

Hantavirus Investigation Finds Deer Mice In Capitan

Results of the investigation of the hantavirus case in Capitan showed that the victim's exposure to hantavirus most likely occurred in and around the victim's home.

In a letter from the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH), Office of Epidemiology, state public health veterinarian Paul Ettestad and vector control specialists Ted Brown and Pam Reynolds reported they conducted an environmental investigation that included

trapping for rodents inside and around the patient's home, and rodents in the fields around the community. Of the 200 hundred traps set in various locations, 41 rodents were caught, including in the victim's home. Of those deer mice trapped 11 were positive for hantavirus. Deer mice are the principal reservoir of hantavirus in New Mexico.

Officials also trapped positive deer mice in open fields around the

community, demonstrating that hantavirus can be found anywhere in the area. Deer mice can be found throughout most of the U.S., including NM and Texas. Everywhere deer mice are found, some will be positive for hantavirus.

"There were some rumors that the deer mice might have been brought in from some other location, or the potential exposure occurred elsewhere," Ettestad wrote. "We feel that the results show that the exposure most

likely occurred in and around the home and that infected deer mice have always been in the area."

DOH officials do not discourage tourists from visiting Lincoln County. "We shouldn't try to cover up the fact that hantavirus occurs in New Mexico, but we need to educate people that this disease can occur anywhere in the United States," they wrote. "They (tourists) need to take the same precautions around their own homes as when they come to visit us in

New Mexico."

"We need to assure (tourists) we are looking out for their safety by making sure our motels and hotels are clean and rodent-proofed," DOH officials wrote. "If visitors are concerned and want to know about hantavirus we shouldn't be afraid to give them information about precautions they can take to reduce the already extremely low risk of contracting hantavirus."

University Hospital in

Albuquerque has treated more hantavirus cases than any other hospital in the United States. However, hantavirus is difficult to manage clinically, as there is no specific drug as its cure. Because of this, prevention is very important. DOH recommends avoiding mice and their excreta, keep mice out of living area, disinfect and clean up properly when there is evidence of mice.

Along with prevention,

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Capitan Approves Election Resolution

The Village of Capitan will hold a regular municipal election on Tuesday, March 7, 2000.

At their meeting December 14, Capitan trustees approved a resolution calling for the election. On the election ballot will be two trustees positions, each for a four year term. Currently the positions are held by John Whitaker and Leroy Montes. There are no other questions or issues on the ballot.

Anyone wishing to be a candidate must reside within the corporate limits of the village, and be a registered voter. Candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the village clerk on one day only—Tuesday, January 11 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Candidates must have the declaration of candidacy, and a certified copy of the candidate's current affidavit of voter registration on file with the Lincoln County Clerk. The affidavit must be certified by the county clerk's office on a date after the municipal election resolution is adopted.

Voter registration for the election will close at 5 p.m. February 8, 2000. Absentee voting begins February 9 and ends on March 2 at 5 p.m.

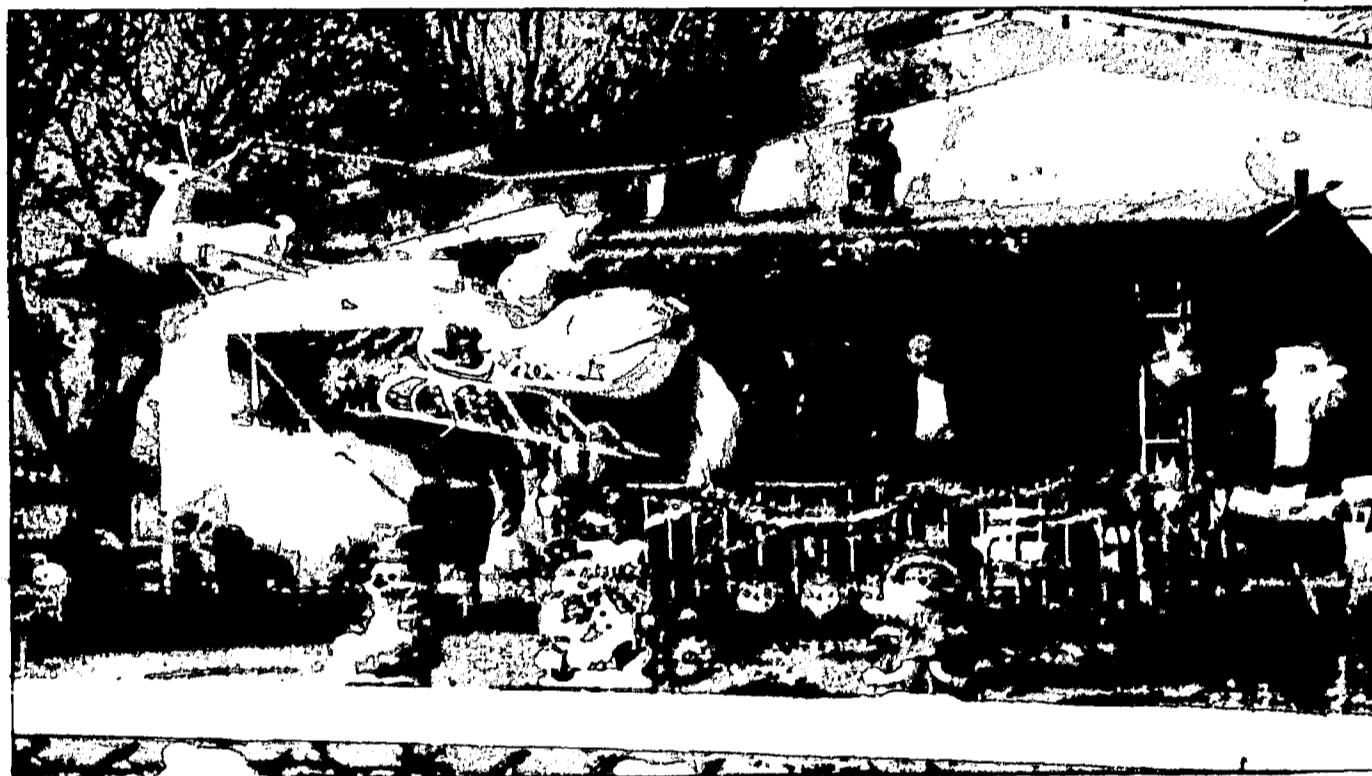
Trustees also approved the resolution setting the holidays for village employees for the year 2000.

Donate Blood On Friday, Dec. 17 and Receive A Free Mug

A community blood drive will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, December 17 at Gateway Church of Christ on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

All blood donors will get a free ceramic coffee mug. Donors who give four times a year will receive a special t-shirt. Donors must be at least 17 years old, feel well and healthy. Donors must bring an I.D. and list of current medications they are taking.

For more information about the Holiday Blood Drive call United Blood Services at 1-888-876-5433.



MERRY CHRISTMAS, Ben Leslie says to the world with a display in the front yard of his home on Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan. Leslie said he turned his yard into a Christmas wonderland in hopes of again winning a lighting prize and because of "boredom." Included in his display are Santa and Mrs. Claus, a Capitan "cheerleader" in her 1946 letter sweater, Santa in his sleigh with reindeer, cartoon characters, and many many lights

Capitan Adopts Drug Ordinance

by Doris Cherry

Fines for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia now cost more in the Village of Capitan.

Capitan Trustees, at their December 13 regular meeting, the last one to be held on Monday, adopted Ordinance 99-7, unlawful possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The ordinance, a boiler plate document from New Mexico Municipal League, increases the fines for possession of marijuana and provides imprisonment time of up to 90 days and adds a section to make it illegal to possess, manufacture and deliver drug paraphernalia. Fines for marijuana possession are \$50 for first offense on possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, and \$500 for second and subsequent possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. Fine for drug paraphernalia is \$300, and up to 90 days jail time.

Public hearing on the ordinance was held December 8, prior to the Monday, December 13, meeting, a procedure initiated by new village administrator Steve Barela. "No one (of the public) showed up," Barela said of the December 8 public hearing. Only the police chief, municipal judge, trustees, and staff attended the public hearing, Barela said.

After the December 8 public hearing the village received some comment from Carlton Buckston and

Antoinette Fontaine who were most concerned about the paraphernalia section. Barela added. He said that Capitan Municipal Judge Jack Johnson and police chief Carrol Durbin have assured there are gray areas in the ordinance with different interpretation.

Johnson said at the December 13 public hearing he thought the new ordinance was an improvement over the prior ordinance. "We had problems

with possession," Johnson said.

Buckston said as the ordinance is written a household item could be used as drug paraphernalia. Johnson said it is not paraphernalia unless the item has marijuana or other illegal drug residue.

Fontaine, who owns a 60s shop with Buckston, said she was concerned that art items in her shop will be

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Last Cattle Drive of The Millennium

Wraps Up w/Dinner and Dance

At a cold 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, December 15, a group of "cowhands" and wranglers started the Hubbard Museum of the American West's "Last Cattle Drive Of The Millennium" at a location on Highway 70 west of Roswell.

The cattle drive will take six days and end in old Lincoln about noon on Monday, December 20. The event officially ends with a "End of the Trail Fandango" at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 21 in Ruidoso Convention Center.

The public can attend the Fandango which features a prime rib dinner and dancing to the music of Jody Nix from 8 to 12 midnight. Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$25 for non-museum members and \$20

for museum members.

In addition to the Fandango, the public can purchase tickets for \$10 to participate in the campfire and chuck wagon dinner for each night on the trail. At the end of the trail in Lincoln on December 20, a lunch buffet will be served to trail ride participants and be sold to the public for \$6.50 at Legados from noon until 3 p.m.

All tickets are available at The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. Call the museum at 378-4142 or 1-800-283-5929 for more information on the location of the trail stops and entertainer.

The drive is retracing part of the cattle trail originally

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John Underwood To Lobby For Ruidoso

by Doris Cherry

Attorney H. John Underwood will lobby on behalf of the Village of Ruidoso during the upcoming state legislative session.

During their regular meeting December 14, Ruidoso village councilors approved a contract with Underwood to pay him \$4,277.50 plus expenses for lobbying for the village from January 1 until March 15. Underwood said he has lobbied for the village since 1995 and has been very successful in getting money and legislation in Ruidoso's behalf. "It is important to have someone there to work for the village," Underwood said. He added that he will keep track of the Ruidoso funding and other legislative bills and make sure they get to the right committees during the session.

Underwood said a reason for the extended time on the contract is once the session is over he will work with the governor's office to make sure the governor will sign the legislation in Ruidoso's behalf.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said it is critical for Ruidoso to have a full time lobbyist at the legislature.

Councilors also approved a restaurant beer and wine license for Victoria's Romantic Hideaway on

Sudderth Drive, a beer and wine license for Pub 48 on Mechem Drive, and Ordinance 99-29 which extends the franchise agreement with GTE for one year or until the company is transferred to the new owners.

Donaldson said he met with the GTE district manager who was basically "sold with the company" to discuss concerns and needs for the telephone service. "I was very encouraged," Donaldson said about the meeting. "Of course it doesn't take much to be encouraged considering the service we've had with GTE."

Councilors upheld a village Planning Commission recommendation to deny a request to vacate part of the right of way along Paradise Canyon so a property owner can place a home on a narrow, steep lot. In a

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Notice

The Lincoln County News will be printed a day early next week — all news copy, advertising, classified ads, and legals, should be in the News office by Tuesday noon, December 21st.



RETIRING FROM DUTY, Former Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Herman McArthur, and his wife Pam, show off the plaques presented to them from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office during a reception held December 9. McArthur retires from the office after more than 12 years as deputy for the Lincoln and Hondo valley areas. McArthur served under sheriffs Don Samuels, James McSwane and Tom Sullivan. McArthur grew up on his dad's ranch on the DeBaca-Lincoln County line and attended NMMI in Roswell. McArthur was first in law enforcement as a patrol officer in Mesa, AZ, which he left to pursue his career of metallurgy engineering. He said he preferred working as a Lincoln County deputy because it is a good county with good people, and there was much less crime and violence than in the big city.

Capitan Adopts

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considered paraphernalia. "We can't read their minds," she said of customers. "Whether the items are to be used in an illegal manner. If

we know they plan to use the items illegally we won't sell it to them." She also was concerned about how the ordinance will affect the

people who manufacture glass pipes and other items for her shop.

Another issue was the domino effect of the ordinance. Fontaine said once Capitan passes the ordinance, the other municipalities could do the same. Buckston said it is like beating a dead horse to impose more drug penalties, because the War on Drugs is not working.

Mayor Norman Renfro cut the discussion short by saying they held their public hearing and now it was up to the trustees. Trustee Debra Ingle made the motion to adopt. Benny Coker seconded. Before the vote Buckston suggested if they pass the ordinance to clarify that paraphernalia is only those items with residue of illegal substances.

An audience member asked why the two were questioning the ordinance, and what they stood to gain if the ordinance was not passed. Buckston said it will not really help the community. Renfro then pounded his gavel as Ingle called for the question. In the vote Ingle, Coker, John Whitaker and Leroy Montos voted yes.

Barela said he would get with new village attorney Don Dutton to clean up any vague language in the ordinance and bring it back for approval.

Renfro said it was a start. "We need to get it on the books," he said.

Also at the December 13

The people of Carrizozo, New Mexico, invite you to join us at 4:00 P.M. this Christmas Eve, for the lighting of 10,000 luminarias prepared by community volunteers.

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GRIZZLY FB PLAYERS GARNER All-District and All-State honors. Left to right, Jon Pawloski (1st team All-District, 2nd team All-State), Ryan Roper (1st team All-District, District Player of the Year and 1st team All-State), Cameron Douglas (1st team All-District, 2nd team All-State) and Wayne Franck (1st team All-District, and 1st team All-State).

meeting, Judge Johnson said according to state law the village shall provide him with space for his office and courtroom. When he was elected about seven years ago, Johnson had a small office and courtroom in village hall. He moved out of there and began sharing the mayor's office, because the clerk needed storage space and the mayor was rarely in his office. But when Barela

was hired he needed an office. "It's not working to share the office with Steve," Johnson said. "He's very busy and you are paying him a lot of money."

Johnson suggested he be allowed to move back into the small office by moving the file cabinets to create a wall for the clerks. Or he could move out of the building. "If I move out of this building I will need a 20

hour a week court clerk, which I need desperately," Johnson said.

Renfro asked if Johnson considered having a court and office in the new public safety facility. Johnson said he asked for an office in the building but was told by former clerk Deborah Cummins that his office would not qualify under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements. Also he would need a clerk if he is in the facility. "I'm not allowed to collect money (from fines)," Johnson said in defense of his need for a clerk. "I'm always behind in paperwork. Sometimes now I come in at night to use the office for paperwork."

Barela said he talked with the judge about the situation which is inconvenient for both. He said after the holidays he would have a recommendation on how to resolve the situation.

Trustees also adopted their 1999 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) that includes improvements to village hall as a priority. In order from the top priority are water system improvements which the village plans to do with an \$800,000 loan and grant from the Rural Utility Service (former Farm Home Administration), storm drainage for which the village just made application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), subdivision road improvements, new village hall and street lights.

Instead of seeking funds for a new village hall, Barela said the village is asking for \$150,000 in state legislative funds to expand the existing village hall. And for street lights, the village pays Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the cost of operating the lights. Barela said he was unsure if Otero Electric would install additional street lights at no cost.

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Last Cattle Drive

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blazed by John Chisum in 1870. Lincoln County Commissioner Rick Simpson is the trail boss, with cattle, wranglers and camp staff provided by Triple B Cattle Company of El Paso and the Bogle Brothers of Dexter.

Tickets to participate in the drive were sold to the public. Some celebrity riders who indicated they would ride all or part of the cattle drive include R.D. Hubbard, Robert O. Anderson, Richard Farnsworth, Sam Donaldson, Dr. Red Duke, Gary Niblet and Governor Gary Johnson.





FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS
 —Jalayne Spivey 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
 —Moms'In Touch prayer meeting, 9 a.m. Ancho. Carpool from Carrizozo. Call 648-2460 for information.

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

THURSDAYS
 —Carrizozo School Library Story Hour 9:30-10:30 a.m. for preschoolers age 3-5. No story hour during Christmas holidays.

—Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.

—Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo, 6:30-10 p.m. Chamber building on Second Street.

—Alcoholic 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.

SATURDAYS
 —Capitan Public Library open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16
 —Finals continue at Capitan and Carrizozo schools.

—Lincoln County Commission meets 9 a.m. courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Capitan Public Library pre-school story hour 11 a.m. Call for space.

—Open House at Ruidoso Public Library continues through Friday.

—Capitan Christmas Lighting Contest judging continues through December 21.

—Special meeting of Capitan Board of Education, 6 p.m. to award bid for high school furnace replacement and Executive Session.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17
 —Holiday Blood Drive 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gateway Church of Christ, Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso.

—Early 12:30 p.m. dismissal at Carrizozo School for holiday.

—No early dismissal at Capitan school.

—Special meeting of Carrizozo Town Trustees, 6 p.m. to consider one time merit pay for employees.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
 —Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Committee meets 2 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.

—Ruidoso-Lincoln County ETZ Commission 5 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.

—Ruidoso Sports Advisory Council 6 p.m. Ruidoso Parks and Rec Office.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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DISTRICT COACH OF THE YEAR Pat Ventura of Carrizozo, has a Santa on his shoulder, to get everyone in the Christmas mood. Ventura's family gave him the football Santa in honor of his being named District 1A football coach of the year, and coach of the South All-Stars team for the north-south all state six-man football game to be held the summer of 2000.

Capitan Trustees To Meet On Tuesdays Next Year

by Doris Cherry

Beginning in January 2000, the Capitan Village Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

During their meeting December 13, trustees approved the annual resolution declaring notice of public meetings. The resolution sets the time and dates of regular meetings and how much time the village must give the public notice.

New village administrator Steve Barela, who developed the meeting calendar, advised trustees they need two meetings a month. He recommended the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. While trustees agreed those nights would be acceptable, trustee Benny Coker summarized many feelings when he said that he liked the meetings on Tuesday because of Monday night football.

Mayor Norman Renfro said by moving the meetings to Tuesday, Capitan would be on the same night as Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Carrizozo.

Barela then added that public hearings could be held as part of the regular meetings, or separately. "But I recommend public hearings be set at different times than the regular meetings," Barela added. Trustees held

their first separate public hearing on a proposed ordinance to change the village, criminal code on December 8. Barela reported that no one came to the hearing, except the chief of police, staff and trustees.

Despite a question from *THE NEWS* about why the trustees need to meet twice a month, when their regular meetings now rarely last more than an hour, Trustee John Whitaker said they need an extra meeting because they have so many special meetings (three in November.)

THE NEWS then requested the meetings be tape recorded and be given access to listen to the tapes. *THE NEWS* reporter Doris Cherry, who also covers Ruidoso Village Council which meets the second and last Tuesday of each month, expressed concern the recording system was not set up for the meeting. Whitaker said the meeting was not taped because the system was not working. Cherry said that previously, based on the village attorney's advice, the village denied her access to the tapes once the draft minutes were completed. Whitaker said he hopes that will change with the new attorney.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Fences At Fort Stanton

By Ruth Hammond

Fences are defined in the dictionary as barriers of posts and wire or wood, used to prevent entrance or mark a boundary. There are other definitions concerning a person who receives and disposes of stolen goods and/or the place of business of such a person, and another definition is to try to avoid giving direct answers; hedge. Each of these definitions is appropriate when describing the fence, or gate, or blockade on the main road into Fort Stanton.

Even though the women inmates are no longer at Fort Stanton, access to this state owned facility is restricted. One sign states that it is private state property. This is very confusing. Private is defined as belonging to a particular person or persons; confined to or intended for only one person, and NOT of an official or public character. How can property be private state property? Does this mean that only a select few state people are allowed to use or enter Fort Stanton? Or does it mean the state is hedging?

New Mexico is unique because Fort Stanton is in New Mexico and Fort Stanton is the best preserved pre-Civil War fort in the United States. Now the state wants to keep this treasure for a few select state people? We complained when the state first put a fence around what had been referred to as Sierra Cottage for several years. The state said it needed the 10 foot chain link fence with barbed wire ribbon at the top because 30 "minimum restrict" female inmates would be housed in the two-story building. The extra 30 inmates were brought to Fort Stanton because of overcrowding at the women's correctional facility at Grants.

Crowding seems to be only one of the problems in the state prison system. When the women inmates were moved out of Fort Stanton and taken to Santa Fe earlier this year the state said the expansion project at Grants was almost completed and the women inmates would be moved there in December. Here it is December and the latest report is that the women inmates will remain in Santa Fe for another five or six months or more. State officials seemed to be unaware that construction at Grants was delayed. Makes us wonder where these officials were when they moved the women to Santa Fe using taxpayer money.

Even though the women inmates are no longer at Fort Stanton, there are signs posted alongside the highways and roads near the area advising to not pick up hitch hikers because prison facilities are nearby. We could understand why the signs were posted when the women inmates were at Fort Stanton but there has been no explanation as to why the signs have not been removed. And there is no explanation as to why Fort Stanton has not been open to the public as it should be. Fort Stanton was established in 1855 and during the Civil War was occupied by both the north and the south. Fort Stanton was without fences for more than 140 years. Now the state wants to improve that?

State officials probably have a reason to restrict public access to Fort Stanton and the historic buildings. Fort Stanton, the facility that should be the pride of the entire state, is no longer our Fort. It is private state property. Now if someone would please explain "private state property".

Restricted Historic Site?

Calendar of

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—Ruidoso Sports Advisory Council 6 p.m. Ruidoso Parks and Rec Office.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

—Ruidoso P&Z 2 p.m.
—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority 2 p.m. LCSWA offices Ruidoso Downs.
—Last night for Capitan Chamber of Commerce lighting contest judging.

DECEMBER 23-25

—Ruidoso Public Library closed for Christmas Holiday.

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

—Christmas Eve Masses at 6:30 p.m. at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Corona, 8 p.m. Capitan Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 10 p.m. San Juan Church in Lincoln and midnight at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.

—Annual Christmas Eve service 7 p.m. San Juan Church in Lincoln. Reception at the Ralph Dunlap home following the service.

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

—Christmas mass at 9:00 a.m. in Capitan; 10:30 a.m. in Carrizozo. No evening masses will be held in Capitan or Carrizozo this day only.

Hantavirus Finds

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early recognition of the disease is critical. Early symptoms include FEVER and MUSCLE ACHES, possibly with chills, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and cough. These symptoms

develop within one to six weeks after rodent exposure. Although there is no specific treatment for hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, chances for recovery are better if medical attention is sought early. Officials attributed the early recognition of the hantavirus by the medical staff at Lincoln County Medical Center to the victim's recovery.

With influenza season beginning in New Mexico, officials caution that the symptoms of early influenza mimic those of early

hantavirus infection. Anyone experiencing symptoms should see a doctor who can take a blood test that can determine if the disease is influenza or hantavirus infection.

"Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome is a terrible disease," DOH officials wrote. "We wouldn't wish it on anyone or their families. But we need to remember that it is a very rare disease and difficult to contract, especially if we look at the number of rodent exposures people have everyday and how few cases there actually are."

For more information, contact the NM Office of Epidemiology, 505-827-0006.

J.R. Doodles



INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - Remember all those politicians who promised to lead us into the New Millennium? Well, it's getting late. In fact, for all practical purposes, time's up.

Congress and the Legislature are both through with their business for the year, with not much to show for their efforts. The same old problems with education, health care, crime and hunger are still hanging around and don't appear likely to be solved on the other side of the bridge, either.

Bill Clinton, who made all those fancy promises four years ago about leading us across that bridge, diddled away any chances he might have had. The only politico who seems to be trying to lead us is Gov. Gary Johnson, but no one is following. This final year of the millennium has seen him make bold proposals for private school vouchers and legalization of drugs.

On vouchers, Johnson was able to convince only about a third of the Legislature. On drugs, he had a few supporters but when he was advocating a discussion of the issue, but he lost all but a handful when he soon began promoting legalization. That escalation took only a couple months. We now are four months into Johnson's drug crusade. Can you imagine what three more years will be like? Darron White could. Do you think the New Millennium can survive Gary Johnson?

And what about you? Were you planning any major lifestyle changes for the New Millennium? Well, you're into your final month of this millennium. After all the years of hype, we're almost there and nothing seems very different. Next month we'll still be a nation of overweight, unhealthy TV-watching couch potatoes.

The computer bug that is supposed to bite us on the millennium has largely been tamed through a nationwide expenditure of an estimated \$100 billion on repair bills. Any problems reputedly will be caused by several hundred thousand smaller companies across the nation that are waiting to fix problems after they occur. Some foreign countries also could pose minor problems. Former Soviet countries with large numbers of outdated computers could

cause the most trouble.

In New Mexico, we are lucky. We're in the 20th of 24 time zones around the world, so we'll have 10 hours to watch what happens to others. That means that as soon as you get up on the morning of New Year's Eve, you may want to flip on CNN to see how things are going in far-away places like New Zealand. New Mexico will have a Y2K command post operating out of the Department of Public Safety headquarters in Santa Fe, beginning the morning of Dec. 31 and continuing through the weekend.

Officials will be watching for early problems on the other side of the world that can tip us off to fixes we may still have time to correct. State officials are so confident, they don't even plan to put the National Guard on standby status for the weekend. But don't worry. If we need them, they can still deploy quickly.

The biggest threat is expected to be from humans,

not computers. The FBI will have command posts set up around the country, looking for extremists, militias and terrorists who may see the millennium as the time to cause widespread havoc.

Well-meaning individuals could also cause problems. If too many of us decide to withdraw large sums of money, fill our cars with gas or check for a dial tone as the hour approaches, we could cause a strain on the system.

Federal officials are warning us not to panic. Every day computers crash, phone and electric services are interrupted, ATMs don't work and credit cards get rejected. So don't assume it is a Y2K problem if it happens to you.

We'll probably hardly notice this now year being any different despite what we see on TV ads and movies. Officials say to prepare as we would for a winter storm. Sounds good to me. Our family had a ball during the last one.

Ruidoso Discusses Urban Forester Job Descriptions, Waste Fees and Lot Splits

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso village councilors made short work of their regular meeting Tuesday, December 14.

Much of the meeting was discussions and consensus on recommendations for staff and the planning commission. As for the urban forester job, councilors reviewed a draft job description developed by village manager Alan Briley. Staff believes the job should be in the planning department because code enforcement would be better. However there are currently no funds in the budget for the position.

Councilor Bob Storchl said he supports the concept of the urban forester, whom the village will keep busy. "Next summer we may have renewed interest in forest health," Storchl said indicating the dry fall and winter could result in a dry summer. "It would be helpful

to have an urban forester on by July 1."

The only other suggestion for a forester is to have someone familiar with Ponderosa Pine forests, suggested John Morton with the Forest Health Coalition. In September, Morton requested the village consider hiring an urban forester. First met with skepticism, councilors eventually requested the village manager to draft a job position. Part of Briley's recommended job description is working with news media and public, with overall goals of managing familiar trees in Ruidoso; extending lives of trees, pest control, aesthetic values, safety, community involvement, development of policy and working with property owners. Donaldson said he also wants the urban forester to deal with issues of erosion control in the forest. Starting salary range would be \$12.50 to \$13.22 an hour depending on educational degree.

Donaldson said he will put the job description for approval on an agenda of a January meeting, so the village can advertise and hopefully hire a forester by the first of April.

Part of the urban forest is pine needles. Donaldson in another discussion about yard waste fees said in the one year since Ruidoso has

been collecting solid waste, 31,707 cubic yards of yard waste (mostly pine needles and debris) have been collected. Only 18,000 cubic yards of regular commercial trash and 19,000 cubic yards of regular residential trash were collected in the same time period. "Almost 90 percent again as much in yard waste," Donaldson said. "This is why it takes the village so long to pick up pine needles."

Currently the village has expended 75 percent of its budget for yard waste collection and disposal, with the village budget hearing 50 percent expended. "We need to raise additional revenue (for yard waste collection)," Donaldson said. "The problem, how to do it? Currently the village charges \$1.75 on each solid waste bill for collection of yard waste. "One extra dollar would cover the costs," Donaldson said. "But I don't propose tonight to raise the rates."

Donaldson said the village should raise rates sometime before the third quarter, and impose a "sunset" on the rate increase. The sunset would remove the increase once the village becomes more efficient with its collection.

Councilors discussed how they could impose a yard waste fee on vacant lots. Donaldson said that has been considered but there is no way to bill the owners of vacant lots, and to develop a billing system for the vacant lot owners would use up the funds that could be gained from it.

Councilor Bill Chanco said it would be prudent to have staff develop figures based on a hypothetical increase. All councilors also agreed they liked the mayor's sunset idea.

Ruidoso has more than 3,000 vacant lots and as property values increase, owners of those lots are seeking to split the properties.

Ruidoso has no written policy governing the splitting of lots. Planning and Zoning (P&Z), on a request from the council, worked on several ideas about lot splits and decided that all lots should be no less than 18,000 square feet. But this would turn many of the smaller lots into illegal lots.

"We gave them no guidance," said Donaldson. "In the future we should spend some time discussing things and give P&Z some ideas of what we want."

Councilor Linda Flack said the lot split policy needs to make sure any lot split would not change the complexity of the neighborhood. "Personally I think 18,000 square foot is entirely too small," Flack said. "I think any remaining lot size should be at least an acre, so one would have to have two acres or more to split an R-1 lot from a previous subdivision."

Flack also said splitting lots puts more pressure on the neighborhood infrastructure. Donaldson suggested the lot splits be addressed in the village zoning code, with a new text area for special split of R-1 lots. Donaldson also said current ordinances prohibit two houses on one single water meter and they could prevent lot splits by not providing water and sewer to the new lot. "The real problem is we have no tool in our ordinances for managing this kind of growth," Donaldson said.

Chanco recommended the council send the development of a lot split policy back to Planning and Zoning with the understanding the council wants lots to be no less than one acre and to not change the complexity of the neighborhoods.

"This doesn't sound like we're going with what the land developers want," Chanco commented.

Councilors took no vote on any of the discussions, rather agreed to send all information back to staff and Planning and Zoning Commission.

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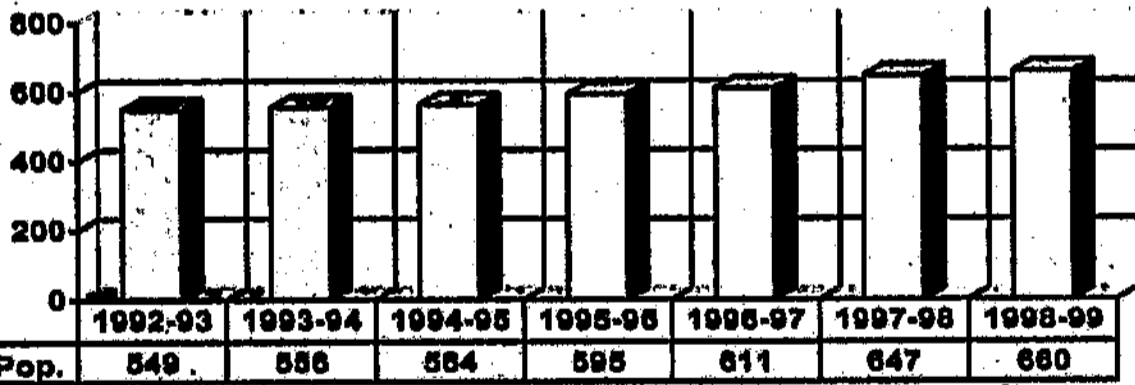
The mission of the Capitan Municipal School District is to:
--provide our young people with quality educational opportunities;
--provide the skills needed to be productive citizens;
--instill local values and qualities; and
--provide a safe environment.

STRATEGIC GOALS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

- Goal 1:** All students will receive a challenging and relevant curriculum.
Inbedded in this goal is the identified focus area for the Educational Plan for Student Success: All students will be involved in writing across the curriculum in order for 50% of the 4th, 6th, 8th & 10th grade students to improve their writing skills and score at least a 3 on the New Mexico portfolio Writing Assessment and the New Mexico High School Competency exam by the end of the 1998-1999 school year. As a result, 100% of 4th graders, 70% of 6th graders, 56% of 8th graders, and 96.4% of 10th graders scored a "3" or better on their test (scores ranged from "0" to "6").
Other areas concentrated on during the 1998-1999 school year included technology, reading, mathematics, and school-to-careers.
- Goal 2:** The Capitan Municipal Schools will retain quality teachers and support staffs and improve staff capabilities.
To accomplish this goal, the Board of Education sought to increase staff salaries, benefits and increments in order to obtain and retain quality staff; to enhance professional development programs; to hire additional staff to meet the needs of increasing enrollment; and to improve staff morale.
- Goal 3:** All students will receive quality education in a safe, healthy environment that has the necessary physical resources to support learning.
To accomplish this goal, the Board of Education remodeled the old wing of the elementary; installed new fire alarm systems in the elementary and Cummins gym; and successfully passed a \$2 million dollar bond election for improvements to the bus loop and additional classrooms at the elementary.
- Goal 4:** The Capitan Municipal Schools will develop and maintain community support and involvement.
The community was involved in each school through their parent advisory councils. Two committees, Bond Task Force and School Safety Plan, involved community members. Newsletters from each school were sent home informing parents of school activities. Student groups performed service activities through food drives, baby-sitting services, St. Judes, etc. ACT became a permanent agenda item on monthly Board meetings. Local business and organizations supported graduating seniors with \$249,490 in scholarships.

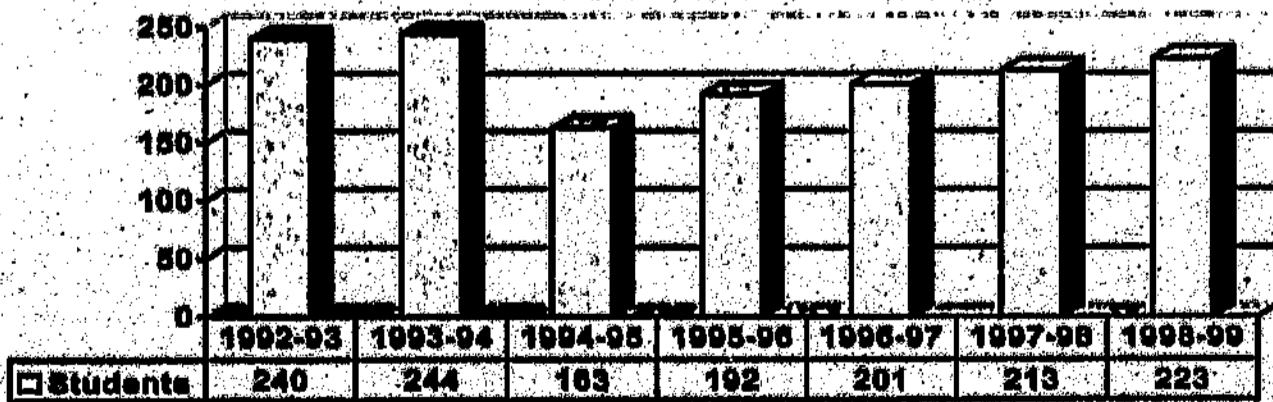
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TOTAL POPULATION FROM 1992 THRU 1999

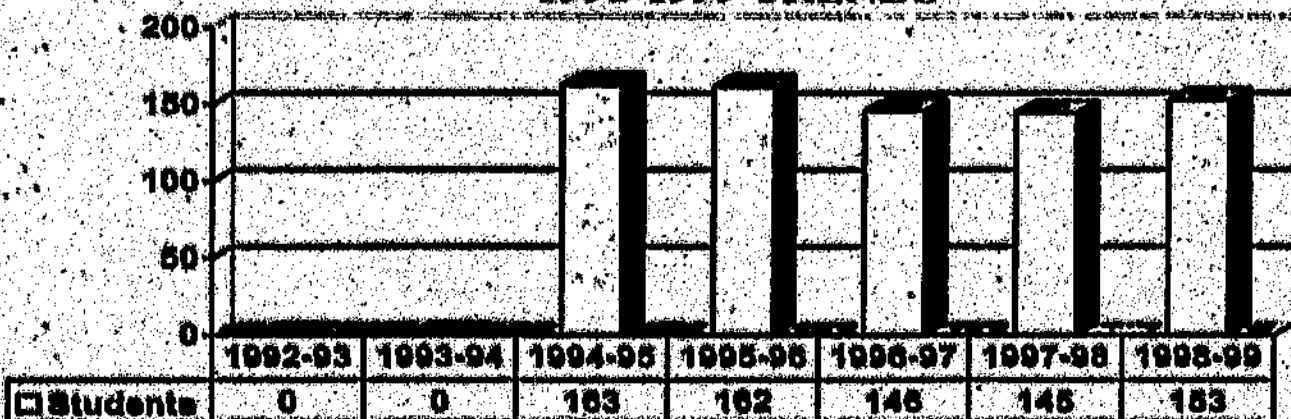


The enrollment of the Capitan Municipal Schools shows a slow growth over the past 7 years. The Middle School was built in 1994 to relieve the overcrowding at the high school and the elementary. Since that time, the enrollments at both the high school and elementary have almost risen to the same highs as before the middle school was built.

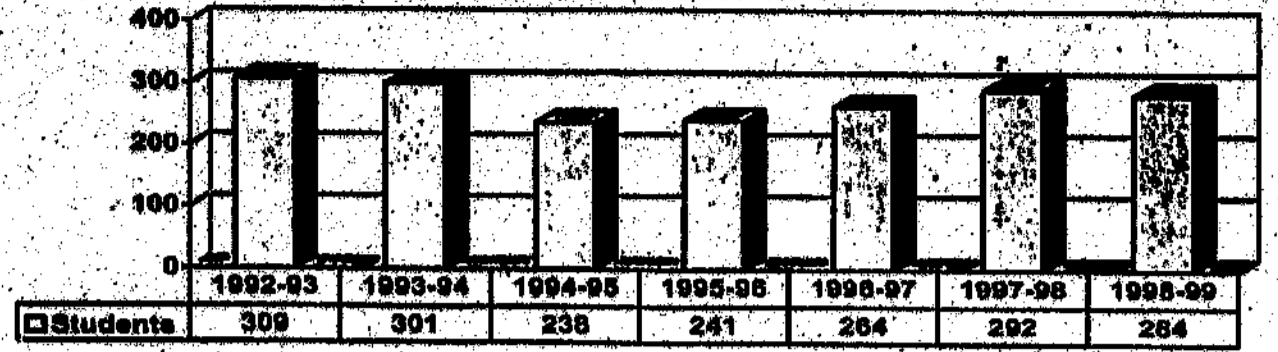
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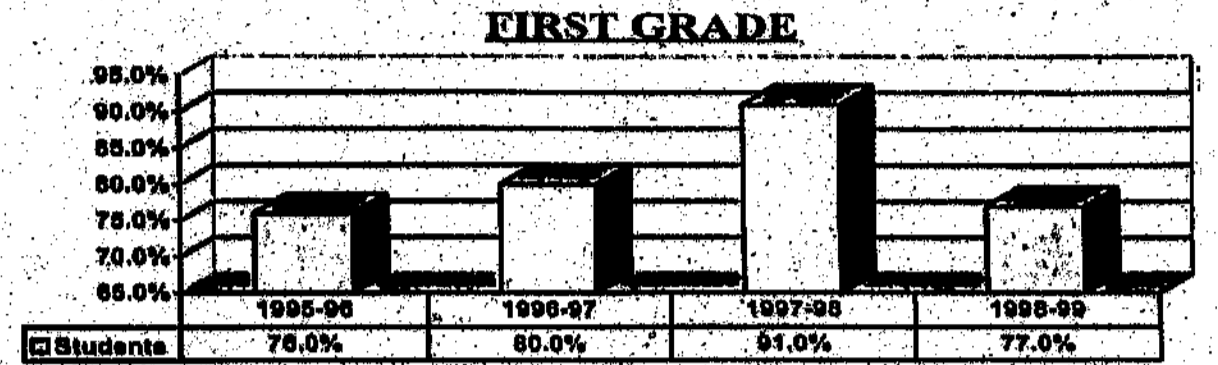
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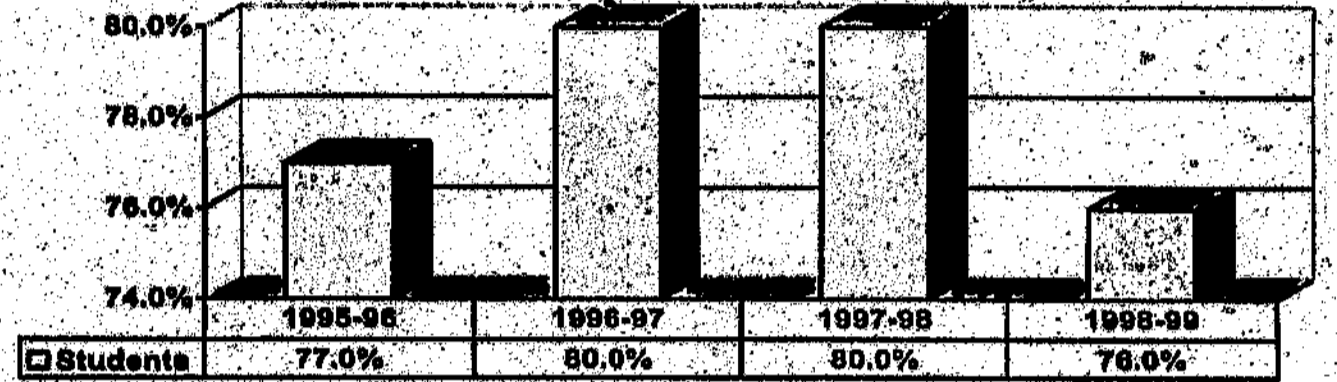
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NEW MEXICO READING ASSESSMENT PERCENT OF PROFICIENT & ADVANCED READING SKILLS FOUR YEAR TREND 1995 TO 1999



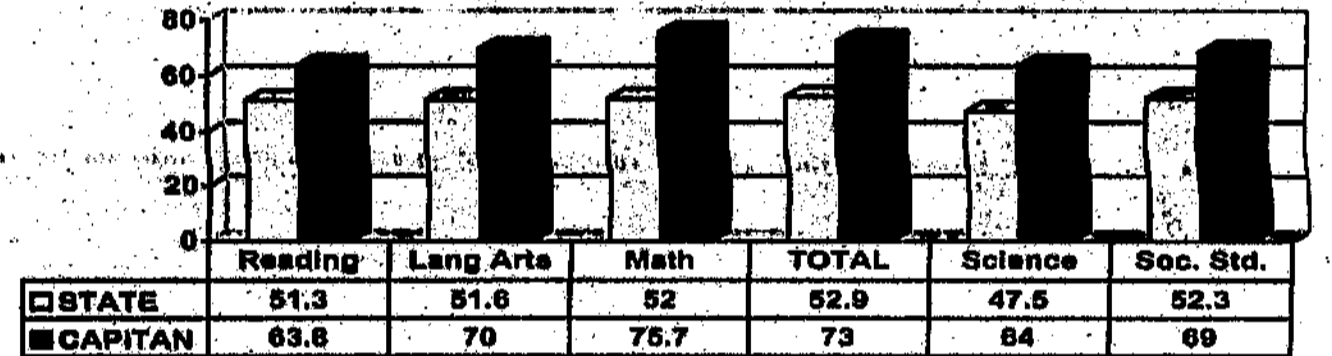
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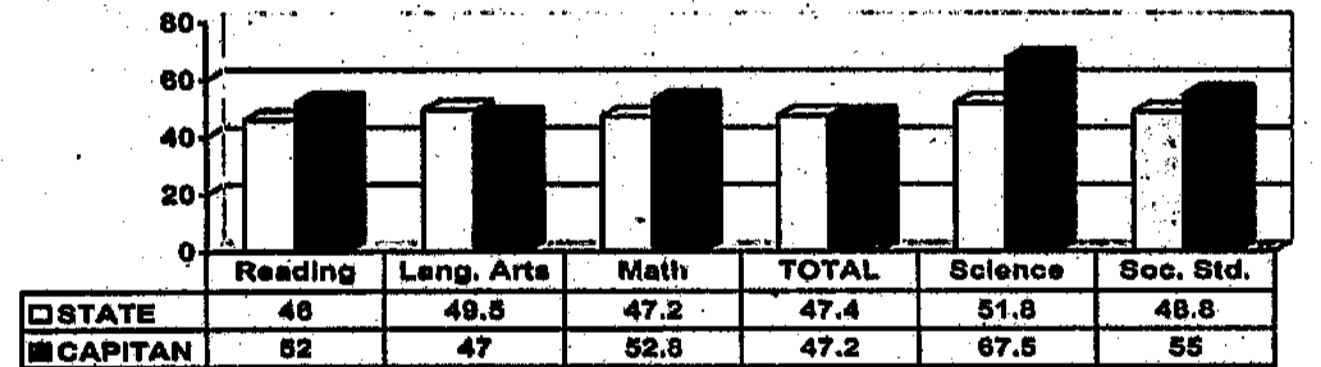
All teachers in the 1st and 2nd grades stress Reading. By the time students move on to the 3rd grade, the majority are ready to learn advanced reading skills.

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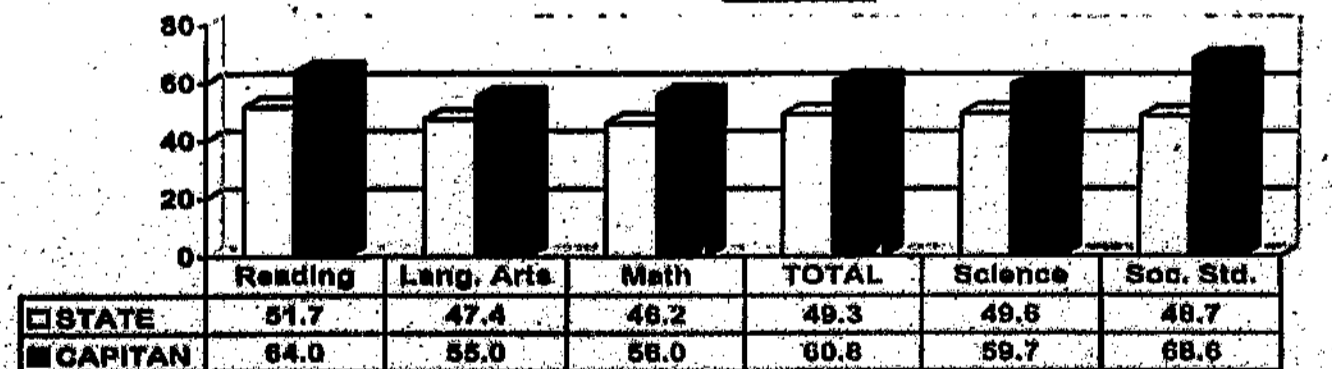
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SIXTH GRADE 1998-99



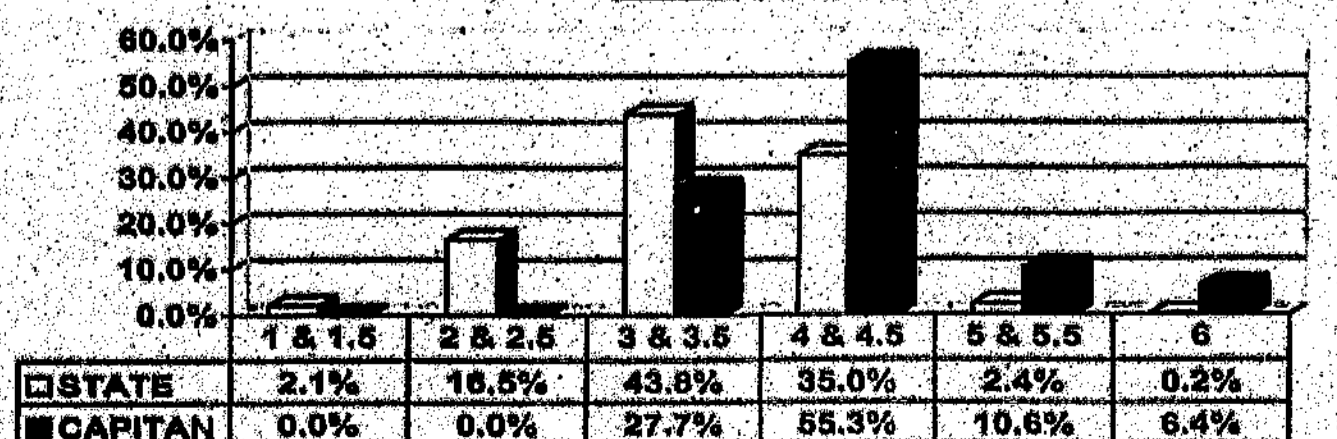
EIGHTH GRADE 1998-99



The academic achievement scores of students tested in the 4th, 6th and 8th grade indicate consistent higher than state results and in most assessed areas, higher scores than the national average (50th percentile). The elementary school, the middle school and the high school all received recognition from the State Department of Education for their academic performance.

NEW MEXICO WRITING ASSESSMENT 1998-99 HOLISTIC SCORE RESULTS

FOURTH GRADE

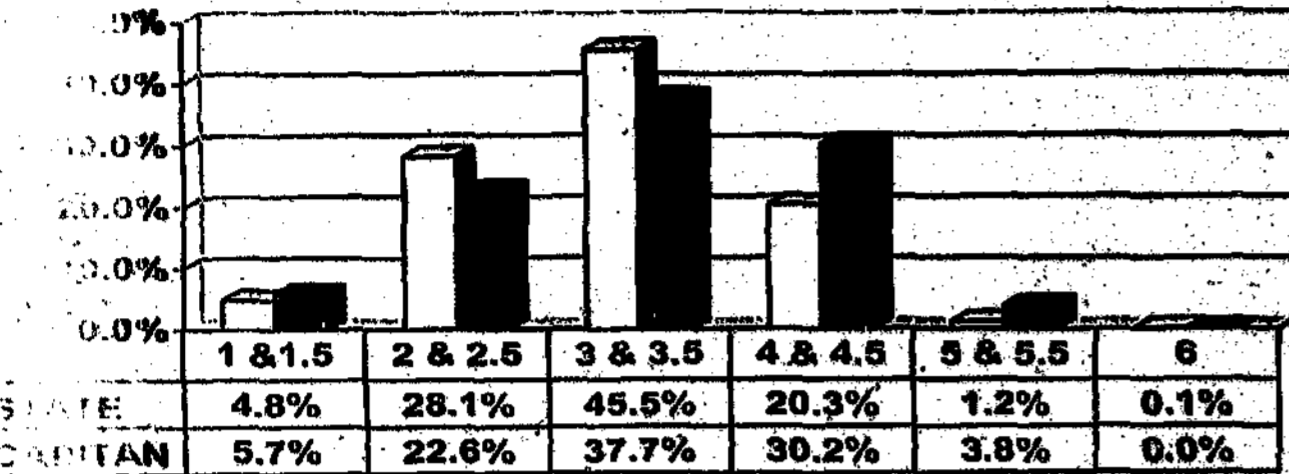


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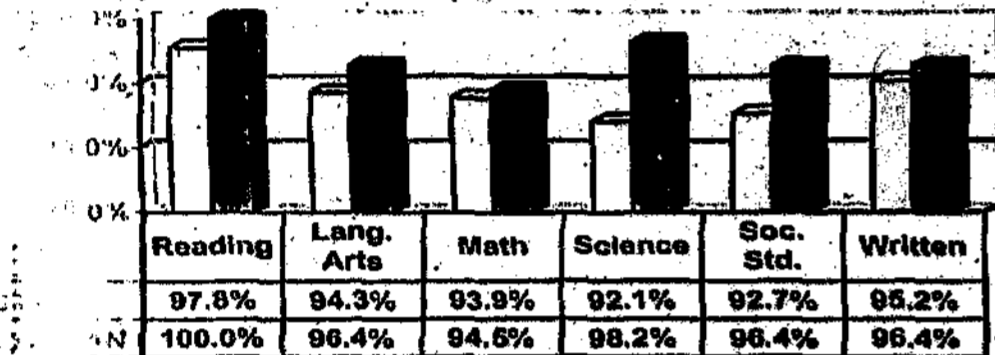
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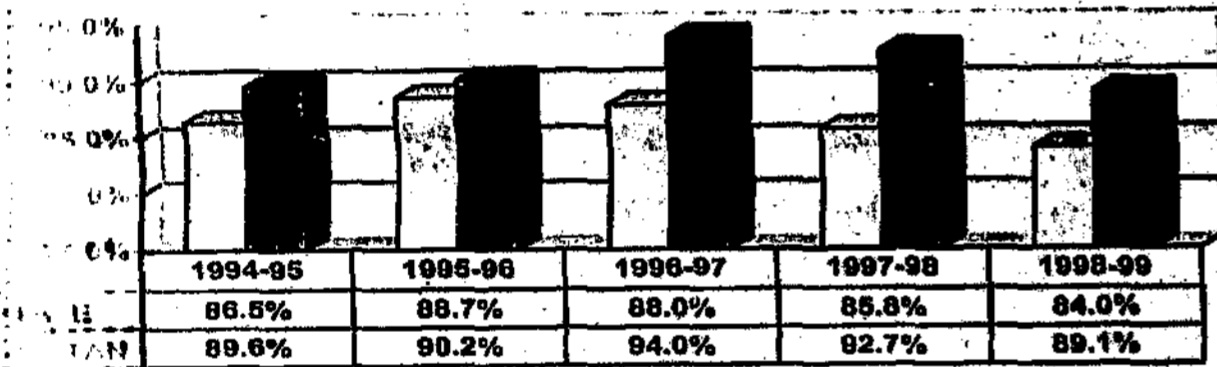
Students are scored on a scale from 1 to 6 with 1 being the lowest score and 6 the highest score. The 4th grade students can write at a proficient level. 72% of the 6th graders can write at a proficient level. All students must pass the writing section of the New Mexico High School Proficiency Exam to graduate.

NEW MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL COMPETENCY EXAM

PERCENT OF SOPHOMORES PASSING ON 1ST ATTEMPT 1998-1999



PERCENT OF SOPHOMORES PASSING ALL SIX SUBJECTS ATTEMPTED 5 YEAR TREND 1994 TO 1999



Students consistently pass all subjects at a higher rate than state averages. All graduates have successfully passed all subjects.

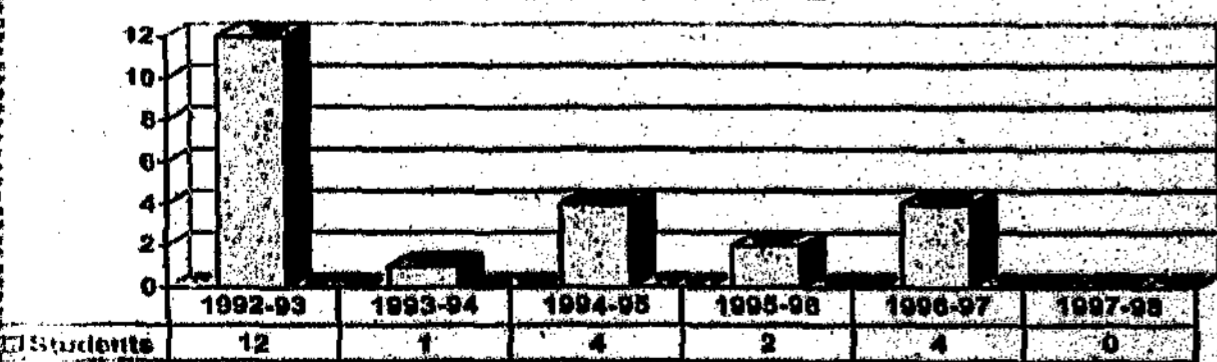
ACT COMPOSITE SCORES 1996-97 TO 1998-99

	1996-97 SCORE/RANK		1997-98 SCORE/RANK		1998-99 SCORE/RANK	
Capitan High School	19.4	34	18.9	47	20.4	17

GRADUATION STATISTICS 7 YEAR TREND 1992 THROUGH 1999

	92-93	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99
Students Beginning 12th	30	38	21	41	46	41	52
Students Graduating	28	33	20	37	40	40	49
Percent	93.3%	86.8%	95.2%	90.2%	87.0%	97.6%	94.2%
Rank (89 Districts)	48/88	75/88	39/89	56/89	67/89	27/89	32/89
Students Applying to 4 Yr. Institutions	19	17	9	24	30	30	30
Percent	67.9%	44.7%	45.0%	64.9%	75.0%	75.0%	61.2%
Students Applying to 2 Yr. Institutions	1	6	3	6	4	2	5
Percent	3.6%	15.8%	15.0%	15.2%	10.0%	5.0%	10.2%

DROP OUT REPORT 6 YEAR TREND 1992 THROUGH 1998



All parents and community members are encouraged to visit the three schools of the Capitan school district. It is a school system to be proud of due to the high quality of education students receive.

CAPITAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BENCHMARKS FOR 5 ACCOUNTABILITY INDICATORS

INDICATOR	BASELINE End of 1998-99	3-YEAR End of 2000-01	4-YEAR End of 2002-03	5-YEAR End of 2004-05
#1 Student Achievement (Writing Assessment)	1. New writing expectations (K-8) developed. (Copy attached) 2. Average holistic score is 4.32 at Grade 4	1. New writing expectations (K-8) fully implemented in Grades K-8 2. Average holistic score will increase by 0.5 or to 4.82 for Grade 4	1. Writing expectations evaluated from K-8. Standards adjusted upwards if necessary. 2. Average holistic score will increase by 0.5 or to 4.72 for Grade 4	1. Writing expectations evaluated from K-8. Standards adjusted upwards if necessary. 2. Average holistic score will increase by 0.5 or to 4.9 for Grade 4
#2 Student Attendance	1. Average daily attendance rate is 94.9%	1. Average daily attendance rate will not decrease by more than 1 percentage point.	1. Average daily attendance rate will not decrease by more than 1 percentage point.	1. Average daily attendance rate will not decrease by more than 1 percentage point.
#3 School Safety (Intervention)	1. Developed School Safety Plan 2. Mediation Program put in place. 3. Character Counts program in place 4. All "major" discipline referrals.	1. Implement school safety plan. 2. Mediation program continued. 3. Character Counts program continued. 4. Reduction of major discipline referrals by 5%.	1. Continue implementation of School Safety Plan. 2. Mediation program continued. 3. Character Counts program continued. 4. Reduction of major discipline referrals by 5%.	1. Continue implementation of School Safety Plan. 2. Mediation program continued. 3. Character Counts program continued. 4. Reduction of major discipline referrals by 5%.
#4 Parent and Community Involvement Goal A: Form Partnership with ACT (Parent Organization) Goal B: Form Volunteer program (Reading, Career Input, Health Aide) Goal C: Parent Newsletters	1. Implemented parent organization - ACT 2. Developed volunteer program and process.	1. Maintain parent organization partnership. Increase ACT membership by 10% 2. Maintain volunteer program. Increase opportunities for additional volunteers by 5%.	1. Maintain parent organization partnership. Increase ACT membership by 10% 2. Maintain volunteer program. Increase opportunities for additional volunteers by 5%.	1. Maintain parent organization partnership. Increase ACT membership by 10% 2. Maintain volunteer program. Increase opportunities for additional volunteers by 5%.
#5 Drop Out Rate	NA	NA	NA	NA

CAPITAN MIDDLE SCHOOL BENCHMARKS FOR 5 ACCOUNTABILITY INDICATORS

INDICATOR	BASELINE End of 1998-99	3-YEAR End of 2000-01	4-YEAR End of 2002-03	5-YEAR End of 2004-05
#1 Student Achievement (Writing Assessment)	1. New writing expectations (6-12) developed. (Copy attached) 2. Average holistic score is 3.28 at Grade 8 3. Average holistic score is 2.93 at Grade 9	1. New writing expectations (6-12) fully implemented in Grades 6-8 2. Average holistic score will increase by 0.1 or to 3.45 for Grade 8 3. Average holistic score will increase by 0.1 or to 3.55 for Grade 9	1. Writing expectations evaluated from 6-8. Standards adjusted upwards if necessary. 2. Average holistic score will increase by 0.1 or to 3.55 for Grade 8 3. Average holistic score will increase by 0.1 or to 3.15 for Grade 9	1. Writing expectations evaluated from 6-8. Standards adjusted upwards if necessary. 2. Average holistic score will increase by 0.1 or to 3.65 for Grade 8 3. Average holistic score will increase by 0.1 or to 3.25 for Grade 9
#2 Student Attendance	1. Average daily attendance rate is 97.4%	1. Average daily attendance rate will not decrease by more than 1 percentage point.	1. Average daily attendance rate will not decrease by more than 1 percentage point.	1. Average daily attendance rate will not decrease by more than 1 percentage point.
#3 School Safety (Intervention)	1. Developed School Safety Plan 2. Mediation Program put in place. 3. Character Counts program in place 4. 2 "major" discipline referrals.	1. Implement school safety plan. 2. Mediation program continued. 3. Character Counts program continued. 4. Maintain or decrease number of major discipline referrals.	1. Continue implementation of School Safety Plan. 2. Mediation program continued. 3. Character Counts program continued. 4. Maintain or decrease number of major discipline referrals.	1. Continue implementation of School Safety Plan. 2. Mediation program continued. 3. Character Counts program continued. 4. Maintain or decrease number of major discipline referrals.
#4 Parent and Community Involvement Goal A: Form Partnership with ACT (Parent Organization) Goal B: Parent Newsletters	1. Implemented parent organization - ACT 2. Newsletters sent home	1. Maintain parent organization partnership. Increase ACT membership by 10% 2. Increase newsletters. Use ACT monthly newsletters to send to parents.	1. Maintain parent organization partnership. Increase ACT membership by 10% 2. Increase newsletters. Use ACT monthly newsletters to send to parents.	1. Maintain parent organization partnership. Increase ACT membership by 10% 2. Increase newsletters. Use ACT monthly newsletters to send to parents.
#5 Drop Out Rate	Drop Out Rate for 7th and 8th graders was 0	Drop Out rate for 7th and 8th graders will not increase by more than 1 student.	Drop Out rate for 7th and 8th graders will not increase by more than 1 student.	Drop Out rate for 7th and 8th graders will not increase by more than 1 student.

CAPITAN HIGH SCHOOL BENCHMARKS FOR 5 ACCOUNTABILITY INDICATORS

INDICATOR	BASELINE End of 1998-99	3-YEAR End of 2000-01	4-YEAR End of 2002-03	5-YEAR End of 2004-05
#1 Student Achievement (Writing Assessment)	1. New writing expectations (8-12) developed. (Copy attached) 2. Average holistic score is 3.8 at Grade 10	1. New writing expectations (8-12) fully implemented in Grades 8-12 2. Average holistic score will increase by 0.1 or to 3.9 for Grade 10	1. Writing expectations evaluated from 8-12. Standards adjusted upwards if necessary. 2. Average holistic score will increase by 0.1 or to 4.0 for Grade 10	1. Writing expectations evaluated from 8-12. Standards adjusted upwards if necessary. 2. Average holistic score will increase by 0.1 or to 4.1 for Grade 10
#2 Student Attendance	1. Average daily attendance rate is 91.7%	1. Average daily attendance rate will not decrease by more than 1 percentage point.	1. Average daily attendance rate will not decrease by more than 1 percentage point.	1. Average daily attendance rate will not decrease by more than 1 percentage point.
#3 School Safety (Intervention)	1. Developed School Safety Plan 2. Mediation Program put in place. 3. Character Counts program in place 4. 2 "major" discipline referrals.	1. Implement school safety plan. 2. Mediation program continued. 3. Character Counts program continued. 4. Reduction of major discipline referrals by 5%.	1. Continue implementation of School Safety Plan. 2. Mediation program continued. 3. Character Counts program continued. 4. Reduction of major discipline referrals by 5%.	1. Continue implementation of School Safety Plan. 2. Mediation program continued. 3. Character Counts program continued. 4. Reduction of major discipline referrals by 5%.
#4 Parent and Community Involvement Goal A: Form Partnership with ACT (Parent Organization) Goal B: Parent Newsletters	1. Implemented parent organization - ACT 2. 25 Newsletters sent home	1. Maintain parent organization partnership. Increase ACT membership by 10% 2. Increase newsletters by 5%. 3. Use ACT newsletters on monthly basis	1. Maintain parent organization partnership. Increase ACT membership by 10% 2. Increase newsletters by 5%. 3. Use ACT newsletters on monthly basis	1. Maintain parent organization partnership. Increase ACT membership by 10% 2. Increase newsletters by 5%. 3. Use ACT newsletters on monthly basis
#5 Drop Out Rate	1. Drop Out Rate for 1997-98 was 9 students.	1. Drop Out Rate will not increase by more than 1 student.	1. Drop Out Rate will not increase by more than 1 student.	1. Drop Out Rate will not increase by more than 1 student.

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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa
I would like a Bike and a computer. And to help people and to give food to people and Toys
Your friend
Jasmine Candelada

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a 101 Dalmation dog.
Love Cecco Aragon

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Barbie?
Love, Mancy Wares

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a real motorbike.
Love, Walter Medina

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Motor sIKI.
Love, Julian Marquez

Dear Mom and Dad,
How are you? I would like a Barbie.
Love, Josefina Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like it you could help stop wars. I also would like if you can help the poor get clothes,
Your friend Collette

Dear Santa,
I wish you will Help other people please help them get shoes shirts snow boots gloves umbels and pets to play with them I wish I could 64 game it is called armymen a corn new clos electric car, a new divemen acb a parrot basketball and a football.
Love Rory

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Deer and a Dog.
Love, Luis Montano

Dear Santa,
This is my wish list for Christmas. I want a new bike and my own master card. Next I want to get some stuff for my mom and Dad. I want to get my mom some jewelry. And for my Dad some new tools. I want to help the world by cleaning our environment. And piking up trash. Finally get shoes raindeer gased up and get shoes presents delivered.
Kevin Gore

Dear Santa,
I'm going to rite about what I want for Christmas. First I want a sony play station and also two games. Next I'm going to get a CD for my older brother. I'm going to get contact solusion for my oldest brother. Than I wish poeple can help preserve nachral resources PS try to hery thanks
your friend
Andres Garcia

How are you this year I feel sad because the poor people don't have homes. Could you Get them a homes. I wish to get a giggeret and a sled. I wanta pokemon bedsoed and quilt. I also want a spiece girl Barbie doll.
Love chrishanda

Dear Santa,
I want a soccer ball. I want an Intendo. My house burned and I need a bed and T.V. and VCR. Thank You
German Lerma

Dear Santa?
Can you giv Me a jacket? Can you giv me and my brothr and my sjsler some clothes? We have been good. Thank you
Laney Aragon

Dear Santa,
I want a cmpuodr for Rrsrnis and a notendau. I would also like a baltapak, dog, kat I wot toys. Thank you
Destiny Dutchover

Dear Santa,
I want a dish for my mom. Thank you
Robert

Dear Santa,
I hav bin good. I wont a barbie tatoo hiar and I want a doll tatoo hiar. Clothes and shoos. Thank you
Stephanie Gomez

Dear Santa,
How are you? I woud likea Nintedo Play statiON.
Nate Sanchez

Dear Santa
How are you this year? I will as you if you will help my grandfather. I would like a bow. And a buckle for my belt. A pair of brown boots. A Mark Martin car. More bb's for my gun. I also would like a Aggie's hat. And a Miami hat.
Love, Mark

Dear Santa,
How are you this Year Thank you for all The great gifts last Year. Pleas can I hav aCD and a Play Station. With Some games. I also want a computer.
Love Jeremy

Dear Santa
How are you doing this year is Mrs claus all right this year may I have a playstatoin and three men in a army box and a t.v. and a remote control army fighter Jeep and a remote control boat little army men, the space men and the FBI set and Help my ant Jane to get well from her surgery and I want a twenty-gauge shotgun
Love Cilnton

Dear Santa Claus,
I wan't a Greenbay Jackit and I wan't a Green bay lamp and a bike and I wan't a Greenbay room and a Greenbay Shirt.
Love Marcellno

Dear Santa,
For crismis I wont toys. You can pick the toys. Like some of the tem resers. I want a bio gun. Thank you
Abraham Castro

Dir Santa,
Haw are you? Santa School is fun I want a water gun. Thank you,
Michael Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
Hawo aer you dooing? For crismis I want a piano. I will leev you some coocees and milk? Thank you
Felicia Chavez

Dear Santa,
Ar you fin? I Wont to see you. I Wont a eaz cook and a gete-up-Wimen. Thank you,
Belinda Aragon

Dear Mom
I want to find my ABC, in spanish. I want a Little ball. I want a come popputr. Mom I love you! Thank you
Griselda Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I wonte n intendo SIXty 4 and a compyoudr with lnernet. I wont pantholl gune. With a bio gun. Thank yoy
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Dear Santa
Wat are you doin? Santa? Haw are you Santa? I want a pokemon yellow. I want a pokemon blue. Thank you
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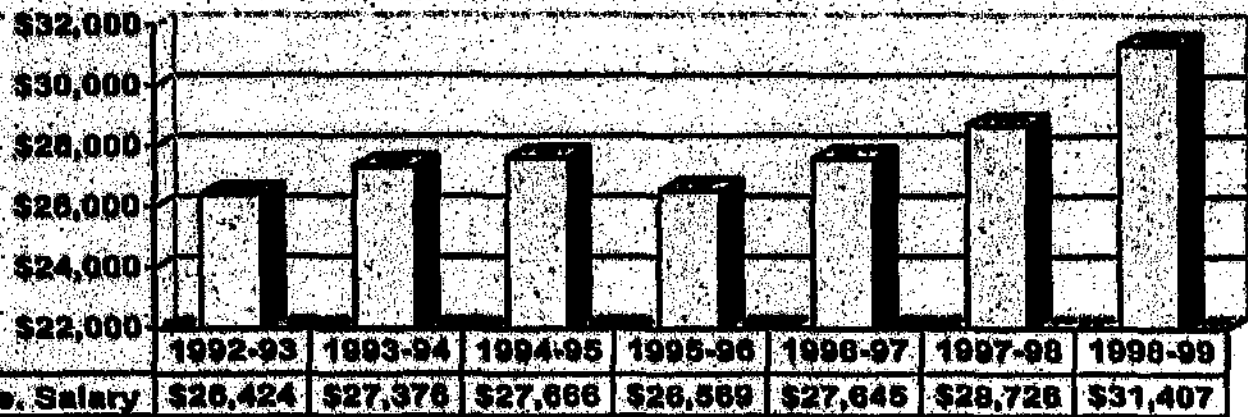
Dear Santa,
Howare you this year I hope That you could help my Dad because He is hurting and would you take care of my famly. I wish you would get men playstation and a game boy and some game for them.
Love
Troy Donald Koroschill

CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

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AVERAGE RETURNING TEACHERS SALARY AND STATE RANK 7 YEAR TREND 1992 THROUGH 1999

Average Salary



STATE RANK OUT OF 89 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Year	Rank
1998-99	54 th out of 89
1997-98	60 th out of 89
1996-97	76 th out of 89
1995-96	81 st out of 89
1994-95	52 nd out of 89
1993-94	41 st out of 88
1992-93	36 th out of 88

The salary of teachers returning each year to the Capitan schools has been increasing not only locally but also in comparison to other districts around the state.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION SURVEY

Elementary: 243 responses returned out of 286 sent (84%).
Middle School: 104 responses returned out of 146 sent (71%).
High School: 157 responses returned out of 212 sent (74%).

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SURVEY QUESTIONS	School	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Do Not Know
1. My child is safe at school (S&S)	Elem	85-34%	13-07%	11-0%	1-1%	8-5%
2. My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education (S&S)	Elem	54-22%	21-10%	13-6%	10-5%	12-5%
3. My child's school holds high expectations for academic achievement (S&S)	Elem	10-74%	72-80%	13-13%	0-0%	1-1%
4. School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education (S&S)	Elem	83-36%	13-58%	12-5%	2-1%	8-5%
5. The school offers adequate access to up-to-date computers and technology (S&S)	Elem	14-16%	11-5%	14-14%	10-7%	5-6%
6. School staff maintain consistent discipline which is conducive to learning (S&S)	Elem	89-30%	13-76%	15-6%	7-3%	8-3%
7. My child has an adequate choice of school sponsored extracurricular activities (S&S)	Elem	3-16%	12-5%	42-16%	18-7%	11-5%
8. My child's teacher provides sufficient and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress (S&S)	Elem	83-16%	13-5%	11-5%	11-5%	8-3%
9. The school staff employ various instructional methods and strategies to meet my child's needs (S&S)	Elem	81-16%	14-14%	14-14%	8-3%	11-11%
10. My child takes responsibility for his/her learning (S&S)	Elem	62-27%	14-6%	19-8%	2-1%	2-1%

LOCAL SURVEY QUESTIONS	School	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Do Not Know
1. All students receive a challenging and relevant curriculum (S&S)	Elem	84-24%	14-0%	2-0%	2-0%	10-0%
2. The Capitan Municipal Schools employ quality teachers and support staff (S&S)	Elem	89-26%	11-2%	18-5%	8-2%	3-3%
3. All students receive a quality education with the necessary physical resources to support learning (S&S)	Elem	48-20%	14-6%	18-8%	18-8%	10-4%
4. The Capitan Municipal Schools maintain community support and involvement (S&S)	Elem	18-1%	9-0%	15-7%	1-3%	12-5%
5. All staff involved in my child's education (S&S)	Elem	10-7%	13-1%	1-1%	1-1%	0-0%
6. Grade level parent meetings represent a positive communication process (S&S)	Elem	87-3%	11-4%	18-7%	3-1%	18-7%
7. The new testing standards for 1999-2000 are appropriate for my child's Technology is being emphasized at Capitan Middle School (S&S)	Elem	84-24%	14-0%	2-0%	2-0%	10-0%
8. My student should be required to take 4 years of Math at the High School (S&S)	Elem	37-17%	51-23%	11-5%	8-3%	9-4%
9. The elementary school provides and supports a positive discipline program (S&S)	Elem	78-3%	13-6%	18-8%	4-2%	8-3%
10. Capitan High School should expand the concurrent enrollment classes offered by UMS&S (S&S)	Elem	43-19%	34-15%	10-4%	8-3%	20-9%
11. The community values my child's school and classroom (S&S)	Elem	11-2%	10-7%	7-3%	8-3%	6-3%
12. Capitan Middle School provides the proper books and materials for a quality education (S&S)	Elem	18-1%	7-3%	5-2%	5-2%	6-3%
13. The Special Education Program is meeting the needs of the learning disabled students (S&S)	Elem	7-3%	48-21%	18-8%	18-8%	16-7%
14. I am aware of my child's educational progress throughout the year (S&S)	Elem	11-2%	11-2%	8-3%	3-1%	1-1%
15. Teachers at Capitan Middle School have high expectations for student social and academic progress (S&S)	Elem	85-2%	14-6%	8-3%	8-3%	12-5%
16. Instructional methods used are an alternative to being more strict to meet the student's needs (S&S)	Elem	17-1%	43-2%	36-2%	20-9%	2-1%



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Capitan Gets Shaky Audit

by Doris Cherry

Four reportable conditions were found in the audit of the 1998-99 bookkeeping of the village of Capitan.

During the regular meeting Monday, December 13, auditor Ronnie Hemphill gave the report on his audit of the last fiscal year. The first condition was a procurement code violation. Hemphill said village staff have the desire to do a comprehensive review of all purchasing procedures and policies. "I think it will resolve this problem for the future," Hemphill said.

The second was the failure to impose the \$1 increase per month on sewer rates beginning January 1, 1999. Trustees passed an ordinance for the \$1 increase but accounting failed to begin billing the additional dollar per account. Hemphill said much of that could be attributed to the village's inadequate billing software which will be resolved when the village changes to its new software. "It's not that it will gain so much, but you went through the pain and misery of increasing rates," Hemphill said.

Third, there were numerous errors and in the payroll reports and quarterly reports and employees work comp. "This was unfortunate, and the village even hired an outside accounting firm to help resolve this," Hemphill said.

Mayor Norm Renfro said the village now has a local certified public accountant to help with the payroll report.

The fourth condition, expenditures in excess of budget in several funds, Hemphill said was an indicator of how overwhelmed new clerk Kathryn Griffin was when she took over the position. The situation is usually resolved with a clean-up resolution for end of the year budget adjustments. "This is a violation of state law and an automatic finding," Hemphill said.

The audit also had a "qualified opinion" which Hemphill said is going into every audit done this year. The qualified opinion is that he as an auditor did not have

the expertise to state that the village of Capitan is Y2K ready. "If you are not Y2K ready it could impact all your financials," he added.

There were some bright places in the audit. The village's total assets increased in value from \$9.7 million to \$10,854,000, the village's equity increased by \$900,000 and the general fund ended with a surplus of \$6,907. The village utility fund (water/sewer) made a "profit" of \$979,463, of which \$100,000 came from interest on the debt payment note from the Village of Ruidoso for the Eagle Creek water settlement. "These were all very positive," Hemphill said of the figures.

No official audit reports were released as Hemphill said the state auditor has not released them for public review as yet. New village administrator Steve Barola said when the village receives the final state approved audit report he will get it to the trustees for action. He also said he appreciated Hemphill's report, "despite the errors in this time of change."

As for the software, trustees also approved purchase of new accounting software designed for governmental uses. The village had been using a Quicken program for small businesses. "It's not for municipalities," Barola said. "We have a hard time trying to set up a budget (with the program)." Also the program is not designed to provide more budget information which then must be done manually.

Based on staff research Barola recommended trustees approve a \$1,300 purchase of a software system designed by Cougar Mountain of Colorado. Barola said the software is also recommended by the NM Municipal League. The software breaks down the budget into reports, giving them better control over the budget.

Trustees also:
 -Adopted a resolution transferring control of the cable TV franchise to the new owners.

-Approved sending the annual payment of \$4,020 to Ruidoso, as Capitan's share

in maintaining the Eagle Creek water gauging system.

-Accepted the Planning Board recommendations to approve re-plot of tracts 101, 102, 103 and 100 in Mesa Verde unit #3; and approved the appointment of David Brooks to the Citizens Advisory Board.

-Recessed to closed session to discuss litigation and personnel. No action was

taken after trustees came back into open session, other than to adjourn.

Former Ruidoso Resident Wins Lottery Prize

Former Ruidoso resident Winnie Lewis of Fort Worth, TX, won a \$100,000 Powerball prize.

According to a press release from the NM Lottery, Lewis was visiting relatives in El Paso when she went over to Chaparral, NM and bought Powerball tickets.

She matched five of the six numbers drawn but missed the Powerball number. After withholding federal and state taxes, the winner received a check for \$88,000.

Christmas Blessings

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Capitan Trustees

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As their first regular business item, trustees approved a contract with attorney Don Dutton. Barola said the village did an rfp for legal services to replace Dave Thomson who left to work for the state. The village received three proposals which trustees scored. They unanimously voted to accept Dutton's proposal and proceed with negotiation of the contract. Barola added.

Renfro said Dutton had worked for the village before, and had done good work for Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority and pro bono work for Capitan Public Library. "It's like coming home for

me," Dutton said after trustees unanimously accepted his contract.

Also during the meeting, trustees approved a negotiated \$40,000 plus benefits annual contract for the village administrator. Barola said trustees in a special meeting November 15 had approved the contract with changes. "The changes have been made and the contract is here for the formal approval," Barola said. THE NEWS asked what the amount of the contract was during the discussion phase of the motion, but Renfro did not disclose the amount until the meeting was adjourned.

Fort Stanton FACTS and FICTION

by BETTY LOU JOINER

Mr. Webber of Fort Stanton Inc. has really been working to help keep the Fort Stanton post office open. If anyone would like to purchase a Fort Stanton mug, check in at the post office with Willie. These are numbered and will definitely be a collector's item. Waiting to see what the state and corrections do, we will be anxiously waiting to see what may come to the Fort next.

Willie and I accompanied Rosalee Patterson and Lupa Kelly to Albuquerque to a post office training and award meeting. About 90 small office postmasters enjoyed a nice luncheon on Tuesday. We have a new district manager, Lea Salazar, who presented several awards and met with all these postmasters. I received my framed certificate for postmaster at Glendora and Rosalee and Lupa received plaques and checks for their year's service. The larger offices had two days of training starting on Wednesday. Mary, Debbie, Shirlene, Mike, Buddy, Patsy, and Amalia were some of those postmasters attending these days of training.

RANCH RODEO IN AMARILLO

Turkey Track Ranch Rodeo Team is becoming well known throughout the Texas and New Mexico area. Eddie Davis, Wayland Naberry, Mike Wilson, represented the Eagle's Turkey Track Ranch very well on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Amarillo at the National Ranch Rodeo Cowboy rodeo. They placed third, competing against 13 teams from Canada, Nebraska, Nevada, California, Okla-

homa and others.

The pressure got to them on the last night, and they were surprised that they placed third. Bringing home buckles, breast collars and money, they are to be complimented on the good job they do. They had to win at Red River, Van Horn, TX and other rodeos to get to the NM team competing at Amarillo.

Pat and I went down to see the rodeo and spent a couple of days with Ron and Teresa in Dalhart. We took "Leo" our grey horse to Teresa. She had always wanted a horse and is really excited about learning to ride. Her students were very nice in welcoming us to their room and several will be giving her advice on this new hobby. A stable close to their home is perfect for her to keep him, with a nice arena near by.

My newest addition to my collection of animals is a six month old filly that Eddie brought me about three weeks ago. She is already leading in the trailer, doing several tricks and leading really well. Have been on her bareback twice, just waiting now for her to grow to where I can get someone to ride her.

The Sheriff posse had their meeting on November 7. The nominating committee selected their choice of officers for the year 2000.

These are: President, Roland Caster; Vice president, Clarence Leslie; Secretary, Jane Livingston; Treasurer, Lucille Smith; and Parliamentarian, Jerry Bertramsen. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the next meeting and the new officers will be selected.

1999 was a trying year with several things causing

much controversy. This happens when so many people are involved in organizations. The many who keep on trucking are to be commended. Personal obligations, work and health problems were a big factor in several of the officers having to step down and others had to fill in.

With the poster, a lot of things were learned this year to help with next year's project being much more organized. Transparencies, artists' number of envelopes and posters, sizes, colors, subjects, stamps, and many other things all add up to many members learning about all the processes it takes to get all of these things just right.

A dance and catered dinner are planned in January for the banquet. The finance committee is planning to set up a budget for next year to have ready at the first of the year to know how much and to who we want to give donations to. This will be very helpful also.

Cary Scott was our special refreshment lady this year and made some of the best desserts you could ask for. She and Verla did an excellent job with the social committee.

Jay McSwane gave us all a year to remember with him heading up the Pony Express committee. He moved back into the president position when Richard Rumph resigned at the October meeting. Jay will be traveling around the state with a new job, but is still a big supporter of our group.

The past presidents all stepped in this year and took over many of the duties that needed to be done in helping with the fair board, the riding club, the Blues festival and parades. Ron Ritter was the parade chairman with the help of Lawrence Euclips.

New parade gear, a wagon to pull in parades, posters and envelope sales, and a new grouping of the organization will be taking place in the next couple of months. This group of people are special and I send my thanks to each of you for your big or little part you played in the year 1999. Emma Graham and Ruth Birdsong were the treasurer and secretary of the sheriff posse for 1999. Ruth printed a newsletter for the last part of the year and kept the group informed of all the news.

Friends of Smokey have had a couple of meetings and are gearing up for the year 2000. This will be the 50th year of the live Smokey and the 100th year celebration of Capitan as a town. Start planning now to help out as we will need all of your help for this celebration. I am trying to get four cancellations and a check envelope printed but am having a few problems to work out. Anyone with pictures of old buildings in Capitan, please take a copy to Debbie Ingle at the Smokey Bear Restaurant.

Glencoe has been so good to me, I am really blessed. On October 1 we had a customer appreciation day with refreshments, and a celebration of Stamp Month. Several customers brought their dogs and cats to show everyone, I took my red border collie and the new black one. We all had a wonderful day.

Then on November 9 my clerk, Karen Stout, Janelle Rutten and Dalla Bonnell, had a surprise birthday

party for me. Decorations, cheese cake, and presents of all kinds were a big surprise. Please stop in and see me when you are down this way.

Have seen Pat Ward twice and Vic and Jean Scherer bring me flowers each month. Wynema Tully and I want to start our own museum and really have a collection of old pictures from the valley. She has informed me of many great people and happenings in the neat Hondo Valley. The two mail carriers are so helpful and a joy to meet each day. Manuel and Adeline are two super people.

Ruidoso post office moved into its new building. Mike Brillanté will be leaving Ruidoso Downs and moving to the Ruidoso office as the cleaning specialist. Vickie Autrey has started working at the Downs post office. Dan moved back to Arizona and Brenda and Wayne are still helping Shirlene hold the fort. Kristie and David are helping Mary with the busy Alto office. Priscilla is working for Amalia every Saturday and her days off. Cookie Marcum and Chris Zamora are taking care of Capitan when Mike Currin is gone. All these clerks need to be thanked for a great job they have done when their supervisors are gone. The mail increases along with so many new gadgets and things to remember.

Christmas lights are lighting up all over the town of Capitan. Last week many were out placing lights all over their shops, and many, many others have the town all Christmasy.

Today on Saturday, Dec. 11, was open house day for all the businesses. Many had refreshments, cakes and goodies for all their customers. Cold weather and the threat of a snow storm kept several indoors. Ace Hardware said they had been very busy all morning. The holidays will have come and gone before we know it. Time just keeps on hurrying by.

The Trinity Baptist Church had their first annual sing-a-long on December 10. What a joy these singers gave to all who came to listen.

The opening prayer was given by Mel Gnatkowski. The praise team welcomed all with a song. This team is composed of Phil Bob Borman, Jeanie Kistinger, Nicki Bowen, Audrey Davis, Michele Brown, Howard McKinney and many others. A scripture was read by Mr. Kistinger and then a beautiful song sung by Nicki Bowen and another by Howard McKinney. Jeff Saunders and Phil Bob did an excellent part displaying God answering as Jeff was starting the day by praying the Lord's Prayer. Phil Bob played the part of God and answered several of Jeff's prayer requests. Very good! Next the whole congregation sang some songs together. Grover Dobbins playing the guitar and singing was next. Being very prejudiced I enjoyed Miss Kerati Davis singing a solo of three songs, Jingle Bells, Up on the House Top, and Away in the Manger. Cheryl Gnatkowski read a story about three trees with Kerati, Rebekah Brown and Sarah Saunders playing the parts of the three little trees.

J.B. White played the piano while Walt Jones,


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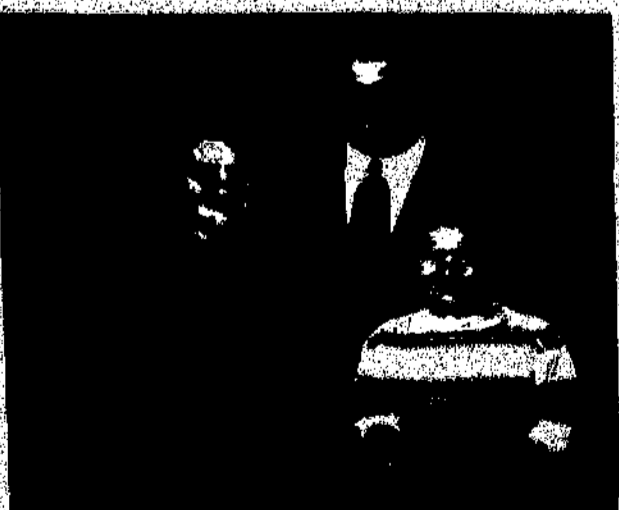
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Dear Santa

I have been very good
this year and ples giv me
A Bass bol bat and I want A
bear and a ball

Love, Utah Godinez

Dear Santa,
I want a ball.I Want Sam
home Ware anda a gold
fish and I want Sum Snow

and I want a bird and I
Want a puppy

Love, Chelsea Jackson

Dear Santa
I have been very good
this year for Christmas I
want a water baby and a
new cat and a barbie for
my best friend Carly and I
hope that your reindeer are
fine.

Love, K Kessler

Dear Santa
I have been very good
this year My sistr want a
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play stason My Gramee
wants porlregs My papa
wont a cow boy hat and
cow boy bos how is the
randir how is misisclaz

Love Kaitlin Keaton

Dear Santa
I have been good Sant
can I hav a red Sled ples
Santa how is roodoff

Love Mariah Jordan

Dear Santa
I have been polite this
year Santa how is roodoff
bin this time Uv year Ples
Gif My DaD a tool Box and
My mom a Dime reing me
and sistr Frubys

Emily Swamer
Love you

Dear Santa,
I Bin vere good at schoo l.
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eng go od this yer lhop.h
els Santa I wot a B'ebe gun
and plasitas h afd Mi MoM
Want of a candul We wil
LeV yu som fuud.

LuB Sonny Windhost

Dear Santa
I have been good this
year Dear Santa can I hav a
pup how is roffhterd
what will Christmas be?

LLove Sierra Batten

Dear Santa,
I have been vert polite
thes yer. And oso I want a
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or the elf's rell and oso or u
rell I want to no. Is MrS
clos rill hau dus the dins
flty

Luve Logan Eshom

Dear Santa, I have been
good this year I wont a
tedsey bear.and I wont a
Barbie doll and I wer a
Sckorf. My Big Brother
wonts a bb gun. My sister
wants a bodull of loshun
My very big Brother wonts
a cor. How is Mrs clos.

Love Kylee Osborn.

I want a Stuft bear and a
game of chekers and a staff
snack and a new bile

LoVe Alex Jackson 5

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good
boy this year. I would like
you to bring me any toys. I
will leave you cookies &
mlk at my house. Heres a
list of toys I would Really
like to have. 1. Dune Buggy
2. Jeep 3. Dirtbike 4.
Helmet 5. Skateboard 6.
Tools 7. Art Supplies 8.
Cars 9. Trucks 10. Videos
Anything you can bring me
I will like. Thank You!
Your Buddy
Ohlin Skeen 2 3/4 yrs

Dear Sana,
Are the elves fine?I hope
Rudolphis. Are the toys
ready yet? I want a
playstation Furbu baby,
and a computer.Please give
my sistr a rocking horse
and a purse for my mother.

Love, Faith Taylor

Dear Santa,
How is Comet? How are
the elves? I want a
Psyduck, Sega Dream
House, and a computer.
Please bring my mom a
diamond ring, and my little
brother a baby bottle.

Love, Brooke Ceballos

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a safe
trip here Santa. How are
your elfs and your
reindeer? I want a hundred
dollars. David wants roller
blades. Mom want a new
computer. Dad wants new
guns.

Love, Daniel Darrah

Dear Santa,
I Wuta Furby and a poodl
With Sum bose and bloo
eyes and a horse that wox
and that winees and aCat
and a Spris presint

Luv, Lauren Smith

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I wana
Beast war and pokemon
cards. I wish for a hapee
Christmas! Santa I hope
you hav a hapee
ChristmaS.

Love Troy Niederstadt

Dear Santa
How are you? I would
like a jimnaStic Barbie. I
Will leve cookies and milk.
Hav a merry Christmas!

Love, Michelle Shivers

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer? I
would like a Beast War and
a bike. I will leve cookies
and milk.

Love Marshal Wilson

Dear Santa
I would like a ty Bene
Baby and a reell Furby. I
will take care of it.

Love, Kylie Gaines
mery christmas

Dear Santa,
I wont a Read and Play
ToMMY doll. Ples and
Pokemon CradS. Santa
How IS Rudolphs doing he
and Mrs Claus doing? And
How are you doing? Santa
and How are The reindeer
doing? Santa Wishing you
a Happy Christmas and I
will Put Some cooks and
milk on the counter.

Love Jordan Hill

Dear Santo
Can I ples hav a bike
with a remot control car?

luv, Dylan Furness

Dear Santa
I would like a rott weiler
to play with. I want a black
and white kitty. I want a
horse. How is Rudolph?

Love. Bristol Bailey

Dear Santa,
I wish for pokemon cards
and a Furby.

Love, Cheyanne Riggs

Dear Santa,
How are youdoing? I
would like a BeastWar Owl
and a meguzord. Merry
Christmas!

Luv, Joel Ferguson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing ? Will
you get me a Furby and a
cumputr?

Love Katina Maldonado

Dear Santa
Haw are your randeer? I
wont a bike and puppy and
skates and a Furby

Love, McKenna Sandoval

Dear Santa
How or your raiindyeeer? I
wont pokemon cordis. I
bengood.

Love, Mark vigil

Dear Santa
How are you? How is
Mrs. Claus? I will have
milk and cookies out for
you. I Want a Beast war
and a toy Furbie and
Pokemon cards.

Love Roper Webb

Dear Santa
I would lik a telescope,
and a some Pokeman cards
and a hand held T.V.

Love Matthew Straley

Dear Santa
I want pokemon cards
and a meadzord for
Christmas.

Love, Andrea

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a
remote control car.

Love Justin Greer

Dear Santa
How are the randir? I
hope they are fine. I wont a
Sleepingbeauty brbee and
furbu and a cooking Set
and Cumputgame and a
good christmas to you!

Love Kyla King

Dear Santa,
I would like a bat man
toy and a Pokemon.

love, Fernando Najera

Dear Santa
How are you? I would
like a pet frog. I will leave
some cookies and milk.

Love chelsea LaMay

Dear Santa,
I want a pokedex. And
150 pokemon cards. And
pokemon blde.

Love, Tanner Huster

Dear Santa,
I want a playstasin and a
medilgersall ll2 Game and
a fossl deck from pokemon
and a new blue bike and a
puppy.

Love, Sara pawloski

Dear Santa,
I want Pokemon smp for
nintendo 64. And A New
Bike, and Pokemon cards.
And a Pokedex an da
pumpy and a I Spy Book.

And a CD player, Anda
Pokemon CD and 17 dolers
and some close.

Love Stefan

Dear Santa
I shant aCD player And I
want a puppy and I want
a go cart And I want a
nidtendoff. And I want a
power ranger Aan I want
3 inches of snow

Love, Carlos

Dear Santa
I would like a cd player
and a bike. My sister would
like a barbee and a ferbys.

Love Kinsey Vega
mery Christmas

Dear Santa,
Could I have a pokemon
movie? Could I have a
pokemon Seape game boy?
Could I have cloths?Could
I have C.DS.

Love Adrienne

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can I
plesHave a cdplayer? Can
I ples Haveadoll for
myBaBySister? Can I ples
Have a Scarf for Winter
Can I ples Have 4
pokemon cards?

Love Allison

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer
and a telescope. And fake
mony. And I wish you a
Marry Christmas.

Love Ashley Ventura

Dear Santa,
String toy, Rescue hero,
Pizza Hut oven, cookie
crunch game, a little thing
w/ a C.D. in the computer
that has a toy with it,
Blue's Clue's glow in the
night notebook, Toy Story
2 Movie, a Woody candy w/
chocolates & sweet tarts
from Toy Story 2 movie.
P.S. My mommy wrote this
for me & I have tried really
hard to be a good boy.
Could you bring Deline
some toys like mine, so she
could not bother me with
mine.

Yourfriend, Devon

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want everything my brother gets that way he don't get mad at me for playing with his stuff.

Deline

Dear Santa
I will like game boy color the blue with all the pokeman games and the game bond Playstashe game and Pokeman cards and Poke dex How is mis Close doing an How are your raider.

Love 88 Arren Arson

Dear Santa
How are you this year I want a bike for Christmas I want a new TV for Christmas I want some clothes for Christmas I want some poke mon cards for Christmas I want a playstation for christmas I want a cuputer for Christmas I want Greenbay sheet for Christmas I want a Green bay blanket for Christmas I want a Green bay wall for Christmas I want a new chest for christmas I want a wrestling set I want a

Green, bay lamp
Love Patricio

Dear Santa,
How are you this you. Thank you For the wonderful gifts that you gave me last year? Would you please give me a computer. Will you please make my dad feel better.

Love Kathleen

Dear Santa Claus
How are you this year please breing me a toybaby kitten Can you bring me a rat ball so my rat can fit in it so my mom won't bew scared.

Love Amber Vigil

Dear Santa,
I would like my mom and dad to stop Smoking, I would like 150 pokeman cards, I would like a pokedex, I would like a pokeball that has a 23K gold plated pokemon card, and a golecart, P.S. I love you Santa.

Love Charles

Dear Santa
I for Christmas For I

would like a power ranger vee l Bbgun power range r
Bryce

Dear Santah
goodgirls make r nail poll
Sara

Dear Santa
Barbsitgo
Corina

Dear Santa
a guitar Neoklace Jewelry Box
Jordan good girl

Dear Santa,
For christmas I would barbbie Tatoo
Carmen*

Bbgun a guitar
Justin Vega

Dear Santa
For Chrintmas I tavi
(No name)

Dear Santa
Would a barbie tatoo barbie slide
Raquel Pino

Dear Santa
I would like for Christmas is a Bird.
Love, Lena Reyes

Dear Santa ps
I will Like a gamebow color and A rabbit for christmas A Swimming pul and A2ferby's and A DaD ferdy and A mom ferby and A baby ferby 2 randers and pokeman cards and A fos1 pak

Love Scott

Dear Santa,
Could I have pokemon moive Could I have Pokemon Shape game boy? I would like a puppy Cound I have cloths

Love Mariah Vallejos.

Dear Santa,
I would like a PokeDex and a Pokemonroomanda Pokemon tshirT anda Pokemon Toys and a Pokemon bed and a Pokemon Dreseranda Pokemon cards?

Love Matthew D

Dear Santor,
I would like a white bord for christmas and a chalk bord and I would like ha horse with a baby horse whith it and how are you and Mrs. Clase? how are your rainder hav a good day

Love Erika Culley

Dear Santa,
I would like 80"of Snow and I would like Entendon84 and A Sedeplaer backstri and I would like 2000 pokemon cards.

Kenny Vega

Dear Santa,
I would lik a roke tumbler
luVe Derrick

Dear Santa
Waketalké pianodirt bike rock Polish new shooser
Marshall

DearSar
Nail maker
glittergueonnals
Marria

Dear Santa
A big chart shirt glue
Cptiolehp

Dear Santa
For Christmas I woul bikea Walkl
Love Lane

Dear Santa,
I would like A CD player and Some Denver

warmups a basketball set and pokemon watch and pokedex and pokemon Game boy yellow and pokemon watch.

Love Matthew Vega

Dear Sant
I Want a intendo 64 pleas I Want a game boy pleas I want a pokemon cars pleas I want a cdplay pleas I want a back street boy Pleas I want a bonero pleas

Love Ryan

Dear Santa
I would like a puppy ples. Howare you and misSanta? How are yor reindeer? I woud like sun horseys. And lttel horseys. Santa I would like 4 computers. Santa would like snow, Santa I wod like A GD player Sana I Love Christmas

Love Corina Beltran

Dear Santa,
I would like to have A puppy and A pokedex and A Cd plaer and some cd's and Apokemon coloring book and A game boy color and A pokemo eny thing and A ferby and A rock tumbler and Araledear and A dolphin and A computer and 8"inchs of Snow and pokemon card's Math book's. And 20000\$

Love Cameron Sandoval (P.S.I Love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
I would like a gameboycolor I want the color redesh pink. And a playstation. And games for the gaweboy color. And some julry. And pokemon enything. And a pokemon walet. And a computer game called genuration girl game. Merry Christmas.

Love, Tessa Hendricks.

Dear Santa,
I would like 3 feet of snow and ice. Sound print Anamils and a dress with a bow and hi heal shoes. Kiara stuffed anamil and a Nala stuffed anamil and covu stuffed anamil. Some fake finger nales. Barbies that I can change clothes. Rabbit skin.

Love, Maria Tate

Dear Santa
Fore christsms I would like a mots recycle

Jesse

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am going to leave a root beer. I want a horse, a car, and a house full of candy Pleave give my sister a water slide.

Love, Brianna-Thompson

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are well. I hope you have a safe trip. How is Miss Santa Claus? May I have a baby sister, a puppy, and a kitten. Please bring my mom a check, my dad a new rifle, my brothas a 4-wheeler and a big bone for my dog.

Love, Iris Mortensen

Dear Santa,
How is Comet and Rudolph? How are the elves, Santa? I want a playstation, a Ninintend84, and a computer. Can you give my Grandma a new car.

Love, Jeremy Patterson

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph? I want a 100 dollar bill. I want a Pokemon. I want a camputer. Please give my

mom a ruby ring.
Love, Michael Stevens

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are well. I hope you have fun. I want a car for Steven. I want a pokeman Please bring Mom a shirt.

Love, Kenisha Zamora

Dear Sata,
How are youSanta? How is Vixen? Are the elves ok? May I have a Pokemon snap, and a Easy Bake Oven,, and a portable TV. Please bring my Mom a new purse. Please bring my Dad new car parts.

Love, Almee Babcock

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. I hope you have a safe trip. I want some art books. I would like vido games for my play station. My mom needs a newjewelrybox. My brother needs cars. My sister needs a doll.

Love, Cody Ventura

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Closs? How are the elves? I would like a furby baby, a bike, and a Pokymon called Rapadash.

My brother would like a game. My mom would like a purse.

Love, Caleb Lund

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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? I would like a new puppy, and a new kitten, and a new bird. My big sister would like a skateboard. Leah would like a baby bed. Sarah would like a swingset.
Love, Christina Tompkins

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Comet? I hope you are well. I hope elves are ok. May I have a BB gun, teddy bear and a big candy cane. Please give my sister blue hair. Please give my mom a purse. Please give my brother a 20-22.
Love, Chase Carver

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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? I want a Nintendo 64. I want a baby sister and I want a dog. My mom wants a purse. My dad wants a truck. My brother wants a bear.
Love, Jordan Dalton

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are well. I want a pony, a Jack-in-the-box, and a horse. I want a cute toy for my baby sister, a BB gun for my brother, a dress for my mom, and boots for my dad.
Love, Alisha Autrey

Dear Santa,
How is Vexdn? I hope you are well. I will leave you milk. You are nice. I would like a Pokemon for Christmas. I would like a horse. Would you give my dad a letter from me.
Love, Audrey Almand

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph? I would like a million bucks, a cat, and a electric robot. Santa please bring my mom and dad a new truck.
Love, Karl Nelson

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year I would like a pelet gun I woy uir 14 bebgun I would like 4 tieelr I would like u frbee
(No name)

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year. I would like a Kunputre and a horse ana a pupy
Love Briana

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a barbie echnhrol can. I wont lady to notslenash me.
(No name)

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year I would like a remot erpiaan and sum cios plees.
Love Tyler Bullock

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year. I would like a dog and a cat and a 2D.C.
Love George

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a bike and a sied and a cpuodr
Love Kayla

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a game Boy coler. And a kumputr ana a frbe
Love Ashley.

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year. I would leek three packs a toys sollrs
Love Willos.

I have been very good this year. I would like a game, oboy kulur sum sun glasus a frby
Love Gage Whipple

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year I wotLH like frby Horse dog citin,
Love Jordan

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year. I would like cat bas bol
Austin Blackmon
Love

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a drtbike and a doblrapin game and a hotwellcetril
(No name)

Dear Santa
I want a ninetendo64 with the game Zelda and 007 a computer and a trampoline, a Sega with the game Toy Story 2
Andrew Chavez

Dear Santa
I want clothes, toys, rope a Sled four willer. Snow board, a box of chalk, a chalk board and 100 boxes of egg and a Sling Shot Lots of Books, and a 22 for Christmas.
Love Gregory Ligas

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a Furby and a Big Been Bag.
From Emly Swanson

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year. I would like a green dirt bike for chrismis and a green snow board.
From Dusty Reynolds.

Dear Santa
how are you doing? Santa my I have a furby for chrismis. A nono And may I have some clothes for

Christmas.
From Meghan Wornack
To Santa

Dear Santa
I have been very good this year I would like a green kids dirt bike for christmas and a green snow board too please.
From Jordan Wallace

Dear Santa
for Christmas may I have a power wheels and a race ring for Christmas and a bike for Christmas
Love Logan Grimbball

Dear Santa.
I want a pokemon trading cards for Christmas. I will trade pokemon with my couings and my friends. I also want all 151 pokemon movies. I will share my movies with my family.
Josh VanTussentbroek

Der Santa,
I have been good this week. I wood like pokemon toys, a furby, clothes, Nentendo 64, a new per of shoose. I wood also like the pokemon movie.
From Michael Zamora

Dear Santa,
I have been good this weekend. May I have a Ferby, Barbie, five Books to read to myself, 9 baby cats and may I have an one baby Dog.
From: Lacy Myers.
To: Santa

Dear Santa,
I really want to have a Christmas party and I also want you to have a mary christmas.
By Alex Castaneda

Dear Saint Nickolas
I want the Lagos that I can build ships and sharks.. and I want the all the digimon... and a

hotwheel's, cris cras cras... and Fishtenke. And I have been good this year.
From Tanner Pope

Dear Santa.
I Love you. I wish I had a cow or a 4 wheeler. I do not care I just want 1.
From Kallea Ward.

Hi Santa
my name is Claitre I have been kind of good I would like all the Barbies at Wal Mart. my own computer and a car that I could fit in it and one more thing I woud lik a swimming pool
(No name)

Dear Santa
I want a hot wheel city set so I can play with it because I hav a lot of hot wheels and toys and when my friends come over they can play with it too I really like toys and I really like you too.
From Dylan Scruggs

Dear Santa
I want a trampoline, A computer, an alarm clock, and a big poohbear.
Lindi Herd

Dear Santa
I want a furby for christmas this year to talk to, Daer Santa I want a nuw hunter saddle. Daer Santa but most of all I want my Mom and Dad to stop smoking. Dear Santa - I want books fta rede.
From Paige

Dear Santa Claus,
for Christmas I want, a 1. Play ohaus theatre, 2. Karaoke machine with a CD Player, 3. Fun cart, 4. A Lap top that I can play on. 5. A beannie bayb that I don't have, and A back street boys 2000 calender.
Love, Dayna Jasinsky
P.S. I want a laptop because I can travel with it!

Dear Santa Claus
Christmas I Want a Jack in the box I Want a real dog. I Want a real Mule.
Shiloh Tillman.

to Santa Claus
you are nice I want the same thing a Batman
Eric Ebright

Dear Setu
I want a pool a Jack in the Box I want a Polay I want a poke pool I want a ptbelrg cat!
Danielice Tanes

Dear Santa
I Want a horse I Want a little music box I Want a polae fahsin.
Meghan Castro

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing this year. I wish you will give money to the poor ones and good I want a Kelly Doll. It is big and like a Barbie Doll.
Love Elizabeth

Dear Santa claus
How are you this year? Please bring me a sofy play stashin and a robote gigu choo and a new bike. I wish it to be a white christmas that it.
Love Sonny Vega

Dear Santa claus
How are you doing? This year would you help the people who don't have any homes, and food. This year for Christmas I wish that my cousins in Alaska could come spend Christmas with us. This year Mary Beth and I are hoping if you can to get us a Nintendo 64 I am also hoping for a Hollywood Nails Barbie.
Love, Bailey Shivers

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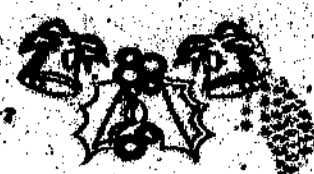
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Loye Glen Jese

Dear Santa,
Hello How are you it is getting near to Christmas. First I want a pair of Facker Boots. And a couple of Christian cowboy t-shirts. I also want a pair of winter overalls and a new

cowboy cap. A want Extrem, Rodeo Next I want my dad to get a new Tie I want my mom to get a new purse for christmas because she needs a new one. I think Justus my big brother should get a new computer game. And for my little brother he should get a new shirt. finally my wish for the world is that I want the Environment to get clean. Hope the Reindeer dont get hurt. Thanks for every thing. Se you some other time. And good-bye

Sincerely
Kendal Wilson

Dear Santa,
What I want for christmas is. A pear of loots, saddle, saddle blanket,

all kinds of toys, cloths, and ectrean roedo. Next I would like to get my gram a \$100.00 for the cessions same for my grandpa. then my wish for the world is for people to stop doing what there not sopost to do. and that is what I whant for christmas.

Your freind,
Greg Vigil

Dear Santa,
how are you? First I would like a chemistry set and a package of extra nerf darts Next my mom would like a booklight and my dad would like a rest from work please give my brother a lump of coal My wish for the world is kindness to animals. Well that is what I wish for this Christmas

Sincerely
Gabriel New

Dear Santa,
How are your elves. I want to have a remote control truck next. I hope eveybody get a what they want. Then my wish for the World is that world is the same every year. I hope you get this letter Santa.

Your friend Jude Renney

Dear Santa,
First I want a shotgun, a pistol, a 3030, a car, pokemon cards. Next I hope my brother and sis gets a new car. And I hop my sister movers her. than I wish for the world and to have a good christmas.

Sincerely
Matthew Samora

Dear Santa,
Hello how are you? I am going to write what I want for Christmas. First for christmas I want a nintendo 64 with Super Mario 64, Donkey Kong 64, Mario Kart 64, Rampage 2 Univesel tour, and Toy story. Then I wish for world peace. have a nice day.

Your freind,
James Benson

Dear Santa,
Today I will wright what I want for Christmas. I want a pair of stilts, and a skooter. My mom wants a Christmas ornament. And my wish for the world is to do away with wars. Thats what I want for Christmas.

Your Friend
Jordan McKinley

Dear Santa,
I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. First I want a bike. A gocart with a moter, a football, and Pok'e mon cards with fifty one holograms and a few booster poks, what I want for my mom & dad. First give them \$5,000 next they want a pece of coill Finally give them a Lamborghini Diaallo. One wish for the world I wish for no more killing. Sincerely your friend Robert morales

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I don't want much, because I have so much. All I want is a kitten that can stay in the house, and some more cages for my rabbits and their babies. I want Madalyn and Ariel to have some more Sega vidlo games, and I want Mom to have a book that she really likes. That is what I want to have and I want other people to have.

Your friend,
Erin Hightower

Dear Santa,
How are you doing! I would just love you if you

would give me a super Nintendo with super mario cart. And some poke'mon cards. Give my mom a graet big star

sinsirly,
Tylor of Bingham

Querido Santa,
Hola! yo soy Idalia tengo doce anos vivo en Hondo mi escuela se llama hondo valley public school. Me la paro muy bien tengo muchas amigas son muy buenas con migo. estos dias a Nevada mucho you creo gue es porque la navidad se aserca. cuando la navida se llegue no me importa que me fraiga nada. Yo lo unico que quiero es que la poseen una Feliz Navidad.

Your freand,
Idallo Lerma

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How are you doing? Is your grandma still stuffing you with all those good cookies? How are the elves and reindeer? Is Rudolph still polishing his nose? Well, all I want is for all of the people to have a Merry Christmas and a magnificent millenium Good-bye Santa

Your friend, Eva
P.S Fasten your seat belt and drive safely!

Dear Santa Claus,
This year we are supposed to go to Andrews for Christmas, but unless my dad gets his Christmas bonus in time, we will not go. So would you give us a little help there? Hope you have a nice trip! Thank You.

Rondi
P.S. Please bring me something good (and fun of course), and don't forget where I am.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of boots or shoes. Also I want some shirts, pants and socks, but a sega and a b.b. or pellet gun are the two best things I want for Christmas.

Sincerely Randy Fietek
P.S. Thank you for the nintendo you brought me last year.

Dear Santa Claus,
I made a list on what I want for Christmas. This is it: a basketball, bb gun, pellet gun, CO2 cartridges, a mossberg shotgun, a four-wheeler, a car, a fishing pole, a football, a bag of candy (any kind), a computer, num-chucks, throwing stars, and that is what I want for Christmas. Thanks for what you brought me last year.

Sincerely,
Angelica

Dear Santa,
I am riteing you this letter to tell you what I want for Chrismis. My first thing is will you give some clothes, food, shoes, for the poor people please. And one more thing if it is to much trubel pleases give me a four wheeler thats it thank you.

From your Friend
Doratea Salcido

Dear Santa
Are you fine? I want an a

ese cook. I was good.
Thank you
Celena Sanchez

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NOTICE TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENT DATE

Lincoln County Treasurer reminds Lincoln County property owners that they must pay their first half property taxes by Dec. 10, 1999 to avoid penalties and interest.

**ACCORDING TO N.M. STATE STATUTE 7-38-33,
TIMELINESS - B. ALL ACTS REQUIRED
OR PERMITTED TO BE DONE BY
MAIL ARE TIMELY IF POSTMARKED
ON THE REQUIRED DATE.**

The Lincoln County Treasurer's Office does honor the postmark, but your payments MUST be postmarked Dec. 10, 1999.

INTEREST shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or any portion of a month. (Statute 7-38-49 NMSA 1979).

PENALTY on taxes that become delinquent, shall be imposed at one percent (1%) of the delinquent tax total, or a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00), for each month they remain unpaid, (Statute 7-38-50).

By NM State Law, property taxes are the personal obligation of the property owner, whether or not the tax bill was received. Mail payment or contact us at the address and phone number listed below should you have questions regarding your property tax bills.

Thank you.

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

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- * Total Suspended Particulates . . . Not to exceed 9.9 lbs./hour or 5 tons/year
- * Particulates less than 10 microns . . . Not to exceed 4.2 lbs./hr or 2.1 tons/year
- * Sulfur Dioxide . . . Not to exceed 46.8 lbs./hour or 23.4 tons/year
- * Nitrogen Dioxide . . . Not to exceed 88.2 lbs./hour or 44.1 tons/year
- * Carbon Monoxide . . . Not to exceed 39.8 lbs./hour nor 19.9 tons/year
- * Volatile Organic Compounds . . . Not to exceed 29.0 lbs./hour nor 14.5 tons/year

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Owner and operator of the facility is the applicant, NIELSONS, INC., Post Office Box 1660, Cortez, CO 81321.

Comments and inquiries regarding this permit application or the permitting process may be directed to the applicant, or to:

Program Manager, Technical Analysis and Permits Section
New Mexico Environment Department
Air Quality Bureau, S2100
2048 Gallateo
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN No. CV-99-48 Div. III

BURKFIELD, ROXY Plaintiff,

TIERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC., a New Mexico Corporation, and JOEL J. RUTTEN, Individually, and in his capacity as President of TIERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 29th day of December, 1999, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the north entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, the appointed Special Master will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property situate in the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Unit 19-B in Building 3, and Unit 28-C in Building 5, all of Tierra Del Sol Condominiums, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as the same is set forth and established by that certain Declaration recorded August 4, 1985, in Miscellaneous Book 87, Pages 188-250, both inclusive; and Amended Declaration recorded March 5, 1985, in Miscellaneous Book 98, Pages 599-637, both inclusive; and Unit Week Number Designation recorded in Miscellaneous Book 107, Pages 883-892, both inclusive, and as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on July 27, 1983 in Cabinet D, Slide 135; and by the Replat of Phase I filed September 28, 1990 in Cabinet E, Slide 203;

TOGETHER WITH said Unit Week's/Use Period's undivided interest in and to the common area and facilities attributable thereto.

SUBJECT TO: Easements, restrictions and reservations of record. Commonly referred to as Unit 19-B in Building 3, and Unit 28-C in Building 5, Tierra Del Sol Condominiums.

This foreclosure sale is made pursuant to Judgment rendered on behalf of Plaintiff ROXY BURKFIELD against Defendants TIERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC., a New Mexico Corporation, and JOEL J. RUTTEN, Individually, and in his capacity as President of TIERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC. foreclosing the Mortgage on the above described real property to satisfy the following obligations: Judgment against Defendants TIERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC., a New Mexico Corporation, and JOEL J. RUTTEN, Individually, and in his capacity as President of TIERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC. in the amount of Fifty Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty Six Dollars and seventy seven cents (\$58,166.77) as of August 25, 1998. The daily accrual of interest thereon is Seven Dollars and seventy seven cents (\$7.77) until this Judgment is paid in full. Further Plaintiff has judgment for attorney's fees and costs in the amount of Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Four Dollars and eighty four cents (\$4,284.84).

WITNESS MY HAND this 24th day of November, 1999.

SPECIAL MASTER DELLA BUCKLEY

By: David M. Stevens Attorney at Law, P.C. 106 Rio Street Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505) 257-0777 Attorney for Plaintiff

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1999.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. PB-99-70

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOY FRANCIS GATLIN, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this Estate. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to Gloria Jean Gatlin, Personal Representative of the Estate of Doy Francis Gatlin, 2341 Tasso Street, Palo Alto, California 94301, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court, County of Lincoln, New Mexico DATED: 11/25/99

Gloria Jean Gatlin, Personal Representative Of the Estate of Doy Francis Gatlin, Deceased 2341 Tasso Street Palo Alto, CA 94301 David M. Stevens, Attorney at Law, P.C. 106 Rio Street Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-0777 Attorney for Gloria Jean Gatlin

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 9 and 16, 1999.

ELECTION RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF CORONA RESOLUTION #99-20

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Village of Corona that:

A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 7, 2000. Polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

B. At the regular municipal elections, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices: 1. One Councilman for a four year term. 2. One Councilman for a four year term.

C. The following locations are designated as polling places for the conduct of the regular municipal election:

1. Voters in Precinct One shall vote at Corona Village Hall, Hwy. 54 and Main Street.

D. Absentee Voting. Any qualified elector of the Village of Corona shall obtain only his or her application for an absentee ballot, only from the office of the Municipal Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the Municipal Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., March 2, 2000. After 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2000, all unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot, until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2000.

E. Early Voting. Early voting will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk, during the regular hours and days of business, Monday through Thursday. Early voting will begin on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2000.

F. Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election, must register with the County Clerk of Lincoln County not later than Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 5:00 P.M., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.

G. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 11, 2000 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

H. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on printed paper ballots.

I. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors who are voting early shall be recorded on printed paper ballots.

Adopted and approved this 9th day of December, 1999.

ERNEST LUERAS, Mayor

ATTEST: CATHY MUNIZ, Municipal Clerk Published in the Lincoln County News on December 16 and 30, 1999.

RESOLUCION DE ELECCION DE LA ALDEA DE CORONA RESOLUTION NUM. #99-20

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante de la Aldea de Corona que:

A. Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 7 de marzo de 2000. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertas al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 A.M. y las 7:00 P.M.

B. En la eleccion municipal regular, individuos seran elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:

- 1. Un Regido por un termino de cuatro anos. 2. Un Regido por un termino de cuatro anos.

C. Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:

- 1. Los votantes en el Recinto Consolidado Uno votaran en oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, Hwy. 54 and Main Street.

D. Votacion en Ausencia. todo votante calificado de la Aldea de Corona obtendra unicamente su solicitud para obtener una boleta para votar en ausencia, unicamente de la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad. La Escribana de la Municipalidad debe llevar y aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtener una boleta para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00 P.M. el 2 de marzo de 2000. A partir de las 5:00 p.m. el 2 de marzo de 2000, la Escribana de la Municipalidad publicamente destruira todas las boletas no utilizadas. La Escribana de la Municipalidad aceptara las boletas completadas por el votante que omite su boleta con el fin de votar en ausencia que se le entregaron por correo o en persona, hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de marzo de 2000.

E. Votacion por Anticipado. La votacion por anticipado se llevara a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles de lunes a jueves. La votacion por anticipado empezara el miercoles, 16 de febrero de 2000 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 3 de marzo de 2000.

F. Las personas que desean registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del condado de Lincoln no mas tarde que el martes, 8 de febrero de 2000 a las 5:00 P.M. la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros del registro.

G. Se archivara todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 11 de enero de 2000 entre las horas de las 8:00 A.M. y las 5:00 P.M.

H. Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en boletas de papel.

I. Se inscribiran los votos omitidos por los votantes calificados de la municipalidad que votan por anticipado en boletas de papel.

Adoptada y aprobado esta dia 9 de diciembre de 1999.

ERNEST LUERAS, Alcalde

De Fe: CATHY MUNIZ, Escribana Municipal Published in the Lincoln County News on December 16 and 30, 1999.

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

BID NO. 99-00-023: DUST CONTROL SUPPRESSANT ON COUNTY ROADS

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular County Commission meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Jane Williams at (505) 648-2385.

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Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

JANE WILLIAMS County Purchasing Agent

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Program Manager, Technical Analysis and Permits, Section New Mexico Environment Department Air Quality Bureau, S2100 2048 Gallateo Santa Fe, NM 87505

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE # 97-02

AT THE DECEMBER 9, 1999 MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINANCE # 99-17

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE VILLAGE OF CORONA WATER SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE #22 CHANGING NEW CONNECT FEES, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE OF CORONA:

SECTION 1: Section 2 of Ordinance #22 is hereby repealed and a new section 2 is hereby created as follows:

SECTION 2: That for commencement of water service requiring a new connect, there shall be no new connect fee; however, the owner will be responsible for the minimum monthly water fee for a period of one year or until such time the service is put into use.

SECTION 2: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 9th day of DECEMBER, 1999.

VILLAGE OF CORONA ERNEST LUERAS, Mayor

ATTEST: CATHY MUNIZ

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Lee Mulkey A.J. Gibbs Robert J. Burrows Gilbert R. Stewart Jr.

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE # 97-01

AT THE DECEMBER 9, 1999 MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINANCE # 99-18

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE VILLAGE OF CORONA GAS SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE #27 CHANGING NEW CONNECT FEES, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE OF CORONA:

SECTION 1: Section 3 of Ordinance #27 is hereby repealed and a new section 3 is hereby created as follows:

SECTION 3: That for commencement of gas service requiring a new connect, there shall be no new connect made until such time that there is a structure to run the gas service to. The owner will then be responsible for the minimum service charge monthly for a period of one year or until such time the service is put in use.

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BID NO. 99-00-025: MILLING AND RESURFACING OF CAVILAN CANYON ROAD

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JANE WILLIAMS County Purchasing Agent

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NOTICE The Capitan Municipal School is accepting bids for the Cafeteria for January 1, 2000 to May 31, 2000. For a bid sheet please contact Elizabeth Montoya at (505) 354-2259, Mon thru Fri, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Bids will close December 30, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. Published in the Lincoln County News on December 16 and 23, 1999.

NOTICE OF INTENT PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY JANUARY 11, 2000

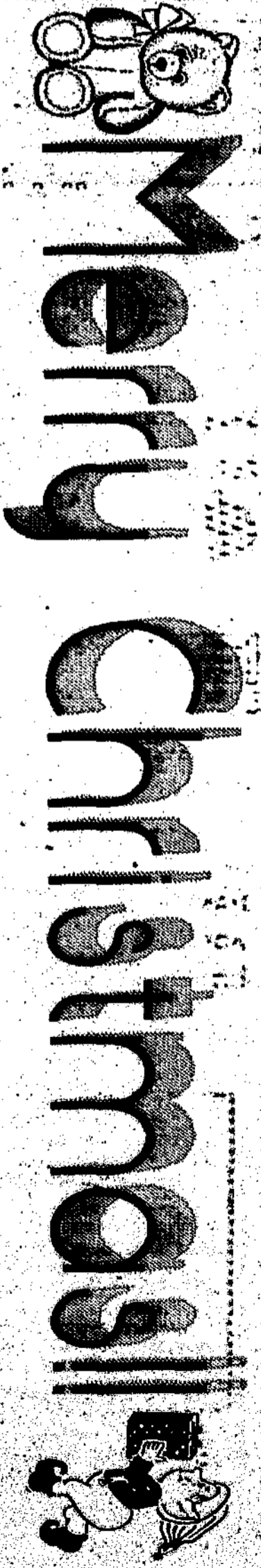
Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at 8:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico to consider adopting an addendum to Ordinance No. 74-105 titled: Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Section 4-4-12: MIP Light Manufacturing and Industrial (B) Permissive Uses. The following shall be permitted: 5. Detention Facility Operations.

Copy of Proposed Addendum to Ordinance 74-105 may be inspected at the office of the municipal clerk during normal working hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CAROL SCHLARB, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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Underwood
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written letter, the former lot owner stated the lot was unusable because it is so steep. Donaldson said the village must be very careful not to narrow Paradise Canyon because the road is such a major artery. He also said that the property was bought "sight unseen" and was a prime example of buyer beware.

Underwood suggested sending the issue back to Planning Commission for further review. Councilor Bob Sterchl suggested Hector Alvarado, representative for the land owner, work with village planning staff on the issue before it is taken back to the Planning Commission. Donaldson agreed but added that doing this is no guarantee a resolution will be found. Alvarado said he agreed to take the issue to staff and the planning commission.

Councilors did approve a request from Judy Miller for an easement through village property. The easement will be considered an "industrial easement" to a property Miller plans to sell for use as an equipment storage yard.

Councilors approved the mayor's appointment of Gayland Farrington to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Farrington is a high school teacher and avid bicyclist.

Donaldson announced the Tuesday, December 28 meeting has been canceled due to the holidays.

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE MILLENNIUM

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Week of Dec. 16-22, 1999
Sagittarius: (Nov 22-Dec 21) Don't Go There! Don't Let Fear, Worry or Doubt Stop You from Becoming the Person You Really Want to Be! You've Come a Long Way Baby!!

Capricorn: (Dec 22-Jan 19) Try Something Different! Do Something You've Never Done Before! Step Out in Faith - "Just Do It!" NNOOOWWW!

Aquarius: (Jan 20-Feb 18) New Changes, Don't Mean Anything Bad! It's Just a Change in Your Life. Take Hold of the Reins and Run Away with Great Expectation! Live Life to the Fullest! Have Fun!

Pisces: (Feb 19-Mar 20) Moving? Going Somewhere You haven't been Before? Great! L.X.K. for the Good in Your Surroundings, You'll be Surprised What You Find!

Aries: (Mar 21-Apr 19) Going Deep Inside Yourself is Great, But There are Others Out there that Need You Right Now! Talk to Them From Your Heart!

Taurus: (Apr 20-May 20) "It's Time to Rumble!" Mix & Match, Throw Out and Buy New! Quit Doing the Same-Old, Same-Old, New Year Means "NEW" Not Old Year!

Gemini: (May 21-June 20) Watch Your \$\$\$, Your Heart is Bigger than Your Wallet. Cut Back a Little This Year. They will Understand. Give Love!

Cancer: (June 21-July 22) "Bee-Hum-Bug!" Not Y2K Bug! What is Bugging You - Is Bugging Everyone Else? Too! Fix it Now Instead of Later!

Leo: (July 23-Aug 22) If You Want that Something or Someone Special, then Go After It or Them! You Can't Get it from Here! Got Up & Got Out!

Virgo: (Aug 23-Sept 22) If You're Wondering Why You're Alone, Ask Yourself what you have Done to Be WITH Someone! "Pick up the Phone!"

Libra: (Sept 23-Oct 22) Covering Your Ears, Mouth & Eyes will Not Make it Go Away! If You Want Something Done, You'll Have to Do It Yourself! Have Fun Doing It!

Scorpio: (Oct 23-Nov 21) A Quiet Place is Hard to Find, But You Need to Be Alone at this Time to Get Ready for the Future. You'll Do A Great Job!

Fort Stanton Facts

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Kathy and Josh Jones did a skit with three very unusual puppets. This was a fun part of the evening. Intermission had the group enjoying all kinds of refreshments and drinks. After the intermission more group singing and then the Brown family all sang together. Audrey Davis and the Awana kids recited the book about the little candy cane.

Krys Gnatkowski and Caleb Saunders performed a skit, the Saunder girls and Rebekah and Leslie Brown sang a group song. Grover and Phil Bob finished the evening with the playing and singing of everyone's favorite Silent Night. Everyone who didn't go, really missed a very good night. A great way to get you in the Christmas spirit. Thanks to everyone who performed and brought the desserts.

On Tuesday night the elementary school grades had their Christmas program. Many more came than was expected and over 200 had to stand to watch the students sing and do their acts. The music teacher and all the home room teachers did an excellent job of teaching their classes all the different tunes. Soon school will be out for the

holidays and the new year of 2000 will be here.

Many are watching the weather forecasts to see what is predicted for the upcoming week. The cattle drive from Roswell to Lincoln will be taking place starting on Wednesday. Close to 80 people, paying and volunteers will be riding, and guiding the cattle drive.

If the weather permits this will definitely be something to participate in as we will not be around to do another. Rick Simpson has been busy trying to get this organized. Don Bogle will be furnishing half of the 500 head of cattle. Eddie, Wendell, Mike, and several of the Turkey Track hands will be on hand to start the drive just below the Club House in Roswell. Sid Alford had help in putting up the panels that will contain the cattle when they come in to Lincoln at the end of the ride. The Sheriff Posse members were asked to help with some of the things at their last meeting on Dec. 5. Five or six member signed up to help.

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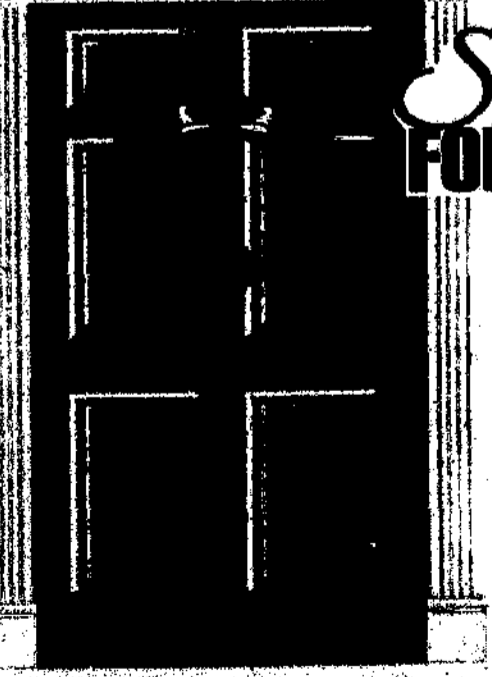


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