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Special Tax Election Approved



by Patrice Brazie

Supporters of the proposed Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax, an increase in the tax added to the purchase of almost all goods or services purchased in Lincoln County for the next five years, turned out in droves to attend a public hearing on the proposal during Tuesday's meeting of the board of county commissioners.

A bill passed by the legislature earlier this year granted the voters of Lincoln County the opportunity to vote on whether or not they are willing to pay the additional tax in order to release the owners of the racetrack and casino in Ruidoso Downs from their tax obligations, to the tune of \$750,000 per year for five years.

Those in support of the new tax formed a political action committee (PAC) to raise the necessary funds to pay for a special election on the issue, and brought a check for more than \$26,000 to Tuesday's meeting for that purpose. Those funds were raised in less than 30 days.

The county commissioners have been divided on the issue since the proposal was first presented, with commissioners Jackie Powell and Eileen Sedillo staunchly opposing a taxpayer bailout of a private enterprise. Commissioners Don Williams, Dave Parks and Tom Battin have taken the position that it's best to let the voters decide.

The county commission chamber was packed well before the opening of the hearing scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

and, by the time the hearing was opened, the overflow crowd had filled the reception area outside of the chambers as well as the office of the finance officer and the treasurer's office in the main courthouse building.

County manager Tom Stewart explained that the board of commissioners would be asked to consider not only the possibility of holding a special election, but also an ordinance to allow the Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax to be implemented, an agreement with the racetrack owner that would have the owner repay any taxes paid by the citizenry on his behalf should the track close within the five-year period of the tax and an agreement with the PAC guaranteeing that a special election be paid for by that committee.

County attorney Alan Morel reported that he had received a check for \$26,907 from the Lincoln County Committee for Economic Development PAC and a list of the 143 contributors to that PAC.

"I believe that, with receipt of that check, we should have the election paid for should you decide to do a special election," Morel told the commissioners.

Morel said that the agreement regarding repayment of any taxes collected, in the case of the racetrack closing in the next five years, was prompted by a request from Commissioner Williams.

On opening the public hearing, Battin asked for a show of hands to determine how many attendees wished to speak. One question that was not asked, and perhaps should

have been, was how many of those attending the hearing were full-time residents of Lincoln County. It was pointed out to this reporter after the meeting that there were a disproportionate number of Texas license plates on cars lining the streets and filling parking lots near the courthouse.

Ray Nunley was first to speak in favor of the new tax.

"We are attempting to salvage our heritage and our way of life by providing assistance to significant contributor to our economy," Nunley said.

He suggested that the proposed tax would right a wrong that occurred when the state legislature failed to pass legislation that would place the Ruidoso Downs operation under the same regulations that apply to casinos operated by Native American Indian tribes. He also reported that the Ruidoso Downs operation employs 100 people year-round, and as many as 1,000 during the peak of the racing season.

Nunley said that, especially with the debt incurred by Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs in upgrading the jointly-owned wastewater treatment plant there, the loss of revenue from gross receipts tax from the track, should it close, would cause great hardship for the two communities.

"If we can't meet our obligation on the established repayment schedule, our lenders and bond holders would be in a position to demand additional property taxes on our homes and businesses in order to repay the debt on schedule," Nunley said, referring to the obli-

gations associated with the wastewater treatment plant. "We certainly can't afford to let that happen," he added.

Lincoln County resident John Tate said that no one had been able to answer questions regarding the constitutionality of the bill passed by the legislature to allow the Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax.

"There's something that seems to me disturbing, asking those with the most money to be begging (from) those with the least. I don't understand that," Tate said.

He suggested that the elected officials should look into the business practices of the racetrack and casino, and said that there is no assurance that the tax money provided by Lincoln County citizens would be used to support the local economy.

Battin said that the board of county commissioners has reviewed the financial statements of the racetrack and casino, but gave no details on the current financial status of the operation.

Several people speaking in favor of a spe-

cial election stated that the racetrack tax issue could be lost in the complicated issues that are part of a general election.

Recently elected candidate for the county commission Kathryn Minter reminded the board of the economic development ordinance it passed last year.

"The ordinance requires a recipient to guarantee to operate for 10 years, submit financial statements, submit projected income and business plans for three years, do a cost-benefit analysis allowing the county recouping its donation, and a financial security vehicle," Minter said. "Are these requirements in HB 203 or your current ordinance? No," she said.

Outside of the hearing, Minter further suggested that if the county is so dependent on one entity for its economic health the county is in trouble and should move immediately to change that situation.

"Let him move and we can get a different operator or something better," she suggested. "Our local economy is already diversifying and it will

continue."

Minter also questioned how the county could respond if a need to increase revenues for the county-owned hospital or local school districts should arise in the future.

"Will the people be able to take additional taxes when we just gave millions to Mr. Hubbard?" she asked, and cited the state-mandated increase in gross receipts taxes that went into affect on July 1st.

Others speaking in favor of the new tax included the owner of a lodging facility in the Ruidoso area and some employed by, or with family members employed by the track. John Underwood, attorney for Ruidoso Downs, appears to be leading the effort to adopt the tax. People involved in horse racing clearly support the tax.

Opposition to the tax seems to stem primarily from a belief that it is simply not right to ask taxpayers to suffer the cost of covering the tax debt for a private enterprise. Some suggested that the threat of the track moving to another area is based on smoke

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C'ozzo Labor Day Street Fair Monday, September 6, 2010

Now celebrating its 17th year, Carrizozo's Labor Day Street Fair is gearing up for another big day on Monday, September 6, 2010. The event will be held at McDonald Park, located on the south end of Central Boulevard in Carrizozo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. after the Street Fair parade on historic 12th Street.

Paul Pino and the Tone Daddies, well-known and well-loved entertainers, in addition to the well known local group No One Cares, will provide live music in the park. Food vendors and an assortment of arts and crafts booths will be available as will festivities for the kids and Mike Lagg's always popular obstacle course.

The serious purpose behind the festivities is to raise funds for scholarships presented to Carrizozo students pursuing higher education. This year, \$4,250 will be awarded to three graduates of Carrizozo High School and two college students.

In previous years, a major part of the Street Fair fundraising effort was through local artists donating their time and talent to embellish pine birdhouses, which were auctioned to the highest bidders. This year, the birdhouses have given way to a "go green" campaign. Artists will design and produce items for auction from recycled materials.

The auction will be held starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 4, 2010, at Valle Del Sol Golf Course, one mile east of Carrizozo on Highway 380. Come early to make your selection from displayed items and be prepared for an evening of congenial competition. The 10th Hole Restaurant will be open for refreshments.

Details and pictures of last year's Street Fair can be found online at www.carrizozostreetfair.org. For further information, you may contact Chairman J'Lane Zamora at 575-648-2802.

Gnatkowskis Honored by Wool Growers

Pete and Sarah Gnatkowski, Ancho, received the 2010 Sheepman of the Year award from the New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc. (NMWGI) at the association's annual meeting held June 28-29 in Ruidoso.

"Pete and Sarah have spent years working on behalf of agriculture, helping to protect and sustain our industry and way of life," said Jim Cooper, NMWGI President, Arabela. "We truly appreciate their hard work and dedication."

The Gnatkowski family started raising medium wool, white faced sheep in central New Mexico over 60 years ago. Pete served as NMWGI President from 1992-1994, and has been active in numerous committees. He is the New Mexico State Fair Wool Show Superintendent. He is also the

Lincoln County Extension Agent, and has coached numerous wool judging teams. Sarah is an active member of the New Mexico Wool Growers Auxiliary. She is also a member of the Canyon CowBelles and serves on the board of the New Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo.

Pete and Sarah have continued the tradition started by his parents, who helped establish the Sheep to Shawl booth at the New Mexico State Fair. This exhibit educates thousands of fairgoers each year about the sheep and wool industries. "Sheep to Shawl is a great opportunity each year to reach the public and teach them about our industry and products," Cooper said. "The Gnatkowskis have been a big part of this effort and its success for many years."



SHEEPMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDED -- (left to right) Joan Kincaid NMWGI, Pete Gnatkowski, Lauri Mann, Peg Clerk, John Gnatkowski, Sarah Gnatkowski, Todd Gibson, Callie and Samantha Gibson, Mel and Cheryl Gnatkowski, Kim Cooper, NMWGI President. (Courtesy Photo)

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**LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

MONDAYS
-Capitan Public Library summer
readig program 10:30 a.m. to noon
through July.

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

WEDNESDAYS
-Corona Public Library story hour 4:00
p.m.
-Carrizozo First Baptist Church takes
orders for Angel Food Ministries 5:30
p.m. to 6:30 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.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY
-Village of Corona Public Library 4
p.m. pre-schhol story hour, themed stories,
activities, crafts, snacks. Call Betty
Ann at 849-3277 for info.

**FIRST TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH**
-Representative from State Engineer's
office is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9
a.m. to 12 noon.

**FIRST THURSDAY
OF EACH MONTH**
-Roadrunner Food Bank in Carrizozo
at Assembly of God Church for general
public 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

**SECOND TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH**
-Food pantry for those age 55 and
older at Assembly of God Church in
Carrizozo 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

**THIRD SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH**
-American Legion Post #11 Wells
 Fargo Bank in Carrizozo 9 a.m.

**FOURTH TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH**
-Food Pantry for those age 54 and
younger at Assembly of God Church in
Carrizozo, 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00
p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

**FRIDAY, JULY 23
& SATURDAY, JULY 24**
-Corona Festival, parade, class
reunions, fun. Schedule:

Friday, July 23
8:30 a.m. Cowboy Church -
Larry Cooley
9:00 a.m. Playday registration
10:00 a.m. Playday - arena
4:30 p.m. Library open
5:00 p.m. Senior Center
Hamburger Fry
7:00 p.m. Speakers at Corona
School auditorium: Sharon Hanna
speaks on Cement Springs and other
archeological sites - Bill Simms speaks
on ining in the Corona area.

Saturday, July 24
6:30 a.m. Tethered baloon rides.
8:30 a.m. Veteran's Memoiral -
Cemetery
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10:00 a.m. Parade
11:00 a.m. Class of 1950
Reunion - School Rec Room
11:00 - 1:00 FFA Dinner -
Cafeteria

1:00 - 3:00 Class of 1960
Reception - Senior Center
1:00 Ranch Rodeo
8:30 - 11:30 Dance

Tuesday, July 27
7:30 p.m. Lincoln County
Community Theater - School
SATURDAY, JULY 24

-Music in the Parks in Carrizozo, 12th
Street Dance and Festival 5 p.m. to 9
p.m. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy.

MONDAY, JULY 26
-Federated Republican Women of
Lincoln County, meets at noon, Cree
Meadows Country Club, RSVP to 336-
1360.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5
-Alto Lakes Special Zoning District
Commission will hold a Regular
meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at
9:00 am in the Stag Room at the Alto
Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1
Mulligan Drive, Alto, NM.

Obituary

THOMAS ALMAN KNIGHT

Thomas (Tom or Tommy) Alman Knight died July 18th at his home on the Knight Ranch, north of Carrizozo. Tom was 83 years of age. Services were held at the Ancho Church on July 20th with gravesideservices following at the Ancho cemetery.

Tom was born on June 24, 1927 in El Paso, TX. Having spent his childhood on the Straley family ranch and at various schools in the southwest, Tom graduated from high school in El Paso, joined the United States Marine Corp and served from 1944 - 1946. Following that, he returned to Las Cruces, where he enrolled in college at New Mexico A & M and eventually received an agricultural degree.

Tom married his college sweetheart, Nancy Roby, in 1950, and they returned to the Straley family ranch in Lincoln County. Tom was an old-fashioned cowboy, and he and Nancy raised two children in true western fashion, amidst the tumult of ranching, rodeoing and activities such as 4-H.

The ranch has remained an integral focus of Tom's life, being a true multi generational endeavor. Although Tom experienced poor health in his recent years of life, he continued to enjoy those things which had always given him pleasure -- family, old westerns, old country music, and, of course, any opportunity to get together with dear old friends and tell the many stories (some perhaps even true) that he had spent a lifetime accumulating.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Myrtle and Alman Knight, his brother Jackie D. Knight, and his son

Danny Knight. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Nancy Knight, of the family home, sister Barbara Jarvis and brothers Robert Knight and Dewie Knight, his daughter and son-in-law Barbie and David Roper, his grandchild-

dren Renee Beltran, Shad Roper, Ryan Roper, Jana Knight, Roby Knight and 11 great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

**ESTATE
AUCTION**
SAT. JULY 24, 2010
BIG BLUE AUCTION HOUSE
10:09 AM
500 Central Carrizozo, N.M.

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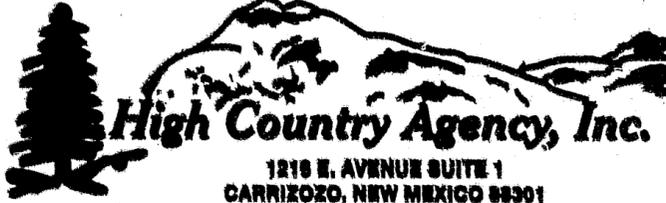
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Looking Back

'Through Our Old Files'

As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 106th year of being in existence, we will be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following article appeared in the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS on . . .

Friday, June 8, 1956

FOLKLORE CORNER

By-- Ted Raynor

On A March With Villa

(Editor's Note: G. Lynn Hatch of Lordsburg, Hidalgo County superintendent of schools, marched with Pancho Villa's army from Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, to Naco, Sonora in the fall of 1915. With the stops en route, the march lasted about 21 days. Hatch then was farming at Colonia Dublan, a Mormon colony near Casas Grandes. With Hatch on the march were his brother-in-law, Charles D. Turley, and James Whipple. They drove supply wagons. The account of the march follows.)

In the fall of 1915 Pancho Villa's army was defeated by the Obregon forces in two decisive battles and driven northward. Villa moved his forces north with the intention of proceeding down the west coast and back towards the interior. His infantry was transported by train to Ciudad Juarez and then to Casas Grandes. The cavalry and artillery moved overland from a point north of Chihuahua City to Casas Grandes.

The infantry was stationed in Colonia Dublan, three miles from Nuevo Casas Grandes; the artillery at Nuevo Casas Grandes, and the cavalry scattered through farms with headquarters in Nuevo Casas Grandes. The forces remained there about 22 days.

May farmers concealed their horses in an attempt to keep from losing them. Shortly before Villa was ready to move his forces, he ordered confiscation of teams and wagons. Hatch's horses were taken from the barn in which he had been keeping them, but he was told he would be paid. He informed one of Villa's generals that his team had been taken, and he was given a written order to locate the horses. Villa was reported to have 15,000 men and a slew of horses, and it took Hatch several days to find his team. He was told to be ready to go with his team and wagon when Villa moved.

Villa's forces marched on October 15.

Turley had a team and Whipple two teams. There were quite a number of other teams and wagons, with which the American owners sent Mexican drivers working for them. Hatch, Turley and Whipple had Mexican helpers. They traveled with the infantry, commanded by General Bracamontes, a well-educated and very fine man. The infantry and artillery took the road and the cavalry rode in lines on each side.

Before his army left Casas Grandes, Villa ordered the women and children with the forces sent to Juarez. There were five trainloads of them.

The army's first stop was Ojitos Ranch, a sort of mecca in the desert, which was owned by an English lord. The troops used the ranch sheds, corrals and fence posts for firewood. The army camped there over Sunday and by Monday morning the place was stripped. The ranch was stocked with a large number of registered Hereford cattle, and the Mexicans rounded up as many as they could find. They also took many of the Boyd brothers' Angus cattle from a near-by ranch.

On Monday morning the troops moved towards the Penuelos (handkerchief) Ranch and camped there on a bright moonlight night. Bracamontes sent a captain with 25 or 30 men to herd the American's and Mexicans' horses for the night. The next morning Hatch's team was missing. He never got the horses back.

Bracamontes ordered a big sorrel horse and a small gray mule taken from the Mexican men and hitched to Hatch's wagon. With this ill-matched team Hatch drove the remainder of the way to Naco.

Hatch made a wide circle on horseback

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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.

June 10

12:32 p.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) located on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

12:53 p.m. Medical call at residence on Mt. Hood in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

6:07 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Bull Elk Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:36 p.m. Alarm reported at intersection of Cora Dutton Road and Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

June 11

11:19 a.m. Unknown trouble call from business location in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

1:17 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 188 on Hwy 54 in Corona, fire units dispatched.

2:24 p.m. Medical call at residence on Comrey Loop in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

3:27 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Capitan police at business located on Hwy 380 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

4:37 p.m. Medical call at location on North View in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

4:55 p.m. Dog reported running loose in Philadelphia Canyon in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

6:01 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Third Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

8:06 p.m. Child custody dispute reported at business located on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.

8:48 p.m. Fire/burning without permit reported at location on Enchanted Forest in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:53 p.m. Fire/burning without permit reported at location on Big Sky in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:37 p.m. Medical call at residence on F Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

9:40 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso Downs police at location on South Central in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

June 12

3:52 a.m. Accident reported at mile marker 306 on Hwy 70 in Riverside, Hondo fire units and deputy dispatched.

11:31 a.m. Accident reported at location on Central Avenue in

Carrizozo, police dispatched.

12:34 p.m. Medical call at business located at intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, ambulance and police dispatched.

1:29 p.m. Information report at location on Hwy 37 in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

1:36 p.m. Civil

dispute reported at Carrizozo swimming pool in Spencer Park in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

3:11 p.m. Breaking & Entering (B&E) reported at location on West Lobo Road in Capitan, police dispatched.

4:42 p.m. Motorcycle drivers test requested at Ruidoso high school parking lot, deputy dispatched.

5:46 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso Downs police at Ruidoso Downs racetrack, deputy dispatched.

6:25 p.m. Medical call at residence on West Grandview in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

7:48 p.m. Trespassing reported at location on Patsy Drive in Capitan, deputy dis-

patched.

7:59 p.m. Traffic offenses by juvenile reported near intersection of Reynolds Court and Rawhide in Pale Verde, deputy dispatched.

8:34 p.m. Fire reported at location on Crazy Horse Circle in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

9:10 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 48 and Hwy 37 in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

10:09 p.m. Alarm reported at Carrizozo school, police dispatched.

June 13

7:33 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 380 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

4:42 p.m. Medical call at Fort Lone Tree, ALS ambulance dispatched.

6:43 p.m. Agency assistance request-

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Special Tax Election . . .

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and mirrors and will not likely ever happen. There were several suggestions about ways the racetrack and casino could increase its own revenue without tax relief.

A lot of people simply stated that the voters of Lincoln County should be allowed to make a decision on the issue by holding an election. No one presented any hard facts about how much effect the loss of the racetrack operation would have on the local economy, but there was a lot of speculation about the number of jobs that might be lost and the number of other businesses that would lose revenue.

Williams said that a special election would be handled as a mail-in election, with every registered voter in Lincoln County receiving a ballot by mail. That type of election would not exclude anyone, he said.

"We've done this before and had record returns," Williams said. "Everybody will have the opportunity to send in a ballot."

Clearly emotional about the issue, Powell gave a passionate recollection of the history of the track and her involvement with it, saying that she left the family ranch to work at the track.

"We have the racetrack now and I hope we have it until I die," Powell said, "but this is America and things change, and if (Hubbard) wants to take it (somewhere else), I guess he can. I don't believe it's up to me to pay him to stay."

Powell cited other local businesses that are struggling in today's economy, and said that if she can't help them she doesn't think she should help the racetrack either. She spoke about several enterprises that received economic assistance from the state only to eventually go bankrupt and close their doors.

"If you can't be here because you love it, maybe you don't belong in this community," she said.

Because the county commissioners voted in June not to hold a special election, a motion to reconsider was made by Williams. Parks seconded the motion and spoke about the fragility of the local economy. The motion to reconsider passed with Powell and Sedillo voting no. Sedillo said that she felt that a special election was totally unnecessary and amounted to a group of people buying an election.

A motion to accept payment from the PAC to cover the cost of a special election passed with Powell and Sedillo again voting no.

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OBITUARY

WILLIE MAE "Billie" WESTALL

Willah Mae (Billie) Westall, of Ruidoso, died June 29. Billie was born on January 27, 1917 in the family ranch house about five miles east of Mayhill on the Agua Chiquita.

On July 10, 1936 Billie and George Westall married, in Carlsbad. The couple moved to Ruidoso in 1947. They were members of the First Baptist Church from 1947 to present. Billie and George owned several businesses in Ruidoso.

Billie was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law Shirley Westall.

She is survived by her husband of 74 years George Westall; her son Glen Richard Westall of Midland, TX; her daughter Georgiana and husband Charles Perry of Artesia; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The family would like to request that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, or to a church or charity of your choice.

Services for Mrs. Westall were held on July 3 at the First Baptist Church, with burial following at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

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

OBITUARY

EDWARD S. VEGA

The prayer service for Edward S. Vega, 76, of Carrizozo were Sunday, July 18, at 7:00 PM in Santa Rita's Catholic Church and the funeral mass on Monday, July 19, at 10:00 AM, burial to followed at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Mr. Vega passed away Thursday, July 15, 2010 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He was born January 20, 1934 in Carrizozo to Amanda and Jose Vega. Mr. Vega loved to hunt, had a sense of humor and loved his family. He worked for Southern Pacific and Union Pacific

Railroad. He lived in Lincoln County all of his life and attended Santa Rita's Catholic Church. He married Josie Otero in November, 1956, She and a daughter, Diana, preceded him in death.

He is survived by 5 sons, Edward E. Vega Jr. of Belen, Arthur G. Vega of Las Cruces, Eric R. Vega of Channing, TX, Angelo I. Vega of Las Cruces and Dennis Vega of Carrizozo; a daughter, Roberta L. Franck of Carrizozo; a sister, Mary McKinley of Las Cruces; 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

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

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Editorials and Other Stuff

WEATHER REPORT

by JEFF HAMMOND

Monsoon season is returning with a bit of a vengeance. There will be a fair chance for showers and thunderstorms across Lincoln County at all elevations.

Expect to see mild winds out of the south becoming southwest. Daytime temperatures will be in the low 80s at the higher elevations, and solidly in the low 90s across the high plains and high desert areas, and nighttime lows in the mid 60s.

At the higher elevations the daytime temperatures will be constantly in the high 70s, and nighttime temperatures will be in the mid 50s.

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

Today, Thursday, July 22

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, partly cloudy, with a high near 90, calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph, night: A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65, south wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Friday, July 23

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a high near 90, calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Saturday, July 24

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 89, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Sunday, July 25

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 91, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Monday, July 26

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a high near 90, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Tuesday, July 27

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a high near 91, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

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

Today, Thursday, July 22

A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, mostly cloudy, with a high near 78, calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph, night: A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59, south wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Monsoon season. Is it finally here?

by Ruth Hammond

The reports that the monsoon season is starting have caused excitement for many people, mainly those who insist it is time to be cooler. Apparently the heat is taking its toll across the nation and some people died because of the heat.

Here in Lincoln County we are glad for the scheduled rains, not only because it will help make it cooler, but because the fire danger is reduced. And if you haven't been in the mountains for a while, you might consider a jaunt to view how lush and green it is and how pleasant it is up high.

Eventually people will complain and want the rains to cease, but for now many people are looking forward to cool rain. Remember when you were young and liked to run out in the rain even when older family members cautioned you to beware of falling on slippery ground or getting hit by lightning? It is unlikely that older people will run out in the rain except to get from a building to a vehicle or from a vehicle to a building, but you might want to watch their faces. The hint of a smile may be hidden but traces of smiles are there.

And then you might stop to think about your feelings. Do you really dislike the rain? Or are you merely objecting because of what you heard as a youngster, "Rain is important, just as the wind is important to run the windmill." Early childhood memories should also include happy thoughts. Remember the time you sneaked into a trough that was supposed to be for watering livestock, and as hot as it was outside the water seemed to be calling you to dip and be cool? And you assumed your parents had no idea what you did?

They had memories of when they were young and they had a good idea of what you were doing. Rarely, if ever, did you ever do anything that your parents and elders had not tried. One young adult was surprised to find out her Dad could swim. She had always thought of him as just being an old man working, not once considering that he had been young and had done some things that were considered foolish at the time.

Early childhood memories should also include sharing happy thoughts with others. This week please take the time to share one happy thought with someone special. It will be a joy.

Regardless of whether you run in the rain or just watch it, it should help make it cooler.

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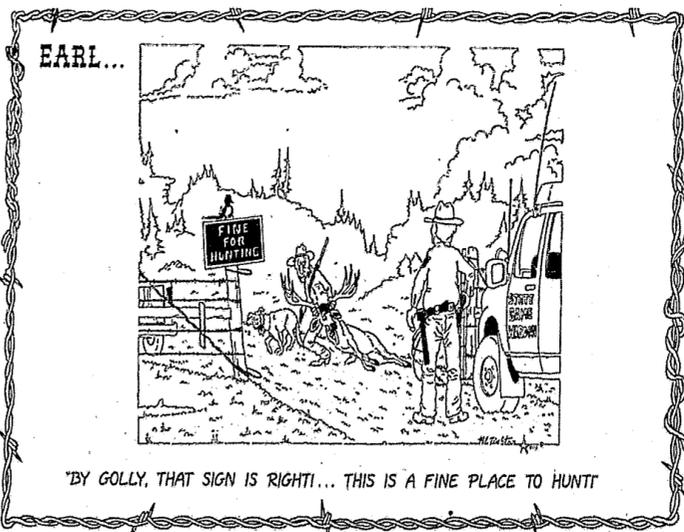
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* Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- New Mexico lawmakers are finally getting a little closer look at film industry expenditures in New Mexico. Earlier this month the New Mexico Film Office revealed to the Legislature's interim Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee a breakdown by spending categories of expenses incurred by six big-ticket films shot in the state this past year. The state Film Office director Lisa Strout said this was a very big step for the industry because, she said, her report isn't required by other states that offer tax rebates to film productions. Whoopee. Big deal.

She said she couldn't break down costs by film and that she didn't even know which six films were included in her report. We've already learned that national think tanks on both the left and right say that fewer than 10 states don't systematically analyze the effectiveness of tax credits. And we think we're getting more information than those 40-some states that do analyze effectiveness? Something is screwy here.

We are told there have been 141 major film and television productions filmed in New Mexico since the film production tax credit began in 2003. Obviously all 141 of those productions reported individually to the state of New Mexico in order to receive their tax credit. They didn't report anonymously because the state Taxation and Revenue Department had to know where to send the check for 25 percent of their allowed expenses. When those productions report to the state, it should be a public record. Some \$65 million of taxpayer money is going to those companies. There may be reasons why those 141 companies don't want to report how they spend their money but if they are going to receive major handouts of taxpayer money, they should be required to allow the state to reveal what is in the reports. The state has the data lawmakers want but it had to agree not to reveal it -- not to the film office director or the Legislature, which is the ultimate

decision maker about tax policy. Sure, the film industry is a big and glamorous business and maybe it would completely leave the state, as Strout tells us, if the tax credits were to be repealed. But there is middle ground.

We could scale back the \$25 we give the industry every time it reports \$100 of expenditures. That would help us determine if state government claims are true that it is the tremendous service we deliver to film companies and our beautiful scenery. Or we could start requiring film industry agreement that more information can be released. This release of additional information earlier this month happened as a result of Gov. Richardson implementing a new policy last September, requiring film companies to agree to the release. In fairness, there are reports that a few states offer even higher credits than the 25 percent New Mexico offers. But it is difficult to believe the film industry is powerful enough to get big rebates without agreeing to make any information available to the public. It has also been revealed that two of the 27 business tax credits aimed at stimulating economic growth are being analyzed to determine their effectiveness by tracking dollars and economic impact. They are the Job Training Incentive Program and the Small Business Assistance Program.

On two items we know our two gubernatorial candidates agree. They are the need for tracking the use of tax incentives for their effectiveness and the imposition of no new taxes. If state revenue projections in August turn out as dismal as predicted by some legislative leaders, we may need to have some very tough looks at tax credits, exemptions and deductions. Current governors across the nation are busy trying to convince the White House and Congress to give another economic stimulus boost to the states. New Mexico already has \$200 million of stimulus funds figured into its budget.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS

12TH STREET DANCE & FESTIVAL

SAT., JULY 24 -- 5:00 TO 9:00 PM

Special Tax Election . . .

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Williams made a motion to accept the agreement between Lincoln County and Ruidoso Downs Racing, Incorporated, which offers a guarantee that the track will remain in Ruidoso Downs for a period of up to five years if the business retention tax is enacted, and another guarantee that if the first part of the agreement is not kept and the track is closed or moved to another location outside of the county all taxes paid by the county on the track's behalf will be reimbursed to the county. Parks seconded the motion, which passed in a 3-to-2 vote with Powell and Sedillo voting no.

A motion to adopt an ordinance which sets the proposed Business Retention Gross Receipts Tax at 3/16ths of one percent was made by Williams and seconded by Parks. The ordinance states that the purpose of the tax would be to reduce the impact to the state government's general fund from reduced gaming tax revenue due to decreased economic activity in the county. The motion passed with Powell and Sedillo again voting against.

The motion to approve a resolution allowing a special election to determine whether or not the voters of Lincoln County will have an opportunity to raise their own gross receipts taxes by 3/16ths of one percent was made by Parks and seconded by Williams. The motion passed 3-to-2 with Powell and Sedillo voting no.

Holding a special election rather than including the issue on the general election ballot in November will make it possible for the tax to go into effect on January 1st if approved by the voters. The special election will likely take place in September.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

ALTO LAKES SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICT RESOLUTION 2010-02 AN ELECTION RESOLUTION OF THE ALTO LAKES SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICT

WHEREAS, New Mexico State Statutes Section 3-21-20 calls for bi-annual elections of the Special Zoning District Board of Commissioners and for the County or Counties in which the District is situate to bear the costs of the election; and,

WHEREAS, the Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Board of Commissioners has determined that a Regular Election be held to elect Five (5) Commissioners for the Alto Lakes Special Zoning District on September 14, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that five positions on the Board are to be filled at such Election by submitting to the qualified electors of the District, the names of candidates qualified to appear on the ballot; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ALTO LAKES SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DO HEREBY SET FORTH AN ELECTION;

1. On the 14th day of September, 2010, there will be held for the Alto Lakes Special Zoning District an election for the purpose of electing members of the Zoning Commission.

2. The polling precinct for this Election will consist of a portion of Precinct 5 that encompasses the Alto Lakes Special Zoning District, and will be conducted at the Bonito Volunteer Fire Station 107 Fire Rd. Alto, New Mexico.

3. Absentee/Absentee Voting in Person will be conducted in the Lincoln County Clerk's office, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

4. The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

5. The County Clerk of Lincoln County is the proper filing officer and shall conduct this Election in accordance with the New Mexico State Statutes Section 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, the Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act, as amended.

6. The following positions on the Board shall be filled by a vote of the qualified voters:

- Position 1, a two year term commencing September 23, 2010
- Position 2, a two year term commencing September 23, 2010
- Position 3, a two year term commencing September 23, 2010
- Position 4, a two year term commencing September 23, 2010
- Position 5, a two year term commencing September 23, 2010

7. Declaration of Candidacy and a sworn statement of intent are to be filed with the County Clerk of Lincoln County in Carrizozo, New Mexico, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2010. Candidates must be residents of the District as of the date of this resolution.

8. A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is to be filed with the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Carrizozo, New Mexico, on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 before 5:00 p.m. being the thirty-fifth day before the election.

9. A person is a qualified elector of the District if he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age on the day of the Election and a resident of the District on the day of the Election. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the County Clerk of Lincoln County or any voter registration agent in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at such Election should register during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2010 being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the Election at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico or by any registration agent at a designated agency as provided in Section 1-4-47, NMSA 1978 and 1-4-48, NMSA 1978; provided that for federal qualified electors and overseas voters, the County Clerk shall accept a certificate of registration by electronic transmission from a voter qualified to apply for and vote by absentee ballot in the County if the transmission is received before 5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2010 being the Friday immediately preceding the election.

10. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by Section 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m., August 20, 2010 being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m. September 10, 2010, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election. Absentee ballots shall be mailed or, if requested, electronically transmitted to each such applicant or registered voter who is a federal qualified elector and overseas voter, not later than September 9, 2010 being the Thursday immediately prior to the date of the election as provided in Section 1-6-5 NMSA 1978.

11. Voting on election day and absentee voting in person as provided above, shall be recorded on paper ballots.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF JULY, 2010, BY THE ALTO LAKES SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Ron Duncan, Chairman & Secretary

Terry Porter, Vice-Chairman

Dale McLaughlin, Treasurer

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUCIÓN 2010-02 DISTRITO ZONAL ESPECÍFICO, ALTO LAKES UNA RESOLUCIÓN DE ELECCIÓN, DISTRITO ZONAL ESPECÍFICO, ALTO LAKES

VISTO QUE, según el estatuto de Nuevo Méjico, sección 3-21-20 requiere que hay elecciones bianiales para la Junta de Comisares, Distrito Zonal Especifico, y que la condad, o condades en cual se encuentra, tenga lugar, lleva el costo de tal elección;

VISTO QUE, la Junta de Comisares, Distrito Zonal Especial, Alto Lakes ha determinado que tomará lugar una Elección Regular, con el fin de escoger (5) cinco comisares para el Distrito Zonal Especifico, Alto Lakes el día 14 de Septiembre 2010;

VISTO QUE, la Junta de Comisares ha determinado que cinco posiciones en la Junta se llenen en tal Elección por ofrecer a los electores calificados del Distrito, los nombres de candidatos calificados para aparecer en la boletay

AHORA, SEA RESUELTO LA JUNTA DE COMISARES, DISTRITO ZONAL ESPECÍFICO, ALTO LAKES AQUÍ PROPONEN UNA ELECCIÓN:

1.El día 14 de Septiembre,2010, habrá una elección para el Distrito Zonal Especifico, Alto Lakes, con el propósito de elegir miembros a la Comisión Zonal.

2. El Precinto electoral de tal elección consistirá en la porción del Precinto 5 que circunda el Distrito Zonal Especifico, Alto Lakes;tal Elección tomará lugar en la Estación de Bomberos, Bonito, 107 Fire Rd. Alto NM.

3.La votación en Ausencia, o Ausente en persona se conducirá en la Oficina, Clérigo del Condado, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM.

4. Los lugares de Votación para tal Elección estarán abiertos el día de Elección entre las horas de 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de la tarde.

5. El Clérigo de la Condad de Lincoln es el oficial designado de archivar, y conducirá esta Elección segun los Estátuos de NM, Sección 1-2-1 por 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, del Código electoral, y el Acto Federal, Derecho de votar, como reformada.

6.Las siguientes posiciones para la Junta se llenarán por voto de los electores calificados:

- Posición 1ª, plazo de 2 años que empieza el 23 de Septiembre,2010
- Posición 2ª, plazo de 2 años que empieza el 23 de Septiembre,2010
- Posición 3ª, plazo de 2 años que empieza el 23 de Septiembre,2010
- Posición 4ª, plazo de 2 años que empieza el 23 de Septiembre,2010
- Posición 5ª, plazo de 2 años que empieza el 23 de Septiembre,2010

7.Declaración de Candidatura y declaración de intento bajo juramento deben ser entregadas con el Clérigo del Condad de Lincoln, en Carrizozo,NM entre las horas de 9 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde el Miércoles, 28 de Julio, 2010. Los candidatos deben ser residentes del Distrito en el día de esta resolución.

8. Una declaración de ser candidato por escrito debe ser entregado con el Clérigo del Condado de Lincoln en Carrizozo,NM el Mártes, día 10 de Agosto antes de las 5:00 de la tarde, cual día es 35 días antes de la elección.

9. Una persona será un elector calificado del Distrito si el, o ella es ciudadano de los E.E.U.U., por lo menos 18 años de edad el día de la elección, y residente del Distrito el día de la elección. Para votar, electores calificados del Distrito deben haber matriculado con el Clérigo del Condado de Lincoln, o con cualquier agente de registración, según la ley. Cualquier elector del Distrito que quiere votar en tal elección debe matricular antes de las 5:00 de la tarde, el 17º de Agosto (el día 28 días antes de la elección en la oficina, Clérigo del Condado de Lincoln, ubicada en el Edificio del Corte, Carrizozo, NM, o por un agente de matriculación en un agencia designado, según la Sección 1-4-47, NMSA 1978 y 1-4-48 NMSA 1978; con tal que electores federales; y los de ultramarino. El Clérigo del Condad aceptará certifico de matriculación electronicamente de un votante calificado y votar de ausencia en la Condad con tal que el mensaje sea recibida antes de las 5:00 de la tarde, día 10 de Septiembre, 2010, cual día es el Viernes antes de la elección.

10. El votar en ausencia se permitirá según Sección 1-6-1 et seq.NMSA 1978; según Sección 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, electores calificados de votar en ausencia, en persona en la Oficina del Clérigo del Condad de Lincoln, mientras el día laboral entre las 8:00 de la mañana el día 20, 2010 (el di 25 antes de la elección) hasta las 5:00 de la tarde, día 10 de Septiembre, el Viernes antes de al elección. Boletas de ausencia enviados por correo, o electronicamente al solicitante quien es votante certificado federal, o de ultramarino antes del día 9 de Septiembre,2010, el Jueves antes de la elección, según Sección 1-6-5 NMSA 1978.

11.El votar el día de elección,y de ausencia en persona se recordará en boletas de papel.

APROBADO ESTE DIA 1º DE JULIO,2010,POR LA JUNTA DE COMISARES DISTRITO ZONAL ESPECIAL ALTP LAKES.

Ron Duncan, Presidente y Escribano.

Terry Porter, Vice-Presidente.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case No. D-1226-CV-201000188

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARLIN D. EKSTROM; PIONEER BANK; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARLIN D. EKSTROM, IF ANY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Marlin D. Ekstrom and The Unknown Spouse of Marlin D. Ekstrom, if any.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 900 Hull Rd, Ruidoso, NM 88345-7903, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 1A, Block 2 of White Mountain Estates, Unit 3, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the replat of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 2, White Mountain Estates, Unit 3, filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, April 21, 2003, in Cabinet H, Slide No. 571

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

LEGALS

Respectfully Submitted, CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI

By: Sharon Hankla D. Renae Richards Charney Keya Koul LeNatria Holly Jurist Kelley L. Grosso Kendrick W. Dane Kevin W. Pyle Susan Carter Castle,

Meinhold & Stawiariski, LLC

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Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013; (505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parson, District Court Judge, of the Twelfth Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 14th day of July, 2010.

By: Jan Perry,
Clerk of the District Court

By: Elizabeth Ysasi
Deputy

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Applications Available for Fall 2010 Family Cancer RetreatSeptember 24-26

Free educational program provides New Mexico's adult cancerpatients/survivorsand their loved ones with tools to better manage the disease Cancer Services of New Mexico's Fall 2010 Family Cancer Retreat will beheld September 24-26 at the Lifeway Glorieta Conference Center inGlorieta, 18 miles from Santa Fe.This free, three-day educational program will provide New Mexico's adultcancer patients/survivors and their loved ones with the tools andinformation they need to manage the treatment and recovery process.

Over250 people from more than 100 New Mexican families coping with cancer are expected to participate, making this the largest general cancer educationprogram in NM and the largest program of its type in the U.S.

The program will combine discussions and lectures by many of New Mexico'sleading cancer specialists with fun activities that provide a break fromthe day-to-day challenges of living with cancer. Planned educationalsessions include many aspects about cancer.Participants will also have the opportunity to spend time with each other in informal sessions, speaking with and learning from others who arecoping with similar issues.

Supervised child care andrecreation-activities will be provided for children and teens during the educationalsessions. There is no charge to participate in the retreat – the entire program,including meals, lodging, and all educational activities is provided at no cost to participants.

This program is made possible by many generous supporters, including: the NM Department of Health, United Way of CentralNew Mexico, the Northern NM Health Grant Group, Amgen, Biogen Idec,Celgene Corporation, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Millennium Pharmaceuticals,OSI Pharmaceuticals, sanofi-aventis, ImClone Systems, Graphic Connection, The Printer's Press, Sprint, and Walmart.

Space is limited, so interested families are encouraged to apply as earlyas possible.

For more information or to request an application packet,please contact Mike Capeless at (505) 239-4239

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Weather Report . . .

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Friday, July 23

A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with ahigh near 77, calm wind becoming south around 5 mph, night: A good chanceof showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Saturday, July 24

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a highnear 77, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Sunday, July 25

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy,

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Monday, July 26

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a highnear 79, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostlycloudy, with a low around 54.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case No. D-1226-CV-200900178**

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,

v.
RICHARD W. GARRETT AKA RICHARD M. GARRETT, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD W. GARRETT AKA RICHARD M. GARRETT,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on July 27, 2010 at 10:00 AM, front Entrance to the Lincoln County District Court, 300 Central Ave Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 2, block 15 of Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, November 30, 1982, in cabinet D, slides 99 through 103, inclusive. The address of the real property is 1 Billy The Kid Court, Alto, NM 88312.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on May 19, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$70,603.34 plus interest from May 28, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

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

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

Dated: 6/28/2010.

Peter Baca Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiariski
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013 (303) 285-2222 09-1268
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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PQ-2010-04**

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF DENIS RAY and BRITTANY RAY, the minor children:

NOTICE

On the 16th day of August, 2010 8:15 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, the District Court of Lincoln County will hold a hearing to determine whether a guardian *ad litem* should be appointed for DENIS RAY and BRITTANY RAY, minor children ("the Children"). The purpose of this proceeding is to appoint LORI GIBSON as guardian *ad litem* of the Children. A copy of the petition requesting appointment of a guardian *ad litem* is attached to this Notice.

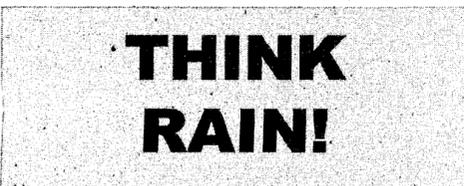
At the hearing the court will determine whether the Children are in need of a guardian *ad litem* under New Mexico law.

If the court finds the Children need a guardian *ad litem*, the court will also consider whether LORI GIBSON should be appointed as guardian *ad litem* of the Children. The court may appoint some other qualified person as guardian *ad litem*.

The Children shall attend the hearing and be represented by an attorney. The petition may be heard and determined in the absence of the Children if the court determines that the presence of the Children is not possible.

Charles E. Hawthorne
900 Sudderth Drive
Ruidoso, NM 88345
575-257-1323 / 257-1327 (fax)

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case No. D-1226-CV-200900154**

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,

v.
BONNIE A. CONLEY, MAUREEN K. IRELAND, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BONNIE A. CONLEY, IF ANY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MAUREEN K. IRELAND, IF ANY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 10, 2010 at 9:00 AM, front Entrance to the Lincoln County District Court, 300 Central Ave Carrizozo, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Tract 15 of Tract A, Cougar Mountain Estates, Linclon (sic) 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 25, 1999, in Cabinet G, Slide No. 381 More correctly known as: Tract 15 of Tract A, Cougar Mountain Estates, 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 25, 1999, in Cabinet G, Slide No. 381 The address of the real property is 15 Katrina Road, Corona, NM 88318.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 26, 2010, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$235,944.15 plus interest from October 15, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

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

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

Dated: 07/02/2010

Peter Baca Special Master
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09-0212 FC/LIT P720690

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 22, 2010, The Ruidoso Properties Irrevocable Management Trust, 1304 Central Ave SW, P.O. Box 1307, Albuquerque, NM 87103 and the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, filed application No. H-737-1A with the STATE ENGINEER for temporary permit to add supplemental points of diversion and change place and/or purpose of use of underground waters and change partial points of diversion from groundwater to surface water the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to temporarily expand the current authorized place and purpose of use and add twelve points of diversion to supplement the presently authorized points of diversion under State Engineer File No. H-737-1A described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
PN $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	30	11 South	14 East	18.0

Proposed Expanded Place of Use
Village of Ruidoso Municipal Limits All 10-11 South 13-14E

The applicant proposes to commence the diversion of 23.4 acre feet per annum of surface and ground water from the following points of diversion:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-737-A	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	30	11 South	14 East
H-737-A-S	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	30	11 South	14 East

Proposed Additional Points of Diversion				
Rio Ruidoso	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	19	11 South	13 East
H-272	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	36	11 South	13 East
H-272-S	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	25	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-2	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	2	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-3	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	2	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-4	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	11	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-5	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	14	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-6	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	15	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-7	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	1	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-8	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	14	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-9	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	23	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-11	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	25	11 South	13 East

For domestic, municipal, and commercial purposes within the Village of Ruidoso.

Wells H-737-A and H-737-AS are located in the City of Ruidoso Downs approximately one mile east of the intersection of US Highway 70 and State Highway 48. The proposed additional points of diversion are located within the Village of Ruidoso boundaries, in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public welfare/conservation of water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with John R. D'Antonio, Jr., P.E., State Engineer, 1900 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protest can be faxed to Office of the State Engineer, (575) 623-8559. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6, and 72-12-3.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Cause No.: DM-2010-61**

HARRY ALAN BOWSER,

Petitioner,

vs.

SUSAN JEANNETT BOWSER,

Respondent.

AMENDED NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO SUSAN JEANNETT BOWSER AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PETITIONER HAS FILED A PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED PROCEEDING.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this action is the Dissolution of Marriage, as more particularly set forth in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage on file in the above-captioned cause, in the District Court of Lincoln County, the county of residence of the Petitioner.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you serve and file a responsive pleading or motion in said Cause on or before the 15th day of September, 2010 judgment will be rendered against you in said cause.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico this 19th day of July, 2010.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

(SEAL)

By: Jolene Biggs
Deputy Clerk

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Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 13, 2010, The Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, filed application No. H-2049-S with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to drill supplemental well to supplement ground or surface waters in the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to use existing well No. H-3726 located at a point in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M. to supplement the diversion of up to 24.38 acre feet per annum consumptive use of groundwater for municipal purposes within the Village of Ruidoso, commercial use at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, and locations adjacent to the airport pipeline.

The applicant proposes to supplement the presently authorized point of diversion well No. H-2049 located at a point in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M.

The presently authorized place of use and proposed place of use State Engineer File No. H-2049 are described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
Presently Authorized Sierra Blanca Airport	01	10 South	14 East
Proposed Expanded Place of Use			
Village of Ruidoso Municipal Limits Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and Locations adjacent to the airport pipeline	All Parts of	10-11 South 9-10 South	13-14 East 13-15 East

The proposed points of diversion are located at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. The proposed expanded place of use is located within the Village of Ruidoso boundaries, Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, and locations adjacent to the airport pipeline, in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public welfare/conservation of water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with John R. D'Antonio, Jr., P.E., State Engineer, 1900 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protest can be faxed to Office of the State Engineer, (575) 623-8559. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6, and 72-12-3.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 13, 2010, The Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, filed application No. H-2049-Amended with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place and/or purpose of use of underground waters in the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to expand the current authorized place and purpose of use to include municipal use at the Village of Ruidoso, commercial use at Sierra Blanca Airport, and at locations adjacent to the airport wells pipeline. The presently authorized place of use and point of diversion under State Engineer File No. H-2049 are described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
Presently Authorized Sierra Blanca Airport	01	10 South	14 East
Proposed Expanded Place of Use			
Village of Ruidoso Municipal Limits Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and Locations adjacent to the airport pipeline	All Parts of	10-11 South 9-10 South	13-14 East 13-15 East

The applicant proposes to commence the diversion of 24.38 acre feet per annum consumptive use of ground water from the following point of diversion:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-2049	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	01	10 South	14 East

for municipal, and commercial purposes within the Village of Ruidoso and Sierra Blanca Airport.

Well H-2049 is located at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. The proposed expanded place of use is located within the Village of Ruidoso boundaries, and Sierra Blanca Regional Airport and locations adjacent to the airport pipeline, in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public welfare/conservation of water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with John R. D'Antonio, Jr., P.E., State Engineer, 1900 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protest can be faxed to Office of the State Engineer, (575) 623-8559. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6, and 72-12-3.

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and soon picked up his team's tracks. He followed the tracks south for half or three-fourths of a mile and came to a fence which had been cut. The tracks went through the gap in the fence, and he knew then deserters had stolen his horses. There was no point in searching further.

On returning to Villa's column, Hatch first overtook a herd of cattle, estimated at 600 head. Cattle were slaughtered when the army camped.

Hatch heard later that on the day after his team was stolen a group of Mexicans rode into his father's orchard at Colonia Juarez, 18 miles from Colonia Dublan. Two of the men were riding Hatch's team. They were deserters from Villa's army. Hatch's father tried vainly to persuade the Mexicans that these were not saddle horses.

The next camp was made at Pulpit Hill, in Sonora, northwest of Casas Grandes. The Americans took their horses to the bottom of the canyon for water. Infantrymen were swarming along the creek, slaking their thirst after a long march over waterless land. They drank and stretched out, and so thickly did they lie on the ground that Hatch and the others could hardly get their horses to the running brook.

The Americans had expected to return to Colonia Dublan after reaching Pupit Hill. Hatch said they could have deserted later, but they didn't try. It would have been easy, for Villa did nothing about the numerous desertions -- he just kept going. Throughout the march, Hatch said, "We were treated with every consideration. We carried no firearms, for we had no need for them."

Late the next afternoon Hatch saw Villa in the column for the first time. The revolutionary leader was holding the wheel of an artillery piece which had gone off the road and slipped down the side of the mountain. (Villa had remained in Casas Grandes until he learned that the United States had recognized the Carranza faction.)

The march that day was over a terrible road. Late at night they reached the abandoned town of Colonia Oaxaco, another Mormon colony. The small of mescal filled the air. There was a still near the town, and several barrels of crude shisky had been acquire by the soldiers. Villa ordered the whisky dumped into the street, accounting for the noticeable odor as the Americans drove into Oaxaca. It was reported that some of the Mexicans were executed for drinkin.

The troops spent the night in Oaxaca. Before they left the next morning. Hatch saw Villa ride by on a black mule. Pancho was whistling and happy.

Capture of Agua Prieta, border town across from Douglas, Ariz., was Villa's goal.

When the American teamsters came out towards Agua Prieta at the San Bernardino Ranch, which was partly in the U.S. and Mexico, some of the cavalry had arrived there ahead of them.

Hatch unhitched his team, hooked the horses on to an old mowing machine and cut alfalfa for hay. They spent the night about eight miles southeast of Agua Prieta. The next morning Villa moved the greater part of his army close to Agua Prieta. The supply wagons were kept back at the ranch.

That night the Americans heard the battle for Agua Prieta begin. The three climbed a near-by peak. They saw the bursting shells as the artillery of Villa and Carranza forces dueled. Villa was severely handicapped in the battle -- he could not direct artillery fire from the south since the shells would fall on the American side. His forces also were attacking well-entrenched troops.

The forces in Agua Prieta had two powerful searchlights which they placed on Villa's forces, making the attackers virtual sitting ducks for artillery, machinegun and rifle fire.

After the United States had recognized the Carranza faction, troops had been permitted to move from Laredo, Texas, to fortify the town. The defenses had been completed by the time Villa arrived.

While the Americans were on the peak, Mexican soldiers sent up work to load water barrels and small arms ammunition on a wagon and rive it to the battle-front. Whipple, who was hauling water and ammunition, drove the wagon.

The next morning, Hatch, Turley and others were ordered to go after wounded men, who had been moved back into a swale. They brought the wounded to camp.

Then a succession of confusing orders followed. At dark they started to move; they had not gone far when they were ordered to return to camp with the wounded. No further orders were received

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until the next afternoon when they were told to move on. Near Agua Prieta they turned down a long draw. They saw dead houses from whose hind quarters steaks had been cut. They heard the boom of artillery and the spatter of machinegun fire. After passing the town they came to a road that led south. A soldier galloped up and shouted to them to turn around and take a road back the other way.

Villa had given up trying to capture Agua Prieta.

The Americans turned and drove up the road by the railroad track, and came into open view of Agua Prieta, a mile or 1 1/2 miles away. Wagons ahead were pulling over the railroad tracks. The little mule on Hatch's wagon could not get the front wheel on his side over the track. A Mexican boy tore up and grabbed hold of the wheel. Just then a shell sailed over their heads and exploded nearby. A Mexican colonel and major jumped off Hatch's wagon and crouched behind the bank. The wagons went south on the opposite side of the railroad for cover, later crossed the track and followed the column heading west towards Nogales, Sonora.

Night fell, and the teamsters followed the artillery tracks. Later, they found it was only a wood road which ended in the hills. At one especially rough stretch Hatch and Turley had walked ahead to try to make out the road. They stepped aside as a soldier rode up behind them on a little pinto mare. The mare belonged to Hatch's wife and he had hidden the horse in a corn patch on his farm. He did not see the horse again.

The road became so bad they couldn't travel it. It was after midnight and they waited there until morning. At daybreak they looked off the hill and saw Douglas and Agua Prieta only five or six miles away. The teamsters picked their way to the road from Douglas to Agua Prieta and then swung away from the town and west again. At noon, they stooped for burial of a wounded soldier who had died on a wagon. No marker was placed on his grave.

They reached Naco after dark. Hatch and Turley were concerned because they had not seen Whipple since the battle of Agua Prieta. While looking for General Bracamontes, who might give them word of Whipple, they came upon a group eating supper in camp on the edge of town. A cavalry general, wearing a sombrero, asked if they had eaten. They told him no. The general said the Americans could eat first and look for Bracamontes later. The general's cook served them big white tortillas, made of American flour, and fresh steak.

The next morning they found Whipple, unharmed.

Villa's bodyguard of a hundred or so men and a battalion of infantry were moved into Naco, but the bulk of his force was kept south of town.

It was the end of the march. Bracamontes told the three Americans they were free to return home and would be paid in Villa money.

When the wagons were unloaded, Hatch saw a large steel chest unlocked and the lid raised. For the first time he learned that he had been hauling a trunk packed with currency -- Villa currency.

However, Villa money had become worthless. They told Bracamontes they would need provision and feed for the horses, for they hoped to get back home with their outfits. The horses were not in good condition since they had contracted a mouth disease from the southern cavalry horses. On Sunday, the first day the Americans were at liberty to return, they could not buy supplies on the U.S. side because the stores were closed.

On Saturday, the Americans had gone up town by the quartel. The street was full of soldiers. Hatch was standing near Villa when one of his generals rode up and asked if Villa would like to try out his horse. Vill amounted the general's beautiful black horse, rode out to the street along the boundary -- the middle of the street -- dashed up and down the Mexican side, and occasionally across to the American side for the benefit of spectators. The horse seemed to be perfectly reined, but when the general asked Villa about his mount Violla replied the horse was poorly reined.

While Villa was maneuvering on the horse, one of his men standing near Hatch said to another soldier: "What a wonderful man! One could easily give his life for such a man."

Villa and his bodyguard left Naco on Sunday morning. The Americans now were dealing with General Rodriguez, next in command to Villa. Monday morning Rodriguez ordered the Americans to report to him at the quartel. They hooked up their teams and drove there. Rodriguez told them to load wounded men on the wagons and haul them to a hospital in the American mining town of Cananea in Mexico.

Conclusion of the column on the arch with Pancho Villa next week.

Sheriff's Report . . .

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ed at business location on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:47 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at Southfork Campground in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

9:43 p.m. Medical call at residence on Fourth Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

June 14

12:17 a.m. Medical call at residence on Tyree Road in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

10:14 a.m. Medical call at location on South Fork in Bonito, bonito emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

11:07 a.m. Medical call at residence on Gun Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance and Carrizozo emergency units dispatched.

5:16 p.m. Warrant service at Laughing Sheep Ranch in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

9:26 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on Pine Hill Trail in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:02 p.m. Medical call at residence on F Ave. in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

11:08 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso Downs police at location on Biscuit Hill Road in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

June 15

2:43 a.m. Accident reported at intersection of 12th Street and Central Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

8:02 a.m. Motor vehicle theft reported at location on E Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

10:19 a.m. Identity theft reported at Ruidoso Downs police department in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

11:18 a.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 5 on Hwy 37 in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

1:04 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Las Estrellas in Ranches of Sontero, deputy dispatched.

1:39 p.m. Fire reported at location on Mt. Capitan in Capitan, fire units dispatched.

3:27 p.m. Information report at location in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

4:51 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Birch Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

4:54 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Hunters Lane in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:12 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Ancho Drive in Ancho, deputy dispatched.

6:54 p.m. Medical call at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.

7:23 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

7:25 p.m. Fire / burning without permit reported at location on Lakeshore Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

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MUSIC IN THE PARKS

12th Street Dance and Festival

Saturday, July 24 / 5:00 pm to 9:00pm

12th Street in Carrizozo

Susan Kolb and Globalchillin' Band, Lanny Maddox on Indian Flute, vendors, community groups, Little League cake walk, Honor Flight raffle, Woman's Club hot dogs, polish, sodas, ice cream.

Bring your lawn chair and come enjoy!

www.carrizozomusic.org or 648-2757 for info
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OLD LINCOLN

by Rosalie Dunlap

We went to Tioga, TX for the wedding of our grandson Daniel Coleman and Danielle Roys last week. In spite of the rain all week and the wedding day it was a beautiful wedding.

Our greatgrandson was one of the ring-bearers. Since he still was not walking he was pulled in a decorated wagon by another ring-bearer. I'm afraid he stole the show. He was so cute and having a great time. He also enjoyed dancing.

Family and friends of the couple from AZ., NM., TX and Connecticut were among the many guests. The rehearsal dinner - BBQ- was held at the Randy White restaurant at Frisco, TX. an hour's drive from The Spirit of Tioga. And it rained all the way.

It was green all the way from Lincoln to Tioga. The fields were flooded, all the low spots were filled with water and the highway construction crews were trying to pump out the

water of the new construction.

Coming home we still had rain with threats of flooding east of Lubbock. Enroute to Tioga, it was reported that the Lubbock area had already had seven inches of rain.

Saturday we attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Dee and Lucy Galt. Some of you may remember Dee when he worked with the SCS. There were 14 members of the family present. It was so nice to see nearly all the children as we had not seen some of them after we returned from Tunisia - especially my favorite, "Brat".

There have been several deaths since my last column, among them Allegra Guitierrez and Pat Valiant. Pat and his family lived for awhile in Lincoln when Pat was with the Capitan school system. Our sympathies to all. Joe Lee Smith of Lincoln father passed away this week.

I have been having problems getting my news with computer problems and being gone. Hopefully I can do better and get more news.

There are 300+ western writers and historians, expected in Lincoln and Fort Stanton Wednesday. Historian Bob McCubbin of El Paso organized the group.

Wish we could be there, but it is just too high for Ralph. If the tests the next two weeks are successful, they may be able to do something for him.

After enjoying the rain in TX this heat is something else. We did have quite a rain and hail storm Thursday. It did raise havoc with yards and garden. A man saw a garbage barrel floating down a Las Cruces street. He was able to get his video camera in time and took a video and sent it to the Channel 4 TV station in El Paso.