

# New Lincoln County Jail RFP Is On Hold

By Doris Cherry

The proposed Lincoln County Detention Center request for proposals is on hold.

During the Tuesday, Jan. 12 Lincoln County Commission meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county manager Tom Stewart told county commissioners the draft jail request for proposals (rfp) came back from the state purchasing division with negative comments. Stewart said a memo from the division advised the county that it cannot proceed with the design/build rfp since the cost of the project does not exceed \$10 million.

Stewart said acting state purchasing agent Ronn D. Jones advised that the way to proceed is with an rfp for architectural services only. Stewart revised the rfp for architectural services only which he said he would send to the county contracted architect for review. Stewart said he hoped the draft will be back by the next meeting for commissioners to approve.

In the memo to the acting state purchasing agent Jones expressed his concern over a private contractor constructing and operating a facility built on public land. The memo states that since the rfp specifies that the facility is to be constructed on county property, the matter of ownership is doubly important.

Jones supported his concerns by writing about a lawsuit filed on Valencia County involving a constitutional question arising out of the decision of the Valencia County Commission to enter into a lease with option to purchase agreement with a private corporation for the use of a new jail facility to be constructed on county-owned land. The lease agreement required Valencia County to make semi-annual payments for the use of a new facility which was to be built by a private contractor on county-owned land. The private contractor would hold title to the "project" which was defined as the land, the improvements and the fixtures until and unless the county exercised its purchase option. That option to purchase could only be done within the 25 year term of the lease. The issue was if the county had terminated its rights, or if the contractor terminated the lease upon default to the county, the contractor or its assigns would have acquired permanent title to the land and the new jail facility. In short, the New Mexico Supreme Court held that such a lease agreement was unconstitutional because

it was a debt which had not been submitted to the voters for approval.

In addition the memo stated that the use of public land upon which to build a privately owned facility may also violate the Anti-donation Clause of the state constitution.

Finally, the memo stated that if the county is to own the facility, the use of the design/build methodology is

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## County Employees Get Five Percent Pay Raise

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County employees will get a five percent pay raise beginning this month.

During their regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 12 Lincoln County Commissioners accepted the recommendation from county manager Tom Stewart to give a five percent pay increase to all non-uniformed employees. (All employees but sheriff's deputies.) Stewart said the federal department of labor consumer price index has been about 3.5 percent each year for the last 10 years. But county employees have been given varying amounts. In October 1992 and January 1994 employees got six percent pay increases each time. Then in December 1994 they got a \$275 each one time merit pay. In January 1995, they got another \$484.83 one time merit pay. In July 1997, employees were given a three percent pay raise.

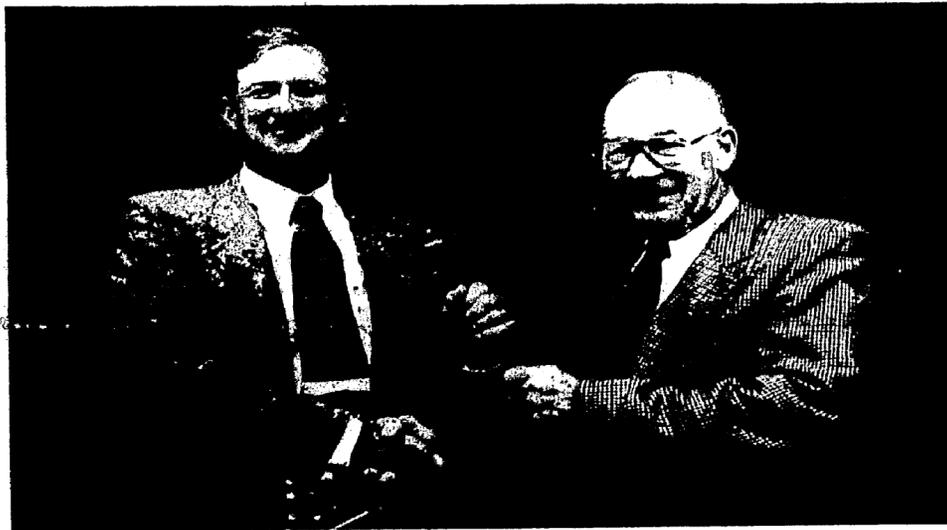
Last month county commissioner Wilton Howell recommended a 10 percent pay raise for employees, but the request was tabled until the manager's office made adjustments to the budget and determined the ending cash balance.

Stewart said Tuesday there was enough in the budget to cover a 10 percent raise which would cost \$89,635 for six months. But he was concerned the annual cost would be too large a burden on the county's revenue. Instead he recommended the five percent raise which would close the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) gap. A five percent raise will cost \$45,974 for six months (until the end of the fiscal year on June 30.) He also recommended the CPI be programmed into the budget with the next raise scheduled July 2000.

County commissioner Wilton Howell said the \$45,974 was just a little more than the money Sheriff Tom Sullivan turned back into the general fund because he had finally received the Fast Cops grant that provides salary for two deputies. Howell told Sullivan he appreciated his efforts in obtaining the grant.

After commissioners unani-

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**PASSING THE GAVEL.** Newly elected Lincoln County Commission chairman Rex Wilson accepts the gavel from outgoing commission chairman Ray Nunley during the Lincoln County Commission meeting January 12. Commissioners unanimously elected Wilson as chairman and Nunley vice-chairman.

## Rex Wilson Is Elected Commission Chairman

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioner Rex Wilson is now the chairman of the board of county commissioners.

During the regular Lincoln County Commission meeting Tuesday, Jan. 12 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, the board of commissioners elected Wilson by acclamation to be the next chairman of their board. Wilson, a first time commissioner in the third year of his term, has been a proponent of following Parliamentary procedure and maintaining decorum during county commission meetings.

Wilson was elected chairman as the first order of business at the meeting. Wilson commended outgoing chairman Ray Nunley for his "fine job as chairman during a tumultuous year" full of diverse issues and for allowing commissioners to express their opinions on those issues. "We have a lot of different issues, and will continue to have," Wilson added.

Nunley said his chairmanship had been a "rocky road" but he had gotten through. He pledged to help Wilson as chairman with "civility, order, fairness and honesty and try to be positive." Nunley then

said he had been remiss in not welcoming newly elected commissioner Rick Simpson, whom Wilson then formally recognized.

County commissioner Wilton Howell welcomed Simpson back to the commission. Simpson had served two years as commissioner in 1988 to 1990. Howell then said he appreciated Wilson's openness on a lot of different issues. He also said he wanted the commission to make an effort to move forward to new business once issues are settled.

County commissioner Bill

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## Capitan Says One Vote Per LCSWA Member

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Trustees voted to allow only one vote per member entity of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA).

During their meeting Monday, Jan. 11, Capitan Trustees voted to maintain the wording of the joint powers agreement that reorganized LCSWA after Ruidoso pulled out as a part of the collection system. That wording created one vote per member entity of

the remaining entities--Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso Downs and County of Lincoln. But at the last LCSWA meeting, county member and outgoing commissioner Monroy Montes said the county deserved two members because it contributed the largest revenue to LCSWA.

Trustee Debra Ingle, who is the village's representative on LCSWA, said she wanted to keep one vote per member so

it will be a five member board that votes on collection issues. (Ruidoso has one member who may only vote on issues involving the regional landfill assets of which Ruidoso has interest.) Ingle said if the county has two votes it will create a six person board that could deadlock on important issues with no one to break the tie.

Trustees also voted to recommend to the LCSWA board

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## LCMC Groundbreaking Next Week For Expansion Project

by Doris Cherry

At 10 a.m. Friday, January 22, Lincoln County Medical Center officials and Lincoln County Commissioners will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the hospital expansion and remodeling project.

LCMC administrator Jose Sterchi invited the county commissioners to the ceremony during the regular county meeting Tuesday in the courthouse in Carrizozo. Also at the meeting, county commissioners voted to accept the LCMC board recommendation to award the \$1,181,834 bid from Brycon Construction of Rio Rancho for the addition/remodeling project plus the alternate canopy over the front entrance for \$36,275 for a total of \$1,218,109, plus New Mexico gross receipt taxes.

During discussion of the bid, county attorney Alan Morel asked who would be responsible for paying the \$78,000 of gross receipt taxes, the county or Presbyterian Health Systems. Sterchi said the taxes will be paid from the \$300,000 given to the hospital from the LCMC Auxiliary. Then commissioner Bill Schwettmann asked if the gross receipt taxes would be

charged at the county's 5.125 percent rate or the Ruidoso 6.98 percent rate. Morel said it is set out by law that gross receipt taxes are to be paid on the rate where the work is done.

On the meeting consent agenda was a request from LCMC for approval of a \$370,450.44 payment to LCMC as the qualified Sole Community Hospital Provider under Medicaid regulations for the period of July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. But Sterchi withdrew the request because LCMC just learned that \$6 million in federal dollars had become available for New Mexico that may affect how much the hospital wants the county to pay. Although the payment deadline was extended to February 15, Sterchi said that is after the next scheduled regular county commission meeting. County manager Tom Stewart recommended commissioners call a special meeting to deal with the Sole Provider payment and to hold a public hearing about the county's Indigent Health Care Fund. Plans are to hold the special meeting in Ruidoso.

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## Post Office To Review Proposal To Move Section Center From Carrizozo To Alamogordo

A proposal to move the post office sectional center from Carrizozo to Alamogordo will be presented at a meeting in Albuquerque tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 15. One reason the postal service is considering moving the sectional center from Carrizozo to Alamogordo is to take advantage of the new automation equipment in the new Alamogordo Post Office.

If the proposal is accepted it will affect nine post office workers now employed at the Carrizozo Post Office. These nine employees would have to be relocated.

Concerns expressed by local citizens include whether there

would be a savings because of the transportation costs to move the mail to Alamogordo for processing. Citizens are also concerned about the effect it will have on the community.

The Carrizozo Post Office became the sectional center for all of Lincoln County and Otero County in August 1963. For more than 33 years all the mail in Lincoln County and Otero County was brought to the Carrizozo Post Office for processing until a couple of years ago when Alamogordo and Ruidoso began processing their own outgoing mail.

# Making New Friends In A Search For The Past

by BARBARA CULLER

My memories of everything about Longshan are as vivid today as if I still lived there. These words were written by Joe Fenn on the search for the people and the place of his boyhood which was published on ICIC, International Community in China, an on-line magazine for foreigners in China. The past can be remembered so fondly that there is an overwhelming feeling to return and see what has happened to the places and the people that we remember with so much affection.

People do not often have the opportunity to go back to their past. Joe and Suzi Fenn, of Carrizozo, were able to make this return a reality. Through many saying people and the use of the Internet, Joe celebrated his 71st birthday in Longshan, China, where he was raised from the age of one until nine.

Joe's parents, Olof and Pauline Fenn, were missionaries to Longshan, China during the late 1920's. They arrived when Joe was one year old. His father established a mission station and

girl's school while his mother operated a medical dispensary at the mission. During that period, Joe's two brothers and one sister were born. The family returned to Sweden in 1936. The train pulling out of Longshan became a very vivid memory of leaving the place of his childhood. Sixty-two years later, in remembrance of that moment, he deposited some Carrizozo soil at the railroad station from where he started his journey out of China as a nine year old.

The start of this visit, both to the past and the present China, began when local access to the Internet became possible in Carrizozo. With the Internet bringing the ability to connect to most places in the world, Joe started his search for some of the people of his boyhood in China. He posted a message on the Shandong University Alumni Forum web site, in China, asking if anyone remembered his family and their mission. This message included the name he was given in China, Foo Ba Low.

Joe wrote about his search for those who remembered his

family in China for the China Business World paper, ICIC. The article was reprinted in the QiLu Evening News.

Zheng Yanfeng and Li Junyi of The Qilu Evening News, in Jinan, let Joe know that they wanted to help with his search and went to Longshan and found several elderly individuals who remembered the Fenn family.

Mu Kexin, who is an engineer with Radio Jinan, told him about Longshan, the changing of the town's name from Longshan to PingLingCheng and then back again to Longshan.

Then finally a message from Janny Tang, an editor of ICIC, saying that one of his boyhood friends had been found. Janny said that Mr. Zhang Yuheng, now 76, remembered Joe and the bicycle that he shared with Mr. Yuheng. She also told Joe that the mission was still in Longshan.

The interest in Joe's search continued. Joe wrote, in his article for ICIC, Then began a flood of correspondence from people in China...friendships forged by an invisible understanding and a helping hand...What a wonderful conclusion to my effort of using the Internet to trace my roots!

Joe ended his articles for ICIC with the following words, And if it is His will, then one day I will again visit the streets and roads of Longshan, meet with very old friends...develop new friendships, and relive the sounds, smells, tastes and sights of China.

On Monday, July 27, 1998, Janny Tang forwarded a letter to Joe that was to begin building the bridge from the past dreams to the reality of a visit to the old and the new China.

The letter was from the QiLu Evening Newspaper and said, Although we have never met, but from the Internet we have known a lot about you and your family. We know that you hold a close feeling to Longshan and China. The report we made about you called up reader's great interest. Many of them wrote to us, hoping you can come back to Longshan again to see the new Longshan, new China... The letter said that the DeFeng Company, which produces toys, would like to invite them to visit China. QiLu Evening Newspaper said that they would arrange the trip if Joe was interested.

In Joe's letter of acceptance of this invitation he said, One of the most burning desires I have is to revisit Longshan before my days are over...perhaps take a walk with my old playmate back down to the riverbank where we once fished. Perhaps find remnants of the gate and wall that once surrounded Longshan. I can still vividly remember walking through the gate and off to the right to buy peanuts. Yes, Longshan and China are constantly in my mind. When I left Sweden...I left that country both physically and emotionally...there are no ties...but with China it's different...my most sincere feelings of belonging and thankfulness.

Many companies helped to make the Fenn's trip a reality, among them QiLu WanBao Newspaper, Chinese Business World, Canadian Airlines, DeFeng Group of Shandong, Harbour Plaza Hotel in Beijing, and LiangYou FuLin Hotel in Jinan.

On October 9, 1998, when they arrived in Beijing, Suzi said they were greeted by TV cameras and reporters, two beautiful bouquets of flowers, and Janny (Tang). We were made to feel like real celebrities.



The first two weeks that were spent in China their entourage consisted of 10 to 12 people at all times. Not only did they have their interpreter, Miss Wang, but many reporters among them newspaper reporters from the QiLu Wan Bao and Shandong TV cameramen and reporters who were doing a documentary of Joe's return to Longshan. These reporters became very good friends as they accompanied Joe and Suzi as they experienced both the old and new China.

Time is limited became a very familiar phrase to Joe and Suzi during the first ten days as everything was on a very tight schedule. There were many things to see in Longshan, Jinan, and Beijing.

On October 12th, sixty-two years after he had left, Joe returned to Longshan and a very emotional welcome home. Among flags, banners and a welcoming band, Joe was reunited with old childhood friends, including Zhang Yuheng, 76, who waited an hour to welcome and embrace his old friend and remembered him most; Wang Jing, 79, who in broken English, English taught to him by Joe's mother, talked about Joe's mother and father who he was very close to (Joe's parents wanted to take him with them when they left China but his mother would not allow him to go. The Japanese were very hard on him during the occupation as a result of the closeness he had with Joe's parents); and Fu Zhihe who took Joe fishing at a spot just above where Joe's father baptized people.

Many of the older people of

Longshan remembered the girl's school that was started by his father. This was the first girl's school because when Joe's father arrived in Longshan girls did not go to school and were not educated.

When Joe deposited the soil he had carried from Carrizozo under the cypress tree at the Longshan railroad station he said, Today I want to sprinkle it in my first hometown. Joe was presented with soil from Longshan to seal the bond of friendship between the people of Longshan and Carrizozo. He will deposit the soil at his new home of Carrizozo in the near future.

At a very emotional farewell ceremony, Joe received a certificate of honorary citizen of Longshan Civilization and Suzi was presented with two boxes of Longshan millet which is one of the things that Longshan is known for. They also were presented with two large vases of Black Pottery. These are replicates of the ones discovered in Longshan in 1928. The originals date back 5,000 years. These replicates are being made by only one artist who figured out the original process that was used to make them.

Joe was asked if he felt he would ever return to Longshan. His reply: Yes, not only in my dreams but perhaps one day beyond my lifetime. One-half of my ashes will be scattered in Longshan and the other half in the wilderness outside Carrizozo.

Suzi and Joe were given the opportunity to meet the new China and see a lot of China's past. Suzi said that China's growth has been within the last 20 years since

the open door policy started by Deng Xiaoping and that having been sheltered from much of the outside world, the students and people that they met were thirsting for knowledge on how Americans live.

Talks were given by both at schools: Suzi spoke at the Shandong Teacher's University on American holidays, and Joe spoke on his search for Longshan and other topics at: Jinan Yuying Middle School (these students expressed an interest in becoming a sister school to the Carrizozo Middle School), the #3 Middle School, the Health School of Shandong Medical University, and Zhangqiu TV University. Joe also was given the opportunity to speak to the government leaders in Longshan and Jinan and to several of the business leaders in these towns. Dream catchers, bought from Carrizozo, were given to the officials that were met on the trip.

The impressions that the people have of Americans come mainly from what they see in movies and at the time of their visit the movie Titanic was very popular. Classical American music was heard being played over the PA system at one of the schools they visited. Telephones were infrequently seen as it is very expensive to put the lines in; however, she said that they saw people using cellular phones everywhere.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# LCCMC Groundbreaking Next Week

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Commissioners also made appointments to the following boards:

- Lincoln Historic Preservation Board—Frances Gallegos, John McGrath, Reg Richie. McGrath also asked the commission to replace member David Stevens who had missed more than three meetings which by county ordinance disqualifies a member. Written nominations are required for this board.
- Lincoln County Health & Wellness Advisory Board—Jule Sterchi as LCCMC member and two alternate openings that will be filled with recommendations by wellness at the next commission meeting.

- Enhanced 911 Committee—Tom Trost and Johnnie Romero.
- Emergency Program Manager—Connie Hopper.
- Lincoln County Road Review Committee—Mel Gnatkowski, Leon Livingston, Ralph Romero, Duane Williams and Don Hawley.
- Labor Management Relations Board—Frank Sayner.
- Extraterritorial Zoning Commission—John Ashcraft, Van Patten, J.A. Jung.
- Extraterritorial Zoning Authority—Rex Wilson and Wilton Howell.
- Property Tax Protest Board—Irwin Godin, Doyle C. Howell.

- Public Land Use Advisory Council—Matt Ferguson, John Hemphill, Tony Seno, Hollis Fuchs, Duane Frost, Ronnie Merritt, Pete Gnatkowski.
- Regional Waste Water Joint Use Board—Bill Schwettmann.
- Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District—Ray Nunley and alternate Tom Stewart.
- Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee—Mary Young, Dorothy Payne, Henry M. Ernest, Bart Young.
- U.S. Census 2000 Coordinator—Mr. Wimbrow.
- Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority—Rick

Simpson.  
-Glencoe Rural Events Center Advisory Board—Sharon Wells and Patty Reynolds. Attorney Morel advised the county received a letter from the U.S. Department of Agriculture authorizing the county to enter into a lease agreement for the center.  
-Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee—Mike Long for lodging, Chris Volquardson for tourist related, J.F. Van Winkle for lodging.

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

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

**WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS**  
—Ruidoso Public Library story time, 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, for children 3-8.

**THURSDAYS**  
—Pre-school storytime 9:30 a.m. Carrizozo school library.

—Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2685 or 258-3201 for information and location. Or e-mail at [www.nogal.com/lcag](http://www.nogal.com/lcag).

—Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

**FRIDAYS**  
—Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center 354-4082 for information.

—Metaphysical discussion group in Carrizozo, 6:30 p.m. call 648-5434 for information.

**TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 14**

—Lincoln County Commissioners to attend road inspection at Ranches de Sonterra Phase II.

—Ruidoso Arts Commission 4 p.m. administration building.

—Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m. administration building. Closed session for personnel discussion, 1999-2000 budget input, food bid, action on seven board policy changes, superintendent's re-election, new hearing and resignations.

—Libertarian Party of Lincoln County 7 p.m. TNM Power office Ruidoso.

—Carrizozo Woman's Club 7 p.m. Program by Joe Ferm on his trip to China. (See article in this week's issue.)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18**

—Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Carrizozo schools closed, county offices closed, some other government offices and businesses will be closed.

—Meet the Candidates Forum sponsored by Capitan Association of Classroom Teachers, 6:30-8 p.m. Traylor Gym. Questions from public welcomed.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**

—Ruidoso P&Z Commission 2 p.m. village hall.

—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority 2 p.m. LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.

—Part of Carrizozo Head Start classes begin.

—NM Legislative session begins at noon at the State Capitol.

—Carrizozo Board of Education 6 p.m. administration building.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20**

—Ruidoso Parks & Rec committee 6:30 p.m. village hall.

—Lincoln County Fair Association Board 7 p.m. fair office in Capitan.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

—Ruidoso Economic Development Ad Hoc committee 4 p.m. village hall.

—Capitan Schools Bond Issue Community Forum 6:30 p.m. Traylor Gym. Al Clemmons to be present to answer tax questions. Campus walking tour of present and proposed facilities, meet in board room at 4:30 p.m.

**JANUARY 26**

—South Central Mountain RC&D Council, Inc. 9:30 a.m. The Lions Hut in Tularosa (about 1 block east of post office on Highway 70.)

# County Employees Get

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mously approved Stewart's raise recommendation, Sullivan asked if it applied also to his administrative secretary. It does.

The salary issue dealing with the increase commissioners gave to elected officials in 1997 was discussed in closed session under threatened and/or pending litigation. After the lunch time closed to public session, commissioners came out into public meeting and voted to authorize their attorney to negotiate with the attorney for the elected officials on the salary issue. Howell cast the lone no vote in the motion.

Later in the meeting, commissioners voted 4-1 to take no action on a request to pay attorney fees for David Stevens who is representing the other elected officials in the salary dispute. Howell, who voted against the motion, said he wanted to address the issue and deny it that day as he thought the county should not pay attorney fees for a group of elected officials who sought their own attorney to support their pay raise. "I would like to deny the payment, rather than take no action," Howell said.

Another salary issue raised by Lincoln County Assessor

got set aside until the commissioners change their personnel policy. Assessor Patsy Serna last month requested her chief deputy be given salary increments according to his certification. By state law the assessor and the assessor's chief deputy are the only elected officials and chief deputy who may receive salary increment based on certification. Serna raised the issue because she was caught in the middle of the pay increase issue when the state supreme court found the 1997 county elected officials pay raises illegal. Because Serna's salary now goes down to the pre-1995 amount, so does the salary of her chief deputy Doug Whitaker. Also when he became her chief deputy, his \$3,500 increments for certification were taken away.

Serna in a letter to county commissioners wrote that her deputy's salary has been at \$28,000 (85 percent of the elected official's pay) but will drop to \$25,000 or less. She

asked that he be given the \$3,500 increment for certification.

County attorney Alan Morel recommended commissioners revise the county personnel policy to provide for the certification increments. Currently the policy states chief deputies can only get 85 percent of the elected official's salary. Commissioners unanimously approved a motion instructing the attorney and manager to draft wording and hold hearings to revise the personnel policy.

# New County Jail RFP

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limited to only those projects anticipated to cost in excess of \$10 million.

During the Jan. 12 county commission meeting the county commissioners toured the jail, an annual requirement. After the tour county commissioner Ray Nunley reported the state fire marshal was pleased with progress in the jail. Currently there are only seven inmates located in jail facilities in other counties, and there are 38 prisoners in the Lincoln County Detention Center. Nunley said he believed the state fire marshal will allow the county enough time to produce a new quality facility.

*Special Thanks!*

To the  
Carrizozo Fire Department  
and the community for their help  
with the luminarias.

*Eileen Lovelace*

# Chit Chat

**Named To Dean's List**  
Katie Hightower was named to the Dean's List at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY for the 1998 fall semester. She is a graduate of Carrizozo High School.

**Lighting Contest Winners**  
The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of the Christmas lighting contest during their regular monthly meeting Wednesday. Residential winners were 1.) Manuel Carabajal, 2.) Sharon Leslie, 3.) Wes Lindsay, and honorable mention to Mabel Zamora. The judges said many of the displays were gorgeous. Winner in the commercial category was Temptations Craft Store.

**Woman's Club Program**  
Joe Ferm will present the program at the Carrizozo Woman's Club meeting tonight, Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. He will tell about his trip to China.

The Woman's Club calendars are ready to be picked up and are available at King's Food Mart, Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. office, or contact Donna Harkey or Sue Stearns.

# Capitan Says One Vote

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to allow board members to give their proxy vote to another LCSWA member, another elected official from his or her community or to an employee of his or her governmental board. Ingle said currently LCSWA allows a proxy vote to be given only to another LCSWA member. She said if a situation occurs that the LCSWA member is also unable to attend the LCSWA meeting, say for instance if Ingle gives her proxy vote to Cynthia Morales from Carrizozo and Morales is unable to attend the LCSWA meeting, then neither Capitan nor Carrizozo will be represented at the meeting.

At 8 a.m. every third Saturday, LCSWA will have a large roll off container located at Capitan Village hall to take large non-household trash items at no cost. Ingle said the village is still working with LCSWA to get a permanent roll off container to be located in the village yard off Yard Road where village residents can dump non household trash for a fee.

Ingle also reported that the

groups of dumpsters located at mile marker 18 on Highway 48, at Smokey Bear Vista south of Capitan and at mile marker 83 on Highway 380 west of Capitan will be moved off the highways to other nearby locations. She said the dumpsters at Smokey Bear Vista will be moved to the county road east of the vista and Core Dutton road, and those at mile marker 83 will be moved to Center Road (south of the highway).

In other solid waste, Ingle said LCSWA is applying for \$1.5 million from the state legislature to purchase land and construct a non-compacting transfer station. She said as of February this year, Ruidoso's Gavilan Canyon transfer station will no longer be a compactor.

LCSWA is now using its new rear loader trash truck to pick up residential areas.

LCSWA meets at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, at the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs, at which time Ingle will deliver the recommendations from the Capitan trustees.

**Lincoln County Medical Center Invites You to the Hospital's Remodel Groundbreaking Ceremony**

**Friday, January 22 10:00 a.m.**  
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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Jail Issues Again**

By Ruth Hammond

You may have been complaining about the increase in postage that went into effect last Sunday but there isn't much you can do about it. A more pressing issue here in Lincoln County concerns the new detention center. Tuesday it was announced that the county has received a memo from the state about the rfp (request for proposals) the county prepared for the proposed new jail. The state is concerned about a private contractor constructing and operating the new jail on public land and supported those concerns by writing about a lawsuit filed in Valencia County. Another concern the state has is that using public land to build a privately owned facility may also violate the Anti-donation Clause of the State Constitution.

Even though commissioners considered options for financing the construction of the new jail during their September 11 meeting, it is surprising that the rfp was for a private contractor to construct and operate the new jail. Many people thought the jail was to be built by the county and after the jail was built the county would consider the possibility of a private company operating the facility.

Selecting a location for the new jail was very controversial but this most recent development may be even more debatable. We are glad the county will revise the rfp for architectural services only. Most governmental building projects start with the design phase which should include the cost. When the cost is established then the county could hold public hearings as to methods of financing and whether the county or a private company should build the jail.

When the county commissioners approved a resolution at their October 16 meeting that authorized application to the New Mexico Finance Authority for a loan to build the new jail it was supposed to be to start the process for approval by the state legislature. The state legislative session begins January 20 and will continue for 60 days. There is no way cost estimates can be presented before the state legislature adjourns in March. This could delay the project.

Obtaining state approval is necessary before the county can begin the rfp process for an architect. Advertising and selecting an architect will take more time. Actual plans with estimated costs for building the new jail may not be presented for several months.

Realistically, construction of the new jail may not begin this year. Let's hope the state fire marshal will agree to the additional time needed before a new jail will be built. Most importantly, let's hope these delays will not affect the chosen site for the new jail. There should be no reason for the new jail to not be built in the Carrizozo Industrial Park but county residents need to monitor the process carefully and attend the county commission meetings.

Rather than try to hurry the process to get state legislative approval this session, the county should take time to make certain the plans for the new jail will be adequate for several years. There is no need to build a facility that is too large, but the plans should be designed with later expansion possibilities. That way the jail could be made larger if necessary several years from now without disturbing the inmate population or causing problems with security.

Your taxes will pay for the new jail, whether it is through a gross receipts tax, property taxes or some other tax. Being involved and attending county commission meetings is important because it will give you the opportunity to voice your opinions about how your tax money will be spent. You may not have any choice about the postage increase that went into effect last Sunday but you do have a choice about how the new Lincoln County jail will be built.

*Don't complain, get involved*

**Campos Wants Improved Procedure For State Funds**

Senator Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, said he would like to implement an improved procedure to use state funds to address the growing need to upgrade or replace worn out public school buildings, roads and community infrastructure, and to strengthen statewide communication networks.

"If we identify reliable revenue sources and issue bonds to finance our needed capital projects such as school buildings, roads, water and sewer lines, and fiber optic and wireless communication in schools and communities, we can make significant strides to compete in the global economy," Campos said.

"For example, if we dedicated a portion of an existing tax to support the issuance of bonds, we could pay for essential projects. With continued growth in state revenues, the impact on other state programs that currently rely on the general fund would be minimal. At a time when much of the world is experiencing a recession that is adversely affecting our business climate, at a time when our unemployment rate is high, we need to prepare ourselves and our communities to move forward and to compete," Campos said.

"If we devise a method to address this concern, business will improve across the state, tax receipts will grow steadily, other taxes will not have to be raised to meet ongoing social demands, and we can become very competitive in providing the best in education, jobs and quality of life," Campos said.

Campos suggested that any discussion about cutting state taxes should first include a serious discussion of whether some state tax revenue should instead be dedicated to financing necessary infrastructure projects. Campos is raising the idea

of expanding the use of existing revenue sources to finance capital outlay projects because of the increasing number of aging school buildings, the miles of highways and roads in need of repair, the need to replace old water and sewer lines and the need for technological infrastructure that will help in setting up distance learning centers in each community.

"The longer we wait, with the limited current resources available, the more costly capital projects will become and the further behind we will fall in preparing to do business in the twenty-first century," Campos said.

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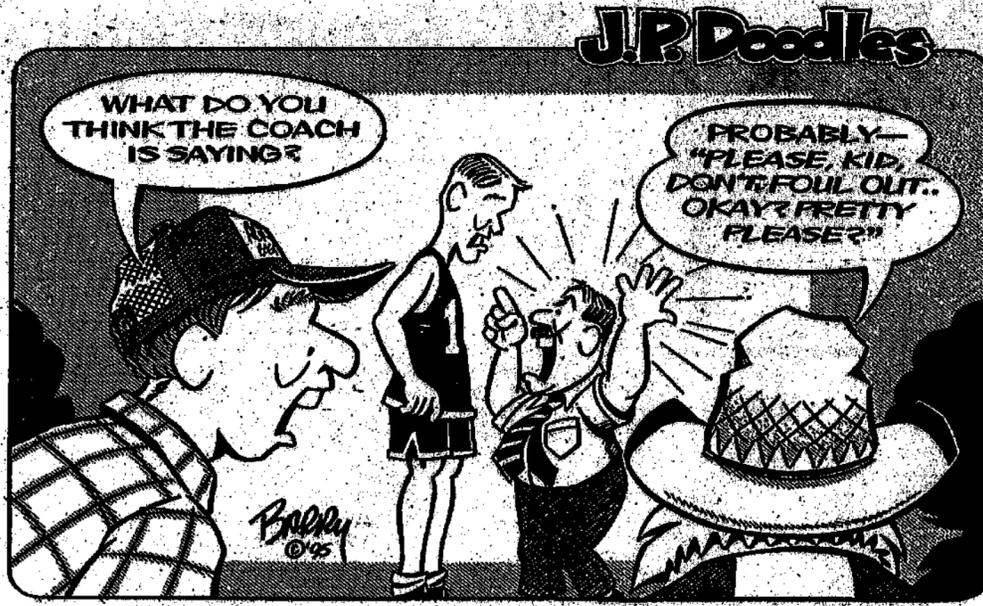
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**Inside The Capitol**

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE** - Gov. Gary Johnson continues to be fascinating.

Some of us in the business of commenting on state politics worried about the prospect of having the same governor for eight years. That's never happened before. What would we write about? It would just be the same ol', same ol'. And it probably would have been had former Gov. Bruce King been re-elected to the second consecutive four-year term he sought in 1994.

But Gary Johnson came out of his second election ready for new fights. He says he's reinvigorated and validated. He says his re-election changes a lot of dynamics. And he's proving it already.

For instance, he's taking full advantage of being the first governor ever to appoint all three-million board and commission members. That's right, three million. If you and every member of your family aren't on at least two boards or commissions, you must live in a monastery. No, come to think of it, some of them are on boards and commissions.

Members of these groups that shape public policy are appointed by the governor for multi-year terms, usually four years, but sometimes five or six years. That means previous governors didn't get boards and commissions filled with their own people until they were on their way out of office. Then along came a new governor to undo it all.

But Gov. Johnson has the first-ever opportunity to spend the next four years working with entirely his own appointees. And early indications are that he is going himself one better. If he didn't get it right the first time, he's replacing his appointees with ones who may reflect his philosophy better. He's replacing some of his state Board of Education appointees, for instance, because they didn't support his idea of getting rid of the board. They also opposed encouraging competition for public schools with private school vouchers.

Most boards and commissions require that no more than a simple majority of members be from the same political party. That's OK with Gary, because he isn't big on political parties anyway. Most of his friends wear running shoes or ski boots and are either independents or not registered to vote. It helps him shape boards in his own independent image.

Gov. Johnson evidently got the Public Utility Commission in the shape he wanted it. One of that body's last acts was to require competition for the Public Service Company of New Mexico, a regulated monopoly.

Like some governors before him, Johnson tried canning certain of his predecessor's appointees when he took office four years ago. But as with other governors, Johnson had a fight on his hands because lawmakers have enacted statutes to prevent such things. But after four years, Johnson doesn't have to worry about getting rid of his predecessor's

appointees - because he's his own predecessor.

Another new dynamic is that Johnson says he has been validated. His early pronouncements indicate he believes it is both his agenda and his attitude of 'damn the Legislature and Supreme Court, full speed ahead' on which voters have put their stamp of approval.

The feeling of validation has reinvigorated Johnson, who says he has four more years of fight in him and that he won't be kinder or gentler. A thank you to the Democrats who voted for him was taken by many as a conciliatory gesture toward the other party, but it is much more likely he was

claiming bipartisan support for his agenda and warning that Democrats had better get on board.

A commitment to Republican lawmakers that he will communicate with them about the issues he is advocating and the vetoes he intends, didn't say anything about listening to their ideas in return.

This isn't a mellowing Gary Johnson. It is one who will fight even harder to get everything he wants without giving in on anything. He says he's pumped about continuing his challenges to the Legislature and fully expects to lose more battles with the state Supreme Court - and increase his approval rating in the process.

**County Commission Meetings To Be Held Thursdays This Year**

by Doris Cherry

For decades, the Lincoln County Commission has met on Tuesday, but no longer.

Some of the first items of business during the commission's regular meeting Tuesday in the courthouse in Carrizozo were the setting of meeting dates and passage of the Open Meetings Act resolution that outlines the time needed to notify the public on regular, special and emergency meetings.

Upon recommendation by county manager Tom Stewart county commissioners approved moving their regular meeting day to the third Thursday of each month with six regular or special meetings to be held in Ruidoso. Stewart said meeting the third Thursday, instead of the second Tuesday, would give more time for the finance office and treasurer to compare revenues against expenditures in the previous month.



**EDITOR:** Education is a needed tool for any society to maintain and sustain a high standard of living. School bonds for construction of infrastructure are necessary if we are to have educational opportunities for our citizens.

Students in today's high technical world have needs that were unheard of 20 years ago. Those demands will continue into the 21st century and beyond. All of us need to support educational needs in our communities and state so that the future of our children and grandchildren is assured.

Please support and vote for school bond issues in your community!!

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Stewart also recommended that the March 18, June 17, August 19 and November 18 regular meetings be held in Ruidoso. Commissioners in 1998 had voted to hold six meetings in Ruidoso but did not specify what months. While commissioner Wilton Howell wanted to leave the Ruidoso meeting dates open, commissioner Bill Schwettmann said the Ruidoso meetings needed to be scheduled now so the village could place those meetings in its annual plans. Howell said he would support those specific Ruidoso meeting dates if the board was lenient enough to allow changing the dates if there was an issue affecting the Ruidoso area.

Newly elected commission chairman Rex Wilson asked why they had to make a quota of meetings in Ruidoso. "We meet there when we need to anyway," Wilson said. Newly elected commission vice-chairman Ray Nunley said they did not absolutely need a quota of Ruidoso meetings. Wilson added that by adding the specific Ruidoso meetings into the meeting date schedule resolution the commission would bind itself. Commissioners unanimously approved the meeting date resolution.

Another change made by commissioners, upon the advice of county attorney Alan Morel, is the length of time of public notice of emergency meetings. Commissioners had traditionally held to a 24 hour notice prior to emergency meetings. But Morel said that emergencies need immediate action and he suggested notice of two to four hours.

Wording in the resolution states that "emergency meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the board. Although, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings... may be called by the chairman or a majority of the members..."

While Morel preferred two hours notice, county manager Stewart preferred four hours. "When life and health are in jeopardy, 24 hours is too long," Morel argued.

Nunley said a good example was last year's blizzard when he made the sole decision to declare an emergency. Howell suggested three hour notice for emergency meetings and wanted assurance the chairman or three commissioners could call an emergency or special meeting.

Schwettmann noted that language in the resolution for both special and emergency meetings allows the chairman or a majority of the commission to call those.

In addition to the notice, commissioners agreed to add to the resolution that they would abide by a "modified" Roberts Rules of Order for meetings. The modification is to allow the chairman, who is an elected official representing a specific district, to make motions and to vote on all issues not just to break ties.

Commissioners unanimously approved the resolution with three hour notice for emergency meetings and the modified Roberts Rules of Order.

Commissioners also changed how they will open their future meetings. At the request of Simpson, meetings will begin with a prayer.

**Rex Wilson**

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Schwettmann also welcomed Simpson, and as for past divisive issues said "what is in the past is in the past" and said he looked forward to going into the next millennium with the group for the betterment of Lincoln County.

The board also elected Nunley as vice-chairman by acclamation.

# Capitan Hires New Police Officer

by Doris Cherry

Capitan village trustees hired Albert Padilla, Jr. as their new police officer during their regular meeting Monday, Jan. 11.

Based on the recommendation by police chief Carrol Durbin who said Padilla had fulfilled all the qualifications, trustees unanimously approved the hiring. At the December regular meeting, trustees had authorized trustee Leroy Montes and police chief Durbin to hire the most qualified person to fill the third officer position. Padilla was hired and came on duty on December 28, to avoid a gap in service when the second officer left to attend the police academy in January. Padilla, who was living in

Roswell, was formerly a guard at the Chaves County Courthouse.

Three of Capitan's older water storage tanks will get inspected. Trustees authorized tank inspections to be done by Riley Industrial for \$9,352 for all three. During discussion on the work, village water supervisor David Cox said the company will deduct the amount for the inspection if the village contracts to have the tank interiors refurbished and the work begins within eight months of the inspection date. Trustee Benny Coker knew of the company through his membership in the New Mexico Rural Water Association and said the company is reputable.

Trustees also approved

beginning refurbishing at least one tank with funds available in the water account.

Village supervisor Terry Cox gave a report on the new well, drilled with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money. The well is 480 feet deep and the casing has been backfilled and is ready for an electrical control panel to be installed. Once that is done, Cox said, the driller will come back and do a test pumping and the state environment department will test a sample of the water. Once the testing is done, trustees will have to decide whether to connect the well into the water system, as a back up source.

Trustee Debra Ingle asked how prepared the village is for what appears to be a dry spring, and early outdoor watering. Cox said the village should be prepared especially if the new well is on line and new taps have been installed. However, he said during the work to install the new six inch water lines in the subdivision village crews have found another situation—a two inch pipe where they thought a four inch pipe was located. "We are working on it," Cox said.

On streets, trustees approved a planning commission recommendation to make Lavano Road a public street provided all property owners sign an agreement dedicating 50 feet of easement and 100 feet for a turnaround at the end. The street off Center Road was vacated in 1984, brought back into the village in 1991 but only has a 40 foot easement. Village attorney Dave Thompson suggested the village have the road surveyed and the agreement done by "fee" rather than dedication to assure the village owns the street. Trustees also authorized Thompson negotiate with the property owners on who will pay the cost of the survey.

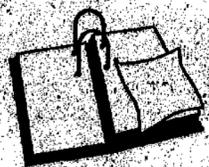
Another recommendation by the planning commission to accept the final version of the Village Master Plan done by Dennis Engineering was approved. The plan was financed with a CDBG and shows village growth patterns and needs for that future growth. It will be used to help obtain future funding for infrastructure projects.

Planning commission member Bobbie Shearer who presented the recommendations also said the group is beginning work on properties that encroach village rights of way village-wide. She said there are lots of problems and the planning commission would like to try to settle these problems without litigation. Thompson had met with the commission and outlined their options on the encroachment problems.

Mayor Norm Renfro reported that he and clerk Deborah Cummins will attend the CDBG selection hearing on Friday in Albuquerque. The village applied for a CDBG to finance a new public safety facility to house the police department, fire department and county ambulance, and the second phase of the village mylar project (maps that show all village utilities.)

Also at the meeting, someone asked if the village is ready for the year 2000 computer problems for water and electric and other situations. Cummins said she has ordered a new Y2K compatible software program for billing and payroll that will be installed when it arrives.

Mayor Renfro said he attended a Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) meeting where a person gave a frightening report on what could happen because so much of



# CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

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

Tape. These services are available not only to those with vision or hearing

New staff members are Ray Wilson, collection; Pam McNeer, cataloging; Mary Bowker, Joyce Summers, Pat Garrett, and Therese Ray, desk, etc.

Library board members are president Maxine Schrup, vice-president Monetta Shaw, secretary Pearl Tippin, treasurer Pat Williams, and members Todd Shelby, Kay Finklestein, Pandy Barone.

Found these the other day ruminating through some of my very old papers and thought you might enjoy them as there is no news for me to report on, although of course we all know there are many items of news that should be in this column. I just do not have them. So like I have said before and am about to repeat, if I do not have YOUR NEWS I cannot print it, now can I?

And on a lighter note I have decided that acceptance is the answer to all my problems today, and some reflections on aging:

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older now and a few changes have come into my life. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go down the hall and see John. Next Charlie Horse meets me and takes a lot of my time and attention and just as he leaves that old Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. After awhile, he gets a bit bored staying in one place so he takes me from joint to another.

And after I've had a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to relax with my old faithful fellow, Ben Gay. What a

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The picture in this week's column is the little daughter of Brian and Kim Sullivan of Denver, Colorado. She is a winsome little lass and I know she will be so pleased to have her picture in her great grandmother's column for her book. And next week will endeavor to have photographs of some of my other great grandchildren of whom I am very, very proud.

I do not have any news other than the Library news that Linda gave me, and thank goodness for Linda. I have had a rough week and I do mean rough. Even though I had the flu shots, whatever that came to visit me and refused to leave was some kind of something that I cannot describe. It is slowly going on its way and I sincerely hope none of you readers have anything like it. And so on to Linda, bless her: Library News

Two new tools for expanding our collection: one, we are ready to InterLibrary Loan materials for you now. We will give you a form to fill out, Fax your request to the State Library and they will search for the book. It will then be sent to us, we will call you, and you can pick it up. There will be a \$2.00 fee to mail the book back, no matter where the book needs to be returned. This service expands our collection to almost any library in the country and is especially wonderful for people doing research of all types; two - PROQUEST Direct. This database allows us to search (on the Internet) for current information on any topic (health, construction, hobbies, the arts, politics, etc.) and get the actual article printed right here. 1,400 magazines and journals are searched. If you have Internet access from your own home we will give you the URL, password, etc. and you can search from home. This is a service provided by the State Library to all libraries in the state.

Anyone interested in starting a book discussion group, please contact Joyce at the library, leave her a note or come Wed. afternoons when she works.

If you or someone you know cannot easily come to any library in the area but would like to read or listen to books, please call us so we can get them information about our own Food for Thought service, Books-by-Mail, and Books-On-

problems, but to those who are too far out to get in regularly. The library director can help facilitate all applications and verify need. Services are free.

Linda Fox and Kay Finklestein will be going to Alamogordo Jan. 29 to hear all about this summer's reading program, whose theme is *Creature Features*. They will share what they learn with the children's planning committee. If you have an interest in working on this or other children's programs, let Linda or Kay know and add your name.

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# SPORTS

Three days of high school basketball at the Capitan Smokey Bear Classic BB Tournament concluded Saturday evening with Tatum Coyotes winning the boys division, and the Lady Cardinals from Eunice winning the girls division. Both Capitan teams, boys and girls ended up fourth in the tournament.

Teams participating in the three-day event were Capitan, Carrizozo, Tatum, Eunice, Alamo Sophs, Magdalena, and Hagerman for the boys; and Capitan, Carrizozo, Hatch, Eunice, Dexter, Tatum, and Ruidoso in the girls division.

The all-tournament team, selected by the coaches, included (boys) Raymond Harris and Kenny Stahl, and (girls) Krin Autrey from Capitan; and from Carrizozo (boys) Josh Vega. Congratulations!

Carrizozo Grizzly boys varsity will host Lake Arthur tonight (Thursday) 7:00 p.m., and will travel to Corona on Saturday 7:30 p.m. Lady Grizzlies will get things going on Thursday at 5:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The NFL playoffs are down to three games and four teams, with the conference championship games scheduled for this Sunday. Good, no more Saturday games! Our predictions for the last week were the same as the week before, 2-2. We went 1-1 on Saturday and 1-1 on Sunday, and so far are 4-4 for the playoffs. We'll either go over or under the .500 mark in the

next two weeks, being that there's three games left, including the Superbowl.

Atlanta spoiled my Saturday when they edged San Francisco, 20-18, but I broke even when Denver crushed Miami 38-3, as both home teams won. Jets got me off on the right foot on Sunday when they outscored error prone Jacksonville 34 to 24, but Minnesota brought me back to earth real quick with an easy win over Arizona 41 to 21 (so much for the upset). So far the home team has won every game except for Dallas which lost to Arizona in the first round.

Minnesota will have homefield advantage on Sunday when they host Atlanta in the first game, and Denver will host NY Jets in the second game. Probably should go with home teams on both games, but let's wait a few minutes before we make up our minds on these two.

A couple of coaching positions have been filled so far, and as expected one of the coaches that was fired last week has already been recycled, with Rhodes going to Green Bay after being booted out of Philadelphia. So what do the Eagles do, they hire the QB coach from Green Bay to be their coach. Wonder which team gets the advantage?

Packers get a head coach that went 3-13 this season (two seasons ago Eagles were in playoffs, but Rhodes said he wanted his type of player on the team and started shipping bodies out of Philadelphia, including one Randall Cunningham now with Minnesota which lost only one game this season with him at QB). After getting his type of player Rhodes goes 3-13, gets fired, and ends up with Packers.

Guy must be living right.

Meanwhile the Eagles, eager to get rid of Rhodes, go to Green Bay and hire the Packer QB coach (Reid). This is the same guy who guided Favre this season and helped the Packer QB lead the league in interceptions. Eagles will probably be the worst team in the league next year, but they can look forward to one thing, they'll probably draft a second string quarterback with their high draft pick and he'll lead the league in interceptions at the end of the season.

Almost as bad as San Diego Chargers' hiring of Oregon State coach who went 4-8 and 6-7 in his last two seasons there. You've got to be kidding! Think his name is Riley or Reilly. Don't get too used to his name, he won't be there very long. The one they should really get rid of is Beathard (General Manager). He has no No. 1 draft picks in the next couple of years due to his stupid trades and a bunch of underachieving free agents to look forward to help his new coach out. Hire a bad coach, have a bad season, blame the new coach, and save your own butt. Smart move by Beathard.

Meanwhile Holmgren from Green Bay went to greener pastures (in this case green money) in Seattle and will be coach and general manager of the Seahawks. Look for a bunch of Packers to do the same and end up in Seattle via free agency. Seahawks will probably make playoffs next year, with Packers and Rhodes probably not. Favre will probably be the next one out of Green Bay.

This is how we see it for Sunday:

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

\* Atlanta at Minnesota. Falcons barely made it this far by edging Niners 20-18 at home. Vikes much better and they get the dome advantage. Can't really tell how good Viking's defense is, they don't get on the field much, offense gets to play most of the game, and they can score, and score, and score... and score. Vikes to Superbowl. 10:35 a.m. FOX.

\* NY Jets at Denver. Why Jets? Because for once the Broncos will not be able to use the cold weather as a weapon. Jets are used to playing in cold weather, like in New York. Reason #2 is Vinnie... having better season than Elway. Receivers are about even, and Martin should be able to cancel out Davis. Defenses should cancel each other out too. And that brings us back to Vinnie. Take the points and the Jets, make some money!!! 2:05 p.m. CBS.

## Corona News

Monday cards arrived telling of the date for the 1999 Cedarvale reunion for August 7 and 8. Judge Hamilton and Berte Gustin will host the occasion and are asking for volunteers for registration, the kitchen, and other duties. They have big plans.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kimball came from Albuquerque Tuesday to get her mother, Robin Pfeiffer, and take her in for an eye check and perhaps to set a date for her second cataract operation.

Mrs. Jackie Davidson stayed overnight Monday with her father, Raymond Lackey, and found him much improved in health and spirit.

Sunday Janet McDaniel of Dimmitt, TX and Carol Lynn and Jaime Carroll of Roswell, helped Jackie Davidson celebrate his 70th birthday, which falls on Jan. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steele have spent the last 10 days gathering up personal items from their ranch home here, the ranch they bought more than 19 years ago and which they sold last month to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Adams. The Steeles will spend more time in their Albuquerque home and in the cabin at Conchas. They have tentative plans for travel. We can't imagine Mr. Steele with idle hands so the cabin will probably get repairs or even enlarging.

Mrs. Arabella Molder of Deming died Sunday. Mrs. Molder and her late husband, Earl, were longtime residents of Lincoln Station.

Services for Maryanne Amelia Cazares were held Saturday morning, January 9, with Fr. Dave Berge officiating. The rosary was in Santa Rosa. Maryanne, 41, of Silver City suffered a stroke from which she never regained consciousness.

She is survived by two daughters and one son. She was a niece of the late Gilbert Stewart and a daughter of his late sister, Irene. Several relatives from Silver City attended including Mr. and Mrs. Melcor Marquez and their eight month old twins. Interment was in the Corona cemetery. A dinner followed at the home of Mrs. Ella Stewart. All expressed appreciation to Ella and her family before leaving for their homes that afternoon.

Mrs. Lee Mulkey spent several days last week in Alamogordo and Las Cruces

where her sister, Sue Sullivan, had gall bladder surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kane spent last weekend at Laughlin where 16 couples helped a friend celebrate his 50th birthday. The friend wanted G and G. It was almost a free trip.

Corona has two new

businesses. The Corona Mini-Mart held its special opening Friday with balloons, coffee and doughnuts. Owners and operators are Marcus and Allison. They are open long hours and expect to have gas soon.

Going north from the post-office is Pearl's Charbroil Express. These are good for Corona, and we wish them well.

## IN THE SERVICE

Navy Seaman Jordan R. Dixon, son of Mark A. and Lisa G. Dixon of Nogal, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. He is a 1998 graduate of Carrizozo High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit Kymberly V. Moffe, daughter of Cynthia R. Proppner of Nogal, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command,

Great Lakes, IL. Navy Petty Officer 1st class George B. Buckley, son of H. Floyd and Della C. Buckley of Ruidoso, recently participated in a community relations project in Romania while on a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the destroyer USS Stump, homeported in Norfolk, VA. He is a 1975 graduate of Ruidoso High School.

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**Tinnie Baptist Church**  
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Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Church Services..... 11:00 am

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

**First Baptist Church**  
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor  
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2968 (church) or 648-2107  
Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Worship Service..... 10:55 am  
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm  
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Carrizozo Community Church (A/O)**  
JOHN L. JOHNSON, pastor  
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2188  
Children's Church..... 10:30 am  
Worship Service..... 10:30 am  
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
SATURDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 6:00 pm  
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm  
SUNDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am  
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

**Church of Christ**  
PERRY ZUMWALT, minister,  
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM,  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship (Winter)..... 1:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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

**United Methodist Churches**  
BOB BOYO, pastor / Trinity - Carrizozo  
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2848  
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm  
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm  
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Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:15 am  
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am  
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday  
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

**Mountain Ministry Parish. Sierra Blanca Presbytery**  
DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors / 648-2850  
Nogal Presbyterian Church:  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:  
Sunday School..... 9:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 10:00 a.m.  
Corona Presbyterian Church:  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

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

**Capitan Church of Christ**  
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister  
5th & Lincoln / 338-4827  
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**  
REX BERESFORD, pastor  
Capitan (South on Highway 48) 854-3118  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
AWANA Wednesday..... 8:30 p.m.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Corona Municipal School District No. 13 (herein the "Board" and the "District," respectively), in the Counties of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance and State of New Mexico, has determined that a Regular School District Election and School Bond Election, (herein the "Election") be held on February 2, 1999, pursuant to Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978; and WHEREAS, the Board has determined that three (3) positions on the Board are to be filled at such election by submitting to the qualified electors of the District the names of candidates qualified to appear on the ballot for election to the positions to be filled; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has determined upon its own initiative to submit to a vote at said Election, the question of the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount and for the purpose hereinafter specified, as permitted by Section 22-1B-2B NMSA 1978, and the Bond Election Act; and

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

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

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Voting District, Election Precinct, Polling Place. Row 1: 1, (Consolidated), Corona, Senior Center. Row 2: 1, 2A, 2 (Lincoln County), Corona, New Mexico. Row 3: 8 (Socorro County). Row 4: 8, 11, 12 (Torrance County). Row 5: Absentee, Lincoln County Clerk's Office, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

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

Section 3. The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Should the Board of Education of the Corona Municipal School District No. 13, Counties of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance, State of New Mexico, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the District, in one series or more, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$650,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings and purchasing or improving school grounds and purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public school classrooms or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine?

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

Section 10. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner, authorized by 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978 and 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m., January 8, 1999, being the Friday immediately preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., January 29, 1999, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

Section 11. Voting shall be by voting machine, except for absentee voting which shall be by paper ballot. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling places for each Voting District.

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

/s/Cathy Perez-Muniz President, Board of Education

(SEAL) Attest: /s/Pete Gnaskowski Secretary, Board of Education Published in the Lincoln County News on December 10, 1998 and January 7 and 14, 1999.

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

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

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

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

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta del Distrito ha determinado por iniciativa propia someter a votacion en dicha Eleccion, la cuestion de la emision de bonos de obligacion general de suma maxima y para los fines que mas adelante se especifican, conforme a la Seccion 22-1B-2B NMSA 1978 y la Ley de Elecciones de Bonos; y

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

AHOR, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACION DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR MUNICIPAL NUM. 13 DE CORONA EL CUAL CONSTITUYE EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN LOS CONDADOS DE LIN-

COLN, SOCORRO Y TORRANCE Y ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO RESUELVE:

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

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

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

Ademas habra un Distrito para Votantes en Ausencia segun se expresa en la Seccion 10 mas adelante.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CUESTION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL

"Se le concedera la autorizacion a la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Municipal Num. 13 de Corona, Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance, Estado de Nuevo Mexico a fin de que emita Bonos de una serie o mas de obligacion general del Distrito, en la suma agregada principal que no exceda de los \$650,000, con el fin de construir, remodelar, agregar anexos y amueblar a los edificios escolares y comprar o mejorar terrenos escolares y comprar programas y equipo de computadora para el uso estudiantil en las aulas escolares publicas o nuna combinacion de estos propósitos, los dichos bonos se pagaran con los fondos derivados de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) y se emitiran y se venderan en la fecha o en tales fechas y conforme a los terminos y condiciones que la Junta determine."

Seccion 9. Una persona es elector habilitado del Distrito si el o ella es ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad el dia de la Eleccion y es residente del Distrito en la fecha de la Eleccion. Para votar, los electores habilitados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente en los libros de los(de la) Escribanos(as) de los Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance, o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares conforme a la ley. Cualquier elector habilitado del Distrito que no este registrado ahora y que desee votar en dicha Eleccion debe registrarse en la oficina del(de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, en el Edificio de la Corte en Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, o en la oficina del(de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Socorro, en el Edificio de la Corte en Socorro, Nuevo Mexico, o en la oficina del(de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Torrance, en el Edificio de la Corte en Estancia, Nuevo Mexico, durante las horas habiles antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 5 de enero de 1999, cayendo esa fecha veinte y ocho dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, (el votante se puede registrar tambien en la oficina de cualquier auxiliar de registracion nombrado por los(la) Escribanos(as) de los Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance (quienes pueden incluir los(la) escribanos(as) municipales de todas las municipalidades de los Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance) o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares segun lo permite la Seccion 1-4-47 NMSA, o en cualquier agencia que provee subsidio a servicios publicos a personas con incapacidades conforme a la Seccion 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

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

Seccion 11. La votacion se llevara a cabo usando maquinas electorales, salvo la votacion en ausencia la cual se llevara a cabo usando boletas de papel. Se colocara, por lo menos, una maquina electoral en el sitio electoral de cada Distrito Electoral. APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este dia 12 de noviembre de 1998.

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

(SEAL) Day Fee /s/Pete Gnaskowski Secretario(a), Junta de Educacion

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SHORT NOTES

Meet The Captain Candidates The Captain Association of Classroom Teachers (CACT) will sponsor a Meet the Candidates meeting Monday, Jan. 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Traylor Gym at Captain School. Candidates will receive questions from the public. The public is invited to attend.

RCED Meeting Jan. 29 The South Central Mountain RCED Council will meet at the Lions Hut in Tularosa Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 9:30 a.m. The agenda includes reports on the western RCED meeting, the New Mexico RCED Association, status of administrative assistant funding, and progress reports on the annual plan the water study, joint grant and action team projects in Carrizozo, Corona and Lincoln. There will be a discussion about holding the southern strategy meeting. The public is invited to attend.

Weatherization Applications The Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, Inc. is currently accepting applications for the weatherization program in this area. The program is for low income, elderly and disabled residents. If you are interested, you may get an application by calling the Weatherization Assistance Program, P.O. Drawer 2227, Havelock, NM 85202-2227 or by calling 1-800-824-1890.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Carrizozo Governing Body did during its regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 12, 1999 adopt amendments to Ordinance 85-126 of the Town of Carrizozo Municipal Code Chapter 6, Section 6-7-8(g) Title for Redemptio relating to Animal Control. Copies of Amended Ordinance 85-126 to

Chapter 6, Section 6-7-8(g) are available to the public at the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Carol Schlarb, CMC/A&E Town Clerk of Carrizozo. Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, January 14, 1999.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Property which was valued in 1998 in this county by the county assessor is not required to be reported or rendered for 1999 or subsequent years, EXCEPT FOR:

- 1. mobile homes 2. livestock, and 3. land used for agricultural purposes

If, for any reason, your property was not valued last year and it is subject to valuation this year, you are required by law to report it to the county assessor on forms provided either by mail or at the assessor's office.

All nongovernmental entities (property owners) which claim to be exempt from the property tax must report their property and claim their exemption for 1999 if the exemption was not claimed in 1998.

Reports for mobile homes, livestock, land use for agricultural purposes, property not valued last year and claims for exemptions by nongovernmental entities must be completed and mailed or delivered to the county assessor not later than the last day of February.

If you made improvements to your real property and: 1. the improvements cost more than \$1,000 and 2. a building permit for the improvements was not issued;

you must report the nature of the improvements and their cost to the county assessor not later than the last day of February. These reports must be on forms provided by the county assessor. If you believe property decreased in value during the preceding year, you must report, on forms provided by the county assessor, a signed statement which:

- 1. describes the property affected, 2. states the cause and nature of decrease in value, and 3. states the amount you contend the value has decreased.

This statement must be filed with the county assessor no later than the last day of February.

If application for the Special Method of Value for Land used for Agricultural Purposes was allowed in 1998 no new application is required. However, if that claim was not granted in 1998 and it is now claimed, claim must be made by the last day of February by filing with the assessor with the form provided by the assessor.

If the veterans exemption was claimed and allowed in 1998 no new claim for the exemption is required to be filed. However, if that exemption was not claimed and allowed in 1998 and it is now claimed, claim must be made by the last day of February by filing with the assessor the form provided by the assessor.

If the head-of-family exemption was claimed and allowed in 1998 no new claim for the exemption is required to be filed. However, if that exemption was not claimed and allowed in 1998 and it is now claimed, claim must be made by the last day of February by filing with the assessor the form provided by the assessor.

Beginning in the 1998 tax year, taxpayers are responsible for declaring their property classification to the assessor, as residential or nonresidential. When the declaration is accepted by the assessor, it shall remain as such and need not be made in subsequent years unless the classification changes. If a taxpayer has not declared their property to be residential in 1998 and desires that classification for 1999 they must complete a declaration of residential classification and return the signed declaration to the county assessor's office by the last day of February, 1999.

Certain mineral property and personal property of contractors operating in more than one county are required to be reported to the Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division of the State of New Mexico in Santa Fe. Information about property to be reported to the Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division can be obtained from the county assessor or the Central Assessment Unit, P.O. Box 25126, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-5126, Phone: (505) 827-0893.

THIS NOTICE is only a brief statement of the provisions of Section 7-38-8, 7-38-8.1, 7-38-13, 7-38-17 and 7-38-17.1 NMSA 1978 of the Property Tax Code. It is not intended to reflect the full contents of these statutory provisions. If you wish to review the full contents of these provisions, they can be examined at the office of the county assessor.

PATRICIA SERNA Lincoln County Assessor 300 Central Carrizozo, NM 88301 (505) 648-2306

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

No. CV-98-41 AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY F/K/A LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot 3, Block 1 of Mountain View Addition, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the replat of Block 1, Mountain View Addition, Filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, September 1, 1996, in Cabinet F, Slide 277.

The address of the real property is 1604 H Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 2, 1998, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$72,904.39, plus interest from June 15, 1998 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.7500% per annum, or \$21.11 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs; and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurances or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The lien of Defendant Southwest Appraisal and Valuation is hereby declared to be a second and valid lien on the property.

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

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

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

Dated: December 22, 1998.

Diane Doyle Special Master c/o Shapiro & Moinhold 105 E. Morone, Suite 100 Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (703) 286-0013 (719) 634-4868

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**LEGALS**

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

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

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

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

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

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la cuestion relacionada con los bonos que aqui se discute no es una cuestion de bonos de deuda sino de bonos de deuda que se emiten dentro del Distrito en una eleccion de bonos convocada dentro de un periodo de dos dias antes de la Eleccion que mas adelante se especifica;

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

Seccion 1. El 2 de febrero de 1999 se llevara a cabo una eleccion regular en el Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 28 de Capitan, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos por las tres (3) posiciones que se llenaran en la Junta y la cuestion si se puede crear una deuda con la emision de bonos de obligacion general.

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

Distrito Electoral	Eleccion Num. del Precinto	Sitios De Votacion
1	3 y 5 y partes de 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 6, 7, 10 y 12C dentro del Distrito	Lincoln County Fair Building Capitan, Nuevo Mexico

Ademas habra un Distrito para Votantes en Ausencia segun se expresa en la Seccion 10 mas adelante.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CUESTION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL.**

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

Seccion 9. Una persona es elector habilitado del Distrito si el o ella es ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad el dia de la Eleccion y es residente del Distrito en la fecha de la Eleccion. Para votar, los electores habilitados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente en los libros del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares conforme a la ley. Cualquier elector habilitado del Distrito que no este registrado ahora y que desee votar en dicha Eleccion debe registrarse en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, en el Edificio de la Corte en Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, durante las horas habiles antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 5 de enero de 1999, cayendo esa fecha veinte y ocho dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, o el votante se puede registrar tambien en la oficina de cualquier auxiliar de registracion nombrado por el (la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln (quienes pueden incluir los (las) escribanos(as) municipales de todas las municipalidades del Condado de Lincoln) o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares segun lo permite la Seccion 1-4-47 NMSA, o en cualquier agencia que provee su servicio a servicios publicos a personas con incapacidades conforme a la Seccion 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

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

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

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este dia 5 de noviembre de 1998.

Tom Trost  
Presidente, Junta de Educacion

(SELLO)  
Dby Fet  
Freda McSwane  
Secretaria(o), Junta de Educacion  
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**RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND SCHOOL BOND ELECTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 1. On the 2nd day of February, 1999, there will be held in Capitan Municipal School District No. 28, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a regular school district

election for the purpose of submitting the names of candidates for three (3) positions to be filled on the Board to the respective qualified electors of the District and for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of creating a debt by the issuing of general obligation bonds.

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

Voting District	Election Precinct	Polling Place
1	3 and 5 and portions of 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 12C within the District	Lincoln County Fair Building Capitan, New Mexico

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

Section 3. The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTION**

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

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

Section 10. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner, authorized by 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978 and 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m., January 8, 1999, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., January 29, 1999, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

Section 11. Voting shall be by voting machine, except for absentee voting which shall be by paper ballot. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling place for each Voting District.

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

Tom Trost  
President, Board of Education

(SEAL)  
Freda McSwane  
Secretary, Board of Education

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will meet on Thursday, January 21, 1999 at 8:00 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office on Monday, January 18, 1999.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF LINCOLN COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln County Heritage Trust, Lincoln, New Mexico, has voted to dissolve the corporation, effective immediately. All persons having claims against the Lincoln County Heritage Trust are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice. Claims presented after the end of the four month period will not be paid. Claims must be presented in writing to:

Archie A. Witham  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 83  
Nogal, NM  
88341-0083

Dated this 30th day of December, 1998.

Archie A. Witham,  
attorney for  
Lincoln County  
Heritage Trust

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The work to be performed under this contract is located within the Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico. It consists of the construction of various street and street drainage improvements and related signage, in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents as provided herein. Bidders shall submit one lump sum bid for all of the items as identified in the bid schedule.

Copies of the plans, specifications, and contract documents are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Town of Carrizozo  
100 5th St.  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
(505) 648-2371
- FW Dodge  
1615 University, NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
(505) 243-2817
- The Land Group, Inc.  
118 S. Downtown Mall  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
(505) 626-2444
- FW Dodge  
7500 Viscount, Suite C-40  
El Paso, TX 79925  
(915) 778-5087

Complete sets of the bidding documents can be obtained at the office of the Engineer in accordance with the instruction to Bidders upon depositing the sum of \$50 for each set of documents, which amount constitutes the cost of reproduction, handling and applicable taxes. Any bona fide bidder, UPON RETURNING THE DOCUMENTS IN GOOD CONDITION WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS following the Bid Opening, will be refunded the full amount. Non-responsive bidders will receive no refund.

A cashier's check, certified check, or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Town of Carrizozo in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute such bonds as may be required.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 am on January 22, 1999 at 100 5th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico. Prospective bidders should visit the project site which is located within the Town limits, at their convenience prior to the submission of any bid.

The right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all technicalities is reserved by the Town of Carrizozo. IDENTIFY ALL BID ENVELOPES AS "SEALED BID-1998 STREET IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE I".

TOWN OF CARRIZOSO  
Carol Schlarb, Town Clerk  
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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. DM-98-1042  
JACKIE DARLENE SLABAUGH, Petitioner,  
vs.  
HARRY ALVIN SLABAUGH, Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION TO: HARRY ALVIN SLABAUGH PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioner Jackie Darlene Slabaugh has filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in the above captioned cause wherein you are named as the Respondent.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general text of this action is for dissolution of marriage and property settlement, as more particularly set forth in the Petition on file in the above-captioned cause. The Petitioner's attorney is Ray Sharbut, Sharbut Law Firm, 419 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you intend to contest this suit, you must respond to the Petition within twenty (20) days from the last publication of this Notice.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this the 13th day of January, 1999.

ALICE HACA BAXTER  
Clerk of the District Court  
By: Eugenia Vega  
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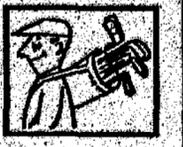
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DISTRICT JUDGE KAREN PARSONS welcomes visitors to the swearing in ceremony held in the district courtroom in Carrizozo on January 4. County elected officials commissioners Rick Simpson, Ray Nunley and Bill Schwafmann, county treasurer Joan Park, county clerk Martha Proctor, and Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. were sworn in during the ceremony.

## Capitan Hires New

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what runs modern life depends on computers. Renfro said the person said the Y2K problem will affect anybody that breathes.  
 But attorney Thompson who said his children who work with computers have said the Y2K problem is a "full employment project" for computer programmers. Terry Cox said the village well does not depend on a computerized program to operate, rather it is on a manual time clock that must be monitored daily. Also with the two million gallons of water storage the village should be okay for several days even if the electric supply is interrupted.  
 Trustees held a closed session to discuss pending litigation and personnel. After coming back to open session, trustees approved a salary increase for assistant clerk Kathryn Griffin. Her salary will be \$1,400 a month.  
 After the action from the closed session, trustees discussed a fax from attorney John Underwood who offered to lobby the state legislature on behalf of the village for a fee of \$12,500 for the two month session. Since the request was received too late to be on the meeting agenda, trustees could not take action. Instead they agreed that the mayor should negotiate with Underwood on the price, they will take action on the request at a special meeting expected to be held some time next week.  
 Trustees also:

Approved the franchise contract with Interlink Communication Partners an new partnership of the former Rifkin Cable.  
 Heard a report from Linda Fox about the Capitan Public Library which now has

Internet access, and a database called "Proquest Direct" that accesses 1400 journals and magazine through the state library. Anyone interested in the programs should contact Fox at the library next week.

## Capitan News Notes

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life. The pastor dropped in the other day and when I started to complain a bit, hugged me up nicely and said I should be thinking about the hereafter instead of my aches and pains and I retorted with, "Oh I do, all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, or in the kitchen, I always ask myself, Now what am I here after?"

And on a nicer more refined note, I especially liked the following:

Hugs!  
 It is wonderful what a hug can do. A hug can cheer you when you are blue. A hug can say, "I love you," or "Gee, I hate to see you go." A hug is "a welcome back again" and "Great to see you and where have you been?" A hug can heal a small child's pain and bring in a rainbow after the rain. The hug, there is no doubt, we could not survive without it! A hug warms and charms so it must be one of the reasons God gave us arms.  
 Hugs are great for fathers and mothers, sweet for sisters, swell for brothers and chances are your favorite aunt

loves them more than her potted plant. Kittens crave them, puppies love them, Heads of State are not above them, and a hug can break the language barrier, and even make your travels merrier. Try it and find out for yourself!

And so for another week, may the Good Lord take a likin to each of you and I have so much to be thankful about, so if I sound on the downbeat, it is this doggoned cold that seems to have taken such a liking for me.  
 God Bless one and all.  
 P.S. Also thank God for Louie who is coming to pick this up. Don't know what I would do without him.

## Capitan School Bond Issue Community Forum

Capitan Municipal Schools will host a school bond issue community forum Thursday Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Traylor Gym. Al Clemmons will be at the forum to answer tax questions. A campus walk-about will be held before the forum. Meet in the board room at 4:30 p.m. for a walking tour of present and proposed facilities.

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 REF NO. 98-98-018:  
**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WHITE OAKS FIRE STATION (RE-BID)**  
 The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 18, 1999. Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.  
 All proposals must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the RFP number(s) shown above.  
 Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive minor technicalities and award the proposal to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.  
**MARTHA GUEVARA**  
 Assistant County Manager  
 Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, January 14, 1999.

# Ruidoso Begins DWI Program

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso is looking for a full time DWI program coordinator.

During the regular Ruidoso Village council meeting Tuesday, Jan. 12, village manager Alan Briley reported that a temporary professional services agreement had been signed with an individual to serve as a DWI coordinator/clerk for the courts county-wide. Briley said the reason for the temporary clerk is that Magistrate Judge Bill Butts needed someone to serve as a DWI coordinator immediately. One of the magistrate clerks who is working part time agreed to serve as the temporary clerk until a full time coordinator can be hired.

Briley said it took a while for Ruidoso to receive the DWI grant funding but now that it has arrived the village will be advertising for the full time coordinator.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said he talked with Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. to assure him that the DWI program will include the municipal and both magistrate judges. Councilor Bill Chance recommended that Judges Butts and Dean be added to the DWI coordinator hiring committee along with Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox, Briley, Donaldson and Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart.

Also Tuesday, councilors authorized a Ruidoso Arts Commission application to New Mexico Arts to fund a county wide photographic program entitled "Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway-2000." The project intends to involve at least 150 Ruidoso

school children, business people, civic leaders, village employees, senior citizens and other residents and at least 100 residents of other communities along the Byway in the production of 6,750 images taken with disposable cameras during a two week period in the fall of 1999. Of those, 100 photos will be selected for exhibition at the Hubbard Museum in early 2000. After the exhibition the photos will be used to decorate village offices and facilities. Of the \$22,275 total amount of the project, \$1,700 would be contributed income, \$2,700 the sponsor's match (the village), in-kind services of \$9,200 and \$8,675 would be the actual dollar grant from the state arts commission.

With no objections from property owners or the public, councilors approved two zone map amendments and related master plan amendments. The first was to change zoning to Lots 1-4, Block 2 of the School District Subdivision from R-2 double family dwellings to R-3 multiple family dwelling in the area of Walnut Street next to W.D. Horton football stadium. The village planning commission also held public hearing on changing the area to medium density residential. The planning commission requested the rezoning to R-3 multiple family district to make the zoning consistent with the existing development of duplexes.

The second amendment was to rezone Parts of Sections 10, 11, 14, & 15 of Tract 2 containing 4.23 acres from R-4 to R-1 single family dwellings on Don Snyder Drive. Known as the old Racquet Club tract,

the lower portion of the tract is to be developed into an apartment complex for elderly residents, said village planning officer Cleatus Richards. In answer to a question from a resident about how many lots will be developed, Richards said about 10 to 14 which will be a substantial reduction in the number of dwellings compared to the original zoning.

In another planning issue, councilors also approved a vacation of 5,853.5 square feet of Quince Circle, a public right of way, at Lot 83, Block 20 in Ponderosa Heights Unit III subdivision as requested by Virginia and Ollie Rains. The vacation provides for a structure that was built entirely in a platted roadway. The applicants agreed to provide a waiver of right of revision, provide survey and legal description, pay \$1.15 per square foot or \$6,731.53 as required by village ordinance, apply for re-plot to create one lot from the vacated area and adjoining lot and apply for site development and receive approval and permits prior to any development within the vacated area. Councilor Bob Sterchi asked how long the structure had been in the roadway and Richards said at least 20 years and is located in a heavily wooded and steep area.

Councilors also approved scheduling public hearings on February 9 for:

--a zone map amendment for Lots 1-13 in block 5 of Midway Townsite Subdivision and Lot A of Carters Park Subdivision;

--Proposed ordinance to change the way valuations are

determine for building permits.

Also councilors:

--heard the mayor report that the first draft of the convention hotel lease had just arrived earlier Tuesday and staff had no time to review it for presentation that night. Donaldson said he may call a special meeting and set a public hearing on the proposed lease or have the hearing at the January 26 meeting. Village attorney John Underwood said the good news is the village now has the first draft.

--Approved the mayor's appointment of Margie Morales to the Scenic Byways Committee; Tim Weirwell, Margaret Lahey, Randle Fenton and Joan Zagone to the Ruidoso Arts Commission.

--Approved the renewal of the White Mountain Search and Rescue Annual agreement.

--Adopted a resolution assigning and transferring the Cable television Franchise to InterLink Communications Partners.

--Adopted the resolution setting forth notice of public meetings with five days public notice of regular meetings, 24 hours notice of special meetings and three hours notice of emergency meetings.

--Approved a proposal to amend the agreement with Grindstone Graphics and Marketing Services and authorized the mayor to sign the amendment which provides \$10,000 additional to the service for its convention and group sales director's salary and related costs. Money for the position and costs come from Lodgers Tax Fund.

# Ruidoso Agrees On One Vote Per LCSWA Member

But Disagrees With Proxy Votes

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso village council agrees that the new Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board should only have one vote per entity member.

During the regular village council meeting Tuesday, Jan. 12, councilors responded to a letter from LCSWA attorney Don Dutton seeking village input on the make-up of the voting board, and on proxy votes. Ruidoso village attorney John Underwood said he was not sure if it makes any difference of how many people are on the LCSWA board as for collection issues.

When Ruidoso moved out of LCSWA as a part of its collection system, all LCSWA members approved a new joint powers agreement that outlined the duties of the quasi-governmental organization. While most of the remaining members thought that each would have only one vote, county member and then commissioner Monroy Montes argued that since county customers represent the largest revenue to LCSWA it should have at least two votes.

The new joint powers agreement provides that each member entity Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona and County of Lincoln each have just one vote on regional landfill issues.

During the Jan. 12 meeting Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said Ruidoso has its interests to protect as it still owns 1/16th of LCSWA assets. Underwood said in his

opinion it was safer for the LCSWA board to have one vote per entity on collection issues. With that opinion, councilor Bill Chance made the motion that each LCSWA member have only one vote. All councilors voted yes.

On the proposed amendment to the joint powers agreement (JPA) that provides for LCSWA members to cast votes by proxy, Donaldson said he thought that quasi governmental groups cannot do proxy votes according to the regulations of the Open Meetings Act. Underwood said he discussed this with Dutton who said the law does not say governing bodies can not do proxy votes.

Donaldson said his problem with proxy votes is if there is a dispute about a decision made with proxy votes, "It would leave it open to lawsuit," Donaldson added.

Underwood said he strongly recommended the LCSWA board review its proxy vote policy. But Ruidoso LCSWA member Frank Cummins, who at one time served as chairman of the LCSWA board when Ruidoso was still a full member, said he did not think the board ever signed the JPA with the proxy vote policy.

With that comment, Underwood said he "highly uncondoned" the use of proxy votes by LCSWA board members.

"Since proxy votes are blatantly uncondoned," Donaldson said, "I will not be a party to that." Donaldson then called for a motion that Ruidoso opposes the use of proxy votes by LCSWA members.

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