

# Local Census Jobs Coming

by Patrice Brazie

In his regular monthly report to the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners, county manager announced that census bureau jobs will be available locally in the near future.

Those interested in working on the 2010 U.S. Census should contact the local U.S. Census recruiting assistant, Lisa Morales, at the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau Jobs Line at 866-861-2010.

Stewart said that Morales is in the process of setting up the necessary local testing dates, times and places.

Also in his report, Stewart said that the

Wilson and Company engineering firm is currently creating construction plans, cost estimates, contract and RFP (Request for Proposal) documents as it continues in the process of establishing a Special Assessment District (SAD) for street and drainage improvements in the Alto subdivision of Deer Park Valley. Stewart told the county commissioners to anticipate an update from Wilson and Company in February.

JRP Master Builders, LLC, has applied for the necessary work permits to go ahead with the completion of the county's new substation at the

Copper Canyon subdivision near Angus.

"It's frustrating," Stewart said. "The permitting process in this state is extremely involved. The contractor is frustrated by constant reviews by various people who put their eyes on the plan and say that's not good enough."

He's working through those issues with our architect to get the permits approved; it's an issue of getting permits approved to start work," he said. "The contractor said last time we did this it took a month to get permits," he added. "He's working diligently to get this going."

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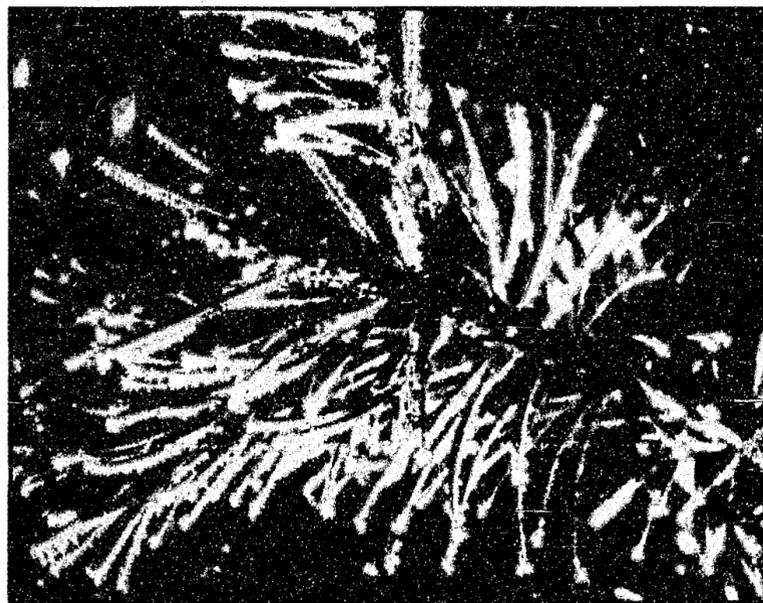
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**PINE ICE** -- Trees in the mountains were covered with a fine coating of ice on morning week last, presenting a landscape that appeared to have been frosted. (Photo Courtesy of Karen Owens)

## Changes Planned for Holloman Air Force Base

by Patrice Brazie

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart reported on Tuesday that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping meeting for the U.S. Air Force will be held in Carrizozo on January 25th, in the manager's office foyer and the county commissioners' chambers at the courthouse complex.

The purpose of the meeting will be to begin gathering comments from the public about future operations on the base and the White Sands Missile Range.

"We're going to be the first in the state to have an Environmental Impact Statement on the future of Holloman Air

Force Base," Stewart announced during Tuesday's meeting of the county commissioners. "The plan, as currently envisioned, is that they're not going to increase the number of supersonic aircraft at Holloman. The long-range plan is to turn that into a training base for the new joint-strike fighter F-35," he said. "The aircraft has the capability of short take-off and vertical landings."

Stewart said that the plan for the base, as he understands it, is to remove the F-22 aircraft and replace them with the new F-35s.

"Holloman Air Force Base, as I understand the plan, will evolve into a training base," he said. "Right now

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## Road Crews Accumulate 150 Overtime Hours

by Patrice Brazie

County manager Tom Stewart reported earlier this week that employees of the county's road department accumulated about 350 hours of overtime during the recent series of snowstorms that crossed New Mexico and the Sacramento Mountains.

"Our crews have been doing a tremendous job when they should have been off, and it seems like storms always hit just when our road department is supposed to be off and just before holidays," Stewart told the board of county commissioners on Tuesday.

The county has exhausted its budgeted \$20,000 for road salt; Stewart said he will be adjusting the budget in order to be able to restock the necessary commodity. He commended the road department staff for a job well done, and said he has received relatively few complaints regarding stormy road conditions.

"The reason the \$20,000 is expended is because we needed to restock and I said commit to salt," Stewart explained. "I average the costs over the last several years to come up with a budget item. We are way ahead on snow requirements, and it's been especially frustrating with the low tem-

peratures because it hasn't given the roads in some places sufficient time to totally thaw out. If you've got shaded areas and there's snow remaining, it's no longer snow, it's ice," he said.

In a side note, county commissioner Eileen Sedillo pointed out that, because of the work schedule of road department workers, those employees are not able to attend the annual Christmas potluck lunch that all other county employees participate in. The luncheon is held in Carrizozo, but the road department is based in Capitan. Road crews normally work four 10 hour days each week with only 30 minutes for lunch, not

ample time to attend the potluck in Carrizozo.

"I know the road department crew doesn't usually show up because they only have half an hour for lunch," Sedillo said. "It would be nice if we could give them the time on that day, if it's not snowing and the weather's good, to allow them to come here and join in on the food and stuff. I've heard several of them say that if they had the time they would come."

Sedillo asked Stewart to consider adjusting the road workers' lunch schedule for one day in December so that those county employees can attend the holiday luncheon.



**THE BOARD** of County Commissioners renewed County Attorney Alan Morel's contract earlier this week. Morel (right) is shown here with County Manager Tom Stewart. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

## Ruidoso Chamber to Conduct Opinion Poll

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce (RVCC) board of directors announced that it has taken another decisive action in response to issues related to the potential relocation of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino (RDRT&C).

The RVCC Board has created a special page on its website devoted to providing area residents, visitors, and all interested persons with information on proposed tax parity legislation, the potential economic impact racetrack relocation, and ways that community members may get involved. As part of the new website, an opinion poll is available and all web users are invited to make their views known. People may access the opinion poll at [www.ruidosonow.com/survey](http://www.ruidosonow.com/survey). Village of Ruidoso residents will receive a reminder to access the opinion poll in their upcoming water bills.

"It is vitally important that we

hear from the community regarding this issue," commented chamber president Cynthia West. "We need to gather information for the lobbyists that we have hired. The opinion poll is an important tool in the process for it will provide both information and ideas generated at the grass roots level."

The RVCC board of directors recently approved an agreement to retain the services of Montgomery & Andrews (M&A) of Santa Fe to perform lobbying services on behalf of the chamber. Representatives from M&A recently met with chamber officials, and plans for the upcoming efforts to support legislative approval of a gaming tax parity bill, and to oppose any effort to relocate the Race Track, are beginning to take shape. The 2010 New Mexico legislative session will begin on January 18th.

Forms were recently filed by RDRT&C with the New Mexico state

legislature to grant tax parity legislation that will change the present tax structure that calls for Native American casinos to pay a tax from 3 percent to 9.75 percent based on revenue while Race Track Casinos (Racinos) including Ruidoso Downs Race Track pay 26 percent regardless of size. The proposed new rates for Racinos would be 10 percent on the first \$10 million of net winnings and 26 percent on anything above \$10 million.

Chamber officials have estimated that the economic impact from racetrack relocation would equate to a loss of approximately \$30 million dollars in direct and indirect revenue generated in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County. Those estimates include the loss of 285,000 visitors to the track each year and an approximate loss of 60 percent of lodging revenue generated during the racing season (Memorial Day-Labor Day). For more informa-

tion about issues related to the economic impact of RDRT&C, please visit [www.ruidosnow.com](http://www.ruidosnow.com) and click on "Ruidoso Backs Our Track."

The RVCC board will keep chamber members and area residents informed and will be requesting community wide support during the legislative session. The annual Ruidoso Day in Santa Fe is scheduled for February 3rd. Registration for this most important event is now open. The RVCC office and Visitor Center is located at 720 Sudderth. Information about Ruidoso Day, area businesses, attractions and events can be found on the web at [www.ruidosonow.com](http://www.ruidosonow.com). The RVCC mission is to foster development, growth and prosperity and to be the advocate of the business community using local resources and expertise to maintain the best possible business climate for its members. Call 575-257-7395 for more information.

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**LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MONDAYS  
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--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 meet-  
ing 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 14**  
--Carrizozo, Woman's Club 6 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**  
--Special meeting of Alto Lakes Water  
& Sanitation 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

**Ruidoso Library Schedules Teen Board Game Day**

Today, January 14th, back by popular demand, the game of Clue returns to the Ruidoso Public Library from 4:00 to 5:30. This Clue game is "Star Wars". Prizes awarded to the murderer and to the person who solves the murder. Bring friends or family along to play in teams. The Star Wars Live Clue game is open to grades 6 through adult. This game will be great family entertainment, but no children younger than 6th grade permitted to play.

On January 26th the teens will have a "Bored" Game Day from 4:00 to 5:30. Come chill out and play some board games with your friends. The

Courthouse, commission chambers. Public will be allowed to submit written questions only, moderator 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.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18**  
--Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Most governmental offices closed.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20**  
--Carrizozo Planning & Zoning Commission 6 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21**  
--Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission 9 a.m. at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.  
--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7:00 p.m. at Community Church in Lincoln.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22**  
--Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) Council of Governments annual meeting 10 a.m. ENMU-Roswell.

**BOOKMOBILE  
January 18-21  
in Lincoln County  
check schedule for times  
and locations.**

**Hopes Running High for  
for Nogal Water Consumers**

by *Patrice Brazie*

Rick Rotert, president of the Nogal Mutual Domestic Water Users' Association, appeared before the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday with some good news and some bad news.

"The good news is that we have had promised to us approximately \$495,000, most of which comes to us in the form grant money," Rotert told the commissioners. "The bad news, the disappointing news, is that most of that money, like money promised to many projects such as ours, has been frozen because of the financial predicament in which the state finds itself."

Rotert reported that a certain amount of funding is available at this time, funding that he has assigned to the planning and design aspects of updating and reconstructing the local water system in Nogal.

"We expect to use that money toward those two parts of our project so that, when other money that has been promised to us becomes available, we'll be able to apply it to the project and proceed," Rotert said. "I have been told that our project is a worthy project and ready to proceed," he added.

"We're on the way, but \$495,000 in granted funding will be sufficient to complete renovation of the system's water treatment plant as well as replace the distribution system."

Rotert said that it is his belief that the

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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. 8	4:00 pm	Capitan/Home	JV/V B/G
Dec. 11	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	4:00 pm	Ruidoso/Home	Mid B/G
Jan. 26	3:00 pm	Magdalena/Away	Mid B/G
Jan. 23	1:00 pm	Cloudcroft/Away	JV/V B/G
Jan. 26	4:00 pm	*Corona/Home	JV/V B/G
Jan. 29	4:00 pm	*Vaughn/Home	JV/V B/G
Feb. 1	4:00 pm	Mountainair/Away	Mid B/G
Feb. 2	4:00 pm	Capitan/Away	Mid B/G
Feb. 6	4:00 pm	*Hondo/Away	JV/V B/G
Feb. 6	4:00 pm	*Mountainair/Home	JV/V B/G
Feb. 9	4:00 pm	*Vaughn/Away	JV/V B/G
Feb. 11	4:00 pm	*Corona/Away	JV/V B/G
Feb. 16	4:00 pm	*Hondo/Home	JV/VB/G
Feb. 18	4:00 pm	*Mountainair/Away	JV/V B/G
Feb. 22-27	TBA	District Tourney Week	V B/G
Mar. 1-6	TBA	1st. Round	
Mar. 9-13	TBA	State Tournament	V B/G
		State Tournament	V B/G

\*District Games

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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"

# 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, February 3, 1956

## Ramblin' Around Lincoln County

**Tape Recorded Interviews With People Who Helped Build Lincoln County**

**EUGENE C. DOW**

My name is Eugene Charles Dow. I was born at La Luz, New Mexico in 1881. La Luz was part of Lincoln County at that time, but later came to be Otero County. My folks moved to Lincoln in 1877 and were in Lincoln at the start of the Lincoln County War. In 1878 my mother was so sick the family left there and moved to El Paso.

My father was a contractor and carpenter. His name was Eugene W. Dow. He came from New York to California and enlisted in the army as a carpenter. He served in the Army for two terms, about ten years altogether. It was after the Civil War. He took part in some Indian fighting some place in New Mexico, I believe. He enlisted in California and when he had served that out he came to Arizona and enlisted again. After that he came to Fort Stanton and was discharged there. After that he worked at Ft. Stanton.

My folks had a place in Alamo Canyon, but the Indians chased them out of there, stole their stock and so on. There were four or five families that came out then.

There were the Dows, Hills and Aguayos. Harry Aguayo is my first cousin. His mother and my mother were sisters. They were in Alamo Canyon and they too were chased out by the Indians. They moved to Tularosa and stayed there a while and from there they came to Lincoln. They lived in La Luz for a while, too, after the Lincoln County War.

Our homestead was three miles east of Lincoln. I had two twin brothers who were born there about a year before the fighting started. It's still known as the Dow Place. It was sold a few years ago to the railroad. Then John Meigs, the artist, bought the salvage of it. It was a pretty good-sized adobe house.

My father died at that place in 1898 and my mother died at the same place in 1918. My wife and I lived there until 1926. I had three brothers -- twin brothers and one other. I have a brother, Ralph Dow, in El Paso, the only one living besides myself. Larry and James are the others.

Our farm in Lincoln we raised a few head of stock and had some grazing land too. We used water out of the Bonita and we had plenty of it until the railroad took it. We had cattle and horses.

About 1919 we sold horses to the Mexican government. During the last war, too. I saw in a paper where they brought a pretty good price. Once in a while we sold polo ponies to the Institute in Roswell.

I went to school in Lincoln. We walked three miles to the school. We didn't have buses then. They taught to about the sixth grade.

I was married January 22, 1911. The twenty-second of this January we will have been married 45 years. We raised a family of eleven children. They are still living -- three girls and eight boys. We had eight of them in the Service. All of my boys have been in the service -- seven during the war and Roy just came out of four years of service. One is still in the Service. He's at Kirtland Field in Albuquerque. Orville is in the Air Force, Ralph has a home in Albuquerque, Arthur has a barber shop, and Earl works in a machine shop in Albuquerque.

My wife's maiden name was Jennie Peppin. She was the daughter of the late Geo. W. Peppin. He was sheriff before Pat Garrett. They called him "Dad" Peppin. He was one man Billy the Kid said he wanted to get, but never did. "Dad" Peppin died in 1904. He was around 64 years old. He had quite an experience during the Lincoln County War. My wife was born in Lincoln.

When we lived in Lincoln I worked on the farm, mostly with stock. In 1901 I started working for the Blocks. The Block Ranch belonged to the Capitan Land and Cattle Company. The general manager was Tom Pridemore. After he left a fellow by the name of Henry Scott took over the place and after that Loyd Taylor was made foreman. Henry Scott was bookkeeper and storekeeper for the ranch. I worked for the Block Ranch from 1901 to 1905.

After we sold the place near Lincoln we moved to Picacho. We stayed there for two years and then we went to Capitan. I worked in Capitan two years at the school house. In 1931 we moved to Carrizozo and have been here ever since. When I came here, I worked for the State Highway Department. I quit in 1938 and after that I worked at different places, carpenter work and so forth.

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## LCMC Recognizes Employee Tenure

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) recognized 34 employees for their service to the countywide delivery system last month during an employee celebration.

LCMC recognizes employee longevity once a year. Employees are recognized having completed their 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 year employment anniversary as of December 31st of each year. The recognition includes a certificate and a service pin.

LCMC hospital administrator Al Santos said great staff with longevity assists in delivering high quality care.

"This is a proud moment for everyone at LCMC as we recognize quite a few employees for their years of service, commitment and dedication to providing quality care for Lincoln County residents," said Santos.

Four employees topped the list with at least 30 or more years of service. David Blackmon in the hospital's radiology department is the most tenured employee with 35 years of service. Sue Lewallen in the business office at the hospital has 32 years of service. Both

Michelle Propsner in medical records and Charla Lathan in the operating room have 30 years of service each.

"These four employees exemplify quality and consistency in their respective departments," said Santos.

Five employees were recognized with serving between 25 and 29 years of service. Sheree Brown in the medical/surgical department has 25 years of service. Both Jim Stover, with Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services and Maria Soto with environmental services each have 26 years of service. Elizabeth Bates in the ICU has worked for 27 years; and Cristobal Barela in the operating room has worked at LCMC for 29 years.

Two employees each provided more than 20 years of service; Jimmy Portio in materials management and Cindy Wolfel in administration.

"It's quite a benefit to have such longevity throughout the hospital," said Santos. "Roughly one-third of those employees recognized have 20 or more years of service

which is incredible for a small, rural community hospital."

Five employees were recognized for 15 years of service. They include Suzanne Dennehy, on call nurse practitioner; Ann Blue in the business office and Lindsey Valliant, Dr. W. Chris Robinson and Elizabeth Candelaria with White Mountain Medical Clinic.

The 10-year employees included Wafawn Fitzpatrick from the White Mountain Medical Clinic and Donna Vermillion from the Carrizozo Health Center.

The final category, five years of service, included 16 employees. Sandralynn Nunnally,

Laura Christensen, Michelle Howard and Steve Olson with Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services; Dr. Tim Harkins and Linda Najjar with the Lincoln Surgical Clinic; Janie Lester in medical records; Connie Ziarnik and Jennifer Buff with the medical/surgical department; Cassandra Jinzo and Terry Riehl with White Mountain Medical Clinic; Jan Schnelle with labor & delivery; Kathy Passig with environmental services; Sara Proctor with ICU; Linda Morris with rehabilitation services and Kim Portio with radiology.

Lincoln County Medical Center is a county-owned facility leased by Presbyterian

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Three Carrizozo Grizzly varsity players were recently named to the Smokey Bear All-Tournament team. Alexa Borowski was all-tournament selection in the girls division and Cody Ventura and Mark Vigil were all-tournament selections in the boys division.



## Changes Planned for ...

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they're training the Predator and the Reaper, which are both unmanned aerial drones. These aircraft are doing great service over Afghanistan and in Iraq, and they're piloted from an Air Force base in Nevada."

Stewart explained that the drones are launched from sites in Iraq and Afghanistan, but once they reach an altitude of about 2,000 feet, the base in Nevada takes over the operation of the aircraft.

"These aircraft are capable of watching what's going on on the ground, interacting with the ground forces (in Nevada) 7,500 miles away and launching their weapons systems on appropriate targets," Stewart said. "It's really an exciting time for the Air Force and our country as war evolves, and I hope that people take advantage of this January 25th scoping meeting."

### San Patricio Resident on Dean's List

Valerie Y. Boebinger, a resident of San Patricio, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Alfred

University. She is a sophomore in the School of Art and Design, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Boebinger.

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# Editorials/Opinion & Other Stuff

## THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

### Donated Coat in The Book of Eli By Ruth Hammond

The New Year's resolutions you made a couple of weeks ago may be actively working or they may not. However, it has been reported that those resolutions that are not working may be tossed in another three days. We heard that January 17 is the day to get rid of New Year's resolutions. Seems it was hardly worth the effort to make them for 17 days.

Right now the good news is that tomorrow, Friday, January 15, is the date The Book Of Eli will premiere. You may be tired of hearing about it but with many county people having been cast in the movie, it seems noteworthy. Another thing to think about is that a coat was donated by this writer to be used in the movie, and when you watch the movie look for the denim coat donated by Ruth Hammond.

If the coat isn't mentioned in the credits we aren't sure if that would be grounds for complaining, but we will keep you informed. And while the coat didn't actually have a name, it is nevertheless important.

But, some people refuse to accept the fact that a coat is capable of having feelings. It is almost as if they assume a coat is an inanimate object. It may be time to educate them on the facts of coats.

Underwriters cover many things but research indicates that coats are not covered and that is sad. Coats have long been used for various things, just ask Sir Walter Raleigh, he threw his coat on a mud puddle to help a woman keep from getting her shoes muddy. Yes, it was chivalrous, but the fact is that the coat was the important factor. And the denim coat that was donated for The Book of Eli might possibly have an equal notoriety. We will just have to wait and see.

Not all coats are famous. There are coats that are used only for warmth and thus they are not in the category of being special. But the denim coat that was lovingly carried into the clothing prop building on that day in Carrizozo, was very special. It was not as important as a letter jacket or a baby bunting, but it had kept more than one body warm on a cold night.

And it was difficult to part with the coat, just as it would have been difficult to part with a loved one. But the sacrifice was for The Book of Eli, which may become a legendary movie thrusting Carrizozo into the spotlight as the location for movies of the future.

Little did we know when it was first publicized that The Book of Eli would garner the attention it has, but it has given this portion of Lincoln County a tad bit of notoriety, along with that donated denim coat.

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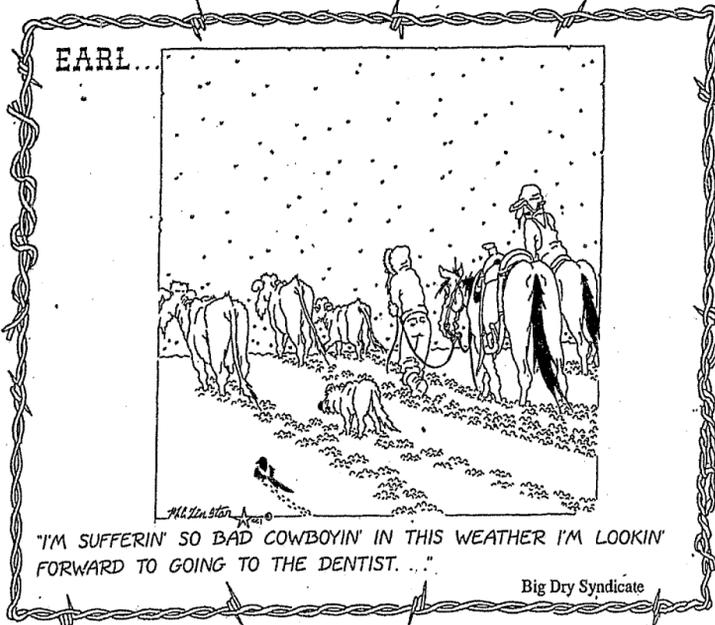
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## \* Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- Perhaps there was good reason for Attorney General Gary King to want his advice kept secret concerning the veto of a double dipper bill last March.

This column and many other commentaries on King's action had suggested his motivation was suspicious, maybe even nefarious. But it may be the secrecy was necessary to the performance of his job.

Those of us in the news business hate secrecy. We go to court to gain access to documents. But it appears the attorney general may sometimes be forced into secrecy because the office can find itself in the position of representing both sides of an issue.

First, a little background so we're sure we're on the same page. Double dippers are those of us who retire and then go back to work and collect a paycheck in addition to our retirement check.

If it's not with the same employer, no one seems to care. Military retirees probably are the most common double dippers.

Last year, the New Mexico Legislature almost unanimously passed a budget-balancing measure preventing state employees from returning to work and collecting a state paycheck plus a state pension. Gov. Richardson somewhat surprisingly vetoed the measure upon advice from the attorney general, who wanted the reasons kept confidential.

It has been suggested to me that private attorneys see a pretty good unequal treatment lawsuit based on the fact that public employees from the federal government, military and other states would not be similarly affected.

Might the attorney general have been concerned that if the measure were to pass again in the future and be signed, his advice would be used against him if a lawsuit were to be filed?

The attorney general's office would be called upon to defend such a suit despite the fact that he disagreed with the legislation. It won't do any good to ask King if that was his reason for secrecy because if he tells me I'm right, I'll tell the world and that would be used

against him.

The election of attorneys general presents a problem. They usually run on vague promises that they will be the people's attorney, fighting for their rights and protection.

That is a lot of what attorneys general do. But they also are called upon to be the government's attorney and that can put them in conflict with doing what they may think is best for the state, for instance when state officials are accused of wrongdoing.

Some of that confusion might be reduced if the attorney general were to be appointed, rather than elected. In the federal system, the attorney general is appointed and we know he's the president's guy, not necessarily the people's.

Some of that problem is resolved at the state level by a state agency, such as the governor's office, hiring its own attorney. But in the case of the Legislature getting representation, that usually is done by the attorney general, who wants represent the body vigorously since the Legislature sets his appropriation.

While we're on the subject of the Attorney General's Office, Chief Deputy AG Stuart Bluestone recently wrote an opinion piece in the Albuquerque Journal complimenting the process used by the Legislature's interim Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee to develop legislation creating an ethics commission.

Numerous unsuccessful attempts have been made to pass such a measure in recent legislative sessions. This one may get no farther but Bluestone feels the process used to draft the bill deserves credit and recognition.

A subcommittee of equal numbers of Democratic and Republican, House and Senate members was appointed. Hearings were held throughout the state. Bluestone felt there was remarkable bipartisan involvement.

As drafted, the commission would have eight legislative members chosen on a bipartisan basis and three appointed by the governor, one of which can be neither Republican nor Democrat.

a high near 53, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.

### Monday, January 18

Partly sunny, with a high near 52, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 28.

### Tuesday, January 19

A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 49, night: A slight chance of snow showers, with a low around 26.

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

### Today, Thursday,

### January 14

A slight chance of snow showers before 11 a.m. then a chance of rain showers, some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42, north winds around 5 mph, night: A slight chance of snow showers, some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23, north winds around 5 mph.

### Friday, January 15

A good chance of showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 43, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

### Saturday, January 16

Mostly sunny, with a high near 52, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

### Sunday, January 17

Mostly sunny, with a high near 52, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

### Monday, January 18

Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

### Tuesday, January 19

A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 48, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

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

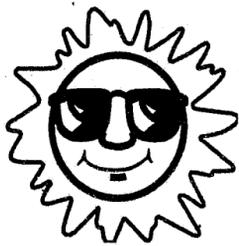
The New Mexico Highways Department has developed a new toll free number for up to the hour road constructions/ conditions information. Just dial 511, listen to the options and follow the directions.

You can also get up to the minute, in-depth, construction updates by logging in to [www.nmroads.com](http://www.nmroads.com) for any area of the state.

## Lincoln County Medical Center Recognizes ...

Healthcare Services, New Mexico's only private, not-for-profit healthcare system serving to improve the health of individuals, families and communities. Presbyterian Healthcare Services was founded in 1908 and has been serving Lincoln County residents since 1972.

Presbyterian offers eight hospitals including Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, a statewide health plan, and a growing multi-specialty medical group. Presbyterian employs more than 9,500 people, including more than 500 providers, throughout New Mexico with approximately 250 in Lincoln County.



## Weather Report

by Jeff Hammond

Lincoln County is going to be starting the forecast week with a slight chance of rain turning to snow in the early evening hours tonight, continuing into the morning hours of Friday.

The weekend is going to be mostly sunny days with temperatures in the low to mid 50s and nights will be partly cloudy with temperatures in the mid 20s at all elevations.

Ski Apache is currently operating 8 of 11 ski lifts, 52 of 55 trails are open for skiing and snowboarding. Currently there is approximately 37 inches of packed powder at the lower elevations and 39 inches of packed powder at the higher elevations.

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

### Today, Thursday, January 14

A slight chance of snow showers before 11 a.m. then a slight chance of rain showers, some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48, east winds between 5 and 10 mph,

night: A slight chance of rain showers before 11 p.m. then a slight chance of snow showers, some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25, northeast winds around 5 mph.

### Friday, January 15

A slight chance of showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 49, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22.

### Saturday, January 16

Mostly sunny, with a high near 52, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

### Sunday, January 17

Mostly sunny, with

# DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for  
District Judge Karen Parsons

### Monday, January 11

8:15 a.m. Telephonic - Scott v. New; CV-2008-27 (Mtn/Dismiss)S-Cook/Beauvais  
1:15 p.m. Telephonic - Mark Clark et al; v. Alto Land et al; CV-2009-378 (JI/Presentment) C. Hawthorne/Pro Se  
3:00 p.m. Roman Chavez; LR-2009-18 (Bench Trial) Newton/Rose

### Tuesday, January 12

Judge Parsons - Ruidoso  
8:15 a.m. Ryan D.JR-2008-07 (Motion for Restitution)DA/S-Cook/Romo  
9:00a.m. Juveniles / First Appearance  
Mariah O.;JR-2009-61  
Daniel M;JR-2009-58

#### PT/COP

Tyler H; JR-2009-46  
Adjudicatory  
Joe M; JR-2009-43

#### Other

Johnny M;JR-2009-44  
Bench Trial  
Mark K;JR-2009-56 Pending mtn/Reset  
Dylan S;JR-2009-55  
12:00 p.m. Advisory  
2:00 p.m. LCJJB  
3:00 p.m. Drug Court Staffing  
4:30 p.m. Drug Court

#### Darrell Brantley

10:00 a.m. DV-2010-01  
11:00 a.m. DV-2010-02

### Wednesday, January 13

Children's Law Institute - Albuquerque

### Thursday, January 14

Children's Law Institute - Albuquerque

#### Darrell Brantley

9:30 a.m. CSEB and Christina Montes v. Graham; DM-2007-150 (Emergency Mtn/Interim Custody/Apt of CASA) Lindsley/S-Cook  
1:30 p.m. CSEB and Christina Montes v. Graham; DM-2007-150 (Pet for Support Settlement Conference) Aultman/Lindsey/S-Cook

### Friday, January 15

Children's Law Institute - Albuquerque  
2:00 p.m. Tribal State Consortium

#### LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. D-1226-CV-2009-406  
Karen L. Parsons

NEW MEXICO RANCH SALES, LLC,  
a New Mexico limited liability company,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

CLAIRE L. OLSON and DAVID JOE MARTINEZ,  
Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

ON JANUARY 4, 2010, the District Court of Socorro County, New Mexico, entered a Judgment Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale, and Appointment of Special Master in the above styled and numbered cause. Said Judgment foreclosed the Mortgage of Plaintiff, New Mexico Ranch Sales, LLC, Carrizozo, New Mexico, upon the following described property and any improvements thereon, located in County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows to-wit:

PARCEL 91 OF VALLE DEL SOL SUBDIVISION PHASE ONE LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF CARRIZOZO AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT RECORDED ON JUNE 15TH, 2007 AT 2:39 PM IN CABINET I AND SLIDE 739 AS RECEPTION #200705291, AND AMENDED ON OCTOBER 17, 2007 AT 9:01 AM IN CABINET J AND SLIDE 7 AS RECEPTION #200709454, BOTH OF THE RECORDS OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN, NEW MEXICO.

and directed that the Special Master, Christina Soto, be ordered to sell the above described property at public auction to satisfy the Mortgage Lien of Plaintiff New Mexico Ranch Sales, LLC. The total amount of the Judgment, including interest accrued through January 4, 2010, attorney fees, court costs and costs of collection is \$30,448.17. Said sum does not include interest which continues to accrue at the rate of 9.25% from and after January 4, 2010, advances made by Plaintiff for hazard insurance premiums, ad valorem property taxes, assessments, costs of the sale, or other advances made by Plaintiff prior to or in preparation for the judicial sale.

THE PROCEEDS of the sale will be applied as follows:

FIRST: To the costs and expenses of sale, including but not limited to the fee of the Special Master, costs of publication, and reasonable expenses of retaking, holding, preparing for sale and selling said property;

SECOND: To the judgment of Plaintiff in the amounts set forth above;

THIRD: Any proceeds of sale received by the Special Master in excess of the above amounts shall be deposited into the Registry of the Court pending further Order of the Court.

THE SALE will be made to the highest and best bidder for cash or cashier's check. Plaintiff may bid in all or a portion of its judgment in this action in lieu of cash.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 19th day of February, 2010, such sale shall be subject to the approval of the District Court of Lincoln County, and subject to the period of redemption allowed by the Court of One (1) month as provided in the mortgage for Defendants.

DATED: this 7th day of January, 2010.

Christina Soto, Special Master

#### PLEASE DIRECT INQUIRES TO:

Jerry A. Armijo, P.A.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 773  
Socorro, NM 87801  
(575) 835-1400

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# Sheriff's Report

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

### December 27

12:47 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Screaming Eagle Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:21 p.m. Medical call at residence on Spring Canyon Road in Ruidoso, Bonito emergency units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

8:01 p.m. Motorist assistance requested at location on French Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:53 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

10:15 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at business located on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.

### December 28

12:04 a.m. Medical call at residence on Moore Avenue in Nogal, ambulance dispatched.

8:50 a.m. Medical call at residence on Hwy 48 in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.

9:44 a.m. Accident reported at location on La Felix Montano Road in Hondo, ambulance dispatched.

10:51 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

12:10 p.m. Alarm reported at location on La Rinconada in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

2:26 p.m. Information report at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

2:34 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

3:41 p.m. Dog reported running loose near intersection of Hwy 48 and Pine Hill Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:02 p.m. Accident reported on Hwy 48 in Bonito, Bonito emergency units and ambulance dispatched.

4:44 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on West Cedar Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

6:03 p.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 19 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

8:55 p.m. Juvenile offenses reported at location on Peterson in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:25 p.m. Medical call at residence on Tully Lane in Glencoe, ALS ambulance dispatched.

### December 29

12:22 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Musketball in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:00 a.m. Medical call at residence on Crown Ridge Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

11:31 a.m. Medical call at residence on Crown Ridge Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

11:44 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

1:47 p.m. Accident reported on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, Carrizozo emergency units, ambulance, police and deputy dispatched.

1:55 p.m. Agency assistance requested at mile marker 2 on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:03 p.m. Medical call at location on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, ALS and

ambulance deputy dispatched.

3:17 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on FFA Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

3:21 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

4:09 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on High Mesa Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:16 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Screaming Eagle Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:17 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence in Alto, deputy dispatched.

7:09 p.m. Medical call at residence on 9th Street in Carrizozo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

9:38 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Eagle Ridge Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

### December 30

6:52 a.m. 911 Hang-uyp from residence on Hackberry Road in Corona, deputy dispatched.

10:04 a.m. Larceny/theft reported from location on Jose Vega Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:05 a.m. Report of shots fired near Calle Del Papalote in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

1:28 p.m. Medical call at residence on Picacho Road in Picacho, ambulance dispatched.

1:35 p.m. Sex offenses reported at location on Marjorie Drive in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

2:51 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

3:06 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

3:10 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

4:21 p.m. Medical call at residence on Wanda Drive in Capitan, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

5:00 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:03 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:05 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:07 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:10 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

7:24 p.m. Information report at location on Largo Road in Capitan, police dispatched.

8:08 p.m. Unknown Trouble call from location on Hwy 54 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:33 p.m. Medical call at residence o Pine Knot Trail in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

10:13 p.m. Vandalism reported at location on Cedar in Capitan, police dispatched.

6:00 a.m. Agency assistance requested by Capitan police at location on Main Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

8:30 a.m. Death reported at residence on Porter in Corona, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

8:43 a.m. Welfare check requested at location on Main Street in Corona, deputy and ambulance dispatched.

8:52 a.m. Disturbance/disorderly conduct reported at mile marker 18 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

2:50 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

3:32 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

4:43 p.m. Accident reported at location on Alpine Village Road in Alto, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.

## 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.  
Worship 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 E 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 . . . 10:00a.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 Seaccia, Minister 849-1402  
Second Sunday of Each Month . . . 9:00 a.m.

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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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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

No. D-1226-CV-2009-429  
Judge Karen L. Parsons

**NEW MEXICO RANCH SALES, LLC,  
a New Mexico limited liability company,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**KENNETH W. DAVIS,  
Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE**

ON JANUARY 5, 2010, the District Court of Socorro County, New Mexico, entered a Judgment Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale, and Appointment of Special Master in the above styled and numbered cause. Said Judgment foreclosed the Mortgage of Plaintiff, New Mexico Ranch Sales, LLC, Carrizozo, New Mexico, upon the following described property and any improvements thereon, located in County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows to-wit:

PARCEL 51 OF VALLE DEL SOL SUBDIVISION PHASE ONE LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF CARRIZOZO AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT RECORDED ON JUNE 15TH, 2007 AT 2:39 PM IN CABINET I AND SLIDE 739 AS RECEPTION #200705291, AND AMENDED ON OCTOBER 17, 2007 AT 9:01 AM IN CABINET J AND SLIDE 7 AS RECEPTION #200709454, BOTH OF THE RECORDS OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN, NEW MEXICO.

and directed that the Special Master, Christina Soto, be ordered to sell the above described property at public auction to satisfy the Mortgage Lien of Plaintiff New Mexico Ranch Sales, LLC. The total amount of the Judgment, including interest accrued through January 5, 2010, attorney fees, court costs and costs of collection is \$23,990.18. Said sum does not include interest which continues to accrue at the rate of 10.25% from and after January 5, 2010, advances made by Plaintiff for hazard insurance premiums, ad valorem property taxes, assessments, costs of the sale, or other advances made by Plaintiff prior to or in preparation for the judicial sale.

**THE PROCEEDS** of the sale will be applied as follows:

**FIRST:** To the costs and expenses of sale, including but not limited to the fee of the Special Master, costs of publication, and reasonable expenses of retaking, holding, preparing for sale and selling said property;

**SECOND:** To the judgment of Plaintiff in the amounts set forth above;

**THIRD:** Any proceeds of sale received by the Special Master in excess of the above amounts shall be deposited into the Registry of the Court pending further Order of the Court.

**THE SALE** will be made to the highest and best bidder for cash or cashier's check. Plaintiff may bid in all or a portion of its judgment in this action in lieu of cash.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, at the hour of 11:15 a.m. on the 19th day of February, 2010, such sale shall be subject to the approval of the District Court of Lincoln County, and subject to the period of redemption allowed by the Court of One (1) month as provided in the mortgage for Defendants.

DATED: this 8th day of January, 2010.

Christina Soto, Special Master

**PLEASE DIRECT INQUIRES TO:**

Jerry A. Armijo, P.A.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 773  
Socorro, NM 87801  
(575) 835-1400

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

No. PB-09-33

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
BESSIE L. JONES REVOCABLE  
LIVING TRUST**

**NOTICE OF PETRITION FOR  
FORMAL COMPLETE STATEMENT OF THE  
BESSIE L. JONES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**TO: AUDREY DAVIS, BETTY L. JOINER, DONNA CAZARES, RONALD JOINER, DELLA WILSON, EDWARD HONEYCUTT, SHIRLEY FOWLER, WILLY HONEYCUTT, MILTON HONEYCUTT, BETTY CASTLE, ROBERT HONEYCUTT, AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE BESSIE L. JONES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST.**

AUDREY DAVIS has filed a Petition requesting the Court to enter an Order for formal complete settlement of the Bessie L. Jones Revocable Living Trust, and grant such other and further relief as may be proper. Notice is hereby given that hearing on such Petition will be held at the District Court of Lincoln County, 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301, on February 17, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

Notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition is hereby given to you by publication, once a week for two consecutive weeks.

WITNESS our hands and seal fo this Court.

Dated: 17-2010

JAN PERRY  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By: Elizabeth Ysasi  
Deputy

Submitted by:

**HENNIGHAUSEN & OLSEN, L.L.P.**

Robert J. McCrea  
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P.O. Box 1415  
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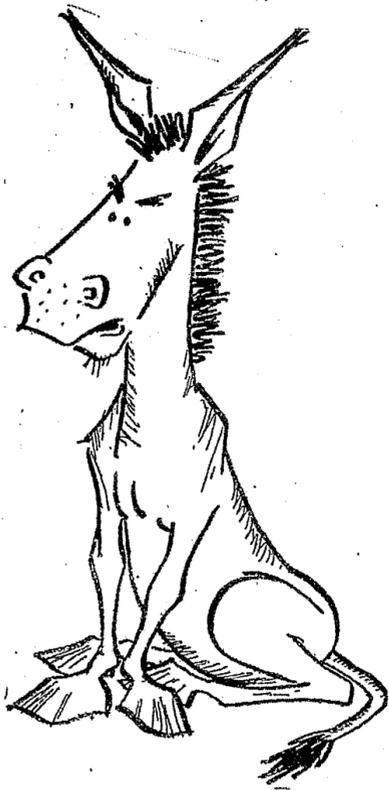
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# Looking Back . . . .

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## HELPED BUILD HOLLOMAN

At the beginning of the war, I worked at Holloman Base when they were building it. I worked there for about a year doing carpenter work. From there I came to Bonita Dam and worked there for three and a half years on the Bridging and Building crew rebuilding the dam. After that I worked around town here until 1947 and then went back to the Highway Department. I was foreman for four years.

During the war I worked as a guard at the concentration camp at Fort Stanton. They didn't have very many Japanese but they had approximately 500 Germans. Once in a while they would raise a little trouble. They would break out and try to get away but they got tamed down pretty good. They were mostly seamen.

(At this point in the interview, Mrs. Dow filled in some history about her family.)

"Dad" Peppin came from Underhill, Vermont. He came to New Mexico in the early 50s. He died in 1904 and he was 64 years old then. He came here when he was a boy. He left home when he was quite young and never did go back home. He was a bricklayer. He had his training in Albuquerque. He was the butcher at Fort Stanton for quite a while. That's how he came to settle in New Mexico.

His wife's maiden name was Victoriana Salazar. She is distant kin of the Salazars in Lincoln. The Peppin place was built before any of us were born. The place is the first house on the right. That is where I (Mrs. Dow) was born. It was already built when Mr. Peppin bought it. There were two rooms then and he kept adding on to it until it had about eight rooms.

The Dow brothers married three of Sheriff Peppin's daughters. First, Larry Dow and Carrie Peppin were married in 1904. We were married in 1911. Then the other two, Clara and Ralph, were married in 1926. We were neighbors for a long time and our fathers worked together a lot.

## 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-

CURRIER 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 property 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 collection 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 designated 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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