

Feliz Navidad!

State Will Try Again To Lease Out Fort Stanton

by Doris Cherry

The state of New Mexico again will try to lease Fort Stanton, but this time bidders will only have 30 days to respond.

New Mexico General Services Department (GSD) is scheduled to re-issue the amended request for proposals (rfp) to lease the historic old fort on Friday, December 22. The deadline for submitting proposals will be Monday, January 22.

On Thursday, December 14, GSD staff and Fort Stanton lease proposal selection committee members met in Santa Fe and decided to cancel the current request for proposals (rfp) for the leasing of Fort Stanton and re-issue the rfp with several changes.

GSD rejected the sole proposal received in the first issue of the rfp, from New Mexico Outreach Inc., which was deemed unresponsive. New Mexico Outreach Inc. had proposed a juvenile

"boot camp" and home for homeless veterans at the Fort, had until December 13 to respond to the rejection, but apparently did not.

Lincoln County representative on the selection committee Alan Morel, (attorney for Lincoln County,) said he and other members of the committee re-evaluated the original rfp and agreed on needed changes and additions. Then Morel and other committee members worked through the night to develop the language

on the changes and additions to the rfp. Some of the changes were based on a survey made of entities which requested the original rfp, but which did not respond. The survey was at the request of Lincoln County Commissioners and GSD staff who were concerned certain elements in the rfp caused the poor response.

Morel told THE NEWS that he believed the state made a good faith effort to address the concerns raised about the

original rfp.

The state spent \$155,000 to promote the original rfp nationwide. But during the meeting on December 14, Morel said GSD claimed it had no more funds to re-issue the rfp. Morel said he indicated to GSD that Lincoln County had funds which could be used to re-issue the rfp. Morel said he then contacted two or three county commissioners, and the county manager about the situation. He said the commissioners and manager

were in consensus that the county could provide the funds. With that assurance, Morel said GSD decided to re-issue the rfp with the new attachments.

According to information provided by GSD public information officer Carolyn Jackson, the new attachments to

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Here Comes Santa Claus...

Santa Claus will make two pre-Christmas visits to Carrizozo.

Friday, he will be at Norwest Bank from 3-6 p.m. On Saturday, Santa will be at Spencer Park beginning at 2 p.m.

On Christmas Eve Carrizozo will be lighted with 12,500 luminarias which will be on Central Ave., E Ave. and 12th Ave. and other main streets in town. Donations to help with the cost of the luminarias will be accepted.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Public Health Office Will Be Closed For Christmas Holiday

The Carrizozo Public Health office in the Lincoln County Courthouse annex will be closed Friday, Dec. 22 and Monday Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday. The office will also be closed Jan. 1, 1996.

Public Health nurse Theresa Luna will be in the office Tuesday, Dec. 26 and Friday Dec. 29. The office will be open Jan. 2 and 5, 1996.

Luna is asking people to call now to set appointments for family planning, prenatal and breast and cervical clinics.



LITTLE NICHOLAS MEETS ST. NICK. One-year old Nicholas Herrera finally agreed to sit on Santa's lap during Santa's visit to Capitan Elementary School last Friday. Nicholas is from Capitan, his mother is Donna Herrera.

Carrizozo School Board Okays \$450,000 Bond Election In April

by Doris Cherry

In order to implement several needed programs which Carrizozo School District identified in its self study, the board of education voted to hold a bond issue election for \$450,000 in April.

During the board meeting Monday board president Gary Hightower went on record as voting against the \$450,000 bond amount. He argued that such a high amount could jeopardize the two mill levy election which is also being held on April 2. Hightower said he thought a bond issue of \$200,000 or \$250,000 would be better because the voters would more accept it and it would provide funds to implement the technology program and other projects such as cooling.

Hightower said he had a problem with the estimated \$250,000 interest on the \$450,000 bond. "As a taxpayer it upsets me to see the district pay \$250,000 in interest plus

the \$450,000," Hightower said. "It really bugs me."

The \$450,000 is the total bonding capacity for the district. Currently the district is bonded to about 50 percent, and thus does not qualify for state critical capital outlay funds. Those funds are available on a grant basis to districts that are at least 75 percent bonded.

The bond issue would be financed with property taxes.

Hightower supported the two mill levy question which asks the voters to re-authorize the collection of two mills on each \$1,000 worth of taxable property, to provide funds for equipment, remodeling and actual physical needs of the district. Voters in the Carrizozo district have always approved the two mill levy authorization that provides about \$26,000 to the district a year, matched with about \$12,000 in state funds.

While the two mill levy provides a modest amount each year, the district must

Pornography Or Artwork? Ruidoso Asked To Decide

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Village Council will take its time in developing an ordinance that will restrict what can be placed in public view and in the meanwhile the village will pursue ways to isolate "adult" displays with zoning.

Councilors, during their meeting Tuesday, learned that ordinances prohibiting the display of obscene materials are hard to enforce and are expensive to prosecute because of how "obscene" is defined.

The issue of public obscenity was again raised with the council when parent Dora LaBrecque requested the village draft an ordinance that would prohibit the public display of sexually explicit or obscene matter by declaring it a public nuisance. In October, LaBrecque and other citizens voiced their concerns about what they considered an "obscene" statue being created within public view by Ruidoso sculptor Candyce Garrett. They claimed the statue was

obscene because it was of a man and woman in a "sexually explicit" pose, and they asked for an ordinance to prohibit such a public display of obscenity because it harmed minors.

Tuesday, LaBrecque said she was concerned that Garrett will create more statues of similar nature all within public view at her studio on Sudderth Drive. LaBrecque said obscenity is not protected by the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution and sup-

ported her statement with quotes taken from a book about pornography's effects on adults and children.

"I'm personally embarrassed for Ruidoso," LaBrecque said. "The citizens of Ruidoso feel we need some parameters governing these matters."

But instead of instant acceptance of her proposed ordinance, councilors heard a report about the ramifications of such legislation concerning

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Athletic Code Of Ethics Adopted At C'zozo School

by Doris Cherry

Student athletes at Carrizozo Schools will have a code under which they will be expected to behave.

Students and their parents will be expected to sign the code, and agree to live under its rules.

The code prohibits the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs. On the first offense, students will be suspended from the team and school for three days. On the second offense students will be dismissed from the team. Students caught using the products or associating with a group function or party where the products are present will be dismissed from the team.

Curfew will be 10:30 p.m. on school nights. If the student will be out any later, the

coach must be notified. On the first offense, the penalty will be the discretion of the coach.

No jewelry will be worn during games, and cursing or use of foul language will not be tolerated. The coach will decide the penalty.

Athletes are told to not become involved in trouble because they are role models. They are encouraged to walk away from trouble. If an athlete is involved in a fight, he or she will be reported to the principal. Penalty for fighting/instigating a fight on the first offense will be a three day suspension from the team and school. Second offense will result in dismissal from the team and other consequences described in the student handbook.

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WONDERFUL SNOW dusted the Capitan Mountains near Capitan on Monday. Dark clouds continued throughout the week and brought additional dustings of snow to the Capitan, Sierra Blanca, Oscuros and Carrizozo on Wednesday morning.

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the rfp include a statement of support from the state for any requests to extend the 25-year maximum lease requirement, which must be approved by the state legislature. The state will also accept capital improvements as credit towards payment of the lease.

Potential bidders will be informed that the \$1.35 million fair market lease price in the rfp is a "suggested estimated amount", and the exact lease amount can be negotiated.

GSD and the selection committee added a new requirement for proposers to submit financial statements to verify financial stability.

All entities which requested the original rfp will be mailed notice of the changes and additions to the rfp.

Morel said any proposals received on or before January

22 will be opened that day or the next and will be reviewed immediately. The state legislature will be in session at that time, in case any proposal requires legislative approval.

"Our goal is to find the best tenant for Fort Stanton by the end of the first quarter (of the new year)," said Steven Belfort secretary of General Services Department in a release from his department. "We understand the impor-

ance of restoring the economy of the Lincoln County area and we will do our best to move the process along," he added.

Morel said he was pleased the state decided on a second try at leasing Fort Stanton to a private entity.

Anyone interested in submitting a proposal can request an rfp by calling the New Mexico General Services Department at 505-827-2165.

Sub Committees To Help PLUAC Get Local Input

The Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) has established seven sub-committees in an effort to better utilize more grassroots involvement in the

management of public lands in Lincoln County.

Sub-committees are timber, ag/grazing, wildlife, water, mining, recreation, tourism.

Anyone wishing to participate on a committee or nominate someone to serve on a committee, please contact Patsy Sanchez at the planning department of the Lincoln County Manager's office at P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

"Local input and involvement in the management of public lands is crucial to protect the custom, culture and economic stability of Lincoln County," Lincoln County Manager Carolin Cooney said.



CARRIZOZO SCHOOL STUDENTS IN First Grade and Pre-school show the life-size Gingerbread Man before he ran away.

Life Size Gingerbread Man Runs Away From Carrizozo Students

The week before Christmas the little fingers were busy pouring and mixing in hopes that a life-size Gingerbread Man would appear.

Karen Earwood, the Carrizozo first grade teacher, and Cherri Goad, the pre-school teacher, had combined their classes for teaching a unit on Gingerbread men.

The children helped place all the ingredients in the bowls for gingerbread. All the children participated by stirring, measuring, etc. They helped roll him out and cut out all his body parts. After he was baked, they all helped decorate him with raisins, licorice, red hots, M&Ms,

colored cream icing, etc.

The two classes worked in three sessions. The first session was tracing of a child's body onto paper for a cookie pattern.

The second session was making the gingerbread dough, cutting and baking.

The third session was decorating the giant gingerbread man after he had been baked.

The classes learned about science processes: measuring, controlling variables, and interpreting data.

The classes found math skills helpful in applying formulas, counting, equations, fractions, measuring, patterns, ratios, and timing.

The gingerbread man ran away from class Friday morning. The students went on a journey through the school looking for him. Crumbs, M&Ms, and other tell-tale

signs were left on the Gingerbread Man's trail.

He reappeared back in the classroom by the time the students returned from their search and the students enjoyed eating him.

Both classes worked on many other curriculum areas involving Gingerbread men.

Parents of the students will receive a surprise Christmas tree ornament. Some will be made of burlap and some will be made of sandpaper. It may be hard to find the ornaments on the tree because the gingerbread man has often been heard to say, "Run, run as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man."

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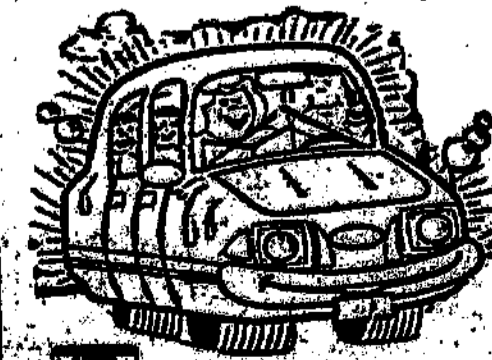
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 - Adult singles group meets at the Marie Laveaux Restaurant at 1214 Mechem in Ruidoso for no host dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 258-3246 or 354-2635.
 - Preschool Story hour from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Carrizozo Public School library.
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**
- Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission meets at 7 p.m. in commissioner's meeting room in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23**
- Capitan Village Hall will be closed today.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**
- Christmas Eve Mass at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Corona at 5 p.m.
 - Christmas Eve candlelight service at Trinity United Methodist Church at 8 p.m.
 - Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitan at 8 p.m.
 - Midnight Mass at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.
- MONDAY, CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25**
- All public offices closed.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26**
- Capitan Village Hall is open.
 - Carrizozo Town Hall will be closed.
 - Lincoln County Courthouse is closed today.
 - Ruidoso Village Administration Center is closed.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**
- Praise Sing, gospel musical program for all churches, will be held at Evangelistic Assembly Church in Carrizozo, 711 E Ave. at 6 p.m.
 - New Year's Eve service at Evangelistic Assembly Church, 711 E Ave. in Carrizozo at 10:30 p.m. The service will be shared with Pastor Johnnie Johnson of Carrizozo Community Church. Refreshments will follow.

County Treasurer's Door Wins First In Decorating Contest

As part of the holiday fun, offices in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo decorate their doors as part of a contest.

Tuesday, a panel of three judges visited the courthouse offices, to rate each one.

It was a difficult task, said the judges. They wanted to award two first places. But in the end, the judges agreed that the treasurer's door was first, and the clerk's door(s) was second place. The Glencoe Rural Events Center (Sales Barn) door received honorable mention.

The treasurer's door featured a dark maroon satin cover, golden bows and ribbons, and a half tree with shiny gold ornaments, with poinsettias in the same shade of maroon.

The clerk's door featured Santa encouraging everyone to remember their children's future by registering to vote. Santa is holding up a voter registration form. The background is the old discarded paper counter rolls for the old mechanical voting machines. The same recycled paper was used to create a four foot tall green "stocking" filled with toys. Pictures of children and grandchildren were scattered about like snowflakes.

The Glencoe door expressed a wish for a "cowboy" Christmas and featured a hand-drawn old fashioned door with a window and red curtains. The view outside the "window" of the door is of a cowboy atop his horse looking out at the star. The door was totally designed and crafted by center manager Linda Wallace.

Other departments had decorated doors. The manager's office had a computer generated Santa and reindeer. The road department door featured a half of a real tree trimmed with "I want" pictures of new heavy equipment, mixed with pictures of the newer pieces of county-owned road equipment. Also on the trees were little bags of sweets for the judges. Bribery? they asked.

The assessor's door was pretty with its nice card arrangement and the appraisal door was cute with its little snowmen who showed the office staff's desire for a winter wonderland.

The last on all the judges' list was the attorney's door. Since the attorney does not have an actual office in the courthouse, Alan Morel chose to decorate the door to the men's bathroom. The Santa hatted happy face was "impressive in its simplicity," said judge Mike McCan of Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) in Roswell. The door was decorated by the manager's staff at the direction of the attorney.

The other two judges were Bob Stearns and Doris Cherry.

The top winners will receive prizes during the afternoon staff parties on Friday. The public is welcome to view the doors at the courthouse during the remainder of the week.

Lincoln County offices will be closed Christmas, Monday December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.



BEST DECORATED Lincoln County Courthouse door belongs to the Treasurer's office. Treasurer Joan Park (right) and her deputy treasurer Beverly Payne and treasurer's clerk Albert LaFave show off the door shortly after receiving the first place award.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Merry Christmas!

By Ruth Hammond

The snow that fell in Lincoln County and across most of New Mexico earlier this week finally put people in the Christmas mood. It seems that snow and Christmas seem to go together and "dreaming of a White Christmas" has been a favorite pastime for years. Even though packages and Christmas greetings have been mailed, the holiday season was not complete without snow.

We may or may not have a white Christmas but with another storm due today the chances are that it will be snowing or there will be snow on the ground in many places for this holiday.

Several years ago when we were living in sunny California where it doesn't snow we had a unique blizzard in the living room. Two days before Christmas my friend was making a rag doll. We had a "snow storm" when we tried to fill the doll with shredded foam because static electricity caused the shredded foam to cling instead of stuff. We had foam on our clothes, in our hair, on the furniture, and on the carpet. Our unusual "white" Christmas in California is one we will long remember.

Things that happen this holiday season will be memorable for many of us as we plan celebrations, prepare meals, enjoy the company of family and friends, send greetings, and give gifts.

A special gift for me this Christmas has been the letters to Santa that were published in The News last week and this week. Each letter was original. Many were mailed to Santa Claus, North Pole, others were written in class at school, and a few were hand delivered when the children brought their letters to The News office to be sent on to Santa. It was a joy to see the excitement in their eyes as they handed me the letters.

Christmas is for children and their wonderment can make it all worthwhile. It is being with small children at Christmas time that we adults have the opportunity to watch them and remember special Christmas days from our past.

We can remember when we received that special gift that we wanted "more than anything in the world" or we can remember when we gave someone a certain gift. We can remember when we first heard the now famous song "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" or we can remember going around the neighborhood to sing Christmas carols. We can remember counting pennies until we had enough money to buy dad a tie or mother that bottle of perfume in the blue bottle with the silver cap.

We can remember that we didn't often have fresh fruit in the winter because the fruit would spoil before the trucks could bring it across the United States and the orange and apple that we received at Christmas was a rare treat.

We can remember receiving that childish toy when we thought we were much too grown up for toys and we can remember when we were older and would rather have toys than clothes.

We can remember the first Christmas we spent away from home and how much we missed our families. We can remember the first Christmas in our own homes and the starting of our own family traditions that would continue through the years.

We can remember the pleasure of shopping for our children and wanting to have everything perfect for their big day. We can remember staying up most of the night trying to put a bicycle together because the directions were written in Japanese.

We can remember putting a child's home-made star on the top of the tree and the red and green construction paper chains the children made and putting those chains on the tree.

The memories of Christmas from when we were children and from when our children were small are precious but we need to remember not only Christmas past but also Christmas present.

Our Christmas present to each of you is a wish for you to have a joyous and happy Christmas filled with love.

Christmas Greetings To Everyone



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE — State lawmakers won their retirement pension battle, but did they permanently lose the legislative pay war in the process?

That's what some observers, including the Albuquerque Journal editorial staff, think.

Late last month the New Mexico Supreme Court upheld a retirement program for legislators, bringing an end to an eight-year lawsuit brought by former Attorney General Hal Stratton soon after he was elected to office.

The legal battle wound through several courts, sometimes winning, sometimes losing, before a somewhat surprising 4-0 decision by the state's highest court found the pension payments don't violate the constitution's restrictions on compensation for legislators.

Justice Stanley Frost, who wrote the opinion, says the retirement benefit is not a direct monetary compensation because the prospect of collecting the pension is "too remote and contingent" to violate the spirit of the constitution.

To be eligible for retirement benefits, Frost wrote, a lawmaker must contribute to the plan, serve at least five years in the legislature, and live long enough to collect.

Frost ended by saying,

"Critics are quick to ascribe venal motives to any legislative decision which has the effect of benefiting those who hold office. However, when we find no constitutional violation, we will not review the propriety of the legislative action nor examine the motives of the Legislature."

Well, the Supreme Court may not have to look at "venal motives," but voters don't have such restrictions. And when their intentions are a possibility, they quickly become a certainty.

Such is the nature of today's cynical society. There is little chance that lawmakers aren't already making a killing off that \$75 a day they get to live in Santa Fe. We may not be able to do anything about those obscene six-and-seven-figure salaries that corporate executives talk their puppet boards into paying them, but when we can control the pay of big shots, we sure as heck will do it.

So will voters turn down all future attempts by lawmakers to raise their \$75 per diem because they now have a pension? Well, back when pensions previously were legal, voters did approve increases in legislative per diem. But this is a new day and attitudes may be different now.

Some legislature watchers figure eventually voters will approve another simple per diem increase, as long as the proposal isn't complicated by the add-ons we saw on the ballot last year. Actually the idea of pegging per diem to the IRS-approved rate wasn't bad. It was just that special classes of lawmakers automatically received extra days of compensation.

But now that the state's highest court has made legislative pensions legal, lawmakers have a route to bypass voters. In the days when the constitutionality of the benefit was uncertain, the retirement provisions were modest. Lawmakers contributed \$100 a year and got back \$250 annually for each year of service upon reaching age 65.

Nobody will get rich on that. But with a court decision now in the bank, lawmakers might decide to up the benefits. Or they could add other delayed features, such as health care or disability pay.

Many political pros figured the retirement lawsuit was over in 1983 when a district judge upheld the program. By that time, Hal Stratton, a Republican, no longer was attorney general. He had

been succeeded by Tom Udall, a Democrat, in 1991.

Although support for the legislative retirement system didn't break cleanly along party lines, most of the retirees were Democrats dating back to the days when only a handful of Republicans got elected. So Democrat leaders usually supported the system.

But Udall had made it clear when he took office that he wasn't going to drop any of Stratton's cases, simply because some people felt they were initiated for partisan reasons.

Udall appealed the district court ruling and won a unanimous reversal by the Court of Appeals last year, before having it reversed again by the Supreme Court.

Cibola Forest Asks For Public Input For Management Plan

Cibola Forest Supervisor Jeanine Derby announced that she needs the public's help on formulating a communications strategy for the pre-revision review and revision of the Cibola National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

"Public input is crucial to developing a forest plan," Derby said. "We have a draft communications strategy that will be the tool used to guide the public involvement process," she added.

A copy of the draft communications strategy is available at the Cibola National Forest Supervisor's office, the Sandia Mountain Air, Magdalena, and Mt. Taylor Ranger district offices, and the Kiowa, Rita Blanca, Black Kettle, and McClellan Creek National Grassland offices. For additional information or to be placed on the mailing list, call public affairs officer Karen Carter at 505-761-4650 or any Cibola District or Grassland offices.

America Should Let Europeans Settle Conflicts

by F.R. DUPLANTIER

In a historic address to the U.S. Congress, the President acknowledged that the interests of European nations are of no particular significance to the United States. These nations get embroiled in "frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns," said the President, concluding that it would be "unwise" to get involved in matters of purely European concern. The geographic isolation of the United States is a tremendous strategic advantage, and Americans should make full use of it. The President said it would be foolish to jeopardize the peace and prosperity of our country by thrusting ourselves into the middle of the age-old ethnic and national rivalries of Europe.

These, alas, are not the sentiments of President Bill Clinton. They were expressed by an American president, however—our very first president, in fact. President George Washington made his remarks 200 years ago in the Farewell Address that culminated his two terms in office. With those parting words, Washington advised his countrymen to protect our Union against the internal threat of factions and the external threat of foreign entanglements.

Like most of our twentieth-century presidents, Bill Clinton is either ignorant of, or indifferent to, the warning issued by the Father of our Country—as Clinton's decision to send 20,000 American soldiers into Bosnia clearly demonstrates. The President has an obligation to offer the American people a persuasive explanation for deployment, but he has yet to identify a compelling national interest in Bosnia, and his justifications so far seem specious at best. No matter how much the President may insist that we do, America does NOT have a moral duty to send troops to Bosnia. American does NOT have "values" that must be protected there. America does NOT need to go to Bosnia to assert its leadership in the world.

Clinton's status as Commander-in-Chief empowers him to deploy U.S. troops in defense of American citizens or interests; it does NOT entitle him to send troops anywhere he pleases for whatever reason he chooses. Sending U.S. troops to Bosnia will NOT keep the fighting from escalating into a wider conflict; it will do just the opposite. Our troops will NOT be "peacekeepers," for there is no peace to keep in Bosnia, nor has there been for some 500 years. U.S. servicemen should NOT be forced to assume the role of international policemen.

If Europe wants an end to the bloodletting in Bosnia, let European nations stop it. They have all the requisite resources. America, in the meantime, should concern

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US Forest Service Shuts Down Due To No Money

The U.S. Forest Service shut down at the close of business Tuesday, December 19, for lack of funds to continue operations because Congress failed to resolve the budget impasse and the Interior Appropriations Bill, through which the forest service is funded, was not signed.

During the shutdown, emergency activities such as fire suppression, law enforcement and response to natural disasters will continue, said Merle Glenn public information officer for Lincoln National Forest.

Recreation facilities and services provided through permit with private concessionaires will remain open. These include ski areas (such as Ski Apache) and some other winter sports activities.

No Christmas tree permits will be sold also. But for persons who purchased a tree permit before the end of business Tuesday, there will be forest service personnel patrolling the Christmas tree cutting areas to assist, and cutting area maps will be posted at the ranger districts.

The following campgrounds in the Lincoln National Forest are also closed: South Fork (Bonito Lake), Oak Grove (on Sierra Blanca) and Cedar Creek (near Ruidoso) on Smokey Bear Ranger District and all campgrounds on the Sacramento Ranger District.

Glenn said there is no indication this time whether furloughed federal employees will receive any reimbursement for

the time they are furloughed, as they did at Thanksgiving. She said this makes it especially difficult for single parent families, who may have a hard time paying the rent, and having the Christmas they wanted.

For information on the availability of other services, or for emergencies, call (505) 434-7200.

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BLM could be among the federal agencies closed by a partial government shut down as Congress has yet to pass a Department of the Interior appropriations bill.



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Wanda Duke Is Crown CowBelle Of The Year



Wanda Duke was selected as the 1995 Crown CowBelle of the Year. She was presented with a plaque by Geraldine Perkins, the 1994 Crown CowBelle of the Year. Wanda was honored for her relentless work for the beef industry, and her general abilities as a good ranch hand. It was pointed out that she was always busy with animals of all different varieties, a good carpenter, cowgirl, bird wrangler, as well as an active caretaker of the land. She plants and grows a variety of flowers, fruits, and vegetables.

Wanda was born on a ranch south of Corona to L.G. and Ida Pate. She met and married Curtis Duke at Western College, in Silver City. She spent most of her married life in Gallup, raising two

daughters, Laverne and Lanita. In 1990 she and her husband retired to the ranch, she was born on. They raise cattle, Emus, Peacocks, ducks, chickens, and pheasants.

Wanda represented the Crown CowBelle at the mid year state CowBelle meeting in Ruidoso, the end of the year state CowBelle meeting in Albuquerque, the Ag fest in Santa Fe, and at the State Fair booth.

Carrizozo School Board

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Superintendent Paula Papponi said the study identified not only the technology program, it also pointed out the need for cooling systems, remodeling the cafeteria and installing radiant heating, phases two and three of the playground upgrade and a sprinkling system for the campus grounds. Papponi also said the district could use another vehicle, and maybe another bus.

Hightower was also concerned about the time period for spending the bond money,

America Should Let Europeans

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We should heed the advice that George Washington gave in his famous Farewell Address: "The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is, in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible."

if it is approved by voters. The state requires districts which pass bonds to expend the funds within three years. Carrizozo District, however, still has funds remaining from its last bond issue in 1990.

Charles Casey with Principal Financial Securities, Inc. which will handle all the bond process, said the reason for the three year limit is that districts have passed bond issues, then invested the money and used the proceeds for district operations. Casey said Carrizozo district will not be penalized for not having spent the 1990 bond funds in the three year period.

Hightower indicated there was too much pressure on the district to spend the \$450,000 in three years, instead he thought \$200,000 would cover both top projects.

"I want the two mill levy to pass," Hightower said. "Not jeopardize both (elections) when we have no plan in place."

Board member Nick Serna disagreed and made the motion to set a bond election for \$450,000 on April 2. Serna and other members LeeRoy Zamora and Pat Vega voted for the resolutions which legally set in motion the bond issue election and two mill levy authorization. Member Jody Ventura was absent due to illness.

The bond issue question will be separate from the two mill levy re-authorization question during the April 2 election. The two mill levy can be voted on separately from the bond election.

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CAPITAN NOTES

Christmas greetings from the Sullivan-Anderson home in Omaha.

Let's just start right off with tales from *Trailing Around with Traylor* by H. L. Traylor.

Best Wishes To The Big One That Got Away After World War II, Denny O'Hara had been transferred to Holloman Air Force Base near White Sands, where he struck up friendships with several other hunters.

Denny and his family lived in La Luz and we hunted together often with Richard Davis, Marcus Quick, Manuel Garcia and Harris Blankenship.

The boys from the base set up a hunting camp near the head of Cottonwood Canyon in the San Andreas. They invited Denny and his friends to join them on a hunt. Marcus knew the terrain and brought his family, my wife and me along. The non-military were to furnish their own equipment and food.

Denny and the Quicks left before us. After school was out Friday, my wife and I headed west on the "Old Eagle Highway" toward Rhodes Canyon, following the markers left by the Quicks. At the mouth of Rhodes Canyon, we turned south for four miles, entered Cottonwood Canyon and followed it in and out for three or four miles west. At 8:30 p.m., we found the base camp and they directed us up the canyon to the Quicks.

Their family welcomed us with campfire coffee, Dutch oven biscuits, pinto beans with red chili and fried goat one of the boys was supposed to have brought as they entered the area (no livestock was permitted on the range.) Regardless of the source of the meat, it was a most appetizing meal.

Marcus had scouted the country and found deer sign in a riconada bounded on three sides by steep cliffs. He planned for everyone to make a drive in the morning, but during the night, one of the men from the base became extremely ill. The soldiers and Denny returned to the base early the next morning, leaving only Marcus, his son, Ray, and me to hunt.

The next morning we entered the riconada from the south by crossing a deep canyon running west to east. We separated, Marcus taking the extreme west position, Ray the middle, and I took the area east. We closed the distance between us to a radius

of about 200 yards. I saw a deer standing slightly concealed by the shadow of the cliff. I watched it for a moment to determine whether it was a buck or a doe.

I felt sure it was a buck from its physical features, size, and being alone; yet I wanted to be sure before shooting. I had been told the deer in those mountains, having little molestation from man, would freeze, not moving an ear or switching a tail for several moments before stampeding. When it did jump, it entered the canyon by a game trail. I could see the upper as well as the far side of the canyon and the sagebrush area between Ray and me. There was a large boulder about ten yards from the canyon that gave a perspective of the entire region. I sat down on it to watch.

The deer didn't go up or down the canyon, nor did I see it cross the canyon toward Ray. I figured there was another game trail accessible from the canyon and the deer would be hiding in the sagebrush toward Ray.

When Marcus and his son came to my station, I explained the incident. They combed the sage and greasewood area for a quarter of a mile each way as I continued to observe the three directions the deer would exit.

There were no tracks until Marcus came to the game trail leading from the spring and cliff. The deer had turned southeast hugging the bank, but not more than ten steps from where I was sitting, slipping along the west bank out of my sight for a hundred yards down the canyon before starting to run.

We trailed him to the mouth of the canyon, where he left it and entered the sagebrush, not too far east of our camp. His tracks were larger than a calf's tracks. From all indications, he was very old. The outside cleft of his right foot was missing. We named him *Old One Toe*.

As I recall the incident, some 43 years past, I can only live in the hope that *Old One Toe* continued to evade other hunters, sired many more little *One Toes* and died a natural death.

Next week another chapter of Herbert Lee Traylor's book will be submitted.

Another installment of Ila Mae Payne's autobiography: My brother Ben had spent some time with us too, and my Uncle Ernest. Ben and

Vernon got our woodworking shop going to make picture frames for him to sell. We had lots of fun making a little extra money and devising all kinds of knick-knacks, from toothpick holders to bedroom suites. On small things, Marie and I would paint all kinds of western drawings, and varnish over the paint so it would last longer.

Then there was Ray and Bertha Gunnels, who lived up in White Mountains above Alto. We became close friends. Both were good musicians, spent many of their weekends with us, and we'd have music sessions equal to the best. We had friends, the Salee's in Ruidoso, and friends at Carrizozo who liked to come out. Even the family Sanders, from Oklahoma City, who visited the Salees a lot.

Sometimes there'd be 30 or 40 people and we'd visit and make music till the morning hours. They were wonderful years we like to look back upon. But as the saying goes, "all good things come to an end."

Woody, Daymon and June had all married and moved away. Bud and Dorothy had a ranch joining ours, and stayed on longer than the rest, but having four children to school presented the same old problem so many others had before them. Soon they were away much of the time and finally decided to sell out and leave. Pa Payne had leased his ranch for a few years and moved to Abilene, Texas. Having property there, they built a nice home.

Before long they decided to sell the ranch. Vernon had been their "man Friday" so they wanted us to sell and come to Texas too. Which was about the farthest thing from my mind. Even though we had thought we may have to sell some day and leave, I always figured we'd still be in

New Mexico.

I'd always loved the Hondo valley. There were so many beautiful places down on the Hondo, but when it came down to facts, I just couldn't fancy being anywhere but there on our little ranch. I knew the kids were getting to the age that they might want to have a chance to be around more young people, then have homes and be on their own.

Big ranches were slowly taking over, we were getting older, and so many things were threatening our little world. I wouldn't admit it to myself but I felt the grip tightening. Then before I knew what was happening our ranch was up for sale. Still I wouldn't face it and as each prospective buyer came, looked, and went away, not to return, I'd be so happy I could shout, put the worry behind and go about happy again. But they kept coming, and I inwardly hated them all, especially that old Biddy!

More of Ila Mae's story next week.

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Capitan Art Students Visit The Museum Of The Horse

Capitan High School art students were treated to guided tours of the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs on Wednesday, Dec. 6. The 38 students were divided into groups for the tour.

Art teacher Jerry Rice and other Capitan teachers accompanied the group. Bus transportation costs were paid for by the Museum of the Horse school bus fund, which is supported by donations.

"The contributions made by local citizens and corporations enable us to hand the schools a check for gas and mileage when they arrive with the tour groups," explained Museum of the Horse education curator Jim Dickinson. "This is a valuable service to the youth of the community and has enabled us to reach out to educational facilities throughout the area."

"Although the classes present for the Dec. 6 tour had expressed an interest primarily in painting and sculpture, there are always stories and items of historical significance here at the museum and most students end up learning more general information than they expected."

Teachers, principals, or group representatives who wish to inquire about special tours at the Museum of the Horse may call 505-378-4142.

Included in the displays at this time are 33 works of realistic western art the museum borrowed from the famed Mountain Oysters Club of Tucson, AZ. The art will be displayed through Jan. 3.

The Museum of the Horse, located in Ruidoso Downs just east of Ruidoso Downs race track, is open every day but Mondays.

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Pornography Or Art Work . . .

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obsenity from the village legal staff. On October 31, when the issue first arose, Mayor Jerry Shaw and councilors directed the village legal staff to investigate the legalities of a proposed ordinance which would ban such materials from public view, and to look at anti-obscenity ordinances in Farmington and other municipalities.

Village attorney Chay Rennick, acting on behalf of absent John Underwood, presented a lengthy report. Rennick said in the U.S. Supreme Court case, Miller vs. State of California, the supreme court determined that materials or displays are "obscene" if they meets three definitions: a jury of local people must decide what is the acceptable community standards of decency by hearing from local citizens; the work or material in question must depict or define in a patently offensive way sexual conduct as defined by state law; and the work as a whole

must lack serious literary, artistic and political or scientific value.

"In my view, all heterosexual acts are protected," Rennick said.

Rennick said ordinances can be crafted that would meet the constitutional standards. And most ordinances governing obscene materials do use the standards set out by Miller v. California. An ordinance adopted in Farmington to govern obscene materials uses the Miller language and adds specific types of sexual acts. However, most of those ordinances are hard to enforce and usually are taken to a higher court, which overturns most convictions.

Farmington found that enforcing its ordinance is difficult and expensive, Rennick said. The two or three prosecutions of its anti-obscenity law ended with no convictions, or conviction overturned on appeal.

Rennick said the state law concerning obscenity is exclu-

sive, which means that municipalities and counties cannot enact more stringent codes. And under the state law, the district attorney would make a determination on what is "obscene" if a complaint is filed against a display, such as was done with Garrett's statue.

However, Rennick said the state law does not cover the area of art works.

Municipality can regulate the locations of "adult" displays by zoning. "But we can't zone them out of existence," Rennick said.

Zoning can be used to regulate such displays by showing the secondary impact that such displays have on the community and areas businesses from the type of customers attracted such as transients, drug dealers, etc.

All councilors agreed they need something to regulate questionable adult displays, and all agreed that the village needs an ordinance which would be enforceable.

Leon Eggleston said that the biggest problem is defining contemporary community standards of obscenity. LaBrecque said she had a petition of 400 signatures from residents which provides interpretation of community standards (they thought the Garrett statue to be obscene and offensive). But Eggleston argued that there are 5,000 people in Ruidoso and it would require a vote of the people to determine community standards.

Councilor Robert Donaldson said the Garrett statue does not meet the three elements of the Miller ruling. While he was "predisposed" toward some type of ordinance, he also did not see how the village could win if the ordinance was challenged. Instead, Donaldson favored some type of zoning restrictions or limits on public displays.

Councilor Frank Potter said



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if the council had accepted LaBrecque's proposed ordinance the council would have had to declare a display or work as obscene and a public nuisance. "It's not in the council's hands to act as legislative, executive and judicial branches of government," Potter said.

Joe Gomez agreed with LaBrecque about the offensive material for children. However he said that since the village cannot write laws to supersede state laws, citizens should lobby their legislators to change the state law. He was favorable to pursuing a way to regulate such displays through zoning.

After LaBrecque made a final appeal for consideration of her proposed ordinance of public nuisance, Shaw said the village cannot pass an ordinance to prohibit Garrett's statues. "We'll give it to P&Z to look at zoning," Shaw said. "Otherwise what you ask for we cannot do. Tonight we can't satisfy those who don't want another Garrett statue," Shaw said. "We're not the court."

Donaldson made two motions, one to refer the issue to Planning and Zoning to pursue a change in the code concerning limitations on "adult" businesses and the other to direct staff to continue to work on an ordinance to regulate public display of "legal" obscene materials. He placed no time limit on staff to draft a document. All councilors voted yes on the motions.

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Forest Service Extends Comment Deadline For Final Impact Statement

Jan. 12, 1996 is the deadline for comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Amendment of Forest Plans in the Southwestern Region.

According to Chip Cartwright, regional forester of the southwestern region of the Forest Service, comments must be received by Jan. 12, 1996 to be considered in preparation of the record of decision.

The document is available for public review. For copies of the document, contact Director of Ecosystem Management Planning, Southwestern Region, USDA Forest Service, 517 Gold Avenue S.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102, or call 505-842-2312.

The forest plan amendments change existing standards and guidelines and add new standards and guidelines to provide habitat protection for Mexican spotted owls and northern goshawks. Standards and guidelines for management of old growth forests, even-aged silviculture, and steep-slope logging were modified to be more consistent with the habitat standards and guidelines proposed for Mexican spotted owl and northern goshawk habitat.



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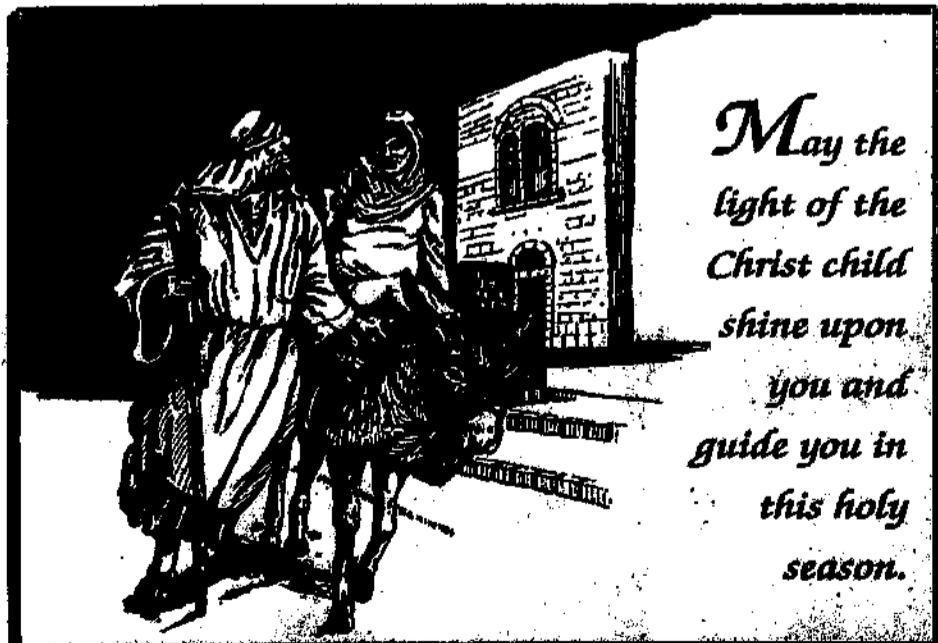
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The following information came from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

December 11:

8:21 p.m. a caller reported an accident on Highway 70. The man advised he needed a report because a deer had hit his unit, then the deer ran off. State police were notified.

10:17 p.m. a 911 caller reported an accident at mile marker 300 on Highway 70, the woman caller thought they hit a deer, no one was hurt. State police were notified.

December 12:

7:39 a.m. River Ranch on Highway 70 reported a structure fire, the main building, at the campgrounds. Glencoe Fire Department responded.

7:59 a.m. a deputy requested the case number of a report of a larceny at Lincoln post office.

10:27 a.m. a caller reported harassment by phone. A deputy was assigned.

7:04 p.m. a motorist reported an accident on Highway 54 north of Corona. State police were notified.

8:42 p.m. a 911 caller reported a stuck vehicle in the Alto area. The vehicle was stuck in a ditch. A deputy responded.

8:59 p.m. a 911 caller re-

ported a fire at mile marker 92 on Highway 380 near Government Springs, and it was spreading toward the mountain. Lincoln Fire Department responded with two units and several volunteers.

December 13:

3:31 a.m. a caller reported an accident involving a semi truck 28 miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54. When state police arrived the officer requested an ambulance. Corona ambulance transported the driver, who had the accident trying to avoid hitting some deer, to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

12:43 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 18 year old boy who had a possible broken arm. Capitan ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

12:59 p.m. a caller requested an officer to make a report of harassment by phone. A deputy responded.

2:25 p.m. a caller reported shots fired near a lodge in the Alto area. A deputy responded.

The sheriff requested background information twice.

2:45 p.m. state police in Socorro advised of a report of a grass fire on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. Carrizozo fire department responded and New Mexico State Forestry was advised.

The sheriff requested background information for three sheriff's posse members.

9:29 p.m. a detention officer called on behalf of a prisoner who requested an officer make a welfare check of his home in the Capitan area. Capitan police responded.

December 14:

The sheriff requested background information on two individuals.

A caller reported an aggravated burglary at an RV park in the Capitan area. A handgun and money were taken, and the gun's ID numbers were placed on the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC) and a report was taken.

December 15:

7:16 p.m. a Capitan school staff member requested an officer to check out a strange substance found at the school. Capitan police responded.

7:24 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance at a grocery store on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso for a nine year old girl who fell and had a cut over her eye. The call was referred to Ruidoso Police Department.

7:24 p.m. a caller reported a big deer on the east bound lane of Gavilan Canyon Road just east of Highway 48. Game and Fish Department in Santa Fe was contacted and a deputy responded, but found no deer in the road.

9:01 p.m. an officer advised he was providing a motorist

assist. A subject was pushing a motorcycle with no light, and he was almost hit by a semi truck. The officer advised he brought the motorist some gas.

December 16:

12:35 a.m. a caller reported a domestic incident at a residence on 2nd Street in Capitan. Capitan police responded and arrested a man. He had an FBI file.

1:02 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a woman who fell and injured her knee at her residence on Aspen in Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the woman to LCMC.

2 a.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of a domestic incident at a trailer park east of the village. The dispatcher tried calling the subject, but the woman would not talk and hung up. A deputy and two Ruidoso Downs officers responded. One woman was taken to a motel, the other stayed at the residence. No charges were filed by either party.

2:11 a.m. a 911 caller reported an accident due to deer on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. State police were notified.

8:51 a.m. a man requested a deputy to keep the peace while he got his belongings from a residence at an RV park east of Ruidoso Downs. A deputy responded.

2:53 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at the Tinnie Post office for a man having chest pains. Hondo ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

3:13 p.m. a deputy requested background information on a subject. The subject had an FBI file.

3:45 p.m. the Carrizozo girls coach requested a Class D wrecker for a Carrizozo school bus which blew a seal and the kids needed a ride home. Carrizozo police and a deputy responded. The deputy drove a bus to pick up the kids.

Ruidoso police advised of a deer hit but no deer at the intersection of Highway 48 and Gavilan Canyon Road. A deputy responded and advised he believed the animal to be the same one reported the night before.

5:40 p.m. an off duty state police officer requested a deputy because someone in a red pickup had fired shots by his residence in Enchanted Forest area. A deputy and a Forest Service officer responded.

6:51 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised that a caller needed a report taken on criminal damages to property at a trailer park east of the village. A woman advised that her daughters heard glass break and when they ran outside they saw two people drive off. A deputy responded and took a report.

7:06 p.m. a man caller reported kids throwing rocks two miles west of Hondo on Highway 70. The kids were reportedly throwing rocks at passing vehicles, and a rock broke the windshield of one semi and a car, but both vehicles kept going. The caller

advised he just called to let the sheriff's office know. Later the man called back and said it happened again to two semis. State police and a deputy responded, but neither made contact with the kids. The state police officer took a report.

December 17:

2:48 a.m. a 911 caller requested a motorist assist on Nogal Hill, a semi truck was stuck in the middle of the road. State police were notified.

Background information was requested on a subject. The subject had an FBI file.

11:32 a.m. an accident with injuries was reported at the intersection of Homestead Acres and Gavilan Canyon Road. Alto ambulance and state police were notified. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

8:44 a.m. a caller in Sun Valley reported that kids found a metal object with the words military land mine printed on it. A deputy and a bomb squad from Fort Bliss in El Paso responded.

9:08 p.m. a caller requested an officer because a subject would not leave the bar. The caller also advised that the subject was verbally harassing her. Carrizozo police and a deputy responded, but the subject was gone on their arrival.

9:18 p.m. state police requested an ambulance at mile marker 94 on Highway 380 between Capitan and Lincoln. A semi loaded with cattle laid over. It was unknown how many injuries. Capitan ambulance and a police officer responded. The ambulance run was canceled.

December 18:

3:03 a.m. a 911 caller reported a one car roll over accident without injuries at mile marker 154 on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. State police were notified.

2:25 a.m. a caller requested a wrecker at the bottom of Angus Hill on Highway 48. The owner of the vehicle would wait at the car for the wrecker.

A caller reported abuse of an older woman.

Vehicle damage by a bird was reported at mile marker 20 on Highway 380. A deputy and state police were assigned.

5:12 p.m. a walk-in advised of a possible burglary at a location on Spring Canyon Road. The caller advised he found the cabin broken into and things messy. The responding deputy advised it was a breaking and entering.

10:35 p.m. a caller advised of an illegal wiring of a cable tv connection in Capitan. Capitan police responded.

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Ruidoso Masons Present Award To Victor Schaerer

Ruidoso's Ancient Free & Accepted Masons Lodge No. 73 elected and installed 1998 officers at their Dec. 4 meeting. New officers are: Worshipful Master Tim Rich of Ruidoso, Senior Warden Jim Matsler of Alto, Junior Warden Marshall Gönover of Ruidoso, Treasurer Neal Chapman of Capitan, Secretary Leo Mitchell of Ruidoso, Chaplain Zack Gilliland of Alto, Senior Deacon John Cox of Capitan, Junior Deacon Bill Woolley of Ruidoso, Senior Steward Lloyd Lewis of Ruidoso, Junior Steward Gary Dean of Ruidoso, Marshal Frank Sawyer of Ruidoso, and Tyler Art Wright of Ruidoso.

A special certificate presentation with honors was also given to visiting Master Mason and retired Maritime Captain Victor Schaerer of Ruidoso for his 50 years service in Freemasonry.

The lodge has a current membership of 80 and has enjoyed a 25 percent increase in members in 1998. 1998 promises to be another banner year for the lodge with further good works including an annual scholarship award to an outstanding Ruidoso area student. The Ruidoso Masonic Lodge meets at 142 Nob Hill Drive in Ruidoso the first Monday of the month.



FOOTBALL ALL STARS. Carrizozo Grizzlies football players (from left) Jeff Maynard, Ray Barela, Jim Brown and Chuck Goodman were named to the All Stars West team for six man football. Coach Sid Wright (back left) was selected to coach the All Star West team. Assistant coach Randall Robbins (not pictured) was also selected to help coach the all star game which will be held in Portales on June 15.



CARRIZOZO GRIZZLIES named selected as All State Six Man Football players are from left Shad Roper, Jeff Maynard and Jim Brown. On back from left are Justin Serna and Willie Silva.

Carrizozo Football Players Named To All State Teams

Several Carrizozo High School six man football players were named to the all state and all star teams.

Selected to the First Defense Team were senior punter Jeff Maynard and sophomore defensive lineman Shad Roper. Junior linebacker Willie Silva was named to the defense second team.

Maynard received honorable mention as defensive back and offense running back. Senior quarterback Jim Brown received honorable mention on the offense.

Several Carrizozo players were also named to the All Star West Team, which is for seniors only. The team will play the All Star East Team at Eastern New Mexico University on June 15, 1996. Players from Carrizozo are, offense-Brown quarterback, Maynard running back and Ray Barela end. Chuck Goodman was named as an alternate end. In defense, Bonafacio Zamora will play defensive lineman.

Grizzlies Coach Sid Wright and his assistant Randall Robbins were selected to coach the West All-Stars. All selections were made by coaches of other six man football teams, and coaches could not vote for their own players.

Wright said he is very honored to have so many players selected to the state teams. "I am also honored to be selected to coach the West All Stars."

This was the first year Carrizozo played six man football which made the team ineligible for district and state playoffs. Next year, Carrizozo will be eligible for district and state playoffs.

Jacob Portillo Enlists in Navy

Jacob A. Portillo of Albuquerque, a 1994 graduate of Carrizozo High School and son of Carl D. Ortiz and Darlene R. Portillo of Carrizozo, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training in the Navy's Interior Communications Electrician program.

Jacob enlisted under the delayed entry program and will report to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois in December 1995 for active duty, where he will undergo basic training.

Upon completion of basic training, Jacob will begin 26 weeks of schooling at Great Lakes in the interior communications electrician field; operate and repair electronic devices used in the interior communications systems, electronic megaphones, and other announcing equipment, as well as the gyrocompass systems.

Lady Grizzlies Win, Boys Lose To Capitan

Basketball season is well underway at Carrizozo Schools, and Grizzlies coach Sid Wright said his team is now 3-5. The Grizzlies lost to Capitan on December 15.

Wright said he has a streaky team which is on a roller coaster; sometimes good play and sometimes not so good. He said he believes the

team has potential and is progressing each week, so by the time district play begins he thinks the team will be much improved.

Top scorers so far in the season are Willie Silva with an average of 15 points a game, Zack Chavez with 13 a game and Justin Serna with 12 a game. Chuck Goodman is

the lead re-bouncer followed by Jeff Maynard.

The basketball team will be practicing during the holiday break to prepare for the annual Smokey Bear Invitational in Capitan, January 4-6.

The Lady Grizzlies Varsity basketball team defeated the

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Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
C'ozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm
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Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
C'ozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

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PAUL WETZEL, minister
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Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
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FORT STANTON

FORT MAKES HISTORY
None of us could believe that Ruth, myself, or the other editors didn't have anything about Fort Stanton in the editorials, or news. This is a first since last September. Wonder what it means? Will it be good news or bad news when the Governor finally gives his decision to the press.

One of the mementos I give my third graders is a writing pen with Fort Stanton Post Office on it. When Bertha Griego saw this last week she commented to David, "That's liable to be a collectors item." I never thought about that...

WINNERS OF STAMP PROGRAM
George Boese and Kyle Booty were the winners in answering all the questions about Richard Nixon and Bessie Coleman. They learned Richard Nixon was the 37th President of the U.S., and he was born in Yorba Linda, CA on January 9, 1913. John Kennedy defeated Nixon in 1960 and he became President in 1968. Nixon died on April 22, 1994 at age 81.

Bessie Coleman was the world's first black aviator and was born in the late 1800s in Atlanta, TX. Forced to pursue her dream outside the U.S., she received her license in Europe. She returned to the U.S. and became a barn-stormer, stunt flying across the country and was killed in an exhibition on April 30, 1926, when she fell from her plane to her death.

George's mother is a PMR clerk in Lincoln for Cherie Hobbs, and keeps him informed about what new stamps have been issued.

Kyle Booty said he has one sister named Megan, lives eight miles from Carrizozo, and loves to play football.

Coincidentally making it nice, Bertha Griego was in Mrs. Johnson's room last week when I arrived with my stamps. She was waiting to

help with the Christmas party. Not even guessing who would be that week's winner it made it nice when it turned out to be her son David. David has been helping his dad and the others here at the Fort and loves to go hunting with Robert. David did a very neat job on his envelope, using zip plus four on both the return and other address. He drew a cancellation of a fish and was happy his mom was there to have her picture taken with him and Mrs. Johnson.

Javy Trost has been trying very hard to color perfect pictures and write neat, answering all the questions. He has a head start on the other students as him mom, Ruby, has been collecting stamps for the past three years. Javy's dad, Tom, is now working in Roswell and we all miss him here at the Fort. Kersti and their little grand-baby were enjoying each other at Jennifer Eldridge's wedding last Saturday. I'm sure Javey helps them take care of her as she was a little doll. Javy answered the questions about the four horses, Coney Island Style, Philadelphia Style, Country Fair Style, and another Coney Island Style. The stamps were issued in Pennsylvania, on July 21, and have been a favorite of collectors. We will have a two week break for the holidays and start up again after the new year. Teachers, faculty and students, plus myself wish everyone *'The Best Holidays and A Happy New Year!'*

It was fun to see the class hurrying to finish up the neat little presents they had made for mom and dad for Christmas.

Will be looking forward to returning next year. Already lots of new and interesting subjects have been chosen for the 1996 stamps. The 1995 collection book is \$39.95.

WHITE OAKS PLANS
Last week Ruth Birdsong came by to bring the camera ready work for her cancellation she will have on May 4, 1996 in White Oaks. The picture is of a miner and we hope to get the 4¢ mining stamp that was issued in 1958. Cannot believe it is the only stamp issued with anything to do with mining. Tours of the buildings at White Oaks, a dance, a parade, letters with the cancellation, food and many other things are planned for this day. Make plans to attend.

This year the calendar is about schoolhouse tales. The cover has a picture of the Jicarilla school house and the reading is great and interesting. Casey, Alto, Monjeau, Arabella, Encinosa, Jack's Peak, Spindle, and many more schools are described in the calendar. Pictures of many of the old timers you see are at the top of each page.

NEW HOME
BB Davis Berry and three boys are proud of their new trailer house that arrived last week. It is much larger than the other one, nearly sticking out in the road. Know they are all happy to have a lot more room. We are happy for you all.

TWO POSTMASTERS WILL BE MISSED
Mary Gourley, Shirlene Fitzer, Stella Baca, and myself, attended the funeral of Orba Rae, postmaster of Tularosa for 83 years. Definitely a role model for us all—she will be missed. Orba and Isabel Ramsey were always on the registration committee at our conventions and made you feel welcome at any function we attended. The number of other postmasters at the funeral showed what a high regard they all had for

Orba. Stella Baca lived close to Orba in Tularosa many years ago and said when she was raising her family that Orba was always handy to help her with the many things she needed to learn when taking care of her family. She told us several stories about Orba and showed us where they lived when they first arrived in Tularosa. Rev. Jerry Hardison conducted the services at the Hamilton Chapel in Alamogordo.

Only a couple of weeks ago we also attended the funeral of Dorothy Parnell, retired postmaster of Ruidoso Downs. Another very special lady who was very active in many community activities.

As postmasters we all become like a close knit family, and it is really tough to say good-bye to our associate workers. May their families be comforted by the words spoken at the funerals. Words spoken by both preachers were very comforting and helped ease the loss to both families. Dorothy had been ill for some time and a heart attack took Orba's life.

Ann and Paul Robertson, Don Hinkle, Louise Babers, Patsy Racher, Esther Rodriguez, Della and Dave Bonnell, and many more were also there to pay their last respects.

The Methodist Church in Ruidoso was overflowing with friends and family that attended Jennifer and Stan Hair's wedding. The senior citizen's building in Ruidoso Downs was where the reception was held. I never have seen so much room. What a nice building for special events such as this.

Didn't get to attend the talent performance put on by the Capitan High School Rodeo Club, but heard it was another big success. Agatha Long has been responsible for

this for the past three years.

I guess the proposals have once again gone out for bid. Sounds like they are willing to change a lot of the written criteria. Wonder how many will bid this time? Til next week. Hope everyone is well, happy, and warm during the Christmas Holidays. *Feliz Navidad!!!*

Obituary

JEWEL McLERRAN
Graveside services for Jewel McLerran, 92, of Ruidoso were December 18, at Voca Cemetery near Brady, Texas. Mrs. McLerran died December 14 at her home in Ruidoso where she lived with her granddaughter. She was born September 21, 1903 at Voca, TX.


She married Oscar McLerran and he preceded her in death on October 25, 1986. She is survived by her son D.A. McLerran of Harwood, TX; daughter Marjorie Zimmerman of San Antonio, TX; four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

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DETENTION CENTER REPORT

The Lincoln County Detention Center (county jail) in the courthouse in Carrizozo will not have visitation on Tuesday, December 26, because of the holiday. The next visitor's day will be Thursday, December 28.

The following people were booked into the Lincoln County Detention Center:

December 5:
Shane Wyche, 22, Ruidoso: felon in possession of a firearm, probation violation; \$5,000 bond set by Magistrate Judge William Butts; released December 18 on orders from probation officer.

December 6:
Ricardo Paz Jr., 36, El Paso: aggravated assault with a

weapon, battery, domestic violence; \$5,000 bond set by Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. posted December 8 and released; arrested by Lincoln County Sheriff's Officer (LCSO).

December 7:
Andrew G. Torres, 29, Las Cruces: arrested on warrant for failure to appear; \$1,000 bond set by Dean; released December 8 on orders from Dean.

Tony Chavez, 27, San Patricio: 96 hours court commitment from Dean; released December 11, time served.

Larry Trujillo, 22, Ruidoso Downs: court commitment of 120 days by Butts for two counts criminal damage to

property, assault and battery, domestic violence.

December 8:
Carrie L. Gonzales, 37, Ruidoso: arrested on warrant for burglary out of Las Vegas, NV; \$14,000 bond set by NV judge; held for Las Vegas.

James Beck, 64, Ruidoso: DWI 3rd, contempt of court, driving on revoked license, failure to appear, failure to pay fines; \$10,000 bond set by Butts.

Stephen F. Hawks, 44, Capitan: arrested on warrant from Texas for criminal non-support; \$10,000 bond posted and released same day; arrested by LCSO.

December 9:
Danny Hicks, 37, Carrizozo: 12 hour protective custody; released December 10 time served; arrested by LCSO.

December 11:
Pamela Clark, 30, Alamogordo: DWI-felony, careless driving, no insurance; \$1,000 bond set by Butts; released December 18 on orders from Butts.

December 12:
Shannon McMurray, 24, Ruidoso Downs: distribution of marijuana; \$5,000 bond set by Dean; released same day on orders from Butts; arrested by LCSO.

Carla Manske, 42, Ruidoso: violation of district court order; no bond set by District Judge Richard Parsons; released December 13 on orders from Parsons.

December 13:
Pete Sandoval, 33, Tularosa: shoplifting; \$5,000 bond set by Butts; arrested by Ruidoso Police.

Wayne Lamb, 31, Moriarty: DWI; no bond set by Dean; held until December 14 when transported to Torrance County.

December 15:
Larry Herrera, 39, Ruidoso Downs: court commitment; \$1,000 bond set by Parsons posted and released same day.

Henry Kayitah, 25, Mescalero: criminal damage to property; held for Tularosa on \$105 bond set by Otero County Magistrate Judge Jerry Hardison; released December 18 on orders from Hardison.

Jason Brillante, 21, Ruidoso Downs: held for district court on \$5,000 bond.

Beverly A. Patterson, 44,

Ruidoso Downs: probation violation; no bond set by probation officer.

Hans J. Dubay, 20, Ruidoso: probation violation; no bond set by probation officer.

Alan A. Baxter, 46, Ruidoso: probation violation; no bond set by probation officer.

Fawn Via, 44, Mescalero: failure to pay fines; \$342 bond set by Butts posted next day and released.

December 16:
Daniel Candelaria, 24, Ruidoso Downs: battery, domestic violence, driving on revoked license; \$6,000 bond set by Butts; arrested by Capitan police.

December 18:
Gerry Chittum, 29, Clovis: probation violation; no bond set by probation officer; arrested by LCSO.

Jeremy NunnenKam, 22, Ruidoso: battery, domestic violence; no bond set by Butts. David Clark, Williamsburg: arrested on warrant from T or C; bond set at \$13,000; held for T or C Police.

The following people were RELEASED from the Lincoln County Detention Center:

Anthony Estrada, 29, Ruidoso Downs: booked August 7 to serve 364 days on probation violation; released December 19 on orders from Butts.

Leonard Padilla, 46, Ruidoso Downs: booked August 21 for trafficking heroin, possession drug paraphernalia, conspiracy to traffic cocaine; posted \$250,000 bond and released December 11.

Michael Clark, 21, N/A: booked September 9 for trafficking/possession of heroin and cocaine, contraband in prison; transported to New Mexico Corrections Facility in Grants on December 11.

Raymond Gutierrez, 31, Ruidoso: booked September 25 for two counts public nuisance and disorderly conduct; released December 7 on orders from Butts.

Kenneth W. Duncan, 74, Ruidoso: booked November 23 for failure to appear, issuance of worthless checks; released December 8 on orders from Dean.

Joe Chavez Jr., 44,

Carrizozo: booked November 25 for domestic violence, possession of drug paraphernalia; released December 6 on orders from Dean and probation officer.

Valerie Azure, 38, San Jose, NM: booked November 26 on 30 day court commitment for warrant for failure to appear from Santa Fe County; released December 12 time served.

Timothy McMullin, 18, Ruidoso: booked November 27 for aggravated burglary, criminal damage to property; released December 7 on orders from Butts.

Luis Colon, 39, El Paso: booked December 2 on El Paso warrant; released December 18 to be transported to El Paso.

Lady Grizzlies Win, Boys Lose
(Con't. from P. 9)

Capitan Lady Tigers on December 15. The game lagged until coach Kim Gremillion sent in several eighth graders in the final quarter. The young players' team spirit and aggressive play inspired the Lady Grizzlies to their win over a long time rival.

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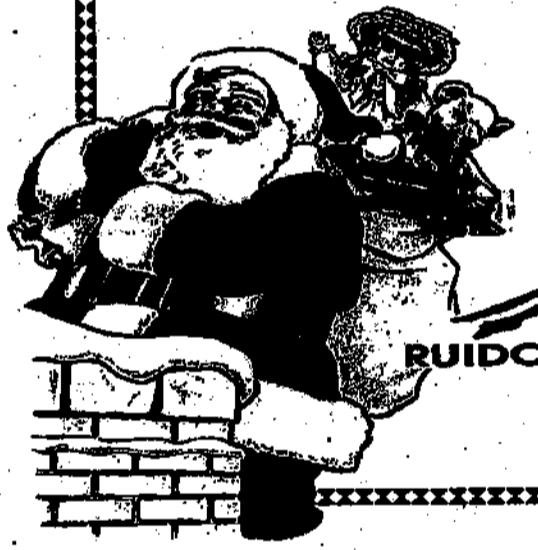
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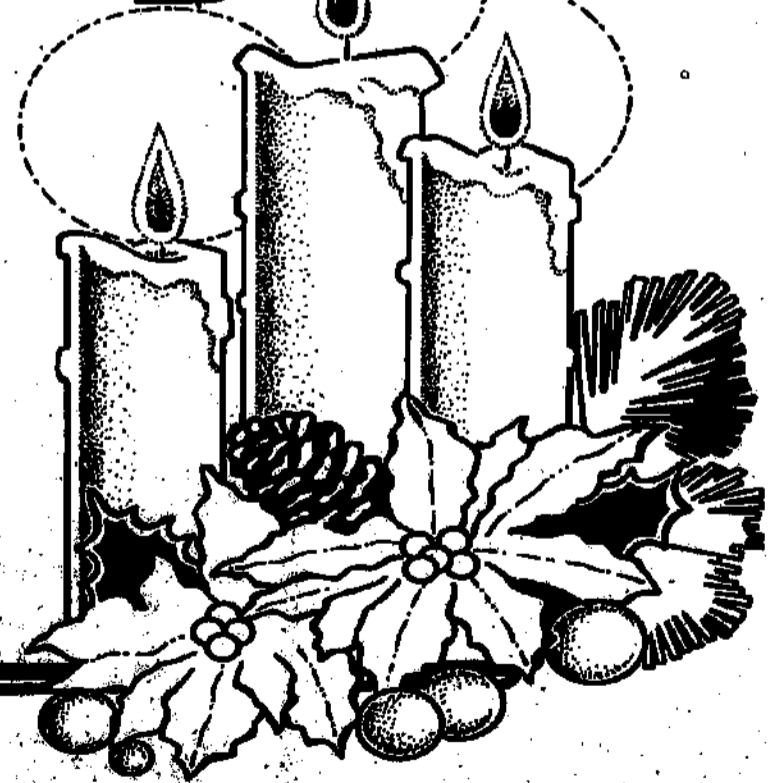


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Love, Erin

Dear Santa, Please bring me a kicking power ranger.

Spur Lovelace

Dear Santa, Please bring me a toy Ken B Dibil, Lullaby Baby.

Love Brintini

Dear Santa, Please bring me a toy Power Ranger Coloring book.

Love Casey

Dear Santa, Please bring me a yo-yo and Captain Hook Castle.

Clinton

Dear Santa, Please bring me a sling shot.

Love, Tyler

Dear Santa, Please bring me a power ranger.

Love Kendal

Dear Santa, Please bring me a gun.

Kyle

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Coloring book. GarroYle.

Love Jude

Dear Santa, Please bring me a toy. Super Stretch Amstrong.

Love Gregory

Dear Santa, Please bring me a pretend dog

Love, Courtney

Dear Santa, Please bring me a baby horse.

Jarrat Love.

Dear Santa, Please bring me Some tapes and books.

Jessica

Dear Santa, Please bring me a power ranger,

Love, Zeke

Dear Santa, Please bring me slippers and a dress.

Love, Helli

Dear Santa, Please bring me a toy.

Antonlo

Dear Santa, Please bring me a coloring book ergk

Love Rivers

Dear Santa, I have been Very good. I would like my Sise brbe.

Catelli

Dear Santa, I Have Been Very good this year. I wuld like Hand Hel Game.

Love Daniel

Dear Santa, I have been very good. I will like four crismis. I wate to have a badrecre. four crismis and i will wate a basik four crismis . and i wate a basketbole.

Love Taysha W.

Dear Santa, I have been gooD This year I would like a sis barbie and sis Jeep

Love Veronica

Dear Santa I have been very good this year. I would like maknaot car hors.

Love, J.J.

Dear Santa, I have been very good. I would like a pokntit nif and a hot rod and a watch.

I love, You Kallie

Dear Santa I have been very good I would loke sum rase cars and sum Hot wills and two pokit nifse.

Love Paedon

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I would like ese bake uvin and a ckuputer, and a babeolgon

Love Nikki Stevens

Dear santa, I have been very good this year I would like ese bake uvin, ckuputr.

Luve Mashelle

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I would like a (showed drawing of a truck and a train).

Love Cutter

Dear santa, I have been good this year. I would like bislr.

HoLLy

Dear Santa, I have been very good. This year. I would like (drawings of a train set, bike, a gun, a fort, a gas station, a ballboard, knife.

(No name, only drawing of boy.)

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I casper and Joystre and Mask anand niF

Ben

Dea Santa, I have been very good this year. I would like pokntit nif I love santa Love me

Jimmy

I have been good year I would like (drawings of trucks) mule spacemaker

David R

Dear santa, I haeev been good this year Please bring me a watch. How has Mrs Claus been?

Love Janet

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a watch. I Leave trets on the table.

Love Kyla

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Pleasa bring me and my sister skates. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves.

Love J.B

Dear Santa, I have been good. Please bring me a remote n troll man. How r your reindeer doing?

Love James

Dear Santa, I have been goodthis year. Please bring me a Bika.

Love you, Teresa Haow r the elfs?

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a reepunat dol and a easy oven. But how dus rdoof fly

Love, Chantal Day

Dear santa, I have been prit good this year. Please bring me star wars toys. How is Rudoff?

Love, Ronnie

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a r habe reindear

Love, Lauren.

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. please bring me a gun and a ax and sword and a toy truck love,

Tillman

Dear Santa, I have been pretty good This year. Please bring me a teddy bear. I will leve. mik ind cokies

Love, Kodi

Dear santa, I have been pretty good, Please bring me lace up bootss How have the rander and roodof been?

Love Tanner

Dear Santa, I have been pretty good Please brin me a te ddy bear How is Mrs. Claus?

Love Valerie

Dear santa, I have been good this year Please bring me a rld Blaz and a motorcycle bike and a remote control car. Also some pants and a shrt.

Love, Derek

Dear Santa, I have been Pretty good this year Please bring me an axe and sword. I love you. How arh your elves and deer?

Love Cole

Dear Santa, How are your raindeers? I hope you have a good life, santa. I would like a new house please Santa. I would do anything for you Santa. I would like a horse.

Love Sarah Morris

Dear Santa, How is your elves doing? I would like some rollerblades. I hope Mrs. Claus is o.k. I would like sketch pad.

Love, Brittany Adcock

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I well give you something to eat. I would like to get a personal stereo, Creative stationery, and Bride Barbie.

Love, Holly Boese

Dear Santa, How is Mis claus? Will you bring me some roller blades, personal stereo, silken Flame doll and my size BarbLe

Love, Chasata Dean

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus I hope she is fine. I wont a Silken Flame Porcelan Doll, My Size barbie, and Singer sewing meshn.

Love, Kayla Roberts

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is fine. I want Bride Babie, Happy Holiday Barbie, Pupp' Barking Puppies and Magic Flower Maker. Could you please give me this.

Love, Britni Ward

Dear Santa, How are you? How are your reindeers? I want another game for my gamegear. I want a Sega. Please bring something for my mom and my Daddy. My brother want another game for his Sega.

Love Dara Leinnweber

Dear Santa, How are your elves doing? How are Mrs. Claus's nose? How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph doing? I would like a new video game. I want a new bike.

Love Roy Garadonegro

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want a Bride Barbie. How is Mrs. Claus? How are your elves? I want a t.v. I want a Eat at Ralph's. I want Jenga, I want a pair of Double-Runner ice skate.

Love, Kelsey Stierwalt



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Dear Santa,
Are your elfs sick. Do they have a cold? I would like a T.V. and a Desperado Chase and Pinball game and 2-XL talking robot and Donkey kong land.
Love, Frank Snyder

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are fine. I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a bull dog please. How are your elves? Did they make a lot of toys.
Love, Brendo Osborn

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus. How is Rudolph. I love Santa. I want a tutu, I want a feeding bab, and a my size barbie.
Love, Tiffany

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus I want a action figure castel and chaps, spurs, cowboy hat, pants, shirts, radio control car, army man cowboys, and Indians Transformers, Street Sharks, toys horses.
Love, Henry

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Some Toys I would like a airplane and a t rex. I bin god. I wil Se You in Crihmis day
Tony Medrano

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph o.k.? Please give my Mom a good present. I would like a Barbie Hi stepper and maybe some skates.
Love, Sheilah Hughes

Dear Santa,
I want a car garage with cars, army man, and a crash dummy slip-over truck. I also want a fire truck. Is Rudolph nose bright?
Love, Drake Enjady

Dear Santa,
I want a caboodle Jewlery and a puppy. I wonder how you and Mrs. Clause are doing. I hope Rudolph still leads your sleigh. I bet he is. It is not snowing here in N.M. I want it to. I have always wondered how you get to All those houses.
Sincerely, Betsy Hobbs.
P.S. I hope you find me. I live on fox run road.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a new pair of chaps. How are you doing? I am doing fine How is Mrs. Clause? I hope you come see me. And I want spurs. Maybe a rope, make that a kids rope.
Love, Staci, Sant Clause

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some toys I woulb lik a I bike, a Barbie, thank you,
Samanta jo Portillo

Dear Santa,
Pleouse bring me Dirt Bike Segageinis. 4 Four whlr. Ibn a goby,
Alex

Dear Santa,
Please bring me ChriCross Crash Dirt Bike Haunted Highway Segageinis. I hav benn a God
LoVe Ramon

Dear Santa,
please bring me some toys. I want prencec wishyng star. And a magic canpyoutr. Iv ben a good girl
Love Kaitlyn Vega

Dear Santa,
How is Mis. Clause I don't know if this note is going in the paper. I want a renote control motorcycle.
Love Brent, to Santa.

Dear Santa,
The elfs must be busy and how is Rudolph? I want a Haunted Highway, and a Street Sharks, and a Morphin Power Ranger the Movie.
To Santa by Brandon

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa and Mrs. Clause I bet you are doing well. Aren't the elfs tired of making toys I hope they don't. Well what I want is not to much but I think you think it is much all it is is a Sega and a volcher-boy.
Love, Joshua Dayo.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Sum ToYS I Wnat a Sega oSol, I Wnat a Dirt bike I Bin a good boy.
Robert Dutchover

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Chris Car Crash and a Haunted Highway.
Johnny Beltran

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Some Toys. I was a good Boy I wot a Sega thank You
Adam Zamora

Dear Soanta
I would like me some Toys. I please Bring a Mortal kombat Three and a Chris Car Crash. Highway, and I wat a go-cart I have Bin a gud boy.
Timothy James Barela Jr.

Dear Santa Claus
maby I was a littel bad this year, but I think I was good for a littel girl. all I need for Crissmass is, a segret talk horse and easy bake oven. if you don't mind could you ask mrs. claus nite me a sweter and make me some shoues white and like the drawing on the bake
thank you
sined Sharese Jones
p.s. don't laugh at my drawing

Dear Santa
I want a Pair of roller Blades. And a robot. And some clothS. And a tv in color. and a ver with a condrol. and a doctor drackful. and a foon, and a remote control car and a hote, and a electric Train, and a toy diesel. 250 000 shels. and some waki talkies and a power wheels.
Jimmy Morris

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger watch - (Kimberly Pink-) My Brother Bryce wants a BasketBall. My Cousin Strait Daniel wants a truck. Come to my Grumpo Sahino's House Bring my memmie something too, she is a good memmie.
Cameron Sandoval
Love you Santa

Dear Santa,
Please don't bring presents, but please pave the street in front of my house. Some other people who live on this street would like the same thing. We have all been good and have paid our taxes. Thank you.
Opal Hill

Dear Santa,
I am doing good in School. How are your reindeer doing? and How is Mrs. Clause doing? How are you doing too? I want Love. I do not want presents and I mean it to. Love you.
Love, Stacey Renee Trapp

Dear Santa,
You must be busy this year. I wonder how Mrs. Clause is doing. How is Rudolph doing. I hope I get Haunted Highway. There is a Santa Clause in the pit. I have 2 presents for Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Ferguson.
Love, Jamie

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a radio control car. I want a rad. Sleigh. I want a trampoline. I want street sharks.
Love, Ronnie

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and how is Mrs. Clause. I want spurs and a guitar.
Love, Dustin

May His Light Shine
On us and our families this
Holiday season
Tony and Patsy Sanchez

Holiday Greetings

Warm and friendly wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
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Athletic Code Of Ethics Adopted . . .

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If an athlete is involved in theft or vandalism the first offense is the three day suspension from school and the team and the second offense will result in dismissal from the team and other consequences defined in the student handbook.

resignation of second grade teacher Ginger Shafer during a special meeting on December 7. Also at the special meeting the board hired Sandra Ortiz as assistant girls basketball coach, George Vega as assistant boys basketball coach, and Bob Hemphill as Math/Technology teacher for the rest of the school year.

\$500 from the Carrizozo Alumni Association to go toward the purchase of new stage curtains.

Adopted a new state department of education form regarding home school students.

Approved purchase of bleacher covers for the old and new gyms for \$4,225 from Colborn's Inc. a sole supplier.

Discussed their attendance at the recent New Mexico School Board Associations annual conference. Hightower said the state legislature is looking for more accountability from local school boards. To do this, the association is providing sample board evaluations and training for school board candidates. Hightower also talked about a work session he attended about "selling your district." He said he learned it takes nine positive things to counteract one negative in publicity.

Roof sportsmanship and reaction to referees, opposing coaches, fans or players will be punished at the coaches' discretion.

At the Monday meeting, Hemphill said he was excited to be back on the staff and working with the kids in the district.

Athletes are not to miss practice, unless they notify the coach. If an athlete misses practice he or she will be subject to removal from the team.

Also at the regular meeting Monday, the board:

Players will be required to dress up for home and away games. No t-shirts, shorts, sweats, or sweat shirts will be allowed, although they will be allowed to wear sweats on the way home from games. If students do not wear nice clothes, they will be asked not to participate in that game.

Commented music instructor Dolores Earwood as staff member of the month and thanked her for the outstanding holiday music program.

Accepted a donation of girls basketball warmups purchased for \$953 by the Booster Club.

Accepted a donation of

Principal Randall Earwood presented the draft code to the school board during its meeting Monday. He said athletic director Kim Gremillion had rewritten her original proposed code of ethics, adapting information from codes used by two other schools to fit Carrizozo district. Board member LeeRoy Zamora said the code has most penalties at the discretion of the coach, which is what the board wanted.

The discipline committee represented by member teacher Bryan Wetzel, requested the discipline code remain as it is and be enforced, to provide consistency for students.

Candice Byrd will be the second grade teacher for the remainder of the school year, after the board approved her employment Monday. Byrd will fill the vacancy created when the board approved the

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 ment in extracurricular activi-
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 of Who's Who students have a
 grade point average of B or
 better and 97 percent are
 college bound.
 Local students include:
 Carrizozo: Amanda Baca,
 Lindsey N. Bonds, Lynette
 Hernandez, Dwayne Langley,
 Joanie Bingerman, Sarah
 Funk, Katie Hightower, and
 Keri Shafer.
 Alto: Joni L. Antray, Mat-
 thew I. Deneen, Caleb W.

Hull, Cass Davidson, and
 Kyla Henry.
 Capitan: Jessica Cline and
 Meaghan Vinson.
 Corona: Cesar C. Arellanes,
 Leonardo A. Gonzales, Shayla
 B. Marshall, Juan A. Gonz-
 alez, and Logan G. Marshall.
 Glencoe: Felisa G. Morris.
 Nogal: Cody J. Turnbow.
 Ruidoso: A. Baeza, Matt D.
 Bates, Leah R. Brown, Kristy
 M. Donaldson, Suzanne
 Flanary, Megan A. Garrison,
 Joe Dennis Grimes, Bay
 Hirschfeld, Amalia Baeza,
 Trey W. Brantley, Susan Cox,
 Ryan P. Edwards, Brooke E.
 Fryer, Lori Genta, Tawyna M.
 Heineken, Cory D. Hood,
 Stephen M Houghton, Megan



Obituaries

HARRIS JETER
(JETE) VOSS
 Private graveside services
 for Harris Jeter (Jete) Voss,
 71, of Carrizozo, were held
 December 18, in Chickasha,
 Oklahoma with Rev. Tim Dot-
 son of the Parkview Christian
 Church officiating.
 Harris Jeter Voss was
 born October 4, 1924, in
 Brinkman, Oklahoma, the
 son of Homer Voss and Rhon-
 da M. Jeter Voss. He died
 December 12, in Anaheim,
 California.

As a young man Jete lived
 in the Chickasha and Alex
 area and later moved to
 Estancia, New Mexico, where
 he graduated from high school
 in 1942 and entered the
 service.

He served in the United
 States Marine Corps. from
 December 1942 until Septem-
 ber 1945, during World War
 II.

Jete married Patsy R.
 Morrow, on June 13, 1945, at
 Los Lunas, New Mexico.

They moved to Carrizozo,
 in 1956 from Santa Fe. Jete
 was an abstractor and title
 agent where he owned or
 operated the Lincoln County
 Abstract Company from 1957
 until his retirement in 1985.

Jete was a past member of
 the Lions Club, the Methodist
 Men's Club, he served as May-
 or and City Council member
 in Carrizozo, served on the
 board of directors of the New
 Mexico Land Title Associa-
 tion, the Otero County Electric
 Cooperative, Inc., the
 Capitan-Carrizozo Natural
 Gas Association and served as
 a Boy Scout troop leader.

Jete was a member of the
 Trinity United Methodist
 Church in Carrizozo.
 He was preceded in death
 by his father and his sister.
 Survivors include his

wife, Patsy, of the home; one
 daughter, Laurie Voss, of Las
 Cruces; two sons, Michael
 Voss, of Glendale, AZ, Dusty
 Voss, of Capitan; his mother
 Rhonda Voss, of Marlow, OK;
 six grandchildren, and three
 great grandchildren.

SUSIE BERGERON
 Graveside services for
 Susie Bergeron, 49, of Ruidoso
 were December 12, at
 Forest Lawn Cemetery. Offi-
 ciating were Rev. Richard
 Catanach, Rev. Jim Rucker
 and Rev. Bill Kennedy.

Mrs. Bergeron died
 December 9 at her home. She
 was born November 5, 1946 at
 Luling, TX. She married Way-
 ne Bergeron on August 8,
 1970 at Lockhart, TX.

She is survived by her
 husband Wayne of Ruidoso;
 sister Sally Wieland and her
 husband Dick of Austin, TX,
 and a niece.

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

HELEN LOUISE
KELLEY
 Services for Helen Louise
 Kelley, 83, of Ruidoso will be
 held at a later date. Ms. Kel-
 ley died December 5 at Lin-
 coln County Medical Center
 in Ruidoso.

She was born February
 12, 1912 at Santa Ana, TX.
 She is survived by two sisters,
 Mrs. Lester "Mary Katherine"
 Eubank of Austin, TX; and
 Mrs. Inez McCraney of Ruidoso;
 a niece, a nephew, a great
 niece and a great great niece.

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

GLADYS K. KNOX
 Graveside services for

Gladys K. Knox, 99, of Ruidoso
 were December 18 at
 Forest Lawn Cemetery. Offi-
 ciating was the Rev. Craig
 Cockrell.

Mrs. Knox died December
 16 at the Ruidoso Care Cen-
 ter. She was born May 8, 1896
 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She
 married Rowland K. Knox on
 November 2, 1933 at Cristobal,
 Canal Zone. He preceded
 her in death in 1966.

She is survived by a great
 niece; three great nephews,
 five great great nephews, and
 five great great nieces.

Arrangements were
 under the direction of
 LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

**Discarded Christmas
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 Special Containers**

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste
 Authority (LCSWA) will pro-
 vide containers for residents
 and visitors to discard Christ-
 mas trees.

From Christmas day, De-
 cember 25, until January 2,
 LCSWA will provide three
 large containers in Ruidoso, at
 Sierra Mall on Mechem Drive,
 and at the free parking lot in
 Sudderth Drive - near mid-
 town, and at LCSWA recy-
 cling center in Ruidoso Downs
 for the discarded trees.

In the Capitan area, dis-
 carded Christmas trees can be
 taken to the Capitan Landfill
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 January 9, 1996
 Carrizozo, New Mexico

Lincoln County will conduct a public hearing on
 January 9, 1996, at 4:00 P.M. at the Lincoln County
 Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room, Carrizozo,
 New Mexico. The purpose of the meeting will be to dis-
 cuss the 1996 Community Development Block Grant
 (CDBG) program and to advise the communities of the
 program goals, range of eligible activities and other per-
 tinent information. Eligible program funding categories
 include Community Infrastructure; Housing Rehabilitation;
 Public Service; Capital Outlay; Planning; Economic
 Development; Emergency and Colonias. All interested
 parties are invited to attend and submit project ideas and
 provide supporting data and testimony. For information,
 contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385.

NOTICIA DE AUDENCIA PUBLICA
 Enero 9, 1996
 Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

El Condado de Lincoln, tendra una junta publica el
 dia 9 de enero, 1996, a las 4:00 de la tarde, en el casa del
 condado, situado en la sala de Comisionados, en la
 Calle Central numero 300, Carrizozo. El proposito de la
 junta publica sera para discutir el programa de Desarrol-
 lo en la Comunidad del Conjunto de Donacion en Nuevo
 Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos de las com-
 unidades del programa, la escala de actividades elegi-
 bles y otra informacion pertinente. Las categorias de fon-
 dos publicos elegibles incluyen Infrastrutra para la Com-
 unidad; Rehabilitacion de Casa; Desembolso de Capital
 para Servicio Publico; Planificacion; Emergencia, y Col-
 onias. Todos los grupos interesados estan invitados a
 asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y datos que
 apoyan su testimonio. Para mas informacion, favor de
 hablar a Martha Guevara en 648-2385.

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 ber 21, 1995, and January 4, 1996.

LEGALS

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G. Se archivarán todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 9 de enero de 1996 entre las horas de las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.
 H. Se hará un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en máquinas para votar.

ADOPTADA Y APROBADA ESTE DIA 28th DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1995.

CECILIA G. KUHNEL
 Alcaldé

DA FE:
CAROL SCHLARB
 Escribana Municipal

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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF CHAVES STATE OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 ex rel.
STATE ENGINEER and PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT,
 Plaintiffs,
 vs.
L.T. LEWIS, et al., and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
 et al.
 Defendants.

No. 20294 and 22600 Consolidated
 Carlsbad Basin Section
 Carlsbad Irrigation District Section
SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

TO: ALL DEFENDANTS IN THE PECOS RIVER STREAM SYSTEM WATER RIGHT ADJUDICATION AND TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING WATER RIGHTS IN THE PECOS RIVER STREAM SYSTEM, INCLUDING ITS TRIBUTARIES AND UNDERGROUND

BASINS, WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

You are hereby notified that the adjudication or determination of the water rights for the Carlsbad Project has been initiated by Stipulated Offer of Judgment entered into by the United States ("US"), Carlsbad Irrigation District ("CID"), and State of New Mexico. The purpose of this Supplemental Notice is to inform all defendants in the Pecos River stream system water right adjudication and all water rights claimants in the Pecos River stream system of their right to contest all or any part of the water rights claimed for the Project and the manner in which they may preserve that right.

The Stipulated Offer of Judgment sets forth the rights of the US and CID to divert, impound and store public surface waters of the Pecos River stream system. The Offer describes the claimed purposes (irrigation, domestic and livestock uses), sources (Pecos River mainstem and Black River), points of diversion (Avalon Dam and junction of CID Black River Canal with Black River), place of use (25,055 acres within the Project boundaries), annual diversion amounts (the lesser of 125,200 acre feet or quantity of water necessary to supply an annual depletion of 55,572 acre feet) and priorities (Pecos River - July, 1887 for part and July, 1888 for part; Black River - 1889). The Offer also describes the claimed storage reservoirs for the Project, i.e. "Lake Avalon, Brantley Lake, Lake Sumner and Santa Rosa Lake, listing their purposes, source, locations, amount of water and priorities.

Copies of the Stipulated Offer of Judgment containing in full the elements of the claimed water rights for the Carlsbad Project and a form which may be utilized for filing a notice of objection to the Offer may be obtained from the New Mexico State Engineer

Offices in Roswell (505) 622-6467 and Santa Fe, New Mexico (505) 827-6150.

If you do not wish to contest any part of the water rights claimed for the Project, you do not have to take any action. If you wish to contest all or any part of the water rights claimed for the Project, you must file your objections with the Fifth Judicial District Court Clerk no later than January 31, 1996 at the following address: District Court Clerk, Fifth Judicial District Court, P.O. Box 1776, Roswell, NM 88201. Any defendant in the Pecos River stream system adjudication or claimant to water rights in the Pecos River stream system who does not file an objection shall be forever barred from making any subsequent objections to the water rights claimed for the Project.

Notice of this action was previously provided in

March, 1995. ANY PERSON WHO HAS ALREADY FILED AN OBJECTION TO THE PROJECT OFFER MAY NOT FILE ANY ADDITIONAL OBJECTION.

The name of the plaintiff State of New Mexico's attorney is Rebecca Dempsey, Special Assistant Attorney General, State Engineer Office whose address and phone number are P.O. Box 25102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102, (505) 827-6150.

Witness my hand and seal of the Fifth Judicial District Court, County of Chaves, State of New Mexico.
 Bee J. Clem,
 District Court Clerk
 By/Trudy Hale
 Chief Deputy Clerk

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Lincoln County Students Are . . .

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A. Kumler, Carol Ann Lodgson, Marissa R. Martinez, Somer Paxton, Vikki Ramirez, Billy A. Rogge, Kent A. Sparks, Kelley E. Stroud, Kristi Widener, Todd Young, Kevin W. Hoyt, Nancy Kunkel, Katie J. Lukens, Heather D. Miller, Nicole Radziewicz, Jackie B. Roe, Scott J. Sebastian, Heidi A. Streck, Bridget M. Tam, and Shirryn F. Williams.

Ruidoso Downs: Seth R. Bassett, Sundae M. Elwell, Jessie D. Figueroa, Denise M. Rodela, Sneha S. Sharma, Kara Castanon, Jessica M. Estrada, Olivia Mirando, Myra J. Romero, and Jason L. Wilson.

San Patricio: Jason Candelaria, Adam Herrera, Valerie Maldonado, Erica Copeland, and Desirae Maldonado.

Quality Time With Parents Can Be Important Gift For Children

By Betty McCreight
 Lincoln County Home Economist

Parents shopping for their children's holiday gifts should consider putting their wallets away and giving the gift of time, said a New Mexico State University family scientist.

Children expect to find traditional presents under the Christmas tree, but quality time spent with a child will make a more positive, longer-lasting impression, said Robert DelCampo, a licensed family therapist and professor of family science at NMSU's College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

"Every minute that a parent spends one-on-one with each child that they have is like money in the bank in terms of reinforcing their relationship," DelCampo said. "I think it can certainly decrease the possibility or the probability of the children being involved in gangs, drug abuse and other undesirable behaviors as they get older."

DelCampo said a recent study showed parents in 1965 spent an average 30 hours per week in direct contact with their children, while parents in 1985 spent only 17 hours each week. Other research indicates families today spend much more time watching television.

"We're spending more time in front of the TV than in front of our children," he said. "But that's okay if you're watching a program and interacting with your child as you're watching."

DelCampo suggests other activities to create better interaction. "Children like to be like mommy and daddy," he said. "So if you enjoy baking bread, set up a session where your pre-schooler helps you do

the baking by putting the ingredients together and kneading the dough."

Parents also can read stories to younger children to help them build their vocabulary. Activities with older children could include playing or discussing sports with them.

"For generations, a natural conversation topic between parents and their kids has been sports," DelCampo said. "Talk about anything from the World Series to a recent trade form one team to another and how that trade could affect each team."

DelCampo also recommends popular music as an open door to conversation with children.

"Instead of walking into a living room and turning down the 'noise' of your child's music, try to talk about it to determine what it is about that particular song or music type that your child likes," he said.

Trying to appear "cool" in front of their peers during adolescence brings tremendous pressure on children.

"Children often don't feel that their parents know what's cool and what's happening, so they turn to their peer group for the answers by trying to imitate them."

By starting regular interaction while their children are young, parents can ensure that their kids will use them as their role models and not their peer groups, DelCampo said.

"Time spent with children enhances the parent-child relationship, so that in their later life children will emulate their parents' values and attitudes -- and that makes the gift of time the greatest gift of all," DelCampo added.

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