

# Merry Christmas!



## Sheriff Battles With Commissioners

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan doesn't work for the Lincoln County Commissioners. And he let them know that during a special Lincoln County Commission meeting on December 17 held in the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center.

County commissioner Wilton Howell said he asked for the discussion about the sheriff's deputies pay increases and increments for years of service because of how it impacts the county budget. Howell said just three de-

puties years of service equaled \$18,517. He was concerned that all 10 deputies would apply for such increases that could amount to \$92,565 a year more in salaries in the sheriff's office alone. He then added the \$92,000 to the \$350,000 a year needed for a new jail, \$250,000 a year for indigent health care, \$180,000 for a proposed 10 percent raise for the rest of the county employees and \$25,000 needed to finish out the 1998 DWI program for a total of \$897,565 additional needed next year. "And that doesn't

include the possible cost to give elected officials a raise," Howell said.

Concerned that such financial needs will greatly impact the county general fund revenue of \$2.74 million a year, Howell said the county commission might find itself eliminating existing programs or looking at a 30 percent tax increase. "And I can't support that (tax increase)," Howell said. "Last year I paid almost \$10,000 in property taxes."

Capitan resident Lonnie Lippmann said Howell's figures on salary increases for

deputies were flawed because he included two deputies whose salaries are paid by the federal Fast Cops grant. But Howell said eventually the county will have to put those two deputies onto a regular payroll plus pay for future years of service pay increases.

Howell said all he was trying to do by pointing out the pay increases was to demonstrate how all these things affect the budget.

But Sullivan said he was under the impression that commissioners were going to discuss budget at mid year in

January. "I don't know why you're singling out the deputies," Sullivan said. "Their raises were done in the labor management agreement you signed."

"I shouldn't have to explain my actions in the sheriff's office to the news media," Sullivan said in response to a published article about the deputies receiving pay increases when other county employees did not receive raises.

"I don't work for you, or answer to you," Sullivan said to the county commissioners.

Sullivan explained that salary increases for his officers came out of his budget for vacancies in the department. "I did not over spend and I don't intend to. But once you approve my budget I'll live within it."

Howell said the county has only a finite amount of money. He acknowledged that Sullivan could spend his department money as he chose and give raises by taking funds from other line items in the sheriff's department budget. Howell said he was concerned about finding \$92,000 for deputies salary increases next fiscal year, especially

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## County Will Hire Head Of Finance Department

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County manager's office is seeking someone to head the finance department.

At the December 17 special Lincoln County Commission meeting held in Ruidoso Downs, county commissioners authorized county manager Tom Stewart to reorganize the manager's office and advertise for someone to head the finance department. The new person will serve as purchasing agent and be in charge of payroll.

Stewart told commissioners that since he has been manager it has been a pleasure to work with the county employees who are dedicated to the people of the county. Stewart said the most significant challenge in the manager's office is the finance department. He said in looking at the budget and the proposed addition of two new employees, one for payroll and one for purchasing, he determined there is a need for additional expertise.

To provide that expertise, Stewart proposed a new position that combines the purchasing agent and payroll officer with a focus on a combination of education with management expertise. He said he wanted someone who is a certified public accountant with a college degree to assist finance. Since the salaries budgeted for the two positions totaled \$41,000 Stewart proposed a Grade 23 position with an annual salary of \$29,000. He said he thought that amount would attract someone with quality to help run the office, and stay within the budget.

For future consideration, Stewart said in October 1999 administrative secretary Martha Guevara retires. He proposed to replace the administrative secretary's position with a full time purchasing

agent with a starting salary of \$26,000.

County commissioner Monroy Montes asked if Stewart was creating a new department, or department head. Stewart said the new payroll/purchasing agent would be the finance department head.

County commissioner Rex Wilson made the motion to approve Stewart's request for reorganization in the finance department. County commission chairman Ray Nunley seconded the motion all commissioners but Wilton Howell voted yes.

Howell then asked if Stewart had other needs in the manager's office. Stewart said he looked at the other positions in his office and was satisfied with their contributions. He spoke of emergency coordinator Connie Hopper who is considered one of the best coordinators in the state. She receives 25 percent of her salary from the state. But Howell asked what else she does for the remaining 75 percent of her salary that comes from the county.

Stewart said Hopper helps in other areas, but Howell asked if that was in her job description. Stewart said he had not reviewed the job description. Howell then said he was concerned Stewart had not addressed the whole manager's department.

"In day to day operations, I think the duties are appropriate," Stewart answered. He also said that by combining the payroll and purchasing agent there would be an \$11,000 a year savings.

Howell then said he was concerned that different governmental entities pay only \$7 to \$8 an hour for purchasing agents, when Stewart's proposal was about \$12 an

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SANTA CLAUS VISITED CARRIZOZO SATURDAY escorted by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department. Santa and his helpers gave children bags of goodies. Johnathan Smith and his sister Lauren of Carrizozo, children of Hayden and Cheryl Smith, enjoyed their pre-Christmas visit with Santa.

## Fire Departments Are Asked To Work Together

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners want the Glencoe Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department and the Ruidoso Downs Volunteer Fire Department to sit down and come up with an acceptable mutual aid agreement.

During the special December 17 Lincoln County Commission meeting held in Ruidoso Downs, county commissioner Monroy Montes said he asked that discussion

about the mutual aid agreement between the fire departments be on the agenda of the meeting. Currently the county provides \$10,000 to the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department to reimburse it for responding to fires in the county. Montes said there are problems in how duties are being handled by each department, mostly about how Ruidoso Downs goes into the county and deficiencies in

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## County Elected Officials Will Get Increase In Pay

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners reinstated a seven percent raise they first gave elected officials in 1994 in an attempt to give all elected officials a fair salary.

During a special Lincoln County Commission meeting Thursday, December 17, at Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center, commissioners again debated the consequences of a state supreme court ruling that found it unconstitutional for commissioners to give elected officials a raise during mid term. At their regular December 8 meeting, commissioners rescinded a 10 percent raise they gave all elected officials in 1997, then turned around and gave elected officials who were coming into office in January 1999 a raise up to 76 percent of the amount allowable for counties the value of Lincoln.

But in the week following the December 8 meeting, it was found that a 76 percent salary increase was more than the 10 percent raise given in 1997. Only re-elected commissioners Ray Nunley, Bill Schwettmann, newly elected commissioner Rick Simpson and re-elected treasurer Joan Park and clerk Martha Proctor who are taking office on January 1, 1999 are eligible to receive a raise anyway. That left commissioners Wilton Howell and Rex Wilson, assessor Patsy Serna, sheriff Tom Sullivan and probate judge Stirling Spencer without a raise since 1991.

In 1995 county commissioners rescinded a seven percent raise they gave to those elected officials in 1994. But that 1994 raise was to play an important part in the action taken on December 17.

During the December 17 special meeting, Howell complained that had commissioners received accurate informa-

tion at the December 8 meeting there would not have been a problem of a raise higher than 10 percent. But Park explained that the chart used in the December 8 meeting that showed the 76 percent was accurate since salaries for the clerk and treasurer were at 76.5 percent (before the supreme court ruling). The confusion came about because the 1997 raise commissioners had given themselves put their salaries only at 63 percent of the maximum allowable amount.

County attorney Alan Morel said commissioners were not illegal or improper to allow a salary increase to 76 percent of that allowable, it just was erroneous. County manager Tom Stewart said he believed the intent of the commissioners was for commission salaries to remain at \$11,005. At 76 percent allowable for Class B over counties the salary would have been \$13,121. Wilson reminded that he had made the first motion on December 8 to allow 88 percent of allowable. But Howell said the intent was to keep salaries where they had been.

Proctor said the increase for some officials, especially commissioners whose increase was higher proportionately than the other elected officials because they were at a lower rate, was not done on purpose.

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# County Elected Officials

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Attorney David Stevens, whom Park, Proctor, Serna and Sullivan had consulted and retained over the confu-

sion of the mess, told commissioners at the December 17 meeting that "we have a mess." He also said commis-

sioners had violated the constitution by decreasing salaries at mid term. However, Stevens did not advocate the county test the supreme court rule.

Displeased that county commissioners and other elected officials are grossly underpaid, Stevens said, "The elected officials I represent give 100 percent and depend on their salaries to support their families, and we give them only 75 percent."

To remedy the situation, Stevens offered four solutions: 1. to approve the 1994 motion to increase elected officials salaries by seven percent because it was not specific to which elected officials and thus could apply to the newly elected or re-elected officials at that time (Nunley, Schwettmann, Proctor, Montes and Park); 2. raise salaries for Park, Proctor, Simpson, Schwettmann and Nunley before January 1 or else those offices would not get a raise for another four years; 3. fix the salaries later; 4. address the salary for assessor Serna because she is ready to retire and her retirement income will be based on her last two year's salary.

"Now we have adversely affected the assessor's retirement," Stevens said. "This is illustrative of the problem in balancing constitutional rulings by the supreme court and legislative intent."

Stevens said if commissioners didn't "revisit" the 1994 motion for a seven percent raise, commissioners would decrease elected officials salaries in mid-term and violate the constitution. "No one wants litigation," Stevens said. "I think they all deserve more than they've been historically allocated."

Howell continued his view that any salary increase

should be voted upon before the November elections so re-elected officials would not be voting in a raise for themselves. But Nunley said they did not know the supreme court would make the ruling about the raises before the election.

Stevens said Howell raised the same issue in 1994. But the commission would have to abide by the supreme court ruling until a constitutional amendment can be passed. Howell said he likes the idea of a constitutional amendment, but Stevens said it is easier said than done. "The problem now is if you don't fix it, those who took office in January 1995 had their constitutional rights violated (when commissioners rescinded a salary increase approved in late 1994)," Stevens said.

To avoid such problems in the future, Stevens suggested commissioners address raises for elected officials who will take office in year 2000 and 2002. But Howell again said he preferred to compensate the other elected officials than commissioners. But Stevens reminded Howell that state laws require all elected officials to be treated similarly.

Because the other elected officials had consulted Stevens about the salary situation, commissioners discussed the issue in closed session under the exception for threatened and/or pending litigation. Also because of this, Morel said he could not give commissioners an opinion in open session because it would violate attorney-client privilege, unless commissioners wanted to waive that privilege.

After some discussion, Nunley made the motion to reinstate the seven percent increase given January 1, 1995 for those elected officials who were taking office at that time and their chief deputies. Those officials were Nunley, Schwettmann, Proctor, Park and Montes. Schwettmann seconded the motion. Howell demanded discussion and said that 1994 motion for the seven percent raise, gave it to all elected officials. But Nunley said it would apply to only those who were eligible.

However, that motion left the commissioners Wilson and Howell, sheriff Sullivan, assessor Serna and probate judge Spencer without a pay raise because they took office in January 1997 and commissioners took no action to raise salaries in 1996. And, because of commissioners' action on December 8 to rescind the 1997 action to give a 10 percent raise to all elected officials the two commissioners, sheriff, assessor and probate judge will get a 10 percent cut in the salaries they had received before the supreme court ruling.

Serna said the newly elected officials deserve the 10 percent raise, instead of the seven percent from 1994. But a majority of commissioners agreed on an amendment to rescind the 1995 motion to rescind the seven percent pay raise, with only Montes and Howell voting no. Then the same majority voted to reinstate the seven percent pay raise given in 1994 with Montes and Howell again voting no. With that motion, commissioner base salary went to \$10,670, sheriff's to \$31,510, treasurer's/clerk to \$32,239, assessor to \$30,139 and probate judge to \$7,017.

Before Serna could address her concerns for her chief deputy, who is a certified appraiser who by state law is entitled to receive pay increments for certification, commissioners made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Instead, they said they would address the increments for her chief deputy at the January meeting when they do mid-budget review and adjustments.

A request for 10 percent employee salary increase was also tabled until the January meeting.

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when other programs were cut back this year.

Sullivan said next year's financial matters should be discussed at the appropriate time. But Howell said the county needs to talk about all of the financial matters and how it will finance the jail.

"I resent the innuendos and implications that I did something wrong," Sullivan responded. "It was done in the contract that all of you signed."

When county commission chairman Ray Nunley tried to get the board to move on to a different discussion, county commissioner Monroy Montes said his concern was for the budget. He directed county manager Tom Stewart to come back in January with information on all county finances and obligations. Stewart said the county's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) will be on the January

12 regular meeting agenda for approval, and he will also have information on options for financing the new detention center.

County commissioner Ray Wilson said they will have a lot to look during the mid-year budget review.

Lippmann then commented that if the county is looking at a \$697,000 budget shortfall, then a \$92,000 raise for sheriff's deputies is just a "drop in the bucket."

# County Will Hire

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hour. Stewart said he wanted a qualified person because "the depth is not there (in the finance office.)" He said when someone is sick or on leave, the other person had to assume the absent person's duties.

# Capitan Chamber Lighting Contest Winners Named

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce named the winners of the Christmas lighting contest. Stockman's Feed and Supply was the winner of the business category. Honorable mention went to Capitan Video.

The winner in the residential category is James Lopez at 109 East Cedar in Capitan. Honorable mention went to Trina Zamora, Ben Leslie Jr., Floyd and Virginia Danielson, and Wendall Powers.

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

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

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

**THURSDAYS**  
 —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/lcasing](http://www.nogal.com/lcasing).

—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, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
 —Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest. Judging starts at 7 p.m. Call Eileen at 648-2975 to make sure your house is judged.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 —Volunteers needed to distribute and light luminarias in Carrizozo. Come to the fire hall at 9 a.m.

—County courthouse closed today through December 27 for Christmas holiday. Reopens Monday, December 28.

—Norwest Bank in Carrizozo closes at noon for Christmas holiday.

—Carrizozo Luminaria Display, Central Ave., 12th Street, Aspen Street, starts at dusk.

**DECEMBER 24-27**  
 —Lincoln County Courthouse closed for Christmas holiday.

—Ruidoso Public Library closed for Christmas Holiday.

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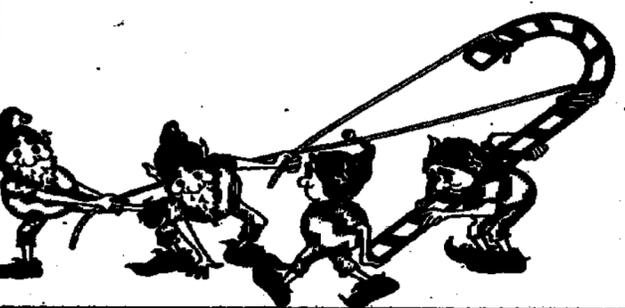
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## Carrizozo School Principal Resigns

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo School District is looking for a new principal. At the December 15 Carrizozo board of education meeting, the board accepted the resignation of principal Robert Chavez. His last day at the school was December 11. Chavez had submitted his letter of resignation on November 23. In it he wrote that it had been an "honor and pleasure to work with the best kids in the state of New Mexico. I will miss them all."

The district is currently advertising for another principal and has received good response, school superintendent Glenna Goodwin told THE NEWS.

Most of the public portion of the meeting was occupied with discussions from parents who were concerned about an outbreak of lice at the school. A parent said that three times this semester two children from the same family came to school with lice. She said parents were fearful to send their children to school and were concerned that the school was not doing enough to prevent the problem. She asked what policy the school has about allowing infected children back in school.

The parent was also concerned that many parents did not know how to properly treat lice. She said she did research because she also did not know how to treat the problem. She passed out information that showed treatment required several days to remove nits. She also said the school needed to be very aggressive in its treatment and needed to adopt a stricter policy on how to deal with children who have lice. She suggested the school provide a training session for parents with the school nurse or the public health nurse.

School nurse Laura Springfield said she spoke with people on the state level who informed her that lice is epidemic statewide, not just in Carrizozo. She said she understood parents' frustration about the problem. Springfield said she followed up on the students through the local health department and she had exhausted almost all means other than going into the children's home, which she could not legally do.

In answering a question about where lice come from, Springfield said it comes from the soil, animals, horses, the mall, other parts of the state. "I don't know why, but some areas are worse than others," she said.

Another parent then said that last year a baby sitter for the same children was closed down by the state because of lice. That baby sitter had to disinfect her home. Now the same family was bringing the lice back to school. Springfield said the school

has purchased disinfectant and shampooed all carpets, discarded all lost and found items and she has checked all children's heads. "I've been honest with the kids when I check their heads," Springfield said. "I also tell them not to share caps, combs, brushes or coats."

And when the school finds children with lice, the school sends those children home. But one problem is Springfield is at the school only six hours one day a week.

"We need to alleviate the fears in the children and take the approach 'it happens and we'll take care of it' to alleviate the peer stuff," Springfield said. Administratively, she said the intent is to show community support. She said she is working with Goodwin to present a parent seminar on lice, but she didn't want to see parents alienate infected children or their families. "We need to take a calm rational approach," Springfield said.

In response to a question about what the school did when the lice were first detected, Goodwin said a note went out to parents of kindergarten children when the lice were first found on December 4. Then on December 8 another note went out to the rest of the elementary children parents. But a parent said that notes should have gone out to all parents immediately and the school should have been isolated. Instead she has heard that lice were now in the middle school.

Springfield said she tries to send out notes when students are suffering from chicken pox, flu and other ailments. Now she said she is concentrating on keeping the children's self esteem up. "I'm not sure what the community can do to support families without the economic means to deal with this problem," she said.

A parent said the booster club was willing to help in buying products to eliminate lice.

Goodwin said she was glad

the parents were at the meeting. She said Carrizozo Schools is doing as much as it can to treat the problem. "We have been more aggressive in treatment than any other school I have been at," she said. Goodwin said she and her husband got lice when

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**NMSU Graduate**  
 Yvette R. Hernandez of Carrizozo graduated from New Mexico State University Dec. 12 with a B.S. in education. Her parents are Mannie and Mary Hernandez. Yvette will substitute teach in Las Cruces.



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# THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

## What \$\$\$ shortfall?

By Ruth Hammond

The holiday season is supposed to bring happiness and peace to one and all but apparently that is not what happened at the Lincoln County Commission special meeting last Thursday. Apparently one commissioner made a hoopla about the amount of pay the sheriff's deputies receive, even though the commissioners had signed a labor management agreement which determined the amount of pay increases deputies receive. We wonder where this commissioner was when the labor management agreement was signed, and if he knew what was being signed. If he didn't know what was being signed he shouldn't have signed the contract. And if he did know what was being signed he should have remembered what it was.

Insinuating another elected official is doing something wrong is not the proper way to conduct government business. Maybe one of the county commissioners should find out what the duties of a county commissioner are instead of trying to dictate to other county elected officials. Following the schedule set by the commission would be a good start. The county fiscal year is from July 1 of one year to June 30 of the next year. Mid year should be six months, which would mean the mid year budget would be reviewed during the January county commission meeting, as has been the schedule for the county commission for several years. One commissioner started the mid year budget discussion during the special meeting held December 17 which is five months instead of six months.

Monitoring the budget should be on-going but there is a proper way to monitor county finances and the proper way is to conduct county business at a county commission meeting. Discussing the budget without all the financial information available wastes time. Making accusations about "possible" expenditures is flim flam. If the county has a shortfall of nearly one million dollars there needs to be some serious budget discussion, not insinuations. If the county has a shortfall of nearly one million dollars the commission should eliminate unnecessary expenditures, not argue needlessly.

If the county has a shortfall of nearly one million dollars we want to know why one commissioner announced earlier this year that the county had a one million dollar surplus. If the county had a one million dollar surplus and is now short one million dollars that means two million dollars has disappeared. Where did it go? Each of the other elected county officials spends no more than they have in their budget. Does this mean the commissioners spent the two million dollars? Does this mean the commissioners spent money that was not budgeted? Does this mean budgets are for other elected officials offices but not for the county commissioners?

Not following the budget could have caused some of the money problems but another problem is not being consistent. Conducting government business should be consistent and where the county commissioners meet should be consistent. Last week two of the county commissioners asked that the ETZA meeting be cancelled because they claimed the county gave improper notice of the ETZA meeting. The county did advertise, as is required by the open meetings act, but there seemed to be some confusion for these two county commissioners because the meeting place was changed. Hey guys, if it is confusing to you maybe you should reconsider changing county commission meeting places as often as you do. It is confusing for the public to not know where you will meet when.

Get rid of the confusion. Follow the budget. Concentrate on happiness and peace this holiday season. Merry Christmas to all.

What two million dollars?



## Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE** - Legislative eyebrows were raised when Health department Secretary Alex Valdez was appointed to also fill the top post at the Human Services Department.

"Can you do that?" asked Senate leader Manny Aragon. "I don't like the idea," said influential House finance panel member Lucky Varela. "I think it's too much," said Rep. Paul Taylor who chairs the Legislature's interim Health and Human Services Committee that oversees both departments.

However all three lawmakers agreed that if anyone can handle the joint job it is Valdez. Gov. Gary Johnson voiced the same confidence when he appointed Valdez a week ago last Monday, saying he thinks Valdez can provide the coordination needed by the overlapping departments to insure the success of programs such as welfare reform and managed care for Medicaid recipients.

There should be no disagreement that the departments overlap. Many of the programs they administer are funded largely by the federal government's Department of Health and Human Services. If Donna Shalala can manage both functions nationally, Alex Valdez just might be able to do the same in our state.

In fact several New Mexicans have been able to perform both jobs simultaneously. It was all one department in New Mexico until former Gov. Jerry Apodaca's massive reorganization. And he didn't achieve the split until 1978, the final year of his administration.

Valdez fully deserves the respect he has won from the governor and from legislative leaders. Before heading the Health Department the last four years, he was human services secretary during the final two years of former Gov. Garrey Carruthers' administration. Before that he was Carruthers' chief legal counsel. Valdez's biggest claim to fame, however, is that he survived several years as chairman of the Rio Arriba County Republican Party.

The combined job is a big one. The Health Department has the most employees of any in the state and the Human Services Department has the biggest budget. But successfully handling multiple tasks is merely a function of hiring, organizing and motivating good assistants. Larry Martinez, Valdez's deputy at the Health Department is a solid professional. Other high-level management positions in both departments have gone unfilled for some time. Getting the right people in those spots needs Valdez's attention immediately.

So what is this? Another gubernatorial end run around the Legislature? Gov. Johnson says no. It's not our intention to create conflict, he says. With Valdez's experience, it is a good opportunity to explore melding the two agencies in order to provide better services. If it works, he'll propose combining the two depart-

ments during the 2000 Legislature. If it doesn't, Valdez will stay at Human Services and someone else will be appointed as Health secretary.

Why would the new arrangement not work? Valdez might not be up to the job, which is doubtful. The combined department could be too unwieldy - a bureaucratic problem, most likely to show up in the administrative services division. Or the combination could be too politically controversial.

We'll have our first indication of how well the governor's combined appointment will sail when Valdez goes before the Senate Rules Committee for confirmation.

Since Valdez has much better relations with the legislative leadership than does the

governor, his likelihood of confirmation is improved. His style has been to work with lawmakers rather than challenge them as Johnson's first Human Services secretary, Duke Rodriguez, did.

Bill Johnson, the current secretary who is resigning, received praise from Johnson for pulling the department through some rough times after the court declared his administratively-imposed welfare reform plan unconstitutional.

Also receiving kudos from the governor for a good job was Alan Richardson, who served as acting secretary of the Economic Development Department after the departure of John Blanks in September.

Nunley then directed Stewart and Morel to arrange a meeting to work on the mutual aid agreements.

But before discussion on the subject was over, Ruidoso Downs volunteer battalion chief fire fighter Don Smith said commissioners were not getting the whole picture. He said he was very upset about the situation. He said when a fire page goes out, his business closes because he has a commitment to the community. He said when Dan Storm's house burned down Ruidoso Downs Fire Department was there in 11 minutes. He said the Glencoe finally arrived with a quarter tank of water and two people who only stayed two hours because they said the house was a loss.

When Smith, Herrera and Chavez began to argue about the response to the Storm fire, Nunley called closure to the discussion and directed the two groups meet with the county manager to develop an acceptable mutual aid agreement.

## Corona School Board Approves Bond Issue

All five members of the Corona Board of Education attended the Nov. 11 regular school board meeting.

The school board election will be held February 2, 1999. Three positions on the board are to be filled.

The board also discussed a school bond issue and approved a resolution and proclamation to ask voters to approve a general obligation bond question. The bond question on the ballot will ask if the Corona School Board shall be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$650,000 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.

The board approved the Technology Literacy Challenge Grant.

No action was taken by the board after a one hour 26 minute closed session to discuss personnel.

All school board members attended the special meeting held Nov. 18 to discuss personnel.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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## Fire Departments Are Asked To

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equipment and manpower with the Glencoe Palo Verde department.

County commission chairman Ray Nunley said he had been approached recently about Ruidoso Downs Fire Department personnel having access to the Glencoe Palo Verde Fire Department building and truck.

Ruidoso Downs Fire Department fire chief Rick Herrera, who is a paid village employee who oversees volunteer fire fighters, said he would like Glencoe Palo Verde Fire Department to combine with Ruidoso Downs Fire Department, like the EMS has done. He said by doing this he could keep the Glencoe equipment in working order, so the taxpayers in the county won't have to worry about their homes.

Herrera said he wasn't blaming, but he had documents that showed how Glencoe had been paged out with no response. "We need to stop this as people in scanner land are hearing it and wondering about the department (Glencoe)," Herrera said. "We're here to protect life and property, not to go to fires for two hours then leave. No, we'll stay until it's out."

County commissioner Rex Wilson asked how the situation is affecting the volunteers in the departments. Montes said the Glencoe chief was there at the meeting. "They need help," Montes said about Glencoe. "Don't take their autonomy away."

But before Glencoe fire chief Angel Chavez could respond, Herrera said he had a letter from the state fire marshal that stated Glencoe would not lose its funding or station.

Rather by combining Ruidoso Downs and Glencoe departments they could work together for a better rating that would lower fire insurance rates for home owners in the service area.

Chavez then said he had just taken back the job of fire chief and he was trying to get the department back on its feet. He said he didn't want the fire department to go down, but if people didn't want to volunteer he could not make them. Chavez said he thought the mutual aid agreement was so each could help each other and he did not know where the \$10,000 to Ruidoso Downs came from.

Montes said the \$10,000 was based on the calls Ruidoso Downs fire department responded to in the county. When Chavez asked that the county make someone in the Glencoe department a full time paid employee, Montes said that only way the county has to fund the volunteer fire departments is with a one-quarter percent gross receipt tax, which the county has never imposed.

County attorney Alan Morel said the state law provides for formal agreements between fire departments. He suggested the two departments sit down and work out an allocation of responsibility to assure someone will respond to fires.

County commissioner Wilton Howell suggested county manager Tom Stewart and Morel get with representatives from Ruidoso Downs and Glencoe Palo Verde fire departments and possibly Ruidoso Fire Department to refine agreements that they will bring to commissioners on January 12 for approval.

## LETTERS to the editor

**EDITOR:** In response to Mr. Rennick's plea to all but pardon Mr. Clinton. What a bunch of bunk. The facts in this case have been established. The President lied under oath to a federal grand jury and violated his oath of office to uphold the Constitution. He admits it. The Democrats admit it. The president violated the law.

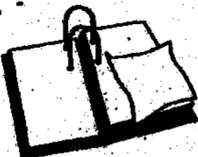
Does it rise to the level of impeachment? Yes, perjury is very serious. It's a felony. But can't the Senate just censure him? No. There is no provision in the Constitution for censure. But two thirds of the voters say don't convict, don't we live in a democracy? No, we live under a constitutional republic. The difference is dramatic and simple. In a democracy the most votes win, mob rule, even if the vote is on your constitutional rights. In a constitutional republic the individual citizen maintains rights that can't be voted away, taken away or given away. It's called the Bill of Rights. Yes, it even protects the rights of Mr. Clinton.

The question is are there enough votes in the senate to convict and remove Mr. Clinton? The Constitution clearly states that "The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation." It means those in the Senate must uphold the law. When the evidence and the law call for conviction then the Senate must uphold their oath to the American people and convict and remove Mr. Clinton. Ain't no gray area here boys. Given the evidence it's clear to everyone that if any senator voted not to convict Mr. Clinton, then that Senator would be in violation of his oath of office.

I say make a judgement based on the evidence then throw the bum out.

TONY SENO  
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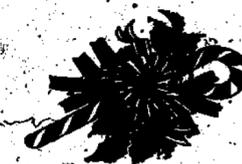
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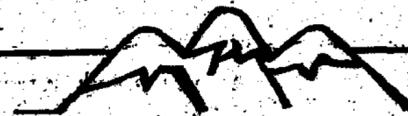
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So many things to write about this day but where do I begin?

We are all shocked and saddened by the tragic death of Dan Storm, the interesting writer and a most interesting and entertaining gentleman to meet. A year or so ago I had the pleasure of visiting with him for several moments at the home of Tom and Pat Sullivan.

Mr. Storm will be widely missed, but what an example he set for the rest of "we mortals," shall we say. We spend most of our lives gathering and saving our possessions, which the Bible tells us that we cannot in any stretch of our imaginations, take any of the things we cling to so desperately, beyond the grave.

We are told that we come into this world with nothing and we are to leave this world with nothing except the good deeds we have performed in our lives, if indeed we have performed any.

His passing with all his worldly possessions burned to the ground gives us all some serious thoughts to ponder over, but if any mortal makes it to the Pearly Gates of Heaven, am certain that Mr. Storm already has. So Mr. Storm adios and sayonara and may the Good Lord take a special liking to you just like the rest of we mortals did that had the pleasure of making your acquaintance.

Last week I promised to put something in my column about someone that I had just met and whom I immediately liked and felt like I had known for a long, long time.

That special person was Rusty Leslie from Carrizozo. Rusty answered my call for assistance when one gas heater took a stubborn streak and refused to be ignited by the thermostat and for three days and nights I thought I was related to the Little Match Girl, but just before Rusty arrived the dogged pilot light suddenly made contact with something or other and I did have heat. I felt so foolish when the gas man arrived and am certain he thought I was another old lady that had lost some of her "marbles."

However I am so glad that I had the pleasure of meeting Rusty and I thank you Rusty for your time. I will hold you to your promise to give me the story of your family.

The following note was stuck in my screen door and darn it Phyllis why can't I hear you when you knock? Give me a call before you are going to dash over and perhaps we could have a "cuppa" together. Well the following is the note that Phyllis left:

"Hi Maureen! I overlooked giving Van Shamblin the information on the winner of the door prize drawing for the

Merchants Open House. The Menagerie drawing was for a hand carved iron wood bear and the winner was Gloria Griego of Capitan. Congratulations to all the prize winners our appreciation to all the participants for making this year such a success.

And thanks again Phyllis, also many thanks for the "sweet" surprise you left for me.

We have been having some gorgeous sunrises and it is a pleasure to rise early in the morning when the animals are still quiet, and to go out on my front porch, talk awhile with God above and thank him for the beauty that he has given us in this world, and my friends there is a lot of beauty right here in Capitan as well in all the other parts of the world. Let us not lose sight of our blessings and remember to send a few Thank-You's Heavenward every morning.

This machine is sort of kinda not working like it should but it has behaved better than last week, so will call it a day for this afternoon and hie to the post office and give my special postmaster Mike a bad time. He is such a very special guy but don't tell him I said so.

God Bless and may you and your Loved Ones have a Very Very Merry Christmas. Just remember what Christmas is. It is the birthday of our Savior Jesus Christ. God Bless one and all.

And Ruth and Doris, if the old adage holds true, that it is better late than never, please accept my sincerest congratulations on the Honors you both received in Albuquerque and a very special Merry Christmas to you two and your families. God Blessings to each also.

## OBITUARY

### BILL RANDLE

Funeral service for Bill Randle, 76, of Capitan was December 22, at the Traylor Gym at Capitan High School. Officiating was Les Earwood and burial followed at the Capitan Cemetery.

Mr. Randle died December 18 at his home. He was born December 25, 1921 at Roswell and had lived in Capitan since 1947; moving there from Picacho where he had lived since 1941 when he moved there from Roswell. He was a retired electrician. He married Geraldine Ham on December 1, 1941 in Carlsbad.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine of Capitan; two sons, Paul Randle of Springtown, TX, and Mike Randle of

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Grizzly Varsity boys basketball team had a bad night all around on Dec. 12 and went down big time to a hot shooting team from Magdalena 89-29. Carrizozo, missing a couple of starters for the night, were unable to get rolling and only attempted 48 shots from the field and

made only 11. Coach Rick Beserra said his team just ran into a hot club, and Carrizozo was unable to make a smooth transition on some players playing different position on the floor for this game, due to injuries on the team. Simon Beltran was high and the only one in double digits for the Grizzlies with 11 points. Montoya and Grayson combined for 52 points for the Steers with 26 apiece.

Carrizozo came back last Thursday and hosted Mescalero in what was described by Beserra as a 'good old fashioned barn burner'. Mescalero (8-0) prevailed 78 to 76. Carrizozo led 18-16 after the first period but trailed by four at halftime 40-36 after blowing a 10 point lead. Grizzlies grabbed the lead back after third period 61-58, and final period was see-saw battle that finally saw Carrizozo miss a three point attempt as time expired, in a last ditch effort to tie the game.

Coach Beserra praised his team for being mentally tough throughout the game, and said the Grizzlies gained some well earned confidence in the close loss. Beserra was pleased how the home crowd got behind his team and the inspiration they supplied. "Both teams put on a great show, I think the crowd enjoyed the game and the effort put on by both teams, even though we lost", said Beserra.

Josh Vega led the Grizzlies in scoring with 31 points, followed by Cameron Douglas with 26, Carlos Garcia added 10. Beserra also praised the defensive effort by Simon Beltran, who he said played the best defense on the team - Beltran had five steals and nine rebounds against Mescalero. Davis led Mescalero with 25 and Pike added 18.

Carrizozo will be in the Ruidoso tournament on Dec. 29, 30 and 31. First round opponent for Carrizozo will be Canutillo JV on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 1:30 p.m. and then on to the Capitán Invitational starting January 7.

The Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies were unable to participate in the Hondo tournament last week, due to weather conditions, and stand at 2-2 for the young season. Coach Juan Carlos Pino,

in his first year in Carrizozo, said he was pleased with the progress his team has made, but the lack of actual games has held them back some, and hopes it won't hurt them when district play rolls around. "Most of the teams we have played so far and will be facing in the future will have played at least twice as many games as we have," said Pino.

So far the Grizzlies have beaten NMMI and Mescalero and have lost to Mesilla Valley twice. When asked what he thought about the upcoming district season Pino stated the he expected Carrizozo to be right in the mix with a chance to take district, along with Corona and Mescalero. Coach Pino came to Carrizozo from Los Lunas where he was JV coach and assisted with the varsity boys teams. "It's a bit of a shock to come to a smaller school like Carrizozo from a big school like Los Lunas," said Pino "but I have a great bunch of girls to work with, although we're down to nine at the moment."

Denver lost again, Pittsburgh got knocked out of the playoffs, 49'ers lost to Pats, Redskins beat Tampa Bay, Giants and Raiders won, and I went 6-9 for the week, our first week under the .500 mark. Good thing I was locked in on 'no names', Detroit and Dallas, otherwise it would have really been pathetic. Our season mark drops to a not too impressive 141-84. Aiming for 150 mark to close out the regular season this week. We'll break off the playoffs separately. Have two more Saturday games this week, dang it! I haven't picked a Saturday or Thursday game right yet. My picks for the week are:

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

**SATURDAY**

\* Minnesota at Tennessee. Oilers' but of the playoffs should make this a gimme game. Minnesota now seems to be the team to beat and haven't played bad all season. Go with the obvious.

\* Kansas City at Oakland. Chiefs got embarrassed by Giants last week. Oakland plays tough at home, should be able to win this one. Go with home team.

**SUNDAY**

\* Buffalo at New Orleans. Should go with Saints on this one, but will go with Bills and team with better record. Saints not going to playoffs might try a few younger players to give them experience for next year. Another loss will not hurt them in the draft either.

\* Carolina at Indianapolis. Another let's go with home team game. Carolina probably wants to lose this one anyway. Colts an up and coming team, worthy of keeping an eye on next year. Manning is the real thing.

\* Detroit at Baltimore. Can't bet against both teams so will go with 'no names' on this one. Detroit has to go to backup QB this week. Both teams at 5-10 and might turn out to be a good game. Let's go with home team.

\* Green Bay at Chicago. Packers on the way to playoffs will have a tough game in the windy city, but should be able to handle the Bears in this one. Go with playoff team.

\* Miami at Atlanta. Fish beat Broncos on Monday night and won't be prepared for the high flying Falcons on this one. Through the ground or through the air, Falcons can do it all. Marino's arm should be dead after Monday's game.

\* New England at NY Jets. Homefield helped Pats beat 49'ers last week. Jets right now playing as good as anyone in NFL and are a lot like Falcons, can do it on ground or air. We'll go with home team.

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I like your nice red suite. I want Love, earring, and hope for all I want Intende 64, small children action figures, and play town. t. Alshia wants a Barbie House.  
Your Friend, Rett Autrey.

Dear Santa,  
I like your suit I would like a plastic horse, a TY, and a nutcracker. Bring my brother a soccer poster.  
Your friend, Chase Williams.

bring my sister ear rings. Please bring my brother a remote control car.  
-Your friend, Leandra West.

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas Santa and I will leave some milk and cookies. I would like the 3 headed Dragon, and Fire the Dragon of Dare.  
Your friend, Bradley Cummins.

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope Mrs Santa and the reindeer are fine. I would like a Game Gere for Christmas Eve.  
Your friend, Ethen James.

Dear Santa,  
I hope you like my weaving for Mom and Dad I love my Mom and Dad. Santa I would like a computer game.  
Love, Roy

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas I like your coat Santa I want a puppy, a Barbie castle, MendM Easy Bake, and a fish.  
Your friends, Iris Mortensen

Dear Santa,  
What do the reindeer eat? Who feeds the reindeer? I would like a Furby, a dragon and a remote control car. Please bring Amanda a My Size Barbie, and Alana a Pooh baby doll swing.  
Your friend, Amara Willingham.

Dear Santa,  
I wish I could see Rudolph. I would like a hot wheels set, the Jumanji game, and Power Ranger in Space set. I would like you to get my Dad a Lincoln.  
Your friend, Arron Grier.

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? May I have three porcelain dolls, and a pack of earrings, and big white horse.  
Love, Catrina Turner.

Dear Santa,  
Please give more to other kids. I got enough toys. I would like a teddy bear, a kite and a yoyo. Bring NIKE socks for my brother. I love Christmas.  
Your friend, MaKayla Grahn

Dear Santa,  
I hope Mrs. Claus is fine. Can I have a tv, bike, and Spice Barbi. I hope you a Merry Christmas. Please bring my mom a teddy bear. Please

Dear Santa,  
Is Your Christmas tree up? Can I have a truck, shirt and a pants. Please bring Jared a truck. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Your friend; Ashley Dubose.

Dear Santa  
I miss you. I hope the reindeer are fine. And how are the elves? What has Mrs Claus been doing? Can I have a CD player with head phones  
Love, Carly Grier



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Your friend, Travis Berryhill.

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope Mrs. Santa and the reindeer are ok. I would like a beanie baby, A cd player, and a porcelain doll.  
Your friend, Shelby Loomis

Dear Santa,  
Do you have the tree up? Please can I have a horse and a Beast War, and a pellet gun. Please give my sisters a Barbie. Have a fun Christmas.  
Your friend, JT Eldredge.

Dear Santa,  
I hope you and Mrs. Santa are doing good. I want a small soldiers guy and a Steelers helmet and a collectors item football.  
Your Friend, Caleb Wilcox.

Dear Santa,  
I thank the elves ears are cust. I would lik a CD player, cat, and Spice girl game for a Play Station. Merry Christmas. Please bring my sister some baggy pants.  
Your friend, Stephanie Reeves.

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeers? I want a Pittsburg Steeler blanket and a computer games and a computer, please.  
Love Ashley Tompkins

Dear Santa,  
I wish Merry Christmas to you. Please bring me a Play Station and Rugrats game and Crash Bangicos Worp. I hope you give other kids presents too.  
Your friend, Bethany Adams.

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Santa. I hope the elves are not working too hard. This Christmas I would like, a horse, sleigh and a reindeer. I liked the note last year.  
Love, Morgan Black

Dear Santa,  
Are the reindeer and Rudolph all right? I love you Santa! I would like a tree, seashell, and a flag. Please bring Afton a teddybear. Thank you Santa!  
Your friend, Hannah Sullivan.

Dear Santa,  
How is the elves? Merry Christmas. Can I have a Furby. And I would like a cat shirt, and I would like a Teddy

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Mayor Manuel Hernandez  
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I feel our offer is very generous, would resolve the conflicts between us, and Zia would be proud to be a part of your communities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Love, Jade

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a puppy and a cat. can I have a tent too, please. I want to go to my mom's house. Can you make my granpa better. Please!  
Love, Taijia

Dear Santa,  
I hope you and Mrs. Santa are okay We've been good boys and girls. I want a go cart and a four wheeler for Christmas.  
Love Christian

Dear Santa,  
How are you? We have been good girls and boys. I would like a horse, reindeer, and reindeer. Have a good trip. Come and see me.  
Your friend, Sonya Bason

Dear Santa,  
Hi I was wondering what you were doing. I want Nintendo64 and go cart parts and my laptop. I got to go byby.  
Your friend, Evan Parks

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I want a skateboard, and some small soldiers, a cat. The Jumange Movie, a Nintendo 64 computer games, and something of yours.  
Love, Summer

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Santa and the elva. I don't care what you give me for Christmas. I just want something to play with that I will like.  
Love, Julia Polley

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? Is Rudolf ready to fly around the world? For Christmas I want some play horses.  
Love, Sara Rush

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? Is Rudolfs nose all shiney and bright? My Dad would like a candle. May I have a water baby and a candle and a little fake dog.  
Love, Samantha

Dear Santa,  
How are the Christmas elfs? I would like a BB gun and a remote control car.  
Love, Cody

Dear Santa,  
I like the candy canes that you make. I would like a barbie ed, pound puppie, pound horses. And how are the reindeer.  
Love, Kimberly Kotila

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf and the elves? I would like a little choo choo train, a unicrin biny baby and an puppy that looks like charm.  
love, Hannah Judd

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf and the Reindeer? I would a football and a mountain bike with brakes and a big sled with brakes.  
Love, Kyle

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I would like a football and a football jersey and a mountain bike with brakes.  
Love, Mitchell

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer today? I would like a pool table.  
love, Tyler

Dear Mom and Dad,  
How are you doing? How is work? Thankyou for my red car bed.  
Love, Nathan

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I want a bike. I want a playstation. I want remote control car For. Christmas.  
Love, Eddie Weim

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Well, I hope you know I am fine. Is Mrs Santa doing fine? Is the elfs doing well? Are the reindeer and Rudolf doing fine? I hope he's fine!  
Love, Bobby

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? I would like a bike and 2 walkie talkie and a remote control car.  
Love, Carl Williams

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like to have for Christmas is a Godzilla and my Dad and RoseArt Super Art set.  
Love, Michelle Castro

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a elz and radolph and I want santa claus. binbag. I want a tree wheeler, and I want a computer and a cD player and cool cD's orv and a twenty back pack.  
Love Jamie

Dear Santa Claus  
For Christmas I want a four wheeler with a trailer to put a lot of wood on it. I've tried to be a good boy, don't forget to bring my new baby sister (My little peanut) something too! maybe a dolly or glow worm.  
Lav Devon Artocha

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? A special candy cane, a glass doll and a book with tape.  
Love, Britini

Dear Santa Claus  
how old are y win is your birthday what is you fovirit color for a gift I want croling doll a jumpling i want a woch and new shoe and a new snow buts new cote  
Love Monica

Dear Santa claus  
I want a play stashin and a trainpler a racing set and a moater truck a sled for my siter a tite and take wakays a game for my bu ther cold gloder  
Love Briar

Dear Santa Claus.  
I want a New glasses. I want a doll. I want a bapak. I want a New elos. I want a New crans a New jump len. I want a notebok a New Playing house I Love You Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
I Want a New wach and new cloths and a new BakBak and a trampling and new snow boots new caots and talky walkys and crayons 64 and a new play house and markers.  
Love Vanessa

Dear Santa Claus  
Plese bring me a Barbie. Plese cood you plese. I want new glasses I want new  
I Love You santa

Dear Santa,  
i uoht a ruff neck on cd rom. duste rag wood like TV/VCR, Gorglen wold like a bouncingtigger and her ooy dress shoes. I luv yoy santa.  
JT Eldridge..

Dear Santa,  
Hey Santa! How are you. Me and Lindsay have been good kids Santa. I think Lindsay want alot of dolls and toys that make alot of noises.. And I want a trumpet, punching bag with boxing gloves, movies, games, and a bone for my dog Mia and alot of candy. Oh and Santa, could you bring me a work truck like my dad and Kenny Trapp's? Love, Hugs, and Kisses..  
Nicholas Chavez  
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# Carrizozo School Principal

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they taught in Cloudercroft School district.

Goodwin said Chavez addressed the problem aggressively and sent letters to parents as soon as he knew about the lice problem.

Goodwin invited any parent to meet with Springfield when she was at the school on the second and fourth Tuesday and Friday of the month.

Another letter that went to parents explained how the district is dealing with the absence of the principal. She said in the elementary Becca Ferguson is the contact teacher for parents and Rick Cogdill is the contact teacher in the high school.

In other business, the board:

—Approved Goodwin as the district's voting member to the New Mexico Activities Association.

—Approved the payroll deduction resolution endorsing Carrizozo School employees participation in a program that allows certain deductions to be made from employees paychecks before the amount is taxed.

—Accepted the Open Meetings Act resolution that sets the meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. in winter months and 6 p.m. in summer months with notices posted at the post office, office of the school superintendent, and the Lincoln County News office. Notice of regular meetings are made one week prior to the meeting, special meetings

three days prior to the meeting, and emergency meetings within 24 hours. Also anyone can receive written notice of future meeting by calling the superintendent's office.

—Heard Goodwin report that the district received a letter from an attorney representing a person who claimed she was injured on the campus more than a year before. Goodwin said she contacted the district insurance carrier who contacted an attorney who sent a letter stating he thought nothing would come of the old claim.

—Authorized Safenet company of El Paso to inspect the high school for asbestos prior to any renovation.

—Heard Goodwin report of her surprise invitation to the State Department of Education office in Santa Fe to make a presentation on the district's Educational Plan for Student Success. "They bragged and bragged and applauded us," Goodwin said of the department staff. She then presented the board with a certificate of commendation from state superintendent Michael Davis.

—Agreed to a work session to review board policy with Dr. Jim Miller from ENMU-Ruidoso.

—Approved offering a contract to first choice firm Greer Stafford from Albuquerque to provide architectural services on the high school renovation. Carrizozo schools were awarded \$800,000 in public school capital outlay funding to remodel high school classrooms and bathrooms to comply with ADA and other codes. Earlier in the day of December 15, staff interviewed Greer Stafford and two other architectural firms selected from 11 proposals submitted.

## Area To Get Three More State Police

New Mexico State Police District 8 will get three new officers thanks to a state senate bill passed in the 1998 legislative session.

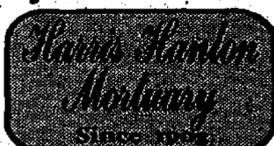
Of the three, one will be stationed in Carrizozo, one in Capitan and one in Alamogordo.

The three new officers are among the 38 who recently graduated from the police academy under the state police expansion program funded by Senate Bill 56. The bill provided funding for 50 new officers during fiscal year 1999 and 40 additional officers each year in the years 2000, 2001, and 2002 for a total of 170 new officers.

### Completes Basic

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Pat and Tony

## OBITUARIES

### MONROY A. SANCHEZ

Funeral Mass for Monroy A. Sanchez, 73, of Hondo will be at St. Jude's Catholic Church in San Patricio December 23. Burial will follow at the Hondo Cemetery. Officiating will be Fr. Richard Catanach.

Mr. Sanchez died December 19 in Albuquerque. He was born September 14, 1925. He served in the Army during WWII. He was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church. He married Lucia McTeigue on February 4, 1950 at Lincoln.

He is survived by his wife, Lucia McTeigue Sanchez of Hondo; two sons, Fredrick Sanchez and Patrick Sanchez both of Price, Utah; three daughters, Belinda Patricia DeBaca and Anne Marie Sanchez both of Hondo, and Therese Jean Sanchez of Ruidoso Downs; brother Ernest Sanchez of Tucson, and three sisters, Angelita Chavez and Mary Torrez, both of Roswell, and Cecelia

Booky of Hondo; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister Nora McTeigue.

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

### DAN STORM

Memorial service for Dan Storm, 89, of Glencoe was December 21 at the Glencoe Rural Events Center, with Rev. John Penn officiating.

Dan died December 17 at the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He was born October 27, 1909 at Valdez, Alaska. He was in the Army during WWII and moved to Lincoln County full time in 1946. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of Lincoln County and was a rancher and a writer.

He is survived by two brothers, Mark Storm of Houston, TX, and Lynn Storm of Dripping Springs, TX; and several nieces and nephews.

## Sports

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### Holiday Joys

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\* NY Giants at Philadelphia. Giants making a run at the playoffs. Eagles just want to get the season over and wait to see how many heads will roll, including coaches and players both.

\* San Diego at Arizona. Cardinals finally make playoffs by beating Chargers. Have a shot at getting even with Dallas in first round of playoffs. Although this time it will be on Cowboy turf. Go with home team - this one and the next one.

\* Seattle at Denver. Broncos will find out if they are really in a slump or just taking it easy. Seahawks will be a good test to see if some weaknesses have been exposed against Broncos. Lose this one and Broncos fans will start sweating in cold Mile High.

\* Washington at Dallas. Cowboys need this one to go undefeated in its own division, so far 7-0. Washington winning as of late but Turner will get outcoached in this one. Dallas trying to reverse 6-10 mark to 10-6 with a win. Go with home team.

### MONDAY NIGHT

\* Pittsburgh at Jacksonville. Jaguars really hurting at QB position. Pittsburgh might just have enough to win this one on the road. Cordell having lots of problems, needs to have good game to end season.

Merry Christmas!

**Jesus is the Reason for the Season**

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a child is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6 / King James Version*

donated by . . .

**Believers in Carrizozo**



# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa;  
I wish for hors. I like Ralph give him a cat.  
Love Cristy Coleman

Dear Santa,  
I wish my mom had a baby dog bekus my mom can play with him. I wish I had a baby beid bekus I can feed him.  
Love Tito

Dear Santa,  
I wish that the por pepel that doonet hav mone that the rich pepel will giv mone that the rich pepel will giv them mone. I wish that my mom will not bee mad at mee. I wish that Anthony will loos his tooth bekus his tooth is looa.  
Love: Ralph Mirnada

Dear Santa,  
I want a nitadoo six-for. Ralph is mi friend. I want to get him a cat.  
Love Jerry Lee

Dear Santa,  
Wot I wot for crismis is my to frut teth Jerry Lee is my epichol friend and I will giv him a hors.  
Love Mariana

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a big truck and some toys  
Love Justin Boss

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll that crawls, a book, winnie the pooh, a Swimming barbie, a basket ball barbie, a cooking doll, rocking horse and a car.  
Love, Jayda Silva

Dear Santa  
I want a per of rolr blades. My sister wants a Bor bee dol.  
love Kinsey Vega

Dear Santa  
How is rodoof? I want a megavoyajr and a nintendo 64 and three gams.  
love Carlos Samora

Dear Santa  
How is roodof the red nose rane deer? I want an ant farm and 2 beast war's and same vishen glasses.  
Love! Tanner Huston

Dear, Santa,  
I want a dog and a wee nee the pooh pupit for my brother. I want OO7 and a NFL Foot-ball for Nintendo 64.  
Love Stefan Najjar

Dear Santa  
I want four Crismis a CD player That is all I want  
I Scott Baraja

Dear Sant  
I am 5 years old and live in Hondo, NM /vor Mas I would likea dirt bike  
Michael Gutierrez

**Holiday Wishes**  
*Spirits soar and joy abounds!  
So deck the halls and gather 'round,  
to raise your voice in merry measure,  
as all enjoy the season's pleasures.*

**Jack's TV and Appliances**  
Sales & Service  
1701 Sudderth - Ruidoso, NM  
505-257-9247

**A Christmas Wish**

May your heart be filled with love during this holiday season. Best wishes for a joyous new year!

**Sierra Glass**  
1001 Mechem Dr / 505-258-4599  
RUIDOSO, NM

**Christmas Beauty**

May the beauty of Christmas fill your house with love and laughter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**The New Image**  
Patty Goodwin, Owner  
721 Mechem (Sierra Mall)  
RUIDOSO, NM  
257-5574

**A Classic Christmas**

May the caring spirit of Christmas warm your heart and bring a smile to your face this holiday season.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

**Sierra Blanca Motor Company**  
300 W. Hwy. 70  
Ruidoso, NM  
(505) 257-4061  
1-800-628-6867

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a Ritin and I wish my bruth had gud hand riding. I wish my ganpo had a new per of shoosa. My Ganmo had a new necklis. I wish my Mom got ot of the hospidol. I wish my Dad had a hat.  
Love Anthony Valdes

Dear Santa  
I want my owa bedroom. I would likea pillow of the rugrats can you give Ralphie books He likes to read them  
Love Rico

Dear Santu,  
I Wish for a book. I Wish for a dog. I Wish for a bird. I Wish for a bird to sing. I Wish for mi mom to have a hoos in Mehero.  
Love Alicia

Dear Santa,  
I want a girl perit that can tock. I want rich peple to give por peple ther mune So that por peple can be kindur rich.  
Love Esther

Dear Santa  
I want a dress for my Mom. I want my Dad to hare a Jacket. I want a drason pillow.  
Love Gerardo

Santa  
I want a dog - and I'm gonna name it. Andrea a dog and me a cat. A bike.  
Analicia

Santa  
I'm gonna ask Santa for a Dalmatian dog. I love Dalmations. And a kitty and a game.  
Gaby

Santa  
A CD with the songs (I like it - Don't laugh at me, don't call me names - Good night sweet Hote) and a hwimming pool. And toys and a truck and a car.  
Derek

Santa  
I want Santa to bring me some toys and apples. The light toys - a car and a truck. The shirt and pants and all them pants  
Utavious

Santa  
I want chopos (slippers) I want Christmas tomorrow And dogs and presents. And I want Barbies too.  
Andrea

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas I'd like to have a pair of rollerblades, a skateboard and Power Rangers. Also, I wish for really real football shoulder pads. I've been using socks lately. Happy Holidays! I love you Santa!  
'Koty' Vega

Dear Santa  
Please bring me some toys and cloths.  
Love Rylah Zamora

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a doll, and a teletubbie.  
Love Zhane Vega

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a Robot, Power Ranger, a Turboman, a car and bring my dad a model car and a airplane for my grandpa, bring my grandma some pictures.  
Love, Justin Greer

Dear Santa  
I wood like some julree and some make up pulses. Giv mi bruthr a winee the pooh and giv mi sistr some clos.  
Love Ashley Ventura

Dear Santa.  
I want spice grils clos. I want a spice grils movey. I want a Titanic movey.  
Love Adrienne Ortiz

Dear Santa  
I want a meguvoe jr.  
Love Arron Vallejos

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll house for my room.  
Love Tessa Hendricks

Dear Santa  
I want a Beswars depth chрге  
love Joseph Gallegos

Dear Santa  
I want a toy of you and rane deer and my litle brother and my big brother my mom wants sacan dile my dad to  
Charles Balkema

Dear Santa,  
I want a big anjl size borbee and a rocking cher for my gramos and a ring for my mom and a beast wor for my brother.  
Love Cameron Sandoval

Dear Santa  
I wood lic a Bees twr. I wood lic a Magusrd. I wood lic a anjl brbe for mi sistr. I wood lic a eddle for mi grama.  
Love Derrick Vinson

Dear Santa  
I want a Nintendo 64 and a foot boll and a remot control car.  
Love Ryan Guevara

Dear Santa  
I want a powr rangr in spas and a arplan and a clock.  
love Kenny Vega

Dear Santa,  
How is Roodoff? If he is fine I am happy. Can I please have a telo scope and a Bascit Ball and a Barbe Spice girl.  
Love Allison Comstock

Dear Santa,  
How is Fransser and Dasser and Dixsin and roodoff? I wont an art set and a beestwor and a puppy and a megazord and a nintindo 64 and for my Sistr giv hr a anjl barbee.  
Love, Dillon Venable

Dear Santa,  
I want a Beast war toy and a black ninju for by brother Justin Vega. I want a DolPin poster and a Green Bay for my brother.  
Love Matthew Vega

Dear Santa,  
I want the Spice Girls dolls. I would like Nintendo 64. How is roodoff?  
Love, Jaycee Zamora

Dear Santa,  
I wood like a rabbit skin fore my Mom. I wood like a dress and a boe. I wood like a olufint for my sister.  
Love, Maria Tate

Dear Santa,  
Haw is roodoff the rednos rangdeer? and can I hav a pooh for my kusun Zakree, and can I have a maguvoeur?  
Love Matthew Dutchover

**Peace on Earth**

May you feel the joy and wonder of this holy season.

**FASHION CROSSROADS**  
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721 Mechem  
Ruidoso, NM  
505-257-7293

**'Tis The Season**

A heartfelt thank you to our customers. We wish you all the joy of the holiday season now and throughout the new year!

**TOTAL ESCROW SERVICES, INC.**  
508 Mechem, Suite A  
(505) 257-5550  
RUIDOSO, NM 88345

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Thanks for your continued patronage. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

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RUIDOSO, NM 88345 505-257-4156

**Prince Of Peace**

This holiday season, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas—the miracle of a babe, born in a manger. May His love ring out to the world. Peace on Earth, good will toward men.

**GAIL'S FRAME OF MIND**  
1204 Mechem  
WHITE MOUNTAIN PLAZA  
RUIDOSO, NM  
(505) 258-9071



# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
I want to know how Mrs. Ghouse is doing. I want Donkey Kong 3. My brother wants a teletubbie. The yellow one. I am good boy sometimes. Give my Dad a tool. Give my mom a ring.

Thanks, Phillip Jenks

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I like your reindeer and your elves. I wish you could bring something. I want a boxer dog. I hope I see you next year.

Your pal, Leroy

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a Barbie car and a doll for my sister. Thank you Santa.

Stephanie Gomez  
Arabella, N.M.

Dear Santa  
I want a Barbie. I have been a good girl.

Destiny Dutchover

Dear Santa,  
I want a teddy bear for Christmas. How do your reindeer fly?

Love, Chanel Lopez.

Dear Santa  
I would like doll that looks like a real baby I would also like to get some purple clothes. Thank you

Celona Sanchez  
p.s. I would like a basketball too.

Dear Santa,  
I like your reindeer. and your elves I want a little lamb for Christmas a 3 wheeler some clothes and some Barbie clothes for Christmas. But I want a Nintendo most I also want a Kite a jump rope, a pappy a little goose a parrot a comper, a TV

Your pal, Dorateo Salcido

Dear Santa,  
I like your big red hat. I like your reindeer. I like your sleigh I like how you make your presents. I want a bicycle, a cassette for 64, a Dalmation, a computer, a cat, movie of Titanic, candy, hot wheels, and a motorcycle for Christmas.

Your pal, Jorge

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the stuff form last year. I like you Santa. How are you? I am fine. How are your elves doing with the toys? I want a, Dillon, hound dog, Dalmation puppy, Longneck, lion, cheetah, and bobcat. Merry Christmas!

Your pal, Tonee

Dear Santa  
Santa how are you doing? Can you get me a Play Doh fuzzy Pumper a desk, a computer, and a car? See you soon.

Your friend Matthew

Dear Santa,  
Santa I hope you are fine. how are your elves? you are nice. I decorated my tree and I decorated my house.

Your friend, Collette Lopez

Dear Grandma,  
Grandma I like your cake. Your cake is good. You are my best grandma. Grandma Christmas is coming soon. Grandma I'm going to Mexico. See you soon, Leticia

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing Santa? I want a bike and a puppy. I like your reindeer Santa. Thank you for what you got me for Christmas last year. Santa have a Merry Christmas. See you soon Santa.

Love, Camille

Dear Santa,  
You are very nice and I hope you are fine. Santa how are your elves? My Christmas tree has lights and Christmas balls. My step dad made them. I want a computer and thats all.

Your pal, Dedra Romero

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the stuff you gave me last year. I think you are a funny Santa. I want a Rugrat named Dillin for Christmas. I like your elves and Santa I have watched Ernest Saves Christmas and A real santa. this is what I want for Christmas a puppy, make-up set. Good by.

Your pal, Anglea

Dear Santa,  
I like your big red hat and your big black belt. I like your big red sled, the reindeer Rudolph and your little elves. Santa I would like a big blue bike. I like Christmas and please make it Snow. Santa I would like a Dalmation puppy a kitten, a parrot, a computer, a hamster, a baby rabbit, a TV, a boat, candy, and a baby beefmaster bull.

Your pal, James  
I will be good to my teacher and my parents.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like my to fath teeth, I hope you now migle because we have a fireplace you might burn your button Could you wake me up. I want a 22 rifol to please. And a CD player. And a whoch plase. And a nife plase.

Love, Mark LeBlanc

Dear Santa,  
I want a small solders and a Green bay halmet and a nutend164 and a Green bay blanket and a pilo and a Green bay phone and a computer and a little Nwo little rcealers and a Green bay jacket and a Green bay miken phone and a Green bay lamp and a greenbay pant.

Patricio

Dear Santa,  
I want spice girl. C.d., spice gils dress and spice girl doll and I'm a Bake girl doll and Green bay Jersey and a CD player. Eesay bake. How are you doing.

Love kathleen

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spic girl shirt and panss and a Babey cat a Babey that duss hud stanss the movy of linteken Simpuus bride 2. I Love you santa closs from Amber

Dear Santa,  
I want a nells for my feg nells And a baby what das and A Puppy A real puppy

Love Elizabethi

Dear Santa,  
I Want a Smell solders and a Green bay halmet and a foot boll and a Nutendbl 64 and a Green bay room and a Green bay grusse and a Computer and a Green bay Phone and a Nwo red Man and a cookels and a Green bay jacket and a Green macker Phone and a Green bay lamp and I wish that Fene can com too mi house My

Marcelino, V.

Dear santa  
I want Roller blades how are your raid Deer. how are you sant how is Mrs. Clause. how is the Elfs. how is the slay how deep is the snow.

Love Sonny Vega

Dear Santa Clause,  
Could I have a CD player and Faith Hills new CD. How are you doing? How is Mrs. Clause? Are the raindeer doing ok? How are the Elfs? Is there a lot of snow?

Love Jennifer Elizabeth Shafer

Dear Santa  
I want a walk man and a yo yo. Whou are you douing Sanfao

Lole Chrisahta Zamora

Der Santa  
I want a Snowbord and a C.D plaer and a speed bote and a wew motster truck and a Gorgnit olSo a Cumqndo and a Greembay Set and a megu Set and a 64 entendo and a Dallus Set and a molcko terol monster truck and a molckontrol tanke and a tint and a raSe Car hed Set and a Farm house Set and a JaKet.

Love eogs Clinton

Dare Santa,  
I like a shot gun and a car and a track and a Ski.

Antonio

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a beastwar. How are you Doing? How are your reindeer? Have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Zeke

Dear Santae  
i want a yomeho and a gigapet and a bumbox and a toy monstertruck and mark-ers.

by Claude

Dear Santa.  
I want a nutendoe 64.  
RORY Zamora

Dear Sata Clus  
for Crisims I wut a bran nw  
Love Lena

A sincere thank you to all our customers who made the past year an outstanding one. We look forward to serving you in the years to come!

## Deck the Halls

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## The Magic Of Christmas

May His Holy Spirit be with you and your family this Christmas and throughout the new year.

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721 Mechem / Ruidoso, NM

**LOS PERICOS RESTAURANT**  
257-0279  
721 Mechem / Ruidoso, NM

## Merry Christmas To All!

Christmastime is the perfect time to thank all our friends and customers who have made it a pleasure to do business. We wish you all the peace and harmony of the season, and a prosperous new year!

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## Season FOR THANKS

'Tis the season to say thanks for making us a part of your life. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you in the coming years!

**Edward Jones**  
Jim Trollinder, Investment Representative  
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Toll Free 888-258-2266  
www.edwardjones.com

## Enjoy the Holiday Cheer

Enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season filled with love and laughter. Thanks for your continued patronage.

**THE WILD HERB MARKET**  
240 Sudderth Dr. RUIDOSO, NM (505) 257-0138

## Holiday WISH

May the warm glow of Christmas light up your life now and throughout the new year.

Your friends at  
**RUIDOSO ANIMAL CLINIC**  
**CARRIZOZO ANIMAL CLINIC**

## CHRISTMAS JOYS

Our customers' patronage—the best gift of all!  
Thanks for your continued support.

**SIERRA WHOLESALE MATTRESS & BEDDING**  
2810C Sudderth / Pinetree Square  
Ruidoso, New Mexico Ph. (505) 257-5094

As the cheer of the holiday season embraces us, we would like to take a moment to count our blessings and thank our loyal customers. May the new year bring you peace and love.

**LINCOLN COUNTY ABSTRACT & TITLE COMPANY**  
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Ruidoso, New Mexico

## JOYS OF THE Season



# Letters to Santa . . .



Dear Santa  
Can I have a Pro To 200 video game, the one thats on the TV.  
Your friend Chilo Pimble

Dear Santa,  
I want a remot control car and a playstation And a a computer and I want a puppy.  
Love Matthew Samora!

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer doing? How are the elfs doing? This year I would like a Babblin' Fun baby doll and a nail Salon.  
Love Bailey Shivers

Dear Santa  
I wish for a long silk skirt, a baby that looks real, a Spice Girls barbie, a little kitty house, and a computer.  
Love Brooke West

Dear Santa,  
May I please have a Barbie Deluxe Dream house, lap top, Theorbred book, or a wild life study guide book for 4-H. I have been very good this year. I want my brother Pat to have a Cowboy Christmas CD. I want my other brother Bryan to have a Shania Twain CD. And mom and dad to have the Titanic sound track CD. Please give them that.  
Sincerely, Erin Hightower

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, micro machines, cool-tools, a school box, I have been good,  
Your Friend Jordan McKinley

**Christmas Joy**

May your Christmas be decorated with peace, love and joy.  
Happy New Year!

**DOUBLE EAGLE TRUCK CAPS & ACCESSORIES**  
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ALAMOGORDO, NM 88310  
(505) 437-8777 800-478-8773

Dear Santa,  
I was a very good boy this year. And this is what I want. I want the board game of the Championship Rodeo game. And a new set of spurs. And a lap top computer. And this is what in my stocking. Macro Machins and I want some mor glow-in-the-dark stars. And some more. Capt sponges that come out very slowly in warm water.  
Your best friend  
Kendal Wilson

Dear Santa,  
I want a Ntendo 64 and a play stashe and a Green hay packer's helmet and a New Sega Satera and a Green hay packer's Jerzee and a muzuloder and some close and a new fone and a red in black T shert and a new computer and a new bunk bed  
By Jeremy

Dear Santa  
I want a bike and a remote control car that is a 1963 corvette. It is an old fashion car. I want a fishing game a fishing rod. I want clothes.  
Your Freind T.J. Furness

Dear Santa,  
For cristmas I want a type writer. Jet-packs. Nintindo 64 With these games. Zelda, Mortel Kombat 4, Ram Page, Super mario 64, Wave race 64, NFL Club 99, 4wh celer, Bow is arrow, las er tag. And another game for n64, Mario kart 64, GI over, WWf war zone, N64 blitz, Rush 2, star fox 64, Gex 64, Bomber man 64, Superman 64, Misson imposible 64, and these games for sony. A bugs life, duke nukken, crash Bandacoot 3 warp e ped.  
Love, James

*A Christmas Wish*

May your heart be filled with love during this holiday season.  
Best wishes for a joyous new year!

**CINEMA 5**  
White Sands Mall / Alamogordo, NM

Dear Santa  
I want a Gocart and A Dert bike. and A Computer and A Playstation and a 64 and the vieo Paulie.  
Your dest friend  
Casey Barela

Dear Santa,  
I signed up for Carrizozo Schools about four months ago and I like it. I won an award for reading a while ago and another for being well behaved. Could you please get me a package of silly putty for Christmas? that is all I am going to ask from you.  
Sincerely, Gabriel New

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year and I loved what you gave me last year. I was new in my school but I made a lot of friends. By the way I am in 3rd grade and I am nine years old. I want a stuffed monkey because monkey are my favorite animals. I also want a computer and a new big C.D. player and the movie Bill-board Dad.  
One of your best friends  
Ashley West

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy Since the day I saw him His name is Optimus Optimus and power Ranger in Space and the magu Zord's. have been in between good and bad this year  
Love Jude Renney

Dear Santa,  
I wish I Had a Nintendo 64 and some games thereare. Mario cart 64, Zelda, MissioninPossible, Wipeout, Ghever, War Zone, wow NWO Reveng, Rush 2, crash Bandicoot warped, TomB Raidar 3, Twisted metal 3, ExtrE-G Xg2.  
Your friend Tyler

Dear Santa  
I have been really good this year, and I am in 4-H, so I want to learn about babies. I would like a Furbby. I will take care of it.  
Love Autumn Kratochvil

Dear Santa,  
I have been good This Year. I want The CD Armageddon. I Want the CD Small Soldiers. I Want the Movie Small Soldiers. I Want a Fltk room gard. I Want a Super Nintendo  
Your Great Friend!  
Sean Babcock.  
PS Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a fishing rod and fishing gear and a fishing tackl box and a vidge game cold game boy color  
Love Andres Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I want a Brite farVe shirt Number Four. I want a New go cart. I allreaty have a three wheeler and a dirt bike. I want a green go cart and I want some Sony games. I want a remote control car.  
Your Bas Kid Greg Vigil

Dear Santa  
I want a bike 12 speed and a Rackers chair. and 4 new games and ther NFL game day 98 NFL game day 99 Nintendo 64 called WcWnWO Reveng and 007 and tworock2  
Love Kyle LaBelle  
You are my frined and you can come to my house enetin



## Season's Greetings

The spirit of the season is in the air and the hearts of people everywhere—

A small child's eyes shining bright. A Christmas tree coloring the night.

Friends and family come together, bringing a warmth to the chilly weather.

May your holidays be filled with love and cheer—

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!



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Carrizozo . . . 648-2377 / Ruidoso . . . 257-4611 / Ruidoso Downs . . . 378-1124 (Located in Wal-Mart)

*'Tis The Season*

**GIFTS**

Merry Christmas  
ROBERTO MOLINA, O.D.  
ALAMOGORDO, NM  
(505) 434-3232

**CHRISTMAS LOVE**

Enjoy this time of year and take a moment to reflect on the joys of the years gone by. Merry Christmas!

**THE ARISTOCRAT**  
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Alamogordo, NM  
437-3020

*Christmas BLESSINGS*

May He whose birth we celebrate bless you with true happiness.

**North 54 Salvage, Inc.**  
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Two Miles North of Alamogordo

**LEGAL**

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
No. CV-98-41

**AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY F/K/A  
LONG-BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY,**  
Plaintiff

**RICHARD A. VIGIL, SHARON R. VIGIL,  
AND SOUTHWEST APPRAISAL  
AND VALUATION,**  
Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, or his/her designee, will, on January 20, 1999, at 12:00 P.M., at the front steps of the municipal building in Ruidoso, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 3, Block 1 of Mountain View Addition, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the replat of Block 1, Mountain View Addition, Filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, September 1, 1995, in Cabinet F, Slide 277.

The address of the real property is 1604 H Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 2, 1998, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$72,904.39, plus interest from June 13, 1998 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.7500% per annum, or \$21.11 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The lien of Defendant Southwest Appraisal and Valuation is hereby declared to be a second and valid lien on the property.

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

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

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

Dated: December 22, 1998.

Diane Doyle  
Special Master  
c/o Shapiro & Meinhold  
105 E. Moreno, Suite 100  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
(303) 284-0013 (719) 634-4868

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**LEGAL  
NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT  
DEPARTMENT**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, the following proposed discharge plans have been submitted for approval to the New Mexico Environment Department. The information in this notice generally has been supplied by the applicant and may or may not have been confirmed by the NM Environment Department.

**DP-244, HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS,** Barbara Casey, Superintendent, proposes to modify and renew the discharge plan for the treatment of 7,050 gallons per day of domestic effluent. The facility is located in Hondo, New Mexico in Section 3, T11S, R17E, Lincoln County. The modification is to increase discharge from 5,000 gallons per day to 7,050 gallons per day, and to replace the existing septic tank/leachfield system with a manufactured treatment plant and leachfield. Ground water below the site is at a depth of 66 feet and has a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 1,300 milligrams per liter.

**DP-255, CAPTIAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT,** Norman Renfro, Mayor, proposes to renew the discharge plan for the treatment of 85,000 gallons per day of domestic effluent. The facility is located east of Capitan, New Mexico in Section 10, T9S, R14E, Lincoln County. The facility treats up to 85,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater using a synthetically-lined, aerated lagoon, a synthetically

lined, three cell constructed wetland, and an unlined partially planted lagoon. Ground water below the site is at a depth of 20 feet and has a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 1,450 milligrams per liter.

Any interested person may obtain further information from the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section of the NM Environment Department, telephone (505) 827-2900, and may submit written comments to the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section, NM Environment Department, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502. Prior to ruling on any proposed discharge plan or its modification, the NM Environment Department will allow thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice to receive written comments and during which a public hearing may be requested by any interested person. Requests for public hearing shall set forth the reasons why the hearing should be held. A hearing will be held if the NM Environment Department determines that there is significant public interest.

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**LEGAL**

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
No. PB-98-54  
Div. III

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
LOTTIE O. HENSLEY, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at HC86-160, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, 88346, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court within and for the County of Lincoln.

DATED: December 16, 1998.

**FRED W. HENSLEY, JR.**  
HC86-160  
Ruidoso Downs,  
New Mexico 88346

Alan P. Morel  
**ALAN P. MOREL, P.A.**  
P.O. Box 1030  
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-1030  
(505) 258-2202  
Attorney for Personal Representative

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**LEGAL**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a Joint Special Meeting with the Village of Capitan and CCNG Board Members, to be held on Tuesday, January 5, 1999 at 6:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 for Executive Session.

Carol Schlarb,  
CMC/AE  
Town Clerk  
Town of Carrizozo

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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 Nazarene, HC 71, Box 1159, Capitan, NM 88316, filed application No. H-700-S-4 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to drill a supplemental well 6 inches in diameter and approximately 350 feet in depth, at a point in the SE¼ NW¼ of Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the purpose of supplementing the following existing shallow wells:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-700	NE¼ SE¼ NW¼	15	10S	13E
H-700-S	NE¼ SE¼ NW¼	15	10S	13E
H-700-S-2	SE¼ NE¼ NW¼	15	10S	13E
H-700-S-3	SE¼ NE¼ NW¼	15	10S	13E
H-754	NE¼ NW¼ NE¼	15	10S	13E
H-773	SW¼ NW¼ NE¼	15	10S	13E
H-754 & H-773-S	SE¼ 1-2¼	15	10S	13E

for the continued diversion of up to 68.0 acre-foot 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 protests 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. Turner, State Engineer, 1800 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 or protest 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.

Santa Fe  
ORDER No. 2 263 563 673

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**CORONA NEWS**

*We wish for all of you all the joys and blessings of this Christmas season.*

Pauline McCloud PGC and Gayle May DDGC, Pythian Sisters, represented Cedar Temple at a Christmas luncheon and party and gift exchange in Mountainair Saturday. Eighteen sisters and two sister knights attended from Corona, Estancia, Socorro, Belen and Albuquerque.

Chief Jeanene McCarty, USN spent four days last week with her sister, Renee Kessler and family. She was accompanied by son Brian, who loved playing in the snow with his cousins. They were on their way from Florida to Washington where Chief McCarty will board ship and Brian will remain with his father.

Our girls played hard but were runners-up to Hondo in the Hondo Basketball Tournament last week. Congratulations to our girls.

The Crown CowBelle Christmas dinner party was held Saturday evening in the home of president-elect Triah Cox and Mr. Cox on the NMSU ranch. Family members and friends were invited to share the turkey. Due to some illnesses installation of officers was postponed until a special meeting next month to be called by outgoing president Lanita Rasak.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yancey returned late Sunday night from a five day vacation that took them to Wichita Falls where they visited his sister Loren Adams. The real

purpose of that part of the trip was to attend a presentation of The Living Christmas Tree. A niece, Deanna Choate, is a member of the choir that gives this annual program.

Sunday the Yanceys went to Roswell and then on to Carlsbad. They had invited their children, Crystal and Charlie Luera and Terressa and Troy Yancey, granddaughter Meggan and great-grandson, Dion, to join them for a trip down the Pecos where they enjoyed the beautiful River of Lights.

Mrs. Robin Pfeiffer is happy with the results of a cataract operation December 15. She will spend the Christmas weekend with the Stan Kimballs in Roswell.

Erdine Behunin was in Little Rock, AK visiting Steve and Alice Kiefer and children for Thanksgiving. Kevin and Emma Kiefer and children from Poplar Bluff, MO and Bethany and Wayne Brazil and children from Tatum, NM were there also. They all went to Poplar Bluff for two days to check out Kevin's farm. The weather was beautiful and the long trip was safe for everyone.

The Corona Museum had Open House on Friday, Dec. 11 at 2:00 p.m. and then on the 12th from 9 to 3. Santa Claus, Bob Burton was there both days. The museum took pictures of the elementary children with Santa Claus. Treats and drinks were served throughout the open house. There were several booths there for shopping. Having booths were Johnnie Faye Harelson, Linda Powell, and Marilyn Brown. The Ollie

D. Gifts and Artistic Shop was open both days for the occasion. Nancy Adams was the photographer for the Santa pictures, and she had made cards for the children to display their photos.

The Corona Public Schools presented the 1998 Christmas Program and technology Fair on December 17 at 6:00 p.m. Welcome was given by Mr. Avila of the Technology Dept. There were computers set up around the building and high school students were available for questions.

Mr. Cody Lightfoot, preschool instructor and his students sang Jingle Bells. Mrs. Betty Ann Bell, kindergarten and first grade teacher, had her children show how Santa gets ready, and played a Christmas song with hand bells. Mrs. Crystal Bell's second grade class presented a snowman skit and sang Frosty the Snowman. Mrs. Ginger Shafer's third and fourth grade class presented a Swedish Star Boys, St. Lucia Song, and then played handbells to Jingle Bells. Mrs. RoeAnn Lightfoot's fifth and sixth grade class presented a Christmas play titled "A Tech-No-Logical Christmas" written by Clay Burton, Special Education teacher. Helping with the play were Special Ed aides, Shirley Owen and Loretta Manning.

Mrs. Roxanne Erramouspe, English teacher at the high school led the high school choir in Rudolph, Sleigh Ride, What Child Is This? and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. Mrs. Mary Smith, Student Council sponsor introduced Santa, and all the children were able to tell Santa their Christmas wishes. Fifty-two elementary children participated and 22 high school students in the Christmas program. Job well done by teachers and students.

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Measured Local Usage (\$.03 @ Minute)	18.57	21.87	18.57	21.87
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Residence	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Business	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
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The Corona Senior Center held their Christmas dinner and party on December 17 starting at noon. A dinner of ham with raisen sauce, green bean casserole, tossed salad, rolls, and sweet potato pie was enjoyed by 32 people at the center. Some of the citizens had brought desserts and side dishes, so there was plenty of food for all to enjoy. Christmas carols were sang after dinner with Bill Harelson at the organ, and then Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Winners of the raffle for the tinsel Christmas tree was Ruth Fahr from California. Denim stocking was won by Bobby Tracey, and the Christmas Sweat-shirt embroidered by Babe Tracey was won by Bernice McCord. The turkey raffle was won by Bill Harelson. Bill and Johnny Faye won two door prizes and winner of the third door prize was Babe Tracey. The group ended the day with a game of Turkey dominos.

Bob and Hazel Burton went to Belen Sunday shopping with grandchildren Chase and Chisum, and stopped by to visit Ernest Dishman at the nursing home and Ernest asked them to wish everyone in Corona a Merry Christmas, and to stop by and see him when in Belen.

Jarrod page from St. Louis, MO stopped by to visit

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# CHRISTMAS SAVINGS

SWEET FANCY CUT <b>Shurfine Yams</b> 15 OZ. CANS <b>2 FOR \$1</b>	REGULAR <b>Gold Medal Flour</b> 5 LBS. <b>89¢</b>	REG. \$1.29 DELI STYLE REG. \$1.49 CLASSIC LAYS <b>Potato Chips</b> YOUR CHOICE <b>99¢</b>	C&H <b>Granulated Sugar</b> 4 LB. BAG <b>1.39</b>	APPLE OR REGULAR OR LITE CHERRY <b>Shurfine Pie Filling</b> 20-21 OZ. <b>99¢</b>	SHURFINE WHOLE OR ITALIAN CUT GREEN BEANS, BLEND PEAS, LENTILS, NEW WHITE OR WAX CORN & SWEET CORN, TINY SWEET OR PETIT FRENCH PEAS <b>Vegetables</b> 12-18 OZ. <b>59¢</b>	BEST VALUE 8" PREBAKED <b>Pecan Pie</b> 23.5 OZ. <b>2.99</b>	SHURFINE WHOLE OR PELLETTED <b>Cranberry Sauce</b> 18 OZ. CANS FOR <b>3.99</b>

**MEATS**

COOK-SHANK <b>Half Ham</b> .....	LB.	<b>89¢</b>
COOK-BUTT <b>Half Ham</b> .....	LB.	<b>\$1.09</b>
FRESH PORK <b>Butt Roast</b> .....	LB.	<b>69¢</b>
FRESH <b>Pork Steak</b> .....	LB.	<b>89¢</b>
FRESH COUNTRY STYLE <b>Pork Ribs</b> .....	LB.	<b>89¢</b>
HILLSHIRE FARM <b>Little Smokies</b> .....	LB.	<b>\$1.99</b>
BEEF BOTTOM <b>Round Roast</b> .....	LB.	<b>\$1.89</b>
BEEF BOTTOM <b>Round Steak</b> .....	LB.	<b>\$1.99</b>
FRESH <b>Ground Chuck</b> .....	LB.	<b>\$1.49</b>
SHURFINE PIMENTO <b>Cheese Spread</b> .....	7-OZ.	<b>99¢</b>
SHURFINE PIMENTO <b>Cheese Spread</b> .....	12-OZ.	<b>\$1.89</b>
HILLSHIRE (3 Kinds) <b>Smoked Sausage</b> .....	LB.	<b>\$2.49</b>
BALL PARK <b>Beef Franks</b> .....	LB.	<b>\$2.59</b>
BALL PARK <b>All Meat Franks</b> .....	LB.	<b>\$2.29</b>
SHURFINE <b>Beef Bologna</b> .....	12-OZ.	<b>\$1.19</b>
SHURFINE <b>Bologna</b> .....	1-LB.	<b>\$1.09</b>
OSCAR MAYER <b>Chopped Ham</b> .....	8-OZ.	<b>\$1.59</b>
SHURFINE <b>Turkeys</b> .....	LB.	<b>59¢</b>

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SHURFINE <b>Vegetable Oil Spread</b> 48 OZ. <b>88¢</b>	CRUSHED, CHUNK OR SLICES IN NATURAL JUICE <b>Shurfine Pineapple</b> 16.3 OZ. <b>59¢</b>	BEEF OR REGULAR OR FAT FREE CHICKEN <b>Shurfine Broth</b> 14.5 OZ. CANS <b>3 FOR \$1</b>	HEAVY DUTY <b>Shurfine Foil</b> 37.5 SQUARE FT. <b>99¢</b>
REYNOLDS <b>Turkey Oven Bags</b> 3 CT. <b>1.19</b>	SHURFINE ULTRA <b>Whipping Cream</b> HALF PINT <b>59¢</b>	<b>Quick Oats</b> 42 OZ. <b>1.49</b>	SHURFINE REAL <b>Chocolate Chips</b> 12 OZ. <b>89¢</b>
SHURFINE <b>Plastic Wrap</b> 100 SQUARE FT. <b>99¢</b>	<b>Post Toasties</b> 18 OZ. BOXES <b>2 FOR \$3</b>	GENERAL MILLS CORN, RICE OR WHEAT <b>Chex Cereal</b> 18-16 OZ. BOXES <b>2 FOR \$5</b>	BEWITZ, BISKAYTS, CORNMEAL PANCAKES, SHRITS, HONEY OR YELLOW CORNFLEAD, OR SOPAPILLA <b>Morrison's Mixes</b> 1 OZ. BAGS <b>3 FOR \$1</b>

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REGULAR OR BUTTERMILK <b>Eggo Waffles</b> .....	11 OZ. <b>89¢</b>	FLORIDA OR CALIFORNIA BLEND SUNNY DELIGHT <b>Citrus Punch</b> .....	128 OZ. <b>1.99</b>
		SHURFINE REGULAR OR LITE <b>Whipped Topping</b> .....	8 OZ. <b>59¢</b>
		SHURFINE DEEP DISH FROZEN <b>Pie Shells</b> .....	12 OZ. <b>89¢</b>
		SHURFINE HOT'N FRESH <b>Breadsticks</b> .....	11 OZ. <b>1.19</b>

SHURFINE GRADE 'A' <b>Large Eggs</b> DOZEN <b>69¢</b>	BROWN OR POWDERED <b>Shurfine Sugar</b> 2 LB. BAG <b>79¢</b>	ASSORTED BETTY CROCKER <b>RTS Frosting</b> 12-16 OZ. <b>1.39</b>	ASST. SUPERMOIST OR SWEET REWARDS <b>Betty Crocker Cake Mixes</b> 18-18.25 OZ. <b>79¢</b>

MARDI GRAS <b>Napkins</b> .....	120 CT. <b>99¢</b>	CAMPBELL'S REGULAR OR LOWFAT CELERY, MUSHROOM OR CHICKEN <b>Cream Soups</b> .....	10.7 OZ. <b>89¢</b>
SHURFINE <b>Sandwich Bags</b> .....	80 CT. <b>59¢</b>	SHURFINE CUT SPEARS <b>Asparagus</b> .....	15 OZ. <b>89¢</b>
REGULAR, RED, FAT OR BUTTER FLAVOR GRAHAM CRACKER <b>Keebler 9" Crusts</b> .....	6 OZ. <b>99¢</b>	SHURFINE PEACH OR BLUEBERRY <b>Pie Filling</b> .....	21 OZ. <b>1.99</b>
SHURFINE RECLOSABLE <b>Sandwich Bags</b> .....	50 CT. <b>99¢</b>	SHURFINE STUFFED SPANISH OR SMALL PITTED RIPE <b>Olives</b> .....	5.75-6 OZ. <b>99¢</b>
SHURFINE MANDARIN <b>Oranges</b> .....	2 11 OZ. CANS <b>\$1.00</b>		

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	SNOW WHITE <b>Cauliflower</b> HEAD <b>99¢</b>
	TEXAS <b>Grapefruit</b> 5 FOR <b>\$1.00</b>
	TEXAS SWEET <b>Potatoes</b> ..... LB. <b>59¢</b>
	U.S. #1 RUSSET <b>Potatoes</b> .. 10 LB. BAG <b>1.39</b>
	WASHINGTON EX-FANCY RED DELICIOUS <b>Apples</b> ..... LB. <b>49¢</b>
	GARDEN FRESH <b>Broccoli</b> ..... LB. <b>59¢</b>
	CRISP GREEN <b>Onions</b> .. 4 BUNCHES <b>\$1.00</b>
	LARGE BELL <b>Peppers</b> .. 3 FOR <b>\$1.00</b>
	MINI PEELED <b>Carrots</b> .. 1 LB. BAG <b>89¢</b>

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