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Annual Luminaria Display Christmas Eve In Carrizozo

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department will need helpers to place the luminarias on the streets in Carrizozo Saturday, Dec. 24. The group is to meet at the fire station at 10 a.m.

The luminarias will be lit later in the day, probably starting at about 4 p.m.

Police officers will be stationed at each end of town to ask drivers to turn off their headlights while traveling the luminaria route.

Last year people from around the area toured Carrizozo on Christmas Eve to see the first luminaria display.



SANTA ON A FIRE TRUCK arrived in Carrizozo Saturday. Carrizozo Fire Department delivered Santa to Spencer Park where these and many other children received candy, and were able to tell Santa about their special desires. The Fire Department will sponsor a Luminaria Display on Central Ave. and other streets in Carrizozo at dark on Christmas Eve.

Carrizozo Teachers Unhappy With Changes In Personal Leave Policy

by Doris Cherry

Many teachers at Carrizozo Schools are unhappy with a change of personal leave policy, and claim the change is a breach of contract.

But the board of education approved an amendment to their policy that defines the business leave, and decreases the number of days.

Several teachers and parents attended the board meeting Tuesday and voiced their concerns during the "public input" section at the first of the agenda. Teachers were still upset about the redefining of the "personal leave" and parents were upset about the resignation of science teacher Mariann Patterson.

According to a school administration spokesperson, Patterson submitted a letter of resignation on Tuesday morning, too late to be added to the agenda of the meeting that night. As a result, the

board could not formally accept the resignation.

Patterson was not at meeting to explain her resignation. But some of the parents there were concerned that the current issue over the "personal days" was a reason. THE NEWS was unable to contact Patterson for comment.

The personal days issue came before the board last month. Teacher Bryan Wetzel said he spoke for a group of teachers and not for just himself. Wetzel again addressed the personal leave at Tuesday's meeting. He said the teachers signed their contracts to teach this school year with the understanding that they would receive 10 sick leave days and four personal leave days. Wetzel said he was upset because the sick leave was being shortened to nine days and no personal leave days.

Some 40 percent of the teachers at the school had

signed a list of concerns about the changes to the leave policy.

The amendment to the board policy defines "business leave" for teachers who sign a contract to teach for 180 days a year. The policy states that employees on a contract basis may be granted a maximum of two days business leave during the year with only one day at a time granted, except as special needs arise. The determination will be made on a case by case basis by the superintendent and the cost of a substitute will be withheld from the teacher's salary. Emergency leave will also be provided if needed. All leave must be requested five days prior to the date of leave.

Wetzel said the board is breaking teachers contracts by changing the policy that affects teachers salaries in the middle of the year. He said the changes should have been

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Body Found In 1992 Might Be Identified Soon

The mystery of a badly decomposed body found on the north side of the Capitan Mountains near Pine Lodge in 1992 may soon be solved.

Last Friday, a former Roswell resident, and current Tulsa resident Vernon "Buddy" Hopper Jr. 34, led officers from the Tulsa Oklahoma police department and the FBI where the skeletal remains were found by a hunter in September 1992. Hopper is serving a sentence for first degree murder in Texas.

According to Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane the FBI contacted him about two months ago concerning a suspect in a case in Oklahoma where an 11 year old girl was missing since 1992. McSwane said the FBI and Tulsa police made some type of agreement with Hopper who led authorities directly to the location where the body was found. While McSwane had told FBI about the location where the body was found, no one from the sheriff's office accompanied the FBI or Tulsa Police.

Currently there is no positive identification of the body remains found in 1992. Soon after the body was found it was sent to the office of the medical investigator, but the office had difficulty in determining the sex of the body because it was so decomposed.

McSwane said his office had no leads in the county in 1992, as no clothing or items were found with the body.

McSwane said the FBI is doing DNA testing on the body remains now and may get a positive identification.

Carrizozo And Corona Want Share Of LCSWA

by Doris Cherry

Contracts for private trash services for Carrizozo and Corona will expire in early 1995. Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) has contacted the municipalities to provide the service, but the entities want the same

treatment as the other members of the trash group.

When LCSWA first began Ruidoso, Capitan and County of Lincoln forced LCSWA to buy out their assets of equipment, property and customer bases. All argued the customer base had worth to each entity. Ruidoso also sold its

actual equipment and the Gavilan transfer station, Capitan the landfill, and the county a bulldozer to LCSWA all at appraised value.

LCSWA bought the equipment and customer bases were figured at six times the monthly rate, with 15 year loans.

Now Carrizozo says it too will need payment for its customer base if it contracts with LCSWA for trash services. At the LCSWA meeting Monday in Ruidoso Downs, Carrizozo mayor Cecilia Kuhnel said her council has notified its attorney to contact the town's private trash ser-

vice Southwest Disposal Corp., and LCSWA regarding rates for services. Under terms of the private contract the town must give two months notice of termination or the contract will automatically renew. The town pays Southwest, located out of

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Financial Situation Good For Solid Waste Authority

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) came out fairly clean in its 1993-94 fiscal year audit report.

Authority board members at their meeting Monday in Ruidoso Downs, reviewed the audit report presented by Hemphill and Austin, public accountants. The report shows LCSWA increased its customer base by some 15 percent from June 1993 to June 1994, and managed to increase its retained earnings 23 percent. While LCSWA had an overall operating loss of \$29,457, grants, interest income and gross receipt taxes made up for the loss.

The audit report lists four "findings" or problems with the authority finances during the 1993-94 year. One is routine for small governments, one had been corrected and the board took action to resolve the other two at their meeting.

Authority manager Joe Lewandowski said the finding on IRS reporting of employee compensation was for safety bonuses he paid workers

when he first was authority manager. A common practice in the private business sector, the bonuses violate the New Mexico State Constitution's Anti-donation clause. Lewandowski said when he was first hired as authority manager he had no government background and was unaware of the anti-donation limitations. He gave the \$25 a month bonuses about two months before he found out. He stopped the bonuses as soon as he learned.

Two findings will be resolved soon. The board will take action to update a 1992 board policy that requires three written quotes on any purchase \$250 or more. The policy was found to be in violation of the state procurement code which requires three phone quotes with purchases of \$500 to \$5,000, and written bids for any purchase more than \$5,000. Board chairman Wilton Howell said he was not alarmed by the finding, because all the checks he signed had support documents.

Lewandowski said the policy was enacted by a prior

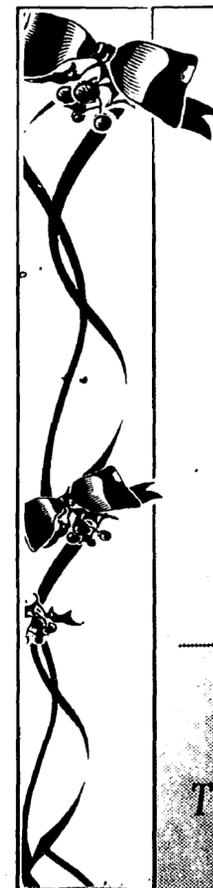
board, which was possibly seeking to keep a tight control over the authority's finances. He said there were no violations for large or small purchases. A resolution to update the policy will be on the next meeting agenda.

The authority's outdated accounts receivable computer program needs to be updated. The audit recommends the acquisition of an accounts receivable system to meet the specific needs of the authority. The audit shows the current system lacks internal controls and documentation of transactions. Lewandowski reminded the members they had discussed the need for a new system.

The other finding dealt with the need for a certified public accountant to prepare financial statements. Lewandowski said most small governments, including the authority, cannot afford to hire a CPA to prepare the reports and usually receive the finding.

Some board members were concerned about how long it took to get the audit report, and that the auditors did not

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Army Achievement Medal Is Awarded To Gilbert Zamora

Warner Barracks, Bamberg, Germany -- Army Spec. Gilbert Zamora has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal which is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or

other outstanding accomplishments.

Zamora, a signal support specialist, is the son of Ted and Christine Zamora of Carrizozo. He is a 1984 graduate of Carrizozo High School.



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experience a Blessed Christmas
and a*

*Meaningful New Year
filled with the best life has to offer*

Sempre

State Senator Pete, Lori and Peter Campos



SPECIAL ANGELS Debbie Flores (left) and Jo Bennet at Ruidoso State Bank branch in Capitan will help distribute gifts to some special children who were part of the bank's Angel Tree. The branch bank sponsored the Angel Tree which featured the names of needy children on cards suspended on the tree. From Dec. 1-15 patrons of the bank took cards, then returned an age and gender appropriate gift on Dec. 20. The project was initiated by Barbara Beckley.

Archuleta Completes Recruit Training At Marine Corps Depot

Marine Pvt. William F. Archuleta, son of Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. and Mrs. William F. Archuleta of Carrizozo, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

He is a 1994 graduate of Carrizozo High School.

Carrizozo And Corona Want . . .

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Alamogordo, about \$72,000 a year for trash service.

Lewandowski said he met with both Carrizozo and Corona councils. It was brought up to him that Carrizozo and Corona should both receive promissory notes for their customer bases. Carrizozo would receive some \$36,000 and about \$9,000 to Corona. Lewandowski, who was not working for LCSWA when it first formed, said he had watched LCSWA organize and go through the negotiation process between all the enti-

ties. LCSWA chairman Wilton Howell commented on that early action for buying out the customer bases. "If I'd been with this group then that wouldn't have happened. I see that as double taxation," Howell said. Capitan representative Dr. Bernhard Reimann who was a member in LCSWA fledgling days, agreed that the governments took their assets, which were purchased with tax payers money, and resold them to taxpayers.

But members agreed that was "history" and out of fairness the last two entities should receive similar payments if they go with LCSWA for trash service.

Lewandowski met with the Carrizozo and Corona councils and presented them options for trash service. In Corona, LCSWA could continue the smaller dumpsters located throughout the village, or it could go with a "roll off" container by the recycling igloos which are behind village hall at a much lower cost to the village. In Carrizozo service would be similar to that received now.

The two municipalities would provide about \$100,000 in added revenue to LCSWA.

LCSWA members agreed that if the two municipalities come into LCSWA they should receive the extra funds for their customer bases. Lewandowski said that even with the problems of the early years with LCSWA, the authority has done something no other group in the state has done--advanced recycling program, owns a landfill and cheapest trash rates in the state.

Other municipalities and regional groups statewide are three to four years behind LCSWA, and they have double the trash rates, Lewandowski said.

LCSWA members also: --Approved a change to the

1994 Christmas holiday, to give the Friday preceding Christmas off for all staff but the truck routes.

--Okayed the 1995 holiday schedule and the 1995 meeting schedule.

--Discussed a flat tire problem due to nails on the Capitan Landfill road voiced to a LCSWA member. Dr. Reimann said he walked the three miles of the road and did not find one nail. He also stopped every car that passed, and of those who live in the area he asked if they had had problems with tires, none had. Lewandowski said the landfill supervisor will run the magnet over the road after lunch, because the metal nails tend to freeze to the road surface.

--Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

—Carrizozo Town Hall closes at noon for the Christmas Holiday.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

—Carrizozo, Capitan, Corona, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs municipal halls and Lincoln County Courthouse closed for Christmas.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

—Luminaria display in Carrizozo, starting at dark.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

—Merry Christmas to everyone!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

—Carrizozo, Capitan, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs municipal halls and county courthouses closed for Christmas.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

—Carrizozo and Ruidoso Council meetings cancelled.

NEW YEARS EVE, DECEMBER 31

—New Year's Eve Dance at Club Carrizo Nike Hall, sponsored by Santa Rita Parish Council, music by "Unique". Adults only.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

—Swearing in ceremony of newly elected county officials at 10 a.m. the Lincoln County District Courtroom in the Courthouse in Carrizozo. Public is invited.



Thursday, December 22

—Ancho Community Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.

Friday, December 23

—Nogal Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. followed by a social hour at the Manse.

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

—Christmas Eve Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Corona.

—Christmas Eve Mass at 6:30 and 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitan.

—Corona Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. (Worship services on Christmas Day and New Year's Day have been cancelled at Corona.)

—Midnight Mass at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

—9 a.m. mass at Sacred Heart in Capitan.

—11 a.m. mass at Santa Rita in Carrizozo.

—11 a.m. worship service at Ancho Community Presbyterian Church.

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Carrizozo Teachers Unhappy . . .

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proposed, presented to teachers, then approved at the end of the year.

Wetzel himself requested and received four days in a row to go elk hunting at the first of the year. Another teacher took a day to go to a dog show. But superintendent Dr. Elna Stowe said those reasons were inappropriate. She said when she first learned about the requests for the extended personal leave, she researched board policy that controlled the days off and found that the four days were never intended to be taken as such. As a result she began enforcing the policy.

Newly appointed board member Jody Ventura said this is a money issue. "We need stronger accountability. We can't afford to let the policy run as it was," he said. The district is paying about \$10,000 a year to provide for the substitutes for the personal/business leave days.

Ventura was also concerned about the time teachers spend away from the classroom. He thought the children suffer when teachers were gone for four days at a time. Wetzel argued that the children suffer when the teachers are so concerned about their contracts.

Dr. Stowe said there has been a lot of abuse of the personal leave policy. "Just because someone would approve the personal leave days did not mean they (teachers) were doing the right thing by requesting it," Stowe said.

Stowe later apologized that she brought the proposed policy change to the board before it was presented to the teachers.

Parents, including Paul Wetzel, Billy Bob Shafer and Dale Goad asked the board to continue the four-day leave policy, as a benefit to either or keep teachers. While the parents commended the board for positive changes in discipline and other areas, they were concerned about the consequences of the leave changes. "If somebody did this to you, would you be happy?" Paul Wetzel asked.

Shafer asked why teachers have to say why they wanted four days, especially if they pay the substitute. "If this is an incentive to keep good teachers here, it's worth it to me as a parent," Shafer said.

Goad was concerned that the district could not find and keep qualified teachers, and also that some families who live on the edge of the district might send their children to Capitan. "Give the teachers little perks so they want to stay here," Goad said.

Goad said the policy change was a symbol. He agreed with Shafer about spending the money to keep teachers in the district. "I'd rather see the money spent to keep our teachers here than build a concession stand," Goad added.

Hightower said the board did not want Mariann to leave. "I don't understand why, (she left) she never said a word. I don't see that (the policy change) a reason enough to quit."

At one point in the discussion, school staffer Linda Brown, whose husband serves on the board, emotionally voiced her concerns about people claiming she has a job only because her husband is on the board and other unprofessional comments to her child who is a student. "In the last three months the school is falling apart because of the unprofessionalism of our staff," Mrs. Brown said.

Teacher Harold Bauman said the leave was a misunderstanding that began years ago, carried over as "status quo" and no one bothered to read and understand the actual policy. He suggested the clarification of the "per-

sonal leave" be delayed and teachers be allowed to bring a new proposal concerning the leave to the board in a special session.

Hightower said the board would address the policy change to provide only two days business leave at the section set aside on the agenda that night. When the board got to that section, Dewey Brown moved to accept the revision, Ventura seconded and all members, Brown, Ventura, LeeRoy Zamora and Hightower voted yes.

In other business, the board:
—Accepted the resignation of Kay Patterson as special education and 7th and 8th grade English teacher.
—Hired Alice Day as high school English teacher.
—Hired Patricia Coal as special education teacher.

—Adopted the "Tobacco Free" Campus policy that makes the entire campus off limits to tobacco use by everyone. Violators will be asked to not smoke, or go off school grounds.

—Postponed action on a Gun Free School amendment until the January meeting.

—Approved the Law Enforcement policy, and directed the superintendent to combine it with the district child abuse policy.

—Accepted donations of services from Ida Herrera for repairing a polywog for the library.

Financial Situation . . .

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present it personally. Lewandowski said he did not invite the auditors.

Most of last year's findings were resolved, including records of official minutes, physical inventory control list, required security for public deposits and PERA reporting requirements. The financial statement preparation and the violation of procurement regulations were repeated.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Bah! Humbug!

By Ruth Hammond

The season to be merry is finally here, even if there are a few Scrooge characters around with their Bah! Humbug! attitudes. Then there are the jolly types who start early in December to wish one and all "Merry Christmas" long before many people have even thought about it. Maybe it is time for the jolly type people to fight it out with the bah humbug people.

The jollies could smile as they duked it out with the grouches, formerly known as bah humbugs. There is no doubt each side would have a cheering section. The jolly cheerleaders would smile and wish everyone the best, even if it was below zero degrees and/or the middle of a blizzard. The grouch glooming section would scowl even if the sun was shining and it was warm outside. There would be no neutral cheering section.

The grouches would have plenty of practice for their roles as Scrooge characters. They could begin to scowl when they hear the first Christmas carol early in October, even before they have had the opportunity to scowl about children in costumes going from house to house asking for trick-or-treats. The grouches could also scowl when they see the Christmas decorations being placed in stores during a heat wave in the summer.

The jollies, on the other hand, would eagerly await the first jingle of a sleighbell song, the first blush of a red nose that could belong to either Santa or Rudolph, and the budding of the first Christmas cactus or poinsettia in the yuletide season.

Instead of a regular boxing ring (that is actually a square instead of a ring) there could be a line drawn to divide the two groups. The grouches, with their ever scowling faces, would be able to have plenty of room to swing at their opponents who are the ever smiling, ever happy, ever joyful jollies.

Meanwhile, back in holly and luminaria land, the jollies would sing their Christmas songs with a few extra Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! added to their lilting musical renditions, address Christmas cards, wrap packages, cut and trim trees (translation of trimming a tree is to decorate it, not to cut off branches) and place colorful decorations on and around their homes and/or businesses.

The grouches, in their ever-scowling manner, would gripe about the ridiculous situation where people stop everything for an entire day by closing businesses, and be even more unhappy that there is no mail delivered on Christmas day, even if it is in the middle of the week. The grouches would also complain about the governmental entities being closed, not only for Christmas but for another day as well, all at the taxpayers expense.

The jollies, with their twinkling eyes, would sip egg nog or spiced apple cider, and reflect on Christmases past and the joys they remembered from days long ago. They would make an effort to try to re-capture those days by doing the same type things they did when they were children, and enjoy doing it.

Neither side would wear boxing gloves, because it would not be a true boxing match. The jollies could throw fruit cakes and tree tinsel at the grouches and the grouches could yell Bah! Humbug! in return as they continued their scowling.

Referees could be the Congressmen who decided that the bible should not be read in schools, prayer should not be allowed in schools, and are considering making it against federal law for schools to present religious Christmas-type programs. These are the same Congressmen who recess each year for the Christmas holidays, purely a coincidence of course that Christmas JUST HAPPENS to be at the same time Congress takes a vacation.

There would be no true winners in the Christmas battle. The jollies would continue with their visions of sugarplums, and the grouches would Bah! Humbug! to everyone they meet. And the last-minute shoppers would avoid both groups.

Merry Christmas One And All!

Merry Christmas!

from Doris Cherry

Lincoln County News Reporter

Hard to believe another year is coming to a close.

What has it been, five years with all you Lincoln County News readers?

Sometimes when I'm busy behind my keyboard here in my own little office at Lincoln County News in Carrizozo I tend to not think about the many of you who will read my articles. But I make myself stop and reflect on the responsibilities of reporting—of being as accurate as possible, and most of all, of being fair.

Being objective is a goal I strive to achieve. But as I have learned there are always two sides to each story. Point of view can be distorted by emotions or personal beliefs.

That leads to more responsibility. I often, usually on the 30 minute drive from here to there in Lincoln County, reflect on my role as historian. While my reports will not be the sole source of history, they will most likely be looked upon in the future.

With the current movement to regain control on a local basis, my responsibility of objective reporting is more important than ever. Decisions that will affect me, my neighbors and all our children will be made, and need to be reported in a fair and accurate manner.

For many long time readers of the Lincoln County News, my name and my articles have been a part of your homes for these five years. Some of you I have met, many at the election polls where I have worked several times, some through other situations. Most of you I do not know. But still I carry a responsibility to inform you, the readers, on a fair basis about the workings of local government.

I also realize the responsibility of showing our young people in their many activities.

There are many other stories I would love to write, pictures I would love to take, but I am just one person, and this is a BIG county.

I can't catch every scoop or cover every meeting, or event. But I try to keep our readers as up to date as possible.

Thanks to the many of you club reporters and columnists who contribute to our paper. Your news is important.

As we come into a new century, and new millennium, we can expect to see profound changes in our area. Our rural county will become more and more squeezed by the ever increasing populations. Gambling will make even more changes. History will change before our eyes.

Thanks for your support and your comments, whether good or bad. And I hope to be sending you news in the new year to come.

Merry Christmas to all my readers and Happy New Year!



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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—The six-cent gasoline tax has taken on a life of its own," says Senate President Pro Tem. Manny Aragon.

Democrat leaders are amazed that nothing will make the cry for repeal of the six-cent gas tax go away.

* Not suspending two cents for three years so that pump prices are only four cents a gallon higher now than when the tax was originally passed.

* Not warning that gas tax cuts likely would go into the pockets of out-of-state, big oil interests.

* Not passing other tax cuts in the '94 Legislature that equalled a six-cent gas tax cut and were assured of going into New Mexicans' pockets.

* Not explaining that the six-cent tax put New Mexico in line with most surrounding states.

* And not offering Governor-elect Gary Johnson an equivalent cut in the top bracket of the state's income tax structure.

Aragon had thought the last alternative would be especially attractive to Johnson. There is general agreement that New Mexico's income tax rates are too graduated and that the high tax on top incomes is an economic disincentive to corporate officers looking at moving their companies to the state.

But Johnson wouldn't budge.

Aragon says he felt like Pontius Pilate, who thought he had come up with a reasonable alternative only to be amazed at the crowd's decision.

Why is this poor, misunderstood tax so reviled? Opponents say it has become the symbol of an arrogant government imposing an unneeded tax for a dubious purpose.

Aragon and House Speaker Raymond Sanchez will argue all day long that those perceptions are incorrect.

They point out that at the time the tax was passed by the '93 Legislature, the state was in bad financial condition. Many state and local services had been cut yearly since 1990, when Gov. Garrey

Carruthers championed a quarter-cent sales tax increase. Another quarter cent increase was being considered by the House. And there were proponents of a property tax increase to be imposed upon passage of a local or state referendum.

But then the Senate came up with the idea of increasing the gasoline tax. Most surrounding states had raised the tax to the point a six-cent increase would be comparable. Gas taxes had always gone to the road fund, but earmarking them to offset public school transportation costs kept them in that arena, Senate leaders contended.

A hard sell was put on Gov. Bruce King to convince him that the gas tax actually was a user fee and didn't qualify as a general tax, which he boasted had never been increased during his administrations.

It was only about a month after King's reluctant signing of the gas tax in early April that state revenue collectors began to notice a remarkable increase in income tax receipts. Subsequent months continued to show a quickly recovering economy.

By summer Republicans were calling for a special legislative session to repeal the gas tax. King agreed but was overruled by Democrat legislative leaders who said the state could wait until the next regular legislative session when they could get a better reading on why the recovery was so strong and whether it would continue.

You know the rest. The '94 Legislature cut other taxes, while investigating why gasoline prices in New Mexico fluctuate wildly and are some of the highest in the nation.

But it did not good. The gas tax had become as unpopular as the property tax. The old maxim that the sales tax isn't unpopular because people pay it in small amounts, didn't hold true for the gas tax. New Mexicans get mad every time they go to the gas station.

To Democrat leaders, the anger still isn't logical even though it played a major role in defeating many of their colleagues, who were branded as the "Gas Tax Gang."

Johnson and Republican legislative leaders plan to introduce a six-cent repeal on

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EDITOR—I lost my dog, Dodger, on Saturday, November 26 about half way up Eagle Creek Road. The following Monday I called the Lincoln County Humane Society and also placed a classified ad in the Lincoln County News. The next Thursday the Humane Society called and reported someone had seen Dodger at a campground on Eagle Creek Road. I rushed to the area from Moriarty. Two Lincoln County deputies, my two daughters and I searched Thursday night and all day Friday. We went home empty handed but sure that a passerby had picked him up. We were comforted to think he was no longer starving in the forest. On Monday, December 5, after eight days of adventure, he was spotted by Keith Kessler and two other men working near the dam at Bonito Lake. They called me with the news that they had seen him and he was in bad shape but he was running away from them. The tense rescue of the starving dog included trapping him on a cliff above the lake in a freezing rain. An hour later they called back that they had captured him! One of the men had seen the ad in the LC News and knew someone wanted him back. Thank you to everyone who helped search for Dodger the Basset hound. Never underestimate the power of prayer and a \$5 classified ad!

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THE OTHER SIDE

Dear Santa:

I am writing you a letter again this year even though you didn't answer the one I wrote last year. I guess you got too many to answer every one of them, but I hope you will pick mine this year.

I was sorry to hear about your misfortune last year, and I guess that explains why the only present I got was a piece of candy from the paperboy. My dad told me you were mugged in Hoboken and didn't have any more presents by the time you got to our house. I surely hope they catch the guy who did it.

My mother was too tired to get up Christmas morning last year since she spent most of the night before working at the truck stop. So when the rest of us got up, my dad cooked breakfast for us; which was quite an adventure. I can't understand how anybody could do such bad things to perfectly good food, but he managed to. I guess a good Christmas present this year for all the family would be McMuffins for everybody.

At any rate, if you are able to get to our house this year, I would like you to remember everyone and bring lots of goodies. We all need clothes and food, but I would like a toy of some kind, too. And if you could get my mother a day off from work, it would be nice. And my dad could use a job. And my seven children would like some nice presents. We will be looking for you.

Billy

Dear Santa:

More of the same, please.

Steve

Dear Santa Clause:

I need a new window for my neighbor's station wagon, and a new baseball because he kept my old one.

George

Dear Mr. Santa:

I am so glad to hear that you and Mrs. Claus are doing well and that your elves are all fine. Say hi to Rudolph for me. And I want a Barbie Doll, and my sister wants a new boy friend, and my dad won't let my brother have what he wants. See you later.

Mary

Dear Santa:

I want my daddy home for Christmas.

Peggy

Dear Santa:

Send me a sympathy card.

Bruce

Dear Santa:

There will be candy and cookies under the tree for you when you get here. And you can use my mother's ThighMaster if you need it.

Raymond

Dear Santa:

Does Rudolph really have a red nose?

Polly

Dear Santa:

I want a train, and Fred wants a plane, and Fritz wants a crane, and Johnny needs a brain, and Momma wants a chain, and Daddy doesn't want Momma to have a chain, and Grampa needs a cane, and other than that, everything's sane.

Oliver

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For the Love of Gregory

by Joann Rice

Editor's Note: This column relates a five-year-old's conversations with his grandmother.

Christmas According to Gregory

We sat at the table as Gregory ate his favorite lunch: turkey TV dinner.

"I wanta tell you the real story of Christmas, Queen Mother," he said.

"I'd love to hear it, Gregory. Please tell me."

"Well, it's all 'bout God, an' his son Jesus, an' Jesuses mother Goddard."

"I think her name was Mary," I said.

"Well, then, who's Goddard?"

"It's the name of a high school in another town which has a very good football team," I told him.

"Oh. Well Jesus didn't play football."

"Probably not. But get on with the story."

"Anyways Mary an' Joseph wuz ridin' on this donkey. Joseph wuz Mary's husband, an' he wuz just a carpenter what builded things. He wuzn't a god or nothin' so he wuzn't Jesus Daddy. God wuz. Anyways they wuz ridin' this donkey to Texas."

"I think they were going to pay their taxes," I said.

"Yes, in Texas. An' they got to Texas an' went to the motel. Joseph went in, an' asked for a room, so they could sleep 'cause it wuz bedtime. An' the man at the desk said, 'You can't get a room here. All the rooms are full a people. Don't you know it's Christmas?' An' Joseph said, 'But we been ridin' a long ways on a donkey.' Then the desk man said, 'Oh, well then, you can sleep out back with your donkey on the table.'"

"I think it was a stable," I said.

"That's a place where animals are kept."

"Well, Queen Mother, that makes a lot more sense. So they parked their donkey in the stable an' laid down to go to sleep. But they couldn't sleep 'cause right then Jesus got borned. Mary put him in a manger. That's what animals eat out of. But the animals didn't eat Jesus. They jus' stayed away. That's where the song Away In A Manger comes from. Meanwhile, there

wuz this big bright star came out over the stable. An' all these people sawed it an' they went to see the baby Jesus. There wuz shepherds who keep wolves away from sheep, an' Kings who make all the rules, an' wisemen who wuz berry smart. Anyways they all came an' bowed down an' washed Him."

"Worshipped Him," I said.

"Oh yeah. Anyways it wuz nice an' I wish I coulda been there. Don't you, Queen Mother?"

"Very much so."

"An' do you know that Jesus is still here wif us all the time. A course we can't see Him. But he's here to perfect us. An' do you know why it wuz those certain people that followed the star and went to see the baby Jesus?"

"No, I don't Gregory. Why do you think it was?"

"Cause Jesus is like the Kings 'cause he makes the rules. An' Jesus is like the wise men 'cause he's smartest of all. An' Jesus is like the shepherd 'cause he keeps the wolves away. An' best of all Jesus is like the star 'cause he keeps you from bein' afraid a the dark."



The Other Side

(Con't, from P. 4)

Dear Santa:

Is the North Pole still your correct mailing address? If you will recall, I sent you a long list of things I wanted for Christmas last year, and you must have not gotten my letter because I didn't get a single thing I asked for, and that is disturbing because I could really have enjoyed that red Corvette I didn't get. See if you can't do better this year.

Frankie

Dear Santa:

When you get to our house this year, the present wrapped in red stripes with a green bow sitting in front of the tree is for you. I hope you enjoy it.

Patsy

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CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

Greetings from my old house by the side of the road to your house.

Seems like I just wished you folks a Happy Thanksgiving and now it is time to wish you all a Merry Christmas



and that I do wish, that I do! I know time passes much faster than it did when I was a child, so very long ago, but when talking to my daughter last week and she related how Katie Maureen, age eight, found some of her hidden away presents and then confessed that she had discovered them, I broke into gales of laughter. What is so funny? queried my daughter, who is a prominent psychologist and is supposed to know the answers to all things. I laughed some more and said her daughter, referring to my granddaughter of course, is more like her grandmother than she is her mother and I then proceeded to enlighten her about the times I very sneakily hunted and found nearly all the things my mother and father had put away for my Christmas surprise, but I never let them know it, until I was grown...Don't we all have secrets of some kind? It is just part of growing up, I guess. My apologies Jesus Cervantes.

The following is a copy of the award that Jesus Cervantes received from our Governor Bruce King. I promised to put it in last week's column, but unfortunately it was slipped under another large folder and I overlooked it. My apologies Jesus.

Bruce King, Governor of the State of New Mexico. CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO JESUS CERVANTES with recognition for your special achievement at the 1994 New Mexico Senior Olympics. Done at Santa Fe, this 14th day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four. **BRUCE KING, GOVERNOR.**

May we add our congratulations to you also Jesus Cervantes.

David Keller, the son of Phil and Donna Keller, will be spending the Christmas holidays with his parents and his sister Erin. David lives in Los Alamos.

Have received so many lovely cards and notes I do thank you, each and everyone and will get them answered soon. However, may not make it by Christmas. It seems with all the best made plans, things do not always go according to plan. My son Tom, had a bad accident. He fell while installing Christmas lights on their front porch. The ladder gave way and Tom hit the concrete porch, breaking his right ankle and his right elbow. There was no one around and he crawled to his pickup and rove himself to the emergency room in Ruidoso. I was unaware of all of this until he returned home. By the time he was all x-rayed and put into casts, he finally reached his friend and neighbor, Nick Skaugland and he and Mary drove to Ruidoso and brought Tom and his pickup back to Capitan. Tom will be marooned at home for some time. And I sincerely hope he will be allergic to ladders on a concrete porch from now on.

What a beautiful day it has been. The sun is shining and it seems like I have seen more old friends and met more friendly new ones than I have all year and the telephone has been ringing off the wall and my notes have all contained sweet messages. So with all the goodies that have poured in, I will not be able to wear the beautiful dress my daughter sent me to wear to the Inn of the Mountain Gods on Christmas Eve with my dear friend Elaine.

Inez Marrs just stopped and



CAPITAN POSTMASTER Mike Currin (left) stopped by for a bit of refreshment during the Capitan Village Hall open house Friday. With Currin are judge Jack Johnson (middle) and trustee L.C. Cozzens.

it is so good to see Inez and laugh and to confide and to listen and laugh some more. She and I always have had such great times doing just that. Then met Yolanda Cline. Yolanda met Inez here and it was very enjoyable meeting Yolanda. Bea Payton stopped in for a few moments and brought some fattening goodies. Thelma Stephens did the same thing. Elaine also and I swear I will never get my belt fastened come Christmas if I keep partaking of the delicious goodies. Just ran into our handsome postmaster coming out of the post office with his beautiful daughter Melissa. Melissa was beautiful in her picture that we put in the fall, but she is gorgeous in person and has a gorgeous personality to go with her beauty.

The annual Christmas party of the Corriente CowBelles was held at the beautiful new home of Pat Ward in Ruidoso. Besides partaking of delicious food and enjoying invigorating conversation, they found time to install the new officers for 1995, which are as follows: President Beverly Payne, first vice-president Ruth Shannon, second vice-president Pat Ward, secretary Pat Schear, treasurer Janice Herd.

Inez Marrs just stopped, as above related, and gave this bit of news. Inez Marrs is the past State President of the Corriente CowBelles.

And as most of you folks that do read this column are almost too busy to read and as I am almost to busy to even think, let alone type, let me close this writing with this Indian prayer.

O' Great Spirit
Whose voice I hear in the winds,
And whose breath gives life to all the world,
hear me! I am small and weak, I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in Beauty, and make my eyes behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.

Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy — myself.

Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.

So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

And so in closing let me add the following bit, when the going gets rough and things look on the side, just remember to say this.

"Dear Lord, There is nothing you and I together cannot solve today!"

And so my friends who read my words faithfully and those who read my words now and then, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Christmas with

your families and your friends. And may the Heavenly Father and His divine Son give many blessings upon you Merry Christmas.



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Love Santana

Dear Santa, For Xmas I want Control car and a Power Ranger.
I love you, Matthew S.

Dear Santa, I want a Dancingtwirl Barbie A Real Horse gray
Love, Kaitlyn

calender, a baseball soot daggers, bigger room. Is your birthday on Christmas eve. mork yes or no.
Love Forest

Dear Santa, I have been good how is mis. claus and how have you been to Santa Bring Mrs. T a present
Love Jonathan Dacy

Dear Santa I want a doll
Love Sam

Dear Santa, I want a Power Ranger and a bike.
Love, Johnny

Dear Santa I want a motoreycle
Love, Robert

Dear Santa, I want a big toy calld a reindeer and a sled with a bell on it and a bunch of other like a grazing dinosaur called a Velocilaptor that can jump and kill but not us that can kill toy Men and a ntnja soot that has rill wepon I wont hert my brothers and a mocin troll mega sord that has face wepons and a badgy Love Matthe, is your birthday on christmas mark yes or no

Dear Santa I like presents. Can you bring Mrs. T one? I want a radio, the cookies on the table.
Brandon Caughron

Dear S.C. I can't wait until Christmas comes I celebrate Christmas.. do you I bet you do if, I was a good girl I would like a small reeckorder, a bigger dessk because my sister tells me to go my dessk its very littel. thats all that I want but my dad has some preasints that I'd like to have.
Love, Jeanette Zagone
P.S. I'd also want a thing that makes gros thing then you eat then by S.O.

Dear Santa, I want a power Ranger dinosaur
Love, Tony

Dear Santa I want a saga genesis
Love Jacpb

Dear Santa, I want a bike I want a Doll
Love, Nicole

Dear Santa am you ok I juest like chrimis how is mi. claus we arri ok can you Breg me a drill and a Book I had Bin vere good Santa. I like my frens.
Love Juan Orion Jiminez

Dear Santa, I want a motoreycle
Love, Alex

Dear Santa, I want a Saga Genesis.
Love, Adam

Dear Santa, I want a talking tammy and I want a computer
Love, Tawney

Dear Santa, I want a Dancing Twirl Barbie
Love, Brittney

Dear Santa, I want a lot of toys but I will tell you only sum of the toys I want. Hear is sum of them. I want a gameboy and a Babbay hose and a Babbay boat and a Babbay hose and a sag. How is Mas. Santa and how are the reindeer boing. How bowt ruudof.
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Love Joshua Castaneda

Dear Santa, Are you feeling good? How is your wife? Bring presents for me. I wont a wite tiger zord and a wite sord. I hav bin good with my brothr
Love Mathew Barela

Dear Santa, How are you? I want a whil power Ranger sord and the hole Power Ranger set.
Love, Aaron Luna

How is your wife? I have bin good. I wont a d.a.r.e. postr and a bskit bal for Christmas.
Love Roberta Saiz

Dear Santa, I have been pretty good. please bring x-mem and B.B. gun.
Love, Rance Winters

Dear Santa, has Mrs. Claus and the elves bin doeg? I want a midmoffer pawr ary beeper. Plez bring Mis T. a ring.
luv Thomas Mirelez

Dear Santa, I want a pooltable in My room allso i want a tiger that is soft. i am going to get a golden ring for Mrs. T.
Roy Ganadongra

Dear Santa, Hou is mis claus. we are doing good. hou are you doing? I wod lik a noo camra. and a par of roibrblads and sum makup.
Love Beth hart

Dear Santa, I have Bin prt good hou is Mrs. Claus doen. how is rudolph doen I wut moon shoos a poll table a Bubi gum mshen lin king Bed sbred
Love Britni ward

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus doen. I wont a pitabl and a bebgan. I have bin pride good.
Luv Trey Merchantdot frgit yr milk and cucez Trey

Dear Santa How is Mis Claus doing I am good. I want a rad and a pool
Stacey Trapp

Dear Santa, how are your reindeer I hope you and your wife haw are the elfs santa Will you give me a segae and the game sonic the hege hog and santa can I have a Yamaha.
Jare James

Dear Santa, I wish you a mery Christmas. Hope the raindeer are doing well. I wanta fyou things for Christmas. I want a snowmobel, Soper Nintendo, krodey sord, roler blads, T.V., Game boy, A pikcher of you, a jeangl bell, A Santa soot, a brothr, I want to be a good drawer, a picher of roodof, a big Christmas tree for me a

Dear Santa, How is yr wife? Is she dooen good? Santa, I hav ben a good boy this year. I want a car and a wokman and a woketoke.
Love Brendon Osborn

Dear Santa, How er you doing? I hope you give me a presit like a hors for Christmas. I have bin good.
Love Staci Sanbrough

Dear Santa, How is your wife? I have ben vare good this year. I want a room, a bike, a swing set, a pool table, a swimming pool, a desk, and basees, and a dol.
Love Anna Hall

Dear Santa, How ar you? Ar you fine? I hav bin a good boy and I hav vin a vere good stoodit. I wont a hors to ride and a cat to pet.
Love Henry Berry

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? Im fine How is yr wife? I hope yr wife is fine. I wut a gameboy and a Tv and a gym berbe and a book on cats. I hav bin good.
Love Kelsey Stierwalt

Dear santa, How is your wife? How is Roodolf? I have bin good this yer. I wont a gam boy, a doll house, a Berbe, kite, cot, winsoot, a pet turtl and a hors,
Love Chasata Dean Ferguson

Dear Santa, How is your wife? I hav bin a good grl. I wont a tatu dool, randeer dress and a chas rejester.
love Kayla Roberts

Dear Santa, How is your wife? I want a hors for christmas
Love, Sarah Morris

Dear Santa, I hope you and you reindeer have a good Christmas. Do you have the toys ready for Christmas eve. I hope I have been good for toys. Christmas isanint just about toys. It's about when jesus was born. I want a sling shot. I hope you have a good ride.
Yours truly David Koch.

Dear Santa, I want a Sord and a derte bick and a riall forwill drive and a nintindo and a twoty-two rifle and a twoty-two pistle and a riall lether football and a riall football castyoom and a riall baby roodof in a basket under my Christmas tree and a riall pair of your magic mitens.
Love, Dustin

Dear Santa For Christmas I want A toy t.rex and a Boanderoe. And a toy santa. And a t.ballbat. And a nintento game. And a real fish myn dide.
your friend Kyle.

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Sheriff's Report

Santa Cops will deliver toys and goodies to needy families today, Thursday, December 22.

Santa Cops helpers will come from all law enforcement agencies in Lincoln County, the sheriff's posse, local churches and fire departments.

The following information was taken from dispatch records at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in Carrizozo:

Forestry assisted with a 600 gallon truck.

5:33 p.m. two boys were reported lost in the Ruidoso Downs area. The calling party dropped the boys off, waited a half hour then called and honked for them with no response. Dispatch advised the woman to drive the road she left them on once more, then if she can't find them, meet with an officer.

December 13:

9:46 a.m. a vehicle fire was reported on lower Eagle Creek road. Bonito Fire Department and New Mexico State Police (NMSP) responded.

1:10 p.m. dogs were reported chasing cattle near Capitan Gap. The calling party reported the neighbor's two dogs keep chasing her cattle and attacking her dogs that are chained up and she requested the animal control officer.

5:19 p.m. a complaint was made in the Alto area. The calling party requested a report be taken on a subject for whom she and her husband are doing a job. The calling party said the subject made rude and crude remarks to her and also mentioned a remark of "when her husband is dead."

The responding deputy called the subject at her home and the subject said she didn't know what he was talking about.

6:26 p.m. a broken window was reported on a trailer on B. Ave. in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded and advised there was no forced entry, the previous residents broke the window.

6:27 p.m. assault and battery was reported in the county. The calling party reported her husband assaulted and battered her the night before by hitting her head against the wall about three times and he hit her in the face with a closed fist. The calling party requested a deputy to file charges on her husband. A deputy responded and arrested the man.

Dec. 14:

5:16 a.m. a two car accident involving four subjects was reported at mile marker 111 on Highway 54. A deputy, NMSP and a wrecker responded.

10:50 a.m. an accident without injuries was reported at Cedar Creek Road. NMSP responded.

1:56 p.m. a possible structure fire was reported in Alamo Canyon. Hondo Fire Dept. responded and advised it was just grass and brush, no structure. New Mexico State

Dec. 15:

7:49 a.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence in Agua Fria. The calling party called her daughters house and spoke to her grandchild who said mom will not wake up. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) Med I was called, patient refused transport to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC).

Dec. 16:

A theft was reported in Alto. The calling party advised that property was taken from a construction site. The responding deputy made contact with the calling party and was to make a report.

Dec. 17:

1:29 p.m. a three year old female swallowed a half bottle of medication. The grandmother made the child vomit. Capitan Police and ambulance responded.

Dec. 18:

10:20 a.m. a dog was attacked by another dog in Nogal Canyon. The animal control officer found the owner of the dog and agreed to pay the vet bill.

9:04 p.m. a welfare check was requested for a subject in Alto. The caller was unable to contact her father. A neighbor went to the residence and found it open with no one around. The responding deputies looked around, made calls and found information to try and locate the man, however they could not find him. Finally, on December 19, the man was located in the morning by the neighbor.

Dec. 19:

8:17 a.m. a rollover was reported on a county road. A woman and two small children were taken to a Roswell hospital. Two deputies responded. NMSP was to take a report from the officers.

9:44 a.m. a house was on fire four miles north of Capitan on Lone Tree Road at the Lawrence Ranch. The caller was contacted at work and told her house was on fire. Otero Electric was requested to the scene, Capitan, Fort Stanton and Bonito Fire Departments were paged.

3:51 p.m. a fire was reported in an orchard behind Sun Country Store in Hondo.

Lincoln County DETENTION CENTER REPORT

The following people were booked into or released from the Lincoln County Detention Center (jail) in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

Penitentiary: held for court; transported back to state prison on Dec. 20.

Dec. 19:

Joseph Beard, 28, State Penitentiary: held for court; transported back to state prison on Dec. 20.

Dec. 14:

Gary W. Lemon, 41, Ruidoso: domestic violence, probation violation; \$20,000 bond set by Magistrate Judge Williams Butts; arrested by Ruidoso Police.

Dec. 15:

Joseph Trahan, 19, Ruidoso Downs: failure to comply with conditions of release, DWI, improper equipment, probation violation; no bond set by District Judge Richard Parsons, Butts and adult probation officer; arrested by Ruidoso Police.

Steve Aragon, 18, Carrizozo: possession of stolen property; \$5,000 bond set by Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr.; released Dec. 15 on orders from Dean; arrested by Carrizozo Police.

Sheldon Brown, 38, Ruidoso Downs: failure to appear; \$15,000 bond set by Dean.

Thompson Trujillo, 19, Ruidoso: DWI 3rd, careless driving, suspended drivers license; \$50,000 bond set by Butts; arrested by Ruidoso Police.

Charles Gutierrez, 19, Ruidoso Downs: minor in possession of alcohol, criminal damage to property, receiving stolen property; \$1,500 bond; arrested by Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Dec. 16:

Freddie Baca, 18, Ruidoso Downs: allowing self to be served, shoplifting, possession of stolen property, criminal damage;

Raymond G. Hernandez, 20, Ruidoso Downs: minor in possession of alcohol, criminal damage to property, receiving stolen property; \$1500 bond set.

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LCMC Schedules Jan. 6 Prostate Screening Clinic

A prostate screening clinic will be sponsored by Lincoln County Medical Center on Friday, January 6, 1995 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The clinic will be held in the LCMC Professional Building at 207 Sudderth and will be staffed by a urologist and local physicians. A reduced fee of \$15.00 will be charged which will include a digital rectal exam and a PSA blood test.

The American Cancer Society

recommends annual PSA testing for men over the age of 50 although some major health organizations do not endorse it. If you have questions about being tested, please contact your physician. If you are currently under the care of a urologist, you are encouraged to follow his advice.

Appointments are required for this clinic. To schedule call Jim Collins at Lincoln County Medical Center at 257-8255.

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Ruidoso MainStreet Project Shuts Down For The Winter

The Ruidoso MainStreet Redevelopment Project is shut down for the winter.

Installation of lights, benches, trash receptacles and railings in the Mid-Town area will be completed this winter, however.

Ruidoso deputy village manager Alan Briley, in a

report to the Ruidoso Village Council Dec. 13, said the barrels also will be removed from the downtown area for the winter season. D&S Construction, the contractor for the project, will resume work on April 1, 1995.

Briley also asked that Mid-town merchants who

have new sidewalks in front of their businesses not use salt or some de-icers to remove ice from the sidewalks this winter. Briley said that the concrete has not yet cured, and the deicers could ruin the color and the actual concrete if used. Some products are safe to use. Briley is working on a pamphlet about safe deicing practices to distribute to the merchants.

The council also took steps to extend the scope of work for D&S Construction to include design and construction of public bathrooms in the Mid-Town area. The village received \$150,000 for rest rooms, parking improvements and other contingencies for the current first phase of the MainStreet construction. The village is working on the parking situation and is ready to begin work on the rest rooms, so they will be completed by next summer.

Briley offered two options for the bathroom projects, to hire an architect to develop plans and specifications, advertise for bids then begin construction, or to change the order on the current contract with D&S to include designing and building the rest rooms. Briley said the change order would probably be less expensive. Also, by doing such the contractor can remain working through the winter months when the street project is shut down, and be available if anything is needed or happens to the street project.

Councilors unanimously accepted Briley's recommendation to authorize staff to negotiate with D&S Construction for the said order, and if the negotiations fail based on price or time frame, to proceed with the architect option.

The Grindstone Water Treatment Plant project is moving along. Councilors approved the bid for construction of the Grindstone Water Treatment Facilities from Drew Engineering of Ruidoso. The base bid for the construction is \$1,060,210 plus additional costs for tank reloca-

tion, bid allowances, additives and accelerated construction schedule for a total bid of \$1,485,785. The base bid estimate from the John Carollo engineering firm was \$1,100,000. Gross receipts will be added to the total amount and paid to the contractor.

The other bid additives included the water treatment plant building system, unloading dock, plant monitoring panel and lab furniture.

The accelerated schedule for construction will bring the facility on-line at the beginning of the summer tourist season.

Councilors accepted a proposal from the John Carollo engineers for the Grindstone project to have the firm provide construction management and inspection. The firm has indicated that the majority of the inspection will be done by John Shaw Engineering of Ruidoso. The village's negotiation with the Carollo firm resulted in a \$6,000 savings. Under the terms of the task order, the cost of the management and inspection services will not exceed \$90,400.

To pay for the Grindstone project, and to keep village accounting balanced, councilors approved a resolution to amend the current fiscal year budget to provide for transfer of money out of the utility fund into the Grindstone Water Capital Improvement Project fund.

Councilors also: -Scheduled an appeal hearing at the January 10 meeting on a commercial site development determination by planning and zoning, for Debra Goeller, who proposes to use a residence for a beauty shop.

-Awarded a bid of \$16,830 for new utility billing software to New World Systems. A total of \$17,181 was budgeted. The three bids received were reviewed by a committee consisting of councilor Robert Donaldson, village manager Gary Jackson, purchasing agent Terri Ward and finance supervisor LeeAnn Nichols.

-Heard Jackson recommend appointment of a committee at the January 10 meeting to oversee the application for the All American City Award.

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OBITUARY

BUTCH JACOBS
Funeral services for Butch Jacobs, 51, of Ruidoso were December 13 at LaGrone Funeral Chapel with the Rev. John Penn officiating.

Jacobs died Dec. 10 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He was born September 7, 1943 at Arkansas City, Kansas. He was past president of the Ruidoso Gun Club and past fire chief of the Ruidoso Volunteer Fire Department. He moved to Ruidoso 26 years ago from Hobbs and owned and operated B.J.'s of Ruidoso since 1978.

He married Susie Luallin on October 19, 1968 in Ruidoso. He is survived by his wife, Susie of Ruidoso; two daughters: LaTisha Lynn Jacobs of Las Cruces and Cristy D. Jacobs of Ruidoso; his father Fred Jacobs of Arkansas City, Kansas and two sisters: Judy McKee of Concordia, Kansas and Joan Long of Arkansas City, Kansas.

NOTICE OF EXPLANATION

Date of publication: December 22, 1994
The town of Carrizozo intends to undertake reconstruction of the following street sections: Sixth Street from E Avenue to B Avenue; Fifth Street from Hwy. 380 to E Avenue; G Avenue from 8th Street to Fifth Street; H Avenue from 8th Street to Sixth Street, and F Avenue from 8th Street to Fifth Street. The project will include overlay of hot mix asphalt, storm drainage using curb and gutter and concrete valley gutters in all intersections. Parts of the project have been determined to be located in a 100 year (Zone A) flood plain based on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), panel no. H 01, Community No. 350110, effective date: August 22, 1975. The town of Carrizozo has determined through its early public review that there are no practicable alternatives but to proceed with work in the flood plain.

Practicable alternatives and mitigating measures which were considered included relocating the project outside the flood plain. The No Project alternative was also considered, but would result in a continued rate of deterioration of existing streets. The proposed activity, as described above, conforms to applicable state flood plain protection standards, and will not affect natural or beneficial values of the flood plain.

Funding for the project is provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The project is administered by the state of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division.

Written comments on the proposed project and the decision to proceed with work in the flood plain as justified above will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 6, 1995. Please send comments to Mayor Cecilia Kuhnle, Town of Carrizozo, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, NM 88316. A more detailed description of the project, including justification for locating in the flood plain and FIRM are available for review at the offices of the town of Carrizozo located at 100 Fifth Street, Carrizozo, NM.

Michael L. McCan, Certifying Environmental Officer.

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SANTA COP HELPERS David and Richard Wheeler and Lisa Bartley, all of Ruidoso, wrap presents and prepare boxes of goodies at the Santa Cops workshop in Sierra Mall in Ruidoso. The toys, clothes and food were donated and purchased for needy families in Lincoln County. Crews from the all law enforcement agencies, fire departments and other Santa Cops helpers will distribute presents today, Thursday, Dec. 21.

Capitan Asks For Money For Water

by Doris Cherry

Water storage is tops on the village of Capitan wish list for funds from the state legislature.

A five million gallon water storage tank will cost in the neighborhood of \$800,000. If constructed the tank would provide the storage for the village's share of Eagle Creek water and perhaps from the village's second well.

The request was given directly to state representative-elect Dub Williams who visited with the trustees and audience during the Dec. 12 village meeting. Williams agreed that water is the key to development in New Mexico. "Water will make the final determination of how New Mexico grows," he said.

Village water advisory board member Benny Coker also asked Williams to support a move to retain the 3 cent a gallon Conservation Fee which was imposed to pay for testing of water supplies under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Coker said that Albuquerque is pressuring the state municipal league to support rescinding the fee. For small communities, the fee (which adds 12 cents a month to the average water bill) provides enough funds to pay for the required testing.

Coker said that the small communities and counties can work together to defeat the votes which Albuquerque and Bernalillo County represent in the legislature.

Williams said he is very interested in the water issues, and all other rights issues. A member of the People For the West, Williams said he supports protecting the rights of the people, and the state's rights issue.

Audience member Jack Johnson questioned Williams on his stance on the drive up liquor windows, and Beauvais asked about the local option voting for the video gambling issue, which voters approved in the November election.

Williams, who will not officially begin to represent District 56 until Jan. 17 when the legislative session begins, said that the drive up windows issue is "touchy" which has received a lot of adverse publicity. He said there is some advantage to the windows, especially for handicapped people. He asked that his constituents tell him their feelings. "Call me or drop a line," he invited.

As for the gaming, Williams said that a group of legislators are meeting to formulate bills on the gaming. He said that indications are that the gaming issue will be considered early in the session, instead of holding a special session just for the gaming as was suggested. As for the local option, Williams said he has had the feedback that local option would give local some part in the decision making, and why a local option when voters gave their approval in November instead have the legislature decide. Coker asked that any local option provision should specify that any community which votes out the gaming should not have any of the receipts from gaming.

Jack Johnson also asked that the gasoline tax imposed last legislative session be retained and the funds be applied toward upgrading the state's highways, with the taxes raised in the county, returned to highway projects in the county.

Concerns were expressed over the surplus Fire Protection Funds, which are sent to the various fire departments based on ratings, being put into the state's general fund instead of being forwarded to

the departments which need the money.

Williams was also asked to look into the Camp Sierra Blanca minimum security prison situation. The camp has experienced several escapes, one resulting in an alleged murder of an elderly Lincoln man.

Williams closed by inviting

suggestions from constituents. A retired educator, Williams asked for advice from those with expertise in other fields.

Williams invited written and phone comments. His address is HC 66 Box 10, Glencoe NM 88325. His phone is 378-4181.

OBITUARY

FORREST E. CURRELL
Private services were held Dec. 1 at LaGrone Funeral

Chapel with the Rev. Al Lane officiating. Mr. Currell was born Nov. 3, 1913 at Quita,

Oklahoma.

He died Nov. 26 in Ruidoso. He had lived in Ruidoso for several years. He was a life-time member of the Elk's Lodge and a member of the Tucumcari Lodge.

He married Dora Rehmert on Dec. 7, 1976 at Deming. He is survived by his wife, family and friends.

Inside the . . .

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opening day of the '95 session. They will accept nothing less - no postponements, no diversions to the road fund - and they think they can pass it by a two-thirds majority so it will take effect immediately.

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"What goes on in the world around us"
by **TONY GENNARO**
Professor of Biology at
Eastern NM University and
Director of the Natural History Museum

Vegetative Patterns On Planet Earth

Various kinds of vegetative patterns can be found on planet earth. Examples include tropical rainforests near the equator, grasslands on treeless plains, and coniferous forests near polar regions. Any one of these patterns can be in balance, or equilibrium, with climate. In equilibrium, each pattern is referred to as a climax. A climax pattern will remain in place and persist as long as the area occupied by the climax is not disturbed, and if the regions climate does not change. Should disturbances or climatic changes occur, these climax patterns are temporarily replaced by other vegetative patterns referred to as subclimaxes.

Vegetative climaxes vary with latitude and altitude. For example, from the equator northward or from the equator southward, vegetative climaxes change latitudinally from tropical rainforest to grassland, woodland, coniferous forest, to tundra near the poles. Climax vegetation also changes altitudinally. In southwestern U.S. mountains, for example, climaxes change from grassland to coniferous forest to tundra, as altitude increases. These changes occur because the environment gradually cools with increasing northward or increasing southward latitudes from the equator, and as well, with increasing altitudes. A good rule of thumb is that an altitudinal increase of 300 feet is equivalent to one degree north latitude.

It is unlikely that climax vegetative patterns could occupy all areas of the planet at the same time. This can occur only in absence of environmental disturbances wherever a climax exists. However, disturbances are common. For example, glaciers removed all the vegetation and soils and exposed bare granite in northern parts of the North America during the last glaciation. Other changes include floods, volcanism, moving dunes, earthquakes, landslides, and fires. Subclimax vegetative patterns, rather than climax patterns, follow these disturbances.

There are reasons why climax vegetation does not return immediately. One main factor is substrate changes caused by the disturbance. For example, climax vegetation will not grow on bare rock, lava, or water. This example of climax plant species failing to return immediately to an area following a disturbance, is experienced by anyone who cultivates a garden in a grassland area. Following the planting of seeds in soils disturbed by tilling, weeds germinate along with the garden seeds. What accounts for the presence of these weeds—or forbs—as they are called botanically?

There is an explanation. Certain specialized species of forbs are adapted to grow in disturbed areas. Therefore, they are part of a first successional stage, or sere, to occupy the disturbed area. Others seres follow the first sere. Plants from each sere improve the soil in many ways. They provide shade, decrease wind velocity, and decrease loss of moisture. Additionally, when plants die at the end of a growing season or from other causes, they add humus to the soil. Because plants do such a good job of soil improvement, species of one sere are replaced by more competitive species of a succeeding sere. Seres continue to replace each other in this manner until the climax returns.

A good example of a succession of plant seres involves pond succession in a climax forest. In this situation, a pond has a short life because it will eventually be replaced by the various species of the climax forest. The first sere of pond succession consists of algae which grows on the bottom of the pond in the shallowest parts all around the edge. As some of the algae reach the end of their longevity, or die from other causes, their decaying tissues add substrate to the bottom of the pool and thus continue to decrease its depth. As the pond shallows, its radius continues to decrease. Lilies replace algae on its outer edges where the water is too shallow for algae to grow. As algae continues its growth towards the center of the pond, the growth of lilies follow. The pond continues to shallow. Algae continues its growth ahead of the lilies. Cattails grow on the outer edge of the lilies where the water is very shallow. Sedges follow cattails on the ponds edge where little if any of the pond water exists. Shrubs replace the outer edges of the sedges where the ground is now dry. Algae at the bottom of the pond in the center die as the lilies above them occupy the center of the pond. The lilies die and are replaced by cattails which have worked their way toward the center. Sedges replace cattails, shrubs replace sedges over an area only a fraction the size of the previous pond. Finally, the climax returns with no sign of the previous pond remaining.

Plant successional stages also occur on bare rock in a forest following glaciation or volcanism. Powdery colorful lichens, which are a combination of algae and fungi, grow on the rock and begin to dissolve it. These lichens are followed by a second sere consisting of colorful leafy lichens which continue to deteriorate the rock. Mosses of the third sere replace lichens, and their roots continue to break the rock into fragments. Forbs and grasses invade the soil and germinate between the small particles of remaining rock fragments. These fragments continue to break up and form a fine soil. Shrubs replace forbs and grasses, each time increasing the amount of humus added to the developing soil. Finally the climax forest returns.

Plant succession also accompanies fires in climax areas. Forbs are the first to germinate on the burned soils of a forest floor. These are followed by several seres, each with their representative species of grasses, shrubs, aspens, and climax forest trees, in that order. A large grove of subclimax aspens in a forested area is a definite indication of where a previous fire or severe logging occurred in the past.

Forests have been used as an example of climax vegetation during this explanation of plant succession, but climaxes such as tropical forests, grassland, and others could have been used as well. Whatever the climax is, soils are improved, and seres gradually lead back to the climax vegetation. Such changes may require hundreds of years, depending on climate and other environmental conditions.

Fortunately, animals cope with these successional seres of plants. Certain species of animals are adapted to survive in certain seres. For example, horned lizards, starlings, house sparrows, jack rabbits, and deer prefer specific successional seres. On the other hand, grizzly bears, mountain lions, condors, and whooping cranes prefer climax areas. In other words, there is a sere for every species of animal, but in all cases, the stay is temporary.

Take Precautions When Preparing Holiday Food

By **Betty McCreight**
LINCOLN COUNTY
HOME ECONOMIST

Keep holiday times happy by preventing foodborne illness. Many who complain of virus or flu symptoms during the holiday season often suffer from food poisoning.

"Food poisoning" is used loosely to indicate illness caused by food contaminated with harmful bacteria -- either through improper handling, undercooking or inadequate storage and refrigeration. In some cases, bacteria grow and produce a toxin in the food before it is eaten (Staph food poisoning). In others, like Salmonella illness, the bacteria grow in the food and reproduce in the body as well, causing sickness.

Common "symptoms of foodborne illness include stomach cramps, nausea, diarrhea and vomiting. Headache and fever may also accompany some infections.

Safety is important, particularly during the holiday season when food is prepared in larger quantities in a busy kitchen, often in advance, and when the refrigerator is overcrowded. It takes longer to serve large crowds, and food often stays on the table for several hours while people come and go or visit.

These precautions should be taken in preparing and serving holiday meals:

-Keep hands and work area clean. Food handlers may carry bacteria in the nose, on the hands or in infected sores and pimples.

-Scrub and sanitize cutting boards and knives before using them to cut or chop cooked foods. The boards and knives may harbor Salmonella bacteria from raw poultry and red meat. Better yet, don't use the same cutting board for raw and cooked foods.

-Highly perishable foods are the ones most likely to become contaminated. These include meat, poultry, dressing, gravy, seafood, cream pies, puddings, potato salad and other dishes made with eggs.

-Keep protein foods hot, or refrigerate immediately. Do not leave ham, chicken, turkey, dressing, gravy or seafood in the oven to keep warm. Bacteria grow best in warm temperatures. Reheat leftovers thoroughly before using again.

Refrigerate cream pies and puddings, potato salads and deviled eggs.

-When you prepare a hot protein dish ahead of time, refrigerate within 30 minutes after cooking, then reheat before serving.

-Thaw poultry or meat in the refrigerator when possible. If necessary to thaw outside the refrigerator, immerse in cold water. This takes about 30 minutes per pound.

-For safety's sake, it is best not to stuff the turkey. But if you do, cook stuffing until it reaches 165 degrees F on a meat thermometer.

Remove all leftover stuffing from the bird and refrigerate in a separate container.

-Never partially cook turkey or other meat for final cooking later. Bacteria can survive and grow in partially cooked meats.

-Pour large quantities of liquid or semi-solid hot foods - like soups, stews, gumbos, spaghetti sauce - into shallow containers to allow quick chilling.

-Never leave food at room temperature for more than two to three hours. This includes preparation time.



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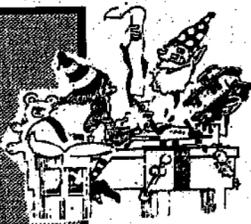
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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa, how are your reindeer and Mrs. Claus? I like her dress. Is it cold in the north pole? Are your reindeer healthy and ready to fly? Are you ready to give presents. I hope you like our Christmas tree? I hope so. I want a microbake oven. Are you elves making lots of nice toys? I like you Santa Claus. I hope you liked our play. I left you treats.

Love Tonia E. Neal

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. So please send me a newborn Nacy. And secret talk besty. Plus cd player. And makeup beyty. And talk to tamy. And a basket ball. And a don't spill the beans. And don't brecke the ice. And Perfetshon. And sparkilnig pony's. And a teddy bear that sings Elvis songs. And a doll house. And a porte that talks on a stick. P.S. and a game that changes.

Love Dahana West.

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good. I want a walkmen plus power tools and a walit and bring something for my mom and dad and my sister. I want candy most of all!!!! I want a yellow power Ranger. Not to menchen I want a ride on your slay. My sister wants a pet cat and a

dog and bird. I want to met an elf if you don't mind.

Your friend Samantha Ketley

Dear Santa, I want a barbie for Christmas and a doll a now bike and a hose I like you Santa I hopl you get me brandy I like bransy and a pone

Love-Kim Have a god

Dear Santa, I want a barbie camera and a lot of more things. I want a 1994 snowflak teddy bear. I have been very very good. I hope you like all the milk and cookies in the world.

Your friend, Kate

Dear Santa, please bring me a barbie house and barbie that talks, backpack, and a Monique Hairstyling doll. Bring my brother a rattles, jokers and pretend glasses. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Shakera & John R.

Dear Santa, please bring me a backpacks and a monique Hairstyling doll. Bring my Sister a rattles, jokers and pretend glasses. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Briana Anissa

Dear Santa, I like you becus you are nise. I want a littl Santa doll. And a baby doll

and a big dog and a cat. I want a big hat.

Love, Natasha Renney

Dear Santa, I want a Barbe and a doll. I want a toy dog and a toy cat. How are your rardere?

Love, Savanah Morales

Dear Santa, I want a toking Barby and a rideing Barby. I want a puppy a rel puppy. I want some skates.

Love, Jerilyn Lovelace

Dear Santa, I want a zago geneses and games and a moove and a gilen that slime and a pet dog and it is named Pug and the Pug is vere good. I will leve yuo a present.

Love, Wade McMahan

Dear Santa, I want a sling-shot and a wach and a nife and a lock and a trane. I have ben a good boy.

Love, Jesse

Dear Santa, I want some pogs. and a Barbe and a toking dol house. I will lev you milk and cookes.

Love, Whitney Whittaker

Dear Santa, I whot a computer for cristmes and a wach. I whnt a book. I love santa.

Love, Mariah

Dear Santa, This is what I wont for crismes. A bisikln Barbe and pogs. How is Roodof?

Love, Mary Beth Shivers

Dear Santa, I want a bike and I want a lien king sagu game and I want a dinusor book. I have bin helping my mom and dad.

Love, KC Hendricks

Dear Santa, I want a bebe gun for cristmes. I have been a good boy. I I thinc you are happe.

Love, Justus Wilson

Dear Santa, I want a pogo stick. Thanku for cumene too mi haws. Santa i doo not wont too moov

Love, Lucas

Dear Santa, I want a pogo stic. I want a big dog. I want a little jeep. My mom wants a saint statue.

Love, Cody Vega

Dear Santa, I want a doll. Santa, thanku for cumene to my hose Santa how ar your randers.

Love, Briana Roybal

Dear Santa, Santa how are your rander? Haw is misis santa? I want a littl pupe and I want a new computer. and I want a new segu with games.

Love, Christopher Vega

Dear Santa, I have a new pogo stick and I can jump on it. and I rily want a game boy tow for my siatr.

Love, Clinton Lane Wetzel

Dear Santa, I want a crane and trash truck. I want a motr kentroll fire engene. I have been good. I love you! How is Rodof? I saw him on TV in music. Can he play iny reindeer games if not I will play with him. I love reindeer games. I love you Santa.

Love, Trevor Blankenship.

Dear Santa, I have not been very good. But I would like a survival kit and a 1969 Camaro and a 1968 Shelby Cobra and a 1993 Corvette and a 1995 Dodge Viper and a Harley collectors motorcycle and a Cafe Racer and a Halstan perfume for my mom.

Love, Josh Germany

Dear Santa, How are you? I am good. Did you have a good summer? How is Rudolph? I

have been good. I want a board game called Forbiddenbridge. And a game boy for Christmas. I hope you have a good trip.

Love, Javy

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want a three feet Barbie doll, a Birthday party Barbie doll, a Aladdin and Jasmine, a Keyboard, a supepnintendo, a bell, a pool table set and a new bike.

Love, Ralynne Stanbrough

Dear Santa, I like you. I want a real horse. I want a yo-yo. I want a new bike. I want a T.V. I want a puppy. I want a hat. I want a kite. I want an X-ray to check my bones.

Love, Milinda McCarty

Dear Santa, I have been very good. Dont forget me at Christmas. I want a walkmen, bike, and doll. How is Ruldoph? Do not go down the chimeny you could get hurt?

Love, Jennifer Bartley

Dear Santa, I want a friend to play with at school. I want a big toy jeep. I want all kinds of power Rangers. I wish I was a Power Ranger. I wish when I'm asleep you would take me to the north pole. P.S. How is Mrs. Claus? I wish my mom and brother would be here.

Love, Anthony Casanova

Dear Santa, I want Tawny to be good! I want two giant dolls please. Santa I am moving to Roswell. I will miss Courtney.

Love, Kirstie Darby

Dear Santa, I love you I have been good. Do not get mad at me. You will always be my favorite man. I will go to sleep at Christmas. I want a motorecykle, baseball bat and a car.

Love, Cory Nowell

Dear Santa, Bradley wons a tracter, a big tracter. and I want a new bike and I want a pretty dress and Bradley wants a new power ranger.

Love, Courtney Cummins.

Dear Santa, How are you? I am good. I hope I get this. I want a VCR and a saga. I want a T.V. and I want a power ranger. I want a game gear. I want all the nerf guns.

Love, Jonathan Davis

Dear Santa, I would like some rolersakets for Christmas. I want a horse to. I want the play dough cookie maker. I want a pariket. I want a copy watch. I want a jump rope.

Love, JoHanna Switzer

Dear Santa, I've been very good this year. I hope you don't forget my this year. I love Christmas it's the best day of the year. I want a dairy. Let it snow let it snow let it snow.

Love, Mia Sanchez

Dear Santa, I want a remote control car and a new horse, a real horse and toy soljer and a toy toucans and a catfish and a toy states of California and a toy New Mexico and a toy igloo and a toy alligator and a toy eagle and a toy nerf bow and arrow.

Love, Truett Chico

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Sega, Dance and Twirl Barbie, big stuff bear, a pet bird, a new swing set, pocket watch, three feet Barbie, ree mot enchr car, umbrella, diary, and a wagon.

Love, Melissa Arnold

Dear Santa, How are you doing Santa? I hope you are doing good. I will tell you what I want for Christmas ok. I want a stuffed White Ranger and a super nintendo but if there is a blizzerd and if you cant reach me than all I want is a happy Christmas.

Love, Justin

Dear Santa, I want a white power ranger and mortal combat

Love, Timmy

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a computer

Love, Krista

Dear Santa, I want a white power ranger. a red helmet

Love, Jonatan

Dear Santa I want a Power Ranger and a green power ranger

Love, Ramon

Dear Santa I want a computer I motorcycle

Love, JR

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

A Public Hearing shall be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, January 6, 1995, by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the application of David Hawkins, D/B/A Ramon's Bar, 1800 S. Pennsylvania, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, to transfer the ownership of existing Dispenser Liquor License No. 5503 from Ruth Raal, Vaughn, Lincoln County, New Mexico, to David Hawkins.

MONBOY MONTES, CHAIRMAN,
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. PB-94-43
THE ESTATE OF MARTHA CHANDLER,
deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Martha Chandler, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after mailing or other delivery of this Notice within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, whichever is later or the claims will be forever barred. Claims may be presented either to the undersigned at P.O. Box 960, Clovis, New Mexico 8101 or filed with the District Court, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission will hold their regular meeting on Monday, January 16, 1995. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Village of Ruidoso on Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso.

AGENDA
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL

INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 7, 1994

V. NEW BUSINESS
A Request for Variance in Side Setback from 5 feet to 1 foot for portable carport in Fawn Ridge Subdivision First Addition, Lot 5, Block 4, W.J. Clements
VI. Adjournment

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MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 1995, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Swiss Chalet Inn, 1451 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

CAROLIN A. COONEY,
Lincoln County Manager.

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MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 1995, beginning at 7:00 P.M. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Dr. Wood's Annex in Lincoln. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

CAROLIN A. COONEY,
Lincoln County Manager.

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RESOLUTION 1994-14 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY MEETING AND PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1B, NMSA 1978 provides that "All meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission, or other policy-making body of any state agency, or any agency or authority of any county, municipality, district or any political subdivision held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of

such board, commission or other policy-making body, are declared to be public meeting open to the public at all times, except as otherwise provided in the constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act", and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-A, NMSA 1978 provides that "No resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance or action of any board, commission, committee or other policy-making body shall be valid unless taken or made at a meeting held in accordance with the requirements of Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978"; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 provides that "Any person violating any of the provisions of Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.) for each offense"; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-D requires that "Any meetings at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs, and at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, and any closed meetings, shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public. The affected body shall determine at least annually in a public meeting what notice for a public meeting shall be reasonable when applied to such body."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the municipality of Carrizozo, New Mexico that:

1. Notice shall be given at least 5 days in advance of any regular meeting of a quorum of the members of the governing body or any board, commission, committee or other policy-making body of the municipality for the purpose of discussing public business or taking any formal action within the authority of such body.

2. The regularly scheduled meetings of the governing body will be held at 6:00 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room, of the Municipal building, located at 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico. In the event that the regular meeting date falls on a legal holiday, the governing body shall designate an alternate meeting date and/or time at the regular meeting prior to the holiday and shall cause advance notice of the changed meeting date and/or time to be published as provided in this Resolution.

3. Notice shall be given at least 24 hours in advance of any special meeting of a quorum of the members of the governing body, board, commission, committee, agency, authority or other policy-making body held for the purpose of discussing public business or taking formal action within the authority of such body.

4. The notice requirements of Section 1, 2, and 3 of this Resolution are complied with if notice of the date, time, place and subject matter of any regular or special meeting are published. Additionally, the notice shall contain information on how the public may obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, said agenda to be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. "Publish" means printing in a newspaper which maintains an office in the municipality and is of general circulation within the municipality. If such newspaper is a non-daily paper which will not be circulated to the public in time to meet publication requirements, or if no such newspaper exists, "publish" shall mean posting in six places within the municipality, and one of the public places where posting shall be made is the office of the municipal clerk, who shall maintain the posting for public inspection within the time limits specified: The six places notice shall be posted are:

Office of the Municipal Clerk, Northwest Bank of Carrizozo, Ruidoso State Bank of Carrizozo, Lincoln County Courthouse, Lincoln County Courthouse, United States Post Office in Carrizozo.

The municipal clerk may, in addition to posting,

publish one or more times in a newspaper of general circulation, within the municipality, even though it does not maintain an office within the municipality. In addition, written notice of such meetings shall be mailed or hand delivered to federally licensed broadcast stations and newspapers of general circulation in the municipality which have provided a written request for such notice.

5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this Resolution, the governing authority may establish such additional notice requirements as may be deemed proper and advisable to comply with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

6. If any meeting is closed pursuant to exclusions contained in Section 10-15-1, Subsection H, NMSA 1978, such closed meeting called by a policy-making body shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, and in compliance with Section 1 through 4 of this Resolution, has been given. In addition, such notice shall state the exclusions in Section 10-15-1, Subsection H, NMSA 1978 of the Open Meeting Act, under which such closed meeting is permitted.

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of Section 1 through 6 of this Resolution, the Governing authority of the Municipality of Carrizozo may call, with whatever notice is possible under the circumstances, a meeting of the governing body, any board, commission, committee or other policy-making body of the municipality to consider or act on any emergency matter which appears to be a clear and immediate danger to the health, welfare or safety of the inhabitants of the municipality of Carrizozo.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 13th day of December, 1994.

CECILIA G. KUHNEL,
MAYOR.

ATTEST:
CAROL SCHLARB,
TOWN CLERK.
CMC/AAB

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
NO. CV 94-271
Division III

PRESTON L. STONE, JR. and WILLA E. STONE,
Co-Trustees of the **PRESTON L. AND WILLA E. STONE REVOCABLE TRUST, UTAD May 9, 1986.**

Plaintiffs,
v.s.

GROUP I: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS:
HUNT HOBBS, BLOYS CRAIG HOBBS, CONWAY C. CRAIG,
GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF CONWAY C. CRAIG, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS,
GROUP III: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS,
Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: HUNT HOBBS, BLOYS CRAIG HOBBS, and CONWAY C. CRAIG, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF CONWAY C. CRAIG, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS; and ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES

ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS,

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Preston L. Stone Jr. and Willa E. Stone, Co-Trustees of the Preston L. and Willa E. Stone Revocable Trust, UTAD May 9, 1986, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-94-271, Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject matter of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate, which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

TRACT 1:
A tract of land 354 feet in width and 392 feet in length located in the NW/4 of Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., described as commencing at the corner common to Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, said Township and Range; thence South along the Section line dividing Sections 9 and 10, 300 feet to a point, being corner No. 1 of the tract conveyed hereby; thence East 354 feet; thence South 392 feet; thence West 354 feet to the said Section line; thence North along said Section line 392 feet to the point of beginning; and

TRACT 2:
A tract of land described as follows: Beginning at the NW corner of the Hobbs place (described above); thence North 191 feet; thence East 316 feet; thence South 191 feet; thence West 316 feet to point of beginning; all in Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 14 East;

EXCEPTING from the above described lands a tract of land described as follows: Starting at corner common to Section 3, 4, 9 and 10, Range 14 East, Township 9 South; thence South 0 degrees 19' W. 678.0 feet to a true point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 50' E. 354.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 19' W. 14.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50' W. 354.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 19' E. 14.0 feet to the true point of beginning.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before February 6th, 1995, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiffs in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiffs' Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs is: Archie A. Witham, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 20th day of December, 1994.

MARGO E. LINDSAY,
Clerk of the District Court
BY: ELIZABETH LUERAS,

Published in The Lincoln County News on December 22 and 29, 1994; and January 5 and 12, 1995.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 11:00 A.M., Thursday, January 5, 1995, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened, and read. Any bids received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

BID NO. 1994-16:
Lease/Purchase of three (3) new and unused dumptrucks

BID NO. 1994-17:
Purchase of one (1) new and unused truck tractor

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 A.M., Friday, January 6, 1995.

Invitation for Bids with Specifications are available at the Office of the County Manager, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.

CAROLIN A. COONEY,
Lincoln County Manager.

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RESOLUTION 1994-15

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY in and for the Town of Carrizozo, Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, meeting in regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 1994 has approved and adopted the Official Holiday Calendar for the Town of Carrizozo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body for the Town of Carrizozo, hereby adopts the following as the Official Holiday Calendar

for the Town of Carrizozo.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday will be observed on Monday, January 16, 1995.
Lincoln's Birthday will be observed on Friday, November 24, 1995.
Washington's Birthday will be observed on Tuesday, December 26, 1995.
Good Friday will be observed on Friday, April 14, 1995.
Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 29, 1995.
Independence Day will be observed on Tuesday, July 4, 1995.
Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 4, 1995.
Columbus Day will be observed on Monday, October 9, 1995.
Veteran's Day will be observed on Friday, November 10, 1995.
Thanksgiving Day will be observed on Thursday, November 23, 1995.
Christmas Day will be observed on Monday, December 25, 1995.
New Year's Day will be observed on Monday, January 1, 1996.

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION THIS 13th Day of December, 1994.

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ATTEST:
CAROL SCHLARB,
TOWN CLERK.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

PROBATE NO. 1663

IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT J. (Bob) TUCKER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at Ruidoso, New Mexico 88201, or filed with the Probate Court.

DATED: December 12, 1994.

VELMOYCE BETTY TUCKER,
Personal Representative.

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DATED: December 13, 1994.

JOHN N. BARBEE,
Personal Representative,
P.O. Box 2147
Roswell, NM 88201.

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LEGAL NOTICE CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Due to a clerical error, Position Number 5 in the School Board Election Resolution for Carrizozo Municipal Schools published in the Lincoln County News Dec. 15, 1994 should be a Four (4) Year Term NOT a Two (2) Year Term.

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Christmas Is Not Merry For Garbage Business

Christmas is a time for presents, and all the trimmings.

But soon after the presents are opened the trimmings turn to solid waste which stuff dumpsters county wide.

This Christmas, Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority

(LCSWA) is planning for the extra trash generated by residents and visitors. A new side loader collection truck is on order, and may arrive by Christmas, which will be commissioned for the routes.

LCSWA collection trucks will run their usual routes to service the 2,600 dumpsters and 1,200 cans and carts during the Christmas holiday, LCSWA manager Joe Lewandowski said Monday.

People disposing trash can help conserve container space by flattening boxes and cardboard, and pushing trash to the back of the dumpster. Since most Christmas waste is mainly paper and air, Lewandowski suggests to compact the trash bags in the dumpster to give more room.

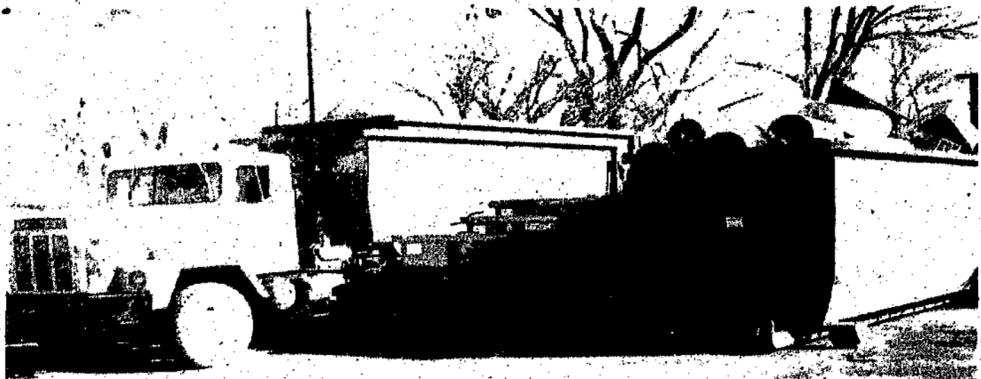
The LCSWA recycling center and administration office in Ruidoso Downs, and the Capitan Landfill will be closed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Dec. 24-26 for Christmas, and December 31, Jan. 1 and 2 for New Year's.

After the holidays, the LCSWA office, recycling center and landfill will resume regular hours. The recycling center is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The center buys aluminum, takes cardboard, plastic and glass. Residents can dump off large items such as old furniture, old appliances at the recycling center in Ruidoso Downs, where staff will help unload.

Large items can also be taken to the transfer station on Gavilan Canyon, or the Capitan landfill.

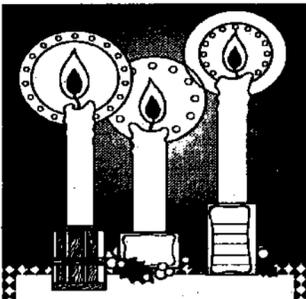
Anyone, including commercial and contractors, can leave old "white goods" at the recycling center or Gavilan station, at no cost, Lewandowski told THE NEWS.

LCSWA recently received its new large roll off containers. The 60, 40, 30 and 20 yard containers are intended for construction waste and discarded "white goods" (old metal appliances), and old furniture. Some of the 20 yard containers will go to convenience stations to be located in the county after the new year.



Roll off containers are available for contractors for a fee. Information about the roll off containers will be in a newsletter to be mailed with the

LCSWA billing at the end of December. Contact the LCSWA office for additional information at 505-378-4697.



Rejoice!

Have a holy Christmas and joyous holiday season.

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\$54,535 Forest Payment Set For Lincoln County

Forty-one states and Puerto Rico will receive final payments totaling about \$309 million as their portion of national forest receipts collected in Fiscal Year 1994, announced Jack Ward Thomas, Chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

Arizona's payment is \$3,949,883 and New Mexico is receiving \$1,458,715.

On October 4, the U.S. Department of Agriculture made interim payments of \$227 million to states based on estimated national forest revenues for the year. A final payment of \$82 million has been paid based on actual receipts collected during the year, Thomas said.

Actual Fiscal Year 1994 receipts collected from the sale and use of national forest resources totaled \$941 million.

By law, 25 percent of the revenues collected by the Forest Service from the use of National Forest System lands

and resources are returned to the states in which the lands are located. The states are required to use the funds for schools and roads. Thomas said the funds are collected primarily from timber sales, grazing, recreation, and other land uses on 189 million acres of National Forest System lands.

These payments do not include 25 percent of the 1994 national grassland revenues. Those payments are based on Calendar Year 1994 receipts and will be made in March 1995.

The three states receiving the largest payments are: Oregon, \$120 million; California, \$51 million; and Washington, \$32 million. Arizona ranked 11th and New Mexico 20th in the amount of payments received.

Lincoln County had received an interim payment of \$40,484 and is to get a final payment of \$54,535.

Alzheimer's Support Is Available In State

There is no longer any doubt that Alzheimer's disease is one of the most important social and medical issues facing the country today.

Last year more than 250,000 Americans were diagnosed with the progressive and irreversible brain disorder known as Alzheimer's disease. In that same period, more than 100,000 people lost their battle against the incurable, age-related illness. As America's population continues to age, the numbers will increase dramatically.

Help and support is available through the Alzheimer's Association, Albuquerque Chapter, which serves a majority of the state of New Mexico.

The chapter is dedicated to 1) serving and supporting Alzheimer's patients, families, and healthcare workers; 2) educating the public and enhancing public awareness about Alzheimer's disease; 3) supporting efforts of research to find the cause, cure and prevention of Alzheimer's; and 4) advocating for issues that affect Alzheimer's patients, families and caregivers.

The chapter has numerous resources available for families, healthcare workers and the general public. Information may be obtained by calling the toll-free helpline from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days per week. Call 1-800-777-8155.

Table Top Exercise Simulates Possible Emergency Scene

Lincoln County Emergency Services Co-ordinator Connie Hopper and Camp Sierra Blanca Warden Sandra McFadin held a Table Top Exercise at the prison camp on December 14.

The exercise is an activity in which key agency staff are presented with simulated emergency situations, without time constraints. The informal exercise is designed to help stimulate constructive discussion by the participants as they attempt to examine and then resolve problems based on existing emergency procedures and to resolve questions of coordination and assignment of responsibilities in anticipation of a real incident or disaster.

The exercise dealt with a

simulated scenario involving an airplane crash into the water tower at Camp Sierra Blanca prison. Agencies which participated in the tabletop exercise were Camp Sierra Blanca, Lincoln County Emergency Services, Fort Stanton Fire Department, Fort Stanton medical staff, Lincoln County Ambulance Service, New Mexico State Police, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, Ruidoso Advanced Life Support ambulance and Ruidoso Fire Department.

There will be a functional exercise held in the near future, in preparation of a full-scale exercise to be held within the next six months.

O Holy Night

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- TACO SALAD:** A fried tortilla mold filled with special beef, beans, papitas, and then topped with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, guacamole, and served with sour cream. All recipes are original and made from scratch. **NOTE:** The stuffed sopapillas will be served on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only, for the time being.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE. Lincoln County is now accepting applications for the position of **RECORDS COORDINATOR/RECEPTIONIST** in the Sheriff's Department. Obtain applications and job description at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling (505) 648-2385. Deadline for receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. on December 23, 1994. Lincoln County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA, Title II-A.

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For information leading to the arrest and conviction of party/parties responsible for the break-in at Outpost Bar and Grill on Sunday, Nov. 20 (approximately between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m.). Items stolen were rolls of quarters in unmarked orange wrappers and older model Navy Colt pistol, .38 caliber, with finger grips on handle, in leather holster with initials RJ. Contact Carrizozo Police Department 648-2351 / can remain anonymous.

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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority will hold their regular meeting on Monday, January 16, 1995. The meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Village of Ruidoso on Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso.

AGENDA
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 7, 1994
V. NEW BUSINESS - Final Action on ET Commission Recommendations.
A. Request for Variance in Side Setback from 5 foot to 1 foot for portable carport in Fawn Ridge Subdivision First Addition, Lot 5, Block 4, W.J. Clements VI. Adjournment

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board meeting of January 3 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 1995. They have scheduled a Public Hearing during the meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Dr. Woods Annex in Lincoln.

PUBLIC HEARING
Amending the Lincoln Historic Preservation Ordinance 1985-1.
Comments and suggestions can be made during the meeting or in writing to the Lincoln County Manager, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo has cancelled the Regular Scheduled Meeting of Tuesday, December 27, 1994 at 8:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, N.M.

CAROL SCHLARB, CHIEF CLERK
Town Clerk
Town of Carrizozo.

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CORONA NEWS

Happy Holidays!
Don't forget Santa Claus at the Fire Station Christmas Eve, nor the 7 p.m. Candlelight Service at the Presbyterian Church.

The Cub Scouts and their parents sang carols and brought goodies to shut-ins in the community Thursday evening. They started at the home of Robin Pfeiffer who had hot punch and cookies for them. They ended at the Dobbs home for more refreshments. Corona is happy to have scouting starting again.

Jim Rose phone friends to say that his father, Raymond "Buddy" Rose had died Dec. 13 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Dolly, of the home of Comfort, Texas, three daughters, one son, Jim and eight grandchildren, including Jessica, Jack and Coleman Rose. As long as his health permitted, Mr. Rose was a frequent visitor to the ranch here.

Cedar Temple #26, Pythian Sisters, held their annual Christmas party and election of officers at the home of Leta Sharp. Co-hostesses were Lee Shumate and Patsy Tubbs. After lunch, there was a brief business meeting to discuss plans for the Tri-District to be held March 8 in Cedarvale.

The charter was draped for 250 members, Mabel Hatcher and May Gidenseldt of Albuquerque and for Frances Long, Roswell.

The following officers were elected: Past Chief - Leta Sharp, M.E.C. - Gayle May, Senior - Sherrill Bradford, Junior - Edna Robinson, Manager - Lee Shumate, Secretary-Protector - Pauline McCloud, Treasurer and Guard - Geraldine Perkins.

After a gift exchange and more refreshments, the meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

The Reverends Patricia and Sloan Humphries are now happily located at Fayetteville, NC.

More trees were added to the cemetery over the weekend.

Erdine Behumin was in Albuquerque Dec. 14 to receive an award from the State Highway Department where

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she got to visit with many friends she used to work with. The District Engineer, Mike Barnes, asked Erdine to close the meeting with the Benediction. Afterwards, she visited her son and family, Ken and Darla Kiefer and Tasha, Ja-

son and Kaitlyn. Ken was recently promoted from Shop Foreman to Store Manager at Midas where he has worked for many years. He is now at the San Mateo store.

OBITUARY

ADOLPH F. MONDRAGON
Graveside services for Adolph F. Mondragon, 63, of Ruidoso were Dec. 12 in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Richard Catanach. Military honors followed.

Mr. Mondragon died Dec. 6 at his home. He was born Feb. 18, 1931 at Mercedes, Texas. He was a member of the Catholic Church and had served in the U.S. Army. He moved to Ruidoso five years ago from El Paso and was retired owner of a shoe store in El Paso.

He is survived by three sons: Hugo Mondragon of Houston, Adolph Mondragon of Las Cruces and Robert Mondragon of Albuquerque; daughter, Yvonne Keller of Harlingen, Texas; a brother, Robert Mondragon of Mercedes, Texas; and two sisters: Rebecca Salinas and Blanca Villarreal both of Mercedes, Texas; seven grandchildren and friend Sally Houston.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Glad TIDINGS

'Tis the season to wish Merry Christmas to our many friends, customers and employees. We wish you the best of the season!
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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
I want three dolls for Christmas and one other thing I want a baby checkup doll and a Shamtha doll a Molly doll and a Kristin doll and a vest and new boots. Merry Christmas and a happy happy very nice Christmas and I want a trapline and a big big big Nintendo game.
your friend, Roxe Hall

Dear Santa wish for roller blades and my dads mozda. and I have been thinking about you. Have a good Christmas.
Yours truly, Daniel Quanz

Dear Santa, I wish you a merry Christmas. And I wish I met you and your reindeers. And I wish I've been to your house at the North Pole. My address is P.O. box 503, What's yours? I will like any boy present. I also wish I met the Easter Bunny. And I wish I get to decorate my clubhouse next year. And I wish I had Cutty once again. I'll talk to you next time on letter. Have a merry Christmas.
Your truly, Brian Smith

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl this year. And have your Reindeer been doing good? What I want for Christmas is a Walkman and a Barbie that has 3 kids and also Santa I want a Mighty Morphin Power Ranger. I want the Yellow Mighty Morphin Power Ranger. And Santa lots of candy too.
Love, Ashley Osborn

Dear Santa I want a horse and a computer for Christmas.
Love Rene Gameroz

Dear Santa, I want a pony pet shop. I want a nowtbook. I want a bbygun. I want a stufed santa. I wanta rieth. I want a ball.
Love Sarah

Dear Santa I want a game boy, and a lot of toys but I would like a Dojers baseball sout a souper intindo and a rell beby gun sum fiermen for my fier truck.
Love Brandon, to Santa

Dear Santa i wont rolerblads and a bebegun rual bad sowe i wont half to walk or run i think your nice and cined i wish you where a merry christmas and i wont a nintindo and my own clock.
Love Jerry Loto

Dear Santa, How are you? I am fine. I have ben a little bad. But oll I want for Christmas is 7 tickits to seal world, boe and eroe, and santta can you bring my mom a gold pear of earrings and my dad a 45 salt gun.
your friend John McGrath.

Dear Santa, I want a pony. I want a toy santa. I want a chek up huppy. I want a litte pony. I want a litte prsn. I want a reindeer. I want a sade. I want a notsbook. I want a pineles. I want a santa hat. I wanta forty.
Love Sarah

Dear Santa, I have ben a little bad this year, but all I want for Christmas is a talkboy tape recorder. Santa can you bring my mom a gold neeles and my dad a rifel.
Your friend David Griego.

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing good are you doing good Santa. Is Roduf doing will you give me a stuf, up Rudof I want a stuf, up Santa and I want a big santa holding Redof and hoking a Elf. And I wont a perte that tees on a stich. I want a Little Santa hat. and I want a big hat. I hope all of yor famly is doing god and I wot a tede bear that sings songs. I nifr been bad to my mom and dad.
Love Santa and Elfs and Mrselos. by Steve.

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year and I wanted secret talk besty and stipers a robe a porte that talks on a stick The lion King Snow White and the seven dorfs, rorle skats. Daem land bobbys A kite a kif Tedy bare and for my mom and dad to cinse smoceyng a kitten and a borbie corling book.
Love Sharese Ho Ho Ho!

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GREGORIO "Wheels" MARTINEZ
Prayer vigil for Gregorio "Wheels" Martinez, 59, of Carrizozo was Dec. 14 at Santa Rita's Catholic Church in Carrizozo where the funeral mass was Dec. 15. Officiating was the Rev. Dave Bergs. Burial followed at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery.
Mr. Martinez died Dec. 12 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He was born May 25, 1935 at Encino, New Mexico to Gavina and Loncio Martinez and had

lived in the Carrizozo area all of his life. He was a member of Santa Rita's Catholic Church and was retired from the State Highway Department.
He is survived by his brother Marcos Villescas Jr, of Carrizozo and a sister Mabel Vega of Carrizozo; seven nieces and nephews.
FRED ALDAZ MONTES
Prayer vigil for Fred Aldaz Montes, 84, of Hondo was Dec. 19 at St. Jude's Catholic Church where the Mass of the

Resurrection was Dec. 20. Officiating was the Rev. Richard Catanach. Burial followed at Hondo Cemetery.
Mr. Montes dies Dec. 17 at his home. He was born Nov. 26, 1910 in Capitan to Tomasita and Jesus Montes. He has lived in Lincoln County all of his life. He was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church and was retired from the State of New Mexico. He married Connie Benavidez on May 12, 1959 at Carrizozo.
He is survived by his wife Connie of Hondo; four sons: Leroy Montes and his wife

Rose of Capitan and Reynaldo Montes of Farmington, Esky Benividez and his wife Marylou of Douglas Flats, California and Gene Benividez of Murphy, California; five daughters: Mary Richardson and her husband Billy of Roswell and Leola M. Montes of Hondo, Tonita Flores and her husband Roy of Roswell, Dolores Garza and her husband Goodie of San Jose, California and Nadine Lovato of San Jose, California; 37 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 34 great great grandchildren.

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