

Capitan Personnel Policy Debated

By Patrice Brazie

A proposal to adopt an ordinance to amend the Village of Capitan's policy regarding access to employee personnel files drew passionate reactions from a packed audience during a village council meeting on Tuesday night.

The proposed amendment to the policy would require that all members of the village council agree prior to allowing anyone to examine an employee's personnel files.

Wording of the policy which cur-

rently reads "the board of trustees" would be changed to read "the board of trustees acting in their capacity as a complete board, not individually."

Several Capitan residents questioned the timing of the proposed change to a policy that has been in effect for about 16 years. Capitan Mayor Sam Hammons said that it was because the village was facing a lawsuit stemming from a trustee examining one employee's medical records.

Village Attorney Zachary Cook failed to confirm whether a lawsuit had been actually filed or threatened, saying

only that there is a potential for a lawsuit.

When asked if the proposed new policy would be superceded if an employee were to grant permission to an individual trustee to review that employee's personnel file, Hammons indicated that it would not.

Trustee Lilly Wood explained that, if an issue came up regarding an employee matter, under the proposed policy the village council would likely go into a closed executive session to vote on whether or not the council could review the employee's personnel files. The policy would prevent individual trustees

from having random access to confidential files, she said.

Cook said that he would not recommend anybody having access to employee personnel files.

"That's pretty private stuff," Cook said. "It should be the rare case."

Hammons said that some municipal ordinances mandate that council members have no access to employee personnel files.

Oscuro resident Jerry Carroll, also in attendance at Tuesday night's village council meeting, said that, if a federal law was broken when one trustee

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Capitan Trustee Alleges Threat from Mayor

By Patrice Brazie

It was apparent during the September meeting of the Capitan Village Council that there had been some friction between Trustee Jim Davis and Mayor Sam Hammons, when Davis reported that he had been denied by Hammons the right to add an item to the agenda of that meeting.

After a review of municipal policies by Village Attorney Zachary Cook, the dispute regarding Davis' right to have an item placed on the agenda has been resolved, with an understanding that village trustees should be able to do so at will.

Other issues between Davis and Hammons are less clear. After going into a closed

session during Tuesday's regular meeting of the village council to discuss matters pertaining to personnel, the police department and pending or threatened litigation, Davis left the closed session and village hall. The

rest of the village council remained in closed session.

In the parking lot of the Capitan Village Hall, Davis told The News that he had just been threatened by the mayor while in the secure and

private session away from the public eye.

"He just got in my face and threatened me," Davis said. "I don't want to say any more until I talk to a lawyer."

Davis did not return to the meeting.



FALL COLOR -- It's that time of year again, and the trees along the Rio Bonito are ablaze with golden color. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

Rose Clinic to Have New Board Members

Four new advisory board members for the Rose Clinic in Capitan were approved by the Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) board of trustees during the August 31 meeting.

Rose Marie Smith, Patricia Garrett, MaryAnn Morrissey and Gary Tregembo will join advisory board chair Preston Stone, clinic provider Kaaren Mahan-Riska, PA-C and clinic manager Sue Burke.

"We're honored to have these fine individuals join the Rose Clinic's advisory board," said Al Santos, LCMC administrator. "We've prioritized a new clinic for Capitan and will be working with Lincoln County officials to see that come to a reality as quickly as possible. We welcome their leadership and involvement."

Santos added that advisory board members compliment the hospital's board of trustees and their partnership with Lincoln County and Presbyterian Healthcare Services by providing valu-

able insight in which services and facilities help improve healthcare services in Lincoln County.

Smith is a long time resident of Lincoln and is eager to promote the Rose Clinic's services throughout its service area. Garrett is a long time resident of Capitan and is the volunteer director of the Capitan Public Library. Morrissey, has lived in Capitan for the past five years and is a massage therapist in the community as well as a member of the Capitan Women's Club. Tregembo lives in Capitan and works at Capitan High School system. He is a past president of the Capitan Board of Education.

"I think the addition of these fine individuals will greatly benefit the Rose Clinic," said Preston Stone, Rose Clinic advisory board chairman. "Each one bring a unique talent to our advisory board. Our past advisory board members has served us well and I think we're all

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LINCOLN COUNTY RESIDENTS Karen Owens and Will Pote recently attended the annual balloon festival in Albuquerque and took this great shot of a mass ascension of hot air balloons. (Photo courtesy of Karen Owens)

Hospital Offers Tips During Flu Season

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) wants to help educate residents with information on flu prevention as well as what to do if you or someone you care for contracts the flu.

"The flu is a serious disease which can cause complications that could result in hospitalizations," said Al Santos, LCMC administrator. "We want to make sure Lincoln County is fully educated and prepared for how to prevent contracting the flu as well as what someone should do if they have contracted it."

Santos said there are a few ways to prevent contracting the flu. They are getting a seasonal flu shot; staying home from work or school if you're sick and maintaining good hand hygiene and cleaning habits during the season.

He added that a seasonal flu shot might not completely prevent you from contracting the flu but that it would lessen its effects if contracted. Staying

home from work or school greatly reduces the likelihood of spreading the virus to others. He added that while home, they should rest and drink plenty of fluids.

"However, if someone feels they should seek medical attention, they should call their provider's office and ask to speak to a nurse. The nurse can determine if that person should be seen in a provider's office or another setting such as an emergency room if specific health conditions warrant," said Santos.

Santos added that deep cleaning and good hand hygiene is a must. Commonly touched surfaces such as desks, counters, phones, armrests, doorknobs etc. should be wiped frequently with a sterile cleaner as the flu virus can survive on a surface for up to 8 hours.

Additional flu information and prevention tips can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/flu/. Tips to prevent transmission

*Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds and use a paper towel to turn the faucet off.

*Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze with your shirt sleeve, not your hands. If you use a tissue, discard the tissue in the trash immediately after use.

*Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

*Drink plenty of fluids.

*Get plenty of rest with at least eight hours per night.

*Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

*If you are sick with flu like symptoms, you should stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) except for medical care or other necessities

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Capitan Public Library preschool story hour 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
Corona Public Library story hour 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS
Gambler's Anonymous open meeting 7:15 p.m. at Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Drive in Mescalero. For information call Mike at 575-682-6200.

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 Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo 9 a.m.

EACH FRIDAY
Al Anon family group for families and friends of alcoholics, noon at Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Bring lunch.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
--Relaxation demonstration at Ruidoso Public Library 1:30 p.m. Local yoga instructor will conduct the chair yoga class which is an overall health and wellness method for the mind and body. For information contact the librarians at 575-258-3704 or visit the library online at www.youseemore.com/RuidosoPL.
--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7:00 p.m. Community Church in Lincoln.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
--Star Party at Gran Quivira 7:00 p.m., interpretive astronomy programs featuring powerful telescopes for viewing. FREE, RSVP to 505-847-2585 ext 0. Dress warmly.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
--Lincoln County Commissioners 8:30 a.m.

--Carrizozo School Board 6:30 p.m.
--Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Commission 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
--Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District board regular meeting 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
--The Democratic Party of Lincoln County will conduct a highway cleanup at 9:00 a.m. For information call Maria 937-8794.

NEW Bookmobile Schedule

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Monday, October 21
Nogal Post Office 11:30 - 12:15
Fort Stanton Monument 2:00 - 2:30
Hondo School 3:00 - 4:30

Tuesday, October 22
High Rolls Grocery 8:30 - 9:30
Mayhill Post Office 10:30 - 11:30
Weed Post Office 1:00 - 2:15
Pinon Store 3:00 - 4:30

Wednesday, October 23
Orogrande Post Office 9:00 - 10:00
La Luz Senior Citizens 11:15 - 1:00
Carrizozo/Otero Electric 3:00 - 6:00

Thursday, October 24
White Oaks 8:00 - 9:00
Corona School 10:10 - 11:30
Corona Post Office 11:35 - 12:30

Hospital Offers Tips . . .

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What to do if you contract the flu
*Stay home from work or school for at least 24 hours after a fever has subsided without any fever reducing medication.

*Try to avoid going out in public except seeking medical attention or medication.

*Drink plenty of fluids and get plenty of rest with at least eight hours per night.

*Wash your hands often.

Emergency warning signs

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, children should seek immediate medical care when they have fast breathing or trouble breathing, bluish skin color, are not drinking enough fluids, are not waking up or not interacting, being so irritable that the child does not want to be held, flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough or fever with a rash.

Adults should seek immediate medical care when they have difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, sudden dizziness, confusion or severe or persistent vomiting.

Seasonal flu shot recommendations

The CDC states some people are at risk for serious illness from the flu and should get a flu shot every year, including:

*Persons aged 50 years and older;

*Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;

*Persons who have chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular (except hypertension), renal, hepatic, cognitive, neurologic/neuromuscular, hemato-

logical or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus);

*Persons who have immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus);

*Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities;

*Health-care personnel;

*Household contacts and caregivers of children aged 5 years and adults aged 50 years and older, with particular emphasis on vaccinating contacts of children aged <6 months; and

*Household contacts and caregivers of persons with medical conditions that put them at higher risk for severe

complications from influenza.

The virus used to produce the flu vaccine is grown in eggs. People who are severely allergic to eggs should not get a flu shot.

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THE CAPITAN VILLAGE COUNCIL faced some tough questions from its constituents during a meeting Tuesday night. Many objected to proposed changes in personnel records policies. From left to right are Trustee Curtis Payne, Trustee Jim Davis, Mayor Sam Hammons, Trustee Lilly Wood and Trustee Diane Riska. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

OBITUARY

LELAND A. WITTKOPP

Leland A. Wittkopp died June 21 at the age of 86. He was a long time resident of Artesia until he and his wife retired and moved to Ruidoso in 1979. He was a decorated Army officer who served in WW II. His funeral with full military honors was held on September 17th in Arlington National Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of over 62 years, Virginia Louise Wittkopp, still in Ruidoso, and two daughters Bethann Preston of Wilmington, DE and Trudy Bladow of Deming, NM, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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Louise Kirkland, 79, of Carrizozo passed away October 7 at her home. She was born April 10, 1930 at Wheeling, West Virginia. She moved to Lincoln County from Chicago, Illinois in 1980. She worked at Fort Stanton Hospital for 13 years retiring in 1993 as a Purchasing Agent. She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl

Sparks; two sons, Buddy Novotny and Butch Novotny; one sister, five grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Kirkland and a son, Roger Novotny. No services will be held and cremation is with LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com

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Looking Back

'Through Our Old NEWS files'

As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 105th year of being in existence (1905-2009), we will again be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following articles appeared in the Lincoln County News on . . .

October 14, 1955

The Folklore Corner

by Ted Raynor

Holdup in the Lordsburg Saloon

One evening in 1904 two men walked into M.O. Hardin's Gem Saloon in Lordsburg, pulled their guns and lined up the 15 to 20 customers against the wall with their hands above their heads.

Hardin was a cousin of John Westley Hardin, the Texas outlaw, says Claude Fuller of Lordsburg, who remembers the holdup story well. Hardin's saloon was patronized by railroad men.

One of the robbers held his gun on the men lined against the wall and ordered Hardin to get behind the bar and open the safe. Hardin was either nervous or stalling, and took some time at trying to open the safe. Finally, the bandit holding the gun on the customers said to his accomplice, who stood over Hardin with a revolver:

"If he don't open it up pretty quick, shoot his damn head off and we'll go."

Hardin open the safe immediately. The bandits walked out of the saloon with money, diamond rings, watches and other valuables, and disappeared. The loot amounted to several thousand dollars in value.

The next night two strangers engaged a room in a three-room hotel in Separ, east of Lordsburg. By then news of the holdup had gotten around by telegraph. There were no phones in those days. Mr. Weems, the hotel owner, was suspicious of the strangers and wired the officer at Lordsburg, Herbert J. McGrath, who later became the famous sheriff of Grant County.

The officer, with two special deputies, rode horseback to Separ and kicked in the door of the men's hotel room. Both men rose up in bed with guns in their hands. The Lordsburg officers turned loose with shotguns and killed the two men.

A gun in the hand of one of the robbers was Hardin's gun that had been taken in the saloon robbery. It turned out that the robbers were the notorious Gates brothers of California, who had a reward on their heads. The Lordsburg officers received the reward.

The Gates brothers were buried in Lordsburg's Boothill Cemetery.

Some time ago, Fuller visited the old burying ground, whose graves had markers. He has lived in Lordsburg for nearly 60 years and has long been familiar with the early-day cemetery.

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viewed an employee's medical records, the same law would apply to a case when all of the trustees agreed to access those records.

"What's the difference in all of them looking at it?" Carroll asked.

"Because someone would know that it's illegal to look at the files," Hammons answered.

"So you're saying that all of them would be in violation then," Carroll responded. "If medical records within the personnel records are the very thing that you're trying to protect, you need to make sure that those are redacted out for anybody that's looking at them, period," he said. "If one guy (looking at records) is breaking the law, it's still against law if five guys are doing it."

A Capitan resident suggested that the proper way to handle personnel files would be to separate an employee's medical records from the other information contained in a personnel file.

Another resident said that, according to village policy, supervisors may request to see information in personnel files under the supervision of the village clerk's office.

"The file cannot be released to anyone without an authorized legal process, and the personnel files can't be removed from the clerk's office," she said. "It would seem to me that if you, as a trustee, are now going to (the clerk's) office to ask to look at a personnel file, (the clerk) would be the logical person to take out or highlight and say you can't look at this. It sounds to me like you don't this change," she said.

Carroll suggested that the proposed policy change might prevent those elected to office from doing their jobs.

"The interpretation is that you just flat don't want any of the trustees to be able to operate unless everybody's in agreement," Carroll said.

Trustee Diane Riska said that some employees don't want people to be able to access their personnel files, and some people in attendance asked why an employee would want to hide information from the public.

"Being a public servant, they shouldn't want to hide nothing from us," one man commented. "This tells me someone's trying to cover something up," he added.

Access to public records not exempt from

the Freedom of Information Act, like employee applications and resumes, would not be affected by the proposed amendment to village policy, Cook said.

Trustee Jim Davis asked for clarification as to exactly what portions of an employee's personnel files would be considered to be public records under the law, and specifically asked about an employee's discharge papers from the military.

Cook said that he would have to review the applicable laws to know exactly. He suggested that the discussion to amend the personnel policy be tabled until a later meeting.

In a related item, Trustee Davis had requested that a discussion of the Standard Operating Procedures of the Capitan

Police Department be included on the meeting's agenda. Davis said that he had intended to ask some questions of the police chief, but Chief Randy Spear was not present at the meeting. Spear is on vacation until Monday.

Another Capitan resident expressed concerns about a Capitan police officer that reportedly had been convicted of a crime while serving in the U.S. Coast Guard and before being hired by the village, then failed to report the conviction on his village employment application.

The police officer, Sean McGarry, is scheduled to appear before the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Board (NMLEA) in November to defend himself against allegations that he withheld informa-

tion about his conviction when applying for waiver certification by that board. If found guilty, the police officer's certification could be revoked.

Regarding the McGarry issue, Trustee Davis said that McGarry's first hearing with the NMLEA was held in July, but Davis was only informed of the hearing after reading about it in a local publication on September 11.

"Nobody informed me, as a trustee, until I read about it," Davis said. "I have been criticized up and down for trying to cover it up, but I wasn't aware of it," he said.

Davis asked that the review of the Standard Operating Procedures be included on the meeting agenda for November, and

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CARRIZOZO GRIZZLY 2009 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- > Friday, Oct. 16 -- vs. *Fort Sumner, at Carrizozo, 7:00 pm
- > Friday, Oct. 23 -- vs. *Mescalero, at Carrizozo, 7:00 pm (Homecoming)
- > Friday, Oct. 30 -- vs. *Jal, at Jal, 7:00 pm

* Denotes District Games

GIRL'S 2009 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

- > Oct. 8 -- Hondo at Hondo Jr. High, Varsity, 5:00 pm
- > Oct. 13 -- Mt'Air at Carrizozo Jr. High, JV, Varsity, 5:00 pm
- > October 15 -- Capitan at Carrizozo Jr. High, 4:00 pm
- > October 20 -- Hondo at Carrizozo Jr. High and Varsity, 5:00 pm
- > Oct. 22 -- Vaugh at Vaugh Jr. High and Varsity, 5:30 pm
- > Oct. 26-31 -- Dist. Tournament Varsity, TBA
- > Nov. 2-7 -- 1st Round State Tournament
- > Nov. 9-14 -- State Tournament Week

Rose Clinic . . .

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looking forward to working together as the Rose Clinic continues to grow."

The Rose Clinic Advisory Board meets a minimum of four times each year and serves as a committee of the LCMC Board of Trustees.

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is hosting a series of three public meetings in support of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Project. SunZia Transmission, LLC proposes to construct up to two 500kV power lines, approximately 500 miles long, stretching between New Mexico and Arizona. The SunZia project is positioned to provide transmission infrastructure for wind and solar energy generation. Expansion of the study area is proposed to include lands east and south of the White Sands Missile Range in Lincoln, Otero, and Doña Ana counties.

Scoping meetings will be in an open house format and are scheduled from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Technical and environmental information about the proposed project and the EIS process will be available, with an opportunity to submit comments. Agency and project staff look forward to your attendance at any of these meetings and will be available to answer questions.

October 26, 2009
Court Youth Center
402 West Court Avenue, Las Cruces, NM

October 27, 2009
First National Bank
414 Tenth Street, Alamogordo, NM

October 28, 2009
Chaparral High School
800 County Line Drive, Chaparral, NM

For additional project information, visit www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/more/lands_realty.html or call Adrian Garcia at: (505) 438-7424 AFTER OCTOBER 26TH: (505) 954-2199 or email NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov



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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Where was the pooper scooper?
By Ruth Hammond

Last week this column addressed the problem of stories, movies, etc. just stopping without there being an actual end, which leaves the viewer/reader in limbo. An end is needed. Several people agreed.

Another situation concerns some people. The old time westerns that were a Saturday staple for generations of youngsters left one thing unexplained.

Yes, there may have been a long line, sometimes even a block long, to wait to get in, and there may have been a rush to get a favorite seat, but what about an unmentionable situation? You know, the type of situation that was never shown or explained.

Back in those days filmmakers may have deemed it necessary to eliminate from the screen any time of elimination. The adage of children should be seen and not heard may have been translated into horses should be seen but never shown voiding.

Yet, the fact remains that horses had to have emptied portions of their bodies at some time. Back then did they have horse bathrooms on movie sets? Or were there troughs for horses to use? And what about how many takes it took before a scene could be shown without any horses eliminating any waste?

Rather than offend anyone, we try to not use any fetid language. But we have noticed in parades that usually there is someone, if not several someones, pushing a cart with a barrel of sorts and carrying a broom and shovel. This indicates that in these modern times that horses do eliminate at times.

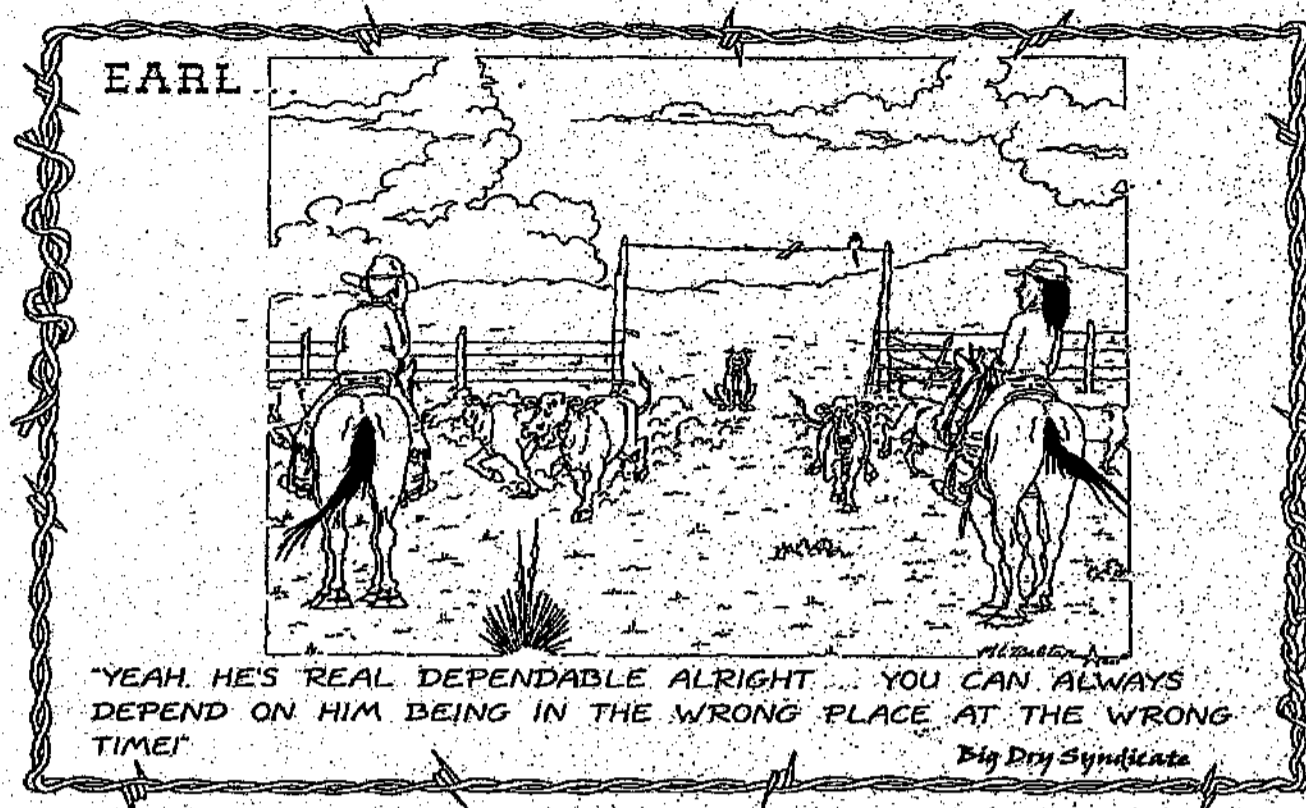
It seems that decades ago either horses were trained to do that sort of thing in private or there was a tremendous amount of film cut out of a movie. Do you suppose that cut film that might be lost in the vaults of movie studios and will be found someday?

Now don't be surprised if announcements will be made soon about more lost movie clips being found. They might even show a pile of you know what with steam wafting upward. It is doubtful if any one horse will be named as the culprit having left this gift of fertilizer but it could have been a famous steed.

The next thing to remember is that lists of credits for those old time movies didn't mention the pooper scoopers, and there had to be several. And the actors never seemed to step in a pile of manure.

However, the filmmakers must have tried to keep those obscene scenes from tender young eyes and they deserve a lump of gratitude for keeping the screen clean for generations. No pooper scoopers.

Editorials/Opinion & Other Stuff



*** Inside the Capitol**

By Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- What will come from the special legislative session scheduled to start Saturday noon? It may be the state's most important special session ever.

Gov. Bill Richardson and lawmakers will have to plug a budget hole of some \$700 million. That's a \$700 million shortfall that has occurred since last March when the 2009 session ended. By August, it was up to \$400 million. In September, it climbed to \$550 million. And now it's October.

New Mexico runs behind the curve when it comes to anything economic. We were slow to go into the recession and will be slower than the nation to come out. That means we're still in a free fall.

Gov. Bill Richardson had hoped to use mostly short-term, one-time fixes during this special session but there's just not that many corners that can be swept.

There will be some pain that will come out of this session. Richardson wants to shield education from being hit. Legislative leaders say that will necessitate a 16 percent slash to state agencies.

Education is the top priority of the state and these people must decide where that line should be drawn.

During the last big economic downturn in the early '80s, Republican lawmakers tended to want to make education's slice of the pie bigger while Democrats wanted to make the pie bigger.

There seems to be general agreement among all parties not to get into tax law in order to make the pie bigger yet. One of the few agreements that has been reached is to attempt to stay away from furloughs or layoffs. Salary cuts, however, appear to be on the table for everyone.

As a school board member back when school budgets had to be cut previously, I'll warn everyone in a decision making capacity that cuts involving school children are about as controversial as anything gets.

Closing small schools that are losing enrollment is a way to save considerable money. That, of course, involves every student in the school -- and every parent. School board meetings overflowed. A recall petition was started against me for even suggesting the idea.

Cutting program offerings is also touchy. We looked at dropping music, art, physical education and/or non-revenue-producing sports competition.

There's no better

way to get a band parents club organized that to suggest eliminating band. The same goes for chorus, art, theater, dance and every minor sport.

"Back to basics" was a popular phrase back then. Every parent group that made a presentation to our board listed the 3 Rs plus the course offering that group was supporting as being the basics.

Give our board credit. We were smart enough not to touch major high school sports. That seems to be one of the big fears right now. The only cuts likely are a tightening of expenses for travel, meals, equipment and maintenance.

Here's a tip to school districts. Invite your local legislators to attend school board meetings when budget cuts are being discussed. You want to be sure they get the full picture.

There's little telling what salary cuts for public employees will do. They might not cause as big an uproar at the time but political consequences at the next election are a possibility.

Public employee unions have sued over the one percent cut every public employee took beginning in July as a result of the Legislature transferring part of the retirement payment from public employers to employees.

What alternatives are there to all these cuts? Public employees have suggested rolling back tax cuts for the wealthy passed during Gov. Richardson's honeymoon back in 2003. And then there's that tax that out-of-state corporations aren't paying on New Mexico profits. Revenue from the aforementioned sources would about cover the shortfall.

One problem with tax increases is that they don't bring in revenue immediately and lawmakers need their cuts to go into effect the end of this month.

Any news articles or photos you might want in the Lincoln County News just call 575-648-2333 We'll try really hard to get it in the earliest issue possible.



WEATHER REPORT

by JEFF HAMMOND

There is a small chance Lincoln County is experiencing an early Indian Summer, that period of time in early autumn when daytime temperatures are higher than the few weeks prior.

Expect daytime temperatures in the high 70's to low 80's at the lower elevations, and low 70's at the higher elevations. Nighttime temperatures will continue to be solidly in the mid 40's to low 50's.

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

Thursday, October 15, Sunny, with a high near 80, north winds between 5 and 10 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43, calm winds becoming east around 5 mph.

Friday, October 16 Sunny, with a high near 80, night: Clear, with a low around 44.

Saturday, October 17 Sunny, with a high near 79, night: Clear, with a low around 45.

Sunday, October 18 Sunny, with a high near 79, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46.

Monday, October 19 Mostly sunny, with a high near 75, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Tuesday, October 20 Mostly sunny, with a high near 74, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

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

Thursday, Oct. 15 Sunny, with a high near 72, north winds around 5 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37, northeast winds around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday, October 16 Sunny, with a high near 70, night: Clear, with a low around 37.

Saturday, October 17 Sunny, with a high near 69, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

Sunday, October 18 Sunny, with a high near 68, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Monday, October 19 Mostly sunny, with a high near 67, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Tuesday, October 20 Mostly sunny, with a high near 65, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

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.

The New Mexico 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 follow the directions.

You can also get up to the minute, in-depth, construction updates by logging in to www.nmroads.com

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CENSUS ALERT:

First Phase is Now Underway

The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data.

"Most people are rightfully cautious and won't give out personal information to unsolicited phone callers or visitors, however the Census is an exception to the rule," said Steve Cox, BBB spokesperson. "Unfortunately, scammers know that the public is more willing to share personal data when taking part in the Census and they have an opportunity to ply their trade by posing as a government employee and soliciting sensitive financial information."

The Census data will be used to allocate more than \$300 billion in federal funds every year, as well as determine a state's number of Congressional representatives.

Households are actually required by law to respond to the Census Bureau's request for information.

During the U.S. Census, households will be contacted by mail, telephone or visited by a U.S. Census worker who will inquire about the number of people living in the house. Unfortunately, people may also be contacted by scammers who are impersonating Census workers in order to gain access to sensitive financial information such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers. Law enforcement in several states have issued warnings that scammers are already posing as Census Bureau employees and knocking on doors asking for donations and Social Security numbers.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

*If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a

confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

*Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.

*Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by e-mail, so be on the look out for e-mail scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice visit www.bbb.org

SHERIFF'S REPORT

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for
District Judge Karen Parsons

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

September 19

8:05 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Fort Stanton Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
8:26 p.m. Shots fired reported on Hwy 220 near Spencer Theater in Alto, deputy dispatched.
8:59 p.m. Disturbance/loud party reported at location on Old Fort Stanton Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF Lincoln
Twelfth JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case No. D-1226-CV-200900089

CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC,
Plaintiff,

DIANE LEPARD; FRANK R. LEPARD,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 20, 2009 at 9:00 AM, front entrance to the Lincoln County District Court, 300 Central Ave, Carrizozo, NM, 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 35, Block 4, of White Mountain Estates, Unit 2, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on August 19, 1975, in Tube No. 558.

The address of the real property is 318 McBride Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on August 11, 2009, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$358,803.05 plus interest from June 30, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.45% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair.

Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale 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. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: 2009

Peter Baca Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiariski
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013 (303) 285-2222

Published in the Lincoln County News on September 24; October 1, 8 and 15, 2009.

10:35 p.m. Alarm reported at Carrizozo schools on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

September 20

1:16 a.m. Fight reported at West Lake campground on Bonito Lake, deputy dispatched.
2:02 a.m. Medical call at residence on C Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
10:55 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Sitting Bull Court in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.
2:38 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Dog reported running loose on Main Street in Capitan, police dispatched.
2:42 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at mile marker 279 on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
3:46 p.m. Medical call at business location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, ambulance and police dispatched.

3:52 p.m. Accident reported at business location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.

4:09 p.m. Traffic offenses reported on Hwy 220 near Ruidoso Airport turnoff, deputy dispatched.

7:25 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at business located in Alto, deputy dispatched.

September 21

7:15 a.m. Trespassing reported at location on Hailstorm Road in Capitan, police dispatched.

8:05 a.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

9:35 a.m. Death reported at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

11:22 a.m. Information report at location on White Oaks Hwy in White Oaks, deputy dispatched.

1:40 p.m. Civil dispute reported at location on Apple Blossom Lane in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

1:53 p.m. Dog reported running loose on School House Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

3:34 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Alto Mesa in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:37 p.m. Fire reported at location on Rio Bonito in Ranches of Sontero, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

9:31 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at location on Franklin Street in Corona, deputy dispatched.

September 22

9:25 a.m. Traffic offenses reported at location on Hwy 2778 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

10:32 a.m. Dog reported running loose on El Valle Loop in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

7:52 p.m. Accident reported at Capitan High School in Capitan, police dispatched.

9:20 p.m. Disturbance reported at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) located on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

9:36 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

September 23

5:51 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Bonito Lake Road in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

6:00 a.m. Medical call at residence on Jobe Road in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

8:28 a.m. Medical call at residence on West Grandview Drive in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

8:37 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Screaming Eagle Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:49 a.m. Agency assistance requested at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

6:20 p.m. Traffic offenses reported at mile marker 11 on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:31 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:34 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

September 24

9:15 a.m. Vandalism reported at location on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

10:08 a.m. Police presence/stand by requested at location on Hwy 246 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

10:26 a.m. Information report at Capitan police headquarters, deputy dispatched.

10:38 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Gray Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

11:39 a.m. Medical call at Carrizozo Health Center on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

1:46 p.m. Funeral escort requested in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

3:14 p.m. Be On the Look Out (BOLO) for vehicle reported to be driving north on Hwy 54, deputy dispatched.

3:19 p.m. Fire reported at Capitan schools, Capitan fire units and police dispatched.

3:37 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

September 25

5:15 p.m. Accident reported at Capitan schools entrance, police dispatched.

5:31 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

6:03 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Schlarb Road in Carrizozo, police and deputy dispatched.

5:59 a.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance and deputy dispatched.

8:09 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Calle La Placita in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

9:28 a.m. Report of Hazardous Materials spill on Hwy 48 in Alto, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.

11:43 a.m. Medical call at Carrizozo Town Hall, ambulance dispatched.

8:38 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

Friday, October 2

8:30 a.m. Lasalle Bank v. Marlene Lima et al; CV-2008-260 (Mtn for Presentment) Dranttel/ ProSe
9:00 a.m. Mike Skeen et al v. Bob Boyles; CV-2002-134 (Mtn for Atty Fees/Judicial Inq Reg; Transcript of Judgment) Stevens/M. Stevens

10:00 a.m. Telephonic - In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Ganning; PB-2006-01 (Mtn/Dismiss for Declaratory and Supplemental Relief) (Judicial Inq. Reg Order) Crain/Hulbert/IRB/ProSe

1:15 p.m. DV-2009-56 (Merits) Pro Se/Pro Se
3:00 p.m. James Portio v. Deborah Herrera; DM-2000-152 (Mtn modify CS)

4:00 p.m. Erin Sarinopoulos v. Gil Sarinopoulos; DM-2008-162 (OTSC) Pro Se/ProSe

Monday, October 5

8:30 a.m. FIA Card services v. Judy Jarvis; CV-2009-175 (Mtn/Judgment on the pleadings) Grubel/ProSe

9:00 a.m. Charles Tracey v. Trisha A. Tracey; DM-2003-140 (Merits) Reeves/Denson/Holmes

12:00 p.m. Brown Bag
4:00 p.m. John Paul Ventura v. Catherine Ventura; DM-1996-54 (Mtn to Modify CS) Brownfield/McSwane

Tuesday, October 6

In Ruidoso

8:15 a.m. Meeting with CRB
8:45 a.m. In camera; DM-2009-25
9:00 a.m. Juvenile First Appearance

Halee D.; JR-2009-37
Laramy B.; JR-2009-41
Wyatt N.; JR-2009-40
Skylar F.; JR-2009-38

Adjudicatory
Tyler H.; JR-2009-31
Abraham C.; JR-2009-35

Motion to Suppress
Christopher B.; JR-2009-15
12:00 p.m. Advisory
2:00 p.m. LCJTB

3:00 p.m. Drug Court Screening
4:30 p.m. Drug Court
Darrell Brantley

10:00 a.m. DV-2009-74
11:00 a.m. DV-2009-75

Wednesday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Richard Mayfield v. County of Dona Ana, NM et al; CV-2007-505 (Sch Conf) Honigmann/German

9:00 a.m. First Light Federal Credit v. Brenda Brunk; CV-2009-110 (Dispute/Claimed Exemptions) Mott/Pro Se

9:30 a.m. SNM v. Salcido; Superintending control Zimmerman/Mitchell

11:30 a.m. Dennis Minuti v. GMAC; CV-2009-269 (Mtn/Temp Injunction/ Request to relief) Robinson/Simons

1:15 p.m. Fredrich Ficke v. Martha Phillips; DM-2004-167 (Mtn/opposition to apt GAL) (Mtn/Modify Custody/Visitation) Wheeler Associates/Vanarnam

4:00 p.m. Sarah Chambers v. Brady Chambers; DM-2009-69 (Mtn for Temp Orders) Ragsdale/O'Brien

Thursday, October 8

8:30 a.m. CYFD
JQ-2009-04 (IJR)
JQ-2009-03 (IJR)
JQ-2009-05 (ADJ/Disp)
JQ-2007-01 (ASFA Perm)

1:15 p.m. CSEB v. Paul Butler; DM-2009-11 (Merits) Aultman/ProSe/C.Haw

4:00 p.m. CSEB, Elenor Pedraza v. Joseph Lopez; DM-2005-206 (OTSC) Aultman/Pro Se/Pro Se
Darrell Brantley - No hearings presently set

Friday, October 9

8:15 a.m. Docket Call
8:30 a.m. Plea/Meet/Confer
8:30 a.m. (Small Crt Room) Village of Capitan v. Hubbard; LR-09-08 FA/Initial

Constance Archuleta; CR-09-125
Randy Lovitt; CR-09-123
Adam McClendon; CR-09-116
Betty Chico; CR-09-14

Ashley Bowser; CR-09-122
Benjamin Brumlow; CR-08-23
Amber Rogers; CR-05-210
Vickie Smallwood; CR-09-17

Randall Brown; CR-09-49
Arthur Mouldin; CR-07-150
Joe Ochoa; CR-05-158
James Woodall; CR-07-21

Wesley Gonzales; CR-07-47/49
Joey Edwards; CR-07-18
Michael Blake; CR-07-105
Lonnie Youngman; CR-07-207

Change of Plea
Rudolfo Martinez; CR-09-120
Amadeo Herrera-Gomez; CR-09-72

Adjudicatory
Adian Herrera; CR-08-26/63/134
Motions/Other

Hector Estrada; CR-09-47
James Shelby; CR-08-227
William Suratt; CR-05-168
William Wilson; CR-09-52

John Stewart; CR-09-102
Linda Gurule; CR-07-62
Paul Gilfoyle; CR-09-93/92
Michael Vaughan; CR-07-225

Sentencing
Michael Bonomo; CR-09-36
Dustin Bentley; CR-08-204
Rebecca Serrano; CR-08-271

2:30 p.m. Cohen Y'Hoshua; LR-2009-12 Trial
De Novo

3:00 p.m. Marcus Johnson; LR-2009-10 Trial
De Novo

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Sheriff's Report . . .

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE COURT
M-30-CV-2009-00015

GIBSON & LEONARD, P.C.,
505 Mechem Dr.
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

Plaintiff,
vs.
Kim Davidson-Veltrie
PO Box 53
La Luz, NM 88337
Defendant.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDING OF PROCEEDING

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

To: Kim-Davidson-Veltrie,

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above named Plaintiffs have commenced a proceeding against you in the above entitled Court and cause, the object thereof being Complaint for Breach of Contract and Damages.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you serve and file a responsive pleading or motion in said Cause on or before the 31st day of October, 2009, the relief sought in the Plaintiffs' Complaint shall be granted against you in said cause by default.

Plaintiffs' attorneys are: Gibson & Leonard, P.C., whose address is 505 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Magistrate Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, this 7th day of October, 2009.

Clerk of the District Court

By: Sabrina Randolph

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has received the following road review request:

Request to vacate a part of land within the B.J. Watkins Addition, Apache Trail ROW adjoining A Tract of Land in the NW1/4 SE1/4, of Section 27, T.11S., R.13E., N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, as requested by Mr. Samuel Brian Hoover (owner of Property).

Pursuant to Section 67-6-9, N.M.S.A., the Board of Commissioners has appointed a Road Review Committee which will meet at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. The Road Review Committee will meet at the intersection of Sudderth & Paradise Canyon, Ruidoso and proceed to view the road.

The report of the Road Review Committee will be presented to the Board of Commissioners during their regular meeting on Oct. 20, 2009.

Anyone wishing to make comments or recommendations may do so at any of the above mentioned meetings.

TOM BATTIN, CHAIRMAN
LINCOLN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. DM-2009-113
Div. III

SHEILA L. BREWER,
Petitioner,

vs.
GREGORY A. BREWER, II,
Respondent.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDING OF PROCEEDING

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

To: GREGORY A. BREWER, II

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above named Petitioner has commenced a proceeding against you in the above entitled Court and Cause, the object thereof being Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you serve and file a responsive pleading or motion in said Cause on or before the 27th day of November, 2009, the relief sought in the Petitioner's Petition shall be granted against you in said cause by default.

Petitioner's attorneys are: Gibson & Leonard, P.C., whose address is 505 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, this 2nd day of October, 2009.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

By: Elizabeth Ysasi
Deputy Clerk

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2:39 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Muskethall Court in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

3:13 p.m. Harassment reported at location on Paso Monte in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

4:31 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Honda school ball field, deputy dispatched.

5:06 p.m. Vandalism reported at location on Water Canyon Road in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

8:10 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Hwy 48 in Capitan, police dispatched.

9:03 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at mile marker 16 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

9:49 p.m. Traffic hazard reported at mile marker 9 on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:58 p.m. Domestic battery reported at location on Hwy 380 in Capitan, police dispatched.

11:06 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on High Mesa Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

September 27, 5:22 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Mesa Vista in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:59 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Squaw Trail in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:47 a.m. Medical call at location on Franklin Street in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

1:46 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

3:19 p.m. Warrant service at mile marker 122 on Hwy 54 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

5:57 p.m. Medical call at residence on St. Andrews Court in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

9:56 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

September 28, 7:55 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Largo in Capitan, police dispatched.

8:11 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Main Road in Capitan, police dispatched.

8:14 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Comrey Loop in

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 3-17-7, NMSA, 1978 the Town of Carrizozo will meet on October 29, 2009 at 10:00AM at the Town of Carrizozo's City Hall, 400 9th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico, and hold a public hearing to consider approval of an ordinance annexing in to the Town of Carrizozo territory adjacent to municipal boundaries, pursuant to the petition submitted by Rick and P. Carol Virden to the Board of Trustees on Monday, October 12, 2009 during their regular meeting.

Copies of petition available at Town Hall.

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, October 15, 2009.

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Grizzly Coming Events

Thursday, October 15 -- Junior High Volleyball vs. Capitan, at Home, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 16 -- 1st 9 Week Grades Due. Report Cards will be mailed to parents/guardians on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

>Varsity Football vs. Ft. Sumner, at Home/Laabs Field, 7:00 p.m.
>Enchilada Dinner from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at school cafeteria, sponsored by sophomore class.

Saturday, October 17 -- Cross Country at Cloudcroft.

>Recycle? -- Mrs. Ivins is looking for rinsed, plastic milk jugs for her science classes . . . two students are saving aluminum cans for their community service/fundraiser to attend leadership conference . . . Elementary participates in the Box Tops for Education program. Mrs. Ivins email address is: ashley.ivins@carrizozogrizzlies.org
>Homecoming activities can be found on Carrizozo Municipal Schools Website -- click on "Faculty" on the toolbar at top of Home page to find links to faculty webpages.

Upcoming -- Week of October 19-23 is Drug Free and Homecoming Week, 1/2 Day of School on Friday, October 23, Homecoming Assembly will be at 10:30 in old gymnasium, with parade beginning at 12:30 p.m. Football game begins at 7:00 p.m. vs. Mescalero, Laabs Field. Dance will immediately follow game.

>ACT Test -- Saturday, October 24, Test will be administered in Mrs. Ball's classroom.
>Fall Carnival -- Carrizozo PFK is sponsoring a Fall Carnival on Thursday, October 29, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Booth applications are available in High School Office and are due on Thursday, October 15. There will be a costume contest at 6:30 p.m. Costume Contest entry fee is \$1.00. Call 648-2346 for more information.

Capitan Personnel Policy Debated . . .

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said he hoped that Spear wouldn't be on vacation at that time.

Hammons said that the Standard Operating Procedures have never been adopted by the police department.

Davis further stated a concern about the village's liability due to a village employee. Kevin Kennedy, serving as a police officer without being hired by the Capitan Police Department.

"Why is he wearing a police badge and riding around in a marked vehicle?" Davis asked.

Hammons said that Kennedy is a village employee, hired to serve as a code enforcement and animal control officer, and is a certified police officer.

"As long as he's a certified police officer, we're alright," Hammons said.

"Is that correct, even though we haven't hired him?" Davis asked. "So a certified police officer from Raton could come down here and act as a police officer? We have a

long involved (process) in our hiring; we have to bulletin the job for applications and we haven't done that," he added.

Capitan Village Clerk Kay Strickland said that the village was not creating another police officer position, and that Kennedy is just filling in on weekends and at football games.

"It's just like the road department helping out the water department," Strickland said. "The village is paying him as a police officer only when he's filling in."

Davis again said that, because Kennedy had not been hired as a police officer, there could be liability issues for the village connected to his working in that capacity, and Cook said he would look into the legalities of having a code enforcement officer acting in the capacity of a police officer.

No action was taken on the proposal to amend the village's personnel records policy. The item was tabled.

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