Communications Tower Is Up In Capitan

by Patrice Brazie

erect a cell tower in Capitan turned out to be more controversial than the village council and mayor ever expected, but the installation of the tower and associated construction that began last spring and was placed on hold in August is now again underway

The proposal by Plateau to install the toxici on a small tract of property owned

by the village at East Lobo tan police and fire departand Largo streets came just ments.

voted to enter into a contract cral Capitan residents that no organized effort by the
with Plateau for the construclive or own property near village or Plateau to inform A contract with Pla- about one year ago, in Februteau Communications to ary of 2008. David Hughes, of Plateau Communications, presented the idea during a meeting of the Capitan Village Council. Hughes said that the village would be allowed to piggy-back its own communications equipment onto the Plateau tower, thus improving not only cell phone capabilities in the area, but also the communications repeater used by vil-

The contract agreement would also net the village \$1,200 annually for use of the land by Plateau, Hughes said.

The Capitan trustees and mayor listened to the presentation by Hughes along with a number of people in attendance at the meeting, but took no action at the time regarding the Plateau proposal.

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tion of the 120-feet tall tower and a 12-foot square equipment shed on the village property. Plateau agreed to maintain the tower and pay the village \$200 per month for the use of the land.

It seemed like a winwin situation.

It was in August of '08, after the construction had begun, when an angry crowd filled the village hall in Capitan to oppose the installation of the tower. SevFast Lobo and Largo complained that there had been

them of the tower proposal. Some expressed concerns that property values would take a dive in the area and others worried that the tower

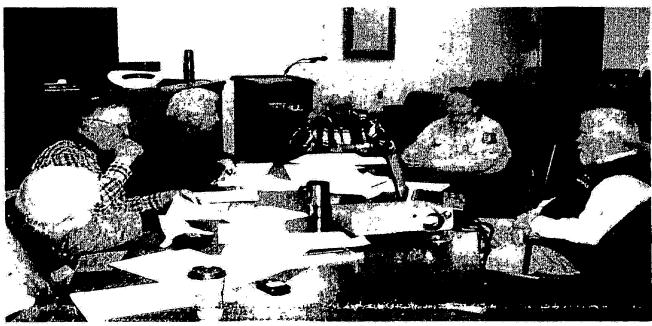


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MEMBERS OF THE Lincoln County Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (LANRAC) held their first committee meeting earlier this week. Shown here are (clockwise from the left) Pete Gnatkowski, Rick Simpson. Lee Amone Bob Johnson, a quest from the U.S. Forest Service and Tony Davis Roll & French Braze

County Assessor Looking at Rental Properties

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Base and at he had attended a meeting of the Runderso B and of Realter one lamuary 20th to discuss the matter of the re-classification of some properties in that municipal

 There is rental prop. erty in Randoso that we have classified as residential property." Baca fold the county officials. They're rentme it out by the night or by the week this would classify it as non-residential property." he said

Letters were sent from the assessor's office to rental property managers in the area asking for clarification of which properties were being rented, so that those properties could be correctly classified for taxificity purposes. Baca said

"We thought that these were being rented for the full year, which they are not," Baca said. "Statute says that residential (classification) is used for permanent residential human habitation. not transient use." he said.

"When we sent the letter out, they got the impression that we were going to change this to commercial.

It's not commercial it's non-residential," Baca said Thes were kind of upset because non-residential properry is assessed at a higher tax date offian residential i

Bacatold the county commissioners that he had sometiff a legal opinion from: the sounts's attorney Many Marel because one of the regulations from the state property tax districts six: that the predominate one of multi-nac proporties would by used to determine the acsessment classificationi.

"Apparently, these properties aren't being rented for the entire sear, some of them not even six months, see we're waiting on an opinion from Alam to see how we ge going to assess these proper ties." Baca said "The rest deniral tax rate in Rundosous about \$25 60 per \$1,000, the non-residential is little over \$31per \$1,000," he added

Baca said that the non-residential rental property owners should be paying Lodgers Lax, as well, but be didn't think that they were currently doing so-

County commis sioner Don Williams said that the Ruidoso property owners who

rent through property managers are paying Ruidoso's Lodgers Fax.

"Another problem we're having is trying to find all of the individuals that actually do rent out on either a mightly of weekly basis, because some of them don't go through property managers," Baca said We don't know it

LANRAC Reviews Proposed Fire Protection Ordinance by Patrice Brazie has asked the LANRAC to

The Lincoln County Land and Natural Resources Advisory. Committee (LANRAC) met for the first time on Tuesday morning. Five members of the new committee showed up to diseuss the Forest Service's Travel management rule and the county's proposal to develop a wildland urban interface fire protection ordinance. Those LANRAC members are Rick Shipson. Pete Gnatkowski. Lee Arn one, Bob Johnson and Lony

Davis, Members Joel Bon-

nell and Duane Frost did not attend the committee's first meeting. I be committee heard. a presentation from Royanne Turley from the Cibolla National Forest about the U.S. Forest Service's Travel Management Rule as it applies to the Cibolla forest areas, and learned how they may participate in the development of that rule. The travel management rule will result, in part. from information gathered from forest users during pubfic meetings. Public input will be used to help deter-

routes are not. LANRAC members were provided with the first draft of a proposed fire protection ordinance, based almost completely on a similar fordinance adopted several years ago by the village of Ruidoso The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

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review the draft and make recommendations to the county commission regarding its feasibility, but not all LANKAC members had an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the ordinance prior to the meeting

**This draft ordinance pretty well follows the same thing as Rundoso in its wildland urban interface areas." Summson said "Parts of it are really a good dear. The one problem I have with the whole thing is that, if the county were to adopt this ordinance, then you have the enforcement and implementation of it," he said, "which is going to take new county personnel."

Sumpson said that the proposed ordinance would require land owners to bring their property into compliance by thinning trees and

vegetation "If sounds like a really good idea, but the part I have a problem with personally is the requirement instead of an incentive program." Sumpson said. "I would a lot rather see an incentive program than an enforcement program

Lony Davis agreed that the need to reduce the risk of wildfire is great, but that enforcement of the ordinance would be difficult

"It's somewhat tech nical, Davis said "If you look at the fuels management that Ruidoso has, there's a lot of technical terms in that It's not really clear to anyone

other than a forester as to what needs to be done." he said. "Simplifying that is something that may need to be done, unless the county intends to hire a fore ter or technical person to oversee the process.

Davis said that it is primarily absentee land own ers that don't understand the risk of fire and the need to treat the land to reduce that

mug zot, szez fem. ber of lots that, either the person doesn't live here and they don't understand the problem, or they don't have a lot of concern because this is "spec" land." Davis said - If would be great if we could have it all done with meen tives, but it's not being done in certain circumstances." he

Simpson admitted having maxed teclings about the ordinance

"I"ve been a property rights advocate for many years. Simpson and Tjust have a really hard time setting in concrete something that saxs "you're going to this" or "xou"re going to do that" he added

Simpson realled that, just a few years neo m Ruidoso, property owners had to jump through municipal hoops just to get permission to remove a tree that was seven inches in dumeter

Now things have changed, he said Back

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Carrizozo Police Officer Is Fired

by Patrice Brazie

Amid rampant rumors and lew officially ventied facts, another police officer has been terminated from a position on the Carrizozo Per lice Department.

Andy Hill was hired in July of last year by then Carrizozo Police Chief Carrie Spencer, in the midst of a controversy that resulted in the termination of Spencer

As an officer not yet certified in the state of New Mexico, Hill agreed to complete the requirements for state certification within one

In January, Hill turned in his equipment to Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill, but never submitted a

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CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES on Carrizozo's 12th Street as building fronts and second stories go up in preparation for the shooting of scenes for A major motion picture, (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

Communications Tower Is Up

nearby structures. The Capitan residents who spoke before the village council in August were overwhelmingly appased to the tower ever being erected on the property at Last Lobo and Largo, As a result of the op-

position, the Capitan trustees elected to enter into negotiations with Plateau to try to cancel the contract they had agreed upon in March.

During that August meeting, Hughes said that he thought that Plateau had already invested somewhere in the neighborhood of \$35,000 in the project, but that the company might be willing to cancel the contract if the xillage agreed to cover the company's losses.

During the negotiathoms with Plateau Communications, a was determined then the company had in-



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than \$35,000 in preparing to creet the tower, and that it was going to cost the village of Capitan more than \$60,000 to get out of the deal. That was simply more than the village officials were willing to spend, according to Capitan Mayor Sam Hammons.

"We just weren tsuccessful (with arbitration), Hammons told The News earlier this week. The main thing was that figure they quoted us that night (in August) was about \$35,000, but it would have been over \$63,000 to settle." Hammons

He said he was given the impression that it would take about three weeks after the final negotiation date of January 19th to creet the tower, ample time to let the Capitan residents know that the arbitration had failed to resolve the conflict and the tioner would he completed after all, but the work took

less time than expected,
"Darn if they didn't bring it in last Monday and have it up by Iuesday," Hammens said.

Plateau did agree for reduce the proposed height of the tower from 120 feet to 80

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vested considerably more feet. The two poles that are removed and the village used for the village's com- equipment attached to the munication antennae will be new tower, Hammons said.

LANRAC Reviews

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then we had a lot of wet years. But now we've had several dry years and all of a sudden it's dawned on peo-ple that this could burn real easily. The way of thinking is just the opposite of what it used to be.

Simpson said that he would hate to see the county jump on the band wagon of brow-beating its citizens.

Johnson said that the adoption of an ordinance could protect those property owners that have cleared or thinned their land from neighbors who have not.

The county does need a tool." Johnson said.

The adoption of a fire protection ordinance would likely require the county to hire an additional three or four employees, as well, Simpson said. "That"'s not all bad," he added.

There was some discussion regarding the cost

to property owners resulting from compliance with the ordinance, and Simpson reported that the going rate to have a commercial company do the work is \$3,000 per acre. He suggested that the county should work towards the incubation of small businesses that can make commercial use of the hyproducts of thinning and perhaps control of reduce the east of thinning to landowners. There's a company going in the Alamogordo area now that is making pellets for pellet stoves. Simpson said.

Davis said that he was able to participate in a cost-share program that enabled him to have his own property treated at a cost of \$600-\$800 dollars per acre. A grant program picked up 70 percent of the actual cost. He was also able to dispose of the debris from the thinning at a more affordable rate from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) than that which is currently available to county residents.

"Our subdivision purchased a roll off dumpster and it's available to anyone. although we have a slight priority." Davis said. "They can roll it right up there; you can fill it with the slash and they 'Il take it away. We have the grappler that comes out and visits periodically. All

you have to do is stack it by the side of the road in a safe fashion and it gets removed," Davis said.

Jerry Carroll, Oscuro. freeholder and visitor to the meeting, told the LANRAC members that any ordinance adopted by the county would have no affect on public land and could present a violation of the U.S. Constitution in that it might force involuntary servitude upon

the citizenry.
Who's going to compensate you if the county decides to pass an ordi-nance?" Carroll asked. "Who can afford it? That was the reason that they (the county commissioners) shifted this down to you guys," Carroll told the committee members. because they didn't want to handle it. The cost of just three employees is something like \$160,000 in continuing dollars per year.'

The draft ordinance authorizes penalties of up to \$300 per day for property owners that are not in compliance.

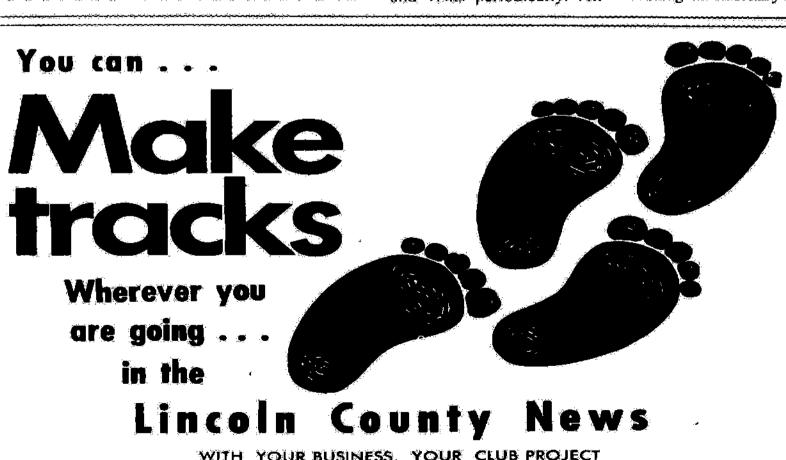
"There are areas in this county with a high density population where this ordinance would be beneficial and workable if you eliminated certain things and got the financing for it. Carroll said. "But I am not responsible for your property and you are not responsible for mine.

Simpson said that the LANRAC members were all thinking pretty much along the same lines with some conflicts in regards to implementation of a fire protection ordinance.

Davis agreed that there was a consensus regarding the need for incentives and attempts to involve and encourage small business creation.

All appeared to agree that the draft, based on a Ruidoso ordinance, would need some modifications to make it more applicable to the county.

There was some discussion about scheduling a workshop with area experts to investigate options that might be utilized in reaching the goals indicated by the proposed ordinance and to schedule the next committee meeting for February 3rd.



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April 11, 1913

President's Message to Congress

President Wilson's first message to congress was short, strong and to the point. He read the message to the assembled member of both houses -- thus breaking a precedent of more than a century. John Adams was the last president to read his message to congress. That carries us back to the year 1801. The president's message to the special session is herewith given in full:

I have called the congress together in extraordinary session because a duty was laid upon the party now in power at the recent elections which it ought to perform promptly, in order that the burden carried by the people under existing law may be lightened as soon as possible and in order, also, that the business interests of the country may not be kept too long in suspense as to what the fiscal changes are to be to which they will be required to adjust themselves. It is clear to the whole country that the tariff duties must be altered. They must be changed to meet the radical alteration in the conditions of our economic life which the country has witnessed within the last generation. While the whole face and method of our industrial and commercial life were being changed beyond recognition the tariff schedules have remained what they were before the change began, or have moved in the direction they were given when no large circumstance of our industrial development was what it is today. Our task is to square them with the actual facts. The sooner that is done the sooner we shall escape from suffering from the facts and the sooner our men of business will be free to thrive by the law of nature (the nature of free business) instead of by the law of legislation and artificial arrangem-

"We have seen tariff legislation wander very far afield in our day -- very far indeed from the field in which our prosperity might have had a normal growth and stimulation. No one who looks the facts squarely in the face or knows anything that lies beneath the surface of action can fail to perceive the principles upon which recent tariff legislation has been based. We long ago passed beyond the modest notion of "protecting" the industries of the country and moved boldly forward to the idea that they were entitled to the direct patronage of the government. For a long time -- a time so long that the men now active in public policy hardly remember the conditions that preceded it -- we have sought in our tariff schedules to give each group of manufactureres or producers what they themselves thought that they needed on order to maintain a practically exclusive market as against the rest of the world. Consciously or unconsciously, we have built up a set of privileges and exemptions from competition behind which it was easy by any, event he crudest, forms of combination to organize monopoly; until at last nothing is normal, nothing is obliged to stand the tests of efficiency and economy, in our world of big business, but everything thrives by concerted arrangement. Only new principles of action will save us from a final crystalization of monopoly and a complete loss of the influences that quicken enterprise and keep independent energy alive.

"It is plain what those principles must be. We must abolish everything that bears even the semblance of privilege or of any kind of artificial advantage, and put our business men and producers under the stimulation of a constant necessity to be efficient, economical and enterprising masters of competitive supremacy, better workers and merchants than any in the world. Aside fromt he duties laid upon articles which we so not, and probably cannot, produce, therefore, the duties laid upon luxuries and merely for the sake of revenues they yield, the object of the tariff duties henceforth laid must be effective competition, the whetting of American wits by contest with the wits of the rest of the world.

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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 6th grade, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Carrizozo, non denominational activities. Call 648-2107 for information.

TicTac, 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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

-Republican Party of Lincoln County monthly meeting Cree Meadows CC. No host buffet at 6:00 p.m. Speaker at 7:00 p.m. Scheduled speaker is Harvey Yates, new state Republican Party chairman. Discussion about Republican values and issues, election day voter registration and hot to monitor votes of local legislators will follow. RSVP to John at 808-4321.

-Capitan Chamber of Commerce 6:30 p.m. at Visitor's Center on Smokey Bear Blvd.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

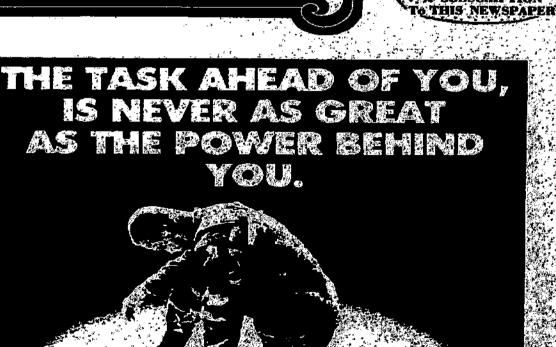
- -Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 12 noon Four Winds: Restaurant.
 - -Ruidoso Village Council 4:30 p.m.
- -Corona Village Council 5:30 p.m. -Carrizozo Town Council 6:00 p.m.
- -Capitan Village Council 6:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

-Carrizozo Woman's Club 6:00 p.m. -Capitan School Board 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

-St. Valentine's Day! Remember loved ones. -Organizational meeting for Lincoln County chapter of the American Red Cross, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Angus Church in





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Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen"

Gounty Assessor

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are able to afford a property if they rent it out. If they can't rent it out, they can't afford to own it." Battin said. "It just comes down to having to adjust their rental rates to accommodate the additional cost." tional cost.

In a related discussion, Baca reported that it is possible for low-income se-

C'zozo Police Officer

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written resignation verifying that his intention was to quit the department.
Hill told The News

this week that he would like to explain the reason behindhis action, but said that he has been advised by his attorney, Tim Rose, not to talk about it. Hill denied having resigned.

During a special meeting of the Carrizozo Town Council last Thursday Hill was terminated from his

position as police officer.

The News was unable to reach Hemphill for comment, but sources close to the administration report that the firing came as a result of a determination that Hill would not be able to complete certification requirements within

a year as agreed upon. Rose told *The News*. on Tuesday that he had not received official notification of Hill's termination, but that such an action would most likely result in litigation.



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Wednesday, January 28 Griminal Jury Trials

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Services are pending pending at Ander-son-Bethany Funeral Home (2-13-09) and Grematory for Sara Vi-ola Brooks, 67, of Capitan; forthcom #2 Shawn L., Rankin; CR-2008-156 (A/Eley/Rose) (Cont.

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Thursday, January 29
Criminal Jury Trials.
8:30 a.m.
#1-Julian Rue: CR-2008-08 (A Eley/Mitchell-R.C.)
#2 Ray Barela; GR-2008-129 (Thompson/Rose)Set in open-#3 Rudolpho Lapez*CR-2008-194 (A:Eley/Rose).

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.
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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Was The Groundhog Wrong? By Ruth Hammond

There is a heated discussion going on about seasons, not salt and pepper type seasons, but weather seasons. One person insists that today is the 5th day of spring while the other person says it is winter and will be for another few weeks. That person touts the groundhog as being the official national weather barometer. When the groundhog saw his shadow on Monday, February 2, the declaration was made that there would be six more weeks of winter.

And who do you believe? The groundhog has become a national figure with his official handler wearing a top hat and other regalia. Meanwhile the naysayers won't be dissuaded from their stance on when it is winter and when spring will arrive, and as for summer, that is a hot subject.

Neither of the two people will concede even though one knows without a doubt that the season reasoning is utterly wrong. Weather forecasters refer to calendars as their official dates of when it is what season of the year.

The other person has a tendency to ignore what the opposing person is saying, which may not be polite but it appears to be effective in not prolonging weather battles.

And through all this both sides agree that officials are in dire need of complying with the state Open Meetings Act. The problem is when officials disagree as to how the Open Meetings Act should be followed. If the Open Meetings Act is followed everyone benefits from that.

Legislators enacted the Open Meetings Act for a very good reason. And officials at all levels should follow the Open Meetings Act and conduct governmental business in the open. It gives the people more reason to believe the officials are being honest in what they are doing and it helps people to know what is happening and why it is.

It can be confusing at times, but it is necessary. The rule that action may be taken only on items that are on the agenda 24 hours in advance of a meeting is also a confusing, but it is also necessary. Several years ago there was not time limit and items that had been tabled could be brought up at any time and action taken by officials. That happened at a county commission meeting and there were accusations and more than a few heated words.

Zilch for good intentions. That situation helped make it more convincing that the law should be enacted to not allow action to be taken on any item that was not on the agenda at least 24 hours before the meeting. And it may have helped because there seems to be fewer gripes about no advance notice before action is taken on some items.

Effective laws are not by chance, just as predicting the weather should not be by chance. If a weather predictor didn't know about the groundhog, do you suppose there would be a change in predictions? Or would electronic monitoring of weather patterns be used for predictions? Lither way, you can decide, was the groundhog wrong?

THANK YOU Rosalie OLD LINCOLN TOWN

by Rosalie Duniap

This may be my last news column for a few months. Due to Ralph's health problems we are going to try living in I as Cruces where the altitude is lower. We have been there

for past three weeks and he seems to be some better. It is going to be a big change in our lives after ling in Lincoln County since Thanksgiving 1952. I have been writing

my column for the most part since 1954. A lot of life's his-tory, friends, and many activ-

ities have gone by since then.
It has been a rewarding time and also frustrating at times. So keep us in your prayers and come by and see us in Las Cruces.

We were kept busy

buying items for the apartment, visiting friends and family, dinner and luncheon dates and of course, attending the Aggie basketball

PVI is upgrading their services tonight so I am trying to beat the clock - 3:00

Carolyn and Gene Chrisman will be greeting you at the shop along with Bruno, their dog. Stop by and tell them 'Hello" sometime

Our sympathies to the family of Eva Chaves and the Robert Bird families. Also belated condolences to Carol Hurd Rogers.

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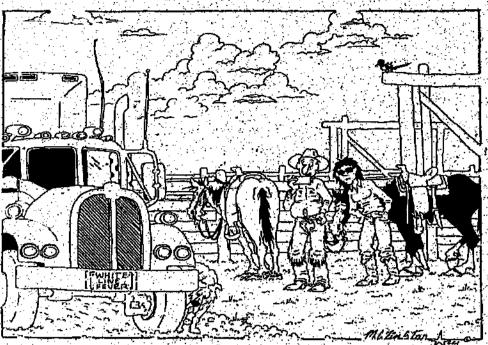
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"BY THE LOOKS OF THIS CHECK I SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUSPICIOUS OF THIS CATTLE BUYER WHEN HE KEPT REFERRING TO ME AS THE STUCKEE! Big Dry Syndicate

Inside the Capitol by JAY MILLER, Syndicated Columnist

Bold Lawmaker Forces Action

SANTA FE - A gutsy state lawmaker has forced the door open ever so slightly to audio and video transmissions from state legislative committee hearings.

Rep. Janice Arnold-Jones, an Albuquerque Republican, went out and bought a webcam and has begun streaming video and audio from the committees on which she serves:

The Webcasting was unauthorized so there is no telling how long it will con-tinue but it did get some wheels turning that had been stuck in neutral for years.

Following Ar-nold-Jones' action. House, leaders quickly proposed a rule to permit Webcasting with the permission of committee chairmen. That, in itself, would do no good. When she set up her equipment at the first meeting of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee, Chairman Ed Sandoval, D-Albuquerque, asked her twice to turn it

She didn't. So House Speaker Ben Lujan, also a committee member, scolded her for not asking permission. Of course, had Arnold-Jones asked permission. it would have been denied and the I egislature would have remained stuck in neutral for another four years.

It took someone sufthe iently courageous to stand to the House leadership crissue. Plenty of

praise and punishment is sure to be in store for Rep. Arnold-Jones.

The media also came in for criticism for playing up the issue and being the only ones interested in Webcasting or broadcasting legislaive and committee sessions.

That's crazy, Compaters are the competition. With scarcely any promotion, the Webcast site. www.nmgov.tv. had over 2.000 hits during its first

Another Web site asked viewers whether they supported or opposed legisla-tive Webcasting. The vote Arnold-Jones says she de-cided to do the Webcasting after being encouraged by constituents.

The state GOP has been having some fun with the issue. It isn't completely a partisan issue. It is more a leadership issue. Senate mi-nority leader Stuart Ingle is a vocal opponent but it's an issue Republicans can pick up and run with because the legislative leadership is almost totally Democratic.

Early in the session Rep. Ray Begaye, D-Ship-rock, complained that Webcasting might catch him asleep during a late night session of the House. The following day, the state GOP delivered coffee and mugs to Rules Committee which will be considering the Webcast-

The two most vocal proponents of Webcasting have been Rep. Arnold-Jones and Sen. Mark Boitano. R-Albuquerque. Words had gotten them nowhere until Arnold-Jones decided to take action.

The House Rules Committee quickly appointed a subcommittee to consider Webcasting. One of the members is Rep. Ken Martinez, D-Grants, who is also is House majority floor leader. Martinez has been making positive comments about Webcasting, which provides some hope that a reasonable rule may be passed for the House.

Some form of audio coverage might start as early as this week. But don't hold your breath. Technical problems may cause a delay. Someone may want to ask of what they say lest Rep. Arnold-Jones for guid- embarrass themselves.

Democrats on the House ance. She sets up her audio and video system in a matter of minutes.

The Senate is more of a problem. Some Demo-cratic senators worry that Webcasting their sessions would give the governor an unfair advantage because he would learn their secrets. But then all sessions of both houses are piped throughout the capitol building to all offices, including the gover-nor's, for anyone to hear.

Two other worries of Democratic senators are that they will be embarrassed by saying something wrong dur-ing debate and that Webcasting will encourage some sen-ators to "bloviate" even more than normal.

OK guys, there is a message hidden in there. Stop and think about it. Sen. Rod Adair, R-Roswell has. He argued that the Webcast-ing should cause senators to talk less and be more careful of what they say lest they

Words of Wisdom

--Hold on, hold in, hold out.

Lincoln's Birthday February 12th



This illustration reproduces the figure of Abraham Lincoln as it appears in the great statue by Augustus Saint Gandens, at the entrance to Lincoln Park in Chicago; a noble work of art, before which thousands of Americans stand every year as a great shrine of patriotic inspiration.



by Jeff Hammond

People here in Lin-coln County have been ask-ing. What happened to win-

Well, it looks like we might finally get a small taste of it. There is a fair to good chance for showers and snow showers here in Lincoln County this weekend.

The forecast predicts the warm weather will be moving out and cooler tem-peratures will be coming in starting Saturday, continuing until early Monday of next

week. In the meantime the daytime temperatures will be in the mid to high 50s at the higher elevations, and solidly in the mid 60s at the lower elevations of Lincoln County until Saturday when the temperatures are supposed to drop, bringing with it the chance for rain and snow this weekend

THINK SNOW!!!

Current conditions for skiing at Ski Apache are; 11 of 55 trails are open with six lifts operating. 24 inches of machine groomed packed powder at the lower clevations, and 34 inches of packed powder at the higher ele-

Forecast for Carrizozo, the high plains of Lincoln County and the Hondo Val-

ley:
Today, Thursday, Feb. 5
Sunny, with a high
near 63, south wind between 5 and 10 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around.
31, south wind between 5

and 10 mph.
Friday, February 6
Mostly sunny, with a high near 63, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 31. Saturday, February 7

Partly sunny, with a high near 62, night: A fair to good chance of showers. mostly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Sunday, February 8 A good chance of chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 56, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with low around 28.

Monday, February 9

A slight to fair chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 55, night: A slight chance of snow showers, partly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Tuesday, February 10
Partly sunny, with a
high near 55, night: Partly
cloudy, with low around 24

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

Today, Thursday, Feb. 5
Sunny, with a high
near 58, west wind between
5 and 15 mph, night: Partly
cloudy, with a low around
30, southwest wind around

Friday, February 6 Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 58, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Saturday, February 7 Partly stinny, with a high near 55, night: A slight to fair chance of rain and snow showers, mostly cloudy, with low around 29.
Sunday, February 8.
A fair to good chance

of snow showers, cloudy, with a high near 49, night; A slight to fair chance of snow

showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. Monday, February 9 A fair to good chance of showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 49, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Tuesday, February 10 Partly sunny, with a high near 50, night: Mostly cloudy, with low around 23.

Sheriff's Report

The following informula in Alto, deputy dispatched, mation was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln activity by person(s) in vehicles. County Sheriff's Office, located in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

January 17 10:11 a.m. Disturbance reported at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched,

12:10 p.m. Shots fired reported near Pine Hill Loop in Alto, deputy dispatched. 2:46 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambu-lance dispatched.

8:30 p.m. Fire reported on North side of Hwy 70 in Glencoe, Glencoe/Palo Verde fire units dispatched.

January 18 4:38 a.m. Alarm reported at location on North Bonito in Capitan, police dispatched.

6:39 a.m. Alarm re-ported at location on North Bonito in Capitan, police dispatched.

7:57 a.m. Medical call at residence on Fifth Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

8:41 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Pineliurst dispatched.

12:32 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at LCDC parking lot on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

12:47 p.m. Suspicious. activity reported at business located on Hwy 54 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

1:36 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

2:43 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

4:01 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:18 p.m. Harassment reported at residence on. Sitting Bull Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

January 19 9:44 a.m. Vandalism reported at location on Alpine Village Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

12:37 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance

Election Results From County School Boards

School board elections were held Tuesday, February 3 in all five school districts as well as at ENMU-Ruidoso. Results of the elections were:

Capitan Position 1, James H. Fields 321 Position 2, Brian Allen Newell 124; Edward L. Vinson 237 Two mill levy tax question: For 330; against 58 Carrizozo

Position 3, Denise W. Hill 34 Position 4. Wallace Matthew Ferguson 38 Corona

Position 4, James Robert Smith 67. Two mill levy tax question: For 51; against 27

Position 1, Dennis R. Nosker 33 Position 2, James M. Cooper 43 Bond question: For 421 against 1 Ruidoso

Position 4, John Carel Sims 99; Rafael R. Salas 350 Position 5, Paul D. Vordemann 143, Kerry M. Gladden

ENMU-Ruidoso Position 2, James D. Pazton 364 Position 3, Andrea Reed 205; Susan Annice Phillips 237. 12:40 p.m. Trespass-ing reported at location on West Deer Trail in Capitan; police dispatched.

2:33 p.m. Dog re-ported running loose on East Seeping Springs in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

3;36 p.m. Death reported at location on Hwy 48 in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

4:40 p.m. Dog reported running loose near intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

Hwy 380 in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

6:32 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on West Smokey Bear Boulevard in.

Capitan, police dispatched. 8:51 p.m. Medical call at residence on G Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

January 20 11:46 a.m. Fire reported at location on Sunny Valley Road in Alto, Bonito fire units dispatched.

1:51 p.m. Medical call at Carrizozo Health Clinic located on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

3:08 p.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:20 p.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.

January 21 12:54 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Sierra Blanca Trail in

Ruidoso, deputy dispatched. 4:43 a.m. Unknown trouble call from location approximately 9 miles east of Carrizozo on Hwy 380, deputy dispatched.

8:29 a.m. Accident reported at intersection of High Mesa Drive and Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:07 a.m. Death reported at residence on War Bow Road in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambu-lance dispatched.

1:46 p.m. Medical call at residence on Kerr Avenue in Corona, ambulance dis-

patched. 2:42 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Bob Sled Trail in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:57 a.m. Criminal damage to property reported at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched, 6:21 p.m. Welfare 4:08 p.m. Warrant check requested at location on service at residence on Fifth Street in Capitan, deputy dis-

> 7:29 p.m. Police presence requested at residence on. Little Big Horn in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

> January 22 5:31 a.m. Medical call at residence on Snell Road in Carrizozo, ambulance dis-

> patched. 7:50 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Pearson Road in Ruidoso, deputy

> dispatched. 9:33 a.m. Motorcycle operators test requested at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo,

deputy dispatched.

11:30 a.m. Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) ser-vice at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

1:01 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

1:31 p.m. Civil dispute reported at mile marker 82 on Hwy 380 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

1:38 p.m. Threats reported at location on Hwy 48

in Alto, deputy dispatched.
3:23 p.m. Medical call at Carrizozo Wealth Clinic on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

4:57 p.m. Dog re-ported running loose on West

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"Looking Back" Through Old 'NEWS' Files

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"It would be unwise to move forward this end headlong, with reckless haste or with strokes that cut at the very roots of what has grown up amongst us by long process and at our own invitation. It does not alter a thing to upset it and break it and deprive it of a chace to change. It destroys it. We must make changes in our fiscal laws, in our fiscal system, whose object is development, not revolution or upset or confusion: We must build up trade, especially foreign trade. We need the outlet and the enlarged field of energy more than we ever did before. We must build up industry as wel, and must adopt freedom in the place of artificial stimulation only so far as it will build, not pull down. In dealing with the tariff the method by which this may be done will be a matter of judgment, exercised item by item. To some not accustomed to the excitements and responsibilities of greater freedom our methods may in some respects and at some points sem heroic, but remedies may be heroic and yet be remedies, it is our business to make sure that they are genuine remedies. Our object is clear, If our motive is above just challenge and only an occasional error of judgment is chargeable against us, we shall be

"We are called upon to render the country a great service in more matters than one. Our responsibility should be met and our methods should be thorough, as thorough as moderate and well considered, based upon the facts as they are. and not worked out as if we were beginners. We are to deal with the facts of no other, and to make laws which square with those facts, it is best, indeed it is necessary, to begin with the tariff, I will urge nothing upon you now at the opening of your session which can obscure that first object or divert our energies from that clearly defined duty. At a later time I may take the liberty of calling your attention to reforms which should press close upon the heels of the tariff changes, if not accompany them, of which the chief is the reform of our baning and currency laws; but just not I refrain. For the present, I put these matters on one side and think only of this one thing -- of the changes in our fiscal system which may best serve to open once more the free channels of prospertly to a great people whom we would serve to the utmost and throughout both rank and file."

Governor WcDonald Enters Sanatorium

Santa Fe, N.M., April 7 -- Governor W.C. McDonald entered a local sanatorium here last night and will remain there for 10 days or two weeks undergoing treatment for an ailment which his physicians said was in no manner serious, but which required that the patient be kept quiet. In the interim E.C. DeBaca, lieutenant governor, will be acting governor.

Before entering the hospital Governor McDonald said that because of reported rumors that he was seriously ill or that he would undergo an operation, he desired it known that his ailment was not of a serious nature, but that it required that he remain perfectly quiet for 10 days or two weeks.

Senator Fall **Favors Annexation**

Washington, D.C. -- April 7. -- Unless the Huerto government at an early date conquers the rebel repulbic recently created by the seceding northern states of Mexico an attempt probably will be made to procure annexation of this northern territory to the United States, according to the opinion expressed by Schator A.B. Fall, of New Mexico. Fall is a member of one of the special senate committees investigating revolutionary activity along the border.

"Unless the northern states swing the rest of

Mexico to their position they will form a separate group of states permanently outside the old republic," Fall asserted "Among the Mexicans in the states nearest the American border there is strong demand for annexation. The people there are somewhat Americanized and they want peace.

"I have official figures showing that American intersts own 43 per cent of the total wealth of Mexico. This is pretty well distributed over the republic. The money total approximates \$1,067,000,000. Mexican railroad stocks and bonds are owned to the extent of 77 per cent by Americans, their total investment being close to \$660,000.000. In mining the Americans' share is

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CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS BRAVO ACHIEVERS 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades December 2008

FRONT ROW - Janae Willingham, Lashae Lucras, Garrison Ventura, Xavier Zamora, Victor Najera, Nikko Chavez, Cody Carter, and Christian Najar. MIDDLE ROW — Tyrrell Barela, Alex Randolph, Mikhail Barela, Danny Roper, Marcus Campbell, Kristie Gallacher, Gracie Hooten, and Hannah Ventura. BACK ROW — Kadee Sedillo, Dana LaMay, Hannah Perry, Miccah Hamilton, Isaac Ogden, Dillon Najar, Emily Comstock, Lexi Zamora, Caleb Ventura, and Cirsten Barela. (Not nictured — Adrianna Samora) pictured -- Adrianna Samora).

CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS 'BRAVO' ACHIEVERS Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades December 2008

FRONT ROW -- Keegan Gattis, Matthew Negrete, Julian Garcia, Samantha Chavez, Dalton King, Kaitlin Guevara, Joanna Vega, Suntana Zamora, Ethan Ortiz, Tazia Swift, Sydney Zamora, Max Sanchez, and Gabby Mason. 2nd ROW - Jacob Parkhurst, Orion Wyatt, John Wyatt Hemphill, Jared Guevara, Robert Gonzales, Nickolas Archuleta, Alustin Dennis, D'anna Willingham, Nathan Montes, Duncan Daugherty, James Gonzales, Bo Perry, Daniel Daughterty, and Ryslyn Lueras. 3rd ROW -- Dominic Barela, Tristen Barela, Noah Duggar, Isaiah Ysasi, Patrick Hooten, Mya Zamora, Samantha Miller, Detrick Miller, Savannah Sanchez, Aurora Vega, and Austin Vega.



CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS 'BRAVD' ACHIEVERS Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades Fall Semester 2008

FRONT ROW -- John Wyatt Hemphill, Dalton King, Kaitlin Guevara, Joanna Vega, Suntana Zamora, Tazia Swift, Sydney Zamora, Max Sanchez, and Gabby Mason. MIDDLE ROW - Jacob Parkhurt, Ryslyn Lueras, D'anna Willingham, Nathan Montes, Duncan Daugherty, James Gonzales, Bo Perry, and Daniel Daugherty, BACK ROW - Dominic Barela, Tristen Barela, Jared Guevara, Patrick Hooten, Samantha Miller, Detrick Miller, Aurora Vega, and Austin Vega.

CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS 'BRAVO' ACHIEVERS 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades Fall Semester 2008

FRONT ROW -- Xavier Zamora and Cody Carter MIDDLE ROW -- Janae Willingham, Lashae Lueras, Mikhail Barela, Kristie Gallacher, Gracie Hooten, and Hannah Ventura. BACK ROW -- Kadee Sedillo, Hannah Perry, Emily Comstock, Lexi Zamora, Cirsten Barela, and Christian Najar.





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\$223,000,000 as against only \$7,000,000 held by Mexicans. The Americans would probably favor annexation except for the fact that Mexican mining laws are much more favorable to concessionaries than are those of this country.

Senator Fall said estimates of damage to American property in Mexico by recent revolutions ran as high as \$800,000,000.

Charges by Luis Manuel Rojas, vice president of the Mexican senate, that Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson at Mexico City was morally responsible for the death of Francisco Madero and Jose Pino Saurez, and had refused them protection, were formally received by Secretary Bryan today. Mr. Bryan declined to discuss the matter.

Automobile Aroma

Farmer Hiram was mending the front fence when an automobile shizzed past, emitting a trail of blue amoke from its oil-choked engine.

Farmer Hiram's hand went to his nose. When the car had disappeared far down the lane and the smell had died away he ventured to address the

'Sam," he said, "they may be swell city fellers an' all that: but they certainly was smokin' some vile seegars."

Every man thinks he knows a lot about women until he marries one.

It isn't half as far from virtue to vice as it is from vice to virtue.

If some men were compelled to pay as they go they would never get started.

COUNTY OF LINCOLN Carrizozo, NM LEGAL NOTICE **NOTICE OF REQUEST** FOR PROPOSALS LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY

The County of Lincoln is seeking proposals from interested parties for the installation of telephones limited toinmate use in the Lincoln county detention Facility located in Carrizozo, NM. The Detention Facility houses approximately 144 inmates.

Copies of the Request for Proposal can be obtained in person at the Office of the County Manager, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM or will be mailed upon telephonic request to Orlando Samora (575) 648-2385 ext. 105.

ORLANDO SAMORA Purchasing Agent

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN Garrizozo, NM LEGAL NOTICE

Invitation to Submite Bids 08-09-011 "Inmate Medications"

Due: March 10, 2009, 3:00 p.m.

The County of Lincoln is requesting bids to supply prescription and nonprescription medications to Lincoln County Detention Center inmates. Average expenditure for the past year is about \$50,000 per year. Initial contract period is one year with the opportunity to renew for three additional years.

Bidder must be a New Mexico registered pharmacy with back-up located in Lincoln County.

Bid packages are available at the Office of the County Manager, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM or by calling Orlando Samora (575) 648-2385 ext. 105.

ORLANDO SAMORA **Purchasing Agent**

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NMSU Helps Launch NASA **Balloon Into Record Books**

A record-setting flight of a NASA developed super pressure pumpkin bal-loon was successfully launched from McMurdo Station in Antarctica by a team from New Mexico State University's Physical Science Laboratory's Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility (CSBF).

Launched on Dec. 27, 2008, the balloon is the largest successful single cell super pressure balloon ever flown: It has been flying at a stable altitude of 110,000

feet since its launch. "Our Super Pressure Team is very proud of the tremendous success we are enjoying," said David Pierce, chief of the Balloon Program Office at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Center. "This 7 million cubic foot test flight has demonstrated that 100day flights of large, heavy payloads is a realistic goal."

Conventional balloons flown by NASA are

zero pressure balloons which. drop significantly in altitude at night. Zero pressure bal-loons can fly for weeks in polar regions when exposed to constant sunlight, but many science users require flights conducted from mid-latitudes where the sun sets entirely.

The next generation of super pressure balloons should fly for up to 100 days with no altitude variation regardless of where they are flown. This will allow for longer missions of heavy instruments in locations around the world that were not possible before. The altitude stability during a flight will help improve the ability to gather data more efficiently.

"A large super pres-sure balloon flying at constant altitude with a heavy payload is the Holy Grail of scientific ballooning," said Danny R.J. Ball, site man-ager of PSL's CSBF. "People have been working on the problem since the 1960s without success. When per-fected, these systems will allow NASA's balloon program to compete more favor-ably with full-blown satellite missions costing two orders of magnitude more.

The successful flight of the balloon is the result of years of technical develop-ment by a NASA led team of engineers and analysts, including NMSU's PSL, the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility, Aerostar International and several

independent consultants. Numerous ground tests of scaled models were performed to study the balloon's deployment and material loading under pressure. Preliminary flight tests of smaller balloons and extensive laboratory testing to determine material properties laid the groundwork for the

record setting flight.
NMSU's PSL manages the 10-year, \$238 million NASA contract for the operation, maintenance and engineering support of CSBF. There are about 80 employees working on the contract in Las Cruces, Pal-estine and Wallops Island, Virginia.

CSBF launches 15-20 balloons per year from sites in New Mexico, Sweden, Antarctica, South America and Australia. Balloons of up to 60 million cubic feet with payloads weighing as much as four tons are routinely launched to altitudes of 25 miles above the earth in support of experiments in cosmic ray, infrared, x-ray and sub-millimeter astronomy as well as a variety of scientific disciplines.

To track the flight path of the balloon visit http://www.csbf.nasa.gov/an tarctica/ice0809.htm. For more information on the NASA Balloon Program visit http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/cod

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDECIAL DISTRICT COURT No. D-1226-Cv-2008-329

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,

HOLLY SWANSON-BIRABENT A/K/A HOLLY BIRABENT, RICH BIRABENT, AND WYATT A. SPARKS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on March 5, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front 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 to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2247 Arabella Rd., Arabella, New Mexico 88351, (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

A tract of the land being a portion of tract 40 in Sections 18 and 19, Township 8 South, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M. Lincoln County, New Mexico, being shown as Tract B1 on the Survey of a tract of land recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County. New Mexico on April 11, 2000 in Cabinet G, Slide No. 632,

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 Defendants upon entry of an order approving sale. The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on January 29, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage ont he above described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$177,543.54, and the same

bears interest at the rate of 5.7500% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$27.97 per diem, commencing on January 30, 2009, with the Court reserving entry of final judgmentagainst said Defendant Holly Swanson-Birabent 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 judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed it Special Master to advertise and immediagely 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 abovedescribed Judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage

NOW, THREFORE, 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 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 judgment due is \$177,543.54, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$923.01 for a total judgment plus interest of \$178,466.55. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master P.O. Box 215 Carrizozo, NM 88301 Telephone: (575) 648-9925 E-mail: sale@littledranttel. com

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 18, 2008, Village of Ruidoso, c/o Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 3156, Roswell, NM 88202-3156, filed application No. 0275-A, H-272, & H-1361 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place or purpose of use and supplement surface and underground waters in the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to use existing well H-1361 to supplement surface and groundwater under State Engineer File No. 0275-A & H-272 et al.

Applicant proposes to divert up to 50.0 acre-feet per annum of groundwater from well No. H-1361 located in the SEM NWM NWM of Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the purpose of wastewater treatment plant operation. Request is made to account for the water right diversions from supplemental well H-1361 based on a return flow plan approved by the Office of the State Engineer.

Application is made to supplement the following points of diversion:

SURFACE Rio Ruidoso	SUBDIVISION SWANEASWA	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE 13 East
WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-272	NWWNEWSWW	36	11 South	13 East
H-272-S	SE'ASW'ANE'A	25	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-2	SWASWANEA	2	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-3	NEWSWASEK	2	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-4	SE%NW%NE%	11.	11 South	13 Fast
H-272-S-5	NEXNW4SW4	14	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-6	SWANEANEA	15	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-7	SW4NE4SE4	10	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-8	SEKNWKSWK	14	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-9	NWANEWNEW	23	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-11	NWKNEKSEK	25	11 South	13 East
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The H-272 well series and surface point of diversion are located within the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico. Well H-1361 is located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant located east of the City of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing degible, 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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'Have A Great Day!'

Sheriff's Report

(Con't, from P. 5)

Grandview in Capitan, police dispatched.

5:48 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Hitching Post in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

5:59 p.m. Agency assistance requested by New Mexico Department of Corrections Adult Probation and Parole officer (APO) at location in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

January 23 12:45 a.m. Medical call at mile marker 293 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, ambulance dispatched.

10:52 a.m. Medical call at business located on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, ambulance dis-

12:52 p.m. Lar-ceny/theft reported at location on Hwy 380 in Capitan, police dispatched. patched.

12:57 p.m. Lar-ceny/theft reported at location on Hwy 70 in San Patricio,

deputy dispatched.
2:01 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Crazy
Horse Circle in Rancho

Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched. 3:17 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Lance Trail in Ruidoso, deputy dis-

patched. 3.26/p.m. Medical call at residence on G Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dis-

patched. 4:42 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

7:24 p.m. Medical call at residence on Katrina Road in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

8:58 p.m. Disturbance reported at Capitan School gymnasium, police dispatched.

January 24 8:33 a.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Pearson Street in Ruidoso,

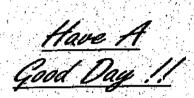
deputy dispatched. 9:08 a.m. Disturbance reported at location on Hunters Lane in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:47 a.m. Warrant service at location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:05 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

11:49 a.m. Warrant. service at residence on Lower - Terrace in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

2:53 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Alamo Canyon Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.





CAROL McCONNELL

Private services for Carol McConnell, 75, of Corona was held on the Biebelle Ranch near Corona. Ms. McConnell died Jan. 21 in Ruidoso. She was born November 25, 1933 at Pecos County, Texas to Elsie and Oscar Babb who both precede her in death.

Ms. McConnell was a retired ranch manager, a member of the Crown CowBelles and had lived most of her life in Lincoln County and Corona area.

She is survived by a son, Dale McConnell of Corona; a daughter, Cammie Davis of Mayhill; a brother, Charles Babb of Corona; and a sister, Betty Lewis of Lees-burg, Florida and four grand-children.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

LOVELLA MOORE

Lovella Moore, age 84, died January 20. She was: born July 2, 1924 in Albuquerque She was married to Earl A. Moore, now deceased.

She was preceded in death by her parents Gip and Nancy Ola Akin; sisters Joy Rae, Ula Mae, Ora Lee, Ida Faith, and brothers Roy Lee

and Joseph Wing.
Lovella is survived by her two children, daughter Lola Fayrene and son Richard Lee; five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Lovella lived the last

32 years in Corona. At 84 years of age, moved to Kingwood. Texas and resided with her son Richard and family.

Graveside service was January 23 at the Corona Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Harris-Hanlon Mortuary.

JEAN RADCLIFFE

Funeral serivces for Jean Radcliffe, 88 of Ruidoso were today, Feb. 5, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso. Mrs. Radeliffe died January 28, in Ruidoso. She was born De-cember 13, 1920 at Dayton,

Mrs. Radcliffe was a member of the Daughters of the King, attended the Epis-copal Church of the Holy Mount and was a retired registered nurse. She married James M. Radcliffe Sr. on January 8, 1943 at Kansas City, Missouri.

She is survived by her husband James of Ruidoso; four sons, James M. Rad-cliffe Jr. of Berkeley, California, Robert F. Radcliffe of El Paso, Thomas P. Radcliffe of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, and William G. Radcliffe of El Paso; three brothers, Rueben Newholm of Wisconsin, Wayne Newholm of Iowa, and Donald Newholm of California; two sisters, Ione Duft of Colorado and Rose Fast of California: eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Condolences my be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

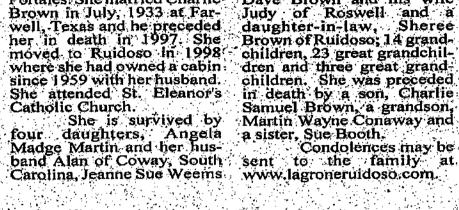
MARTHA BROWN

Funeral mass for Martha Ann Colligan Brown, 94, of Alto will be today, Feb. 5, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Eleanor's Catholic Church in Ruidoso. Graveside services will be Friday, Feb. 6, at 11:00 a.m. in the Portales



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Cemetery at Portales.

Mrs. Brown died Jan-

uary 31 in Mescalero. She was born March 13, 1914 at

Portales. She married Charlie

and her husband Dewey of Greenville Tennessee, Kath-leen Ann Weems and her husband Donnie of Alto, and Rosemary Elizabeth Brown and her husband Robert Furlong of Portales; a son, Terry Dave Brown and his wife Judy of Roswell and a daughter-in-law. Sheree Brown of Ruidoso; 14 grand-children, 23 great grandchil-dren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Charlie Samuel Brown, a grandson, Martin Wayne Conaway and a sister, Sue Booth.
Condolences may be

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LEGAL NOTICE TWELFTH JUDICAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CV 08-334

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVAS-TAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST 2004-4

Plaintiff,

TROY HERD,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court having appointed me. as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell has ordere me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly knows 312 5th Street, Capitan, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 24, 25, 26, AND 27, BLOCK 86 OF THE TOWN OF CAPITAN, LIN-COLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The sale is to begin at 1:00 p.m. March 12, 2009, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, East entrance, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoin State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the Judgment granted The Bank of New York Mellon, as Successor Trustee Under Nov-astar Mortgage Funding Tree 2004-4. The Bank of New York Mellon as Suc-

cessor Trustee under Novastar Mortgage Funding Trust 2004-4, was awarded a Judgment on January 26, 2009, in the principal sum of \$109,639.70, plus outstanding interest through January 15, 2009, in the amount of \$13,649.30 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$27.94 per day, plus late charges of \$815.49, plus fees currently assessed in the amount of \$669.01, minus unapplied funds in the amount of \$171.33, plus. attorneys fees through January 15, 2009, in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through January 15, 2009, in the sum of \$558.85, with interest on the late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, aftorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 9.30% per annum from date of the eng-try of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and ease-ments of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (I) month right of redemption in favor of Defendant(ws) as specified in the Judgment filed

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTOR-NEY BEFORE BIDDING.

FAISAL SUKHRANI

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

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girls at the very low price of \$1.50 - \$3.00 to the Carrizozo School kids on Friday, February 13, 2008. -- Get a hold of the girls at 648-1108 or 491-8642 to reserve your Special Gift. 1tp/2/5

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