

# **ADVISORY FOR TODAY**

## **Friday October 24, 2003**

### **First Lady Barbara Richardson in Las Cruces to Promote Literacy and Education, and Check Progress of “First Step” Maternal and Child Health Care Center**

**For Immediate Release**  
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**SANTA FE-** First Lady Barbara Richardson, is in Las Cruces today to promote literacy, pre-natal care and child health care in general. Mrs. Richardson will be joined by Mary-Dale Bolson, Secretary of the Children, Youth and Families Department.

Here is the schedule of the First Lady’s public events:

**8:30 - 9:15 am** - NM Coalition for Literacy and NM Adult Education Assn. annual conference - general session. Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla, 524-8603. Mrs. Richardson will receive an award from the group for her efforts to promote literacy.

**10:30 - 11:00 am** - Visit Mesilla Elementary School, 2363 Calle Del Sur, Mesilla. The First lady will meet with the student council and faculty.  
Contact: Barbara Bencomo, Principal, 312-1397 (c), and Barbara Dominguez, Sec., 527-9566

**12:45 - 1:30 pm** - Luncheon with First Step group, Juniper Room, West Wing Annex, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor, Las Cruces. Contact: Nancy Meyers, 521-4794. First Step is the largest group practice of maternal and child health care services in the region, and recently broke ground for a new, multi-million dollar facility.