

Capitan Auditor Concerned About Gas Company Issues

by Doris Cherry

Overall the Capitan Village finances for the 1995-96 fiscal year got good reviews from the auditor. But a question of liability in a lawsuit which involves the village caused the auditor great concern.

During a public hearing held prior to the regular Capitan meeting Monday, De'Aun Willoughby reviewed her audit of the 1995-96 financial records for the village.

On the final page of the report in her opinion letter, Willoughby stated she found no prior year findings, and none this year also.

"No boo boos?" asked village trustee John Whitaker.

"No boo boos," Willoughby answered.

There were some areas of concern, however. The greatest was the situation involving the legal actions of the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association (CCNG)

which the village half-owns in a joint venture with the Town of Carrizozo.

"I was highly concerned," Willoughby said. As a result she included a "Going Concern letter" in the audit report. Her concern came from a question of who would assume the financial liability if CCNG loses its lawsuit against Natural Gas Processing/Zia Natural Gas.

Willoughby said she contacted village attorney Bob

Beauvais about the litigation and learned the gas company will probably prevail. "However, if the gas company loses, the village could lose \$2 million because it has no insurance to cover that," Willoughby said.

"The Village could stand to lose lock, stock and barrel," Willoughby said. "And the Village of Capitan may not even exist anymore."

"I needed to know where the liability stops," she added.

Willoughby told the trustees the litigation was the most difficult area of the audit because she was unsure how to report it. Seeking advice, Willoughby called the state auditor on how the assets should be reported. "We concluded it was a joint venture," she said, "and divide it by half." CCNG's worth, about \$877,316, would be divided with half to Capitan and half to Carrizozo. Willoughby said that caused her no problem,

instead it was the litigation that caused her greatest concern.

Willoughby said after her discussions with the attorney

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Tues., Dec. 17 Is Filing Day For School Board Candidates In County

Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo Valley School Districts will hold elections on Tuesday, February 4 to fill positions on their boards of education.

Tuesday, December 17 is the only filing day for people who want to be candidates for a position on the Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo school boards. Declarations of candidacy must be filed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Lincoln County Clerk's office in Carrizozo on Dec. 17.

Board positions open are:
Capitan Municipal School District: Positions 1 and 2, both for four years, are open.
Carrizozo Municipal School District: Four positions are open, two for two year terms and two for four year terms.
Corona Public Schools: Three, four year positions are open.

Hondo Valley Public Schools: Positions 1 and 2, both for four years, are open on the school board.

Write-in candidates are allowed in all district elections. Filing date for write-ins is Tuesday, December 31.

All candidates must be registered voters residing within the school district for which they file for candidacy.

Montes Transported To Bernalillo County For Murder Charges

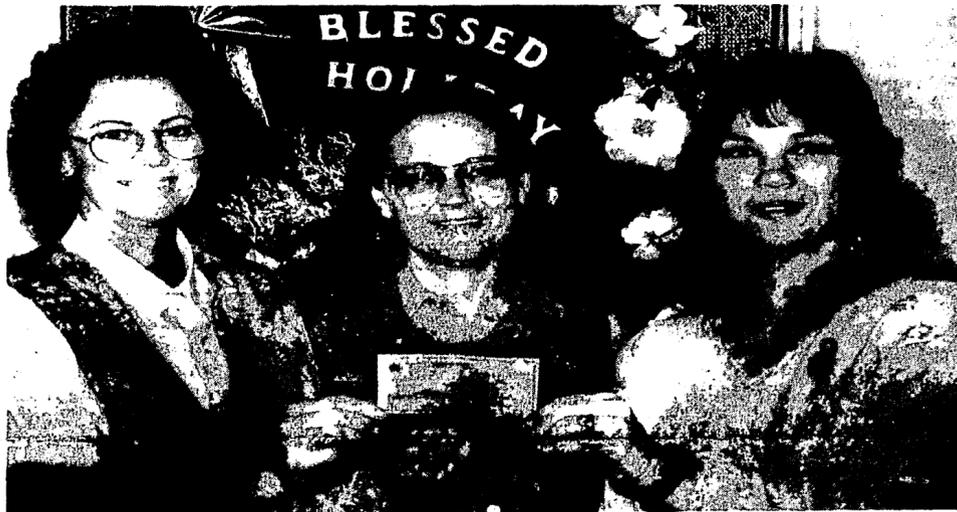
Nineteen year old Vicente Montes of Glencoe was released from the Lincoln County Detention Center on Monday, December 9, to be transported to Bernalillo County where he is charged with the murder of Brian Salazar on November 19 in Albuquerque.

Montes' bond has been set at \$500,000 on the murder charge.

In Lincoln County, Montes is charged with the armed robbery of First Savings Bank in Ruidoso on November 4. He was arrested on November 25 as the result of a Crime Stopper tip and was booked into the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo with a \$500,000 bond for robbery with firearm enhancement, conspiracy, driving on revoked license, and possession of marijuana under one ounce.

Montes was bound over to district court on December 3 after waiving his preliminary appearance before magistrate judge William Butts.

Ruidoso attorney Gary Mitchell will be defending Montes.



CASH FOR SANTA COPS. Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County members Beverly Calaway (left) and Joan Park (right) present a \$300 check from the organization to Santa Cops representative Freda McSwane. Donations of cash are especially needed by Santa Cops to help fill packages which will be delivered to needy county families and elderly beginning December 19. Donations will be taken at the Santa Cops workshop in Sierra Mall on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso on Saturday, December 14. For information call McSwane at 648-2383.

Volunteers Needed To Help Fill Luminarias

The annual luminaria display with 10,000 luminarias lining the streets in Carrizozo is scheduled for December 24, Christmas Eve. The event is sponsored by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department.

This Saturday, Dec. 14, volunteers are needed to help fill the paper bags with sand and candles. Work begins at 9 a.m. at the fire department

building. All volunteers are welcome to help at all times during the day, regardless of whether they can work all day or not.

The luminarias will be put on trailers and stored until 9 a.m. Dec. 24 when distributed.

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Santa To Visit Carrizozo Sat., Dec. 21

Santa Claus will make his annual before-Christmas visit to Carrizozo Saturday, Dec. 21. He will arrive at 2 p.m. in Spencer Park riding the big pumper fire truck. His visit is sponsored by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department.

Santa will pass out bags of candy, nuts and fruit while at Spencer Park. Santa will also visit shut-ins, senior citizens, New Horizons Developmental Center, and the Lincoln County Detention Center (county jail) that day.

Shut-ins unable to go to Spencer Park may make arrangements for Santa to visit them at home by calling fire chief LeoRoy Zamora at 648-2867 or Paul Baca at 648-2881. Please call after 5 p.m.

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department holds fund raisers during the year to help pay for the goodies Santa gives away. Donations are also accepted.



CAPITAN VILLAGE HALL VISITORS. Capitan village staff (from left) Netta Nolan and Ellen Hammond welcome visitors Evangeline Provine and Cecelia Annaratone to the village hall open house on Friday, December 9.

Capitan Rejects Ruidoso Offer For Mediation On Eagle Creek

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Village Trustees don't want negotiation with the Village of Ruidoso over the Eagle Creek Water issue—they want a decision.

After a lengthy closed session at the end of the regular Capitan village meeting Monday, December 9, Capitan trustees unanimously voted to send a letter to the Village of Ruidoso rejecting its offer for mediation in the issue over the Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Supply Association, Inc. In the letter, which was faxed to Ruidoso Tuesday, Capitan has two stipulations—the Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Supply Association, Inc. be dissolved, and there be an audit of the records of the payments made to Eagle Creek for water used by Ruidoso.

During the open session of the meeting Monday, village attorney Robert Beauvais said he expects an answer to the amended complaint filed on the Village of Ruidoso and the

Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Supply, Inc. board by December 22.

Beauvais said he met with the state engineer's office about what Capitan perceives to be inconsistencies on the way Eagle Creek billed Ruidoso for Eagle Creek water. "We have received additional information regarding billing discrepancies with the Village of Ruidoso as the fiscal agent," Beauvais said.

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Ruidoso Bans Noise From Jake Brakes

by Doris Cherry

It will be illegal for large trucks to cause excessive noise as they slow down into Ruidoso.

Ruidoso Village Council during its meeting Tuesday passed Ordinance 96-17 which amends the village code with addition of a section which prohibits the noise caused by the use of jake brakes without mufflers. The ban was the council's response to complaints from citizens and a judge about excessive noise from large trucks using "jake brakes" to slow them down as they come into Ruidoso from the west on Highway 70.

The ordinance doesn't ban the use of "jake brakes", it prohibits the noise caused by the use of jake brakes without mufflers.

In November during discussions to set public hearing for the proposed ordinance, village street inspector Bob Tate defended the use of jake brakes. He said the brakes should be required on all trucks over 26,000 pounds operating in hilly terrain such

as Ruidoso. "As a truck driver for 35 years and a member of the Village Safety Committee, I feel restricting the use of jake brakes in Ruidoso would gravely endanger lives and property in the village," Tate wrote.

Tate also wrote that the last three trucks purchased for the village street department have the jake brakes.

Magistrate Judge William Butts, whose office is located next to Highway 70 on the stretch where trucks coming off the hill from the reservation use their jake brakes, also requested some type of prohibition on the use of the brakes. "During many court proceedings, I have to pause until a truck using jake brakes has passed our court facility," Butts wrote in a letter addressed to the village council and dated November 15. "The noise is deafening and is a nuisance...Some court proceedings are recorded and the noise caused by jake brakes interferes with the recording process."

Butts wrote there are state laws requiring mufflers to prevent excessive or unusual noise. To which Butts responded: "Trucks that are equipped with proper mufflers do not create excessive noise," Butts wrote. "However, there are more 18-wheelers that do not have the proper equipment and they are creating the problem."

"I have considered approaching the N.M. state highway department to erect signs prohibiting the jake brakes, however, a city ordinance prohibiting jake brakes would solve the problem," Butts concluded in the letter.

There were no comments from the public made during the hearing. Councilors took the safe side of the issue, and with little comment, approved the ordinance which prohibits the excessive noise from jake brakes.

Signs about the prohibition will be posted at village limits.

There also was no public comment about Ordinance 96-18, a refinancing lease purchase agreement with Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA). The original lease purchase agreement for real property (transfer station) and sanitation equipment with LCSWA was approved by ordinance in 1992. The new ordinance will lower the annual interest rate from 7 percent to 3.5 percent, and

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the amount was dropped to \$1 million liability. Willoughby said the attorney assured her the litigation would stop at the gas company.

The audit report states that CCNG is involved in several actions with Natural Gas Processing/Zia Natural Gas Company before the New Mexico Public Utility Commission, in the state district court and the U.S. District Court.

"In the Public Utility Commission (PUC) Case # 2602, CCNG originally filed a complaint about NGP's attempts to serve retail customers in CCNG's area of service. Zia then filed an application to extend its service area to allow it to legally serve the disputed areas.

In PUC #2708, Zia filed an action against CCNG and its owner municipalities to terminate natural gas transportation services to CCNG. As a result CCNG filed suit against Zia in state district court for breaches of contract arising out of the 1992 Purchase and Sale Agreement between the parties, and for various torts arising out of Zia's failure to deal with CCNG in good faith and fair dealings. That action was stayed by the New Mexi-

co Supreme Court, in deference to the primary jurisdiction of the New Mexico Public Utility Commission.

Zia recently filed suit against CCNG, and its owner municipalities, in the U.S. District Court for essentially the same issues as raised by it in the PUC #2708. CCNG and the municipalities have filed Motions to Dismiss based upon the primary jurisdiction of the NMPUC, and filed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. The resolution of these motions is pending."

Willoughby commented in the audit report that: "All of the foregoing claims are necessarily related, and it is expected that they will be resolved in one, but not all, of the forums. CCNG is vigorously contesting the actions filed by Zia, and attempting to preserve its historical service territory. In the event CCNG were to lose all of the issues, which is very unlikely, the utility may not continue service to its customers."

Willoughby said the situation was a Blue Chip contract issue. "They (CCNG) really gave away something."

"You should have had

\$400,000 (Capitan's share of the value of CCNG) in the audit, but because of the litigation, I did not include it. It was my professional call," Willoughby said.

"The litigation is why there was a hold-up in the audit report," she added.

Another of Willoughby's concerns was the \$319,935 in one account with Ruidoso State Bank. FDIC covers \$113,000 of that, leaving \$206,935 in public fund uninsured. "You must have 100 percent coverage on accounts in the bank," she said.

As a result the bank has pledged security on half the amount and an additional \$150,000 to provide full coverage. Willoughby reports the level of risk assumed by the village as a "Category 2" where the funds in Ruidoso State Bank are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name.

Otherwise, Willoughby said she found no problems with the audit. She said the revenues were very close to the budget, which is based on the prior year's figures. Mayor Norman Renfro said the gross receipt tax revenues were down from the budget, but Willoughby said the decrease of \$8,900 in gross receipts was because the state's share went up.

Most of the village's long term debt will be paid off in 1999. The 1986 General Obligation Bonds will retire in 1999. The loans from the state of New Mexico to finance a portion of the water system will also be paid off in 1999. The 1988 and 1977 revenue bonds issued to finance the sewer system will retire in 2021. Annually, about \$1,100 and \$2,000 are paid toward the long term revenue bond debt. The village also has debt for a copier used in village hall and a jet rodding machine for streets and sewer. Both will also be paid off in 1999.

Overall, the actual General Fund ending cash balance (for 1995-96) was \$24,997 more than was budgeted, and in the Special Revenue Funds, the ending cash balance also was \$34,057 higher than what was budgeted. The most dramatic change was in the Proprietary Fund where \$130,000 was spent on water rights and other fixed assets. That fund decreased \$69,164 overall.

Willoughby said some funds show decreases such as where the general fund loaned the law enforcement protection account some funds to cover it until the state law enforcement grant was received.

In other business, trustees: --Approved the Open Meetings Act resolution for 1997 which will require only three



CARRIZOZO'S CHRISTMAS ANGELS. Students in Mrs. Karen Earwood's first grade class at Carrizozo Schools show off the angels they made from paper and glitter which will decorate the tree in their room, and the large tree in the school cafeteria. Students in the class are Casey Barela, Sara Comstock, Andrea Garcia, Jessy Haskin, Erin Hightower, Kyle LaBelle, Courtney Lamay, Jarret Lovelace, Spur Lovelace, Tyler Nelson, Jude Renney, Chloeh Rimple, Antonio Sambrano, Gregory Vigil, Rivers Webbs and Kendal Wilson.

Ken Fuller Remembers Playing In Dance Band

One of the most popular activities from 1933 through 1942 was dancing and here in Lincoln County many people danced to the music provided by the *Rhythm Rascals Dance Band*. Band members were Ralph Simpson, piano; Clive Jolly, clarinet and vocalist; Tommy DuBois, drums; Mike Nunez, cornet; and Kennan Fuller, banjo and guitar. This was during the jazz age when the banjo "really went to town." All the band members were from Corona, most graduated from Corona High

School in 1933. Kennan Fuller of Corona is the sole survivor of the band and has fond memories of the group. He said they played at dances in White Oaks, Ruidoso, Carrizozo, Corona, Encino, Vaughn, the former community of Padernal, and Duran as well as locations in Lincoln County and central New Mexico. Usually the band played on Saturday nights but one weekend they played for a golf tournament in Carrizozo on Saturday and Sunday. Some of the band didn't like

to play for a dance on Sunday. Ken, age 82, is a former mayor of Corona and has served on many appointed committees for Lincoln County through the years. Ken's wife Frances is a native of Corona. She attended some of the dances with the band and would fill in on the piano when Ralph would take a break. Frances is a retired postmaster from Corona. She is now working part-time for New Mexico Agricultural Statistics. (SEE PAGE 4)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAYS
 —Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.
 —Adult singles group meets in Ruidoso at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 257-2505 or 258-3201.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
 —Carrizozo Women's Club Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. at the Women's Club Building in Carrizozo.
 —Capitan Board of Education meeting at 7 p.m. in the board conference room.
 —Operation Old Fort Stanton meets at 7 p.m. at Texas New Mexico Power Co. office on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
 —Volunteers needs to fill luminaria bags at Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department hall, all day.
 —Capitan Christmas Capers, including Bazaar at senior center in the morning, Open House at village businesses all day, Open House at Smokey Bear Park and Friends of Smokey Christmas caroling 6:30 p.m. at the park.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
 —"Christmas Canticles" a cantata, will be presented by the Community Christmas Choir at 4 p.m. at Trinity United Church in Carrizozo. Everyone is invited.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
 —Hondo Valley Schools Christmas Program at 6 p.m. in the gym.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
 —Filing day for all candidates to school boards in the county, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo.
 —Carrizozo Board of Education meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the board conference room.
 —Capitan Elementary (K-2) Christmas musical at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose building.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
 —Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at Capitan Senior Center.
 —Carrizozo schools dismiss at noon.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
 —Carrizozo FCE Club Christmas party. Call 648-2983 for information.
 —Carrizozo Schools dismiss at noon.
 —Capitan Schools dismiss at 12:30 for Christmas holiday and return on January 2, 1997.
 —Corona Schools Christmas program at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
 —Carrizozo Schools dismiss at noon for Christmas holiday and return on January 6, 1997.
 —Corona Schools dismiss for the holidays at the regular end of school and return on January 6.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
 —Santa Claus arrives in Carrizozo at 2 p.m. at Spencer Park.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
 —Nogal Community Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service at 8 p.m.
 —Sacred Heart Catholic Church (in Capitan) Christmas sing-along and decorating party at 5 p.m. in the parish hall.
 —St. Theresa (Corona) Catholic Church Christmas pot luck and decorating party following 4 p.m. Mass.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
 —Ancho Community Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service at 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
 —Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. at St. Theresa's in Corona, 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Capitan and Midnight Mass at Santa Rita in Carrizozo
 —Corona Community Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.

Public Invited

Presented as a 'Gift to the Community': Christmas Canticles, a cantata of carols by Benjamin Harlan, will be presented Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4:00 p.m. by the Carrizozo Community Choir at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1000 D. Ave. in Carrizozo.

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Carrizozo Chit Chat

Christmas Cantata
 The Carrizozo Christmas Choir will present a gift to the community Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.
 The gift will be *Christmas Canticles*, a cantata of carols by Benjamin Harlan. The choir will be under the direction of Phyllis Schlegel. Guest musicians John Duncan-recorder and Ann Buffington-piano will begin the hour program with a prelude followed by songs sung by Kala's Kommmunity Kids, under the direction of Kala Scarafioti. Jane Shafer is the piano accompanist for the cantata and Cheryl Smith accompanies the children's choir.
 Pastor Warren Schoenecker invites everyone to attend.

Birthday Celebration
 Tamartha Deniese Means celebrated her 17th birthday November 19. She is a junior at Carrizozo High School. After graduation she plans to go to college and major in criminal or computer science.
 Tamartha's parents are Burdette Means of Carrizozo and Barbara and Marcos Bareda of Carrizozo. Tamartha has two sisters,

Tabitha Means of Roswell and Thomasina Means of Alamogordo; and two brothers, Tom and Adam.
 Tamartha is counting down the days to Christmas.

Church Getting Facelift
 St. Matthias Episcopal Church at the corner of E Avenue and 6th Street is in the process of receiving a new coat of stucco and other work.

Holiday Hoedown
 The annual Holiday Hoedown at the Carrizozo Woman's Club last Saturday was a fun day for all.

Flag Flasco
 The high winds Tuesday caused the two flags at the Lincoln County Courthouse to come loose and flap in the breeze until rescued by maintenance staff.

Flag watchers were concerned that the flags would be ripped completely off because it was much too windy for someone to "shimmy" up the pole to save the flags.

Quick thinking workers came up with the ideal solution. One person slowly lowered the flags which continued to blow north instead of coming down the pole. Another worker was positioned on the roof to catch the flags.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column; including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.
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News Around Lincoln County

Church Services
 The Mountain Ministry Parish Christmas Worship Service will be held Sunday, Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. at the Claunch Community Presbyterian Church, followed by a potluck dinner. All other parish services are cancelled for the 15th.

Candlelight services will be held at all three Mountain Ministry Parishes: Nogal on Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. (Sunday morning service will be cancelled); Ancho at 6 p.m. Dec. 23, and Corona at 7 p.m. Dec. 24.

Health and Wellness
 The Lincoln County Health and Wellness Advisory Board met Nov. 11 with 9 members present. Updates were given on the five topics brought up at a previous meeting.

Dr. Arlene Brown discussed information obtained about mobile clinics. One report was that the ongoing expenses of gasoline and related expenses make the mobile clinic financially unsound at this time and having one location in a community with associated staff and a mid-level provider was more successful from a financial and community perspective. Having the staff travel to the community in economical vehicles was more beneficial and workable.

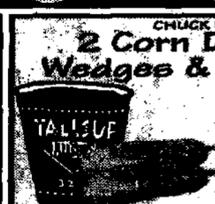
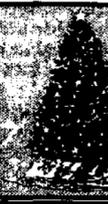
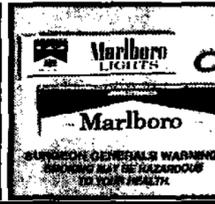
School based health programs for students and the community were also discussed. It was noted that this could pose some problems with the state's anti-donation clause and might be handled under a joint powers agreement or an expansion of the clinic under the Rural Health Program.

Lincoln County Medical Center administrator Valerie Miller suggested the approach of a Memorandum of Use to facilitate the sharing of existing facilities with other agencies in the county. The practical trend is more towards a multi-agency, multi-use, and multi-day philosophy for health care delivery, especially in the rural setting with limited physical resources.

It was further discussed that the board explore the feasibility of an expanded school program for Lincoln County.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Sharing and caring

By Ruth Hammond

Don't miss The Lincoln County News next week! One of the highlights will be the letters children write to Santa Claus. The News Christmas issue is one of our favorites because we get to enjoy the letters three times. The first time we enjoy the letters is when we read them and then again when we typeset the letters. The next step is proofreading the letters to make certain they are as close to the way the children write them as possible.

Spelling and punctuation aren't important but the messages written by the children are important. These youngsters know exactly what they want and in their letters to Santa those wants are made known. Sometimes the letters will include requests for family members but usually the requests are for one particular item that is wanted more than anything else in the whole world.

Some of the most touching letters are from children asking for things that can't be bought. One year a young girl asked for her sisters to come home and her family to be together again. Another asked Santa to make her grandmother well. Each letter is unique and we are pleased we can share them with you.

Christmas is supposed to be a time of sharing and each of us can do our part. We can share with others during this time that is often stressful for many people. We can take the time to send a card to a friend or relative. We can take the time to remember those who are away from home for the first time. We can invite someone into our homes to share a meal and happy memories. Each of us can and should do our part to reach out to others and try to help make this Christmas a special day for everyone.

One way to share the Christmas spirit would be to offer to drive people around town Christmas Eve to see the luminaria display. Many elderly people don't drive after dark but they would love to see all the luminarias and the decorations in town. Most of us will be driving around to see the luminarias anyway and this would give us an excellent chance to share in the Christmas spirit. Everyone should see the more than 10,000 luminarias that will be lighting the way around Carrizozo.

Last year we made several drives through and around town trying to find the perfect location to take a picture that would show as many of the luminarias as possible without getting the glare of lights from cars and streetlights. We wanted to get as good a photo as possible to show people what the luminarias look like but seeing a photo isn't the same as actually driving around and experiencing the feeling of being a part of it.

Many people who don't drive at night may not have had the chance to see the colorful lights and decorations at the Lincoln County Courthouse. This lovely display is not just for travelers passing through town on Highway 54 but are for those of us who live here as well. Everyone living in this area should have the opportunity to enjoy the courthouse Christmas decorations.

Another way to share the Christmas spirit would be to offer to take someone to a candlelight service at a church. Too often elderly people who don't drive at night won't ask someone to take them but they would love to go to one of these services. Even if it isn't your church, it would be a wonderful experience for you as well as for the person you are taking with you.

There are many more ways to share Christmas with others and it is by doing these things that we not only give happiness to others, we are also doing things that will make us happy too.

We have 13 days to make our plans to share this Christmas with others, to help bring happiness into the life of someone special and to maybe help give them something they want "more than anything else in the world." That something may just be to have someone who cares enough to share some time with them. Christmas is for sharing and caring. Make your plans now.

Watch for Santa letters next week!



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—Is this ever going to be a fun legislative session to watch. Unless, that is, you have a stake in getting something out of it.

The '97 Legislature has all the earmarks of being something like this last Congress: posturing, positioning, bickering. Gridlock City.

Gov. Gary Johnson has already upset the chile cart by ticking off legislators almost as badly as Toney Anaya once did. Remember the days when lawmakers tried to evict Anaya from his Capitol offices? Technically they could do it because they are the landlords.

Anaya responded by vetoing the feed bill that pay for operation of the Legislature. After the veto, the Legislature sent a slightly revised feed bill back to the governor and he vetoed it again.

That was about the time legislators realized it wasn't the bill Anaya didn't like; it was them. It was also about the time that the first expense checks came due for lawmakers. Anaya didn't care much about that, but he wanted the legislative staff to get paid, so the two sides got together and agreed on a feed bill. But the war continued.

That happened to be midway through Anaya's term — his second 60-day session. And that is exactly where Johnson finds himself right now, faced, as was Anaya, with a hostile Legislature in the hands of the opposition party. And Johnson is handling the situation about the same as Anaya did, forging ahead, not budging an inch, and above all, not communicating with lawmakers.

Johnson's own Republican colleagues couldn't get his attention: until the second legislative session, last year, when many of them threatened to join with Democrats in setting records for veto overrides if the governor wouldn't listen and communicate with them.

Governors such as Bruce King, Jerry Apodaca, Dave Cargo and Jack Campbell, with a good batch of legislative experience under their belts, understood that if legislators had read but one book in their lives, it was the state constitution that says they are an equal branch of government that must be involved in the policy decisions affecting the state. Anaya and Johnson have tended to brush that one aside.

Johnson clashed with the Legislature one month into his term when he signed gaming compact with Indian tribes without obtaining the constitutionally required legi-

slative approval and again six months later when he unilaterally tried to cut all state agency budgets, with the Legislature has set three months earlier. In both cases the courts ruled he had overstepped his authority.

Gov. Johnson's latest instance of forgetting he's not also a one-man Legislature and Supreme Court, was when he issued an executive order directing that state workers who oversee mining be combined into a single unit. On its face that sounds like a very good idea. Its the Johnson credo: streamline government to avoid duplication and make it more efficient.

Unfortunately, in this instance, history and the state constitution complicate the situation. The history goes back only four years, but that's two years longer than the governor's history book goes. For many years environ-

mentalists, who think mines should be pretty, had been fighting mining laws passed years earlier to encourage mining as economic development.

The two sides had about equal influence over the Legislature so nothing got done until 1993, when a delicate agreement was reached that required Environment Department approval before the Energy and Minerals Department could issue a mining permit.

Johnson's order transfers the environmental mining law staff over to the Energy and Minerals Department, which is viewed as being more pro-mining. The lawmakers who hammered out the 1993 compromise are furious. So are numerous environmental groups. And of course, everyone is threatening to sue.

The stage is set for the 1997 Legislature.

Volunteers Needed To

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tion begins on Central Ave. side streets off Central Ave., Birch, Aspen, 12th Street, McDonald Park, E Ave. from Central Ave. to 6th St., and on the overpass on Highway 54. Volunteers will be needed that day also. Lighting of the luminarias will begin in the afternoon.

During the luminaria display Christmas Eve law enforcement officials will stop traffic at the junction of Highways 54 and 380 and at Highway 54 on the south edge of Carrizozo. Drivers will be asked to drive slowly through town using only their parking lights.

The luminaria display is funded by donations.

Ken Fuller . . .

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Ken was 16 when he and his widowed mother came to Corona in October 1930. The high altitude helped his asthma. Ken's mother homesteaded and Ken did the work to meet compliance with the homestead act. Through the years Ken and his wife have been in ranching and still have a few Charolais.

The Fullers have two children, daughter Jeanene Gibbs, a retired teacher lives in Corona with her husband A.J. a retired brand inspector and a member of the Corona Village Council; and son Harrell, deputy Inspector General with the State Department, and his wife Pat, a former hematologist, live in Washington, D.C.

News Around . . .

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items of interest for the News Around Lincoln County column; including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.

Capitan Rejects

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The amended complaint also calls for an audit of the Eagle Creek books. The requested audit was called for in a motion posed by one of the Capitan representatives on the Eagle Creek board, but the motion was deadlocked in a tie and thus died. "So we asked for it in the complaint," Beauvais said. "I believe it will show under-reporting."

In October Beauvais on behalf of the village of Capitan appeared before 12th Judicial District Judge Robert Doughty III to argue points in the village's lawsuit filed against Ruidoso and Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Supply Association requesting liquidation of the association.

"But the judge said no," Beauvais told THE NEWS. He said the judge ruled Eagle Creek Association is a quasi-public agency, a special not for profit association for which dissolution proceedings do not apply.

Beauvais said Judge Doughty instructed both parties to try to work it out.

"We're (Capitan) willing to work it out (with Ruidoso) but we won't drop the lawsuit," Beauvais said.

Instead, Beauvais responded on behalf of Capitan by filing an amended petition for declaratory relief including dissolution of the public corporation, breach of contract, bill of accounting, breach of covenant of good faith and dealing with injunctive relief. The amended petition was filed November 18 in the 12th Judicial Court in Alamogordo.

The petition alleges Ruidoso had a breach of contract because its members voted to not construct a water pipeline from Eagle Creek properties to the Village of Capitan although by contract, and by unanimous action of the Eagle Creek Board taken in 1990, approved construction of the

pipeline and authorized the pursuit of funding.

It also states that Capitan member Benny Coker commissioned the New Mexico Rural Water Users Association to conduct a study to determine if a water rate increase was justified to raise additional revenue to help pay for the pipeline. The study determined a 15 to 20 percent raise would provide \$103,000 additional each year which could be dedicated to the pipeline project.

In July, Coker proposed the increase of rates to pay for the pipeline project to the Eagle Creek Board. The Ruidoso members voted against the increase, Capitan members voted for it, which deadlocked the motion, which was defeated. Because Ruidoso only receives Eagle Creek water, it would have paid the entire increase.

This act of defeat, the petition alleges, is a breach of contractual obligations to the Village of Capitan.

In the petition Capitan seeks damages for the breach of contract, and dissolution of the Eagle Creek Inter-community Supply Association, Inc. and provide for equitable distribution of assets.

The petition also asks the court to order an accounting of the revenues, disbursements, water appropriations and billings for Eagle Creek for the past 10 years.



State Senator Pete Campos Expresses Concerns In Upcoming 1997 Session

Las Vegas, New Mexico — State Senator Pete Campos expressed his feelings today concerning the upcoming 1997 legislative session. "I believe this next legislative session will represent the threshold to the twenty-first century," Campos said.

"We must forge reasonable solutions to and steadfastly navigate the direction chosen to: house a growing prison population, meet district wide infrastructure and economic development needs, determine where and at what level of gaming we will allow, equip our schools with more sophisticated technology tools to keep pace with global communication and make the transformation from welfare as we know it to workfare," Campos stated as his focus for this 60 day session.

Santa Rosa was chosen two years ago as the site for a much needed new prison because of its central location within the northeastern region of the state. This facility will provide essential prison bed space, a base for regional employment and a cost efficient, centrally located medium security facility. "I will continue to be professionally persistent to advocate the location of a much needed medium security facility for Santa Rosa and the region," continued Campos.

Rural New Mexico also deserves the opportunity to continue replacing its aging infrastructure and enhance its economy. "I will not give up

on helping to improve the way of life those in rural New Mexico have chosen to live," Campos wholeheartedly stated.

Among many other important measures for the district, I will suggest that Las Vegas be considered as a statewide recognized site for a gaming addition rehabilitation center. "We have the educationally related programs at New Mexico Highlands University to train social workers and counselors, and the facilities and community experts already prepared to assist individuals with this type of illness so they may regain control and quality in their lives," Campos said.

"I will promote and continue to seek private, state and federal funding for the nationally recognized Bosque Redondo project slated for Fort Sumner," Campos committed.

Lincoln County and her citizens have so much to offer. "I will seek a permanent use for Fort Stanton which will be accepted by the citizens of

Capitan and the surrounding area. I will support Ruidoso's community efforts to fully develop a recreation complex, keep its race track thriving, and promote its attributes such as snow skiing, gold and attractive shopping areas," Campos unhesitatingly remarked.

As an important part of our social fabric, "I will work to bring more of our senatorial district wide schools on-line to better prepare our children for the information age which is upon us. I will also remain cognizant and empathetic of those who need medical, nutritional and financial assistance, but I will also be working to create new jobs for those who can work," Campos firmly mentioned.

"A vibrant future for New Mexico's whole population depends on collective energy, our creative ability, belief in each other and a whole commitment to plan for a future full of opportunities," concluded Campos.

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Over 106 persons attended an appreciation program-open house-Souppnic sponsored by Corona Elementary School teachers and students on Thursday, Dec. 5. Three year old pre-schooler, Alicia Palomarez, began the program by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Smith welcomed the group. Mrs. Duns-worth led the pre-schoolers and kindergartners in the Wheels of the Bus song. Mrs. Bell introduced first and second grader singers who performed Seatbelt Song and Big Yellow Blues as tributes to the bus drivers. Mrs. Shone and third and fourth grade students honored the secretaries with custom made acronyms and a five foot pencil. Mrs. Lightfoot and fifth and sixth graders saluted the cooks with two humorous poems about food by including The Turkey Shot Out of the Oven author Jack Prelutsky. Mrs. Bryan expressed appreciation to parents and the community for their support of school activities. She read a poem about the essential teamwork of parents and teachers in the education of children. Third and fourth grade singers performed the song "Thanks A Lot", accompanied by Mrs. Liza Shone on the guitar.

The entertainment part of the appreciation program was followed by a "souppnic", soup picnic, served in the elementary hall. Mrs. Denise Byrd decorated festive tables with candles in lamp chimneys placed on multi-colored bandanas.

Students and teachers prepared and served five different kinds of soup: Alphabet Vegetable Soup, Cream of Tomato Soup, Bean Soup, Potato Soup and Green Chile Stew.

Kindergartners, first and second graders folded red and white napkins for this special occasion. Fifth and sixth graders served drinks. Students and guests enjoyed this time to visit and eat together. Plans are being made for Appreciation Souppnic 1997.

The Corona Presbyterian Church will hold no service Sunday, Dec. 15. They will join congregations from Ancho and Nogal for the 11:00 a.m. service at Claunch. A covered dish dinner will follow.

The Corona elementary school's Christmas program will be Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Corona Presbyterian Church. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Preston and son Jacob, came from El Paso Sunday so that Jacob

could cut his Christmas tree. He wanted to see a live coyote and will return in the summer for that.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Vickrey spent last week in El Paso with Dorothy Kiely, a cousin. They were called by the illness and death of a cousin Bill Moseley who died immediately after being taken from a hospital to a rehab center. Mr. Moseley, 84, was a graduate of Corona High School and a native of Cedarvale. He was predeceased in death by his wife and by a brother, Charlie. He is survived by one sister, Dorothy Kiely.

Bobbie Tracey has received word of the death of a nephew, Michael Tracey in his Pennsylvania home. Mr. Tracey, 46, did not waken Wednesday morning. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Tracey and had known for at least a year of his heart condition. Services were held Monday.

Robin Gray and sons, Jacob and Asa, attended the birthday party for Mr. Gray's aunt, Flossie Elliott, who was celebrating 100 years. Leta Sharp accompanied Sue Hughes to the party and reports "Flossie" alert and pretty and having a great time greeting her friends from Estancia where she had lived for many years before moving to a nursing home in Albuquerque. She appreciated her callers, visitors and the loads of fresh flowers.

Cedar Temple Pythian Sisters joined Primo Rose Temple Saturday for lunch at Griffin's in Moriarty. Two members from Miracle Temple, Belen, joined the group for food, conversation and exchange of gifts. Cedar Temple was represented by Gayle May, Pauline McCloud and Leta Sharp. These three won the three door prizes, a small living tree with decorations and surrounded by tiny packages.

Crown CowBelles held their Christmas party and meeting at the Willard Cantina Monday. Eight attended. Illness kept several at home. Wanda Duke declared the officers re-installed. Mrs. Duke and Lanita Rasak reported on the State CowBelle Meeting in Albuquerque a week ago. This area of central New Mexico is well represented by state officers. They reported, too, that Shaline Lopez had won a second place and \$15.00 for her poster on "What you can Learn from a Worm and a Cow".

After the exchange of gifts those present decided the next meeting to be covered dish in the school rec room at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 6.

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field, Nebraska side of the
road.

Was saddened to learn of
Herbert Lee Traylor's leaving
us. It seems that I had just
really gotten to know him
after reading his book... the
interesting book that he so
generously permitted me to
bring to Omaha with me last
year so I could submit each of
the interesting chapters with-
out interruption.

Most of you Capitan people
have had the honor and privi-
lege of knowing Herbert Lee
for years and years. My ac-
quaintance was limited to just
a few years and mainly be-
cause I knew Alice... a most
special lady in her own right
and a proven wonderful friend
to me a few years ago when I
so needed a good friend.

Moving to Capitan from my
home in Iowa City, Iowa was
traumatic enough but with
the help of the friendship of
Herbert Lee and Alice Traylor
I almost consider myself a
native of Lincoln County.

And so Herbert Lee let me
close with a favorite poem of
mine, a poem which is most
apropos for you...

Folks Like You!!
Wouldn't the world be nice to live in,
cheery met and through, if every-
one we met were just as nice as Folks
Like You...

Course we don't get everything we
ask for every day, that's only true, but
one thing never fails us is Folks Like
You...

And I'm mighty sure when we em-
bark for that Land Beyond Our View,
we will find the nicest part is filled with
Folks Like You...

And so for now Herbert Lee,
Adios and May the Good Lord
take a Likin' to Ye!!!!

Had a lovely letter from
Elaine Beaudry yesterday and
as she wrote she did not have
any news of the Capitan area
thought some of you might
not have her address at your
fingertips, neither did I until
the letter arrived yesterday...

I left in such a hurry to
accompany my special family
back to Omaha for the holi-
days that I not only left my
address book behind, also left
most of my Christmas gifts
that I have been buying little
by little...

But getting back to Elaine,
here is her address as of now.
However she states that she
will be spending the holidays
with her family in the great
Northwest Area...

Elaine Beaudry, 51802
Hwy. 60, Wickenburg, AZ
86390. (Methinks Elaine is a
wee bit lonesome for
Capitan...Just as I am.)

I hope to be back right after
Christmas, especially before
January second as I very
much want to be present
when Tom Sullivan is sworn
in as the new Sheriff of Lin-

CAPITAN NOTES

coln County...I also want to
thank all the people that
voted for Tom and especially
for my friends that worked
especially hard to make this
Special Day possible...

This is the beginning of a
very big week...for me that
is...Saturday the 14th is my
birthday, in case anyone is
interested.

Sunday my daughter and
son-in-law are hosting a huge
party here in their lovely
home, not for me but for 50
invited guests, their friends.

Well you are probably
thinking what is so notewor-
thy about that? Lots of folks
entertain during the holidays
and not especially in honor of
their mother or mother-in-
law, right??? Right!!!

The fly in the ointment is
that with all the beautiful
invitations that were all
mailed, the date for the party
read Sunday, December
14th...Saturday is December
14th or at least it was this
time last year.

Jace told Trish, not to wor-
ry, he would handle the invi-
tations and do them by com-
puter. Trish is not very com-
puter literate but Jace does
everything but eat by comput-
er. So the invitations were
mailed and the phone calls
started coming with RSVPs:
some for Saturday, some for
Sunday, and some for both
days, just to be safe.

Trish and Jace aren't very
good at time, they are late for
almost everything. Trish says:
"Einstein taught us time is
relative, Mother, so it really
doesn't matter." But it mat-
ters to me!!

My family are taking me
out to a special play on the
14th for my birthday...and we
are hoping no invited guests
for Sunday decide to come for
the party on Saturday that is
supposed to be on the docket
for Sunday.

We have had a lot of fun
teasing Jace, and think it is
all straightened out, but his
friends have teased him and
am certain they will not let
him forget the date mix-up for
a long time. Anyway, we'll be
at a production of *42nd Street*
at the Orpheum in Omaha.

Am having difficulty getting
my thoughts on anything
humorous, witty or clever. I
cannot seem to get past the
December 7th
date...Especially the 1941
December 7th date.

I remember that date vivid-

ly as if it were yesterday...my
entire life changed in a few
short days. My two boys were
two and one years old. Soon
their father was on his way to
the United States Navy. For-
tunately being a married man
with a family he could have
been deferred, but he was a
candidate for a special Navy
program that guaranteed him
Stateside duty.

There was another Navy
Man stationed at the same
city, Ottumwa, Iowa and his
name was Richard Nixon. His
wife Pat secured a position at
the bank where my husband
had sold a Burroughs Book-
keeping Machine and he al-
ways instructed new girls on

the machines for the bank.
My husband was most im-
pressed with the new girl Pat
Nixon and the more dealings
he had with her husband
Richard, the more his admira-
tion grew for Pat.

As the years passed and
Richard Nixon became our
famous or infamous president,
my husband always said they
should have elected Pat Nixon
instead of Richard, because
she was twice as smart as he
was!!!

And so for another week,
God bless each and everyone.
Next week I will begin shar-
ing some of the adventures I
had in Ireland.

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provide a longer pay-out peri-
od. Village manager Gary
Jackson said the purpose of
the action is to free up some
cash flow for LCSWA.

The refinancing was dis-
cussed in workshops for both
the village council and
LCSWA. Confident there
would be little or no public
disapproval, the LCSWA
board and Ruidoso council
included the lower, refinanced
rates in their respective 1996-
97 fiscal year budgets. Jack-
son said the refinancing at
the decreased interest rate
will lower LCSWA's payments to
the village from \$90,806 to
about \$60,536 a year, and
extend the payments by only
two years. Without the lower
interest rates, LCSWA would
have had to extend its loan 11
years, Jackson added.

Councilors also:
-Approved a resolution
defining the duties of the
Lodgers Tax Committee. The
committee will meet quarter-
ly; will receive detailed budget
and advertising plans on a
quarterly basis from the Con-
vention and Visitor's Bureau
and advertising contractor;

will review the budget and
plan with contractor to deter-
mine if amendments should
be presented to the village
council; will review categories
for unexpended funds and
possible changes in the mar-
keting strategy plan and bud-
get to meet marketing goals
and objectives; will make
advisory recommendations for
amendments and changes to
the budget and advertising
plan to the village council at
the soonest meeting of the
council.

-Directed staff and the
village attorney to looking
into further options on a re-
quest for payment from Zia
Natural Gas Co. which claims
the gas meter at the village
hot mix plant has been inac-
curate for five years; and the
village owes \$10,348 for that
last 12 months. The state
Public Utility Commission
rules states the customer is
only liable for a specific
amount of gas used in the last
12 months in such a situation.

-Authorized the advertise-
ment for bids for the new
library and addition to village
hall.

Sheriff's Report

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

December 2:
 3:30 p.m. a deputy requested a case number for a report of a larceny over \$250.
 4:15 p.m. a caller made a noise complaint at a location on Gavilan Canyon Road. Dogs were making a lot of noise in the early morning. A deputy responded.
 An accident was reported at mile marker 16 on Highway 48. State police were notified.
 3:54 p.m. Children Youth and Families requested a welfare check at a location on Highway 70. A deputy was assigned.

5:07 p.m. a runaway juvenile was reported. A 13 year old boy ran away. Before the deputy could respond, the boy showed up and the call was cancelled.
 8:19 p.m. a caller reported a loose dog on Long Road in Capitan. The dog was in the caller's yard, and the caller advised he was going to shoot it. Capitan police talked with the caller, then talked with the owner of the dog, now the dog is chained and the owners have been warned.
 10:07 p.m. a caller reported a peeping Tom on Cedar Street in Carrizozo, and requested an officer. Carrizozo police responded.
 10:58 p.m. Carrizozo Post Office requested an officer

stop the mail truck because some mail was left behind because another truck was not coming that night. State police in Socorro were notified and stopped the mail truck.
December 3:
 2:11 a.m. state police advised of an open door at Corona Schools computer room. Dispatch called the Corona Schools superintendent about the report. State police also went to the location.
 3:47 a.m. Ruidoso Police advised of a subject needing an accident report. The subject had hit a deer near Tinnie on Highway 70, and the subject was at a store in Hondo. State police were notified.
 10:07 a.m. a deputy requested a case number for a phone harassment.
 10:33 a.m. a person walked in and reported criminal damage to property in the Ancho area. A cow was butchered on November 6, and a state police officer took the original report. A deputy was assigned.
 11:47 a.m. a caller reported stolen property. A deputy was assigned.
 12:52 p.m. a person walked

in to the sheriff's office and reported battery/ damage to property. The person advised that two men in a truck were angry at the construction site south of Carrizozo. They got out of their vehicle and started throwing rocks at a construction company employee and other vehicles and damaged a vehicle. A deputy responded.
 3:43 p.m. a caller reported a grass fire north of Carrizozo near the railroad tracks. Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department responded.
 6:45 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a suspicious vehicle on Gavilan Canyon. A deputy responded.
 7:28 p.m. Santa Fe Police Dept. requested a wrecker at a location about 66 miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54 near Duran. The car driven by an elderly couple with small children had broken down.

December 4:
 1:07 a.m. a 911 caller requested an officer to remove a woman from his residence in Capitan. Capitan and state police responded. The Capitan officer took the woman to another location.
 9:21 a.m. an ambulance was requested at the Carrizozo Health Clinic for a transfer to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso. Carrizozo ambulance responded.
 1:19 p.m. Children Youth and Families reported an abuse at a residence in the San Patricio area. The office requested a deputy to assist an investigation of a report that an elderly woman had been badly beaten up. Two deputies responded.
 2:54 p.m. a domestic incident was reported at a location near Glencoe. A deputy took a report.
 6:02 p.m. a deputy requested a Capitan police officer meet with him and his wife and another person regarding threats made. Capitan police responded.
 8:01 p.m. a caller reported a theft of cellular phone at a job site in the Alto area. A deputy responded.
 10:19 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious vehicle in White Oaks. A deputy responded and advised all was okay.

December 5:
 12:02 a.m. a caller requested animal control for a barking dog which was tied to a leash in a yard, and which the caller believed was abused. Carrizozo police responded.
 1:16 a.m. a train engine was reported on fire south of Carrizozo. Carrizozo fire department and police responded and advised that three engines had diesel fuel spilled on them and had started on fire, but all was okay and the fire was out.
 3:29 a.m. Ruidoso police requested an ambulance at a trailer in Palo Verde Slopes. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RAIS) responded and transported the patient to LCMC.
 2:29 p.m. an officer advised of child abuse at a location in Hondo.
 3:07 p.m. state police from Roswell advised of a grass fire at mile marker 304 on Highway 70. Hondo fire department responded and state forestry was advised.
 6:19 p.m. a caller reported an accident with injuries on Highway 285 about 15 miles south of Vaughn. A woman and a child were injured in the one vehicle roll-over. Vaughn Police were notified.
 7:08 p.m. LCMC requested a deputy to take a report of a domestic incident that occurred in Hondo. A woman was brought in to LCMC by her husband who beat her up. A deputy responded and arrested the man.
 7:37 p.m. a 911 caller requested an officer because the subject that the caller requested police remove at an earlier date had broken into his residence while the door was locked. She was supposed to make arrangements and didn't. Capitan police respond-

ed.
 8:24 p.m. a caller reported a drunken male refused to leave a restaurant in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded and advised that he would tell the subject when he was sober that he was not to return to the restaurant.
 10:38 p.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire on Bor-

der Hill on Highway 70. Hondo Fire Department responded.
December 6:
 3:20 a.m. an accident with injuries was reported at mile marker 105 on Highway 380. A 58 year old man and 52 year old woman had injuries
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 648-2968 (church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School..... 9:45 am
 Worship Service..... 10:55 am
 Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm
 Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
 JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
 Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am
 Worship Service..... 11:00 am
 Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community
 FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

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

Church of Christ
 PAUL WETZEL, minister
 Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2996
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am
 Worship Service..... 11:00 am
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
 Rev. CYNTHIA WORTHINGTON
 Corner of E Ave. & 6th, Carrizozo, NM
 258-3228
 Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday

United Methodist Churches
 WARREN K. SCHOENECKER, pastor
 Trinity - Carrizozo
 1000 D. Ave., 648-2893 / 257-5614
 Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
 Worship Service..... 11:10 am
 Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm
 United Methodist Men Breakfast
 2nd Sunday..... 8:30 am
 United Methodist Women Every
 3rd Wednesday..... 2:00 pm
 Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month
 12:30 pm

CAPITAN
 Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am
 Worship Service..... 9:15 am
 Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am
 Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am
 Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am
 Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm
 Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
 Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
 1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

Mountain Ministry Parish, Blanca Blanca Presbyterian
 DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors
 648-2850
Nogal Presbyterian Church:

Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
 Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church:
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
 Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study & Youth
 Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
 ED VINSON, pastor
 514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan
 Inter-denominational
 Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
 LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
 5th & Lincoln / 338-4827
 Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle
 ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
 209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM
 354-2025
 Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am
 Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
 FLOYD GOODLOE, pastor
 Capitan (South on Highway 48)
 354-3119
 Sunday School..... 8:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship..... 11 a.m.
 AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.

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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN**
No. CV-96-231

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, EX REL.,
STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO,

Petitioner,

vs.

BAR W RANCH, c/o STERLING SPENCER,
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS, c/o LINCOLN COUNTY
CLERK
PROPERTY TAX DIVISION OF THE TAXATION
AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF
THE PROPERTY INVOLVED,

Defendants.

est in the property particularly described in the Petition on file in this cause after the expiration of the time for the filing of an answer. This withdrawal may be made only by order of the Court upon proper motion.

You, and each of you are hereby commanded to file and serve an answer, as provided by law, to the Petition on file herein within thirty (30) days after service of this Notice on you or thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this Notice, if you are not personally served. Unless you so appear and answer, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for judgment as provided by law. This judgment will fix the amount of compensation due to you for the condemnation of the property at the amount offered and deposited by Petitioner.

The name and address of attorney for Petitioner is: Anne Lovely, Special Assistant Attorney General, New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, P.O. Box 1149, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504-1149.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 10th day of December, 1996.

EUGENIA VEGA
Clerk of the District Court
By: Elizabeth Luera
Deputy Court Clerk

(SEAL)
Published in the Lincoln County News on December 12 and 19, 1996.

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY ORDER OF ENTRY
AND NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION**

To: The above-named Defendants, and each of you.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that the Court has granted the Petitioner a Preliminary Order of Entry to immediately enter and occupy the property described below and to do such work thereon as may be required, and that unless you file objections thereto within ten (10) days after personal service of this Notice upon you, or within three (3) days after the last date of publication of this Notice, if you are not personally served, the Court shall enter a Permanent Order of Entry, restraining you forever from hindering or interfering with the occupation and use of the property; and, further, that all proceedings subsequent to the Permanent Order of Entry shall deal only with the amount of compensation due to you for the taking of the property.

You, and each of you are hereby further notified that a Petition to condemn property for public highway purposes has been filed against you with the Clerk of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, in which county the property, or a part thereof, is located, and which property is described as:

Parcel No. (4-1) is located on the west side of U.S. 54 approximately 1.4 miles north of the intersection of U.S. 380 and U.S. 54, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Parcel No. (5-1) is located on the west side of U.S. 54 approximately 1.9 miles north of the intersection of U.S. 380 and U.S. 54, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Parcel No. (6-1) is located on the west side of U.S. 54 approximately 2.8 miles north of the intersection of U.S. 380 and U.S. 54, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN**
No. CV-96-230

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, EX REL.,
STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO,

Petitioner,

vs.

CECELIA GRIMES KUHNEL,
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RUIDOSO,
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS, c/o LINCOLN COUNTY
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PROPERTY TAX DIVISION OF THE TAXATION
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Parcel No. (2-3) is located on the east side of U.S. 54 approximately 408 feet north of the intersection of U.S. 380 and U.S. 54, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Parcel No. (2-TCP-1) is located on the east side of U.S. 54 approximately 450 feet north of the intersection of U.S. 380 and U.S. 54, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

And the above property is more particularly described under its tract number in the Petition on file in this cause, and that such highway project has been designated New Mexico NH-054-2(11)124, in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

You, and each of you are hereby further notified that the amount alleged to be just compensation, shown with each separate numerical tract designation, has been deposited by the Petitioner with the Clerk of the District Court and a portion or all of the amount offered may be withdrawn by a person having an estate or interest in the property particularly described in the Petition on file in this cause after the expiration of the time for the filing of an answer. This withdrawal may be made only by order of the Court upon proper motion.

You, and each of you are hereby commanded to file and serve an answer, as provided by law, to the Petition on file herein within thirty (30) days after service of this Notice on you or thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this Notice, if you are not personally served. Unless you so appear and answer, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for judgment as provided by law. This judgment will fix the amount of compensation due to you for the condemnation of the property at the amount offered and deposited by Petitioner.

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Clerk of the District Court

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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**
No. CV-96-108

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ACTING THROUGH RURAL ECONOMIC
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, f/k/a
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Plaintiff,

vs.

EUGENE DAVIS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF EUGENE DAVIS, THE ESTATE OF
MARY O. DAVIS, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF
MARY O. DAVIS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO
TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
AND PATRICIA CIRAULO,

Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on January 14, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 13, BLOCK 3 OF PALMER GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE AMENDED PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1948.

The address of the real property is Lot 13, Block 3, Palmer Gateway Subdivision, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the decree of foreclosure entered on November 14, 1996, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$28,412.02, plus interest from October 1, 1996 to the date of sale at the rate of 8-1/8% per annum, or \$4,088 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. Defendant State of New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department is declared to have a second and valid lien on the property.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

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

Dated: December 4th, 1996.

NICK VEGA, Special Master
P.O. Box 383, Carrizozo, NM 88301
505/648-2217

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**RESOLUTION #1-1997
CARRIZOZO SOIL
AND WATER
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT
OPEN MEETINGS
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission or other policy-making body of any state agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of such board, commission or other policy-making body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of

any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrizozo SWCD on this 3rd day of December, 1996, that:

1.) Regular meetings of the Carrizozo SWCD shall ordinarily be held each month at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the District and Natural Resources Conservation Service Office. A proposed agenda will be available from the District Administrative Assistant, whose office is located at 409 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM. Notice of regular meetings will be given seven days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing. Notice of regular meetings will be released seven days before each regular meeting to the Lincoln County News.

2.) Special meetings of the Carrizozo SWCD may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon seven days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. The Lincoln County News will be notified by telephone.

3.) Emergency meetings of the district are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the board of supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three hours notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. Notice of emergency meetings will be posted at the district office, at the Post Office in Carrizozo, at Ruidoso State Bank in Carrizozo, the Post Office at Corona, and Northwest Bank in Carrizozo.

4.) Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA 1978, the Carrizozo SWCD may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection E or the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA, such closure:

(1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting. The vote on a closed meeting shall be taken in open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting; and

(2) if called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the members and to the general public.

Dated: December 3, 1996.

BILL HIGHTOWER,
Chairman/Board
of Supervisors
Carrizozo Soil
& Water
Conservation
District

This resolution passed upon motion by Gordon Barham and seconded by Howard Harkey with vote as follows:

Bill Hightower..... Yes
Bob Carter..... Yes
Howe Harkey..... Yes
Gordon Barham..... Yes
Kathleen McDaniels..... Yes
Malvin Johnson..... Absent
Billy Bob Shager..... Yes

ATTEST:
SUE ANN STRAIN,
Administrative
Assistant
Dated: Dec. 3, 1996.

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 12, 1996.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees shall hold a public hearing on January 14, 1996 at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, for the approval or disapproval of transfer of ownership and location of Dispenser Liquor License No. 249 from Four Winds Restaurant and Lounge, Inc. S.E. Corner 380 & 54 Hwy., Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, to All-App's Convenience Stores, Inc. #182, N.W. Corner of Highway 380 and Highway 54, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

CAROL SCHLARB
Town Clerk, CMC/A&E
Town of Carrizozo

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN THE
PROBATE COURT**

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
JAMES L. JONES,
Deceased

PROBATE
NO. 1718

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

DATED: Dec. 3rd, 1996.

RAND PERKINS
Personal
Representative

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**RESOLUTION #1-97
OPEN MEETINGS
RESOLUTION**

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any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

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 (2) if called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the members and to the general public.
 Dated: December 5, 1996.

JOHN S. COOPER, Chairman/Board of Supervisors
Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District

This resolution passed upon motion by Mary Shanks and seconded by Fred Pfingsten with vote as follows:
 John A. Cooper Yes
 James Sanchez Absent
 Richard Phillips Absent
 Fred Pfingsten Yes
 Mary Shanks Yes
 Robert Runnels Yes
 Bob Boobinger Absent

ATTEST:
SUE ANN STEARNS, Administrative Assistant
 Dated: Dec. 5, 1996.

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 12, 1996.

CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS, 1-22-3, B of the Election Code of the State of New Mexico, 1978 Compilation provides as follows:
 "A regular school district election shall be held in each school district on the first Tuesday in February of each odd-numbered year."

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, herein, the "Board" and the "district," respectively, in the Counties of Lincoln and Socorro has determined that a regular school district election be held on February 4, 1997, pursuant to Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 4th day of February, 1997, there will be held in the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, Lincoln and Socorro Counties, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of electing four (4) members to the Board.

Section 2. Any resident of the Carrizozo Municipal School District who is a qualified elector of the State of New Mexico who desires to become a candidate for the office of member of the Carrizozo Municipal School Board shall file a declaration of candidacy substantially in the form required by Section 1-22-8 NMSA 1978 in the office of the Lincoln County Clerk, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, on one day only, December 17, 1996, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Section 3. Any resident of the District who is a qualified elector of the State of New Mexico who desires to be a write-in candidate for the office of member of the Board shall file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate in the Office of the Lincoln County Clerk, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico before 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 1996.

Section 4. The Board positions and the length of terms for each position to be voted in this election are as follows:

Board Position	Length Of Term
1	2 year
2	2 year
3	2 year
4	2 year

Section 5. The Voting

Districts of this Election will be as follows:
 Voting Election Precincts
 1, 2A, 2B, 3, 13, 9D

Polling Place is the Conference Room the Carrizozo Municipal Schools, 800 D. Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Section 6. The polls for said election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

Section 7. A person is a qualified elector of the District if he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age on the date of the election and a resident of the District on the day of the election. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the County Clerk of either Lincoln or Socorro Counties in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and wishes to vote at such regular election must register during regular office hours at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County at the County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, or at the Office of the County Clerk of Socorro County at the Socorro County Courthouse, Socorro, New Mexico, depending upon the county in which elector resides, or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Clerks of Lincoln and Socorro Counties (including the municipal clerks of all municipalities in Lincoln and Socorro Counties) prior to 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 1997.

Section 8. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by 1-6-1 NMSA 1978, et seq., provided qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., commencing on January 10, 1997, and ending on January 31, 1997, being the Friday immediately prior to the date of the election.

Section 9. Voting shall be by voting machine, except for absentee voting which shall be by paper ballot. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling place for each precinct.

Section 10. This Resolution and Proclamation shall be filed with the Lincoln County Clerk on or before November 27, 1996, and shall be published in Proclamation form in English and Spanish, between the dates of November 29, 1996 and December 18, 1996 in the Lincoln County News, having general circulation within the Carrizozo Municipal School District.

By Gary Hightower
 President
 Board of Education
 of the Carrizozo
 Municipal School District

Attest:
 By Patricia Vega
 Secretary,
 Board of Education
 of the Carrizozo
 Municipal School District

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CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS RESOLUTION Y PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACION

CONSIDERANDO que la Sección 1-22-3, B del Código de Elecciones del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, Recopilación del 1978 dispone como sigue:
 "Tendrá lugar una elección ordinaria en cada distrito escolar el primer martes de febrero en los años sucesivos."
 CONSIDERANDO que la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Municipal Núm. 7 de Carrizozo (en adelante la "Junta" y el "distrito," respectivamente), en los Condados de Lincoln y Socorro ha determinado que una elección ordinaria tendrá lugar el 4 de febrero 1997, conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19, de las Leyes de Nuevo Mexico, Recopilación del 1978.

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, RESUELVESE POR LA JUNTA DE EDUCACION DEL DISTRITO MUNICIPAL ESCOLAR NUM. 7 EL CUAL CONSTITUYE EL

CUERPO GOBERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN EL CONDADO DE LINCOLN Y SOCORRO, ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO.

Sección 1: El 4 de febrero 1997, tendrá lugar en el Distrito Escolar Municipal Núm. 7 de Carrizozo, Condados de Lincoln y Socorro, Nuevo Mexico, una elección ordinaria en el distrito con el fin de elegir cuatro (4) miembros de la Junta.

Sección 2: Cualquier residente del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Carrizozo que sea votante calificado del Estado de Nuevo Mexico que desee ser candidato para el cargo como miembro de la Junta Escolar, Municipal de Carrizozo presentara su declaración sustancialmente en la forma exigida por la Sección 1-22-8 Leyes de Nuevo Mexico, Recopilación del 1978 en la oficina del Escribano del Condado de Lincoln, en el Edificio de la Corte del Condado de Lincoln, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, en una fecha únicamente, el 17 de diciembre 1996, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Sección 3: Cualquier residente del Distrito que sea votante calificado en el Estado de Nuevo Mexico que desee ser candidato cuyo nombre lo escribirán los votantes para el cargo como miembro de la Junta llenara una declaración de intención que quiera ser candidato cuyo nombre lo escribirán los votantes de la boleta, en la Oficina del Escribano del Condado de Lincoln, Edificio de la Corte del Condado de Lincoln, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 31 de diciembre, 1996.

Sección 4: Los cargos para la Junta y la duración de los plazos que seran elegidos en esta elección son como sigue:

No. del Cargo en la Junta	Duración del Plazo
1	2 Años
2	2 Años
3	4 Años
4	4 Años

Sección 5: Los Precintos para la votación para esta elección son los siguientes:

Distrito	Elección Electoral General	Núm. del Precinto
1	1, 2A, 2B, 3, 13, 9D	

Sitios De Votación, Conferencia room Carrizozo Schools, 800 D. Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico

Sección 6: Los centros electorales para dicha elección estarán abiertos de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. el día de la elección.

Sección 7: El votante calificado es una persona del Distrito si el o ella es ciudadano (a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad el día de la Elección y es residente del Distrito el día de la Elección. Para votar, los electores calificados del Distrito deben previamente haberse registrado en la Oficina del Escribano ya sea del Condado de Lincoln o de Socorro, de acuerdo a la ley. Todo votante calificado del Distrito que no este registrado ahora y que desee votar en dicha Elección debe registrarse durante las horas hábiles, en la oficina del Escribano del Condado de Lincoln en el Edificio de la Corte del Condado de Lincoln, en Carrizozo, N.M. o en la Oficina del Escribano del Condado de Socorro en el Edificio de la Corte del Condado de Socorro, en Socorro, N.M. depende del condado donde reside dicho votante o en la oficina de cualquier oficial auxiliar del registro nombrado por los Escribanos del Condado de Lincoln o de Socorro inclusive secretario municipales de todas las municipalidades en los Condados de Lincoln o de Socorro, antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 7 de enero 1997.

Sección 8: La votación en ausencia se permitira en la forma que autoriza 1-6-1 et seq. de las Leyes de Nuevo Mexico, Recopilación del 1978; siempre que, según la Sección 1-22-19 de las Leyes de Nuevo Mexico, Recopilación del 1978, los votantes calificados tambien podran votar en ausencia, personalmente en la oficina del Escribano del Condado de Lincoln, durante las horas y dias hábiles desde las 8:00 a.m. el 10 de enero 1997, que en el vigesimo quinto día antes de la Elección, hasta las 5:00 p.m. el 31 de

enero, 1997, que es el viernes inmediatamente antes de la Elección.

Sección 9: La votación se llevara a cabo por maquina de votar salvo la votación en ausencia que se llevara a cabo usando boletas de papel. Por lo menos una maquina de votar se usara en el centro electoral para cada Distrito Electoral.

Sección 10: Esta Resolución y Proclamación se presentara al Escribano del Condado de Lincoln en o antes del 27 de noviembre 1996, y se publicara en forma de Proclamación en inglés y en español entre las fechas del 29 de noviembre 1996 y el 18 de diciembre 1996, en el "Lincoln County News," que tiene circulación general dentro del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Carrizozo.

Atestación:
 Por: // Patricia Vega
 Secretaria,
 de la Junta
 de Educación
 del Distrito
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PUBLIC NOTICE

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
 AGENCIES:
 U.S. Army-White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), New Mexico

Department of Defense - Field Command, Defense Special Weapons Agency (FCDSWA), Test Directorate, Albuquerque, NM

PROJECT INFORMATION BACKGROUND

The FCDSWA assessed the potential environmental effects of the DIPOLE SAMSON Project at WSMR. FCDSWA did consider a "no-action" alternative. FCDSWA performed the assessment according to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations that implement parts of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1500-1505) and Department of Defense Directive 6050.1.

DIPOLE SAMSON will provide important information about performance of penetrating weapons into a granite rock formation. The information will enhance the design of future penetrating weapons and computer modeling of current weapons' designs. DIPOLE SAMSON will last three to five years.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

FCDSWA proposes to conduct DIPOLE SAMSON at WSMR. The proposed action is to perform research on the behavior and performance of penetrating weapons fired into a known geologic formation of granite. The project includes the general phases of site characterization and penetrator testing. Site characterization includes seismic studies, borehole drilling and investigation. Penetrator testing involves firing inactive full-scale of 1/3-scale bombs into granite at various speeds and angles. Penetrators would be propelled by ground-based guns or air drops from military aircraft. Testing would occur in a 200-meter by 300-meter (14.6 acre) area about 2.1 miles NNW of Capitol peak on WSMR. DIPOLE SAMSON includes approximately 30 separate penetrator tests.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

FCDSWA considered several alternative test sites and the "no-action" alternative. The alternative sites did not meet the purpose and need for agency action nor provide any environmental advantages. The only alternative given detailed analysis was the no-action alternative. Under the no-action alternative, DIPOLE SAMSON site characterization and penetrator testing would not occur.

ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

FCDSWA evaluated 11 environmental issues to determine the potential

(SEE PAGE 10)

LEGALS

bars upon seven (7) days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone.

a) The Roswell Daily Record will be notified by telephone.

3.) Emergency meetings of the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the Board of Supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon four (4) hours notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone.

4.) Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA 1978, the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection E or the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any

Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA, such closure: (1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the vote of a closed meeting. The vote on a closed meeting shall be taken in an open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting;

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G.W. SHANKS, Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Chaves Soil & Water Conservation District.

Dated: Dec. 4, 1996

This resolution passed upon motion by LeRoy Lang and seconded by Bill Bonham with vote as follows:
 G.W. Shanks yes
 Tony Treat yes
 Jim Richardson yes
 W.E. (Bill) Bonham yes
 W.J. (Bill) Ball absent
 Mark Marley absent

ATTEST:
JOY WAGNER, District Clerk
 Dec. 4, 1996

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RESOLUTION #1-1997 UPPER HONDO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (Sections 10-15-1) through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all

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WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Upper Hondo SWCD on this 6th day of December, 1996, that:

1.) Regular meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD shall ordinarily be held each month at 4:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the District and Natural Resources Conservation Service Office. A proposed agenda will be available from the District Administrative Assistant, whose office is located on Hwy. 390 West (Forest Service Complex), Capitan, NM. Notice of regular meetings will be given seven days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing. Notice of regular meetings will be released seven days before each regular meeting to the Roswell

and Lincoln County News. 2.) Special meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon seven days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meeting in writing will be notified by telephone. The Lincoln County News will be notified by telephone. 3.) Emergency meetings of the district are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the Board of Supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three hours notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. Notice of emergency meetings will be posted at the district office, at the Post Office in Capitan, at Ruidoso State Bank in Capitan, the Post Office at Ruidoso, and other pertinent places. 4.) Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA 1978, the Upper Hondo SWCD may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection E or the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA, such closure: (1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting. The vote on a closed meeting

shall be taken in open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting; and

(2) if called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the members and to the general public.

Dated: December 5, 1996.

JOHN S. COOPER, Chairman/Board of Supervisors
Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District

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Sheriff's Report

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sustained in a one-vehicle roll-over. State police and Hondo ambulance responded, then requested RALS. The patients were transported to LCMC.

7:39 a.m. an EMT advised of an accident without injuries at Nogal Lake Road and Highway 380. A car was in the ditch, and an unhurt man was walking away. A deputy responded to keep the individual from leaving while state police were notified.

12:16 p.m. a caller reported a broken car window at a location on Highway 70. A deputy responded.

3:46 p.m. a caller requested a deputy to keep the peace at a location in Hondo. The woman requested the deputy to assist while she could get her son and her personal items. At 5:28 p.m. the deputy advised that the man has two

automatic rifles and a pistol and was extremely dangerous, and he had his two small children with him. "Do not send one deputy if you have any problems there," one of the two responding deputies advised.

6:43 p.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence in the Hondo area to transfer a patient to Roswell. Hondo ambulance responded.

8:10 p.m. a caller requested a welfare check of a subject at mile marker 13 on Highway 48. The subject had a health problem and the caller was unable to reach the subject by phone. The responding deputy advised the subject had changed his number due to harassing calls, and the man was okay.

9:23 p.m. a possible drunken driver was reported north bound on Highway 54.

Carrizozo police responded.

December 7:
2:04 a.m. a cell phone caller advised that as she started to pass a vehicle on Highway 285 south of Vaughn, the driver of the vehicle stopped and jumped out of the vehicle and was very hostile. The caller was very uneasy with the subject, and was keeping her distance from the other vehicle. Chaves County Sheriff's Office was advised.

3:36 a.m. a 911 caller reported a possible prowler at a location on High Mesa Drive in Alto. State police responded but made no contact with a prowler.

6:50 a.m. a caller reported hitting a deer on Gavilan Canyon Road. New Mexico Game and Fish officer was advised.

8:55 a.m. criminal trespass and criminal damage was

reported in Lincoln. A deputy responded.

9:34 a.m. a caller reported a theft of a headache rack and grill guard from in front of a welding shop in the Angus Hill area. A deputy responded.

10 a.m. a caller reported a stolen license plate from a vehicle at a location between Nogal and Ruidoso. A deputy responded.

1:51 p.m. a caller requested an officer to help him retrieve some property at a location in Capitan. He wanted a dog returned to him, or if he can go and pick it up. Capitan police responded and advised the subject at the house would not give up the dog, or any other property until after Monday when the caller went to court.

2:19 p.m. a gas skip was reported at a convenience store in Capitan. A man and woman and child in a red truck left without paying for \$5 of gas. Capitan police were notified, but a deputy responded because the officer was busy with another call.

2:26 p.m. a 911 caller reported a possible forest fire in the White Oaks area. Forest Service was notified, but later advised the report was unfounded.

3:24 p.m. a caller requested animal control on 3rd Street in Carrizozo for four dogs in her yard. Carrizozo police responded and located three dogs.

4:01 p.m. Carrizozo police requested a wrecker at mile marker 40 on Highway 380 for a broken down vehicle. A wrecker responded.

4:57 p.m. Otero County Sheriff's Office reported a female walking down Highway 54 southbound and requested an officer make a welfare check because the woman had no jacket and she had with her a small dog. A deputy responded and went all the way to the county line but found no person walking. He did find the vehicle. Otero

County was advised.

6:07 p.m. Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB) reported a suspicious vehicle at Fort Stanton. The camp requested officers be on the look out for a red sports car that had gone into CSB/Fort Stanton then left at a high rate of speed, then was later seen in Capitan. State police and Capitan police were notified but no one could find the vehicle.

9:14 p.m. a caller reported a domestic violence at a location near Carrizozo. A 22 rifle was involved. Carrizozo police and two deputies responded, but the subjects filed no charges. The woman was okay and she was staying at her brother's house in town.

10:23 p.m. a caller make a noise complaint at a location off Highway 70. The neighbors were playing the radio loud and the caller was hearing it across the highway. A deputy responded.

10:58 p.m. a 911 caller reported a traffic offense at the country club in Carrizozo. A subject tried to run the calling party off the road. Two deputies responded but made no contact with the vehicle reported.

December 8:
1:29 a.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic violence at a location on Highway 246. A deputy was paged and he advised that state police would handle the situation. At 2:27 a.m. the officers were cancelled at the caller's request because her husband and children were asleep and

all was okay for the time being.

2 a.m. a caller reported a possible drunken driver west bound on Highway 70. Roswell police were notified.

5:53 a.m. Capitan police advised of a one vehicle accident roll-over at mile marker 306 on Highway 70.

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effects of the proposed action and provide a basis for assessing potential impacts. The 11 areas of environmental consideration are: land use, air quality, biological resources, cultural (archaeological) resources, hazardous materials and wastes, health and safety, utilities, noise, visual impacts, socioeconomic, and water resources. Of these, biological (archaeological) resources, and air quality have the greatest potential for impact.

Assessing biological resources, a pre-test survey for threatened or endangered species found no threatened or endangered species in the test area. The proposed action would involve disturbance of vegetation during site characterization and penetrator recovery. Because the proposed action includes complete site reclamation with

native vegetation, FCDSWA expects no impacts to biological resources.

Cultural and/or archaeological resources found during pre-test survey(s) would either be avoided or removed for curation. All ground disturbances would be confined to the 200-meter by 300-meter test site and the recovery site of the test gun's reaction mass. Penetrator and reaction mass recovery teams would keep off-road travel to a minimum.

Minor particulate (dust) emissions may result from both site characterization and penetrator testing. Because of the remoteness of the site and the sporadic nature of the test activities, FCDSWA expects no measurable impacts to air quality.

BASIS FOR FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The overall evaluation of

the areas of environmental consideration for potential significant impacts showed that no significant impacts would occur from implementing DIPOLE SAMSON.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:
January 9, 1997.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR FUTURE INFORMATION AND RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

An Environmental Assessment that supports a "Finding of No Significant Impact" is available for public review at the following locations: WSMR Environmental Office, Building T-150; WSMR Visitor Center (Public Affairs), Building 122, WSMR; and at the following public libraries: Alamogordo Public Library in Alamogordo, NM; Belen Public Library, Belen, NM; Carrizozo Municipal

Schools Library, Carrizozo, NM; Hatch Public Library, Hatch, NM; Branigan Memorial Library, Las Cruces, NM; Ruidoso Public Library, Ruidoso, NM; Socorro Public Library, Socorro, NM; and the Truth or Consequences Public Library, Truth or Consequences, NM.

All comments are invited for consideration by the Commander, WSMR, within 30 days of this notice. Address all correspondence in reference to this notice to:

Commander,
U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range
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