol Thomas and his wife, Sandra; a sister, Ruthe Cochran and her husband Robert; many nieces, nephews and other family and friends. She was also preceded in death by a son and two brothers.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).



FAST ACTION

Lincoln County News  
CLASSIFIED ADS

Call: (575) 648-2333

### JOB POSTING VAUGHN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER, (GRADES 7-12)

Qualifications: Possessor or be eligible for NM licensure  
Salary: Appropriate step on salary schedule.  
Application procedure: Submit letter of interest, resume, reference letters, and district application to the following address:

Lorena Garcia, Superintendent  
Vaughn Municipal Schools  
PO Box 489  
Vaughn, NM 88353  
(505) 584-2283

Deadline: Open until filled.

3tc/9/25-10/2-9

### EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

TEMPORARY CLERK -- Lincoln County Treasurers Office. The applicant must have skills in computers, ten key calculators, basic accounting, filing, and good communication skills, both orally and in writing. Obtain application and job description from Billie-Joe Guevara at 575-648-2385 ext. 100. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 P.M., October 14, 2008. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.

2tc/9/25-10/2

**ELSIE'S FLAME CHARBROILED BURGERS, HOMEMADE ENCHILADAS AND BURRITOS, HOT DOGS, SANDWICHES, FRESH SALADS, ICE CREAM, SHAKES, FLOATS AND SODAS. CARRIZOZO 380@54, VISIT US SOON. LOCAL BUSINESS DELIVERY 648/4200**

tfn

### VACANCY NOTICE

Capitan Municipal Schools  
Employment Vacancy:

Middle School Girls Basketball Coach

- \* Possess or able to obtain New Mexico Coaching License
- \* Ability to be a successful mentor
- \* Excellent interpersonal skills

Application deadline: Until Filled

For detailed information and application please call 505-354-8500 or download from web page at [www.capitan.k12.nm.us](http://www.capitan.k12.nm.us)

1tc/10/2

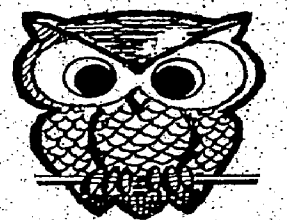
**HOUSE FOR SALE**, 1,200 sq. ft. home on 1.5 acres off B Ave., Carrizozo. Recently remodeled, new roof, siding, electric service and carpet. Three bedroom, two bath, handicap accessible, good well with 3 acre foot water rights and city water and sewer. Horses OK. Great mountain views and good location. Appraised at \$90,000 asking \$80,000. Possible owner finance with 10 percent down. Contact Cathie Eisen at 575-937-6321.

Tfn-June12

The Carrizozo Woman's Club's **Tried but True Sale** will be October 10 & 11 -- from 10 to 4, Friday; and 9 to 2 Saturday. The sale will have a vast selection of new and used items, so mark your calendar and come check out some really great buys!

3tc/9/25-10/2-9

\*\*\*\*\*



**MOBILE FOR RENT --** In beautiful Mesa Verde of Capitan, nice 3 bdr, 2 bath, new carpet, decks, storage, security light, 1 year lease. \$650.00/mo, \$600.00 deposit. 117 East Cedar 575-544-1028.

2tp/9/25-10/2

\*\*\*\*\*

### NAVAJO TACO DINNER

Friday, Oct. 3, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., before and during football game against Hagerman, Carrizozo school cafeteria. Includes Navajo Taco, drink and dessert. \$6.50 per plate. Sponsored by 7th grade class.

1t/nc



**STONE AGE STUFF**  
The Poor Cave Man Had No Newspaper To Advertise In. But You Have!!

THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU,  
IS NEVER AS GREAT  
AS THE POWER BEHIND  
YOU.

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

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



A Publication of the New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission



# JUDICIAL RETENTION REPORT TO VOTERS

*2008 Evaluation Report • Twelfth Judicial District*

Supreme Court of New Mexico



Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission



**Make Your Voice Heard!  
Vote in All Elections  
for Which  
You Are Eligible!**

**Absentee Voting Begins:  
Tuesday,  
October 7, 2008**

**Early Voting Begins:  
Saturday,  
October 18, 2008**

**General Election:  
Tuesday,  
November 4, 2008**

## **About This Report to Voters:**

This year, the New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission has prepared specific *Reports to Voters* for Judicial Districts 1-9 and 11-13. (A report was not prepared for Judicial District 10 since none of the district court judges in that judicial district are standing for retention.)

Please check the map on the back of this *Report* to determine the judicial district in which you vote. If you vote in a judicial district other than the one covered by this *Report*, you can visit our website ([www.nmjpec.org](http://www.nmjpec.org)) for information, or call or email to request a free copy of the *Report* for the judicial district in which you vote.

For a different version of the *Judicial Retention Report to Voters*, please call (505) 827-4960

Or email:

Louise Baca-Sena  
[aoclmb@nmcourts.gov](mailto:aoclmb@nmcourts.gov)

Or

Carmen Rodriguez  
[aoccxr@nmcourts.gov](mailto:aoccxr@nmcourts.gov)

Please be sure to include your name, mailing address, and the city, county or judicial district in which you vote if you leave a message. *Reports to Voters* will be available, free of charge, while supplies last.

## **To All New Mexico Voters:**

This year, you will have the opportunity to vote on whether to retain one Supreme Court justice, one judge on the Court of Appeals and a number of District Court judges in your judicial district who are standing for retention. In fact, voters statewide will decide whether to retain about 90 percent of New Mexico's district judges.

Under the state's constitution, justices and judges shall be elected to their position in a partisan election prior to being eligible to stand for retention. Thereafter, each justice and judge shall be required to stand for retention and must receive at least 57 percent voter approval to remain in their position on the bench.

The New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission is pleased to bring you this report as part of our mission. We were created in 1997 by the Supreme Court of New Mexico to help judges improve their performance and to provide useful, credible information to voters on judges standing for retention. This report summarizes our evaluations and our recommendations to you, the voters of our state, on all of the judges standing for retention in which you are eligible to vote in your judicial district.

We evaluate each justice or judge in four main areas: 1) legal ability; 2) fairness; 3) communication skills; and 4) preparation, attentiveness, temperament and control over proceedings. We also provide information to you about the experience and education of judges standing for retention.

We do not evaluate justices or judges based on specific case decisions, because it is the responsibility of the appellate courts (Supreme Court and Court of Appeals) to review those decisions.

Our evaluations are based on the results of thousands of confidential surveys distributed by an independent research firm to those who have had direct interaction with the judge or justice being evaluated. We also ask each judge standing for retention to do a self-assessment on the four criteria mentioned above. Finally, we interview each justice or judge face-to-face before preparing our evaluation.

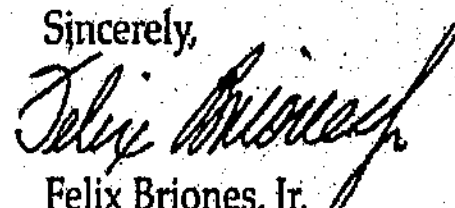
We then make one of four recommendations to voters:

- 1) **Retain:** recommend voting to retain justice or judge
- 2) **Do not retain:** recommendation against voting to retain judge
- 3) **No opinion:** not enough information available to make a recommendation.
- 4) **Insufficient Time in Current Position to Evaluate:** Justice or judge has not served for a sufficient time on the bench (at least two years) in current position.

Our Commission is made up of 15 volunteer members, including eight non-lawyers and seven lawyers who are appointed to staggered terms by the New Mexico Supreme Court. All Commission members spend substantial time to create recommendations that are objective, useful and that help voters make an informed decision.

Thank you for reading this report. Please make your voice heard to maintain a strong judiciary in New Mexico by voting in all elections for which you are eligible.

Sincerely,

  
Felix Briones, Jr.  
Chair

## **Table of Contents**

Supreme Court Evaluation.....	1
Court of Appeals Evaluation .....	1
About the New Mexico Supreme Court .....	1
About the New Mexico Court of Appeals.....	1
District Court Evaluations .....	2
About New Mexico's District Courts.....	2
How JPEC Conducts Its Evaluations .....	3
A History of JPEC .....	3
NM JPEC Members .....	4



## About the New Mexico Supreme Court

Justices of the Supreme Court of New Mexico are elected by all voters throughout the state. The Supreme Court is New Mexico's highest court and the court of last resort for state appellate actions. In addition, the Supreme Court is charged with significant administrative functions, and possesses superintending control over all inferior state courts. The Supreme Court also regulates attorneys and judges.

The Supreme Court consists of 5 justices who serve 8-year terms. To be eligible to hold the office of Justice of the Supreme Court, a person must:

- be 35 years old
- have practiced law for at least 10 years
- have resided in New Mexico for the last 3 years

## About the New Mexico Court of Appeals

Judges on the Court of Appeals are elected by voters throughout the state. The Court of Appeals is the intermediate appellate court. It sits between district courts and certain administrative agencies, which are below it, and the New Mexico Supreme Court, which is above it. The Court of Appeals currently reviews appeals in all cases, except criminal cases involving sentences of death or life imprisonment, appeals from the Public Regulation Commission, and cases involving habeas corpus.

The Court of Appeals consists of 10 judges who serve 8-year terms. To be eligible to hold the office of Judge on the Court of Appeals, a person must:

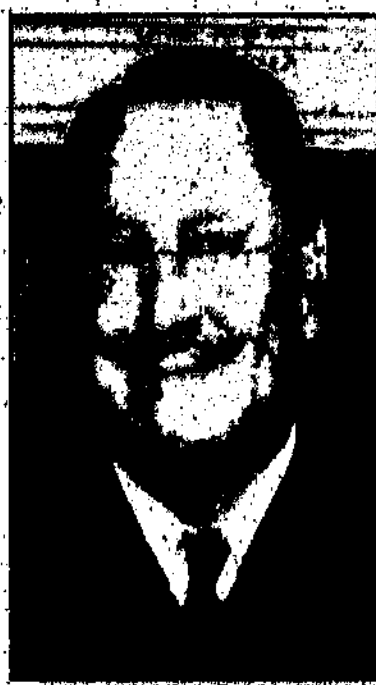
- be at least 35 years old
- have practiced law for at least 10 years
- have resided in New Mexico for the last 3 years

## Survey Process

When evaluating Supreme Court justices and Court of Appeals judges standing for retention, the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission sends confidential written surveys to:

- former law clerks
- lawyers who have had direct interaction with appellate judges
- court staff attorneys
- current law clerks
- court staff
- trial court judges whose cases have been appealed
- fellow appellate judges

## Supreme Court Evaluation



**Honorable Patricio M. Serna**  
New Mexico Supreme Court

### Recommendation: RETAIN

**Evaluation:** Justice Patricio Serna received positive ratings from attorneys for conducting himself in a manner free from impropriety and for being sensitive to the impact of his demeanor and other nonverbal communications. Fellow appellate judges rated him highly for responding to inquiries and requests for assistance promptly, maintaining proper control over the proceedings, and for respecting all employees regardless of position. Court staff gave Justice Serna positive scores for conducting himself in a manner free from impropriety and for respecting all employees regardless of position.

Official court statistics support a finding of timeliness in making rulings; however, some court staff gave him lower scores concerning his timeliness and his knowledge regarding substantive law and the rules of procedure and evidence. In addition, some of the court staff, as well as the general attorney population, rated Justice Serna somewhat lower when it comes to exercising sound legal reasoning.

It should be pointed out that Justice Serna's scores in some areas do reflect improvement since his last evaluation.

**Education and Experience:** Justice Serna has been a member of the Supreme Court since December 5, 1996, and he served as Chief Justice in 2001 and 2002. He is currently Senior Justice on the Court. Justice Serna previously served as a District Court Judge for the First Judicial District in Santa Fe from 1985 until 1996, including a four-year term as Chief Judge. Justice Serna received the Excellence in Jurisprudence Award in 2006 from the University of New Mexico Law Review. He earned his degree in Business Administration from the College of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande. He received his law degree from the University of Denver School of Law and a Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School.

## Court of Appeals Evaluation



**Honorable Jonathan B. Sutin**  
New Mexico Court of Appeals

### Recommendation: RETAIN

**Evaluation:** Judge Jonathan Sutin received very positive scores from all population groups surveyed. Attorneys rated him highly for his knowledge of the law, for rendering opinions without regard to possible public criticism, and for conducting himself in a manner free from impropriety. The court staff (attorneys and non-attorneys) rated him highly for being a hard worker, for participating in temporary reassignment of duties or staff to help other judges, and for discharging administrative responsibilities diligently. Judge Sutin's fellow judges rated him highly, giving him perfect scores for arriving at proceedings on time and participating in temporary reassignment of duties or staff to help other judges.

**Education and Experience:** Judge Sutin has served on the Court of Appeals since February 1999. He is presently the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Prior to this, he worked with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, and 35 years in private practice as a trial and appellate lawyer. He has been an active member and has served as President of the H. Vearle Payne American Inn of Court. Judge Sutin also participates in the University of New Mexico School of Law's mock trials and oral arguments offering judicial guidance to law students. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado and law degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law.



# District Court Evaluations

## About New Mexico's District Courts

New Mexico's 33 counties are divided into 13 judicial districts. There are 88 full-time district judges statewide.

The district court is a trial court of general jurisdiction, having exclusive jurisdiction in all matters involving juvenile, domestic relations, and all cases not excepted in the Constitution or by law, such as those concurrent with probate courts in probate matters.

To be eligible to hold the office of District Court Judge, a person must:

- be at least 35 years old
- have practiced law for at least 6 years
- reside in the district for which they are elected or appointed

When evaluating District Court judges standing for retention, the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission sends confidential written surveys to:

- lawyers who have had direct interaction with the judge
- jurors
- court staff
- resource personnel (law enforcement, psychologists, adult and juvenile probation parole officers, citizen review board volunteers, social workers, CASA [Court Appointed Special Advocate] volunteers and interpreters)



**Honorable Jerry H. Ritter, Jr.**  
Twelfth Judicial District Court (1st Division)

### Recommendation: RETAIN

**Evaluation:** Judge Ritter received positive ratings from both attorneys and non-attorneys in all areas. Attorneys gave the judge high marks for the clarity of his written and oral decisions, knowledge and application of the law, punctuality, preparation, attentiveness, and for maintaining proper control over the proceedings. The court staff rated him well for maintaining appropriate hours given the workload and for having a dignified demeanor. The resource staff (e.g. law enforcement and probation officers) also rated the judge highly in all areas.

**Education and Experience:** Judge Ritter was appointed District Judge on February 21, 1997. Prior to that appointment, he worked in private practice and as an Assistant District Attorney. He presides over a diversified docket and hears both civil and criminal cases. Judge Ritter is active in various civil and professional organizations. He received his undergraduate degree from New Mexico State University and his law degree from the University of New Mexico.



**Honorable James Waylon Counts**  
Twelfth Judicial District Court (2nd Division)

### Recommendation: RETAIN

**Evaluation:** Judge Counts received positive ratings from attorneys and resource staff (e.g. law enforcement and probation officers). His scores among court staff were somewhat mixed. Attorneys gave him positive ratings for commencing proceedings on time, being attentive to the proceedings, and maintaining proper control over the courtroom. He was also given positive scores from resource staff for his demeanor, being courteous to all participants, maintaining proper control over the courtroom, and conducting himself in a proper manner. Among court staff, he scored well on conducting himself in a manner free from impropriety; displaying a sense of fairness, impartiality

and justice; respecting and cooperating with the other judges in the district; and commencing court proceedings on time. Judge Counts received somewhat lower ratings from court staff in the areas of discharging administrative responsibilities diligently and ensuring his personal staff is professional, productive and knowledgeable of court policies and procedures. The judge has expressed an intention to focus on these areas as he endeavors to make ongoing improvements to his judicial performance.

**Education and Experience:** Judge Counts was appointed to the District Court in 1999 and won election to that office the following year. He serves as the Chief Judge and Water Judge of the District. Prior to this, he served as an Assistant District Attorney and worked in private practice. He received the New Mexico Bar Association's Outstanding Judicial Service Award in 2006. He received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of New Mexico.



**Honorable Karen L. Parsons**  
Twelfth Judicial District Court (3rd Division)

### Recommendation: RETAIN

**Evaluation:** Judge Parsons received positive ratings from both attorneys and non-attorneys. Attorneys and resource staff (e.g. law enforcement and probation officers) rated her well for being courteous to all participants, displaying familiarity with cases through prior preparation, and for having a dignified demeanor. Attorneys also rate the judge well for treating self-represented litigants fairly and for appropriate actions in settlement negotiation. In addition, the court staff gave positive ratings for displaying a sense of fairness, respecting all court employees regardless of their position, and for respecting and cooperating with other judges.

**Education and Experience:** Judge Parsons was appointed to the District Court in February 1997, and was elected to such position the following year. Prior to her appointment as a District Judge, she worked in private law practice for over 18 years, specializing in family law issues and personal injury litigation. She received her undergraduate degree from New Mexico State University and her law degree from the University of New Mexico.



## A History of JPEC

### 1988

New Mexico voters approve a constitutional amendment adopting a merit selection process for nominating appellate, district and metropolitan court judges. All appellate, district, and metropolitan court judges who have previously been elected in a partisan election are required to stand for retention in order to retain their office.

### 1990

New Mexico Supreme Court Judicial Planning Committee recommends taking steps to create a Judicial Performance Evaluation Program.

### 1991

The Judicial Planning Committee recommends establishing a pilot program similar to a Colorado program.

### 1995

Administrative Office of the Courts receives about \$30,000 from the New Mexico Legislature to set up a Judicial Performance Evaluation pilot program to evaluate district judges standing for retention in the Third and Ninth Judicial Districts.

### 1997

Judicial Performance Evaluation Pilot Study Commission recommends that statewide implementation of a judicial performance evaluation program for district and metropolitan court judges is desirable and feasible.

New Mexico Supreme Court by Order establishes a permanent, statewide Judicial Performance Evaluation (JPE) program to evaluate the performance of district and metropolitan court judges standing for retention. The Order also authorizes an experimental program to evaluate the performance of judges and justices of the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

### 1998

First release of JPEC evaluations of Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Judges.

### 1999

Based on results of the experimental program, the New Mexico Supreme Court amends its Order to include a statewide appellate judicial performance evaluation program.

### 2000 – Present

JPEC has issued recommendations to voters on hundreds of judges. The 2008 Election marks the sixth official election in which the JPEC will make recommendations to voters.

## How JPEC Conducts Its Evaluations

The New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission (JPEC) evaluates justices and judges using an objective, carefully-monitored process. Evaluations are based on performance in four (4) main areas:

- 1) legal ability
- 2) fairness
- 3) communication skills
- 4) preparation, attentiveness, temperament, and control over proceedings

#### Legal Ability includes:

- Understanding of the substantive law and relevant rules of procedure and evidence
- Awareness and attentiveness to the factual and legal issues before the court
- Proper application of statutes, judicial precedents, and other appropriate sources of legal authority

#### Fairness includes:

- Avoiding impropriety or the appearance of impropriety
- Displaying fairness and impartiality toward all parties
- Avoiding *ex parte* communications (communications where all parties in a court case are not present)

#### Communication Skills include:

- Clearly explaining all oral decisions
- Issuing clear written orders and/or opinions
- For trial judges, clearly explaining relevant information to the jury

#### Preparation, Attentiveness, Temperament and Control over Proceedings includes:

- Being prepared for all hearings and/or trials
- Using court time efficiently
- Issuing opinions or orders without unnecessary delay
- Effective courtroom management
- Effective overall case management

### When are evaluations conducted?

JPEC conducts evaluations of judges and justices twice. Midway through a judge's term in office, evaluations are conducted for the purpose of improving his or her performance on the bench. JPEC compiles an Interim Evaluation Report that identifies a judge's strengths, weaknesses (if any) and a plan for improvement if needed. JPEC follows up with the judges on their specific plans, requesting information on specific actions they have taken to improve their performance. Midterm evaluations are not shared with the public.

Evaluations are also conducted before a retention election to provide information to voters. These evaluations are made available to the public at least 45 days before the retention election.

### How are evaluations performed?

Evaluations are performed through confidential written surveys and through personal interviews with the justice or judge being evaluated.

JPEC works with an independent research firm to develop and disseminate confidential written surveys to those individuals and professionals who have worked with or have come in contact with the judge or justice being evaluated. These surveys are tabulated and reported by the independent research firm to JPEC.

During confidential interviews with the judge or justice being evaluated, JPEC discusses the survey results. JPEC also reviews the judge's self-assessment of performance.

Once the evaluation is written, it is sent to the judge or justice for review of the biographical information only. After JPEC receives and reviews the judge's or justice's changes to his or her biographical information, the final report to voters is released.

### What possible recommendations can JPEC make?

JPEC can make one of the following four recommendations to voters:

- 1) **Retain** – Recommend voting to retain judge
- 2) **Do Not Retain** – Recommend voting against retaining judge
- 3) **No Opinion** – Not enough information available to make a recommendation
- 4) **Insufficient Time in Current Position to Evaluate** – Judge has not served at least two years in current position.

JPEC's intent in providing recommendations to voters is to supply them with objective, timely information upon which to base a decision. Whether a justice or judge remains on the bench is the decision of the voters. Under New Mexico's constitution, a justice or judge standing for retention must receive at least 57 percent voter approval to remain on the bench.



# New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission Members

The JPEC is made of up 15 individuals – 7 lawyers and 8 non-lawyers – who are appointed to staggered terms by the Supreme Court of New Mexico. One position is currently vacant. Commission members are selected from nominations by the Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore, House Minority Leader, Senate Minority Leader and President of the State Bar. Members are appointed to represent divergent professions, backgrounds and geographical areas of the state.



**Felix Briones, Jr., Chair**  
Farmington  
*JPEC member since 1997*

Felix Briones, Jr. has been in private law practice in Farmington since 1959. He is also secretary of the board of Four Corners Community Bank and is vice chair of the Farmington Public Utility Commission. Briones earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University

of New Mexico in 1956, and a Juris Doctor degree from UNM Law School in 1957. Briones received the UNM School of Law Distinguished Achievement Award in 1997 and the State Bar Association of New Mexico Professionalism Award in 2001.



**Barbara Castillo-Velarde**  
Raton  
*JPEC member since 2007*

Barbara Castillo-Velarde retired in 2007 after completing more than 31 years in county government, including 16 years as Colfax County Clerk, 10 years as Chief Deputy County Clerk and three years as Deputy Assessor. She was the first Hispanic woman in New Mexico elected as president of the

New Mexico Association of Counties. Currently, Castillo Velarde is a volunteer at the Miners Colfax Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary, the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry and the St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Second Grade Catechism Education Program.



**Gene E. Franchini, Vice Chair**  
Albuquerque  
*JPEC member since 2007*

Gene Franchini is a retired Chief Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court who served on the Court from 1990-2002. He also served as a district court judge in the Second Judicial District for six years and was in private legal practice for 24 years. He currently provides arbitration, mediation and counseling through

his own consulting firm, Dispute Resolutions, P.A. Franchini earned his LL.M (Master of Laws) degree from the University of Virginia, his Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University and his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of New Mexico.



**Avilio Chavez**  
Los Lunas  
*JPEC member since 2007*

Avilio Chavez currently teaches in the Los Lunas schools and is the owner and operator of a small business. He has been teaching for 23 years. He coached football and track for 19 years, including serving as head football coach at Belen High School and Los Lunas High School for a total of 10 years. His most

recent coaching assignment was head coach of the 2003 South All-Star Football team. After serving in U.S. Marine Corps and earning a meritorious promotion, Chavez attended New Mexico Highlands University on an athletic scholarship, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in education.



**Richard L. Alvidrez**  
Albuquerque  
*JPEC member since 1999*

Richard L. Alvidrez is a shareholder and director with the Albuquerque office of Miller Stratvert P.A. Alvidrez served as chairman of the board of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce from 2000-2001. He was president of the New Mexico Young

Lawyer's Division of the State Bar of New Mexico and was recognized as the Outstanding Young Lawyer by the New Mexico Bar Foundation in 1993. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1980 from Texas A&M University-Commerce, and a Juris Doctor degree from the Southern Methodist University School of Law in Dallas in 1983.



**Phyllis A. Dominguez**  
Corrales  
*JPEC member since 2007*

Phyllis Dominguez is a prosecuting attorney in the felony domestic violence division for the Second Judicial District in Albuquerque. Her previous experience includes positions as a *guardian ad litem* for Advocacy, Inc.; working for the New Mexico Corrections Department; and teaching in the Albuquerque and Grants/

Cibola public school systems. She is a previous chair of the Character Counts! Program in Grants. Dominguez received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree and her law degree from the University of New Mexico.





**Leonila Durán Serna**  
Taos  
JPEC member since 2007

Leonila Durán Serna, a native of Taos, earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from New Mexico Highlands University. She completed post-graduate studies at the University of Madrid, the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, the University of Kansas, the University of Texas, and the University of New Mexico. During her career in education, she held various positions including serving as Superintendent for seven years. Currently she is the Reading Coach and Language Therapist for the Taos Day School.



**Joseph E. Gant III**  
Carlsbad  
JPEC member since 1999

Joe E. Gant III has been in private law practice in Carlsbad since 1974, focusing on civil and criminal trial law. Previously, he served as an Assistant District Attorney, then worked for a private firm in Gallup before opening his own practice. He is an executive board member and vice president for finance for the Conquistador Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Gant earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics (double minor in English and American Studies) from the University of New Mexico in 1965. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the UNM School of Law in 1968.



**Lori Hartley**  
Texico  
JPEC member since 2005

Lori Hartley earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interior Design from Texas State Technical Institute (now part of the Texas State Technical College network). She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis on coaching at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) in Portales. She has continued her interest in basketball, coaching several Amateur Athletic Union teams in Clovis. She has served on the board of directors of the United Way and was chosen United Way Volunteer of the Year in 1997. She is also a member of Beta Sigma Phi, a service sorority, and was previously named their woman of the year.



**Eluid Martinez**  
Santa Fe  
JPEC Member since 2001

Eluid L. Martinez, a licensed Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor, is president of Water Resources Management Consultants, LLC. He served as New Mexico State Engineer from 1990-1994 and as the presidential-appointed Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation from 1995-2001, the first Hispanic American ever to serve as a State Engineer and as Commissioner for the bureau. Martinez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from New Mexico State University. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Water Resources Association and a past recipient of the New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award.



**Francesca Martinez Estevez**  
Silver City  
JPEC member since 2004

Francesca Martinez Estevez is a criminal and civil trial attorney who has practiced law for more than 25 years. Since 1995, she has served as a prosecutor at the office of the District Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District in Silver City. Currently, she is a deputy district attorney and the supervisor of the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Unit. She was previously a child support enforcement attorney for the State of New Mexico and managing attorney for Southern New Mexico Legal Services. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science at City University of New York-City College and a Juris Doctor at New York Law School.



**Josephine F. Mitchell**  
Albuquerque  
JPEC member since 2000

Josephine F. Mitchell holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Food, Nutrition and Institutional Administration, and a Master of Science degree in Food Service Administration from Oklahoma State University. During her professional career, she held various positions as clinical dietitian in hospitals and nursing facilities in Albuquerque, and was an instructor at the University of New Mexico. She also served as Director of Food Service for Lovelace Medical Center for 13 years.



**Regis Pecos**  
Cochiti  
JPEC member since 2007

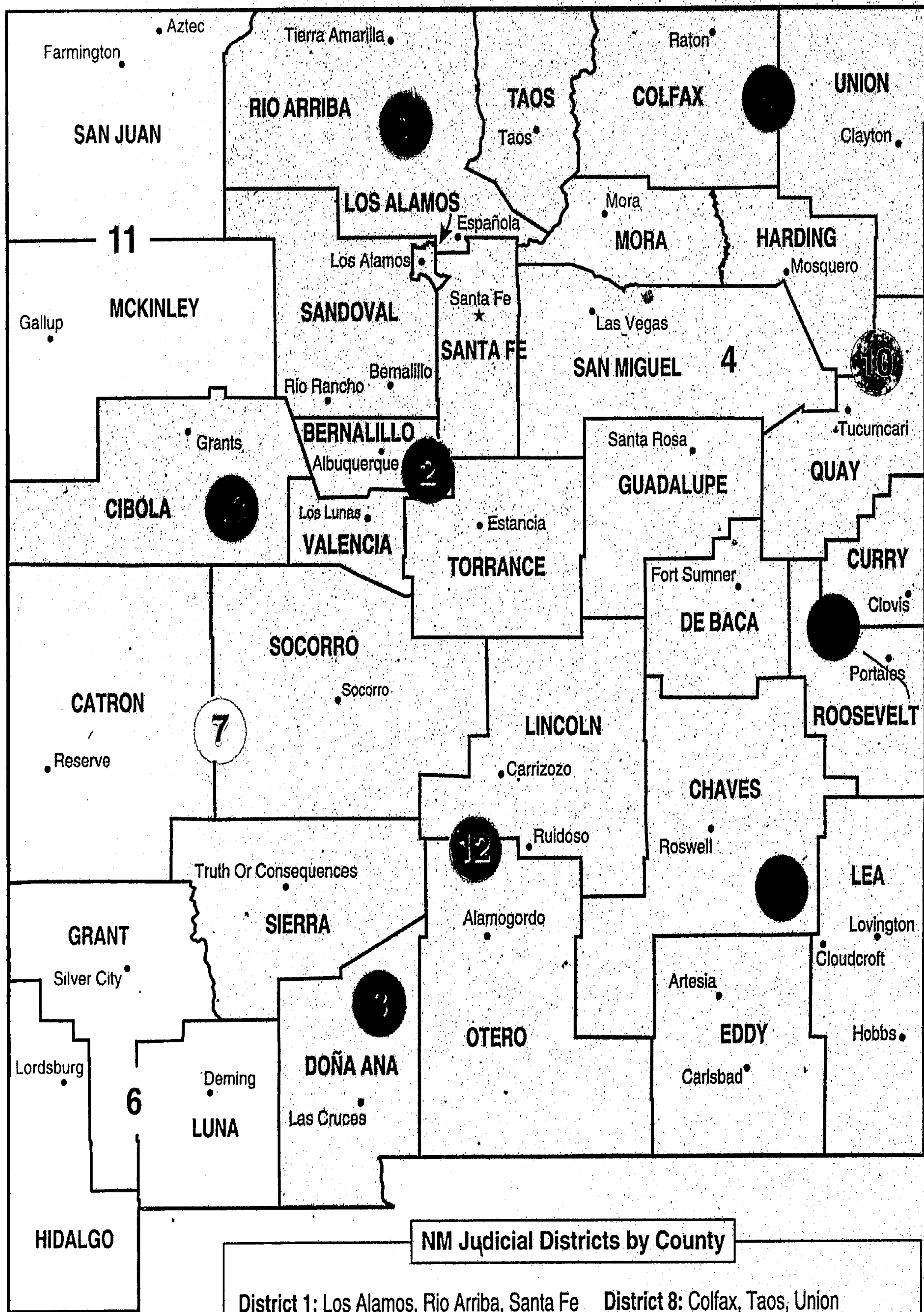
Regis Pecos is co-founder/co-director of the New Mexico Leadership Institute. He is on the Cochiti Pueblo Tribal Council, and serves on the Advisory Council of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government's Honoring Nations Program and the University of Arizona's Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy International Advisory Council, Native Nations Institute. Pecos has been Governor of Cochiti Pueblo, chief executive director of the NM Office of Indian Affairs, chair of the board of Santa Fe Indian School, and director of research for Americans for Indian Opportunity. He holds an undergraduate degree, with honors, from Princeton University and is pursuing a doctorate from the University of California-Berkeley.



**Ruth M. Schifani**  
Albuquerque  
JPEC member since 1999

Ruth M. Schifani earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Mexico. She practices real estate and banking law and is a member of Modrall Sperling's renewable energy team. She has been an attorney with Modrall Sperling since graduation from law school except for a short stint as associate general counsel for Sunwest Bank. She is past president of the Albuquerque Bar Association, a regent of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys and a member of the executive committee of the UNM Alumni Association.





**NM Judicial Districts by County**

- District 1: Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe
- District 2: Bernalillo
- District 3: Doña Ana
- District 4: Guadalupe, Mora, San Miguel
- District 5: Chaves, Eddy, Lea
- District 6: Grant, Hidalgo, Luna
- District 7: Catron, Sierra, Socorro, Torrance
- District 8: Colfax, Taos, Union
- District 9: Curry, Roosevelt
- District 10: De Baca, Harding, Quay
- District 11: McKinley, San Juan
- District 12: Lincoln, Otero
- District 13: Cibola, Sandoval, Valencia