

# Different Views About Creating New County

by Doris Cherry

Elected officials, candidates for offices and board appointees in Lincoln County think the county should be kept intact, and everyone should work together to solve their problems.

Last week, Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson during the Ruidoso Council meeting discussed the idea of creating a new county because he thought Ruidoso does not receive enough representation from the Lincoln County Com-

mission. Donaldson's idea was to create a new county that would include all of the municipalities of Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, the unincorporated communities in the Alto area, all properties south of Bonito River, including Ranches de Sonterra and old Lincoln town.

Donaldson told *THE*

*NEWS*, "I'm neither a proponent or opponent of the idea. But it is worthy of discussion." Donaldson admitted that another newspaper started the idea of a new county, referring to the situation as the next Lincoln County War, but he did not believe it should be referred to as a "war." Donaldson said he had

heard discussion about a new county for a number of years. Donaldson said former Ruidoso Mayor Lloyd Davis told him the new county idea was tried a lot of years ago but it did not go anywhere.

"Clearly the two areas of the county are growing in different directions," Donaldson continued. "South

of the Bonito River there are urban purchasers of property who are used to a higher level of government service, and government land use protections." Donaldson said he has talked to new property owners who do not want to rely upon deed restrictions to protect their properties, rather they want government


zoning. "North of the Bonito river is sort of opposite. People there don't seem to mind having something commercial next to residential."

"We have some real differences on how we view where our communities are going," Donaldson added.

"Realistically, the north and south areas of the county might make better neighbors than family members,"

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## Early Absentee Voting Will Begin Oct. 14

Early absentee voting, that allows the voter to cast an absentee ballot immediately after making application, begins October 14 in the Lincoln County Clerk's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Voters who elect to do this type of voting will feed their completed early absentee ballot into an electronic counting machine any time from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The last day to early absentee vote in person is Saturday, October 31.

The early voting satellite poll in Ruidoso Convention Center opens October 19, with hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and also continues through Saturday, October 31.

Absentee ballots can be mailed or hand delivered to the county clerk's office until 7 p.m. on Election 3.

Voters must request absentee ballots by completing the absentee ballot request form available at the clerk's office.

As of late Wednesday, the clerk's office had received 780 request forms for absentee ballots. The large number is due to a state wide mailing of absentee ballot request forms to registered Republican voters from the state Republican Party.



**DECLARATION OF APPRECIATION.** Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson reads a declaration of appreciation to outgoing Lincoln County Medical Center administrator Valerie Miller during a recent Ruidoso Village Council meeting.

## New County Manager Began Work Monday

by Doris Cherry

Thomas F. Stewart moved into the vacant Lincoln County Manager's office on Monday.

Lincoln County Commissioners selected Stewart as the best and most qualified of the finalists for the Lincoln county manager's job following a closed session meeting held September 30.

Stewart was Chief of the Coordinated Military Operations in Western Hemisphere Operations for the Joint

Chiefs of Staff of the U.S. Pentagon in Washington D.C. since 1997. In his resume he listed his reason for leaving the position with the Pentagon as a transition out of the military.

Stewart summarized himself as a "seasoned executive with over 26 years of experience in planning, implementing and managing effective systems for mission accomplishment." He directed organizations of up to 1,800 men and women. He is skilled in

building high performance teams. He has exceptional analytical expertise and proven ability to implement effective and cost-effective solutions. He is educated in Total Quality Management and has excellent verbal and written communication skills. He is computer literate.

Stewart obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from New Mexico State University in secondary education. He went on to the Naval War College where he earned a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

From 1995 to 1997 Stewart was Brigade Commander of the 17th Aviation Brigade of the 8th U.S. Army in Seoul, Korea. During that time he was commander over 1,800 personnel, 133 aircraft and more than 300 vehicles. He managed a budget of \$54 million and was responsible for conducting operations in support of U.S., Korean and U.N. forces. During his time there were no aircraft accidents and the organization was selected as the safest aviation brigade in the U.S. Army.

Stewart was commander of an aviation attack battalion of 300 personnel and 35 aircraft during Desert Storm in Iraq, receiving the Valorous Unit Award for his actions.

His executive management experience includes management of a career development

## County Commissioners Meet Oct. 16 In Ruidoso

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, October 16, in the Ruidoso Village Council chambers in the Ruidoso village administration building on Cree Meadows Drive.

At 1 p.m. commissioners will hold public hearings on revisions to the Solid Waste and litter ordinance and assessment of solid waste fees; revision of the Lodgers Tax Ordinance to raise the amount of tax collected on lodging in the county, and road front footage fees.

Items on the tentative agenda include the following:

Consent agenda of approval of four sets of commission meetings minutes; payroll and accounts payable; treasurer's report of August 31.

Regular agenda items include approval to make request for proposals to election monitors; certification of substantial completion of restrooms at Lincoln County Greco Rural Events Center (GREC).

Capitan Mayor Norman Renfro will be at the meeting to make request for a county match of \$10,000 for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) the village of Capitan plans to apply for to construct a new public safety

building to house the police and fire departments and the county ambulance.

The new Lincoln County manager will be introduced.

Two resolutions dealing with mileage and per diem will be revised with one to designate the commissioners' point of duty from which mileage will be determined and the other to define how much per diem is to be paid and how.

Other items include a contract with the Village of Ruidoso to house and care for village prisoners; renewal of the Bowlin billboard ad with Lodgers Tax committee chairman Paul Crown to present the information; a resolution to adopt the county's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP); review and accept the grant agreement for the Drug Task Force.

Commissioners have also requested a report from the Lincoln County Fair Association board about their plans to use the \$100,000 special legislative grant for improvements at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

Discussion will be held on the future of the GREC and plans for the \$25,000 state legislative appropriation for

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## County To Apply For Safe House As CDBG Project

by Doris Cherry

Provided Lincoln County can close out its books on the last Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project, the Carrizozo Health Clinic, it will apply for another grant to construct a safe house for displaced individuals and abused children.

Following a CDBG public hearing held close to the end of the Lincoln County Commission meeting Friday, September 11, commissioners chose the safe house as the CDBG project. Josie Jaramillo, from KIDS, Inc. of Alamogordo, spoke of the safe house operated in Alamogordo that serves both Otero and Lincoln County to provide a safe place for forensic inter-

views with children who report sex abuse. Jaramillo said currently her non-profit company does not have a house, rather only an office, and they are seeking a house to buy.

County commissioner Monroy Montes said he received a letter requesting the county consider a "safe house" for displaced people as their next CDBG project. Montes said he did not care where it was located, as long as it was run by a non-profit group. Montes suggested the county apply for a CDBG for a safe house then make request for proposals for a private enterprise to take care of the facility.

County chairman Ray

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**TAX SALE BIDDERS** listen intently as Lincoln County properties with three year delinquent taxes are sold Tuesday in the Lincoln County Commissioners chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park said the sale was successful, bringing \$41,710 for 25 properties. There were 18 no-bids on the 43 properties offered. NM Property Tax Division representatives Norbert Torrez and Russell Harrison conducted the sale. When properties are sold, the state returns the delinquent taxes to the county, keeps a portion to pay for advertising the sale and any amount over the taxes due goes to the original property owner. The 18 properties not sold will go into next year's delinquent property tax sale.

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Donaldson continued. "This is not a Lincoln County war, it is the economies that are different."

Donaldson said everyone needs to ask if this is something positive for everybody. "If it is not in the best interest of everyone there will be no discussion and everyone can put it aside and work on the needs," he said.

In collecting data about property taxes, Donaldson said he has found that the Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Alto area contributes about 76 percent of the taxes paid into the county, yet those communities get nothing or very little back. Donaldson said he

found that property owners in the municipalities often double pay, when those who live outside the county pay nothing at all. Donaldson said he plans to attend the October 16 Lincoln County Commission meeting in Ruidoso to address the Extra Territorial Zoning issue and the financing for the new county jail.

The commission's vote on the new county jail is still an issue for Donaldson. He said the county commission should have held another public hearing after the Rampar report was issued to give Ruidoso and the citizens time to review the report and come back with offers and recom-

mendations. "It's the process I have a problem with, not necessarily their decisions," Donaldson said about the commission voting 4-1 to site the new jail in Carrizozo.

Elected officials, candidates and citizens in Lincoln County have differing views about the creation of a new county. Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst said he doesn't think there is a need for a new county. "Personally I don't like the idea," he said. Hayhurst said people have been calling him not liking Donaldson's idea. Hayhurst said he did not really believe the concept will "go anywhere." As for Ruidoso's wanting to combine dispatch and communications and detention with Ruidoso Downs, Hayhurst said that has been tried before and has always failed.

"I don't want it (a new county) to happen," Hayhurst continued. "But right now I'm not concerned." He said it will be at least two years before a new county idea could come to the people. "On splitting the county, Ruidoso has already split from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority," Hayhurst added.

Ruidoso Downs village trustees did not talk about the new county idea at their last village meeting on October 5. But Ruidoso Downs Trustee Ray Hayhurst told *THE NEWS* he is satisfied with "what we've got. I am against it (creating a new county)." However everything depends on how much Ruidoso pushes its idea, he added.

Ruidoso Downs Trustee Jackie Branum told *THE NEWS* that she did not think there needs to be a new county. "It would benefit Ruidoso, but not benefit Ruidoso Downs, Alto, Hondo or the

other small communities," she added. "If there is a new county there would be a duplication of all the jobs at the top. Without Ruidoso the small communities will be penalized and I don't think it would be quite fair." Branum concluded, "I do feel there is a need for dialogue between the county and the municipalities."

Ruidoso Downs Trustee Judy Miller could not be reached for comment and trustee Margie Morales did not return *THE NEWS* call.

Lincoln County District 2 Commissioner L. Ray Nunley said he is "negative" about the idea of a new county. "I am not for splitting Lincoln County. The county has a lot of heritage and history, and lot to be proud of." Nunley said he has tried to go to all the communities of the county to understand their needs. "Each has its own personality, and I've tried to understand them," Nunley said. He also said the county has contributed to Ruidoso, by setting aside \$20,000 for the library this year, and about two years ago provided about \$80,000 in-kind work on the road and ball fields at White Mountain sports complex.

Commission District 2 candidate Charles Rennie said he thought the discussion about creating a new county "has arisen because of the failure of the Lincoln County Commission to heed the needs and the input of the people in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Alto, and the outlying areas. (Those areas) pay up to 75 percent of the revenue for the county and we receive nothing in return," Rennie said. "If the county does not attend to the concerns of this area, it may well be time to look into forming a new county."

Lincoln County District 3 Commissioner Wilton Howell, who is not running for office this election, said he thought the idea merits discussion. "I would like to think this is something the people are promoting," Howell said. "Rather than a group of politicians who are mad at each other."

"Maybe something good will come out of the discussion, like surveying the needs of the county and where the money comes from and where it will be spent," Howell added. "We need to talk to solve the problem, rather than splitting the county."

"Why we are having problems is because the county is so diverse. The terrain is so different, not like Lea County where it is all the same. We have differing groups like ranchers who want to be left alone and who probably don't want services, then we have people in subdivisions who want all the services," Howell continued. He said he thought subdivisions were draining taxes paid by property owners in the municipalities and tax money that could be spent on rural ranch roads.

Lincoln County District 4 Commissioner Bill Schwettmann, whose district includes many parts of the area Donaldson suggested be part of the new county, thinks the proposal is "upsetting." "Alto would not be in favor of it," Schwettmann said. However, he wishes everyone would "play it down." Schwettmann said if Ruidoso did split away, he is concerned of what will happen to the miles of county roads. "I don't think they thought of all the implications," Schwettmann continued. "I think we should keep the county intact."

Commission District 4 candidate Robert Goddard said, "The idea of splitting up the county verges on the absurd." Goddard is concerned that only 48 percent of voters in just Ruidoso could pass an election to create a new coun-

ty. "The control of a new county would be in the hands of Ruidoso," Goddard added. Goddard said the county needs to figure a way to return some of the revenues collected above the cost of basic county operations, to help those communities with their expenses. "People need to ask themselves, 'is this good for us?'" Goddard said.

Commission District 5 candidate Rick Simpson laughed when *THE NEWS* asked his opinion about a new county. "I think we have a big, beautiful, diverse county and we should keep it that way," Simpson said. "We've always worked through problems in the past and if we keep in the right spirit we can work through our problems now." Simpson said he hasn't heard his neighbors talk much about Ruidoso's idea, instead most are concerned about their lambs and apples. "All the comments I've heard is they think it's silly."

Commission District 5 candidate Jim McTeigue said he thinks that creation of a new county should be left up to a referendum of all the voters in all of Lincoln County, not just Ruidoso. "If we divide the county what will happen to our property taxes?" McTeigue asked. "Will they be same as now, or will Ruidoso impose taxes as they are in Ruidoso where there are million dollar homes, as compared to our \$25,000 homes." McTeigue said he brought up the issue to several people in district 5. Many were not aware of the idea, but those who were aware are not in favor of becoming part of a new county with Ruidoso. "If Ruidoso wants to be a county, then it should just go to the Ruidoso city limits," McTeigue said. "Another question I have is what will Ruidoso do when it runs out of space, where will it go?"

Lincoln County District 5 Commissioner Monroy Montes was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

In Capitan, Mayor Norman Renfro said the feedback he is getting is it is "not too good of an idea." Renfro said he thinks the county should stay united. "I don't understand what the problem is," Renfro said. "People in the county support Ruidoso, we pay to use their facilities and we pay taxes when we buy there."

Renfro said Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona could not support a courthouse. He also said at least one person he talked to thought any new county should be split off at Gavilan Canyon Road, not Bonito River. Renfro said he talked to several Lincoln residents who don't want any help from Ruidoso and are against the idea. "I don't feel like it would fly," Renfro said. Capitan Trustee Debra Ingle had no opinion about the proposal.

Capitan Trustee John Whitaker said he is against it. "None of us residents could afford our property taxes and

we would have no services," Whitaker said. "As for Ruidoso thinking we don't pay our way," he continued. "Everyone does a lot of business there."

Capitan Trustee Leroy Montes and Benny Coker could not be reached for comment.

Carrizozo Mayor Manuel Hernandez said, "I feel it would be a disaster, and I am totally against it (splitting the county). I don't think the idea will get off the ground." Hernandez said he thought Ruidoso was upset about the new jail issue and at least two county commissioners are "stirring it up."

Hernandez said he is inviting Capitan mayor and trustees and Carrizozo residents to attend the Lincoln County Commission meeting to be held October 16, in Ruidoso Village Hall. Hernandez is concerned that there may be a move to delay or stop progress on the new jail. "Nothing has been pushed on Ruidoso," Hernandez said about Ruidoso's concerns about the DWI program being "pushed" on the village. "I think every mayor should get with the county commission and get our priorities straight about our needs," Hernandez said.

Lincoln Historic Preservation Board chairman John McGrath was more passionate about his opposition. "If Ruidoso decides to go and split the county, under no circumstances should they dare touch Lincoln or anything on Highway 380," McGrath said. "I would lay down on Highway 380 and

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## BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

The rural bookmobile will be in the county next week. The following is a schedule of stops:

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Corona Post Office..... 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Carrizozo Otero Electric..... 4-6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Carrizozo Otero Electric..... 7:30-8:30 a.m.  
Nogal Store..... 9-10 a.m.  
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe..... 10:30-11:30 p.m.  
Fort Stanton..... 12:10-1:40 p.m.  
Hondo Store..... 2-3:00 p.m.  
Lincoln Post Office..... 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
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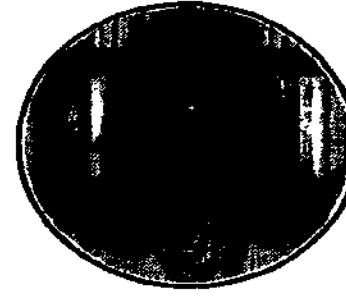
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS**  
 —Writers' Group 7 p.m. Carrizozo Rec Center.

**FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS**  
 —Craig Hipple of the District II Office of the State Engineer will be at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**TUESDAYS**  
 —Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

**THURSDAYS**  
 —Preschool Story Hour, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Carrizozo School Library for children 3 to 5.  
 —Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location. Or e-mail at [www.nogal.com/leasg](http://www.nogal.com/leasg).  
 —Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

**FRIDAYS**  
 —Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-9 p.m. Capitan Senior Center 354-4032 for information.

**TODAY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
 —Friends of Smokey special meeting, 12:30 p.m. Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan.  
 —Capitan School Board regular meeting 6 p.m. administration building. agenda includes 1997-98 audit, Football club, architectural update, approval of personnel.  
 —Libertarian Party of Lincoln County 7 p.m. Texas NM Power in Ruidoso.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 & 10**  
 —Carrizozo Arts Festival, 5-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Carrizozo Rec Center.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
 —Capitan Homecoming 1 p.m. Tiger Field.  
 —Carrizozo Volleyball vs. Quemado at home 1 p.m.  
 —Lincoln County Chapter of the NM Private Property Rights Coalition organizational meeting 2 p.m. Texas NM Power Co. Ruidoso. Speaker Maurice McDonald, candidate for land commissioner.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
 —Pastor Appreciation Day, Carrizozo Community Church A/G.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12**  
 —Columbus Day: Carrizozo Town Hall, Lincoln County Courthouse, Ruidoso Village Hall, post offices, banks, Carrizozo and Capitan schools closed. Capitan Village Hall open.  
 —Capitan Village Trustees 6:30 p.m. public hearing to 9 p.m. regular meeting.

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# CORONA NEWS

Three evenings last week, Tuesday thru Thursday Corona had good showers for a total of 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 inches. Canyons ran, and it was cool. Tuesday morning this week there was a skim of ice on the dog's bowl. It was 28 degrees with a light frost.

Mrs. Cotton Heisch of Continental Divide, and Mrs. E.L. Sharp left Monday for Fortales to visit relatives. From there they will "ramble" for a week or two, destination to be decided day by day.

Hannah Gage is reported to be improving from an ear and eye infection.

Bob Cunningham of Denver, visited recently with his three children here.

Karen McDaniel of Roswell, is spending a few days with her mother, Joyce Winchester.

Peggy Bussy Johnson and Floyd Earl Proctor were united in marriage September 6 at the home of his sister, Radna Proctor, in Tatum. Floyd Earl is retired, and they

are making their home in Abernathy, TX. Their five children each should make for some interesting family reunions.

Guests at the Korges birthday party were pleased to see and hear Terrell Wherry and his guitar. He played and sang requests and some of his original compositions.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Yancey and Meggan stopped by for a short time Sunday afternoon. They were on their way home to Roswell from a weekend at the balloon festival. Then Monday the grandparents went to Roswell to get Byron's new glasses and to baby sit with Meggan, a delightful day.

Zack Perkins accompanied by Lori and Shawn came over from Clovis to help his grandfather deliver his steers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenner Jones had plenty of help in getting their cattle delivered. Helping were their daughters and families, the Gibbs and the Fullers. Daughter Christy Everett came from North Pole, Alaska to help with the gathering. She had to leave.

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## Commissioners Meet

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the GREC. A request has been made by W.D. McCutchen to vacate alleyways in the townsites of Nogal.

Commissioners will consider for action the contract for services with Progressive Computers for county PCs. After the public hearings commissioners may consider the lease of space in the county courthouse annex for the magistrate court if the lease agreement is ready.

A professional services agreement will be considered for action with Triadic for data processing in the clerk's office.

Several bids will be considered including a utility vehicle for the sheriff's office; a microfilm and duplication system for the clerk's office; annual mental health counseling contract for the jail; contract with Intralada long distance phone service.

## Different Views On

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block off the end of the valley and no one would get through. A new county idea is a complete disaster."

McGrath said he talked with others in the Lincoln area, including other members of the historic board, who are "110 percent against the idea."

As for commissioners not representing their districts, McGrath said it has been a "battle" for Lincoln to get the county to do things. But Nunley was the only county commissioner that has shown any interest in Lincoln, McGrath added. "Ruidoso is looking at Lincoln as a gold nugget to be plucked," McGrath said.

Former Lincoln County Commissioner, Lincoln County extension agent and long-time Lincoln resident Ralph Dunlap said he is not in favor of being in a county with Ruidoso. He jokingly suggested the county break up according to the school districts, then make Lincoln a county seat again.

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**THOUGHTS**

From the Editor's Desk

**Try talking about it**

By Ruth Hammond

If you plan to go to the Lincoln County Commission meeting in Ruidoso Friday, October 16, plan for a long day. The tentative agenda has several controversial issues to be discussed and/or to be decided. Jail issues will probably be discussed and commissioners may consider the request for proposal for financing, design and construction of the new county detention center. Carrizozo Mayor Manuel Hernandez is inviting everyone to attend the commission meeting in case there is a move to delay or stop progress on the new jail project that is supposed to be built in Carrizozo next year.

Many people support the decision the commissioners made to build the new jail in Carrizozo. Others object and instead of talking to the commissioners about why they thought the decision was hasty they are considering creating a new county out of a portion of Lincoln County. Maybe they think the commissioners will change their votes about the jail if that is what it will take to keep Ruidoso in Lincoln County instead of in a newly created county that could have the name of Ruita County or Warita County or Texita County.

A reason given for considering creating a new county was that the majority of the taxes are paid by Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Alto areas yet they get very little back. If that reasoning is valid then the portion of the Highway 48 construction in Ruidoso should be paid for by Ruidoso instead of being paid with federal money from people all over the United States. The portion of Highway 48 construction outside Ruidoso which is in Lincoln County would have to be paid by Lincoln County, and as they said Ruidoso pays the majority of taxes to Lincoln County which means Ruidoso would have a tremendous amount to pay for the new Highway 48. Ruidoso will benefit drastically by the Highway 48 improvements but Ruidoso is not paying, other people around the United States are helping pay through federal taxes. Maybe those other people are complaining because they won't receive benefit from Ruidoso's road, but they probably won't suggest creating another county.

Gripping and threatening is not the solution. Getting together with the county commissioners and discussing the situation is the solution. Ruidoso says they get nothing or very little back and yet the county helped build the road to the White Mountain complex ballfields, and when the county road crews were working on the road to the ball fields they weren't working on rural ranch roads.

Included in this year's county budget are several expenditures that benefit mainly Ruidoso: Lincoln County Medical Center \$831,021, Emergency Medical Services now based in Ruidoso \$181,619, and Ruidoso Public Library \$20,000. This means more than \$1 million of the county's budget this year will go to Ruidoso and additional money will go to the Ruidoso area through taxes on purchases, wages paid to Ruidoso residents, in-kind services, etc.

Not all tax money returns to the area where it was paid. Tax money paid to the state pays for state expenses and the majority of that tax money stays in Santa Fe but it doesn't mean we should pull out of the state. Tax money paid to Lincoln County is used to pay county expenses and if you don't agree how the money is spent you should talk to the commissioners about how the money is spent, not pull out of the county, unless you want to call yourselves Texitans.

Eliminating misunderstandings by talking is the best solution and once again we hope the mayors of the municipalities will talk to the county commissioners about their concerns. If you want to hear the discussion, be at the commission meeting Fri., Oct. 16.

*The best solution is talking.*



**Inside The Capitol**

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE** - Be sure you understand Constitutional Amendment #1 before you vote. It may not do what you think it says.

At first glance, the proposition appears to lower your property tax. And maybe it will, but don't get your hopes up. It isn't meant to lower everyone's property tax and you aren't likely to be in the target group.

By now New Mexicans should be accustomed to trick questions. In the 'good old days' constitutional amendments seldom passed, but lawmakers got smart and began sugar-coating them with words like "limiting," which really means raising the limits, or "reform" which in the case of judges meant we're going to let the lawyers pick 'em.

Don't think too badly of our legislators, however. Life has become more sophisticated. You don't believe every advertisement you see. When there is fine print at the bottom of an ad, you may not read it but you quickly understand there's a catch. Ditto with TV announcers who mumble fast at the end of a commercial. Negative political ads pose a challenge to figure out which candidate is twisting the truth the most.

And of course you weren't fooled when good-guys Ed McMahon and Dick Clark sent you that \$100,000 check recently and told you it might be legit. My rule is that regardless of what is written on an envelope to entice me, if the stamp says "bulk rate" it goes in the discard stack immediately.

So trick questions on constitutional amendments shouldn't be difficult. If the amendment says property valuations can't increase more than two percent a year, you understand the question and likely jump for joy. But if the amendment gives the Legislature permission to decide the amount of the fin-tit, the people to whom it will apply, and includes conditions and exceptions, warning bells should go off.

This amendment proposal is intended to solve a problem in areas where rich transplants dramatically raise property values causing longtime residents difficulty paying their property tax bills. Rep. Ben Lujan of Santa Fe County, where much of the problem occurs, has been trying for years to provide relief but keeps running up against New Mexico's constitution, which delineates tax policy rather than statutes.

So Lujan must get constitutional permission to write statutes that will hold down increases in property valuation for long-time home owners who are poor and elderly. Since Lujan's target population is small, he will have to broaden the category to round up enough votes to get a bill through the Legislature, should this constitutional amendment pass - which I'm

sure it will because you guys seldom listen to me when I tell you not to run with sharp sticks.

That means Lujan will propose that all parts of the state experiencing big increases in property valuation will be included. The definition of elderly will be expanded to include anyone with an AARP card. And income eligibility will rise to somewhere in the moderate range.

Beginning to sound better isn't it? But as the number of people increases, public revenue decreases. Most property tax goes to cities and counties, many of which already are talking poor. And what about those of you concerned about privacy? Who will know about your age and income?

And what about fairness? What income counts and what doesn't? Should our kids, who are first-time home buyers, bear a bigger share of property tax burden than others? If you move, should you pay higher property taxes than your neighbor? Will other taxes be increased to compensate for some people paying lower property taxes?

Many who are hurt most by property value increases are the great-grandchildren of Hispanic landowners who lost their property because of legislation intended to swindle them. These people feel a tie to their remaining property and don't want to move. There is reason for Lujan's legislation, but there may be better paths to tax relief.

all money claimed. On travel vouchers, the purpose of the travel, date and hour of departure and return must be listed. However in most cases with the commissioners, this had not been adhered to. In most cases, commissioners did not adhere to the rule for travel advances which require a full proposed itinerary.

There were several exceptions in the requirement that travel vouchers be certified as true and correct by the person requesting the per diem, mileage or expenses. There were several exceptions to the requirement that travel vouchers be approved for payment by an officer or employee of the state agency or local public body. There were few cases where documentation was attached to the voucher to support the requests. The policies also require that a copy of the travel voucher be furnished to the appropriate authorities if a public officer or employee has been reimbursed an aggregate of more than \$1,500 during the fiscal year in progress. "Since county expenditures are approved after the expenditure has been made, this has not been adhered to," Park found.

For mileage, policy requires that mileage be reimbursed on distances shown on official Rand McNally road maps, unless actual odometer readings are kept. "Only one commissioner has ever shown odometer readings," Park found.

Additionally Park found that in one case, two trips were claimed twice. A correction was made, about six months later. It also appears that calculations were not verified before payment was made. There were three overpayments and two underpayments. One underpayment was for more than \$200 and one was for \$75.

There were at least five occasions where deductions were made from the line and should have been made out of another line. On one occasion, the date on the warrant is before the request was submitted and signed and before the trip was taken. It was not an 80 percent advance per diem payment as allowed, it was for the full amount, Park wrote.

She also notes that there is a discrepancy with the county policy and the DFA rules in the amount of mileage that can be claimed. DFA rule states that for per diem purposes, official business must be at least 35 miles from the designated post of duty. The county policy states 15 miles from the designated post of duty. According to DFA rules, numerous mileage amounts were paid that are exceptions.

Park included a list of per diem usage per commissioner. In the period of July 1997 to July 1998, it shows that commissioner Wilton Howell had no per diem payments; Monroy Montes had \$1,089.50 in two per diem payments and one underpayment; Ray Nunley had \$2,365.54 in six per diem payments; Bill Schwettmann had \$1,559 in four per diem payments and Rex Wilson had \$1,994.05 in eight per diem payments.

In the period of July 1996 to July 1997, Howell had none; Montes had \$2,044.50 in five payments; Nunley had \$2620.40 in six payments; Schwettmann had \$1,982 in seven payments and Wilson had \$1,819.40 in eight payments.

In the period of July 1995 to July 1996 Howell had none; Montes had \$3,382.25 in nine payments; Nunley had \$838.25 in four payments; Schwettmann had \$1,663.74 in eight payments. Wilson was not on the commission at that time.

In July 1994 to July 1995 Howell had \$977.48 in two payments; Montes had \$4,096.98 in ten payments; Nunley had \$3,243.12 in 10

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**LETTERS to the editor**

**EDITOR:** Two County Commissioners have had their own agenda for quite some time and they are taking the tax payers for a ride down the primrose path.

There have been meetings concerning the locations of the detention center for well over a year with appropriate legal notices in both Lincoln County newspapers for all to see and attend.

Carrizozo's proposal was presented months ago and at an open hearing on July 24, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in Carrizozo we were told to attend the next open hearing July 31, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in Ruidoso where we would learn of other alternatives. I repeat, Ruidoso said "The Village of Ruidoso is ready to negotiate on the sale of some land to the County". We learned nothing more.

Having attended County Commission meetings for a long time I do know another Commissioner representing Ruidoso who has done battle for Ruidoso.

And, when it comes to apologies I believe Commissioner Howell should apologize to all of us in attendance at the meeting on September 17, 1998, for his rude behavior toward another commissioner.

The chairman of the Ad Hoc Jail Committee, on September 17, 1998, thanked the County Commission for allowing public comment at the meetings concerning the location of the proposed detention center.

For everyone's edification, the DWI Program was not shoved at Ruidoso but it was requested by Judge Butts to be administered at Ruidoso.

In closing, let's act like grown ups and put away the childish ways.

**BARBARA J. WARD**  
Carrizozo, New Mexico

**Exceptions Are Found In Commissioner's Travel**

An internal review conducted by the Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park found several exceptions to the county mileage and per diem policy.

Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park sent a memo to the commissioners, county attorney Alan Morel, county manager Martha Guevara, and county finance officer Punkin Schlarb on September 17 about her findings of mileage and per diem transactions by Lincoln County Commissioners.

Park advised that she conducted the "internal audit" to review and evaluate the transactions to determine if they follow rules, laws, policies and procedures. She stated the audit was solely for fact finding purposes, not fault finding. Because she is not a certified public accountant, Park states she does not express an opinion on the specified elements, accounts or items.

The review included examining evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures of the mileage and per diem line items in the commissioners' budget. She reviewed state laws concerning per diem and mileage, Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) regulations concerning the state Per Diem and Mileage act and the Lincoln County resolution .79-73 mileage and per diem policy; commissioners requests for reimbursement from 1994 to the present; budget printouts for 1994 to present and commissioner per diem usage chart as submitted by the finance office.

Based on the county policy,

state law and DFA rule, Park found several exceptions. In travel vouchers she found the county does not always use the correct county forms, one of which is for mileage only and the second for per diem and mileage together. She also found that some expenses were reimbursed with no receipts turned in, even though policy requires travel vouchers for reimbursement of public officers and employees to have receipts attached for

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# Calendar

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## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- Ruidoso Utility Council 9:30 a.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.
- Carrizozo Volleyball vs. Mesalero at home 4 p.m.
- Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m.
- Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.
- Parenting course-"Communicating with Young Children" 7-9 p.m. Ruidoso High School community room. Free.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce noon Northwest Bank.
- Eagle Creek Water Association Board 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
- Carrizozo Lodge #41 AF&AM 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- Lincoln County Commission 9 a.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
- Fiesta de Baille, free enchilada dinner hosted by Democratic candidates, 6 p.m. Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan.

# County To Apply

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Nunley then joked if the safe house could be used by "abused politicians?" County commissioner Wilton Howell said, "we are in that house." Which elicited some humor from the audience at the end of a long and often controversial meeting.

During the final public hearing on the CDBG, two other hearings were held during which Jaramillo requested a grant for the safe house for children's interviews and Lincoln County Fair Association members requested funds for further upgrading the county fair community hall. Montes also suggested the mobile health clinic discussed three years ago but shelved in favor of the new Carrizozo health clinic. South-eastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) director Tony Elias, who conducted the CDBG public hearings, said the mobile clinic was "shot down" last time by Gary Mitchell who said the clinic would stop by the schools.

Elias said such a mobile clinic could qualify under the low-to-moderate-income requirements for CDBG depending on the beneficiaries. But a safe house would qualify because its beneficiaries are considered low to moderate income.

Elias said the county would need to get a determination from the state Department of Finance and Administration (that oversees the CDBG programs) whether such a safe house could have multiple uses for abused children and displaced individuals.

Elias also said that he strongly recommended the commissioners assign someone on the county staff to be a point of contact with the district and go to the CDBG workshops. "So we won't run into the same problems as with the 1996 CDBG," Elias said.

## OBITUARY

### ANTONIO CORTEZ

Funeral service for Antonio Cortez, 50, of Ruidoso was Sept. 3, at the Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna Church in Ruidoso Downs. Officiating was the Rev. Ramon Robledo with burial following at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Cortez died Aug. 28, at his home. He was born June 19, 1948 in Del Rio, TX.

He has no known family but a close friend, Eunice Landrum of Ruidoso.

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

# Exceptions Found

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payments including an underpayment of \$594; Schwettmann had \$2,200.25 in eight payments.

Totals for each commissioner in four fiscal years is \$977.48 for Howell; \$10,573.23 for Montes; \$9,067.31 for Nunley; \$7,405 for Schwettmann and \$3,813.45 for Wilson.

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# CAPITAN NEWS NOTES

by MAUREEN SULLIVAN



**CAPITAN HOMECOMING** queen and king candidates from left are Martin Gonzales, Misty Theford, Andrea Heberling, Raymond Harris. On the front are Amanda Bird and Justin Joiner. Homecoming '98 Queen and King will be crowned during half time of the homecoming game on Saturday, October 10. See Page 8 for more details.

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

Right at this moment I am turned off by all the focus on Washington, D. C. And no end in sight until after the fall election, so these in control, will know which way the political wind is blowing before they are capable of deciding anything for themselves. Hogwash! My own mind gravitates back and forth, first on one side, then the other and at this writing I don't know whether I've been converted, inverted, diverted, perverted, or just plain reverted. And to say I am completely disgusted with both sides would be putting it mildly, so I began sifting through some of my old, old papers to find some bit of something to laugh about and I hit pay dirt.

Read on about Folks who lived through the great depression who are now in the neighborhood of 80, give or

take a few years on both sides of the coin.

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We have lived thru World War II, "The Big One," Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and even had sons in battle in a couple that were so highly secret that (We were NEVER t here.) Oh yeah!

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be?

Your mother's idea of being liberated was to remove her

corset. We thought fast food was what Catholics ate during Lent. Outer space was the back of the local theater. We were before house husbands, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before day care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electronic typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings.

For us time sharing meant togetherness, not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hardware and software was not even a word. More of this next week and if I can still find my pulse, some "back in time" has given you a laugh or at least a chuckle.

And now on with news I have. Thought this missive from David Pasley would be of interest to some of you readers that had the pleasure of knowing him:

"Dear Maureen: Thank you for writing your Capitan Notes again. Several months ago I wrote and received the news each week. The newspaper in general, but especially your column and Ruth's editorial are of special interest to me. Also keeping up with the news of the Library. Since the library has been there, thanks to those volunteers, I do not regret the thousands of dollars I spent on remodeling that building. They are doing a good service for the area, especially with the children. Hope that the fund raising went well for both the library and the Senior Center. I cannot express how much I miss Capitan but since both my wife and my children live out here, here we stay. Maybe some day we can afford a trip to see all, Love, David.

And David we all are so proud of our library

And here is Linda Fox, the director and guiding light for the new library:

The library needs people to work Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2-5:30 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library has reached full public status with the State Library.

And so for another week that is all I have to submit to Ruth, that is unless Louie appears at my door with some of the news from the Senior Center, so will not seal this until I am certain.

So long from my typewriter this beautiful day in October and may God Bless all those who take the time to read my trivia and even those that cannot be bothered.

P.S. My apologies to the lively folks that gave me bits of news at the big picnic in Lincoln. Am behind on some things, but will get a copy to you soon.

## Corona News

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her husband at home to take care of their five boys who are in school. It was a busy time and a fun time.

Ken Fuller is recuperating from last week's cataract surgery.

Mrs. Rogene Alford and Mrs. Ernest Luemas were among five who took a plane Sept. 22 heading for Kansas City, and an International Women's Aglow Conference. It was a wonderful experience for them. They returned Sept. 28. They looked for the no longer existing stock yards and visited the old Union Station which is being renovated for a science museum. This Union Station was at one time second in size only to Grand Central Station in New York City.

Mrs. and Mrs. Tommy Tyree celebrated their "Golden" wedding anniversary on Oct. 3, at their ranch home and were joined by approximately 100 guests. They were married Oct. 2, 1948 in Carrizozo, by Rev. Webb.

A barbeque with all the trimmings was hosted by their children and grandchildren. Mitch and Charlyne Tyree and sons, David and Richard from Eunice, Bill and Nora Tyree from Belen, Casey Tyree from Des Moines. At this special event grandson Casey announced his engagement to Peggy. Grandson Richard announced that he has joined the Army, and will

go in after his graduation in May. The Tyrees also celebrated the birth of their great grandson Kody, whose parents are Kirt and Yvonne Tyree of Eunice. Erick Gallegos, son of Bill and Nora Tyree announced his engagement to Erica Lujan. Much happiness was shared by all those that attended.

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## New County Manager

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program for more than 4,500 U.S. Army aviation officer personnel. He authored Army-wide regulations, internal control checklists, numerous management articles, and local policies for the management of various personnel issues.

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# Capitan School Plans For Future

by Doris Cherry

Capitan School District is planning for the future and has commissioned a Master Plan to assure future growth is done in the best manner possible and to convince the voting public to approve a bond issue to address the district's needs.

Capitan School District is planning to hold a bond issue election on February 2, 1999. Three school board members will also be elected at that time, for positions now held by Beverly Calaway, Freda McSwane and James Hobbs.

Voters in the Capitan school district passed their last bond issue in 1993. The \$1.3 million bond was used to construct the middle school. It will be paid off on July 15, 2002. Currently the school district debt is \$870,000, making the district bonded to 11 percent of its value.

With such a low bonding capacity, the district is not eligible for what is called critical capital outlay from the state of New Mexico. The outlay comes from lottery revenues and is provided to districts that are bonded to 75 percent of their value.

Because of development in the Ranchar de Sonterra (Fort Stanton Mesa area), Alto area, Capitan and county areas around Capitan, properties in the school district are worth about \$6 million more than they were in 1997. Properties in the Capitan School

District have total assessed values of \$126,329,706. With this value, Capitan School District has a 100 percent bonding capacity of \$6.7 billion, and at 75 percent a bonding capacity of about \$5 million.

This November, property owners in Capitan School district will pay 4.116 mills per thousand dollars worth of taxable value of their property toward the district's bonded debt. Taxable value of property is one-third the market value of the property as assessed by the Lincoln County Assessor's office.

As properties in the school district continue to develop and grow in value, district enrollment also continues to increase. Capitan school district has grown a steady three percent per school year in enrollment since 1990.

Classroom space is crowded in the elementary and middle schools and more is needed. The high school has sufficient classroom space for current enrollment, but lacks sufficient specialized spaces such as science labs and art/music rooms. All over the school campus there are such problems as traffic flow for buses, lack of parking, under-utilized playground space, gyms that lack sufficient seating and do not conform to modern standards, an undersized library, the lack of specialized space

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las. Four teams still undefeated, Vikings, Denver, and Jacksonville—Vikings are off this week. Jacksonville will stay undefeated, Denver will get tested in Seattle.

Lots of good matchups this week, so here goes:

### THIS WEEK'S PICKS (In Bold Type)

\* **Buffalo at Indianapolis.** Buffalo handled Steve Young, they should be able to handle a young Manning.

\* **Carolina at Dallas.** Cowboys have new weapon(s), two good running backs, and are playing another winless team plus homefield advantage.

\* **Kansas City at New England.** Probably best game of the week. Chiefs should be favored, but I'll go with home team on this one.

\* **Pittsburg at Cincinnati.** Steeler defense better than Cincinnati's.

\* **San Francisco at New Orleans.** Saints could steal this one, but 49'ers will win close one.

\* **Tennessee at Baltimore.** Unknown Ravens pull out a squeaker at home. Who are these guys?

\* **Washington at Philadelphia.** Eagles will lose homefield advantage due to unruly Philly fans. If Redskins run the ball they can win this one.

\* **Chicago at Arizona.** This is a toss up. Bears seem to have better offense than Cards.

trict game of the season, by the score of 84-39. Ramah jumped out to a quick 24-0 advantage in the first period, before the Grizzlies got their game going and cut the lead to 32-24, before running out of gas in the second half when Ramah returned the opening kickoff for a TD, and turned the game into a rout.

Carrizozo hosts a tough group from Clovia Christian tomorrow (Friday) at Laabs Field. Kickoff set for 7:00 p.m. Jr. High game will get things started on Friday at 8:00 p.m. Grizzlies will travel to Mountainair for a district game on the 17th, followed by the final regular season game on the 23rd with Pine Hill, also a district game, and homecoming for the Grizzlies.

Carrizozo volleyball team will be in Vaughn today (Thursday) for a match set to start at 5:00 p.m., and will be home to host Quemado on Sat., Oct. 10 at 1:00 p.m. Grizzlies will travel to Mesalero on Tues., Oct. 13 for a 4:00 p.m. match, and be back home on Thurs., Oct. 15 to host Mountainair at 4:00 p.m.

### Other area scores:

Ft. Sumner beat Hagerman 20 to 12 for their fifth win of the season; Alamogordo dropped to 2-4, bowing to El Paso Adress 21-14; Reserve dropped Cobre JV 22-8; Animas beat Mesalero 35-0; Clayton beat Texico 40-0; Jal beat Cloudercroft 26-7; Ruidoso keeps winning by beating up on Hobbs 44-8; Tularosa 28-7 over Hatch; Artesia went to 6-0 with an easy 42-12 win over Las Cruces; and Estancia big over S.F. Indian 66-6.

Grizzly volleyball will host Hondo on Friday evening (Oct. 2) starting at 4:00 p.m.; and travel to Vaughn on Thursday, Oct. 8, and follow that up with a game on Sat., Oct. 10 at home against Quemado at 1:00 p.m.

Fifth week in the NFL had a few surprises, including the Minnesota romp over the Packers in Green Bay. Free agency losses and injuries starting to show Packers not as good as they have been the last two seasons. Week off may help them but don't think they can win division and home field advantage this year.

Other stunner of the week was the 49'ers getting man-handled by the lowly Buffalo Bills. Looks like Atlanta is good enough to challenge San Francisco in the NFL West this year. New Orleans will find out how good they are when Ditka and the Saints entertain 49'ers this week. Bears were another spoiler last week when they won their first game of the season over the puzzling Lions, and Oakland squeaked out another victory, this time over the disappointing Cardinals in Phoenix.

So for the week we went 9-3, and stand at 47-21 for the season. Three teams still winless after five weeks, Eagles, Redskins and Carolina Panthers. Eagles and Redskins face each other this week, Carolina travels to Dal-



CAPITAN TIGERS SPIRIT LEADERS from left are Sammi Allen, Cindy Gillispie, Codi Montes and Jesse Wright.

\* **Denver at Seattle.** (Upset of the Week). Seattle's defense can handle Bobby Brister. Go with home team.

\* **New York Jets at St. Louis.** Jets are getting better, Rams aren't.

\* **San Diego at Oakland.** Going with home team, although Raiders are hurting. Low scoring game.

\* **Atlanta at NY Giants.** Falcons still healthy and Giants aren't surprising anyone like last year.

### MONDAY NIGHT

\* **Miami at Jacksonville.** Dolphins won't let Marino throw the ball and don't have running game. Jacksonville can do both.



Carrizozo Grizzly FB team traveled to Ramah Saturday and came out on the short end, in their first dis-

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# Capitan School Plans

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for computer labs, music, arts and vocational classes. And everyone polled agreed they are not happy with the physical environment - the appearance of the school campus.

In order to do a well thought out future growth plan that will help convince the public to approve a bond issue, the school board commissioned a \$20,000 Master

Plan. The intent of the plan is to show where the district's most pressing needs are, make recommendations for construction and bonding needs.

On September 29, the school board held a special meeting to take input about the needs and wants of the district. The meeting was also held to publicize the first draft findings of the \$20,000 master plan. While all parents of children in the school were informed of the meeting, only 43 people

showed up and signed in, many of whom were teachers and school staff. Those who came were given a report on the research done by Gregory Hicks, owner of an architectural and planning firm in Albuquerque. With Hicks was John Petronis, an architectural research consultant also from Albuquerque.

The men gave reports on the past growth and future projected growth of the Capitan School district. They showed that Capitan School district enrollment in grades K-12 has grown from 490 in the 1990-91 school year to 687 in the 1997-98 school year. Hicks attributed some of that enrollment growth to inter-district transfers. This school year about 10 percent of the enrollment is students who live in another school district but go to school in Capitan.

Although asked, the men did not have figures to show how many students who live in Capitan district go to another out of district school. Hicks said Ruidoso does not track such students and did not have any statistics. However, transfers out of the district usually occur in the higher grades and seldom in the lower grades, Petronis said. The school board implemented a policy this year to control enrollment growth. This was necessary because of the new state Open Enrollment law signed by the governor this winter that allows students to attend what ever district they want, provided the district has space.

"Capitan needs a defensible Master Plan so the district can sell to the community the need to bond for projects, and to go to the Critical Capital Outlay committee," Hicks said.

Hicks then told about his meetings with staff in August and with the district's growth task force on the afternoon of September 29. During his visits at the Capitan School he has watched buses drop off and take on students, been in almost every classroom and analyzed the condition of the facilities and the campus site. He also interviewed all principals, food service and maintenance staff, and met with all staff members who talked about their perceptions of the district.

"The district has a wonderful student-teacher ratio," Hicks said. "The district has more classroom space per student than most schools in New Mexico."

Petronis provided figures on growth that showed the district could have as many as 1,098 students by year 2008. Petronis said that high rate was probably unrealistic and he figured the enrollment to be more like 869 by year 2008. However, some at the meeting questioned the figures that Petronis took from census, gas company, village and community water hook-ups and other sources. An audience member suggested Petronis go to the electric company since most new housing, even mobile homes, are hooked into the electric company grid.

Hicks said his next phase of the plan is to define the problems and provide solutions. He said in the afternoon meeting, those who attended wanted to "jump at solutions." However, solutions must weigh needs with cost and affordability.

To help determine how to remedy problems in the school, Hicks and Petronis developed an overall campus site plan, something never done before. Hicks said the major safety issue is vehicles and pedestrians, especially bus drop off on campus and the poorly designed drive through areas.

Other problems were related to student enrollment and poor use of space. Hicks said the football field house is too small with a weight room that is an "accident waiting to happen." A playground west of the administration building is under-utilized while the main elementary playground to the south of the elementary building is too small and a mud puddle when it rains. Also the playground provides no way to segregate the very young elementary students from the older ones.



## Capitan High School Homecoming 1998

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- Capitan Varsity Football vs. Santa Teresa JV, 1:00 P.M., Tiger Field. Homecoming Queen and King will be crowned during halftime ceremonies at the Saturday afternoon game.
- Homecoming Parade, 2:30 p.m. Friday, October 9; parade starts at the school and goes east on Smokey Bear Blvd.
- Capitan Lady Tigers Volleyball vs. Tularosa; (Today) Thursday, Oct. 8, match starts at 4:00 p.m., Cummins Gym.
- Capitan Middle School Homecoming 1998, Thursday, October 15; Capitan Middle School Tigers vs. Cloudcroft Bears, 4:30 p.m., Tiger Field.
- Capitan 7th & 8th Volleyball vs. Ruidoso, October 8, 4:00 p.m., Traylor Gym.
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# Carrizozo School Gets Good Report

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo School District got good reviews from the New Mexico State Department of Education Accreditation Team.

The team visited the district the week of September 21-24 and observed teachers and students in their classrooms, interviewed staff, parents, students and community members during a community meeting. They also looked at the facilities and how the district kept its records.

During the team's exit meeting on Thursday, September 24, only two citations were given - for poor venting and lighting systems in the metal shop. Some areas of noncompliance were also discussed. Mostly, the team members spoke about the strengths in the school district. All specific areas of noncompliance and strengths will be listed in the formal accreditation report that will be completed in about 45 days.

Team member Dan Ware was impressed by the school's neat and clean and well-maintained appearance. He was impressed that the students told him how much they like each other and how they appreciated the principal who is "powerful, strong and enforces the rules fairly." Ware also liked how all students who want can play sports and not get cut from the team just because they are not the best players.

One thing Ware found out from students was their desire to be able to take college courses while in high school.

"We enjoyed our visit very much," Ware said.

The team was impressed with the community support for the district. Team leader Syd Gould said he thought the children are very fortunate for the community involvement to their best interest. "If I were a youngster this is the kind of school I would opt to be a part of," Gould said. He added that

the school had a "kind, loving, environment."

Gould also said the school board's choice of a superintendent was "extraordinary."

In their individual reports, Gould, who looked at special education programs, spoke about the strengths. He said the district has a good working relationship with the Region 9 Cooperative Education Center. He said the school board and district are committed to the Educational Plan for Student Success (EPSS) process for all students and he said there is good community support with the Child Find program.

Gould also found that parents and members of the community see more pride and have more willingness to work with teachers and new ideas. He found people saying "our pride is up."

Carrizozo district has addressed citations and problems found at the last accreditation visit three years ago, Gould continued. However he found some areas of noncompliance in the special education programs. The first was that the district does not use inclusion for special education students, instead special education children are separated for special classes. "The pull-out program here will be changed," Gould said. "Inclusion is needed."

Lena Trujillo-Chavez spoke about the management area of the district including certification of staff, appropriateness of training, health, facilities, compliance of the school board to the Open Meetings Act, staff accountability and staff patterns and class loads. She also began with strengths. She found all school records, including minutes of board meetings for three years, very well maintained and easy to review. She commended the board for its adoption of the Open Meetings Act resolution in a timely annual manner. She also found board meeting agendas developed and followed.

Evaluation of staff is being done, Chavez continued.

As for the facilities she found them extremely well maintained especially for the age of the buildings and she commended the district for its commitment to upgrading its facilities.

Chavez found the district encourages active community involvement with the educational process.

As for management of special education she said the district has addressed all areas of noncompliance found at the last accreditation visit. As for the EPSS, she found that the district personnel and staff members, community and students were aware of the district two focus areas. However, the district professional development process did not reflect how it linked to the district goals. She recommended the EPSS be a standard school board meeting agenda item to ensure proper progress.

Her areas of noncompliance dealt with the lack of certification for some staff, staff accountability plans and certified school administrators and staff patterns and class loads. She did not specify these problems.

Carol Brown who reviewed curriculum also began with strengths. She found all staff committed to the curriculum alignment process. She found use of technology in all content areas. Brown complimented the district for its K-12 "lovely music program, a rare and wonderful thing to have in a district this size."

She said the district has a drug/health and foreign language requirements for graduation credit. Brown found it a "plus that students do not get credit for being student aides." The last strength she

in the state, because of the meats lab, school farm, green house, and metal and wood shops," Ware said.

Ware was impressed with the safety during lab work in the meats and metal shop. The FFA chapter is active and students will be participating in the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November in the dairy judging competition. Carrizozo students are always strong in their FFA competitions. Ware found that in the student interviews what they like about FFA is they could compete with all the big schools and still beat

them. Ware was real pleased with the Ag program and found some major improvements in the last three or four months. He said he appreciated working with the school board members some of whom had made phone calls to his office in the last six months. "I appreciate them listening to some of my recommendations," he said. "In the past it was not always that way."

Ware said a student mentioned the "glory days" but Ware said he thought the

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## Capitan School Plans

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The elementary buildings are crowded, and the cafeteria that serves K-12 is too small. Cummins Gym is too small for the crowds that attend sports events and the bathrooms are inadequate and do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) codes.

In all schools, maintenance needs are directly related to the age of the mechanical systems such as heating. The elementary heating systems were poorly designed and "antique" and in the high school the heating units are "at maturity," Hicks said.

Petronis said the next step in the master plan is to look at the characteristics of the school, alternative solutions and the cost. Parents and staff said there is more need for defined program spaces, such as a vocational/technical facility, arts building, and a computer lab in the high school with computer capabilities as there are now in the library.

High school principal Darrell Stierwalt said the high school would like to offer more programs, but it does not have the space or the teachers. "We have a lot of needs," Stierwalt said. "But how do we meet the needs of our students in year 2000 and on?"

Hicks asked if the district expanded and/or improved its facilities if it would attract more teachers.

School superintendent Diana Billingsley said the biggest attraction for more and better teachers is better salaries, then better facilities. But

with its current space, the school cannot grow.

Retired Capitan teacher Lois Aldrich said if the district holds a bond election, it must communicate with the senior citizens and retirees. "They (retirees) have got to get the idea they must give back to the community," Aldrich said. She suggested that before adding a new course, there should be enough students who want it. "I think we have the best school in the county," Aldrich said. "And one of the best in the state."

E.J. Fouratt, a member of the planning task force, asked where all the parents were that night. "We have a lot of convincing to do," Fouratt said.

School board president Beverly Calaway said the timing is crucial because interest rates are now low, and because tax rates on property in the village of Capitan dropped 38 percent. "This is a real critical time for Capitan School to present a bond issue to the public and make them realize the children are the number one priority," Calaway said.

Hicks and Petronis are scheduled to present another report to the Capitan School Board at its October meeting. The board must pass a bond issue resolution by November 5 in order to hold the bond election on February 2, 1999. Calaway said the board will hold a special meeting the week before November 5 to review the Master Plan recommendations.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on October 20, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., at the east entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all right, title and interest of the above named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 7, Block 1, RUIDOSO DOWNS HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, being a subdivision in the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 29, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., as delineated upon the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, March 26, 1997/57, in Tube 151.

The address of the real Property is 123 Heights Drive, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on August 25, 1998, 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 \$82,715.52, plus interest from May 15, 1993, to the date of sale at the rate of 8.5% per annum, costs of sale, including a 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 sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to a later date and time as he 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, recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at sale shall take title to the real Property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated September 11, 1998

ELIZABETH LUERAS FOR  
Nick Vega  
P.O. Box 383  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
(505) 648-2463

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

No. CV-98-152  
Div. III

SIERRA BANK, a New Mexico  
banking corporation,  
Plaintiff,

GARY EUGENE HICKEY and  
JANE H. HICKEY, and BEAR  
CREEK CONSTRUCTION, a  
sole proprietorship,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 19, 1998, at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property:

Lot 6, Block 24, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, December 30, 1982, in Cabinet D, Slide nos. 99 to 103, both inclusive.

The physical address of the property is #6 Wyatt Earp Court, Alto, New Mexico 88312.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by the Court on September 10, 1998, which action is for collection of Promissory Notes and foreclosure of Mortgage.

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

Aggregate principal and interest-10/19/98	\$84,701.70
Cost of suit	260.00
Attorney fees	2,673.44
Special Master's fee	200.00
	\$87,835.14

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

The Special Master may continue the date of sale so long as the Special Master or her representative appears at the time designated in this notice and announces the postponement to another specific date.

WITNESS my hand on September 22, 1998.

Sarah Prothro, Special Master

Lee Griffin  
LEGAL SERVICES, INC., P.C.  
1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102  
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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

No. CV-98-150  
Div. III

PINECLIFF CONDOMINIUMS PROJECT ASSOCIATION  
OF APARTMENT OWNERS, a New Mexico unincorporated  
association,  
Plaintiff,

Plaintiff,

EMMA C. SHIELDS;  
THE ESTATE OF GEORGE A. SHIELDS,  
deceased, and his UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES and LEGATEES;  
THE ESTATE OF CECIL KING AND MARY  
KING, deceased, and their UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES and LEGATEES;  
ALEJANDRA DELGADO and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
ROGELIO GAYTEN MARQUEZ and  
MARIA ELVA HOLGUIN de GAYTEN;  
MARIA ELENA JACOBSEN and C. MODESTO SAENZ;  
DANIEL OLIVAS and ANGELICA OLIVAS;  
JULIETA GIONBINI de NUNEZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
FRED D. WOOD and CAROL A. WOOD;  
ARQ JOSE ALVAREZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
BLAKE BERLIN and KIMBERLY BERLIN;  
ROBERT ALLISON and PAMELA ALLISON;  
RAYMOND M. HICKEY and LEONA A. HICKEY;  
TOMMY H. WRIGHT and LINDA WRIGHT;  
JUAN MARCOS K. and MADELON MATAR de MARCOS;  
DR. SANTIAGO AVALOS RODRIGUEZ and  
SOFIA MIREYA MENDEZ and AVALOS;  
GUILLERMO JUAREZ GALIOTTI and  
SILVA G. de JUAREZ;  
DAVID D. PAXSON and CAROLIN C. PAXSON;  
WILLIAM R. CANAVATI and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
THE ESTATES OF WILLIAM HUSKINS and  
ELNORA HUSKINS, deceased, and their  
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES and LEGATEES;  
DAVID SANZ PEREZ and MARIA CATALINA  
ABBUD de SANZ;  
MARIA ANTONIET JAUREQUI and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
BETTY GAY SIMMONS and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
CLEMENT CARTER, M.D. and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
RICARDO R. PEREZ CHAVARRIA and  
MARGARITA TERRAZAS de PEREZ;  
DOUGLAS W. ZUBER and LAJUAN L. ZUBER;  
A.L. HOLLAND, JR. and GEORGIA D. HOLLAND;  
CARIDAD MURILLO and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
LIC. ENRIQUE VILLARREAL MACIAS and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
CHARLES DANNY WALLER and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
LIC. ELIAS ANTONIO SAAD AYUB and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
ING. ADIB C. ROUHANA M. and MARIA ELENA  
ROUHANA de ROUHANA;  
ROSA GARCIA VDA de PEREZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
THOMAS C. SHEEHAN and KATHLEEN SHEEHAN;  
ALEJANDRO TREVINO and CLARA TREVINO;  
BRUCE MacDONALD and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
HELEN R. STEWART and UNKNOWN SPOUSE;  
EFRAIN COMPEAN CARBAJAL and MA de JESUS  
FLORES de COMPEAN;  
JOHN T. LUCIANO and LESLIE LUCIANO;  
HECTOR HERNANDEZ and SEVERA HERNANDEZ;  
Defendants.

**A M E N D E D**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON NOVEMBER 2, 1998, at 10:00 A.M., at the administrative offices of Pinecliff Village located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 70 and Glade Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will sell and convey to the highest bidders for cash, all right, title and interest of the following named Defendants in the following described properties of the Pinecliff Condominiums Project Association, pursuant to the following judgment liens:

- EMMA C. SHIELDS and THE ESTATE OF GEORGE A. SHIELDS, deceased, and his UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES and LEGATEES  
Interval Weeks 45 and 46, Building 1, Apartment 2  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$3,440.13  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$4,190.13
- THE ESTATE OF CECIL KING and THE ESTATE OF MARY KING, deceased, and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES and LEGATEES  
Interval Weeks 36, 37 and 38, Building 1, Apartment 3  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,566.18  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 1,050.00  
\$2,616.18
- ALEJANDRA DELGADO and her UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Week 51, Building 1, Apartment 4  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,312.94  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 375.00  
\$1,687.94
- ROGELIO GAYTEN MARQUEZ and MARIA ELVA HOLGUIN de GAYTEN, husband and wife  
Interval Week 32, Building 1, Apartment 5  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,684.96  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 375.00  
\$2,059.96
- MARIA ELENA JACOBSEN and C. MODESTO SAENZ, husband and wife  
Interval Week 39, Building 1, Apartment 5  
Interval Week 36, Building 1, Apartment 6  
Interval Week 37, Building 2, Apartment 6  
Interval Week 27, Building 2, Apartment 7  
Interval Week 26, Building 4, Apartment 3  
Interval Week 38, Building 5, Apartment 5  
Interval Week 28, Building 7, Apartment 7  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$7,817.23  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 2,625.00  
\$10,442.23
- DANIEL OLIVAS and ANGELICA OLIVAS, husband and wife  
Interval Week 2, Building 1, Apartment 6  
Interval Week 2, Building 8, Apartment 2  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$2,081.23  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$2,831.23
- JULIETA GIONBINI de NUNEZ and her UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Week 15, Building 2, Apartment 1  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$518.80  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 375.00  
\$ 893.80
- FRED D. WOOD and CAROL A. WOOD, husband and wife  
Interval Week 18, Building 2, Apartment 1  
Interval Week 10, Building 3, Apartment 3  
Interval Week 49, Building 4, Apartment 1  
Interval Week 38, Building 7, Apartment 3  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$4,967.37  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 1,500.00  
\$6,467.37
- ARQ JOSE ALVAREZ and his UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Week 46, Building 2, Apartment 4

- Interval Week 5, Building 4, Apartment 3  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$3,204.85  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$3,954.85
- RAYMOND M. HICKEY and LEONA A. HICKEY, husband and wife, and TOMMY R. WRIGHT and LINDA WRIGHT, husband and wife  
Interval Week 2, Building 3, Apartment 6  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,711.30  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 375.00  
\$2,086.30
- JUAN MARCOS K. and MADELON MATAR de MARCOS, husband and wife  
Interval Week 6, Building 3, Apartment 6  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,785.73  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 375.00  
\$2,110.73
- GUILLERMO JUAREZ GALIOTTI and SILVA G. de JUAREZ, husband and wife  
Interval Weeks 2 and 27, Building 4, Apartment 1  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,750.88  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$2,500.88
- DAVID D. PAXSON and CAROLIN C. PAXSON, husband and wife  
Interval Week 28, Building 4, Apartment 1  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,744.25  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 375.00  
\$2,119.25
- WILLIAM R. CANAVATI and his UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Week 8, Building 4, Apartment 2  
Interval Week 8, Building 4, Apartment 3  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,657.94  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$2,407.94
- THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM HUSKINS and THE ESTATE OF ELNORA HUSKINS, deceased, and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES and LEGATEES  
Interval Week 42, Building 4, Apartment 2  
Interval Week 48, Building 4, Apartment 3  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$3,475.46  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$4,225.46
- DAVID SANZ PEREZ and MARIA CATALINA ABBUD de SANZ, husband and wife  
Interval Weeks 14 and 29, Building 4, Apartment 3  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$2,081.23  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$2,831.23
- MARIA ANTONIET JAUREQUE and her UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Week 2, Building 4, Apartment 4  
Interval Week 39, Building 5, Apartment 5  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$2,508.74  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$3,258.74
- BETTY GAY SIMMONS and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Weeks 2 and 3, Building 4, Apartment 6  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,729.77  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$2,479.77
- CLEMENT CARTER, M.D. and his UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Weeks 9 and 10, Building 5, Apartment 3  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,626.66  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$2,376.66
- RICARDO R. PEREZ CHAVARRIA and MARGARITA TERRAZAS de PEREZ, husband and wife  
Interval Week 30, Building 5, Apartment 4  
Interval Weeks 11 and 47, Building 8, Apartment 3  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$2,085.50  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 1,125.00  
\$3,210.50
- DOUGLAS W. ZUBER and LAJUAN L. ZUBER, husband and wife  
Interval Week 36, Building 5, Apartment 4  
Interval Week 4, Building 6, Apartment 3  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$2,823.93  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$3,573.93
- A.L. HOLLAND, JR. and GEORGIA D. HOLLAND, husband and wife  
Interval Week 1, Building 5, Apartment 7  
Interval Weeks 17 and 42, Building 7, Apartment 1  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$3,532.48  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 1,125.00  
\$4,657.48
- CARIDAD MURILLO and his UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Weeks 2, 13 and 28, Building 6, Apartment 1  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$2,484.79  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 1,125.00  
\$3,609.79
- LIC. ENRIQUE VILLARREAL MACIAS and his UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Week 12, Building 6, Apartment 1  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,669.95  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 375.00  
\$2,044.95
- CHARLES DANNY WALLER and his UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Week 22, Building 6, Apartment 1  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,740.94  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 375.00  
\$2,115.94
- LIC. ELIAS ANTONIA SAAD AYUB and his UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Week 37, Building 6, Apartment 2  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,715.61  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 375.00  
\$2,090.61
- ING. ADIB C. ROUHANA M. and MARIA ELENA ROUHANA de ROUHANA, husband and wife  
Interval Weeks 12 and 36, Building 6, Apartment 4  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,683.90  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 750.00  
\$2,433.90
- ROSA GARCIA VDA de PEREZ and her UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any  
Interval Week 29, Building 6, Apartment 4  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,740.94  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 375.00  
\$2,115.94
- THOMAS C. SHEEHAN and KATHLEEN SHEEHAN, husband and wife  
Interval Week 10, Building 6, Apartment 6  
Maintenance Fees ..... \$1,740.94  
Costs and Attorney Fees ..... 375.00  
\$2,115.94

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**Pork  
Loins**  
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