

# Unemployment Claims To Go Out Of County Next Year

By Doris Cherry

Beginning February 2002 all unemployment insurance claims will be processed through a call center in Albuquerque.

Workforce Development coordinator Gary Cozzens gave the news in his quarterly report to the Lincoln County Commissioners during their meeting November 15 in their cham-

bers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Cozzens said there are massive changes being made in the Department of Labor, which were reported at the last Workforce Development Board meeting in October. "The changes will make a difference on how clients handle unemployment insurance claims in Lincoln County," Cozzens added.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson asked Cozzens how he personally thought about local people having to go through the unemployment call center in Albuquerque.

Cozzens said he preferred a one-on-one approach with clients. "But Congress mandated the unemployment claims go to call centers," he added.

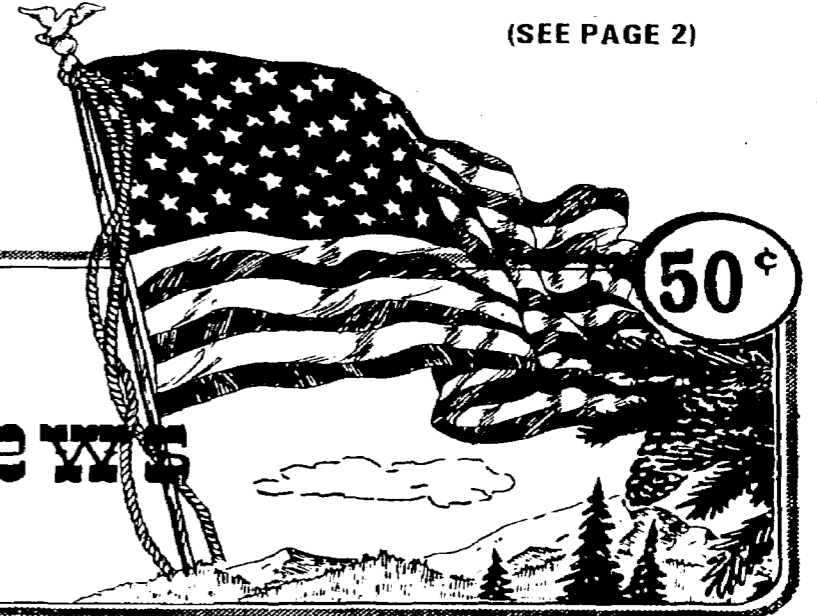
In August 2001, unemployment in Lincoln County was 4.1 percent, below the statewide rate of 5.4 percent. But in September the number of clients at the Lincoln County Works Center continued to increase, partly due to the closure of one of the Furr's grocery stores.

Another major change made by the regional Workforce Development

board was to increase the minimum hourly wage, to \$10 an hour, for clients obtaining employment through the Work Centers. Previously the minimum

amount was \$5.15 an hour. Cozzens said one reason for the minimum wage increase was the low unemployment rate in the region that serves 12 eastern New

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### Five Minute Rule At County Meetings

In an effort to speed along county business at their day long meetings, Lincoln County Commissioners have imposed a five minute limit to all comment from the public not on the agenda.

During their meeting November 15 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county manager Tom Stewart reported about the five minute rule requested by county commissioners. He said for each person making comment he will hold up a "30 second" sign for commission chair Rex Wilson to know when the time limit is near.

"Does this include commissioner Schwettmann?" asked county commissioner Rick Simpson jokingly.

"Are you jealous?" Schwettmann snapped back.

Carrizozo resident Norm VanGorder commented on the five minute rule that the people are the government and the county commission are our servants. "When you collect information five minutes is insufficient," VanGorder said. "I believe each presentation should be one on one." He acknowledged it was appropriate for the chairman to call order on a rambling discussion.

"The intent," said Wilson. "Is to keep people from rambling and to be prepared. However if the discussion is relevant I have no problem carrying on past five minutes."

### Capitan Methodist Church Presents Bazaar And Chile Luncheon Dec. 1

The Capitan Methodist Church will present their annual bazaar and chile luncheon Saturday, December 1 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Contributions for the food will be accepted.

The public is invited to attend. The Capitan Methodist Church is located at the corner of 3rd and White Oaks Streets in Capitan.



**SNOW FLOWERS.** Powdery snow that fell without wind piled up on dried sunflowers in the Capitan area, giving the illusion of "snow flowers." Snow fall amounts ranged from four inches in Capitan and Nogal Canyon to eight to 10 inches in the Cedar Creek and Alto areas. Temperatures on Tuesday never got above freezing and dipped to near 10 degrees on Wednesday morning before sunrise. The snow storm moved out to the east by Wednesday, leaving clear skies and very low temperatures on Wednesday night.

### Snow Causes Minor Accidents

By Doris Cherry

A cold slick snowfall at quitting time Tuesday caused a rash of minor accidents in the higher elevations of Lincoln County.

According to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office lots of accidents occurred between 3 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, due to the slick condition of the roads. Traffic backed up on Highway 48 in Alto as police and ambulance crews responded to an accident where a person was injured when he was hit by a vehicle when he was trying to get his vehicle unstuck at the intersection of High Mesa Drive and Old Fort Stanton Road.

Two single vehicle roll overs with no injuries were reported on Gavilan Canyon Road with several other minor accidents reported on old Fort Stanton Road and Airport Drive.

Although road conditions were slick and snow packed by Tuesday night, no roads or highways were closed in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County Road Supervisor Albert Hernandez said he got crews out to salt county roads by 4 p.m. Tuesday. He said he left the road department office in Capitan about 3:30 p.m. to check conditions in the Alto area. By the time he got to the Alto area snow was beginning to stick to roadways. "It was getting real slick, real quick," Hernandez said.

Hernandez sent out the county salt trucks to concentrate on the roads in the Alto area, especially heavily traveled Gavilan Canyon Road. He said he did not send out the blades because there was not enough snow accumulation on the icy slick roads.

By 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hernandez said he sent the salt trucks home, because there was little traffic.

Wednesday, county crews started at 4 a.m. with four motor grader blades and the two big snow plows going out to county roads in the Alto area and other

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### Jail Transport From Ruidoso Is Successful

By Doris Cherry

Transporting village prisoners from Ruidoso to be held in the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo is working well.

So said Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox during a presentation to the Ruidoso Village Council at its November 13 meeting. Maddox said it is a long way to Carrizozo to transport prisoners, but it is working well. He said there was a transition period for his department at first, however he believed it was over.

Ruidoso mayor Robert Donaldson had requested Maddox to provide a report on police activities since the closure of the village jail. Donaldson said there was a complaint the police were not arresting as many people now that they had to take prisoners to Carrizozo.

Maddox provided a statistical comparison on the number of cases and arrests to date in 2001 and for 2000. It showed that 187 adults have been arrested this year to date, compared to 214 adults arrested for all of 2000. It also showed an increase in juvenile arrests with 54 so far in 2001 compared to 36 in 2000. DWI arrests are down dramatically in 2001 with only 42 so far this year compared to 125 in 2000. Controlled substance arrests are up this year with 32 compared to 21 in 2000.

Police have responded to 31 cases of assault/battery so far in 2001 compared to 71 in 2000. They responded to 108 domestic/assault/battery cases in 2001 compared to 116 in 2000. They responded to 79 burglary/breaking and entering cases so far in 2001 compared to 113 in 2000.

In traffic cases, police responded to 45 accidents with injuries so far in 2001 compared to 74 in 2000. There were 66 injured people so far in 2001 compared to 90 in 2000.

Police have recovered \$80,113.11 in property so far in 2001 compared to \$52,160 in recovered property in 2000.

Maddox said with juvenile arrests, under certain circumstances, the juvenile

must be transported to Bernalillo or Tucumcari, because there are no juvenile facilities any closer.

The reduction in the DWI arrests is attributed to the closure of one of the bars in the village and a new security surveillance and recording system operated by two other bars. Also Maddox credited the DWI

Program which the village took over two years ago.

"Hopefully drivers are also being more responsible," Maddox said.

"Our police officers are doing their job to serve and protect the village," Maddox added. "We are arresting people when it is warranted."

### Traffic Bad On County Road Near Carrizozo

Traffic on A009, also known as 18th Street in the county adjacent to the Town of Carrizozo, is getting worse and residents want the county to do something about it.

During the November 15 meeting of the Lincoln County Commissioners in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Kaye Portillo, a resident on A009, said something needs to be done about the rough condition of the road and to put speed limits. Portillo said there are no speed limit signs and people drive fast along the gravel road. Portillo said there have been accidents and children are afraid to ride their bicycles on the road.

County road supervisor Albert Hernandez said the road was upgraded in 1991 and in 1995 a dust control chemical was applied. He said that road gets as much routine maintenance as do other roads in the district. Each district has about 170 miles of road to maintain. As for A009, Hernandez said it has a good base, but needs to be maintained with a water spray to compact the gravel. As for the dust abatement, he said the chemical is costly but provides a hard surface that lasts for about a year.

As for speed limit signs, Hernandez said the county cannot put speed limit signs on dirt roads because condition of the road surface changes so much. "We're liable and our insurance pool recommends we do not put up speed limit signs," Hernandez said. "But by state law, 35 miles per hour is the legal limit on dirt roads."

Another resident asked if the Town of Carrizozo could put up a speed limit sign on its portion of 18th Street. Hernandez said that would be possible.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson suggested the county apply for state highway cooperative and school bus funding programs for A009 and for Juniper Springs in Loma Grande subdivision on Nogal Mesa. Both roads have problems and residents along each have complained of speeding traffic.

County commissioner Leo Martinez asked if the county could get funding for roads since that area of the county is within the colonias designation.

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### Carrizozo Chamber Elects Officers For The New Year 2002

Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce elected officers for 2002 at the November 15 meeting.

Officers elected were president Eileen Lovelace, vice-president Janet Lynn, secretary Suzie Fern, treasurer Donna Harkey, and corresponding secretary Barbara Ward.

New officers will be installed at the December meeting which will be held at 12 noon, Tuesday, December 11, at the Carrizozo Recreation Center.

All current members and all interested in the Chamber of Commerce are invited to attend.

# Unemployment Claims

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Mexico counties.

County commissioner Leo Martinez, who represents the county on the Workforce Development Board, said he attended the October meeting. He was concerned there was no input from the private sector, which should have at least 51 percent representation on the board.

Martinez said in his opinion it was good to raise the minimum wage, because the benefits people receive while on unemployment encourage them to stay that way. "Once they go back to a minimum wage job, they lose the benefits," Martinez said. "This will encourage them to stay in

work, rather than out."

"Employers need to keep people employed," Martinez added.

Cozzens said anyone in Lincoln County who wants a job can get one. "They may have to move, say for instance out of the valley into Ruidoso," he added.

Martinez asked Cozzens about the state now doing free moves for unemployed people who get jobs out of their communities.

Cozzens said the way the rules are written now if a person is unemployed and finds a job out of his or her community, then the state will pay to relocate the person if they can prove they have a job.

Cozzens also reported that a grant application has been submitted by Dr. Jim Miller at Eastern New Mexico University learning center in Ruidoso for funding for a regional technical school. Another project underway is a mapping of every economic and community resource in each county.

Lincoln County Work Center is located at 707 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. Their telephone is 257-9296. For now the center provides help with unemployment insurance claims, registration for jobs, Internet access for job search, listings of job openings, help with preparing resumes and other services.

County commissioners also got a quarterly report from Modesto Chavez who represents the county on the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board of directors.

Wilson said Chavez submitted a letter of resignation from the LCSWA board effective at the end of December.

Chavez said since Debra Ingle, chair of LCSWA, opted to become acting manager things have turned around at LCSWA. "She's doing a real good job," Chavez said. "She has brought in a number of new accounts and is taking care of problems as they arise."

Chavez said the LCSWA board would appoint a permanent manager at an upcoming meeting. He said LCSWA is doing well with \$257,000 in the bank.

Martinez asked if LCSWA is looking to serve Mescalero.

Chavez said they are working on an arrangement with the tribe for that service.

Martinez also asked if people can dump large items at the LCSWA yard in Ruidoso Downs.

Chavez said the LCSWA yard is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

County commissioner Ray Nunley asked about such a service in Capitan.

Chavez said the Village of Capitan controls the hours at the Capitan roll off container and people need to call city hall for the hours.

Martinez asked if LCSWA continues to have problems with contractors. Chavez said the problems are getting better since they have relocated many dumpsters, especially those in Hondo Valley.

Martinez, hearing Chavez will resign from the LCSWA board, commended Chavez for his service.



**BULL RIDING CHAMPS:** Lincoln County Rodeo Club 2001 Bullriding Champs (ages 9-12) Chon Miranda (left) and Greg Vigil of Carrizozo are shown above. Chon is the grandson of Fernando and Ima Jean Miranda of Ruidoso Downs. Greg is the son of Lucy Vega and Brian Vigil of Carrizozo.



Cold snowy weather dusted the county on Tuesday, laying six to eight inches of powdery snow in Ruidoso and about four inches in Capitan. Carrizozo got a dusting also. Temperatures on Wednesday hovered below the freezing mark, and dropped into the teens overnight.

Cold temperatures are expected to continue through Friday, then begin to warm into the high 50s in Carrizozo by Monday.

The following weather forecast is based on information from the National Weather Service web site.

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln, Hondo Valley and lower elevations of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, November 29:

Partly cloudy. High 43. No chance for precipitation.

Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy with low temperature of 10.

Friday, November 30:

Partly cloudy and breezy. High to 37.

Saturday to Monday, December 1-3:

Clear to partly cloudy with warmer temperatures.

High to 60. Low to 29.

Tuesday, December 4:

Increasing cloudiness and breezy. High to 62 and low to 34.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan, Corona and other higher elevations of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, November 29:

Partly cloudy with high of 38. No chance for precipitation. Tonight partly to mostly cloudy with low of 15.

Friday, November 30:

Mostly cloudy and breezy. High to 44.

Saturday to Monday, December 1 to 3:

Clear to partly cloudy with warmer daytime temperatures. High to 47, low of 15.

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## OBITUARIES

### MARY "MIDGE" KINNICK LYNCH

Mary "Midge" Kinnick Lynch, a former resident of Lincoln County and former Lincoln County Treasurer, died November 24 in Silver City, NM.

She was born October 29, 1922 in the Mimbres Valley near San Lorenzo, NM. Midge was elected Lincoln County Treasurer and served two terms in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988. She worked in the Lincoln County Treasurer's office for several years in the early 1960s before being elected county treasurer.

She is survived by her husband Larry W. Lynch of Silver City; daughter Elizabeth L. Lynch of Silver City; daughter Mary C. Greer and her husband William R. Greer of Carrizozo; son Eric R. Lynch and his wife Veronica of Capitan; sister Elizabeth Putnam and her husband Mervin Putnam of Grants, NM; two brothers, William Kinnick and his wife Freda Kinnick of Semi, CA, and Robert T. Kinnick and his wife Lane Kinnick of Silver City; four grandchildren, Melissa Foster, Keith Greer, Marsh Keidel and Michele Lynch and five great grandchildren.

Services were held November 27 at the First Presbyterian Church in Silver City with interment at the Fort Bayard National Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Brad Kinnick, Dwayne Kinnick, Eric R. Lynch, Layne Fanning, Tom Chapman, and Chad Foster. Honorary pallbearers were Mervin Putnam, Thomas Hardin, Robert T. Kinnick, William Kinnick, Jim Baruch, William R. Greer, Keith Greer and Steve Keidel.

Clements October 19, 1935 at her parents home in Dexter, NM.

She was a graduate of Highlands University. She was a teacher for 25 years, with seven of those years in the Capitan and Hondo school systems where she sponsored class plays and conducted singing groups. The last 18 years of her teaching career were at Monte Vista in Albuquerque where she was inducted into the Alpha Beta Kappa Sorority.

She is survived by her husband Woodrow; sons Joe Clements and wife Stephanie of Higley, AZ, Bill Clements and wife Cookie, John Clements and wife Beth, and daughter Judy Rivers, all of McIntosh; sister Gayle Swearingen and husband Van Swearingen of Artesia, NM; 12 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held October 2 at the Clements family cemetery. Officiating were former pastor Pete Peterson and present pastor Johann Neethling.

### KENNAN FULLER

Kennan Fuller, a lifetime resident of Corona, died November 27. He was born September 9, 1914 in Ingram, TX.

Kennan served as Lincoln County chairman at one time and had been a rancher in the Corona area.

He is survived by his son Harrell Fuller and his wife Pat of Falls Church, VA; his daughter Jeanene

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**Come and Help Celebrate Katherine Posey's 90th Birthday Saturday, December 8**

**Desert Palms Mobile Estates 2000 First Street, Alamogordo 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

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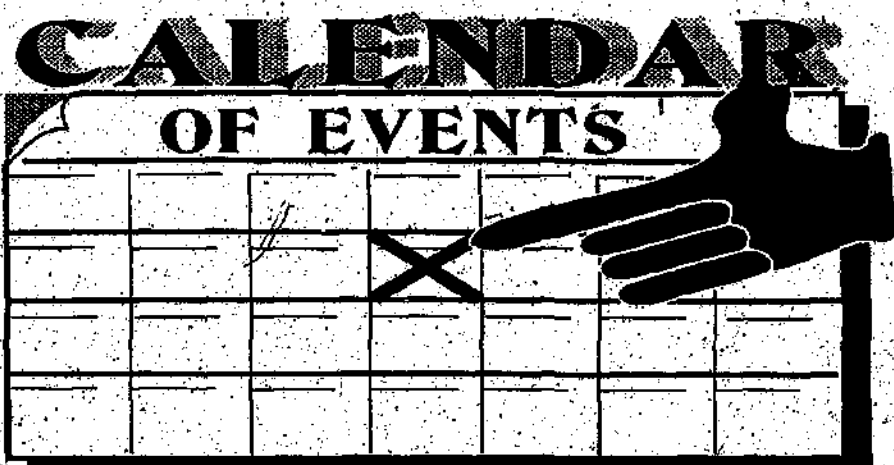
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**JEWELL SHARP CLEMENTS**  
Jewell Sharp Clements, 86, a former Lincoln County resident, died September 28. She was born December 18, 1914 in Kenton, TN. She married Woodrow W.



**FIRST MONDAYS**  
 -Republican Party of Lincoln County. Call 354-4230 for time and locations.  
 -Kairos Outside and Emmons Community meeting, 6:30 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, Carrizozo.

**FIRST AND 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.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
 -AWANA club meeting 6-8 p.m. First Baptist Church of Carrizozo for children three years old through sixth grade.  
 -AWAMA club meeting 6-8 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo for children in grades 7 and 8.  
 -Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

**THURSDAYS**  
 -Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.  
 -Pre-school reading hour, 1 p.m. at Capitan Public Library.

**TODAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29**  
 -Special Lincoln County Commission meeting to consider proposals for county commission redistricting; 9 a.m. Lincoln County Commission Chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
 -Capitan Methodist Church annual Bazaar, 11 a.m. basement of the church located at the corner of 3rd and White Oaks Street. Chile luncheon, with contributions accepted.  
 -Lincoln County Democrats Holiday Party, 2:30 p.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant. Guests bring a new unwrapped toy and/or non-perishable food. Music and refreshments. Call 354-2673 for more information.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
 -Free Medieval Spanish Music concert, 3 p.m. Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs, featuring Crisol Bufons from Chimayo.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
 -Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. Chamber Building on Second Street.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
 -Lincoln County Health and Wellness Council 8 a.m. Lincoln County Medical Center board meeting room in Ruidoso.  
 -South Central Mountain RC&D Council meets at 10 a.m. Capitan Church of Christ (across from the fairgrounds) on 5th Street. Barbara Luna, New Mexico State Forestry Division district forester will present a program about the Twenty Communities Initiative.  
 -American Legion Post 57 meets at 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
 -Lincoln County REDTIF council meets at 11 a.m. Carrizozo Recreation Center for a working Dutch treat lunch.

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Gibbs and her husband A.J. of Corona; his step sisters Lucy Bell and Gloria Meier; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Kennan will lie in state Friday, November 30 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Harris-Hanlon Chapel in Moriarty. Services will be at the Corona Presbyterian Church in Corona Satur-

day, December 1 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Scott King and Rev. Ray Wells officiating. Pallbearers will be A.J. Gibbs, Kennan Gibbs, Jason Gibbs, Steve Brewer, Andy Richards and Brian Caffrey.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harris-Hanlon Mortuary in Moriarty, NM.

## UNGLUED

By Clint Harmon



Where? Where?

# Values To Increase On Nonresidential Properties

by DORIS CHERRY

Beginning next year there will no longer be any large increases in residential property values, thanks to a new state law that will shift the tax burden to nonresidential properties.

Lincoln County Assessor Rick Silva made the statement about the property values during his presentation of his 2002 revaluation plan to the Lincoln County Commissioners during their meeting November 15 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The plan is required by the state Department of Taxation, Property Tax Division (PTD) to outline the assessor's goals and activities to carry out the revaluation and maintenance of property values.

If the county fails to comply with the state laws concerning the revaluation plan, the state has legal right to take over the assessor's function and bill the county for all costs incurred. Silva said to his knowledge this has never happened in Lincoln County.

In the plan Silva wrote that revaluation is the process of estimating new values based on specific rules or laws and current property data every two years. Data includes sales, replacement cost, neighborhood trends and current use. If the rules or data change, values may become obsolete or inaccurate.

Data maintenance is the process of capturing and valuing new construction and other changes of the property base. A good maintenance program has two components, the first focusing on building permits and subdivision plats and the second is periodic re-inspection of all properties in the county, Silva continued.

The basic motivation for revaluation is equity. "Appraisal inequities can hurt a community and over appraised property will contribute to a lower tax base causing the community to set higher tax rates and possibly weaken its bonding capacity," Silva said.

Statewide the long term goal is uniform property valuation, Silva added.

Currently Lincoln County is at 95 percent of valuation. But about one-third of the counties in New Mexico are not even close to updated values, Silva said.

Silva's long term goal for the assessor's office is to upgrade with aerial photos to improve the accuracy of parcel mapping and to improve the listings of personal property. Personal property is anything used for business purposes. "It's a tax on business," Silva added.

Lincoln County receives about \$230,000 a year in taxes on personal property. Silva said he is glad the state legislature did not change the laws to remove the tax on personal property.

Silva told county commissioners his office is now three months behind its revaluation schedule due to the county computer programmer Triadic upgrade of county wide programs. He told THE NEWS that because of the three month backlog, the 2002 notices of valuation will not be mailed to property owners until late February to early March.

In his revaluation plan Silva included information on a company that specializes in assessor's software packages. The software package would cost about \$210,000 and would include two years technical service. Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park was concerned that the separate software would make it harder for her office to get information to answer taxpayers questions. "How would we look up information if it is on a different system?" Park asked.

Silva said his office would only use the separate programming to set values, and would use the county system for all other information.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann questioned Silva's request for the \$210,000 for programming and \$174,000 for new personnel, plus new vehicles and an enclosed office. "That is about a \$400,000 budget," Schwettmann said.

With 48,557 parcels of property in Lincoln County, Silva said the assessor's

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## Medieval Spanish Music Dec. 2 At Hubbard Museum

by Doris Cherry

A free concert from the Medieval performance group, Crisol Bufons, will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday, December 2 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso.

Crisol Bufons is a troubadour group based in Chimayo, New Mexico, dedicated to the presentation of Spanish medieval art forms, including song, music, dance and theater. Their goal is to preserve and share the rich cultural traditions of medieval Spain.

The Medieval Concert features music from historic Spain with songs originating from the 12th to 16th centuries. This historic music highlights the three major cultures of medieval Spain: Moors,

Christian and Sephardic-Jews. The performance will incorporate Sephardic melodies, troubadour songs and Moorish melodies, accompanied by various medieval instruments such as the Moorish guitar, Spanish and Renaissance lutes, the banduria, dulcimer and others.

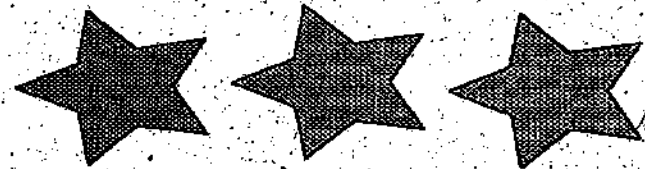
The Medieval Concert is hosted by the Hubbard Museum and is funded in part by New Mexico Arts.

Crisol Bufons will be returning to the Hubbard museum at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 8 for a performance of their children's play, "The Donkey Who Drank The Moon."

The performance will follow the annual Children's Christmas Party at the museum.

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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

*They had the right idea*

By Ruth Hammond

When winter arrives, as it has suddenly the past few days, it makes you wonder how the first people living in this area survived. They didn't have warm vehicles, their transportation was walking or riding a horse or pony or mule or one of those other four legged animals that had been tamed, or domesticated. Not only were the riders out in the cold, the four legged animal had to bear the burden of carrying a passenger, or pulling a passenger as well as being out in the cold. And we complain that it is cold when we walk from the door of our residence to our vehicle. Can you imagine what those four legged domesticated animals that were used for transportation back in the old days would say about being out in the cold if they could talk?

It also makes you wonder how those first residents of this area survived with only a tent for shelter. They had no insulation trapped between layers of animal hide to help keep warm. They had blankets made of buffalo hide that were extra warm, but were also too heavy to be used for any kind of coat. Staying under a buffalo robe may have kept them toasty but sometimes they had to get out and go get something to eat and do other necessary things. They had to have been cold, or maybe they accepted the fact that there was nothing they could do about it but accept it.

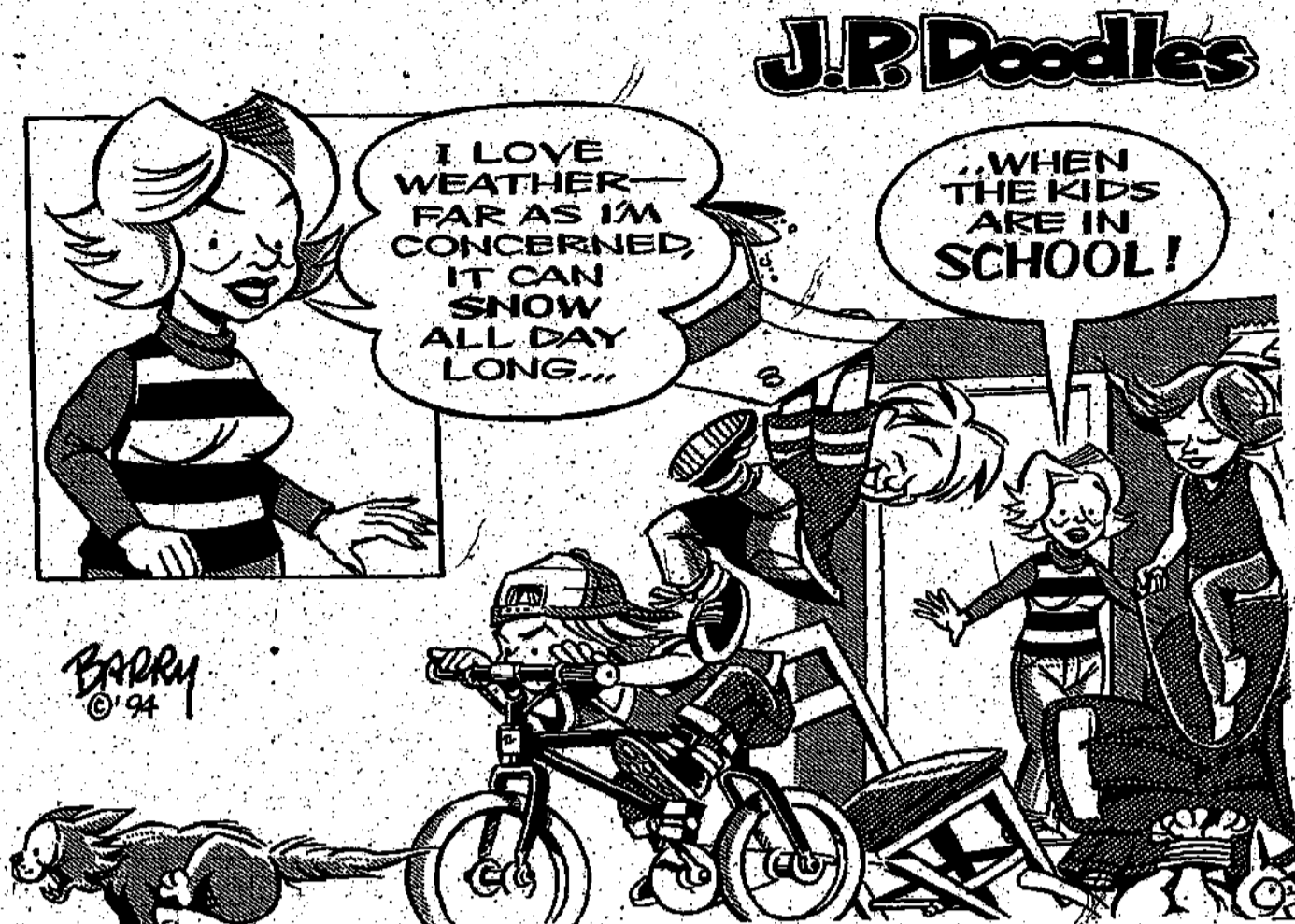
Nowadays there are all kinds of things we can do about being cold. We can turn up the heat, that is if we think we can afford the cost. Or we can put on more layers of light weight thermal keep yourself warm clothing. Or we can sit in a vehicle in the sun, it really does get warm with the sun shining through the windows. Or we can wrap ourselves in an electric blanket turned up as high as it will go. Or we can find a buffalo robe and nestle under it for the duration of the winter, leaving only for food and necessary jaunts.

There are other options, such as moving to somewhere it is warmer, but the first residents in this area didn't have that advantage. By the time they went somewhere it was getting warm and they needed to return to this area. Why would they have wanted to live here? Was it because they knew they had to settle the area for future generations? Or was it because they relished the lovely starlit nights? Or was it because they didn't know there was anywhere else to live and forage for food and scratch out a comfortable living? It makes you wonder why they continued to stay.

Eventually this area was settled by people who wanted more. The new settlers wanted warm housing, even if they didn't have much more than a rough log cabin. These new settlers didn't have insulation, they used mud chinks to close the gaps between the logs of their shelters. And they probably thought their enclosed homes were really nice and warm. And they may even not have complained when they had to make trips outside for necessary necessities.

Residents back then probably accepted the cold without complaining. They probably knew that the best thing to do was build a fire, stand by it and turn around often. More people should do that, stop complaining, build a fire, and turn often. Maybe it is time to turn some other people too.

*The weather outside is cold*



**PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM**



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**Sagittarius:** (Nov 22 - Dec 21) You will still have feeling of being lost! Don't waste time running in circles! You need to sit down, make a list of everything you need to do. Relax!

**Capricorn:** (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You may worry about things that you can't do anything about! Putting your energy in the wrong things, is like throwing away money you don't have!

**Aquarius:** (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Start out slow, or you may find yourself on the other side of the fence! Telling the truth, is good for you, but might NOT be good for someone you like!

**Pisces:** (Feb 19 - March 20) You have to take stock in what you're doing, what you really want to do with your life! You and you alone are the only one who knows the truth!

**Aries:** (Mar 21 - April 19) Keep in a Good Mood, even if others don't want to be Happy! Stay away from People that bring you down! If you have to be there, BE HAPPY!

**Taurus:** (Apr 20 - May 20) Things will start coming your way, the way you want them as soon as you let the Past GO! Think Happy Thoughts & Good things will come to YOU!

**Gemini:** (May 21 - June 20) You may need to hide for awhile, if nothing else to get some quiet time, so you can think things out! You can start on the ideas you have in mind!

**Cancer:** (June 21-July 22) Before you react on something, someone else will tell you, you better think first if you really want to get into something that's over your head!

**Leo:** (July 23 - Aug 22) It's that time of year again! Not enough hours of the day to get what you want done!!! This year will be different! You won't let things bother you like usual!

**Virgo:** (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You're starting to do what you said you would never do! That's O.K. if you're Happy!? That's what counts! You can pay for it later! Think about it!

**Libra:** (Sept 22 - Oct 22) Watch what you're doing, and who you are around! You may pick up feelings you're not supposed to! Take care of your health first. You can overcome this!

**Scorpio:** (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You may be counting on Money and People, who are not there yet! Don't!! Only do with what you really have in your hand! They mean well!

**SANTA FE INSIDE THE CAPITOL**  
BY JAY MILLER

**SANTA FE** - Is Republican Sen. Stuart Ingle the most powerful member of the New Mexico Senate? It's not a difficult argument to make.

The affable Portales farmer is the Senate minority leader. Although Republicans have been known to fight for that position in the past, no rumblings have been heard since Ingle took over his post at the beginning of the year, succeeding former Sen. Skip Vernon who left the body and waged an unsuccessful run for Bernalillo County district attorney.

If Ingle does enjoy near majority support of the 18 Republicans in the Senate, that appears to put him well ahead of Majority Floor Leader Manny Aragon, who won his post recently with about 14 votes. President Pro Tem Richard Romero won his position last January with a coalition of the 18 Republicans and three Democrats.

There is little question that those 18 Republicans consider Ingle their leader over Romero. That leaves Romero with his three Democrat votes, plus he figures, some of the 6 or so other Democrats who voted against Aragon for majority leader. The remaining Democrats may still look for leadership to deposited Majority Floor Leader Tim Jennings of Roswell or they may be independent operators at this point.

That is a recipe for a train wreck. And the trains are headed at each other on the track called "redistricting." If lawmakers can't agree on a plan, House Republican leader Ted Hobbs of Albuquerque

estimates that 25 to 30 of the 70 House members will lose their seats because courts will draw district lines that pay no heed to preserving seats for incumbents.

If that percentage of lost seats is extended to the Senate, approximately 17 of the 42 senators will not be reelected. A bipartisan committee of senators appointed by Romero recently proposed a plan that would protect every senator's seat. But bipartisanship doesn't govern the actions of senators at this point.

Both sides in both houses, and the political parties behind them, want to gain seats as a result of redistricting. The state GOP contends that about half the votes cast in the last legislative elections went to Republicans, so they deserve an even shot at half the seats in the Legislature. Democrats note that majority rules, disregarding the fact that Republican Gov. Gary Johnson is a majority of one when it comes signing bills.

Time has run out for lawmakers to avoid court intervention in redistricting. Hearings on the various suits begin Dec. 10. But lawmakers still hold out hope that eventually they can come to an agreement on the courthouse steps that a judge will approve.

The first redistricting suits to be considered by Judge James Hall's district court in Santa Fe will be those involving the U.S. House. State lawmakers seem hopelessly separated on that issue. With the balance of power so narrow in the House, representatives

of both national parties are deeply involved in this state decision.

Since our lawmakers are much more interested in self-preservation, they seem willing to let the courts handle the tricky job of dealing with national political interests, while they continue trying to work out something that protects their own state legislative seats.

Maybe they figure the holiday spirit will infuse them with the good will necessary to work out an accommodation. But more likely they are figuring an absolute deadline will force a decision. Legislative time schedules are designed to produce 11th-hour decisions, so look for action to get hot and heavy right after the first of the year as the Jan. 18 opening of the 2002 Legislature approaches.



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**EDITOR:** Remember in school when we were taught about all the types of government? The teacher told us that the left-wingers are Communists, the right-wingers are Fascists and Nazis, and in the center is Democracy. They conveniently forgot to discuss Republics.

Let us be clear. There are basically two types of government -- people control government or government controls people. The more left-wing you are the more government you have. The more right-wing you are the less government you have. Communism, Fascism, and Nazism (total government) are all left-wing. There are virtually no differences between them. In each case you have a totalitarian, socialist state in which the people are oppressed. On the other hand if you go as far right-wing as you can you have anarchy (no government). In the middle you have Democracy and Republics.

What does Democracy mean? Well, we usually think that it means: "rule by the people" (majority rule). Elections are won and laws are passed by majority vote. Whatever the majority says goes, right? There are several problems with this. First, when everything is decided by majority vote there is nothing to prevent the majority from trampling on the individual rights of everybody. Second, when you have man trying to live by the laws of man, instead of the laws of God, you have chaos and pandemonium. And last, when you have somebody "ruling" somebody else eventually a time will come when those who are being ruled will disagree with those who are doing the ruling. When this occurs the rulers will use force against those being ruled to make them comply with their demands. Wars and riots are results of Democracy. You have a majority tyrannizing the minority. Think of Democracy as a lynch mob on a much grander scale (mobocracy). Democracy doesn't guarantee freedom.

The founders never intended for the United States to be one gigantic Democracy in which everyone is subject to the whim of majority rule. They knew that the only difference between the dictatorship and a Democracy is the ration of tyrants to slaves. Today, our elected representatives embrace Democracy.

It's clear that the founders disliked Democracy

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# Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo:

November 20:  
2:57 p.m. vandalism on French Drive in Alto.  
3:54 p.m. deputy advised he made a warrant arrest for the Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU).

November 21:  
8 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) referral on Canyon Road. Deputy assigned.

10:35 a.m. request for ambulance to Carrizozo clinic for patient with chest pains. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

10:40 a.m. lost child on Pine Hill Loop in the Alto area. At 10:55 a.m. a 911 call came in from the parents looking for the child. The assigned deputy responded to the grandmother's residence.

11:24 a.m. criminal damage, door kicked in, at location off Highway 48, mile marker 11.

1:08 p.m. fire in Cedar Creek reported by Bonito Fire Department. By 1:41 p.m. the fire fighter advised all was clear.

5:45 p.m. missing dog in Hondo valley area. Animal Control Office (ACO) assigned.

6 p.m. deputy advised he made a warrant arrest.

9:13 p.m. domestic at location on Lakeshore Drive. Two deputies and state police.

November 22:  
9:25 a.m. request for ambulance for patient with seizures on Little Creek Road. Ruidoso Med 1 ambulance transported to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC).

12:38 p.m. ill woman in Lincoln. Capitan ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

8:43 p.m. asthma attack, at location on Smokey Bear Blvd. Med 1 transported to LCMC, Capitan police also responded.

November 23:  
5:43 a.m. oven fire at location on Gavilan Canyon Road. Dispatch advised the caller to shut the oven off and leave the door closed and get out of the house. Bonito Fire Department responded with three units.

6:45 a.m. cat bite by neighbor's cat on Comanche Circle in Alto.

1:30 p.m. loud music all day and all night at RV park on Highway 70.

2:22 p.m. asthma attack at location on Smokey Bear Blvd. Capitan ambulance transported to LCMC.

2:35 p.m. state police requested assistance at mile marker 12 on Highway 48. Two deputies responded.

4:30 p.m. threats reported by individual on ranch near Corona.

November 24:  
5:24 a.m. several callers reported red glow in north like an early sun rise. Sierra Blanca Airport also confirmed seeing the glow. Bonito Fire Department was paged then canceled because it appeared the glow was all north of the Capitan Mountains. Forest Service was also contacted.

6:58 a.m. Corona ambulance, advised they were transporting an elderly woman to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

9:30 a.m. Capitan police requested assistance with funeral.

9:49 a.m. missing wallet, the caller requested a deputy because someone entered his home in an RV park while he was sleeping. That morning the wallet was missing.

10:05 a.m. 911 hang up. Dispatch called back and the caller advised they were unsure if they needed an ambulance for a 60 year old man who had fallen. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance responded to check the man, but he refused transport to the hospital.

10:42 a.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping on Gavilan North road. The housekeeper had stolen some furniture and would be returning it at noon that date.

2:10 p.m. breaking and entering at a storage unit in Alto North area.

2:37 p.m. Alto Neighborhood Watch reported suspicious vehicle with California plates.

4:12 p.m. lost hikers on Forest Road 117. Two deputies and state police notified.

7:06 p.m. breaking and entering at location on

Lower Eagle Creek.

9:12 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of a man calling for help on River Lane. Deputy assigned.

November 25:  
9:05 a.m. vandalism on Crystal Lakes, at end of High Mesa.

1:57 p.m. suicidal subject. Carrizozo Police notified, and deputy requested for backup.

2:29 p.m. vandalism to truck on Indian Divide.

5:46 p.m. damage to gate at property in White Oaks.

8:54 p.m. Ruidoso Downs requested assistance at an RV park.

9 p.m. fire alarm activated at location on E. Ave. Carrizozo Fire Department responded.

10:46 p.m. attempted suicide at location on Carrizo Canyon Road, 53 year old male with severe gambling problems was threatening suicide by hanging. Two deputies and state police responded.

November 26:  
8:26 a.m. harassment at trailer park, arrest warrant issued for subject.

9:16 a.m. vandalism on High Mesa in Alto.

10:30 a.m. found dynamite in the dumpsters at mile marker 6 on Highway 37. The caller advised he found 13 sticks of "unimax dymo" dynamite while he was dumping his trash in the dumpster. State police bomb disposal unit was notified and the dynamite case turned over to state police. The responding deputy searched the dumpsters for any more dynamite that may have been overlooked but advised no others found.

# Traffic Bad On

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County manager Tom Stewart said he would look into that in the next CDBG grant funding cycle next year.

Hernandez then reported further on the work done on Juniper Springs. He said the road crews cut a Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) service line which was not buried deep enough. He said crews were able to widen the roadway to 24 feet by knocking out some trees "those tree huggers enjoyed" but were in the road right of way. And base course gravel was put on the roadway.

Hernandez also reported the road department has completed the two highway department cooperative projects, the first time the projects were done so early before year end. "That's why you see the road department budget spent more than normal for this time of year."

Hernandez said in response to a long discussion about budget expenditures by county commissioner Bill Schwettmann at the first of the meeting.

The only highway cooperative project left to be done is Gavilan Canyon.

He said this time he plans to coordinate with Ruidoso on the road improvements on Gavilan. He said Gavilan Canyon Road needs to be ground up and reclaimed and overlaid. "It has very heavy traffic," he added.

# Values To Increase

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office needs at least 16 employees according to standards set by the International Association of Assessing Offices (IAAO). The IAAO standards recommend each appraiser deal with 3,000 parcels. Currently there are 11.5 employees in the assessor's office, with five of these real property appraisers, no personal property appraisers, two in administra-

tion, one mapper/drafter, no one in data processing and 3.5 employees in clerical.

Silva said he would like to have two more appraisers to handle mobile homes and personal property. Another problem is people starting to retire. "I need more employees to train before they retire," Silva said.

# Grizzly

# WEEKLY

By Carrizozo High School Journalism Class  
Sarah Ball, Instructor

# New Faces At Carrizozo Schools



Mandy Baca has been a frequent face at Carrizozo Schools. She is a student at NMSU-A and plans to be a teacher. She said, "Being a teacher is one of the most important occupations in the world." It is also one of the most difficult. A wise man once told her in order to be successful in this field she must be here for the outcome and not the income. She said, "I am blessed to be able to encourage and motivate students and athletes to reach their full potential." She is majoring in elementary education (K-8) and minoring in physical education (K-12). She currently coaches junior high volleyball and basketball. She also substitutes (K-12) when available and is enrolled in 15 hours at NMSU-A. She is a senior in college and needs to have 64 hours in both block A and B: half is K-3 and the other half is 4-8. Her 5th year will be student teaching and she will look at the teachers for their teaching methods and how to handle discipline problems. She looks at the kids to see when behavior problems occur.

At present she does not have a preference as to which grade she may eventually teach.

By John Ward

County commissioner Leo Martinez said with the new computer program Silva should be able to do the work with less people.

County commissioner Ray Nunley suggested the new computer program could pay for itself by additional taxes captured by more accuracy.

Silva told THE NEWS that before he was elected there were enough appraisers in the field. Silva was formerly an appraiser and now that he has been elected assessor he spends most of his time administratively as does his chief deputy who had also been an appraiser.

Silva said the money for the salaries for the two employees for revaluation would be taken from the re-appraisal fund. He also said the state offers a low cost loan for the computer software.

According to the revaluation plan, currently the assessor's office receives an average of 81 building permits a month from the Village of Ruidoso. That computes to about \$234,620 of new taxes, if the tax rates do not change.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson commended the assessor's office for "being a good department that's been that way for a long time."

As for Silva's request for an enclosed office, county manager Tom Stewart re-

quested the commissioners wait until the new magistrate building is completed and the offices now occupied by the magistrate's office are vacated to determine office needs.

County commissioners unanimously approved the revaluation plan and they also approved a request from Silva to donate a used surplus plotter to the Guadalupe County Assessor's office.

County commissioners also heard from Keith Cunningham of Spatial Data Research who said a set of black and white aerial photos of the whole county would cost about \$10,000. He said these photos would improve the accuracy of maps and property records.

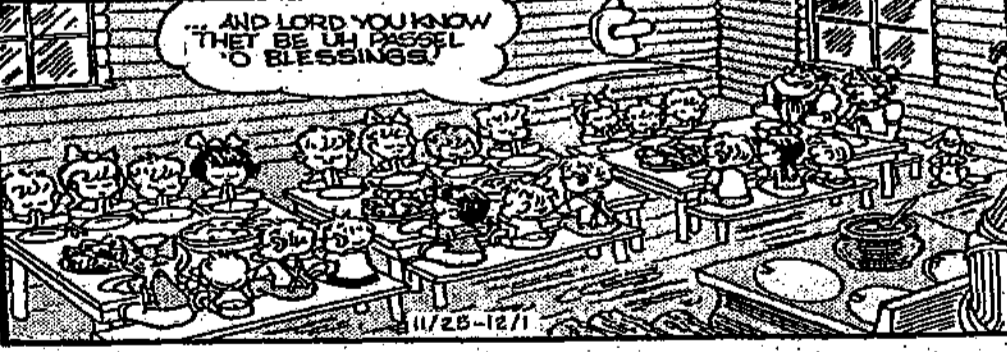
# County Health And Wellness Council Will Meet Dec. 4

Lincoln County Health and Wellness Council meets at 8 a.m. Tuesday, December 4 in the Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) board room in Ruidoso.

The public is invited to attend this open meeting. Agenda is available from Terrie Elliott at 117 El Paso Road in Ruidoso.

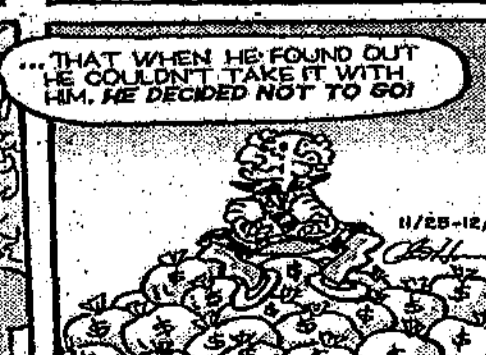
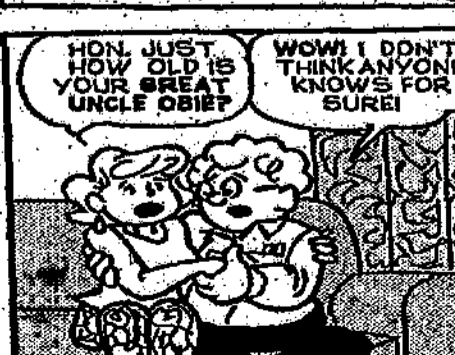
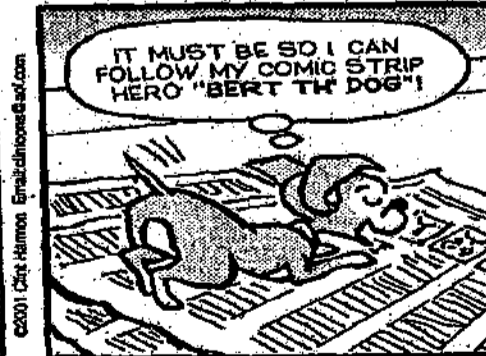
## RIM ROCK CANYON

By Clint Harmon



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By Clint Harmon



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and never intended the United States to become one. They publicly condemned Democracy along with all other forms of tyranny. They tried to prevent tyranny from occurring in the United States by giving us a self-governing Republic as our form of government.

Why do you suppose our elected representatives and teachers praise Democracy and tell us it results in Liberty? Well, the teachers are probably misinformed (intentionally), but our elected representatives know exactly what they are saying. You see, if they can convince you that we live in a Democracy (mobocracy) they will continue imposing confiscatory taxes, oppressive laws, and burdensome regulations upon us and when you object they will respond by saying, "Hey, majority rules, remember?"

The fact is that the United States is a Union of Sovereign Republics, not a Democracy. To confirm this simply read the U.S. Constitution (Art. 4, Sec. 4) or recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Did you know that every state is a government, has a flag and a constitution?

In a Republic every individual is sovereign and equal. Nobody has any authority over anybody else. You have certain inalienable (God-given) rights that cannot be taken away (read the Declaration of Independence). You may do anything you wish so long as you don't infringe upon the Life, Liberty, or Property of somebody else (you have self rule, not mob rule). You are subject only to Common Law. You can own private property, practice any religion, work any job, attend any school, write or say anything, travel anywhere, and keep everything you work for.

In a Democracy, your individual rights can simply be voted away by the majority. You are then granted civil rights and privileges by the majority which they can later revoke. This makes you subject so Statutory Law (Public Policy). If you disobey the majority you are imprisoned, fined, and your privileges are revoked. Imagine living in a Democracy where 51% of the people choose to sit around all day and do nothing while they force the other 49% to work and pay all the bills. Then the 51% vote to abolish private ownership of property. Lets not stop there . . . the 51% vote to abolish free speech, religion, gun ownership, and free enterprise. As long as the majority continues to force their will on the rest of us, nobody will be free.

Politicians keep telling us we are free and prosperous because we have Democracy in the U.S. and that we must do the same for the rest of the world. This is total deception. We are great because of hard work, individual sacrifice, free-enterprise, and our inalienable (God-given) rights. We should be forming free, self-governing, Republics around the world, not Democracies.

At the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention in September 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked, "What have you wrought?" He answered, " . . . a Republic, if you can keep it."

**NORMAN VAN GORDER**  
Carrizozo, New Mexico

## Wellness Council Wants County Rec Center

Lincoln County Health and Wellness Planning Council supports the concept of a public recreation facility and would like the county to collaborate with the Village of Ruidoso on such a facility.

During the November 15 Lincoln County Commissioners meeting held in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, the Health and Wellness Planning Council chair Genevieve Phelan gave a quarterly report and

requested appointment of a member to the wellness council. Phelan said at the October 2 planning council meeting the group discussed an idea from Ruidoso resident Joe Zagone to consider and collaborate with Ruidoso on a community recreation center open to all county residents.

"The Planning Council recognizes the benefits a public facility would bring to the county," Phelan said. Such a facility would fulfill four of the five priorities listed in the Lincoln County 2000 Strategic Health Plan, she added. The top priorities are child and youth development, substance abuse services, elderly services, information services and primary and dental health care.

"It is the opinion of the Planning Council that Lincoln County would greatly benefit from a recreation center—one that is inter-generational, free to all residents," Phelan said. She said the council endorses the idea of a recreation center with an Olympic size indoor swimming pool which would be beneficial to people of all ages.

"The Planning Council recognizes that such a pro-

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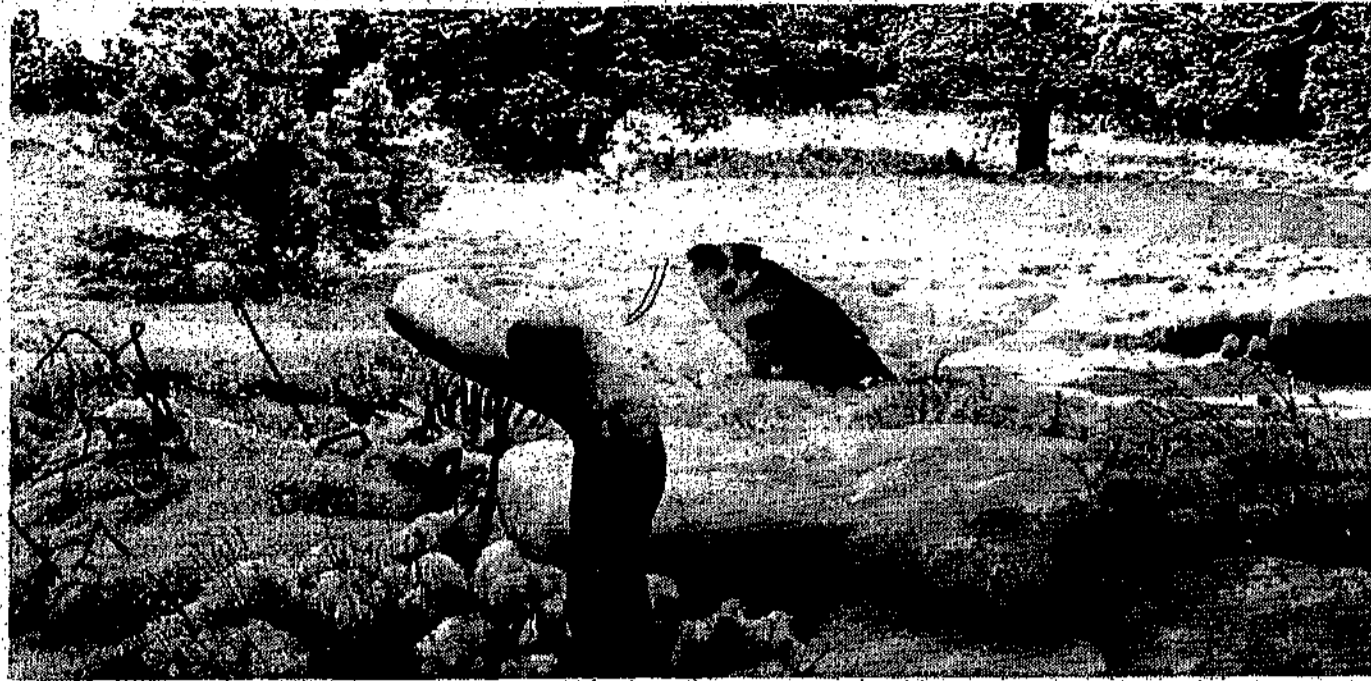
### RC&D To Meet in Capitan Dec. 4

South Central Mountain RC&D Council meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 4 at the Capitan Church of Christ building across from the Lincoln County Fairgrounds on 5th Street in Capitan.

Coffee and donuts will precede the meeting which will feature a presentation from Barbara Luna, New Mexico State Forestry Division district forester, on the Twenty Communities Initiative.

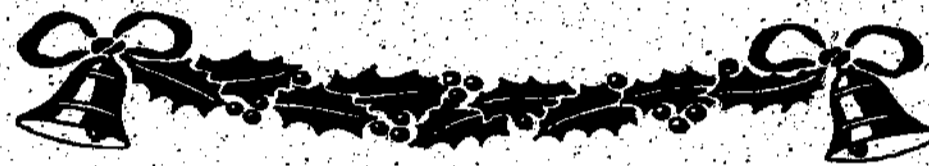
Everyone is invited to attend. Please use the south door located at the back of the building.

For more information call 848-2941.



## HOT DOG IT SNOWED!

The family dog tries out the snow on Wednesday morning in the Capitan area. A very cold front brought day long flurries to the higher elevations Tuesday that turned to icy conditions and snow accumulations, causing a rash of minor traffic accidents at quitting time. About four inches of snow fell on Capitan area causing Capitan schools to go on a two hour delay Wednesday. No roads in Lincoln County were closed during the storm, although roads in the higher elevations were snow packed and icy by Wednesday morning.



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## Katherine Posey To Celebrate Her 90th Birthday December 8

Friends are invited to help Katherine Posey, a former resident of Lincoln County, celebrate her 90th birthday on December 8.

Katherine has lived in the Sacramento Mountains or Lincoln County her entire life, with the exception of the past few years when she has lived in Tularosa or Alamogordo. Katherine and her husband Arrell Posey owned the Posey Lumber Company in Carrizozo for several years.

Katherine's 90th birthday celebration will be held at Desert Palms Mobile Estates at 2000 First Street in Alamogordo from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 8. It will provide an opportunity for Katherine to visit and say goodbye to many of her friends before she moves to Grants, NM to live with her son and daughter in law.

No presents, please, but your presence will be appreciated.

# Corona News

The Corona Senior Citizen Center had their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday the 15th. About 40 people enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings and traditional pumpkin pie for desert. After the dinner an hour of bingo was played and the person with the most bingos in that time received a 20 pound turkey.

Lee Mulkey was the winner. Hazel Burton came in with the second most bingos and was given a 15 pound turkey.

Johnnie Bond has her sister Pearl Stone visiting.

Mrs. Stone has recently moved from California to Beaverton, Oregon where her children live.

Mr. And Mrs. Curtis Duke and daughter Mrs. Rasak drove to Carlsbad on November 17 where Mrs. Duke gave a program to the Thomas Jefferson Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. The group met at the Stevens Inn and after a luncheon, Mrs. Duke presented a slide program that they converted to a video program on the period rooms located in the National headquarters of the DAR in Washington D.C.

She also told about clocks from the revolutionary period and a history of quilts from that period.

Mrs. Rasak gave a talk on the DAR schools. Mr. Duke helped with the driving and the equipment set up.

Mrs. Duke donated several posters on the Constitution to the Corona school library. The display was used during Constitution week in September. Mrs. Duke donated it so the school could use it in the future.

Mr. John McCallam and his wife Harriet stopped by the Rasak Ranch week before last week, for a visit and lunch. Mrs. McCallam was returning from a trip to El Paso to look up patriots of Spanish ancestry that aided the American Revolution with monetary donations. She reported her trip was very successful. The new list of patriots will enable the DAR to have many new members. Hopefully, many of them from New Mexico.

Harriet is the Chapter Regent of Santa Fe DAR. She was busy last week since her chapter was to have a visit from the State Regent Susanne O'Malley who is a Sierra Blanca Chapter member, and resident of Carrizozo. Together they will work on plans for the 2003 State Conference to be held in Santa Fe.

Curtis Duke's sister Mrs. Lily Faulkner was released from the hospital after surgery to remove lung cancer. She was then readmitted due to complications. She is currently recovering at home in Splendora, Texas.

A favorite author of Lincoln County is writing another book. Mr. Frederick Nolan is writing about Jess Jenkins. He lived around Corona for many years. He had the HIP O Ranch. The book is concentrating on the Tascosa years, mainly.

Anyone with any information on Mr. Jenkins in regards to what happened to his brother Lon, or any photographs of him, or other general information may call 849-2849.

Thursday, November 15 Corona girls Jr. High and varsity basketball teams beat Honda.

Saturday, November 17 the girls high school basketball team beat Santa Fe's Desert Academy by 40 points. The Jr. high and varsity boys lost. The varsity team has five players and two fouled out, leaving three to play the last quarter. The November 19 game with Estancia was canceled by Estancia.

Corona had its first tracking snow Friday. Does this mean we get 23 snows this season? It has been cold and windy and Tuesday was a blustery day.

The Corona del Ray Aglow International Annual Tea will incorporate both American and Spanish-American celebrations of the Christmas Festival. We will be celebrating the Good News of the Advent Season. Jesus is Coming!! You can come to the Corona Senior Citizens Center, Saturday, December 8, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. and Mrs. Byron Yancey and Mrs. Bernice McCord went to Roswell to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. and Mrs. Charley Lueras and the Troy Yanceys. They returned home Friday by Melrose where they attended funeral services for Cathy's "very special" aunt, Lillis McCord Hampton, 85, who died Saturday morning in a Tucumcari hospital of complications from diabetes. She is survived by a son in Tucumcari, a daughter in New York, a daughter in Oklahoma and several grandchildren.

Weston Housner was



Lincoln County Farm Bureau president Duane Frost, left, accepts an award on behalf of his county for exceeding quota this year from NM Farm & Livestock Bureau president John Van Sweden during the organizations's 84th annual meeting in Albuquerque November 17.

seriously injured Friday evening when struck by a car near his home in Phoenix. He suffered a broken jaw, arm and pelvis and severe bruising but he has talked to his

Monique Johnson was in school Tuesday on crutches. She is recuperating from foot surgery 12 days ago.

Mrs. D.L. Hand has been suffering from two compressed vertebrae and was taken by ambulance to Gerald Champion Hospital in Alamogordo Friday where doctors discovered a broken pelvis and urinary infection. She is expected to remain there for at least two weeks.

Friends honored Kandy Johnson, bride-elect of Tom Perkins, with a miscellaneous bridal shower in the Zia Senior Center Sunday. Hostess were Denise Byrd, Sabra Davidson, Bessie Gage, Eileen Garfield, Melissa Mulkey, Kay Sultemeier, and Cathy Yancey. Out of town guests included Jane Thomas, and Alfreda Thomas, McIntosh, Glenda Noblitt, Estancia, Lori Perkins, Clovis and Cric- ket, Albuquerque. Friends of Tom and Kandy are all invited to the wedding at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 1, at the Estancia Baptist Church and to the reception and dance at the Torrance County Fair Building.

Mrs. Robin Pfeiffer has moved to assisted living quarters at Vista Del Rio, 1620 Indian School, Albuquerque. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughes are the new owner of the Robert's property. Welcome home, Sue and

Charley. Sherrill Bradford drove to Palmer Lake, CO for Thanksgiving and returned early Sunday morning.

The John Hartungs traveled to Phoenix for Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan were her brother and her niece and family; Ray Rovey, Liz and John Hodges and two daughters, Jonna Rae and Caitlin, all of Golden, CO.

Ken and Marianne Branson and son John were in Caorona celebrating Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brunson. While they were here Ron brought a message to a group on Friday, November 23, at the Corona Senior Citizens Center. The music provided by Ron, Marianne and John always adds an extra dimension to the message with Ron playing the guitar and John playing the fiddle.

Kennan Fuller, 87, died Tuesday morning in Albuquerque. Services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 1, in the Corona Presbyterian Church.



## Card of Thanks

Lincoln County Rodeo Club 2001 Bullriding Champ (ages 9-12) Greg Vigil, would like to thank his sponsors, Chris and Di's Four Winds Restaurant, and the Crossroads Motel in Carrizozo.

## Church Directory



### MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

**Nogal Presbyterian Church:**  
BILL SEBRING, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

**Ancha Community Presbyterian Church:**  
SCOTT KING, Pastor / 848-2024  
Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

**Corona Presbyterian Church:**  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

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

**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**  
JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor  
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2188  
Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor  
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
**SATURDAY:**  
Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY:**  
Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Corona St. Theresa ..... 1:00 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
TOM POINDEXTER, Minister. 354-3135  
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 1:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**St. Matthias Episcopal Church**  
REV. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector  
Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM  
1-505-257-2356  
Holy Eucharist ..... Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**Claunch Community Church**  
TONY SCACCIA, Minister  
849-1402  
Second Sunday of Each Month ..... 9:00 a.m.

**United Methodist Churches:**  
JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor  
1000 D. Ave. 848-2893 / 648-2846  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
Sunday School (All Ages) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice (Tuesday) ..... 8:30 p.m.  
United Methodist Women  
Every 3rd Wednesday ..... 2:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner on  
4th Sunday of Month ..... 12:30 p.m.

**CAPITAN:**  
Adult Sunday School ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice (Tuesday) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner ..... Every Third Sunday  
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)  
1st and 3rd Tuesday ..... 9:30 a.m.

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

**Capitan Church of Christ**  
LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister  
5th & Lincoln / 336-4827  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**  
Phone 354-2044  
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
AWANA Sunday ..... 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church of Corona**  
CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7975  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner ..... 1st Sunday of Month

LaGrone Funeral Chapel  
Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Bill Winkler  
Stearns Insurance Agency

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 29, 2001, S.T. Spencer of Bar W. Ranch, Inc., P.O. Box 36, Carrizozo, NM 88301, filed application numbered T-1755 into T-3981 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Tularosa Basin in Lincoln County by abandoning the use of well T-1755, located in the NE1/4NE1/4SE1/4 Section 13, Township 6 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., and transferring 6 acre-feet per annum for livestock use into permitted well T-3981 with an approximate depth of 400 feet and an outside diameter casing of 8-inches, on land owned by the applicant in the NE1/4NE1/4SE1/4, Section 13, Township 6 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., for continued livestock use. Old Well T-1755 has caved in and will be plugged.

Well T-1755 and the proposed replacement well site, T-3981, can be found by traveling approximately 8 miles north on US Highway 54 from Carrizozo, NM then west on unimproved dirt road for approximately one mile.

An person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the state of New Mexico, or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objection shall be in writing and shall set forth all protestant's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, P.O. Box 729, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88904-0729 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice. If no valid protest is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO CY-01-245

WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA NA, As Trustee, Plaintiff,

ERIC CULVER AND BILLIE CULVER, Husband and Wife, BANK ONE, NA, and RUIDOSO VALLEY BUILDERS, LLC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendants Eric Culver, Billie Culver and Ruidoso Valley Builders, LLC;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on September 25, 2001 and an Amended Complaint on October 4, 2001, against the above-named Defendants. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5 Doc Holiday Ct., Alto, New Mexico 88312, and more particularly described as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING AND BOND SALE HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NEW MEXICO GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS SERIES 2002 - \$165,000

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20 (the "Board"), governing body of Hondo Valley Public School District No. 2, Lincoln County, New Mexico will on Monday, December 10, 2001, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., local time, at the office of George K. Baum & Company, One Park Square, 6501 Americas Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 receive sealed bids and bids sent by facsimile and publicly open the same for a purchase of the District's General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2002 (the "Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount of \$165,000. The Board will hold a special meeting at the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, Administration Building, Highway 70/380 East, Hondo, New Mexico, on Monday, December 10, 2001, at 6:00 p.m., local time, after receipt of such bids, and will also award the Bonds, adopt a bond resolution and consider any other matters.

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds will mature on July 1 of each year as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Amounts Maturing, Years Maturing, Amounts Maturing, Years Maturing. Rows include values like \$5,000, 2004, \$0, 2010, etc.

Said issue constitutes a portion of the bonds which were authorized at an election held on February 1, 2000 and will constitute general obligation bonds of the District, payable from general taxes which may be levied against all taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount.

The maximum net effective interest rate permitted on said Bonds is ten percent (10%); provided, however, that if the net effective interest rate on such bonds is greater than ten percent (10%) per annum, as defined in the Official Notice of Meeting and Sale, such rate must be approved in writing by the New Mexico State Board of Finance, and the District may not issue the Bonds before such approval is given.

Bidders are required to submit an Official Bid Form specifying the lowest rate of rates of interest and premium, if any, at which such bidder will purchase such Bonds. Further limitations and information concerning the interest rates which may be bid for the Bonds and otherwise concerning bidding are set forth in the Official Notice of Bond Sale, of which this notice is a condensation. All bids must comply with the terms of the Official Notice of Meeting and Bond Sale. Bids should be enclosed in a sealed envelope or marked 'SEALED' if delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission, endorsed 'Bid for General Obligation School Building Bonds of Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, County of Lincoln, New Mexico', addressed as follows: Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, c/o George K. Baum & Company, One Park Square, 6501 Americas Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110. Attention: Secretary, Board of Education or sent by facsimile via (505) 872-2733. Only unconditional bids shall be considered. The District reserves the privilege of waiving any irregularity or informality (except time of filing) in any bid.

The Official Notice of Bond Sale, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the District's financial advisor, George K. Baum & Company, One Park Square, 6501 Americas Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 (Telephone (505) 872-2320).

The validity and enforceability of the Bonds will be approved by the New Mexico Attorney General and Cuddy, Kennedy, Hetherington, Alberta & Ives, LLP, Attorneys at Law, Santa Fe, New Mexico and McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, L.L.P., Attorneys at Law, Austin, Texas.

BRAULIO ALVARADO President, Board of Education Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20

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LOT 5, BLOCK 22, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, NOVEMBER 30, 1982, IN CABINET D, SLIDE NOS. 99 TO 103, BOTH INCLUSIVE.

and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties bound by the notice of his pendens in the Property, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action.

FURTHER, the above-named Defendants Eric Culver, Billie Culver and Ruidoso Valley Builders, LLC, are hereby notified that they have until twenty (20) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the Complaint and should said Defendants choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before December 28, 2001, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendants.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303 is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

WITNESS the hand of Jerry H. Ritter, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, this 9th day of November, 2001.

JAN PERRY, Clerk of the Court

Seal of the Court

By: Melina Serna Deputy

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 13, 2001, to be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, in Ruidoso, New Mexico. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input on the redistricting for Lincoln County.

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. 1896

In the Matter of the Estate of CLEO B. CURTIS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this

notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: Post Office Box 338, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301-0338.

DATED: November 14, 2001.

BETTY R. BYMAN 3200 Hyde Park Court, Arlington, Texas 76015 (817) 467-7359

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

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Season's Greetings

Two County Residents To Graduate From ENMU

Two students from Lincoln County are among the 196 graduation candidates from Eastern New Mexico University this fall.

Students are Angie Dunsworth with an associate of arts in general studies and Christopher D. Gonzales with an associate of arts in general studies.

Graduation will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 15 at ENMU Greyhound Arena near Portales.

OBITUARY

MINOR GOOD "Mickey" THOMAS

Services for Minor Good "Mickey" Thomas, 86, of Lincoln were Nov. 28, in the San Juan Church at Lincoln. Burial followed at the Thomas Ranch Cemetery. Officiating were Rev. Ron Thomson and Rev. Gimsey Price.

Mickey died November 26 in Ruidoso and was born November 14, 1915 at El Paso. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Carrizozo, had worked at the Museum in Lincoln, and was a former nurse at the Ruidoso hospital.

She moved to Lincoln County in 1934 from El Paso. She married John Thomas Sr. on August 21, 1934 in El Paso.

She is survived by her husband, John Thomas Sr. of the family ranch in Lincoln; three daughters, Cathy Ford and Ginger Murray both of Las Cruces, and Frances Armstrong of Lakewood, CO; two sons, John Thomas Jr. of Belen, and Stan Thomas of Lincoln; a brother, Stanley Good III of Alamogordo; 10 grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

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

Art in Public Places Will Sponsor Two Openings Dec. 7

Private Art in Public Places is sponsoring two openings of art from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 7.

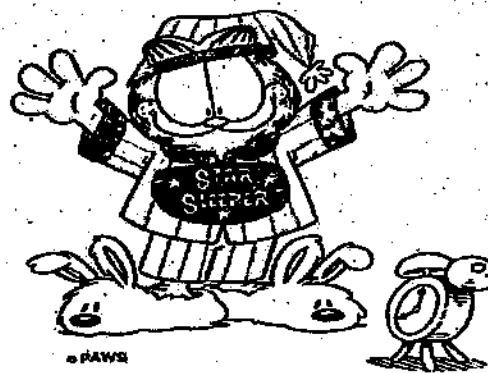
At Ruidoso Public Library Marcia Thomas will be showing her "Toys on Wheels for Growtups" which will remain on display through December 21. Jack Schuller will exhibit his art at Ruidoso Village Hall through January.

The public is invited to view the art exhibits.



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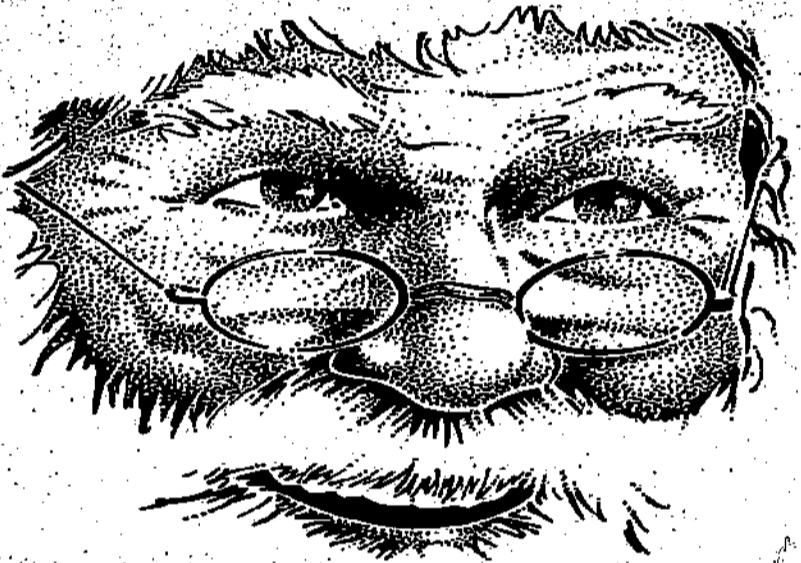
# Protect Yourself From Fraudulent Solicitors

As many New Mexico residents contribute to relief efforts following the terrorist attacks, they should remember to protect themselves against fraud and identity theft, said a New Mexico State University family specialist in a press release.

Do not give out your credit card number or social security number to someone you do not know, said Connie Kratzer with NMSU extension service. Kratzer said if a solicitor calls, ask for a phone number and call back before providing personal information. Another way to avoid bogus charities is to request materials by mail.

Tell solicitors you do not give out credit card or social security information over the phone and request a form or information by mail. If the solicitor is from a legitimate charity they will not mind sending information by mail.

If you suspect you are the victim of credit card fraud or identity theft contact the fraud department of the three major credit reporting agencies immediately. Another way to avoid fraud is to carry credit cards and social security cards only when necessary.



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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for a temporary full-time position of Solid Waste Mechanic. Mechanic must furnish their own tools. Positions will be filled as needed. You may pick up applications at 222 Second Street Ruidoso Downs, NM or call (505) 378-4697. Applications deadline will be December 10, 2001, 09:00 a.m.  
2tc-Nov. 29 & Dec. 6

**FAT LAMBS FOR SALE**  
Call 648-2417.  
2tp-Nov 29 & Dec. 6

**CAPITAN METHODIST CHURCH BAZAAR & CHILE LUNCHEON**  
Saturday, December 1  
Starts at 11 a.m.  
Come join the fun, food and shopping  
1tp-Nov. 29

**BUILDING MATERIALS and CONSTRUCTION**  
STEEL BUILDING, 40x21 was \$5,590. MUST SELL \$2,990  
800-292-0111  
1tp-Nov. 29

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
Handyman/Jack-of-all-Trades needed for maintenance at JJJ Ranches. Ideal candidate can paint, do light welding, and tractor/garden work. Call 648-2626 during business hours.  
2tc-Nov. 29 & Dec. 6

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
Need a good job? Need caring people to work with adults with developmental disabilities. Entry level relief positions have the potential to develop into full time positions with generous paid leave, extra pay on holidays, health insurance, a retirement plan and sick leave. Call New Horizons, 648-2379 or stop by and pick up application at 810 "E" Ave., Carrizozo.  
2tc/Nov. 21 & 29

For An Exciting Career In Private Sector Corrections, Consider The Industry Leader.  
Corrections Corporation of America is now hiring FT correctional medical staff for the Torrance County Detention Facility in Estancia, New Mexico.  
Available positions include:  
Registered Nurse  
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Competitive Negotiable Salary (based on experience)  
Graduate from accredited college or university with licensure in New Mexico. All applicants must successfully complete a background & drug screening.  
For more information, please contact Personnel Office at (505) 384-2711 or fax your C.V. directly to (505) 384-0245.  
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3tc/Nov. 15, 21 & 29

**YARD SALE** at Ned's storage shed, E Ave. and 13th, Carrizozo. Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2. Start at 9 a.m. both days. Lots of things  
1tp-Nov. 29

**STEARNS INSURANCE AGENCY**  
CARRIZOZO  
(505) 648-2911

**FOR RENT:** Furnished one bedroom apartment. \$225.00 per month, plus utilities. 408 1/2 12th St., Carrizozo. Available immediately.  
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6tc-Oct. 25-Nov. 29

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3tc-Nov. 29-Dec. 13

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1tp-Nov. 29

**FOR SALE NEW REMODELED HOME** Carrizozo, Stucco, Close to schools. 3 BDR/2 bath/1,650 sq ft. Carport and large fenced in yard. Asking price \$49,000 with possible part owner financing.. Shown by appointment.  
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/s/ Kathryn Griffin  
Village Clerk  
Village of Capitan  
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**Redtt Meets December 11**  
Night in Lincoln.  
REDTT is a program of the USDA, administered through NMSU via local County Extension Agents and County Extension Home Economists.  
For more information, contact Betty McCreight by phone at 648-2311 or by email at bmccreig@nmsu.edu.  
The meeting will continue through a Dutch treat lunch.  
REDTT projects include Arts in the Orchard in the Hondo Valley, Voices from the Past at White Oaks Miners Days, and Starry  
**HOLIDAY Happiness**



**SLIGHT DUSTING.** Tucson Mountain on the west face of Indian Divide got only a dusting of snow on Tuesday due to strong easterly winds that kept the snow from sticking in lower elevations of western Lincoln County. Ski Apache on Sierra Blanca reported getting six inches of snow on Tuesday, but has not yet announced an opening date.

## Wellness Council Wants

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ject requires innovative thinking, thorough research and planning and cooperation among all entities involved," Phelan said. "Should the County Commission agree to support a county recreation facility, the planning council offers to assist with the coordination of the project."

Phelan said the council also endorses the concept of using existing facilities, which is the most economical way to provide community programs.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said the commission will need

cost figures, especially since Ruidoso voters turned down the bond election for the proposed community center.

Phelan said the Planning Council's intent was to introduce the concept of the community center. The Planning Council has appointed a task force to work on specifics of the proposed project, Phelan said.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann asked if the Planning Council has done any outreach to other communities in the county. "I think as we grow it

would be good to include the other municipalities," Schwettmann said.

Phelan said one of the biggest problems for the outlying communities is transportation for youth and elderly.

While Schwettmann told Phelan to keep the commission posted on the project, county commissioner Leo Martinez said he was concerned because the bond election was turned down by Ruidoso voters "for a reason."

Martinez said he supports the concept of using existing facilities for the

community/recreation center.

County commissioners approved the requested appointment of Greg Kopecka to the Health and Wellness Planning Council.

Also at the November 15 meeting, county commissioners heard from Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) administrator Jim Gibson. He said the hospital now has the preliminary drawings for the Phase 2 Ambulatory Care project. Gibson, in response to a question from county commissioner Ray Nunley, said ambulatory care is primarily outpatient surgery.

Phase 2 will involve moving the existing warehouse off the hospital site and renovating the area now used for the storeroom for the ambulatory care. On the very long term, Phase 3 would involve a new physical therapy unit off site and perhaps a swimming pool.

Martinez said he thought the hospital should use the facilities it now has, rather than building new. He commented with only physicians assistants and no doctors in the emergency room why did the hospital need to spend half a million dollars for improvements to a primary care facility. "Where do we stop?" Martinez asked.

Gibson said the improvements should never stop as long as the community continues to grow. "We have expanded needs for primary care," Gibson said. "LCMC has to plan to meet 10 year growth needs."

After more questioning

by Martinez about the room occupancy rate in the hospital, Gibson said many times, especially in the winter, they can have up to 25 rooms filled. However there are limitations such as men and women cannot be in the same room. "Someone decided years ago that 50 beds was what was needed," Gibson said. "They probably got some federal grant to build."

Nationwide the trend is for more out patient services, Gibson said. This started when the Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements decreased.

County commissioner Rick Simpson said in the last two months everyone needs to realize we need to be prepared for the worst. "I hope it won't come to our little corner of the world," he added.

Martinez said he just wanted to keep up with the projects at the hospital. Then he said he heard about a new hospital in Las Cruces being built with private dollars.

Gibson said that hospital is for profit and its customers will pay for it.

Schwettmann commented that everyone pays for Medicare and Medicaid. "If the people of Lincoln County are tired of supporting the hospital they will speak up at the mill levy elections," Schwettmann said. "Instead, election after election they continue to approve the mill levy. To me that proves the people want to protect and continue to support the hospital."

"The people want it," Schwettmann said. "I ques-

tion the reasoning behind those who are against the hospital."

Martinez replied that all he does is ask questions. "I am not against the hospital," he said.

Martinez then asked why LCMC was so quick to turn bills over to a collection agency.

Gibson said they had significant problems with the transition to the central billing from Albuquerque, but he believed they had corrected most of those. "I don't know a perfect billing system," Gibson added. He then invited Martinez to call LCMC about the billing problem.

Other changes at LCMC included the hiring of a staff person to do self pay collections at the hospital; hired and trained a customer service representative with expertise in the system to correct problems from LCMC.

County manager Tom Stewart also updated county commissioners on the Hondo Health Clinic. He said the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) on October 22 approved the county management agreement for the Hondo Clinic. So on October 29, the first mill levy payment of \$4,838 was made to clinic operator La Casa de Buena Salud. The full monthly payment of \$15,000 will be forwarded at the end of November, Stewart said.

A resident responded with a commendation to the commission for its support of the county health facilities, especially the rural clinics.

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