

Resolution To Sell Fort Stanton Is Tabled

by Doris Cherry

Just before he was scheduled to go before the New Mexico House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, State Rep. Dub Williams withdrew his House Joint Resolution 14 that sought authorization for the state to sell Fort Stanton.

Late Wednesday Williams told *THE NEWS* he went to the Judiciary Committee staff for committee chairman Rep. David Pederson (democrat from Grants) before the committee hearing and asked that House Joint Reso-

lution 14 (HJR 14) be tabled. HJR 14 was scheduled to be heard by the judiciary committee Wednesday afternoon.

Williams said he asked for HJR 14 to be tabled because he got so many calls and visits from Lincoln County officials and citizens who were concerned about the sale of the historic fort. Williams said another reason he asked to table HJR 14 is he got "bogged down" in the resolution amendments which he was to have presented during the committee hearing. Deputy Secretary of the

General Services Department Les Swindle had no quarrel with the tabling of the bill, Williams added.

To discuss the Fort Stanton situation, and to get more input from citizens and others interested in the historic fort, Williams has scheduled a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 24, in the county commissioners room in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Deputy Sec. Swindle has promised to be at the meeting, Williams said. Also some people involved with the historical aspects of Fort

Stanton will be there.

On Wednesday, several Lincoln County citizens were in the capitol building, ready to testify on behalf of Fort Stanton in the judiciary committee, Williams said. Among those were Lincoln County Commission chairman Rex Wilson, county manager Tom Stewart and Fort Stanton Inc. chairman Dick Weber.

Weber told *THE NEWS* on Tuesday, February 8, that he, Stephanie Gainey of the New Mexico Historical Preservation Alliance, Dorothy Victor representing the New Mex-

ico Historic Preservation Office, representatives of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office in New Mexico, and a representative from the Mescalero Apache Tribe were planning to be at the committee hearing to provide testimony if necessary.

HJR 14 had a short life in the legislature. Asked by the governor on behalf of General Services Department to sponsor the resolution, Williams introduced HJR 14 on the house floor on February 2. HJR 14 was not printed

right away because the legislature was in the middle of the dispute over the governor's veto of the printing portion of the legislative "feed bill." When HJR 14 was finally printed, it was referred to the House Rules Committee to determine if it was "germane" to this session. Late Saturday, February 5, House Rules voted that HJR 14 was germane and referred it to House Judiciary Committee.

HJR 14 never made it to

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HAUTINGLY HISTORIC. The old building that once housed who was to become General Black Jack Pershing, sits empty at Fort Stanton, waiting for a new occupant. A bill to authorize the sale of Fort Stanton was tabled on Wednesday, effectively ending the process to put the historic fort on the auction block. State Rep. Dub Williams is planning a public meeting about Fort Stanton at 6 p.m. February 24 in the commissioners chambers of the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Ruidoso Continues Phase 3 Of Water Plan

by Doris Cherry

Continuing poor snowfall and warm, dry weather in the Ruidoso area is keeping the village under Phase 3 of the village water conservation plan.

Under this Phase 3, outdoor watering with hoses and/or sprinklers is limited to Tuesday, between 6 p.m. to 10 a.m.

During the Ruidoso Village Council meeting February 8, village manager Alan Briley said that, contrary to some misinformation around town, citizens can water landscaping with a bucket or

water can any time. But as long as the village is under Phase 3, watering with hoses and/or sprinklers is only allowed once a week, beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday and ending at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

At the end of the meeting, during mayor Robert Donaldson's discussion about growth management, Donaldson said in the future the village needs to develop water hardy landscape guidelines, voluntary for existing homes and mandatory for new homes. "We need to begin the process of integrat-

ing conservation in the landscaping," Donaldson said.

"We can't forget we live in the southwest," said councilor Ron Anderson. He said some residents have asked why there is water for golf courses and hotels when they cannot water their lawns. "We need the tax base," Anderson said. "Residential lots don't contribute to the tax base like commercial development does. I am still encouraging commercial development."

Donaldson said already the council has approved ordi-

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County Commissioners Meet February 17

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners hold their regular meeting starting at 9 a.m. Thursday, February 17 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

A public hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. on the proposed Indigent Health Care ordinance that establishes guidelines for administering and distributing the Indigent Health Care fund.

Other items on the agenda include:

--Approval of minutes of the January 12 special meeting and January 20 regular meeting.

--Board of Finance report presented by Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park.

--Consent agenda of finance; treasurer's financial report for January; grant award and contract with the Eastern New Mexico Area Agency on Aging to reflect an increase in meals and subsequent dollar increase from \$10,211 to \$26,220; amendment to the Agency

on Aging contract; annual reporting forms for Hondo and Lincoln volunteer fire departments; agreement for legal advice and services with Alan P. Morel.

--Manager's project report. --Information report by Park on the ambulance collections.

--Proposal by Steve Gonzales for a motocross at the old landfill site.

--Proposal by Peter Blanchard to use the old landfill for the Mountain of Blues summer concert.

--Health care reports from Wanda Gielow de Figueroa on the Lincoln County Maternal Child Health Planning Council and Lincoln County Health and Wellness Advisory Board.

--Resolution on Fort Stanton facility and Bureau of Land Management, presented by Dick Weber of Fort Stanton, Inc.

--Presentation/report by Barbara Casey, superintendent of Hondo valley Public Schools on the Glencoe Ru-

ral Events Center and the Hondo Clinic funding request.

--Carrizozo Health Care Center report by Jim Gibson.

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C'zozo Advertises For Rec Center Manager

by Barbara Culler

The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 8. Trustees present were James Silva, Eileen Lovelace, and Wesley Lindsay. Trustee Cynthia Morales was not present. Mayor Manuel Hernandez and town clerk/treasurer Carol Schlarb also were present.

Rene Burton, during audience participation, reminded the trustees and the public that Carrizozo 2000 and Beyond would be holding their third meeting on Tuesday, February 15, at 8:00 P.M. at the Otero County Electric building. Those attending the meeting will be discussing how to implement some of the sugges-

tions made by members of the community at the previous two meetings. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Approval of the 1998-1999 town audit was tabled. There was no representative from DeAun Willoughby by CPA, to present the audit.

Richard Vega asked the trustees if he could buy or if the town would vacate two undeveloped streets adjacent to his property. The streets are First Street on the south side of his property and Rock Island which is on the west side of his property. Vega said that he would leave an access for emergency purposes, utilities, railroad, police, and fire department at all times. Hernandez recommended to the trustees that the town either sell it to Vega or vacate it as the town can not do anything with the property. Schlarb said that it would be easiest for the town to vacate the property. Trustees approved publishing a notice that the trustees would be taking action to vacate this property at the next meeting.

Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega made his general report to the trustees. During his report Vega discussed a memorandum that he issued to the trustees on a notice that he served (this memorandum apparently concerned the Carrizozo Recreation Center). Vega

suggested that before the next management takes over an inventory should be taken. Hernandez said he went along with the suggestion.

Lovelace asked if an inventory list had been done previously and was on file with the town. Schlarb said that the only items purchased under the previous recreation center operator were for the bowling alley. Discussion was held about whether an inventory had been done several years ago. Schlarb said that the town only has what has been purchased in the last two years.

Vega said an inventory was made on what was removed from the recreation center by the previous operator. Vega said there was nothing on the list that he thinks the town should be concerned about. He said that the interim operator is willing to assist in taking an inventory. The trustees requested that Jim Payne, town foreman, have someone from his department help the interim operator do the inventory as soon as possible and put it on file with the town clerk.

Trustees gave approval of the draft, done by town attorney David Stevens, of the anti-smoking ordinance. They also gave approval to publish for a public hearing on the anti-

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Carrizozo 2000 Town Meeting Set For Feb. 15

The third town hall meeting for Carrizozo 2000 and Beyond is set at 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 15.

Sponsored by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce and the Carrizozo Action Team, the town hall meeting will be held at the Otero County Electric Cooperative community room on 12th Street.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.



MEETING WITH DUB. Capitan mayor Norm Renfro (middle) and village administrator Steve Barela meet with State Rep. Dub Williams (right) during a break from the floor session of the House of Representatives in the state capitol building in Santa Fe.

Ruidoso Continues

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nances that set limits on commercial enterprises to use village water, such as a large distributor of bottled water. This is to assure there is a reasonable supply of water on an ongoing basis to serve existing residences and businesses. But Donaldson does not support a moratorium on water, which some people advocate when the village goes into

water conservation. "We need to manage growth, not stop it," Donaldson said.

Also Donaldson said some residents in the village use enormous amounts of water for their yards. With the village water rate structure, high water users will pay a lot of money. Councilor Linda Flack said she knew of a part-time resident who watered even when it rained,

and when confronted about the water use said she wanted to make sure she got her fair share.

"Many people come here and don't want to follow the (water conservation) rules," Donaldson said. "They sound like spoiled brats." Flack said many have the attitude of the woman who didn't care.

Donaldson said he has heard of people who have neighbors watch and warn them to turn off the sprinkler if they think a village employee is in the neighborhood. "They are spoiled brats who don't want to do their part," Donaldson said. "We need to work together, but this town lacks a sense of community. It is critical for people who live here and work here to have a sense of being part of the community."

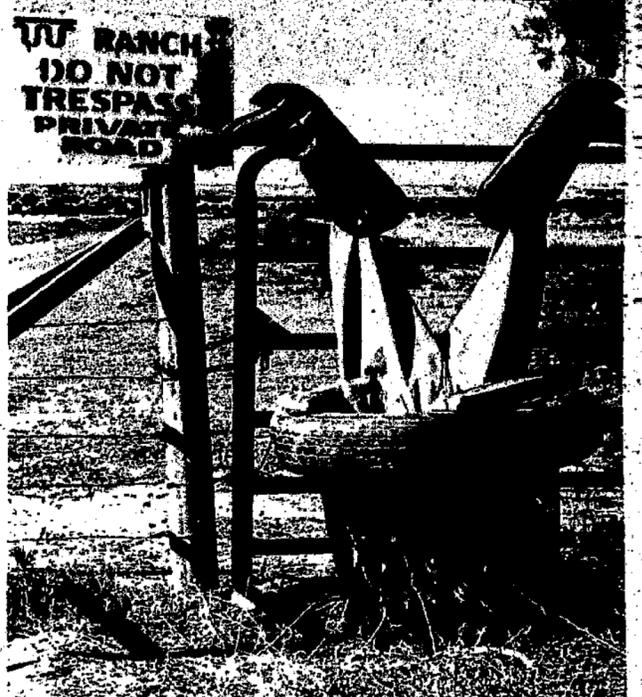
As for the near future, Donaldson said with the new planned water storage and system upgrades, drilling of new wells and water rights transfers he expects that next year the village will be under the Phase 2 of the water conservation plan that allows outdoor watering three days a week.

Councilors also approved the Ruidoso 20 Year Water System Master Plan. Developed and compiled by Wil-

son and Company, engineer Dennis Brand again presented a brief summary of the plan that is three large volumes. The study shows the village current water rates and the supplemental gross receipt tax for water improvements will produce sufficient revenue for the projects estimated to cost more than \$16 million over the next 20 years. In the next 20 years the plan proposes \$6 million in water line replacement, \$3.9 million for treatment plant re-habs, \$2.3 million in system storage, \$2 million for water rights purchases, \$200,000 for legal assistance, and \$1.6 million for other water infrastructure.

The master plan also takes into consideration the flow in the Rio Ruidoso. The village diverts water from the Rio Ruidoso to store in Grindstone Reservoir. However, the River Association has filed a protest to the transfer of water rights, and is working with the village to resolve how much water should be allowed to flow down the river to keep it a viable stream.

"We are trying to manage growth," Donaldson said. "We are not anti-growth."



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smoking ordinance. The ordinance reads: The Town of Carrizozo realizes that Section 30-49-1, et seq, of New Mexico Statutes Annotated, a/k/a the Tobacco Products Act in Section 30-49-3 attempts to regulate the relationship between minors and tobacco products. However, the language contained in Section 30-49-3 is potentially unclear as to whether it is a violation of the statute for minors to possess and/or utilize tobacco products. Accordingly, the Town of Carrizozo adopts this ordinance, Section 6-5-3, to clarify that in the Town of Carrizozo it is illegal for minors to use or possess tobacco products. 6-5-3. It shall be unlawful for any minor within the town limits of the Town of Carrizozo to procure, attempt to procure, possess, utilize or consume any tobacco products. Any person who violates any provision of Section 6-5-3 is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 or 48 hours of community service. Each act in violation of 6-5-3 by any minor shall constitute a separate and distinct offense for purposes of penalty imposition.

Ben Bradley was recommended by Hernandez to be Carrizozo's representative on the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board. The trustees gave approval.

Three resolutions were approved: (1) resolution

stating the town of Carrizozo's desire and intent to apply for New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department funds from the "Co-op Agreement Program" (the funds to be used to apply hot mix and base course on E. Ave from 8th Street to Drexel Street); (2) resolution certifying that the Town of Carrizozo is seeking a financial hardship waiver via Local Government Division (this is to allow Carrizozo to acquire New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department surplus equipment through the utilization of the financial hardship waiver via Local Government Division); and resolution for budget adjustment (this decreases police department line items: animal control, capital outlay, and supplies & expense while increasing police department line item: telephone).

The resignation from the Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Commission by Patsy Sanchez was accepted by the trustees.

Approval was given to issue a request for proposals (rfp) for Carrizozo Recreation operations and management. The rfp will be published in the Lincoln County News on February 10 and February 17. The deadline on the rfp will be February 18, at 4:00 P.M.

The trustees reviewed and approved the home occupation application by Renae Vega for Soy Ease, on 111 3rd Street.

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

WEDNESDAYS
 —Mama In Touch prayer meeting, 9 a.m. Ancho. Carpool from Carrizozo. Call 648-2460 for information.

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

THURSDAYS
 —Carrizozo School Library Story Hour 9:30-10:30 a.m. for preschoolers age 3-5.
 —Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.
 —Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo, 6:30-10 p.m. Chamber building on Second Street.
 —Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

FRIDAYS
 —Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center 354-4032 for information.

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10
 —Daughters of American Revolution meets. For information call 258-5875 or 258-3622.
 —Free seniors heart health seminar with Dr. Michael Harding cardiologist, 12 noon to 12:45 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center. Call 378-4659 for reservations.
 —Capitan elementary Parent Advisory Council meets 5 p.m.
 —Capitan School Board 6 p.m. administration building; agenda includes first reading of proposed drug testing policy.
 —Corona Village Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
 —Lincoln County Libertarian Party 6 p.m. dinner hour, 7 p.m. meeting, Casa Blanca Restaurant in Ruidoso.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11
 —No school for all Capitan students so staff can attend seminar on "School Violence."
 —Carrizozo Woman's Club bake sale, 9 a.m. until sold out, Wells Fargo Bank, Carrizozo.
 —Carrizozo schools student progress reports sent out.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12
 —English as Second Language Tutor training in Ruidoso. Call 1-800-934-3668 or 630-8181 for more information.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 & 13
 —Carrizozo FFA Made For Excellence Program.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
 —Corona Community Action Team meets 10 a.m. Corona Museum. Everyone welcome.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
 —Carrizozo Action Team meets 9 a.m. Natural Resources Conservation office on Central Ave. in Carrizozo.
 —Carrizozo Board of Education 6 p.m. administration building.
 —Carrizozo 2000 and Beyond Town Hall Meeting, 6 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office community room.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
 —Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas board 6:30 p.m. Wells Fargo Bank community room, Carrizozo.
 —Lincoln County Fair Association board 7 p.m. fair building office in Capitan.

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C'zozo P&Z Member Sanchez Resigns

by Barbara Culler

The Town of Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 7. Members present were Pat Voss, Ned Pieters, and alternate, town clerk Carol Schlarb. Members Joe Lane and Patsy Sanchez were not present. Ned Pieters presided at the meeting.

The town attorney review of deletions, additions to draft zoning ordinance definitions was on the agenda. Schlarb said that she had contacted Sanchez who told her that she has sent all the information that the P&Z has worked on to the town attorney, David Stevens. P&Z and the town clerk have not yet received any reply from Stevens on the information that has been forwarded to him. Schlarb said that she will check and ask if the information has been reviewed so it can be returned to the P&Z for more review.

The election of a new chairman and vice chairman for the P&Z was tabled.

P&Z members discussed recommending to the Carrizozo Board of Trustees a name to fill the vacancy on the P&Z. Voss said that she had asked several people if they would be interested and they declined. Pieters said that since the board of trustees named the current members of the P&Z he felt that it should be up to the board to fill the vacancy. The members approved a motion to tell the

board that they had no recommendations to make on filling the vacancy on the P&Z.

Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega, asked by one

of the P&Z members to get some information on enforcement of removal of dangerous buildings or of debris, read to the members from the state statutes on municipalities section 3-18-5-A dangerous buildings or debris; removal; notice; right of municipality to remove; lien. This section states: Whenever any buildings or structure is ruined, damaged and dilapidated, or any premise is covered with ruins, rubbish, wreckage or debris, the governing body of a municipality may by resolution find that the ruined, damaged and dilapidated building, structure or premise is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace or safety and require the removal from the municipality of the building, structure, ruins, rubbish, wreckage or debris.

When the members were asked if this was just for general information on how it could be enforced or for something specific, Voss said that she said that she knew there was a highway federal law that any wrecking yard, i.e. old cars, had to be fenced, enclosed fence. Vega said there is a federal law. It was asked who enforced that law. Vega said that New Mexico Beautification is one entity. It was asked if this has anything to do with Means rezoning request. Pieters said that it has an indirect relationship.

The Timmy Means request rezoning of A-1 Agriculture and Low-Density Residential was tabled until further notice. There was no one present to discuss this agenda matter and there was no formal written request.

Schlarb said that Means originally came in to ask about a business license

and Schlarb said that the town could not do that as the A-1 zoning in that area did not permit a wrecking yard or a repair shop.

The P&Z did discuss the matter of whether the property was within town limits. Schlarb said that she went to check and believes that Means old cars are outside the town limits. Pieters said that someone would first need to ascertain where the town line runs. Pieters asked if there was a conditional use and Schlarb said

that there was no conditional use for what Means would be requesting. The members approved a motion to table the matter until further notice.

Patsy Sanchez's resignation from the Carrizozo Planning & Zoning Commission was read by Schlarb and accepted by the P&Z.

The next meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Planning & Zoning Commission will be on March 6 at 6:30 P.M.

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Corriente CowBelles met in Lincoln in January with 23 members and one guest, Judy Shaw, present. Pat Ward, using a yellow porcelain rose to symbolize permanence and loyalty, presented a beautiful, warm and loving tribute to Janice McKnight Eldridge Herd, who died Dec. 31. Sue Maness read a poem.

The District V workshop, hosted by Corriente, will be held at the fair building in Capitan March 20.

Inez Marrs installed the following new officers: president Pat Schear, first vice president Dorothy Lay, second vice president B.B. Berry, secretary B.J. Jones, treasurer Willie Hobs, and historian Jeanette Smoot.

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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A police escort?

By Ruth Hammond

Several years ago in district court, a local district judge declared a mistrial when the accused was brought into the courtroom in handcuffs. The judge's reasoning was that the jurors could have been influenced by the sight of the defendant in shackles. The accused is supposed to be innocent until proven guilty and any indication of guilt, such as being in handcuffs, might taint the judicial process. The use of handcuffs on the defendant could indicate the possibility of escape even when escorted by a law officer.

Escort is defined as a person or group accompanying another for protection or courtesy. Police escorts can be quite different. If a person is in any kind of danger, having a police escort could be for protection, but if a person is being accused of wrongdoing, being escorted by an officer of the law, an officer with a badge and a weapon, could indicate guilt and/or the threat of doing something wrong.

Circumstances should determine whether a police escort is necessary. A few years ago the Carrizozo Town Council had the police escort the manager/operator of the Carrizozo Rec Center out of the Rec Center with no prior warning. The managers/operators at the time it happened were in the Rec Center working on equipment and cleaning when they were surprised by the eviction. The same thing happened recently when another manager/operator was escorted out of the Rec Center by the police. Were either of these actions of having a police escort necessary?

Revoking a contract is one thing, but having the police escort each of these managers/operators out of the Rec Center seems to have been drastic. We wonder if these incidents are indications that the town council was in error when they approved either of the contracts for managers/operators. Or is a precedence being set by the town council for future Rec Center managers/operators to beware when the police arrive for fear of being ousted?

Even though the Rec Center contract negotiations are conducted in closed session, and apparently the decision each time to oust the managers/operators was decided in closed sessions, the public has a right to know what the elected officials are doing with town-owned property. The Rec Center is owned by the town, owned by the residents of Carrizozo, not the town council. The town council has an obligation to inform the public about what is happening.

The Carrizozo Rec Center is a valuable town-owned asset that should be protected, not be the object of rumors because the police had to escort another manager/operator out of the building. Residents deserve to know why elected officials take the actions they take. Elected officials should consider how (apparently secret) actions are viewed.

Serving the public as an elected official can take much time and is quite often a thankless job. Many of their actions are taken for the betterment of the town, even if they aren't popular. We do not agree or disagree with the actions taken by the town council concerning the Rec Center, but we do believe there should have been official announcements instead of giving the impression of the entire Rec Center matter being kept as a private secret.

Don't keep it a secret



INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - As far as the 2000 New Mexico Legislature is concerned, the New Millennium has brought nothing new, save a few minor twists, in terms of the two major budget bills.

House Bill 1, the "feed bill" that funds the legislative branch of government, and House Bill 2, the General Appropriations Act that funds the executive and judicial branches, have been subject to the same gubernatorial and legislative maneuverings they were last year.

Gov. Gary Johnson signed the feed bill but vetoed two sections providing for additional legislative audit staff and for bill printing and other services. Democrats were livid.

They called the line-item vetoes a direct assault by one branch of government on a co-equal branch of government. They noted that Johnson had again vetoed an appropriation that would provide more executive accountability, something he has sought from agencies, such as education, that are not under his control.

Gov. Johnson hadn't vetoed the line item for printing, supplies and other services previously but said it was an oversight in past years because the item is so vague, it could include most anything. Democrats said it also includes the cost of special sessions, which have been a yearly occurrence under Johnson. House Speaker Raymond Sanchez called a temporary halt to legislative business, which he said couldn't proceed because bills couldn't be printed.

House Democrats thought they finally had some vetoes Republicans would participate in overriding. But, as usual, they were wrong. House Republicans, who had shown solidarity with their leader, Ted Hobbs of Albuquerque, days earlier by wearing bandages on their heads, similar to the one worn by Hobbs following a pre-session auto wreck, stood behind him again.

Figuring a legislative shutdown would backfire on Democrats in this year's elections, just as the 1995 shutdown had done to congressional Republicans, Hobbs showed up for the veto override votes with his suitcase packed and sitting on his desk, daring Speaker Sanchez to shut down the House if the override of the paper allocation failed.

Sensing the trap for which he was headed, Sanchez settled for angrily lecturing House Republicans on placing their loyalty with the Republican Party rather than the Legislature. It was a

speech he had made before, to no avail. Republicans saw it as a method of gaining leverage to whittle some expenditures the Legislature makes on itself. The whittling was done and the governor signed the resulting compromise.

The question of whether gubernatorial vetoes of legislative funding are constitutional is not new to this session. Johnson has precipitated such arguments before and so did Gov. Toney Anaya who vetoed the entire feed bill three times in 1985, leading the Republican-controlled Legislature to discuss evicting him from his Roundhouse offices.

As soon as the feed bill was behind them, lawmakers next tackled the appropriation bill in their usual fashion, providing more money for education than the governor wanted and less for Johnson's pet agencies, such as prisons, the Motor Vehicle Department, the Gaming Control Board and the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

Senate Finance Committee Recommends \$3.4 Billion Budget
REPORT FROM SENATOR PETE CAMPOS

SANTA FE - The Senate Finance Committee Monday recommended approval of a \$3.4 billion general fund budget for the state of New Mexico that stresses education from pre-kindergarten through graduate school, better health care for working New Mexicans and improvements to the state's prison system, said Senator Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas.

The budget recommendation, which amounts to an increase of five percent over the current budget, now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

"Our work during the summer and fall of 1999 through the Legislative Finance Committee, and our work before and during this 2000 session on the Senate Finance Committee, has paid off in the production of a fiscally responsible budget that puts the state's money where it should be: helping to educate our children and to improve the quality of life for all New Mexicans," Campos said.

The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Ben D. Altamirano, D-Silver City, said the budget incorporates the

requirements of the Accountability in Government Act, passed by the legislature last year, to ensure the effective and efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

Campos, who is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, noted the committee considered 119 amendments proposed by the governor's administration and more than 250 proposed by other senators before settling on its final recommendation.

The budget as recommended by the Senate Finance Committee provides for appropriating \$101 million more to public schools than what is appropriated for the current year, \$23 million more for higher education and \$10 million more for the Corrections Department.

"We know that providing teachers and school administrators with the resources they really need to do their jobs is the single most important action we can take to improve our economy, reduce crime and give our children the best chance they have to be economically successful,"

Campos said. "A good education is the foundation for success."

The budget as approved by the Senate Finance Committee includes enough money to provide teachers with a salary increase of 6.5 percent, provided they don't miss more than 10 days of school; and raises of 5.5 percent for other school staff, Campos said. The legislature is also devoting resources to purchasing books and other instructional material and, through separate legislation, to address the capital outlay needs of schools, Campos said.

Campos also noted that the legislature was putting great weight on the recommendations of independent corrections experts hired last year to review the state's correctional system.

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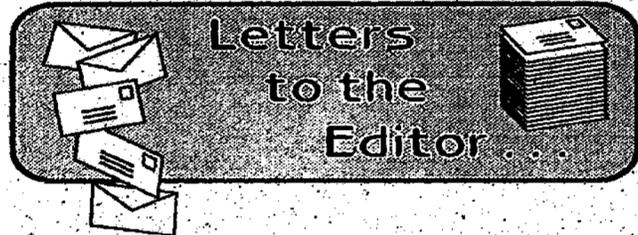
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EDITOR: Once again Megan's Law is in the news. You will recall that last year the New Mexico State Legislature finally got around to passing a law providing for public disclosure of child molesters when they move into a neighborhood, New Mexico being the last state in the union to do so. Our veto-happy governor actually signed off on it and it became law.

But it turned out to be a Megan's Law in name only. It grandfathered in all of the child molesters convicted before July 1, 1999. So New Mexico continues to be a magnet state for perverts nationwide who do not want their sick activities disclosed.

Now the Legislature is once again taking up the matter and, pending legislation by both Democrats and Republicans, pushes the date of notification back to July 1, 1995. (The original legislation was so poorly written that it was incomprehensible - one wonders why?)

The main problem with the new legislation is that many of these child molesters have offenses going back decades. Some have committed heinous crimes against children and served much of their lives in prison. You think they won't head for New Mexico? (If they are not already here.)

I have a question for the legislators of this state. When are you going to spend as much time working to defend the lives and rights of the children of New Mexico as you now spend worrying about the "rights" of the perverts who prey on them?

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WOOLGROWERS GOT MILK. Kathleen Phillips of Capitan (left), Vivian Yarat of Roswell and Beverly Merritt of Yeso show off 'got milk' fake mustaches as they take a break from serving lamb and distributing information about sheep and wool on behalf of the New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc. at the annual Ag Fest reception held for State legislators and guests at the Sweeney Convention Center in Santa Fe on February 3.

Gas Board Challenges Two-part Transport Fee

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) board of directors have challenged a change in transportation status filed before the state Public Regulatory Commission by Natural Gas Processing Co., that could double the cost of natural gas to the consumers.

At a special meeting held on January 26, CCNG board authorized CCNG attorney J. Robert Beauvais to file the necessary papers with the Public Regulatory Commission (PRC) for a petition for declaratory relief on the transportation issue to exempt CCNG from distribution charges. The board took the action after Beauvais reported about his and other CCNG representatives meeting with the PRC staff in Santa Fe. The CCNG board at its regular meeting January 19 authorized the group meet with the PRC staff in Santa Fe to obtain application forms and assistance with the procedure.

CCNG chair Angelo Vega, board member Capitan mayor Norm Renfro, Beauvais, Capitan Village manager Steve Barela (at the

cost to the village), CCNG supervisor Neo Vallejos and CCNG office manager Kay Strickland met with PRC staff on January 21 in Santa Fe, Strickland told. **THE NEWS.** In Santa Fe, they met with PRC staff and received guidelines on filing for a hearing with the PRC. The hearing is to determine whether CCNG is subject to a two part transportation/distribution charge for its natural gas.

CCNG receives its bulk gas from Natural Gas Processing Company (NGP). CCNG has a transportation contract with NGP that expires January 1, 2001. NGP has filed with the PRC to change the status of the contract with CCNG so CCNG will have to pay both the transportation rate and distribution rate.

"We need to address with the PRC whether we have the ability to object to a two part rate when we are a bulk customer," Beauvais told the board at its January 19 meeting. "Breaking out rates into two components is appropriate," Beauvais continued. "But the issue is whether CCNG should pay the distri-

bution part of the rate."

"You cannot survive the rate increase sitting on your January 2001 doorstep," Beauvais said. "You can only survive if you get relief from the PRC on the transportation contract and are entitled to a single rate."

Beauvais urged the meeting with PRC staff to prepare for the best filing time for a hearing with the PRC. "We have a year to get something through the PRC," Beauvais said. "We don't really have much time. Gas is not a front burner issue with the PRC like electricity and telecommunications are."

"Question the two part rate, or question your economic viability," Beauvais said. CCNG has not had a rate increase since 1983, he added.

During their special meeting January 26, CCNG members discussed the issue with Beauvais in closed session for pending litigation. After the special session they authorized Beauvais to take the necessary steps to file the petition for relief with the PRC.

Other action taken by the CCNG board included tabling indefinitely a proposal to change the method of employee compensation from hourly wage to a set salary. The proposal was first discussed on January 10 as a way to save money for the company. But board members tabled it that meeting to have Beauvais research the legality of such a change and whether it will save any money.

Ruidoso Waste Rates To Remain The Same

There will be no increase in rates this year for commercial, residential or yard waste pick-up in Ruidoso.

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson at the January 25 council meeting, reported on solid waste issues. He said the village is working on a bid to put the collection of yard waste to a private business. However rates for residential customers will stay the same \$2.14 per household. "We know there is a shortfall in yard waste pickup," Donaldson said.

Commercial solid waste accounts currently subsidize the residential solid waste collections. But the village is not looking to raise rates soon. Lynn Stokes (the village solid waste consultant) thinks we can improve costs as we get more efficient," Donaldson said. "So there will be no need to raise yard waste rates."

Village solid waste department supervisor Leonard Corona said the department is about six weeks behind in picking up pine needles, even though they are running the grappling truck 10 hours a day, six days a week. However, the department is short handed with only one driver for the special yard waste pick-up truck, Corona added.

Councilor Ron Anderson said he was critical of criticism about the village's extra yard waste fee. "For the past 40 years we could haul the yard waste directly to a dump," Anderson said.

Donaldson said the yard waste pick-up is good for the community, and a fire protection safety and ecological issue. "And the town looks a lot better with cleaned lots," he added.

Corona also reported on the recycling program, which began in November. The village recycles cardboard, newsprint and aluminum, with recycling containers at the Fire Station #2, old Walmart building and the free parking lot on Sudderth Drive. Recyclables will be taken at the transfer station from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The village tries to pick up white goods within one or two days after receiving a call to pick up the items, Corona said.

Corona reported that the program had its first semi truck load of baled cardboard recently. "We get one to one and a half bales a day of cardboard," Corona continued. "That means were

taking about one load a week from going to the landfill." Corona said the recycling program is getting more cardboard than newsprint or aluminum now.

Anderson asked why the village is not recycling plastic and glass. Corona

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Ruidoso Denies Lot Split, Begins Growth Study

Library Director Resigns

by Doris Cherry

Protesting paid off for neighbors in the White Mountain Estates Unit 1 Subdivision.

Ruidoso village council at its meeting February 8, voted to uphold the village planning and zoning commission's recommendation to deny a request from

owner Cliff Rowe to split his lot 2A in Block 4 of the White Mountain Estates, Unit 1 subdivision. The commission had found that the lot split did not comply with the subdivision purpose (in village codes) of promoting harmonious development of the village. Their reasons were the lot split would increase traffic and reduce the open

space of the subdivision, that has large lots, reported village planning officer Darrel Bremner.

Property owners adjacent to Rowe's property located between Hull Road and Robert Pearson Drive protested his request to split the large lot into two, at both the village planning and zoning commission (P&Z) meeting of February 1 and the village council meeting of February 8.

Rowe told councilors he thought he was being discriminated against. He said prior to buying the property he went to village hall and checked with village planners on whether he could split the lot. He said he was told the proposed two new lots complied with the village's current minimum size and he also could find no deed restrictions on lot splitting. Rowe said he wanted to split the lot to build a house for his 76 year old mother.

As for the protests from neighbors about blocking their views and destroying the green belt, he asked where village ordinances require that, "I feel I am being discriminated against because the new lot will not be as big as the others in the subdivision," Rowe said.

But neighbors Bonnie Coe, Wes and June Ryan, George Reed and Terry Flores were against the lot split. Coe said it would degrade the property values, and she thought Rowe's emotional appeal to build a house for an elderly mother was not the issue. "I feel it (the lot split) will disjoint and fragment our neighborhood," Coe said.

Wes Ryan said he bought his lot 20 years ago because it was roomy and plenty of elbow room. "After 20 years I would hate to see the privilege of large lots taken away," he said. June Ryan said they bought their property for the view, area and restrictive covenants. If the lot was split the view from their house would look right into the new house, she added.

Reed said he thought the lot split was detrimental to the neighborhood.

Flores said her property is next to Rowe's. "If he is allowed to split his lot, we would overlook a new house, and where we now see green we would see roof," Flores said. "Our property would lose value."

P&Z chair Glen Barrow said he respected Rowe for following the process of permitting and application in the village planning department. But all decisions on a re-plot are made by the P&Z and the council, not by staff. Barrow said it was a difficult decision, but the "harmony" issue was a factor. The harmony issue is taken from village codes. "The intent of the original subdivision has a valid basis."

Councilors unanimously upheld P&Z's recommendation to deny the lot split.

During discussion of the lot split, Rowe said P&Z mentioned a minimum one acre size. The one acre size is wording from a proposed ordinance that would require the re-subdivision of larger tracts have lots no smaller than one acre. The purpose of the subdivision is to control the growth of small crowded lots.

Councilors however wanted more time to work on the proposed ordinance and sent it to a council committee for more review.

But the issue of limiting lot split and managing growth was the subject of a discussion by Donaldson at the end of the three and a half hour meeting. Donaldson called for staff to draft a request for proposals for a study to determine how many buildable lots are left in the village and rate them on a scale of buildability based on terrain, etc. "We really don't know how many buildable lots we have," Donaldson said. "We

need to learn what's out there."

Donaldson said the administration has already worked on growth management by restricting lot splits, removed multiple homes from one water meter, stopped providing water taps to properties outside village limits unless in an annexation district, and developed new controls over the one-mile extraterritorial zone in the county. "Now it's time to discuss further growth management," Donaldson added.

For new subdivisions, Donaldson proposed minimum lot sizes of 20,000 square feet, except in affordable housing areas, and begin re-zoning the current residential R-3 zones (multi-family dwelling), to R-4 and PUD (planned urban development) zones.

Councilor Robert Sterchi agreed with a study idea, but the village would have to look at cost of it. "We need an idea of the number of buildable lots for our future population growth," Sterchi said.

In closing the discussion about the study, councilor Ron Anderson spoke about the proposed affordable housing concept. He said the village is not going to provide the affordable apartment development. "We're just offering the land for sale to private developers," Anderson said.

"Ruidoso is not going to build or manage the affordable housing," Donaldson added. He said he has spoken with at least four developers of apartments who are interested. "And they don't build apartments then walk away and let them deteriorate," Donaldson said in reference to comments made at the January 25 meeting discussion about the affordable housing concept. "That's just people who are against people who don't make a lot of money," Donaldson added.

With no council objection, Donaldson directed staff to begin drafting an rfp for a growth study.

The Board of Capitan Public Library volunteer organization recently announced the resignation of library director Linda Fox.

"From book box beginnings as a rural reading room, Linda has spearheaded such accomplishments as the computer installation, cataloging, dramatic growth in patronage and through her thoughtful selection of books, videos, audio books and periodicals, built up and greatly enhanced the library's collections," said board president Pearl Tippin.

Under Fox's leadership, the library obtained funding from the Village of Capitan and the county. This enabled the library to develop into full public library status and recognition from the State Library. Fox also trained a staff of 20 volunteers.

Tippin said the board is sorry to lose Fox, and is looking forward to working with new director Maxine Schrup.



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—Food commodities to be distributed from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Recipients must present proof of address and income for the previous month. Bring sacks or boxes to carry food.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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Resolution To Sell

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the Judiciary Committee. After receiving calls and visits from concerned Lincoln County citizens, and considering the almost two pages of proposed amendments, Williams said he asked for the resolution to be tabled. Once a bill is tabled, it is in effect dead for that session, he said.

"We had a wake-up call about Fort Stanton," Williams said. "Now we have the opportunity to come up with something good for the fort, instead of rushing into a sale."

Williams has also sponsored a memorial calling for a study to convert the Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Cemetery into a National Veteran's Cemetery. The memorial needs only to be considered by the House and is not binding.

Local Artists Exhibit Works In Alamogordo

Two Lincoln County artists will be exhibiting their works at the Eagle Ranch Art Gallery in Alamogordo for the entire month of February.

White Oaks sculptor Sam Houston is exhibiting three limited edition desk bronzes. White Oaks painter Bob Reyniersen will be emphasizing small to medium size landscapes. He will also have paintings of horses and cowboys in the exhibit.

A reception was held Feb. 4 for the artists at the gallery.

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Rock Crusher Discussion Leads To Service Offers

Lincoln County Commission discussions about a portable rock crusher led local rock crushing businesses to offer to provide crushing services to the county.

During the January 20 Lincoln County Commission meeting, county commissioner Rick Simpson again discussed the rock crusher. At the December meeting, a rock crusher dealer presented a video and information about a portable crusher similar to one Simpson saw in DeBaca county.

"I wasn't here at the last meeting," Simpson said to explain why the crusher was in discussion again. He said a crusher could be used to produce base course gravel for the 719 miles of non-subdivision roads in Lincoln County. The rocks would come from caliche pits nearer to the roads. He said the crusher could help the county to put down base course on twice as many miles of road as it can by hauling gravel to the site from the commercial pits.

"The point is we can streamline our operation for the same man hours and equipment to do twice as much work to last twice as long," Simpson added.

Two commercial gravel suppliers, Richard Huff and Joel Bonnell, offered to lease crushers to the county to use in remote locations. "Without the tremendous expense of a first time purchase (of a rock crusher)," Huff said.

"We would like to give you an option if you furnish the pit, to move in and crush on site," Bonnell said. He agreed a lot of county roads need gravel especially those in the northeast corner of the county near Ramon.

County commission chair Rex Wilson said it would take 100 years to resurface all the county roads.

Simpson said the county's budget for spec base course would not change, since the state cooperative road projects require the use of spec base course. "This will just streamline the operation we have," Simpson added.

County road superintendent Albert Hernandez said non-spec gravel could be used on subdivision roads that are not part of coop projects. Currently the county produces some non-spec gravel with a screen, but has lots of waste because it cannot crush the larger rocks.

"We need crushed material," Simpson said. "If they can crush it for the same price let them (private crushers); if we can crush cheaper we'll get more for our money."

Currently, the road budget for base course gravel will cover about six miles, he added.

Hernandez said the county should try to buy the crusher without raising taxes. He proposed using state co-op money to lease or purchase a crusher for gravel for school bus routes.

County commissioner Leo Martinez said he did not think the county should compete with private business, unless there was no commercial supplier, like in DeBaca County. "I cannot see us going into the crusher business to put people out of business," Martinez added.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said roads are better with spec gravel. He said he was willing to look at the crusher further, but he wanted to give the private companies a chance. Simpson said he did not want to put people out of business. "But if we can crush it cheaper, we owe it to the taxpayers to save money," Simpson said.

Schwettmann reminded that the county sold some chip seal equipment for two to three times less its value, as a way to caution Simpson about the problems of purchasing road equipment.

County commissioners made no decision about the crusher. Simpson said he and Hernandez would go look at the operation of the same model of crusher they are interested in.

Wilson said it that was okay. "We have a lot to learn on how to make better roads," Wilson added.

In other business, commissioners:

-Awarded the bid to apply 76 tons of dust control suppressant to Southwest Commercial of Los Lunas for a total of \$4,919.60.

-Awarded bid to mill and resurface 7,450 feet of Cavilan Canyon Road to C.S. McCrossan Construction of Las Cruces for \$241,185.38.

-Awarded bid for road asphalt millings to Meadow Valley Contractors for \$4 a ton.

-Awarded bids for used equipment to Pat Huey of Capitan for \$4,511 for the 1982 International Tractor and Bee Equipment Sales of Lubbock for \$97,650 for the 1994 D6H Dozer.

-Appointed Tim Hagaman as property owner member to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board; commissioner Schwettmann to the Extraterritorial Zoning Authority board.

Ruidoso Sets Hearings On Growth Ordinances

At the February 29 meeting, Ruidoso Village Council will take public comments on proposed ordinances to control commercial hillside development and to create new, more specific, commercial districts.

Councilors authorized the hearings during their regular meeting Tuesday, February 8.

The first proposed ordinance for public hearing February 29 would add a new section to the village codes to bring commercial developments under terrain management rules. Last year, the council amended the village hillside protection ordinance to remove its applicability to commercial development, loosened the restrictions and renamed the section "Residential Terrain Management," said village planner Darrell Bremmer during the council meeting February 8.

In the months since the council removed the terrain management rules from commercial developments, there have been several problems with cut and fill excavations for commercial developments. Bremmer added. In some instances, organic material was used as fill, and finished slopes exceeded the two to one ratio which could lead to run-off and erosion problems.

The new section would bring the commercial developments under the same rules that now apply to residential developments on slopes.

Village manager Alan Briley said when the council amended the hillside protection act, he understood the

regulations on fill applied to commercial development already covered by the village building codes. "That's why we removed the commercial development from the regulations," Briley said. However, village planning officer Larry Hill said the excavation part of the village code is not part of the state building codes, which was a reason to request to bring commercial development under the same terrain management rules as residential development.

The public will have a chance to comment on the proposed ordinances, copies of which will be available from the village clerk prior to the February 29 meeting.

The next proposed ordinance for public hearing on February 29 will put parts of Sudderth and Mechem Drives under new commercial zoning designations. The proposed ordinance would create commercial districts C-2a through C-2f. The sub-

districts would be designated after public hearings with affected businesses and property owners.

The new zoning designations were requested after councilors were concerned about used car lots and mobile/manufactured home sales lots on Sudderth Drive, and too broad of commercial zoning rules that do not apply to all businesses.

Donaldson said the new designations are important as the village reaches "build out" of its commercial properties. "There is not unlimited commercial land in Ruidoso," he added.

Councilors also approved a re-plat to provide for utility easements for the new hotel being built next to the village convention center. The re-plat would allow for easements into the commons area and common parking lot for construction of a covered portal (similar to the convention center), stairwells, and utility access. The original platted lots did not include utility easements.

In other business, councilors:

-Continued discussion of the request for vacation of village right of way at Lot 10 Block 4 in Paradise Canyon Subdivision, to construct a safer new stairway from the home to the driveway that would encroach the village right of way for Paradise Canyon road by 17 feet. Donaldson recommended the continuance to give time to work with the applicant on an alternative "license" to use the right of way, until the street is widened in the future.

-Approved the consent agenda with the annual agreement with the NM Highway Dept. for funding to purchase salt; agreement with Grindstone Graphics for producing material on the general obligation bond election for the proposed

community center; applica- (SEE PAGE 11)

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, You who make me see everything and who show me the way to reach my idea. You who give me the Divine Gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me, and you who are in all instances of my life with me, I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen: Thank You for Your love towards me and my loved ones. Pray this prayer 3 consecutive days without asking your wish, after the third day, your wish will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this prayer as soon as your favor had been granted. Wish granted.



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Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery

Nogal Presbyterian Church: BILL SEEBING, pastor
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Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church: SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024
Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

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

First Baptist Church.
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 1/2th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 649-2958 (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/G)
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2168
Children's Church..... 10:30 am
Worship Service..... 10:30 am
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:30 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
218 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2653
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
C'ozo Santa Rita..... 8:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
C'ozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

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

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
REV. CANON JOHN PENN, pastor
Lomas E. Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 1-505-257-2356
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

The Word of Life Church

REV. CHUCK FULTON, pastor / 648-2330
711 E. Ave., Carrizozo, NM
Affiliated w/ the Evangelistic Assembly Church
Sunday..... 7:00 p.m.

Tinnie Baptist Church

BILL JONES, pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Church Services..... 11:00 am

United Methodist Churches

TOM WOODWARD, pastor
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2848
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 8:30 pm
United Methodist Women: Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
CAPITAN
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.

Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSON, pastor (inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd/Capitan
Preparation Prayer..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, pastor / 849-7975
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner..... First Sunday of Month

Ruidoso Waste Rates

(Con't. from P. 5)

said there is market for plastic, but the village has nowhere to store the plastic. Village manager Alan Briley said it takes a massive quantity of plastic for a load.

As for glass, Donaldson said he heard of one city that is storing its recyclable glass and now has five acres covered. "It's got to make sense to recycle," he said about why the village is not recycling glass now. He also said storing plastic means the plastic blows around.

Resident Glen Barrow said it is a tough challenge for the village to recycle. He said government must take the leadership for recycling. "That's why PC's are cheap, government got into chip purchasing," Barrow said. "I believe recycling will work if government writes specs to use recycled products, such as park benches made of recycled plastic and tires from old tires."

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"THE BATTLE FOR FORT STANTON"

An open letter to the citizens of Lincoln County

With information from some Legislators, having spoken with many local individuals and from what I have read in our local papers the last several days, I believe the majority of Lincoln County residents agree that the preservation of Fort Stanton is vitally important to the County and we need to take steps to protect this valuable historic treasure and make it a viable economic resource to our area, providing employment and restoring our pride in New Mexico's last intact pre-Civil War fort.

The way to accomplish this is not as complex as some people would have us believe.

As the founding director of the two major museums in Lincoln County, (the Museum of the

Horse and the LCHT Museum in Lincoln) and having over 20 years experience in historic preservation efforts and economic development of museums and sites (including Ft. Stanton) I have first-hand knowledge of the subject.

A brief historic overview may help put the issues into perspective: The State of New Mexico operated hospital facilities at the Fort from 1953 into the 1990's, maintaining the properties until hospital operations were deemed untenable. However during the late 80's the Lincoln County Heritage Trust, a private organization formed by Mr. Robert O. Anderson, who had worked with the State over the preceding decade to preserve and protect the village of

Lincoln, now turned its attention to the preservation and economic issues associated with Fort Stanton.

The State had never identified the Fort as an important historical and economic resource for the County. State monies instead went in large part to sites in northern New Mexico, mostly in the Santa Fe area, then, as now, they looked at Fort Stanton as a "step-child," perhaps because our County with its modest population is politically weak with a relatively small amount of votes. For over 50 years the State, the Museum of New Mexico, and State Monuments had taken on many projects but somehow Fort Stanton, the State's only standing, intact fort dating back to the Indian Wars, with over 70% of its original buildings still standing in a pristine setting, continued to be overlooked.

In 1987-88, then State Representative Ben Hall, who identified the long term importance of Fort Stanton to the County, State and Nation, started to work with myself and other key members of the Lincoln County Heritage Trust to formulate the beginnings of a plan for asset management of the Fort. Support was gained from Gov. Garrey Carruthers, various other State Representatives, the

Lincoln County Commissioners, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the Bureau of Land Management. Planning monies were acquired by Rep. Hall to start the process. The result of this effort, entitled **Fort Stanton: Masterplan for Preservation and Development**, was completed in 1988. Phase I consisted of a building and site evaluation and survey with commentary of ideas of economic development by the Williams Co. Austin Texas. In addition, the idea of the "National Center for the Western Horse" concept was launched with the BLM to promote long term land and water use for the 24,715 acres managed by BLM that surround the Fort complex.

"The restored fort, surrounded by unspoiled mountain scenery and abundant recreation activities, will provide the citizens of our state, as well as the nation, with unique experiences in the years ahead. Future generations of New Mexicans and Americans will have the opportunity to enjoy first hand many fascinating aspects of our western heritage.

The dedication, leadership and vision of all the individuals involved in this worthwhile undertaking are deeply appreciated and commended."

(Signed)

Garrey Carruthers
Governor
State of New Mexico

August 1988

By 1989 Rep. Hall had set in motion the interest in Santa Fe and was successful in acquiring nearly half a million dollars for the preservation and restoration of Gen. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing's Officer Quarters. In addition to the other historic buildings and the land, the enormous water rights at Fort Stanton are currently an issue which must be addressed because the sale of a large portion of them (with or without the Fort property) could jeopardize and grossly affect our local watershed for the foreseeable future.

The challenge now facing the County and its commissioners is to take the lead... take the lead and enter into Phase 2 of the Masterplanning effort. Create a team to start to develop and explore the long term economic resources, historical and tourism potential of New Mexico's only standing Indian Wars fort, and put a time-limit on their efforts so that we can all see some actual solutions and some genuine economic proposals that will put the fort back on its feet, showing it off as it deserves to be, and creating jobs in the area. Texas has already accomplished this with their own historic forts — shame, shame, SHAME on us if we cannot or WILL NOT do the same. Texans are now reaping the rewards of their efforts in

terms of economics, tourism, jobs — shouldn't we?

The State, Federal Government, local groups, corporate entities and individuals can all play a part in the planning process but it has to start with the Lincoln County Commissioners and our State Representatives leading the charge.

Join the Team. Let's get this done today. Call or write Gov. Gary Johnson, Governor's Office, State Capitol Bldg., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503, Ph. (505) 827-3000; Rep. Dub Williams, State Representative, HC 66 Box 10, Glendale, New Mexico 86324, Ph. (505) 378-4181, Ph. (505) 986-4454 in Santa Fe; Lincoln County Commissioners, c/o Thomas F. Stewart, Lincoln County Manager, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, Ph. (505) 648-2385, today and have them do two things: (1) take down the FOR SALE sign on New Mexico's cultural heritage and (2) get the planning process started for Fort Stanton's future. If it's not important to you, it certainly won't be to them!

Fort Stanton has just been placed on the Top 10 List of Endangered Historic Sites in the United States by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C.

GARY MILLER
Lincoln, New Mexico

Where Is The Money?

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We must hope that the County and its Commissioners and our State Representative will take the lead... take the lead, assume their responsibility and NOT PUT THE FORT UP FOR SALE, but rather enter into Phase 2 of the Masterplanning effort. A "tiger team" should be created to start to develop and explore the long term economic resources, historical and tourism potential and funding sources for New Mexico's only standing Indian Wars fort. Some actual solutions and some genuine economic proposals should be investigated, which could be proposed to the State, that will put the fort back on its feet, and create long term jobs in the area. The question is: *Where does the money come from?*

To start with the answer is simple... THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO! They (we) are the owners of the property.

The state has the means to support major historical and cultural projects throughout the State of New Mexico, preserving our heritage and creating economic tourism. There are two organizations that are the mainstay of this effort and are under the State Office of Cultural Affairs. One is the Museum of New Mexico and New Mexico State Monuments, and the other is the State Historic Preservation Office.

A few recent or current projects:

In 1999 the State of New Mexico funded \$1,000,000 to support the planning and start-up phase of the Albuquerque Balloon Museum, (which has been in the planning stage for over 10 years!) which so far has cost the city and state well over \$8 million.

The State is also deeply committed to funding and establishing the Camino Real Museum and Historic Route from Mexico City to Santa Fe.

Already in the planning and development phase is the National Hispanic Cultural Center, a \$40 million project, again in Albuquerque. "The cost of the first phase of the center, paid for by the State, has increased from \$16.5 million to \$18 million," director Eugene Matta said. The first phase will include a 10,000 square-foot visual arts complex, a restaurant, ballroom and 2,500 seat amphitheater. The second phase will cost just over \$20 million of which 417.8 million has been authorized by the federal government.

SO WHY IS FORT STANTON CONTINUALLY OVERLOOKED?

Could it be the lack of a plan to follow? Could it be that the county thinks the state should assume all the responsibility? What must we do to solidify the interest that has been expressed by so many concerned groups and individuals? What must we do to make certain that a genuine, workable plan comes to the forefront, one that can actually be implemented and carried out in an efficient and effective manner?

Now is the time for our State Rep. to start to PLAN and interact with the state to make Fort Stanton all it can be. Putting it up for sale is doing a disservice to the people of Lincoln County. We already have the right owner with sizable financial resources.

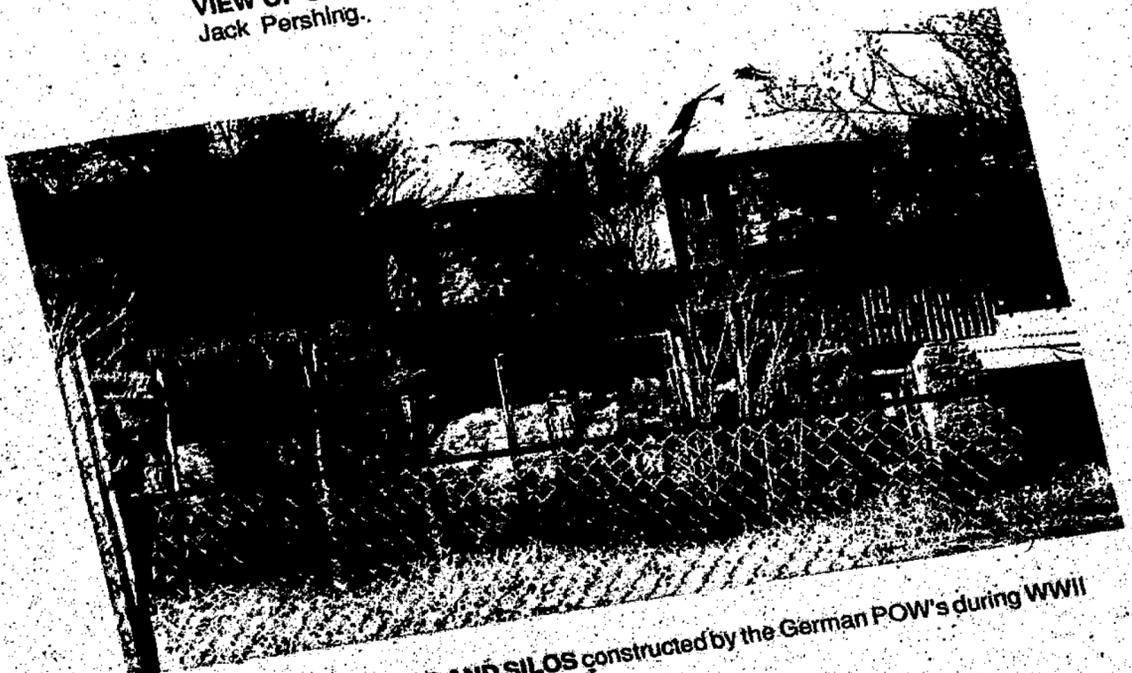
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GARY MILLER
Lincoln, New Mexico



VIEW OF ONE HISTORIC BUILDING in Fort Stanton that at one time housed Black Jack Pershing.



OLD HORSE STABLES AND SILOS constructed by the German POW's during WWII are deteriorating rapidly.



JOE PALOMAREZ

Rosary service for Joe Palomarez, 70 of Carrizozo was February 8 at Santa Rita Catholic Church, and funeral Mass was held on February 9. Burial followed at the Ancho Cemetery with Fr. Dave Berg's officiating.

Joe died February 6 at his home in Carrizozo. He was born December 11, 1929 at Oscura and had lived in Lincoln County all of his life and in Carrizozo for the past 40 years. He was a retired track worker for the Southern Pacific Railroad and a member of Santa Rita Catholic Church.

Survivors include three brothers, Nat Palomarez of Carrizozo, Richard Palomarez of San Francisco, CA, and David Palomarez of Sacramento, CA; and four sisters, Beatrice Garcia of Sacramento, CA, Vivian Dupree of Concord, CA, Hope Razura of Vallejo, CA, and Lydia Palomarez of Albuquerque.

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

JOHN WEST

John West, 69, noted New Mexico silversmith and jewelry designer, died suddenly at his home in Carrizozo on Tuesday, January 25.

He was born in Durant, OK, August 29, 1930, son of artist Harold E. West and Mildred Olive West. West grew up in Santa Fe and lived most of his adult life in that city before moving to Lincoln County in 1977 with his wife Ann Buffington.

He is survived by his wife; his 97 year old mother Mildred West of Santa Fe; brothers Jerry West and Archie West of Santa Fe, and Phil West of Albuquerque; sister Sarah Vattano of Fort Collins, CO; three children, Anita West of Santa Fe, Robert West of Lamy, NM, and Kenny West of Simi Valley, CA; four step-children, Rob Buffington of Toledo, OH, Sidney Buffington of Albuquerque, Betsy Buffington of Bozeman, MT; and Nancy Buffington Moneyhun, of Newark, DE; and five grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the White Oaks Schoolhouse.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Corona Municipal School District will receive sealed lump sum bids for: Gymnasium Renovation, Corona High School, 250 Franklin, Corona, New Mexico.

Bids will be opened publicly in accordance with the following: Date: Thursday, March 9, 2000. Place: Corona Municipal Schools Board Room, 250 Franklin, P.O. Box 258, Corona, New Mexico 88318. Time: 4:00 PM, local time.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Gymnasium Building at 3:00 pm, local time, on Thursday, February 24, 2000. Contractors will have an opportunity to view the existing facilities and will be expected to be familiar with all visible existing conditions.

Bid Documents may be obtained after 1 pm on February 14, 2000, from Greor Stafford/SJCF, Inc., 6020 Academy N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, and may be viewed at the following locations:

- Builders News & Plan Room, 3435 Princeton NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107, 505/884-1752. 1615 University Blvd., NE Dodge Reports, Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505/243-2517. Construction Reporter, 1809 Second Street, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, 505/243-0793. Dodge Reports, 7500 Viscount, Suite 106, El Paso, Texas 79925, 915/778-5097.

A deposit of fifty dollars (\$100.00) will be required for each set of documents issued for bidding purposes. Only complete sets of Documents will be reserved for the Bidders and major suppliers. Make check payable to: Corona Municipal Schools.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 17, 2000, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following:

- 1. PROPOSED LINCOLN COUNTY INDIGENT HOSPITAL/HEALTH CARE ORDINANCE

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF NEW MEXICO

Probate # 1815 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERTRUDE A. HUEY Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Probate Court.

DATED: Jan. 25, 2000. Pat Huey P.O. Box 197 Capitán, NM 88318

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LINCOLN COUNTY LODGERS TAX COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

February 23, 2000 - 10:00 A.M. NOTICE OF MEETING NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the February 23, 2000, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

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Ruidoso Water Office Number Is Wrong In New Phone Book

The Village of Ruidoso water billing department phone number is 258-4343. But recently an 86 year old woman began getting phone calls for the water department, soon after the new "Greater Ruidoso" phone directories were mailed to all area telephone customers. "The number in the directory, 258-4041, is wrong," said Ruidoso village manager Alan Briley during his report

to Ruidoso Village Councilors on Tuesday, February 8. "That is the number of an 86 year old woman who is on oxygen. If you want the village water department call 258-4343."

Briley said the new phone directory erroneously listed the wrong telephone number for the water billing office in the village administration center.

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE CHISHOLM EAKER, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO: TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CATHERINE CHISHOLM EAKER, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE CHISHOLM EAKER, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

A hearing on the Petition filed by Petitioner, setting forth a request that the Court enter its order formally probating the Last Will and Testament of Catherine Chisholm Eaker executed on May 31, 1989; that the Court enter its order determining the heirs of decedent; that the petitioner be formally appointed as personal representative, without bond, in an unsupervised administration; that letters of administration be issued to Petitioner and that such other relief as may be proper be granted, will be held before the Hon. Karen L. Parsons, District Judge, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, NM, on the 28th day of February, 2000, at 8:30 O'clock, A.M.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition is hereby given you by publication, one each week, for two consecutive weeks.

Witness our hands and the seal of this Court. DATED this 27th day of January, 2000.

CHERYL CASTRO, District Court Clerk By: Stephanie J. Browning Deputy

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NOTICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE; DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES; PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS; AND, NOTICE OF ELECTION SCHOOL FOR THE PRECINCT BOARDS VILLAGE OF CORONA

In connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 7, 2000 and pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office of the Village of Corona.

The candidates' names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot as determined by the drawing by lot.

- 1. For the office of Councilman for a four year term: Position #1: Mitzi A. Smith, Sandra S. Purrington. Position #2: Gilbert R. Stewart, Jr.

B. Notice is hereby given that the following polling place shall be used for the conduct of the regular municipal election to be held on March 7, 2000:

- 1. Voters in Precinct One within the municipal boundary shall vote at Corona Village Hall, Hwy. 54/Main Street, Corona, NM. 2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Hwy. 54/Main Street, Corona, NM. 3. Voters in the early voting precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Hwy. 54/Main Street, Corona, NM.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2000.

CATHY MUNIZ Municipal Clerk

C. The following Precinct Board Members have been appointed:

- 1. For judge in Precinct One: Theresa Barajas. For clerks in Precinct One: Kayla Luera; Renee Kessler. For translator in Precinct One: Theresa Barajas. For alternates in Precinct One: Tessie Montano, Cathy Yancey.

D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held on the 29th day of February, 2000 at the Village Hall in Corona, New Mexico. The school will begin at 10:00 a.m. The school is open to the public.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2000. Signed: CATHY MUNIZ Municipal Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTS OF SPECIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX ELECTION AND SPECIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL BOND ELECTION HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2000 HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20

TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED: QUESTION 1 - PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX.

For: 43. Against: 44. TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED 87.

QUESTION 2 - PUBLIC SCHOOL BOND QUESTION.

For: 48. Against: 45. TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED 93.

This publication is made in accordance with Section 1-22-15, NMSA 1978.

LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK By: LOREE VALLEJOS Chief Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-99-271 DIV. III

RANDY CLARK, PEGGY CLARK, and KEN CLARK, her husband, Plaintiffs,

JAMES HAYMAN, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED RESPONDENT:

JAMES HAYMAN 1035 Skylane Road RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO 88345

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that RANDY CLARK, PEGGY CLARK, and KEN CLARK, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-99-271 wherein you are named as the Defendant and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive services upon you.

The general objects of said action are to obtain personal injury and monetary damages.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before March 27, 2000 judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Petition will be granted.

The address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs is as follows:

Ray Sharbutt SHARBUTT LAW FIRM 419 Mechem Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico (505) 630-9100

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 25th day of Jan., 2000.

CHERYL C. CASTRO Clerk of the District Court By: Eugenia Vega Deputy

Published January 27 and February 3, 10 & 17, 2000.

LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTS OF SPECIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX ELECTION HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2000 IN THE CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28

TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED:

QUESTION 1 - PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX.

For: 159. Against: 141. TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED 300.

This publication is in accordance with Section 1-22-15, NMSA 1978.

LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

By: LOREE VALLEJOS Chief Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCION ESPECIAL CON EL FIN DE APROBAR IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS MATERIALES QUE TUVO LUGAR EL 1 DE FEBRERO DE 2000, EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR MUNICIPIO NUMERO 28 DE CAPITAN

VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS

QUESTION 1 - SOBRE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS DE LAS ESCUELAS PUBLICAS

Por: 159. Contra: 141. VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS 300.

Esta publicacion hecha segun la Seccion 1-22-15, NMSA 1978.

Escribana del Condado de Lincoln

By: LOREE VALLEJOS Chief Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-00-027

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF ROBERTA MARIA ORTIZ

Petitioner.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a suit is pending in Twelfth Judicial District Court wherein Roberta Maria Ortiz is the Petitioner. Object of suit is change of name of Roberta Maria Ortiz to Maria Alvarado.

A hearing on the application will be held at Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County Courthouse, before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, on Friday, February 25, 2000 at 1:15 p.m.

You are further notified that this Notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks and that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within twenty days of the date of the last publication, your consent shall not be required. Petitioner's attorney is E.C. "Mike" Gomez, P.O. Box 2931, Roswell, New Mexico 88202-2931.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of this Court.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK By: Elizabeth Luera Deputy

Submitted by: E.C. "Mike" Gomez P.O. Box 2931 Roswell, New Mexico 88202-2931 (505) 623-2448

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NOTICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE, DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES, PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS, AND NOTICE OF ELECTION SCHOOL FOR THE PRECINCT BOARDS

Town of Carrizozo
In connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 7, 2000 and pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office of the Town of Carrizozo.

The candidate names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot as determined by the drawing by lot.

- 1. For the office of Trustee for a four year term. Wesley B. Lindsay, Tommy R. Guovara
2. For the office of Municipal Judge for a four year term. Johnie L. Johnson, C.O. "Chuck" Rominger, LeoRoy Zamora

B. Notice is hereby given that the following polling place shall be used for the conduct of the regular municipal election to be held on March 7, 2000.

- 1. Voters in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13 within the municipal boundary shall vote at Town of Carrizozo Council Chambers, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.
2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.
3. Voters in the early voting precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.

C. The following Precinct Board members have been appointed:

- 1. For Judge in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Don Means
For Clerks in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
For Alternate in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Ruth Wilson
For Translator in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Josie Vega
2. For Judge in Absent Voter Precincts 2A and 13: Don Means
For Clerks in Absent Voter Precincts 2A and 13: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
For Alternate in Absent Voter Precincts 2A and 13: Ruth Wilson
For Translator in Absent Voter Precincts 2A and 13: Josie Vega
3. For Judge in Early Voting Precincts 2A and 13: Don Means
For Clerks in Early Voting Precincts 2A and 13: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
For Alternate in Early Voting Precincts 2A and 13: Ruth Wilson
For Translator in Early Voting Precincts 2A and 13: Josie Vega

D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held on the 14th Day of February, 2000 at the Lincoln County Commissioners Room in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The school will begin at 9:00 A.M. The school is open to the public.

CAROL SCHLARB Municipal Clerk

Published in the Lincoln County News on February 10 and 17, 2000.

AVISO DE NOMBRES DE CANDIDATOS PARA CARGO PUBLICO, DESIGNACION DE LOCALES PARA VOTAR, MIEMBROSE DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DE RECINTO, Y AVISO SOBRE LA ESCUELA DE ELECCIONES PARA LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL RECINTO

Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico
Con respecto a la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 3 de marzo de 2000 y de acuerdo con 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes electores calificados son candidatos para puestos publicos del Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico.

- 1. Para el puesto de Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro anos. Wesley B. Lindsay, Tommy R. Guovara
2. Para el puesto de Juez Municipal por un termino de cuatro anos. Johnie L. Johnson, C.O. "Chuck" Rominger, LeoRoy Zamora

B. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que las siguientes locales para votar se usaran para la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 7 de marzo de 2000.

- 1. Votantes en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13 dentro del lindero municipal votaran en: Town of Carrizozo Council Chambers, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.
2. Votantes en el recintos de votantes absontista votaran en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad: Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.
3. Votantes en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion votaran en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad: Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.

C. Los siguientes miembros del Cuerpo Directivo del Recinto han sido nombrados:

- 1. Para el juez en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13: Don Means
Para escribanas en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
Para la suplente en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13: Ruth Wilson
Para el traductor en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13: Josie Vega
2. Para el juez en el recinto del votante absontista: Don Means
Para las escribanas en el recinto del votante absontista: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
Para la suplente en el recinto del

- votante absontista: Ruth Wilson
Para la traductor en el recinto del votante absontista: Josie Vega
3. Para el juez en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Don Means
Para las escribanas en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
Para la suplente en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Ruth Wilson
Para la traductor en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Josie Vega

D. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se llevara a cabo una "Escuela" sobre la Eleccion del Cuerpo Directivo del Recinto el dia 14th de Febrero de 2000 en el Cuarto de los Comisionados, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico. La "Escuela" empezara a las 9:00 A.M. La "Escuela" esta abierta al publico. Fechado este dia 9th de Febrero, 2000.

CAROL SCHLARB Escribana Municipal

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PRIMARY ELECTION PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to the Primary Election Law of the State of New Mexico, I, Martha McKnight Proctor, Lincoln County Clerk, State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue the following proclamation:

That a Primary Election be, and the same is hereby called to be, held throughout the State of New Mexico, County of Lincoln and precincts thereof, on the 6th day of June, 2000;

That the Primary Election shall be applicable to the following political parties, to wit: the Democratic Party, the Green Party, and the Republican Party; and

That the Primary Election shall be for the purpose of permitting the Democratic Party, the Green Party, and the Republican Party to nominate candidates for the following offices:

FEDERAL OFFICES

ONE UNITED STATES SENATOR SIX-YEAR TERM

ONE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2: TWO-YEAR TERM

STATE, DISTRICT, AND METROPOLITAN OFFICES

THREE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS POSITION 1: EIGHT-YEAR TERM POSITION 2: TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM POSITION 3: EIGHT-YEAR TERM

ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE SENATE DISTRICT 8: FOUR-YEAR TERM

ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 56: TWO-YEAR TERM

ONE DISTRICT JUDGE 12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT DIVISION 2: TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM

ONE DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 12: FOUR-YEAR TERM

ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 8: FOUR-YEAR TERM

COUNTY OFFICES

TWO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 1: FOUR-YEAR TERM DISTRICT 3: FOUR-YEAR TERM

ONE COUNTY ASSESSOR: FOUR-YEAR TERM

ONE SHERIFF: FOUR-YEAR TERM

ONE PROBATE JUDGE: FOUR-YEAR TERM

Declarations of candidacy by pre-primary convention designation and nominating petitions for the office of United States Representative, United States Senator, Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions for multi-county legislative districts, district judges, district attorneys, state board of education, and public regulation commission shall be filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and filing fees or, in lieu thereof, pauper statements for all other elective county offices shall be filed with the county clerk on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions for candidates who seek, but fail to receive pre-primary convention designation for a statewide office or the office of United States Representative shall be filed with the Secretary of State during regular business hours either ten days following the date of the pre-primary convention or on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

No state convention for designating candidates shall be held later than the Sunday, March 19, 2000.

Certificates of designation of primary election candidates shall be filed by political parties with the secretary of state no later than 5:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday succeeding the state convention.

Declarations of retention for the one justice of the Supreme Court and the one judge of the court of appeals shall be filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF LINCOLN COUNTY, New Mexico

Martha McKnight Proctor Lincoln County Clerk

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PROCLAMACION PARA LA PRESELECCION DE CANDIDATOS

De conformidad con la ley del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, en la que constan las disposiciones que rigen la Preseleccion de Candidatos, yo, Martha McKnight Proctor, Escribana del Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico, en virtud de las facultades que me otorga la ley, por la presente, expido la proclamacion a continuacion: Que se convoque la Preseleccion de Candidatos y

por la presente, la misma se convoca para que dicha preseleccion tenga lugar el dia 6 de junio 2000 en cada Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico, y recinto del Estado de Nuevo Mexico;

Que la preseleccion de candidatos aplique a los siguientes partidos politicos, a saber: El Partido Democra, el Partido Verde y el Partido Republicano; y

Que la Preseleccion de Candidatos se lleve a cabo con el fin de permitir que el Partido Democra, el Partido Verde y el Partido Republicano nominen candidatos para los siguientes cargos publicos:

CARGOS PUBLICOS FEDERALES

UN SENADOR FEDERAL PLAZO DE DOS ANOS

UN REPRESENTANTE PARA EL CONGRESO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS

DISTRITO 2: PLAZO DE DOS ANOS

CARGOS PUBLICOS DEL ESTADO DE DISTRITO Y DE AREAS METROPOLITANAS

TRES JUECES DE LA CORTE DE APELACIONES

CARGO 1: PLAZO DE OCHO ANOS

CARGO 2: PARA LLENAR EL PLAZO NO VENCIDO

CARGO 3: PLAZO DE OCHO ANOS

UN MIEMBRO DEL SENADO DEL ESTADO

DISTRITO 8: PLAZO DE CUATRO ANOS

UN MIEMBRO DE LA CAMARA DE REPRESENTANTE DEL ESTADO

DISTRITO 56: PLAZO DE DOS ANOS

UN JUECE DE DISTRITO

DOCE DISTRITO JUDICIAL

DIVISION 2: PARA LLENAR PLAZO NO VENCIDO

UN FISCAL DE DISTRITO

DISTRITO 12: PLAZO DE CUATRO ANOS

UN MIEMBRO DEL CUERPO DE EDUCACION DEL ESTADO

DISTRITO 8: PLAZO DE CUATRO ANOS

CARGOS PUBLICOS DE CONDADO

DOS COMISIONADOS DE CONDADO

DISTRITO 1: PLAZO DE CUATRO ANOS

DISTRITO 3: PLAZO DE CUATRO ANOS

UN ASESOR DE CONDADO: PLAZO DE CUATRO ANOS

UN ALGUACIL DE CONDADO: PLAZO DE CUATRO ANOS

UN JUEZ DE SUCESIONES: PLAZO DE CUATRO ANOS

Las declaraciones de candidatura expedidas en la convencion para la pre-seleccion de candidatos mediante designacion y peticiones de nominacion para el cargo de Representante en el Congreso de los Estados Unidos, Senador del Senado de los Estados Unidos, Juez de la Corte de Apelaciones se presentaran en la oficina de la Secretaria de Estado el martes 8 de febrero 2000, entre las horas de las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Las declaraciones de candidatura y peticiones de nominacion para los distritos legislativos dentro de las demarcaciones de varios condados, para los cargos de jueces de distrito, para cargos en el cuerpo de educacion del estado, y en la comision reguladora, se presentaran en la oficina de la Secretaria de Estado el martes, 21 de marzo 2000, entre las horas de las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Las declaraciones de candidatura y las cuotas que la ley impone para inscribirse o en lugar de dichas cuotas, las declaraciones de indigencia para todos los otros cargos publicos de condados se presentaran en la oficina del Escribano del Condado el martes 21 de marzo 2000 entre las horas de la 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Las declaraciones de candidatura y las peticiones de nominacion para los candidatos que se postulan, que no sean designados por la convencion celebrada antes de la pre-seleccion de candidatos para cargos publicos del estado o para el cargo de representante en el Congreso de los Estados Unidos, se presentaran en la oficina de la Secretaria de Estado durante las horas habiles ya sea diez dias a partir de la fecha de la convencion para la pre-seleccion de candidatos o el miercoles 29 de marzo 2000 entre las horas de las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Las convenciones para designar candidatos no tendran lugar despues del domingo 19 de marzo 2000.

Los partidos politicos presentaran certificaciones de designacion de candidatos en la oficina de la Secretaria de Estado a mas tardar las 5:00 p.m. el primer martes despues de la convencion estatal.

Las declaraciones de retencion de un juez de la corte suprema y un juez de la corte de apelaciones, se presentaran en la oficina de la Secretaria de Estado el martes 8 de febrero 2000 entre las horas de las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

EN FE DE LO CUAL, PONGO MI EMBRICA Y EL GRAN SELLO DEL CONDADO DE LINCOLN, NUEVO MEXICO

Martha McKnight Proctor Escribana de Condado Lincoln

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCION ESPECIAL CON EL FIN DE APROBAR IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS MATERIALES QUE TUVO LUGAR EL 1 DE FEBRERO DE 2000, EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR PUBLICO NUMERO 20 DE HONDO VALLEY

VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS: QUESTION 1 -- SOBRE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS DE LAS ESCUELAS PUBLICAS For: 43 Contra: 44

VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS 87. QUESTION 2 -- BONOS DE OBLICACION GENERAL For: 48 Against: 45

VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS 93

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NOTICE OF INTENT PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico to consider deleting Section 6-5-3 of the Town of Carrizozo Municipal Code, Book and enacting new section 6-5-3 and section 6-5-4 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE DELETING SECTION 6-5-3 OF THE TOWN OF CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL CODE BOOK AND ENACTING NEW SECTION 6-5-3 AND SECTION 6-5-4.

Chapter VI MINORS

SECTION 6-5-3. TOBACCO USE OR POSSESSION BY MINORS:

The Town of Carrizozo realizes that Section 30-49-1, et seq. of New Mexico Statutes Annotated, aka the Tobacco Products Act in Section 30-49-3 attempts to regulate the relationship between minors and tobacco products. However, the language contained in Section 30-49-3 is potentially unclear as to whether it is a violation of the statute for minors to possess and/or utilize tobacco products. Accordingly, the Town of Carrizozo adopts this ordinance, Section 6-5-3, to clarify that in the Town of Carrizozo it is illegal for minors to use or possess tobacco products.

It shall be unlawful for any minor within the town limits of the Town of Carrizozo to procure, attempt to procure, possess, utilize or consume any tobacco products.

Any person who violates any provision of Section 6-5-3 is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 or 48 hours of community service. Each act in violation of 6-5-3 by any minor shall constitute a separate and distinct offense for purposes of penalty imposition.

SECTION 6-5-4: SEVERABILITY

Copies of Proposed Ordinance may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk during normal working hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Carol Schlarb CMC/AEE Town Clerk/Treasurer Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, February 10, 2000.

LEGAL NOTICE

RFP-2000-02

Notice is hereby given, that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will be accepting proposals regarding the Operation and Management of the Town of Carrizozo Recreation Center.

Request for Proposals will be received by the Town of Carrizozo, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, NM 88301 until Friday, February 18, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. at the office of the Town Clerk.

The Town of Carrizozo 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 the Town of Carrizozo.

CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AEE Town Clerk/Treasurer Published in the Lincoln County News on February 10 and 17, 2000.

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New Lowfat Mozzarella Cuts Fat In Pizza

By Betty McCreight
Lincoln County
Home Economist

Many health-conscious Americans have quit eating pizza in an attempt to lower their fat intake, but Agricultural Resource Service (ARS) scientists have developed a lowfat mozzarella which may put pizza back on dieters' plates.

The new lowfat mozzarella is only 10

percent fat by weight and has the taste and melting characteristics of regular mozzarella.

Regular mozzarella cheese is 22 to 24 percent fat, and part skim mozzarella is about 17 percent fat by weight. Several brands of lowfat mozzarella introduced to the market recently have had problems with consumer acceptance.

The new 10 percent fat

mozzarella is made by using standard cheese-making procedures, equipment and cooking time. The researchers reduced cooking temperatures from 110 degrees Fahrenheit to 95-99 degrees Fahrenheit and used molecular modeling during cheese ripening. This increased the moisture and made the cheese softer with the texture and melting

characteristics of regular mozzarella.

The lower-fat mozzarella is being evaluated by the US Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) for possible use in the National School Lunch Program. The new mozzarella was tested on elementary and middle-school children in Philadelphia by ARS and FNS.

Children were served five-inch pizzas topped with the lower-fat mozzarella. Most finished the pizzas. One student was reported to have refused to go to recess until she finished her pizza, indicating good acceptance of the new product.

Mozzarella cheese is included in the milk, yogurt and cheese group of the Food Guide Pyramid and is a good source of protein and calcium.

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Parents can help kids stay alcohol-free

Parents who want to prevent their children from drinking might well ask the question: "So many of their friends are using alcohol. Will what I say to them make a difference?"

The answer is yes. Research indicates that little or no use of alcohol is strongly associated with young people who perceive that their parents will be upset if they use alcohol. What's more, parents can teach responsible decision-making around alcohol through the most powerful means available: by example.

The following strategies can help parents communicate with their kids to promote clear no-use standards about drinking:

Clarify your own standards. Kay Provine, who helped develop a Hazelden parenting skills program called "Roots & Wings: Raising Resilient Children," stresses this point. "Until the parents have really given it some thought and are clear about their own standards on alcohol use or non-use, it's difficult for them to communicate with any credibility," said Provine. Pious suggestions that parents "talk to their kids" can miss the point unless they know what to say.

When it comes to kids under age 21, parents can set clear, firm standards. Those standards should reflect religious beliefs, personal values and family health issues. If parents are inconsistent with their message, they open up the possibility for kids to create their own standards.

Young people might object to a no-use standard by asking, "If it's not good for kids to drink, then why is it okay for anyone to drink?" Our answer can be simple: Adults can do many things that young people can't do, such as buying homes, voting, and driving cars. Drinking alcohol belongs on this list.

Communicate with attention. Parents can take advantage of "teachable moments"—times when children are perplexed about real-life situations regarding alcohol use. At these moments parents need to talk and listen to their kids with quiet, undivided attention.



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Explain the risks. It's essential to provide young people with two key facts. One, alcohol is a drug and it's potentially addicting. Two, underage drinking is illegal. Both are powerful arguments for abstinence.

The many potential negative consequences should also be pointed out. Discuss the strong correlation between underage drinking and fatal automobile accidents, teen pregnancy, crime and poor academic performance.

However, what really sinks in for young kids is how alcohol will hurt them *today*. So tell how alcohol impairs coordination and judgment; that it may lead to serious injury, that it will make them sick the next day. Tell them that drinking will impede athletic performance. Tell them the human brain is in peak development at their young age and that heavy drinking can hinder intellectual development.

Teach kids how to manage moods. When asked about why kids drink, parents often name external forces: lax supervision at school; families who let children take unreasonable risks with alcohol; peer pressure. But according to David J. Wilmes, author of "Parenting for

Prevention" (Hazelden/Johnson Institute, \$15), those external factors may be overrated. Kids themselves often name internal factors—the desire to experiment with something new, to take risks, and to "see how I'd feel."

By helping kids learn to manage moods, parents prevent dangerous risk-taking. One option is to explain a three-step procedure for handling feelings.

First, name the feeling—"worry," "stress," or "boredom."

Second, decide ahead of time what to do when your child has an unpleasant feeling. Help kids create a list of enjoyable activities, such as jogging, calling a friend, and reading, to defuse feelings without drinking.

Third, practice refusing alcohol. Instead of offering vague advice to "just say no," do some role playing. Parents can pretend they're someone who offers their kids a drink, then ask the kids how they'd respond. Help them decide exactly what to do and say.

When parents guide their kids through this cycle of naming, deciding and practicing, they give them a powerful tool for managing moods—and staying clean and sober.

For a free copy of the Hazelden pamphlet, "Talking With Kids About Alcohol & Drugs," call 1-800-257-7800.

Alive & Free is a chemical health column provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency that offers a wide range of information and services relating to addiction and recovery. Address questions to Alive & Free Editor, BC 10, P.O. Box 11, Center City, MN 55012-0011. For more resources on substance abuse, call Hazelden at 1-800-328-9000 (ask for Hazel) or check its web site at www.hazelden.org.

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BLACKBERRY JELLY OR APRICOT, STRAWBERRY, RED RASPBERRY
Shurfine Preserves SMART BUY 18 OZ. 1.49

KLEENEX WHITE OR W/LOTION
Facial Tissue SMART BUY 144-250 CT. 1.49

SWISS MISS INSTANT OR MINI MARSHMALLOWS
Hot Cocoa Mix SMART BUY 10 PK. 1.49

DAWN ULTRA ASSORTED LIQUID OR POWDER
Dish Detergent SMART BUY 25-28 OZ. 2.29

ASSORTED CASCADE LIQUID OR POWDER
Auto Dish Detergent SMART BUY 45-50 OZ. 2.39

DOWNY ULTRA REG. OR MOUNTAIN SPRING
Fabric Softener SMART BUY 20 OZ. 2.29

SHURFINE
Peach Preserves SMART BUY 18 OZ. 1.19

DAIRY
ASSORTED SPREAD OR REG. QUARTERS
Blue Bonnet 16 OZ. TUBS & QUARTERS
2\$1 SMART BUY

FROZEN
TEXSUN
Orange Juice 12 OZ.
99¢ SMART BUY

SWANSON ASSORTED
Dinners 8.5-11.5 OZ. 1.99

FRESH BOSTON BUTT
Pork Roast
99¢ LB.

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Rib Eye Steak 4.99 LB.	PILGRIMS PRIDE Small Pack Pork 79¢ LB.
PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Chuck Roast 1.69 LB.	PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Chuck Steak 1.79 LB.
FRESH Ground Chuck 1.79 LB.	FRESH Pork Steak 1.19 LB.

MORE MEAT SPECIALS

PORK SHOULDER
Country Style Ribs LB. 1.29

MARKET CUT RED MEAT LOIN
Cheddar Cheese LB. 2.49

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