

DFA Puts County On Financial Notice

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County has been placed on a level 2 classification from the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).

At the end of the Lincoln County Commission meeting Tuesday, county commissioner Rex Wilson, who recently attended a New Mexico Association of Counties (NMACo) better informed elected officials meeting, announced that DFA has placed Lincoln County in a level 2 which requires

supervision from DFA.

Wilson said the level 2 status was the result of the county finance office being delinquent in its quarterly budget reports to DFA. He added that only one other government entity in Lincoln County is on a level 2 status, all others are Level 1 which means reports are accurate. Wilson said his goal is to move the county to Level 1. "I

want to find out what it takes to get us there."

County manager Tom Stewart said the reports are on his calendar now because DFA sent notice about the delinquent reports.

County treasurer Joan Park said the reports from the finance office, responsible for keeping track of expenditures, are not current. However, her office that is responsible for

keeping track of revenues, has current quarterly reports. Park said DFA required quarterly reports from the county because reports were not being filed on a timely basis under the previous county manager. Park also said the revenue and expenditure reports are not in balance. She said the reports have been off since December 1997 and have not been corrected

to date. She said there was a supposition that programming was at fault, however programming company Triadic could not find problems.

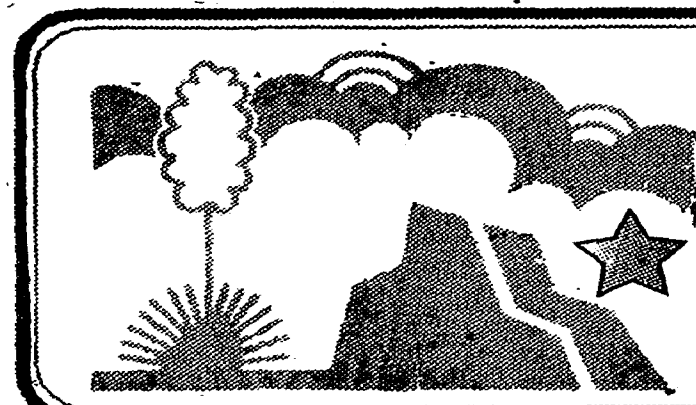
To find the problems, Park said she sent clerk Glenna Robbins to find the problems. Park said Robbins found clerical errors and misprogramming. However the finance officer has been out and Robbins has had no

opportunity to work with her to find out the problems.

Wilson suggested the finance office use a budget form provided by DFA. He also suggested the county invite DFA to be on-site during the audit exit and visit with the county commission. He also said the finance office must have the Y2K certification by July 1, 1999 and DFA wants to visit with the manager about the procurement code.

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County Commissioners Ask For Internal Payroll Audit

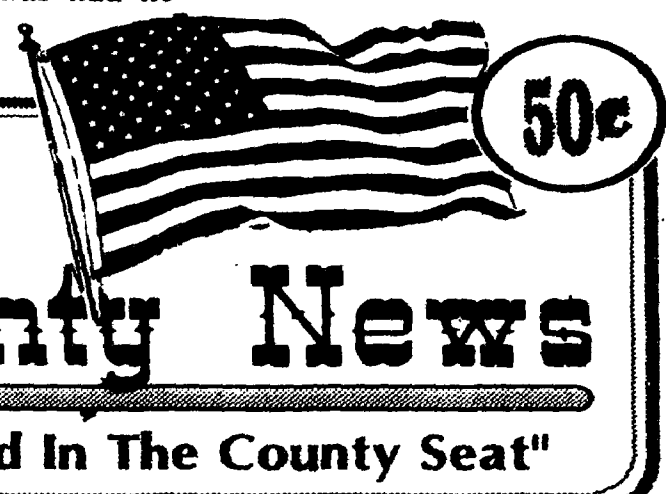


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Auditor Reports Ruidoso is In Tremendous Financial Shape

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Concerns of loss of revenue for the village of Ruidoso (due to the moving of the Wal Mart store to Ruidoso Downs) did not materialize in fiscal year 1997-98. Instead, the village ended the fiscal year in "tremendous shape from the financial standpoint."

So said Ronnie Hemphill who gave his 1997-98 budget year audit report to the Ruidoso Village council at its regular December 8 meeting. Hemphill said that the threat of substantial decrease in gross receipt tax revenues in the last fiscal year did not happen. Instead gross receipt tax revenues were almost as high as in prior years. Because of the concern of possible loss of revenue, the village decreased its general fund expenditures by \$333,000. As a result, the village had a net increase in revenue in the general fund of \$660,000.

And during the same fiscal year, the village's total fund assets increased by \$7 million. Hemphill said of that, \$3.9 million went to the utility enterprise fund from the settlement of the Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Supply Association dissolution. "It was mostly a book entry, with very little cash," Hemphill added.

But the audit report was not perfect. Hemphill had two findings—a repeated finding dealing with building permit accountability and inadequate security for one bank account on June 30. With building permits, Hemphill said he thought the village is close to resolving the building permit problem as he found this year an increase in accountability due to a new permit form that provides documentation on how the fee was computed. However, he found that the

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NEW DISTRICT JUDGE. District Judge Frank Wilson watches as Judge Karen L. Parsons signs paperwork that officially made her the Lincoln County District Court Judge. On December 2, Judge Wilson swore in Judge Parsons during a ceremony held in the Lincoln County Courtroom before family, friends and members of the 12th Judicial District Court staff. Judge Parsons was elected to the position after having been appointed by Gov. Gary Johnson to fill the judgeship vacated by the retirement of Judge Richard Parsons.

Carrizozo Gets A Good Audit Report

by Barbara Culler

The town of Carrizozo held their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, December 8, and among the items either discussed or acted on were the 1997-1998 audit report and the consideration of a one time merit increase in pay for Carrizozo town employees. Trustees James Silva, Eileen Lovelace, Wesley Lindsay, Cynthia Morales and mayor Manuel Hernandez were present.

Bruce Bullert, from Community Partners Designs (CPD), located in Nogal, made a presentation on some of the services his company can provide to Carrizozo.

Bullert said that the company's goal is to help communities accomplish their goals by working with the community to find out their needs, providing information on how to approach accomplishing the needs with agencies who might finance the full projects or various agencies to finance sections of the project, and also package them in ways that are most beneficial to the town being

able to obtain the project.

Bullert showed the trustees information on several of CPD's previous projects. Bullert said that he looks at things from the goal that when a project is done the community lives with that project for many years, the better they do the project and minimize costs in the future the better the community is serviced by that particular project.

Lovelace asked Bullert if most of the financing came from grants or loans. Bullert said that agencies look at the project at what the community can afford. CPD puts together the needs the community wants to accomplish and then they put together a program that says how much the community can afford to pay back in loans and the rest would be financed through grants. He said that this changes from community to community. Hernandez asked if most of the grants come from the private sector. Bullert says that CPD works

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Hondo School Offers To Manage Glencoe Center

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners accepted a proposal from Hondo Valley Public Schools to manage the Glencoe Rural Events Center.

With the news that the Cowboy Symposium decided to move its events from the Glencoe Rural Events Center to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Lincoln County Commissioners during their meeting Tuesday in Carrizozo discussed the proposal with Hondo Valley School District Superintendent Barbara Casey. She said she had spoken to commission chairman Ray Nunley and commissioner Monroy Montes about the Glencoe Rural Events Center (GREC). She said the school district is ready to work with the county to run the center for cultural events and economic development programs such as a Charrado (Mexican rodeo) and Hondo Fiesta Dances, and to provide a place for a rodeo club and Ag classes for Hondo students. Casey also said the GREC could be used for a community and teen center which is desperately needed in the valley.

"We are willing to manage the center for the same amount of money as the Lincoln County Fair Board receives to operate the fair grounds," Casey said. She also said the school district is prepared to organize a committee of local people who will work with the school to assure quality programs at the GREC. She also said the Ameri-Corps which is coming to the Hondo Valley for two months in January is willing

to work with students on various programs.

County manager Tom Stewart said a representative from the Ameri-Corps will be on the January meeting agenda to explain the program.

Montes said he thought the Hondo school proposal gave the commission a new opportunity for the GREC. "Since the Cowboy Symposium has chosen to relocate to Ruidoso," he said. "It relieves us of our commitment to guarantee a home for the Cowboy Symposium and leaves us to do something different for the Glencoe Center. I think this is the best offer in terms of well being for the community and for the facility." Montes then suggested the county deed the GREC to Hondo schools.

But Nunley reminded him of restriction in doing that. County attorney Alan Morel said his opinion is if GREC is conveyed to another entity the county might have to reimburse the federal agencies that granted funds for upgrades at the facility. However, if the facility is leased there would be no payback.

County commissioner Wilton Howell asked if the GREC would be available for community activities, or use of the rodeo facility for the Cowboy Symposium. Casey said that is the intent. Also the district would like to generate some revenue by having fund raising events such as a meal for Aspencade motorcyclists or a trade show.

Casey said the school district is not opposed to having

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Commissioners Rescind Previous Salary Increases

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A recent New Mexico Supreme Court ruling that all raises given to county officials during mid term are illegal caused the Lincoln County Commission to rescind a raise they gave to all county elected officials in July 1997.

Commissioners took the action to rescind the July 1997 raise during their regular meeting in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo Tuesday, Dec. 8. After they rescinded the raise, commissioners spent considerable time discussing what they should do about elected officials salaries. Finally they voted to raise salaries for the newly elected county officials who will take office in January.

County attorney Alan Morel said the 1994 legislature passed a law that allowed county commissions to raise salaries during mid term. Morel said that in July 1997 when Lincoln County Commissioners were considering a raise for elected officials, he questioned the constitutionality of the law that allowed salary increases during mid term.

Morel said the law was approved by both chambers of the legislature, signed by the governor and so deemed lawful by two of three branches of government. But the law was challenged in court and four years later the Supreme Court ruled that increasing salaries during mid term is unconstitutional.

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Santa Claus To Visit Carrizozo Saturday, Dec. 19

Santa Claus will make his annual pre-Christmas visit to Carrizozo Saturday, Dec. 19. He will arrive at Spencer Park at 2 p.m., riding on a Carrizozo Fire Truck. The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department sponsors Santa's before Christmas visit to Carrizozo each year and provide transportation.

Santa will pass out bags of candy, nuts and fruit while at Spencer Park. He will also visit shut-ins, senior citizens, and New Horizons Developmental Center while in Carrizozo.

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

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Park said during the NMACo meeting, DFA talked about ways to enforce compliance to its rules. Monetary penalties were discussed but dismissed. As an alternative, DFA is considering to take problems to the local press when a county is not in compliance.

Earlier in the meeting, commissioners voted to rescind a motion to pay the county's independent auditor to conduct an audit of the

county's payroll. Wilson said although asked to do the payroll audit, Terry Jones did not. During the recent audit exit meeting, Jones suggested an internal payroll audit for the last six months be done first to determine problems. Then if needed do an external audit. With that commissioners approved a motion to have the treasurer conduct the payroll audit, following points mentioned by the auditor during his exit meeting.

County commissioner Monroy Montes, who did not attend the exit meeting, asked what was being looked for. Wilson said problems with IRS filings and enough significant errors were made in payroll. Wilson said on his own paycheck there have been discrepancies in 14 out of 26 times. "We owe it to our people to be accurate," he said.

Montes said the finance office "is short handed since the payroll clerk quit. He instructed the manager to take care of the employee deficit in that department. But Wilson said he did not want to train a new person with the problems of the past."

County commissioner Wilton Howell had also not attended the audit exit meeting or seen a copy of the meeting report. He said he wanted to review and follow up on audit

problems which have been the same for the last four to six years. Howell asked for a copy of the audit report, but was told it was not ready because Jones was waiting on a final inventory list.

Park suggested the payroll audit go back to when the finance office changed its payroll computer program in July 1997. She also had one more request whether it was legal for the treasurer to have access to payroll records. County attorney Alan Morel said he had not completed his opinion on that but had done enough research to know that the treasurer has authority to do so. Morel promised to get the written opinion to the manager and treasurer by the end of the week.

"We need to clean up shop," Wilson said. "I'm tired of being embarrassed."

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ordinance that controls how building permit values are computed is very vague which gives staff the latitude to use the contractor's estimated value or standard values based on square footage and type of construction. And he found that not all staff used the new form. He recommended only using the new form and destroying all old forms and amending the ordinance to reflect which valuation method to be used.

On inadequate bank security, Hemphill said he thought that was a surprise to staff. He explained that on June 30, 1998 the debt service fund had an enormous amount of money waiting to be paid the next day. Because of this, the

account was under-collateralized at that time. Hemphill said the problem is now resolved because staff and the bank implemented steps to provide adequate security. "It is a finding and a violation of state statutes and I had to list it as such," Hemphill said.

Village manager Alan Briley provided councilors response to the two findings. On the building permit accountability, Briley said since September the village calculates fees with a building permit computer program that has fee schedules built into it. He also presented proposed changes to the village ordinance regulating building permit fees. The new language bases the value on regionally adjusted data published by the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) and amended annually, or if the owner or contractor provides a signed contract stating the value of construction if the work is not covered by the ICBO standards.

On the security, Briley said in future, the finance office will monitor each account by calling the financial institutions to insure pledging is adequate. And finance plans to analyze both checking and certificates of deposit with the bank involved with the finding to better determine necessary pledging requirements.

In summary, Hemphill said the village is in tremendous shape from the financial standpoint.

Councilor Bob Sterchi had the only question about the audit, and it was why the



HEALTH PROVIDERS Dr. Dale Goad (right) and Physician's Assistant-Certified Ernie Gonzales stop for a moment during an open house held in their honor on December 2. Dr. Goad has provided dental services to area patients for 20 years and Gonzales has been a PA-C in Carrizozo for 10 years. Many patients and friends stopped by the reception held at Carrizozo Health Center.

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the GREC decided to it. She added that last week she presented Rep. Dub Williams and Senator Pete Campos with more than \$6 million in requested funding for the Hondo Valley School District.

Howell said he favored a lease agreement for the GREC and then "see how it works."

Commissioners unanimously approved a motion to place consideration of a lease/management agreement with Hondo Valley Public Schools for the GREC on the January county commission meeting.

County commissioner Rex Wilson asked that the GREC advisory board be part of the lease process. County manager Tom Stewart said he talked to some advisory board members who are excited about the proposal because it will rejuvenate the GREC.

from the village. No one was able to give an answer as to why, when the program was offered several years ago the village opted to not participate in the program.

Christmas Concert Sunday

A Christmas Festival will be presented at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1000 D Ave. in Carrizozo, Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. Traditional recorder numbers will be played by Ann Buffington, Palla Duncan, and Doug Jarrard. Kala Scarafioti will direct Kala's Kommunity Kids in the musical pageant *You Took Them In* with Cheryl Smith as accompanist. The

Community Christmas Choir will sing carols directed by Phyllis Schlegel and accompanied by Jane Shafer. Roy Dow will share the Christmas story. Eva Zumwalt, soprano, and Scott Shafer, tenor, will sing *White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night*. Guest flutist will be Steven Havill of Lincoln.

LCMC'S New Computer System Will Improve Customer Service & Efficiency of Billing Department
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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TUESDAYS
 —Alcoholic Anonymous 9 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS
 —Ruidoso Public Library story time, 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, for children 3-6.

THURSDAYS
 —Preschool Story Hour, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Carrizozo School Library, for children 3-6.
 —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/lcag.
 —Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

FRIDAYS
 —Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center 354-4032 for information.
 —Metaphysical discussion group in Carrizozo, 6:30 p.m. call 648-5434 for information.

TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10
 —Final day to pay Lincoln County Property Taxes before they become delinquent.
 —Ruidoso Arts Commission, 4 p.m. village hall.
 —Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m. administration building. Agenda includes bond election update.
 —Capitan Elementary Music Program, 7 p.m. Traylor Gym. Preview for school children at 2:30 p.m.
 —Libertarian Party of Lincoln County 7 p.m. Texas NM Power office, Ruidoso.
 —ENMU Community Orchestra Concert 7 p.m. First Christian Church, Hull Road, Ruidoso.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
 —Capitan Village Hall Open House, 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. Refreshments.
 —Christmas Open House at Corona Museum, 2-8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Refreshments.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
 —Smokey's Christmas at the Park, Capitan Merchants Open House, Arts and Crafts Show at Senior Center 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 —Volunteers needed to fill luminaria bags at Carrizozo fire station on 8th St. Starts at 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
 —Bake sale, starts at 9 a.m. Norwest Bank in Carrizozo by Trinity United Methodist Women.
 —Christmas Festival, musical Christmas pageant by Kala's Community Kids and Community Christmas Choir, 4 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo. No admission.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
 —Capitan Village Trustees, 6:30 p.m. public hearing, 7 p.m. regular meeting.
 —Carrizozo Schools Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. old gym.
 —Writers' Group meets at 7 p.m. Carrizozo Rec Center. Will not meet on December 21.
 —Capitan Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest begins and goes through December 20.

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Card of Thanks

Temptations Craft Store would like to thank every one for making their Christmas grand opening a success. Temptations plans to be open every day, up until Christmas, from 11:00 a.m. until 7, 112 Central Ave. Carrizozo. Hope to see you again.

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Door prize goes to Pat Vega, drawn by Harvey Payton.

To The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce and Our Friends

Thank you very much for the December 2 reception and celebration of our 20 years in Carrizozo. It touched us deeply and brought great joy to us for the number of friends that turned out in the rain, made congratulatory phone calls, and sent cards. The plants and the food were wonderful. The reason we are here is because of you wonderful people who have become our friends and seem more like family. Thank you for providing a safe and loving environment to start out as newlyweds, raise our sons, and develop a successful practice. We wish all of you a very blessed and merry Christmas, with a safe and prosperous New Year. May God bless all of you.

Dr. Dale and
Cheri Goad

Commissioners Rescind Salary Increases

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tutional. The constitution states county commissioners cannot raise or decrease salaries for elected county officials during the term for which they were elected. When the constitution was written all county commissions had three members who served two year terms and were all elected at the same time. Now all county commissions are elected to four-year staggered terms.

To avoid legal problems, Morel recommended Lincoln County Commissioners rescind the salary increase for elected county officials that they approved in July 1997. Morel then suggested commissioners approve a salary increase for the newly elected officials who take office in January. Those officials are county commissioners Bill Schwettmann, Ray Nunley and Rick Simpson, county clerk Martha Proctor and county treasurer Joan Park. However, that meant salaries for county commissioners Wilton Howell and Rex Wilson, sheriff Tom Sullivan, assessor Patsy Serna and probate judge Stirling Spencer would go back to the pre-July 1997 level.

"The pitfall is allowing the increase for the newly elected officials," said outgoing commissioner Monroy Montes. "Those who are not newly elected are at a disadvantage."

Montes suggested that commissioners request Senator Pete Campos sponsor new legislation to address the problem. Campos was one of the legislators who backed the 1994 law allowing the salary increases. "He should have done a better job (with the legislation)," Montes added. "There is no sense in punishing those who were not re-elected."

Morel said the Supreme Court made it clear that a constitutional amendment is needed to address the problem.

Sheriff Sullivan said he was concerned that his and Serna's salaries will go back to the level of pay before July 1997. At that time the sheriff's salary was \$31,510 and Serna's (and the clerk's and treasurer's) salary was \$30,130. Commissioners salaries were \$10,005. With the 10 percent increase that commissioners approved in July 1997, the assessor's (and clerk's and treasurer's) salary went to \$33,143, the sheriff's to \$34,661 and commissioner's salary went to \$11,005.

Sullivan said when he first took office in January 1983 he got a salary increase. Then during the two terms he was in office, he got no salary increase. When Sullivan left office in 1986, the incoming sheriff got an increase. But when Sullivan came on as sheriff again in January 1997 he got no increase, because commissioners increased elected officials' salaries, then based on an attorney general's opinion rescinded the increase. Sullivan argued if commissioners rescinded the July 1997 salary increase they would decrease his and Serna's salaries during mid-term, which also violates the state constitution.

County clerk Martha Proctor said that Lincoln County has the lowest paid elected officials of similarly classified counties. "We're in a situation with no good fix," Proctor said. "So I request you consider allowing those who take office in January to get something other than a decrease in salary."

Park agreed with Proctor and said if commissioners took no action that day elected officials would get no salary increase for another two years unless there is a constitutional amendment. Any constitutional amendment will not go to voters until the November 2000 general election.

Howell said salary increases should be addressed before elections, because voting a salary increase after the election when officials get re-elected violates the spirit of the law of not allowing elected officials to raise their own salaries.

Finally commissioners voted unanimously to rescind the 10 percent salary increase of July 1997. Then they took more time to decide how much to increase the salaries of those who come into office in January. First Wilson made a motion to raise salaries up to 88 percent of the amount allowable by state law. But county commission chairman Ray Nunley made an amendment to bring the increase down to 76 percent of the amount allowable by state law. (The salary increase that commissioners rescinded Tuesday had put elected officials salaries to 76 percent of the amount allowable by state law.) But the amendment failed three against, two for. When commissioners voted on the motion to increase salaries

to 88 percent, only two voted for it, three against.

Then Wilson made a motion to raise salaries to 80 percent. But Nunley made a motion to amend that to 88 percent. Citizen John McGrath said that was not Parliamentary procedure because it was the same motion that failed. But commissioners voted on the amendment anyway and it passed. But when the motion to approve the 88 percent increase came to vote, it failed with Wilson and Schwettmann voting yes and Montes, Howell and Nunley voting no.

Realizing that any raise for the newly elected officials had to be approved before January 1, 1999, commissioners talked about a special meeting. Finally Nunley made a motion to raise salaries to 76 percent of the maximum amount allowable by state law. That motion passed with Nunley, Wilson and Schwettmann voting yes, Montes and Howell no.

"Let's see how deep this gets us," Nunley said to end the discussion on raising sala-

ries for elected county officials.

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County Doubles The Cost Of Lodgers Tax

by Doris Cherry

Despite opposition from 25 of the county's 29 lodging establishments, Lincoln County Commissioners doubled the lodgers tax from two to four percent.

During the regular December 8 county commission meeting held in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, commissioners conducted a public hearing on the proposed ordinance that increased lodgers tax from two to four percent. Three owners of lodging establishments in the county spoke against the increase. Doug Singletary, owner of High Country Lodge, said he was opposed to the increase because he had seen no justification for it and did not know where the lodgers taxes are spent. Although he had requested a list of what the Lodgers Tax Committee had expended so far this year, he had not received such a list. He said he thought the lodgers tax committee should spend the money it already

has more efficiently and also spend it to create new events, especially after Thanksgiving and in late May.

Singletary questioned why the county lodgers tax had to provide promotional funds to the race track and chili cook off. He also wanted to be notified when the Lodgers Tax Committee met.

Bed and Breakfast owner Jerry Jordan from Lincoln said his business has not benefited from any lodgers tax expenditures. He said he knows this because he tracks his customers closely to find out how they learned of his business.

RV park owner Mike Linewebber said he was against increasing any tax. Also he thought the county was being advertised too much as evidenced by the tremendous growth in the Capitan area, which he thinks is not good.

Commissioners argued that more lodgers taxes are needed

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Offer Accepted

By Ruth Hammond

There were some interesting developments during the Lincoln County Commission meeting Tuesday. The county finances seem to be in trouble, enough that the state will be watching closely and may be visiting the county until the financial situation improves.

Another interesting development is the offer by Hondo Valley Public Schools to manage the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Their offer is to manage the Center for the same amount of money the Lincoln County Fair Board is receiving to operate the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. If it works for the fairgrounds it should work for the Glencoe Center. It is encouraging that finally there seems to be a group of people willing to volunteer their time to help bring quality programs to the Glencoe Rural Events Center.

Commissioners accepted the offer and the lease management agreement is to be presented at the January county commission meeting. Hopefully the agreement will be exactly like the Lincoln County Fairgrounds agreement and if the county spends money at one facility it will spend the same amount at the other facility. If the county agrees to continue to pay to advertise private events at the Glencoe Center it may agree to pay to advertise private events at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. It would be the fair thing to do.

There is much that can be accomplished by volunteers working to promote a facility, as has been shown by the Lincoln County Fair Board. The majority of the work at the fairgrounds has been donated by volunteers and it will be refreshing to see the same thing happening at Glencoe. Using the Glencoe facility for school events as well as community events will be good for the county. There are numerous cultural events that could be held at Glencoe that would help the economy, not be a drain on county coffers as it has been the past few years. The Hondo School would also like to use the Center for Ag classes, a rodeo club, and a teen center. This seems a much better use for the facility than the 16 events a year that have been held there the past few years, and at a tremendous cost to the taxpayers. We wish the Hondo School the best of luck.

In another money matter discussed at the commission meeting Tuesday, commissioners rescinded the raise they gave to all county elected officials in July 1997. The New Mexico Supreme Court ruled that all raises given to county officials during mid term are illegal. According to the constitution county commissioners cannot raise or decrease salaries for elected officials during the term for which they were elected. The action taken to rescind the raises that were given last year could cause more problems because that would mean the county is decreasing salaries which is a violation of the state constitution. The final action taken by commissioners was to increase the salaries for the newly elected officials who will take office January 1, 1999. Two commissioners, the county clerk, assessor, sheriff and probate judge will not receive salary increases.

Complying with the law appears to be confusing. The 1994 state Legislature passed a law that allowed county commissioners to raise salaries during mid term but the state constitution states county commissioners cannot raise or decrease salaries for elected officials during the term for which they were elected. Confusing.

Simplifying laws would be a great help, not only for county commissioners, but for the general public. The situation about the salary increases for elected officials will probably continue for quite some time, but it appears the previous problems with the Glencoe Rural Events Center may finally have a good solution.

Who should get more pay?

J.B. Doodles



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE - Don't get your hopes up Sen. Vernon. Other good people have tried and failed.

Sen. Skip Vernon, an Albuquerque lawyer, has been elected Senate Republican leader, replacing Sen. Ray Kysar of Farmington.

Vernon says he has no problem with Gov. Gary Johnson's vow not to be kinder or gentler to the Legislature. He says when Johnson lashes out at lawmakers, Republicans don't always understand he means the Democrat majority, not fellow Republicans.

"We don't need a kinder, gentler Johnson; we just need a more communicative Johnson," Vernon explained. "I'm going to work real hard to establish good communications with the governor to make sure we're aware of what he's thinking and he's aware of what we're thinking."

It's a good thought, senator, but the governor's own aides have spent four years trying to figure out what the boss is thinking, and they keep getting their legs chopped off after representing what they thought was his thinking. Gary Johnson's philosophy is, "Just do it, then I'll let you know if I like it." That's frustrating for Democrat lawmakers who negotiate with the governor's representatives only to have him veto the result. And it's downright embarrassing to his aides.

Two years ago Vernon was elected Senate Republican whip, second in command to Kysar, the floor leader. Party whips are charged with communicating their leadership's direction to the troops. It is a crucial job in maintaining party unity. Vernon resigned following the 1997 session, saying he was blindsided by a filibuster that ended the session and killed many bills in its wake. He felt that he should have been a part of the strategizing that led to Sen. Bill Davis' filibuster and should have had an opportunity to communicate advance information to other Republican senators.

Vernon held Kysar responsible for the surprise move and said he might challenge him in the next caucus elections. Kysar quietly accepted responsibility but it still is unclear whether he knew of Davis' filibuster plan. According to reports, Davis had briefly discussed the filibuster with Gov. Johnson the night before, but whether he had even notified Kysar of his intent hasn't leaked out under the caucus room door.

It is the responsibility of Republican legislative leaders to champion proposals from Gov. Johnson. Vernon didn't think Kysar had done a job of communicating with the governor or articulating the governor's and the party's positions.

But from the vantage point of a journalist, sitting in on

gubernatorial news conferences during the past two legislative sessions, Kysar always was sitting immediately to the governor's right, supporting the governor's pronouncements, indicating that communication had taken place and clarifying that when Gov. Johnson says bad things about the Legislature he isn't talking about Republicans. The House majority leader, Rep. Kip Nicely, always was at Johnson's left, saying basically the same thing.

But as U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee members in 1974 and 1993 might say, it was unclear how much of the governor's position the GOP knew and when they knew it.

Vernon likely is faced with a Mission-Impossible assignment. During the first two years of the Johnson administration, Sen. Billy McKibben of

Hobbs was the Senate Republican leader.

McKibben was instrumental in helping the new governor attract David Harris, who had just finished preparing the Legislature's 1996 budget, to be the governor's top finance person. It was a monumental coup that enabled a clueless governor to hit the ground running with budget proposals.

But two years later, Senate Republicans dumped McKibben because he was too close to Senate Democrat leader Manny Aragon. McKibben was close to Aragon partly because two-way communications were much more possible and much easier with the Senate President Pro Tem.

And there's one other wild card with which Vernon will have to deal - Mr. Filibuster, Bill Davis.

Ruidoso Approves New Fees For Political Signs

by Doris Cherry

At the next election, it will cost a candidate \$150 to get permits to put up political signs on Ruidoso public rights of way. Then signs can only go up 45 days prior to the election.

Tuesday, Dec. 8 Ruidoso village council unanimously approved changes to the village sign ordinance that require candidates, or their campaign workers, to pay a \$50 non-refundable fee and a \$100 refundable deposit to put political signs on Ruidoso public property or rights of way.

Unhappy with the many signs plastered on village parks and street rights of way before the November election, Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson last month proposed the changes to the village sign ordinance. Councilors held a public hearing on the proposed changes during the Dec. 8 meeting.

Only one question was asked: if the \$50 non-refundable fee violated the constitution or any state laws, considering state and county candidates can waive the \$50 filing fee if they sign a waiver of indigence. Village attorney John Underwood said the only problem he saw was a possible violation of freedom of speech. But Donaldson said the fee is only for a permit to put signs on public property or rights of way. There is no permit fee for signs placed on private property.

With the new changes to the village sign ordinance,

political signs can be placed on private property only 45 days prior to the election and must be no more than six square feet in size for those placed on residential private property and no more than 32 square feet for signs placed on non-residential private property. Signs must be maintained in good condition according to the regular sign ordinance. A permit is required to put up political signs on private property, but there is no fee.

Political signs located in the public right of way can be put up no sooner than 45 days prior to the election. Signs can be no larger than 32 square feet and must be maintained as signs on private property. If signs fall down or are found to be in bad repair, or are found to be in violation of the village ordinance, village staff will remove the signs, notify the owner and hold the signs for 15 days before discarding them.

To put up a sign on public property, a candidate must fill out an application with the village clerk, and pay permit fees of \$50 non-refundable and \$100 refundable. When signs are put up, signs for the same candidate must be spaced at least 300 feet apart and cannot be closer than 10 feet from the signs of another candidate. No political signs will be allowed in or adjacent to public parks, buildings or facilities. Signs placed at intersections cannot exceed 30 inches tall or be closer than 10 feet from the pavement

and cannot distract or interfere with traffic control signs. All signs must be removed 10 days following an election or no refunds will be given on the \$100 permit fee.

Underwood, who was a candidate for political office in 1994, said many political signs are spaced together so they can use the same posts. "I know from personal experience, if you make each sign independent it causes a lot more work to pound in those posts," Underwood said.

Donaldson said he called for the changes to the political sign ordinance hoping they might "eliminate the blight" on public property before elections.

Councilors also approved the proposed subdivision "The Preserve" in the Extra-territorial zone in Gavilan Canyon and allowed the developer to use county standards for street construction and use of cul-de-sacs. Councilors spent considerable time discussing the proposed subdivision which will have a private street maintained by a homeowners association. Surveyor and planner Tim Collins argued against the village Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations to require the single street with 10 lots to be 24 feet wide and to have 10 inches of base course and a turnaround in the middle of its 1600 foot length.

Donaldson said the county's philosophy is if a road is private it doesn't care what is built. Collins said the county has very strict standards for streets that must be applied even to private roads in developments with more than five lots. Collins said county standards do allow 20 feet wide streets with two foot shoulders that must be built to state highway specifications of six inches of gravel and two inches of paving.

Collins argued that a development of such low density does not need 10 inches base course under the paving of the turnaround at 600 feet. He said after seven years the county will allow three lots to be split, which may result in the development having a maximum density of 24 lots which is still low. Collins also argued that a mid-way turnaround will create a "horrible ugly" scar on the street on the steep hillside.

After considerable discussion, village manager Alan Briley, an engineer, said he disagreed with the village's requirement of 10 inches of base course, especially in such a low density development. He said most road designs are based on soil conditions and traffic counts and this development will have low traffic counts. Instead, he recom-

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LETTERS

to the editor

EDITOR:

ATTENTION CAPITAN RESIDENTS!

The Regular Meeting of the Capitan Village Trustees will be Monday, Dec. 14 at the Village Hall at 6:30 p.m.

I urge all Capitan residents to be there! The meeting will include a discussion of establishing an ordinance and special assessment fees to expand Village Hall and purchase heavy equipment. Which, if you recall, you voted down.

I can't comprehend how the trustees can even entertain doing this when you, the voters cast your votes against it! And, as if that's not enough, are you aware that the Village has already purchased land to expand on . . . to the tune of \$42,000. Another point to consider, what is being done with Capitan's share of the funds from the Eagle Creek Water?

Let's all make a New Year's resolution to be more involved and informed by attending all the meetings that we possibly can . . . starting right now! Hope to see you all December 14!

Harold Macaw
Capitan, New Mexico

EDITOR: Could you please publish my letter in your paper so that your readers can help me with research about my state.

In my seventh grade social studies class in Chicago, we are studying the United States history. One of our assignments is to write a research paper about a particular state and how it relates to the history of the country. I have chosen New Mexico as the subject of my research.

I would very much appreciate if you could send me items that would be of interest. Postcards, newspapers with unique features about New Mexico, clippings, articles, video tapes, old license plates, unique products from

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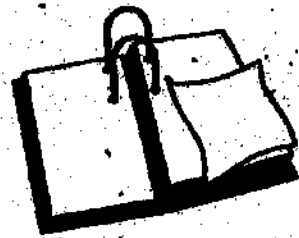
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CAPTAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

What a beautiful surprise to see the ground all covered with snow. Having been born and raised in snow country, shall we say, must many times in the winter admit to missing it. Am not down grad-

time in Carlsbad and how fast the years pass and the good times just become another pleasant and happy memory.

And on that note must answer Pauline's letter as well as quite a few others that I

My large gas heater in the laundry room that heats not only the laundry room but the kitchen as well, decided to go on vacation night before last and I was without heat. For

unately I do have a couple of portable electric heaters that are dependable. In fact could rely on them almost entirely, except I nearly go into cardiac arrest when the electric bill arrives.

Just talked to Louis and he reminded me that there is always a bingo game going on at the Center every Wednesday afternoon from one p.m. to three p.m.

And the following was published week before last, but just in case some of you are as forgetful as I am, am going to submit it again:

December the 12TH from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Smokey Bear Historical Park, Santa Clara plans a special visit to help Larry Bandy and Smokey Bear treat our local youngsters to some great goodies.

While telling Santa what is on their wish list, and for parents bringing their children, there will be a photo opportunity with Santa Claus and Smokey Bear. There will also be Christmas caroling in the village during the evening.

So let us stay here in Capitan on this Saturday, December 12.

And so for another week, sayonara and adios and may the good Lord take a liken' to each and everyone that reads this epistle and even those who cannot be bothered.



LINCOLN COUNTY ARTISTS Lorene Caywood, Bessie Jones, Barbara Whitlock, Sharon Bundchi, and Molly Mason show off some of the art work that will be featured by more than 26 area artists at the Capitan Arts and Crafts Show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, December 12 at Capitan Senior Center. The show is part of Smokey's Christmas at the Park and the Capitan Merchants Open House on December 12.

ing our beautiful southwestern weather, but I do miss the snow especially during the holiday season.

However it hasn't been too many years ago that Pauline Whittaker and her late husband Alton and myself were snowed OUT of Capitan by a huge snowstorm that hustled itself into Lincoln County while the three of us were spending a week in Carlsbad. When we called our families that we were ready to return to Capitan they instructed us that we were all snowed out and they were all snowed in and no communication outside of the telephone was in service. We three had a great

keep procrastinating about. Some, I am ashamed to admit that were from a couple of Christmas' ago.

And as I have no news I cannot write about it, can I now? I know everyone is hustling and bustling getting ready for the holidays and I can relate to that as I have a life other than doing this column and sometimes the deadline day and some of my plans are at a crossroads. But some of you folks are so nice about telling me how much you do like this column that I feel obligated to submit something each and every week.

Electronic Speed Detection Set Up In Lincoln Last Week

The speed limit on Highway 380 in the historic community of Lincoln is 30 miles per hour. But often vehicles rush through the community at speeds far faster than the posted limits.

Last week, motorists going through the historic community could see exactly how fast they were traveling with the help of a solar powered electronic speed detection unit.

Through the years, several citizens have been concerned about traffic speeding through Lincoln. Especially concerned is resident John McGrath, who also is the chairman of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board. Hoping to find some way prove that most vehicles passing through the community exceed the limits, often at dangerously high speeds, McGrath contacted Ruidoso police chief Larry Maddox to borrow the electronic speed detector the village has set up on Sudderth Drive.

Maddox was unable to loan the detector but directed McGrath to a manufacturer. After contacting several companies that build the detectors, McGrath found Precision Filter Control, Inc. that would loan a portable detector for a week. Last week the detector was delivered to Lincoln and set up in front of the old courthouse.

"As soon as we put it up, an east bound truck went by going 59 miles per hour which is 29 miles over the speed limit of 30," McGrath told THE NEWS.

McGrath said vehicles often do not heed the speed limits that are supposed to slow vehicles from 55 miles per hour to 50 then 35 down to the 30 through the community.

McGrath hopes to use the information gained off the temporary speed detector to get the New Mexico State Highway to install two permanent detectors at each end of Lincoln. Each permanent unit costs \$7,500. The portable detector costs \$12,500. If the state highway department cannot fund the detectors, McGrath said he will go to a company that will help apply for a federally funded grant for the units.

OBITUARY

ESTEFANITA B. SANCHEZ

Funeral Mass for Estefanita B. Sanchez, 87, of Ruidoso Downs was at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church November 25. Officiating was Fr. Richard Catana. Burial followed at San Ysidro Cemetery at Glencoe.

Mrs. Sanchez died November 22 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque. She was born September 14, 1911 at Hollywood, NM and had lived in Lincoln County all of her life. She was a member of St. Eleanor's Catholic Church and a homemaker.

She married Jose M.

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Ruidoso Warriors football team lost to Artesia last Saturday in their bid for the AAA football championship, but gave the Bulldogs all they wanted and a bit more. Both teams were well coached and played a beautiful game before a standing room only crowd. Both teams did themselves proud!

The 1998 1A All-District FB team was named with the following players

from Carrizozo being recognized:

OFFENSE: 1st team, Ryan Roper, jr. (Quarterback), Chris Margis, soph. (Receiver), 2nd team, Ryan Roper (Punter and Deep Back), Simon Beltran, jr. (Running Back), Miguel Najjar, sr. (Center), Josh Vega, jr. (Lineman), Cameron Douglas, jr. (Lineman). Honorable Mention, Chris Margis (Running Back), Bryan Hightower, jr. (Center), John Greene, soph. (Deep Back).

District Players of the Year were Ryan Roper of Carrizozo and Guch Quintana of Mountainair.

DEFENSE: 1st team, Ryan Roper (Linebacker and Kicker), 2nd team, Miguel Najjar (Def. End), Bryan Hightower (Lineman), Simon Beltran (Linebacker), Chris Margis (Def. Back), Honorable Mention, Cameron Douglas (Lineman), Josh Vega (Lineman).

Named to the Class A 6-Man ALL-STATE FB TEAM were:

OFFENSE: 1st team, Ryan Roper (Punter and Kicker), 2nd team, Ryan Roper (Quarterback), Miguel Najjar (Lineman), Honorable Mention, Simon Beltran (Receiver).

DEFENSE: Honorable Mention, Miguel Najjar (Rush End), Ryan Roper (Linebacker), and Chris Margis (Defensive Back).

In volleyball the following girl athletes were named to the All-District Team:

Renee Rael, Carrizozo; Sarah Stewart, Corona; Sarah Auglin, Mountainair; Amber Vallejos, Carrizozo; Monica Alirez, Corona; Adrienne Zamora, Mountainair; Crystal Lesperance, Vaughn; Mollie Hightower, Carrizozo; Anna Luna, Mountainair; and Courtney Perez, Corona. Congratulations to all!

The Carrizozo Varsity basketball team is off to a 1-3 start so far this season after competing in the Hondo BB tournament over the weekend. The Grizzlies started off the season with a 77-48 loss at Mesilla Valley last week. "We didn't play a very good game", said coach Rick Beserra. Beserra said it was a typical first game of the season for the Grizzlies, and

was glad to get the first one out of the way. Carrizozo shot 16-30 from the field and converted only 46% of their free-throws, which accounted for the low score. Josh Vega was high for Carrizozo with 22 points.

In contrast, Carrizozo was sizzling hot on Thursday night in the opening round of the Hondo tourney when they beat Alamo Christian by the score of 83-71. The Grizzlies shot better than 55% from the field and 75% from the charity line. A red hot Josh Vega led a well balanced scoring effort by the Grizzlies with 36 points, Ryan Roper had 18, Simon Beltran 11, Cameron Douglas 7, Carlos Garcia 6, Chris Margis 4 and Miguel Najjar 2 to round out the scoring.

On Friday Carrizozo cooled off and lost to the Ruidoso JV by the score of 74-56. "We shot poorly again, didn't execute well and were way off tempo", said coach Beserra, pointing out the 30% from the field and 11-23 from the free-throw line. Ryan Roper sustained an ankle sprain in the second period and had to leave the game. He could be back as early as this week or maybe on the 17th against Mesalero. Simon Beltran led the Grizzly effort with 19 points and Josh Vega added 16.

Carrizozo blew an early 15 point lead against Vaughn on Saturday and ended up losing to the Eagles by the score of 66-61. According to Beserra Carrizozo let Vaughn hang around too long and then went ice cold in the second half and let the Eagles back into the game. Nineteen turnovers in the second half (14 in last quarter) did the Grizzlies in.

Carrizozo will host Mesalero on the 17th at 7:00 p.m. and follow that up by participating in the Ruidoso Invitational on Dec. 28 and are expected to play Canutillo in the first round.

The Varsity Girls will travel to the Hondo Eagle Classic this weekend Dec. 10, 11 and 12, and host Mesalero on the 17th, 5:00 p.m. before Christmas break.

Denver didn't cooperate with us Sunday and continued their winning ways and remained undefeated (13-0), and Dallas and Pittsburgh let us down, but still managed to go 11-4 for the week, which leaves us 126-69

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Capitan Chamber

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce met Monday, Dec. 7 and agreed to once again sponsor a Christmas lighting contest. There will be a \$50 merchandise certificate awarded in the residential category and a similar merchandise certificate in the commercial category. The certificates are to be used in Capitan. Judging for the lighting contest will be between December 14 and December 20. The chamber continues to receive numerous inquiries about the Capitan area. As a result, 5,000 Capitan brochures and 5,000 Smokey Bear brochures have been ordered.

The chamber received a letter from the scholarship director of the University of New Mexico, thanking the chamber for its scholarship awarded to Tessa Nicolet and praised the chamber for its interest in the scholarship field.

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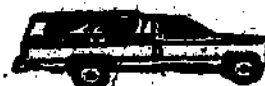
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209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM
354-2025
Tuesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Sunday Evening.....6:00 pm

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM
648-2968 (church) or 648-2107
Worship Service.....9:45 am
Sun. Evening.....10:56 am
Sun. Evening.....Training at 8:15 pm
Evening Worship.....7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186
Children's Church.....10:30 am
Worship Service.....10:30 am
Thursday Bible Study.....7:00 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
212 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

SATURDAY:

Capitan Sacred Heart.....5:00 pm
Czozo Santa Rita.....6:30 pm

SUNDAY:

Capitan Sacred Heart.....9:00 am
Czozo Santa Rita.....10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa.....4:00 pm

Church of Christ

PERRY ZUMWALT, minister
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2998
Sunday School.....10:20 am
Worship Service.....11:30 am
Evening Worship (Winter).....1:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

FR. A. TRIPP, priest
Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
1-258-4144
Holy Eucharist.....9:30 am Sunday

United Methodist Churches

BOB BOYD, pastor / Trinity - Carrizozo
1000 D. Ave., 648-2853/648-2240
Sunday School (All Ages).....10:00 am
Worship Service.....11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday).....6:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every
3rd Wednesday.....1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
CAPTAIN

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.

Sierra Blanca Presbytery

DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors / 648-2650
Nogal Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Archie Community Presbyterian Church:
Worship.....9:30 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 (inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd/Capitan
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
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.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

REX BERESFORD, pastor
Capitan (South on Highway 48) 354-3110
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.



Carrizozo Gets Good Audit

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with both the private and public sectors.

The trustees said that they would look at the information he left and if interested contact him at a later date.

De'Aun Willoughby CPA, presented the 1997-98 audit report that she prepared for the town. Willoughby went through the report and said that the town had built up cash reserves during the 1997-98 year and that shows that the town did not spend as much as they received which indicated that there was good management in the town.

In operation and equipment, sanitation showed a small loss while water and sewer showed a larger loss. Schlarb said that toward the end of the 1997-98 year Carrizozo put into effect a rate increase.

Schlarb told Willoughby that the figures were getting better, especially the sanitation.

In the report letter called Report on Compliance and Internal Controls Over the Financial Statement Regarding compliance there were no findings and on internal controls there were also no findings.

Willoughby said that the town has done an excellent job in managing the town. She said she has audited the town for a long time and financially this is the best Carrizozo town audit she has seen.

The trustees approved issuing a notice to proceed to Carrizozo Ready Mix for repair to the sidewalk in front of the police department and court complex. Lovelace abstained from voting.

The drainage problem on

12th Street by the Rainbow Inn was discussed and approval was given to Hernandez to handle getting the concrete, pouring, and finishing of concrete through administrative decision. If the cost comes to more than \$500, it will be bought before the trustees. The town employees will do the work in preparation for the concrete. The three inch to four inch sloping concrete ditch will drain the water to the ditch behind the Rainbow Inn.

During Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega's police report, he told the trustees that the entire police staff is working good and he is proud of their working efforts.

Lovelace gave Vega a key to the caboose. She told the trustees that Christmas lights have been hung on the ca-

boose and that Vega has agreed to have the police department go in and turn them off at night. The lights will be on from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. She thanked the police department for doing this.

The trustees reported on their review of the Carrizozo Procurement Regulations Guidelines. Lovelace said that a central purchasing office needed to be inserted. This will be at city hall. Schlarb will make the changes and present it to the trustees at the next meeting for their approval.

The resolution for the Open Meeting Act and the resolution for the official holiday calendar were both approved by the trustees.

The resolution for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Economic Development Set-Aside Grant was also approved by the trustees. This resolution states that the mayor is authorized to submit an application requesting program funds on behalf of the ALESCA Company by the Town of Carrizozo and to perform any and all such other acts, matters and manner of things as shall be and become necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes herein.

ALESCA is the company that would like to bring a carbon recycling plant to Carrizozo. Anthony Skaggs, the owner of the company, has been working with town officials to bring the plant to Carrizozo.

Lovelace asked what would the town's responsibility would be. Silva said that there would be no financial responsibility. Hernandez said the town was giving a letter of intent to back and support ALESCA. Hernandez said the grant has to be applied for by the municipality. Hernandez said that as far as he understands (through meetings he has attended) the town will not be liable for paying back the funds that the funds were being paid by ALESCA. Schlarb said that it would be set up like an escrow fund.

Trustees approved plat for Jack Garrett.

Hernandez asked the trustees to which of the 1999 CDBG projects was the top priority. The trustees decided that the wastewater treatment plant was the number one priority.

Angelo Vega was appointed to the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas Board (CCNGB). Silva said the board members were good people; however, it did not work out for him to serve on the board. Silva said he wanted everyone to know his priorities as: 1) God, his family, and his health; 2) his livelihood; 3) city hall and community. He feels that Vega will do a good job as a member of the CCNGB.

The trustees approved a motion to give the town employees a \$200 one time merit increase with the town of Carrizozo to pick up the employees portion of the FICA and Medicare taxes. Morales abstained from voting.

During the time allotted for reports from the mayor and trustees there was discussion on the town employees dinner. The dinner for the employees will be on December 17 and Lindsay and Hernandez donated \$100 each toward paying for the dinner. Silva is providing the food at cost, which is \$7.50 per person. Lovelace said she would donate the rest of the \$7.50 that Lindsay's and Hernandez's donation does not cover.

The trustees approved canceling the December 22 meeting. The next meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will be on January 8, 1999.

OBITUARY

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Sanchez in 1925 at Holly-wood, NM and he preceded her in death on September 17, 1953.

She is survived by three sons, Selestino Sanchez of Lubbock, TX, Alex Sanchez of Mesalero, and Willie Sanchez of Ruidoso Downs; six daughters, Flora Brant of Big Spring, TX, Nell Jaramillo of Ruidoso Downs, Lydia Ligon and Ruth Bouillon both of Alamogordo, Elizabeth Wilton of Alice, TX, and Viola Rue

of Ruidoso; four sisters, Concha Sanchez of Ruidoso Downs, Alice Montoya of Alamogordo, Esther Benevise, and Cecilia Benevise, both of Roswell, 34 grandchildren, and 28 great grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Completes Basic

Marine Pfc. Dustin P. Armstrong. Son of Ruby C. McClain of Ruidoso, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Calendar of

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

—Day to file declaration of candidacy for school board elections for all school districts in the county. Candidates file between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority 2 p.m. LCSWA office Ruidoso Downs.
—Ruidoso P&Z 2 p.m. village hall.
—Special Carrizozo School Board meeting 3 p.m.
—Regular Carrizozo School Board meeting 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

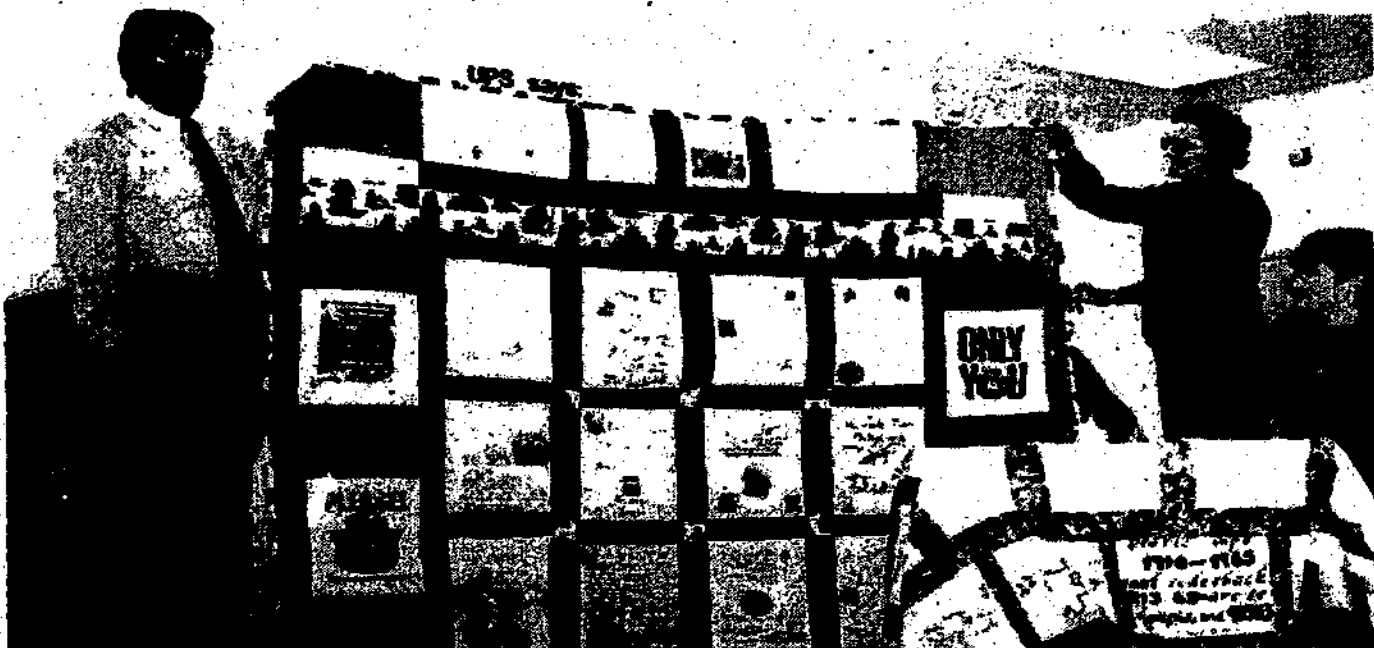
—Ruidoso Parks & Recreation Committee 6:30 p.m. Village Hall.
—Lincoln County Fair Association, 7 p.m. fair office Capitan.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

—Santa Claus visits Carrizozo, 2 p.m. Spencer Park.



RUIDOSO WARRIOR QUARTERBACK Corey Saenz #14, runs the ball during Saturday's final State Class AAA football game against the undefeated Artesia Bulldogs. Artesia took home the Class AAA trophy by defeating Ruidoso 35-22 before a record crowd of Bulldog and Warrior fans. During the Ruidoso village council meeting Tuesday, Ruidoso mayor Robert Donaldson commended the team for being a great bunch of guys who created spirit and pride in their community with their hard work.



SMOKEY BEAR QUILT with blocks by many of the people involved with the Living Smokey Bear in the 1950s is shown by Capitan Post Master Mike Currin, Fort Stanton Post Master Willie Hobbs and clerk Christie Sepkowitz. The quilt will be silent auctioned at the Capitan Senior Center at 5:30 p.m. on December 12. The post office is also selling changes to win a quilt with a snowflake pattern. Tickets are \$2 or three for \$5 and are available at the post office. Drawing for the quilt will be on December 18. Bid sheets for the silent auction are also available at the post office. Proceeds go to the Capitan Post Office Scholarship fund.

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Joan E. Park
Lincoln County Treasurer
P.O. Box 709, Carrizozo, NM 88301
648-2397 or 648-2525

LEGALS

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Capitán Municipal School District No. 28 (herein the "Board" and the "District," respectively), in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, has determined that a Regular School District Election and School Bond Election, (herein the "Election") be held on February 2, 1999, pursuant to Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that three (3) positions on the Board are to be filled at such election by submitting to the qualified electors of the District the names of candidates qualified to appear on the ballot for election to the positions to be filled; and

WHEREAS, the persons who desire to fill such position on the Board shall be required to file declarations of candidacy or declarations to be a write-in candidate, all in accordance with Sections 1-22-1, et seq., NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has determined upon its own initiative to submit to a vote at said Election, the question of the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount and for the purpose hereinafter specified, as permitted by Section 22-18-2B NMSA 1978, and the Bond Election Act; and

WHEREAS, neither the bond question herein submitted nor any other bond question has been defeated by the voters of the District at a bond election held within a period of two years from the date of the Election hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 28 CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 2nd day of February, 1999, there will be held in Capitán Municipal School District No. 28, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting the names of candidates for three (3) positions to be filled on the Board to the respective qualified electors of the District and for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of creating a debt by the issuing of general obligation bonds.

Section 2. The Voting Districts for this Election shall be as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Voting District, Election Precinct, Polling Place. District 1 includes precincts 3 and 5, and portions of 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 19C within the District. Polling place is Lincoln County Fair Building, Capitán, New Mexico.

In addition, there will be an Absentee Voter District established as described in Section 10 herein.

Section 3. 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 4. At such Election, the following at-large positions on the Board shall be filled by the qualified electors of the District, to wit:

- Position 3: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 1999;
Position 4: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 1999; and
Position 5: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 1999.

Section 5. A declaration of candidacy for membership on the Board to be filled at the Election shall be filed with the County Clerk of Lincoln, the proper filing officer, during the period commencing at 9:00 a.m., December 15, 1998, being the third Tuesday in December, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the same day, pursuant to Section 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.

Section 6. In making a declaration of candidacy, the candidate for membership on the Board shall submit a sworn statement of intent in substantially the form provided in Section 1-22-8, NMSA 1978.

Section 7. A person who desires to be a write-in candidate for membership on the Board at such Election shall file with the County Clerk of Lincoln, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate before 5:00 p.m. on December 29, 1998, being the thirty-fifth day preceding the date of the Election.

Section 8. At such Election, the following question shall be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the District:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTION

"Shall the Board of Education of the Capitán Municipal School District No. 28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the District, in one series or more, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$5,750,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings and purchasing and improving school grounds and or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine?"

Section 9. 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 day 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 Lincoln County. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at such Election should register during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 1999, being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the Election at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, at the County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Clerk of Lincoln County (which may include the municipal clerks of all municipalities in Lincoln County) or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer as provided in Section 1-4-47, NMSA 1978, or at any state agency providing public assistance or services to people with disabilities pursuant to Section 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

Section 10. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner, authorized by 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978 and 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, 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., January 8, 1999, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., January 29, 1999, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

Section 11. 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 Voting District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of November, 1998.

Tom Trost, President, Board of Education

Attest: Freda McSwane, Secretary, Board of Education

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LEGAL RESOLUTION 1998-33

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the Town of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, meeting in regular session on the 8th day of December, 1998, has approved and adopted the Official Holiday Calendar for the Town of Carrizozo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees hereby adopts the following as the Official Holiday Calendar for the Town of Carrizozo.

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday will be observed on Monday, January 18, 1999
Lincoln's Birthday will be observed on Friday, November 26, 1999
Washington's Birthday will be observed on Thursday, December 23, 1999
Good Friday will be observed on Friday, April 2, 1999
Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 31, 1999
Independence Day will be observed on Monday, July 5, 1999
Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 6, 1999
Columbus Day will be observed on Monday, October 11, 1999
Veteran's Day will be observed on Thursday, November 11, 1999
Thanksgiving Day will be observed on Thursday, November 26, 1999
Christmas Day will be observed on Friday, December 24, 1999
New Year's Day will be observed on Friday, December 31, 1999

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION this 8th day of December, 1998.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO
MANUEL R. HERNANDEZ, MAYOR
JAMES W. SILVA, TRUSTEE
KILEEN LOVELACE, TRUSTEE
WESLEY B. LINDSAY, TRUSTEE
CYNTHIA MORALES, TRUSTEE

Attest: Carol Schlarb, Municipal Clerk

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, December 10, 1998.

RESOLUCION Y PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR Y UNA ELECCION DE BONOS ESCOLARES

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 28 de Capitán (en esta, "Junta" y "Distrito," respectivamente), en el Condado de Lincoln, y el Estado de Nuevo México, ha determinado que se lleve a cabo una Elección Regular del Distrito Escolar y una Elección de Bonos Escolares (en esta, la "Elección") el 2 de febrero de 1999, conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19 NMSA, 1978; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta del Distrito ha determinado someter a votación en dicha Elección a los electores habilitados que se llenarán tres (3) posiciones en la Junta con los nombres de los candidatos habilitados para aparecer en la boleta de elección para las posiciones que se llenarán; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, las personas que quieren llenar las posiciones en la Junta se requieren someter declaraciones de candidatura o declaraciones de intento de ser candidato de nombre llenando por escrito, todo conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1, et seq., NMSA 1978; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta del Distrito ha determinado por iniciativa propia someter a votación en dicha Elección, la cuestión de la emisión de bonos de obligación general de suma máxima y para las fines que mas adelante se especifican, conforme a la Sección 22-18-2B NMSA 1978 y la Ley de Elecciones de Bonos; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la cuestión relacionada con los bonos que aquí se somete a votación ni cualquiera otra cuestión de bonos ha sido derrotada por los votantes del Distrito en una elección de bonos convocada dentro de un periodo de dos años antes de la Elección que mas adelante se especifica;

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACION DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR MUNICIPIO NUM. 28 DE CAPITAN, EN EL CONDADO DE LINCOLN Y ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO RESUELVE:

Sección 1. El 2 de febrero de 1999 se llevará a cabo una elección regular en el Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 28 de Capitán, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo México con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos por las tres (3) posiciones que se llenarán en la Junta y la cuestión si se puede crear una deuda con la emisión de bonos de obligación general.

Sección 2. Los Precintos para la votación para esta elección son los siguientes:

Table with 3 columns: Distrito Electoral, Eleccion Num. del Precinto, Sitios De Votacion. District 1 includes precincts 3 y 5 y partes de 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 6, 7, 10 y 19C dentro del Distrito. Sitios de votación: Lincoln County Fair Building, Capitán, Nuevo México.

Además habrá un Distrito para Votantes en Ausencia según se expresa en la Sección 10 mas adelante.

Sección 3. Los Sitios de Votación en dicha Elección permanecerán abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el día de la Elección.

Sección 4. En dicha Elección, las siguientes posiciones en general de la Junta se llevarán por los votantes habilitados del distrito, es decir:

- Posición 3: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 1999.
Posición 4: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 1999; y
Posición 5: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 1999.

Sección 5. Una declaración de candidatura para ser miembro de la Junta que se llenarán en la Elección se presentará con el(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, el oficial apropiado de registración, durante el periodo comenzando a las 9:00 a.m., el 15 de diciembre de 1998, esa fecha siendo el martes tercero de diciembre, y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el mismo día, conforme a la Sección 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.

Sección 6. Al declarar la candidatura, el candidato que quiere ser miembro de la Junta someterá una declaración jurada de intento en la forma substancial conforme a la Sección 1-22-8, NMSA 1978.

Sección 7. Una persona que quiera ser miembro de la Junta por medio de ser candidato de nombre llenado por escribir en dicha Elección presentará con el(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, una declaración de intento de ser candidato de nombre llenado por escribir antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 29 de diciembre de 1998, que es el día treinta y cinco que antecede la fecha de la Elección.

Sección 8. En dicha Elección, la siguiente cuestión será sometida a la consideración de dichos votantes del Distrito que se hayan inscrito y estén habilitados:

CUESTION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL

"¿Se le concedera la autorización a la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 28 de Capitán, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo México a fin de que emita Bonos de una serie o mas de obligación general del Distrito, en la suma agregada principal que no exceda de los \$5,750,000, con el fin de construir, remodelar, agregar anexos y amueblar a los edificios escolares y comprar o mejorar terrenos escolares o una combinación de estos propósitos, los dichos bonos se pagaran con los fondos derivados de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) y se emitirán y se venderán en tal fecha o en tales fechas y conforme a los términos y condiciones que la Junta determine?"

Sección 9. Una persona es elector habilitado 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 en la fecha de la Elección. Para votar, los electores habilitados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente en los libros del(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, o un auxiliar de registración del departamento de motores vehiculares conforme a la ley. Cualquier elector habilitado del Distrito que no este registrado ahora y que desee votar en dicha Elección debe registrarse en la oficina del(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, en el Edificio de la Corte en Carrizozo, Nuevo México, durante las horas hábiles antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 5 de enero de 1999, cayendo esa fecha veinte y ocho días antes de la fecha de la Elección, o el votante se puede registrar también en la oficina de cualquier auxiliar de registración nombrado por el(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln (quienes pueden incluir los(as) escribanos(as) municipales de todas las municipalidades del Condado de Lincoln) o un auxiliar de registración del departamento de motores vehiculares según lo permite la Sección 1-4-47 NMSA, o en cualquier agencia que provee su servicio a servicios públicos a personas con incapacidades conforme a la Sección 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

Sección 10. La votación en ausencia se permitirá conforme lo prescriben las Secciones 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA, 1978 y 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; siempre que conforme a la Sección 1-22-19, NMSA, 1978 los electores habilitados podrán votar presentándose personalmente en la oficina del(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln durante las horas y en los días hábiles entre las 8:00 a.m. el 8 de enero de 1999, fecha que cae 25 días antes de la fecha de la Elección, hasta las 5:00 p.m. el 29 de enero de 1999 que es el día viernes que antecede inmediatamente la fecha de la Elección.

Sección 11. La votación se llevará a cabo usando máquinas electorales, salvo la votación en ausencia la cual se llevará a cabo usando boletas de papel. Se colocará, por lo menos, una máquina electoral en el sitio electoral de cada Distrito Electoral.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este día 5 de noviembre de 1998.

Tom Trost, Presidente, Junta de Educación

Attest: Freda McSwane, Secretaria(a), Junta de Educación

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TOWN OF CARRIZOZO RESOLUTION 1998-32

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY MEETING AND PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1998 AT 6:00 P.M. AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 to 10-15-4) states that, except as may otherwise provides in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission,

administrative adjudicatory body or other policymaking body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such 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 only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Town of Carrizozo Governing Body to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its

public meetings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Carrizozo Governing Body that:

1.) All meetings shall be held at Town of Carrizozo City Council Chambers, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico at 6:00 p.m. or as indicated in the meeting notice.

2.) Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings shall be held each month on the second and fourth Tuesdays. The agenda will be available at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting from the Town Clerk, whose office is located at City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88901. Notice of any other regular meeting will be given five (5) days in advance of the meeting date. The notice shall indicate how a copy of the agenda may be obtained.

3.) Special meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the Board of Trustees upon two (2) days notice. The notice shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how members of the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four (24) hours before any special meeting.

4.) Emergency meetings will be called only under unforeseen circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members upon twenty-four (24) hours notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.

5.) For the purposes of regular meetings described in paragraph 2 of this resolution, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time, place and agenda is placed in newspapers of general circulation in Carrizozo, New Mexico and posted in the following locations: City Hall, NORWEST Bank, Branch of Ruidoso State Bank, County of Lincoln, United States Post Office, Lincoln County News. The Town Clerk shall also mail copies of the written notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation which have made a written request for notices of public meetings.

6.) For the purpose of special meetings and emergency meetings described in paragraph 3 and 4 of this resolution, notice requirements shall be met by posting notice of the date, time, place and agenda in the offices as referred to under Section 5 of the resolution. The Town Clerk shall also provide telephone notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspaper of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of public meeting.

7.) In addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language: If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearings or meetings, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at City Hall, 645-2971 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at City Hall if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

8.) The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees may close a meeting to the public only if the subject matter of such discussion or action is exempted from the open meeting requirement under Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act.

(a) If any meeting is closed during an open meeting, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Trustees taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closure and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion for closure and the vote on closure of each individual member shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects specified in the motion may be discussed in a closed meeting.

(b) If the decision to hold a closed meeting is made when the Board of Trustees is not an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provisions of the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity is given to the members and to the general public.

(c) Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.

(d) Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussion in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the Board of Trustees in an open meeting.

This resolution supersedes Resolution 1997-15.

P A S S E D AND ADOPTED 8th day of December, 1998.

Carol Schlarb, Mayor

Attest: Carol Schlarb, Town Clerk, GMC/AAE

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

Lincoln County Medical Center, Community Board of Trustees, Thursday, December 17, 1998, 6:00 p.m., Hospital Conference Room.

Closed Meeting, pursuant to Limited Personnel Matters Exception, Administrator Applicant Resume Reviews.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo have canceled the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 22, 1998.

Carol Schlarb, GMC/AAE Town Clerk-Treasurer

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under the circumstances, stating the specific provisions of the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity is given to the members and to the general public.

(c) Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.

(d) Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussion in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the Board of Trustees in an open meeting.

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P A S S E D AND ADOPTED 8th day of December, 1998.

Carol Schlarb, Mayor

Attest: Carol Schlarb, Town Clerk, GMC/AAE

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 1998 at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Dr. Woods Annex in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the December 15, 1998, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA, Assistant County Manager

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold a Regular meeting on Thursday, December 17, 1998. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 15, 1998.
IV. OLD BUSINESS
A. Request for Preliminary Plat Approval of the proposed subdivision, "The Preserve, Phase I". Mr. Brady Baxter
V. ADJOURNMENT

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LEGALS

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20 (herein the "Board" and the "District," respectively), in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, has determined that a Regular School District Election, (herein the "Election") be held on February 2, 1999, pursuant to Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that five (5) positions on the Board are to be filled at such Election by submitting to the qualified electors of the District the names of candidates qualified to appear on the ballot for election to the positions to be filled; and

WHEREAS, the persons who desire to fill such positions on the Board shall be required to file declarations of candidacy or declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate, all in accordance with Sections 1-22-1, et seq., NMSA 1978;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 2nd day of February, 1999, there will be held in the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting the names of candidates for the five (5) positions to be filled on the Board, being the positions numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Section 2. At such Election the following at-large positions on the Board shall be filled by the qualified electors of the district, to wit:

- Position 1: For a remainder of a four-year term which expires on March 1, 2001;
- Position 2: For a remainder of a four-year term which expires on March 1, 2001;
- Position 3: For a four-year term starting March 1, 1999;
- Position 4: For a four-year term starting March 1, 1999; and
- Position 5: For a four-year term starting March 1, 1999;

Section 3. The Voting Districts for this Election are as follows:

Voting District	Election Precincts	Polling Places
1	A, 12A, 12B, 12C	Hondo Valley School Gym Lobby Hondo, New Mexico

In addition, absentee voting shall be permitted as described in Section 9 herein.

Section 4. 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 5. A declaration of candidacy for membership on the Board to be filled at the election shall be filed with the County Clerk of Lincoln, the proper filing officer, during the period commencing at 9:00 a.m., December 15, 1998, being the third Tuesday in December, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the same day, pursuant to Section 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.

Section 6. In making a declaration of candidacy, the candidate for membership on the Board shall submit a sworn statement of intent in substantially the form provided in Section 1-22-8, NMSA 1978.

Section 7. A person who desires to be a write-in candidate for membership on the Board at such Election shall file with the County Clerk of Lincoln, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate before 5:00 p.m. on December 29, 1998, being the thirty-fifth day preceding the date of the Election.

Section 8. 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 day 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 Lincoln County, or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at such Election should register during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 1999, being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the Election at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Clerk of Lincoln County (which may include the municipal clerks of all municipalities in Lincoln County) or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer as provided in Section 1-4-47, NMSA 1978, or at any state agency providing public assistance or services to people with disabilities pursuant to Section 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

Section 9. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by Section 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978 and 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, 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., January 8, 1999, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., January 29, 1999, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

Section 10. 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 Voting District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 1998.

In/ Ray Aragon
President, Board of Education

(SEAL)
Attest:
In/ Lucinda Loveless
Secretary, Board of Education

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RESOLUCION Y PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Publico Num. 20 de Hondo Valley (en esta, "Junta" y "Distrito," respectivamente), en el Condado de Lincoln, y el Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion regular del Distrito Escolar (en esta, la "Eleccion") el 2 de febrero de 1999, conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19 NMSA, 1978; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta del Distrito ha determinado someter a votacion en dicha Eleccion a los electores habilitados que se llenaran cinco (5) posiciones en la Junta con los nombres de los candidatos habilitados para aparecer en la boleta de eleccion para los posiciones que se llenaran; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, las personas que quieren llenar las posiciones en la Junta se requieren someter declaraciones de candidatura o declaraciones de intento ser candidato de nombre llenando por escribir, todo conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1, et. seq., NMSA 1978; y

AHOR, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACION DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR PUBLICO NUM. 20 DE HONDO VALLEY EL CUAL CONSTITUYE EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN EL CONDADO DE LINCOLN Y ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO RESUELVE:

Section 1. El 2 de febrero de 1999 se llevara a cabo una eleccion regular en el Distrito Escolar Publico Num. 20 de Hondo Valley, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarlo a todos los votantes respectivos habilitados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos por las cinco (5) posiciones que se llenaran en la Junta, siendo las posiciones 1, 2, 3, 4 y 5.

Section 2. En dicha Eleccion, las siguientes posiciones en la Junta se llenaran por los votantes habilitados del distrito, es decir:

- Posicion 1: Para lo que queda del plazo de cuatro años que termina el 1 de marzo de 2001;
- Posicion 2: Para lo que queda del plazo de cuatro años que termina el 1 de marzo de 2001;
- Posicion 3: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 1999;
- Posicion 4: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 1999; y
- Posicion 5: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 1999;

Section 3. Los Precintos para la votacion para esta eleccion son los siguientes:

Districto Electoral	Eleccion Num. del Precinto	Sitios De Votacion
1	3, 12A, 12B, 12C	Hondo Valley School Gym Lobby Hondo, Nuevo Mexico

Ademas habra un Distrito para Votantes en Ausencia segun se expresa en la Seccion 9 mas adelante.

Section 4. Los Sitos de Votacion en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

Section 5. Una declaracion de candidatura para ser miembro de la Junta que se llenaran en la Eleccion se presentara con el(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, el oficial apropiado de registracion, durante el periodo comenzando a las 9:00 a.m., el 15 de diciembre de 1998, esa fecha siendo el martes tercero de diciembre, y terminando a las 5:00 p.m., el mismo dia, conforme a la Seccion 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.

Section 6. Al declarar la candidatura, el candidato que quiere ser miembro de la Junta sometera una declaracion jurada de intento en la forma substancial conforme a la Seccion 1-22-8, NMSA 1978.

Section 7. Una persona que quiere ser miembro de la Junta por medio de ser can-

didato de nombre llenado por escribir en dicha Eleccion presentara con el(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, una declaracion de intento de ser candidato de nombre llenado por escribir antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 29 de diciembre de 1998, que es el dia treinta y cinco que antecede la fecha de la Eleccion.

Section 8. Una persona es elector habilitado del Distrito si el o ella es ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad el dia de la Eleccion y es residente del Distrito en la fecha de la Eleccion. Para votar, los electores habilitados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente en los libros del(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares conforme a la ley. Cualquier elector habilitado del Distrito que no este registrado ahora y que desee votar en dicha Eleccion debe registrarse en la oficina del(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, en el Edificio de la Corte en Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, durante las horas habiles antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 5 de enero de 1999, cayendose esa fecha veinte y ocho dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, o el votante se puede registrar tambien en la oficina de cualquier auxiliar de registracion nombrado por el(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln (quienes pueden incluir los(as) escribanos(as) municipales de todas las municipalidades del Condado de Lincoln) o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares segun lo permita la Seccion 1-4-47 NMSA 1978, o en cualquier agencia que provee subsidio a servicios publicos a personas con incapacidades conforme a la Seccion 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

Section 9. La votacion en ausencia se permitira conforme lo prescriben las Secciones 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA, 1978 y 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA; siempre que conforme a la Seccion 1-22-19, NMSA, 1978 los electores habilitados podran votar presentandose personalmente en la oficina del(a) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln durante las horas y en los dias habiles entre las 8:00 a.m., el 8 de enero de 1999, fecha que cae 25 dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, hasta las 5:00 p.m. el 29 de enero de 1999 que es el dia viernes que antecede inmediatamente la fecha de la Eleccion.

Section 10. La Votacion se llevara a cabo usando maquinas electorales, salvo la votacion en ausencia la cual se llevara a cabo usando boletas de papel. Se colocara, por lo menos, una maquina electoral en el sitio electoral de cada Distrito Electoral.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este dia 1 de noviembre de 1998.

In/ Ray Aragon
Presidente, Junta de Educacion

(SELLO)
Doy Fe:
In/ Lucinda Loveless
Secretaria(o), Junta de Educacion

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LEGAL RESOLUTION NO. 1998-12

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, meeting in regular session on the 6th day of November, 1998, has approved and adopted the Official Holiday Calendar for Lincoln County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following as the Official Holiday Calendar for Lincoln County.

- * Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday..... will be observed on Monday, January 18, 1999
- * Lincoln's Birthday..... will be observed on Friday, November 26, 1999
- * Washington's Birthday..... will be observed on Thursday, December 23, 1999
- * Good Friday..... will be observed on Friday, April 2, 1999
- * Memorial Day..... will be observed on Monday, May 31, 1999
- * Independence Day..... will be observed on Monday, July 5, 1999
- * Labor Day..... will be observed on Monday, September 6, 1999
- * Columbus Day..... will be observed on Monday, October 11, 1999
- * Veteran's Day..... will be observed on Thursday, November 11, 1999
- * Thanksgiving Day..... will be observed on Thursday, November 25, 1999
- * Christmas Day..... will be observed on Friday, December 24, 1999
- * New Year's Day..... will be observed on Friday, December 31, 1999

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION this 6th day of November, 1998.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
L. RAY NUNLEY, CHAIRMAN
HEX WILSON, VICE CHAIRMAN
WILTON H. HOWELL, MEMBER
MONROY MONTES, MEMBER
WILLIAM H. SCHWETTMANN, MEMBER

ATTEST:
MARTHA M. PROCTOR
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

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RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Corona Municipal School District No. 13 (herein the "Board" and the "District," respectively), in the Counties of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance and State of New Mexico, has determined that a Regular School District Election and School Bond Election, (herein the "Election") be held on February 2, 1999, pursuant to Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that three (3) positions on the Board are to be filled at such election by submitting to the qualified electors of the District the names of candidates qualified to appear on the ballot for election to the positions to be filled; and

WHEREAS, the persons who desire to fill such positions on the Board shall be required to file declarations of candidacy or declarations to be a write-in candidate, all in accordance with Sections 1-22-1, et seq., NMSA 1978;

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has determined upon its own initiative to submit to a vote at said Election, the question of the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount and for the purpose hereinafter specified, as permitted by Section 22-18-2B NMSA 1978, and the Bond Election Act; and

WHEREAS, neither the bond question herein submitted nor any other bond question has been defeated by the voters of the District at a bond election held within a period of two years from the date of the Election hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF LINCOLN, SOCORRO AND TORRANCE AND STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 2nd day of February, 1999, there will be held in the Corona Municipal School District No. 13, Lincoln Socorro and Torrance Counties, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting the names of candidates for the three (3) positions to be filled on the Board to the respective electors of the District and for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of creating a debt by the issuing of general obligation bonds.

Section 2. The Voting Districts for this Election shall be as follows:

Voting District	Election Precinct	Polling Place
1	(Consolidated) 1, 2A, 3 (Lincoln County) 9D (Socorro County) 8, 11, 12 (Torrance County)	Corona, Senter Center Corona, New Mexico
2	Absentee	Lincoln County Clerk's Office Carrizozo, New Mexico

In addition, there will be an Absentee Voter District established as described in Section 10 herein.

Section 3. 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 4. At such Election, the following at-large positions on the Board shall be filled by the qualified electors of the District, to wit:

- Position 1: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 1999;
- Position 2: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 1999; and
- Position 3: For a four-year term commencing March 1, 1999;

Section 5. A declaration of candidacy for membership on the Board to be filled at the Election shall be filed with the County Clerk of Lincoln, the proper filing officer, during the period commencing at 9:00 a.m., December 15, 1998, being the third Tuesday in December, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the same day, pursuant to Section 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.

Section 6. In making a declaration of candidacy, the candidate for membership on the Board shall submit a sworn statement of intent in substantially the form provided in Section 1-22-8, NMSA 1978.

Section 7. A person who desires to be a write-in candidate for membership on the Board at such Election shall file with the County Clerk of Lincoln, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate before 5:00 p.m. on December 29, 1998, being the thirty-fifth day preceding the date of the Election.

Section 8. At such Election, the following question shall be submitted to each qualified, registered electors of the District:

"Shall the Board of Education of the Corona Municipal School District No. 13, Counties of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance, State of New Mexico, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the District, in one series or

(SEE PAGE 10)



Corona News

An inch of snow Sunday, about three inches Monday, some wind, 20 degree temperature and Christmas decorations going up along the street have together put us in a holiday mood.

Open House at the Corona Museum is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12. Santa Claus is going to be there with refreshments.

The school Christmas program is at 6:30 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 17 and vacation starts the next day, Friday the 18th.

Crown CowBelles will have their December meeting Saturday, Dec. 12 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Trish and Chad Cox at the NMSU ranch. There will be a covered dish turkey dinner, followed by a report on the annual convention which president Lanita Rasak and treasurer Wanda Duke will attend Friday and Saturday at the Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque.

Mrs. Rasak will wind up this year's business and turn over the gavel to incoming president, Trish Cox. This is a family affair. At least the turkey is for family and friends.

The Corona Presbyterian congregation will attend morning services, lunch, and business discussions at Claunch, Sunday, Dec. 13.

Janell and Tim Kane returned Wednesday from a 10 day trip to California; where they attended to business and took off for Thanksgiving dinner and a Sunday church service with daughter Danell and family.

Zackary Perkins and his parents came over from Clovis last week to get his first Christmas tree from the ranch. Zack told his grandfather, Rand, exactly what he wanted and also that he expected him in Clovis early Christmas Day.

A.J. Bechtel dropped a big rock on her foot resulting in a break that necessitated surgery and now a cast.

Several friends, including J.E. Robinson, braved the Monday morning storm to go to Estancia for the funeral of Charlie Gonca. Mr. Gonca, 89, died in his Estancia home after an illness. He had traveled for many years a few miles west of Cedarvale.

Candle light service at the Presbyterian Church will begin at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve. We think this will follow a visit from Santa at the Fire Station if . . .

*** OBITUARIES ***

DOIL C. RAY

Doil C Ray, 77, died December 3 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque. Mr. Ray was born on December 26, 1925 in Hazel, OK.

Doil worked in many fields of occupation, from 1954-59 he was manager of the Tularosa Gas Co. in Carrizozo, NM. He was a Ford mechanic and won several district and national awards.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, three sisters, one daughter, Joyce, and one granddaughter, Dena Lynn Gore.

He is survived by his wife Betty, son Lynn and Debbie of Hernando, MS; daughter Colleen and William of Estancia; adopted son Robert of Shoreline, WA; foster son Johnny and Judy of Anthony, NM; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held today, Dec. 10, 2:00 p.m. at the Cedarvale Cemetery in White Oaks.

JAMES W. SELBY

Memorial service for James W. Selby, 64, of Carrizozo was December 5 in the Fellowship Hall Church in Carrizozo.

Mr. Selby died November 27 at his home. He was born June 14, 1934 at Joliet, Ill. He was a carpenter and had lived in Carrizozo since 1985.

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

MARY SUE HAMPTON

Graveside funeral services for Mary Sue Hampton, 44, of Ruidoso will be at a later date in Goliad, TX.

Mary Sue died November 26, after a lengthy illness. She was born January 7, 1954 in Dallas, TX. She married Tim Hampton on August 23, 1980 in Kerrville, TX.

Mary Sue is survived by her husband Tim of Ruidoso; three sons, Larry Mark Billeiter of Augusta, GA, Austin Chase Hampton of Ingleside, TX, and Benjamin Thatcher Hampton of Ruidoso; a maternal aunt, Lucy Rigby of San Antonio, TX, and one granddaughter.

Services are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

LEGALS

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more, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$850,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings and purchasing or improving school grounds and purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public school classrooms or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine?

Section 9. A person is a qualified elector of the District if he or she is a citizen of the State, at least 18 years of age on the day 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 Clerks of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance Counties. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at such Election should register during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 1999, being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the Election 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 County Courthouse in Socorro, New Mexico, or at the office of the County Clerk of Torrance County, at the County Courthouse in Estancia, New Mexico, or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Clerks of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance Counties (which may include the municipal clerks of all municipalities in Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance Counties) or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer as provided in Section 1-4-47, NMSA 1978, or at any state agency providing public assistance or services to people with disabilities pursuant to Section 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

Section 10. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner, authorized by 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978 and 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentees 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., January 8, 1999, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., January 29, 1999, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

Section 11. 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 Voting District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of November, 1998.

/s/ Cathy Perez-Muniz
Presidente, Junta de Educacion

Attest:
/s/ Pete Gnatkowiak
Secretary, Board of Education

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RESOLUCION Y PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR Y UNA ELECCION DE BONOS ESCOLARES

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 13 de Corona (en esta, "Junta" y "Distrito", respectivamente), en los Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance, y el Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion Regular del Distrito Escolar y una Eleccion de Bonos Escolares (en esta, la "Eleccion") el 2 de febrero de 1999, conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19 NMSA, 1978; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta del Distrito ha determinado someter a votacion en dicha Eleccion a los electores habilitados que se llenaran tres (3) posiciones en la Junta con los nombres de los candidatos habilitados para aparecer en la boleta de eleccion para las posiciones que se llenaran; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, las personas que quieren llenar las posiciones en la Junta se requieren someter declaraciones de candidatura o declaraciones de intento ser candidato de nombre llenando por escribir, todo conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1, et. seq., NMSA 1978; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta del Distrito ha determinado por iniciativa propia someter a votacion en dicha Eleccion, la cuestion de la emision de bonos de obligacion general de suma maxima y para los fines que mas adelante se especifican, conforme a la Seccion 22-18-2B NMSA 1978 y la Ley de Elecciones de Bonos; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la cuestion relacionada con los bonos que aqui se somete a votacion al cualquiere otra cuestion de bonos ha sido derrotada por los votantes del Distrito en una eleccion de bonos convocada dentro de un periodo de dos años antes de la Eleccion que mas adelante se especifica;

AHOR, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACION DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR MUNICIPIO NUM. 13 DE CORONA EL CUAL CONSTITUYE EL CUERPO GOBIERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN LOS CONDADOS DE LINCOLN, SOCORRO Y TORRANCE Y ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO RESUELVE:

Seccion 1. El 2 de febrero de 1999 se llevara a cabo una eleccion regular en el Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 13 de Corona, Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos por las tres (3) posiciones que se llenaran en la Junta y la cuestion si se puede crear una deuda con la emision de bonos de obligacion general.

Seccion 2. Los Precintos para la votacion para esta eleccion son los siguientes:

Table with 3 columns: Distrito Electoral, Eleccion Num. del Precinto, Sitios De Votacion. Row 1: 1, 2A, 3 (Condado de Lincoln), Corona, Nuevo Mexico. Row 2: 9D (Condado de Socorro). Row 3: 8, 11, 12 (Condado de Torrance). Row 4: En Ausencia, Oficina del(de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico.

Ademas habra un Distrito para Votantes en Ausencia segun se expresa en la Seccion 40 mas adelante.

Seccion 3. Los Sitios de Votacion en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

Seccion 4. En dicha Eleccion, las siguientes posiciones en general de la Junta se llevaran por los votantes habilitados del distrito, es decir:

- Posicion 1: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 1999.
Posicion 2: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 1999; y
Posicion 3: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 1999.

Seccion 5. Una declaracion de candidatura para ser miembro de la Junta que se llenaran en la Eleccion se presentara con el(la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, el oficial apropiado de registracion, durante el periodo comenzando a las 9:00 a.m., el 15 de diciembre de 1998, esa fecha siendo el martes tercero de diciembre, y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el mismo dia, conforme a la Seccion 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.

Seccion 6. Al declarar la candidatura, el candidato que quiere ser miembro de la Junta sometera una declaracion jurada de intento en la forma substancial conforme a la Seccion 1-22-8, NMSA 1978.

Seccion 7. Una persona que quiere ser miembro de la Junta por medio de ser candidato de nombre llenado por escribir en dicha Eleccion presentara con el(la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, una declaracion de intento de ser candidato de nombre llenado por escribir antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 29 de diciembre de 1998, que es el dia treinta y cinco que antecede la fecha de la Eleccion.

Seccion 8. En dicha Eleccion, la siguiente cuestion sera sometida a la consideracion de dichos votantes del Distrito que se hayan inscrito y estan habilitados:

CUESTION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL

¿Se le concedera la autorizacion a la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 13 de Corona, Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance, Estado de Nuevo Mexico a fin de que emita Bonos de una serie o mas de obligacion general del Distrito, en la suma agregada principal que no exceda de los \$850,000, con el fin de construir, remodelar, agregar anexos y amueblar a los edificios escolares y comprar o mejorar terrenos escolares y comprar programas y equipo de computadora para el uso estudiantil en las aulas escolares publicas o una combinacion de estos propositos, los dichos bonos se pagaran con los fondos derivados de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) y se emitiran y se venderan en tal fecha o en tales fechas y conforme a los terminos y condiciones que la Junta determine?

Seccion 9. Una persona es elector habilitado del Distrito si el o ella es ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad el dia de la Eleccion y es residente del Distrito en la fecha de la Eleccion. Para votar, los electores habilitados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente en los libros de los(de las) Escribanos(as) de los Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance, o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares y Torrance a la ley. Cualquier elector habilitado del Distrito que no este registrado ahora y que desee votar en dicha Eleccion debe registrarse en la oficina del(de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, en el Edificio de la Corte en Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, o en la oficina del(de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Socorro, en el Edificio de la Corte en Socorro, Nuevo Mexico, o

en la oficina del(de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Torrance, en el Edificio de la Corte en Estancia, Nuevo Mexico, durante las horas habiles antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 15 de noviembre de 1998, cuando esa fecha veinte y ocho dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, o el votante se puede registrar tambien en la oficina de cualquier auxiliar de registracion nombrado por los(las) Escribanos(as) de los Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance (quienes pueden incluir los(las) Escribanos(as) municipales de todas las municipalidades de los Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance) o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares segun lo permite la Seccion 1-4-47 NMSA, o en cualquier agencia que provee subsidio a servicios publicos a personas con incapacidades conforme a la Seccion 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

Seccion 10. La votacion en ausencia se permitira conforme lo prescriben las Secciones 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978 y 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; siempre que conforme a la Seccion 1-22-19, NMSA 1978 los electores habilitados podran votar presentandose personalmente en la oficina del(de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln durante las horas y en los dias habiles entre las 8:00 a.m., el 8 de enero de 1999, fecha que es 25 dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, hasta las 5:00 p.m. el 29 de enero de 1999 que es el dia viernes que antecede inmediatamente la fecha de la Eleccion.

Seccion 11. La votacion se llevara a cabo usando maquinas electorales, salvo la votacion en ausencia la cual se llevara a cabo usando boletas de papel. Se colocara, por lo menos, una maquina electoral en el sitio electoral de cada Distrito Electoral.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este dia 12 de noviembre de 1998.
/s/ Cathy Perez-Muniz
Presidente, Junta de Educacion

(SELLO)

Doy Fe:
/s/ Pete Gnatkowiak
Secretario(a), Junta de Educacion

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LEGAL

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 23, 1998, District Advisory Board of the New Mexico District Church of the Nazarenes, HC 71, Box 1159, Capitlan, NM 88316, filed application No. H-700-S-4 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to drill a supplemental well 5 inches in diameter and approximately 350 feet in depth, at a point in the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the purpose of supplementing the following existing shallow wells:

Table with 5 columns: WELL NO., SUBDIVISION, SECTION, TOWNSHIP, RANGE. Rows include H-700, H-700-S, H-700-S-2, H-700-S-3, H-754, H-773, H-773 & H-773-S.

for the continued diversion of up to 66.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic, commercial, and institutional purposes.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protest shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

cc: Santa Fe
C/RRR No.: 2 263 893 673

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CV98-44

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES, a federal savings bank,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MELVIN H. NELSON and CARLA JO NELSON, husband and wife, MICHAEL WILLIAMS, and REBECCA MONCRIEF, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee-Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 702 Harris, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 6 Block 5 of VALLEY VIEW SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso Downs, 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, August 1, 1949.

The sale is to begin at 11:30 a.m. on December 21, 1998, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Court House, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff Matrix Financial Services.

Matrix Financial Services was awarded a Judgment on October 22, 1998, in the principal sum of \$15,600.50, plus interest thereon through October 22, 1998, in the sum of \$1,775.16, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 10.13% per annum (\$4.33 per diem) until paid; plus late charges through October 1998 in the sum of \$137.90, plus escrow credit in the amount of \$794.73 plus inspection fees in the amount of \$1,094.67, plus reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by Plaintiff in the sum of \$2,001.33, with interest thereon from date of judgment until paid at the rate of 10.13% per annum; plus costs incurred by Plaintiff from October 22, 1998, until the date of sale, including the Special Master's Fee of \$158.82, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs of expenses for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair; plus reasonable attorney fees and costs as they shall accrue from date of judgment to date of sale, as awarded by the Court.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants Melvin H. Nelson, Carla Jo Nelson, Michael Williams, and Rebecca Moncrief as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

DIANE DOYLE
Special Master c/o
Leverick and Muscell
6150 San Francisco Rd., NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
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OBITUARIES

OPAL CUMMINS

Graveside services for Opal Cummins, 84, of Roswell and Ruidoso were December 3 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lovington, NM. A memorial service was held December 4 at the First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso with Rev. Jim Hovland officiating.

Mrs. Cummins died December 1 at the Ruidoso Care Center. She was born December 16, 1913 at Cross Plains, TX. She married Bill Cummins on November 12, 1949 in Carlsbad and he preceded her in death in 1980.

She is survived by a daughter Jerry Betty and her husband Hal of Ruidoso; sister Marie Ralston of Dallas; two grandchildren; and a sister-in-law Gene McCain of Bourne, TX.

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

CARLA MAE DAVES MANCHA

Funeral services for Carla Mae Daves Mancha, 45, of Ruidoso were held December 14, with Jimmy Sportsman officiating. Burial followed at Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Cemetery.

Carla died November 30 in Albuquerque. She was born July 31, 1953 in Midland, TX.

She is survived by a son, Jesse Wade Anderson of Ruidoso; a daughter, Andy Briana Mancha of Ruidoso; her parents, Carl and Hazel Daves of Midland, TX; two sisters, Kay Krezer and her husband David of Ruidoso, and Karen Anderson and her husband Ron of Ruidoso; a brother, Bruce Daves and his wife Tracie of Midland, TX, three nieces, and two nephews.

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

Sports

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for the season, and we did get even with the Lions and "no names" last week. Another 15 game schedule on the platter this week, with a bunch of teams fighting it out for the wildcard spots in the playoffs, and the refs are still blowing call after call. My picks for the week are:

THIS WEEK'S PICKS (In Bold Type)

* Arizona at Philadelphia- We'll go against home team on this one. Battle of the birds, go with redbirds although Eagles won last week. Rhodes is gone.

* Atlanta at New Orleans. Saints want to make playoffs bad. Will upset Falcons using same game plan they used on Dallas last week.

* Chicago at Green Bay. Packers aren't as bad as they looked Monday night. Let's face it Bears have tough schedule. Go with home team.

* Cincinnati at Indianapolis. Tough one to pick, let's go with Manning on this one at home. Bengals lost another QB last week.

* Denver at NY Giants. Still think Broncos will lose one, but not this one. Close for a quarter at best. Broncos go 14-0.

* New England at St. Louis. Rams are getting worse by the week. Vermeil hates losing, will hang it up after this season or try another team.

* Oakland at Buffalo. Too cold in Buffalo for Raiders who are sinking fast. Bills continue to surprise. Good team.

* Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay. Short week for Bucs but another home game should make the difference against Steelers. Steelers missing Gailey as offensive coordinator. Sorry about that David!

* Tennessee at Jacksonville. We'll call this an upset, although Jacksonville will be without starting QB. Oilers will make playoffs.

* Washington at Carolina. Panthers will blow their chance at the No. 1 pick in the draft by winning this one. Gave 49'ers one good game last week.

* San Diego at Seattle. Not much to say about this one. We'll go with home team. Seahawks still have outside chance to make playoffs, need some wins.

* Dallas at Kansas City. Chiefs left it all in Denver, will be flat this week. Dallas looked bad against Saints, may get some DBs back this week. Emmitt will have better game, can't have a worse one than last.

* Minnesota at Baltimore. "No names" go down again, at home. Marchibroda barely hanging on. Might get the boot after this one.

* NY Jets at Miami. Toss-up! Best game of the week. Jets won on poor blown call by refs last week. League will make sure they don't win two in a row like that. Plus we'll go with home team.

MONDAY NIGHT

* Detroit at San Francisco. 49'er chance to catch Falcons in division battle. We'll get even with Lions again. These two teams could put up 100 points between them. Fun game.

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County Doubles Lodgers Tax

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to continue promoting the county. Currently the two percent collects about \$21,000 a year for promotions. Of that the Lodgers Tax Committee which is made up of two lodgers, two business people and one at large, has spent all but

\$9,000 so far this year. Lodgers Tax Committee chair Paul Crown said the funds for the track were for the All American Festival which is seven weekends of activities in the county. Crown said he disagreed that the county needs to notify lodgers when the committee meets because it is advertised and they meet on a regular basis. They meet at 10 a.m. the last Wednesday of every month. He invited any lodger who wanted to attend the next meeting to be held in Ruidoso convention center, or any future meeting.

Ruidoso Approves New Fees

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mended an engineer be consulted on what is needed for the street standards.

Donaldson agreed that a middle turnaround would create a scar and acknowledged Briley's argument about an engineer consultation. Councilors also agreed, as they voted unanimously for councilor Bill Chance's motion to approve the development with the condition it meet county road standards and not have a turnaround in the middle of the 1600 foot cul de sac. The development will be sent to the Lincoln County Commissioners for consideration and approval in January.

Councilors also heard an update and a brief segment of Sherry Barrow's Billy the Kid Scenic Byways recording project. Barrow complimented the village for its cooperation with other villages, federal agencies and private enterprise in creating the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byways loop and visitors center.

At 12:45 p.m. each Friday, beginning December 11, Barrow will have a radio program called "Listen In With Sherry Barrow" on KENW/KMTH FM (public radio from Portales) that will feature four minute segments on area culture, history and human interest programs. Barrow also produced an audio cassette entitled "Let's Tour! You Drive- I'll Talk" that provides the listener with an orientation to the Lincoln County area while driving the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway loop.

Crown said the requests for lodgers tax funds to promote events is triple the amount that is available to spend which is why the committee requested the increase. He said the committee seldom funds each request entirely. Also by contract the lodgers tax committee is committed to funding four billboards. Crown said the Chili Cook off, which is his event, got funds and attracted 4,300 people to the area.

All commissioners commented that the lodgers tax fund is well intentioned and is used to attract people to the county who in turn spend money at lodges and businesses. "It's better to advertise than not," said commission chairman Ray Nunley.

At commissioners request, an accounting list of funds spent so far this year by the lodgers tax committee was given to lodgers and other public. The list shows that Golden Aspen Rally received \$500, Trailer Life RV Park directory \$2,445, Bowlin Outdoor Advertising (billboards) \$6,563.08 total, Museum of the Horse \$500, Ruidoso News \$71.83 in two amounts for unspecified reasons, Signs by Smith \$150 for White Oaks sign, Ruidoso Downs Race Track \$500 and Carrizozo Hardware \$5.85 UPS charge for sending brochures. Another \$500 was committed to the Billy the Kid Byways brochure, which commissioners matched with another \$500

from the general fund.

One of the members of the lodgers tax committee is the publisher of Ruidoso News.

Commissioners approved the increase in lodgers tax on a vote of three to two with Wilton Howell, Nunley and Monroy Montes voting yes, Bill Schwetmann and Rex Wilson voting no.



Capitan Village Hall Open House
Capitan Village Hall will host an Open House tomorrow, Friday, December 11 from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Carrizozo Lighting Contest

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Christmas lighting contest. There is no entry fee and no forms to fill out, but to make certain a house is not missed, call Eileen at 648-2975. Judging will be Wednesday, December 23 starting at 7 p.m. Gift certificates to be redeemed at Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce members will be presented to residential winners; first prize will be \$100, second prize will be \$60 and third prize will be \$30. A traveling plaque will be presented to the commercial or business winner.



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My name is Zhazha Pigott and I live in Chicago. Me and my family moved from Miami, Florida because my dad got a better job. I enjoy Rolar Blading, Ice skating and reading books. I chose New Mexico because I am very interested in that state. I look forward to receiving mail from you.

Thank you for your interest in my education and your kindness.

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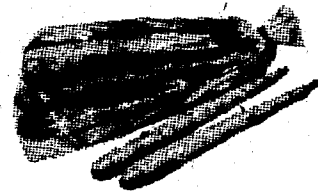
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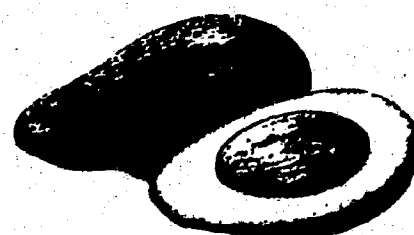
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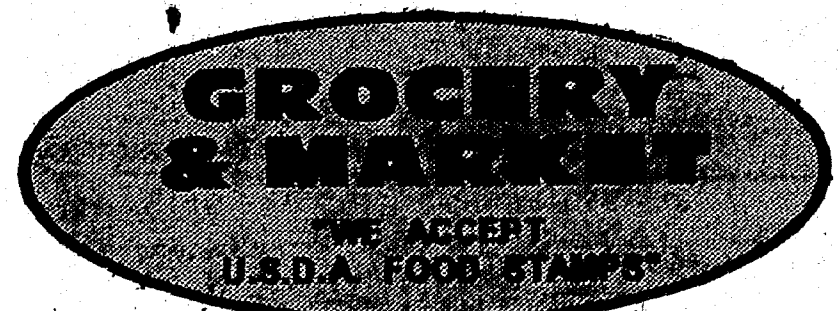
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