

# Residents Object To Motocross Track

by Doris Cherry

Residents opposed to a proposed motocross track on the county-owned closed landfill on Fort Stanton mesa packed the Lincoln County Commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo on February 17. Residents left the meeting with the commission splitting its vote to create a committee to help the motocross find a place for its track.

Steve Gonzales,

representing the Lincoln County Motocross (LCM) group, presented a letter from the group proposing to lease the old landfill site for a motocross track. The letter stated LCM learned the county would like to find a suitable use for the landfill property, and their use would enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the county. "Ideally it would also provide another reason for those not residing in our county to travel and spend money in the county,"

Gonzales read.

LCM proposed to rent the old landfill for \$25 a month. They would provide insurance and fencing and gates around the motocross track, pit and spectator areas. Along with the letter from the motocross association were petitions in support of the motocross at the old landfill site.

Ranches of Sonterra subdivision homeowners protested. Ranches of Sonterra home owners association vice president

Chandler Brown said the dump is an ugly place and has been found to have trash just two feet down. "Any escape of this into our ground water or from the top is dangerous," he said. "Contain the field and leave it alone, is what the real use of that land should be."

Brown said the property does not need a dual purpose. He also said he talked with people in the solid waste division of the state Environment Department, who

recommended to leave the old dump alone and not allow public use of the property.

Another concern was the "guys with the bikes will spill over into roads in Ranches of Sonterra and the other new proposed communities in the area. Brown said the noise from motocross will affect the wildlife in the area, and the two cycle engine motorcycles could pose a fire danger if not properly fit with spark arrestors.

John Hershey, a resident of Ranches of Sonterra, said he moved from Chicago for the beauty, serenity and quiet peacefulness. He said he rides "quiet motorcycles" and is against the motocross because it will destroy the beauty in that part of Lincoln County. He said the noise will affect golfers, and the dust, litter and parties from the motocross track will negatively affect land values. "It is almost

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## Reward Offered For Bomb Scare Caller

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Schools, and Lincoln County Crimestoppers are offering a \$200 reward for information about a bomb threat called into Capitan High School just after lunch on Thursday, February 17.

Anyone having information about who called in the bomb threat can contact Capitan High School at 354-2567.

The bomb scare closed down the school for the rest of the day February 17, tested the school safety plan

and brought concerned parents to an early hour meeting on Tuesday, February 21.

Capitan School Superintendent Diana Billingsley told the small group of parents and staff assembled at 7 a.m. Tuesday about the bomb scare. She said high school secretary Stephanie Aldaz received a call from a young male about 12:30 p.m. The male said a bomb was in the building, plus some expletives and hung up, Billingsley said.

Aldaz then called middle school principal Bill MacVeigh and Dale Jackson,

administrators in charge on that day. Billingsley and elementary principal Dick Clevenger and school board president Tom Trost were in Albuquerque with the architect on the elementary project. Jackson called the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the Capitan police department. Then they began evacuating the buildings according to the school district safety plan. Part of the elementary students went out the Forest Street door to the football field. The rest of the elementary went out the back doors to the football field. Middle school evacuated out the south end door and taken to the football field. Middle school students were seated in the bleachers to be separated from the elementary.

Billingsley said it took about 15 minutes for Capitan police to respond and about

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RANCHES OF SONTERRA homeowners association president Chandler Brown speaks for those opposed to a proposed motocross track at the old county landfill site off Airport Road. Commissioners did not commit to the motocross proposal, but split their vote on a motion to help the motocross group find another location in the county for a track.

## Ruidoso \$6 Million Bond Election Mar. 7

by Doris Cherry

On March 7, 2000, the Village of Ruidoso will hold its regular municipal election.

Three council positions for four year terms and one council position for a two year term will be open for election. Currently those positions are held by Bob Sterchi, Frank Cummins and Ron Anderson in the four year terms, and Linda Flack in the two year term.

Along with the council election, the ballot will include a "community center general obligation bond" question. "Shall the Village of Ruidoso issue up to \$6 million of bonds to construct, equip and improve a community center to be located at the White Mountain Recreation Fields site on Hull Road and which shall include a handicap accessible indoor recreational swimming pool with dressing and locker facilities; a dedicated teen activity room; a multi-room recreation and community function facility; and indoor all-weather 1/16 mile walking

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## County Wants To Be Notified Of Any and All Water Transfers

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County wants to be notified of any and all applications for transferring water rights within the county.

Lincoln County Commissioners, during their meeting on February 17 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, unanimously approved a resolution requesting the county have closer coordination with the State Engineer's Office on water rights transfers, and local advertisement of proposed water transfers.

The resolution refers to the 1997 Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan that states Lincoln County is to be notified of all interstate and federal water development, conservation or other actions that may have impact on the water rights or uses in Lincoln County, prior to the actions beginning.

County manager Tom Stewart gave a report in lieu of the representative from the state engineer's office who was unable to come to the meeting because he was suddenly ill. Stewart said the State Engineer's Office now

has a webpage where all water transfer applications will be posted for 60 days. "This will not substitute for publication in local papers," Stewart added.

The webpage address is www.ose.state.nm.us.

Currently no transfers are listed.

Lincoln resident Ralph Dunlap said there are real concerns because the protests to the proposed water transfers from Lincoln valley to the proposed golf course, were rejected because they were sent after the protest period. Dunlap said according to state engineer regulations notice of water rights transfer applications must be printed in a newspaper of general circulation of the stream system. "The transfers were published in the Albuquerque Journal, which is not available in Hondo, Tinnie and other communities, much less general circulation," Dunlap added.

"We feel they should have to republish the water notices," Dunlap said of those who filed protests too late. Dunlap also asked for a moratorium on water rights transfers until the

regulations are resolved. "This is taking water rights from below and putting them above so it could affect me directly," Dunlap said. He also wondered why the state has not objected to the transfer of water rights to the new private golf course, since it owns 112.21 acre feet of water rights with Fort Stanton.

County attorney Alan Morel said the State Engineer's Office regulates water rights. "The county can petition, can ask for a moratorium, or object, but the county has no power to stop transfers," Morel added.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson asked if the transfer is legal if it was not published locally. Morel said yes.

Stewart asked permission to work with Dunlap to develop a letter to the state engineer about the requested moratorium. He also said the state is assuring it will not transfer any of the rights at Fort Stanton, without notifying the county.

Frances Gallegos, vice-chair of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, read a letter from the board to

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## Prescribed Fire At Fort Stanton

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will conduct a prescribed burn of 140 acres within the Fort Stanton Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) between February 24 and March 15, 2000. The West Mesa Burn is located west of the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

The goal of the prescribed fire is to reduce the amount of encroaching juniper. According to Roswell Fire Management Officer Jim Desmond fire is an effective treatment for eliminating small juniper trees. "Eliminating the juniper will improve the Rio-Bonito watershed by enhancing wildlife habitat and native vegetation," says Desmond.

Question about this prescribed fire or BLM's prescribed fire program can be directed to Jim Desmond at 505-627-0272, or writing to the Roswell Field Office, 2909 West Second, Roswell, NM 88201.



## Patterson's Olympic Dream Getting Closer To Reality

For UNM law student Chad Patterson the dream of participating in the Olympics is finally becoming a reality but he still needs help to make it happen.

Patterson is seeking support to help him make it to the Olympic cycling trials in Jackson, MS scheduled for May. He is raising money for expenses. He needs approximately \$8,000 to make it to the trials and currently has \$1,000 raised.

Although he has always liked cycling, he began his competitive career in 1992 when he competed in the Sandia Crest Hill Climb. Each year after that he kept improving his time, strength and endurance.

"I really enjoy cycling and I want to take this opportunity of making my dream into a reality," says Patterson. "There are no professional (cycle) teams based in New Mexico and my commitment to getting an education has kept me from doing the traveling I would have to do to turn pro."

He spends 20-25 hours each week training for the trials and continues to go to school full time. Patterson, was raised in Eunice, NM and graduated high school in Carrizozo in 1993. He received his undergraduate degree from New Mexico State and needs two and a half more years to complete his law degree at UNM.

Individuals interested in helping Patterson should contact him at 242-9313 or email at patteredch@law.unm.edu.

# Reward Offered For

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30 for the sheriff's deputies to arrive. "Once the police got here, we began a search of each building," Billingsley said. State police were also notified of the bomb threat. Later in the meeting, MacVeigh said Capitan police chief Carrol Durbin and officer Dennis Vega responded soon after he called 911. State police had to come out of Alamogordo and the sheriff's officers were at least 30 minutes away. "So police

response was not immediate," MacVeigh said. On Friday, February 18, Billingsley told *THE NEWS* that state police called in the bomb squad when teacher Jo Beth Vinson found a duffel bag she did not recognize in her classroom in the high school. Teachers had been sent in to their classrooms to see if anything looked suspicious. The state police bomb squad detonated the duffel bag which turned out to have

only clothes in it. "Once the bomb threat was turned over to the police, we considered calling in the bus drivers early," Billingsley added. Some drivers could not come however, and there were concerns about contacting all the parents who pick their children up from the bus routes. When the buses came in, about 3:05 p.m. the students were put on their buses which were parked on Dean Field. By 3:10 p.m. all buses were on their way. High school students with cars were allowed to leave. Aidaz said some high school students were evacuated to the baseball field across Highway 380, others were taken to Christ Community Church next to the school. Parents were concerned the district safety manual was not followed and children had to sit in the high winds on the football field, instead of being taken to the fair grounds as directed in the district safety plan. Billingsley said if it had been raining that would have happened.

Billingsley said the safety plan was followed. Every teacher has a copy of the safety plan. Some parents were concerned that parents were not notified about the incident while it was happening. Billingsley said staff were unable to get back into the building to make telephone calls, taking precaution because an electronic device could set off a bomb. No one was allowed back in until state police gave the all clear, she added. Billingsley agreed the district needs to work on some



**OSCURO CITIZEN** Jerry Carroll asks if census workers have the right to trespass on property posted property during a report on the census at the Lincoln County Commissioners meeting February 17. Census bureau representatives answered by saying that an accurate count is important. When Carroll learned that census forms will not be mailed to post office boxes, he said if they want to count him, they can mail him a form to his post office box.

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way to communicate such emergencies to parents. She said the district might be able to work with the village for communication. But Stierwalt said he could not have released staff to make such calls, because all staff were needed.

Another parent also said the district needed to put out a public service announcement to the radio and other media after the incident, because many people were unaware of how the incident turned out.

Other parents were concerned about children being left at bus stops earlier than usual. Some children had to wait for parents to arrive at the stops.

Business manager Francis Traylor, who assisted the administrators during the incident, said the reason the busses left early was some have to cross Highway 380. (The highway was closed off when the bomb squad detonated the duffel bag.) Traylor said she knew the Ruidoso bus did wait at the Bowling

Alley. On deciding who was in charge, Billingsley said every first day of the week they have a staff meeting to determine who is going to be gone during the week. It so happened that day, MacVeigh was the only principal left on the campus.

In response to a question about the students going evacuation drills, Stierwalt said it was done last year. A parent said she heard some high school kids walked off campus, and others were unable to leave because they could not get their younger siblings. Traylor said there was a problem as some students wanted to take their younger siblings, cousins and friends.

As for how the students were evacuated, elementary secretary Mozie Sparks said she was notified, then she walked to each classroom and told the teacher confidentially what was happening. MacVeigh said he went to all the teachers, who let their kids get their coats and

return to their classes. The students exited the building according to the regular procedure. "The teachers did a good job," MacVeigh said.

Stierwalt said the high school kids were allowed to get their coats before they were evacuated out of the building.

School board president Trost said he thought the staff did well with the incident. He said taking the kids to the fair building was a judgement call, since it was not raining or snowing. "I think the staff should be commended," Trost said. "They put the safety of the students first."

A parent said the incident was a "wake-up call" for the district to learn what went right and what went wrong.

As for what the district is doing to find the caller, Capitan police officer Dennis Vega said there is no way to trace the call. "But kids will brag," Vega added.

Stierwalt said the school

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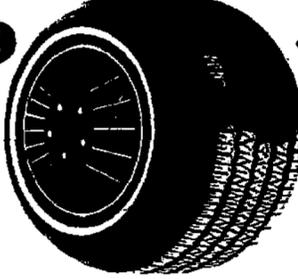
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# Census Forms To Be Mailed March 13

## But Not To Post Office Boxes

by Doris Cherry

The Census 2000 will soon be taken. Forms are to be mailed to residences with house addresses beginning March 13.

But residents with post office boxes will not receive a census form through the mail.

Lincoln County census coordinator Larry Brimbrow and Ruben Ceballos from the Bureau of Census in Las Cruces reported to the Lincoln County Commission on February 17. Ceballos said there is a need for additional census workers in Lincoln County, mostly to follow up on unreturned forms, and to go to outlying residences.

When asked by citizen Jerry Carroll if the census workers will respect trespass rights on properly posted properties, Ceballos did not directly answer. Instead Ceballos spoke on the importance of an accurate census is critical for state and federal funding and representation of the county. Carroll then asked commission chair Rex Wilson to direct the speaker to answer his question. Ceballos said he is not an attorney, but he knows the census is directed by the constitution. "So I would guess they (census workers) have a right to trespass," Ceballos said.

Carroll said he has no problem with being counted, but did not want to be harassed by census workers. "This county is run by the county commission," Carroll continued. "If you allow trespass we need a whole new board."

Wilson said in his opinion census workers have no trespass rights. He also said such input is the reason for meetings about the census, as well as helping the recruiting of census workers in Lincoln County.

Ceballos said his office has been recruiting for months to develop a large pool of applicants to be used when needed. "We are amassing the largest peace time army in the U.S. to carry out a complete and accurate census," Ceballos said.

Hondo Schools Superintendent Barbara Perea Casey, on the census board in Chaves County where she resides, commented on the trespass issue. "We don't want anyone to trespass, people need to understand the census takers go to a residence only if people do not respond to the census forms by mail," Casey said. "If you respond by filling out a form and mailing it in, no one will come bother you."

She said if everyone isn't counted, everyone loses money for schools, social services, fire departments

and federal funding, all based on the number of people served. "It's not an easy job to do the census count," Casey concluded.

So what happens to residents who get mail at the post office? Brimbrow said one problem in Lincoln County is about 65 to 70 percent of the population receives mail by post office box. Census forms will not be delivered to post office boxes.

Brimbrow said the census bureau plans to set up centers for residents to pick up and drop off census forms. "If you don't want someone to come to your house,"

Wilson had a problem with the census forms not going to post office boxes.

Brimbrow said most of the census forms mailed out will be the "short form." One in five residences will be given a long form.

Brimbrow said census information is "inviolable" for 75 years. Census takers take an oath not to violate the Privacy Act. "If you don't want someone on your property, get a form to mail in," Brimbrow said.

"If you want to count me, send a form to my post office box," Carroll responded.

Ruidoso resident Joe Zagonie asked what happens with people who have dual residency. Brimbrow said where you are on the day you get the form is the location where you get counted. "It has nothing to do with where you pay your taxes," Brimbrow said.

Wilson asked if census takers can be trained on the trespass issue.

County commissioner Ray Nunley asked if the census bureau would run

information ads about the post office boxes. Brimbrow said the media have provided free publicity about the census. Also information about the census will be

included in the March utility bills.

The census begins March 13 with the mail out of

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### FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS

—Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

### TUESDAYS

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

### WEDNESDAYS

—Moms In Touch prayer meeting, 9 a.m. Ancho. Carrizozo Pool 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.

—Alcoholic Anonymous open meeting, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

### 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 258-9201 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 24**

—Friends of Smokey meeting cancelled.

—Town Hall meeting for Fort Stanton, 6 p.m. Lincoln County Commissioners room in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

—No class at Carrizozo School for in-service day.

—Free Youth Night lock-in, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Feb. 26, Ruidoso Senior Center (old library building).

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

—Carrizozo Trustees 6 p.m. special meeting to review draft agreement for lease of town property to ALESCA, Co.

—Capitan Middle School Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) 5:30 p.m. middle school building.

—Meet the Candidates forum, 7 p.m. Capitan Chamber of Commerce building, 103 W. 2nd Street.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

—Character Counts Assembly 2:45 p.m. old gym, Carrizozo School.

—Ruidoso Village Council, 6:30 p.m.

—Public open forum for Carrizozo town candidates, 7 p.m. Carrizozo Rec. Center. Sponsored by Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

—Carrizozo School hosts the Knowledge Bowl. Events all morning in the new gym.

—AARP Tax-Aide volunteers at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center from 1-4 p.m. to prepare tax returns and answer tax questions. Free for low and middle income tax payers with special attention to those 60 and over.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

—Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) 9 a.m. commissioners room of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Lincoln County Ag and Rural Affairs Committee 1 p.m. commissioners room in the courthouse.

—Lincoln County Democratic Party preprimary convention and meeting, 6:30 p.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**A Smooth Ride for Tourists**

By Ruth Hammond

There are several important meetings scheduled for the next week. Tonight the meeting about Fort Stanton will be held in the Lincoln County Courthouse at 6 p.m. Everyone who wants to help preserve Fort Stanton should be there. If you want to help bring tourists to Lincoln County, be there. And if you want tourists to enjoy their drive in and through Lincoln County, plan to attend another meeting next week.

Highway improvement meetings will be held next week. Monday, February 28 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., there will be a meeting in the Lincoln County Courthouse and Tuesday, February 29 there will be a meeting from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Corona Senior Citizens Center about Highway 54 from Carrizozo to just south of Vaughn. Most of you know the need for improvements on this bad stretch of highway.

Even if you don't like to speak in public, your input and comments are needed. We were told this week that the state highway department is cutting back on coop work because of the amount of money being spent on Highway 44 from Bernalillo to Farmington, Highways 285 and 70, and the Big I in Albuquerque. If you believe some of that highway money should be spent to improve Highway 54, please be at one of these meetings to voice your opinions.

Road conditions are responsible for many accidents and there is a possibility that there would be less chance of accidents if Highway 54 had wider shoulders and was straighter. In some areas, portions of Highway 54 need to be completely rebuilt, not only for safety but also to reduce wear and tear on vehicles, and help increase gas mileage.

Obtaining information from the people is the purpose of all three of these meetings. Some people have terrific ideas that should be mentioned at these meetings. Maybe you have a completely different idea for a use for Fort Stanton and if you do, please be at the meeting tonight and discuss your suggestions with others. No decisions have been made and all input will be greatly appreciated.

As for Highway 54, you need to talk to the engineers and the state highway people at the public input meetings and let them know the importance of getting this highway improved. Highway 54 is one of the main arteries through the state and should be in topnotch condition. Tourists can't enjoy the scenery or their trip through this area if they are uncomfortable driving and riding. Most people prefer to take bumpy rides in amusement parks, not on Highway 54.

Don't rely on someone else to be at either of these meetings and maybe present your ideas. Your opinions are unique and you should get the credit, not someone who just might come up with the same suggestion. If you want a drive on Highway 54 to continue to be similar to riding horseback with all the bumps and jostles, tell the people at the meeting, if you want Fort Stanton to be a movie set for the motion picture industry, tell the people at the meeting.

Selling Lincoln County as a destination for tourists will be possible if there is something they want to see here. And it will help, if the roads they travel while in the area are in good condition. Promoting Lincoln County begins with your ideas about Fort Stanton and improving Highway 54.

What is an idea worth?

**County Asks BLM To Be Partner For Fort Stanton**

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County is asking the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to become a partner with the county to work for a solution to preserve Fort Stanton.

Lincoln County Commissioners, at their meeting February 17 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, approved the resolution requesting assistance from the regional office of the BLM in Roswell, for the purpose of preserving Old Fort Stanton.

The resolution includes comments about Fort Stanton's suitability for development into a heritage tourism attraction modeled after the successful Fort Robinson, Nebraska project, which after five years attracts nearly 400,000 tourists a year.

Dick Weber, president of the Fort Stanton, Inc. non profit group working to preserve the fort, said the resolution is needed to get help from federal officials in Washington. Paul Happel and Tim Kreager, with the Roswell BLM office were at the meeting. Kreager encouraged passage of the resolution, which would be helpful in obtaining help on a federal level.

County commissioner Ray Nunley made the motion to approve the resolution and send copies of the resolution to the elected officials in Washington, D.C. Nunley visited with recently. All commissioners voted yes.

In other business, commissioners:

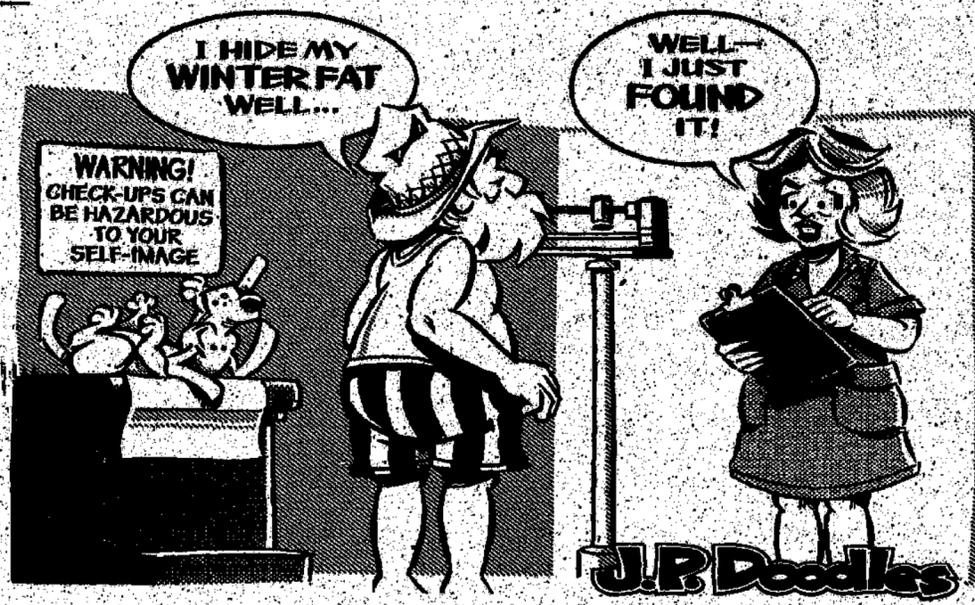
-Approved expenditures recommended by the Lodgers Tax Committee with \$1,000 to Sherry Barrow for the county web page ad for one year, \$500 for the White Oaks Miners Day celebration, \$604.64 for brochure rack service with the NM Literature Exchange, and \$2,000 for advertising the Cinco de Mayo Celebration and Tribute to Hispanic Culture.

-Approved appointment of Ralph Dunlap to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

-Heard a short oral report from Wanda Gielow de Figueroa on the Lincoln County Maternal Child Health Planning Council and the Lincoln County Health Wellness Advisory Board, and accepted written reports and minutes of meetings of those two groups.

-Approved a resolution

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**INSIDE THE CAPITOL**

**SANTA FE** - Why will New Mexicans have to pay for another special legislative session? As the inimitable Gov. Gary Johnson puts it: "Because the Legislature insists on overspending and underbudgeting."

Well said, Gary, well said. For those of you who don't quite get it, the governor means he and the Legislature have different priorities. And since we're into onenessmanship, we have different names for those priorities. We "spend" money on bad priorities. We "budget" money for good priorities. It's the same as one lawmaker's "pork" being another's "essential public works project."

Democrat legislative leaders claim it and the governor are only \$7 million apart on the funding of the 12 departments under the governor's control. But that's when overspending and underbudgeting are added together. Philosophically they're worlds apart.

Take the state parks appropriation, for instance. Gov. Johnson says the Legislature didn't give him enough money for park operation. Democrat legislative leaders note that their budget gives him \$373,000 more than he requested when the revenue from his fee increases are added in.

The real battle, don't you see, is over those fee increases. Last year the Legislature passed legislation rolling back the administrative fee increase. The governor vetoed it, so Democrats trotted the veto out for an override early this session, figuring Republican lawmakers wouldn't want to be on record supporting a fee increase. But they supported it anyway rather than vote to override a veto. State parks were punished.

As we've said before, the underbudgeting of prisons and the Motor Vehicle Department is because Johnson promised that privatizing them would save money. He was going to cut prison expenses in half and provide better service at MVD. Neither one happened. Both need more money, not less.

The overspending comes in areas of Democrat legislative priorities, mainly education and child health care. Johnson wants to spend money on education, but he wants to spend it in the private sector, and he can't. He has no control over public schools, which comprise nearly half the budget. The governor used to have control of the purse strings but lost them back in the days of Gov. Tony Araya when voters approved a constitutional amendment giving the state Board of Education financial authority over schools to go along with their program authority. In return the governor was allowed to appoint a third of the education

board. At the end of the session, Johnson lamented that he can veto the Legislature's overspending but he can't add appropriations for his priorities.

So we go into special session. Judging by the past two years, it will be in May. Legislators don't like that because they are in the middle of running for office.

Not only are they taken away from their campaigns, they can't raise money during that period. But the governor doesn't care. He doesn't fight with Republican lawmakers as he does with Democrats, but he doesn't feel their pain either.

This year, Gov. Johnson didn't make the mistake he did last year when he said the start of the special session would depend on how long the skiing was still

good. This year he said it wouldn't be anytime soon.

Part of the complication this year is that the Legislature failed to pass a large number of major items that were before it. A filibuster on the floor of the Senate stopped action there early the morning of the final day.

When the House saw what was happening in the Senate, it also stopped action because it didn't want to pass Senate bills when the Senate wasn't going to be passing House bills. That means a very full special session agenda to be worked out ahead of time.

It is typical for departing lawmakers to make farewell speeches on the final day of the regular session. But under the Johnson administration, the good-byes aren't necessary. A "See you later" works much better.

**"Relationship Between Legislature and Governor Has Not Improved."**

REPORT FROM SEN. PETE CAMPOS

**LAS VEGAS** - The New Mexico legislature adjourned last week after approving a balanced budget that devotes about \$1.6 billion to New Mexico's public schools and an improved Megan's Law, and attempting to approve millions of dollars in appropriations for local construction projects.

"The 2000 legislative session was challenging in a number of ways. Revenues were tight, time was short and, unfortunately, the relationship between the legislature and the governor has not improved," Campos said. "But the men and women of the legislature worked hard, both in committee and on the floors of the House and Senate, to responsibly deal with the many issues we faced."

The budget, as approved by the Senate, increases state spending by five percent for the fiscal year that begins July 1 over the current fiscal year's spending. Spending for public school support would increase 5.6 percent because the Senate wanted to devote as many resources as possible to public education.

"Almost two-thirds of New Mexico's general fund budget is devoted to education, from our public schools all the way through higher education," Campos said. "We believe that helping ensure that our children get the best education possible is the single most important action we can take to improve our eco-

nomy, reduce crime and improve the quality of life for young New Mexicans."

The legislature considered about 900 bills during the 2000 session, including compromise legislation that strengthened New Mexico's "Megan's Law." The new legislation, which was signed by the governor on February 23, allows the public greater access to information about registered sex offenders.

"I was pleased that we were able to pass this legislation affording parents and children better protection against offenders who may be living in our communities," Campos said.

The legislature also attempted to pass legislation that would have issued tens of millions of dollars in severance tax bonds and put general obligation bond issues before the voters for consideration.

"Included in the legislation was funding for several projects in our communities," Campos said. "It is unfortunate that we were unable to gain support for the funding that's necessary to complete these projects, especially those that are in rural New Mexico. We made a deliberate decision to support our smaller communities and end the Band-Aid approach to funding these projects."

Campos said he hoped that legislation could be considered during a special session.

Campos thanked area residents who called, wrote or visited him during the legislative session.

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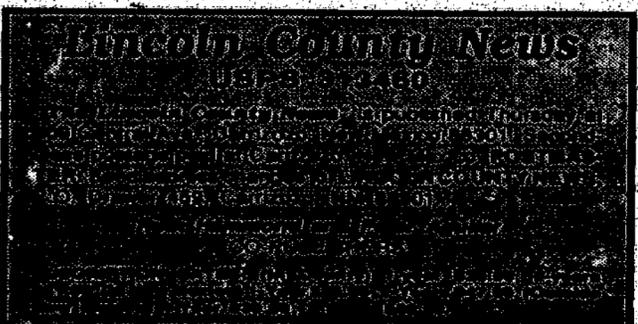
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**New Arrival**

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Barela Jr. of Carrizozo are the proud parents of the newest addition to their family, a girl, Hailey Nycole Barela. She was born Thursday, February 17 at 8:20 a.m., weighing in at 8 lbs. and 3 ozs., and 19 inches long. Hailey was born at Gerald Regional Medical Center in Alamogordo.

Paternal grandparents are Gilbert Sr. and Gwen Barela of Carrizozo, and Tony and Rita Chavez of Captain. Maternal grandparent is Alice Salazar of Hondo.

Hailey Nycole has two older brothers, Derek (6 years old), and Patrick (3 years old).



# County Commits Mill Levy Funds To Hondo Clinic

by Doris Cherry

Alerted to the wording on the 1992 election that authorized the mill levy for the hospital and health clinics, Hondo Schools Superintendent Barbara Casey demanded and got county commissioners to provide the Hondo Clinic a fair portion of the mill levy funds.

At their meeting Feb. 17 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Lincoln County Commissioners unanimously voted to direct the county manager and attorney to research how to provide the Hondo clinic with funds from the 1992 hospital mill levy. But the compromise motion was not easily reached.

County commissioners discussed, often heatedly, over who was responsible for the oversight on the Hondo clinic funding. At one point commission chairman Rex Wilson called for a 10 minute recess to diffuse tensions when commissioner Bill Schweitmann told commissioner Leo Martinez that dedicating a set \$180,000 was a "knee jerk reaction" because the Hondo clinic may need more funds.

"We are responsible," said Wilson. "If we messed up, we deserve the blame." County attorney Alan Morel blamed the oversight on the short "institutional memory of Lincoln County" and the frequent overturn of county managers. Also none of the current commissioners were sitting on the board in 1992.

Martinez was first to try a motion to fund the Hondo clinic, wanting to commit \$180,000 this year. He got no second to the motion. Commissioner Ray Nunley later made a motion to create a line item of \$180,000 for the Hondo Clinic. He got Martinez to second the motion, but it was voted down, after the county manager and attorney convinced commissioners they needed to research how to provide the funds.

Casey started with the history of the Hondo clinic. In 1986, then county commissioners gave to Hondo Valley Schools the old Carrizozo health clinic building and \$20,000 to move it from Carrizozo to Hondo. The building was moved in 1997 and set up on the school property. With funding from the 1999 state legislature, the clinic was remodeled and upgraded to meet ADA standards. Also the school has secured the services of a private nonprofit health provider, Casey said.

"At that time the county donated the building, the county did not want to be responsible for setting up the clinic," Casey said. "There was no indication there was money available for the Hondo clinic. We were led to believe we were on our own."

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accepting \$4,000 from the Mary A.O. Mara trust, Susan Muller, to be given to Nogal Volunteer Fire Department for communications equipment.

Voted to allow county manager Tom Stewart and county attorney Alan Morel to negotiate with Triadit Enterprises, Inc. on the terms of the computer software service agreement. The terms proposed by the company in the new agreement are significantly higher from the previous agreement.

Then, Casey said, she recently received information about Hondo being included in the 1992 mill levy. "As a spokesperson for the Hondo community, I believe the county commission abrogated its responsibility to the people and have diminished their trust by knowing the mill levy money was there for the Hondo clinic. This is an ethical travesty."

"I request the county commission do right, we request the mill levy be dispersed," Casey said.

Casey quoted state law about the improper use of public money being deemed a felony. "I do not believe you intentionally broke the law," Casey said. "But I do believe the money is there to be used."

"When the county donated the building in 1986, the mill levy money should have come with it," Casey said. "I request you do what is ethical and lawful."

The mill levy election question reads that the county is authorized to collect for eight years a total of 4.25 mills. Of that 3.25 mills are dedicated to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso and one mill for clinics in Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo. The mill levy must be renewed this year.

Nunley agreed for the need of a clinic in Hondo, but asked who the county would give the funds to. "We can't give it an individual, or would we give it to the school?"

Morel said he did not think the county had done anything illegal. He said in 1993, there was no Hondo clinic. Nunley said now there is really no clinic in Corona either, rather an old house used once a week by the physician's assistant from Carrizozo clinic.

Martinez said with the language in the 1992 mill levy election, the clinics should be maintained. "Maybe even Corona should have a better clinic," Martinez said. He said commissioners should have known about the mill levy money designation for Hondo when they gave the clinic building to Hondo.

Morel said for Hondo clinic to receive mill funds it must be certified, and the county needs a management agreement with the care provider. Also, Morel said the state attorney general is now looking at the county's lease agreement for LCMC management with Presbyterian Health Services. "If the attorney general says we can pick who we want to run our hospital and clinic, we'll do an agreement with (the care provider for) Hondo," Morel added. "But we can't do it until we know from the attorney general's office, because that may dictate the process."

John McGrath, president of the county Health and Wellness Board, said the issue of Hondo being due money is moot, because Hondo is not now a functioning clinic and does not exist until it is completely licensed. "Until they are licensed and treat a patient, the Hondo clinic is not entitled to money," McGrath opined.

Morel said the county should not get into the business of operating clinics. "I think we can fix our problem if we have a management agreement," Morel added.

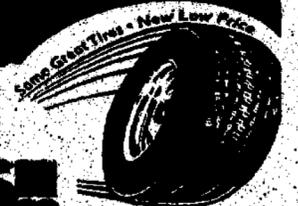
Wanda Gielow de Figueroa, coordinator for the county Maternal Child Health Council (MCHC), said the more than 100 people who came to a MCHC health care

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# County Commits Mill Levy

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town meeting held in Hondo supported a clinic there. "After the town meeting we researched the resolution and found the mill levy money listed for Hondo," Figueroa said. She said she spoke with the former administrator of LCMC who said when the mill levy was

passed in 1992, LCMC had a clinic in Hondo School. But that clinic ran out of space, and had no available medical provider, so LCMC closed the clinic.

"I'm glad to see you are willing to help the Hondo clinic," Figueroa told commissioners. "It's time to

open a clinic there and access the mill money that were voted in for Hondo."

Joan Means, a member of the Carrizozo Health Clinic board, said it was wonderful the voters approved the mill levy in 1992. "And I know they will again," she said. Means urged commissioners to make it clear to voters what the mill levy money will be used for in future levy elections. "We are blessed to get what medical care we do in Lincoln County," Means added.

With that Martínez made a motion to give the Hondo clinic \$180,000 this year from the mill levy funds. But his motion got no second and died.

At the time of the meeting, the clinic mill levy fund had a balance of \$546,768, which includes funds carried over from previous years, said county manager Tom Stewart. He said one mill currently generates about \$400,000 a year.

County treasurer Joan Park said the total surplus projected for the clinic mill levy funds is \$624,000, however some of that has been encumbered.

Later in the meeting, commissioners encumbered some of that surplus for remodeling the medical side of the Carrizozo Health Clinic to accommodate another medical provider, and purchase of an x-ray machine for the dental. LCMC administrator Jim Gibson requested the funding. LCMC administers the Carrizozo Health Clinic.

## Ruidoso \$6 Million

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concourse; and parks and recreation department administrative offices?"

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson has said if the voters approve the bond election it will not raise their property taxes. The village has developed a schedule of bond elections every four or five years to pay for quality of life projects.

As for the \$6 million bond, Donaldson said the entire amount most likely will not be needed. He said the village has made sure it got a real close construction cost estimate for the recreation complex, with a built-in 20 percent contingency fee for the "Ruidoso factor." The Ruidoso factor is due to the additional cost of materials, labor and housing for construction companies to do projects in the village.

Absentee voting began February 9 and ends at 5 p.m. on March 2. Only the qualified, registered voter may pick up and deliver to the municipal clerk their own application for an absentee ballot and the actual completed paper ballot. The process can be done by mail, but no other person but the qualified voter may hand deliver an application or ballot.

For the first time, the municipal election will have an early absentee voting. The early voting began at 8 a.m. February 18 and ends at 5 p.m. March 3. Early voting will be done on a voting machine in the village clerk's office.

### Census Tests Feb. 25 and 29

County residents are needed to conduct Census 2000. To qualify, applicants must take a test of basic skills.

Tests are scheduled at 9 a.m. Friday, February 25 at the Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso, on Mechem Drive, and at 1:30



DOWN CAME THE SIGN on Highway 70 that once directed westbound motorists from the highway to Ruidoso. The sign was taken down on Tuesday, February 22, with the help of Ruidoso Downs Fire Department. A portion of the westbound lane of Highway 70 was closed for the sign removal and will be closed off and on during the repaving this spring.

# County Water Transfers

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commissioners on concerns about the water transfers from the Rio Bonito to a new development by Rio Bonito LLC Angus. "As a board charged with the responsibilities to preserve, protect and enhance the Historic District we are opposed to the transfer of water rights out of our existing ditches." The letter states the transfers begin to remove and dry up stream flows in the historic acequias in Lincoln. The ditches define the historic landscape of the valley with old growth walnut and alder trees, open pastures and orchards.

"The Rio Bonito is the principal asset and resource to our culture and makes possible the unique qualities of this Historic District. Lincoln was founded on its banks and our ties to the past exist because of the river. To threaten the existence of the stream by deep wells at its source, is to deny recognition of the intrinsic and authentic value of the Lincoln Historic District. To trade these values for the proposed use is to trade our historic culture for the entertainment for a privileged few. We believe this to be a direct threat to the custom and culture of this Historic District."

Wilson commended the board for the "very good letter."

Lincoln resident Betty Shrecengost asked why the state engineer's representative was coming from Las Cruces, when the transfers are in the Roswell district. Stewart said it was due to scheduling in the state engineer's office, and the one most available was in Las Cruces.

Shrecengost then commented on the water rights "beneficial use." "I don't play golf," she said. "And this water won't be used to raise chili, corn or beans. It may raise tempers. The aquifers have only so much water." Shrecengost said the large wells for the proposed golf course at the headwaters of the Rio Bonito are bound to lower the aquifers downstream because they are spring fed. "Go look at Government Spring," Shrecengost said. "It doesn't have as much water as it used to. We can't afford to lower our aquifers."

Shrecengost, who is a member of the New Mexico Acequia Commission, said she would take copies of the county letter and resolution to the acequia commission meeting that was to be held that week in Santa Fe. "They

will be very concerned about this, especially the publication issue," she added.

County commissioners voted unanimously for a motion by Wilson to send a courtesy letter to the state engineer for specific answers to the issue over publication, and the request for a moratorium on water transfers until the regulations are clarified. Copies of the letter are to be

sent to state Rep. Dub Williams, state senator Pete Campos and the governor.

In response to a comment that the county Comprehensive Land Use Plan gives the county authority to regulate natural resources, Wilson said the county has no authority. Morel said for the county to have a say, it must have a 40 year water plan. "Lincoln County doesn't have one," Morel said.

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# Residents Object To Motocross

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**RICK SIMPSON LOOK A LIKE?** Not quite. The yellow happy face doll, decked out with a tiny cowboy hat and bright red boots, was jokingly put at Lincoln County Commissioner Rick Simpson's place. Simpson was unable to attend the February 17 commission meeting in person, because he suffered a broken pelvis in a horse riding accident and was confined to his home. Simpson attended the commission meeting via conference telephone, which had its problems, such as when the electricity went off in Glencoe, and when Simpson could not hear audience members speaking.

## Public Input Needed On Improving Hwy 54 Meetings Feb. 28 & 29 In Carrizozo & Corona

The New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will hold public meetings about the alignment and reconstruction study of US 54 on February 28 in Carrizozo and February 29 in Corona.

The study include 77 miles of US 54 from US 380 in Carrizozo to US 80/285 just south of Vaughn.

Public meetings are being held to discuss the need for and objectives of the study, and to gather information, ideas and concerns the public may have regarding safety, traffic volumes,

access and potential improvements to the highway.

The meetings also provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on environmental issues, bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian issues and cultural resources.

In Carrizozo on Monday, February 28, the meeting will be held at 4-6 p.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse. In Corona on Tuesday, February 29, the meeting will be held from 4-6 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

For more information about the study or meetings, call Jim Smith at Souder, Miller & Associates, at 505-473-9211.

inconceivable to push such a project in such an area with so much beauty," Hershey said. "There are other places in Lincoln County this could occur."

George Muhke, who just completed a house about 1,000 yards from the dump, said he moved to the area for the peace and quiet, wildlife and people. He said he can see the dump through a scope from his house and has seen stuff coming out of it. "I don't think this is a good idea," Muhke said. He also said no one had mentioned the vacant subdivision roads and hillsides that would be fun to motocross on.

Lonnie Bellan, who supports a motocross area, said there is currently no place to ride dirt bikes or ATVs legally, except private property. "We need to set aside a place somewhere," he said. Bellan said he understood the concerns of those who live near the old dump site and agreed maybe the old dump is not the best place for a motocross track. He suggested a track somewhere along Turkey Canyon Road (from Ruidoso Downs).

Nogal resident Kathy Eisen suggested the old Capitan landfill site (now owned by Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority). She said motocross has potential for businesses as well as provide a place for kids.

County commissioner Ray Nunley read a faxed letter from attorney John Underwood who represented home owners in Rancho Ruidoso and Eagle Ridge who oppose the use of the landfill for a motocross track or the music concerts because of disruptions to the quiet in the area. Also those homeowners were concerned the activities could reduce property values, and about

the stability of the old dump. The letter concluded by asking the county to not act on a lease until all environmental concerns are resolved.

County commissioner Leo Martinez suggested the people of Ranches of Sonterra get together and buy the old landfill, because the county has received several proposals for using the old dump. Martinez said the people who do motocross need a place to have a track.

Gonzales said they are currently riding motocross in the Alto area, just below the golf course. "We've had no complaints of noise, from 30 or 40 motorcycles," Gonzales said. Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan said his office has not received any complaints of noise from the motocross now.

Martinez said in fairness the county needs to do something to allow the motocross people to demonstrate their sport. He said there are softball fields that go on for 24 hours with no complaints. "Ruidoso is for everyone," Martinez said. "We need to recognize these people live here and grew up here and need to find a place for them. To just turn them down is like a kick in the teeth," Martinez said he understood the homeowners, but the area needs a balance of uses.

Earl Hobbs of Alto said he supports motocross and enduro racing. About a comment made during the discussion about the noise from the airport, Hobbs, a retired air traffic controller, said airplanes can be directed so they do not make noise. "The abomination of a motocross track is not compatible with the area," Hobbs added. He agreed with Martinez that maybe the homeowners should acquire the old landfill site from the county.

Nunley said to do so the county would have to close the landfill which requires drilling and monitoring test wells and monitoring for gas levels. Morel said monitoring must be done for 25 or more years.

Morel said the county needs to contact the Environment Department for its requirements on using, or selling, old landfill property.

Martinez said the motocross people are "fine people." He wanted the county to work with the motocross group to help find a location in the county for a track. When Martinez tried to table the request he got no second to his motion. County commission chair Rex Wilson said there was no need to table the request. But Martinez said his motion to table was so the topic would not be lost.

"This does not mean this is a dead issue," Wilson told the group.

Martinez continued to keep the issue open. County commissioner Rick Simpson, who "attended" the meeting via teleconference, call from his home where he is healing from a major injury from a horse riding accident, was having difficulty in hearing over the speaker phone. Martinez then asked Simpson if he heard the motion to table. Simpson said he did not think it needed a motion, rather have the commission instruct the county manager to research all the issues, and try to get all parties together. With that comment, Martinez tried a

motion to that effect. Simpson seconded the motion. Schweitmann asked Martinez to serve on a committee and become a prime mover in helping find a location for the motocross.

Martinez and Simpson both agreed to serve on such a committee. When the vote was taken on the motion, Martinez, Simpson and Schweitmann voted yes. Wilson and Nunley voted no.



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**Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:**  
 SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024  
 Worship..... 8:00 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 8:00 p.m.

**Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle**

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor  
 209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM 354-2025  
 Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
 Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm

**First Baptist Church**

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor  
 314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2593 (church) or 648-2107  
 Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
 Worship Service..... 10:35 am  
 Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm  
 Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**

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

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**

FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
**SATURDAY:**  
 Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm  
 C'zozo Santa Rita..... 8:30 pm  
**SUNDAY:**  
 Capitan Sacred Heart..... 8:00 am  
 C'zozo 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..... 1:15 pm  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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 1-305-257-3058  
 Holy Eucharist..... 8:30 am Sunday

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**Tinnie Baptist Church**

BILL JONES, pastor  
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 Church Services..... 11:00 am

**United Methodist Churches**

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 Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am  
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 AWANA Wednesday..... 8:00 a.m.

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# A GLIMPSE OF THE MINING HISTORY OF THE SOUTHWEST

The following information is taken from the 'International Industrial Record', a mining publication (Devoted to the General MINING and Industrial Interests of the Great Southwest), which is printed on the front page of the 80 page booklet, and was published in El Paso, TX on July of 1901. The Lincoln County News will publish the entire booklet in the following weeks depending on space available. The publication is filled with in-depth history of the mining industry in and around Lincoln County and New Mexico. We hope you enjoy it.

## The Great Southwest.

The Mining Resources of the Vast Mining Region Surrounding El Paso.

Northern Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

### PART 2

## MEXICO

Sonora, notwithstanding it is situated on the west coast of Mexico, is not as rich in vegetation and agricultural products as the states of Sinaloa, Jalisco, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Michoacan, Colima and Chiapas. But if it be compared with other states of Mexico, such as Chihuahua, Coahuila, Zacatecas, San Luis Potosi, it will be seen that it is a state rich in natural agricultural resources, for Sonora produces, or is capable of producing, all the

agricultural products of the temperate zone and many of those of the cold and hot zones.

Sonora, compared with the states of California, Texas and the territories of Arizona and New Mexico, in the United States, is superior to them in natural agricultural resources, for, while in the American territory aforesaid, there are large deserts without water and vegetation, in Sonora there is no section without the latter. There is excepted, nevertheless, that portion of the district of Altar included between the Colorado river, the volcano of Pinacate and San Francisco, which is sandy, but which, notwithstanding, has an abundance of "galleta" grass, which is good pasture for cattle.

One of the most erroneous beliefs, and one maintained by the people of Sonora themselves, is that there is no water in Sonora, and that there is not sufficient rainfall for the needs of moderately developed agriculture and extensive stock raising.

There is nothing more erroneous, for in Sonora there is a greater rainfall than in California, which has the reputation of being a rainy country. What supports the error that there is no rainfall in Sonora is the fact that the land has a heavy slope over which the water runs rapidly and is not held long enough to penetrate deep into the ground, and soon reaches the sea. Another thing that encourages the belief that

it does not rain much in Sonora is that the rains are neither continuous nor drizzling, such as to allow the water to soak into the ground, but fall in torrential showers.

The water might be conserved by dams and in this way more would be obtained than would be necessary for extensive agriculture as well as for stock raising. The country is adapted to the method of the state that are not mountainous, it is composed of more or less extensive valleys traversed by creeks and also valleys shut in by the small ranges that are scattered over said districts that are not mountainous.

In the mountainous part of the state, composed of the districts of Arizpe, Moctezuma, Sahuaripa and part of those of Alamos and Magdalena, there is an abundance of water.

The mountainous portion is not very suitable for extensive agriculture, because its level portions are very small, but it is excellent for cattle.

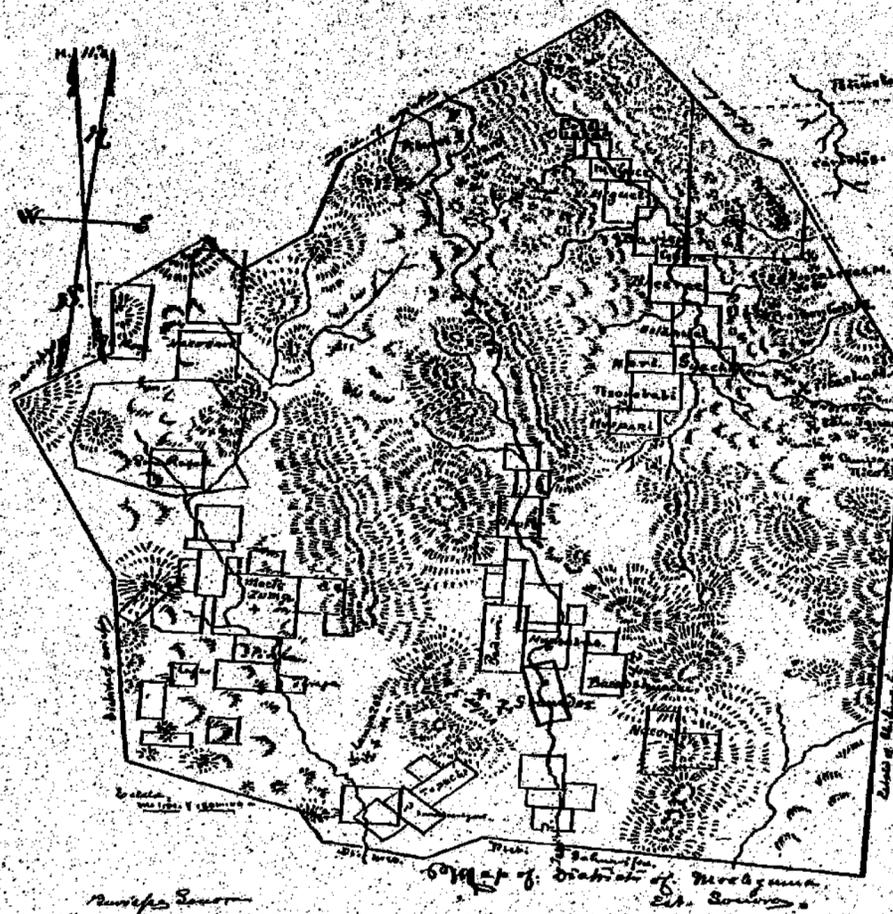
The districts of Guaymas, Altar, Hermosillo, Ures, Magdalena and Alamos are susceptible of great agricultural development so soon as the rainfall can be utilized by means of dams.

The principal products that may be obtained are rice, corn, beans, wheat, cotton, fax, ramie, hemp, oats, barley, alfalfa, oranges, lemons, and, in general, the products of the temperate zone of Mexico.

Sonora is the state of Mexico best adapted to cattle raising, where with more facilities and less cost great numbers of cattle can be raised, because the whole state has abundant pastures.

In Sonora all the cattle raised are maintained on the spontaneous product of the land, and in no part of the state are special plantings made for breeding cattle. All the labor required for it is to water the cattle and to round them up for branding and selling. On ranches where more than 10,000 head are raised there are only two or three men in charge of them.

But what constitutes the great wealth of Sonora and for which reason it is the state of Mexico with the nearest and most brilliant future is its immense deposits of coal. The coal measures cover an extension almost uninterrupted, of 5,600 square kilometers (2161 square miles), situated in the districts of Hermosillo, Guaymas and Ures. There is coal in the other districts of the state, as Alamos, Altar and Arizpe, but they are not so



Map of Montezuma District, Sonora.

important and so extensive as those first mentioned.

We regret that we can not go further into this matter, but the narrow limits of a newspaper forbid our giving details to fully demonstrate the great richness of Sonora and the grand future of this Mexican state.

### The Mining Industry.

The progress of the mining industry in Mexico is well displayed by the government issue of title deeds to mineral lands during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899. There were 2184 in number, and covered 83,730 acres. These government mining deeds are comparable to United States mining patents. Assuming the average size of the mining claim at 10 acres, the above figures would signify 8373 applications for patents in Mexico during the year; which is an exceedingly favorable showing. The largest number of applications came from the state of Durango. The next largest number were from the states of Sonora and Chihuahua. It is evident that the principal influences are American, and that these influences are working southward along the several lines of railroad. The value of the minerals produced amounted last year to about \$50,000,000 and consisted in round numbers of about 15 1/2 tons of gold, 187 tons of silver, 21,654 tons of copper, and about 90,000 tons of lead.

### THE PARRAL DISTRICT

Hidalgo del Parral, commonly called parral is located in the southwestern portion of the state of Chihuahua, sixty-five miles nearly due west from Jimenez station on the main line of the Mexican Central railway. The country east of Parral is mainly high table lands, the altitude being 4,000 feet at Jimenez, and rising gradually to about 6,000 feet at Parral. There is no timber on the table lands, but there is an abundance back in the mountains of small pine and scrub oak. Irriga-

tion is the method of cultivation of crops in the mountains. A branch line of the Central runs from Jimenez to Parral, and the road has been continued to beyond Parral about forty miles, and will be carried on twenty-five miles further to Seston. It was contemplated to have the forty miles in operation by June first.

The Parral mining districts may well be divided into three distinct mining sections, one being the city or central district, the second the Minas Nuevas district, and the third the Santa Barbara, San Francisco del Oro and Ronces Valles district. The main mines of the first district are Prieta, Tajo and Jesus Maria mines, which have been worked for over 250 years — not continuously, however. Yet they were worked at different times during this period. In the latter part of the forties of the past century the three were worked with greatest success by Leonardo Siqueros and Esteban Benitez, lying idle after this until early in the seventies, when James Knotts entered the country and reopened the two properties, bringing improved machinery and pumps to be the better prepared to handle the ores and water; but failed on account of the machinery not being the class necessary for the treatment of the ores. These properties were then leased by Veda de Botella a Hijor, putting in new machinery. They in turn failed, when the property again reverted to the Knotts family. In May, two years ago, the Prieta Gold and Silver Mining company, a corporation of eastern capitalists, leased the property, putting in huge pumps reducing the water to the level of a large stationary pump that had been drowned since Botella had worked the property. This last company has opened a new vein in the mine which runs into their Apodaguena, on which mine they also hold a lease and option. This property is now being worked with flattering success, due to the management of B. Gilpin, Jr., of Denver, and J.H.

Blaine, his mining superintendent, through whose ingenuity a great saving has been made in the handling of the ore by the construction of a tramway to the Parral Milling company's mill, to which place the ore is run by gravity, and there most advantageously treated at a small cost.

The Jesus Maria, one of the old mines of the district, was worked again in the eighties by a company of Mexican stockholders, and was sold later to the late Mr. Cowdry, who worked it with indifferent success, the widow about three years ago leasing to Alcott, Fearn & Peale, who have brought the mine to class among the largest producers, second and third class ores being treated by the Parral Milling company, and the first class ore shipped to Kansas City, Mo., and El Paso.

The Tajo has lain idle for thirty or forty years, only being worked by "gambosimos," or "gofer" miners, until about six months ago, when Meyer Clarke and Crow company, of New York, secured a lease on the property, putting proper pumps, sinking a vertical shaft and doing development work. They have encountered at various times some very high grade ore, but in small quantities. The old-time workings, however, indicate that this ore has and does exist in large quantities. Great precaution is necessary in working this property, as on two occasions the old workings have been broken into with the result that the entire mine was flooded. That the mine can soon be counted on as a heavy producer can be depended on, backed by the able management and judgment of Adolph Oldorp, the local manager.



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## Census Forms Mailed

(Con't. from P. 3)

forms. Residents with post office boxes can pick up forms beginning March 13. The census bureau will publicize the locations for picking up forms. The census will continue through mid April, with follow up visits on unreturned forms.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said he thought the 65 percent estimate for post office boxes was too low for Lincoln County. "It's probably more like 90 percent," he said. He then asked if forms could be placed at the courthouse and if the bureau will hire bilingual workers.

Brimbrow said he is finding locations for the forms. AS for workers, he said part of the problem is the low unemployment rate in Lincoln County. Brimbrow said he invited anyone who wants to work 15 to 20 hours a week, at \$10 to \$11.50 an hour, to call 1-888-325-7733 for information on local testing. Or call Brimbrow at 257-9508 in Ruidoso.

## A Glimpse of

(Con't. from P. 8)

These properties are of the old workings and well developed, while in the same district there are numerous "prospects," as they are termed, in consideration of the other three, that are producers in both gold and silver, and only need proper development to bring them to the standard and profitable working.

(Continued Next Week)

# Capitan Trustees Approve Highway Coop Application

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Village Trustees at their meeting February 22, authorized the village to apply for \$59,950 from the 2000-01 state highway cooperative program to upgrade subdivision roads.

Trustees designated Lonesome Pine, North View, Buck Drive, Largo Road and Marla Drive as the roads to receive gravel with the highway coop program. The village's match to the funding would be \$3,470.

Village administrator Steve Barela said there is a chance the village will not get all the funding because of a 25 percent cutback in the state highway department budget. The money saved from the cutback will go toward paying off the bonds incurred to undertake the major projects on Highway 44, (from Bernalillo to Farmington), the Big I in Albuquerque, Highway 285 and Highway 70.

Trustees approved an expenditure for an environmental report on the proposed water system improvements to be submitted with the village loan/grant application to the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The report is estimated to cost about \$13,000. Already the preliminary plans for the water improvements have cost the village about \$12,000.

Barela said the report is needed to complete the RUS loan/grant application. But he cautioned trustees that the loan may not be approved, even though they have been told the RUS funding is a sure thing.

Trustees also discussed the protest filed by John Thomas

on the village's application to transfer Capitan's 261 acre feet of Eagle Creek water rights, to lease to the Village of Ruidoso. After the breakup of the Eagle Creek Water association, Capitan transferred 600 acre feet of Eagle Creek water rights from Eagle Creek to the Capitan well. However, Capitan's 40 year water plan showed the village does not need the water rights for now.

Currently Ruidoso leases from Capitan 338 acre feet of the Eagle Creek water rights. Recently Ruidoso requested to lease the remaining 261 acre feet of the Eagle Creek water rights.

When the notice of transfer was published, Thomas filed a protest. Barela said he spoke with trustees Debra Ingle and Benny Coker since they were most familiar with the Eagle Creek situation. Barela said both said they would talk with Thomas to make sure he understood the transfer. Barela said Thomas indicated he would write a letter to the state engineer dropping his protest.

Village attorney Don Dutton said he will monitor this and if the protest is not withdrawn in 10 days or two weeks, he will request the state engineer to hold a hearing on the protest. Dutton said according to hydrologist Jack Atkins, there are no grounds for the protest.

Mayor Norm Renfro said terms of the lease with Ruidoso allow Capitan to call back the water rights any time the village needs them. Dutton said he is working on the lease agreement with Ruidoso and will have it ready for review at the next meeting.

Lease of the water rights could bring an additional \$60,000 a year to Capitan. Village maintenance supervisor Terry Cox said all funds from the lease of water rights are to be put back into water system improvements. Money from the lease of the first 300 acre feet to Ruidoso was used to pay off the debt incurred by the village to purchase water rights several years ago, Renfro said.

Barela said he could find nowhere in the order of stipulated agreement between Ruidoso and Capitan over the Eagle Creek water, that indicated the money from lease of water rights would be used for water improvements. Ingle said she thought trustees had approved a resolution to

such.

Trustee Leroy Montes asked why the village needed the 50 cent water increase that was authorized to pay for water rights. "If we're not going to use the extra money from the 50 cent increase, why charge the people?"

Renfro said the money from the 50 cent increase is being used for water system improvements.

Trustee John Whitaker said the village went a whole year before the money from the lease of the Eagle Creek water rights was budgeted. When asked where the money from the lease went, Whitaker said, "in the bank."

Trustees were also updated on the public safety facility project. Dutton said Taylor Construction's liability insurance carrier was contacted and advised it would honor a claim from the village. The insurance carrier requested the village do bids and hire another contractor to replace the concrete floor. Dutton said the bid and hiring was turned over to the engineer on the project. Dutton also said he has asked Taylor, through his attorney, to deal directly with the engineer to correct several items not completed in the facility. Dutton said the replacement of the floor will be at no cost to the citizens.

Village fire chief David Cox said he went into the facility over the weekend to check the building after some of the contractor's employees were working on items on the punch list. "Someone turned the heat up all the way and it was probably 90 degrees in there," Cox said.

Dutton also said Otero County Electric Cooperative

advised it was going to turn off the electricity to the facility because the contractor had not paid the electric bill. Cox said the bill was paid by the village to avoid the shutoff, and the expense will be forwarded to Taylor Construction.

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488	2/99	Gelbvieh	815	1230	1.40	SOLD \$1,450
673	2/99	Gelbvieh	735	1048	1.20	\$1,350
697	2/99	Gelbvieh	845	1200	1.35	SOLD \$1,600
719	2/99	Gelbvieh	845	1211	1.40	SOLD \$1,600
653	2/99	Red Ang/Gelb	800	1155	1.35	SOLD \$1,450
675	2/99	Red Ang/Gelb	715	1022	1.20	\$1,450
722	2/99	Red Ang/Gelb	660	1038	1.45	\$1,100
744	2/99	Red Ang/Gelb	770	1160	1.50	SOLD \$1,350
748	2/99	Red Ang/Gelb	715	1111	1.50	\$1,350

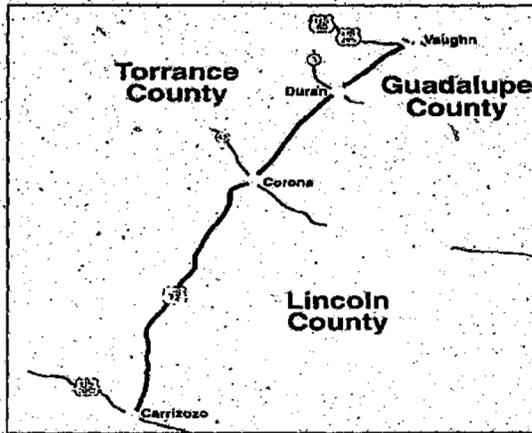
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## PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS



Alignment and Reconstruction Study of US 54 from US 380 in Carrizozo to US 60/285 south of Vaughn, New Mexico NH-054-2(18)124, CN 3749

The New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD) is conducting an alignment and reconstruction study of US 54 from US 380 in Carrizozo to US 60/285 just south of Vaughn, New Mexico. This segment of highway is approximately 77 miles in length. The public meetings are being held to discuss the need for and objectives of the study and to gather information, ideas, and concerns that the public may have regarding safety, traffic volumes, access, and potential improvements to this segment of US 54. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to comment on environmental issues including bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian issues, as well as cultural resources. The public meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

<b>Lincoln County Courthouse</b> 300 Central Avenue (US 54) Carrizozo, New Mexico Monday, February 28, 2000 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	<b>Corona Senior Citizen Center</b> US 54 Corona, New Mexico Tuesday, February 29, 2000 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
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For further information on the study or meetings, please contact Jim Smith, P.E., at Souder, Miller & Associates, (505) 473-9211.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines, all requests for special accommodations for this meeting should be made at least 24 hours prior to the meetings. Make requests to Teresa Engles, The Louis Berger Group, (505) 989-7788.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**CAPITAN MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2000**  
Precinct Three  
February 8, 2000

Two four year Trustee Positions are up for the March 7, 2000 Election, Precinct Three. The persons seeking these two positions are:

- John D. Whitaker
- George W. Tippin
- Marcolyn V. Shamblin
- Alfred Leroy Montes

The Election for Precinct 3 will be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds at 101 West Fifth from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting for Precinct 3 will begin on February 16, 2000 at Capitan Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave. The hours for early voting will be the regular Village Hall hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following individuals will serve as precinct board:

- Presiding Judge..... Bertie Beavers
- Election Judge/Absentee/Early..... Jane Livingston
- Election Judge/Absentee/Early..... Kathleen Phillips
- Election Clerk/Absentee/Early..... Darralone Stewart
- Election Clerk/Absentee/Early..... Edith Dobbins
- Alternate..... Lori Roberts
- Alternate..... Barbara Sanchez

Election School will be held on February 29, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in Ruidoso, New Mexico at the Ruidoso Civic Center.

**KATHRYN R. GRIFFIN**  
Village Clerk  
Capitan Village Hall

Published in the Lincoln County News on February 17 and 24 and March 2, 2000.

**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. Furrington
- 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/Muffin 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  
Tosie 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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**NOTICE OF INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS**

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave., (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, NM 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

**BID NO. 99-00-034**  
One (1) Set Sandvik 2000  
Scarifier Blades (or equal)

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular 9:00 a.m. County Commission meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2000 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

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

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number.

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

**JANE WILLIAMS**  
Purchasing Agent

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Lincoln County Medical Center  
**COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Will Meet On  
**Monday, February 28, 2000**  
At 6:00 p.m. in the  
Hospital Conference Room

The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office on Friday, February 25, 2000.

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**LEGAL**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Special Meeting  
March 9, 2000 - 6:00 P.M.  
Ruidoso, New Mexico

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2000, at 6:00 P.M., to be held at the Ruidoso Administrative Center, 313 Cree Meadows, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Items on the agenda are:

- (1) Road Assessments
- (2) Potential Fire Restrictions

Copies of the agenda for the March 9, 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 505/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

**MARTHA GUEVARA**  
Assistant County Manager

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
RFP # 99-04-034

**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The County of Lincoln is issuing a Request for Proposal for the transition to and operation of a new 122 bed Adult Detention Facility within the city limits of Carrizozo, New Mexico and immediately adjacent to the municipal airport. The county is interested in selecting a firm or individual that can operate the current detention center commencing July 1, 2000; transition to the new detention facility in April of 2001, and operate the new detention facility at a reduced cost to the county. The firm may propose additional construction at no cost to the county; propose a plan for the care of juveniles; and seek innovative ways of reducing costs. Proposals will be received by Lincoln County, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 for RFP # 99-04-034 until Wednesday, April 5, 2000, 2:00 p.m. local prevailing time.

Copies of the Request for Proposal can be obtained in person at the Office of the County Manager, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or will be mailed upon written or telephonic request to Jane Williams, at 505-648-2385.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive all formalities.

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA, 1978 imposes civil and criminal penalties for code violations. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for illegal bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

All costs incurred by the proposer in the preparation, transmittal or presentation, of any proposal or material submitted in response to this request for proposals will be borne solely by the proposer.

DATED this 17th Day of February 2000

**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**

**BY: REX WILSON**  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

No. PB-99-88  
Judge Parsons

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GRACE OPPERMAN WEINDORF, deceased.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GRACE OPPERMAN WEINDORF, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF GRACE OPPERMAN WEINDORF, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING; AND**

**THE HEIRS AND DEVICES OF GRACE OPPERMAN WEINDORF, DECEASED.**

Clemens F. Weindorf, Personal Representative of the Estate of Grace Opperman Weindorf, deceased, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Grace Opperman Weindorf. A hearing on the Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse before the Honorable Judge Karen L. Parsons on March 21, 2000, at 9:30 o'clock, a.m.

Attorney for the Petitioner is M. Lea Brownfield, Post Office Box 57, Mesilla, New Mexico 88046. Pursuant to law, notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition is hereby given by publication, once each week for two consecutive weeks, and all persons opposing the granting of said Petition are hereby notified to file their objections as required by law.

Dated Feb. 11, 2000

**CHERYL C. CASTRO**  
Clerk of the District Court

By: Eugenia Vega  
Deputy

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**LEGAL**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Three or more Lincoln County Commissioners will be attending the Town Hall Meeting regarding the future of Post Stanton on Thursday, February 24, 2000. The meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. at the Lincoln

County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico. No official county business will be conducted.

**MARTHA GUEVARA**  
Assistant County Manager

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Lincoln County Enhanced 911 Rural Addressing Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2000. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL/Introductions**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS-PUBLIC HEARINGS**
  - A. Renasie Valley View Road in Rancho Ruidoso Estates. And Little Creek Hills. Same road, different names.
  - B. Renasie Henderson Drive in Valley Heights Subdivision.
  - C. Rename duplicate street names of Lincoln in Capitan North Subdivision.
  - D. Rename Ray Road in Highland View and North Ridge Subdivisions. Canyon Road in Mountain Vue Subdivision. Same road, four names on extension of School Road in Capitan.
  - E. Name streets in Capitan North Subdivision, Unit Two.
  - F. Name streets in A.N. Runnels Subdivision.
  - G. Name A005, unofficially known as Schlarb Road.
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

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**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 8:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico consider final adoption of 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, 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.

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, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AE**  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice to the Public**

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico for the purpose of reviewing and discussing draft agreement for lease of real property between the Town of Carrizozo and ALESCA Co.

Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution 1999-23. Twenty-four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

**CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AE**  
Town Clerk/  
Treasurer

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**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. City Hall Conference Room,

Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

**AGENDA WILL BE POSTED**, in accordance with Resolution 1999-23. Twenty-four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

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**CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AE**  
Town Clerk/  
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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
NO. PB-98-11

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRED F. LAMAY, Deceased**

**NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION**

To Unknown heirs of Fred F. LaMay, and all unknown persons who have or claim any interest in the estate of Fred F. LaMay, deceased.

Reba Barber, Personal Representative of the Estate of Fred F. LaMay, deceased, has filed a Petition requesting the Court

to enter an Order which (1) formally probates the Decedent's Last Will and Testament dated June 7, 1994 and Decedent's First Codicil To The Last Will and Testament dated June 24, 1998; (2) confirms the previous informal appointment of Petitioner as personal Representative; (3) approves the final accounting by the Personal Representative; (4) determines the heirs of the Decedent; (5) determines the persons entitled to distribution of the estate of the Decedent; (6) approves the distribution of the Decedent's estate as set forth in the Petition; (7) declares this estate fully settled and discharges Petitioner from further claim or demand of any interested person; and (8) includes such other determinations and provisions as may be proper. Notice is hereby given that a hearing on such Petition will be held at the District Court of Lincoln County in Carrizozo, New Mexico, on March 15, 2000 at 8:30 a.m.

**DISTRICT COURT CLERK**

By: Eugenia Vega  
Deputy

**SANDERS, BRUN, COLL & WORLEY, P.A.**

Steven P. Fisher  
P.O. Box 550  
Roswell,  
New Mexico  
88201  
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**LEGAL**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2000. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Copies of the agenda for the meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager 24 hours prior to said meeting.

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

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**LEGAL**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2000. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Copies of the agenda for the meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager 24 hours prior to said meeting.

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

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# Carrizozo Awards Rec Center RFP To Wolfe

by Barbara Culler

The regular meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 22, at city hall. Trustees James Silva, Eileen Lovelace, Wesley Lindsay, and Cynthia Morales were present along with mayor Manuel Hernandez and town clerk/treasurer Carol Schlarb.

This meeting was the last regularly scheduled board of trustees meeting for Eileen Lovelace as she is not running for another term. Hernandez told her that he appreciated what she has done as trustee.

Gene Roberts, assistant manager of recruiting for southern New Mexico for the 2000 Census, told trustees that there was a need for census workers at the local level. In the 1990 Census, Roberts said that New Mexico was the worst counted state in the country and because of that the state lost about \$85,000,000 which could have been used in a lot of different ways. He said that Lincoln County has only filled 49 percent of the recruiting goal for census workers. Every other county is above the 70 percent mark. He is trying to recruit workers from Lincoln County to count the people in Lincoln County. He said he would prefer not to bring people in from Otero or Chaves County to count the people in Lincoln County. The wages are: \$10.50 per hour for numera-

tors, \$12.00 for crew leaders, and workers will receive 32 and a half cents per mile. Roberts said that anyone who is interested in taking the test for these positions to call toll free 1-888-325-7733.

Trustees also discussed with Roberts the request from the Census Bureau for space to use as a questionnaire assistance center which would be staffed by a volunteer staff. This space would be used for approximately two months and would start around March 9 and end in the middle of April. The trustees told Roberts that they would check and see if the Carrizozo Recreation Center would be available for this purpose and if volunteers would be available to staff the assistance center. This center would be to answer any questions people might have about the census form.

The public hearing was held for the proposed anti-smoking ordinance, concerning tobacco use or possession by minors. At the next regularly scheduled meeting, March 14, the trustees will vote to approve or disapprove the ordinance.

Rene Burton, representing the Carrizozo Action Team, updated the trustees on the project to seal and refill the large lake on the Carrizozo Golf Course. Burton said that through New Mexico Partners Fish and Wildlife there is \$10,000 that must be spent by Sep-

tember 1, 2000, on the lake and pump improvements at the golf course. She said that Jim Payne, town foreman, said that he thought the pump would probably cost between \$8,000 and \$7,000. Burton said that this would leave about \$3,000 to start the work on the lake.

The next fiscal year, through New Mexico Fish and Wildlife, another \$10,000 will be allocated. To do this project some in-kind work will be required, which will be preparation work. The liner, Burton said, is possibly going to be far more expensive than there is money for. There are two other possibilities: lining it with Bentonite, or making the lake smaller by damming it. The lake will not be stocked with fish; it will only be for wildlife according to Burton. The trustees gave approval to execute cooperative agreement for RC&D.

Trustees accepted the resignation of Joe Lane from the Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z). Lane is moving to Alamogordo. Kathy Williams was appointed to the P&Z by the trustees. She was recommended by Pat Voss, a member of the P&Z.

The RFP for operation and management of the Carrizozo Recreation Center was awarded to Peter Wolfe, a Carrizozo resident. Wolfe was the only one to respond to the RFP. The trustees approved a motion to accept the RFP and have the town attorney, David

Stevens, negotiate the agreement with Wolfe. Discussed were renovation in lieu of rent, and to include the town receive written accurate monthly reports with receipts.

On awarding of the Improvement Survey, Schlarb said that she was asked to get quotes on an improvement survey for the 40 acres at McBride Well site, breaking it into 10 acre tracts. Schlarb asked for quotes from Shaw Engineering and Land Surveying, Eagle Land Surveying, Ruidoso Land Surveying, and D. T. Collins and Associates. She said she had one reply which was from Collins and Associates of Ruidoso. The trustees accepted a motion to accept proposal as outlined and have Stevens, negotiate with them.

Schlarb presented a progress report from Leeds Hill-Herkenhoff, Inc. on the five year action plan for the Carrizozo Municipal Airport. Some of the items that Leeds Hill-Herkenhoff has completed are: 1) met with New Mexico State Aviation Department (NMSAD) to set work schedule and arrange for communication linkage and outline work procedures; 2) confirmed and updated name, addresses, and telephone numbers of contacts at the airport; 3) performed an inventory of the physical facilities and existing land use within the present boundaries of the airport; and 4) obtained from the NMSAD an aerial photograph of the airport. Some of the items they are working on: 1) obtaining historical aircraft data and operations information; 2) forecast of aviation demand; and 3) facility requirements. No action was taken on this as Schlarb had this prepared for the

trustees information.

Stevens presented the trustees with a draft of the lease for Alesca Company, the carbon recycling plant that is interested in land at the McBride Well site. Stevens asked the trustees to review the draft before he presents it to Alesca. He said that with the lease he is trying to facilitate a deal between the town and Alesca that is fair to both and protects the town and addresses future items that may affect the town. Several of the items in the lease that Stevens highlighted were: 1) site of unknown size - He suggests giving Alesca what it needs now and the opportunity to expand but still leave the town with the opportunity to lease other sections; 2) give Alesca the opportunity of first right of refusal on contiguous properties; 3) proposed term of the lease is 30 years; 4) provides for ten options to extend lease for 5 years at a time; 5) covers compensation to the town - lease for first five years at \$1 per acre or portion of acre per month per year in advance and sixth year and beyond a percentage of gross revenues; 6) use for carbon recycling only - nothing else without town approval; 7) accident or incident occurrence - will notify the town if there is a problem and if it is an immediate threat in person or by phone and if not an emergency to notify the town in written form; 8) prohibits subleasing of property; 9) town will take utilities to the property and Alesca will take utilities to the building site; 10) termination of lease and failure to terminate is covered; and 11) sale of water to Alesca from the town is covered. The trustees approved calling a special meeting with Stevens after they have reviewed the lease. Anthony

Scaggs, of Alesca, was asked what the time frame was for starting construction. Scaggs said that it would be 90 to 180 days from the time the permit is issued and the permit will not be issued until the lease is completed.

Hernandez read a letter from the State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) notifying the town that the New Mexico Community Development Council approved Carrizozo's 2000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications in the amounts of \$325,000 for street/drainage improvements and \$260,000 for sewer system improvements. The letter said that there will be a mandatory two-day CDBG implementation workshop for grantees on March 15-16 at Socorro. The town will send Schlarb and trustee elect Tommy Guevara to the workshop.

Other items on the agenda that were approved: 1) re-plat and lot line adjustment for Assembly of God, Inc.; 2) purchase of a tractor from Alto Golf Course for \$100; 3) Law Enforcement Protection Fund Application; 4) monthly expenditures; and 5) business registrations.

Items on the agenda that were tabled are: DeAun Willoughby CPA presentation of the town audit for 1998-1999 (no one was there to present the audit); and approval of statement of abandonment and vacation requested by Richard Vega.



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<p><b>ICEBERG CELLO Lettuce</b> <b>2.79</b> FOR</p>	<p><b>CHILEAN Red Plums</b> LB. <b>1.49</b></p> <p><b>GARDEN FRESH Asparagus</b> 10 OZ. <b>1.99</b></p> <p><b>FRESH Jalapenos</b> LB. <b>.69</b></p> <p><b>LARGE RED RIPE Tomatoes</b> LB. <b>.89</b></p> <p><b>END WHITE Cauliflower</b> EACH <b>1.19</b></p> <p><b>WASHINGTON EX. FANCY Gala Apples</b> LB. <b>.69</b></p> <p><b>WASH EX. FANCY BRAEBURN Apples</b> LB. <b>.69</b></p>	<p><b>BLACK OR RED SEEDLESS Grapes</b> <b>1.39</b> LB.</p>	<p><b>IMPERIAL Quarters</b> 2 16 OZ. <b>1.00</b></p> <p><b>PILLSBURY ASSORTED Grand Biscuits</b> 16.3-17.3 OZ. <b>99¢</b></p> <p><b>TROPICANA GROVESTAND, HOMESTYLE OR PREMIUM Orange Juice</b> 64 OZ. <b>2.99</b></p> <p><b>FOLGERS Instant Decaf Coffee</b> 8 OZ. <b>4.49</b></p> <p><b>SANTA FE MILD, MEDIUM OR HOT Salsa</b> 16 OZ. <b>1.99</b></p> <p><b>CARNATION MINI MARSHMALLOWS, RICH OR MILK CHOCOLATE Hot Cocoa Mix</b> 10 PK. <b>1.39</b></p> <p><b>ELLIS Refried Beans</b> 2 16 OZ. <b>99¢</b></p> <p><b>SKIPPY CREAMY, CHUNKY OR LOW FAT CREAMY Peanut Butter</b> 18 OZ. <b>1.99</b></p> <p><b>HELLMANN'S Tarter Sauce</b> 9.3 OZ. <b>1.19</b></p> <p><b>LIBBY'S Potted Meat</b> 3 3 OZ. <b>89¢</b></p>	<p><b>PREFERRED TRIM CENTER CUT BONELESS Pork Chops</b> 2.99 LB.</p> <p><b>HORMEL ASSORTED Black Label Bacon</b> 2.19 LB.</p> <p><b>HORMEL SMOKED Pork Chops</b> 2.99 LB.</p>	<p><b>SELECT SLICED Beef Liver</b> LB. <b>99¢</b></p> <p><b>SUREFINE HOT or REG. Sausage</b> 1# ROLL <b>1.49</b></p> <p><b>MAMA ROSA PEPPERONI OR DELUXE 10.5" Pizzas</b> 2 PK. <b>2.49</b></p> <p><b>BONELESS, SKINLESS Fryer Breast</b> LB. <b>2.39</b></p> <p><b>TIP TOP GRADE A Baking Hens</b> LB. <b>89¢</b></p>	<p><b>BLUE BUNNY STRAWBERRY CHOC. OR VANILLA Ice Cream Cups</b> 12 PK. <b>2.99</b></p>		

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