

County Begins Redistricting Process

Concerns Voiced About Proposed New Precinct

by Doris Cherry

On April 1, the US Census Bureau will release its 2010 figures to Lincoln County, sparking the start of the redistricting process required by law every decade.

But a proposal to create a new precinct with only 50 people residing within has one resident

there concerned.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting February 15, heard an update on the redistricting from county clerk Rhonda Burrows. She suggested the county hold several meetings to inform and take input from the public about the proposed redistricting, including the formation of three new precincts within the county.

"I'm asking you to start thinking about how you will redistrict first, and not wait until April 1," Burrows said.

"The goal in redistricting is to have districts as equal in population as possible," Burrows said.

The new districts are not based on the number of registered voters in that district, rather by the overall population count, she added.

However there are other factors to be considered, such as communities of interest, contiguous

areas and avoiding dilution of minorities.

During discussions about redistricting last year, it was suggested the county do the redistricting "in-house" with computer software programming.

A letter from the Lincoln County Republican Party executive committee asked the county to consider doing the redistricting in-house.

Burrows said she did not

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THOUGH FIRE DANGER in Lincoln County is currently listed as moderate -- as indicated by the sign at the White Oaks Volunteer Fire Department (bottom photo) -- high dry winds can change that into "red flag warning" very quickly. Little snow fall this winter, and intermittent warm spells have left Sierra Blanca (top photo) -- as seen here from Highway 70 -- nearly snowless on its southern, and western faces. (Photos by Doris Cherry)



County Has Cap on Indigent Health Care

by Doris Cherry

Lower income individuals in Lincoln County can qualify for up to \$750 in substance abuse /mental health care over a three year period.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting Feb. 15, approved the Indigent Health Care agreement with Cheryl Aiken, to provide mental health services.

Aiken recently set up practice in Ruidoso, said county indigent care administrator Scott Anala.

But commissioners questioned the success rate of substance abuse counseling and whether the county could track such data.

"What success rate do these counselors have?" asked county commissioner Kathryn Minter. She said that Alcoholics Anonymous and Ala-non are the only programs that had worked for her family members. "And these are free," she added.

"Can't we wait a year and find if (the providers) have a success rate, then pay for it?"

County commissioner Mark Doth agreed with Minter, in that substance abuse counseling is "never ending."

"I hate to see the county throw good money after bad," Doth said. "It is a never ending process for a lot of people."

Anala said the indigent fund rules put a cap of \$750 over three years for substance abuse counseling.

County manager Tom Stewart in response to data showing success, said he was unsure the federal HIPA rules (patient privacy) would allow the county to follow the success of individuals in counseling.

County commissioner Jackie Powell said the major issue in this area is that (mental health services) providers do not stay long, as many "burn out" and also because of the isolated location.

County commissioner Tom Battin said he thought it important for the counseling services, because if it is not provided with effective treatment it could "spill over into domestic violence and crime."

"We can't discriminate between mental health and other health providers," Battin added.

Anala said that six months ago, two mental health providers were added to the Indigent Health Care list, and already one has left.

Powell said the bigger picture is the abuser is the only one who can fix their addictions, "but we can provide the service."

Stewart said the \$750 cap in three year period provides a control over the costs. "If it becomes a prob-

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Rodeo Season To Begin With New Pens at Fair Grounds

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Fairgrounds rodeo facility will be ready for the Lincoln County Youth Rodeo Club when it begins its season in early April, thanks to a fast tracked county procurement.

At the February 15 Lincoln County Commission meeting in the courthouse in Carrizozo, Lincoln County Fair Association officers -- president Billy Bob Shafer, vice-president Chad Cob and treasurer Scott Daniels -- were present for an agenda item concerning issuing a request for proposals for a long-term plan for the fairgrounds facility in Capitan.

Last year the county purchased property and a residence adjacent to the fairgrounds. But the fair board officers had a request to remedy a more urgent need.

"The county provides \$19,500 a year, and that almost pays the utilities and the part time help," said Shafer. "We had over \$80,000 in expenses in 2010, so the fair board generates that with the Smokey Bear Stampede (rodeo over the July 4 weekend)."

Shafer went on to say that the rodeo holding pens were last renovated in the 1960s and are in bad repair. Also, the area where the pens are located always floods during

rain.

"By the grace of God we always get rain during the 4th," Shafer said. "We need the county's help," Shafer said.

In the 1960s, the Stampede had about 60 contestants a day, now there are more than 300 a day. "The rodeo contractor last year was upset with the mud where he had to house his livestock, and it affects the animals' performances."

"We have to do something, animal rights people were after us (for allowing animals to stand in the water and mud)," Shafer continued. "So we tore out the old pens and hopefully the county can help us build the area up."

Shafer provided two bids the board had sought to purchase portable livestock pens -- \$78,266 for pens and shoots from Roswell Livestock, and \$53,000 for just the pens and freight from WW Manufacturing.

"We can get by with the old shoots," Shafer said. "Last year we had a bucking horse get out of a shoot and into the audience, it was exciting but kind of scary."

"We have an immediate need for these pens, because the Lincoln County Youth Rodeo Club begins its season on April 1," Shafer continued. "We have to have something for the kids."

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CARRIZOZO RESIDENT ROSA CHAVEZ celebrated her 100th birthday (February 25, 1911) recently with family and friends at the Casa Arena Nursing Center in Alamogordo, where she is currently receiving rehabilitation services due to a fall she experienced several weeks ago. Mrs. Chavez raised three sons, Eugene R. Chavez of Carrizozo (deceased), Joe Chavez of Carrizozo (deceased) and Eddie Chavez of Austin, TX; three daughters, Cecilia Covin of South Carolina (deceased), Felipa Ghrist of Colorado (deceased) and Lorena LaMay of Capitan, and has 16 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Rosa was born in White Oaks and moved to Albuquerque at the age of six and moved permanently to Carrizozo at the age of 12. Present at the celebration in above photo were: Back row left to right: Lindsay Chavez (great-granddaughter), grandson Nikko Chavez and wife Diane; Sam E. Chavez (grandson); Amber LaMay (granddaughter); Jonathan LaMay (son-in-law), and Lorne Monday. In front is Rosa Chavez, Lorena LaMay (daughter), Chrystal Rayne Monday (great granddaughter). Others there but not pictured were Mary Lou Vega and Steven Blevins. (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.

TUESDAYS
--Capitan Public Library pre-school story hour 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
--Preschool Story time 10:30am at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library.
--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. Call Mike at 575-682-6200 for information.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY

--Village of Corona Public Library 3 to 4 p.m. pre-school story hour, 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 9:00 a.m.

FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
--Food pantry for 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
--AlAnon family group for families and friends of alcoholics, noon at Methodist Church in Carrizozo, big lunch.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
--Capitan Public Library First Friday adult lecture, changed to Saturday this month, hosts author Steven Havill, former resident of Lincoln County. 7:00 p.m. Refreshments after program.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6
--Hayden and Cheryl Smith will be giving a power point presentation on their recent trip to Israel. The presentation will be at the First Baptist Church of Carrizozo at 6:00 p.m. Public is invited.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8
--Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 12 noon at Four Winds.

--Ruidoso Village Council 4:30 p.m.
--Corona Village Council 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 14
--Carrizozo Town Council 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10
--Free contemporary Southern Gospel concert presented by Rick Price and the Blackwood Legacy at 7:00 p.m. at Corona First Baptist Church.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15
Lincoln County Commissioners 6:30 a.m.

--Capitan Village Trustees will conduct their regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Trustees will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the Village Subdivision Ordinance.

Teen Tech Week at Ruidoso Library

The Ruidoso Public Library throws open their physical and virtual doors to invite teens to celebrate Teen Tech Week March 6-12.

Teens are invited to attend tech programs geared toward learning, creating and sharing during Teen Tech Week.

Teens today, often called digital natives, seem to be born wired and absorbing new technologies.

Adults may think teens already know all they need to know on technology - but Ruidoso Library want teens to come join us anyway - prove us wrong. We may share something unknown or you can wow the librarians with your uber-slick shortcuts.

The technology program series include:

Tuesday, March 8th: 4 p.m.-5 p.m., Learn about Wikipedia, how to edit entries, then help flesh-out Ruidoso Public Library's own stub on Wikipedia. Wiki's are dynamic, so this page can be continually updated by YOU!

Wednesday, March 9th: 4 p.m.-5 p.m., Digital photos and online tools. Join Francie Bergener, local digital guru geek. Try the latest techniques for online graphics,

Tire Amnesty Event Collects 793 Tires

Recent below zero temperatures didn't, slow down Lincoln County residents and small businesses from tire recycling at the February 18 and 19 tire amnesty recycling event at Ruidoso's Schoolhouse Park, dropping off 793 tires.

Old and discarded tires were dropped off by 55 participating residents or small businesses.

The 793 tire figure was down from the 1,300 tires collected at a similar event in September, 2010.

The event was staffed by volunteers from the Greentree Solid Waste Authority and Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, and the Village of Ruidoso Solid Waste Department staff.

The donated tires will be recycled into retaining walls at the new Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

"The twice-a-year event helps reduce illegal dumping of tires across the county, stated GSWA supervisor Debra Ingle. "We had more ranch and farm owners this time with large numbers of old discarded tires. A rat's nest was found in one tire, as well black water i.e. mosquito habitat which contribute to blood-borne diseases in others. Moreover, the amnesty event helps small businesses and residents by keeping costs down during a slow economy."

Between events, discarded tires may be dropped off for a modest fee at the new Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center at 26590 Highway 70.

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4097; toll free at 1-877-546-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org. at www.greentreeswa.org.

including: 1. animoto - merge photos into a cool music video, 2. Glogster - lets you "posterize yourself" by including music, text, pictures, and links, 3. Xtranormal - creates cartoons where you create the dialogue, setting, and use their characters—as seen in GEICO commercials.

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Thursday, March 10th: 4 p.m.-5 p.m., Tech Petting Zoo - Bring your gadgets - ebooks, MP3, iPod, iPad, smartphone, android, exceptional earbuds, ...the list could go on and on -- to show and share how it works. Debate social network and texting ethics while noshing PIZZA!

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults. The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technology, especially the types offered through libraries.

Teens are invited to learn about and use privacy settings, think before posting (ask yourself who will or can read it?), be savvy, about online "friends", be in the know about spam and scams, and be part of the solution to improve the online community.

Texting or talking on a cell while driving? Should you? View a video

that will really make you think about it. Learn about RAB - DNT TXT N DRV!

"Teen Tech Week is a way for librarians and educators to collaborate with and educate teens about technology," says Cheryl Volosin. "Over the last several years the library's role in increasing technology literacy has become more and more important, equal to that of reading literacy. Getting teens into libraries is essential. We can show teens that, with technology at the library, anything is possible."

Recent studies from Pew Internet & American Life Project show that, on average, 8-18 year olds spend more than 6 hours per day using technology including TV, DVDs, cell phones, video games, audio media, and computers. 93 percent of teens regularly use the Internet, and three-quarters of American teens send text messages every day.

Teen Tech Week is the second week of March each year. For an updated list of sponsors and supporting organizations, visit www.ala.org/teentechweek.

Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso. Library hours are: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. <http://www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/> or <http://ruidosopubliclibrary.blogspot.com/>

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Monday, March 7 -- After School Program 3:30-5:00 PM.

March Math Madness Family Night 5:00 PM -- All Kindergarten-5th grade students and their parents are invited to come participate in fun math activities.

After School Awards Assembly 6:00 PM. Hot dogs will be served to students and parents after assembly

The FFA Horse Judging Team placed 1st at the T or C CDE event. Arturo Najera placed 1st high individual and Marshal Wilson placed 5th high individual.

Suntana Zamora placed 6th place overall at the State Gymnastics meet. Individually, she placed 2nd in Beam, 3rd in Floor, 3rd in Bars, and 4th in Vault.

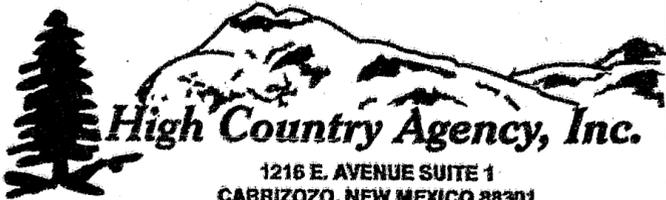
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Friday, August 10, 1956

Folklore Corner

by Ted Raynor

The Cemetery at White Oaks

Names famous in New Mexico history are engraved on tombstones in Cedarvale cemetery in Lincoln County's ghost mining town of White Oaks.

The inscription on one of the larger tombstones says only: "William G. McDonald April 11, 1918".

That is the grave of the first governor of New Mexico after statehood. Wild asparagus has taken root on his grave and a bunch of it had reached sturdy growth in late spring. David L. Jackson, 86, who has lived in White Oaks 59 years, said he has been told that asparagus was McDonald's favorite vegetable. Wild asparagus also grew on several other graves.

Another simple inscription on a small stone says: "Susan MacSween Barber 1845-1931." She was the wife of Alexander MacSween, killed in Lincoln in the final battle between the MacSween and Murphy-Dolan factions in the Lincoln County War. She became known as "the cattle queen of New Mexico." Her second husband was George Barber, and they ranched at Three Rivers. Mrs. Barber lived in White Oaks during her last years.

"I knew her well," Jackson said. "All of a sudden she got sick, and I went to Carrizozo for a doctor. I always looked after old folks".

"So many of my friends are here that I took it on myself to maintain the cemetery," Jackson added.

Unlike some pioneer cemeteries in New Mexico, Cedarvale is neat and respectful appearing because of Jackson's loving care. Beds of Iris bloom in season, and nowhere among the graves have weeds taken over.

A.A. Lane, a former mining partner of Jackson, is among those buried in Cedarvale, whose graves far outnumber the living in the famous ghost mining town.

Jackson remarked that after some of these people died "I have said life is too short to make another friend like that."

Veterans of the Civil War, World Wars I and II and the Korean War are buried in Cedarvale.

"Sgt. J.A. Allen, Co. H, 111th N.Y. Inf.," a Union Veteran, lies next to "Corp'l W.H. Dearmore, 2nd Ark. Inf."

Few of the tombstones bear more than the name and the dates of birth and death, but on one, that of an infant, is inscribed: "Budded on earth to bloom in heaven." The child was "Virginia, daughter of Dr. M.G. and Belle Paden, Jan. 1, 1895 -- Mar. 14, 1895." Dr. Paden and other members of his family also are buried in Cedarvale.

Eight weatherbeaten boards, on which no names are carved, mark the graves of miners killed on March 9, 1895, in a fire in the Old Abe Mine, Jackson said.

Near the edge of the cemetery, close to the hillside dotted with cedars, the name Jackson is inscribed in the center of a tombstone. At the left is his wife, "Mary J. 1869-1954." At the right is the incomplete inscription for himself, "David L. 1870-19__."

Jackson is a deeply religious man. "Let your biggers condemn be of eternity," Jackson said with the sincerity of one who believes.

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Hondo Classes Elect Officers

The recently elected class officers of the Hondo Valley High School are as follows: **Senior** -- Virginia Torrez, president; Freda Kimbrell, vice-president; Beatrice Gomez, secretary; Berlene Sanchez, treasurer. **Junior** -- Gerald Maes, president; Nora Sanchez, vice-president; Roger Herrera, secretary; Stella Trujillo, treasurer. **Sophomore** -- Richard Sanchez, president; Beatrice Sanchez, vice-president; Judy McKnight, secretary; Josephine Salcido, treasurer. **Freshmen** -- Annie Nunez, president; Pat Joiner, vice-president; Effie Chavez, secretary; Evangeline Montes, treasurer.

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feel the county has the expertise to make sure all the various factors were figured into the redistricting. Burrows said she knew of only two entities in New Mexico that do redistricting—Research and Polling, Inc of Albuquerque, and Rod Adair of Roswell. (Adair assisted the county with the 2000 redistricting.)

Burrows said in speaking with Adair last year, he suggested the county create three new precincts. This would eliminate the alpha symbols currently used, and would add two precincts within the heart of the major population center of the county, Burrows said.

But the suggested Precinct 18 brought concerns from resident Aubrey Dunn. His major concern was the proposed precinct -- off Highway 246 in north eastern Lincoln County -- has a population of "maybe 50 residents, and 20 registered voters, will be 450,000 acres big, and has no public facility for a voting poll.

"It's 46 miles to Roswell, 51 to Capitan, 67 to Corona and 90 to Hondo," Dunn said.

Burrows said the new precincts were proposed as an option to redistrict better, and if a precinct has less than 50 voters they can have an "all-mail" voting.

But Dunn said he would prefer to not be so isolated in a separate precinct.

Currently that area is in Precinct 3, with polling place in Capitan.

Under a bill being considered in the state legislature, counties would be allowed to create "voting centers" that would consolidate many precincts into seven or eight voting centers, which would operate with the "on-demand ballots" now used in the early voting sites.

However, she cautioned that there is no guarantee the bill will pass through the legislature, and to "not depend on it."

Also, there are concerns about voting centers because "Election Day used to be, among the traditional population, a great social and interactive day," Burrows continued. "The truth is, 30 to 50 percent of all votes are either absentee balloting or

early voting."

"I don't recommend we do redistricting ourselves," Burrows said.

County attorney Alan Morel, who went through the 2000 redistricting process when the county hired an outside entity to help with creating the new district maps, said he was unsure the county is capable of doing the redistricting. "If redistricting disenfranchises or dilutes a minority interest, it will be challenged," Morel said.

"What if we redistrict ourselves out of our district," asked county commissioner Kathryn Minter.

"This is not an option," responded Burrows, as there are state statutes that prevent that from happening.

Minter asked if the commission could meet as a group to discuss this without it being an open meeting.

County commission chair Eileen Lovelace answered, "No."

The redistricting process will be an agenda item at the regular March 15 county commission meeting.

Rodeo Season to Begin . . .

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County commissioner Mark Doth said he understands the drainage problem there, but asked what the fair board planned to do with the existing structures.

Shafer said the fair board would like to build up the existing area, then in the future build a better facility on the new property.

"The bottom line is you are asking the county commission to budget \$60,000," Doth said.

"What I asked for (from the fair board) is a master plan," said county commissioner Jackie Powell. "This we didn't know about, this is an immediate need different than the master plan, this has to be done before July 4th."

"I have given Albert Hernandez (road department supervisor) instructions to start the dirt work," said county manager Tom Stewart.

County commission chair Eileen Lovelace asked the fair board to bring such problems to the county commission, "let us know."

County commissioner Kathryn

Minter asked if the county had funds for the purchases.

Stewart said he would look into it.

After the lunch break, commissioners continued the discussion during the "public comment" period.

"I would like to release a request for proposals (rfp) for the purchase of portable rodeo pens," Stewart said, "and at the March 15, county commission meeting award the bid."

"We will still go forward with the rfp for the fairgrounds master plan," Stewart added.

The NEWS contacted Stewart this week and he advised that the old pens had been removed and the county road department had filled and contoured the low areas.

"Now the rfp is in the process, and it asks that delivery be by April 1," Stewart added.

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lem it may be a program we can look to eliminate," Stewart added.

Battin said the most rising cost is for health care for county detention center inmates. "This is motivated by cost," Battin said. "More than \$1.5 billion a year is spent on inmate costs."

When asked if Stewart had heard of these studies, he replied that sentencing is with the judicial system. Stewart added that in the state legislature, House Joint Memorial 17, calls for a Mental Health Jail Study.

County commissioners also upheld Anala's denial of a Indigent Health Care claim based on the findings of fact.

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk
by Ruth Hammond

Questions, Questions, Questions

The state legislative session will end soon and there are numerous questions that have yet to be answered, including: will the budget be approved to everyone's satisfaction, will the film advocates rise up against the opposition, and why are many governmental appointees from out of state instead of being New Mexico residents?

As you might assume, questions abound at the county and local level, and bringing them up could cause an upheaval because some things have been kept quiet. That premise is ridiculous because if one person is asking you can bet that many others are also wanting to get answers.

Right now the main thrust appears to be at the state level. Some are wondering if a special session will be needed, others insist that there has to be a way to balance the budget without cutting necessary services and some wished for services.

Needless to say, some people get caught up in the state frenzy and don't realize that there are problems at the local level that need to be addressed. Redistricting, not similar to addressing but somehow akin, will be a county problem. It might not be quite as prevalent as it was 10 years ago but the process then caused residents in some areas to lose some devoted legislators.

It seems that some newer legislators are not aware of which areas they are supposed to be representing. That is a shame because votes were counted in all precincts, not just a few. Some of the previous legislators made an effort to keep their constituents informed. Some of these newer legislators have made no effort to inform people.

Suggesting that people attend meetings has not been effective much of the time because some people prefer to not go to meetings, with good reason in some situations. Take for instance when the elected board goes into closed session and at the end of the closed session begins the public portion of the meeting before audience members have entered the room. Is that right?

However, not all questions are important and some can be considered a personal vendetta instead of being in the best interest of the public. It is the intent of *The News* to get people to think and ask their own questions instead of following behind a leader who maybe should not be leading. You may have pertinent questions, ask them!

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* Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

Special Session May Be Necessary

SANTA FE - This year marks the latest the New Mexico House has gotten the big budget bill to the Senate in a long time. Many years ago, the major battles during legislative sessions were between the House and Senate.

The House would wait until the final days of a session to send the appropriation bill to the Senate in order to give solons little time to make any changes. But senators found a way around the situation. They began holding their own hearings on agency budgets beginning early in the session and sometimes wrote their own bills.

Eventually lawmakers decided that fighting among themselves was counterproductive and only strengthened the governor's position when he got out his veto pen after the session ended.

There is a law that says the governor has only three days to act on a bill received more than three days before the end of a legislative session. So if lawmakers get an appropriation bill passed in time, they have the opportunity to override any vetoes a governor might make.

So a timetable was established two or three decades ago calling for the House to get the appropriation bill to the Senate by mid-session and for the Senate to get the bill to the governor several days before the session's end.

This year it didn't work. As mentioned often in this column, the two branches of government are still feeling each other out. The biggest barrier has been the film industry expense rebate. The House didn't lower it from 25 percent to 15 percent as Gov. Susana Martinez proposed.

House leaders and the governor final-

ly worked out a compromise the governor said she would consider but final agreement on that subject still is far away. House members and the governor still are shaky and the Senate has yet to render its opinion on the film rebate.

The plain truth is that adoption and signing of a budget are nowhere in sight. Special session talk is floating around the Legislature already. Senators, who all are in the middle of their four-year terms, are the most predictable.

But the new House Republicans, elected in large numbers last November, are a huge unknown - even to House Republican leader Tom Taylor. And what Gov. Martinez will do with the budget bill also is a mystery.

One lawyer lobbyist recently observed that Martinez still is thinking like a district attorney. She has all the facts. She knows she's right. And nothing is going to change her mind. Compromise is out of the question. Acting tough is the way to win.

Martinez also is being watched by Republican bigwigs in Washington, who have sent people to the state to help her out. All new Republican governors are being counseled from Washington and from all indications, Martinez wants to stand out.

On the issue of film rebates, I am told executives from the top Hollywood studios have been to New Mexico on more than one occasion to talk with the governor and work out solutions that will benefit everyone. But they are shunted off to staff people and nothing is accomplished.

According to film industry representatives, it isn't about the money because they have proposed ways to work that out.

It's about politics. Could it be that Hollywood is too closely aligned with Democrats? Or was it too close to former Gov. Bill Richardson?

Richardson did schmooze Hollywood but he isn't the governor who brought them here. That was Republican Gov. Dave Cargo, who established the nation's first state film office and film commission. He also appeared in several movies shot in New Mexico. And it was under tight-fisted Republican Gov. Gary Johnson that the film rebates began.

How will this all shake out? Will it get more exciting? And what about the price of gasoline? The last time gas approached \$4 a gallon, the state was rolling in money from the oil industry? Could that help the budget standoff?

WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

There is a storm front moving in and across southern Colorado Friday, that will bring high fire danger due to dry air and high winds to all of Lincoln County.

The winds will calm down a little Saturday evening to Sunday morning, but will be returning on Monday to hammer us with more and possibly higher speed winds.

Lincoln County should prepare for a very dry spring and summer, with continual high fire danger due to the less than normal rain and snow fall. Forest areas will be more susceptible to the fire danger, higher danger than has been experienced in several years.

The forecast for the upcoming week is for mostly sunny daytime with temperatures in the 60s at all elevations, and nighttime temperatures will be constant in the low to high 30s at all elevations. But you can expect occasional lower nighttime temperatures due to the wind chill when the higher speed winds are blowing.

Snow conditions at Ski Apache, the current conditions for skiing are: 16 of 55 trails are open with 6 of 11 lifts operating. 23 inches of machine groomed packed powder snow at lower elevations and 21 inches of machine groomed at the middle and upper elevations. The most recent snowfall was on February 2 and the projected closing date is April 1.

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

Thursday, March 3
Mostly sunny, with a high near 69, north wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36, west wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, March 4
Mostly sunny, with a high near 66, night: Partly cloudy, with a low

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Rick Price And The Blackwood Legacy Free Concert March 10

The Nashville-based "Blackwood Legacy" Contemporary Southern Gospel group will be in concert on Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Corona First Baptist Church.

Admission is free and a love offering will be received.

One of today's most popular and requested touring groups, the Blackwood Legacy is led by Rick Price, a veteran Southern Gospel entertainer with more than 30 years in the industry, including many years as the lead singer for the Grammy and Dove award-winning Blackwood Brothers Quartet, with whom he was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

Believing "the road to the future is paved with memories of the past," and recognizing the need to reach audiences of all ages, Price has gathered some of the most talented and sought-after new artists on the scene today to create a dynamic concert that features well-remembered old favorites such as Beulah Land and How Great Thou Art, as well as music made popular by today's most recognized worship artists.

Included in the talent lineup is Washington State natives Luke and Jake Yates, dynamic worship musicians and singers who recently exploded on the Gospel music scene, amazing audiences with their artistry and tight familial harmonies.

The Corona First Baptist Church is located at 251 Dubois in Corona. For more information on this event call 866-855-1036 or visit the group website at www.blackwoodlegacy.org.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

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

No. CV-10-379
Div. III

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RUIDOSO,
a federal banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

-v-
JOSEPH R. TRAHAN, a/k/s JOSEPH RANDOLPH
TRAHAN, and JACKIE L. TRAHAN, a/k/a
JACKIE TRAHAN,

Defendants:

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on March 16, 2011, 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 and sell at public sale the following described real property to the highest bidder for cash:

A tract of land in the SE/4 NW/4 NE/4 of Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, being more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land lying in the SE corner of the Earl T. Pior and Martha L. Pior Tract; said tract being a part of the land acquired from Earl Allison and Laine Allison and recorded the 21st day of May, 1956, at 9:25 a.m., Book 38, page 416 of the Records of Deeds in the County of Lincoln; said tract more particularly shown on Sheet #40 of the Hondo Hydrographic Survey of 1908 as being a part of "very old cultivation" 0.86 acres; further this deed conveys 0.16 acres of irrigated rights out of this 0.86 acres shown and the balance of 0.46 acres are nonirrigable; the tract being conveyed is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the old fence corner marking the SE corner of the Earl T. Pior and Martha L. Pior Tract from which point the N 1/4 corner of said Section 14 bears North 44 degrees 29 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 1794.23 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 53 seconds West a distance of 110.0 feet; thence North 04 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 160.48 feet; thence North 55 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 148.82 feet; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 03 seconds East a distance of 246.00 feet to the said place of beginning, as shown by survey recorded March 21, 1995, in Cabinet F, Slide 172.

The street address of the real property is 114 Seeping Springs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Amended Default Judgment, Decree, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by this Court on February 7, 2011, in an action for collection of a Promissory Note and foreclosure of a Mortgage securing the Note.

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

Principal, interest and late charges through 3/16/11	\$92,448.58
Costs of suit	433.38
Special Master's fee	325.41
Attorney fees	1,978.00
	\$95,185.27

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

The Special Master may continue the date of sale by appearing on the date and time designated in this notice and announcing the postponement to another specific date.

/s/ Sarah Prothro
Sarah Prothro, Special Master

LEE GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By: /s/ Lee Griffin
Lee Griffin
1044 Mechem Drive
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(505) 258-9404
Attorney for Plaintiff

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF Lincoln
Twelfth JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case No. D-1226-CV-201100008**

PNC MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH NATIONAL CITY REAL ESTATE SERVICES LLC, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE, INC. F/K/A NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO DBA COMMONWEALTH UNITED MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

v.
DAVID SCOTT ELMAN AKA DAVID S. ELMAN; OLGA ELMAN; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID SCOTT ELMAN AKA DAVID S. ELMAN, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF OLGA ELMAN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME LIENHOLDERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS, IF ANY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants **Unknown Manufactured Home Lienholders, if any and Unknown Manufactured Home Owners, 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 225 E Main St, Capitan, NM 88316, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

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Lots 3, 4, 29 and 30, Block 43, of THE TOWN OF CAPITAN, 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, on March 3, 1900.

And all improvements, including but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 2002, Karstan Home, Double Wide, HUD Tag No. NMX004745 & NMX004746, Serial No. KHNM1201140AB

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.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By: Steven J Lucero
Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven J. Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013; (505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Twelfth Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 4 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.

**Jan Perry
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT**

By: Gloria LaMay
Deputy

10-2559 FC01

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**INVITATION FOR BID
BID NUMBER 11-01**

The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids for service truck. Bids must be submitted to the Office of the Town Clerk, PO Box 247, 400 9th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, telephone number (575)648-2371, no later than 3:00PM on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids must be clearly marked **11-01 Carrizozo Fire Department Service Truck**. The successful bid will be awarded by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting at **6:00PM, Monday, April 11, 2011**, in the Council Chambers, 400 9th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico. Bid specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk. The Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any and/or all proposals, and in the case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, to determine the best bid or to reject the same. Specifications will not be given over the telephone or by fax. Questions regarding this bid should be directed to Leann Weibrecht, Town Clerk/Treasurer at (575)648-2371.

**Leann Weibrecht, CMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Carrizozo**

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
Cause No. CV-2011-06**

TED CONLEY and CONLEY'S NURSERY, INC., a New Mexico corporation,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JOHN ALLEN and JOHN ALLEN, d/b/a FOUR HORSEMEN INTERNATIONAL FHI, a Nevada corporation; LISA ALLEN; TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORPORATION, a Florida Corporation; And HYDROTECH DRILLING,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICAION

TO: JOHN ALLEN and JOHN ALLEN d/b/a FOUR HORSEMEN INTERNATIONAL FHI

Notice is hereby given to JOHN ALLEN and JOHN ALLEN d/b/a FOUR HORSEMAN INTERNATIONAL FHI that TED CONLEY and CONLEY'S

LEGALS

NURSERY INC. have filed a Complaint to Foreclose Lien, for Breach of Contract and Collection of Open Account, and for Unjust Enrichment and an Amended Complaint to Foreclose Lien, for Breach of Contract and Collection of Open Account, and for Unjust Enrichment in the Twelfth Judicial District Court in Lincoln County New Mexico.

The attorney for Plaintiffs is BRYANT, SCHNEIDER-COOK LAW FIRM, P.A., Angie K. Schneider-Cook, 159 Mescalero Trail, Suite 8, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, and her telephone number is 575.258.5546.

If you do not file an answer or other responsive pleading within twenty (20) days from the last date of publication of this Notice, Plaintiffs will request the Court of grant them the relief sought in the Complaint and Amended Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico on this the 18th day of February 2011.

JAN PERRY
District Court Clerk

By: Jolene Biggs
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the governing body of the Village of Capitan will consider for adoption at its regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Village Hall, ordinances for:

1. Ordinance 2011-__ Amending Title 11 -- (Subdivision Regulations), Chapter 1 -- (General Provisions) -- Section 9 -- (Considerations for Subdivision Platting), to delete item 5A which pertains to the size of lots (3 acres) in a subdivision or replat.

**Kay Strickland, CMC
Village Clerk**

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**Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District
Notice of Adoption of Resolution**

Notice is hereby given of the title and of a general summary of the subject matter contained in a Resolution, duly adopted and approved by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District (the "District") at its regular meeting on March 1, 2011. A complete copy of the Resolution is available for public inspection during normal and regular business hours in the District's offices, at 516 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, New Mexico 88316.

The title of the Resolution is:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A WATER PROJECT FUND LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NEW MEXICO WATER TRUST BOARD AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY (THE "LENDERS/GRANTORS") AND THE Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District (THE "BORROWER/GRANTEE"), IN THE AMOUNT OF five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), EVIDENCING AN OBLIGATION OF THE BORROWER/GRANTEE TO UTILIZE THE LOAN/GRANT AMOUNT SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF the Borrower/Grantee's watershed management PROJECT, including the continuation of restoration and management on land within the floodplain boundaries and including the adjoining foothill area, AND SOLELY IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF THE LOAN AMOUNT SOLELY FROM PLEDGED REVENUES; CERTIFYING THAT THE LOAN/GRANT AMOUNT, TOGETHER WITH OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE BORROWER/GRANTEE, IS SUFFICIENT TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT.

A general summary of the subject matter of the Resolution is contained in its title.

This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-14-6, NMSA 1978.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 18, 2011, The City of Ruidoso Downs, P.O. Box 348, City of Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, filed application No. 02903-1; 02903-2 & H-974 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to add additional groundwater points of diversion to supplement surface waters in the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to use existing ground water points of diversion as follows:

WELL NUMBER	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-974	SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	29	11 South	14 East
H-974-S	SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	29	11 South	14 East
H-974-S-2	SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	29	11 South	14 East
H-974-POD4	SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4	20	11 South	14 East

to supplement the diversion of up to 564.55 acre feet per annum for municipal purposes within the City of Ruidoso Downs.

The applicant proposes to supplement the presently authorized surface point of diversion Hale Spring (AKA Griffith Spring) located at a point in the NW¼NW¼SW¼ of Section 28, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M.

The presently authorized place of use and proposed place of use under State Engineer File Nos. 02903-1; 02903-2 are within the City of Ruidoso Downs Corporate Boundaries.

The surface points of diversion and proposed groundwater points of diversion are located within the City of Ruidoso Downs, 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 the 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 the 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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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 22

5:43 p.m. Medical call at Mc Kibben Ranch in Corona, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

9:00 p.m. Multiple Registered Sex Offender checks at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

11:24 p.m. Medical call at residence on Peebles Ranch Road in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

December 23

6:21 a.m. Accident re-reported at mile marker 105 on Hwy 54 in Oscuro, Carrizozo emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

8:30 a.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

11:49 a.m. Accident re-reported on

Central Avenue in Carrizozo, emergency units and police dispatched.

12:48 p.m. Found property reported at business located at intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

1:05 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Don Pablo in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

2:14 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 12 of Ski Run Road in Ski Apache, ALS ambulance, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.

4:51 p.m. Medical call at residence on Adobe in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

6:53 p.m. Breaking & Entering (B&E) reported at location on Squaw Valley in Alto, deputy dispatched.

December 24

9:22 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Lupine Loop in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

9:58 a.m. Warrant service at LCDC

on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

12:37 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Enchanted Forest Loop in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:16 p.m. Missing or lost person reported from location on St. Andrews Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:26 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Third Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

December 25

12:17 a.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on White Angel Mesa in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

8:36 a.m. Accident re-reported on Hwy 54 approximately 5 miles south of Oscuro, Carrizozo emergency units and deputy dispatched.

10:02 a.m. Medical call at residence on Reynolds Court in Ruidoso Downs, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

12:04 p.m. Agency assistance requested at business located on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.

6:25 p.m. B&E reported at location on Enchanted Forest in Alto, deputy dispatched.

December 26

9:54 a.m. Assault reported at LCDC on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:44 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Tara Trail in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

11:25 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Pine Point in Alto, deputy dispatched.

1:19 p.m. Accident re-reported on Santiago Circle in Alto, deputy dispatched.

3:31 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Reynolds Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:57 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Corvo Crista in Ranches of Sontero, deputy dispatched.

8:53 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Goldenrod in Alto, deputy dispatched.

December 27

8:27 a.m. Temporary Restraining Order service at Ruidoso police department headquarters on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:05 a.m. Medical call at New Horizons on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

11:15 a.m. Motorist assistance requested at mile marker 269 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

12:54 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on FR 56 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

2:02 p.m. Warrant service at residence on Aspen Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

4:41 p.m. Medical call at residence on West Third Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

5:01 p.m. Medical call at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:29 p.m. Wel-

fare check requested at residence on Downs Drive in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

5:41 p.m. Medical call at residence on Pffingsten Road in Nogal, ambulance dispatched.

6:04 p.m. Accident reported on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:35 p.m. Information report at residence on Little Big Horn in Alto,

December 28

8:38 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Alta Vista Circle, deputy dispatched.

9:56 a.m. Civil dispute reported at location on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

11:18 a.m. Police presence/stand-by requested at residence on Goldenrod in Alto, deputy dispatched.

12:08 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Ft Stanton Road in Ft. Stanton, deputy dispatched.

2:46 p.m. Civil dispute reported on

Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:03 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Marjorie Lane in Capitan, police dispatched.

6:00 p.m. Children Youth and Family Department (CYFD) referral from residence on Reynolds Court in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

7:20 p.m. Medical call at residence on Ironwood in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

7:30 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Goldenrod in Alto, deputy dispatched.

December 29

12:31 a.m. Medical call at Carrizozo Health Clinic on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

10:09 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.

10:41 a.m. Civil dispute reported at Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) complex on Central

Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:56 a.m. Fire reported at location on Badger in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

11:29 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

1:23 p.m. Medical call at residence on Reindeer Road in Alto, ALS ambulance Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.

1:44 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

2:11 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

3:34 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Birch Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

6:59 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Randle Road in Capitan, police dispatched.

7:09 p.m. Multiple Re-

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CV-2010-391
Div. III

THE RANCHES OF SONTERRA
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
a domestic nonprofit corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN FRANK AVELAR,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure and Appointment of Special Master entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on January 26, 2011 in civil cause number CV-2010-391, the object of which was to foreclose the Plaintiff's Notice of Assessment Lien, the under-signed will offer for public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the north entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, New Mexico on the 10th day of March, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., all rights of the Defendant John Frank Avelar to the following described real property, located in Lincoln County, New Mexico;

Tract 210, THE RANCHES OF SONTERRA, UNIT 2, 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, October 5, 1995, in Cabinet F, Slide No. 295.

(hereinafter referred to as "the Property").

Notice is further given that the court directed foreclosure of the claims of lien on the Property and that the amounts to be realized at said sale from the Property, with interest calculated to date of sale, are as follows:

Amount of Plaintiff's Judgment including Interest Through date of sale: . . . \$1,354.54
Special Master's Fee \$214.38
Attorney's Fees and Costs \$1,450.66
Total \$3,019.58
In addition thereto there will be costs of publication of this Notice.

The terms of this sale are that the purchaser must pay cash at the time the Property is struck off to him, except that the Plaintiff may bid all or any part of their judgment, plus interest without paying cash.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded or unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described property subject to right of redemption, as set forth in the Judgment herein.

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.

Peter A. Baca
Special Master

Gibson & Leonard, P.C.
505 Mechem Dr.
Ruidoso, NM 88345
575.257.1010

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Free Appliance Disposal for 60 Days at GSWA

Free disposal for broken hot water heaters, washing machines, pipes and dishwashers damaged during the recent subzero weather for frozen and burst pipes is now available for the next 60 days at the Greentree Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) at its new location across from Duds and Suds on east Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

Broken appliances need to be transported to the new GSWA Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Inform the GSWA staff about the white goods or appliances damaged and the customary disposal fee will be waived.

Disposal fees are being waived during this period of time to assist homeowners and small business owners hard hit by the recent weather.

For more information, contact the Greentree Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697; toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

**MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH
SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY
NOGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
E.W. "Bo" Lewis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**RUIDOSO DOWNS
FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**
361-East Hwy. 70
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
575-378-4611
Dr. Randy Widenfer 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
Wednesday Community Dinner
6:30 p.m.
Kids Activities . . . 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 648-207
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 10:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
AWANAS . . . Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
(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**
213 Birch - Carrizozo, NM 88301
575-648-2853
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 a.m.

**CARRIZOZO ST. MATTHIAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Corner of E Avenue and 6th
Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson,
Priest in Charge
Holy Eucharist . . . Sunday 9:30 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
and
Children's Church . . . 10:30 a.m.
Family Workshop . . . 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
Jean Riley, Pastor
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Dinner
Fourth Sunday of Month . . . 12:30 p.m.
CAPITAN
3rd and White Oaks
575-354-2288
Jean Riley, Pastor
Worship Service . . . 9:10 p.m.
Fellowship Time . . . 10:15 p.m.
Adult Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Dinner . . . 3rd Sunday
of Month

**CAPITAN CHRIST
COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**
420 Lincoln Avenue
Joshua Watkins, 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.

CAPITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
420 Lincoln Avenue
Joshua Watkins, Minister
Sunday Bible Study . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF CORONA**
Cal West, Pastor / 849-7975
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner . . . 1st Sunday of Month

GRACE FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST
Corona, New Mexico
Terry Aiello, Pastor / 849-0105
Worship . . . 9:30 a.m.

CLAUNCH COMMUNITY CHURCH
Tony Scaecia, Minister
849-1402
Second Saturday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

**WHITE OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Non-Denominational)**
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sheriff's Report . . .

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gistered Sex Offender check(s) at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the LCC complex on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

7:30 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

7:35 p.m. Fire reported at location on Arabela Road in Arabela, Arabela fire units, and deputy dispatched.

8:09 p.m. Fire alarm reported at location on Woodbine Court in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

8:33 p.m. Traffic offenses reported at mile marker 96 on Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:52 p.m. Alarm reported at business location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:51 p.m. Disturbance resulting in agency assistance requested near the intersection of Second and Fourth Street in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.

December 30

12:39 a.m. Alarm reported at LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

3:26 a.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

8:07 a.m. Medical call at residence on Deer Park Drive in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

8:37 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Sun Valley Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:15 a.m. Agency assistance requested approximately 1/2 mile up Ski Run Road from Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:58 a.m. Motorist assistance requested on Gavilan Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:26 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Whispering Pine in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:17 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Sun Valley Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

1:45 p.m. Dog reported running loose on High Mesa Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:08 p.m. Medical call at residence on Hwy 48 in Capitan, ambulance and Capitan emergency units dispatched.

3:00 p.m. Traffic hazard reported at intersection of Gavilan Canyon Road and Eagle Creek Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

4:47 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on Alpine Village Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:25 p.m. Agency assistance requested at residence on Edward Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

7:18 p.m. 911 open line emergency at residence on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:33 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:43 p.m. Traffic hazard reported at location on Warrior Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

December 31

9:24 a.m. Unknown trouble call from Ruidoso police headquarters, deputy dispatched.

10:27 a.m. Medical call at residence on Main Street in Capitan, ambulance and police dispatched.

11:22 a.m. Public relations at residence on Eagle Creek Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:47 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

1:53 p.m. Medical call at residence on Cowboy Court in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

4:42 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Wyatt Earp Court in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

5:08 p.m. Burglary reported at residence on Santiago Circle in Ranches of Sontero, deputy dispatched.

5:29 p.m. Alarm reported at location on John West Lane in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

8:03 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on 14th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

10:12 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on St. Andrews Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:40 p.m. Fire alarm reported at location on Jarratt Loop in Ruidoso, Bonito fire units dispatched.

January 1

12:06 a.m. Accident reported on Broadmoor in Alto, Bonito emergency units, ALS ambulance and



WHITE OAKS SCHOOL HOUSE seems to mirror the style of the Hoyle House, an 1880s home built for a beloved that never came to the once thriving mining town. The Hoyle House is a private residence and not open to the public. White Oaks School House museum is open during summer months. (Photo by Doris Cherry)



THE MAYORS CORNER:

I hope everyone has been enjoying the windy weather. It is so refreshing to look out and not be able to see the mountains or blue skies. If you prefer something else, be patient, it will change.

Last week, Dusty, Dennis and I traveled to Santa Fe to attend the annual Municipal Day. We met with our legislators and other members of municipal government from all over the state.

Governor Susana Martinez spoke at one of our meetings. She is a dynamic speaker and seems very committed to all of the citizens of New Mexico.

The city crew has been working on problems with the sewer system in various locations around town. The main culprit seems to be roots that are causing the blockage.

They are installing shut off valves where ever they can. The idea is to be able to shut off smaller portions of the water system when making needed repairs. That is what they were doing on 12th street Monday.

There was some damage done to the irrigation system at Valle de Sol during the recent arctic blast. Hopefully that will be repaired soon. Streets signs are going up in Valle de Sol and the lake at the golf course is being filled back up. The lake was stocked on Monday. The new signs are up at the transfer site on Airport road.

We are still trying to fill the vacancies for the Police Chief and one full time officer. We have received some applications from what appear to be good applicants. This is a long process requiring interviews and verification of information submitted. Most of the applicants are from at least two states away. We hope to have at least one of the positions filled in the next few weeks. Officer Lindsey is still working for the town part time. The Sheriff's Office is handling the Emergency Calls for Service only. If your request is not an emergency, give the necessary information to the Police Department's secretary and she will get it to Officer Lindsey when he is on duty.

The Planning and Zoning Committee has been very busy. They have had numerous applications. If you are planning major construction or renovation to your property, you must present your application to P&Z for their approval and input. Packets for this can be picked up at City Hall. They contain directions which help you proceed correctly. J' Lane Zamora is the P&Z Administrator for the Town.

If you meet the qualification requirements for emergency Housing and Urban Development (HUD) money, you may be eligible for up to \$2,000 for repairs. This is a result of the recent cold weather we had and damage that was done. Applications are available at City Hall and the deadline to apply is March 18th.

We have one new business, Zamora's Auto Service which is open and is operated by Michael Zamora. It is located at 508 Central. That is the blue building next to the Auction House across the street from McDonald Park. He will be doing automotive service work and tire repair.

The Chamber of Commerce is encouraging everyone to shop locally. You might be surprised at the things you can purchase here if you just look a little bit. We have a new business providing service work for your vehicle. Give Michael your business and help him succeed in our town. We must pull together and help each other.

There is another business opening near the end of March. I will reserve those comments until there is an announcement of opening.

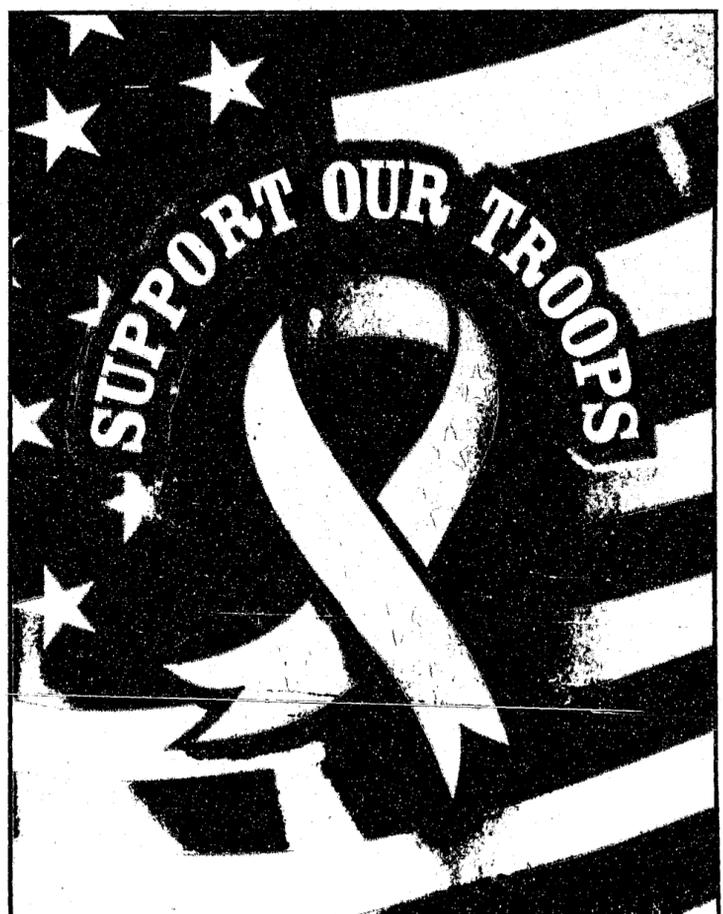
Have a Fun and Safe Weekend

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Sheriff's Report . . .

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deputy dispatched.
 5:31 a.m. Accident reported on Eagle Ridge Road in Alto, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.
 7:05 a.m. Unknown trouble call from location on Buena Vista in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 8:20 a.m. Hazardous materials spill reported at business located on Hwy 48 in Alto, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.
 8:31 a.m. Abandoned vehicle reported on High Mesa in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 10:33 a.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 10:58 a.m. Accident reported at Alpine Village in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 11:13 a.m. Abandoned vehicle reported near intersection of Gavilan Canyon Road and Barney Luck in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 11:39 a.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on High Mesa in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 3:06 p.m. Medical call at residence on Eagle Ridge Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 3:37 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Great House Road in Corona, deputy dispatched.
 4:45 p.m. Shots fired reported near Wapiti Way in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 4:54 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Monjeau Road in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
 6:30 p.m. Medical call at residence on Fourth Street in Capitan, ambulance and police dispatched.
January 2
 5:50 a.m. Information report at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 9:51 a.m. Accident reported on French Drive in Alto, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.
 12:35 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 4:41 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 5:04 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 3 on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 5:13 p.m. Fire reported at location on Buckhorn Loop in Glencoe, Glencoe/Palo Verde fire units dispatched.
 5:21 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Antler Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 6:14 p.m. 911 Hang-Up from location on Red Hawk Lane in Alto, deputy dispatched.
January 3
 8:34 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Rio Felix in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 3:23 p.m. Warrant service at Ruidoso Magistrate Court in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 5:38 p.m. Fire reported at

mile marker 277 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, Glencoe/Palo Verde fire units dispatched.
January 4
 8:35 a.m. Accident reported at mile marker 108 on Hwy 380 in Hondo, Hondo fire units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 9:18 a.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 9:26 a.m. Medical call at Carrizozo Health Clinic on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 9:29 a.m. Unknown trouble call from at District Court in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 9:41 a.m. Medical call at business located on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 10:05 a.m. Missing or lost person reported from location on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
 10:32 a.m. Vandalism reported at residence on Sixth Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 1:02 p.m. 911 Hang-Up from residence on Otter Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 5:38 p.m. Suspicious activity reported in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 6:35 p.m. Medical call at residence on Pinon Lane in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 7:05 p.m. Police presence/stand-by requested at residence on Silver Fox Lane in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 7:53 p.m. Information report at location on Martin Ranch Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 9:14 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Pinehurst in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 10:17 p.m. Missing or lost person reported found at location on North Parnell in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.
 10:18 p.m. Temporary Restraining Order violation reported at location on Antelope Trail in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
January 5
 10:36 a.m. Burglary reported at residence on 12th Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 1:02 p.m. Medical call at residence on Ft. Stanton Road in Ft. Stanton, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 1:03 p.m. Death reported at residence on Ft. Stanton Road in Ft. Stanton, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 1:38 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Peebles Ranch Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 4:05 p.m. Burglar alarm reported at business on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.
 6:25 p.m. Suspicious activity resulting in Agency assistance requested at residence on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.
 8:39 p.m. Motorist assistance requested at mile marker 13 on Hwy 246 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

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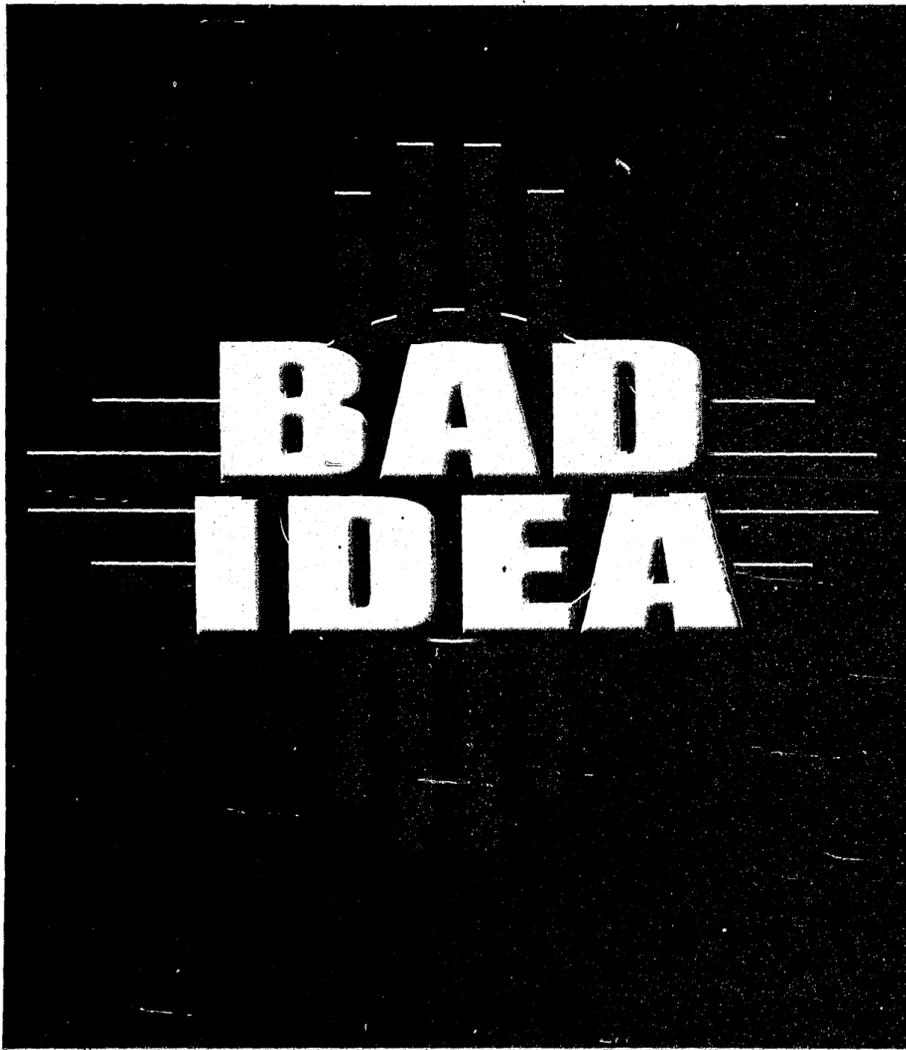
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Weather Report . . .

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around 31.
Saturday, March 5
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 60, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 33.
Sunday, March 6
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 64, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.
Monday, March 7
 Partly sunny and windy, with a high near 67, night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 39.
Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona and most of the Hondo Valley:
Thursday, March 3
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 63, west wind between 10 and 20 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39, west wind around 10 mph.
Friday, March 4
 Sunny, with a high near 59, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 26.
Saturday, March 5
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 51, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.
Sunday, March 6
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 58, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.
Monday, March 7
 Partly sunny and windy, with a high near 60, night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 37.
 The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For up to date weather reports, go to www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/on the internet.



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