

State Encourages Local Cost Saving Measures

by Patrice Brazie

Citing the current national economic crisis and negative financial trends occurring in New Mexico, New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration's (DFA) Local Government Division Director Robert Apodaca issued a letter including a list of some cost saving methods for municipal and county leaders to

consider in preparing for possible revenue reductions.

County manager Tom Stewart received the letter from Apodaca earlier this month.

"Both the governor and the Legislature have been assessing the impacts of reduced tax revenues at the state and local government level," Apodaca wrote.

The division director offered a list of measures,

already implemented by the state, that local governing bodies might use to reduce operating costs and risks of budgetary crisis.

Apodaca recommended that local governments formally adopt a policy that would strictly disallow using non-recurring revenues for recurring expendi-

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New Recycling Center Set Up in White Oaks

Setting up a recycling area in White Oaks seemed a natural thing to do, and with the help of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), Wal-Mart, City Bank of New Mexico, Susan Gerke and Anne New, it fell smoothly into place last spring.

Some White Oaks residents were waiting for it, holding onto their recyclables until they could drop them off at the same time they disposed of their trash.

The problem was LCSWA cannot provide a recycling pickup in White Oaks just yet, so the decision was made to try adding a recycling center next to the trash dumpsters near the fire station.

Some White Oaks residents still prefer to take theirs directly to the blue recycling dumpsters in Carrizozo's Spencer Park instead of depending on White Oaks volunteers to do so.

But for elders, for those with any kind of hardship, or for people who prefer to not make that trip, the White Oaks drop off area is quite convenient.

More and more people are jumping on the bandwagon when they learn some amazing statistics, such as 106,000 aluminum cans are thrown into the trash every five seconds and two million plastic bottles are dumped in U.S. landfills every five minutes. It's easy to designate a place at one's home to put aside flattened cardboard boxes, paper, plastic and aluminum and then take them when convenient to a recycling area.



County Recycling Committee member Judy Fitz (right) presents Certificate of Recognition to White Oaks residents Anne New (left) and Susan Gerke (middle) recently at the new White Oaks recycling site. (Courtesy: Photo)

County Vacates White Oaks Roads

by Patrice Brazie

In November, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners heard a request from White Oaks resident Anne New for the vacation of roads that were platted, but never built, across land that she currently owns. At that time, the county officials tabled any action regarding the request pending the acquisition of a survey indicating the four corners of the New property.

During the county commission meeting of December 16th, Eric Collins of

D.T. Collins and Associates surveying firm reported that work has been done to establish the boundaries of the New property.

"We're still in the process of working on the boundary survey, as far as getting all the actual monuments found and the distances and all that," Collins said. "I think why you tabled it before was because you were unsure of the actual roads and alleys and, based on the plat that I've given you, you should be able to determine (that)," he said.

According to Collins, New has requested the vacation of several platted streets through the property, including Kansas Avenue, Cleveland Avenue, Pine Street and one other roadway, none of which have ever actually existed except on plat maps.

A recent review of New's request for vacation of the roads was conducted by the Lincoln County Road Review Committee. That committee determined that no other property owners would be affected by the vacations.

"We're also replatting all of the subsequent lots within these separate blocks into one tract," Collins said. "We're making one tract out of lots six through ten of block three, six through ten of block four, all of blocks five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten," Collins said. "That will all become one tract within itself."

Collins said that he has been involved in discussions with neighboring property owners regarding the road vacations, and told the county commissioners that they will likely be asked to consider the vacation of additional platted roads within one of those neighboring properties in the near future. County commissioner Don Williams asked

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LANRAC to Focus on Travel Management Plan

by Patrice Brazie

The recently established Lincoln County Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (LANRAC) will hold its first meeting in February. Committee members will be asked to focus their efforts on issues surrounding the U.S. Forest Service's Travel Management Plan as it applies to the Lincoln National Forest and Lincoln County.

The Forest Service has been identifying and reviewing the roads and access routes through the National Forest lands and will eventually issue maps that will clearly show which routes are available for public use.

According to a recent report from Smokey Bear District Ranger Buck Sanchez,

the Forest Service expects to complete the Lincoln National Forest Travel Management Map in 2009. He has reported that there are no major changes anticipated in the travel management system of the Lincoln National Forest.

During the December 16th meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, county manager Tom Stewart recommended that the first assignment of the LANRAC should be to meet with Sanchez and go over the details of the Forest Service's proposed Travel Management Plan.

"I think the resolution that we previously issued, recognizing all trails on

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Lincoln County Legislative Capital Outlay Hearing

The Lincoln County Legislative Capital Outlay hearing is scheduled to be in Ruidoso on Thursday, January 8. Legislators scheduled to attend the hearing are Senators Jennings and Adair and Representatives Williams, Espinoza and Kintigh.

The hearing will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. in Cope Learning Center at the Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. Those attending the hearing are asked to please use the main parking lot located off of US Highway 70 and enter the Museum through the

main doors.

Hubert Quintana, executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) Council of Governments, said the hearing is set to start at 2:00 p.m. and finish before 5 p.m.

Quintana encourages those attending to bring a sufficient number of copies of your request with any supporting information to provide a copy to each Legislator present at the hearing. It will assist them in following along with your presentation and to understand your need.

Presentations from non-government entities will be limited to 10 minutes.

Presentation will be made in the following manner: the county, municipal government and then all other entities requesting assistance. Non-governmental entities will be allowed to present in the order in which they sign the attendance sheet for the hearing.

Should you have any questions please call Quintana at (505) 624-6131 or e-mail him at hqsmedd@plateautel.net.



SNOW TRACKS -- Tracks in the mud will soon be the only evidence of the 12 inches of snow that some Nogal residents experienced last week, as mild daytime temperatures continued through this week. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

State Encourages Cost Saving

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tures. Other recommendations include:

*Consider implementing an immediate freeze on all currently vacant employee positions except those necessary for the health and safety of the public, as in the areas of law enforcement, road maintenance, solid waste and emergency medical services.

*Consider implementing an immediate freeze on all employee salaries for the remainder of the current fiscal year and for the entirety of the upcoming fiscal year except for those governed by union contracts currently in place. Union contracts currently under negotiations should take into consideration the need to freeze salaries at the currently negotiated level.

*Consider implementing a process by which new contracts that affect the

general fund take into consideration the likelihood of a significant reduction in recurring revenue.

*Have all department and program managers identify and implement further reductions in their respective 2008-2009 operating budgets.

*Make every effort to collect and maximize revenues.

*Implement other efficient cost saving practices and reductions that you can identify, and share legitimate innovative practices with other local public bodies and state government.

*Implement, by formal resolution, revenue and expenditure reductions through your mid-year budget adjustment resolutions, ensuring that year end general fund reserves will be sustained at the required levels for counties and municipi-

palities, which will be needed to help sustain your fiscal year 2009-2010 operating budget.

"It is necessary to take immediate action before counties, municipalities and special districts are faced with a real financial crisis that might necessitate employees being placed on a 32-hour work week or laid off through a reduction in force," Apodaca wrote. "Remember that an approved budget by DFA does not guarantee that your revenues will materialize. Local public bodies need to track their revenues, project future collections conservatively and reduce budgets accordingly."

Stewart told the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners during its meeting of December 16th that he and county treasurer Beverly Calaway are closely monitoring the county's

gross receipts tax (GRT) revenues for any significant trends.

"As you look at the state, they've got all those investment pools and invest-

ment funds. They're down, just as everybody's portfolio is down, about 26 to 30 percent on a lot of things," Stewart said. "The retiree accounts are down signifi-

cantly. Counties are in good shape because we derive our revenue primarily from the property taxes."

LANRAC to Focus

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any map as RS-2477 and, (telling the Forest Service that) before you close any of them coordination is requested with this body. I think that serves as the basis for us being involved in what the forest (service) is doing," Stewart said. "I'm going to ask that Buck bring the maps that he proposes to use for his Travel Management, and then we can go over them in detail and see where they're closing," he said.

Stewart told the county commissioners that he had learned through discussions with Sanchez that several property owners in areas where roads or trails go from public to private land,

or vice versa, have requested closure of the access routes.

"I think we need to see exactly what he's talking about before we agree to any travel management that (Sanchez) proposes," Stewart said. "I think the focus needs to be on any alteration of existing use. If they plan on altering it at all, I think we need to have a list of that and we need to be involved in the discussion," he said.

Jerry Carroll, former chairman of an RS-2477 subcommittee organized by the former Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, told the county commissioners that maps provided to the

subcommittee by the Forest Service were placed in storage by a committee member and should be utilized by the LANRAC.

County commissioner Jackie Powell also suggested that the county's flood plain maps could be of value to the LANRAC as well, as they will illustrate many of the roads and accesses to forest lands.

Tentative plans are to hold the first meeting of the LANRAC on Tuesday, February 3rd. Former county commissioner Rick Simpson has been appointed to serve as chair of the committee with Pete Gnatkowski serving as vice-chair. The other committee members are Lee Arnone of Capitan, Bob Johnson and Tony Davis of Alto, Joel Bonnell of Glencoe and Duane Frost of Claunch.



*The New Year is finally here!
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year for 'you'!*

Lincoln County News Staff

Obituary

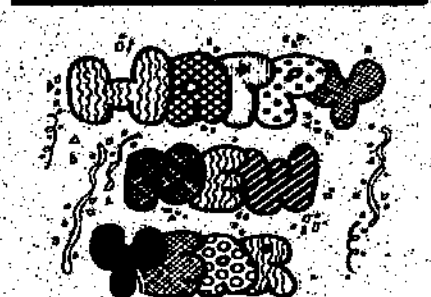
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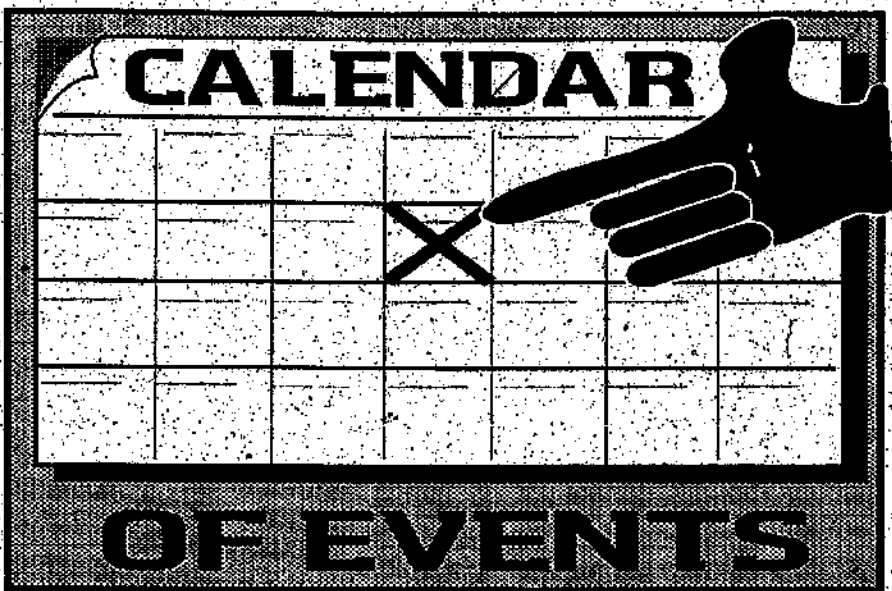
Arsenia L. "Archie" Navarro, 74, of Las Cruces, died Saturday, December 20. She was born April 1, 1934 in Capitan, NM to Antonio and Paula Fresquez Lueras. She had been a Nursing Assistant with the Alamogordo Public Schools, and was active with the Altar Society, most recently she was a member of Immaculate heart of Mary Cathedral in Las Cruces.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Joe Navarro of the family home; sons Joseph Michael Navarro of Roswell, NM, Arthur Navarro and wife Loretta of Albuquerque, Armand Navarro and wife Stephanie of La Fayette, LA and Rudy Navarro and wife Tery of Las Cruces; daughter Alicia Woodard and husband Dean of Cabin John, MD; brothers Tony Lueras and wife Julie of Albuquerque, and Raymond Lueras and wife Rosa of Carrizozo; sisters Juanita Vallejos and husband Neo of Carrizozo, Estella Duquette and Geneva Gohres both of Albuquerque. Also surviving here are eleven grand-children, many nieces, nephews and cousins. Arsenia was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Orlando Perea and Joe Lueras.

A rosary and Mass were celebrated on Wednesday, December 24 at Santa Rita Catholic Church with Fr. Franklin officiating. Interment followed at Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery in Carrizozo.

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 -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 6th grade, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Carrizozo, non denominational activities. Call 648-2107 for information.
 -Tie Tac, a non denominational instruction for teenagers, 6:00 p.m. Methodist Church in Carrizozo, Light meal.

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.

EACH FRIDAY
 -Al Anon family group for families and friends of alcoholics, noon, Methodist Church, Carrizozo, bring lunch.

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
 -Please drive carefully.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2009
 -Happy New Year!!! Federal holiday.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7
 -Corona Library Board meeting 9:00 a.m.
 -Lincoln County Planning Commission 1:00 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
 -Legislative Capital Outlay hearing for Lincoln County, municipalities and other agencies, 2 p.m. at Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. Contact Hubert Quintana at SNMEDD at 575-624-6131 for more information.

Gambler's Anonymous meetings. The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop gambling. Local information 682-6200.

Happy New Year

County Vacates

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Collins if he knew how much actual square footage or acreage the county was being asked to vacate.

Collins said that the roads were all platted at 60 feet wide and about 550 feet long.

"It's quite a substantial road vacation," Collins said.

"It would seem to me that we're being asked to give away a lot of public property here," Williams responded. "I'm not suggesting in this instance, but maybe we ought to consider in the future forming a committee to look at some of this property that might be a source of income for the county," he said.

There has been some recent debate regarding whether or not the county should somehow charge for the vacation of roadway properties, especially in cases where the county's taxpayers have paid for the building, improving or maintaining the roads.

County attorney Alan Morel said that vacating roads within town sites like White Oaks, which was platted in the 19th century, is a little bit of a different situation.

"It wasn't actually given to the county or the public," Morel said. "It was given to the probate judge who then sold the properties. These go back into the 1800s and they're really not relevant anymore," he said.

Collins said that he had heard from some title companies that the platted roads were considered to be more like easements than actual roads that were owned by anybody.

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners elected to approve the New request for vacation of the alleys and streets as shown on the survey plat prepared by Tim Collins and Associates dated November, 2008.

In Loving Memory

On behalf of our beloved Arsenia (Navarro), we would like to give special thanks to Fr. Franklin of Santa Rita Catholic Church, and to Gilbert Chavez of Capitan for the wonderful music. Our thanks also goes to Mary and Albert Najar and Buddy Hill for the food preparation, and to all of our friends and family members who were there for us with their support, and for the many sympathy cards, the food and money. God Bless one and all.

The Navarro family,
 Vallejos family,
 and Lueras family

"Looking Back"

THROUGH OLD 'NEWS' FILES

As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 104th year of being in existence (1905-2009), we will again be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following article appeared in the "Carrizozo News", Friday, December 29, 1922



Laureiger Horatius, quem dixisti verum
 Fugit Euro citius tempus edax forum.

Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis.
 By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

THE Latin has a terse and forceful way of putting things. Now, the first quotation above has been rendered in free-and-easy style:

Old Man Horace, sprigged with bay
 Truly thou dost say, sir,
 Time speeds faster on its way
 Than the swiftest racer.

Clever, but the Latin says it more forcibly: Crowned-with-laurel Horace, what you say is true: Flies than the southeast wind faster time the devourer of things.

And the second quotation above neatly supplements the first by saying: Times change and we are changed in them.

All of which suggests most forcibly that time has destroyed the old-fashioned method of observing several of our American national holidays; that the times have changed and we in them.

Now, there's the Fourth of July, for example. The old-fashioned Fourth is so entirely gone that we don't quite know what to do with the day. In the old days we used to twist the Lion's tail when we didn't know what else to do, but since we fought side by side with the British in the Great War, that seems as out of place as do fire-crackers and the casualty list of small boys.

And it's just about the same with New Year's Day. About all that's left us is to listen to the whistles blowing at midnight and to make good resolutions. And what changes the day has seen since first Americans began its celebration!

America's celebration of New Year's Day owes nothing to Puritan New England. In the North New York, being Dutch, was the center of New Year's, gayety. The South, being English, but not Puritan, also celebrated enthusiastically. The custom of making calls probably is as old as civilized man; it is likely that it originated independently in almost every clime. Old-time European chieftains used to set "New Year's" apart as a day on which they would condescend to receive substantial tributes from their underlings. Queen Elizabeth received New Year's calls every year, and there was always much rivalry between her ambitious courtiers as to the quantity and value of the gifts they should bestow upon the virgin sovereign. It was on a New Year's Day that Sir Walter Raleigh gladdened the queen's heart with a memorable pair of silk stockings—the first ever made and worn in England.

In Holland the custom of making New Year's calls had been general long before the settlement of New Amsterdam, and the natives of the Netherlands who came to live in the New World brought the practice with them. And, of course, they had plenty to eat and drink—for who ever heard of Dutchmen who did not take good care of their stomachs?

Up to the beginning of the Nineteenth century the typical New Year's observance was a neighborly custom. Then it became an observance decreed by fashion and was observed in every city of any size in the country.

The younger women of such households as had daughters were the hostesses, and great was their rivalry, one with another, in respect of richly loaded refreshment tables and elegance of

toilet. The "beaux," and "dandies," and "gallants" attired themselves in their best and started out early in the morning, calling first at the houses where matrons received, and afterward upon the younger ladies. The drinks that were offered at every house of any prominence were ardent and diverse.

It was not until about the middle of the century or thereabouts that the abuse which finally led to the custom's decline began. For years the dandies rivaled one another in the length of their calling lists, and the calls soon came to be nothing more than hasty gorgings of cake and gulping of wine.

Then the ladies—the matrons as well as the young women—began to vie with one another in the number of their callers. This led to the most extraordinary practices. Callers were recruited, drummed up. Cards announcing that Miss This-or-That would be "at home" on January 1 were sent out almost indiscriminately. The Sunday newspapers began to print lists of those who would receive, and the houses of those mentioned in the lists were sure to be besieged by numbers of men whom the ladies had never met or heard of and desired never to meet again.

Men would go calling in couples and parties, and even in droves of 30 or more, remaining as short a time at each stopping place as possible, and announcing everywhere how many calls they had already made, and how many they expected to make before they finished. At every place they drank. The result was a most appalling assortment of "jags" long before sundown, and a crowding of the police stations at night.

This New Year's observance finally became so abused that it was called a "national evil" and was attacked by reformers everywhere and ministers thundered against it from the pulpit. Finally fashion set its face against it and it died a gradual death.

Its place was taken after a while by eating and drinking in the restaurants, and by the street carnivals.

If Croesus himself had come back to earth and had visited New York—or any big city in the country—in 1906, he couldn't have got a seat in any restaurant of note after ten o'clock the night of December 31, for all his fabulous wealth. In fact, he probably couldn't have got inside the door. Every table was engaged—at big prices and long in advance. Diners had to get out at nine o'clock and

guards at the doors saw that none except those with credentials got in. During the last hour of the Old Year the people feasted, and at the first stroke of the New Year everybody in every restaurant arose, wine-glass in hand, and drank a health to the New Year.

It was comparatively quiet indoors, but the people in the streets made noise enough to scare young 1906. Every sort of noise-making implement known to man except cannon and dynamite bombs was in active use.

"Get your horns and ticklers!" was the prayer roared by thousands of fakery all evening. Trucks and wagons were halted at the curb, loaded with tin horns and tin sticks with a bunch of hackle-feathers at the tip. If you were a real devilish New Year's humorist you proceeded like this: First, tickle some stranger under the chin with the feathers; then, as he turned to protest, you blew the horn in his face.

A universal custom of the carrier's New Year's of those days was the carrier's New Year's address. This was often in rhyme if the carrier or any of his friends could string the jangling lines together or find an old carrier's address to copy. Such verses as these were popular:

This day devoted now to mirth,
 To open hours and social mirth,
 New friendship mounts on airy wings,
 And gives her tuneful harp new strings.
 While plenty spreads a festive board,
 Of wine and food and ample hoard,
 In idleness and laughter gay,
 To spend the hours this happy day,
 All save the carrier, whose snowy feet
 Still must pace up the snowy street.
 So give to him a moment's heed,
 Since he alone this comfort needs,
 And to your ample, jovial store
 Let him not find a closed door, etc., etc.

By 1914 there were strong indications of a saner celebration of New Year's. The feasting in restaurants New Year's Eve was still in full blast, but singing and dancing added. But most of the large cities had ordered the police to enforce a "sans" celebration on the streets. In consequence there was less noise and rowdiness out of doors. Chicago, for instance, forbade horns, confetti and ticklers.

Cleveland probably had the "sanest" New Year's Eve in 1914. That city gave the New Year a "community greeting" in keeping with the spirit of community Christmas celebrated a week before. Twelve bands, with 280 musicians, were massed in the public square. To an audience of thousands they played hymns and patriotic airs. Announcement by the police that the midnight closing law would be enforced rigidly cut hotel and restaurant festivities down markedly. In Cincinnati the police had the promise of every hotel, cafe and saloon keeper to close promptly at midnight. Similar conditions prevailed in Detroit and Indianapolis.

Then came the Great War. And then prohibition.

So at present the celebration of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day is betwixt and between.

What will it be ten years from now? And what a century hence?



UNTIL THEY
COME HOME

THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Is It Time To Yell Happy New Year?
By Ruth Hammond

Here it is again, time to watch old Father Time creak out and a new baby New Year bounce in all smiles. Of course you do know that this time it is a tad bit different because of the economy situation. Then there are all the bail outs that have some people joyous because many jobs will be saved. Others will complain that the head honchos received exorbitant bonuses which caused the fiscal drop.

Although the situation could be worse and there could be a true depression, the dent appears to be getting deeper and might eventually become a depression. Meanwhile back at the ranch, things are fairly normal. The cows tend to head to the barn at feeding time, which causes a huge question. "Why do they have to walk so far each day?"

Now that question was uppermost in the minds of city folks and didn't get answered until after a city dude was grown and asked about it. The response was that the cows were put in different pastures each day to help to rotate their grazing. Now the dude knows why someone had to walk all the way to the back 40 in the late afternoon. It does make sense but it sure didn't when the dude was 13.

Deciding on a career that didn't include walking each day to get cows out of a pasture might have helped one person choose a different vocation. However, there will always be cows to tend, even if by a different name. The person across the street may sell shoes, not quite the same as tending cows, but some shoe buyers bellow almost as loud as cows when they read the price tags on the shoes.

Instead of working at a job that is opposite of what you didn't like to do as a youngster, maybe selecting what type of job you like to do would be a better approach. If you like art you might work in a gallery but if not you could become an artist. There are many mediums. Or you might prefer not working directly with the public, which could include many types of work. It is your choice.

Considering that old Father Time has only a year to attain his ancient status, maybe you should ask him just before midnight what his recommendations for a job are. He might suggest toiling away behind the scenes instead of being in the spotlight. Actually, Father Time has been in the spotlight very little this year, seems other people have taken all the publicity and left Father Time alone.

Aloneness isn't quite as bad as it could be. Look at the publicity some officials have garnered this year. Some of the people are noted for the size of their families while others are reaping in the accolades of being aloof. Others are grinning all the way to the bank with outrageous type activities that have made them fortunes. And yet others are struggling to get the publicity that brings in money.

Perhaps the thing to do would be to walk along with the new baby New Year and help this infant make right choices starting out. Is it time to yell Happy New Year?

University Health Center Offers Tips to Stay Healthy

If you sing the tune of *Happy Birthday* to yourself while washing your hands it could improve the chances of keeping your hands clean, and therefore, prevent cold or flu viruses from spreading, as long as you sing it twice, says Dr. Sidney Webb.

Webb is the newly hired director of New Mexico State University's Health Center, located at NMSU's main campus in the Genesis Center Building C.

The University Health Center offers health services and counseling to NMSU employees, faculty and staff during the academic year.

Experts say taking simple, preventative measures such as getting a flu shot can prevent the spread of viruses. "There's enough vaccine to go around this year," Webb said. "The recommendation is to get a flu shot prior to the start of this flu season starting in January."

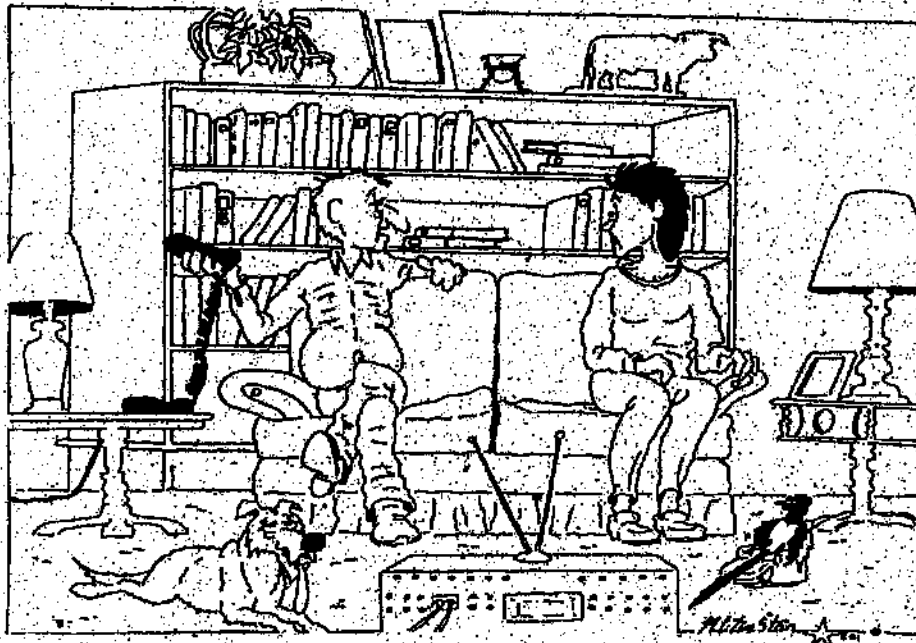
For those who already are experiencing cold

or flu symptoms, Webb suggests drinking fluids, taking aspirin and getting plenty of rest. If symptoms persist for longer than a week or involve other complications such as bronchitis, ear infections or pneumonia, the individual should consult with a physician.

Health habits from the University Health Center for preventing the flu:

- * Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- * Stay home from work, school or running errands when you are sick.
- * Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and sneezing.
- * Clean your hands regularly by washing and using antibacterial hand sanitizer.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth when possible.
- * Practice other good health habits such as getting plenty of sleep, being physically active, managing stress, drinking fluids and eating nutritious food.

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Seasons Greetings

Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- "Corruption is the most enduring tradition in New Mexico's history."

Those are the words of my favorite historian, Dave Clary of Roswell reacting to a recent column about New Mexico ranking low in a recent study to identify the most corrupt states in the nation.

USA Today analyzed Department of Justice statistics for the past 10 years to find the states with the most convictions of "public officials per 100,000 population."

New Mexico turned out to be one of the least corrupt states, according to that measure. Illinois was only the 18th most corrupt. I suggested reasons the study might be flawed. Readers have e-mailed with their ideas.

Jeffrey Fields of Alamogordo suggests that the reason places such as Chicago and New Mexico rank lower in corruption than expected is that residents are accustomed to corruption being "the way things are done" so it is accepted and seldom exposed or prosecuted.

Michael Johnston, a college professor, says places that gain a bad reputation then become a self-fulfilling prophesy. Expectations build up and office holders replicate those expectations when they get to the top of the ladder.

All three of these explanations have a similar theme. Clary says that in the 1600s, Spain exercised considerable oversight to keep governors and army officers in its far-flung provinces from enriching themselves. It

limited their terms, subjected them to audits and forced them to settle dubious accounts before they were free to return to private life.

But this control faded by the 1700s. Political offices were purchased and treated as money-making propositions. The tradition of "la mordida" became well established throughout New Spain.

Then came the early 1800s, when Mexico's long battle for independence left it in no condition to govern itself. So the worst excesses of the old regime were perpetuated, especially in the northern provinces of New Mexico, Texas and California.

During the Mexican period, government in New Mexico was characterized by absolute, self-serving corruption in all offices. Judges extracted arbitrary fees from those appearing before them.

The opening of trade over the Santa Fe Trail opened wonderful new opportunities for graft and Gov. Ma-

ed politician.

By 1846 Armijo owned most of Albuquerque and had trading interests from Missouri to Chihuahua. He used his office to line his pockets at every turn. Evidence seems to indicate that he committed the most outrageous possible corruption by selling New Mexico to Steven Watts Kearny's army in 1846.

During the next four years, while New Mexico was under military rule, some military commanders managed to feather their nests in concert with Anglo traders and Indian agents.

Out of this was born the notorious Santa Fe Ring, which made our territorial government a synonym for official thievery for decades to come. The Ring combined greedy businessmen and lawyers with government officials, scattered from top to bottom, in all three branches of government.

Thanks to Dave Clary for this information. Much of this will be in his "Eagles and Empire," which Random House will release next July.

Other good books on the period, written by New Mexicans, include "Eagle Across the Sun," by Don Brittain of La Luz, which covers the 1800-1848 period and "New Mexico's Troubled Years," by Calvin Horn, which covers our territorial governors from 1851 to 1881.

The Ring lasted for decades. Even after Congress decided we had tamed down enough to become a state, we had a wild ride through prohibition, with illegal gambling, sanctioned by governors.

That era ended with the death of Cricket Coogler in 1949 and the revelation that the Cleveland Mafia was about to make Santa Fe the gambling capital of the world after Bugsy Siegal failed in Las Vegas.

Clary suggests that Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich may have taken a page out of Gov. Armijo's book by following his advice that it is better to look brave than actually be brave. It appears Blagojevich also may be all talk.

When the Paper Doesn't Come

My father says the paper he reads ain't put up right;
He finds a lot of fault, he does, perusin' it all night;
He says there ain't a single thing in it worth to read,
And that it doesn't print the kind of stuff the people need;
He tosses it aside and says it's strictly on the bum,
But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.
He reads about the weddin' and he snorts like all get out;
He reads the social doin's with a most derisive shout.
He says they make the papers for the women folks alone;
He'll read about the parties and he'll fume and fret and groan;
He says of information it doesn't have a crumb --
But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.
He is always first to grab it and he reads plumb clean through.
He doesn't miss an item, or an ad. -- that is true;
He says they don't know what we want, the darn newspaper, guys I'm goin' to take a day sometime and go and put him 'em wise;
Sometimes it seems as though they must be deaf and blind and dumb --
But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.



WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

Lincoln County is going to have cold nights due to mild to moderate winds out of the north/northwest that will be bringing that harsh Arctic cold to blow across the high desert and high plains areas.

The higher elevations will be protected a little from the winds, but will also experience low 20s at night, and mid 40s for daytime temperatures.

Sunday there will be a slight chance of rain showers, turning to snow showers as the temperatures drop in the evenings. These showers will continue until possibly Tuesday morning.

Current conditions for skiing at Ski Apache are: nine of 55 trails are open, with four lifts operating. 33 inches of machine groomed powder/packed powder at the lower elevations, and 35 inches of machine groomed powder/packed powder at the higher elevations.

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

Today, Wednesday, New Year's Eve, December 31st 366th day of 2008 (2008 is a Leap Year)

Mostly sunny, with a high near 54, north winds around 5 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. South wind around 5 mph.

Thursday, January 1, 2009, Happy New Year, only 357 shopping days 'til Christmas.

New Year's Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Friday, January 2 Sunny, with a high near 54, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Saturday, January 3 Mostly sunny, with a high near 53, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 23.

Sunday, January 4 A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 53, night: A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Monday, January 5 A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 47, night: A slight chance for snow showers, with a low around 25.

Tuesday, January 6 Partly cloudy, winds out of the west around 10 mph, with a high around 45, night: Mostly clear skies with a low around 26.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona and most of the Hondo Valley: Today, Wednesday, New Year's Eve, December 31, the 366th day of 2008 (2008 is a Leap Year)

Mostly sunny, with a high near 52, north winds between 5 and 10 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27, west wind around 5 mph.

Thursday, January 1, 2009, Happy New Year, only 357 shopping days 'til Christmas.

Mostly sunny, with a high near 51, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Friday, January 2 Sunny, with a high near 49, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Saturday, January 3 Mostly sunny, with a high near 51, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 24.

Sunday, January 4 A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 50, night: A

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

December 15
 8:28 a.m. Medical call at residence on Woodridge Court in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.
 11:36 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Hillcrest Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 10:03 p.m. 911 Hang-up from residence on Calamity Lane Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:40 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Calamity Lane Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.
December 16
 12:27 a.m. Medical call at location on Franklin Street in Corona, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 8:25 a.m. Accident reported at location on D Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 9:47 a.m. Registered Sex Offender check at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:12 a.m. Medical call at location on Calle La Placita in Lincoln, ambulance dispatched.
 10:51 a.m. Fire reported at location on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, Hondo fire units dispatched.
 11:34 a.m. Medical call at residence on Lava Loop in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 2:55 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Crazy Horse Circle in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.
 3:42 p.m. Burglary reported at residence on

Mount Hood Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 10:01 p.m. 911 Hang-up from residence on Wanda Drive in Capitan, police dispatched.
 10:42 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Wanda Drive in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.
December 17
 8:03 a.m. Vandalism reported at location on West Deer Park Trail in Capitan, police dispatched.
 10:27 a.m. Dog reported running loose on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 12:46 p.m. 911 Hang-up from Capitan High School, police and deputy dispatched.
 3:22 p.m. Medical call at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Rocco Parsons

Monday, December 29
 Judge Parsons Vacation

Tuesday, December 30
 Judge Parsons in Ruidoso

8:05 a.m. In the Matter of Canning Estate; PB2006-01 (Coppie/Bozarth)
 9:00 a.m. Juveniles Check In

Ismeal N.; JR-2007-29
 First Appearance
 Roy P.; JR-2008-63
 Marlin K.; JR-2008-64
 Marcos V.; JR-2008-65
 Jessica L.; JR-2008-61
 Zane L.; JR-2008-62

Lindsey V.; JR-07-62
 Lorren M.; JR-2007-42

Andrew T.; JR-08-57/07-62
 11:00 a.m. Burns v. Burns; DM-2006-27 Apt. Special Master (Kraft/Kelsey)
 2:00 p.m. LCJJB
 3:00 p.m. Drug Court Screening
 4:30 p.m. Drug Court

Darrell Brantely
 10:00 a.m. Michael Nunez v. Laura Leonard and Shanse Nunez; DV-2008-102
 10:30 a.m. Almeta Crawford v. John Crawford; DV-2008-104

Wednesday, December 31
 Criminal Day
 8:30 a.m. First Appearance/Initial

Brittney Priddy CR-08-275
 Kyle Martinez CR-08-42
 Rebecca Serrano CR-08-271
 James Spoke CR-08-277
 Lee Nanz CR-08-276
 Billy Archie CR-08-278
 Jamie Jackson CR-08-280
 Kristos Thoksisakis CR-08-258
 Miguel Pineda CR-08-272
 Rudy Torres CR-08-268
 Garrett Loretto CR-08-257
 Shelia Brewer CR-08-273

9:00 a.m. Swearing in Officials
 Jeffrey Renteria CR-07-74
 Christina Portillo CR-05-233
 Lilly Hunter CR-08-34
 Michael Blake CR-08105/10
 Rainelle Randazzo CR-06-65
 Dusty Baker CR-05-123 CR-06-83 (FA-BW)
 Change of Plea
 Robert Craun CR-08-143
 Ray Surratt CR-08-138

MRCR
 Emanuel Botella CR-2008-47
 Competency/Other
 Gregory Rasis CV-08-205
 Albert Herrera CV-08-301
 Anthony Garley LR-07-04
 Randy Garcia CR-08-241
 Matthew Hardin Brook CR-07-122
 Elijah Romero CR-08-190/08-249
 Jaiver Dominguez CR-05-249 (USD)
 Sentencing
 George Polaco CR-08-214
 Jose Prieto CR-07-164/CR-08-51
 Ozie Winter CR-08-20
 Court Closes at 12:00 p.m.

Weather Report

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slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Monday, January 5
 A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 44, night: A slight chance for snow showers, with a low around 23.

Tuesday, January 6
 A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 47, mild

winds out of the west, night: A slight chance for snow showers, with low around 24.

The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For up to date weather reports, go to www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/ on the internet. This website is up-dated every four hours.

Highways Department has developed a new toll free number for up to the hour road constructions/ conditions information. Just dial 511, listen to the options and go from there. You can also get up to the minute, in-depth, construction updates by logging in to www.nmroads.com for any area of the state.

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Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

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

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
 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
 648-2868 (Church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, Sept. - April
 AWANAS 6:00 p.m.

Carrizozo 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 8:30 a.m.
SATURDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 8:30 a.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
 Corona St. Theresa 1:30 p.m.

Angus Church of the Nazarene

"Serving All of Lincoln County"
 RICK HUTCHINSON, Pastor / 336-8032
 Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction
 Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM
 Sunday:
 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship and
 Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
 Family Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Community dinner 6:00 p.m.
 Adult classes, Youth games and study,
 Kids Klub 7:30 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Rev. d Canon Peter Sanderson,
 Priest-in-Charge
 Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 Ph. 605-267-2356
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

White Oaks Community Church Non-denominational

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Church Community Church

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

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
 1000 D Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2845
 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 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 11:00 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 10:00 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 / 336-4627
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church of Corona

GAL 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

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

Grace Fellowship Church

TERRY AIELLO, Pastor
 849-0105
 Corona, NM
 Worship 9:30 a.m.

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

In Memory of
BILL WINKLER

Insurance Exchange
 Carrizozo Branch

December 18
 7:56 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Schlarb Road in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 8:14 a.m. Breaking & Entering (B & E) reported at location on Half Circle Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 8:28 a.m. B & E reported at location on Half Circle Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 10:41 a.m. Medical call at residence on B Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 2:51 p.m. Traffic offenses reported at location on Oso Loop in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 6:21 p.m. Medical call on Hwy 54 approximately 10 miles south of Carrizozo, Carrizozo ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 6:48 p.m. Traffic offenses reported at mile marker 70 on Hwy 380 east of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 6:50 p.m. Missing or lost person reported at location on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 9:46 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 48 and Fire Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 11:18 p.m. Shots fired reported near Crazy Horse and Little Big Horn in Alto, deputy dispatched.

December 19

7:53 a.m. Agency assistance requested at location on Dancing Star in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 5:11 p.m. Medical call at residence on F Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 5:41 p.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 6:55 p.m. Public relations at Ruidoso police headquarters on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 9:15 p.m. B & E reported at location on Eagle Creek Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

December 20

9:36 a.m. Vandalism reported at location on White Oaks Canyon Road in White Oaks, deputy dispatched.
 11:17 a.m. Medical call at residence on West Third Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 5:53 p.m. Medical call at residence on West Cedar in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

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New Year GREETINGS

Thursday, January 1, 2009
 Happy New Year!
 Court closed.

Friday, January 2, 2009
 Court closed.



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Scholarships for NMSU Rodeo Team Members

New recruits and current members of the New Mexico State University rodeo team received numerous scholarships for the 2008--2009 academic year. To qualify for a scholarship, the student athletes must have a 2.5 GPA or higher, be a full-time student, participate in team activities and compete in National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) rodeos. "Our goal is to recruit good students and good athletes and continue our winning tradition," said Frank DuBois, former secre-

tary/director of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and founder of the DuBois Rodeo Scholarship. Wyatt Althoff, of Gilbert, Ariz., received the L.J. "Curley" McCarey Memorial Scholarship. Althoff is a senior who competes in tie-down roping, team roping and steer wrestling. He also was the mens all-around champion at the 2008 College National Rodeo Finals (CNFR) in June. Belen, N.M., native Dean Daly was awarded the G.B. Oliver Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Daly is a junior

and competes in saddle bronc, bareback riding and bull riding. Sophomore Johnny Salvo, of Horse Springs, N.M., received the H.W. "Bud" Eppers Memorial Scholarship. Salvo competes in tie-down roping and team roping, and won the tie-down roping at the CNFR. He also placed second in the men's rookie standings. Brittany Striegel, of Aztec, N.M., received the F.F. "Chano" Montoya Memorial Scholarship. Striegel is a senior who competes in barrel racing, breakaway rop-

ing and goat tying. Kelsi Elkins, also of Aztec, N.M., and a senior, received the New Mexico Federal Lands Council Scholarship. Elkins competes in barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying. Staci Stanbrough, of Capitan, was awarded the Charlie Lee Memorial Scholarship. Stanbrough is a junior and competes in barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying. Moriarty, N.M., native Aaron Moyers received the Bubba Echols Memorial Scholarship. Moyers is a senior and competes in team roping. JoDan Mirabal, of Grants, N.M., received the Williams Family Ranches Scholarship. Mirabal is a junior and competes in tie-down roping and team roping. New recruit Jessica Silva, of Tularosa, was awarded the Pete and Lucy Leach Scholarship. Other new recruits receiving scholarships are Jordan Bassett, of Dewey, Ariz.; Trey Bissett, of Bay City, Texas; Coy Burreal, of Tucson, Ariz.; Steve Hacker, of Battle Mountain, Nev.; Kirby Lewis, of Vernal, Utah; Bryce Runyan, of Silver City, N.M.; Tyler Southern, of Las Cruces, N.M.; Rodee Walraven, of Datil, N.M.; and Dustin Wilson, of Browning, Mont.

Sheriff's Report

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December 21
12:00 a.m. Agency assistance requested at location on Hwy 70 in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.
2:34 a.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
10:20 a.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.
12:53 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Little Creek in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.
1:52 a.m. Civil dispute reported at location on Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.
2:34 p.m. Medical call at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
2:51 p.m. Burglary reported at residence on Hwy 380, deputy dispatched.
4:08 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Hazelnut in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
6:34 p.m. Medical call at residence on B Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

wife, Li; four daughters, Deanna Seaux, Krystine Powell, Katherine Martin, and Kendra Martin; two grandchildren and another on the way; his mother, Ruth Brown; brother, William Martin, two sisters, Diane Jones and Nancy Martin and several nieces and nephews. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.



Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap
Another new year is almost upon us and for some of my readers it will be 2009. I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Dolan Coffee Shop had a full house for an enjoyable Christmas dinner. It was so nice to get acquainted with the newcomers to Lincoln. The Lincolites are strictly a very diverse community with various experiences, travel, jobs, and interests.

We had a nice visit with Glenn Dennis recently. He is living in the Peach Tree retirement home in Roswell. He misses Lincoln and the good times he had while living here.

The Lee Ruckers had a houseful of company for Christmas with their children and grandchildren.

The Stillwells had Christmas with their family in Roswell, most of the rest of us stayed home.

The street was illuminated with the annual luminaries. The group spent the morning filling the paper bags and putting in the candles. Following that the group had a pot luck dinner at the Community Church. Santa arrived in the evening. Due to no heat in San Juan's Church no Christmas Eve church services were held.

It seems there are more bugs going around. No two seem to be exactly the same.

Gene and Carolyn Cristman returned home after spending Christmas with their family in Colorado. It got down to the low minus teens and lots of snow. Their grandson Zack returned with them to spend a week with them. We were all glad to see him again.

Jon Amastae is visiting in Lincoln and spending some time helping his neighbors and working on his property.

Rick Stausser was a recent visitor with his parents, the Bill Staussers.

We did get dry snow. But oh my the high winds Thursday. I haven't heard of any wind damage.

We are seeing elk and deer in downtown Lincoln. So drivers beware as you drive through the Hondo Valley, as they are everywhere. The tourists get an exciting first hand sighting of the deer as they cross the highway on their way to water.



A Prosperous New Year

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"



Happy New Year

Obituary

JOE MARTIN
Memorial service for Joe Martin, 50, of Ruidoso Downs, will be Saturday, Jan. 3, at 11:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs with inurnment to follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Martin died Dec. 25. Although born in Colorado, Joe spent the majority of his life in Ruidoso. He had worked as a pressman at the Ruidoso News and as a technician with Allen Mechanical. He is survived by his

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

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

No. D-1226-CV-2008-0231

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
MLMI TRUST SERIES 2007-MLNI,**

Plaintiff,

vs.
**RAYMUNDO URBINA, MARTHA URBINA,
AND UNKNOWN TENANT (REAL
NAME UNKNOWN),**

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

**TO: RAYMUNDO URBINA AND
MARTHA URBINA**

You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2007-MLNI, in which Plaintiff prays for foreclosure on its Note and Mortgage on real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico as described in the claim in said cause against Defendants named above, that the said real property be sold according to law and practice of this Court to pay the lien of the Plaintiff, and that the interest of the Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming under or through them and all other persons bound by these proceedings be barred and foreclosed of all rights, interest, of claims to said real property, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

The property involved is the real estate and improvements located at 405 Reservoir Dr., Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, and more particularly described as:

Lot 2, Block 4 of MOUNTAIN HOME SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County September 3, 1946, in Tube No. 78,

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or file responsive pleadings or motions in said cause within twenty (20) days of the third consecutive publication of this Notice of Suit, judgment will be ren-

dered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2007-MLNI is Little & Dranttel, P.C. 7430 Washington Street, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, Telephone: (505) 833-3036.

BY ORDER OF the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, entered on December 12, 2008.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold Public Hearing beginning at 1:45 p.m., on Tuesday, January 20th, 2009. The Public Hearing will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the following:

**TO CONSIDER CREATING AN
ORDINANCE FOR WILDLAND
URBAN INTERFACE WITHIN THE
COUNTY OF LINCOLN.**

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service, please contact 575/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Billie-Jo Guevara
Administrative Assistant/
Human Resources

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LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will open Sealed Bids at 3:00 p.m. on January 21, 2009 at the Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346; on the following:

**FINAL GRADING, PAVING,
& CONCRETE**

Bid Forms and Specifications may be obtained ONLY from Operational Consultants, 1408 8th Street, Alamogordo, NM 88310, (575) 437-8986. Mailed Bids should be addressed to

Operational Consultants, 1408 8th Street, Alamogordo, NM 88310; with the envelope clearly marked: FINAL GRADING, PAVING, & CONCRETE, on the lower left hand corner of the submitted envelope. Any questions should be directed to: Joe Lewandowski, Project Manager, fax number (575) 437-0721, or e-mail address opconsult@qwestoffice.net. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to see that their Bid is delivered to the Operational Consultants office by the date and time set for opening. If the mailed or delivery of said Bid is delayed beyond the opening date an time, Bid thus delayed will not be considered. A public opening will be held on January 21, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., any bidder or their authorized representatives are invited to attend. Bid proposed award date is scheduled for January 27, 2009.

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

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Debra Ingle, Operational Supervisor

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**Consideration for the adoption of
an ordinance providing a low
income tax rebate pursuant to
NMSA 7-2-14.3G on a County by
County option basis.**

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service, please contact 575/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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**Candidates for Endangered
Species Act List Released**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released its candidate notice of review, a yearly appraisal of the current status of plants and animals that are candidates for protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Two species have been removed from candidate status, one species has been added, and 11 have a change in priority from the last review in December 2007. There are now 251 species recognized by the service as candidates for ESA protection.

As part of this review, the service is soliciting additional information on these candidate species, as well as information on species that may be eligible for addition to future candidate updates. This information will be valuable in preparing listing documents and future revisions or supplements to the notice of review.

Candidate species do not receive protection under the ESA, although the service works to conserve them. Identification of candidate species gives an advance notice of species in need of conservation, allowing them to address threats before the species is listed. All candidates are assigned a listing priority number based on the magnitude and imminence of the threats they face. When discretionary funding becomes available, the service addresses species by priority numbers first.

The 11 changes in listing priority announced in the notice are based on new information in the updated assessments of continuing candidates. Four species have had their priority increased while seven species have had their priority lowered. The net result of these changes is the new number of candidates assigned to the top priority category for listing (i.e., full species facing threats of high magnitude that are imminent) will change from the current number 100 to 99. The lesser prairie-chicken is one of the four species whose priority increased. Habitat loss and fragmentation continue to be the greatest threats.

A conservation effort launched earlier this month in N.M. between the service and Bureau of Land Management holds promise. Landowners, energy companies and ranchers would voluntarily agree to conservation measures that protect and restore habitat for the lesser prairie-chicken and sand lizard in southeast N.M. In return, if the chicken is given protection under the ESA, private landowners are assured they will not be re-

quired to do more than they have pledged through the conservation program.

The two species removed from candidate status are the Ogden mountain snail, a mollusk species found in Utah, and the Florida indigo, a plant species native to tropical regions. The service removed these species after new scientific information led to changes in taxonomy. As a result, both species have been found to be more widespread than once believed.

The notice also identifies one new candidate species, the Gierischmallow, a plant species found in Arizona and Utah. For the nine known populations of this plant, the primary threats are ongoing gypsum mining in Arizona and potential impacts from off-road vehicle use in Utah.

The service has several tools for protecting candidate species and their habitat, including a grants program that funds conservation projects by private landowners, states and territories. In addition, the service can en-

ter into Candidate Conservation Agreements (CCA), formal agreements between the service and one or more parties to address the conservation needs of proposed or candidate species, or species likely to become candidates, before they become listed as endangered or threatened.

The CCA participants voluntarily commit to implementing specific actions that will remove or reduce the threats to these species, thereby contributing to stabilizing or restoring the species. The complete notice and list of proposed and candidate species appears in the Federal Register and can be found online at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/candidates/index.html>.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

For more information about the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, visit <http://www.fws.gov>

**Status of Otero County
Butterfly to be Reviewed**

*Fish and Wildlife Service to
Conduct Status Review of
the Sacramento Mountains
checkerspot butterfly*

The status of the Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly will be reviewed to see if the insect warrants federal protection as a threatened or endangered species, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced. The announcement follows an initial review of a petition seeking to protect the Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly under the Endangered Species Act.

The Service will undertake a more thorough review of the Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly to determine if it should be added to the federal lists of endangered and threatened wildlife and plants. The decision, referred to a 90-day finding by the agency, is based on scientific information about the Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly provided in the petition requesting listing the species under the Act.

The petition finding does not mean that the Service has decided it is appropriate to give the Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly federal protection under the ESA. Rather, this

finding is the first step in a process that triggers a more thorough review of all the biological information available. The finding is available on the internet at www.fws.gov/southwest/es/NewMexico/.

To ensure this review is comprehensive, the Service is soliciting information from state and federal natural resource agencies and all interested parties regarding the Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly and its habitat.

Comments and information will be accepted until Feb. 3, 2009, and can be submitted electronically via the Federal eRulemaking Portal

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 17, 2008, Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District, P.O. Box 750, Alto, NM 88312, filed application No. H-719-S-17 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well H-719-S-17 located in the SE¼SW¼SE¼ of Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to drill replacement well approximately 1175 feet in depth, and 16 inches in diameter located in the SE¼SW¼SE¼ of Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M. The replacement well will be located approximately 17 feet west of the original well.

For the continued diversion of up to 613.94 acre-feet per annum of groundwater for domestic and subdivision purposes in the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Service Area, describe as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
Part of SE¼SE¼	24	10 S	13 E
Part of	25	10 S	13 E
Part of	26	10 S	13 E
Part of S½	27	10 S	13 E
Part of E½	33	10 S	13 E
Part of	34	10 S	13 E
All of	35	10 S	13 E
Part of N¼	36	10 S	13 E
Part of SW¼SW¼	19	10 S	13 E
Part of NW¼	30	10 S	13 E
Part of NW¼	31	10 S	13 E
Part of N¼NW¼	31	10 S	13 E
Scenic View Ridge, Tracts 1, 2, 3, & 4	31	10 S	13 E

The replacement well will be located approximately 17 feet west of the original well. The wells are located within the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District service area in Alto, 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.

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