

Candidates File for Municipal Elections

by Ruth Hammond

The municipal elections that will be held March 2 will be interesting in Lincoln County. A near record number of candidates will be on the ballots in four of the municipalities while the Corona candidates know in advance who will win. There were three candidates, one for each of the three positions available in Corona.

Candidates who filed on Tuesday and the office they are seeking in their respective municipalities are:

Village of Corona

Mayor - William E. Hignight
Councilor: Samuel R. Seely
Councilor: Cal L. West

Town of Carrizozo

Mayor for a 4 year term: (1 position) - Mike Petty, Manuel R. Hernandez
Trustee for a 4 year term: (2 positions) - Jamie S. Gieb, Lee Harlan Gross, Judith Ann Fitzpatrick, Rosemarie Lea Kratochvil, Wesley B. Lindsay

These positions are at large. The two receiving the most votes will win.

Village of Capitan

Mayor: (vote for one) - Sammy L. Hammons, George W. Tippin, Bernhard E. F. Reimann

Trustee: (vote for two) - Diane Riska, Dennis Haskell, Ricky LaMay, Gregory Flores

Municipal Judge (vote for one) - J. D. Roehrig

City of Ruidoso Downs

Two councilors for a four year term: Tommy L. Hood, Joe P. Blaney, Dean Holman, Thomas E. Chavez, Bob

A. Miller

Village of Ruidoso

Mayor: Gus Raymond Albom, James P. Gibson, Donald A. Williams, Joan J. Zagone

Councilor: Rafael "Rifle" Salas, Franklin S. Pirelli, Denise E. Dean, James A. Stoddard, Gloria A. Sayers, Richard J. Albers, Jr., Jerry G. Shaw, Don Dutton

Judge: Michael S. Line

Drawing for ballot positions will be held later.

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GWEN and CASEY McCausland proudly hold their son, Liam, LCMC's first baby of 2010. Liam was born on Friday, January 1, 2010 at 1:23 p.m. and he weighed 7 pounds 1.2 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. (Courtesy photo)

Lincoln County Medical Center Welcomes First Baby of 2010

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso helped introduce Lincoln County's first baby of 2010.

Liam Jones McCausland entered the world at 1:23 p.m. on Friday, January 1, 2010 to Gwen and Casey McCausland of Ruidoso Downs. He weighed 7 pounds 1.2 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

While baby Liam was the first baby for LCMC in 2010, the county-owned hospital has seen deliveries increase over the past decade. There were 355 deliveries in 2009, down slightly by 13 deliveries from 2008 when 368 babies were delivered. The 2009 figure is still an increase of six percent from 2007 when 334 deliveries occurred. The 2009 deliveries were 26 percent more than what occurred 10 years ago in 1999 when 263 babies were born. The 2009 number of births included two sets of twins.

"We strive to provide the best birthing and delivery experience possible for every patient and family we serve," said Patsy Parker, LCMC director of patient care services. "The birth of a child is such a momentous occasion and it's a real honor for 364 families to share those special memories with us," Parker added.

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partnership has existed since 1972 and is dedicated to improving the health of individuals, families and communities.

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Dog Shooting Raises Questions in Carrizozo

by Patrice Brazie

The quality of life for a dog depends entirely on the person or family that owns the animal. There are those truly loving and caring people that treat their dogs like members of the family, making a special place inside the family home for the dog to sleep, eat and play. Their dogs are regularly groomed, well fed, pampered and exercised and see the veterinarian at regular intervals for vaccinations and other healthcare needs.

There are, in this country alone, millions of less fortunate dogs and cats that are put to death each year for lack of any caring person being willing or able to provide a home for them. Sometimes the only good luck that these poor animals encounter is to be euthanized humanely, painlessly, by a caring technician or vet. Most municipalities have specific policies mandating how unwanted, lost or abandoned animals are handled and, if necessary, disposed of.

One Carrizozo resident, Mabel Candelaria, is angry about the way her mother's dog was destroyed by the animal control officer there. The story is of one young dog, Quesiralli, who was never really given a chance to shine.

Quesiralli was born in November of 2007, a puppy with a future potentially as bright as any other like him. The pup was acquired by Candelaria's mother, Eulalia Chavez, but his life was

restricted to a small patch of dirt in her back yard. He was tethered to a small dog house by a relatively short chain, not the kind of environment that most animal enthusiasts would consider appropriate for a dog, but perhaps the best that the elderly Chavez knew how to provide.

During an open comment period of the October meeting of the Carrizozo Town Council, Candelaria spoke publicly to Mayor Bob Hemphill, expressing outrage that the dog had been picked up by the town's animal control officer Ted Zamora, taken to an undisclosed location and shot to death. She gave no details of the incident, but asked the mayor to take some position in the matter and explain how death by gunshot could be part of the local policy in handling dogs.

Hemphill said he would look into the matter and address it further at the time of the November town council meeting, but when November came around, according to Candelaria, it was not discussed. The allegation that an animal control officer would take it upon himself to shoot a dog, without giving the animal at least a chance to be placed in a better home, raised questions from some local animal activists and this reporter as well.

An investigation into the life and final fate of little Quesiralli leaves a lot of questions unanswered.

It was Candelaria's mother, Eulalia Chavez, that called the animal control officer on September

14th, 2009, asking that the dog be removed from her property. The elderly Chavez told The News that on that day she had gone into the yard to check on the dog, but became entangled in the chain that tethered the dog and fell. Her fall prompted a call to Candelaria, but Chavez's daughter was unavailable to come and get Quesiralli, so she then called for animal control. It is at that point that the facts of the case become a bit cloudy.

According to Hemphill, Quesiralli acted aggressively toward Zamora when he arrived to collect the dog, so Zamora called Carrizozo police officer Daryl Chavez to assist him. Hemphill said that Daryl Chavez was bitten in the process of assisting Zamora in getting the dog into the animal control vehicle.

"When they finally get the dog subdued and in the cage, the mother says 'take the dog out and shoot it. I don't want it around,'" Hemphill told The News, although the mayor was not present during the incident. "Evidently, that's what Ted did," Hemphill added. "State law says that when an animal is aggressive you can destroy it."

The mayor said that he would have preferred that Zamora took the dog to the local veterinarian to be euthanized, but wasn't sure that the vet was available that day. He said that an aggressive dog would present a liability for the town if it were housed at the animal shelter.

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Date Change for County Meeting

by Patrice Brazie

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will meet on January 12th, one week in advance of its normal third Tuesday of the month schedule. Meetings are held in the commissioners' chambers next to the county manager's office at the Lincoln County Courthouse complex in Carrizozo.

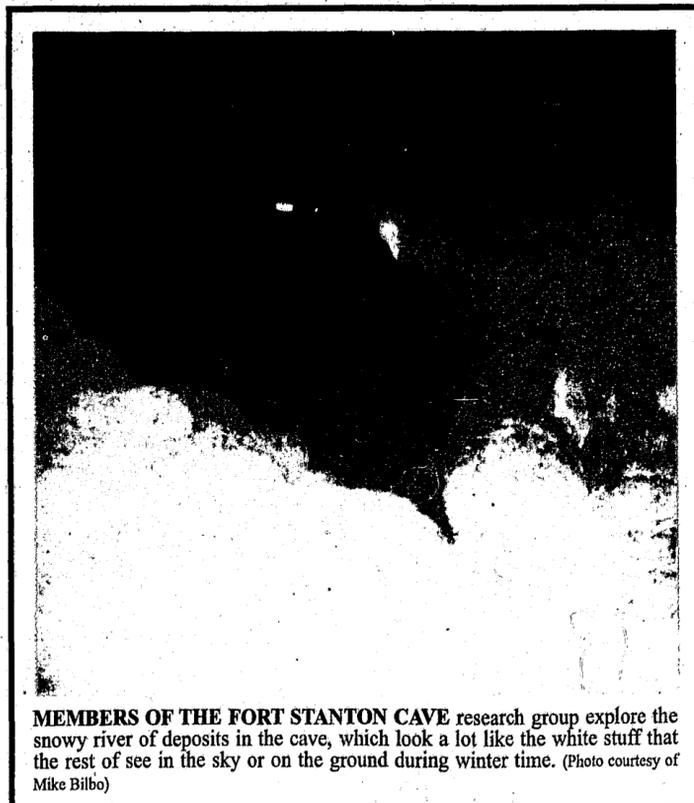
Tentatively, the commissioners will select a chairman and vice-chairman, hear a financial report from county treasurer Beverly Calaway and discuss several items that might be of interest to the public.

There will be a continuation of a discussion about green projects that could contribute to economic development in the area, as well as more discussion regarding the county's ability to provide some public records through an on line website.

Also tentatively on the agenda will be updates regarding the county's cell tower ordinance, an inventory of cell towers in the area and the county's ability to monitor inspections of the towers.

County attorney Alan Morel's contract for services will be considered for renewal.

County commission meetings commence at 8:30 a.m. and the public is always welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Lincoln County Manager's office at 648-2394.



MEMBERS OF THE FORT STANTON CAVE research group explore the snowy river of deposits in the cave, which look a lot like the white stuff that the rest of see in the sky or on the ground during winter time. (Photo courtesy of Mike Bilbo)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS
--Free GED classes 6 to 8 p.m.
Carrizozo School Library.

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

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.

TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7
--Carrizozo City Hall to close at noon today for town employees to move desks, computers, etc. to meeting room. New carpet to be installed to replace carpet that was flooded recently.
--Democratic Party of Lincoln County meets at 6:00 p.m. at K-Bob's in Ruidoso.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8
--Carrizozo City Hall closed while new carpet is being installed to replace carpet that was ruined by flooding recently.

Carpet To Be Replaced At Carrizozo City Hall On Friday, January 8

Due to the water leak and resulting damage, the carpet at Carrizozo City Hall will be replaced tomorrow, Friday Jan. 8. City hall will be closing at noon today, Thursday, January 7 for town employees to disconnect the computers and move all the furniture to the council room. City hall will be back open as soon as possible on Monday, January 11. The 11th is also town council meeting day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11
--Carrizozo Town Council 6:00 p.m.
--Capitan Chamber of Commerce 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12
--Lincoln County Commissioners 8:30 a.m.
--Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 12 noon at Four Winds Restaurant. --Capitan Village Council 6:30 p.m.
--Ruidoso Village Council 4:30 p.m.
--Capitan Village Council 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13
--New Mexico Film Series at ENMU-Ruidoso 7 to 9 p.m. Movie is free but registration required, call 575-257-3012.e

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14
--Crrizozo Woman's Club 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
--Special meeting of Alto Lakes Water & Snitation District board to certify election results, 9 a.m.
--Pots and Pans recycling, School House Park in Ruidoso, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
--Meet the Candidates forum hosted by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 7 p.m., in Lincoln County Courthouse, commission chambers. Public will be allowed to submit written questions only, modlerator will be Welda Grider.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
--Pots and Pans recycling, School House Park in Ruidoso 8 a.m. to noon.
--Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. to dedicate panels on 12th Street in Carrizozo, celebrating art in Carrizozo and The Book of Eli opening, movie filmed partly in Carrizozo starring Denzel Washington. Potluck at 5:00 p.m. at Carrizozo Country Club. Everyone welcome, bring any photos of movie.

Dog Shooting Raises ...

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According to Eulalia Chavez, when the animal control officer arrived, she asked him to take the dog to the local animal shelter where Candelaria could pick him up later. She told The News that Zamora said when he arrived that would take the dog out and kill it.

"He said he was going to kill it, but I thought he was playing with me," Mrs. Chavez said.

Chavez's son Godfrey, who was present when the call was placed to animal control, said that he used to walk the dog before he sustained an injury that prevented him from doing so. He said that Quesiralli used to play with his nephews when they came to visit and was never mean or aggressive to anyone.

"He would never hurt anybody. I heard that Ted said he was a vicious dog," Godfrey Chavez said. "He wasn't supposed to kill it. He was supposed to hold it in case my sister Mabel wanted him."

Godfrey said that he knew from his experience in working with animal control in the past that the dog was supposed to be delivered to the animal shelter and held for a period of at least a few days before any determination was made regarding the animal's outcome.

"We found out later that he was killed that same day," he said.

Carrizozo Police Chief Rachel Weiser could only convey what she has been told by Zamora and Officer Chavez, as she was also not present during the incident. Zamora and Officer Chavez have failed to return calls from The News regarding the matter.

According to Weiser, Officer Chavez told Mrs. Chavez that the dog would be picked up by the animal control officer and taken to the Carrizozo animal shelter.

"As they were removing the dog, the dog apparently became vicious and attacked Daryl (Officer Chavez)," Weiser said. "It was biting his hands, that sort of thing."

Weiser said that, according to what she had been told, the police officer assisted Zamora in getting Quesiralli into a cage in Zamora's animal control vehicle and then left the scene. She admitted that she was never informed of the incident until about one week later.

Several days passed before Candelaria went to pay the impounding fees and retrieve the dog from the animal shelter, at which point she learned that the dog had been destroyed. Weiser said that she discovered at

that time as well that there had been no report or record filed in connection with the incident. When Zamora was questioned about it, he admitted to shooting the dog.

"(Candelaria) then came to me saying that she wanted to file animal cruelty charges against Ted (Zamora)," Weiser told The News this week. "Ted admitted that he did shoot the dog because the dog was extremely aggressive, and this was not a dog that could be adopted out. This was not a dog that we could allow volunteers to work with," she explained.

"It's certainly not our standard practice to just go out and shoot animals that are aggressive, but when we've had possibly two persons injured, including the owner, apparently Ted took it upon himself to do this," Weiser said. "I counseled Ted in that's not the proper way of disposing with an animal, but we do have a department policy that says if an animal is aggressive towards other animals or people, in the emergency of things when it's happening, we can dispatch an animal in that nature," she said. "But when a dog's impounded, we don't do that. We call for a veterinarian or something."

Weiser said the incident has been reported to an animal protection agency connected with the attorney general's office which is investigated the matter.

"They contacted me requesting all of the information on the situation and who is involved," Weiser said. "It was referred to them by the attorney general's office."

The police chief questioned Candelaria's concern for the dog, citing the amount of time it took for her to actually attempt to retrieve the animal.

Regarding the injuries caused by the dog, Mrs. Chavez said she hurt her leg after becoming entangled in the chain that

tethered the animal. Officer Chavez sustained no real injuries due to the fact that he was wearing puncture-proof gloves at the scene. He sought no medical treatment for bites, according to Weiser.

"He showed me his hands. I did not see any injuries on his hands," Weiser said, "but it was a week later when I talked to him."

She said that if the officer had not been wearing the protective gloves, he might have sustained injuries that required medical attention.

Because calls to Zamora have not been returned, The News contacted Kevin Kennedy, Capitan's animal control officer, to find out how he manages dogs that are considered to be vicious.

"If it was tied up in the owner's yard, I wouldn't be there in the first place," Kennedy said. "If somebody asks me to get rid of their dog for them, I'll ask them why they want to get rid of it, and I'll have them load it into the truck themselves. They know the dog; they can pick it up and put it in my truck."

Kennedy said that once a dog is in his vehicle, he takes it to the Humane Society of Lincoln County where the animal can be assessed. In the case of a dog running loose and displaying aggression, Kennedy said he would normally shoot the animal with a tranquilizer dart to render it manageable before loading it and delivering it to the Humane Society.

Kennedy said he has participated in several training opportunities, including seminars presented by the National Humane Society throughout the state, in order to become more proficient in issues associated with animal control. The News has been unable to ascertain whether or not Zamora has received similar training, as Zamora has not

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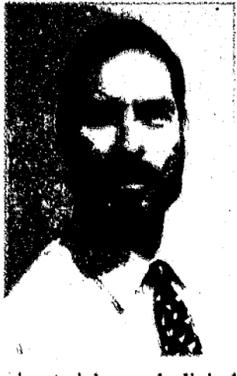
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Internist Joins Clinic and Hospital Staff

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) announces that Alfred B. Varela, MD, has joined the Internal Medicine Associates Clinic to provide medical care for patients. Varela started on Monday, December 14.

Varela has joined W. Chris Robinson, MD at the clinic as both physicians will provide specialty internal medicine.

"We're happy to have Dr. Varela join the Internal Medicine clinic team and feel he'll be a great fit for Ruidoso and Lincoln County," said Dr. Gary Jackson, LCMC Medical Director. "Dr. Varela has a strong background in internal medicine training and clinical experience which will be of great benefit to patients of this clinic."



Varela completed his pre-med. undergraduate degree at the University of Texas El Paso in 1978 and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez in 1982.

Additionally, Varela completed his Internal Medicine residency at Grant Hospital, in affiliation with Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital, in Chicago, Illinois. He was Chief Resident in Internal Medicine from 1987 to 1988.

"I think it speaks a great deal of Dr. Varela's caliber that he was the Chief Resident from a nationally recognized hospital in Chicago," said Dr. Jackson. "It basically means he was selected by

the chief of that service to oversee the residents in that service. That translates to highly experienced and educated physician to meet the needs of Ruidoso and Lincoln County residents," Jackson added.

Dr. Jackson said that Varela would be in the Internal Medicine Clinic Mondays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. He is bilingual in medical Spanish, which will assist Spanish speaking patients.

"I think Dr. Robinson and Dr. Varela, as well as the entire Internal Medicine Associates clinic staff are looking forward to serving all patients," said Dr. Jackson.

Dr. Jackson added that LCMC works diligently to recruit top-notch professionals that believe in high quality care and patient satisfaction and feels that Varela will make an immediate, positive impact in these areas.

Varela is quite familiar with Lincoln County and New Mexico, as he has worked as a staff physician in Santa Teresa at the Doctors of Santa Teresa Medical Clinic and was the Medical Director for the Santa Teresa Medical Care Center. He also spent two years as the Territorial Medical Services in Alamogordo, as well as having worked

for the Public Health Service in San Miguel.

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Looking Back

'Through Our Old NEWS files'

As the **LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS** goes into its 106th 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...

Friday, January 27, 1956

Ramblin' Around Lincoln County

Tape Recorded Interviews With People Who Helped Build Lincoln County

NELLIE HENLEY BRANUM

I'm Mrs. Nellie Henley Branum. I was born in Missouri on a big plantation but left there at two months of age. My father came to Texas and taught school. The family stayed there until his health broke down and in the meantime my grandfather had developed asthma and they sold his plantation and moved to Roswell. He wrote my father to Roswell for his health. So there we were.

I don't remember much about the trip. I was very small, but I do remember an incident crossing the Pecos River. I can see that in my mind yet. We had to camp there for three days to dry our bedding out.

We landed in Roswell the first day of November, 1880. We lived there for the winter in what was called a chosas. They dug down a certain depth and laid logs around and then sticks were laid across and dirt thrown upon them. I slept down there and carved in the dirt.

When it was spring my father and mother loaded up everything and came up on the Bonito, five miles above Fort Stanton and filed on a 160 acre homestead. The big pine trees were cut down and the logs trimmed to build a log cabin. There were lots of trees everywhere at that time.

There were many homesteads all up and down the Bonito and there was lots of water in the creek then.

BUILD ANGUS SCHOOL

My first school days were at a subscription school. An elderly man named Bingham was the teacher. They had three months of school that year. Each family had to pay so much per pupil. Then after that the whole country around got together and built a schoolhouse across the creek at Angus. There is a schoolhouse there now. They all gathered there and while some of them hauled the logs, others put up the schoolhouse. We went two miles to school and most of us walked the distance, three months out of the year.

The school went to the eighth grade, but I don't think they had many eighth grade pupils at that time.

My grandfather homesteaded 160 acres just above us, adjoining us, and my uncle came up and filed on a homestead just below us. His name was Will Henley and my father's name was Tom Henley and my grandfather was Allen Henley.

I've seen my father sit in the doorway with his old buffalo gun and kill a deer. There were always deer and turkeys when we needed meat. You could kill them when you wanted to.

The first year we raised a big crop of Irish potatoes. I can remember that yet. I was a pretty good hand at picking up those potatoes. My father would go down the rows with a turn plow and plow up the potatoes and we would pick them up and throw them in piles along the rows. He loaded up the wagon and drove to Las Vegas to sell the potatoes and brought back provisions.

There wasn't any White Oaks then or Nogal, or Capitan. There were only a few houses in Lincoln. There was a Captain Roberts there. He was captain of the army. The Lincoln County War was over with when we came here. There were wild animals and Indians mostly. The Indians were a nuisance. There were several reports around they had killed people, but I don't think they went any farther than stealing horses. They didn't want cows, just horses.

I remember one time, when on a hot day in summer, we stayed in the house with the doors closed because my father had heard that there were Indians on the warpath and they were coming in that direction. All day we waited, but they didn't show up.

There were soldiers at Fort Stanton. One of the houses at Fort Stanton was a blacksmith shop and my father being a blacksmith got a job. He worked there a couple of years, I guess, and he would work all week and my mother would hook up the mules and put my brother, 17 months older than I was, upon the wagon seat and give him the reins and tell him to drive carefully. That's all she could do. Then wring her hands until he got back.

My father worked at Fort Stanton about two years and got a job as blacksmith at the VV Ranch.

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C'zozo to Celebrate Book of Eli Opening

Carrizozo is celebrating the release of *The Book of Eli* in a big way. Carrizozo was the location for some of the filming of the *Book of Eli* and now the town is commemorating the film with an art installation.

The idea of the art installation and the panels themselves were provided by Jon Hendry, business agent for the IATSE Union local 480. The panels, ranging in size from 6' x 8' to 8' x 12' were used on other sets as backdrops. Now they are being re-used for the art installation.

The panels were illustrated by graphic novelist and current resident of Carrizozo, Rick Geary. Rick also came up with the 1923 story line that the panels tell.

Painting of the panels has been a true community effort. The whole idea behind the installation is to celebrate the history of filming in New Mexico, to celebrate the making of *The Book of Eli* in Carrizozo and to celebrate the art community in Carrizozo.

The art installation will be dedicated at 3:30 p.m. on 12th St Saturday January 16th. At 5 p.m. a potluck reception will be held at the Carrizozo Country Club, almost exactly a year after from the original potluck dinner that gained attention for Carrizozo in the first place.

The Hollywood Comes to Carrizozo art installation will remain in place until the end of January and can be viewed by walking 12th St. between Court and 4th.



Dog Shooting ...

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returned phone calls.

Weiser said that she has received no information regarding any potential outcome to the investigation out of the attorney general's office.

All that is truly clear in this unfortunate incident is that yet another innocent animal has met his demise because of an owner that no longer wanted to keep it, and an animal control officer that appears to be less than proficient in his management of animal issues.

OBITUARIES

DAVID E. DUNN

Private family services will be held for David E. Dunn Sr., 69, of Carrizozo. Mr. Dunn died January 2 in Carrizozo. He was born January 24, 1940 at Fresno, California. He moved to Carrizozo in 2002 from Tennessee. He was co-manager of the Sands Motel in Carrizozo and was a heating and air conditioning technician and had served in the Navy. He married Cyndi Allen on July 19, 1975 in Tucson, Arizona.

He is survived by his wife, Cyndi; his children, David E. Dunn Jr. of Mesa, AZ; Kelly G. Dunn of Sahuarita, AZ; Mike A. Dunn of Silver City, NM; Matthew W. Dunn of Dickson, TN and Dustin E. Dunn of Hendersonville, TN; brothers, James W. Dunn of Carrizozo and Art Dunn of Nogal; 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Lydia Dunn and sisters, Ellen Brady and Martha Carpenter.

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

MUDDY ROADS and cold weather didn't stop husband and wife well service team Perry and Maggie Leslie from doing some outdoor work near home on Wednesday. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

By Ruth Hammond

Ten years ago people were concerned about Y2K or whatever they called it. Some people stocked up on groceries for fear that cash registers wouldn't work and they couldn't buy food. Others had cash on hand, assuming that computers would be in limbo. It was interesting because the computers didn't crash, cash registers worked properly, and lots of food was wasted because people didn't want to eat any of it.

It settled down eventually, but kept people talking about it for a long time. The current discussion may be equally fascinating. National media is asking if this year of 2010 should be twenty ten or if it should be two thousand ten. There are reasons for each to be correct. Ten years ago, before the Y2K rhubarb, it was 1999, commonly known as nineteen ninety nine. According to that, twenty should follow nineteen.

Maybe the situation should have been settled then, but apparently wasn't. Now the most often asked question is, "twenty or two thousand?" If it was important enough it might matter, but it is far from it.

Expecting an answer that will satisfy all is not logical. You may as well plan for this issue to surface umpteen times this century. Don't take it seriously.

Another thing to not take seriously is whether the state should have another float for the Rose Parade next year. This year New Mexico's float won an award, the third time in three years to win an award, which garnered much publicity for the state.

Getting the naysayers to stop complaining about things will be difficult if not impossible. With the budget crisis and proposed cuts and possible tax increases, the state float will probably get scrapped.

And during the budget crisis is when the state may need the float the most. Tourism income would help the economy immensely. Whatever the powers that be will make their decisions without asking what should or shouldn't be done. Possible employee cuts will involve the lower paid, not the higher echelon.

Instead of starting at the bottom, why don't the powers start at the top? Silly question. They all have cronies, and they want to keep those cronies happy. The best way to do that is continue paying the huge bonuses and tremendous salaries. Oh well.

Now that it has been established that there is no common ground on the twenty or two thousand issue, what do we do next? Should we take turns with our choices? Should we ignore the choices we don't like? Or should we accept that this is the year 2010?

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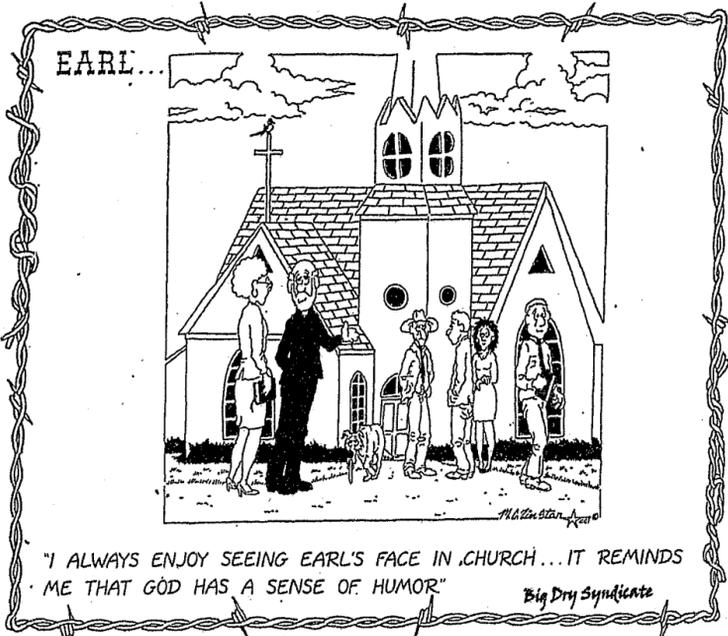
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* Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- Happy 98th birthday yesterday, New Mexico. You're getting up there in years. What in the world are we going to do for your 100th?

The answer is not much. We don't celebrate such things as grandly anymore. It has become so complicated. We still feel pretty free about celebrating Christmas, New Years and athletic victories. But anniversaries of events are something else.

It's not that we don't know how. New Mexico had a huge celebration in 1940 for the 400th anniversary of Coronado's Expedition. It was truly statewide. And it happened despite a depression and an impending war.

Our biggest celebration of all was the 1883 Tertiary-Millennial Anniversary (very approximately) of European influence in New Mexico. The 45-day celebration attracted tens of thousands of visitors from throughout the nation. The Associated Press covered it daily for all its outlets nationally.

How could such a huge celebration have been possible? The railroad had recently reached New Mexico and the business community wanted to take full advantage. The Santa Fe Railway was more than willing to help out with special excursion rates from major cities throughout the United States.

So New Mexico knows how to party. It's just that other things have gotten in the way.

One of those changes came in 1992 with the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage. The Native American population of the hemisphere, led in part by New Mexico newspaper person Diana Reyna, of Taos Pueblo, made a major impact. Reyna's television documentary "Surviving Columbus" reminded us there was a downside of European colonization.

Then there was the 1996 sesquicentennial anniversary of Gen. Kearny's arrival in New Mexico, making us part of the United States. The Hispanic community reminded us there was a downside among Hispanics throughout the hemisphere to us forcibly taking half of

Mexico.

Yes, the victors get the spoils and they get to write history. But the vanquished do remember and their voices have become louder. So our society has become more sensitive to those remembrances. It is political correctness but it is also reality and it demands to be taken into account.

Besides, 100th anniversaries of statehood have become rather common. They've already occurred in 46 states. So it isn't going to get us the notice of our 1883 exposition. Our uniqueness lies in our over 400 years of European colonization. But our 1998 observance of that event didn't get much attention either.

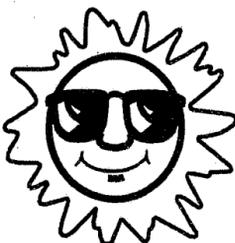
Had a few things gone differently, we might have been celebrating our 160th anniversary of statehood this year, as California is. The United States took California at the same time it won New Mexico and Arizona. But slavery issues prevented us from gaining statehood out of the Compromise of 1850.

Presidents Zachary Taylor and Millard Fillmore wanted to make us a state as soon as possible. But the more Congress observed our state, the more it felt we were too Hispanic, too Indian, too Catholic, too politically corrupt and too violent.

The Jan./Feb. issue of True West magazine has a delightful feature on the violence impediment to our statehood. It is the story of a shootout between Republicans and Democrats on the La Mesilla plaza in 1871 that killed and wounded dozens.

Certainly New Mexico should celebrate its centennial of statehood anyway -- for ourselves, if nothing else. Gov. Richardson issued an executive order in 2008, creating a task force to promote statehood commemoration activities in communities throughout the state.

The focus is on presenting our state's colorful past while also imagining its future. The NMCentennial.org website lists 14 community projects already being undertaken. Check it out and get on the bandwagon.



Weather Report

by Jeff Hammond

Colder than normal temperatures will continue to plague Lincoln County for the upcoming week, and snow is forecast starting early this morning, continuing until midday on Friday.

There will be mostly clear skies throughout the upcoming weekend.

Nighttime temperatures will be as low as very low teens to the low 20s, with daytime temperatures around the mid to high 40s.

Ski Apache is currently operating 8 of 11 ski lifts, 52 of 55 trails are open for skiing and snow-

boarding. Currently there is approximately 36 inches of packed powder at the lower elevations and 36-38 of packed powder at the higher elevations.

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

Today, Thursday, January 7

A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 39, breezy, with east winds between 15 and 25 mph, and occasional gusts as high as 30 mph, night: A good chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 15, east winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, January 8

A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 39, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 13.

Saturday, January 9

Sunny, with a high near 40, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Sunday, January 10

Sunny, with a high near 43, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Monday, January 11

Mostly sunny, with a high near 53, night: A slight chance of snow showers, partly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Tuesday, January 12

Mostly sunny, with

a high near 48, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20

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

Today, Thursday, January 7

A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 35, east winds around 10 mph, night: A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 14, southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, January 8

A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 33, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 16.

Saturday, January 9

Sunny, with a high near 41, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Sunday, January 10

Sunny, with a high near 44, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Monday, January 11

Mostly sunny, with a high near 48, night: A slight chance of snow showers, partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Tuesday, January 12

Mostly sunny, with a high near 45, night: Partly cloudy with low around 18.

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 for any area of the state.

Pots and Pans Recycling Event January 15 & 16

A Pots and Pans recycling event will be held in Lincoln County Friday, January 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, January 16 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at School House Park in Ruidoso.

Old cookware, pots and pans, scratched, chipped, dented and/or encrusted with burned food, will be accepted for recycling or reuse. Cookware accepted will include anodized aluminum, stainless steel or cast iron pots and pans.

This event, sponsored by the Greentree Solid Waste Authority, formerly Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, will help keep old cookware from filling landfills. Recycling helps save energy: it takes less energy to recycle than to mine and process ore for aluminum and stainless steel.

For more information on participating in the pots and pans recycling event, contact the Greentree Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697; toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@yalornet.com.

General solid waste disposal and recycling information is available at www.lcswa.org.

Sheriff's Report

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

December 21
 7:40 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 8:26 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Holden Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.
 9:43 a.m. Traffic offenses reported on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 9:46 a.m. Children Youth and Family Department (CYFD) referral from residence on Antler Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 10:24 a.m. Warrant service at Capitan police department in Capitan, police dispatched.
 12:26 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.
 3:58 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.
 8:13 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Winter Park in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 8:24 p.m. Burglary reported at location on Loma Grande in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 10:23 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on CR 6 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
December 22
 3:59 a.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on Bethel Court in Capitan, police dispatched.
 4:44 a.m. Medical call at location on Calle la Placita in Lincoln, ambulance dispatched.
 7:03 a.m. Accident reported by Ruidoso police at location on Cedar Creek in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 7:12 a.m. Dog reported running loose on

Wolf Creek Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 11:08 a.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on Adobe in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 11:30 a.m. Registered Sex Offender check at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 11:35 a.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 11:42 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 3:43 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 106 on Hwy 380 in Hondo, Hondo fire units dispatched.
 3:53 p.m. Unknown trouble call from intersection of Hwy 48 and Poma in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 6:00 p.m. Warrant service at intersection of Hwy 48 and Forest in Capitan, police dispatched.
 7:26 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 305 on Hwy 70 in Riverside, Hondo emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 10:00 p.m. Assault reported at location on Deer Park Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
December 23
 4:31 a.m. Accident reported approximately 10 miles south of Corona on Hwy 54, Corona emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 7:55 a.m. Accident reported on Hwy 380 near Baca Campground turnoff, Lincoln emergency units dispatched.
 8:28 a.m. Accident reported at mile marker 12 on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 8:36 a.m. Accident reported at mile marker 271 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.
 9:33 a.m. Accident

reported at mile marker 1 on Hwy 220 in Alto, Bonito emergency units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 10:13 a.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 380 and Dean Road in Capitan, police dispatched.
 12:24 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Mogul Road and Elk Horn Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 12:45 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Mulligan in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 2:06 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 2:10 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 2:16 p.m. Damage to property reported at location on Dray Court in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 2:33 p.m. Breaking & Entering (B&E) reported at location on Alpine Village Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 4:13 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Santiago Road in Ranches of Sontero, deputy dispatched.
 7:41 p.m. Agency assistance requested by New Mexico State Police at accident at mile marker 115 on Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
December 24
 2:38 a.m. Medical call at intersection of Hwy 380 and Hwy 37 in Nogal, ambulance dispatched.
 8:07 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Calle la Placita in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.
 12:25 p.m. Accident reported at location on Alpine Village Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 12:50 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Pajarita in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.
 12:50 p.m. Accident reported on Sierra Vista Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 2:45 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on Sierra

Blanca Trail in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 3:04 p.m. Alarm reported at residence on Short Street in Capitan, police dispatched.
 6:23 p.m. Medical call at residence on Sunset Drive in Alto, Bonito emergency units and ALS ambulance dispatched.
 6:43 p.m. Medical call at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

7:07 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Alto Drive and Fort Stanton Road in Alto, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.
December 25
 12:31 a.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Dulce Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 2:19 a.m. Medical call at residence on Sun Valley Road in Alto, ALS ambulance, Bonito emer-

gency units and deputy dispatched.
 9:56 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 10:11 a.m. Traffic hazard reported at mile marker 19 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 10:52 a.m. Accident reported at mile marker 12 on Hwy 48 on Angus Hill, Bonito emergency units and deputy

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



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

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

Lincoln County CHURCH DIRECTORY

- MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH**
 SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY
 NOGAL PRESBYTERIANA CHURCH
 E.W. "Bo" Lewis, Pastor
 Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
 Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
- RUIDOSO DOWNS**
FIRST SOUTHERS BAPTIST CHURCH
 361 East Hwy #70
 Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
 575-378-4611
 Dr. Randy Widener PhD Sr. Pastor
 8:00 a.m. . . . Early Bird Service
 9:00 a.m. . . . Breakfast
 9:30 a.m. . . . Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. . . . Traditional Services
 6:00 p.m. . . . Preaching/Bible Study
 Wed. Community Dinner . . . 6:30 p.m.
 Kids Activities . . . Wed. 5:30 p.m.
- ANCHO COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
 Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
- CORONA UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
 Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
 Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
- CARRIZOZO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
 Hayden Smith, Pastor
 314 10th Avenue
 648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
 Woprsip Service . . . 10:55 a.m.
 Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
 AWANAS . . . 6:00 p.m. Wednesday
 (September - April)
- CARRIZOZO ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
 Corner of 13th and C Avenue
 Barbara Bradley, Pastor
 Children's Ministry and Nursery Available
 Worship Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
- SANTA RITA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**
 Carrizozo / Capitan / Corona
 Fr. Franklin, Pastor
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM
 648-2853
 Daily Mass / Santa Rita . . . 8:30 a.m.
Saturday Services
 Capitan Sacred Heart . . . 5:00 p.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita . . . 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Services
 Capitan Sacred Heart . . . 8:30 a.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita . . . 10:30 a.m.
 Corona St. Theresa . . . 1:30 p.m.
- CARRIZOZO ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
 Corner of B Ave. and 6th
 Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson,
 Priest in Charge
 Holy Eucharist . . . Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
- WHITE OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH**
 (Non-Denominational)
 Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
- ANGUS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
 Serving All of Lincoln County
 Rick Hutchingson, Pastor
 336-8032
 SW Corner of Hwy 48 & Hwy 37 Junction
 (Between Ruidoso and Capitan)
Sunday
 Sunday School for All Ages . . . 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship & Children's Church . . . 10:30 a.m.
 Family Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
 Community Dinner . . . 6:00 p.m.
 Adult Classes, Youth Games and Study, Kids Klub . . . 7:30 p.m.
- UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**
 1000 D Avenue, Carrizozo
 648-2893 or 648-2846
 Johanna Anderson, Pastor
 Sunday School All Ages . . . 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice . . . Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women
 Third Wednesday of Month 2:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner
 Fourth Sunday of Month . . . 12:30 p.m.
- CAPITAN**
 Adult Sunday School . . . 8:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time . . . 10:15 p.m.
 Adult Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice Tuesday . . . 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner Third Sunday of Month
 Handmaidens Ecumenical Woman's Group
 1st and 3rd Tuesday . . . 9:30 a.m.
- CAPITAN CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**
 Inter-denominational
 514 Smokey Bear Blvd.
 Ed Vinson, Pastor
 Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
- CAPITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 5th and Lincoln
 Leslie Earwood, Minister
 Sunday Bible Study . . . 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CORONA**
 Cal West, Pastor / 849-7975
 Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner
 (First Sunday of Month)
- GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**
 Corona, New Mexico
 Terry Aiello, Pastor / 849-0105
 Worship . . . 9:50 a.m.
- CLAUNCH COMMUNITY CHURCH**
 Tony Scaccia, Minister 849-1402
 Second Sunday of Each Month . . . 9:00 a.m.

Carrizozo Grizzly Basketball Schedule

Varsity Boys & Girls JV Boys / Mid High Boys & Girls

| Date | Time | Opponent/Site | Teams |
|-------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| Nov. 20 | 4:00 pm | Hondo/Away | Mid B/G |
| Nov. 21 | 10:00 am | Mescalero/Home | Mid B/G |
| Nov. 30 | 4:00 pm | Capitan/Home | Mid B/G |
| Dec. 1 | 4:00 pm | Cloudcroft/Home | JV/V B/G |
| Dec. 3 | TBA | Magdalena Tournament | |
| Dec. 3 | 4:00 pm | Away | V/B/G |
| Dec. 7 | 4:00 pm | Magdalena/Home | Mid B/G |
| Dec. 8 | 4:00 pm | Cloudcroft/Home | Mid B/G |
| Dec. 11 | 4:00 pm | Capitan/Home | JV/V B/G |
| Dec. 12 | 4:00 pm | Magdalena/Home | JV/V B |
| Dec. 12 | 10:00 am | Hondo/Home | Mid B/G |
| Dec. 17 | TBA | Mescalero Tournament | V/ B/G |
| Dec. 30 | 2:00 pm | Cliff/Away | V/ B/G |
| Jan. 5, '10 | 4:00 pm | Mountainair/Home | Mid B/G |
| Jan. 7-9 | TBA | Capitan Tournament | V/ B/G |
| Jan. 11 | 4:00 pm | Cloudcroft/Away | Mid B/G |
| Jan. 12 | 4:00 pm | Ruidoso/Away | Mid B/G |
| Jan. 14 | 4:00 pm | Capitan/Away | JV/V B/G |
| Jan. 16 | 4:00 pm | Mescalero/Home | JV/V B/G |
| Jan. 19 | 4:00 pm | Ruidoso/Home | JV/V G |
| Jan. 22 | 4:00 pm | Magdalena/Away | JV/V B |
| Jan. 23 | 3:00 pm | Ruidoso/Home | Mid B/G |
| Jan. 23 | 1:00 pm | Magdalena/Away | Mid B/G |
| Jan. 26 | 4:00 pm | Cloudcroft/Away | JV/V B/G |
| Jan. 29 | 4:00 pm | *Corona/Home | JV/V B/G |
| Feb. 1 | 4:00 pm | *Vaughn/Home | JV/V B/G |
| Feb. 2 | 4:00 pm | Mountainair/Away | Mid B/G |
| Feb. 6 | 4:00 pm | Capitan/Away | Mid B/G |
| Feb. 9 | 4:00 pm | *Hondo/Away | JV/V B/G |
| Feb. 11 | 4:00 pm | *Mountainair/Homt | JV/V B/G |
| Feb. 16 | 4:00 pm | *Vaughn/Away | JV/V B/G |
| Feb. 18 | 4:00 pm | *Corona/Away | JV/V B/G |
| Feb. 22-27 | 4:00 pm | *Hondo/Home | JV/VB/G |
| Mar. 1-6 | TBA | *Mountainair/Away | JV/V B/G |
| Mar. 9-13 | TBA | District Tourney Week | V B/G |
| | | 1st. Round | V B/G |
| | | State Tournament | V B/G |
| | | State Tournament | V B/G |

*District Games

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LEGAL NOTICE

**COUNTY ASSESSOR
ORDER NO. 09-57
NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS
TO REPORT CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO
PROPERTY VALUATION AND
CLAIMING EXEMPTION
FROM PROPERTY TAXATION**

The County Assessor hereby publishes notice to property owners, pursuant to Section 7-38-18, NMSA 1978, as follows:

1. All property subject to valuation for property taxation purposes not valued by the Assessor in 2009 for property taxation purposes must be reported to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2010, unless it is not subject to valuation for property taxation purposes in 2010. The report must contain the required information and be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-8, NMSA 1978.

2. If you have made improvements to real property during 2009 and the improvements cost more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), the improvements must be reported to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2010. The information required and the form may be obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-8 (C), NMSA 1978.

3. All real property owned by any nongovernmental entity and claimed to be exempt from property taxation under the provisions of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of Section 7-36-7 NMSA 1978 shall be reported for valuation purposes to the appropriate valuation authority. If a change in eligibility status or ownership of the property has changed, the change shall be reported no later than the last day of February 2010. Section 7-38-8.1 NMSA 1978.

4. If you own property that has decreased in value during 2009, and that property is subject to valuation for property taxation purposes, you must report the decrease in value to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2010. The report must contain the required information and must be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-13, NMSA 1978.

5. If you believe that your real property is entitled to head-of-family exemption, veteran exemption or disabled veteran exemption from property taxation, you must apply to the Assessor for exempt status not later than thirty (30) days after the mailing of the County Assessor's notices of valuation in order to be entitled to the exemption from taxation in 2010. Exemptions: If an exemption from taxation was in effect for 2009 and the basis of the exempt status or use is unchanged from that year, application for exemption need not be made for 2010. If you have previously been granted an exemption and not have a change in ownership or status you must notify the Assessor of the change no later than the last day of February 2010 of the change. If required, application for exemption must contain the required information and must be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-17 NMSA 1978.

6. Property subject to valuation is presumed to be nonresidential and will be so recorded by the assessor unless you declare the property to be residential no later than the last day of February 2010. If your property has changed in use from residential to nonresidential or from nonresidential to residential use you must declare this status to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2010. The declaration must contain the required information and must be in a form that may be obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-17.1 NMSA 1978.

7. If you are a person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older or disabled, and whose "modified gross income" was not greater than \$32,000 in 2009 and you own and occupy a single-family dwelling you may be eligible for a limitation on the taxable value of your residence. If you think you are eligible, you must apply to the Assessor no later than th

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irty (30) days after the Assessor mails the notice of value for your residence. The application must contain the required information and must be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-36-21.3 NMSA 1978.

8. If your land was valued in 2009 in accordance with the special method of valuation for land used primarily for agricultural purposes, and the land is still used primarily for agricultural purposes, you need not reapply for that special method of valuation in 2010. If your land was valued in accordance with the special method of valuation in 2009, but it is no longer used primarily for agricultural purposes, you must report the change to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2010. If your land was not valued in accordance with that method of valuation in 2009, and it is now used primarily for agricultural purposes, you must make application on a form which has been approved from the Assessor no later than the last day February 2010. Section 7-36-20 NMSA 1978.

9. If you own "livestock" that is subject to valuation for property taxation purposes, you must report such livestock to the Assessor. All such livestock present in the county on January 1, 2010 must be reported to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2010. If the livestock is transported into the county after January 1, 2010, it must be reported to the Assessor no later than the first day of the month following the first month in which the livestock has been present in the county for twenty (20) days. The report must contain the required information and must be on forms obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-36-21 NMSA 1978.

10. If you own a manufactured home (that was not previously assessed) and it was present in the county on January 1, 2010, you must report it to the Assessor no later than the last day February 2010. The report must contain certain required information and must be on a form obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-36-26 NMSA 1978.

THIS NOTICE IS ONLY A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 7-38-8, 7-38.1, 7-38-13, 7-38-17, 7-38-17.1, 7-36-21.3, 7-36-20, 7-36-21, AND 7-36-26 NMSA 1978, and related Taxation & Revenue Department Regulations. It is not intended to reflect the full content of these provisions, which may be examined at the office of the County Assessor.

Done this 8th day of December, 2009 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Rick Silva, Director
Property Tax Division**

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. D-1226-CV-2009-00017**

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTHONY D. POWERS A/K/A A.D. POWERS, AMELIA BETH POWERS A/K/A A. BETH POWERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, AND TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

Defendants.

SECOND NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on January 12, 2010, at the hour of 9:00 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the North Side entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at Twelfth Judicial District Court, 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 154 Meander Dr., Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, (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:

LOT 28, BLOCK 10, PALMER GATEWAY SUB-DIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MAY 23, 1955; A.P.N. #: 0024425

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, and subject to a one hundred twenty (120) day redemption by the Defendant Department of Treasury- Internal Revenue Service, and subject to a nine (9) months redemption by the Defendant Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of

New Mexico. The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on June 16, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$199,264.66, and the same bears interest at the rate of 6.3000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$34.39 per diem, commencing on April 16, 2009, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendants, Anthony D. Powers a/k/a A.D. Powers and Amelia Beth Powers a/k/a A. Beth Powers, 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 its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the 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 \$199,264.66, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$9,491.64 for a total judgment plus interest of \$208,756.30. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Carrizozo Municipal Schools hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the Erate year 10-11 for the following:

- 2 Servers
 - a) DHCP server---
 - b) Web Server

Minimum Requirements include:

Processor: Intel Xeon, 2.66Ghz or more, Dual Core
Memory: Between 12-24GB
Operating System: Windows Server, Standard Edi, Academic, w/5 CALs, 2008 License
Hard Drive: 250GB 7.2K or faster RPM SATA 3.5"

Warranty:
4 or 5 year next business day parts warranty on servers and/or
4 or 5 year extended maintenance contract

The timeline for the RFP process is aggressive with Proposals due by 3pm Mountain Time on Friday, February 05, 2010.

Carrizozo Municipal Schools reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Procurement must follow all Federal and State Guidelines. Selection of a provider and this proposal is contingent upon approval from the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Funding cycle of 2010-2011. Providers must be in good standing with the Universal Service Fund.

RFP can be found on the website at <http://carrizozoschools.org/?q=erate%2010-11>

Submit written proposals to:

Becky Borowski
Carrizozo Municipal Schools
Box 99, 800 D Avenue
Carrizozo, NM 88338

Questions can be directed to :

Becky Borowski
becky.borowski@carrizozogrizzlies.org

and will be answered on FAQ page on website <http://carrizozoschool.org/?q=erate%2010-11>

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CONSIDER A MULE.

Looking Back . . .

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While he was working at Fort Stanton somebody told him about a Mexican, living over west of us, who had a milk cow that he wanted to sell. So he saddled up his favorite mile and rode over there and bought the cow and calf for ten dollars. We were really fixed for living when we got that cow. Living was pretty hard in those days, but the cow sure saved the day.

It was about 1891 when we moved to Carrizozo. It was just a depot and then there was a store. I think John Gallagher was the first one to build a store here in Carrizozo.

We owned a cattle ranch in Coyote Canyon, eight miles north of White Oaks. We were sitting there real quiet one evening when a man came along leading his horse with a pack on it. He came back and asked to stay all night saying that Mr. Cooper had directed him to Red Lake but he couldn't follow his directions.

Mr. Branum never turned anybody down. He told him "All right, get down and unsaddle your horse and turn him loose." I went in to prepare the supper and Mr. Branum came in and said:

"Don't fix very much. I'm uneasy about his man. I don't like his looks. Just fix something which would look like we were very poor," which we were at the time. We had cattle but we didn't have any money. This stranger had a German Mauser rifle and a six-shooter.

Anyway I fixed what I could, fried a little bacon, and made some gravy and made some biscuits, and then invited him in and we sat down to eat. In the meantime the cat came in. Somebody moved his foot on the floor and scared the cat and she jumped up and hit the tray of knives and forks and made a terrible rattling. The stranger nearly jumped out of his chair and looked hard at Mr. Branum and Mr. Branum said, "Oh, don't worry. That was the cat. It jumped and hit the drawer that is full of knives and forks." The man said, "Are you sure of that?" Mr. Branum told him he was sure that was what it was. That gave us another scare. We were afraid of the man anyway. He didn't look good.

The next morning he said he wanted to get an early start. He said his mother and brother were killed in Tijeras Canyon and somebody had found some bones and they had asked him to come and see if he could identify his mother and brother from the bones. He said he had a ranch over there in the Rentone country and as he was coming back he wanted to buy a wagon and team if we knew of anybody who had one to sell. Mr. Branum said yes, there was a neighbor who had a wagon and team that he wanted to sell. The stranger said to tell him to hold it for him, that he was coming back and he wanted to buy it, but he never showed up.

In two days a sheriff came along and asked if a man came through who fitted the description and Mr. Branum told him one did, but he left two days ago. We told the sheriff the circumstances and about him staying all night and all the sheriff said, "Well, you're lucky that all of you didn't get killed." We told him that we acted as poor as we could and let him know that we didn't have any money in the house and it wouldn't be anything to his credit to kill us. He wouldn't be anything out of it if he did. The sheriff said that didn't make any difference.

We found out later this man went right from our place to rob a train near Las Vegas. He cut the back of the train out so that he could get up to rob it and get to the safe. The conductor and all the railroad men and passengers were on the back of the train. The brakeman slipped in the front car and didn't let him know that he was there, and he opened the door and shot the bandit. Shot his right arm off somewhere between the wrist and the elbow. Of course he had to turn and go for aid and that's where they found him.

The took him to jail and left him there until they could have a trial. Judgment was that he should be hung. They put him up on the saddle and put the rope around his neck and asked him if he had anything to say that now was his chance. He said, "If we had a fiddle I think we could have a dance." His name was Black Jack Ketchum. He was wanted by the law for murder, robberies and holdups. He was a very dangerous man and was known to kill just for the pleasure of it.

My husband, Lin Branum, first came to New Mexico in 1885 with James A. Cooper Sr., and the two Hyde brothers -- George and Oscar. They brought a herd of cattle from Texas and settled in Draut Gulch on the Bonito. Two years later Mr. Branum and the Hyde brothers moved to Three Rivers.

Bonito City was already started when we got there. My grandfather got the homestead between us and a man by the name of Bingham, the man who taught school. Then up above him was Littlefield. On up I used to know the Haggerts and Rollands, and farther up, Corn, who later became my brother-in-law, and the last house was I.B. Berry. He had a daughter and son and they loved there at the head of Bonito.

My grandfather came over to Nogal. There were a few houses and a little store there then and he bought the store and my father ran it. I was about seven or eight years old then. A fellow by the name of McVeigh owned the store in Nogal at the time and up above there, and old gentleman by the name of Moore had some log cabins built and my grandfather bought them from Moore. The American mine was in operation then or about that time, and they got their provisions at the store.

You know in those times we didn't have any communications except for horseback riding or a buggy or something like that. When we lived on the Bonito in the spring of 1885, a man came to our house and told my father there had been a terrible killing at the Mayberry Hotel in Bonito City and that

he was on his way to Lincoln for the sheriff. They hadn't found the man yet who did the killing. He said the girl was badly wounded and needed medical care very soon, so my father decided he would go up there. He was gone three days and we didn't know what had happened to him. We though he had got killed too. We didn't know.

When he came back we found that he had attended to the girl and dressed her side and then helped make the coffin. There was a doctor and a little boy in the loft, they used to have beds there, and this man was in love with this girl and she wouldn't have anything to do with him, so he got on a big drunk.

The doctor and little boy were slipping into the loft, and he killed them. Mr. Mayberry heard the noise and he started up there to see what was going on and when he got to the head of the stairs he was shot and he fell right about the head of the stair. Mrs. Mayberry went up and she stepped in Mr. Mayberry's blood with her bare foot and they had to take that floor out and put in another one because they could not scrub that blood up.

Mrs. Mayberry went on up there and he killed her and went to kill this girl. He shot her in the side and she ran off and hid in a doghouse. He followed her to the doghouse but she was behind this door and he didn't see her. They finally caught him. The folks came and got the girl and took her away.

My father saved her life. He kept her from bleeding to death. She was shot more than once in the side. There were few doctors in the country then and my father was the only one they knew of. There might have been a doctor in Lincoln.

I was married in 1894 and I have five children. Not all of them were born on the Bonito. Some were born in Nogal. We then moved to Three Rivers and ranched there for 24 years, then we finally sold that and we went down to the I-X Ranch and bought a few acres. We sold that place and we came back up here and built us a house. I put five children through high school here and a niece and a boy that stayed here with me and went to school, and last my little granddaughter.

Along the Way . . .

. . . with Newshawk

It was reported to the NEWS this week that five shade trees have been removed from the premises of the Spanish Mission Church in Carrizozo. It was stated that the identity of the person is known and the request is made that the trees be returned so that they can be replanted. It is the intention of the parishioners of the mission to maintain the church and grounds and hold services on Sunday.

It became known in Carrizozo this week that a GI from Red Canyon, in El Paso on a weekend pass, got some rough treatment there at the hands of a couple of plainclothesmen. We hope to get more details on this later. El Paso businessmen are very concerned about the status of the Fort Bliss installation in their city, and it would be good public relations to get the full cooperation of the El Paso Police Department.

Alvin Harcrow of Roswell was a Lincoln County visitor Monday in connection with district highway matters. He reports that all of Southwestern New Mexico is very dry and that old timers way they have never experienced a winter as mild as the present one. Many wheat growers in the Portales area are faced with the loss of their crop unless moisture comes soon.

News from Socorro is that the New Mexico Tech Golf Course has a new look. Bulldozers have cut several feet from the hill which separates the first two holes. Grass and trees will be planted on the excavated area, adding further to the beauty of the course.

Santiago S. Mares of Las Cruces, renewing his subscription to the News, writes "We appreciate reading about our friends and happenings in our home town".... "Like your paper and could not do without it"---- Ingvald Jansen, Manhattan Beach.... "Am surely enjoying the stories by the Old Timers. Have heard a lot of comments on it and know it's being welcomed by your readers-A.H.L." Attorney General Richard H. Robinson this Thursday made public his intention to seek the Democratic nomination for Congress. He will supply competition, he says, in the Democratic Congressional primary "which has been missing for the past six years"...Another Democrat, Floyd Cross of Truth or Consequences has announced for the Corporation Commission...In Lincoln County there has been little political activity on the surface to date. State Sen. J. G. Moore says he will formally announce his candidacy for re-election next week...The people in Truth or Consequences aren't going to get a chance to vote on a name change after all. After a visit by two Ralph Edwards' men and a meeting of the T or C city council it was decided not to submit the question of name change at the forthcoming special election... Unless there is more favorable opinion expressed than there has been to date, it is doubtful if the Lincoln County Commissioners will call an election to vote bonds to build a courthouse... The same situation applies regarding a new sewage system for Carrizozo.

Cardinals Sweep Week End Games

The Corona Cardinals won four games over the week end by downing Carrizozo and Tularosa last Friday and Saturday.

Corona's "B" Team started the week end off by dumping the Zozo "B" team 50 to 33. Willie Kilpatrick led Corona with 20 points, Frank Mulkey had 10, Dee Proctor 7, Norris proctor 6, Marvin Alkdrich 5, and Jack Sanchez 2.

The A team had a thriller by nosing Zozo 61 to 60. Pat Huey netted 16 points, Knight 12, G. Bryan 11, B. Bryan 10, Alirez 5, Kilpatrick 6, and Mulkey 2.

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

Monday, January 4
9:00 a.m. J Tyrone Riordan; CR-2007-80, CR-2007-113, CR-2007-193 (Pending Motions) Burns/ProSe/Walker
12:00 p.m. Judges Brown Bag

Tuesday, January 5
8:30 a.m. Marty R. Millar v. Yvette Millar; DM-2009-133 (Supp. OTSC)C. Hawthorne/Beauvais
1:15 p.m. In the Matter of PQ-2009-17 (Temp Guardianship)Rose
3:00 p.m. Edelmira Caro v. Israel Rodriguez; DM-2009-136 (CC/Mtn to Bifurcate) Mladek/ Pro Se
4:00 p.m. Goff v. Alto Lakes; CV-2009-225 (Mtn to Strike Resp Proposed CQL)Rafkin/Nickerson Darrell Brantley
1:30 p.m. 1/2 Day - DV-2009-70 C. Hawthorne/Beauvais

Wednesday, January 6
8:15 a.m. Chelsea and Seth McElheny ; CV-2009-340 (Change of Name) Beauvais
9:00 a.m. In the Matter of; PQ-2008-10 (Permanent Guardian and Conservatorship)Gibson/McSwane
10:00 a.m. Ernest Sanchez v. Ervin Gonzales; CV-2009-223(MSJ)Griffin/ Pro Se /Runnels
11:00 a.m. Stevens Real Estate v. Hunter's Draw, LLC; CV-2005-100 (Mtn/Atty Fees)Sutherland/Rhodes
1:15 p.m. Steven Silva v. Jennifer McKinley; DM-2007-10 (Merits) Gibson/Saavedra

Thursday, January 7
CYFD - 8:30 a.m.
1:15 p.m. Wells Fargo v. Cochran et al; CV-2009-181 (Mtn/set aside stipulation)Kleinsmith/Rafkin
2:00 p.m. In the Matter of Canning Estate; PB-2006-01 (Final Hearing) Craig/Beauvais/Hulbert/Hutckins
4:00 p.m. Richard Mayfield v. County of Dona Ana, et al; CV-2007-505 (Mtn/Dismiss for Improper Venue) Klipstine/Hughes

Friday, January 8
8:30 a.m. Tyler H;JR-2009-31 - ADJ/COP - JZ/Torrez
9:00 a.m. First Appearance
Sheridan Davis; CR-09-17
Ramona Chino; CR-09-172
James Eads;CR09-169
David Gut;CR-09-170
Abelardo Lerma CR-05-43
Other
Lilly Hunter CV-09-431/432
Tracy Frost;CR-09-83 (JI/Mtn)
Paul Gilfoyle; CR-09-92/93
Change of Plea
Joseph Montoya; CR-09-99
Donothan York CR-09-111
Sentencing
Michael Bonomo; CR-09-36
Javier Flaco Dominguez; CR-09-70
Bruce Parsons; CR-08-82/115
12:00 p.m. - Judge Out - Jury Improvement

Sheriff's . . .

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dispatched.
12:16 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
5:52 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Billy the Kid Court in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.
7:03 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Verna in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.
9:49 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on Alpine Village Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

December 26
7:56 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at business on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.
8:01 a.m. Game violation/poaching reported at location on Cora Dutton Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
9:01 a.m. Medical call at residence on Eagle Ridge Road in Alto, ALS ambulance, and deputy dispatched.

1:05 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
1:07 p.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
4:45 p.m. Welfare check requested for person sitting in car on Hwy 37 in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
6:22 p.m. 911 Hang-up from location on Goodnight Loving Trail in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.
9:31 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Ravens Wing in Alto, deputy dispatched.

December 27
2:29 a.m. Medical call at residence on Alta Vista Circle in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
3:25 a.m. Medical call at residence on Wapati Lane in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
8:25 a.m. Agency assistance requested by Capitan police at residence on Conner Court in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
8:49 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Paso Monte in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

11:20 a.m. Medical call at residence on Pine Cone Lane in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
11:55 a.m. Traffic hazard reported at location on Hwy 48 and intersection of Peebles Ranch Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
12:21 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

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

No. CV-09-91
 Div. III

CITY BANK NEW MEXICO, a New Mexico
 Banking Corporation,
 Plaintiff,

-v-

CARRIER DEVELOPMENT CO., L.L.C., an Arizona
 Limited Liability Company, R. VICTOR CURRIER,
 JR., a/k/a RALPH VICTOR CURRIER, JR., DENIE
 A. PARKER, FINANCE PLUS, INC., a Texas Corporation,
 TOMAHAWK ACQUISITIONS, LLC, an Arizona
 Limited Liability Company, and RICK USREY and
 DIXIE USREY, d/b/a USREY DRILLING AND PUMP
 SERVICE, a Sole Proprietorship,
 Defendants.

**AMENDED
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on January 27, 2010, at
 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso
 Municipal Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in
 Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will
 offer at public sale and sell the following described real prop-
 erty to the highest bidder for cash:

Tract 2, as shown by the Claim of Exemption
 Boundary Survey Plat, a tract of land being the
 NE/4 NW/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South,
 Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County,
 New Mexico, filed in the office of the County
 Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on April
 24, 2008, in Cabinet J, Slide No. 101.

The property may be accessed by an easement off
 Laughing Horse Trail that crosses Lot 20 of
 Fort Stanton Ranchettes in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant
 to the Amended Stipulated Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure,
 Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered
 by this Court on December 22, 2009, in an action for collec-
 tion of Plaintiff's Promissory Notes and foreclosure of
 Mortgages.

Plaintiff's Judgment directed foreclosure of the real
 property to satisfy the following Judgment
 liens:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| a) Judgment lien of Plaintiff City Bank New Mexico | |
| Principal, interest and late fees | |
| through 01/27/10 | \$142,939.40 |
| Costs of suit | 464.17 |
| Attorney fees | 3,945.94 |
| Special Master's fee | 296.48 |
| | \$147,645.99 |

b) Judgment lien of Defendants Rick Usrey, Dixie
 Usrey and Usrey Drilling and Pump Service:

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Damages and costs | |
| through 12/28/09 | \$ 20,769.93 |

In addition to the Judgment liens referred to above,
 there will be accruing costs, including costs of publication of
 this notice.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Special
 Master may continue the date of sale without republishing
 this Notice of Sale by appearing on the date and time desig-
 nated in this notice and announcing the postponement to
 another specific date.

Sarah Prothro, Special Master

LEE GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By:

Lee Griffin
 1044 Mechem Drive
 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
 (575) 258-9404
 Attorney for Plaintiff

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**Customer Service
 for All Seasons**

by James Hernandez,
vice president at
First Community Bank
in Santa Fe

When the economy sours, many businesses cut
 back on services they consider nonessential. The most
 shortsighted companies lump customer service into the
 "expendable" category.

What these businesses don't understand is that
 consumers tend to remember the people and businesses
 that help them through tough times. It might be a busi-
 ness that provides a vital, one-time service or it might be
 a store the customer visits often, such as a grocery or
 hardware store.

The store that employs enough people to prevent
 backups in the checkout lines and to answer customers'
 questions is the store most likely to survive a recession
 because it's demonstrating a respect for its customers'
 time and energy at a time when many stores are trying
 to limp along with skeleton crews.

In an economy struggling to right itself, just
 about any service business can distinguish itself from
 the competition by ramping up the customer service.
 What constitutes service

In a global marketplace where local merchants
 are competing with Internet-based businesses around
 the world, outdoing the competition means offering cus-
 tomers good value for their limited dollars. That value
 includes the service and support the customer gets
 before, during and after the sale.

Customer service boils down to communication.
 Any business that deals with the public is usually only
 as successful as the first impression it makes on cus-
 tomers who visit the business or contact it by telephone
 or e-mail.

Employees should be trained and empowered to
 help customers with all of their shopping needs, and
 managers should be close by to back up front-line work-
 ers as soon as the customer's needs exceed their author-
 ity or expertise.

Businesses that rely on technology for sales or
 customer service need to be sure that online services
 and web sites are easy to understand and navigate. The
 best of these businesses distinguish themselves among
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- and it's better still when the service people are based in
 local communities rather than in a country halfway
 around the world.

A world hungry
 for conflict resolution
 Customers usually don't care what went wrong
 or why it went wrong when a product or service doesn't
 meet their expectations. They just want the problem
 fixed.

Businesses should make sure every employee is
 trained in conflict resolution skills and familiar with the
 business's return policies.

Employees should understand that empathy
 goes a long way toward disarming an angry customer
 and that making excuses or trying to find fault only
 escalates conflict.

Dealing with unhappy customers is the least
 favorite part of the customer service job, but a business
 that can quickly solve problems or mistakes in a busi-
 ness transaction can defuse customer anger and often
 win a loyal, long-term customer.

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